

2013 OPEN MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
MAINLAND FOUNDATION BALLPARK, CHRISTCHURCH

Strike Zone

Day Two – Thursday, February 21

Home-field advantage

After combining to capture the national provincial title in December, Canterbury clubs have wasted little time in marking their territory at the Open Men's Club Championship.



Penese Iosefo in action for the Black Sox (David Lintott)

Christchurch United, it was Halswell and Albion that made the big early statements with wins over former champions Mt Albert Ramblers (2-1) and titleholders Auckland United (4-0) respectively.

And while Halswell returned to earth as 1-11 losers to Miramar in the afternoon, eighth seeds Albion showed they could be tough to beat behind Black Sox pitcher Penese Iosefo.

“He’s had quite a bit of time out of the game after a car accident and then went straight into his Black Sox responsibilities, so we’ve had him for just a handful of games all season,” says Albion coach Mark Sneddon.

The red-and-blacks like nothing better than putting Jaffas in their place and in that regard, Day One at Mainland Foundation Ballpark could only be regarded as a huge success for the locals.

Their four teams combined for seven wins from eight outings – five of them against teams based north of the Bombays.

While much is expected of second-seeded Parklands

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“But we have him where he should be for us – the more games you give him, the better he gets. We saw that today.

Iosefo had the ball in both outings, dominating Auckland Marist – champions way back in the 1980s – in his team’s opener, then keeping United scoreless after lunch.

In fact, Albion is the only side yet to concede a run, heading into Day Two.

“United are a good team,” says Sneddon. “They have a very solid hitting line-up and they won Dean Schick, but Penese shut them down.

“He took crucial strikeouts and when they got runners on base, he got good support from his fielders.”

Sneddon admits clubs often live and die on their pitching strength, and the best will either have superior depth on the mound or an absolute workhorse for an ace. He obviously thinks he has the latter.

“If we put it all together, we feel like we have the ability to beat any team here,” he says. “We’re where we want to be after Day One – but there are still four days to go.”

Statistically speaking

Batting Average

Haizley Martin (Porirua)	0.833
Tyron Bartorillo (Papanui)	0.800
Daniel Milne (PCU)	0.750
Gene Lutton (Porirua)	0.714
Five players	0.667

Runs Batted In

Frank Pointon (Mirimar)	6
Five players	4

Home Runs

Tyron Bartorillo (Papanui)	3
Brad Rona (Northcote)	2
Jacob Rooke (Papanui)	2

Earned Run Average

Five players	0.00
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***Meet the Black Sox
World Champions!***

Don’t forget, our world champion Black Sox will be celebrated at the Mainland Foundation Ballpark on Sunday, March 24.

Players and coaches will be available for autographs and photos, so bring your kids and show them what they can achieve in the sport of softball.



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Yesterday ...

Wednesday, March 20

Section A		P	W	L	For	Against
(9)	Poirura City United (Wellington)	2	2	0	17	6
(8)	Albion (Canterbury)	2	2	0	11	0
(1)	Auckland United	2	1	1	12	6
(17)	Demons (Southland)	2	0	2	6	19
(16)	Auckland Marist	2	0	2	2	17

Albion 7 Marist 0, United 12 Demons 2, Porirua 10 Marist 2, Albion 4 United 0, Porirua 7 Demons 4

Section B		P	W	L	For	Against
(2)	PCU Devils (Canterbury)	2	2	0	17	1
(15)	Johnsonville (Wellington)	2	1	1	9	10
(7)	Waitakere Bears (Auckland)	2	1	1	7	9
(10)	Roosters (North Harbour)	2	1	1	5	10
(18)	Stoke Eagles (Nelson)	2	0	2	2	10

Bears 7 Johnsonville 0, Devils 8 Eagles 1, Johnsonville 9 Roosters 3, Devils 9 Bears 0, Roosters 2 Eagles 1

Section C		P	W	L	For	Against
(11)	Miramar (Wellington)	2	2	0	22	7
(3)	Poneke Kilbirnie (Wellington)	2	1	1	9	5
(6)	Mt Albert Ramblers (Auckland)	2	1	1	3	2
(14)	Halswell Hornets (Canterbury)	2	1	1	3	12
(19)	Eden Roskill (Auckland)	2	0	2	9	20

Miramar 11 Eden Roskill 6, Hornets 2 Ramblers 1, PK 9 Eden Roskill 3, Miramar 11 Hornets 1, Ramblers 2 PK 0

Section D		P	W	L	For	Against
(12)	Papanui Tigers (Canterbury)	2	2	0	7	2
(4)	Hutt Valley Dodgers	2	1	1	12	6
(13)	Fastpitch (Hawke's Bay)	2	1	1	7	2
(5)	Northcote (North Harbour)	2	1	1	5	11
(20)	Howick (Auckland)	2	0	2	3	13

Tigers 5 Howick 2, Fastpitch 7 Northcote 0, Dodgers 8 Howick 1. Tigers 2 Fastpitch 0, Northcote 5 Dodgers 4

Today ...

Thursday, March 21

9am

D1 Demons v Marist

Scorer: Ronnie Gurney

Umpires: J England/B Wells/C Gaze

D4 Johnsonville v Eagles

Scorer: Laurelle Rogers

Umpires: D Shedlock/A McManus/R Barrow

D3 Eden Roskill v Hornets

Scorer: Cheryl Dahms

Umpires: D Beaumont/L Brown/S Lindsay

D2 Fastpitch v Howick

Scorer: Lynley Dove

Umpires: M Porteous/J Hart/D Fortin

11am

D1 Albion v Porirua City

Scorer: Russell Moffat

Umpires: D Sutton/C Gaze

D4 Bears v Roosters

Scorer: Lee-Anne Johnson

Umpires: A McFarlane/R Barrow/R Griffiths

D3 Ramblers v Miramar

Scorer: Don Karsten

Umpires: W Tamaki/S Lindsay

D2 Northcote v Papanui

Scorer: Wendy Morris

Umpires: T Kaiaruna/D Fortin/J Wilson

1pm

D3 United v Marist

Scorer: Laurelle Rogers

Umpires: L Brown/M Porteous

D1 Devils v Johnsonville

Scorer: Ronnie Gurney

Umpires: B Wells/D Beaumont

D2 PK v Hornets

Scorer: Lynley Dove

Umpires: A McManus/J England

D4 Dodgers v Fastpitch

Scorer: Cheryl Dahms

Umpires: J Hart/D Shedlock/R Griffiths

3pm

D4 Albion v Demons

Scorer: Russell Moffat

Umpires: S Lindsay/T Kaiaruna

D1 Bears v Eagles

Scorer: Don Karsten

Umpires: R Barrow/D Sutton/D Beaumont

D2 Ramblers v Eden Roskill

Scorer: Lee-Anne Johnson

Umpires: C Gaze/W Tamaki/J Wilson

D3 Northcote v Howick

Scorer: Wendy Morris

Umpires: D Fortin/M McFarlane/L Brown

5pm

D2 Porirua City v United

Scorer: Ronnie Gurney

Umpires: D Shedlock/W Tamaki

D3 Devils v Roosters

Scorer: Lynley Dove

Umpires: R Thompson/R Griffiths/B Wells

D4 PK v Miramar

Scorer: Cheryl Dahms

Umpires: M Porteous/A McManus/T Kaiaruna

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