



## Two Team Remain Unbeaten in Matson's Premier Football League

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Ferrymead Bays and Nomads United are the only sides with a perfect record after two rounds after Bays defeated Halswell 4 - 2 and Nomads traveled to Nelson to hold out Suburbs 3 -1. In other games Woolston Technical picked up their first win at the expense of Western 2 -0 while Rangers crashed to Richmond 4 nil.

Ferrymead Bays were always in control over Halswell in the Hurley Shield match after early goals to Greg Draper and Ramzi Toumi with Dave Penese scoring his first league goal for Halswell midway through the half. A double from Cullam Fraser ensured the three points for Bays before Dan Martin scored from the penalty spot to complete the scoring.

Nomads picked up their first win over Suburbs, in Nelson with Greg Feutz giving his side the ideal start when scoring after three minutes. Gavin Jeffs then doubled the lead on the half hour with Ryan Batty adding a third immediately after the break. Suburbs Joses Nawo pulled a goal back with twenty minutes remaining but the Nomads win was never in doubt.

Western failed to take their chances against Woolston Technical who showed marked improvement from their opening round clash. Western had an early goal ruled out before Woolston Technical finished the first half in style when Tom Cairns finished off a good attack which featured Stu Kelly and Jamie Smith. Ryan Faichnie scored on the hour after an assistant had initially flagged for an offside. Western was then reduced to ten men after Gareth Turnbull was ordered off for kicking out at an opponent.

Rangers look to be in for a long season after failing to open their scoring account over Richmond, who had their Solomon Island contingent punishing some poor defensive work. Batram Suri put Richmond in front after fifteen minutes with Benjamin Totori opening his account with a great solo effort just before the break. Totori then set up Michael Fifi after the break before Totori scored again late in the match.

### Results Round 2

Ferrymead Bays 4 (Greg Draper, Ramzi Toumi, Cullam Fraser 2) Halswell 2 (Dave Penese, Dan Martin pen) HT 2 - 1

Rangers 0 Richmond City 4 (Batram Suri, Benjamin Totori 2, Michael Fifi) HT 0 - 2

Western 0 Woolston Technical 2 (Tom Cairns, Ryan Faichnie) HT 0 - 1

Nelson Suburbs 1 (Joses Nawo) Nomads 3 (Greg Feutz, Gavin Jeffs, Ryan Batty) HT 0 - 2

## Plenty of Goals in Matson's Women's Premier Football League

Twenty five goals were scored in the opening round of the Matson's Women's PFL with the Mainland Player Development Academy heading the table after easily accounting for Halswell 9 nil, and defending champions New Brighton defeating Western 3 nil. Ferrymead Bays scored five against Burnside without reply and Rangers edged out new comers Avon United 4 - 2.

Alanah Ainsworth bagged four goals for Mainland PDA, to take an early lead in the race for the golden boot with West Coaster Charlotte Lucas grabbing a double with Alice Pilgrim, Maia Vink and Megan Shea also scoring.

After a scoreless opening half where Western should have made more of their chances Alex Hepburn headed home from a corner to put New Brighton in front.



Del Matthews then increased the lead before Georgia Goulding completed the scoring.

Ferrymead were too strong for Burnside after leading 3 nil at the break with goals to Clare Warner (2), Shelley McDowell, Ruth Bourke and Lucy Goodwin. Rangers opened their account over Avon United. Rangers made the most of the wind in the first half with Avon showing promise in the debut game in the top league. Erin Heine scored twice for Rangers with other goals to Kassia Ford and Chloe Williams with Loren French and Bindy Cameron replying for Avon.

### **Results – Round 1**

Western 0 New Brighton 3 (Georgia Goulding, Alex Hepburn, Del Matthews) HT 0 - 0

Ferrymead Bays 5 (Clare Warner 2, Shelley McDowell, Ruth Bourke, Lucy Goodwin) Burnside 0 HT 3 - 0

Halswell 0 Mainland Player Development Academy 9 (Alanah Ainsworth 4, Charlotte Lucas 2, Alice Pilgrim, Maia Vink, Megan Shea) HT 0 - 4

Avon United 2 (Loren French, Bindy Cameron) Rangers 4 (Erin Heine 2, Kassia Ford, Chloe Williams) HT 1

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