

Round 99



VS



SOUTHERN LEAGUE

FRI 23 JUN

7.00PM KICK OFF  
UNITED SPORTS CENTRE



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# THE HISTORY OF *CHRISTCHURCH UNITED*



## *CHRISTCHURCH UNITED CLAIMS INTERNATIONAL HONOURS*

Touring international teams have been part of the New Zealand footballing landscape for nearly a century, ever since an English Amateur XI side toured our country in 1937.

In the early days of Christchurch United, in the 1970s and 1980s, British clubs and other overseas teams started to become a regular feature in the Christchurch football calendar.

Often teams would come at the end of their European season to play the New Zealand

national team, as well as regional and local club sides.

Christchurch United players usually made up the bulk of Canterbury or South island teams playing against these visiting teams, and soon the regular Christchurch United team became recognised as the strongest opposition the South Island had to offer touring side.



# SOUTHERN LEAGUE

## ROUND 11 FIXTURES



### HOME FIXTURE



**FRIDAY 23 JUNE**

7.00PM, UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

### REST OF LEAGUE FIXTURES



**SATURDAY 24 JUNE**  
11.30AM, GARRICK MEMORIAL

**SATURDAY 24 JUNE**  
12PM, DUNEDIN TURF



**SATURDAY 24 JUNE**  
1.30PM, AVONHEAD PARK

**SATURDAY 24 JUNE**  
2.45PM, FERRYMEAD PARK



# SOUTHERN LEAGUE

## ROUND 10 REVIEW



### FIRST TEAM RESULT



**POSTPONED**

### REST OF LEAGUE RESULTS



**P P**



**NOMADS UNITED VS DUNEDIN CITY ROYALS**



**6 - 1**



**CASHMERE TECHNICAL VS SELWYN UNITED**



**7 - 1**



**NELSON SUBURBS VS SELWYN UNITED**



**1 - 3**



**COASTAL SPIRIT VS FERRYMEAD BAYS**

### LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Christchurch United	9	8	1	0	27	3	24	25
Cashmere Technical	10	7	2	1	37	14	23	23
Dunedin City Royals	9	6	1	2	23	12	11	19
Ferrymead Bays	10	5	1	4	15	21	-6	16
Coastal Spirit	10	5	1	4	13	20	-7	16
Nelson Suburbs	10	4	3	3	27	19	8	15
Nomads United	9	2	1	6	15	21	-6	7
Green Island AFC	9	2	0	7	15	23	-8	6
Selwyn United	10	2	0	8	11	28	-17	6
FC Twenty 11	10	2	0	8	7	29	-22	6





# PLAYER PROFILE

## AARON O'DRISCOLL

### PLAYER BIO

Nickname	AOD
Age	24 Years
Place of Birth	Dublin, Ireland
Playing Position	Centre Back
Right / Left Footed	Right
Previous Clubs	Man City, Southampton, Mandfield Town, Longford Town, Shelbourne
Honours / Trophies	PL2 Cup

### DID YOU KNOW?

**My favourite pro club is:** Man United

**If I wasn't a footballer I would be:**  
A politician

**One thing people may not know about me is:**  
I can play the piano

**The item on top of my bucket list is:**  
A sky dive

### Q&A SESSION

**Q: What's your best footballing memory and why?**  
A: Winning at Old Trafford in the FA Youth Cup.

**Best advice you have ever been given?**  
A: Fail to Prepare Prepare to Fail

**Q: What do your coaches often tell you?**  
A: I Should score more goal from corners

**Q: What advice would give you any young players playing your position?**  
A: Be composed and be a leader.

**Q: What is your pre-match routine? Do you have any lucky charms / superstitions?**  
A: Always have a coffee 2 hours before kick off.

**Q: What are your goals and ambitions for the season?**  
A: Win the Southern League and keep improving my own performances.

**Most underrated TV show is:**  
Game of Thrones

**My favourite TV show character is:** Jon Snow

**Favourite place to dine out is:** Japanese

**Favourite day of the week is:** Friday

**I was starstruck when I met:** Wayne Rooney

**I've been told I look like:** A viking

**Q: How would you describe yourself as a player?**  
A: Comfortable on the ball, good in the air and a leader.

**Q: Which team do you most look forward to playing?**  
A: Nelson Suburbs

**Q: Toughest individual player you've played against and why?**  
A: Phil Foden because I couldn't get near him.

**Q: If you could go to dinner with any 3 people (past or present), who would it be?**  
A: Rickey Gervais, Marc Ellis, Tiger Woods

**Q: What non-football accomplishment are you most proud of?**  
A: Starting my degree

**Q: If you could go to dinner with any 3 people (past or present), who would it be?**  
A: Nelson Mandela, Ricky Gervais and George Best.



# CHRISTCHURCH UNITED

## 2023 MEN'S FIRST TEAM



**1** SCOTT MORRIS



**3** NICHOLAS MURPHY



**4** SAM PETERSON



**5** RILEY GROVER



**6** AARON O'DRISCOLL



**7** HARIS ZEB



**8** PAUL IFFILL



**9** DANIEL MACLENNAN



**10** EOGHAN STOKES



**11** SAM PHILIP



**12** WILLIAM PIERCE



**13** FREWEN WATTS

ABSENT FROM MEDIA DAY 2. ABDUL KHALIFA 27. HADLEY WIREMU



# CHRISTCHURCH UNITED SOUTHERN LEAGUE SQUAD



**15** JACKSON  
COLE



**16** CAMERON  
LINDSAY



**18** THOMAS  
CHAD



**19** HUGO  
DEBENHAM



**20** DANIEL  
MEYN



**21** LOUIS  
KING



**22** MATTHEW  
TOD-SMITH



**23** BENJI  
LAPSLIE



**24** JAGO  
GODDEN



**25** LUCA  
MOLNAR



**26** SORASIT MAC  
PRATHUMHITAK



# PHOTO GALLERY

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Southern League  
Cashmere Technical vs Christchurch United



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# SOUTHERN LEAGUE

## CHRISTCHURCH UNITED 2023 FIXTURES

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<b>H</b>	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
<b>H</b>	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
<b>H</b>	05 VS NOMADS UNITED	FRI 21 APR	7.00PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	06 VS FERRYMEAD BAYS	SAT 29 APR	2.45PM	FERRYMEAD PARK
<b>H</b>	07 VS NELSON SUBURBS	SAT 6 MAY	11.30AM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
<b>H</b>	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
<b>H</b>	11 VS COASTAL SPIRIT	FRI 23 JUN	7.00PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
A	12 VS NOMADS UNITED	SAT 1 JUL	2.45PM	TULETT PARK
<b>H</b>	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
<b>H</b>	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
<b>H</b>	18 VS CASHMERE TECHNICAL	SAT 3 SEP	1.30PM	UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

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H = HOME A = AWAY

TOP 3 TEAMS AND WELLINGTON PHOENIX RESERVES (AUTO-QUALIFICATION)  
QUALIFY FOR NZ NATIONAL LEAGUE

# ACADEMY PROFILE

## JOEL THIRKELL

### ACADEMY U15S PLAYER



We caught up with Christchurch United Academy U15s Player Joel Thirkell earlier this week to chat around his goals and ambitions for 2023.

**Q: How long have you played at Christchurch United?**

A: 3 years now.

**Q: As a centre back what skills are you working on?**

A: As a centre back I am working on my distribution, positioning and my awareness.

**Q: What motivates you as a footballer?**

A: Lots of things I like to play. I enjoy the competitiveness, working as a team and developing myself as a player and a person.

**Q: What are your goals for this season?**

A: Win the U15s league and also win Christchurch International Cup.

**Q: Who in football do you look upto?**

A: Kevin De Bruyne. Amazing Passes, incredible vision and his ability to read the game. Always seems to put his team first.

**Q: Why should a player join Christchurch United?**

A: Good facilities, good coaches good players good people. Just a great place to be.





# PLAYER PROFILE

## EOGHAN STOKES

### PLAYER BIO

Nickname	Stokesy
Age	27 Years
Place of Birth	Attacking Midfield
Playing Position	Right
Right / Left Footed	Leeds United, Bohemian's FC,
Previous Clubs	Cork City, Derry City, Airdrie, Dumbarton
Honours / Trophies	TBC

### DID YOU KNOW?

**My favourite pro club is:** Man United

**If I wasn't a footballer I would be:**  
Hollywood Movie Star

**One thing people may not know about me is:**  
I'm currently studying a business degree

**The item on top of my bucket list is:**  
Bora Bora

**Item on top of my bucket list is:**  
Travel South East Asia

**My favourite TV show character is:** Tony Soprano

**Favourite place to dine out is:** Bistro 53. Local at home.

**I was starstruck when I met:** Matt Tod-Smith

**I've been told I look like:** Phil Foden

### Q&A SESSION

**Q: What's your best footballing memory and why?**  
A: First team debut at Elland Rd.

**Best advice you have ever been given?**  
A: Everyday is a school day.

**Q: What do your coaches often tell you?**  
A: Be Patient.

**Q: What advice would give you any young players playing your position?**  
A: Express yourself and watch players at the top that play in your position.

**Q: What is your pre-match routine? Do you have any lucky charms / superstitions?**  
A: Not telling people my superstitions is one of my superstitions.

**Q: What are your goals and ambitions for the season?**  
A: Win a Cup and a League

**Q: How would you describe yourself as a player?**  
A: Someone who likes to try and play the right way and likes a goal.

**Q: Which team do you most look forward to playing?**  
A: I look forward to all them.

**Q: Toughest individual player you've played against and why?**  
A: Leroy Sane. Rapid

**Q: If you could go to dinner with any 3 people (past or present), who would it be?**  
A: Maradona, Roy Keane and Pep

**Q: What non-football accomplishment are you most proud of?**  
A: Cleaning up around the house after Scott Morris every day.



# SPOT THE BALL COMPETITION



**Do you know where in the photo the ball is?  
1, 2, 3 or 4?**

**Answer on the chants page**

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# CHRISTCHURCH UNITED CHANTS



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

**“PHILIP, PHILIP HE CAN SCORE FROM ANYWHERE,  
PHILIP, PHILIP!”**

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

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

**“STAND UP IF STOKES SCORES,  
STAND UP IF STOKES SCORES”**

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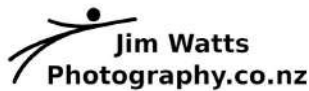
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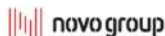
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