

AUCKLAND UNITED

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2024/2025

AUCKLAND UNITED SOFTBALL SEASON 2024-2025 SEASON

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2024–2025 SEASON

As shown on the accompanying Sporting Results page, this has been a truly successful year for both our teams and individual athletes. Many players reached significant milestones, but two standouts deserve special recognition: Thomas and Ben Enoka. These long-standing, passionate AU members continue to carry our club's name with pride wherever they go. Their outstanding performances in the USA and as part of the New Zealand Black Sox, who finished runners-up at the 2025 World Series, were nothing short of exemplary.

While I won't dwell on the challenges Auckland Softball has faced, I believe the appointment of a new Board marks a positive turning point. With renewed leadership, the sport is now better positioned for growth—and this can only benefit our member clubs.

Of course, with every positive comes a challenge. This year, there are two significant ones.

The first is financial. Despite the tireless efforts of our committee and dedicated members, the costs of running a club continue to exceed our income. That said, this club continues to punch above its weight—especially considering we have no clubrooms of our own. This success is due in large part to the commitment of a few key individuals, and we remain incredibly grateful to our supporters, particularly The Crown in Pt Chevalier for their generous financial support and use of their premises.

The Annual Vic Guth Tournament was once again a fantastic fundraiser, though unfortunately, it was overshadowed by high travel costs for some of our teams. This is an area we must address going forward. In addition, a small number of players still owe fees despite the passing of several months. This not only affects the club financially, but also impacts their teammates. Thankfully, due to prudent management, we have been able to maintain last year's fee structure, and have even reduced the social grade fee.

The second concern relates to Life Membership. This honour is reserved for those who have made significant contributions to the club and should be treated with the respect it deserves. It's disappointing to hear criticism—both of and by—Life Members. As a Life Member myself, I take pride in the title and the responsibility that comes with it. It is disheartening to hear that some feel their service is complete. Let me be clear: the work never stops. Even the three Life

Members currently serving on the executive continue to contribute just as much as they did before receiving the honour. In today's world, volunteer help is hard to come by and everyone has other commitments. That makes the support we do receive all the more valuable—and negative comments all the more damaging.

On behalf of us all, I want to thank our committee. Each member tackles their responsibilities with a level of dedication that often borders on superhuman. But the truth is, we need more people involved. With only seven committee members—none of whom are paid, and all of whom juggle family responsibilities—it's easy to forget how much time and effort goes into running the club. They deserve our sincere appreciation.

In closing, we see signs of recovery in the national economy. Our Regional Sports Organisation is rebuilding, our national team is on the rise again, and our bank balance is moving in the right direction. Now, what we need is another great year on the field—and more volunteers to help share the load.

Let's take pride in our club, support those who are working hard to make a difference, and move forward together.

Yours in spirit

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Ron McMillian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent 'R' and 'M'.

PRIZE WINNERS

Junior Prize Winners

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Junior Prize Giving at Mt Albert Aquatic Centre

What a wonderful end to the season. We got through it with a good sized programme. CONGRATS to all our team award winners today and a huge thank you to everyone who participated this season. It couldn't have happened without our dedicated players. To our parents, grandparent and those who brought our kids down THANK YOU. To Jade & Ben thank you for coming down and presenting the awards. The kids loved it.

TEAM AWARDS

U6 STOMPERS

MOST IMPROVED: Moses Fakatava
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Kaia Palmer
MVP: Laiken Fletcher

U8 SLAMMERS

MOST IMPROVED: Hazel Simons
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Hunter Rosby
MVP: Matthew Niu

U10 CTK GIANTS

MOST IMPROVED: Angela Prior
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Helena Rekereke
MVP: Xander Sullings

U10 SLUGGERS

MOST IMPROVED: Andi Allan
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Levi Foskin
MVP: Rico Fletcher

U17 BULLDOGS

MOST IMPROVED: Reuben Coombes
TOP BATTER: Tamatea Hiko-Smith
MVP: Ollie Paterson



PRIZE WINNERS

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CLUB TROPHIES

RAY CAMERON: Pete Hiko

SECRETARY'S AWARD: Elaine Gibbons

CALEB CHALMERS MEMORIAL CUP: Cooper Schaumkell

JUNIOR MERIT AWARD: Tamatea Hiko-Smith

TEEBALL GIRL OF THE YEAR: Andi Allan

TEEBALL BOY OF THE YEAR: Rico Fletcher

TEEBALL COACH OF THE YEAR: Kimberly Sullings

TEEBALL TEAM OF THE YEAR: U8 Slammers

JUNIOR COACH OF THE YEAR: Shyah & Corina Hale

JUNIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR: U17 Bulldogs

MOST PROMISING JUNIOR GIRL: Lexc Albert-Matthews

MOST PROMISING JUNIOR BOY: Tamatea Hiko-Smith

TOP JUNIOR FEMALE SOFTBALLER: Ava Prescott

TOP JUNIOR MALE SOFTBALLER: Boston Allan

COACHES TROPHY: Ava Prescott



PRIZE WINNERS

Senior Prize Winners

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WHAT A SEASON IT HAS BEEN.

AUCKLAND UNITED celebrated our season over the weekend. Firstly, thank you to everyone who came, its always nice celebrate yet another great season for the club.

Special mention to our life members in attendance:

Duncan Enoka

Michelle Enoka

Buck Rogers

Ian Foster

Shout to our very own Ben Enoka on his 300 games as well. Supported by his beautiful wife Maddy and whanau.

U19 BOYS

Most Improved: Boston Allan

Team Player: Hekenui Tangaroa

Top Batter: Maximus Russell

MVP: Maximus Russell

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Team Player: Blair Bourgeois

Top Batter: Josh Jennings

MVP: Sean Coutts

RESERVE WOMAN

Most Promising: Katie Watkinson

Team Player: Shahlin-Lee Wilson

Top Batter: Ava Prescott

MVP: Hope Natana-Weller

Gloria Gollan Trophy: Kristina Harris

PREMIER WOMAN

Most Improved: Kristina Harris

Team Player: Hope Natana-Weller

Top Batter: Pania Monk

MVP: Shahlin-Lee Wilson



PREMIER MEN

Premier Mens Players Choice: Isaac Fletcher

Top Batter: Ben Enoka

Team Player: Sage Shaw-Tait

MVP: Ben Enoka

CLUB TROPHIES

Andy Allan Trophy: Thomas Enoka

Paul Rogers Memorial Trophy: Maximus Russell

Michelle Enoka Trophy: Hollie Howard

Open Grade Most Distinguished: Blair Bourgeois

Gwen Fletcher Trophy: Cori Batts

Senior Coach of the Year: Steve Watkinson

Kent Cup: Michal Fletcher

Ray Cameron Trophy: Peter Hiko

Senior Male Softballer of the Year: Maximus Russell

Senior Female Softballer of the Year: Jade Calverley



AU SPECIAL MENTIONS

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Ben Enoka has reached an incredible milestone—playing 300 National Fastpitch Softball (NFS) games this season! A true testament to his dedication, endurance, and love for the game, Ben continues to inspire teammates and fans alike. He's not only a powerhouse on the diamond but a respected leader off it, embodying what it means to be a professional in every sense. We are incredibly proud of his achievement and honored to witness him join the elite group of players who have reached this rare and remarkable feat. Ben, you are truly something to admire!

A massive congratulations to Ben and Thomas Enoka on reaching 100 caps for the Black Sox while on a successful tour at the World Championship! This remarkable milestone is a testament to their talent, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the game. We are incredibly lucky to have both of these outstanding athletes as part of our club. Their achievements on the world stage make us immensely proud. Pictured here with their equally proud parents, Michelle and Duncan — a special moment for a truly special family.



A huge congratulations to Stephani Fairclough on making her debut for the New Zealand White Sox during their tour of Canada! It's been a long time coming, and we couldn't be prouder of her incredible achievement. Stephani's journey is a true testament to perseverance and determination — proving that hard work really does pay off. Well done, Steph! Your club and community are behind you all the way.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Premier Men runners up in NFS final
Reserve Women winners of NFS final

Junior white sox training squad - Ava Prescott, Cori Batts
NZ U23 Major Sox - Max Russell
U15 DSX squad - Tamatea Hiko-Smith
NZ junior black sox (u18 trans tasman series) - Boston Allen

NFC women (2nd place)
Coaches: Michal & Isaac, Scorer Gwen, Manager Tania Weller, Players: Jade Calverly, Ava Prescott, Stephani Fairclough

NFC Men (4th Place)
Assistant coach Garth Pollard, Manager Duncan Enoka, Assistant Manager Dirk McGregor, Players Ben Enoka, Thomas Enoka, Campbell Enoka, Liam Twigden

Auckland U19 girls (4th place)
Cori Batts, Ava Prescott, Riana Hill, Hope Natana-Weller
Tournament team Ava Prescott

Auckland U19 Boys (3rd Place)
Boston Allen, Hekenui Tangaroa, Max Russell
Top Batter Max
Tournament team Max

Auckland U17 girls (3rd place)
Head Coach Steve Watkinson, Players - Cori Batts, Ava Prescott, Katie Watkinson
Tournament team Ava Prescott

Auckland U17 boys (10th place)
Lucas Gibbons, Tamatea Hiko-Smith, Cooper Schaumkell
Tournament rest team - Tama

Auckland U15 boys (4th place)
Tamatea Hiko-Smith
Tournament team Tama

THANKS

As our season begins to wind down, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our incredible volunteers and members. Your time, effort, and support are the backbone of our club, and we simply couldn't do it without you. From behind-the-scenes helpers to those cheering on the sidelines, each of you played a vital role in making this season a success. We're already looking forward to the upcoming season — but for now, thank you for making this one so special!