

Welcome to Fencibles United's New Newsletter Vol.1



Upcoming Junior & Youth Programmes - Registrations now open Click on the below for more information on these programmes



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New Website Launched - Check it Out

Fencibles United is proud to launch its new website. This tireless effort has been driven by Mike Hawkey with the assistance of Darryl Hamilton. I am positive you will agree that it is an impressive and easy to use site.

All the information regarding playing teams (Inhouse, Junior, Youth and Seniors) and programmes are contained within it. Check it out and don't forget to send us your photos so we can update the Gallery.



From The Sidelines ... by Aaron Carson

Dear Members

Welcome to the first Fencibles newsletter !!! – Our name the newsletter competition was very popular and FENCE POST was the winner.

With the winter season finished it is a great time to reflect. I was trying not to mention COVID however after last season's interruptions we were all excited and nervous about the prospect of a full season and we are pleased to advise that we have had a record number of players either return or join the club - this is testament to all the volunteers that give many many hours to the club each week. We have had many teams succeed in tournaments and leagues already this season, so it shows that Fencibles is a strong club in the competitive space across all age groups. Our community-based teams are where we have over 150 parent coaches all creating the best environment for the players who just want to have fun and these volunteers are the core of the club – thank you so much for all of the time you give to the kids.

Late last year we welcomed Marty Rodwell to Fencibles as our new DOF (Director of Football) and as our Men's 1st team coach. He focused initially on setting our club playing style and placement of coaches. He also needed to put together a 1st team playing squad and set the team goals for the season. Gaining promotion was the main focus and after a long hard 2021 season battling it out in wet conditions against teams that just wanted to kick it long, we have managed to gain promotion from Division 2 to Division 1 !!!!! A fantastic result for the coaches, support staff and players. What is most pleasing is the player depth that has been created at this top level within the club as there was always 50+ players training 3 times a week vying for a spot in the First and Reserve teams. We also had three U17 players make their debuts in the 1st team which shows our approach to developing and promoting from within our own player base is working.

Off the field the club is working hard and we have launched a new website and watch this space for more news to come.

We are also looking to make improvements to our club rooms. Please touch base with our secretary if you can assist in any of these areas.

Thank you for all your support.

Aaron Carson Chairman

Martys DOF Insight ... by Marty Rodwell

Marty Rodwell our Director of Football

In my first season at the club I have been blown away by how many good people Fencibles have! Really good genuine people! This, regardless of anything else, has put the club in a great place to move forward. Most of the work this year has gone into setting the new standards at training with a lot of this set around standards advised by NZ Football. We are in the process of finalising our TDP programme (a set of standards around coaching and the training environment) which has been a process. By the year's end we will meet all the coaching criteria needed across our 13-17 grade NRF teams and also have had our final observation completed on our Fencibles Skill Centre which is the stepping stone into the TDP programme.

We have had 30 players training in each of these grades and the players have embraced the opportunity to train with the wider members of the squad and also play in different teams on the weekends instead of one regular team. It is vital that in all the grades we develop a wider pool of players as possible and it is important that these players get a mix of coaches so they develop as an individual within the club environment. Look out for our term 4 academy where we will get some good learning over the

summer as we try and hit 2022 running. We will look to spread our style of play and coaching to the wider club base - which is possession based but entertaining, high energy and fun!

"I AM because of WE"

An individual can only grow, develop and progress through the growth and progression of others (team members, squad members and support staff).





Junior Team and Girls Spotlight

Our U16 Girls have been giving back but receiving far more in return:

The Girls side of our club continues to grow and become stronger. There are 26 talented girls in our U8yr squad and they have an impressive coaching team supporting them.

Head coaches are Scott Clayton and Jarod Halligan, assisted by four Fencibles U16 Girls. Kate Berry, Caragh Buxton, Milly Belcher, and Kaitlyn Bingham.

The Fencibles U16 girls are part of the hybrid Eastern Suburbs Team (who finished 3rd on the Table). These four girls are "giving back" to the club by assisting coaching and setting-up the fields at Meadowlands each Saturday Morning. Coaching is what they love doing because the girls are great and they continue to be amazed at the skills these U8's have.

As you can see by the photo below this love is reciprocated by the "cheerleading squad" of the U8's when the girls have a home game.

Lockdown has not stopped the connection between these girls with a Zoom meeting/Zoom treasure hunt attended by all.



Nice work "Fenci ferns" .





Youth Team Spotlight



Photo: Aiden on the ball for the U17's

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Musings from the Senior Men's First Team & Reserves (Under 23's)

Marty Rodwell - Director of Football

It's a shame that the season has now been halted due to Covid, however, this also brings good news as due to our 1st team sitting in 2nd, they have now been confirmed as promoted into Division 1. This was one of the main goals when I first took on the role as we know that playing in the highest league possible is great for the development of the Fencibles player! Not only this, but our young U23 team finished the season in 1st place and our U17 squad which trains full-time with the seniors finished 2nd in the NRFL top league. All 3 are achievements to be very proud of.

The season has been an awesome learning experience for the 40 players in the senior squad, the 15 U17 players who train with the seniors and all the staff involved. We started the season off with a loss, then went on a good run of wins then had a period of inconsistency that allowed the teams around us to keep close. To the players credit - they stuck with the process and before lockdown were on a run of 3 wins.

Our U23 season has been a challenging season in a different way - being challenged to keep their standards high in a league where there is a lack of depth in the u23 space, which they have done amazingly well.

My biggest thanks and respect to our senior staff. Brock, Mikey P and Matty B have put in huge hours and commitment to the project and my gratitude to these men is huge.

The players - you represent Fencibles with respect and we love working with you all!

We thank all the supporters, sponsors, volunteers, club members who helped get this team on the park and we can't wait to thank everyone in person.

Bring on 2022 and the new challenge it brings.



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Diagram's: NRFL Division Two tables, table tracker and points race

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Senior Team Spotlight

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Get to know

Sione Fa'apoi our First Team Captain

Age: 23 **Occupation:** Carpenter Favorite place: William Green Favorite food: Mexican Favorite group/singer: Chris Brown Favorite TV programme: Don't watch TV Favorite Film: Harry Potter Favorite football team: Chelsea FC What age did you start playing football: 6 Biggest football Influence: Van Dijk Most memorable game you have played in: NZ U17 World Cup qualifiers in Samoa Most memorable personal moment in football: Winning Oceania qualifiers with NZ U17 What do you like most about Fencibles: The culture and the environment. There is not many clubs you can be at and be yourself. Also the style of football. Personal ambition: Become the best athlete I can. Take my football overseas.



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Sponsor Spotlight ...



Applejack's Bar and Eatery has a extensive menu and a smorgasbord of cold drinks. It certainly is a place where you can eat, drink, and play. Applejack's Bar and Eatery is proud to be your local. It is open from 11am till late 7 days a week so always open at a convenient time to pop in.

2 Dunrobin Place, Pakuranga Heights

Fencibles Family Gallery



Phoenix Honour Guard



Successful Fencibles Tournament



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