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NORTHERN LEAGUE ROUND 06



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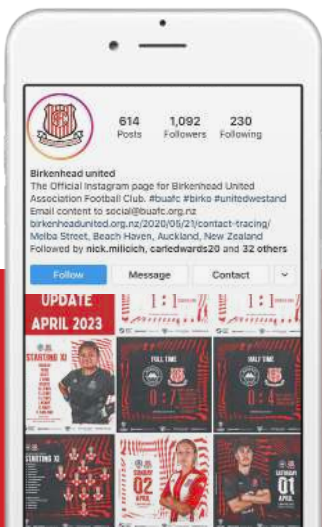
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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



WELCOME BACK TO MCFETRIDGE PARK FOR ONLY OUR SECOND "HOME" FIXTURE OF THE SEASON.

It has been an interesting ride as we have navigated the start to a massive year, without access to Shepherds park, that has required us to experience an extended run of "away" fixtures in the early parts of this season.

A huge amount of thanks is due to Northern Rovers for their support, in enabling us to play our 1st and now 6th fixture of this year's Northern League here at McFetridge Park, and to stay within the Kaipātiki ward.

The first five games of this season have reminded us yet again, as if we needed reminding, how competitive the structure of the (new) National League system actually is. Only Auckland City & Auckland United so far, have maintained a spot in the top four, which is where a team needs to be to qualify for the National League Championship phase at the end of the year. Meanwhile the other two qualifiers from last year, ourselves & Melville, are sitting in 8th & 9th place respectively, with the other two places in the top four taken by recently promoted Manurewa, and another previous National League franchise club; Eastern Suburbs.

But it is still very early days for this year, and I am sure that all the promise on show over the last few weeks will soon begin to click. Sport is often, when at its most competitive, an intense struggle determined by fine margins, and what we have witnessed over the last 5 games in the National League bears testament to that. So, it is well within the boy's hands today when they front the significant challenge that West Coast Rangers present. A challenge only made "spicier" by the fact

that the West Coast Rangers squad contains no less than 11 players (plus a coach!) who have previously spent time playing for Birkenhead. You just know this is going to be titanic!

A very warm welcome back to those players who have spent time playing in the Red-&-White, including a very special player with 100+ games for Birkenhead. Respect!

The NRF Women's Conference team have hit the ground running this season, so far registering 2 wins & a draw from their 3 games, to comfortably sit at the top of the league. It is great to see a women's squad that blends youth & experience, and we are very excited of the potential of this group and look forward to see their progress over the next 3 to 5 years as we aim to put a team together, that is built from 1st kicks up through the Female Football pathway that eventually will qualify a Birkenhead Women's team into the LOTTO NRFL Women's Premiership.

The Club upgrade project is into its most pressured stage, as we enter the last 7-weeks before practical completion at the end of May. The pressure is on, but we look forward to a finished building, plus all the upgraded turf surfaces & lights, that will allow us to host our games back at Shepherds park.

The Fortress is coming & it is bigger, louder & better than ever before... buckle up, as this year still has a long way to go!

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David Williams Birkenhead United AFC President

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PAUL HOBSON COACH'S COMMENTS



A WARM WELCOME TO THE WEST COAST RANGERS COACHING TEAM OF CHAD COOMBS AND BROCK RADICH FOR TODAY'S CLASH.

We also welcome many ex-Birko players, who are representing West Coast Rangers in today's game.

We have a great relationship with West Coast Rangers, and in particular with their coaching staff, and it is great to see these players back, playing at the highest level.

And a very special shout out to Damo, it is great to see him doing so well at West Coast Rangers!

This season has been a real up-and-down

(rollercoaster) of a start for us so far, but we can't make any excuses. We just need to start to get a run of Wins on the board.

Once again, a huge debt of thanks to Northern Rovers, for allowing us to use your grounds and facilities for todays game.

Paul Hobson

Birkenhead United Men's First Team Coach

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ROUND 06 PREVIEW



FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



VS



BIRKENHEAD UNITED vs WC RANGERS

Saturday 22nd April, 3pm,
McFetridge Park

Matchday Sponsored By:

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OTHER FIXTURES

RESULTS



**AUCKLAND CITY
vs MELVILLE UNITED**

Saturday 22nd April, 3pm
Kiwitea Street

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**MANUREWA
vs TAKAPUNA AFC**

Saturday 22nd April, 3pm
Manurewa War Memorial

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**WESTERN SPRINGS
vs HAMILTON WANDERERS**

Saturday 22nd April, 3pm
Seddon Fields

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**MANUKAU UNITED
vs EASTERN SUBURBS**

Saturday 22nd April, 3pm
Mangere Centre Park

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**BAY OLYMPIC
vs AUCKLAND UNITED**

Saturday 22nd April, 6pm
Olympic Park

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ROUND 05 REVIEW



FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



3 - 1



0 - 2



**AUCKLAND CITY
VS AUCKLAND UNITED**



4 - 3



**EASTERN SUBURBS
VS MANUREWA AFC**



1 - 0



**MELVILLE UNITED
VS MANUKAU UNITED**



2 - 1



**WC RANGERS
VS BAY OLYMPIC**



2 - 3



**TAKAPUNA
VS HAMILTON WANDERERS**

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Auckland City	5	4	1	0	17	3	14	13
Eastern Suburbs	5	4	1	0	8	4	4	13
Manurewa AFC	5	3	1	1	18	8	10	10
Auckland United	5	3	1	1	7	4	3	10
Western Springs	5	3	0	2	9	8	1	9
Hamilton Wanderers	5	2	1	2	9	9	0	7
West Coast Rangers	5	2	1	2	8	11	-3	7
Birkenhead United	5	2	0	3	15	14	1	6
Melville United AFC	5	2	0	3	4	10	-6	6
Bay Olympic	5	1	0	4	9	16	-7	3
Manukau United	5	1	0	4	6	16	-10	3
Takapuna FC	5	0	0	5	2	9	-7	0



PLAYER PROFILE

BYRON HEATH

PLAYER BIO

Nickname	Baza
Age	22 Years Old
Place of Birth	Christchurch, NZ
Playing Position	Striker
Right / Left Footed	Right
Previous Clubs	Nomads United Cashmere Technical Wellington Phoenix Green Island
Honours / Trophies	Pacific Games Gold Medal MPL Youth Player of the Year



DID YOU KNOW

My favourite pro club is: Kaiser Chiefs

If I wasn't a footballer I would be: Plumber

One thing people may not know about me is:
I have 11 toes

The country I haven't been but want to visit:
Kenya

The item on top of my bucket list is: Skydive

Most underrated TV show is: Top Gear

My favourite TV show character is: Mr Bean

Favourite place to dine out is: Nandos

Favourite day of the week is: Payday

I was starstruck when I met: Ardri McArthur

I've been told I look like: Colonel Sanders

Q & A SESSION

Q: What's your best footballing memory and why?

A: Spending a month in samoa with the NZ U23s cause it was a free holiday with the boys and we won

Best advice you have ever been given?

A: Don't be a dumbass

Q: What do coaches often tell you?

A: How's the knee feeling?

Q: What advice would give you any young players playing your position?

A: Be confident

Q: What is your pre-match routine? Do you have any lucky charms / superstitions?

A: Just be hydrated

Q: What are your goals and ambitions for the season?

A: Qualify for National League

Q: How would you describe yourself as a player?

A: Injury Prone

Q: Which team do you most look forward to playing?

A: Eastern Suburbs

Q: Toughest individual player you've played against and why?

A: Dino Botica, too big, too strong

Q: What non-football accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: NZ cross country champ in 2012

Q: If you could go to dinner with any 3 people (past or present), who would it be?

A: Jeremy Clarkson, Gordon Ramsey, Kevin Bridges

Q: Secret party trick?

A: Leaving early without anyone knowing

PLAYER PROFILE

LEON VAN DEN HOVEN

PLAYER BIO

Nickname	Le, Le GM
Age	22 Years Old
Place of Birth	Auckland, NZ
Playing Position	Centre Mid
Right / Left Footed	Right
Previous Clubs	Auckland United Eastern Suburbs
Honours / Trophies	NZ U17s NZ U20s



DID YOU KNOW

My favourite pro club is: Arsenal

Most underrated TV show is: Normal People

If I wasn't a footballer I would be: Punting on the NFL

My favourite TV show character is: Santiago Munez

One thing people may not know about me is:

I'm half Dutch, quarter Samoan

Favourite place to dine out is: Mamma Rosa

Favourite day of the week is: Game day

The country I haven't been but want to visit:

Italy

I was starstruck when I met: Alexandre Lacazette

The item on top of my bucket list is: Football Boots

I've been told I look like: An Amigo

Q & A SESSION

Q: What's your best footballing memory and why?

A: Playing for NZ U17 against England u17 in a warm up game before the U17 world cup in India. England had Phil Foden, Connor Gallagher, Morgan Gibbs White, Emile Smith Rowe etc

Q: What are your goals and ambitions for the season?

A: Making top 4 to qualify for the National League

Best advice you have ever been given?

A: Never give up!

Q: How would you describe yourself as a player?

A: Calm

Q: What do coaches often tell you?

A: Stick to the game plan, outwork the opposition

Q: Which team do you most look forward to playing?

A: Auckland City

Q: What advice would give you any young players playing your position?

A: Get on the ball lots, learn to check your shoulder and scan

Q: Toughest individual player you've played against and why?

A: Orkun Köckü. He was always 3 or 4 steps ahead, read the game sublimely well & never lost the ball.

Q: What is your pre-match routine? Do you have any lucky charms / superstitions?

A: I go for a morning walk on gameday to get the legs moving. Always wear skins to bed night before a game.

Q: What non-football accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: Doing an electrical apprenticeship

Q: If you could go to dinner with any 3 people (past or present), who would it be?

A: Johan Cruyff, Arjen Robben, LeBron James



2023 MENS SQUAD



**ALEX
CONNOR-MCCLEAN**
FORWARD



**ARDRI
MCARTHUR**
MIDFIELDER



**BYRON
HEATH**
FORWARD



**CAMERON
MACKENZIE**
FORWARD



**CODEY
PHOENIX**
WINGER



**DANE
SCHNELL**
FORWARD



**DANIEL
MORGAN**
FORWARD



**DINO
BOTICA**
DEFENDER



**DYLAN
HOBSON**
DEFENDER



**EVERTON
O'LEARY**
WINGER



**FINN
MCKENLAY**
MIDFIELDER



**HAMISH
JARDINE**
DEFENDER

**ABSENT FROM PHOTOSHOOT:
NICHOLAS FORRESTER, JORDAN TOY, SHIVAM NAIR**

2023 MENS SQUAD



**JACK
DUNCAN**

WINGER



**CURTIS
HUGHES**

FORWARD



**LEON
VAN DEN HOVEN**

MIDFIELDER



**LUKE
COSTELLO**

DEFENDER



**LUKE
JORGENSEN**

MIDFIELDER



**NICK
PETHERICK**

FORWARD



**XAVIER
MADDOX**

MIDFIELDER



**SAMUEL
PEPPER**

WINGER



**SILVIO
RODIC**

GOALKEEPER



**THOMAS
PAGE**

FORWARD



**TROY
TAYLOR**

GOALKEEPER



2022 MENS SQUAD



**PAUL
HOBSON**

HEAD COACH



**KEITH
LESSLIE**

ASSISTANT COACH



**SHAFEIK
DU TOIT**

U23 HEAD COACH



**JASON
HIGGINS**

TEAM MANAGER



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MATCHDAY SQUADS



BIRKENHEAD UNITED AFC

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| 1 SILVIO RODIC | 15 ARDRI MCARTHUR |
| 2 EVERTON O'LEARY | 16 DYLAN HOBSON |
| 3 CODEY PHOENIX | 17 DANIEL MORGAN |
| 4 DINO BOTICA | 18 HAMISH JARDINE |
| 5 NICHOLAS FORRESTER | 19 TROY TAYLOR |
| 6 LEON VAN DEN HODEN | 20 CAMERON MACKENZIE |
| 7 ALEX CONNOR-MCCLEAN | 21 XAVIER MADDOX |
| 8 LUKE JORGENSEN | 22 LUKE COSTELLO |
| 9 DANE SCHNELL | 23 CURTIS HUGHES |
| 11 BYRON HEATH | 24 NICK PETHERWICK |
| 12 JACK DUNCAN | 25 FINN MCKENLAY |
| 13 SHIV NAIR | 26 THOMAS PAGE |
| 14 JORDAN TOY | 27 SAM PEPPER |



PAUL HOBSON
Head Coach

KEITH LESSLIE
Assistant Coach

GRAHAM ROUTLEDGE
Team Manager

WEST COAST RANGERS

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| DAMIAN HIRST | 13 AIDAN LEHAN |
| 1 JOSHUA JONES | 15 JASON ALAMA |
| 3 JASON KAY | 16 BAILEY HAUGHAN |
| 4 MATTHEW HODGSON | 17 SAHADEV POKHREL |
| 6 JAMES MITCHELL | 18 ALLAN PEARCE |
| 7 MILES PALMER | 24 RYUTA HAMAMATSU |
| 8 LEVI WILSON | 26 CLARKE FOULDS |
| 9 JOSHUA TURNER | 28 KEES TWEED |
| 10 JOSHUA ARMITT | |
| 11 | |



CHAD COOMBES
Head Coach

BROCK RADICH
Assistant Coach