

MATENE APPOINTED AS SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND GENERAL MANAGER - HIGH PERFORMANCE



Softball New Zealand have appointed Bevan Matene as General Manager, High Performance to oversee the organisation's national teams and high-performance programme.

Matene, both a junior world champion, and 3-time senior world champion with the New Zealand Black Sox, played over 50 games for his country in a career that spanned 13 years.

"As an organisation, we have been very keen to take advantage of the wealth of experience our former national team players have and are delighted to appoint Bevan to our high-performance programme" says Softball New Zealand CEO Tony Giles.

The current Director of Boarding at the prestigious New Plymouth Boys High School, Bevan holds a Bachelor of Education in Bilingual Teaching.

Matene says "It is an honour to be given the opportunity to lead this high-performance position to inspire and empower the current and future generations of our softball whānau. To work alongside my former Black Sox team mates Thomas Makea and Donny Hale, in pursuit of excellence for our SOX Nation".

I whakapapa to Kaitangata, Ngāti Mutunga, Te Atiawa, Taranaki, and Ngāti Tama ngā iwi. Taranaki mounga, Taranaki whenua, Taranaki tangata.

Tū kaha, Tū māia, Tū manawanui piharau"

Matene will commence the role from October.