

Import sagas

Taylor's mistake?

English import Stuart Taylor spent just seven weeks with Christchurch City. In that time he managed four games. Follow how the mini soccer saga unfolded through quotes from *The Press*...

"Everyone is pretty excited about this," Stuart is coming to us very highly recommended."

— Christchurch City coach George Morris on signing 19-year-old Blackburn pro Stuart Taylor, May 1, to add firepower to his team.

"I can hardly wait. I didn't come all this way to stand and watch... Coming out here is just great. It couldn't be better."
— Taylor, May 26.

"I just wanted to be out there."

— Taylor watches Christchurch lose 0-1 to Tauranga, sidelined through a paperwork delay in his clearance from Blackburn.

"He (Taylor) has shown quite a bit of class, and he communicates well with the players. I think he will have a huge impact on the side."

— Morris, June 2.

"I stole that one off Brent (Fisher)."

— Taylor on scoring on debut for Christchurch in their 2-3 home defeat by bottom-placed Metro.

"We were so unlucky — it is driving

me mad."

— Taylor, after Christchurch's 1-4 home loss to Waitakere, June 5.

"We haven't seen the best of him (Taylor) yet. He is still adjusting to the speed of the game in New Zealand."

— Morris, June 9, on dropping Taylor into defence for the cup match against Marlborough.

"It's a huge loss to us. It's going to be tough going against Miramar, but it is a great opportunity for the young players to show what they are made of."

— Morris, after Taylor rolled an ankle at training and was unavailable for the league match against Miramar, June 16.

"It is a shambles. I was promised all sorts of things and nothing has happened. It's all a big joke. A lot of people have been very good to me but there is a lack of professionalism in the club. They promised to support me, and they didn't."

— Taylor, the day (July 2) he quit and flew back to England, having been declared fit but not selected for Christchurch City in their Chatham Cup win over Miramar.