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PRESIDENTS WELCOME

A warm welcome to Shepherds Park to East Coast Bays players, supporters and management today. It's great to think that two North Shore clubs are battling for the title of the NRFL Premier league at the end of the season.

East Coast Bays and Birkenhead have enjoyed many battles over the years particularly at the National U19 championships but also throughout the grades in the course of a normal season. It's a rivalry brought about by two evenly matched clubs who are youth oriented and fiercely competitive without resorting to tactics we have seen from other rivals over the course of the season.

In the last home game of the season, I could not think of a more fitting way to end our 50th season with a battle for the NRFL premier title against our North Shore neighbours.

To the Red & White Army – I salute you. You have been a massive part of the 2013 season. We need to get together today to create a cacophony of noise to beat all previous efforts and to bring our lads home.

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on Wednesday. Congratulations to the re-elected members of the management committee and those people who are taking on co-opted and volunteer roles. Your input and energy is welcomed.

If you have chance, try to secure a copy of the Annual report available in the clubrooms. It's a great read which has been well put together by Neil Coventry and published by Heather Ward at Akarana Publishing.

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Don't forget the reserves are playing the NRFL Premier reserves cup final versus Ellerslie at Michaels Ave on Wednesday 28th with kickoff at 7PM.

I look forward to seeing you in the clubrooms after the match.

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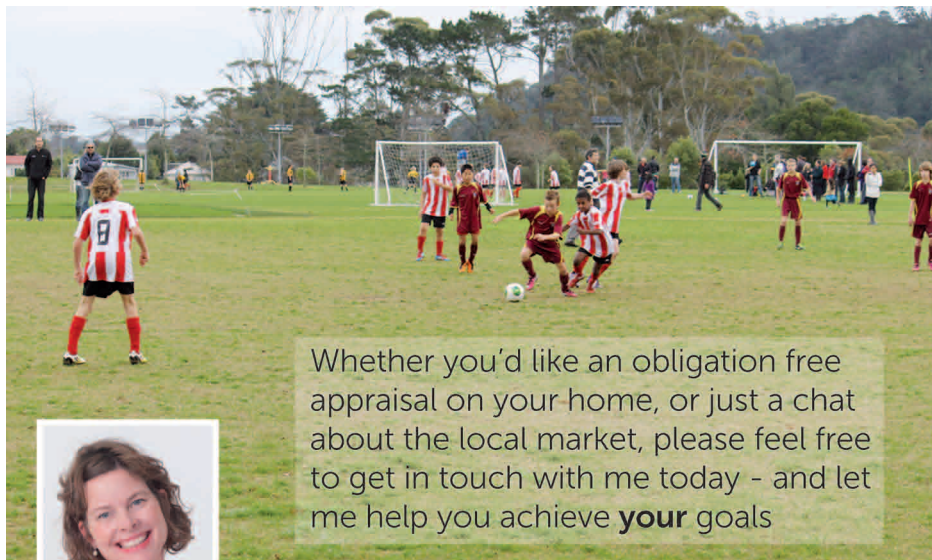
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FIRST TEAM REPORT



Welcome to East Coast Bays for today's top of the table clash.

Our last home game was a gutsy 1-0 win against Ellerslie AFC. We lost Ash to a last man tackle within the first ten minutes. His first red card of his career! We scored soon after from a great Sam Margetts finish.

I was really happy with the performance. We created so many chances and should have gone on and won by quite a few more. We also unfortunately lost Dan Morgan to a head knock, which puts him out of action for a month or so, which is a shame, as I know he was looking forward to today's clash.

Once again I would like to thank Tim, Parky, A. Parky and Hannah for all the hard work put into the season. Dave, The Committee, Ross and Ben, for all your work within the club, Steve and Terry especially for all their fantastic work with the Ressies, Jas with the U17's, Sian for being so understanding under some trying times, the crew at Akarana Publishing for their work on our programmes, and our Red and White Army. The support has been outstanding. I would also like to thank the first team squad, who has shown such great heart, desire and commitment this season. Finally I would like to save the biggest Thank You for Mrs H! It's not always easy being Mrs H, but Thank You!

Cheers Hobbo

FIRST TEAM REPORT – MANAGERS SAY!

Greetings to Willy, Rod and the Bays lads for a game that 'rivalry' is an understatement. Also welcome to Nick and his assistants Jan and Chris Than you for your assistance in making this sport functional.

17-08-2013 VS ELLERSLIE

In a short summary, this was a game that had much meaning to both clubs with each being at differing ends of the league ladder, yet history has dictated war like battles on the paddock. This was not to disappoint! Birko lost Ash in the 14th minute, 'Magwheels' scored in the 15th minute and for 90 minutes the hallowed turf of Shepherds Park may well have been downtown Beirut with shiteloads of passion!

A result that all should be proud of, with our lads putting all on the line for the "Candy Cane". A special word goes out to Dan Morgan who shortly before half time took a knock to the head and was concussed as a result. He still has trouble remembering his involvement and we wish him the best in his recovery from what has ended his season. A brilliant days football



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and an even better result ensuring that our challenge for the league title remained.



As we reach the end of the 2013 season, the challenge is due to begin for the U19s with the National Tournament to be held in Napier over Labour Weekend beckons and as always we are embarking on fundraising for this venture. We have proudly made the final for the last three years having won in 2010 and being runners up in 2011-2012. A 'Cash Raffle' is on sale at present, a sausage sizzle and bakery stall will be held at Rosco's Junior Tournament on the 8th of September and hopefully a Horse Racing Night and Auction will be organized also. Any ideas, gifts or donations are muchly appreciated as we have a great future within our club and this is the major stepping stone in which the kids (young men) get to match themselves against the best of this age group in the entire country! Thank you for any support.

With today's programme being the finale of the 2013 season, thanks must go out to many people. Firstly, the supporters in the 'Red & White Army', who have travelled tirelessly to first team games far and wide. The noise, passion and banter have won the lads over. They so enjoy this, and the excitement of the fans is portrayed in the performances on the park.

To Dave Newick and the Committee, thank you for your work behind the scenes ... huge! To Heather, Guppy and Nicky for the production of needless to say, the best publication in sport! Without the "hub" of Birko, Bill and Tracey, who feed the many the lubrication for the vocal support that is loved and cherished and to any that I have missed, everyone is special in this club and no more than Hanna our physio, Tim as Hobbo's Assistant, Andrew for coming on as



PLAYERS OF THE DAY

Vs Three Kings	Godwin Darkwa
Vs East Coast Bays	Dylan Windust
Vs Onehunga Sports	Sam Jasper
Vs Manurewa	Bill Tuiloma
Vs Waitakere	Dylan Windust
Vs Bay Olympic	Jacob Hall
Vs Hamilton Wanderers	Ryan Howlett
Vs Central Utd	Jack Hobson-McVeigh
Vs Ellerslie	Ash Crawford
Vs Cambridge	Adam Wallis
Vs Three Kings	Adam Wallis
Vs Glenfield	Elijah Neblett
Vs Glenfield	Gaz Williams
Vs Hamilton Wanderers	Shane Norton
Vs Onehunga Sport	James Lawon
Vs Manurewa	Jack Hobson-McVeigh
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Vs Ellerslie AFC	Godwin Darkwa



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Goalie coach and Steve and Terry with our successful Ressies ... go hard Wednesday night against Ellerslie in the Cup Final!

On a personal note, a huge thank you to the first team lads, it is a privilege to work with such a great bunch of young men, talented and witty and with the bonus that they can play football. Finally the biggest gratitude that can be paid is to Hobbo. Paul is the genius that has bought this all together, not only does this show in the first and reserve grades but is well illuminated by the standards of footballers in the junior club. Thank you Paul and thank you all!

See you after in the Club.

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1ST TEAM

	League	C/Cup
Jack Hobson McVeigh.....	7	3
Sam Jenkins.....	4	2
Sam Margetts.....	4	1
Dylan Windust.....	3	2
Elijah Neblett.....	3	1
Doobie Parkinson	3	
Roussin Nkoy	3	
Bill Tuiloma	2	2
Godwin Darkwa	2	
James Lawson	2	
Sam Jasper.....	2	
Ryan Howlett.....	1	1
Dan Morgan.....	1	
Adam Wallis.....	1	

RESERVES

Paul Park.....	12
Nathan Gibb.....	11
Connor Felstead.....	10
Harrison Bolton-Roberts.....	7
Adyn Kettle	3
Shaylin Neethling.....	3
Jack Holbutt.....	2
Shaylin Neethling.....	2
Andrew McFadzean	1
Cody Doherty.....	1
Jamie Shields.....	1
Tom Holbutt	1
Andrew Collenette	1
Dylan Higgins.....	1
Harry Bell	1
Other.....	6
Own goals	4



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BIRKO RESSIES

Birkenhead Reserves V Ellerslie, Shepherds Park 17/8/2013

The irony of the final league game of the season was that depending on our result and that of the Manurewa/Hamilton game we could finish anywhere from fourth place to first! With that in mind the message throughout the week at training and in the last minute team talks was to focus on one thing only - our own performance and result against Ellerslie. Ellerslie, with a game in hand could also go on to win the league if they managed a win against us. So everything to play for...for both teams.

A slight reshuffle in the line-up saw young Jack Benbow brought into the side at right back and Nathan Gibb put out to the left of midfield (this would give Nathan a chance to score goals without having to disappear out of the defence). The remaining formation was the same and the benefit of this was that we settled into a very controlled pattern of play and gained the upper hand early. Conor had to be replaced with Shaylin after only 20 minutes due to a recurring injury and his pace added value to the attacking third.

Despite Ellerslie including several first team players they posed little threat as we moved the ball quickly and worked hard off the ball. Harry, Paul and Tom were like energiser bunnies in the middle, snuffing out Ellerslie's attack and providing plenty of balls through the channels to put pressure on the opposition goal. Both Jack Holbutt and Nathan were able to get plenty of crosses in and it was no surprise that the early pressure resulted in Nathan Gibb firing in from the edge of the box to put us ahead in the fourth minute. Our domination continued and Nathan grabbed his second right on the stroke of half time. The half time team talk was probably one of Steve's easiest because to be fair to the team, they were sticking to the game plan and maintaining their heads. It was therefore an amped up and positive team that retook the field.

The second half was a repeat of the first. We played the better football and as has been the pattern in our best games the backs were flying forward ensuring the game was played in the correct half of the field. At one stage even Andy managed to get far enough forward to crack off a shot (if anyone finds that ball we would like it back!). Nick Smith has finished strongly each week and spends the last twenty minutes of each game terrorising right backs (watch out Doobie!). This week was no exception and on one occasion he tore down the left, cutting the perfect ball across for Nathan to grab his hat-trick. Paul Park completed the rout late in the game, heading home past a stranded keeper to make us 4 – 0 clear winners! We won't mention the penalty (too much) that Nathan slotted into the corner but then had to be retaken because someone who shall remain nameless (Nick Smith) entered the box. The keeper

saved the second attempt.



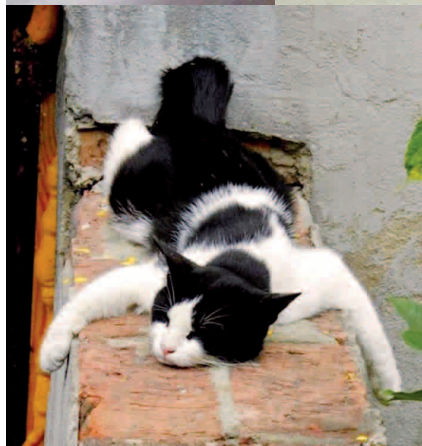
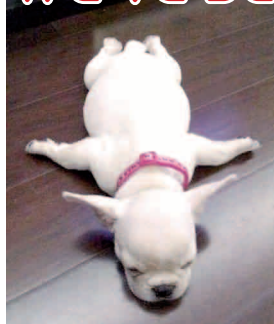
Unfortunately despite our own efforts Hamilton managed a narrow win away to Manurewa meaning that we are well deserved league runners up.

This means that there is the cup final to go and therefore one more chance to grab some silverware and cap off a successful season. One more sterling performance required boys.

Steve Holbutt's coaching efforts need to be acknowledged given this is the last home programme. Steve has worked extremely hard this season to ensure that the team were as fit and sharp as they could possibly be and it was fitting that in this final league game the team rewarded him with the performance of the year. On behalf of the team, well done and many thanks Steve.

Terry Taylor

We've been flat out all season!





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LADIES FOOTBALL 2013

LADIES DIVISION 1



18th August 2013 – vs. East Coast Bays (Top 4 play off) Result: 1 - 3 Loss

The last home game of the season for the Birko ladies, and arguably the strongest opposition in the league, with Te Atatu away at Te Atatu Park next week to complete the season.

The game started favourably with Birko dominating the central midfield and utilising both Lorna Selby and Michaela Carlsen, on the left and right sides of the field respectively, creating early opportunities and putting Bays onto the back foot, and within the first twenty minutes the resulting pressure provided Lorna an opportunity to scramble one into the back of the Bays net.

Unfortunately this seemed to give Bays the wake up call they desired and they hit back with speed and aggression and it wasn't long before they levelled the score through a powerful strike from their left midfielder, who was arguably their most dangerous player.

As the game progressed the Birko ladies continued to battle but unfortunately Bays dominance increased as time progressed, and in the end two further goals, and their ability to counterattack at speed wore the Birko ladies down, and although the Birko ladies continued to fight were notably tired come the end of the ninety.

A great display of determination by Carol Craig in the centre of the park battling hard for the entire ninety, another performance of quality by Lisa Witberg, and a player of the day performance by Sarah Elliot, who playing at right back had to contend with Bays youngest, fastest, and arguably most dangerous player, and did a fantastic job of ensuring she had to fight hard for absolutely everything.



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LADIES FOOTBALL 2013

LADIES DIVISION 2

18TH AUGUST – 4-0 WIN VS WEST AUCKLAND

This week we travelled to Royal Reserve to take on West Auckland who we beat 6-1 in the first round. Saying this they seemed to have turned into draw specialists and had actually lost a game less than us over the course of the season. After an incredibly lacklustre performance in the first half where nothing was done well we managed to scrape in to half time with a slender 1-0 lead. After very kindly asking the girls for a better performance at half time the girls turned it on and had way too much for West Auckland to cope with and we ran out comfortable 4-0 winners. Goals were scored by Claire Kearney (2), Karla Mason and Hayley Rawlings whilst player of the day was split between Karen Taylor and Jenni Hussey for two exceptional all round performances. With one game to go the girls are looking good to cement 3rd place in the league with an outstanding goals record of 54 for, 24 against and 11 different goal scorers over the year led by Patrice Koks who's scored an incredible 27 goals with one still to play.

LADIES DIVISION 4A

Last Sunday we played Oratia Divas who we beat 2-1.

We started the game well having the better half of possession, however, we didn't really look dangerous with all of the attempts at goal being either, off target, or straight at the keeper. Despite us having most of the ball they did have the odd go at goal, with a couple of fast strikers it just seemed like a matter of time before they got the first goal. Which they did halfway through the first half and, to make things worse, our goalkeeper, Kylie Seamark, injured herself trying to stop the striker. Luckily Bridget Hay 'volunteered' to be goalie. Having the smallest player on the pitch in goal didn't exactly fill me with confidence but she did a

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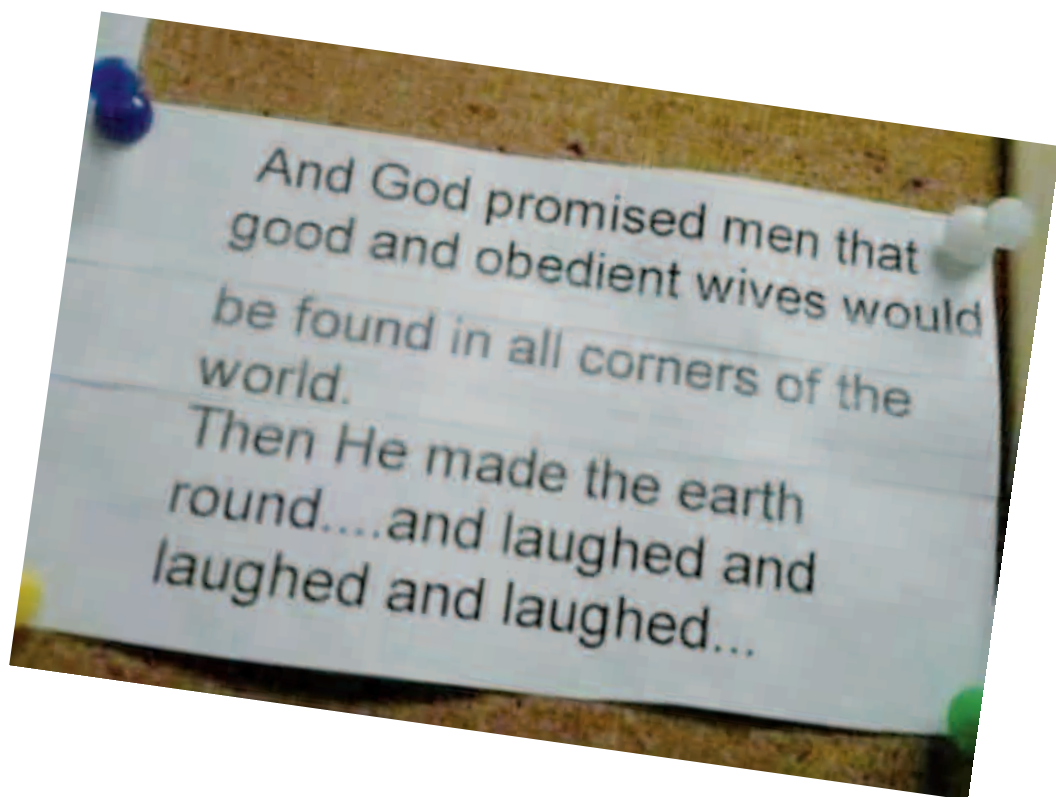
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fantastic job and her record as keeper remains clean.

The second half continued in much the same way but with a key difference, two brilliant goals! The first a perfectly placed pass into the bottom corner of the goal from Karen Daragh and the winner coming from winger Lynnette Jay with long range shot which curled round the keeper and into the far top corner.

I'm really proud of the performance last week as we kept in the game even after losing our keeper and having no subs. Everyone worked hard for one another and the girls really came together as a team. We have two games left and we will be looking for two more wins to finish the season on a high.



UNDER 17 METRO

Managing and coaching the U17 Metro Team together with Paul Hobson this year has taught me many things. One important lesson I have learnt is to treat every game as a Cup Final. And I am sure the 1st team will definitely treat today's game as one. With that said, GOOD LUCK with today's game guys. Go on make us proud.

BIRKO BOYS OUTSHINE FRAIL FORREST HILL

Game 17 vs Forrest Hill, Sunday 18 August, Shepherds Park:

"They brought nothing to the game" were the words of a spectator minutes after the final whistle. And without checking which team he was referring to, it was obvious he was talking about Forrest Hill. Their second rate football skills and team effort were by no means challenging for our boys – we were all over them for 90% of the game.

Even a soaked uneven surface could not discourage an almost flawless performance by the team. With Joel playing up front and our two speedy wingers, Dylan & Thomson in support, the Forrest Hill defense were in for a trying time. We pelted their goal and were unlucky not to score early. However we continued to play our passing game and were rewarded with a tap in goal after a free kick on the right hand side of the pitch. Our free kick guru, Harrison struck a powerful shot at goal which the keeper saved but the sheer force behind the shot caused him to fumble the ball which allowed a fast approaching Dylan to easily tap the ball into the net – classic... 1-0 up.

Once again, a strong mid-field performance allowed freedom on the ball. Perfect through ball deliveries between the centre backs from Adyn, Amili & Harrison gave Joel, Dylan & Thomson numerous opportunities to show off their skills in front of goal. But unfortunately Forrest Hill's keeper was on form and made some miraculous saves.

A persistent Joel managed to score our second goal with an unstoppable strike metre's outside the box. The opposition was left dumbstruck. The boys then went on to produce some magical football from the start of the second half. Our third goal

SEASON GOALS

Conor	Felstead	14
Thomson	Nkoy	6
Joel	Curran	6
Dylan	Higgins	4
Adyn	Kettle	4
John	Short	3
Harrison	Bolton-Roberts	3
Elijah	Neblett	2
Cody	Doherty	2
Amili	Kasim	2
Tate	Kimpton	1
Scot	Guyatt	1
Keegan	Farrelly	1

TOTAL 49



was soon scored by Joel, again, with a similar shot. Gathering the ball in mid-field, Joel dribbled through the defense, cut back inside and unleashed another powerful shot which left the keeper unmoved..... sublime, 3-0 up and the boys were enjoying themselves.

Our defense was hardly challenged and our goal keeper, Darius barely touched the ball in the second half. Somehow our centre back, Cody Doherty must have got bored at the back and kept pressing forward to look for action. His persistence paid off when he gathered the ball in mid-field, looked up, noticed the keeper was off his line and then shot at goal. A well struck shot which went straight to the back of the net from some distance..... almost from half way!!!

Conclusion: If we maintained this level of football throughout the season we would have completely dominated this league and showcased Birkenhead United's inspiring football culture.

Stand outs: Joel Curran, Harrison Bolton-Roberts, Cody Doherty

Result: 4-0 win **Coaching Team's Emotion:** Delighted 😊

Outlook: Can't wait for next season

Coach: Paul Hobson **Trainers:** Steve Holbutt & Terry Taylor **Manager:** Jason Higgins

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1974-2013

By Ricky Simmons

Next year will be my 40th year at Birkenhead and there have been many changes and lots of progress made. In the years from the mid-70's, when I first played with the senior team, we played our games at Birkenhead War Memorial Park, as at that time we did not have the facilities at Shepherds Park that we have now. There used to be a red brick building on the far corner where the tennis courts are, everything was thrown in there, all the gear, nets, mowers, and that's also where we got ready for our games, when we played there. It was a bit of a squeeze getting changed for a game and took time also, and when the game finished it was a mad dash to get into the shed first as we only had one shower, and if someone of shall we say, a larger frame than yourself got in before you, there wasn't much hot water left, so you can imagine how we all felt once the block base was completed and

we had the luxury of six showers (I think). But they were never very warm.

Between my son Brian and I – I would think we must hold the record for the number of appearances in the first team. Myself from the mid 70's to around 1987 and Brian started about 1989 to 2001. Hopefully my grandsons will follow on and keep the tradition going.

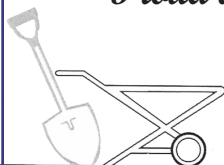
There wasn't as close a connection then, as there is today, between midget junior and then to senior grades. Many thanks goes to Paul for this and his input as director of coaching, enabling this to occur. Also the effort and time that Ross has put in over these past years and now Ben's getting involved. Its a thankless job they do, as someone will always have a complaint about something, so just ask yourself , would you do it, before you start moaning!

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through the ranks is really heart warming. Going to the under 19's tournament in Napier last year was an eye opener of the skill factor that's coming through, although unfortunately they lost in the final, however there's always this year. That was the first time in 26 years since I was last there, when my own son played, they also lost. Normally I would say I was a jinx, but the under 19's have lost 2 years in a row to the same Wellington team.

When my son Brian started playing most of the strips were made by hand by the legendary Gretta, the material being nothing like today's fancy stuff. It was not so much the kids outgrowing them, as the strips became so heavy and stretched so much in the rain that they could have worn them from midget to junior, because they lasted in those days. (well maybe not quite).

Now my three grandsons are playing, my connections are still as strong as ever, especially as they like to come to watch the

first team with me, as their father has started playing over 35's again with Bonnie Lads team, sorry, I should say, "they go through the motions" I have offered to play for them, but between my deceptively slow speed and my accent, I reckon they could not keep up.

My one regret as the years go by, is most of the new parents now are calling it "soccer" now instead of football. My one consolation being when my grandson was asked to spell football at school he spelled it "fitba" the way I told him to spell and say it, the teacher did not have an answer as he said that's the way they pronounce it in Scotland.

Right now the future looks good for "Birko", and I would say this is the best team in my time at the club, and I don't give out praise easily, as the older patrons, who know me at the club will agree. So let's finish off the 50th year with winning the premier league. We can do it with your support.



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Jonathan Coleman

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FUN FOOTBALL 2013

BIRKENHEAD 8TH GRADE TOURNAMENT.

After many Tuesday nights training, the 8th Grade Reps looked forward to their home tournament at Birkenhead on Sunday the 18th of August. Paul announced two teams- Birkenhead Black (Braden, James T, Jackson, James M, Aaron, Vojin, Dominic & Luka) and Birkenhead Blue (Logan, Jack, Dylan, Jasper, Sam, Josh, Ethan and Attila)

For once the weather gods brought a brilliant sunny day to shine on Shepherds Park – I heard some English people say they thought it was the middle of summer.

The Birkenhead Black team began their day facing Three Kings United 2, the boys excited to be playing on the hallowed “Birkenhead No. 1” pitch. They showed superb passing and positional play in the first game and came away with a 3–0 victory. A five minute break and field change, their next opponent was Greenhithe B, and warmed up players with fresh legs and solid defence resulted in a final score of 9 nil to our boys. A chance to refuel at the break, the 3rd game against Ellerslie St Michael Storm saw a 7–1 convincing win, the boys pumped and eager to play. With 3 games in the bag, 19 goals scored, and a single own goal conceded. A visit to the scoreboard at the break led us to believe that our 4th game against Kristin was going to be the biggest challenge so far, as this team had also been unbeaten in their pool play. Commitment, superb defence and lethal attack resulted in the Black team taking the game by 5 nil. A bye against Papatoetoe led to an extended lunchbreak of 90 minutes, time for the boys to cheer on other Birkenhead teams engaged in play. The semi-final saw the boys facing a determined Forrest Hill team in a much tighter contest, but came away with a close fought 2-1 victory. Subbing became a nightmare for coach Sascha as the calibre on the bench and eagerness of the players to stay on the pitch remained as strong as it was all day long. The final game for the Tournament Cup was to be played out against Onehunga Sports. By half time Onehunga were up 1 nil, but Birkenhead Black pegged the score back with a fine equaliser. Onehunga then knocked in the winning goal in the second half and the time on the clock ran out all too quickly for our team. Well done to a triumphant



Onehunga in a closely fought match. The Birkenhead boys gave 100% on the day, and for parents it was beautiful to see individual players succeed throughout the day in a cohesive and victorious team. Although our boys wished for more, tired parents with sore voices and burnt faces brought the day to a close and the boys went home proudly wearing their Cup runners-up medals, huge smiles and fond memories of a great day of football. Acknowledgements go out to Ross and Ben for their huge effort and management of such a well run event. Managers Sascha Langenbach & Tina Walsh.

The Birkenhead Blue team in pool rounds faced Forrest Hill, Three Kings United A, Greenhithe A, Lynn Avon and Western Springs B. The Blue team had some tough battles but ended with 2 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses and missed out on getting to the next round by one point. We waited to see who was in the final and it was another unbeaten team – Onehunga Sports. In what was an exciting final Onehunga got a goal each side of half time and led with 6 minutes to go. We got one back but we could not find the equaliser. The final whistle went and we lost 2-1. Congratulations to the Black team for getting through to the final and well done on being the Championship runners up. As they say there is always tomorrow and we now have the squad looking forward to the Fencibles tournament in early September. A big thanks to all the supporters of both teams and Sacha for coaching the Black team.

Manager Philip Harkness



FUN FOOTBALL 2013 *continued*

9TH GRADE BUSTERS AT FORREST HILL TOURNAMENT

18TH AUGUST

Birkenhead Busters ninth grade really enjoyed their first experience of tournament play together and really got a lot out of the day, not least enjoying having a proper referee for the first time ever.

In group play, they lost 4-0 to East Coast Bays (after being 0-0 at half time), beat Greenhithe 4-0 then lost a close game to a very big Bay Olympic 2-1. That put them into the middle tier Plate competition against an Oratia team who hadn't lost in the group stages. We were 1-1 until the last minute when they scored a breakaway goal and we were on the attack as the siren sounded.

The kids were very well behaved, enjoyed the day, and so did the parents. The team was Eamon Buick, Dante Martin, Damon Norton, Mitch Tucker, Zach Gabriel, Oli Gabriel and Leo Martins and guest players Joseph Reid and Everton O'Leary from the Blazers team and Jared Menezes from the Balmoral team.

Cheers

Steve

10TH GRADE ALBANY TOURNAMENT

The team arrived at Rosedale Park early on Sunday morning, minus the coach and assistant coach which meant the boys had to be organised by the four deputy assistant coaches, splitting warm-ups, substitutions, refereeing, and general advice from the sideline between them. This new arrangement had an immediate positive effect with the boys winning their first match 5-0 against Forrest Hill, with Wills, Ethan, and Jesse having no problems finding the back of the net, despite the very small goals that are standard at Albany. After a short rest, the boys then started the first of three back-to-back matches, a format not generally standard



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at any tournament. The first against Oratia was a hard fought battle with both teams going close and Quinn was very unlucky not to get on the scoresheet. In the end it finished 0-0 and the boys marched straight onto the next field to take on Bay Olympic. Although they dominated, Bay took their one chance and it finished 0-1. The boys then marched again onto another pitch and started again but fatigue was starting to set in and Albany managed to sneak one in and the boys finished the group matches with another 1-0 loss.

This meant that we were now in the plate section and the vagaries of the draw meant that we had to wait an hour and a half for the semi-final but the boys rested up and hit the ground running against another Forrest Hill team. A goal to Ethan at the end of the first half set them on the way and Bradley



settled the nerves with a well-taken penalty near the end. Onwards to the final, and our opponents were Bay Olympic who had earlier beaten us. Both teams were pretty tired and over the regular and extra time, no-one really looked like scoring. So onto penalties, and my advice to the boys was “low, hard, and in the corner” but they must have thought I said “high and straight at the keeper” as the first three were all saved comfortably. Ryan and Jason then scored theirs giving Bay the chance to win with their final penalty but Jesse kept it out. Sudden death then and both sides missed their next. Vincent then stepped up and calmly side-footed the ball into the corner, putting the pressure on Bay for once. This was too much for their player who blasted his shot horribly wide and the boys celebrated like they had just won the World Cup. So a great end to the day and a big thanks to all the mums and dads who helped out. Looking forward to the Birko tournament in a couple of weeks!



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FUN FOOTBALL 2013 *continued*



10TH GRADE GIRLS 2013

The girls have been playing 7 a side (with goalkeepers) 2 x 25 minute games against the same opposition each Saturday.

After the grading round we were in the top league for the season against Forrest Hill; Greenhithe, Warkworth, Hibiscus Coast and East Coast Bays. The girls have been fantastic and of the 20 x 25 minute games they played they recorded 17 win, 3 draws & 0 losses with a goal scoring record of 56 goals for and 6 against.

Including the grading round the girls have won 24, drawn 4 & lost 2 with a goal scoring record of 90 goal for and 11 against.

Watching the girls develop their team play and passing game has been a real treat for Dave and I. Defensively they have been superb conceding only 11 goals all season. Facing the challenge of having to beat a goalkeeper to score was something the girls have relished and the fact that the goals have been spread around the whole team shows their enthusiasm.

We have a couple of tournaments coming up including the Nationals in October and this will be a big challenge but the girls are really looking forward to it.

The team is Emma Tresham, Grace Penman, Daneka Churchill, Hannah Gibbs, Hannah Goldsworthy, Hannah Halpin, Zivana Makalio-Nicol, Molly Moxley, Rose Moxley and Meila Story.

Darryl & Dave





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LEAGUE TABLES

NRFL PREMIER MENS

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Birkenhead Utd	16	12	2	2	43	23	20	38
East Coast Bays	17	11	3	3	43	19	24	36
Hamilton Wanderers AFC	18	8	6	4	39	22	17	30
Three Kings Utd	16	7	5	4	40	28	12	26
Central Utd	17	8	1	8	34	32	2	25
Onehunga Sports	16	5	5	6	27	31	-4	20
Bay Olympic	16	5	4	7	25	28	-3	19
Waitakere City FC	16	4	4	8	22	38	-16	16
Ellerslie AFC	17	3	4	10	17	26	-9	13
Manurewa AFC	17	2	2	13	13	56	-43	8

NRFL PREMIER RESERVES

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Hamilton Wanderers AFC	18	13	3	2	46	21	25	42
Birkenhead Utd	18	12	3	3	60	30	30	39
Central Utd	18	11	2	5	57	32	25	35
Ellerslie AFC	17	11	2	4	47	23	24	35
East Coast Bays	18	9	0	9	43	38	5	27
Manurewa AFC	17	7	3	7	33	30	3	24
Onehunga Sports	18	7	2	9	39	43	-4	23
Waitakere City FC	18	5	2	11	38	63	-25	17
Three Kings Utd	18	4	2	12	24	53	-29	14
Bay Olympic	18	0	1	17	19	73	-54	1

NFF MEN'S 1ST DIVISION

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
East Coast Bays Sheehan	17	14	1	2	56	24	32	43
Birkenhead Camelspace	18	9	3	6	45	26	19	30
Waitakere Vitor	16	9	3	4	38	21	17	30
Takapuna Boca Seniors	17	8	5	4	39	32	7	29
Glenfield Exell	16	8	3	5	34	24	10	27
Air Force	13	3	2	8	24	32	-8	11
Oratia United	19	3	2	14	23	46	-23	11
North Shore United	16	2	1	13	14	68	-54	7

**The Annual Birkenhead v Glenfield Challenge Cup
15th September @ Shepherds Park
as part of our 50th year celebrations.**

LEAGUE TABLES

NFF MEN'S 2ND DIVISION

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Albany The Boys	20	13	6	1	62	25	37	45
Albany Africans	19	14	2	3	68	33	35	44
Glenfield Muppets	19	10	3	6	52	40	12	33
Glenfield Re-United	20	10	2	8	64	40	24	32
East Coast Bays Syab	20	9	4	7	45	31	14	31
North Shore Seagulls	19	8	5	6	41	35	6	29
Glenfield Juggernaut	20	7	3	10	36	39	-3	24
Takapuna Tornados	18	7	2	9	39	50	-11	23
Oratia Forrest	19	6	4	9	37	47	-10	22
Birkenhead Hauraki Home Brew	19	6	3	10	38	54	-16	21
Albany Red United	18	3	4	11	37	70	-33	13
Hibiscus Evolution	17	1	2	14	28	83	-55	5

NFF MEN'S 4TH DIVISION

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
East Coast Bays Thomas	18	13	2	3	41	21	20	41
Forrest Hill Muff	17	12	1	4	56	32	24	37
Albany Young Poles	17	8	5	4	40	24	16	29
Albany Champs	17	9	1	7	42	33	9	28
Puhoi Wolfpack	17	8	3	6	43	28	15	27
East Coast Bays Optimus Prime	18	8	2	8	31	32	-1	26
Glenfield Roberts	18	8	1	9	45	45	0	25
Birkenhead United	18	7	2	9	33	44	-11	23
Forrest Hill Jammy Donuts	18	3	3	12	25	49	-24	12
Navy	16	1	0	15	12	60	-48	3

NFF MEN'S 7TH DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Forrest Hill Flames	5	3	1	1	14	4	10	10
Waitemata	5	3	1	1	9	5	4	10
Forrest Hill Wanderers	5	3	0	2	10	11	-1	9
Greenhithe Frontal Lobotomy Boys	4	0	2	2	4	9	-5	2
Birkenhead Frisby	5	0	2	3	6	14	-8	2
West Auckland Stormtroopers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Auckland Wookies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puhoi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Air Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenhithe Hardheads	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LEAGUE TABLES

NFF O35S 1ST DIVISION

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Hibiscus Statues	15	12	3	0	65	16	49	39
Albany Mad Dogs	18	9	6	3	49	36	13	33
Birkenhead Cavheads	17	9	4	4	51	36	15	31
North Shore Bucks	17	9	3	5	56	27	29	30
Glenfield Roosters	17	7	5	5	46	44	2	26
Albany Lads	17	8	1	8	37	36	1	25
East Coast Bays All Sorts	17	5	2	10	32	48	-16	17
Waitakere Bosch Car Service	17	4	4	9	25	45	-20	16
Oratia Gerihatricks	18	4	1	13	46	74	-28	13
Waitemata	17	2	3	12	27	72	-45	9

NFF O35S 2ND DIVISION

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Warkworth	17	15	1	1	73	23	50	46
Glenfield Rock	18	11	6	1	46	16	30	39
Oratia Rovers	17	9	5	3	42	27	15	32
Norwest United	18	8	5	5	46	31	15	29
West Auckland	17	7	6	4	38	25	13	27
Birkenhead Progressive	17	4	6	7	44	37	7	18
Forrest Hill Milford	17	3	5	9	40	50	-10	14
Glen Eden Black	17	3	4	10	16	49	-33	13
East Coast Bays Kim	18	4	1	13	22	73	-51	13
Glen Eden Blue	18	2	3	13	20	56	-36	9

NFF O35S 3RD DIVISION

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Waitemata	16	12	1	3	43	23	20	37
East Coast Bays Foreign Legion	15	9	4	2	28	18	10	31
Hibiscus Invaders	16	8	1	7	26	26	0	25
Birkenhead Boca	16	6	5	5	25	24	1	23
Albany Originals	15	7	1	7	27	27	0	22
Te Atatu Socialbles	15	6	3	6	27	33	-6	21
Glenfield Gringos	15	5	4	6	34	20	14	19
Te Atatu Blue	15	4	1	10	18	30	-12	13
Hibiscus Heroes	16	1	2	13	23	50	-27	5

LEAGUE TABLES

NFF O35S 4TH DIVISION

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Birkenhead Bonnie Ladd	17	14	2	1	60	22	38	44
East Coast Bays Elford	17	13	2	2	50	15	35	41
Ranui Ragers	17	8	4	5	45	25	20	28
Greenhithe Roaring Forties	17	8	4	5	34	34	0	28
Waitakere Matrix	17	6	5	6	22	23	-1	23
Glenfield Cobwebs	15	5	3	7	28	32	-4	18
West Auckland Old Farts	15	5	3	7	20	25	-5	18
Greenhithe Rebels	17	3	6	8	25	49	-24	15
Albany Nortons	17	2	4	11	14	29	-15	10
Glenfield Internationals	17	2	1	14	12	56	-44	7

METRO 17TH GRADE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Ellerslie AFC Sunday	18	12	3	3	50	15	35	39
Birkenhead Utd	17	11	2	4	49	20	29	35
Three Kings	16	11	2	3	40	19	21	35
Eastern Suburbs AFC Holt	17	10	1	6	32	15	17	31
Waitakere City Mesias	17	8	3	6	32	28	4	27
Forrest Hill Milford	16	7	4	5	28	20	8	25
Bucklands Beach Spurs	17	7	2	8	29	29	0	23
Central Utd FC	16	3	3	10	18	35	-17	12
Papakura City	17	3	1	13	16	56	-40	10
Oratia Utd	17	1	1	15	16	73	-57	4

CONFERENCE 15TH GRADE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Fencibles Utd AFC	16	13	1	2	69	14	55	40
Three Kings	15	12	0	3	45	22	23	36
North Shore Utd	16	11	2	3	47	20	27	35
Manurewa AFC Pumas	16	7	4	5	34	33	1	25
Papatoetoe United FC Blue	16	6	2	8	30	37	-7	20
Birkenhead Utd	15	5	1	9	30	62	-32	16
Western Springs AFC Barcelona	16	3	3	10	26	39	-13	12
Glenfield Rovers	15	3	3	9	20	41	-21	12

LEAGUE TABLES

Bay Olympic Falcons	15	1	2	12	7	40	-33	5
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METRO 13TH GRADE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Onehunga Sports	9	9	0	0	42	4	38	27
Forrest Hill Milford Wilson	9	5	2	2	26	14	12	17
Three Kings	9	5	2	2	14	10	4	17
Birkenhead Utd	9	5	1	3	18	16	2	16
Papakura City Rangers	9	4	3	2	9	8	1	15
Oratia Utd	9	3	2	4	13	17	-4	11
Eastern Suburbs AFC Ireland	9	2	2	5	9	20	-11	8
Waitemata All Stars	9	2	1	6	13	29	-16	7
Ellerslie AFC	9	1	2	6	15	26	-11	5
East Coast Bays McKeown	9	1	1	7	8	23	-15	4

NFF WOMEN'S 1ST DIVISION - TOP 4

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
East Coast Bays	3	3	0	0	8	2	6	9
Takapuna	2	1	0	1	1	3	-2	3
Te Atatu	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Birkenhead United	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0

NFF WOMEN'S 2ND DIVISION

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Norwest Reserves	16	12	2	2	37	18	19	38
Glen Eden United	14	10	3	1	46	14	32	33
Birkenhead United	17	11	0	6	54	24	30	33
Ranui Swanson	17	7	5	5	36	27	9	26
East Coast Bays Reserves	17	8	2	7	27	28	-1	26
Glenfield Gazelles	16	8	1	7	34	33	1	25
West Auckland Knights	17	4	7	6	14	28	-14	19
Warkworth Surveyors	17	4	1	12	35	58	-23	13
Ranui Rebelles	17	2	6	9	14	38	-24	12
Hibiscus Coast AAs	16	2	1	13	24	53	-29	7

NFF WOMEN'S 4TH DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Glenfield Gold	4	3	1	0	13	9	4	10
Oratia Socialites	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
Birkenhead United	4	2	0	2	9	10	-1	6
Oratia Divas	4	0	0	4	8	14	-6	0

2013 NRFL PREMIER RESERVES FIXTURE/RESULTS

TIME	HOME TEAM			AWAY TEAM		VENUE	
Sat 6 Apr	Three Kings Utd	1	vs	Birkenhead Utd	1	Seymour Park 1	D
Sat 13 Apr	East Coast Bays	1	vs	Birkenhead Utd	2	Bay City Park 1	W
Sat 20 Apr	Onehunga Sports	1	vs	Birkenhead Utd	0	Waikaraka Pk 1	L
Sat 27 Apr	Birkenhead Utd	4	vs	Manurewa AFC	2	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sat 4 May	Waitakere City FC	2	vs	Birkenhead Utd	5	Fred Taylor Park 1	W
Sat 11 May	Birkenhead Utd	5	vs	Bay Olympic	4	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sat 18 May	Hamilton Wanderers AFC	3	vs	Birkenhead Utd	3	Porritt Stadium 1	D
Sat 25 May	Birkenhead Utd	1	vs	Central Utd	3	Shepherds Park 1	L
Sat 1 Jun *	Ellerslie AFC	1	vs	Birkenhead Utd	2	Michaels Ave 1	W
Sat 8 Jun	Birkenhead Utd	5	vs	Three Kings Utd	2	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sat 22 Jun	Birkenhead Utd	6	vs	East Coast Bays	2	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sat 6 Jul	Birkenhead Utd	4	vs	Onehunga Sports	0	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sat 13 Jul	Manurewa AFC	2	vs	Birkenhead Utd	2	Memorial Park 1	D
Sat 20 Jul	Birkenhead Utd	6	vs	Waitakere City FC	0	Shepherds Park 1	w
Sat 27 Jul	Bay Olympic	2	vs	Birkenhead Utd	6	Olympic Park	W
Sat 3 Aug	Birkenhead Utd	2	vs	Hamilton Wanderers AFC	3	Shepherds Park 1	L
Sun 11 Aug	Central Utd	1	vs	Birkenhead Utd	2	Freyberg Field	W
Sat 17 Aug	Birkenhead Utd	4	vs	Ellerslie AFC	0	Shepherds Park 1	W

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TIME	HOME TEAM			AWAY TEAM		VENUE	
Sat 6 Apr	Three Kings Utd	1	vs	Birkenhead Utd	1	Seymour Park 1	D
Sat 13 Apr	East Coast Bays	1	vs	Birkenhead Utd	2	Bay City Park 1	W
Sat 20 Apr	Onehunga Sports	3	vs	Birkenhead Utd	5	Waikaraka Pk 1	W
Sat 27 Apr	Birkenhead Utd	5	vs	Manurewa AFC	0	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sat 4 May	Waitakere City FC	1	vs	Birkenhead Utd	6	Fred Taylor Park 1	W
Sat 11 May	Birkenhead Utd	2	vs	Bay Olympic	1	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sat 18 May	Hamilton Wanderers AFC	2	vs	Birkenhead Utd	2	Porritt Stadium 1	D
Sat 25 May	Birkenhead Utd	4	vs	Central Utd	5	Shepherds Park 1	L
Sat 1 Jun *	Ellerslie AFC	0	vs	Birkenhead Utd	1	Michaels Ave 1	W
Sat 8 Jun	Birkenhead Utd	2	vs	Three Kings Utd	1	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sat 6 Jul	Birkenhead Utd	4	vs	Onehunga Sports	0	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sat 13 Jul	Manurewa AFC	1	vs	Birkenhead Utd	4	Memorial Park 1	W
Sat 20 Jul	Birkenhead Utd	0	vs	Waitakere City FC	5	Shepherds Park 1	L
Sat 3 Aug	Birkenhead Utd	2	vs	Hamilton Wanderers AFC	1	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sun 11 Aug	Central Utd	1	vs	Birkenhead Utd	2	Freyberg Field	W
Sat 17 Aug	Birkenhead Utd	1	vs	Ellerslie AFC	0	Shepherds Park 1	W
Sat 24 Aug	Birkenhead Utd		vs	East Coast Bays		Shepherds Park 1	
Sat 31 Aug	Bay Olympic		vs	Birkenhead Utd		Olympic Park	

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