

Round 09



VS



SOUTHERN LEAGUE

SAT 25 MAR

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ROUND ONE PREVIEW

HOME FIXTURE



VS



SATURDAY 25 MARCH

1.30PM, UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

REST OF LEAGUE FIXTURES



VS



FRIDAY 24 MARCH
7.15PM, FERRYMEAD PARK



VS



SATURDAY 25 MARCH
11.30AM, FOSTER PARK



VS



SATURDAY 25 MARCH
12PM, DUNEDIN FOOTBALL TURF



VS



SATURDAY 25 MARCH
2.45PM, AVONHEAD PARK



COACH'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon everyone - welcome back to the United Football Centre!

Firstly, a massive thank you to all of you that supported our club last week at the first ever Steve Sumner Cup.

We were obviously pleased to lift the trophy, but ultimately it was great to see a real festival of football to honour the legacy of a truly great man. I sincerely hope that this becomes an annual fixture in our football calendar. Well done to both clubs for organising such a wonderful day.

I was pleased with our 3-1 win and I am also happy that the work that the players and staff have put in during the pre-season is starting to bear fruit. We still have plenty to work on, but I think we're on track to improve as the season progresses.

Today we welcome the players and staff from Green Island!

Having lost narrowly 2-1 to Ferrymead Bays in their most recent friendly, we will certainly not be complacent and will expect a tough battle against a team that I rate as one of the best at counter attacking in the competition.

I'm hopeful that today will be entertaining for all!

Please get behind the team as we aim to start the season with a win!

Paul Ifill
Men's First Team Head Coach



CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

Hello and welcome back to the United Sports Centre!

We're all very excited to get the Southern League underway today against Green Island.

We've had a good preseason and we're hoping to get off to the best possible start today.

Last weekend saw us take on Cashmere Technical in the Steve Sumner Shield, it was a great day of football and also provided us with a stern test in preparation for today. We have lots of new faces this season there were definite signs that we are starting to gel together nicely.

After a successful campaign last year we have similar ambitions again this season. We know how much hard work and focus we needed last year and we will have to exhibit these qualities

again from the first whistle today if we want to achieve our goals this year.

Today's opponents Green Island provided us with tough tests last season, particularly away from home.

We know how motivated they'll be to start their season off with a positive result so we will have to be at our best to get the three points.

Enjoy the game and thanks for your support today!

Matt Tod-Smith
Men's First Team Captain





THE HISTORY OF CHRISTCHURCH UNITED

Christchurch United remains one of the most decorated clubs in the history of New Zealand football.

The club's place in the history books came shortly after its inception with multiple national league and Chatham Cup titles in the 1970s and 1980s, and has continued into the present day with its extensive recent development and lofty aspirations for the future.

The club was formed via the merger and support of several Christchurch clubs in the early 1970s, ostensibly to provide a strong Christchurch team for participation in the New Zealand National Soccer League. The teams involved were Christchurch City AFC, Western AFC, Shamrock, and Christchurch Technical, though some of these sides continued to play on as separate sides after the formation of United. As a result of a sponsorship deal it was known as Trans Tours United from 1976 to 1978.

Winning the country's national league title and the Chatham Cup six times each, Christchurch United's history of success in New Zealand football is indisputable.

The club enjoyed a golden run beginning in the 1972 Chatham Cup final against Mount Wellington, still considered the most

dramatic final in the long illustrious history of the knockout tournament. United's first national league title in 1973 was followed up by a Chatham Cup victory in '74, followed by a historical 1975 season. That season, Christchurch United became the first New Zealand club to win the national league and Chatham Cup final in the same year.

The record-breaking side, coached by Terry Conley, featured a number of well-renowned players including Ian Park, Roy Drinkwater, Bill Amey and Ken France, to name only a few.

The side of the 70s and 80s catapulted Christchurch United into domestic stardom in the game of football. Many of its players went on to represent New Zealand against international teams - a feat repeated throughout the decades as some of Christchurch's top talents came through the blue and white uniform.

The culture of winning and ambition of the club was put in place early and continued after a quiet spell in the late 80s, as a new breed of United players began coming to the fore.





THE HISTORY OF THE ACADEMY

Happy 9 Year Anniversary to the United Sports Centre!

On Saturday 18th March 2014, the Christchurch Football Centre developed this world class facility along Yaldhurst Road that has been the home of the Christchurch Football Academy.

Opening its doors for the very first time. Amazing just how much evolution has happened within the Academy and facilities in the last 9 years.

Then two years later in 2016 Christchurch United (CUFC) cemented the future of the Club after merging with the rapidly growing Christchurch Football Academy (CFA).

The merger between CFA and CUFC reignited the legacy and at the end of the 2016 season Christchurch United relocated to the then Christchurch Football Centre.



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ACADEMY PATHWAY



Diego Lavin From Christchurch United to Spanish Football!



I played for Christchurch United for eight years, playing various positions to where I play now as a left back. I'm in Spain right now looking to sign for a Spanish club.

I've gone through the whole Christchurch United pre-academy, then the academy right up to the under 20s. I chose to come over to Christchurch United right at the very start, as I was playing for another Christchurch club at the time and I remember we played a game against Christchurch United football Academy and we got beaten, we got beaten quite badly and I thought this was a really good club to be a part of, so I came along and I liked it a lot and so I stayed. I love the coaches and the players are really good as well, it was really good environment for me. So even though I was quite young at that point, I still saw what the club was trying to do and what they were doing and that's something that stuck

Q: What did you learn through Christchurch United's Academy?

A: A lot of the fundamentals of football and how to apply yourself on the pitch and make better decisions, it's a really good environment as you moved from pre-academy phase into the actual Academy itself and then all the way up 17s and 20s.

As it started off from the fundamentals, like wall control or 1v1's, it just got more complex throughout the years.

We've also had so many different coaches that are all really good, so it's more more about thinking before you get the ball, about the tactics of the game and knowing how to analyze yourself, your team and your moment



PLAYER PROFILE

RILEY GROVER

PLAYER BIO

Nickname:	Groves
Date of Birth:	29.02.2004
Nationality:	New Zealand
Previous Clubs:	Wairarapa United
Right / Left Footed:	Right
Honours / Trophies:	Southern League 2022

FAVOURITES

Pro Team:	Crystal Palace
Player:	Mesut Ozil
Food:	Toast
Travel Destination:	Japan
Hobbies:	Chess
Movie / TV Series:	Geronimo Stilton
Podcast:	Inspired Unemployed
Music Genre:	House
Pre-Game Song:	Anyway – Armand Van Helden

Q&A SESSION

Q: Where were you most recently playing before Christchurch United?

A: Wairarapa United

Q: How many seasons have you played at Christchurch United?

A: Going into my second season at United.

Q: Best football memory?

A: Winning Southern League last year

Q: Best goal scored / save made?

A: Never done either.

Q: Main work-on for the season?

A: Left footed distribution.

Q: Who's the one team you look forward to playing against most and why?

A: Nelson away so my family can come watch.



Q: Best you've played with or against and why?

A: Emiliano Tade, unreal movement.

Q: Dream 5-a-side team, you and who else?

A: Dimitar Berbatov, Mesut Ozil, Juninho, and Lisandro Martinez.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: Play chess and sleep.

Q: If you could meet anyone in the world?

A: Quaresma to learn how to trivela.

Q: How would you describe yourself as a player?

A: Only lose the ball 50% of the time.

Q: If you could play another position for a game, where would it be and why?

A: Attacking midfield to show Beano how it's done.

Q: Biggest influence on your career?

A: Definitely Mr Ifill after coaching me for so long.



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WORD SEARCH



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Grab a pen! Can you find our senior mens first team players in the puzzle above?

WATTS
CHAO
PHILLIPS
GODDEN
PETERSON
MURPHY

KING
LAPSLIE
ZEB
MORRIS
KHALIFA
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UNITED SPORTS CENTRE SOCIAL 6 ASIDE

We are excited to see the inclusion of the 5, 6 and 7 aside mini pitches that will give players even more opportunities to play football all year round.

The pitches have the same turf and technology used on our main 11 aside pitches, but with added twist of experiencing 5, 6 & 7 aside outdoors in an enclosed netted area.

We have social and corporate leagues starting from 3rd April which run for 10 weekly competitions.

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Christchurch United Radio Show launched on Spotify and PlainsFM 96.6.

Every month on the second Saturday 11am – 11.30am catchup with all the latest news and event from United Sports centre.

Scan the below QR to listen to the Christchurch United launch show!



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CHRISTCHURCH UNITED CHANTS



**“THERE’S ONLY ONE DANIEL MACLENNAN, GOOD
LUCK TO THOSE TRYING TO TACKLE HIM!”**

**“MURPHY.. GIVE US A WAVE...
MURPHY, MURPHY GIVE US A WAVE”**

(ON REPEAT)

**“WE HAVE THE KING, THE KING IS HERE,
LOUIS, LOUIS IS OUR KING!”**

**“WE DO WHAT WE WANT, WE DO WHAT WE WAAAA-ANT,
WE’RE CHRISTCHURCH UNITED, WE DO WHAT WE WANT!”**

(ON REPEAT)

**“UNITED TIL I DIE,
I’M UNITED TIL I DIE,
I KNOW I AM, I’M SURE I AM,
I’M UNITED TIL I DIE”**

(ON REPEAT)





CHRISTCHURCH UNITED MEN

SCOTT MORRIS
BENJAMIN LAPSLIE
DANIEL MACLENNAN
DANIEL MEYN
EDWARD ASHTON
FREWEN WATTS
HUGO DEBENHAM
JACKSON COLE
JAGO GODDEN
JOEL PETERSON
LOUIS KING
MATTHEW TOD-SMITH
NICHOLAS MURPHY
NOA PRESTEL
RILEY GROVER
SAMUEL PETERSON
SORASIT MAC PRATHUMPHITHAK
THOMAS CHAO
AARON O'DRISCOLL
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HEAD COACH
PAUL IFILL

ASSISTANT COACH
EKOW QUAINOO

GOALKEEPER COACH
EDDIE ASHTON



GREEN ISLAND

1 BENOIT BEAUJEON
2 LUKE WILLIAMS
3 MATT MITCHELL
4 ISAAC HAMILTON
5 SETH HELLREIGEL-WHITE
6 CAM BREWITT
7 ADAM HEWSON
8 TOM MILTON
9 WESTON BELL
10 CAM ANDERSON
11 JAVIER LANGLEY
13 JOSH MCMILLAN
14 CONOR EVANS
15 TREVIN MYERS
16 STEFAN MILIDRAG
19 HARRISON MCLEAN
21 THOMAS POOLE
23 MATT MILTON

HEAD COACH
JAMIE WHITMARSH

ASSISTANT COACH
SHANE CARVELL

TEAM MANAGER
LYNN KING





SOUTHERN LEAGUE

CHRISTCHURCH UNITED 2023 FIXTURES

H	01 VS GREEN ISLAND AFC	SAT 25 MAR	1.30PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	02 VS COASTAL SPIRIT	SUN 2 APR	12.00PM	LINFIELD PARK
H	03 VS DUNEDIN CITY ROYALS	FRI 7 APR	1.30PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	04 VS SELWYN UNITED	FRI 14 APR	7.00PM	FOSTER PARK
H	05 VS NOMADS UNITED	FRI 21 APR	7.00PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	06 VS FERRYMEAD BAYS	SAT 29 APR	2.45PM	FERRYMEAD PARK
H	07 VS NELSON SUBURBS	SAT 6 MAY	11.30AM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
H	08 VS FC TWENTY 11	FRI 19 MAY	7.00PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	09 VS CASHMERE TECHNICAL	SAT 27 MAY	2.45PM	GARRICK MEMORIAL
A	10 VS GREEN ISLAND AFC	SAT 10 JUN	12.00PM	SUNNYVALE PARK
H	11 VS COASTAL SPIRIT	FRI 23 JUN	7.00PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	12 VS NOMADS UNITED	SAT 1 JUL	2.45PM	TULETT PARK
H	13 VS SELWYN UNITED	FRI 14 JUL	2.45PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	14 VS DUNEDIN CITY ROYALS	SAT 22 JUL	12.00PM	DUNEDIN FOOTBALL TURF
H	15 VS FERRYMEAD BAYS	FRI 4 AUG	7.00PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	16 VS NELSON SUBURBS	SUN 13 AUG	12.00PM	SAXTON FIELDS
A	17 VS FC TWENTY 11	SAT 26 AUG	2.45PM	AVONHEAD PARK
H	18 VS CASHMERE TECHNICAL	SAT 3 SEP	1.30PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

H = HOME A = AWAY

TOP 3 TEAMS AND WELLINGTON PHOENIX RESERVES (AUTO-QUALIFICATION)
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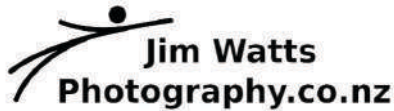
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