

# COLLEGE SPORT



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## Sister act helps take St Mary's to final

FOOTBALL

KATIE BARROTT has no problems with being upstaged by her little sister on the football field. Barrott, 18, is a member of the New Zealand under-20 training squad and has scored eight goals in premier one this winter, four times as many as her sister Zoe. But it was 13-year-old Zoe who produced a stunning goal to take the St Mary's into their first premier one football final for 15 years. St Mary's meet reigning champions Hutt Valley in tonight's final, on the artificial turf at Petone Memorial.

**FINALS TIME**  
 Wednesday, Petone Memorial  
 Girls premier 1 6pm  
 Hutt Valley v St Mary's  
 Boys premier youth 7.30pm  
 Hutt International v Wellington College

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 St Mary's coach



Two sets of sisters will take the field for St Mary's in the premier one football final tonight. From left to right: Zoe Barrott, Sydney Williams, Georgia Williams and Katie Barrott. Photo: MONIQUE FORD/FAIRFAX NZ

Zoe Barrott's strike from outside the box gave St Mary's a 1-0 semifinal win over top qualifiers Wellington Girls', who had been unbeaten in seven round robin games. "It came to Zoe about 30 metres out, in front of goal, and she drilled it like a missile," St Mary's coach Chris Gilchrist said. "The goalkeeper had no show."

ably depended on me and Hope a fair bit in the past but we have got a lot more depth this year," Barrott said.

"We had this good year 9s coming in this year and we thought we could maybe make the first division and set a goal of finishing in the top four. It looked a bit far fetched but we got there. "We have definitely improved over the season and have learnt how to get into the right frame of mind."

"We have got four year 9 players and four in year 10 and being so young, it takes a while for them to learn that age isn't a massive hurdle. Once they step onto the field, they are all first XI players."

Barrott was also concerned that the youngsters, including her sister, might struggle with their intensity on the field. "I can be a bit hard-core I guess and was a bit worried that I might be too intense for Zoe. But she's been fine."

There are two sets of sisters in the St Mary's squad with year 10 Sydney Williams, who has been the team's leading scorer, joining older sister Georgia.

Sydney shared second place on the Golden Boot table with nine goals, four behind Wellington Girls' striker Maggie Jenkins.

"Sydney and Dani Ohlsson are the two up front and have a massive work rate," Chris Gilchrist said. "They just run and run for 60 minutes."

Georgia Williams, a year 13, plays as a central defender, alongside Hope Gilchrist.

## Futsal star helps propel school into football final

FOOTBALL

LUC SAKER is quick on his feet. The New Zealand senior futsal representative is now making an impression with a round ball on outside arenas.



New Zealand futsal representative Luc Saker has been a prolific scorer for the Wellington College futsal team. Photo: ROSS GIBLIN/FAIRFAX NZ

He is among a trio of strikers who have helped propel Wellington College into another premier youth football final, this time against Hutt International.

It will be the 11th successive final appearance for Wellington College since their first XI rejoined the grade in 2005. More notably, Wellington have lost just two of those finals.

Wellington strikers Christian Martini, Saker and Ollie Chiaroni fill the top three places in the golden boot table, scoring 28 goals between them, from nine matches.

"That probably tells you something about how well they are going," Wellington College manager Dave Keat said. "All three of them

are really quick, they have amazing gas.

"Luca has done really well with his futsal and provides a bit of X-factor on the football field."

Saker, who turns 18 next month, did not play school football last year, while he concentrated on futsal, and had played for the second XI in 2013.

But he was keen to play for the first XI this winter, in his last year at school. "It's been awesome."

But few schoolboys get to play for a senior national team and futsal will also add quality to the 2016 final to represent the Futsal Whites and was the only teenager in the squad that played against Australia, Malaysia and Vanuatu in Wellington last month. Nine of the 16 players were over 25 and the second youngest was 20.

Saker, who has a Kiwi father and a French mother, first played futsal in France, where he was born.

The family moved to New Zealand when Saker was 11 and it was four years before he took up futsal again. He made rapid progress, starting at school level before making the Capital national

league squad and attending his first national camp last year.

"It was pretty unreal when I debuted against Australia." New Zealand lost their three games against Australia but pushed the Australians when going down 3-2 in the third match.

Saker scored his first international goal, against Malaysia, the following day. "It felt like I was dreaming."

He now hopes to be part of a New Zealand squad which will be a realistic chance of qualifying, through the Oceania confederation, for the 2016 FIFA Futsal World Cup, in Colombia.

Each futsal team has five players on the court, including the goalie. "It's a much faster game than football and there's much less space to work with," Saker said.

"The ball is smaller [than a football] but heavier. It doesn't bounce as much and you control it with your sole, rather than the

inside of your foot. "When you switch to the outdoor game, after playing futsal, you feel like you have so much space."

HIBS have been the premier one pacesetter for much of the winter but Wellington College have been building well and went to the top of the table when beating HIBS 5-1 at home on August 8.

Wellington have also scored more goals than any other side and conceded the least.

"Our goal and against record is pretty good," Keat said. "But it's a one-off game and HIBS have beaten us once this year."

HIBS, who finished third last year, are competing in their first premier one final. "It's going to be a big challenge," coach Brendan McIntyre said. "But I hope our boys enjoy the occasion and don't get overawed."

"It's the last hurrah for the year 13 boys and they can finish their school careers on a bit of a high."

chopping and changing. "We also have another very young squad, with eight of the starting side in year 11 or below. But there is some talent there and hopefully we are peaking at the right time."

Hutt Valley also have a set of sisters, with skipper and centre back Bonnie Jansen joined in the defensive line by sister Jemima.

## In-form Bishop Viard favoured to win first of two big tests

RUGBY

THE Bishop Viard first XV get a crack at two significant prizes this month.

The team will start favourites in the premier two final against St Bernard's on Saturday and the following weekend will contest the Hurricanes Co-ed Cup final.

They earned a place in the co-ed final with a 17-15 away win against the premier one side Wairarapa College, 10 days ago.

That avenged Bishop Viard's only loss of the season, when beaten 34-25 by Wairarapa in May, a result that cost them a place in premier one.

"We did things differently this time," Bishop Viard coach Leamy

**BIG GAMES**  
**Thursday, Porirua Park 6PM**  
 Girls premier 1 final  
 Aotea College v Wainuiomata HS  
**Saturday, Evans Bay 1pm**  
 Hurricanes schools semifinal  
 St Pat's Town v Hastings BHS  
**Saturday, St Pat's S'tream, 1.30pm**  
 Boys Premier 2 final  
 Bishop Viard College v St Bernard's College

Tato said. "We left a bit late for the first game [against Wairarapa] and only had an hour to prepare and the boys were a bit stiff after the travelling. We left the night

before this time and the boys were raring to go."

Wairarapa scored a late try to reduce the winning margin but Tato felt Bishop Viard were the dominant team.

Bishop Viard are likely to meet Feilding High School in their Co-ed Cup match. Feilding have three Hurricanes under-18 reps in their squad and will be favoured to beat Tu Toa this weekend.

Bishop Viard beat Hutt Valley 24-7 in their semifinal match last weekend and have dominated the premier two grade, winning all 10 matches, scoring 335 points and conceding only 57.

Their closest game was a 9-5 win over Porirua College and they have beaten St Bernard's twice

this year. However, St Bernard's beat Porirua 24-15 in the other semifinal and Tato is aware no one-off game should be taken lightly. "It's final time and the earlier games don't count for anything."

But Tato has been proud of his team's efforts this year, regardless of how the next fortnight goes.

"It's been a long year but they have worked really hard and it's been a real team effort."

First five-eighth Foliga Vaalepu-Austin was a Hurricanes under-18 triallist and winger Roy Maiava has scored 12 tries in the premier two competition. "Roy's speed and vision sets him apart," Tato said.

Maiava is among a number of

players who have regularly played rugby on Saturday and rugby league the following day.

"The majority play rugby league and we have to manage them during the week, but we have a lot of depth in the squad."

Maiava will be back next year as will skipper and lock Dylan Patu, while loose forward Bailey MacDonald and prop Dorian Tato will also add quality to the 2016 forward pack.

The premier two final will be the last of 12 College Sport Wellington rugby finals to be staged at St Pat's Silverstream on Saturday, ranging from premier two to the under-55kg division.

Aotea College will meet Wainuiomata High in the premier

one girls final at Porirua Park tomorrow night.

Wainuiomata reached the final with a shock 34-29 semifinal win over top qualifiers Porirua.

Porirua scored 438 points, with only 46 against, when unbeaten over the seven round robin games.

Wainuiomata had defeated their round-robin match against Porirua, who had beaten all the other teams by more than 20 points. Aotea had qualified second and beat St Catherine's 39-22 to reach the final.

Premier one champions St Pat's Town will be at full strength for their Hurricanes region semifinal clash with Hastings Boys', at home, on Saturday. First five-eighth Zac Donaldson injured a

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