

There's hope for U20

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Lautoka's Manueli Kalou, left, battles with Curtis Graham of BYU at Churchill Park on Saturday. BYU won 2-0. BYU will play Suva today starting 7:30pm at the National Stadium

THE match against the visiting Brigham Young University has given Fiji under 20 coach Juan Carlos Buzzetti as insight as what is required for the Oceania World Cup play-offs in Tahiti in August.

BYU beat Fiji U20 2-0 but the performance of the youngsters brought a smile on the face of Buzzetti.

The Uruguayan has the U20 side close to heart as his first assignment when appointed two years ago was the play-offs held in New Zealand last January.

Buzzetti unearthed stars such as Roy Krishna, Esava Naqueleca, Krishna Sami and Ben Amino.

Buzzetti said the hit-out was just what his youngsters needed.

"This was the first time the team played together and it was against an experienced side," Buzzetti said.

"They are a professional outfit and I am pleased as to how our players did as most were playing an international match for the first time.

"There were a number of chances which the team had and we missed a penalty as well."

Meanwhile, BYU will play Suva in its final match on tour at the National Stadium tonight.

The side which lost 1-0 to Ba and beat Lautoka 2-0 will be aiming to wrap up its tour on a high.

Suva will be using the match as a build up for Fiji Bitter FACT.