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John Herdman



John's interest in coaching began at the age of 16, when John chose it as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award activities. "I wanted to gain some basic experience, so I started coaching a team of 11-year-old boys from a local football team and found that I absolutely loved it," said John.

John moved to New Zealand in 2002 to take on the position of Director of Football for the Soccer South Region. "Although I'd only dabbled in coaching girls and women, I was keen to get more involved. Coaching women seems to suit my philosophy and approach so I wanted to get more experience," John explains. In his role as Director of Football, John found he became heavily involved in the national women's league which led to a promotion to the Regional/National Academy for girls and women. This gave him the opportunity to work all over the country, where he identified many talented players spread around the regions

In 2003, John was privileged to be able to take the New Zealand Women's Under 16 Team to Australia for a tournament and this experience helped to lay the foundations for a strong future for women's football in New Zealand. "When New Zealand qualified for the under 20 Women's World Cup, I applied for the position as coach and was appointed. Most of the team had been part of the under 16 tournament in Australia, so I knew we had a team of quality young women," says John. "The younger players were developing really quickly, so it seemed logical for the longevity of the game, to recruit them and develop them into the senior environment".

In early 2007, after Alan Johns resigned as coach of the New Zealand Senior Women's team, John was appointed to the role. This was a logical step for John, who had been working with many of the women in the team for some years.

In 2009 John was appointed to the position of Director of Football Development a role that will see him continue to oversee the coach development programme but also assume responsibility for player development and creating an overarching game development strategy.

Pat Barwick



Pat brings with her a wealth of experience in coaching and administration.

Pat played hockey during University days for Otago and then went to Napier as a teacher where she played for Hawkes Bay. Pat was 24 years old when she was selected to play for New Zealand and was in fact named Captain immediately in her first selection. Pat represented New Zealand as a player for ten years, including 9 years as captain.

Pat has coached various hockey teams, at various levels, including the NZ women's team at the Barcelona Olympics.

In 1987 Pat was appointed coach of the New Zealand Women's Hockey Team. Pat missed out on an opportunity to compete at the Games of the XXIV Olympiad, Seoul 1988 but took the team to Barcelona in 1992. Pat was inspired in her coaching by the women role models that she encountered in her playing days.

Don Tricker



Don Tricker is the highly successful and recognized former coach of the New Zealand Black Sox Softball team. Don started his career with the New Zealand Black Sox as a player from 1987 to 1991. He was part of the team when they attended and won the Silver Medal at the 1988 World Series.

In 1998 Don was appointed Head Coach of the New Zealand Black Sox team and led the team to the 2000 World Series where they won Gold. The same year Don received the Halberg Coach of the Year award. He was again Head Coach when the Black Sox made history in 2004, by becoming the first team ever to win three consecutive Softball World Championships.

Don has also spent 18 years in the Information Technology industry where his various roles covered Business Analysis, Project Management and IT Strategic Planning. His business career experience compliments his sporting career and visa versa, as Don takes the approach that both are of the same principal – "each one is striving to build a team to achieve the same outcome," says Don.

In 2002 Don was appointed to the position of Senior Advisor of High Performance Coaching for Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC). He also spends some afternoons coaching softball to entry level children in Porirua, his own home town.

Don retired as coach of the Black Sox in July 2004, to concentrate on his family and apply a greater focus on his job with SPARC.

Don's strength is in understanding and getting the best out of people. He strives for excellence by focusing on the basics and believes that continuous improvement is a building process that leads us to realizing our visions. He has the ability to understand team dynamics, to build teams and to get each individual team member to take ownership of what their goal is as a team.

Ricki Herbert



Herbert began his coaching career at Papakura City AFC in 1990, before taking over at neighboring Papatoetoe AFC in 1993. From 1996 he took charge of Central United in the National Summer League, finishing mid table in his first season in charge. In both 1997 and 1998 Herbert took Central United to victory in the Chatham Cup and finished a close second in the league.

In 1999 New Zealand reverted to separate North Island and South Island leagues, with the winners of each playing off for title of New Zealand Champion. Central United, winners of the North Island Soccer League, defeated the South Island winner, Dunedin Technical, 3-1, after extra time, in the championship final

Herbert's domestic success attracted attention from NZ football association, and in 1999 he was appointed coach of the U-23 Oly-Whites qualifying campaign for the Sydney Olympics. An appointment of assistant national coach followed in 2001. In 2003 Herbert took charge of the New Zealand U-17 team. As Director of Technical Development, Herbert was again responsible for New Zealand Olympic campaign in 2004, although they failed to qualify for the finals in Athens.

Herbert was appointed All Whites coach on 25 February 2005, replacing Mick Waitt after being his assistant since 2003, with his first game in charge being scheduled in June that year as a friendly against arch rival Australia. As national coach, the All Whites won their first match in Europe when beating Georgia 3-1 in Germany in May 2006. On that tour, which included a 4-0 loss to the mighty Brazil, the All Whites drew 1-1 with Estonia in Tallinn.

In December 2006, after FFA announced that it had revoked the 2006 season A-League license held by the Knights' owners, Herbert took over the reins of the now defunct New Zealand Knights under an arrangement between the FFA and NZ Soccer whereby the national body would step in to manage the club to meet their commitments for the remaining 5 games of the season. In that time the franchise won three matches, drew one and lost to competition winners Melbourne Victory. In 2007 the new A-League franchise Wellington Phoenix franchise was granted a 3 year license, and owner Terry Serepisos and Herbert immediately confirmed as head coach.

Herbert holds a prestigious UEFA 'A' International Coaching License and is one of the 2007-2008 intakes of the UEFA 'Pro' International Coaching License course which will finish in June 2008. This is considered by many to be the highest coaching qualification in today's football.

Herbert was *New Zealand Coach of the Year* for 2007

Ed Baranowski



Baranowski boasts more than 22 years of experience working with the cream of English football talent as a fitness trainer, including permanent roles with five English Premier League clubs.

He was part of the Blackburn Rovers setup that won the premiership under one-time Liverpool legend Kenny Dalglish in 1995. He followed Dalglish to Newcastle United for an 18-month stint which included an FA Cup final appearance and a second placing in the premier league. He spent four years with Leeds United under managers George Graham and then David O'Leary, helped Manchester City win promotion to the Premier League under Joe Royle, and did likewise with Bolton Wanderers under Sam Allardyce.

In 2007 Ed became the strength and conditioning coach for the Wellington Phoenix. He is implementing all the modern techniques "that you'd find at any premier league club these days", including heart-rate monitoring, hydration testing and daily urine samples. He is also a firm believer in football-specific training, which makes him popular with the players.