

# Selection caps off stunning season for Jesse Workman

**KATIE FARMAN**

Jesse Workman capped off a stunning year on the turf by being named in the New Zealand Maori Hockey team.

After representing the Aotea region at the 16th Annual New Zealand Maori Hockey Tournament in Palmerston North last week, the Wairarapa striker was “stoked” to discover he’d made the side after scoring a hat trick in his team’s 5-4 victory over Waikato in the final.

“We won the final in a golden goal, so it was pretty exciting,” said the 22-year-old who is currently in the midst of Massey University exams.

“I scored the first three goals and then after the final presentation found out I’d made the tournament team – I was stoked.”

The Wairarapa News understands the New Zealand Maori team will play a series of games early next year against a visiting side, although nothing



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has been confirmed yet. Workman said he was looking forward to donning the representative colours.

This latest national selection follows a memorable season for Workman who was named in the Central Mavericks in September to compete in the National Hockey League (NHL).

Workman was joined by fellow Wairarapa hockey players Zane Hopman, Harriet Cameron and Ana Playle at the New Zealand Maori tournament. Hopman represented Aotea whilst Cameron and Playle represented Takitimu, who won the women’s final.