

SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND 2019/2020 YEARBOOK

Includes the Annual Report and Audited accounts for 2020

Colquhoun Park, Palmerston North
U-18 WBSC Men's Softball World Championships, 2020



OBITUARIES

ED DOLEJS



Ed Dolejs was a gold medal coach, arguably the greatest in NZ softball history, but his influence ran much deeper than his unmatched on-diamond success. Ed guided the NZ women to four world championships medals from 1978 to 1990, including a first and only title in 1982.

As NZ's national director of coaching for 17 years, Ed stamped his mark on softball from Northland to Bluff. He spread his love of softball and taught its fundamentals to everyone.

Ed married childhood sweetheart Ruth Watson, a Canadian he had known since she was three and he was 10 years old. The couple settled in Ohio where Ed established a building business. Ed and Ruth decided to emigrate in the mid-60s to seek a better climate for their young family, sons Danny, David and Dennis and baby daughter Dixie. An intelligent man and analytical thinker, Ed made a serious study of overseas options before he and Ruth decided Nelson would be their future home. They caught a boat from Los Angeles to Auckland in January 1965, accompanied by Ed's parents.

Ed became Nelson representative coach in the 1967-68 and took them to Lower Hutt for Nelson's first national tournament. Ed guided Nelson to the Ed Barr Cup C section title and was named coach of the Headifen-Ed Barr Cup tournament all-star team.

A keen student of sport, Ed picked the brains of his contemporaries for strategies he could transport to softball. Equipped with a new-fangled video camera, Ed became a great advocate of filming softballers' at-bats and pitching motions to fast-track their development. "People were much more able to correct and accept their mistakes when they saw themselves on tape," he once said. "The benefits were amazing."

Ed found himself catapulted into the head coaching job of the NZ White Sox after incumbent Norm Lawes' unexpected death. There began the most successful era in NZ women's softball history with unprecedented, and still unsurpassed, international success.

Under Ed's direction, NZ won four medals, gold, silver and two bronze, all at successive world championships from 1978 to 1990. His coaching tenure coincided with a golden generation of NZ pitchers, Cheryl Kemp, Debbie Mygind and Gina Weber, but other nations had elite pitching too. It was Ed's coaching acumen which proved the critical difference. As well as their world championships medals, Ed's NZ teams won a further five

international tournaments, including two in NZ before their own fans.

Ed's active softball career ended in 1991, but he never lost his love of the sport and its people. He was humbled when he was admitted to the NZ and International Softball Halls of Fame in 1993. His ISF induction was for "meritorious service", the highest accolade awarded by the world body. Ed was even more thrilled when his 1982 NZ women's team were inducted into the NZ Sports Hall of Fame in 1995.

Ed liked to insist softball gave him more than he gave in return, but it is hard to imagine another person who has directly or indirectly influenced as many softballers as he did.

GEORGE WOODCOCK



Mention Waikato Evergreens softball and one of the first names that come to mind is George Woodcock. For the past 40 seasons George has been a driving force of Evergreens softball and a member of the inaugural 1971 side that played at the National

Evergreens Tournament in Cambridge.

Softball has been a major part of George's life, starting back in the mid 1950's playing in school teams before joining the Hamilton Red Sox side at senior level. He made his senior representative debut for Waikato in 1964 alongside names like Carl Mossman, Jack Mathews, Seph Porteous and Trevor Rowse at the national tournament at Hamilton's Rugby Park.

Only on a couple of occasions has George not attended the Evergreens tournament but today he can be seen on the diamond either as a coach or manager.

Apart from playing in his favorite position of catcher and occasionally at first or second base he continues to enjoy the company of the number of friends he has made over the years. "I never got to pitch a game, I don't think any of the teams were that desperate, but I have enjoyed being part of Waikato softball," said George

George has fond memories of his club, Melville, in which he was a player, coach and administrator for more than 30 years. He was also heavily involved in various roles within the Waikato Association, from coaching at school grades through to senior club and representative levels to serving as Association President.

IRENE KEATING

Irene Keating has been hailed as "a great team player" and "an important part of the NZ women's team" throughout the 1970s. Born in 1951, Irene Keating (nee Gibb) played for NZ at the 1970, 1974 and 1978 world championships.

Irene Gibb initially played for Titahi Bay for four seasons from the age of 13, before moving to Porirua and then joining Broadway, under NZ coach Harry Atkin.

At the 1974 world championships in Stratford, Connecticut, Irene shared the pitching with Bowles and Auckland teenager Cheryl Kemp. She started some games but was also used to relieve Cheryl in the latter innings on some occasions. Irene also showed some prowess as a hitter, batting 1.000 (two hits from two at-bats) in a 6-4 win over South Africa.

Irene's crowning glory as an international softball player came in El Salvador in 1978 when the NZ women's team collected their first medal at a world championship, picking up the bronze, behind the United States and Canada.

NZ coach Ed Dolejs commented in his 2011 biography, *Diamonds In The Sun*, that "three of our most experienced players, Marilyn Marshall, Irene Keating and Linda Hawthorn, who had played at world series before, were absolutely elated to lose by only one run to the United States" in El Salvador.

Irene was a star on the domestic softball scene for close to 15 years and an integral part of why Broadway came to be regarded as one of NZ's leading club teams. She was still a teenager when she pitched Broadway to the 1969 Dustin Cup interclub title, and she was a Dustin Cup winner again in 1972, 1975 and 1978. Irene first pitched for the Wellington representative team as a 14-year-old and was a vital part of their 1972, 1975 and 1978 Bensel Cup national championship winning teams.

Former NZ captain Marie Ward played many seasons with Irene at club, provincial and international level. She remembers Irene as "an important part of Broadway and Wellington Softball over many years". "With Irene on the mound Broadway and Wellington were successful for many seasons in both local and national competitions. She was an important part of the NZ team for almost a decade, pitching in three World Series.

BARRY NICHOLS

Wellington Softball stalwart Barry Nichols had a long and passionate playing history for his club Melrose, as well as representing Wellington and New Zealand. Even after his competitive playing days were over Barry immersed himself in the Evergreens, playing, coaching and latterly supporting administratively and on the side-line as well as returning to the Wellington Association for a stint on the Executive. Through Softball Barry made many lifelong friends.

RAY TIBBITS



Ray was a Life Member of North Harbour Softball Association and Softball NZ and is remembered by his softball friends as a calm influence and a very wise head. He provided outstanding services to Softball NZ, North Harbour Softball, Rosedale Park Sports Trust and the Auckland Softball Trust in roles of Treasurer and advisor and his services will be sadly missed.

Ray was a Director of 2013 Softball Limited which delivered the highly successful world championship event and was a valued advisor to the 2021 Softball Limited Board. He was also involved behind the scenes for the World Masters Games in 2017.

Ray became involved in Softball with the Paremoremo Club when Myles took up the sport back in the early 1980s. He travelled with a Paremoremo youth team to Canada and got hooked on the potential of the sport and when approached agreed to get involved in administration.

Although health issues limited his direct involvement in the sport, right up to his death he worked behind the scenes to support softball.

DENIS RUSSELL



Denis was a Life Member of Giants Softball Club and a player in the original Giants team from 1967. Denis had a distinguished playing career for Giants and he was the first Giants player to represent NZ. Denis played one game for NZ in 1968 against the San Antonian All Stars at Athletic Park. He last played for their Vets team in 1993. He represented Wairarapa for many seasons.

Denis was an electrician by trade, a model railway enthusiast by hobby and has been retired for some years. For those who knew Denis, he was a larger than life character, with a smile to match.

DENNIS ORMSBY



Dennis started his umpiring career in Southland during the 2013/14 softball season as a level one umpire. By the end of the 2014/15 season, Dennis had completed the New Zealand Umpire's Rules exam and qualified for his Level 3 certification at the New Zealand U17 Girls championships in Christchurch. At the end of Dennis's second season he had officiated 109 games which included four national tournaments.

In the 2015/16 season Dennis was assessed and successfully passed his Level 4 New Zealand Umpires

Badge at the New Zealand U17 Boys championships in Christchurch. During this season Dennis umpired 138 games and attended five national tournaments.

Over the next couple of years Dennis went about learning his trade and attending as many tournaments as he could. One of these was the International Friendship Series at the Blacktown International Sports Park in Sydney, Australia in July 2016. Dennis was appointed Home Plate Umpire on one of the finals, but due to the weather conditions no finals were played.

In 2018/19 Dennis was recommended to be assessed for his Level 5 certification in Christchurch at the National Fastpitch Championships which he successfully passed.

During Dennis's short umpiring career he umpired in over 540 games from U13s to senior men and women and attended 31 tournaments.

Dennis was a positive person in umpiring and in life. He always gave 100% in everything he did, and he was a good umpire and friend to all.

RANGI MULLER

Rangi Muller was born in April 1925, in Rotorua - April Dorothea Rangikahiwa Corbett, but was known as Snooky or Rangi.

Commenced playing softball in Rotorua for the West End Club. Represented Rotorua until her transfer to Wellington in 1952, where she joined the Marist and later the Miramar Clubs. She has represented Wellington since 1953. Rangi represented New Zealand against Australians in the International matches in 1962. An outfielder of sound ability and a tremendous batter when runners are on bases.

She played for the Island Bay Club in Wellington for many years including 1971/72 to 1976/77. Rangi also played for the Wellington Evergreens and attended the 1992 Tournament in Horowhenua, the 1996 tournament in Christchurch, 1999 Tournament in Manawatu (where she was voted "Personality of the Tournament"), the 2000 Tournament in Auckland and the 2005 Tournament in Rotorua, where she was presented with a trophy for "The Oldest Player at the Tournament." Rangi was married for many years to Zdenek Richard Muller, who died in 1997, they had no children.



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NZ SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS

PATRON	Bob Leveloff	LIFE MEMBERS (+ Passed; * ISF Hall of Fame)
PRESIDENT	Nicky Sherriff	Harry Atkin +
CHAIRPERSON	Lynda O'Cain	Emma Bright
BOARD MEMBERS	Steve Leppien	Roy Dalton +
	Sharon Kawe	Ed Dolejs +*
	Hoani Lambert	Dale Eagar
	Duncan Enoka	Merrell Ferguson *
	Chris Patterson	Don Freeman +
	Rebecca Annan	Jim Gibson +
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Tony Giles	Danae Goosman MNZM
SOFTBALL MANAGER	Glen Roff	Rusty Hay +
ADMINISTRATION MANAGER	Chris Gates	Paul Higgins +
EVENTS & NATIONAL TEAMS	Eugene Gilbert	David Howe +
PROJECT SUPORT ADMINISTRATOR	Tania Giles	Alfred Jenkins +
REGIONAL DEV. ADMINISTRATOR	Stanley Doney	Lyndsey Leask * QSM
UMPIRE IN CHIEF	Wiremu Tamaki	Robert Leveloff * MNZM
CHIEF SCORER	Lil Natana	Gerry Marshall +
NZ STATISTICIAN	Elaine Karsten	C (Mick) R Murphy +
WEBMASTER	Gwen Gilbert	Colin J Pringle +
SOLICITOR	Gibson Sheat	Nicky Sherriff
AUDITOR	Grant Thornton	C (Tex) L Shields +
		Joyce Smith +
		Ray Tibbits +
		George Vincent * OBE +
		John T Voyle * MBE +
		Ray Weaver * +
		Alfred Whelan * MBE +
		William (Bill) H Wilson +

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

The following is a list of affiliated associations together with their playing strengths (team numbers).

	2019/2020			2018/2019			2017/2018		
	Open Grade	Social Grades	School Children	Open Grade	Social Grades	School Children	Open Grade	Social Grades	School Children
South Canterbury	0	14	27	0	9	27	0	9	34
Auckland	77	28	215	74	0	181	73	0	187
Canterbury	74	16	204	69	14	204	70	11	192
Central Otago	0	7	23	0	2	24	0	2	25
Counties Manukau	40	0	65	45	0	79	37	0	72
Hawkes Bay	4	7	41	4	7	52	4	9	63
Horowhenua	0	0	5	0	0	14	0	0	0
Hutt Valley	39	0	64	40	0	144	41	0	86
Manawatu	12	15	53	9	16	67	6	16	62
Marlborough	0	0	0	1	0	14	2	0	15
Mid North (BOI)	0	11	12	0	12	24	0	6	24
Nelson	9	0	10	9	4	18	11	0	18
North Harbour	29	23	56	26	8	47	26	19	65
Otago	13	4	51	13	5	51	18	0	50
Southland	30	0	47	28	0	48	27	0	53
Tairāwhiti	2	10	39	6	0	45	4	0	49
Waikato	11	8	40	9	7	35	8	8	59
Whanganui	0	16	42	0	12	30	0	10	49
Wellington	62	0	120	64	14	127	59	14	143
Western BoP	12	6	7	9	5	8	11	5	10
Totals	414	165	1121	406	115	1239	397	109	1256



CAPITATION FEES

	Adult	School Children	2019/2020 Total	2018/2019 Total
South Canterbury	\$0	\$225	\$225	\$192
Auckland	\$25,795	\$3,210	\$29,005	\$27,182
Canterbury	\$24,790	\$2,955	\$27,745	\$25,364
Central Otago	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Counties Manukau	\$13,400	\$1,320	\$14,720	\$16,267
Hawkes Bay	\$1,340	\$825	\$2,165	\$2,146
Horowhenua	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hutt Valley	\$13,065	\$1,350	\$14,415	\$14,695
Manawatu	\$4,020	\$765	\$4,785	\$4,016
Marlborough	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$580
Mid North (BOI)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nelson	\$3,015	\$240	\$3,255	\$3,305
North Harbour	\$9,715	\$1,170	\$10,885	\$9,513
Otago	\$4,355	\$765	\$5,120	\$5,011
Southland	\$10,050	\$945	\$10,995	\$10,142
Tairāwhiti	\$670	\$735	\$1,405	\$2,727
Waikato	\$3,685	\$915	\$4,600	\$3,729
Whanganui	\$0	\$690	\$690	\$506
Wellington	\$20,770	\$2,535	\$23,305	\$22,755
Western BOP	\$4,020	\$150	\$4,170	\$3,142
			\$157,485	\$151,272



SECTION 1 : THE BOARD



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – NICKY SHERRIFF

Nau mai haere mai



Nau mai Haere mai

Well, the 2019-2020 season will be remembered for many things, not all of them associated with softball. However, this past year has provided some amazing softball

moments.

Chief among these for me was the hosting of the U-18 Mens's Softball World Cup in Palmerston North. What a spectacle for softball and what a legacy for Manawatu Softball with the upgrade of Colquhoun Park. The teamwork required to bring this tournament to fruition was impressive. The leadership and support provided by Palmerston North City Council was second to none, the hard mahi from Manawatu Softball and the local organising committee and the support for the tournament from softball supporters, and funder and sponsors both from New Zealand and overseas all contributed to a very successful event.

Another highlight afforded by the World Cup, albeit one I was disappointingly unable to attend, was the reunion of our most successful national women's team – the 1982 World Champion team. Significantly every member of the team made it to Palmerston North to reflect and celebrate what was a defining moment for our women's game – our first and only world title. A significant absence was Ed Dolejs, the successful World Champion coach, who sadly passed away several months before the reunion.

I was excited to watch the inaugural Fastball 45 competition and salute the desire to innovate around softball. This format of the game provides a great spectacle, but more than this it has the potential to benefit players and coaches alike by testing their prowess under pressure. And, it looked like everyone was enjoying what Fastball 45 challenged them with.

At the start of the year we would not have thought too much, if at all, about Covid-19, quarantine, self-isolation, face masks and sanitiser but these have become part of our everyday language for the past few months. The impact of Covid-19 on sport generally but softball in particular has been significant with the cancellation or delay of tournaments and seasons. While we can dwell on some of the negatives, the situation does create some opportunities for us. This is the chance for

community softball to come into its own in the absence of international play, and we have an opportunity to rebuild and re-position softball in an innovative way. It will be important to focus more on how we work better together, not just with each other but other codes and be very clear about the value that community softball especially provides to individuals and communities.

What Covid-19 has taught us is that when we work together we can achieve great things. I believe this is true of softball and this is the essence of our new Kotahi Poiuka - One Softball strategy. I wonder if, as a sporting code, we can be as effective in realising the outcomes of this strategy as our team of five million has been in staring down Covid-19?

The people involved in our game never cease to impress with their commitment to making softball a great sport. Much of this effort is voluntary and it is the volunteers with the support of paid staff where they exist that keeps our sport moving forward. Sadly, we have lost several of our precious softball whanau during the past year. Our condolences to their families and friends for their loss.

I have been impressed with the way Tony and the staff at Softball New Zealand have gone about their business this past year and, in particular, their response to Covid-19. It is in these times that true leadership makes itself known and softball has not been found wanting. Additionally, the Softball New Zealand Board has been effective in responding. I believe the work the current Board is doing to build itself into a high-performing team will serve the membership of Softball New Zealand extremely well into the future.

Finally, thank you to all involved in this wonderful game. Your contribution is valued and appreciated.

Nga mihi

Nicky Sherriff
President
Softball NZ

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – LYNDA O'CAIN

Tēnā koutou

Without a doubt this year will be remembered as one of the most unusual environments for NZ sport. While this situation has provided many challenges, it has also been an opportunity to explore how we can do things differently and how as a sport we can work together to rise to the challenge.



I'm incredibly proud of how we as a sport have responded. I want to thank our Softball NZ Board for their dedication, commitment, and passion over the last 12 months, being readily available, meeting regularly to address the immediate challenges and looking at how we can grow from this.

Thanks to the current members of the Board - Sharon Kawe, Steve Leppien, Duncan Enoka, Hoani Lambert, Rebecca Annan and Will Cook for the time, dedication and skills they bring to support our game strategically. We recently reviewed the Board Sub-Committees to ensure that we continue to improve how we operate. Thanks also to President Nicky Sherriff, for her dedication and the broad knowledge of our sport and sport in NZ that she also brings to the Board table.

In particular, the Board has focused on adapting our One Softball Kotahi Poiuka Strategic Plan 2019-2029 which has involved identifying key priorities within our 4 strategic outcomes of:

- A bigger more diverse participant base
- Capable, aligned and consistent delivery
- Strengthen the business of softball
- High performance success

This is so we consider any short-term modifications to get us through these challenging times before we then look at the bigger picture. A key aspect of this focus has been to work with our Associations to encourage alignment and consistency in what and how we deliver our wonderful game. Also, to ensure that as a sport we are financially resilient during this time in order to bounce back quickly as we head into our next season.

A key message that we are receiving from our primary funding provider, Sport NZ, is for all sports to ensure that we are open to considering how we are delivering to our community and any opportunities to work more effectively together and if and when we can, to potentially share resources.

As always, I want to acknowledge and thank our CEO Tony Giles and his resilient team at Softball NZ. Dealing with so many unknowns and being flexible and adaptable to ensure our sport would emerge stronger and more robust is a key priority.

Despite the challenges, it is also important that we recognise a number of achievements this year, Some of this year's highlights have been:

- Auckland winning the National Women's Championship and Wellington breaking an 11-year drought by winning the National Men's Championship
- The outstanding U18 World Cup held at Colquhoun Park in Palmerston North
- The ongoing coverage of Softball on Sky Sport
- Roman Gabriel named as Head Coach of the NZ White Sox and Donny Hale, Melissa Tupuivao named as Assistant Coaches
- Fastball45
- Athletes awarded scholarships at USA Colleges
- The wonderful 1982 World Championship Reunion of the victorious White Sox

Opportunities ahead include:

- Softball NZ, and NHSA to host the WBSC Men's Softball World Cup in 2022
- Support for our White Sox team as they continue to develop, and
- WBSC 2021 U18 Women World Cup
- WBSC 2021 U23 Mens World Cup

Once we come out of our current situation, the Board will ensure that we continue to comply with all legal and constitutional requirements including:

- Setting strategic direction and priorities
- Setting high-level policies and management performance expectations
- Characterising and overseeing the management of risk
- Monitoring and evaluating Softball NZ's performance

We want to thank our sponsors and key stakeholders including Sport NZ, HPSNZ, Golden Homes, Temperzone, ELE Group, Dynasty Sport, Mizuno, Honda, House of Travel, PaknSave, DKSH, Jack Links, and all the charitable trusts for the ongoing support of softball.

I want to acknowledge the passing of some exceptional people we have lost this year, who have contributed so much to our sport and thank and acknowledge their passion and commitment.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, thank you to our wonderful volunteers who continue to contribute so much to our game. We really appreciate all our coaches, managers, scorers, umpires, grounds people, club and association members for the skills you bring and the time you invest.

While we deal with uncertain times, it is more important than ever to tap into the skills that a team sport like softball enables us to develop and utilise:

- Working together as an effective team
- Focusing on the priorities
- Commitment
- Leadership
- Handling pressure

Ngā mihi nui
Lynda O'Cain

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT - TONY GILES



FROM THE CEO

As we look back over the past year, one topic dominates the landscape - Covid-19.

I want to, on behalf of Softball NZ, thank our entire community for the collective efforts of working together to support one another during this period. As we exited lockdown, some of our community were affected more than others, some have lost jobs, some have had to adapt to work differently, and some have said good bye to loved ones during what was an extremely emotional, and difficult period.

To all of you, we thank you for being kind, and being there for one another; it truly is a blessing to be involved in a sporting community with so much aroha.

The 2019/2020 softball year will be remembered as one of the most successful years on record for off-diamond delivery with the organisation capturing historic moments in our sporting legacy.

A new and innovative One Softball Plan was delivered in September, a wonderful Annual Awards Ceremony held in Christchurch acknowledged our people like never before, in October the first ever commercial partnership was confirmed for the White Sox with Sky Sport becoming naming sponsor in a multi-year 6 figure deal, the world leading Fastball 45 modified game was adopted and broadcast live in November, the delivery of a Junior Men's World Cup for only the second time in 27 years, leaving behind \$1million dollars of on diamond infrastructure as legacy in Palmerston North, 100 hours of live linear television broadcast – the most in the history of our sport, as well as a new multiyear streaming contract with Sky Television via Sky Sport Next. The year was superbly capped off with a stunning reunion of the 1982 NZ White Sox World Champion team that saw all 17 champion athletes reunite for an incredible evening in The Manawatu.

Add to this a surplus of \$29,300 in one of the most challenging operating periods of our lifetimes, and you will agree it has been a year of significant benchmarks for the organisation.

Not quite everything went to plan however, as the Black Sox missed the podium at the 2019 Men's Softball World Cup. A full and robust review was undertaken led by High Performance Sport NZ with significant insights captured as we look forward to the World Cup at ELE Group Stadium in 2022.

The White Sox competed at the Olympic qualifier in China that ultimately secured an IOC position for Australia.

Credible performances from the Junior Women's team at the last ever U19 World Cup that included 3 major European scalps, and the identification of significant pitching capability. The Junior Men's team found the home advantage daunting in Palmerston North but will be buoyed by the experience gained by a very young group.

As I mentioned in last year's report, we have to do things differently and work more closely together if the grassroots game is to thrive. This mantra is no more relevant than as of right here, right now.

Covid-19 and the impact on the sporting sector has changed the way we deliver and participate in sport. Government funding of the sector is under pressure, Class 4 funding is under pressure, seasonality of summer code is under pressure, and returning membership is under pressure. Therefore, a collaborative delivery model at association level is required if we are to be successful in this competitive segment.

Of note, I have been buoyed by the connectivity and support shown by our association leaders. The leadership and Mahi being delivered by our hubs, and in trying times has been fantastic. The connectivity between NSO and association has been transparent as we worked together in building stronger relationships with Class 4 sector leads, and in securing Covid-19 related government funding initiatives.

The cost of our game however will inevitably rise as restraints on local and central funding, logistical challenges, and parental pressures become barriers to entry for some. In recognising this, Softball NZ is proud of the decision to wave all junior association fees as well as all tournament entry fees for the 2020/2021 season. We need our whanau to be strong, and having its Tamariki return to the game, and without barriers will be paramount to any success moving forward.

In these challenging times great people and great organisational support come to the fore. To that end I want to acknowledge the support of Sport NZ, Golden Homes, and ELE Group who all supported the organisation when it really mattered. Covid has wiped \$1m from our operating revenue and without the support of Peter Miskimmin, the Helms family, and Brent Mulholland, we would be facing very uncertain times.

A special acknowledgement to Manawatu Softball Association (MSA) and Softball 2020 Limited for the incredible delivery of the WBSC U18 Mens Softball World Cup. In partnership with Palmerston North City Council, over \$2.5m was secured to deliver a world-

class pinnacle event that left behind a legacy both on and off-diamond. The MSA volunteers are an amazing group of people who went above and beyond to ensure the true success of the event.

To the Softball NZ Board, I would like to thank you for the support and direction you have provided the organisation as we navigated through some massive challenges, and for your belief in our drive to deliver the highs of the past year.

To Softball NZ officials, and Associations. Lil Natana, Wiremu Tamaki, and all of our association partners we acknowledge the stress and pressures you face in delivering, officiating, and administering our great game.

I would like to especially acknowledge, and sincerely thank national team management who have completed tenures in the past 12 months - Kevin Gettins, Aroha Metcalf, Lyn Lockhart, Thomas Makea, Wayne Small, Carl Tuinenga, Alison Boys, and Gail Werahiko. You are all incredible individuals that worked tirelessly, and thanklessly for the benefit of others, and with love of the game in your hearts.

To Chris, Glen, Eugene, and Tania at SNZ. You are a dedicated group of people whom I have the utmost respect. Your diligence and unwavering support of our sport is incredible. Your support of me, and connection with one another through these fluid times that we find ourselves in is immense.

Naomi, Anthea, and Stan continue to thrive within the association space providing a voice for the organisation where it matters, thank you.

Nga Mihi Nui

Tony Giles
Softball NZ CEO

HONOURS

INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION HALL OF FAME

(+ *Passed*; * *ISF Hall of Fame*)

Lester Baldwin +	Bob Leveloff MNZM	Dean Rice	George Vincent OBE +
Dennis Cheyne	Marilyn Marshall	Paul Rodgers +	John Voyle MBE +
Ed Dolejs +	Jarrad Martin MNZM	Wayne Saunders	Owen Walford
Jane Earnshaw	Russell Moffatt	Naomi Shaw MNZM	Michael Walsh MNZM
Merrell Fergusson	Lesley Monk	David Sorenson +	Colin Ward MNZM
Kevin Herlihy MBE +	Debbie Mygind	Mark Sorenson MNZM	Marie Ward
Rhonda Hira	Michael Nichols	Robyn Storer	Ray Weaver +
Cheryl Kemp	Terry Nunns	Fiona Timu	Gina Weber MNZM
Eddie Kohlase MNZM	Charles Phillips +	Don Tricker ONZM	Alf Whelan MBE +

SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND HALL OF FAME

Lyndsey Leask QSM	Peter Priddey +	Chubb Tangaroa MNZM	Michael White
Harry Atkin +	Melanie Hulme	Bill Massey	Mark Sorenson * MNZM
Lester Baldwin * +	Ed Isaac	Russell Moffat *	Robyn Storer *
Wayne Baldwin +	Steve Jackson	Lesley Monk *	Wiremu Tamaki
Don Brewer +	Kere Johanson	Debbie Mygind *	Chubb Tangaroa * MNZM
Rhys Casley	John Joyce	Michael Nichols *	Fiona Timu *
Dennis Cheyne *	Cheryl Kemp *	Dion Nukunuku	Helen Townsend
Jimmy Cotter +	Irene Keating +	Terry Nunns *	Don Tricker * ONZM
Kim Dermott	Leslie King	Charlie Phillips * +	Melisa Tupuivao (Upu)
Ed Dolejs * +	Eddie Kohlase * MNZM	Char Pouaka	Owen Walford *
Jane Earnshaw *	Lyndsey Leask QSM	Peter Priddey * +	Mike Walsh * OMNZ
Merrell Ferguson *	Nardi Leonard (Clark)	Dean Rice *	Colin Ward *
Rosina Fletcher +	Annie Lineham	Paul Rogers * +	Marie Ward *
Jan Foote	Grant McCarroll	Martha Rush	Brian Wareham
Eva Goodall +	Dave McKerchar	Wayne Saunders *	Ray Weaver * +
Marty Grant	Basil McLean	Patrick Shannon	Gina Weber * MNZM
Esme Hamilton +	Bev Makinson +	Naomi Shaw * MNZM	Alf Whelan * MBE +
Natalie Hazlewood	Gerry Marshall +	Jackie Smith	Michael White *

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Kevin Herlihy * MBE +	Marilyn Marshall *	Ross Smith +	Travis Wilson
Rhonda Hira *	Jarrad Martin * MNZM	Dave Sorenson * +	
Kevin Baldwin +	Ray Dyason	Frank Jellyman +	Jim Mulholland +
Athol Bell +	John Eagar +	Frank Jeromson +	Ellis Palmer
Maurice Bell	Maurice Fenton	Jill Johnson	Joyce Phillips +
Valmai Breen	Fay Freeman ONZM	Rehe Joseph +	Seph Porteous +
Don Brewer +	Ron Furlong +	Raewyn Judson	Harry Redshaw +
Lou Brewer +	Keith Gerrie +	Don Karsten	Jack Rochford
Alf Brown +	LG Gibb +	Elaine Karsten	Paul Rogers +
Reg Cameron +	Vicky Griffiths	HC King +	Trevor Rowse +
Naill Campbell +	Ronnie Gurney	Stu Kinghorn	Cass Seeling
Joyce Chapman	Arch Hall +	Eric Kohlase +	Bill Smith +
Raewyn Clarke	Arnold Hall	Graham Latta	Stan E Smith +
Joe Cross +	Esme Hamilton +	Thomas Laws +	Trevor Smith
Lorraine Dalley	Les Herbert +	George McKeown +	WE Smith +
Garry Davidson	Jean Humphreys +	Pene Mack	Maureen Sorenson
Coralie Davies	Raewyn Humphreys	Jack Matthews	Walton Walker
Elva Dyason +	Doreen Hutchings +	Ken Morgan	Mary Wasson +

SOFTBALL NZ ANNUAL AWARDS 2018/2019

SOFTBALLER OF THE YEAR 2018/2019 – LARA ANDREWS



Lara had an outstanding year. On the domestic front she led the Hutt Valley women's team to their second consecutive National Fastpitch Championship title. On the International stage, the NZ White Sox attempted to qualify for the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, but came up short, but Andrews had a good tournament as one of the top NZ batters.

Andrews - captain of the White Sox's 2014 world series team - also became the first New Zealander signed to play in the United States Pro Fastpitch League and had two seasons with the Pennsylvania Rebellion. Since returning to Wellington, she is working on completing her doctorate.

SNZ ANNUAL AWARDS

National Coach
Of The Year

Darryl Marino
Hutt Valley



Domestic Coach
Of The Year

Nathan Nukunuku
Auckland



Umpire
Of The Year

David Fortin
Canterbury



Personality
Of The Year

Debbie Townley
Auckland



Administrator
Of The Year

Stacey Wardell
Otago



Volunteer
Of The Year

Megan Earley
Auckland



Scorer
Of The Year

Alison Kensington
Manawatu



SNZ MEN'S ANNUAL AWARDS

Player
Of The Year
Cole Evans
Hutt Valley



Pitcher
Of The Year
Daniel Chapman
Auckland



Emerging Player
Of The Year
Seth Gibson
Auckland



SNZ WOMEN'S ANNUAL AWARDS

Player
Of The Year
Lara Andrews
Hutt Valley



Pitcher
Of The Year
Jennifer Feret-Breear
Auckland



Emerging Player
Of The Year
Mikayla Lewin
Hutt Valley



NOTE: Winners of the 2019/2020 Annual Awards are announced at the 2020 AGM and will therefore appear in next year's Annual Report.

SECTION 2 : REPORTS



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- **Chief Scorer's Report**



SOFTBALL MANAGER'S REPORT - GLEN ROFF

2019/2020 provided another eventful and action-packed season, even with the loss of 5 national tournaments due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Below are a number of highlights and developments over the last financial year.

2019 saw the rollout of FASTBALL 45, a dynamic and exciting new softball product. The intent of this initiative was to offer a new form of the game, something that hadn't been seen since the development of 'Fastpitch' in the early 90's. The product included four Auckland male and female clubs and was broadcast on Sky Sport over three weekends in November. The inaugural event was a fantastic success and received extremely well not only by membership but sports fans outside of the softball realm. Furthermore, the initiative seized the attention of the global softball community with requests to rollout tournaments and leagues within other softball federations. The game quickly gained momentum domestically with several tournaments played around the country early in 2020. Competing clubs provided overwhelming support for their teams providing a real point of difference not only to the competition but as a TV spectacle. A big thank you to NHSA, ASA, clubs, teams, and officials for making the event a success.

241 coach accreditations were completed over the last 12 months. 52 new coaches undertook their first Softball NZ Coach accreditation during levels 3 and 4 of the coronavirus lockdown. Two new coach accreditation modules were developed and released for the online platform: Coaching Philosophy (Foundation coach) and Catching (Developing coach).

The U18 Men's World Cup in Palmerston North provided two key workshops meeting the needs of officials and administrators at a higher level. Workshops were delivered to 1) upskill members of the national scoring fraternity to WBSC standards, and 2) ensure Technical Committee Officers were armed with necessary tools of running a WBSC event.

A review of the new national age grade tournament structure implemented in 2018/2019 is underway with quantitative data being collated. Tournament team numbers over the last five seasons have been analysed to understand the impact of aligning to WBSC's international programme i.e. U15, U18 and U23's. Based on captured data we have seen a decrease of 2.6 girl's and 3.3 boy's teams per year under the new U15's national format. An average decrease of 30.3% of 15-year-old girls and an average decrease of 33.1% of 15-year-old boys competing in the U18 competitions since the new national age grade format was introduced. There has been an average decrease of 13.8 teams per season competing in all national age grade tournaments since the implementation of the new WBSC aligned format.

Playing strength numbers remained incredibly positive with gains in both senior and youth 12+ nationally. Under 12 teams saw a drop off (-15) teams which was also offset by age-grade movement between 11 & 12-year-old players and in particularly in Canterbury. School teams decline of (-123) can be completely written off due to largely non-delivery of mid-week school competitions scheduled for March due to Covid-19.



Fantastic increases in Social/Community/Slow pitch (+50), and hugely positive gains (+20) in the extremely competitive demographic, and targeted area of Rangatahi (12 to 18 years). Rangatahi has been identified as a critical area for Sport NZ with the main objective of improving the levels of physical activity in this demographic.

The U13 Rookie Sox (RSX) product continues to grow with an increased number of tournaments and teams from last year. The RSX tournament at Fraser Park, Lower Hutt was the highlight including 24 boys' and girls' teams from throughout the North Island which ran in conjunction with the NFC.

2020 saw the inaugural National Slow Pitch Championship rolled out at Rosedale Park. The event included 6x co-ed teams all from the Greater Auckland area. To ensure the event met international home run distance requirements a portable fence was procured and shipped from the USA.

The development of Colquhoun and Surrey Parks cannot be underestimated. The major development at Colquhoun Park will provide a legacy, and a presence for the game within the greater Manawatu and Central North Island. The park and facilities are now of an international standard and will increase the opportunities to host national marquee events. Surrey Park has been Southland Softball Association's existing headquarters for 70+ years. \$1.8m complex facility upgrade has been 10 years in the making. Like Colquhoun Park the build supports year-on-year membership growth and an area that has well outgrown its current premises.

Five new US college scholarships were signed during the last 12 months, the most recorded in a single year. Community colleges appear to be the preferred option for young females undertaking their degrees. 4 of the 5 girls who signed with colleges in the last 12 months have opted to commence their first 2 years at a community college, as opposed to Division 1 or 2 universities. Community colleges are preferred as they allow more flexibility in their education and ability to identify appropriate Division 1 schools after the completion of 2 years study. Mikayla Lewin who attended Chipola College led the way with accolades on and off the diamond and was awarded the Florida

College System Activities Association Softball Scholar Athlete of the Year. Lewin held a 4.0 GPA while seeking an engineering degree. She was named to the Dean's List both semesters of her freshman year and the Fall 2019 semester.

Lewin was named to the NJCAA National All-Tournament team, the FCSAA All-Tournament team, and First Team All-Panhandle Conference. She was also named to the NJCAA All-Academic First Team and the FCSAA All-Academic Team.

Other notable game development successes over the last financial year include:

- 21 Give Softball A Go Days were delivered prior to the 2019/2020 season
- Combined social media numbers rose 2,467 to 28,206. Individual tournament pages were developed for all national tournaments. An additional page was created to cater for NZ Softball Coaches.

- Weeks 4 and 5 of the U13 Rookie Sox 13 Boys and Girls Offensive and Defensive Programme were completed.
- In partnership with Sky Sport Next 5x Home Advantage skill-based training videos were developed to support youth during the Covid-19 lockdown period.
- US College Ambassador Amy Begg presented to girls aspiring to gain US college scholarships at the National U15 Girls tournament.
- The Canterbury Red Hawks represented New Zealand for the first time at the Little League Asia – Pacific Regional Junior Division Qualifier in Indonesia where they finished with a credible second place.

On behalf of the Softball NZ team we would like to thank you for the ongoing support of our game.

Glen Roff
Manager
Softball NZ



CHIEF UMPIRE'S REPORT–WIREMU TAMAKI

E kore e mutu te mahi a te toki a Aituā. Ko tātou ēnei e tangi nei i ngā aituā maha kua riro ki te pō. Rātou ki a rātou, tātou ki a tātou, tau mai ko te mauri, ko te mauri e tau mai nei. Uhi, wero, haramai te toki! Haumi ē! Hui ē! Taiki ē!

Once again, it is my privilege to report on the activities of the Softball NZ Umpiring Programme for the 2019/2020 season.

I reflect on the past season as a period of accomplishment. Last year we built the necessary umpiring frameworks into the four walls of our whare to hold up the roof of quality umpiring. This year we tested our frameworks alongside international best practices and with our softball community. Come take a trip with me around the Yard to see how we got there.

National Umpire Staff (NUS) – the NUS were represented by Lindsay Edwards as Deputy Director, Mark Porteous (Northern), Jeremy England (Central) and Dave Beaumont (Te Waipounamu) as Regional Directors, Lance Brown as the Regional Director at Large, three Assistant Regional Directors – Kevin Gorman (Northern) and Gavin Shepherd (Central) and Rikki Thompson (Te Waipounamu) and me.

Other Committees – Dave Beaumont, Dennis Smith, Dave Fortin and Jill Farquhar made up our Rules Committee. Lindsay Edwards continued in his role as National Tournament Convenor assisted by Dave Beaumont and as the Alumni Convenor of the Assessment Framework working in tandem with Rikki Thompson. Continuing the work in progressing our grading frameworks was Jill Farquhar assisted by Mark Porteous and myself. And leading our international rules committee was Mark Porteous.

Strategic Focus – working on our strategic goals for the 2019/2020 season we revisited the second tranche of the Pathways Framework by realigning all our literature including our released level one and two workbooks to reflect the new age grade formats of our national tournaments. The assessment framework proved very successful this season providing accurate data of umpire performance for advancement. Recruitment is one of our key strategic objectives where we have managed to make some inroads. The introduction of the Orange Shirt programme in the Northern Region this season led by Matt Sneddon and his team proved to be a very successful model for our programme. As we look to 2020/2021 we will look to model this programme across our wider group. For more information about our strategic plan go to www.softball.org.nz and look for the resources tab under the umpires' portal.

Recognition – at the 2019 SNZ AGM we celebrated and recognised David Fortin as the recipient of the SNZ Umpire of the Year. During the 2018/2019 season we recognised Andrew McManus, Rikki

Thompson and Brydon Wells in achieving their WBSC Certification.



Regional Clinics – our season began with our traditional regional clinics in September preparing our members for the new season. They were well attended through the regions with one in Manukau City (Papakura), one in Hastings (Akina Park) and a number of clinics split across the southern region. Major themes shared at the clinics covered concussion, game management, obstruction and interference, mechanics and the four essential elements theory.

Rules Test – was released in August 2019 in two sections – level 1 to 3 and level 4 to 7. There was a total of 174 applicants who sat the tests – 102 applicants who sat the Level 1 – 3 test and 72 who sat the Level 4 – 7. The pass rates for Level 1 – 3 was 78% (down from 100% last year) and for Level 4 – 7, it was 86% (up 2% from last year).

National Tournaments – due to the international pandemic only six national tournaments were completed. There were 87 umpiring positions assigned to these tournaments. The programme used a combined umpiring pool of 56 members to cover those positions. Most umpires worked an average of 1.55 tournaments with one member working four tournaments and nine members working three tournaments.

International Appointments and Invitations

- SNZ Canadian Exchange – Canada Cup, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada – David Fortin
- WBSC – SD Junior Women's – Irvine, California, USA – David Fortin
- WBSC – SD Senior Men's – Prague, Czech Republic – Mark Porteous and Tony 'TK' Kaiaruna
- u23 National Championship and International Friendship Series – Brisbane, Australia – Gavin Shepherd
- Olympic Qualifier – Shanghai, China – Mark Porteous and Tony 'TK' Kaiaruna
- Fastball45 – Auckland, NZ – Heidi Leathart, Andy McManus, Simon Lindsay, Matt Sneddon, Kevin Sheehy, Tama Howard, John Hickman, Robbie Sadgrove and Mark Porteous (TCU)
- u18 Junior Women's Qualifier – Sydney, Australia – Gavin Shepherd
- Trans-Tasman Exchange – Sydney, Australia – Robbie Sadgrove
- Asia Pacific Cup and Summer Slam- Sydney Australia – Lance Brown
- WBSC Junior Men's World Series – Palmerston North, NZ – Andy McManus, Rikki Thompson, Mark Porteous, Wiremu Tamaki (Assistant Director of Umpires)

- SNZ Canadian Exchange – NFC, Lower Hutt, New Zealand – Brent Chadwick (Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Canada)
- SNZ International Softball Congress Exchange – NFC, Lower Hutt, NZ – Steve Vail (St Pauls, Minnesota, USA)

During the latter part of the season Mark Porteous was appointed to the 2020 Olympic Games to be held in Chiba, Japan. Due to the international pandemic the games were postponed to 2021. In addition, Gavin Shepherd was appointed to the u18 Junior Women's in Lima, Peru later this. However, due to the pandemic this tournament has been cancelled.

Grading Passes – at the time of writing this report the NUS had not met for its annual meeting to confirm grading passes for the 2019/2020 season.

Final Comment – on behalf of the group and the entire fraternity I would like to acknowledge and thank the immense support we receive from Tony Giles, Eugene Gilbert and the team at Softball NZ – thank you. And to our softball community, a huge thank you.

Yours in Fastpitch Softball

Wiremu Tamaki
Softball NZ Umpire-In-Chief
Kaiwhakawā Matua - Poiuka Aotearoa



CHIEF SCORER'S REPORT – LIL NATANA

SCORING PANEL 2019/20

Ian Ditfort	Central Deputy
Marie Byrne	Southern Deputy
Lynnette Leathart	Northern Deputy
Elaine Karsten	NZ Statistician

CO-ORDINATORS 2019/20

Qualification	Marie Byrne
Tournament-Database	Elaine Karsten
Uniforms	Rachel Cade
Equipment	Lynnette Leathart
Website/Social Media	Viti Flannigan
Electronic	Ian Ditfort

Technology

Stat Trak is used for all players' stats and lifetime stats. I Score is used for all National Tournament Finals and New Zealand International Teams. WBSC have their own App **My Ball Club** which is used at all World Series tournaments.

International Scoring

Once again in the 2019/20 season we have had people appointed to New Zealand international teams as team scorers / statisticians. These appointments recognise the scorer, and the important role they play both within the team, providing valuable statistical data for the coaches during a campaign, as well as providing important records for SNZ of the performances of the team and the individual players.

Congratulations to Tracee Topia, Temperzone Junior Black Sox

WBSC Training Course for Scorers:

17-18 February 2020

Leigh Grinlinton	Raewyn Ferguson
Jo Hyde	Sharon Williams
Cat Hancock	Christine Nukunuku
Donna Gillard	Deb Townley
Deborah Douglas	Heather Graham
Cheryl Dahms	Lynley Dove

Thank you, ladies, for your attendance.

X11 WBSC Junior Men's Softball World Championship: 22 February – 1 March 2020

Chief Scorer Commission:	Maurizio Ronchi (ITA)
Asst Commissions:	Marco Battistella (ITA)
	Stephanie Winkler (GER)
Scorers:	Stefan Slinger (NED)
	Elisabet Salvador (ESP)
	Kirsty Andrews (AUS)
	Lil Natana (NZL)
	Marie Byrne (NZL)
	Lynnette Leathart (NZL)
	Vicky Griffith (NZL)

- We had four NZ Scorers that were appointed to this Tournament. For them it was a wonderful experience and they thoroughly enjoyed working with International Scorers from other countries. The
 - New scoring system was interesting and challenging.
 - Congratulations to Lynnette Leathart for getting appointed to the Bronze Medal Match.
- Awesome**
- We would like to congratulate Wiremu Tamaki, Andrew McManus and Mark Porteous on their selection as umpires at WBSC U-18 Men's Softball World Cup.
 - Raewyn Clarke, congratulations on been selected as a Technical Commissioner.
 - To Laurie Gouthro (Assistant Executive Director WBSC) and Tony Giles (SNZ Chief Executive Officer) thank you for giving our scorers an opportunity to be a part of the tournament.



2019/20 Tournaments and Applications

Thank you to all Scorers for their participation in our National Tournaments over the last season. Staffing of tournaments this season was fantastic. Special mention must go to the tournament Chief Scorers and Statisticians for their contribution to the tournaments. The Panel and I appreciate the time and effort that the following scorers put in:

Tournament	Chief	Statistician
U15 Boys NI	Raewyn Ferguson	Joanna Hyde
U15 Girls NI	Pat Hannah	Marie Byrne Cheryl Dahms
U18 Boys	Leigh Grinlinton	Donna Gillard
U18 Girls	Lil Natana	Deb Townley
U23 Men's & Women's	Vicky Griffith	Pat Hannah
Men's & Women's Clubs - Cancelled		
NFC	Lil Natana <i>Ian Ditfort (I.T)</i>	Marie Byrne
Div 1 Sec Schools Cancelled		

Well done to the all Chiefs and Statisticians for a job well done.

Exams 2020

We are excited to announce that the Theory and Refresher Scorers Exams will be trialled as an online test this year. We had a few scorers sit including myself. We the Panel feel this is the way to go.

Thanks to Marie Byrne for her hard work at setting out the exam and congratulations to all Scorers who sat the exam and passed.

Forms

Scorers Manual

Beginners Manual
Tournament Guide
Code of Conduct
Emergency Contact.
These forms can be downloaded from our Scorers
Website.

Umpires

Wiremu Tamaki, to you and your Team of Umpires, it is always a pleasure to work alongside you all and look forward to next season.

NZ Statistician

Our NZ Statistician Elaine Karsten and her husband Don Karsten decided they would take a break from softball for a season. We have missed you both. Looking forward to your return this coming season.

COVID 19

Doing our part by not carrying on with the Tournaments and keeping everyone safe was the right decision by Softball NZ and our government. We as New Zealanders should be proud of what we have achieved during this Pandemic.

(Day by day, hour by hour, we were in this fight together.)

To SNZ Staff, Scorers Panel and all scorers across the country once again thank you for your contribution and support over the past season.

Nga mihi kia koutou katoa

Lil Natana
Chief Scorer



SECTION 3 : THE GAME



- National Team Results
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- National Tournament Trophy & Award Winners
- 2020 / 2021 National Tournament Fixtures
- National Tournament Entries (1978 – 2020)



NATIONAL TEAM RESULTS



Golden Homes New Zealand Black Sox XVI Men's World Championship Prague, Czech Republic 13 – 23 June, 2019

TEAM

Nik Hayes	AK	Josh Harbrow	CB	Ben Enoka	AK
Daniel Chapman	AK	Joel Evans	HV	Thomas Enoka	AK
Josh Pettett	WN	Cole Evans	AK	Campbell Enoka	AK
Kallan Compain	AK	Nathan Nukunuku (C)	AK	Reilly Makea	WN
Zane Van Lieshout	AK	Jerome Raemaki	WN	Jackson Watt	CB
Tyron Bartorillo	CB	Wayne Lauulu	WN		

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Mark Sorenson	Pitching Coach	James Wana
Coach	Darryl Marino	Special Assistant	Darren Rea
Manager	Casey Eden	Special Assistant	Lawrence Allen
Medical Lead	Paul Aitu	Technology Lead	Conrad Bain
Team Scorer	Ian Ditfort		

RESULTS – 4th Place

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Czech Republic	Win	9	0
Cuba	Win	2	0
Mexico	Loss	4	5
Botswana	Win	7	0
Japan	Loss	1	5
Philippines	Win	15	0
Argentina	Loss	4	6
Australia	Win	7	4
Japan	Loss	1	2
Canada	Loss	1	2





New Zealand White Sox

WBSC Softball Asia/Oceania Olympic Qualifier

Shanghai, China

24 – 28 September, 2019

TEAM

Rita Hokianga	HB	Zoe Tolhopf	AK	Kingsley Avery	AK
Ashley Johnston	HV	Stefanie Smith	USA	Mikayla Werahiko	CB
Courtney Gettins	HB	Pallas Potter	HV	Krysta Hoani	AK
Jennifer Feret-Brear	AK	Hayley Breakwell	USA	Ancelle van Molendorf	AK
Melanie Gettins	HB	Lara Andrews	HV	Mereana Makea	WN

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Kevin Gettins	Manager	Aroha Metcalf
Assistant Coach	Stanley Doney	Physio	Daisuke Hirose
Pitching Coach	Kelly Hardie	Team Scorer	Lil Natana

RESULTS – Did not qualify for Olympics

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
China	Loss	3	8
Korea	Win	5	1
Philippines	Loss	0	1





New Zealand White Sox

Australia Pacific Cup

Blacktown, Sydney

30 January – 2 February, 2020

TEAM

Lara Andrews	HV	Ashley Johnston	HV	Loran Parker	AK
Amy Begg	CB	Caitlyn Lewin	HV	Tania Puketapu	VIC
Erin Blackmore	HV	Mereana Makea	AK	Otila Tavite	HV
Kyla Bromhead	AK	Tyla Morrison	AK	Brooke Whiteman	AK
Rebecca Bromhead	AK	Nerissa McDowell	CB		
Krysta Hoani	AK	Lucy McIntyre	CB		

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Roman Gabriel	Assistant Coach	Melisa Tupuivao
Assistant Coach	Donny Hale	Manager	Lunn-Hing Matai

RESULTS – 7th

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Chinese-Taipei	Loss	1	7
Australia A	Loss	0	1
Japan	Loss	0	8
Italy	Loss	0	8
Australia Spirit	Loss	1	8
Mexico	Loss	3	7
Australia A	Loss	1	9





New Zealand U23 Womens

Canada Cup

Surrey, British Columbia, Canada

5 – 14 July, 2019

TEAM

Mereana Makea	WN	Otila Tavite	HV	Tyla Morrison	AK
Erin Blackmore	HV	Stefanie Smith	USA	Mikayla Werahiko	CB
Lucy McIntyre	CB	Nerissa McDowell	CB	Meg Glading	CB
Loran Parker	AK	McKenzie Giles-Martin	AUS	Amy Begg	CB

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Stanley Doney	Manager	Rebecca Annan
Assistant Coach	Kyla Bromhead	Team Scorer	Deborah Douglas
Battery Coach	Kate Gentile		

RESULTS

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Canada	Loss	0	12
Calahoo Erins	Win	4	1
Chinese Taipei	Loss	0	8
TC Colorado	Loss	3	11
Mizuno Impulse	Win	7	1
Chinese Taipei	Loss	0	2





Temperzone U18 Junior Black Sox

Queensland U18 State Championships

Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia

4 – 6 October, 2019

TEAM

Te Kirika Cooper-Nicola	NH	Levi Wilson	NH	Elijah Mataira	HB
Dallas Clifton	HV	Carlos Amai-Tatu	AK	Oscar Clark	AK
Jonathan Little	HV	Harrison Wildbore	AK	Kahurangi Beamsley-Allan	HB
Dylan Jackson	WN	Liam Jardine-Ngauamo	AK	Yorel Alapaki	QLD
Ryan Earley	AK	Jacob Lee	AK	Brendan Kopu-Lowerson	AK

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Jarrad Martin	Manager	Wayne Small
Assistant Coach	Bevan Matene		

RESULTS – 1st Place

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Redcliffe	Win	18	0
Rockhampton	Win	23	0
Caboolture	Win	23	1
Ipswich	Win	10	3
Hervey Bay/Maryborough	Win	16	1
Logan City	Win	12	2
Toowoomba	Win	11	3
Redlands	Win	4	3
Redlands	Win	21	4





Temperzone U18 Junior Black Sox

Hutt City Classic
Fraser Park, Lower Hutt
26 – 28 October, 2019

BLACK TEAM

Liam Jardine Ngauamo	AK	Hunter Simpson	CB	Reuben O'Neill	SL
Karl Gollan	WN	Caleb Taylor	HV	Jacob Lee	AK
Dallas Clifton	HV	Levi Wilson	NH	Tray Wildbore	AK
Oscar Clark	AK	Jake Tibbitts	WN	Jacahn Roberts	MW
Brendan Kopu-Lowerson	AK	Te Kirika Cooper-Nicola	NH		

BLACK TEAM Management

Coach	Thomas Makea	Manager	Wayne Small
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GREY TEAM

Carols Amai-Tatau	AK	Kahurangi Beamsley-Allan	HB	Danyon Sievers	HV
Dylan Jackson	WN	Joe Simpson-Smith	MW	Fletcher Due	CB
Ryan Earley	AK	Ciaran Bolger	WN	Jayden Priestley	TR
Harrison Wildbore	AK	Elijah Mataira	HB	Jonathan Little	HV
Jacob Davidson	CB				

GREY TEAM Management

Assistant Coach	Jarrad Martin	Manager	Alf Robson
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Temperzone U18 Junior Black Sox

North Island Classic
Akina Park, Hastings
30 November – 1 December, 2019

TEAM

Te Kirika Cooper-Nicola	NH	Levi Wilson	NH	Traye Wildbore	AK
Dallas Clifton	HV	Harrison Wildbore	AK	Oscar Clark	AK
Jonathan Little	HV	Fletcher Due	CB	Hunter Simpson	CB
Dylan Jackson	WN	Liam Jardine-Ngauamo	AK	Lopeti Sumner	CB
Ryan Earley	AK				

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Thomas Makea	Manager	Wayne Small
Assistant Coach	Bevan Matene		



Temperzone U18 Junior Black Sox

National Fastpitch Championship

Fraser Park, Lower Hutt

13 – 16 February, 2020

TEAM

Te Kirika Cooper-Nicola	NH	Levi Wilson	NH	Traye Wildbore	AK
Kahurangi Beamsley-Allan	HB	Harrison Wildbore	AK	Oscar Clark	AK
Liam Jardine-Ngauamo	AK	Jacob Davidson	CB	Hunter Simpson	CB
Dylan Jackson	WN	Dallas Clifton	HV	Brandon Bristowe	QD
Ryan Earley	AK	Elijah Mataira	HB	Jonathan Little	HV
Caleb Taylor	HV	Ciaran Bolger	WN		

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Thomas Makea	Manager	Wayne Small
Assistant Coach	Bevan Matene		

RESULTS – 7th Place

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
North Harbour	Loss	0	5
Hutt Valley	Loss	1	9
Auckland	Loss	3	13
Wellington	Loss	2	10
Canterbury	Loss	6	12
Southern Pride	Win	7	6





Temperzone U18 Junior Black Sox

WBSC U18 Men's Softball World Cup

Colquhoun Park, Palmerston North

22 February – 1 March, 2020

TEAM

Te Kirika Cooper-Nicola	NH	Levi Wilson	NH	Traye Wildbore	AK
Liam Jardine-Ngauamo	AK	Harrison Wildbore	AK	Ciaran Bolger	WN
Kahurangi Beamsley-Allan	HB	Jacob Davidson	CB	Hunter Simpson	CB
Dylan Jackson	WN	Jonathan Little	HV	Brandon Bristowe	QLD
Ryan Earley	AK	Elijah Mataira	HB	Dallas Clifton	HV
Caleb Taylor	HV				

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Thomas Makea	Manager	Wayne Small
Assistant Coach	Jarrad Martin	Assistant Manager	Alf Robson
Assistant Coach	Bevan Matene	Team Scorer	Tracee Topia

RESULTS – 5th Place

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Japan	Loss	1	12
USA	Win	11	1
Mexico	Win	14	3
Guatemala	Win	8	7
Denmark	Win	13	4
Czech Republic	Loss	2	8
Argentina	Loss	3	7
Australia	Loss	0	2





New Zealand U19 Junior White Sox

WBSC U19 Women's Softball World Cup

Irvine, California, USA

11 – 17 August, 2019

TEAM

Taylor Chong-Nee	AK	Brooke Glassie	AK	Brittany Terrey	CB
Brooklyn Temu	AK	Mikayla Lewin	HV	Reegan Leppien	WK
Milla Glassie	AK	Caitlyn Lewin	HV	Te Hau Landon-Lane	HV
Beth Reid	AK	Nikita Hiroki	WN	Beyonce Rehutai	WN
Aroha Hibbert	WN	Layla McDowell	CB	Lace Tangianau	HV
Pallas Potter	HV				

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Carl Tuinenga	Manager	Gail Werahiko
Assistant Coach	Alison Boys	Scorer	Lynnette Leathart

RESULTS – 6th Place

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Chinese Taipei	Win	7	6
Netherlands	Win	7	0
Canada	Loss	3	10
Brazil	Loss	2	3
Czech Republic	Win	4	2
Italy	Win	8	4





New Zealand U18 Junior White Sox

Bev Smith Tournament

Meadowlands Reserve, Auckland

29 November – 1 December, 2019

TEAM

Meeki Cooper-Nicola	AK	Shyale Hale	AK	Kaiah Lee O'Brien	AK
Kiara Lei-Lani Taimai	AK	Maddison Gerbes	AK	Arene Landon-Lane	WN
Beyonce Rehutai	WN	Hineawe Crawford	HV	Cherie Inwood	CB
Alyssa Bailey	CM	Lily Neilsen	CM	Te Hira Newton	CM
Erenora Hetet-Hauwaho	HV	Maarire Puketapu	HV	Lace Tangianau	HV
Kiri Winiata-Enoka	HV				

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Kiri Shaw	Manager	Andy Wilkinson
Assistant Coach	Breanna Gibson	Pitching Coach	Dave Elder

RESULTS – 7th Place

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Magpies	Loss	2	3
Otahuhu	Loss	1	4
Ramblers	Loss	0	2
Waitakere Bears	Win	5	3
Te Aroha	Loss	2	9





New Zealand U18 Junior White Sox

National Fastpitch Championships

Fraser Park, Lower Hutt
13 – 16 February, 2020

TEAM

Meeki Cooper-Nicola	AK	Shyah Hale	AK	Aroha Giddy-Munroe	AUS
Kiara Lei-Lani Taimai	AK	Maddison Gerbes	AK	Arene Landon-Lane	WN
Megan Sneddon	AK	Hineawe Crawford	HV	Kimi Tangianau	HV
Cheyenne Young	AK	Mikayla Cross	AK	Stella Jorgenson	CB
Erenora Hetet-Hauwaho	HV	Manaia Makiri	CB	Shyann Wairau	WN

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Kiri Shaw	Manager	Andy Wilkinson
Assistant Coach	Breanna Gibson	Pitching Coach	Dave Elder

RESULTS - 6th Place

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Canterbury	Loss	0	7
Wellington	Loss	2	6
Counties Manukau/Waikato	Loss	0	4
Auckland	Loss	1	16
Hutt Valley	Loss	5	9
Counties Manukau/Waikato	Win	1	0
Wellington	Win	10	9
Counties Manukau/Waikato	Win	6	1





New Zealand U15 Developing Sox Boys

International Friendship Series
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
8 – 12 July, 2019

TEAM

Logan Carr	AK	Shiloh Rice	AK	Campbell Puaha	CM
Bonham Edwards	HB	Joseph Simpson-Smith	MW	Jacob Laban	HV
Kyan Mill-Cameron	WN	Luca Mollison	WN	Trevon Hall-Tatapu	WN
Matthew Lowe	NN	Benjamin Forbes	CB	Connor Stanley	CB
Fletcher Due	CB	Hunter Simpson	CB	Jacob Neale	CB

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Wayne Nichols	Manager	Megan Earley
Assistant Coach	Kelvin Roberts	Scorer	Brooke Rowland

RESULTS – 1st Place

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Queensland	Draw	5	5
Southside Stingers	Win	10	1
Kilcoy Hammers	Win	22	7
Australia Gold	Win	5	2
Australia Green	Win	11	4
Southside Stingers	Loss	3	6
Australia Green	Win	11	0
Kilcoy Hammers	Win	11	4
Southside Stingers	Win	10	1
Queensland	Win	6	3





New Zealand U15 Developing Sox Girls

International Friendship Series

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

8 – 12 July, 2019

TEAM

Shyah Hale	AK	Kuratangi Ronaki	WK	Hope Maka	AK
Tyarn Bromhead-Lemalu	AK	Toni Elers	SL	Meeki Cooper-Nicola	WK
Trinity Mackley-Flutey	CB	Samantha Fawcett-Kay	CB	Shyann Wairau	WN
Brie-Ellen Harding	CB	Rylee Watt	HV	Gabrielle Murare	AK
Innika Hapuku-Lambert	HB	Kaiyah Ratu	CB		

MANAGEMENT

Head Coach	Anthea Stringer	Manager	Melissa Max
Assistant Coach	Chris Telfer	Assistant Coach	Suzanne De Lautour

RESULTS – 2nd Place

OPPOSITION	RESULT	RUNS FOR	RUNS AGAINST
Queensland	Draw	2	2
Australia Gold	Loss	4	5
Pandas	Win	10	2
Southside Stingers	Win	11	0
GO United	Loss	3	8
Australia Green	Win	7	2
SEMSA	Win	3	2
GO United	Loss	5	6
Australia Gold	Win	4	2
GO United (Final)	Loss	4	5



NEW ZEALAND WHITE SOX GOLD MEDALLIST REUNION

Memories of New Zealand's first, and only, women's world softball championships title were rekindled when the 1982 gold medal team held a special reunion in Palmerston North in February 2020.

All of the squad - led by captain Naomi Shaw - were present for the Saturday night function at the Manawatu Golf Club during the WBSC world under-18 boy's softball championship.

They were hosted by Softball NZ to honour them for their victory 28 years earlier in Taiwan, where they beat host nation Chinese-Taipei in the 1982 final before more than 25,000 partisan Taiwanese fans.

Three players - Robyn Storer, Natalie Hazelwood



and Lesley Monk - travelled from their homes in Canada and sisters Carol Moore and Gina Weber made the trip from Australia.

Natalie and Lesley were especially keen to get to Palmerston North, their hometown where they honed the skills that took them to the top of the softball world.

Assistant-coach Colin Ward, who spoke about the successful campaign, was warmly greeted by his former players, but there was a tinge of sadness at the absence of inspirational head coach Ed Dolejs, who had passed away, aged 90, in November 2019.

Shaw led her team into the function to a standing ovation from guests, who included SNZ life members, WBSC Hall of Fame members and Palmerston North Mayor Grant Smith.

Ed's son, Dennis Dolejs (a former Junior Black Sox head coach) and daughter, Dixie Dolejs-Pringle (an ex-NZ junior representative) were special guests. Both spoke movingly about how Ed had valued his time with the NZ team from 1978 to 1990 - a period that produced four world championship podium placings for the team that went on to become

known as the White Sox - and how he had great confidence in his players.

The team's respect for Ed's coaching - and the family atmosphere, he engendered along with his wife Ruth, assistant-coach Colin and manager Lyndsey Leask was evident in speeches by several players, including skipper Naomi, Natalie, Lesley and pitcher Cheryl Kemp. Various speakers attested to some of Ed's innovative plays which kept the Kiwis ahead of their opposition.

Vicky Murray - the 82 team shortstop - led her teammates in a moving waiata, and a special *waihaka* (a traditional Māori hand weapon) was presented to the Dolejs family to acknowledge Ed's contribution to their success.

The striking *waihaka's* inscription read: ***To Ed Dolejs from The '82 Women's World Championship Team. In loving memory of a sensational coach and exceptional human being. Akin to the wahaika in close combat battle, you disarmed the opposition with your quick wit and skills. And like these intricate carvings you will forever adorn and be etched in our hearts.***

Anecdotes flowed throughout the evening as team members recalled the good times at tournaments around the world, with many commenting that "it was great to carry on from where we left off last time we were together".

A special highlight was rare video footage from the 1982 final, where Debbie Mygind pitched the game of her life to spearhead NZ's 2-0 win.



The function also featured tributes from White Sox players who followed the trail blazed by their gold medallist forebears - including 1990 silver medal winning squad captain Nardi Leonard, while 1990 squad member and Sydney Olympian Jackie Smith conducted interviews of '82 players for a special Sky TV programme.

Guests heard that the 1982 team had left a massive legacy, with eight Softball NZ Hall of Famers (Cheryl Kemp, Naomi Shaw, Jane Earnshaw, Robyn Storer, Debbie Mygind, Lesley Monk, Natalie Hazelwood

and Gina Weber), seven WBSC Hall of Fame members (plus Ed and Colin as coaches, and Lyndsey Leask as an administrator); two NZ White Sox head coaches (Cheryl and Naomi), two NZ Players of the Decade (Cheryl and Gina) and four NZ Queen's Honours recipients (Naomi, Gina, Colin and Lyndsey).

A day after the reunion members, team members were paraded before a receptive crowd before the world under-18 boy's grand final at Palmerston North's Colquhoun Park.

Team members were grateful to Softball NZ for its support for the function, and Tania Giles, in particular, for her organisation, in conjunction with

Naomi and Natalie.

GOLDEN ERA

The 1982 New Zealand world championships winning women's softball team was:

Naomi Shaw (captain), Cheryl Kemp, Debbie Mygind, Gina Weber, Lesley Monk, Penny Salton, Carol Moore, Karen Fraser, Vicky Murray, Deslea Wrathall, Natalie Hazelwood, Robyn Storer, Edith Tuavera, Jane Earnshaw, Rita Fatialofa, Maahi Baker. Head coach: Ed Dolejs. Assistant-coach: Colin Ward. Manager: Lyndsey Leask. Scorer: Sylvia Bavin. Publicity officer: Leo Falleni.



NATIONAL TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

TOURNAMENT	VENUE	DATE
NZ U23 Men's & Women's Championship	Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch	5 – 8 December, 2019
U15 Boys	Te Atiawa Park, Paraparaumu	9 – 12 January, 2020
Little League U15 Girls	Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch	9 – 12 January, 2020
U18 Boys	Colquhoun Park, Palmerston North	16 – 19 January, 2020
U18 Girls	Phyllis Street Reserve, Auckland	16 – 19 January, 2020
Slow Pitch Championship	Rosedale Park, North Harbour	25 – 16 January, 2020
National Fastpitch Championship	Fraser Park, Lower Hutt	13 – 16 February, 2020
<p style="text-align: center;">CANCELLED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The following Softball NZ tournaments were cancelled due to Covid-19</p>		
Open Men's Clubs	Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch	18 – 22 March, 2020
Open Women's Clubs	Rosedale Park, North Harbour	19 – 22 March, 2020
Secondary School Div 1 Boys & Girls	Resthills Park, Hamilton	30 March – 3 April, 2020
Secondary School Div 2 NI Boys & Girls	Akina Park, Hastings	31 March – 3 April, 2020
Secondary School Div 2 SI Boys & Girls	Saxton Fields, Nelson	31 March – 3 April, 2020

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

GOLDEN HOMES NATIONAL FASTPITCH CHAMPIONSHIP



Fraser Park, Lower Hutt
13 - 16 February, 2020

HOSTS: Hutt Valley Softball Association
Chief Umpire: Lindsay Edwards
Chief Scorer: Marie Byrne
Statistician: Lil Natana
SNZ Delegate: Eugene Gilbert

MEN'S NFC RESULTS

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1st Wellington
- 2nd North Harbour
- 3rd Auckland
- 4th Hutt Valley
- 5th Canterbury
- 6th Southern Pride
- 7th NZ Junior Black Sox

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

TOP BATTER:

Brad Bennett (AK)



TOP PITCHER:

Eru Drage (NH)



MVP

Jerome Raemaki (WN)



WOMEN'S NFC RESULTS

FINAL STANDINGS

1st	Auckland
2nd	Canterbury
3rd	Hutt Valley
4th	Wellington
5th	NZ Junior White Sox
6th	Counties Manukau/Waikato

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

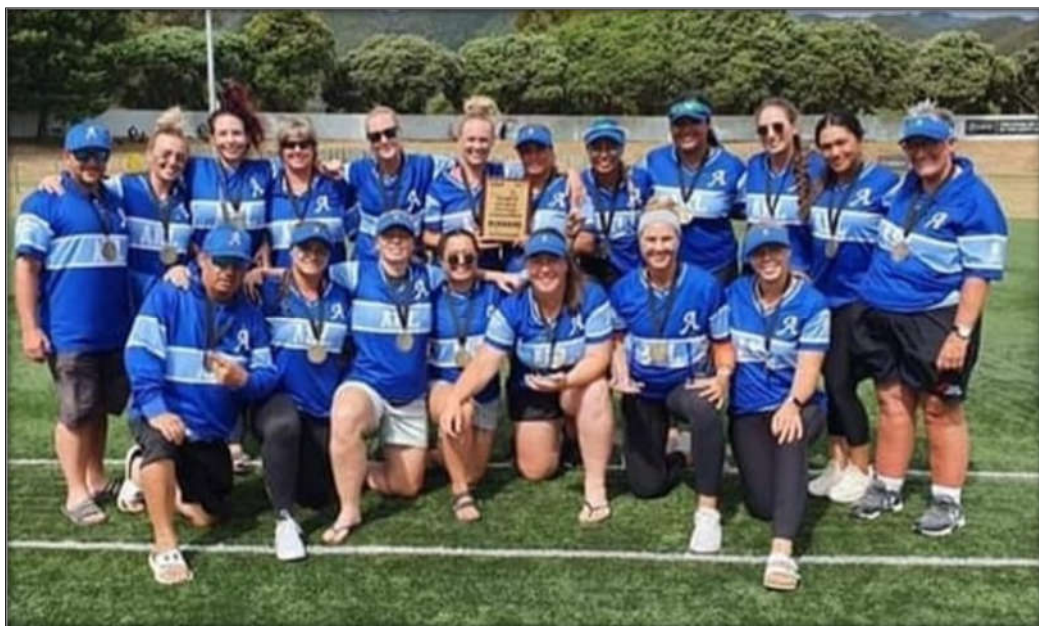
TOP BATTER & PITCHER:

Gretchen Aucoin (AK)



MVP:

Tyneesha Houkama (AK)



1st Place – Auckland

UNDER 23 NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

UNDER 23 MEN'S

Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch
5 - 8 December, 2019

HOSTS: Canterbury Softball Association, **Chief Umpire:** Mark McFarlane, **Chief Scorer:** Vicky Griffiths,
Statistician: Marie Byrne, **SNZ Delegate:** Gail Werahiko

FINAL STANDINGS

1st	Auckland
2nd	Wellington
3rd	Canterbury
4th	Hawkes Bay
5th	Southland
6th	Hutt Valley

TOP BATTER: Floyd Nola

TOP PITCHER: Dylan Tonkin

MVP: Floyd Nola

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Reilly Makea	WN
Adam Woon	HB
Callum Bishop	CB
Dylan Tonkin	AK
Jayden Stratford	WN
Max Earley	AK
Xavier Herrick	WN
Zac Boyd	WN
Mardi McBride	WN
Brock Attewell	AK
Huw Davies	AK
Joshua Jacobs	WN
Jackson Watts	CB
Bailey Hamilton	CB
Ryschan Thompson	AK
Floyd Nola	AK
Ron McMillan (Coach)	AK
Zivana Hopa (Mgr)	SL



1st Place – Auckland

UNDER 23 WOMEN'S

Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch
5 - 8 December, 2019

HOSTS: Canterbury Softball Association, **Chief Umpire:** Mark McFarlane, **Chief Scorer:** Vicky Griffiths,
Statistician: Marie Byrne, **SNZ Delegate:** Gail Werahiko

FINAL STANDINGS

1st	Auckland
2nd	Canterbury
3rd	Hutt Valley
4th	Counties Manukau
5th	Wellington
6th	Southland
7th	Waikato

TOP BATTER: Brooke Whiteman

TOP PITCHER: Tyla Morrison

MVP: Mereana Makea

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Amy Begg	CB
Miriama Potter	WN
Tyla Morrison	AK
Otila Tavite	HV
Layla Bailey-McDowell	CB
Kiri Winiata-Enoka	HV
Paiton Koko-Lutau	WN
Lucy McIntyre	CB
Lily Nelson	CM
Mereana Makea	AK
Nerissa McDowell	CB
Brooke Whiteman	AK
Meg Glading	CB
Wanaka Noanoa	WN
Taylor Chongnee	AK
Bree Gibson (Coach)	AK
Priscilla Abraham (Mgr)	CM



1st Place – Auckland

UNDER 18 NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

UNDER 18 BOYS

Colquhoun Park, Palmerston North

16 - 19 January, 2020

HOSTS: Manawatu Softball Association, **Chief Umpire:** Gavin Shepherd, **Chief Scorer:** Leigh Grinlinton,

Statistician: Donna Gillard, **SNZ Delegate:** Cowley Harris

FINAL STANDINGS

1st	Hutt Valley
2nd	Auckland A
3rd	Wellington
4th	Canterbury
5th	North Harbour
6th	Counties Manukau
7th	Southland
8th	Hawkes Bay
9th	Manawatu
10th	Auckland B
11th	Tairāwhiti
12th	South Canterbury
13th	Waikato

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Dylan Jackson	WN
Jayden McCabe-Priestly	CM
Caleb Taylor	HV
Jonathan Little	HV
Ciaran Bolger	WN
Kiarn Prentice	SC
Emmerson Kavakura	WN
Tane Mumu	HV
Lennox Jones	NH
Ollie Wright	CB
Jack Olson	AK A
Ty Love	AK B
Te Ahu Wall	CB
Jacob Davidson	CB
Dallas Clifton	HV

REST TEAM

Liam Jardine-Ngauamo	AK A
Danyon Sievers	HV
Harrison Wildbore	AK A
Devon Carr	AK A
Izaya Mariu-Apiata	CM
Kotiti Patea	CB
Kyan Mill-Cameron	WN
Riley Tibbits	WN
Kristian Marsters	AK B
Hunter Simpson	CB
Brock Coulbeck	HB
Ben McKay-Gotty	HB
Connor Stanley	MW
Fletcher Due	CB
Matt Lowe	NH

TOP BATTER: Ollie Wright

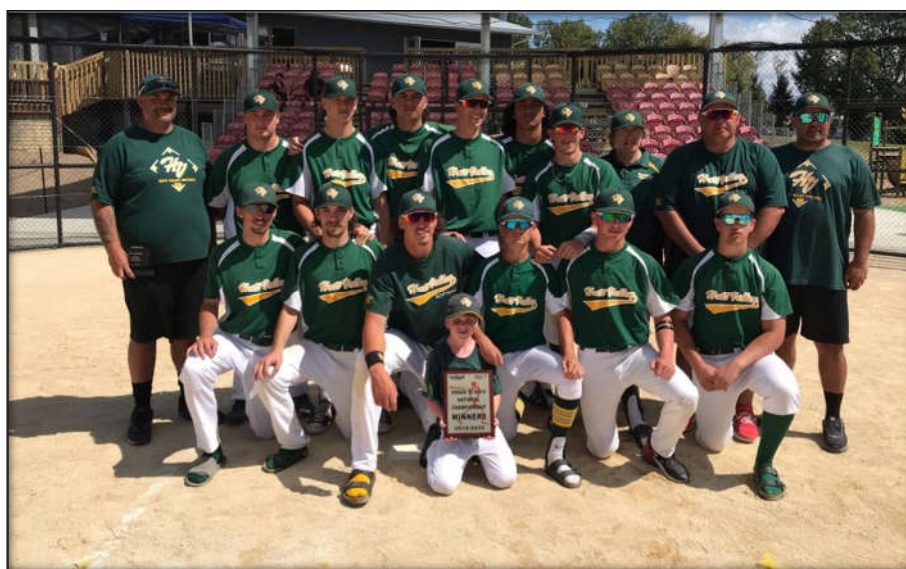
TOP PITCHER: Jayden McCabe-Priestly

TOP CATCHER: Caleb Taylor

MVP: Dylan Jackson

Ricky Earley (Coach) AK A
Megan Earley (Mgr) AK A

Stacy Taylor (Coach) HV
Tegan Edwin (Mgr) NH



1st Place - Hutt Valley

UNDER 18 GIRLS

Phyllis St Reserve, Auckland 16 - 19 January, 2020

HOSTS: Auckland Softball Association, **Chief Umpire:** Kevin Gorman, **Chief Scorer:** Lil Natana,
Statistician: Deb Townley, **SNZ Delegate:** Stan Doney

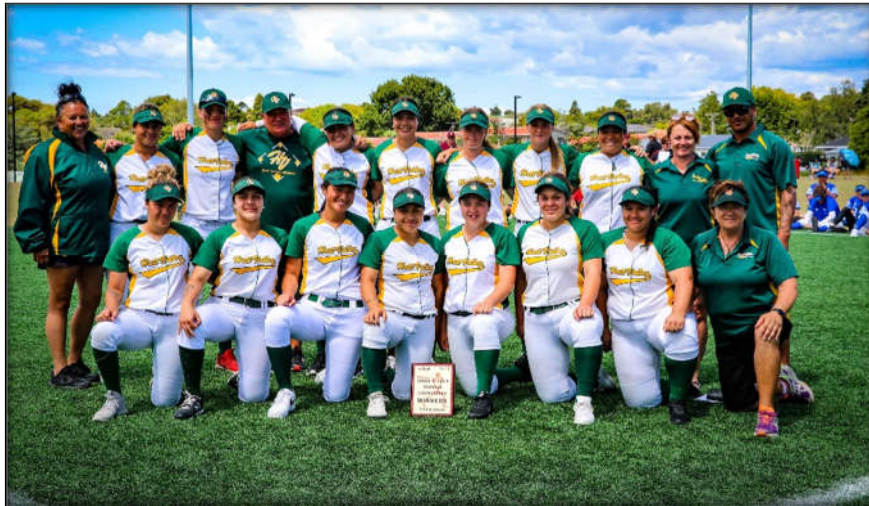
FINAL STANDINGS

1st	Hutt Valley
2nd	Canterbury
3rd	Auckland A
4th	Wellington
5th	Counties Manukau
6th	Auckland B
7th	Hawkes Bay
8th	Southland
9th	Waikato
10th	Manawatu

TOP BATTER: Caitlyn Lewin
TOP PITCHER: Hineawe Crawford
TOP CATCHER: Kimihia Tangianau
MVP: Caitlyn Lewin

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Hineawe Crawford	HV
Cherie Inwood	CB
Kimihia Tangianau	HV
Caitlyn Lewin	HV
Kiri Winiata-Enoka	HV
Beyonce Rehutai	WN
Lace Tangianau	HV
Apryl Trego	AK B
Beth Reid	AK A
Michaela Budge	HV
Bella Lister	CB
Maarire Puketapu-Barnett	HV
Maddison Gerbes	AK A
Naomi Shaw	HV
Susan Symon	SL



1st Place - Hutt Valley

UNDER 15 NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

UNDER 15 BOYS

Te Atiawa Park, Paraparaumu

9 - 12 January, 2020

HOSTS: Wellington Softball Association, **Chief Umpire:** Rikki Thompson,
Chief Scorer: Raewyn Fergusson, **Statistician:** Jo Hyde, **SNZ Delegate:** Glen Roff

FINAL STANDINGS

1st	Counties Manukau
2nd	North Harbour
3rd	Wellington
4th	Hutt Valley
5th	Auckland
6th	Canterbury
7th	222 Fastpitch
8th	Manawatu Marlborough
9th	Hawkes Bay
10th	Western Bay of Plenty
11th	Waikato
12th	Mid Canterbury
13th	Southland
14th	Auckland Development
15th	Upper South Island
16th	Horowhenua
17th	Tairāwhiti

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Tyler Amrein	NH
Ethan Grant	WN
Brooklyn Mariu-Apiata	CM
Katene Huriwai	CM
Zachary Fearless	WN
Aaron Gollan	WN
JP Gerbes	NH
Roy Tatupu	AK
Caule Withers	CM
Jack Baker	NH
Zion Van Nistleroo	HV
Jayden Whittle	AK
Jayden Harris	MW
Ihaia Mulholland	MW
Tamihana Tonga	CM
Michael Webb (Coach)	CM
Laurie Brown (Mgr)	NH

REST TEAM

Nopera Tangaroa	HB
Ciryl Wilson	AK
Brody Helem	CB
Harry Common	NH
Mana Dudley-Kiikoro	HV
Hapene Kumeroa	CB
Zahr Shaw-Wallace	HV
Thomas Jennings	SL
Cassius Solomon	HB
James Morrison	WN
Max Tofts	WN
Lucas Hopkins	WK
Kees Van der Hayden	MW
Brayden Dunnett	WBOP
Des Warman (Coach)	NH
Nikki Walden (Mgr)	MW

TOP BATTER: Sam Blamires

TOP PITCHER:

Brooklyn Mariu-Apiata

TOP CATCHER: Katene Huriwai

MVP: Brooklyn Mariu-Apiata



1st Place - Counties Manukau

UNDER 15 GIRLS LITTLE LEAGUE

Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch

9 - 12 January, 2020

HOSTS: Canterbury Softball Association, **Chief Umpire:** Dave Beaumont, **Chief Scorer:** Pat Hannah,

Statistician: Marie Byrne, **SNZ Delegate:** Gail Werahiko

FINAL STANDINGS

1st	Canterbury
2nd	Wellington
3rd	Hutt Valley
4th	Auckland
5th	Southland
6th	Auckland Development
7th	Southside Stingers
8th	Counties Manukau
9th	Tairāwhiti
10th	Hawkes Bay
11th	Manawatu
12th	North Harbour
13th	Waikato

TOP BATTERS: Jayah Lee

TOP PITCHER:

McKenzie Bailey-McDowell

TOP CATCHER: Kaiyah Ratu

MVP: Kaiyah Ratu

TOURNAMENT TEAM

McKenzie Bailey-McDowell	CB
Maysen Kurene-Iwikau	HV
Tyla Pita-Kani	WN
Kaiyah Ratu	CB
Maiarangi Waipara	WN
Trinity Mackley-Flutey	CB
Tyrisa Elisara	CB
Nahliah Tolova'a	WN
Sierra Tai	HV
Rylee Watt	NV
Kyera Kie-Nafatale	WN
Armani Fruen	HV
Eden Jennings-Netzier	AK
Sophie Yarham	CB
Jayah Lee	AK

Carley Ratu (Coach)	CB
Ngauru Wikaira (Mgr)	SL

REST TEAM

Jessica Wairau	NH
Innika Hapuku-Lambert	AK
Anahera Wilson	SL
Alana Brown	HV
Clover Alapaki	AK
Mesha Shaw-Wallace	HV
Avayzha Ngaata-Popata	CM
Jasmin Ngawhika	HB
Tatiana Katu	WN
Kiana Collett	SL
Hayley Abbot	AKD
Melissa Chapman	CB
Claudia Snelgar	HB
Trinity Tauaneai	HV
Kelsea King	AK

Philippa Ward (Coach)	WN
Rosita Rapihana (Mgr)	TR

FASTBALL 45 TOURNAMENT

Rosedale Park, North Harbour
8 - 9, 15 - 16, 22 - 23 November 2019

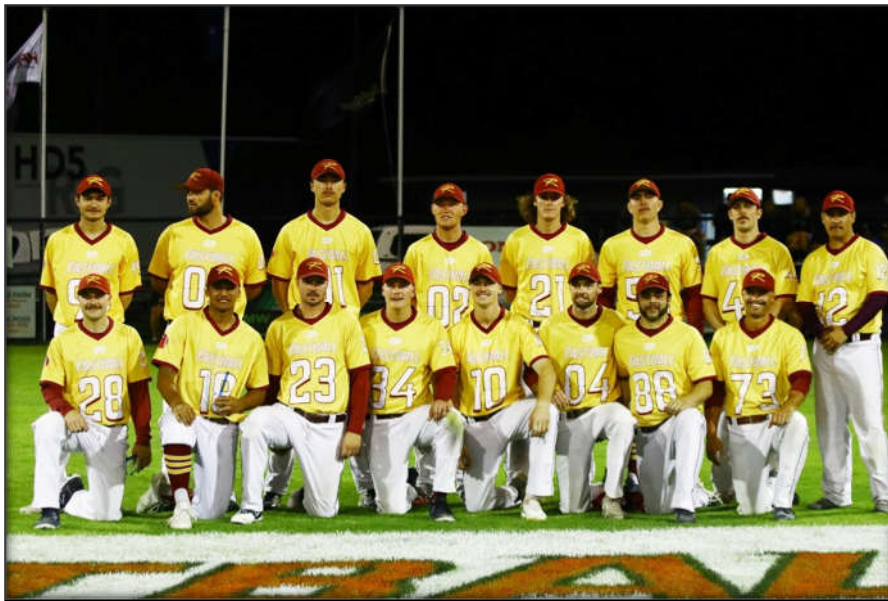
HOSTS: North Harbour Softball Association, **Chief Umpire:** Mark Porteous,
Chief Scorer: Lynnette Leathart, **SNZ Delegate:** Glen Roff

MEN'S FINAL STANDINGS

1st	Pure Athletic Ramblers
2nd	Auckland United
3rd	Howick
4th	Auckland Marist

WOMEN'S FINAL STANDINGS

1st	ISA NZ Otahuhu
2nd	Pure Athletic Ramblers
3rd	Hollywood Fish Farm Waitakere Bears
4th	Accent Insurance Howick



1st Place – Pure Athletic Ramblers



1st Place – ISA NZ Otahuhu

NATIONAL SLOW PITCH CHAMPIONSHIP

Rosedale Park, North Harbour
25 - 26 January, 2020

HOSTS: North Harbour Softball Association, **SNZ Delegate:** Stan Doney

FINAL STANDINGS

- 1st Missiles
- 2nd NZ Navy
- 3rd Scared Hitless
- 4th Japan & Taiwan
- 5th Whangarei Marist
- 6th Pare Punks

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

MEN'S MVP:

Ben Pepperill - Navy



WOMENS'S MVP

Kathy Hodge - Missiles



1st Place - Missiles

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TROPHY & AWARD WINNERS

MENS					
Golden Homes National Fastpitch Championship – Fraser Park, Lower Hutt					
Winning Team	Runner Up	MVP	Top Batter	Top Pitcher	
Wellington	North Harbour	Jerome Haretuku	Brad Bennett	Eru Drage	
U23 Mens National Tournament – Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch					
Winning Team	Runner Up	MVP	Top Batter	Top Pitcher	
Auckland	Wellington	Floyd Nola	Floyd Nola	Dylan Tonkin	
Temperzone U18 Boys National Tournament – Colquhoun Park, Palmerston North					
Winning Team	Runner Up	MVP	Top Batter	Top Pitcher	Top Catcher
Hutt Valley	Auckland A	Dylan Jackson	Ollie Wright	Jayden McCabe-Priestly	Caleb Taylor
U15 Boys National Tournament – Te Atiawa Park, Paraparaumu					

Winning Team	Runner Up	MVP	Top Batter	Top Pitcher	Top Catcher
Counties Manukau	North Harbour	Brooklyn Mariu-Apiata	Sam Blamires	Brooklyn Mariu-Apiata	Katene Huriwai

WOMENS

Golden Homes National Fastpitch Championship – Fraser Park, Lower Hutt

Winning Team	Runner up	MVP	Top Batter	Top Pitcher	
Auckland	Canterbury	Tyneesha Houkamau	Gretchen Aucoin	Gretchen Aucoin	

U23 Womens National Tournament – Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch

Winning Team	Runner Up	MVP	Top Batter	Top Pitcher	
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Auckland	Canterbury	Mereana Makea	Brooke Whiteman	Tyla Morrison	
U18 Girls National Tournament – Phyllis Street Reserve, Auckland					
Winning Team	Runner Up	MVP	Top Batter	Top Pitcher	Top Catcher
Hutt Valley	Canterbury	Caitlyn Lewin	Caitlyn Lewin	Hineawe Crawford	Kimihia Tangianau
U15 Girls Little League National Championship – Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch					
Winning Team	Runner Up	MVP	Top Batter	Top Pitcher	Top Catcher
Canterbury	Wellington	Kaiyah Ratu	Jayah Lee	McKenzie Bailey-McDowell	Kaiyah Ratu

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TROPHY
& AWARD WINNERS cont'd**

2020 / 2021 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

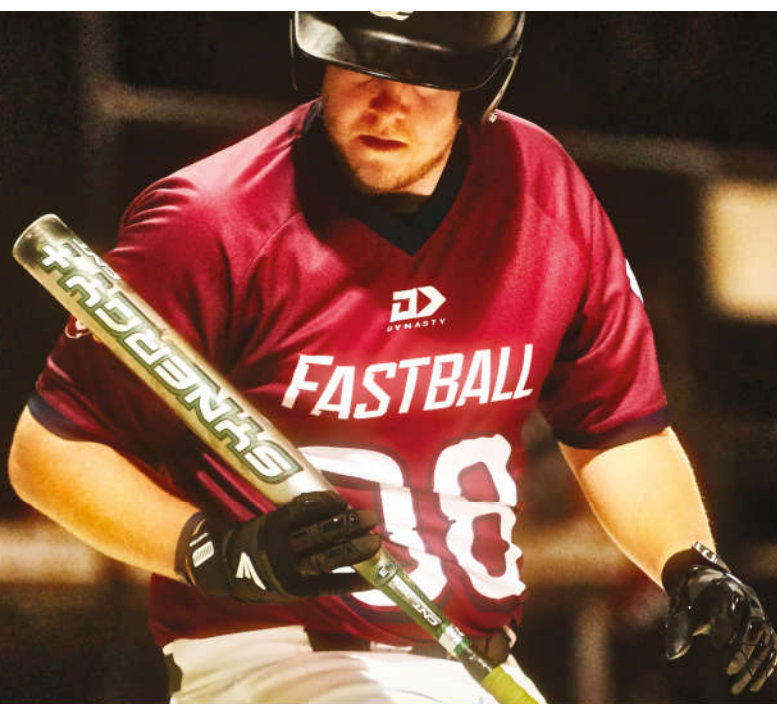
TOURNAMENT	VENUE	START DATE	END DATE
2020			
U23 Men's & Women's	Cancelled		
2021			
U15 Boys	Cancelled, will be regionally based		
Little League U15 Girls	Cancelled, will be regionally based		
U18 Boys	Cancelled, will be regionally based		
U18 Girls	Cancelled, will be regionally based		
National Fastpitch Championship	Rosedale Park, North Harbour	Thursday 11 February	Sunday 14 February
Open Men's Clubs	Fraser Park, Lower Hutt	Wednesday 10 March	Sunday 14 March
Open Women's Clubs	Mizuno Ballpark, Christchurch	Thursday 11 March	Sunday 24 March
Secondary School Div 1 Boys & Girls	Prince Edward Park, Papakura	Monday 22 March	Friday 26 March
Secondary School Div 2 NI Boys & Girls	Colquhoun Park, Palmerston North	Tuesday 23 March	Friday 26 March
Secondary School Div 2 SI Boys & Girls	Molyneux Park, Alexandra	Tuesday 23 March	Friday 26 March

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES 1978 TO 2020

Year	NFC Men	Div 2 Men	Colts	U19 Boys	U17 Boys	U15 Boys	SSch Boys Div 1	SSch Boys Div 2	SSch NI Jnr Boys	Mens Open	National League	NFC Women	Snr B Women	Fillies	U19 Girls	U17 Girls	U15 Girls	SSch Girls Div 1	SSch Girls Div 2	SSch NI Jnr Girls	Womens Open	Total
1978	19	-	17	16	16	-	-		-	17	- -	21	5	10	16	16	-	-	-	-	19	172
1979	20	-	14	14	14	-	-		-	23	- -	19	4	7	17	14	-	-	-	-	17	163
1980	18	-	14	13	16	-	-	-	-	22	- -	22	5	8	19	16	-	-	-	-	22	175
1981	18	-	16	17	10	16	-	-	-	12	- -	21	-	12	18	10	16	-	-	-	16	182
1982	24	-	13	16	13	18	-	-	-	23	- -	17	-	16	15	13	18	-	-	-	22	208
1983	17	-	14	14	15	20	-	-	-	22	- -	22	-	16	16	15	20	-	-	-	23	214
1984	23	-	17	17	17	18	-	-	-	20	- -	20	-	13	14	17	18	-	-	-	22	216
1985	20	-	15	16	17	22	-	-	-	27	- -	19	-	17	10	17	22	-	-	-	22	224
1986	20	-	18	9	14	23	-	-	-	23	- -	18	-	12	14	14	23	-	-	-	22	210
1987	15	-	19	14	17	25	-	-	-	15	25	20	-	16	15	17	25	-	-	-	18	241
1988	18	-	14	13	15	23	-	-	-	20	27	14	-	12	12	15	23	-	-	-	19	225
1989	16	-	12	16	16	25	-	-	-	16	27	16	-	9	13	16	25	-	-	-	22	229
1990	14	-	11	15	20	28	-	-	-	13	23	14	-	9	14	20	28	-	-	-	22	231
1991	11	-	10	14	16	23	6	-	-	17	27	13	-	6	15	16	23	6	-	-	13	216
1992	12	-	8	9	15	21	8	-	-	9	24	13	-	8	10	15	21	8	-	-	20	201
1993	10	-	8	14	14	19	8	-	-	11	17	11	-	8	10	14	19	8	-	-	12	183
1994	12	-	7	8	13	19	8	-	-	21	- -	11	-	10	7	13	19	8	-	-	16	172
1995	10	-	10	9	13	18	8	-	-	16	- -	9	-	10	9	13	18	8	-	-	14	165
1996	13	-	8	8	11	20	8	-	-	18	- -	8	-	7	5	11	20	8	-	-	17	162
1997	12	-	6	10	13	17	8	-	-	16	- -	7	-	-	7	13	17	8	-	-	13	147
1998	10	-	-	8	15	17	8	-	-	18	- -	6	-	-	7	15	17	10	-	-	14	145
1999	5	-	-	7	9	19	8	-	-	21	- -	8	-	-	6	9	19	8	-	-	16	135
2000	12	-	-	8	10	15	8	-	-	17	- -	8	-	-	5	10	15	7	-	-	15	130
2001	9	-	-	10	11	19	8	-	-	17	- -	5	-	-	8	11	19	8	-	-	10	135
2002	10	-	-	7	10	13	10	-	-	14	M W	7	-	-	8	10	13	12	-	-	17	131
2003	7	-	-	7	14	20	11	-	-	17	7 5	7	-	-	7	14	20	11	-	-	13	160
2004	9	-	-	9	13	21	10	-	-	18	7 6	8	-	-	7	13	21	10	-	-	13	165

2005	9	-	-	9	14	21	9	-	-	22	7	6	11	-	-	8	10	18	10	-	-	14	168
Year	NPC /NFC Men	Div 2 Men	U23 Mens	U19 Boys	U17 Boys	U15 Boys	SSch Boys Div 1	SSch Boys Div 2	SSch NI Jnr Boys	Mens Open	National League	NPC /NFC Wome n	Snr B Wome n	Fillies	U19 Girls	U17 Girls	U15 Girls	SSch Girls Div 1	SSch Girls Div 2	SSch NI Jnr Girls	Womens Open	Total	
2006	10	-	-	8	13	18	12	16	-	24	6	5	11	-	-	8	11	17	10	9	-	16	194
2007	-	-	-	10	11	20	11	19		24	6	6	8		-	8	7	17	11	9	-	14	181
2008	5	-	-	10	12	18	11	16	-	23	5	4	8	-	-	6	6	17	9	10	-	14	174
2009	-	-	-	9	12	17	12	18	6	24	6	5	-	-	-	6	10	12	12	11	5	15	180
2010	6	5	-	10	13	20	10	16	10	24	-	-	5	-	-	6	10	15	11	10	6	14	191
2011	7	-	-	8	15	18	10	16	8	21	-	-	5	-	-	6	9	14	10	13	6	11	177
2012	8	-	-	8	12	17	10	17	8	21	-	-	6	-	-	8	6	15	9	12	7	15	179
2013	8	-	-	12	11	16	8	19	6	20	-	-	6	-	-	6	9	13	8	11	-	13	166
2014	8	-	-	11	11	15	12	17	-	19	-	-	5	-	-	6	10	11	7	7	-	18	157
2015	7			8	12	20	11	20	8	22			6			7	9	14	11	4	5	16	180
2016	7			10	11	20	11	9	7	21			6			7	10	15	11	6		13	164
2017	7			12	15	19	8	20	-	21			6			8	13	14	8	10	-	16	177
2018	9		7	12	16	22	8	15	8	19			6			10	11	15	8	6		17	189
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2019	8		6	16		14	6	18		17		6		7	13		12	4	14		15	156	
2020	7		6	13		17	CC	CC		CC		6		7	10		13	CC	CC		CC	79	

Key;
CC = Cancelled due to Covid 19



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HAWKS ATTEND LITTLE
LEAGUE ASIA-PACIFIC
REGION QUALIFIER
- INDONESIA

GROWING OUR BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT OF
COLQUHOUN PARK



SKY SPORT WHITE SOX
PARTNERSHIP

LIVE STREAMING OF ALL
NATIONAL EVENTS ON
SKY SPORT NEXT
YOUTUBE CHANNEL



ROLLOUT OF
FASTBALL 45

CONNECTING SOFTBALL NATIONALLY

28,206

SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS



SKY SPORT NEXT HOME
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COMPLETED

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ATTENDANCE AT 3X
WORLD CUPS



HOSTING OF THE
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