



# Marlborough Mariners

# Profiles



**Name:** Paul FINNEGAN – Coach

**Age:** 48

**Favourite Team:** Ireland

**Started Playing Football:** 4 years

**Best Moment:** Watching my son, Niall, score his first goal.

**Worst Moment:** Playing in an Irish Premier League Cup Final – LOSING!

**Playing Position:** Right Back

**Favourite Player:** Kenny Dalglish

**Favourite Food:** Seafood



**Name:** Nigel Thompson - Manager

**Age:** 48

**Favourite Team:** Crystal Palace

**Started Playing Football:** Many sleeps ago

**Best Moment:** Watching top flight football in U.K.

**Worst Moment:** Not many but losing 0-7 to Richmond wasn't flash!

**Playing Position:** Defence

**Favourite Player:** Ian Wright

**Favourite Food:** Seafood



**Name:** Dallas COOZE

**Age:**

**Favourite Team:**

**Started Playing Football:**

**Best Moment:**

**Worst Moment:**

**Playing Position:** Goal Keeper

**Favourite Player:**

**Favourite Food:**



**Name:** Aaron VERCOE

**Age:** 31

**Favourite Team:** Phoenix

**Started Playing Football:** 5 years

**Best Moment:** Making junior rep sides.

**Worst Moment:** Pirates folding.

**Playing Position:** Centreback / Sweeper

**Favourite Player:** Messi

**Favourite Food:** Roast Lamb



**Name:** Jordan COLUMBUS

**Age:** 20

**Favourite Team:** Man United

**Started Playing Football:** 5 years

**Best Moment:** Winning "Colt of the Year" – twice!

**Worst Moment:** Drawing with Richmond 3 times last year.

**Playing Position:** Left Back

**Favourite Player:** Messi

**Favourite Food:** Schnitzel



**Name:** Michael JAY

**Age:** 24

**Favourite Team:** Manchester United

**Started Playing Football:** 12 years

**Best Moment:** England winning World Cup

**Worst Moment:** Dodgy red card call

**Playing Position:**

**Favourite Player:** Andy Cole

**Favourite Food:** Curry



**Name:** Taine SWETE

**Age:** 15

**Favourite Team:** Liverpool

**Started Playing Football:** 5 years

**Best Moment:** MVP for 16<sup>th</sup> grade Timaru Rep tournament

**Worst Moment:** Anytime I've played in keeper

**Playing Position:** Sweeper / Centre Mid

**Favourite Player:** Lionel Messi or Pele

**Favourite Food:** Homemade mince



**Name:** Brendon LANG

**Age:** 30

**Favourite Team:** Tottenham Hotspurs

**Started Playing Football:**

**Best Moment:** Winning U13 rep tournament in Invercargill

**Worst Moment:** Losing Knockout Cup final.

**Playing Position:** Centre Back

**Favourite Player:** Aaron C Hayes

**Favourite Food:** Burger King



**Name:** Neil CONNELL - Captain

**Age:** 39

**Favourite Team:** Celtic

**Started Playing Football:** 10 years

**Best Moment:** Scoring the winning goal against Leeds Utd in the Cruachan Cup final.

**Worst Moment:** Missing the penalty in the Marlborough Football Knockout Cup Final.

**Playing Position:** Centre Midfield

**Favourite Player:** Jimmy Johnstone

**Favourite Food:** Indian



**Name:** Aaron HAYES

**Age:** 31

**Favourite Team:** Spurs

**Started Playing Football:** 10 years

**Best Moment:** Scoring a hat trick against Napier City. Playing for Spotswood New Plymouth

**Worst Moment:** Getting beaten by Richmond 7-0

**Playing Position:** Centre Mid

**Favourite Player:** Shane Evans

**Favourite Food:** Anything pasta!



**Name:** Luka VELEBIT

**Age:** 17

**Favourite Team:** Barcelona

**Started Playing Football:** 4 years

**Best Moment:** Going to England with Tasman U18

**Worst Moment:** Breaking my leg and then not being able to go to Auckland for WYNRS.

**Playing Position:** Midfield

**Club:** Blenheim Valley

**Favourite Player:** Lionel Messi

**Favourite Food:** Spag Bol



**Name:** Carlos CONNOR-MCCLEAN

**Age:** 16

**Favourite Team:** Newcastle United FC

**Started Playing Football:**

**Best Moment:** Scoring a hat-trick in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> playoff game for Marlborough reps in Queenstown.

**Worst Moment:** Getting knocked out the day before Timaru tournament last year

**Playing Position:** Midfield

**Favourite Player:** Michael Ruffell (aka 'The Beast')

**Favourite Food:** Toast and Nutella

**Name:** Scott HANNAN

**Playing Position:** Midfield

**Age:** 25

**Favourite Team:** Arsenal

**Favourite Player:** Lionel Messi

**Started Playing Football:** 1989

**Favourite Food:** Fish

**Best Moment:** Goal for Lincoln University team

**Worst Moment:** Sitting on any bench



**Name:** Tore WAECHTER

**Playing Position:** Centre Mid

**Age:** 17

**Favourite Team:** FC Schalke 04

**Favourite Player:** Manuel Neuer

**Started Playing Football:** 5 years

**Favourite Food:** Dad's Spag Bolognese

**Best Moment:** Winning the Gavin Roberts tournament in Marlborough with the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade rep team.

**Worst Moment:** Losing 15-1 to Nayland College with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football team last year.

**Name:** Alan KELLY

**Playing Position:** Centre Midfield

**Age:** 27

**Favourite Team:** Liverpool FC

**Favourite Player:** John Barnes

**Started Playing Football:** 4 years

**Favourite Food:** Steak, spuds & pepper sauce

**Best Moment:** 2005 Champions League Final

**Worst Moment:** WC 2010 qualifier playoff – France vs Ireland



**Name:** Bryce SMITH

**Playing Position:** Striker

**Age:** 24

**Club:** Central

**Favourite Team:** Netherlands

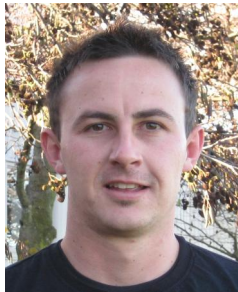
**Favourite Player:** Ben Columbus

**Started Playing Football:** 4 years

**Favourite Food:** Curry

**Best Moment:** Winning with Mariners

**Worst Moment:** Missing goals



**Name:** Shane EVANS

**Playing Position:** Striker

**Age:** 24

**Favourite Team:** Arsenal

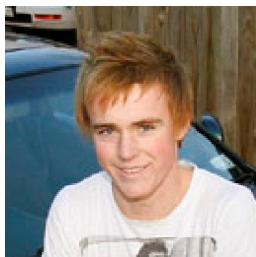
**Favourite Player:** Aaron Hayes

**Started Playing Football:** 6 years

**Favourite Food:** Subway

**Best Moment:** Scoring goals

**Worst Moment:** Losing



**Name:** Ryan WAY

**Playing Position:** Striker

**Age:** 18

**Favourite Team:** Arsenal

**Favourite Player:** Samir Nasri

**Started Playing Football:** 8 years

**Favourite Food:** Curry

**Best Moment:** Being picked for the Mariners squad

**Worst Moment:** Losing 1-14 to Nayland College 1<sup>st</sup> XI