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# CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME



## Welcome to the Wellington Phoenix Reserves and Thirds at Wakefield Park today.

The Nix Reserves have proven to be the team to beat in the Central League this Season. I wouldn't expect anything less with all the resources at their disposal. Both our sides have their work cut out and need to be on their game for the whole 90. We need to turn up today boys.

Our Reserves have had a great start to the season, with five wins from all five games. It's interesting to note that with the introduction of Central League 2, our Capital Men's Premier Reserves now only have one referee in sole charge of the game. Considering the pace Capital Premier play, similar only to Central 1, I commend these brave match officials who have to keep up with play at a ferocious pace with no assistants to help with those line balls, offsidess and even balls that cross the goal line where the referee is not in a position to be able to tell.

I would like to congratulate Auckland FC for winning the Premiers Plate in their first ever season. They have played some exciting football and were able to find their feet nice and early. Olympic has a few links with Auckland FC – Jessie Randall a former Olympic player and Max Mata the brother of our captain Ben. Both have been part of the core squad throughout the season. Good luck for the knockout out phase.

The CDL Youth grade kicked off last weekend and this week the Juniors start their season. A big thank you to Peter Ashby, Matt Calcott and Gianni Bouzoukis for all your help to date.

## **Club Movie Night - Wednesday 21 May - 6pm - Roxy Cinema : "Ange and the Boss"**

"Ange & the Boss (Puskas in Australia)" is about Ferenc Puskás, a world class Hungarian footballer from the 1950s and 60s. The setting is South Melbourne Hellas, the biggest Greek football club in Australia. The Ange in the title is Ange Postecoglou.

You can purchase tickets online – remember it's only the one night. Make an effort and come down.

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Thank you to all our sponsors who have come back on board as well as to the new sponsors that are supporting us. We rely on you all to help us through and you never let us down. You will see our main sponsors posted throughout our Match program and around the ground. Remember to support them where you can.

All the best all the teams playing out there today.

As always, our Clubrooms are open during both the 1st and 2nd team games, so please make your way up there for something to eat and drink

Following each game, please make it up to the clubrooms during and after the match - players, supporters and refs all welcome.

Enjoy the weekend.

**Paul Kotrotsos**  
Wellington Olympic Chairperson



# CENTRAL LEAGUE

PAUL IFILL



**Good afternoon everyone. Welcome back to Wakefield Park for the 6th round of the Central League.**

Last week saw us make the trip to Alex Moore Park to take on North Wellington.

Although we had plenty of early possession it took us a while to settle, but I was pleased that we came in 3-0 ahead at half time.

I felt that we were just going through the motions and I asked the players to up the tempo and really extend our lead in the second half. The players responded very well and proceeded to score 5 more and secure another clean sheet. All in all, I was pleased with the performance and we continue to improve week on week.

Today sees us welcome my longtime friend and former strike partner Chris Greenacre and his Wellington Phoenix Reserve team.

Chris has done an amazing job year after year and this team, in particular, look ready for a tilt at the title so we are certainly not going to take them lightly.

Both teams remain unbeaten and it's first versus second so it should be an interesting fixture!

Please get behind the players as we look to build on our good start to the season!

**Paul Ifill**

# CAPTAIN

BEN MATA



**Today we return to Wakefield Park to host the Wellington Phoenix Reserves.**

Both teams have had a strong start to the 2025 Central League, making this our most important game of the season so far. The Phoenix is always a well-drilled side and will be eager to take 3 points. We will need to be at our best to secure a win and remain at the top of the league ladder.

May the best team win.

**Ben Mata**

# PHOENIX RESERVES

CHRIS GREENACRE



**Good afternoon. I'd like to congratulate my good friend Paul Ifill, his staff and players on their unbeaten start to this Central League season, you are well on track to securing that 5th consecutive title in a row.**

We always look especially forward to playing here at Wakefield Park, the atmosphere is always great, the support that you have is a great credit to the local community that get behind their team. It goes without mentioning the culture and history of your club, I love the way your first team players support the younger teams in the club on the grassy bank.

Over the last few seasons, we have had some really competitive matches where all the games could have gone either way. It's fantastic for us to see so many players who have worn both jerseys strengthening the New Zealand footballing landscape and adding trophies, championships and records along the way.

We ourselves have had a positive start to the season and the timing of this fixture is perfect. From an Academy perspective it's vitally important that we test ourselves against the best teams and facing an unbeaten Wellington Olympic team is the perfect test of our young players credentials.

With both teams unbeaten this season I really hope we can deliver a great footballing spectacle that friends, families and fans can truly enjoy.

Enjoy the game

**Chris Greenacre - Reserve Team Head Coach**

# CAPITAL PREMIER

## FURKAN KOKCU (COACH)



**We continue our strong start to the season with 5 wins from 5, scoring 14 goals and conceding just 1 across those games.**

I'm proud of the boys for the work they've put in so far — but we know we still have another level to reach. The challenge now is to raise the bar even further and keep building.

Over the weekend, we faced Marist at Kilbirnie Park, after a bit of an up-and-down first half, Gian stepped up with a fantastic goal to put us ahead and swing the momentum back in our favour. It was a huge moment in the match and showed the character of the group. Followed up by a great free kick from Alex Davies to seal the 2-0 win.

This weekend, we welcome the Wellington Phoenix Thirds to Wakefield Park and welcome back Taylor, 2023 Coach of the Year, to the head coaching role as both Dylan and I are away. Another big test for our lads, and we're excited for the challenge. The focus remains the same — keep pushing, keep improving, and keep working for each other.

Up Olympic!

**Furkan Kokcu**

# CAPITAL 1

## MAKI HALIKIAS



**It's been a couple of games since last write up, where we had just come off a 3-3 draw with Karori. My last write up was pretty over the top and took up two pages of the programme, so, with this in mind I will be shortening the story down to go through the two last two games vs Miramar Rangers and North Wellington.**

### vs. Miramar Rangers

We started this match off like we do most games, shakily, as we only do about a 20 minute warm-up to ensure we conserve energy. Miramar had a group of young players with about five of them playing in Capital Premier on and off so far. We went down early but rallied well in the second half with Billy Baz creating havoc higher up the pitch and the midfield engine room of Chas, Paul Ifill and Georgie B starting to dominate. Billy scored two goals before the half, sandwiched between another Miramar goal which took us to 2-2 going into the sheds. To be fair, we dominated the second part of the first half and should have been coming in ahead.

We made no changes to start the second half and carried on the good momentum. Ifill got us ahead with a classy free kick. 3-2 and looking pretty good but knowing that the 25 minutes was around the corner... our kryptonite. The legs started to wobble, we had to make changes as the starting 11 started to pull up with injury... then as it went, we conceded to bring the scores back to 3-3 and in the 89th minute conceded another goal as we pushed for a winner. We had enough chances to get the win, especially 1st half where we should have probably been up about 6-2, but again crucial mistakes defensively, getting caught on the counter and not taking our chances saw us finish the game with a 4-3 loss.

### vs. North Wellington

We started this game off with the boys keeping the ball really close and creating so many chances. The difference this time... we took them and flew out to a 3-0 lead. We did concede a pretty poor goal with what would have been their first chance, so went into the half at 3-1 up, Anthony Neonakis, Billy Baz and Raf the best of the bunch in a very good first half. Ant's hold-up play and runs were working wonders up front in his start as the number 9.

Second half was probably not as great as we would have liked. Losing Raf De Gregorio after 30 minutes in the first half did stop our momentum a little bit as he was doing what he does best, dictating the game. Doing two work outs a day, every day, and then trying to play football probably wasn't helping his injury, but he was charging around the pitch for the 30 that he was on. Anyway, the game ebbed and flowed a bit, we got tired, conceded a couple more poor goals but still managed to score more and end the game with a 6-3 win... our first of the season. I am safe another week.

**Maki Halikias**



# OLYMPIC JUNIORS

## GIANNI BOUZOUKIS



### A warm welcome to all our juniors and their families as we kick off the 2025 season!

We're thrilled to have **8 teams** this year, with an incredible **80 kids registered**—what an amazing turnout! A huge thank you to our dedicated coaches who make this all possible:

- Paul Soulis (U7) - Spartans
- Shaun Gillespie (U8) - Titans
- Jimmy Haidakis (U10) - Atlas
- Maki Halikias (U10) - Ares
- Leo Gunn (U10) - Apollo
- Raf De Gregorio (U11) - Kronos
- Greg Mouroukis (U11) - Ares
- Adam Bertos (U12) - Poseidon

Our junior teams officially kicked off their season over the weekend, and it was fantastic to see so many families coming together to collect gear at Allocation Day. A big thank you to everyone who helped get things organised behind the scenes - it's your support that makes everything run smoothly.

Wishing all our players, coaches, and families a fantastic and successful 2025 season. Let's make it a great one!

**Gianni Bouzoukis**

# OLYMPIC ACADEMY

## PETER ASHBY



### I am excited to kick off another season of football and bring you an update from our Academy.

Our Academy continues to grow and develop. This year, we proudly have three teams representing us; our U13s competing in the Regional League, and our U15s and U17s playing in the Capital Development Leagues (CDL). It promises to be a big season for all our young players, and we couldn't be more thrilled.

I am pleased to introduce our Academy coaching team for 2025. Joel Auty is leading our U13 side, bringing excellent energy and a strong understanding of the game. Our U15s are coached by Louis Danquah, who has settled in well and is working closely with the players to prepare for the season ahead. Alex Solomon is guiding our U17s and has made a significant impression with our older Academy players through his leadership and knowledge. All three coaches have joined us from the UK and are also part of our 1st team squad, combining their playing experience with a passion for helping young players grow. Everyone at the club has given them a warm welcome, and we hope they are enjoying their time here in New Zealand.

A big welcome to all our players and families joining the Academy this season. We are excited to have you on this journey with us and look forward to seeing your development over the coming months.

Our U17s kicked off their season last weekend with a tough match against the Wellington Phoenix Academy. Although we didn't get the result we hoped for, we saw many promising signs from this talented group. Several players are already stepping up into our Reserve and Capital 1 teams, demonstrating the strength and depth we are building at Olympic.

This weekend, our U13s and U15s begin their seasons. We wish them all the best as they don the blue and white for the first time this year.

Good luck to all our players and teams this weekend—let's make it a season to remember!

**Peter Ashby**  
**Academy Manager**

# MASTERS 2 - TFTS

## JAMES CALDWELL



**The TFTs toiled hard against a skilful Stop Out Blacks (SOBs) team but were overwhelmed in the end (final score 2-6 loss).**

The SOBs came at us hard in the first half with lots of shots on target. We were only kept in the game by some fantastic saves by our stand-in custodian Goose, who soldiered on despite a nasty bleeding cut on his elbow, and lots of offside play by the SOBs. There were few chances for the TFTs up the other end, and the SOBs poked home a heartbreaking last-minute goal to finish the first stanza.

We started the second half strongly and drew level early on with a great finish from our golden boot Bevan. Playing into a strong wind, the ball was holding up in the air and we were struggling to play out from the back

under a sustained press. They scored with a couple of wonder strikes – an expertly lofted shot over the keeper (who was off his line) and a curled effort from the outside of the boot around players that nestled into the corner. The TFTs continued to fight, exposing them out wide, and pulled back another goal but our resistance was broken down as we tired and they scored a couple of soft goals near the end. The score did not adequately reflect the competitiveness of the game, but we were beaten by a better team on the day.

**James Caldwell**



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# ALL IN THE OLYMPIC FAMILY

STEVEN ROBERTSON

**When Alex Davies made his debut against Waterside Karori recently he became the latest in a long line of players who had family also play for the first team.**

The detailed data we have only dates back to 1970, our first season after promotion to the Central League structure, so this article will likely miss some of the instances of multiple family members playing for the club prior to that. Where there are known pre-1970 family members of post 1970 first team players, these have been included - apologies in advance to anyone who has been missed.

One of the earliest examples is the Palamidas family. Brothers Chris (Hristos) **Palamidas** and **Con (Constantinos) Palamidas** both played for the original Apollon club. Both were inducted into the Wellington Olympic Hall of Fame in 2020 and Con still attends many matches with his bell. Two of Chris' sons **Tony Palamidas** (163 matches with 13 goals between 1983 and 1993) and **Dimi Palamidas** (5 matches in 1984) also played. In all of Dimi's 5 appearances both Tony and Dimi started.

Also from the early days is the Bertos family. Four brothers **Leonidas Bertos**, **Vasso Bertos**, **Laki (Evangelos) Bertos**, and **Taki (Dimitrios) Bertos** played first team football mostly pre-1970 with Taki playing 12 matches in the 1970 season. Taki, Laki and Leonidas were all inducted into the Wellington Olympic Hall of Fame between 2020 and 2021.

That 1970 season also saw the next generation playing with Leonidas's sons **Christos Bertos** (60 matches between 1970 and 1975) and **George Bertos Snr** (178 matches and 37 goals between 1974 to 1989). The observant amongst you will spot the anomaly on George Snr's dates – his 1970 appearances are not included given that he was still at college at the time and so he, as was the norm back then, was on the team list under an assumed name! Christos started 6 matches alongside his uncle Taki and 2 when brother George Snr was also down on the team sheet as starting. George

Snr would go on to coach the first team a record 156 times. Both brothers were inducted into the Wellington Olympic Hall of Fame - Christos in 2021 and George Snr in 2024.

Two more Bertos family members also played in the 1970s with **George Bertos Jnr** (21 matches between 1976 and 1982) and **Jimmy Bertos** (11 matches in 1979). George Jnr and Jimmy were Laki's sons and both started matches with George Snr – Jimmy 9 matches and George Jnr 3 matches. George Jnr, like his cousin George Snr, may have played more matches under an assumed name given that he was still at college when he started.



Alex Davies



Oli Davies

The end of the millennium saw the third generation take to the field with George Snr's sons **Leo Bertos** (53 matches with 7 goals between 1997 and 2000) and **Adam Bertos** (9 matches with 1 goal between 2000 and 2002). Leo and Adam only played one match together when Adam made his debut as a substitute in a 2-0 win against Wanganui. Leo, of course, became a household name playing over 100 times for the Wellington Phoenix and making over 50 international appearances for New Zealand including World Cup appearances in South Africa in 2010.

Our first ever Central League Two match in 1970, a 1-3 loss to Northern, included brothers **Jeff Allen** (38 games with 24 goals between 1970 and 1971) and **Wally Allen** (84 games with 13 goals between 1970 and 1974). The brothers started 37 games together so Jeff only played one match without Wally. Given that they both started the first match in 1970 and their surname begins with 'A' the Allen brothers are caps #1 and #2 in our post 1970 records. It is unclear if they played together in 1969 since we don't have those records although I suspect that they did being brought in by Billy Wright who became our first non-Greek coach in 1969.

Another three generational family is the Leonidas family. **Ioannis Leonidas** (better known by the name Pitikos) played for Apollon (he is in the photo in the clubrooms) in the 1950s while his son **Costa Leonidas** (133 matches with 38 goals between 1974 and 1992) and grandson **Michael Leonidas** (21 matches between 2002 and 2005) also played. Costa also coached the first team in the first golden age (1994 to 1995 where we reached the Chatham Cup final and National League for the first time) and again in 2002 – we have not had a coach of Greek heritage for the first team since then.

1974 also saw the first appearance of the Halikias family. **Peter Halikias** (72 matches with 3 goals between 1974 and 1982) was joined the following season by brother **Nick Halikias** (359 matches with 53 goals between 1975 and 1993). The brothers started 43 matches together playing in 67 matches together once substitute appearances are taken into account. Peter was in the team when Nick made his debut in a 2-2 draw against Adriatic. The brothers made history for us by both scoring goals in the 6-2 win against Glen Carron in Central Two in 1980. Peter also coached the promotion winning team in 1982 while both Peter and Nick have held the post of Presidents (GOYANZ) and Chairman (Olympic). Peter was inducted into the Wellington Olympic Hall of Fame in 2022.

Peter's son **Maki Halikias** (220 matches with 47 goals between 2001 and 2018) made his first appearance with the first team in 1994 at the Chatham Cup final albeit as a mascot before going on to captain the side that lifted the Cup for the first time in 2009 when we were unbeaten all season. Maki stepped down from the first team at an early age after the 2015 season but answered an SOS and came back for one match in 2018 playing the only time with his cousin, Nick's son, **Lukas Halikias** (62 matches with 6 goals between 2018 and 2024) in

a match against Lower Hutt City when a number of first teamers had been selected for the Reserves to try to stave off relegation from Capital Premier.

**Nikolaos Androutsos** (Nick) (also a former President) (inducted into the Wellington Olympic Hall of Fame in 2020) was another pre-1970 player whose brother **Dimitrios Androutsos** (Taki/Jim) (3 matches in 1972) played after our detailed records began. Both their sons played in the 1970s – Nick's son **Costa Androutsos** (1 match in 1975) and Taki's son **Spiros Androutsos** (233 matches with 90 goals between 1977 and 1995). Spiros had the honour of scoring the first goal under the name Wellington Olympic in a 1-1 draw against Masterton at the start of the 1983 season.

**George Kotrotsos** (188 matches with 9 goals between 1980 and 1998) was in the starting lineup for the match against Petone at Miramar Park which Olympic lost 0-1 in April 1989 when his brother **Paul Kotrotsos** (221 matches between 1989 and 2003) made his debut. They made 36 starts together over the years. Paul had over 50 clean sheets in his 221 appearances. He went on to become President/Chairman first by himself and then jointly with Basil Bouzoukis. In the final Central League match of the 2021 season, Scott Basalaj having scored a penalty in the first half handed over the gloves at half time to Paul's son **Chris Kotrotsos** (2 matches between 2021 and 2022). Paul and Chris thus became the second father and son goalkeepers after **Jack and Sacha Nathu**.

Brothers **Ian Minshull** (154 matches with 14 goals between 1993 and 2008) and **Gary Minshull** (142 matches with 13 goals between 1994 and 1999) started a staggering 112 matches together including the 1994 Chatham Cup final. Their last match together was a 0-2 loss to Lower Hutt City in the 1999 North Island League. Ian would come back for one final match – a 1-6 loss against Napier City Rovers at Park Island in August 2008. Ian's son **Dan Minshull** (39 matches with 2 goals between 2008 and 2019) had debuted a couple of weeks earlier in the home match against the same opponents and may have also been at the Park Island match. There is no record of Dan having taken the field for Ian's last match even if Dan had been there, which he thinks he was.

The family without Greek heritage with most appearances is **Imre Foldi** (217 matches with 88 goals between 1990 and 1999) and his son **Chas Lawrence** (221 matches with 14 goals between 2007 and 2019). They are the only father/son combination where both have over 200 appearances – and most remarkably, both being captains.

The only father known to have played in the same match as his son is **Barry Lewis** (211 matches with 18 goals and an unknown number of red cards between 1995 and 2014). Barry was in the starting line-up when his 15 year old son **Clayton Lewis** (41 matches with 9 goals between 2012 and 2015) came off the bench in a 4-0 cup win at Wainuiomata giving rise to that amusing cry of "pass the ball dad" during the match. They started 15



games together, one of which at Endeavour Park against Western Suburbs resulted in a red card for Barry after he took matters into his own hands when he felt that the referee was not protecting Clayton enough. Clayton would go on to play for the All Whites and the Wellington Phoenix.

Chas Lawrence and Clayton Lewis are half-brothers and played together in 40 of Clayton's 41 appearances (26 starts in the 40 matches). It is assumed by everyone (including Chas) that Chas was most likely suspended for the game that Clayton played without Chas (the agonising 3-3 draw with Upper Hutt City in 2013). In the 8-1 thrashing of Wairarapa United in August 2013 Chas hit a hatrick while Clayton netted twice – so five goals between them which is the most by any relations in a single match. Chas and Barry started 92 matches together while all three played in 23 matches together.

The Christie-Yiavasis family were well represented in the 1970s. Two sets of brothers **Jim Christie-Yiavasis** (1 match in 1972) and his brother **Costa Christie** (1 match in 1976) and their cousins, brothers **Andrew Yiavasis** (70 matches with 8 goals between 1970 and 1979) and **Luke Yiavasis** (18 matches between 1972 and 1975). Andrew and Luke started 2 matches together while Andrew was in the starting line-up when Jim made his only appearance from the bench. Andrew played his last match in June 1979 coming off the bench against in a 0-1 loss to Hungaria only a week before Jim's son **Chris Christie-Yiavasis** (257 matches with 103 goals between 1979 and 2002) made his debut off the bench in a 1-5 thumping by Wanganui Athletic. Chris would become only the second player after Harry Kotsapas to reach 100 goals for the first team (later matched by Gianni Bouzoukis). Jim was inducted into the Wellington Olympic Hall of Fame in 2020.

Another multi-generational family are the Ashbys - **Christian Ashby** (1 match in 1996) and **Peter Ashby** (2 matches between 1997 and 1998). Their nephew **Stefan Ashby** (4 matches with 1 goal in 2024) also played.

#### There are a few examples of father and son only combinations

- **Jack Nathu** (25 matches in 1984) and **Sacha Nathu** (31 matches between 2008 and 2011) became the first father and son goalkeepers to play for the first team. Jack had played internationally for the All Whites in the Merdeka Cup while Sacha still plays for Olympic for the third team in Capital 1.
- **John Serepisos** (that infamous one match in 2008) and his son **Thomas Serepisos** (7 matches between 2015 and 2017). John, former President/Chairman, is better known for his behind-the-scenes activities and was inducted into the Wellington Olympic Hall of Fame in 2023.
- **Basil Mitrakas** (201 matches with 19 goals between 1988 and 2002) and his son **Samuel Mitrakas** (69 matches with 3 goals between 2017 and 2024).
- **Basil Bouzoukis** (151 matches with 6 goals between 1978 and 1991) and his son **Gianni Bouzoukis** (150 matches with 114 goals between 2016 and 2024). Gianni is twice winner of the National League Golden Boot (2022 and 2023) and now lies second on the all-time goal scoring chart for Olympic. His 100th goal for the club was in a 5-2 win against Christchurch United in 2023 and was brought up in only 127 matches. Basil went on to become joint chairman with Paul Kotrotsos.



**There are only a few instances where three brothers all played for the first team**

- **Ian Cave** (104 matches with 2 goals between 1996 and 2002), **Neal Cave** (15 matches with 9 goals in 1997) and **Matthew Cave** (2 matches in 1997). Ian and Neal started 12 matches together but all three played in the 1997 1-0 win against Wellington United - Matthew started while Ian and Neal came off the bench. It is not known whether all three were on the pitch at the same time.
- **Stelios Hatzilamprou** (11 matches with 1 goal between 1996 and 2000), **Kyriakos Hatzilamprou** (13 matches between 2000 and 2001) and **Mario Hatzilamprou** (1 match in 2009). The only time any of the brothers played in the same match was in a 4-1 win against Tawa in 2000 when Stelios started and Kyriakos came off the bench.
- **Brett Stephens** (10 matches with 2 goals in 2004), **Grant Stephens** (2 matches between 2005 and 2010) and **Craig Stephens** (1 match in 2008).

**There are however plenty of instances of pairs of brothers only who played over the years**

- **Nigel Metcalf** (82 matches between 1973 and 1978) and **Roydon Metcalf** (15 matches between 1975 and 1976). The brothers started 14 matches together and Roydon came off the bench in his only other appearance in a match that Nigel started. Nigel holds the unwanted record of most games played for the club without a goal – 17 more than anyone else.
- **Brian Watson** (6 matches in 1978) and **Tony Watson** (3 matches in 1978). Brian and Tony started in all 3 matches that Tony played with both making their debut in a 1-0 win against Lower Hutt City in May 1978.
- **John Brydon** (12 matches in 1983) and **Paul Brydon** (2 matches in 1991).
- **Bobby Peel** (32 matches with 6 goals between 1983 and 1989) and **Mick Peel** (136 matches with 7 goals between 1986 and 1994). Bobby and Mick started 21 matches together.
- **Basil Vrizonis** (91 matches with 1 goal between 1990 and 2002) and **John Vrizonis** (5 matches between 1992 and 1993). Basil and John started 3 matches together.
- **Andre Racz** (104 matches with 59 goals between 1991 and 1995) and **Paul Racz** (14 matches with 1 goal between 1993 and 1994). They started 8 matches together although not the 1994 Chatham Cup final which was Andre's 100th cap.
- **Craig Candy** (128 matches with 44 goals between 1993 and 1998) and **Brent Candy** (1 match in 1995). Brent's only appearance was off the bench in a 0-0 draw against Lower Hutt City in September 1995 in a match which Craig started.

- **Steven Osborne** (10 matches between 1996 and 2000) and **Chris Osborne** (5 matches between 1996 and 2000). Despite playing at the same time, they never played in the same match together.
- **Rocky Rogan** (25 matches between 1998 and 1999) and **Trapper Rogan** (2 matches in 1998). Both were starters when Trapper made his debut in a 2-4 loss to Lower Hutt City in August 1998.
- **Jeff Sole** (85 matches with 13 goals between 1999 and 2004) and **Andy Sole** (2 matches in 2000). Both Andy's appearances were off the bench in matches that Jeff started.
- **David Ure** (44 matches with 6 goals between 2000 and 2001) and **Jody Ure** (2 matches in 2000). Both brothers made their debut as starters in a 0-2 loss against Upper Hutt City in March 2000. They both played the following week (this time with Jody coming off the bench) but Jody never played for the first team again.
- **Joe Lupi** (14 matches with 6 goals in 2004) and **Paul Lupi** (8 matches with 1 goal in 2008).
- **Blair Easthope** (20 matches with 1 goal in 2005) and **Shaun Easthope** (43 matches with 3 goals between 2007 and 2009). Shaun also coached the first team in 2018 and 2019.
- **George Barbarouses** (95 matches with 19 between 2005 and 2021) and **Kosta Barbarouses** (24 matches with 15 goals between 2006 and 2007) started 9 matches together. George missed out on reaching the 100 caps after transferring to Wellington United for the 2020 season (before players had easy access to their stats) and currently plays for the third team having helped them win Capital 1 in 2022. Kosta, like Leo Bertos, also played over 100 times for the Wellington Phoenix and over 50 times for the All Whites and is still notching up the goals for both.



- **Anton De Gregorio** (20 matches with 2 goals in 2007) and **Raf De Gregorio** (74 matches with 22 goals between 2007 and 2011). Anton and Raf made their debut in the 1-4 loss against Lower Hutt City in April 2007 (Anton started while Raf came off the bench). They became the second set of brothers to score in the same match when netting in a 3-1 win against Palmerston North Marist in August 2007. Raf played over 20 times for the All Whites and won the Jack Batty Memorial Cup in the 2009 Chatham Cup Final having scored the goal that won our first ever Chatham Cup in a 2-1 win against Three Kings United.
- **Tapfuma Dimairo** (17 matches in 2016) and **Tamupwiwa Dimairo** (91 matches with 1 goal between 2019 and 2024). Tam's only goal came from the penalty spot in a 5-0 win against North Wellington in 2023.
- **Levi McFarlane** (13 matches in 2020) and **Cruze McFarlane** (1 match in 2020). Cruze's one appearance was from the bench in a 4-0 win at Petone and Levi also played in that match.
- **Oliver Davies** (6 matches with 2 goals between 2023 and 2024) and **Alex Davies** (1 match in 2025).

There are a couple of instances of uncles and nephews

- **George Apostolakis** (5 matches between 1985 and 1989) and his nephew **Dimitri Apostolakis** (4 matches between 2015 and 2019).
- **Mark Attard** (2 matches in 1992) and his nephew **Charlie Attard** (3 matches between 2014 and 2015).

With **Noah Boyce** and **Oscar Boyce** in our first team squad this season we will likely add another pairing to the list. It will probably be a while yet before we add to the existing families listed although seeing the youngsters with a ball at their feet on the sidelines gives us hope that it is just a matter of time.

TOP 10 APPEARANCES SINCE 1970 BY FAMILY

	FAMILY	APP	GOALS
1	Halikias	713	109
2	Foldi/Lawrence	438	102
3	Kotrotsos	411	9
4	Kotsapas	380	130
5	Christie-Yiavasis	347	111
6	Bertos	344	45
7	Minshull	335	29
8	Bouzoukis	301	120
9	Mitrakas	270	22
10	Ioannou	264	54

This article is focused on the men's first team because we have detailed records stretching back over 50 years. Unfortunately, we don't have the same detailed records for the women's first team. As you would expect, some of the women's first team players were from families mentioned above. The following is a list of known relations but I am sure that there will be plenty of others so, as with the pre 1970 men's first team players, apologies to anyone who has been missed.

- **Nina Papadopoulos** – daughter of Laki Bertos
- **Ariana Kotrotsos** – daughter of Paul Kotrotsos
- **Jessica Androutsos** – daughter of Spiros Androutsos
- **Stella Yiavasis** – daughter of Chris Christie-Yiavasis
- **Olivia Jacobs** and **Georgia Jacobs** – daughters of **Stu Jacobs** (85 matches with 16 goals between 1993 and 1996)
- **Alexcea Apostolakis** – sister of Dimitri Apostolakis.

It will probably be a while yet before we add to the existing families listed although seeing the youngsters with a ball at their feet on the sidelines gives us hope that it is just a matter of time.



Noah Boyce



Oscar Boyce



2025 OLYMPIC  
**TECHNICAL**  
**DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

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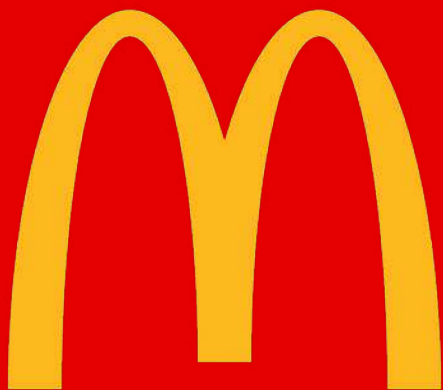
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**BASIN RESERVE  
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**DAVIES**



ALEX  
**SOLOMON**



BEN  
**MATA**



GAVIN  
**HOY**



GIANNI  
**BOUZOUKIS**



HAMISH  
**WATSON**



HARRY  
**FAIR**



ISA  
**PRINS**



JOEL  
**AUTY**



JONTY  
**ROUBOS**



JOSHUA  
**RUDLAND**



JUSTIN  
**GULLEY**



LOUIS  
**DANQUAH**



NOAH  
**BOYCE**

# CENTRAL LEAGUE



**TIAHN  
MANUEL**



**TOR  
DAVENPORT  
PETERSON**



**WILL  
VINCENT**



**JACK-HENRY  
SINCLAIR**



**OSCAR  
BOYCE**



**SCOTT  
BASALAJ**



**EKOW  
QUAINOO  
HEAD COACH**



**PAUL  
IFILL  
HEAD COACH**



**TAYLOR-HALL  
JONES  
ASST COACH**



**ALEX  
BRITTON  
GK COACH**



**DAVE  
GRAHAM  
GEAR MANAGER**



**MATT  
KOLIC  
TEAM MANAGER**



## PLAYER BIO

<b>Nickname:</b>	Josh
<b>Age / D.O.B</b>	21
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	Dunedin
<b>Playing Position:</b>	9
<b>Right / Left:</b>	Right
<b>Previous Clubs:</b>	Wellington Phoenix, Wairarapa United

## PLAYER PROFILE

# JOSH RUDLAND

### QUICKFIRE

**My favourite pro club is...**  
Auckland FC

**If I wasn't a footballer I would be...**  
Businessman

**One thing people may not know about me is...**  
I was one of the original PIFA kids

**The country I've never been to but want to visit is...**  
Italy

**The item on top of my bucket list is...**  
Travel

**My favourite sports team growing up was...**  
Tasman United

**Most underrated movie or TV show is...**  
The Sapanos

**My favourite place to dine out is...**  
Monsoon Poon

**I was starstruck when I met...**  
Hamish Watson

## Q & A SESSION

**What's your best football memory?**  
Scoring for Wellington Phoenix

**Best advice you've ever been given?**  
Use it as fuel for the fire

**What do your coaches often tell you?**  
Hit the target

**What advice would you give any young players playing your position?**  
Hit the target

**How would you describe yourself as a player?**  
Still reasonably quick

**Who is the one team you most look forward to playing each season, and why?**  
Miramar

**What non-football accomplishment are you most proud of?**  
Benching 100

**If you could go to dinner with any three people (past or present), who would it be and why?**  
Marcus Aurelius, John Mayer, Margot Robbie





# SQUAD LISTS

Scott Basalaj (GK)	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Matt Foord (GK)
Harry Fair	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	Kyle Koch
Adam Supyk	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	Dylan Gardiner
Alex Solomon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	Lewis Partridge
Justin Gulley	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Fergus Gillion
Tor Davenport Petersen	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	Ryan Watson
Isa Prins	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	Raphael Conway
Jonty Roubos	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	Luke Flowerdew
Hamish Watson	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	Daniel Makowem
Gavin Hoy	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	Flynn Cave
Alex Davies	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	Hayden Thomas
William Vincent	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	Ryan Lee
Jack-Henry Sinclair	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	Nicholas Murphy
Ben Mata (C)	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	Seth Karunaratne
Tiahn Manuel	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	Jack Perniskie
Louis Danquah	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	Anaru Cassidy
Joel Auty	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	Fletcher Pratt
Josh Rudland	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	Mac Munro
Noah Boyce	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	Luke Mitchell
Oscar Boyce (RGK)	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	Xuan Loke (C)
Nic Ball	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	Eamonn McCarron (GK)
George Walker	<b>23</b>		
Gianni Bouzoukis	<b>24</b>		
Alex Britton (RGK)	<b>41</b>		

Ekow Quainoo	<b>COACH</b>	Chris Greenacre
Paul Ifill	<b>COACH</b>	
Taylor-Hall Jones	<b>ASSISTANT</b>	Luke Tongue
Alex Britton	<b>GK COACH</b>	Ed Harding
Katie Westerlund	<b>PHYSIO</b>	Grayson Harwood
Matt Kolic	<b>TEAM MANAGER</b>	Justin Raffan
Dave Graham	<b>GEAR MANAGER</b>	
	<b>S&amp;C COACH</b>	Benjamin Maunsell
	<b>ANALYST</b>	Sam Casy Popovich

**REFEREE**  
Cory Mills

**1ST ASSISTANT**  
Thomas Pope-Kerr

**2ND ASSISTANT**  
Jordan Williams

# ROUND 05 REVIEW

## MEN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE



### FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



	<b>6 - 1</b>		<b>WESTERN SUBURBS VS WATERSIDE KARORI</b>
	<b>1 - 6</b>		<b>ISLAND BAY UNITED VS NAPIER CITY ROVERS</b>
	<b>2 - 2</b>		<b>PHOENIX RESERVES VS PETONE FC</b>
	<b>0 - 4</b>		<b>UPPER HUTT CITY VS MIRAMAR RANGERS</b>

### LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Wellington Olympic	5	5	0	0	20	3	17	15
Phoenix Reserves	5	4	1	0	14	3	11	13
Napier City Rovers	5	3	1	1	11	6	5	10
Miramar Rangers	5	3	0	2	14	3	11	9
Waterside Karori	5	2	1	2	8	15	-7	7
Western Suburbs	5	2	0	3	13	11	2	6
Island Bay United	5	1	2	2	9	17	-8	5
Petone FC	5	1	1	3	14	13	1	4
Upper Hutt City	5	0	1	4	1	12	-11	1
North Wellington	5	0	1	4	6	27	-21	1

# ROUND 06 PREVIEW

## MEN'S CENTRAL LEAGUE



### FIRST TEAM FIXTURE



## WELLINGTON OLYMPIC vs PHOENIX RESERVES

Saturday 3rd May, 3.45pm,  
Wakefield Park

### OTHER FIXTURES



**WATERSIDE KARORI  
VS NAPIER CITY ROVERS**

Saturday 3rd May, 12.00pm,  
Karori Park



**WESTERN SUBURBS  
VS NORTH WELLINGTON**

Saturday 3rd May, 12.30pm,  
Endeavour Park



**MIRAMAR RANGERS  
VS ISLAND BAY UNITED**

Saturday 3rd May, 2.30pm,  
David Farrington Park



**PETONE FC  
VS UPPER HUTT CITY**

Saturday 3rd May, 3.00pm,  
Petone Memorial

### NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURE



**UPPER HUTT CITY  
VS WELLINGTON OLYMPIC**

Saturday 10th May, 3.00pm,  
Maidstone Park



# APPEARANCES

## (1970 - 2024)

Wellington Olympic First Team Appearances (League and Cup)  
from 1970 to 2024

			LEAGUE	CHATHAM CUP	PLAY OFFS	TOTAL
1	Harry KOTSAPAS	1973-1993 & 1995	344	33	3	380
2	Nick HALIKIAS	1974-1993	327	28	4	359
3	Alkes IOANNOU	1975,1977,1979,1982-1992	238	22	4	264
4	Chris CHRISTIE YIAVASIS	1979, 1983-1989,1991-1994, 1997-2002	226	27	4	257
5	Jimmy HAIDAKIS	2003-2016, 2018, 2020	192	42		234
6	Spiros ANDROUTSOS	1977-1990, 1992, 1995	210	21	2	233
7=	Paul KOTROTSOS	1989,1991-2003	193	26	2	221
7=	Jared CURTIS	1996-2011	188	33		221
7=	Chas LAWRENCE	2007-2017, 2019	184	37		221
10	Maki HALIKIAS	2001-2015, 2018	182	38		220
11	Imre FOLDI	1990-1997, 1999	191	24	2	217
12	Barry LEWIS	2003-2014	171	40		211
13	Basil MITRAKAS	1988-2000, 2002	177	22	2	201
14	George KOTROTSOS	1980-1993,1998	166	19	3	188
15	George BERTOS Snr	1980-1993, 1998	166	19	3	188
16	<b>Scott BASALAJ</b>	2016-	141	20	7	168
17	Tony PALAMIDAS	1983-1989, 1992-1993	146	15	2	163
18	Simon GEORGE	1993-1995, 1997-99, 2001, 07-08, 2011-13	134	26		160
19	<b>Ben MATA</b>	2019-	129	23	7	159
20	Ian MINSHULL	1993-1999, 2008	135	19		154
21	Alex PALEZEVIC	2015-2022	135	18		153
22	Basil BOUZOUKIS	1978-1983, 1985, 1989, 1991	141	10		151
23	<b>Gianni BOUZOUKIS</b>	2016-2023	126	21	3	150
24	Gary MINSHULL	1994-1999	123	19		142
25	Jamie O'CONNOR	2007-2014	117	24		141
26	Mick PEEL	1986-1989, 1991, 1993-1994	116	16	4	136
27	Costa LEONIDAS	1974, 1986-1988, 1990-1992	117	13	3	133
28	<b>Tor DAVENPORT-PETERSEN</b>	2020-	110	12	8	130
29	Craig CANDY	1993-1998	114	14		128
30	<b>Jack-Henry SINCLAIR</b>	2020-	101	14	8	123
31	Aleem SHEIK	2012-2015, 2019-2021	105	17		122
32	Andy WEST	1980-1986	110	10		120
33	<b>Justin GULLEY</b>	2021-	92	17	8	117
34	Carl ADAMS	1986-1991	102	12	2	116
35	Anthony NEONAKIS	2004-2005, 2007-2009, 2011-2013	87	22		109
36=	Iain CAVE	1996-2002	92	12		104
36=	Andre RACZ	1991-1995	89	13	2	104

Missing CL Qualifying 1973 x 5

Appearances are to and including Central League R5 vs North Wellington played on 26 April 2025

Playoffs include Central Top 4 (1988), National (1991), National Finals (2021, 2022 & 2023) & Oceania (2023 & 2024) and Charity Cup (2024)



# GOALS SCORED

## (1970 - 2024)

Wellington Olympic First Team Goals (League and Cup) from 1970 to 2024

		LEAGUE	CHATHAM CUP	PLAY OFFS	TOTAL	MATCHES	GOALS PER MATCH
1	Harry KOTSAPAS	121	8	1	130	380	0.34
2	<b>Gianni BOUZOUKIS</b>	95	18	1	114	150	0.76
3	Chris CHRISTIE YIAVASIS	93	7	3	103	256	0.40
4	Spiros ANDROUTSOS	75	15	0	90	233	0.39
5	Imre FOLDI	80	8	0	88	216	0.41
6	Jimmy HAIDAKIS	60	25	0	85	234	0.36
7	<b>Jack-Henry SINCLAIR</b>	70	3	1	74	123	0.60
8	Micky MALIVUK	54	13	0	67	80	0.84
9	<b>Ben MATA</b>	48	14	3	65	158	0.41
10	Andre RACZ	49	9	1	59	103	0.57
11	Geoff BROWN	42	15	0	57	54	1.06
12	<b>Hamish Watson</b>	47	4	5	56	72	0.78
13	Alkes IOANNOU	48	5	1	54	264	0.20
14	Nick HALIKIAS	44	9	0	53	359	0.15
15	Maki HALIKIAS	35	12	0	47	221	0.21
16	Kailan GOULD	35	10	1	46	80	0.58
17	Craig CANDY	37	7	0	44	127	0.35
18	Jamie O'CONNOR	31	10	0	41	141	0.29
19	Costa LEONIDAS	36	2	1	39	133	0.29
20	George BERTOS Snr	34	3	0	37	178	0.21

Missing 12 Chatham Cup Goals  
Goals are up to and including Central League R5 vs North Wellington played 26th April 2025





## PLAYER PROFILE

# ALEX DAVIES

### QUICKFIRE

**My favourite pro club is...**

Manchester City

**If I wasn't a footballer I would be...**

Distance runner

**One thing people may not know about me is...**

Gisborne Baking competition winner 2016

**The country I've never been to but want to visit is...**

Germany

**The item on top of my bucket list is...**

Go travelling overseas

**My favourite sports team growing up was...**

All Whites

**Most underrated movie or TV show is...**

Don't watch movies

**My favourite place to dine out is...**

Neighbourhood pizza

**I was starstruck when I met...**

I haven't met anyone famous

## PLAYER BIO

<b>Nickname:</b>	Alex
<b>Age / D.O.B</b>	19
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	Gisborne/New Zealand
<b>Playing Position:</b>	CAM
<b>Right / Left:</b>	Right
<b>Previous Clubs:</b>	Napier City Rover

## Q & A SESSION

**What's your best football memory?**

Scoring the winner in a school football final and knee sliding in the corner

**Best advice you've ever been given?**

Believe in yourself

**What do your coaches often tell you?**

That I made the wrong decision in a passage of play

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

Make sure you have a good fitness level and work on game awareness/decision making

**How would you describe yourself as a player?**

Hard working

**Who is the one team you most look forward to playing each season, and why?**

Victoria University

**What non-football accomplishment are you most proud of?**

My university grades in first year (A average)

**If you could go to dinner with any three people (past or present), who would it be and why?**

Jessie Lingard, Connor Mcgerrar, Hardest Geezar



# SQUAD LISTS

Josh Ingham (GK)	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	Luka Das (GK)
George Walker	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	Joseph Chalabi (GK)
Alex Davies	<b>3</b>	<b>49</b>	Harrison Kowalczyk
Theo Jones (C)	<b>4</b>	<b>51</b>	Athan Thompson
Elliot Rose	<b>5</b>	<b>55</b>	Phillip Azevedo
Harry Fair	<b>6</b>	<b>56</b>	Samuel Law
Fayaadh Joseph	<b>7</b>	<b>60</b>	Luqman Ibrahim
Noah West	<b>8</b>	<b>62</b>	Alfie Crookston
Kahurangi Green	<b>9</b>	<b>63</b>	Marcus Commisso
Nic Ball	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>	Joe Zaturowski
Thomas Eales	<b>11</b>	<b>65</b>	Jack Perniskie
Jarden Parata-French	<b>12</b>	<b>67</b>	Arlo Hanning
James Dean	<b>13</b>	<b>69</b>	Daniel Nelson
Kyan Cundy	<b>14</b>	<b>70</b>	Riley Allison
Sean Lane Turnbull	<b>15</b>	<b>74</b>	Jacob Jefferson
Gianpasquale Moreno	<b>16</b>	<b>77</b>	Alessandro Marchesse
Bryn Green	<b>17</b>	<b>79</b>	Jacob Kleinsmith
Billy Bouzoukis	<b>18</b>	<b>88</b>	Joe McIntyre
Leo Gunn	<b>19</b>	<b>89</b>	Sam Wiltshire
Dylan Wood	<b>20</b>		
George Mitrakas	<b>22</b>		
Otto Ashby	<b>23</b>		

Taylor Hall-Jones	<b>COACH</b>	Joshua Neff
Paul Ifill	<b>ASSISTANT</b>	Brad Bicknell
	<b>ASSISTANT</b>	
Alex Britton	<b>GK COACH</b>	Ed Harding
	<b>S&amp;C COACH</b>	Raffaele Moro
Katie Westerlund	<b>PHYSIO</b>	Sam Wilkins
Dave Graham	<b>MANAGER</b>	Steven Janes
Chris Kotrotsos	<b>MANAGER</b>	

**MATCH REFEREE**  
Chris Evans

# ROUND 05 REVIEW

## CAPITAL PREMIER



### RESERVES FIXTURE



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**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY  
VS WATERSIDE KARORI**



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**WAINUIOMATA  
VS MIRAMAR RANGERS**



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**ISLAND BAY UNITED  
VS WESTERN SUBURBS**

### LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Wellington Olympic	5	5	0	0	14	1	13	15
Western Suburbs	5	3	0	2	15	14	1	9
Victoria University	5	3	0	2	8	12	-4	9
Wainuiomata AFC	5	3	0	2	9	16	-7	9
Pheonix Thirds	4	2	0	2	15	6	9	6
Petone FC	4	2	0	2	7	7	0	6
Island Bay United	5	2	0	3	9	11	-2	6
Wellington Marist	5	2	0	3	8	12	-4	6
Waterside Karori	5	1	0	4	9	11	-2	3
Miramar Rangers	5	1	0	4	7	11	-4	3

# ROUND 06 PREVIEW

## CAPITAL PREMIER



### RESERVES FIXTURE



## WELLINGTON OLYMPIC vs PHOENIX THIRDS

Saturday 3rd May, 1.00pm, Wakefield Park

### OTHER FIXTURES



#### WATERSIDE KARORI VS WESTERN SUBURBS

Saturday 3rd May, 12.30pm,  
Karori Park



#### PETONE FC VS WAINUIOMATA AFC

Saturday 3rd May, 1.00pm,  
Petone Memorial



#### VICTORIA UNIVERSITY VS WELLINGTON MARIST

Saturday 3rd May, 2.00pm,  
Boyd Wilson Turf



#### MIRAMAR RANGERS VS ISLAND BAY UNITED

Sunday 4th May, 2.30pm,  
David Farrington Park

### NEXT MATCH FIXTURE



#### WELLINGTON OLYMPIC VS ISLAND BAY UNITED

Saturday 17th May, 1.00pm,  
Wakefield Park

