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RD1 | MEN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE



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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



A warm welcome to Shark Park to all players, club members, supporters, and visitors to celebrate Island Bay United's return to the Central League!

It's been a tough grind for the Men's 1st team over the past two years, with some extreme highs and lows...we're proud of your success and thrilled to have made it!

IBU has had a huge start to pre-season, appointing new Director of Football, Stu Jacobs, Women's Development Officer Khalid Ahmed, and forming a partnership in the junior space with the Wellington Phoenix. Our men's, women's, and master's teams have been training hard and are looking forward to kicking off their first games of the 2024 season.

Our youth talent development programme had unprecedented numbers at trials enabling us to form quality squads across all age groups. We are currently forming our junior teams and look forward to welcoming existing and new families into the junior space and embedding the

Phoenix pre-academy training programme for these players.

It's no small task preparing for a new season, and amongst our valued volunteers, we are fortunate to have a dedicated and supportive management team who work quietly behind the scenes to keep our club humming - thank you for your role in helping our club thrive.

We are buzzing to support Stu, his coaching team, and the exciting mix of new and homegrown players that comprise our 2024 Central League team. Thanks for your commitment, support, and leadership within our vibrant community club!

Up the Bay - Go Sharks!

Charlotte Hassed
Club President

COACH'S COMMENTS



As the coach of Island Bay United, I am thrilled to stand before you on the cusp of our first game in the Central League season.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Alan, the staff and Western Suburbs players to Wakefield park this afternoon.

The excitement buzzing through the team is palpable, and rightfully so. This is not just another game; it's the dawn of a new chapter, an opportunity for us to showcase the culmination of hard work and dedication. As we step onto the pitch, we acknowledge the journey that has brought us here, the countless hours of training, the sacrifices made, and the camaraderie forged.

Today, we carry the weight of our club's legacy on our shoulders, and I have every confidence that we will rise to the occasion.

Island Bay United FC isn't just a football club; it's a pillar of our community, with

a rich history and unwavering support. As we embark on this season, we remember the countless fans who stand behind us, cheering us on with unparalleled enthusiasm.

Their belief in us is unwavering, and it's time for us to repay that faith with a display of skill, determination, and passion. Today, we have the opportunity to show the league why IBU is one of the biggest clubs in the region.

Today we step onto that field with our heads held high, knowing that we deserve to be here, ready to leave our mark on the Central League and make our community proud. Together, let's seize this moment and show what Island Bay is truly made of.

Stu Jacobs
Men's First Team Coach

ROUND 01 CENTRAL LEAGUE



FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



ISLAND BAY UNITED vs WESTERN SUBURBS

Friday 29th March, 7.00pm Kick Off, Alex Moore Turf

OTHER FIXTURES



**NORTH WELLINGTON
VS WATERSIDE KARORI**

Friday 29th March, 7.00pm,
Alex Moore Turf



**MIRAMAR RANGERS
VS PHOENIX RESERVES**

Saturday 30th March, 2.30pm,
David Farrington Park



**PETONE
VS STOP OUT**

Saturday 30th March, 2.30pm,
David Farrington Park



**NAPIER CITY ROVERS
VS WELLINGTON OLYMPIC**

Sunday 31st March, 2.00pm,
Bluewater Stadium

HENRY LENIHAN-GEELS

PLAYER BIO

Nickname	Henners
Age	26 Years
Nationality	Pakeha / Dutch
Previous Clubs	ASV 13
Right / Left	Left Footed
Honours	Capital 1 Title Graeme Sole Cup

QUICKFIRE FAVOURITES

Pro Team	Arsenal
Player	Thierry Henry
Food	Pizza
Travel Location	Netherlands
Movie / TV Series	Breaking Bad
Book	Ramsay in 10
Podcast	Don't listen to any
Pre-Game Song	Fallin Up – Dr. Dre
Quote	“Come on the Bay” – Caleb Hilbron



Q&A SESSION

Where were you most recently playing before Island Bay United?

Always at the Bay!

How many seasons have you played at IBU?

14 Seasons

Best football memory?

First trip to The Emirates!

Best goal scored / save made?

Not many to pick from. Probably against Stop Out at Shark Park in 2022

Who is the one team you look forward to playing?

Olympic. Can't beat a derby!

Best player you've played with or against and why?

Clayton Lewis, unbelievable left peg.

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

Jeremy Sutton, Tyler Ngaia, Ruairi Cahill-Fleury, Neuer in goal. What a side!

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Surf, keep fit, spend time with family, eat!

If you could meet anyone in the world?

Thierry Henry

How do you describe yourself as a player?

Keep it simple. Less is more.

If you could play a different position for a match?

Centre Attacking Midfield.

Biggest influence on your career?

Growing up in the Bay!

WOMEN'S KELLY CUP FIRST ROUND



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FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



VS



ISLAND BAY UNITED vs WATERSIDE KARORI RESERVES

Tuesday 2nd April, 6.30pm Kick Off, Wakefield Park

REMAINING FIXTURES

PETONE

vs TE KOTAHITANGA FC

Friday 29th March, 12.00pm,
Petone Memorial

MOTUROA AFC

vs WELLINGTON UNITED S

Friday 29th March, 12.00pm,
Petone Memorial

UPPER HUTT CITY

vs SEATOUN AFC

Friday 29th March, 12.00pm,
Petone Memorial

NORTH WELLINGTON

vs VIC UNIVERSITY

Saturday 30th March, 2.00pm,
Wakefield Park

MIRAMAR RANGERS 2ND

vs WATERSIDE KARORI

Sunday 31st March, 5.00pm,
Wakefield Park

PETONE RESERVES

vs WELLINGTON UNITED D

Monday 1st April, 1.00pm,
Petone Memorial

MIRAMAR RANGERS

vs PN MARIST

Monday 1st April, 2.00pm,
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PHOENIX PARTNERSHIP

Island Bay United is excited to announce a new partnership with the Wellington Phoenix as they look to grow their Pre-Academy Centre (PAC) programme in Wellington's southern suburbs.

In partnering with the Nix, IBU will join a wide network of clubs across the country who have adopted the PAC programme over the past two seasons.

The PAC programme is targeted at players in the skill acquisition phase (ages 9-12) and looks to build on their key skills and confidence to take the next step in their football journey. PAC clubs utilise the Phoenix's pre-academy training programme and development centre - an online platform to support the development of players, coaches and parent coaches.

We see this as a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the connection between our community club and the Phoenix. This

partnership will provide our talented young players a pathway into the Phoenix youth academies and beyond.

IBU Director of Football Stuart Jacobs and Junior Head Coach Leo Villa will continue to lead Island Bay United's Talent Development Programme, Junior Academy, Girls Only and Junior Social Programmes with the PAC overlay for players, coaches and parents to be introduced this term. More information will follow as we implement this.

Island Bay United is excited at the possibilities in our new relationship with the Wellington Phoenix and look forward to a long and successful partnership together.

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We recognise that community support can happen in different ways and we look forward to talking with you about how your organisation can partner with Island Bay United.

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