

FRIDAY 23 & SATURDAY 24 JUNE, 2023



DOUBLE HEADER



Northern
Region
Football



FRI 23 JUN, 7.30PM

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SAT 24 JUN, 3PM

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



WELCOME TO THIS WEEKEND'S DOUBLE-HEADER! WITH BOTH SHEPHERDS & MCFETRIDGE PARK HOSTING A MOMENTOUS COUPLE OF GAMES.

The first (Friday night) game is the last game to be played here at Shepherds on field 1, before the fields go over to begin final preparations for FIFA and the arrival of the Italian Women's Team. The second game is (again) at McFetridge Park, because we no longer have access to Shepherds.

The NRF Women's Conference team kick things off this weekend with a Friday night game, only possible due to the new Lighting (and field) upgrades that the Women's World cup has enabled. It is a nod to the possibilities before us as we work our way through the fixture list towards the end of this season and the new seasons ahead next year & beyond.

The Women's Conference team currently sit at the top of the Conference table, but Metro (who we are facing tonight) are only a point behind with a game in hand. So, our team's destiny is most firmly within their own hands. It has been great to witness the inclusion of the U16s into this group now competing in Women's football & a great debt of gratitude for all the mahi going into the Female Football Pathway, led by Janine Manga & the Female Football committee.

The Men's Premier team play Auckland City on Saturday at McFetridge Park, in the continuation of the Northern League, having last weekend confirmed their continuation in the Chatham Cup, with a fight of a fixture, needing extra time to get past a well organised Franklin team. Sitting just outside the top four, 6-points in arrears but with a game in hand, like the Women's Conference team, the Men's Premier side have destiny firmly within their own hands. A win 3-weeks ago over

Manurewa, starts the ascent to a place in the top four, with the game today against perennial champions City a tough ask, but with games against Auckland United & Eastern Suburbs still to come, we can afford some sense of optimism.

The Club upgrade project has experienced another massive week. Most of the construction fencing has gone to soon be replaced by the FIFA event fencing. The clubrooms officially get transferred to FIFA on Thursday 6th of July, and Italy are expected on site for their first training session on the Friday. So we have a very brief period of 11-days after today's game to complete final preparations, with some painting & cleaning projects on the existing parts of the Club to make sure it is properly prepared and presented for when Italy arrive.

It is appropriate at this time, to recognise some of the tireless mahi that has gone into the last two- and a-bit years of this project. I take this time now to humbly thank the following for all the time, thoughts & efforts of the past months, it has been gracious, constant and often immediately unrewarding. But ultimately this is a project that has set up our community for many generations to come. Thank you; William Taylor, Keith Lesslie, Neil Coventry, Simon Marsden, Stu Weir, Jebbie Warren, Ross Frisby, Sian Chad, Rochelle Lee, Melissa Sullivan, Hamish Young & Gareth Williams for everything you have given.

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LUCA VASORI COACH'S COMMENTS



THIS A MATCH WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR, AS IT LOOKS SET TO DEFINE WHO WILL LEAD THE CHARGE TO THE WOMEN CONFERENCE LEAGUE TITLE.

Metro Fc goes into tonight's game, with a game in hand, just 2 points behind us, currently holding down the first spot in the league.

In our previous encounter Metro managed to snatch the 3 points, thanks to a last second goal, after a match that saw the two sides very evenly matched.

Our Birko Women's Conference team have since gone from strength to strength, and have now managed to get to the top spot on the table, winning the last 4 games and drawing one as we have navigated this year's Conference League. A win on Friday would underline the Women's quest for promotion. Meaning we would remain two points ahead, should Metro win their game in hand.

This game provides us with a great opportunity to celebrate the upgraded clubrooms and pitches,

before the exclusive FIFA Women's World Cup training period. As part of this celebration the Club has organised a junior girls training evening ahead of the match, where our younger footballers can have a fun session with our U16's girl's coaches, before walking the players out on the pitch.

It's going to be a great celebration of Women and Girls football; catering and bar staff are primed to offer the best food & hospitality to all who attend and support our Women's team on the night.

The BU AFC Women thank you in advance for the consistent support and effort, let's make this season unforgettable!!!

Luca Vasori
Women's First Team Head Coach



FOOTWEAR

ROUND 10 PREVIEW



FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



VS



**BIRKENHEAD UNITED
VS METRO FC**

Friday 23rd June, 7.30pm,
Shepherds Park

Matchday Sponsored By:

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OTHER FIXTURES

RESULTS



**ONEHUNGA MANGERE
VS BEACHLANDS MARAETAI**

Sunday 25th June, 1pm,
Mangere Domain

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**BAY OLYMPIC
VS GREENHITHE MOZAMBA**

Sunday 25th June, 1pm,
Ken Maunder Park

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ROUND 09 REVIEW



FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



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**GREENHITHE MOZAMBA
VS METRO FC**



3 - 0

**BAY OLYMPIC VS
BEACHLANDS MARAETAI**

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Birkenhead United	9	5	2	2	15	8	7	17
Metro FC	8	5	1	2	12	8	4	16
Beachlands Maraetai	9	3	4	2	12	13	-1	13
Greenhithe Mozamba	8	3	1	4	15	13	2	10
Bay Olympic	8	2	3	3	10	10	0	9
Onehunga Mangere United	8	1	1	6	8	20	-12	4

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2023 WOMENS SQUAD



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Football



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PLAYER PROFILE

MORGAN HERBST



PLAYER BIO

Nickname	Morgs
Age	19 Years
Place of Birth	South Africa
Playing Position	Centre Back
Right / Left Footed	Right
Previous Clubs	ECB, Forrest Hill, Glenfield Rovers, Takapuna
Honours / Trophies	Players Player in 2021

DID YOU KNOW

My favourite pro club is: Chelsea

If I wasn't a footballer I would be: High Performance strength and conditioning coach or exercise physiologist

One thing people may not know about me is:

I have an extra bone in each foot

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

Thailand

The item on top of my bucket list is: Sky dive or travel

Most underrated TV show is:

The Sinner & Peaky Blinders

Favourite place to dine out is: Any Italian – Pizza and pasta

Favourite day of the week is: Sunday

I was starstruck when I met:

Percy Montgomery – SA Rugby Player

I've been told I look like: My Grandma

Q & A SESSION

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

A: Greenhithe cup game last year; I scored a free kick to equalise then went in goal (as keeper was injured) and saved a penalty and scored the winning penalty

Q: Best advice you have ever been given?

A: Growth and comfort do not coexist

Q: What do coaches often tell you?

A: "Drop off" and "play it long"

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

A: Watch the ball when tackling not the player, stay on your feet & stay composed under pressure

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

A: Same sports bra every game

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

A: Win the league of course & personally, more confidence on attack

Q: How would you describe yourself as a player?

A: Determined & loud/talkative but according to my teammate: Solid brick wall with the skills of a midfielder

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

A: Metro – will always be our closest, toughest match

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

A: Can't think of anyone but admire the skills of Leah Williamson

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

A: Got a scholarship in year 13

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

A: Grandparents, Sam Kerr & Nelson Mandela

PLAYER PROFILE

RAYHAN CARLSON-DU TOIT

PLAYER BIO

Nickname	Ray
Age	20 Years
Place of Birth	Cape Town, South Africa
Playing Position	Forward
Right / Left Footed	Not too sure – would say both!
Previous Clubs	Central United, Auckland City, Waitakere United, North Shore
Honours / Trophies	2019 Youth League Golden Boot 2022 RMAC Player of the Year, Golden Boot and All First Team



DID YOU KNOW

My favourite pro club is: Man United

If I wasn't a footballer I would be: Currently studying medicine so I'd say anything within that field

One thing people may not know about me is:
I speak four languages

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

The item on top of my bucket list is: Skydiving

Most underrated TV show is: Brooklyn Nine-Nine

My favourite movie character is: Darth Vader

Favourite place to dine out is: Nando's or Spur

Favourite day of the week is: Friday

I was starstruck when I met: Israel Adesanya

I've been told I look like: A young Ruud Gullit

Q & A SESSION

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

A: Scoring on my debut for Waitakere United against Auckland City

Best advice you have ever been given?

A: Failing to prepare is preparing to fail

Q: What do coaches often tell you?

A: Keep my head up after making mistakes

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

A: You might not be the best or most skillful forward but there is no excuse for not being the most hardworking one

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

A: I would say a Red Bull before every game is something that I do.

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

A: To make the top 4 and competing against the best teams around New Zealand.

Q: How would you describe yourself as a player?

A: Unorthodox

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

A: Auckland City or Eastern Suburbs

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

A: Pablo Gavi or Xavi Simons. Both ran me ragged in the midfield.

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

A: Making the deans list at my college in the United States.



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PAUL HOBSON COACH'S COMMENTS



WELCOME TO ALBERT AND HIS AUCKLAND CITY TEAM FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S NORTHERN LEAGUE FIXTURE.

It was fantastic to be back at Shepherds Park last week for the cup game, and it was great to see the excitement of everyone; players, supporters, and all the kids that were there, it was so good! It's very special, and we've missed it.

A warm welcome today to Dan (Morgan), Christian (Gray) & Nathan (Lobo), we thank you for everything you did for us when here at Birkenhead.

I had a little tour of downstairs last week, the new changing rooms spaces are unbelievable, and I must say brought a tear to my eye.

Thank you to everyone who has made this possible, specially the non-stop work Dave Williams has done to make this happen.

We say goodbye and good luck to Codey Phoenix this week, as he starts a 6-week trial at League-1 side Burton Albion this week.

We welcome back to Birkenhead this week Andrew Cromb who comes back from Takapuna. We're so happy he's back with us, as he is a player with over 50 first team games, and hopefully with many more to come.

We also welcome Niko Vanina from Waiheke Utd to Birko. Niko is a player who we have liked for a long time, and I think he will really add to our team.

He is also, well at least in my 20 years here, the first Argentinian to play for our Men's Premier team.

Enjoy the game today and hope to see you around the grounds.

Paul Hobson
Men's First Team Head Coach

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ROUND 14 PREVIEW



FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



VS



BIRKENHEAD UNITED VS AUCKLAND CITY FC

Saturday 24th June, 3pm,
McFetridge Park

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OTHER FIXTURES

RESULTS



**WESTERN SPRINGS
VS BAY OLYMPIC**

Saturday 24th June, 3pm,
Seddon Fields

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**TAKAPUNA AFC
VS EASTERN SUBURBS**

Saturday 24th June, 3pm,
Taharoto Park

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**HAMILTON WANDERERS
VS MELVILLE UNITED**

Saturday 24th June, 3pm
Porritt Stadium

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**MANUKAU UNITED
VS WEST COAST RANGERS**

Saturday 24th June, 3pm,
Walter Massey Park

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**MANUREWA
VS AUCKLAND UNITED**

Saturday 24th June, 3pm,
Manurewa War Memorial

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ROUND 13 REVIEW



FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



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	0 - 4		WEST COAST RANGERS VS MANUREWA AFC
	2 - 0		EASTERN SUBURBS VS WESTERN SPRINGS
	1 - 1		MELVILLE UNITED VS TAKAPUNA
	4 - 0		AUCKLAND UNITED VS HAMILTON WANDERERS
	0 - 1		BAY OLYMPIC VS AUCKLAND CITY

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Eastern Suburbs	13	11	2	0	27	8	19	35
Auckland City	11	9	2	0	33	5	28	29
Manurewa AFC	12	7	3	2	33	15	18	24
Auckland United	13	7	3	3	26	15	11	24
Birkenhead United	12	5	3	4	31	23	8	18
Melville United AFC	13	5	2	6	17	26	-9	17
Hamilton Wanderers	12	4	4	4	23	26	-3	16
Western Springs	13	5	1	7	19	23	-4	16
West Coast Rangers	13	4	1	8	15	27	-12	13
Bay Olympic	13	2	1	10	20	34	-14	7
Takapuna FC	13	1	3	9	11	28	-17	6
Manukau United	12	1	3	8	15	40	-25	6



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

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NICHOLAS FORRESTER, JORDAN TOY, SHIVAM NAIR**

2023 MENS SQUAD



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DUNCAN**

WINGER



**CURTIS
HUGHES**

FORWARD



**LEON
VAN DEN HOVEN**

MIDFIELDER



**LUKE
COSTELLO**

DEFENDER



**LUKE
JORGENSEN**

MIDFIELDER



**XAVIER
MADDOX**

MIDFIELDER



**SAMUEL
PEPPER**

WINGER



**SILVIO
RODIC**

GOALKEEPER



**THOMAS
PAGE**

FORWARD



**TROY
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GOALKEEPER

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| 3 CODEY PHOENIX | 17 DANIEL MORGAN |
| 4 DINO BOTICA | 18 HAMISH JARDINE |
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| 13 SHIV NAIR | 26 THOMAS PAGE |
| 14 JORDAN TOY | 27 SAM PEPPER |



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AUCKLAND CITY FC

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| 1 CONOR TRACEY | 13 NATHAN LOBO |
| 2 MARIO ILICH | 14 JORDAN VALE |
| 3 ADAM MITCHELL | 15 AIDAN CAREY |
| 4 CHRISTIAN GRAY | 16 JOSEPH LEE |
| 5 MICHAEL DEN HEIJER | 19 LIAM GILLION |
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