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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



WELCOME BACK TO OUR VERY SPECIAL BIRKENHEAD UNITED COMMUNITY!

After a disrupted 2023 football season for all the right reasons the club is extremely excited about hosting this coming year.

Our flash new club facilities completed for the Women's World Cup last year set the scene for what we hope to be the most successful season yet. More room to move and more room to play simply means our community club has a lot more to share, so we hope you all enjoy.

Having recently hosted our season kickoff 'Birko Neighbourhood Jam' event with great success, I can't help but share a few thoughts on the clubs preseason build up that has had everyone sitting on the edge of their seats in anticipation of the season ahead.

Celebrating girls & women's month in football, my first special mention goes out to the Women's 1st team and their new head coach Jordan Roberts. Jordan steps into a new progressive space for the club with great energy prompting a very focused pre-season effort in forming a new look squad that hopes to set the standard for the coming NRFL women's championship league. Well supported we wish them all the best!

Since being announced earlier this year is the men's premier squad has attracted great attention for all the right reasons sending a clear message; this is a new year and we are back! These talented boys and coaching crew have been working hard on all aspects of their game to gel and bind the strongest team together for game day. Inspirational for an inspirational community.

While both our flagship teams of the club are busy at it, our registration days for the juniors and youth have been just as busy with record numbers having the club work overtime again to ensure our birko policy of inclusivity is maintained. The incredible efforts of Ross Frisby and Ben McQuay behind the scenes creating community teams for a record 1200 playing members. On top of this our Skill Centre and TDP programmes are continuing to grow and develop our champions for the future under the enthusiastic and passionate eye of Keith Lesslie and support crew Kylie Dalton.

Our club and the season ahead is good to go for all players, supporting families and wider community.

William Taylor

Birkenhead United AFC President



PAUL HOBSON COACH'S COMMENTS



A WARM WELCOME TO CHAD, ANDY, AND ALL PLAYERS FOR OUR FIRST HOME GAME OF THE SEASON.

To our fans, a warm welcome back to Shepherd's Park – where we are excited to be playing all of our home games this season, which will help provide some nice consistency for the playing group with your support.

We're pumped about our squad this year and have some big goals in sight; with a range of quality signings coming in and joining us for the season ahead to help us push towards National League qualification and beyond.

A huge shoutout to everyone working behind the scenes to get both our men's and women's teams

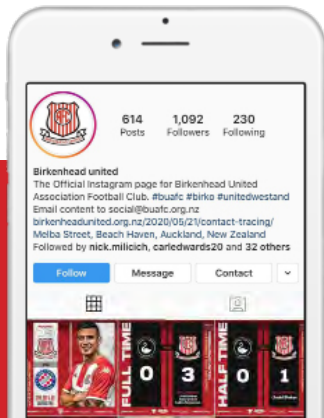
on the pitch this season. Your hard work hasn't gone unnoticed!

Last week's start was disappointing and we weren't at our best, but we're geared up to make amends and aim for maximum points over the Easter weekend.

Enjoy the long weekend, and we hope to see you around the club rooms after the match.

Paul Hobson

Birkenhead United Men's First Team Coach



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As a proud club member for 45 years,




I am super excited to support both the Womens and Mens programmes in 2024!



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A Message from Martin Cooper

Harcourts Cooper & Co are very proud to again be supporting this exciting club and community that is Birkenhead United AFC. We've loved seeing and experiencing the growth and success of the club over the past several years and now my own granddaughter is playing here, I will be even more invested in the match day games and the development of our young players.

Living and working in the communities in which we operate is of utmost importance to Harcourts Cooper & Co. This season we are celebrating coming into a more active year with more opportunities to get amongst our communities while continuing to meet our clients' real estate needs. With a decade of giving back, we have assisted local organisations and charities to raise around \$10 million, making meaningful differences in our community.

Each year, our dedicated Community Team supports over 400 different organisations and events – from local school fairs, running and swimming events, sports clubs such as yours, Santa parades, charity fundraisers and all-sorts in between.

Our fun Coffee&Cone van is always out and about serving up delicious ice creams and coffee, raising money at different community events in the North Harbour region – look out for it at some of the Men's 1st Team games this winter.

We are humbled to have been recognised for our support of our community for the past five years in a row at the REINZ annual excellence awards. However, to us, supporting those communities in which we live, love, and work in is just a natural extension of good business and giving back.

To be a Platinum Sponsor of the Birkenhead United AFC is a privilege for Harcourts Cooper & Co and for Dianne and Daniel Lundquist who have a long history with the club. We are looking forward to a lively, successful season of football!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin Cooper". The signature is stylized and includes a large checkmark-like flourish at the end.

ROUND 01 REVIEW



FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



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**EASTERN SUBURBS
VS AUCKLAND CITY**



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**EAST COAST BAYS
VS MANUREWA**



2 - 2



**WEST COAST RANGERS
VS HAMILTON WANDERERS**



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**TAURANGA CITY
VS MELVILLE UNITED**



2 - 1



**BAY OLYMPIC
VS EASTERN SUBURBS**

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Tauranga City	1	1	0	0	4	0	3	3
Auckland City	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	3
Manurewa	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	3
Bay Olympic	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Western Springs	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
Hamilton Wanderers	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
West Coast Rangers	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Birkenhead United	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
Eastern Suburbs	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Auckland United	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
East Coast Bays	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
Melville United	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0

ROUND 02 PREVIEW



FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



BIRKENHEAD UNITED vs W.C. RANGERS

Friday 29th March, 3pm,
Shepherds Park

OTHER FIXTURES

RESULTS



**HAMILTON WANDERERS
VS MELVILLE UNITED**

Thursday 28th March, 7.30pm
Porritt Stadium

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**BAY OLYMPIC
VS EAST COAST BAYS**

Friday 29th March, 3.00pm,
Olympic Park

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**MANUREWA
VS WESTERN SPRINGS**

Friday 29th March, 3.00pm,
Manurewa War Memorial

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**TAURANGA CITY
VS AUCKLAND UNITED**

Friday 29th March, 3.00pm,
Links Ave

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**AUCKLAND CITY
VS EASTERN SUBURBS**

Friday 29th March, 3.00pm,
Croation Cultural Club

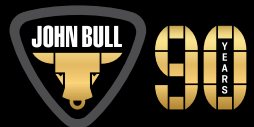
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PLAYER PROFILE

SILVIO RODIC

PLAYER BIO

Nickname:	Silvi
Age:	35 Years Old
Nationality:	Croatian
Previous Club:	North Shore United
Right / Left Footed:	Right
Honours / Trophies:	Poland Cup Finalist 2022 National League MVP

FAVOURITES

Pro Team:	Real Madrid
Player:	Luka Modric
Food:	Everything that mom prepares
Travel Destination:	New York
Movie / TV Series:	Gladiator
Music:	Croatian Music
Quote:	"Believe you can and you're halfway there"



Q & A SESSION

Q: Where were you most recently playing before Birkenhead United?

A: 10 years in Croatia, 3 years in Poland and last 5 years in New Zealand

Q: How many seasons have you played at Birkenhead United?

A: Just one season, signed last year.

Q: Best football memory?

A: First game for Croatia U 21 National team and listening national anthem

Q: Best goal scored / save made?

A: Against Dinamo Zagreb.Last minut free kick top corner save.Free kick taker was Luka Modric.Still I don't know how I made that save. My team won 2-1.

Q: Main work-on for the season?

A: Help my team much as I can

Q: Who's the one team you look forward to playing against most and why?

A: Small side games at training with my

Birkenhead team mates.My hands are pretty busy then.

Q: Best you've played with or against and why?

A: Luka Modric, winner of Ballon d'or.

Q: Dream 5-aside team, you and who else?

A: Messi, Ibrahimovic, Modric, Haaland, Ronaldinho

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time outside of football?

A: Spending time with my family and watch some good movie

Q: If you could meet anyone in the world?

A: Don't know.

Q: If you could play a different position for a match?

A: Striker- scoring goals

Q: Biggest influence on your career?

A: My first goalkeeper coach – my dad!

A red, illuminated sign with a white border and a row of small lights around the top and sides. The sign features the text "QUIZ NIGHT" in large, bold, yellow and white letters. The background is a red curtain with several large, yellow question marks scattered around.

QUIZ NIGHT

**Get your team together for a night of
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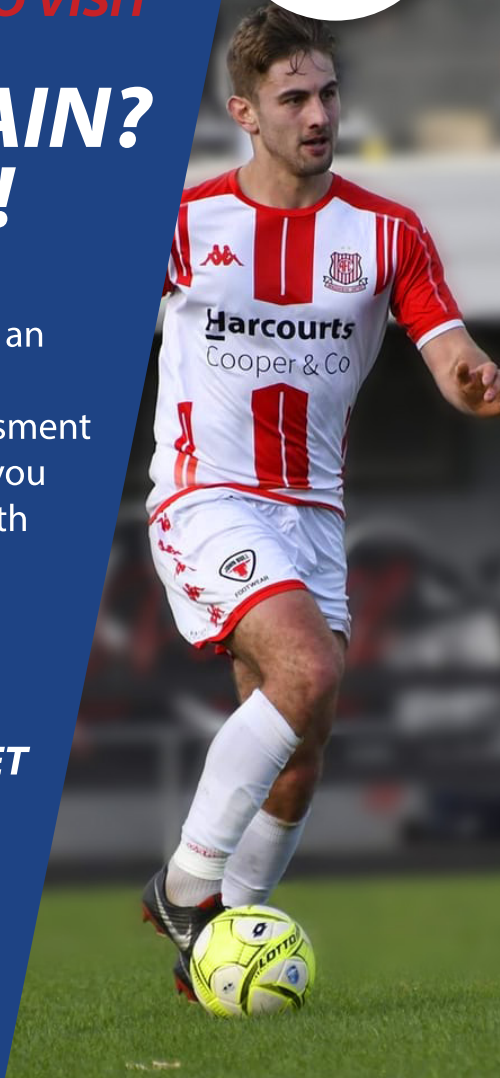
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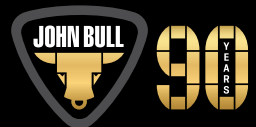


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| 2 DYLAN CONNOLLY | 15 ARDRI MCARTHUR |
| 3 EVERTON O'LEARY | 16 NIKO STOYCHEV |
| 4 DINO BOTICA | 17 DAN MORGAN |
| 5 ANDREW CROMB | 18 DAN PREECE |
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| 7 TROY PUTT | 20 JAYLEN RODWELL |
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| 9 HARRIS ZEB | 22 CORBAN PIPER |
| 10 MONTY PATTERSON | 23 LUKE COSTELLO |
| 11 SAM PHILIP | 24 CURTIS HUGHES |
| 12 JACK DUNCAN | 25 JAMES TAYLOR |
| 13 GEORGE BROWN | |



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Head Coach

**KEITH LESSLIE
SHAFIEK DU TOIT**
Assistant Coach

ROBERT DZSEMBORI
GK Coach

JASON HIGGINS
Team Manager

WEST COAST RANGERS

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| 1 DAMIAN HIRST | 15 JASON ALAMA |
| 2 CONNOR O'MALLEY | 16 BEN GALLAGHER |
| 3 JOSH JONES | 17 SHAHADEV POKHREL |
| 4 JASON KAY | 18 ALLAN PEARCE |
| 6 MATT WOOD | 29 BAILEY GAUGHAN |
| 7 FELIX VAN HATTUM | 20 ROB DYMON |
| 8 SAM BURFOOT | 21 SAM MCINTOSH |
| 9 KOFI DWAMENA | 22 MARCUS NEVIN |
| 10 JOSH TURNER | 23 ADDISON STEWART |
| 11 JOSHUA ARMITT | 24 JAMES GREEN |
| 12 DANIEL MCDOWALL | 25 NICK FORRESTOR |
| 13 AIDAN LEHAN | 26 CLARKE FOULDS |
| 14 DAWSON STRAFFON | 27 DION BUCKINGHAM |



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