



## Liquid IT Petone vs Wellington Phoenix

Central League 2022 | 3pm, Saturday June 25 | Memorial Park



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## Powerex Petone vs Wgtn Utd Diamonds

W-League 2022 | 11am, Saturday June 25 | Memorial Park



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## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Wellington Phoenix and Wellington United teams and supporters playing respectively our Liquid IT Men's First Team and Powerex Women's First Team today. Also welcome Douglas Villa playing our Men's Reserves on our first Matariki-celebrated long weekend.

Our Men's First Team are coming off two wins in the league – 3-1 against North Wellington and 1-0 against Wellington United – and with a week off last week, will be looking forward to keeping up the momentum into this week. The Men's Reserves continue to sit on top of the Capital 2 table, with only one loss so far against our Third Team. However, Marist do have three games in hand and could catch us – so we will be watching their results closely each week.

Our Powerex Women's First Team have won their last two league fixtures – 5-1 over Seatoun and 4-0 over Victoria University. The clash today against Wellington United Diamonds is important as both teams are on nine points – let's hope the current "Golden Boot" in the W-League, Rebecca Otte, can do well for us again and bring home the win. Unfortunately we lost our Round 3 cup clash last weekend to Waterside Karori, so time to focus on the league now :-)

Our Women's Reserves have not lost yet this season in Women's 1 and sit third at the end of the first round.

As we are halfway through the season for most teams, here is a snapshot of where everyone is sitting:

-  Men's Firsts – Central League – sixth
-  Men's Reserves – Capital 2 – first
-  Men's Thirds – Capital 2 – sixth
-  Men's Fourths – Wellington 3 – eighth
-  Stonecutters – Capital 4 – sixth
-  Argh Me Knees – Masters 1 – second

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- 🏆 Left Over Stew – Masters 3 – sixth
- 🏆 Mighty Masters – Masters 5 – ninth
- 🏆 Rampage – Masters 6 – first
- 🏆 Dreamers – Masters Over 45s – first
- 🏆 Women's Firsts – W-League – fourth
- 🏆 Women's Reserves – Wellington 1 – third
- 🏆 Women's U18 – sixth
- 🏆 TDP U17 – third
- 🏆 TDP U15 – first
- 🏆 TDP U13 – fifth

The Senior Quiz is on tonight and a big thank you to Life Member Craig Deadman and his helpers, which include the Stonecutters, for organising and running this event. Our next major event is the Senior Women's Fundraiser on Saturday July 23, which promises to have some special highlights, so make sure you make it to that one too!

### Please Support Our Sponsors

I can't finish without showing appreciation to our sponsors. Without them we would not be in the fortunate position that we are as a community-based club. Please make yourself aware of our sponsors and send them your business wherever possible.

Good luck to all teams and players this weekend and I hope our supporters enjoy the football – COYB.

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## Petone Masters Welcome Female Player

**P**etone FC Masters 3 team, Petone Left Over Stew, has welcomed former Women's First Team player, Nadine ("Nads") Bowen in its line up this season.

Nads – who made 142 league appearances for the Petone Women's First Team between the early 2000s to mid 2010s (scoring twice) – says the opportunity has proven an ideal fit.

"This season I felt I needed to retire from the Women's Reserves who, up until last season, were in the Premier League," says Nads.

"I felt a little too old to spend another season as a central defender, chasing players my Daughter's age (16).

"I am loyal to Petone and did not want to play for another club, but still wanted to play the game. So, because there's no longer a lower grade or social women's team at the club – and there's no women's masters league – I asked club secretary Barry Pickering ("Baz") what the situation might be with me playing men's masters."

Nads says she is "thoroughly enjoying" the experience.

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"The lads have been so welcoming and inclusive. I am one of the team!

"So far the opposing teams have also been very accepting, and are respecting and treating me like 'one of the lads'.

"There are a few surprised faces in the changing rooms before and after a game but there's been nothing but respect shown."

## Nothing to Stew About

Left Over Stew player and team organiser, Chris Clifton, recalls the discussion evolving a couple of years ago at club prizegiving.

"We talked about our respective footballing pathways and what was on offer to me but not to her," says Chris.

"Nads intimated she was keen to leave the women's senior team environment for a slower-paced game with competitors of a similar age group.

"I suggested we try and get her into the men's master's league with the Stews, and she was open to the idea straight off."

Those plans were temporarily shelved as the pandemic unfolded, but things got back on track this year, says Chris.

"Nads approached Baz, who went to Capital Football and got the go-ahead almost immediately.

"She joined a few of us – a mix of Dreamers and Stews – for a regular preseason run, and it was clear to me that she was a good fit. Nads offered her services to the broader men's masters squads as a ring-in or call-up player to be used if and when teams were short.

"However, after discussing the idea of her potentially joining the Stews as a permanent player with some of our senior squad members – and getting a very receptive response – we then offered her a spot, which she gladly accepted."

Chris says Nads has been "a great addition" to the team.



*Nads with Daughter Chiana (Pip) last year playing in the Women's Premier League*

"I've had one squad member say to me on the quiet that he had some reservations at the start, but after seeing her on the pitch and receiving a bollocking from his partner, he had to admit he had been short-sighted.

"To my mind, football is a straightforward game. It is more about ability and intelligence than brawn. So why shouldn't women be able to compete alongside men?"

Chris has discovered at least two overseas instances of women playing in men's football grades:

- 🏆 Ellen Fokkema for VV Foarut, following the Dutch Football Association changing its eligibility rules – <https://www.espn.com/soccer/netherlands-nedw/story/4484235/ellen-fokkema-made-dutch-history-by-playing-for-a-Men's-team-i-hope-i-wont-be-the-last>
- 🏆 Yuki Nagasato for Hayabusa Eleven, a team in which her brother Genki also plays – <https://www.espn.com/soccer/united-states-nwsl-challenge-cup-and-fall/story/4177247/japan-women's-wc-winner-yuki-nagasato-signs-for-amateur-Men's-club>

"We are constantly reminded that keeping fit is paramount to good health and longevity, so why not remove the barriers to women and promote the alternatives?"

"Until there are enough women to create their master's league, why not promote the current league as inclusive?"

"I hope this is the start of something bigger and am very proud to be part of the change for more inclusivity in football. I am grateful to my team and the club for making this happen, and I feel honoured and privileged to have Nads as a member of the Left Over Stew."

## A Changing World

Baz adds that gaining official sanction was a "fairly simple" exercise.

"There has been recent precedence where Football Ferns played Capital Premier for Miramar to give them competitive game time before the last Women's World Cup," he says.

"We sought approval from Capital Football and this was granted, after I believe they checked with other masters clubs in a general note.

"This is the first time Petone FC has had a woman playing in a men's league and first woman to play in the men's masters leagues to my knowledge."

The development has also been welcomed by former Petone Men's First Team captain, Dave MacIntyre, given his personal experience of the opposite outcome. He had been involved in a Massey University team which sought – unsuccessfully – to have a women play in its midst in lower grades in the late-1990s.





Now representing the Stews (photo credit: [@ImraySnaps](#))

"I had moved up the line and knew a few ex-Central League and National League players who were then playing for Massey University in the Manawatu-Horowhenua league who were mainly in their 40s, so a good semi-social team," says Dave.

"Most of the team consisted of Massey staff, many of them professors, and one was a woman – Professor Megan McKenzie – who had played a high level of women's football in Canada. Megan duly accepted an invite to play for the team and did well.

"But, after a couple of matches, this suddenly became a national issue. From memory, the New Zealand Football Association (NZFA) stepped in and declared she could not play because this was a senior men's team and there was an accepted age limit at which males and females could no longer play in the same team."

Dave recalls there being significant "push back" against the NZFA, with the issue making headlines around the country.

"Because, a team of over-40s was hardly going to be setting the world on fire in senior football and she was, after all, a member of the university staff.

"From memory the NZFA held firm because this team, semi-social or not, was classed as a senior team.

"The world has moved on a lot in terms of recognition of women footballers and it is good to see that there is now more flexibility, even if it is at masters' level."

## Shirt Sponsorship

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This weekend's featured sponsors are Mexicano Corn Chips and Liquid IT – whose brands respectively appear on the shirts of Kieran McMinn and Devyn Crawford, and Brynn Sinclair and Katie McKenzie. Please read on to learn more about these valued business partners as well as those Petone FC players via fresh 2022 profile questions!

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# Kieran McMinn

## *Nickname?*

Kezza.

## *Age?*

24.

## *Job or studying what?*

I am currently the director of strength and conditioning at Petone FC. I also work for the Wellington Phoenix Academy as both a sport scientist and as a pre-academy coach and run my own private coaching company Elite Development Academy. Moreover, I also lecture for Auckland University of Technology teaching fundamentals of sport science and anatomy and physiology.

For my studies I am just about to publish my master's thesis around wearable resistance which will hopefully lead straight into a PhD.

## *Past clubs/teams played for?*

"The mighty" East Coast Bays in Auckland and Concordia University Portland in America.

## *What do you like about football?*

The competitiveness and camaraderie.

## *What don't you like about football?*

Losing ... !

## *Who is your greatest sporting hero and why?*

Alex Shepherd Reynolds – he's the only football player I have ever seen who can skid, in studs, on turf without tearing any ligaments or dislocating a joint!

## *What training do you do outside of the structured sessions?*

With the limited time I have outside of work and football I try to fit in gym sessions, but the main one would have to be yoga.

## *What do you do to relax outside of football?*

To relax outside of both football and work I like to cook.





### ***Favourite sounds?***

Power Ballads.

### ***Why Petone FC?***

The great people behind the scenes at the club.

### ***Do you have any rituals that you must perform before a game and why?***

A massage by the physio, otherwise I'd only last ten minutes!

### ***What is the greatest piece of football advice you have been given and by who?***

"Hard work beats talent if talent refuses to work hard" – an overused, but valid, saying my university coach used to tell our team.

### ***Who is the team comedian and why?***

James Nash by just being himself.

## **Devyn Crawford**

### ***What training do you do outside of the structured sessions?***

I have a quite physical job spending eight hours a day walking and lifting heavy steel so I reckon it's a training itself.

### ***What do you do to relax outside of football?***

I like to spend time with mates and watch movies and every once in a while go for a hit at the golf range.

### ***Favourite sounds?***

Anything Doja Cat or Eminem.

### ***Why Petone FC?***

I enjoy how intense the trainings are and the team vibe.

### ***Do you have any rituals that you must perform before a game and why?***

Always coming to a game with a positive mindset and not thinking about whatever else is going on in life.

### ***What is the greatest piece of football advice you have been given and by who?***

"Always go 100% into a tackle 'cause otherwise you'll come off second best" – old coach.

### ***Who is the team comedian and why?***

Aoife [Gallagher-Forbes] as we have good banter.



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## Brynn Sinclair

*Age?*

20.

*Job or studying what?*

Barista at cafe.

*Past clubs/teams played for?*

Māori Hill JFC, Green Island AFC, North Shore United AFC, Southern United.

*What do you like about football?*

Winning.

*What don't you like about football?*

Losing.

*Who is your greatest sporting hero and why?*

Sergio Ramos because "Hala Madrid".

*What training do you do outside of the structured sessions?*

Extra individual sessions on the pitch and in the gym.

*What do you do to relax outside of football?*

I like to go on hikes, listen to music or read.

*Favourite sounds?*

Kanye.

*Why Petone FC?*

Riki Kerr-Bell brought me to the club when I moved to Wellington.

*Do you have any rituals that you must perform before a game and why?*

No.

*What is the greatest piece of football advice you have been given and by who?*

Not entirely sure, but Riki Kerr-Bell, Mark Foster and Kevin Schoular are some coaches that have had a huge impact on me through my youth football.

*Who is the team comedian and why?*

Sefa [Mamea-Hind] because he's hilarious.



## **Katie McKenzie**

*Who is your greatest sporting hero and why?*

Ellen Fibbes – you should see all of her trophies on the windowsill! #Legend.

*What training do you do outside of the structured sessions?*

I try get to the gym when I'm motivated enough.

*What do you do to relax outside of football?*

I like to relax with a hot cuppa tea and binge-watch something. Currently that something is "Stranger Things".

*Favourite sounds?*

All sorts – I like a mixed bag.

*Why Petone FC?*

Because it's my local and was the first club I played for. Plus, I get to play with my mates.





*Do you have any rituals that you must perform before a game and why?*

I always double-up on socks and wear a normal sock underneath the massive long-as socks we have – PS, can we get some smaller socks please :-)

*What is the greatest piece of football advice you have been given and by who?*

“You gotta actually shoot to be able to score!” – my Dad, who gets frustrated when I don't shoot.

*Who is the team comedian and why?*

Chrissy [Hosie] – no explanation needed!

TONIGHT!



Next Club Event!

**Senior Quiz**

*Saturday June 25*

## Junior Club Update

It's another strong year for Girls Only (GO) football at Petone FC, with almost 100 registered players across one 8th Grade, two 10th Grade, two 12th Grade and two 14th Grade teams.

We are fortunate to have coaches who have the knowledge and skills to train our players and to make the game of football such fun. Our GO teams enjoy scoring goals and winning matches, but they also value the camaraderie of their team and love playing with their friends.

In this edition we highlight the 10th Grade GO Settlers and feature the start of our Mitre 10 Mega Petone Settlers Skills Centre supported by Armstrong Subaru, that was launched earlier in June.

### The Blues

The U10 GO Settlers, aka "The Blues", have had another stellar start to their season.

The team features many familiar names from the 2021 campaign, alongside some talented new signings.

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Up front, the likes of Samaira Konda and Holly Tizzard are always a threat, with nimble footwork that Ronaldo would envy.

This pairing is matched by Ruby Thom and Elsie Sroufe who can puncture the back of the net with force from anywhere in the attacking half.

After a tense legal battle between Barcelona and Petone, the club managed to secure the energetic duo of Grace Wright and Charlotte Gendall – with fans, young and old, now able to witness such talent in the flesh.

In the centre of the pitch, Maria Mollo and Hannah Bayliss always have a massive impact in the starting seven, with their passing game leaving the opposition tied up in knots.

After declining various lucrative transfer options in volleyball, lacrosse and basketball, Ella Sparrow and Lotte Theobald have seen their game go from strength to strength through single-minded focus – with the latter being referred to as the “Blue Wall” for her resolute defence.

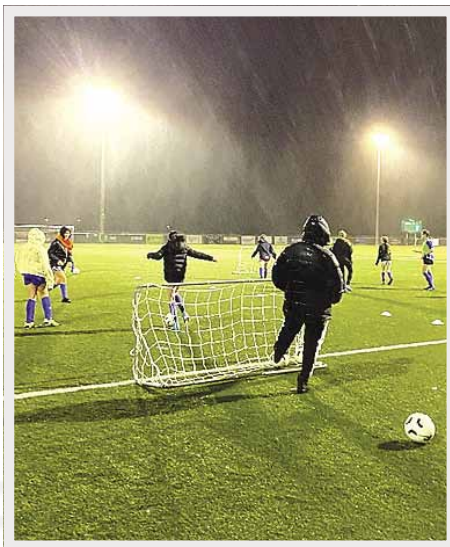
Capably coached by the vocal Sree Konda and the poised Michael Gendall, the team is developing skills across the breadth of the field. Their obtuse and unpredictable gameplay is a real strength – opposition teams are constantly caught off-guard by a “Blue” defender masquerading in the attacking position and vice versa.

If anyone is looking to view the future of girls football, look no further than a freezing-cold pitch at the top of Alex Moore Park, Johnsonville, amidst the wind and rain at Way-Too-Early O'clock on a Sunday morning!

## **Term Two Mitre 10 Mega Petone Settlers Skill Centre Supported by Armstrong Subaru**

Earlier this month we kicked off the Mitre 10 Mega Petone Settlers Skills Centre supported by Armstrong Subaru, specifically for our GO players from 10th to 14th grade. Its philosophy is to provide our young female players with an opportunity to develop their football skills by offering a fun, well-coached and professionally-run training environment.

The sessions are being facilitated by Mark Allen with the help of our Women's First Team players. So far, there's been an awesome turn out, even when the weather has not been very inspiring.





We are looking forward to continuing the Skills Centre in Term Three. A huge thanks to Caelin [Patterson], Julia [Harrison] and the other Women's First Team members who have helped so far this term.

We wish all of our players, coaches, managers and whānau all the very best for the remainder of the season. Increasing football skills, enjoying the game, staying in the sport and making friends – these are the things that make GO football a true success for Petone FC.

*Article kindly provided by Petone FC junior club chair Mark Allen and colleagues*



# MITRE 10

# MEGA

## Celebrating 125 Years of Petone FC!

**N**ext year Petone FC is celebrating its 125th anniversary as well as 50 years of women's football at the club.

The main celebrations will take place over Queen's Birthday Weekend June 2-5, 2023, starting with a meet-and-greet evening at the club on Friday, fantastic football on Saturday and a celebration dinner at the Lower Hutt Events Centre on Sunday.

Put it on the calendar, tell your friends and book a weekend in with us!

Please also send us any old photos or memories of your time and involvement at Petone FC – we'd love to see and hear them and so might others. Please E-mail to [125th@petonefootball.org.nz](mailto:125th@petonefootball.org.nz).



### Programmes On New Club Website

Please note that Petone FC 2022 matchday programmes are now posted under [/more/match programmes](#) on the club's renewed website (kindly administered by Sam Pickering).



# Central League 2022

Saturday June 25 | 3pm | Memorial Park

## Liquid IT Petone

GK (1)	Shea Stapleton
GK (22)	Ethan Claridge
2	James Nash
3	Seth Loughran
4	Brynn Sinclair
5	Kieran McMinn
6	Jordan Pickering
7	Jamaya Shearer
8	Hami Paranihi-Nuku (c)
9	Alden Suri
10	Max Winterton
11	Josh Zatorski
12	Ollie Pickering
13	Isaac Snell
14	Luke Grindlay
15	Jared Eglinton
16	Alex Shepherd-Reynolds
17	Sefa Mamea-Hind
18	Billy Check
19	Matt Jones
20	Callum Brooker
21	Sam Pickering
Coach	Ryan Edwards
Asst coach	Jamie Forsyth
Strength/cond	Kieran McMinn
Manager	Gavin Siegel
Physio	Barnaby Verberne

## Wellington Phoenix

GK (1)	Alby Kelly-Heald
GK (20)	Henry Gray
GK (22)	Callum Kennett
2	Joe Chiari
3	Adam Supyk
4	Lukas Kelly-Heald
5	Isaac Hughes (c)
6	Dan McKay
7	Noah Karunaratne
8	Fin Conchie
9	Riley Bidois
10	Charlie Beale
11	Kaelin Nguyen
12	Blake Chandler
13	Matt Sheridan
14	Jackson Manuel
15	Marco Lorenz
16	Josh Rudlin
17	Sebastian Barton-Ginger
18	Ben Wallace
19	Fergus Gillion
21	Mick Reid
23	Josh Tollervey
Coach	Chris Greenacre
Asst coach	Steve Coleman
GK coach	Ruben Parker
Strength/cond	Nik Boyce
Analyst	Alex Richardson
Physio	Jono Pledger
Manager	Justin Raffan

### Officials

Referee – Chris Bennett  
Assistant Referee 1 – Jordan Williams  
Assistant Referee 2 – Andrew Melville



# W-League 2022

Saturday June 25 | 11am | Memorial Park

## Powerex Petone

GK (1)	Aoife Gallagher-Forbes
2	Shannon Newlyn
3	Caelin Patterson
4	Katie McKenzie
5	Devyn Crawford
6	Libby Boobyer
7	Christine Hosie
8	Olivia Gibbs
9	Amy Price
10	Rebecca Otte
11	Jenna Reddy
12	Gabrielle Claridge
13	Emily Yates
14	Alex McIntosh (c)
15	Jessica Kincaid
16	Sydney Williams
17	Caitlin Hendry
18	Kate Marra
21	Cecily Holland
22	Sophie Chamberlain
Coach	Ryan McGlinchey
Asst coaches	Linda Roeters
	Michael McGlinchey
	Ellen Fibbes
Manager	Julia Harrison

## Wellington Utd Diamonds

GK (1)	Molly Simons
GK (21)	Broke Assur
2	Sophie Dijkstra
3	Lara Smith
4	Zoe Barrott
5	Lena De Ronde
6	Francesca Grange
7	Jemma Catherwood
8	Olive Lynch-Gerrard
9	Dani Ohlsson
10	Sammi Preval
11	Pepi Olliver-Bell
12	Jemma Robertson
13	Rosie Wild
14	Sarah Alder
15	Anna McCarthy
16	Asha Strom
17	Jemma Hall
18	Liv Deane
19	Justina Yamoah
20	Emma Main
Coach	Maika Ruyter-Hooley
Asst coach	Elliot Taylor
Manager	Sophie Smith

### Officials

Referee – Greg Binning  
Assistant Referee 1 – Wayne Kilgour  
Assistant Referee 2 – Tyler Kilgour





## Men's Central League Matches

March 26 | Wellington Olympic | **home** – **1-5** S Pickering

April 2 | Wellington Phoenix | **away** – **0-3**

April 9 | Wellington United | **away** – **0-0**

April 15 | Napier City Rovers | **away** – **2-2** S Pickering (pen), A Suri

April 23 | Waterside Karori | **home** – **1-2** S Loughran

May 1 | Western Suburbs | **away** – **4-0** A Suri, K McMinn, S Loughran, J Shearer

May 7 | Miramar Rangers | **home** – **0-5**

May 22 | Havelock North Wanderers | **away** – **1-2** K McMinn

May 28 | North Wellington | **home** – **3-1** L Grindlay, S Pickering (pen), M Winterton

June 11 | Wellington United | **home** – **1-0** A Suri

June 25 | Wellington Phoenix | **home** –

July 2 | Wellington Olympic | **away** –

July 16 | Napier City Rovers | **home** –

July 23 | Waterside Karori | **away** –

August 6 | Western Suburbs | **home** –

August 13 | Miramar Rangers | **away** –

August 20 | Havelock North Wanderers | **home** –

August 28 | North Wellington | **away** –



## Women's W-League Matches

April 23 | North Wellington | **home** – **3-1** J Reddy, S Williams, L Boobyer

April 30 | PN Marist | **away** – **1-2** own goal

May 7 | Waterside Karori | **home** – **1-3** R Otte

May 21 | Seatoun | **home** – **5-1** R Otte 4 (inc pen), S Williams

May 28 | *bye* | –

June 11 | Victoria University | **home** – **4-0** R Otte, L Boobyer, A Price, own goal

June 25 | Wgtn Utd Diamonds | **home** –

July 2 | North Wellington | **away** –

July 16 | PN Marist | **home** –

July 23 | Waterside Karori | **away** –

July 30 | Seatoun | **away** –

August 6 | *bye* | –

August 13 | Victoria University | **away** –

August 27 | Wgtn Utd Diamonds | **away** –



# Central League Table

	p	w	d	l	f	a	gd	pts
Wellington Olympic	10	7	3	0	36	8	28	24
Wellington Phoenix	10	6	3	1	18	10	8	21
Miramar Rangers	9	5	3	1	33	9	24	18
Napier City Rovers	10	5	3	2	18	13	5	18
Waterside Karori	9	4	2	3	18	14	4	14
<b>Liquid IT Petone</b>	10	3	2	5	13	20	-7	11
Western Suburbs	10	2	2	6	11	28	-17	8
Havelock North Wanderers	10	2	2	6	10	29	-19	8
North Wellington	10	1	3	6	15	23	-8	6
Wellington United	10	1	3	6	5	23	-18	6



## W-League Table

	p	w	d	l	f	a	gd	pts
Palmerston North Marist	6	4	1	1	12	9	3	13
Waterside Karori	4	4	0	0	20	2	18	12
Wellington Utd Diamonds	5	3	0	2	16	6	10	9
<b>Powerex Petone</b>	5	3	0	2	14	7	7	9
Seatoun	5	1	1	3	5	10	-5	4
Victoria University	5	1	0	4	3	23	-20	3
North Wellington	4	0	0	4	4	17	-13	0





## Settler Q&A – Barry Pickering

**A**rguably one of if not the most successful and treasured players to have come through the ranks of Petone FC and go on to achieve top domestic and international honours – while also being a committed and humble club contributor – Barry (“Baz”) Pickering, is the focus of this edition’s Settler Q&A.

*Do you recall when you first started playing football and any memories from that game/time?*

I was around six years old when I played my first game for Petone. That was almost 60 years ago and all I can remember is we played at York Park in Moera every Saturday and we used a plastic ball.

*Do you recall your First Team debut?*

I made my First Team debut as a 16-year-old against Whanganui at Cooks Gardens and scored the only goal of the match. I received the ball just outside the box, took a little shift to the right and drove it high into the net – something I’ll never forget.

*If not covered off already, when did you join Petone FC and why?*

The “why” was because big brothers Phil and Les were already at Petone for

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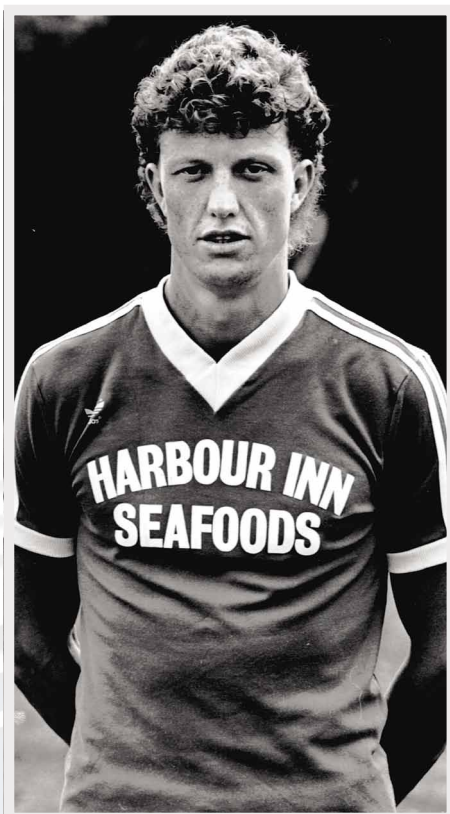
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four-five seasons and by that stage Mum and Dad were involved in club administration. Little sister Sue and I tagged along to games in those early years, so it was my destiny. Those were the beginnings of the “Pickering Dynasty” at the club.

***What were your main position(s) and what attracted you to those?***

I started off as a left half, even though I was right footed. It made me appreciate using both feet and I worked hard on developing my left. I happily played wherever the coach put me and because of that I can honestly say I’ve played in every position on the park. That same debut senior season I was both a striker and goalkeeper – and that’s a whole story in itself ... !

When you’re a young lad and your big brothers are pounding the ball at the shed wall, guess who ends up in goal? That shaped me as a goalkeeper and throughout my junior years I dabbled in goal, so when there was a need I always stepped in. A broken toe at the start of the 1976 season saw me do just that and then I couldn’t get back out! That was the proper start of my goalkeeping career and within three years I was representing New Zealand.



*Pictured in 1987 when registered as a player with Petone, whom he also coached in Central League on Saturdays, while also playing National League for Hutt Valley United on Sundays, whom named him player of the year that season*

***Career highlights?***

- 🏆 20 All Whites appearances (11 “A” caps) over an eight-year period “and just as many warming the bench”
- 🏆 two National League runners-up medals (Stop Out, Miramar Rangers)
- 🏆 Chatham Cup runners-up medal (Miramar)
- 🏆 Wellington Football Association Player of the Year 1982 (Miramar)
- 🏆 six times player of the year over ten years of National League football (Stop Out and Miramar twice each, Christchurch United and Hutt Valley)
- 🏆 member of the New Zealand squad at the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain



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*New Zealand 1982 World Cup Squad*

From a Petone FC perspective, playing a small but vital part in the 1990 Central League championship-winning side – scoring the only goal in the last game after Reserve Team strikers Dion Bartosh and myself were called into the side – is another indelible memory. A tidy header from a Dion cut-back cross!

Other honours:

- 🏆 Petone “Walk of Champions” member – Jackson Street plaque
- 🏆 Life Member Petone FC
- 🏆 inducted into Hutt City Sports Legends 2014
- 🏆 inducted into Wellington Football Hall of Fame 2015

### ***Any notable disappointments?***

The three runners-up medals – particularly the Chatham Cup. Not quite getting to 100 First Team league appearances for Petone – although, it’s great that both of our sons, Michael and Sam, have achieved that. Bad injuries at critical stages of my career. But that’s football.

### ***Team-mates you’ve particularly respected/enjoyed?***

There’s been many, but if I have to single one out it’s the legendary Steve Sumner, a true leader on the park and a tough, uncompromising competitor.

### ***When did you step down as a First Team player and are you still playing?***

The body won’t allow it anymore but I still kick every ball on the sideline. I’m just as nervous now before a game as I was when I was playing. My First Team career stretched over a 32-year period after making two appearances in 2004 at the age of 48 – I think that was long enough!

### ***What other roles have you had in the club over the years?***

This is my 29th year on the executive committee, including five years as chair and 19 years as secretary. My roles also encompass senior football co-ordination, grant funding, gear management, matchday management, Hilton-Petone preseason tournament organisation and Capital Football liaison.





*New Zealand vs Malaysia 1981*

My coaching roles included one season as First Team coach followed by two seasons as National League assistant coach at Hutt Valley United. I've also been a junior coach for 14 years and goalkeeping coach for ten years.

***Have other family members played for/had any involvement in the club?***

Where do I start! It's fair to say that EVERY family member down from my Mum and Dad some 65 years ago has been involved in the club. Even little grandson Taylor is a regular down here now.

***Any thoughts on the game overall – ie, things you are or aren't liking today?***

First, some advice to youngsters of today – ask not what the club can do for you, but what you can do for the club.

The game is forever changing and progressing and you just have to embrace that and move with the times. However, I do feel that New Zealand Football – by constantly reminding us we are amateurs whilst at the same time challenging clubs to be more professional – are just squeezing more and more out of dedicated club volunteers around the country. The answer is there somewhere, but we haven't quite found it yet.

***Lastly, any final thoughts on what Petone FC has meant to you and your family?***

Everything.

## Potted Barry Pickering Stats/Achievements

### On-field

- started playing at Petone FC as a six-year-old
- Petone First Team debut in 1973 at age 16 (scoring the game's only goal)
- 93 Petone Men's First Team league appearances 1973-2004 (18 goals)
- scored the winning goal in the Petone team that won the Central League in 1990
- seven Wellington representative matches 1977-1983
- 204 National League appearances for four clubs, winning club player of the year six times
- 11 international and nine other appearances for New Zealand 1978-1986 – including being member of the New Zealand Team in its successful "Road to Spain" campaign to qualify for the 1982 World Cup and making the squad that went to the finals in Spain

### Coaching

- Petone Men's First Team 1987
- Petone juniors 1995-2009
- junior representative level for six years
- Hutt Valley High School for several years
- goalkeepers at various levels over many years

### Administration

- elected onto Petone's management committee since 1994
- five years as club chair
- 19 years as club secretary
- 24 years on the club's football committee

### Other Recognitions

- 2006 – elected Life Member Petone FC
- 2014 – inducted into Hutt City Sporting Legends
- 2015 – inducted into Wellington Football Hall of Fame
- 2020 – Club Administrator of the Year, Capital Football Awards
- as per most Petone internationals in any sport, Barry Pickering has a Bronze Plaque on the Jackson Street Walk of Champions

*Stats kindly provided by Petone FC historian Ray Bell*



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- Lower Hutt – L1, 21-23 Andrews Ave, Lower Hutt
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## Highly Capped – Alan Kearton

Alan Kearton is one of Petone FC's highest-capped players. He made a scoring debut for the First Team on April 14, 1956, against Upper Hutt.

Alan played his 100th First Team league game on May 29, 1965, and went on to play at least 150 times for the club. However, records prior to 1968 are incomplete, and he probably played as many as 195 games. Despite being a defender, he scored nine goals during his career.

Alan played his final First Team game in 1969 and then spent a few seasons playing at Eastbourne.

For several years Alan would visit the club on Old Timers' Days. His health now prevents that but he still takes an interest in the club and Bob Walley keeps him up to date when he can.

*Article kindly provided by Ray Bell*



**Petone FC First Team early-1960s**

*Back: Barry Shepherd, Alan Kearton, John Glover, Terry Attwood, Tom Giannotti, John Rook;  
front: Rolf Stephan, Joe Ryan, John Ryan, Anton Vos, Corrie Rook*





*Petone FC 1967 Division Two Winners*

*Back: JA Ryan, JG Bradbury, J Shaw, K Williamson, W Hewitt (selector-manager), R Walley, B McLoughlin, RN Bradbury; middle: A Hammond, E McLoughlin, JA Evans (captain), JJ Ryan (vice-captain), A Watson (president); front: A Kearton, WE Green*

## Volunteering and Events

Petone FC relies on the support of our community to maintain our family-friendly club and we are always in need of both volunteers and funding.

We would love to see you attend this season's functions, as listed in our events calendar, and would welcome any offers of a little time to help out.

This could be helping run gamedays, manning the bar or you may have a particular skill the club could use on one of our committees.

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## Club Events Calendar 2022

- 🏆 *Old Timers' Day – Saturday May 7*
- 🏆 *Senior Quiz – Saturday June 25*
- 🏆 *Senior Women's Fundraiser – Saturday July 23*
- 🏆 *Horsie Night – Saturday August 6*
- 🏆 *Junior Quiz – Saturday August 20*
- 🏆 *Golf Day – Friday September 9*
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## A Brief History

Formed in 1898, Petone FC is one of the oldest football clubs in New Zealand and is the longest-surviving in our original form – non-amalgamated – in Wellington.

Major on-field achievements have included:

- Chatham Cup winners – 1928, 1930 and 1949
- Chatham Cup semifinalists – 1994
- Chatham Cup quarterfinalists – 1995
- Junior National Cup (New Zealand U18s) winners – 1979
- National Youth Championship (New Zealand U19s) winners – 2008
- Wellington annual preseason tournament (progressively known as the Hilton-Petone Cup) winners – 1956, 1985, 2000, 2003, 2007, 2010 and 2013
- Central League Premier Division winners – 1990
- Capital Federation Premier League winners – 2006, 2007 and 2019
- Women's Central League winners – 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998
- Women's National U19s Tournament winners – 2021

Petone FC also finished runners-up in the Central League Premier Division in 1992, 1996 and 2008 as well as the Capital Federation Premier League in 2005, 2017 and 2018.

The club organises the annual preseason Hilton-Petone Cup tournament which, since 1955, has attracted an almost maximum number of entries from clubs in the Wellington region and which is an established part of the local football scene.



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