



ACTIVITY REPORT

2012



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YEAR IN REVIEW

The OFC President and Executive Committee, in their second year at the helm, continued to put into practice the confederation's vision for the game in the Pacific throughout 2012, including a range of memorable tournaments and other significant activities. The continued success of OFC TV meant football fans across the region enjoyed more coverage than ever before while OFC's aim of using football as a social development tool was further implemented through social responsibility initiatives such as Just Play and Football for Life. On the pitch, the OFC Nations Cup was the obvious highlight while Oceania was also represented admirably at the London Olympic Games and other FIFA competitions.



I am delighted to present this Activity Report for 2012 featuring the many highlights and achievements from across our confederation.

WELCOME MESSAGE

It was an important year for OFC, in which the Executive Committee continued to implement its vision for the growth and development of the world game in the Pacific.

Our competitions calendar was packed with exciting events, including a hugely memorable and historic OFC Nations Cup and concluding with the kick-off of the vital Stage 3 qualifiers for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™.

There were a host of credible performances by OFC representatives on the world stage, the most notable of which was the feat of New Zealand's Football Ferns in making the quarter-finals of the women's tournament at the London Olympic Games — the furthest a side from the current OFC member associations has ever advanced at a FIFA tournament. The Kurukuru, Solomon Islands' national futsal team, also broke new ground in claiming the first ever win for an Oceania team at the FIFA Futsal World Cup.

Off the field, we enjoyed many highlights in the areas of technical development, social responsibility, infrastructure, television, IT, communications, finance and administration.

We also continued to make huge progress in our attempts to use the power of football as a tool for social development and to bring hope to those less privileged. But, while significant strides have been taken, it is important to note that the Pacific region brings with it a unique set of challenges and that OFC must continue to find ways of overcoming some of these obstacles to effectively administer football and improve the lives of people across Oceania.

I look forward to leading the confederation into 2013, a year that will bring Pacific football into the global spotlight with the appearance of Tahiti at the FIFA Confederations Cup and the same country's hosting of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup — the first time a FIFA event has ever been held in a Pacific Island nation.

On behalf of OFC, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the Executive Committee, the member associations, stakeholders, supporters and fans for their role in developing and promoting football in Oceania.

I would also like to acknowledge the leadership of the FIFA President and thank the FIFA Secretary General and FIFA administration for the support and assistance they continue to provide to the OFC football family.

2012 AT A GLANCE

The months of 2012 will go down as a milestone time in the history of OFC with the President and Executive Committee guiding the confederation through an exciting period of development and continuing to implement the long-term vision set out for the world game in the Pacific.

Second year of administration

Now in its second year at the helm, the Executive Committee has overseen the meeting of many of the goals outlined in the first stage of OFC Vision 2018 — the blueprint for the continued success of the confederation over the coming years — as key developments have taken place in many areas including finance and administration, OFC Commercial Ltd, OFC TV, external partnerships, competitions, strengthening national leagues, national team excellence, coach education scheme and governance.

In a period marked by unity and solidity, only one change took place to the Executive in 2012 with Fred de Jong – who had served as a member for six years – leaving to take up a position at New Zealand Football in August and being replaced by fellow former All White Frank van Hattum.

The Executive Committee now consists of: President David Chung (Papua New Guinea), Senior Vice President Martin Alufurai (Solomon Islands), Vice President Lee Harmon (Cook Islands), Members Toetu Petana (Samoa), Lambert Maltock (Vanuatu), Lord Ve'ehala (Tonga), Alex Godinet (American Samoa), Frank van Hattum (New Zealand) and Observers Rajesh Patel (Fiji), Edmond Bowen (New Caledonia) and Henri Thierry Ariiotima (Tahiti).

Nations Cup brings football family together

The competitions calendar in 2012 was one of the busiest in recent memory with age-group tournaments held across the region, Olympic qualifiers for men and women and the O-League for the Pacific's club champions.

But the highlight was undoubtedly the OFC Nations Cup, a memorable festival of football that took place in the Solomon Islands capital of Honiara during June.

The Nations Cup brought eight of OFC's member associations together to fight for the biggest footballing prize in Oceania and history was made as Tahiti became the first Pacific Island nation to lift the trophy.

The event generated huge interest from both the Pacific and further afield with Lawson Tama Stadium packed to the rafters for the majority of the fixtures.

Off the pitch, the Nations Cup was also a major success for the confederation's in-house television venture as OFC TV streamed the action live online and broadcasters in the region and other parts of the world also picked up the coverage.

International relationships fostered

Over the course of 2011, OFC drew support from existing international partners while establishing new relationships with other organisations.

In February, OFC signed a ground-breaking partnership with media agency MP & Silva aimed at increasing international exposure for its events.

A few months later in May, OFC further strengthened its ties with UEFA through the extension of an agreement supporting grassroots and social development across Oceania.

The bonds between OFC and UEFA were built upon further in December after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that aims to increase co-operation and will lead to UEFA providing assistance to OFC in a number of areas.

OFC's relationships with the Royal Spanish Football Federation and the English Football Association also continued to bear fruit throughout 2012.



Looking ahead

A full calendar of events is scheduled for 2013, including the continuation of Stage 3 of the Oceania qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Brazil™ which will reveal the identity of the confederation's representative for the intercontinental play-off.

Male youth football comes into the focus with two age-group competitions acting as qualifiers for the FIFA U-17 and U-20 World Cups while the small-sided versions of the game will also get their share of the spotlight with beach soccer and futsal tournaments in store.

A new-look competition for the top clubs sides of the region will also be launched with the O-League to undergo a transformation of format and to be known by a fresh name — the OFC Champions League.

A highlight of the year is sure to be Tahiti's historic appearance at the FIFA Confederations Cup in Brazil in June, a prize the Toa Aito gained by triumphing in the OFC Nations Cup.

It will be a big year for Tahiti with the country also set to become the first Pacific Island nation to host a FIFA event when the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup is held in Papeete during September.

Progress will continue to be made in the areas of grassroots, women's football, futsal and beach soccer while national league and national team excellence will also be a major priority.

As always, OFC will look at ways to extend its social responsibility initiatives such as Just Play, Football for Life, Football for Health and the Special Olympics programme.

It is also expected to be a significant year for OFC Commercial Ltd and OFC TV with the confederation's commercial arm aiming to expand its activities.

Most importantly, the OFC President and the Executive will continue to provide support to the member associations and practice good governance as OFC strives to be a world leader in football administration.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

The development of OFC's 11 member associations continues to be a major focus of the confederation's long-term vision. As guardians of the game at a national level, the member associations work tirelessly to organise leagues, national teams and other activities, as well as supporting OFC in delivering various programmes and events.



Reaching potential

OFC is committed to strengthening this solidarity by providing support wherever possible to its members and seeking to provide education resources that lead to best practices in the governance of football throughout Oceania.

An important step was taken in this regard with the implementation of the FIFA PERFORMANCE programme, a management plan that is being rolled out across the Pacific from 2012 to 2014 and aims to help football's national governing bodies reach their maximum potential both on and off the field.

As part of this desire to assist in the running and organisation of Oceania's member associations, a FIFA/OFC Financial Seminar was held in Auckland, New Zealand, in November and was attended by FIFA Director of Member Associations and Development Thierry Regenass.

"Although Oceania is far from Zurich geographically, it is always close to our thoughts and each time we think about what we can improve in our programmes, we really take into consideration the case of Oceania," he said.

"We really want to do our best to work with this confederation for the betterment of football. There is a lot of initiative, commitment and will in this region and that makes it a great pleasure for us to work with Oceania."

Coaching pathway

Another key undertaking in the continued development of the member associations has been the implementation of a coaching accreditation scheme across the region by the OFC Technical Department.

Based on extensive research, the scheme outlines the necessary requirements for coaches to progress from a D Licence to an A Licence and covers all levels of the game, including grassroots, youth and senior football, as well as beach soccer and futsal.

A ground-breaking moment occurred in December when the first ever B Licence course was held at the OFC Academy in Auckland.

OFC Technical Director Patrick Jacquemet feels the training of coaches and technical directors is a priority and in line with the confederation's aim of continuous up-skilling.

"In just two years, we have made significant advancements with the licencing system and during that time we have focused on the C and D Licences which cater more to a community level," he said.

"The B Licence is an important step in the careers of these coaches because they are starting to encounter football of a high level and need to be equipped to continue building players' technical development."

Mentoring programme

The accreditation scheme is complemented by a coach mentoring programme which consists of footballing experts being placed in selected member associations to assist in the implementation of coaching programmes and the preparations of national teams at various levels.

Mentoring also continued to take place in other areas throughout 2012 with regular seminars and workshops being held in regards to social responsibility, finance, media, television, administration and legal.

Each was attended by a wide range of participants from the member associations who then took what they had learned back to their respective countries to put into practice.

Champions League in store

There are exciting times ahead for the member associations with a new-look club competition set to be launched in 2013.

The O-League will undergo a format change and is now to be known as the OFC Champions League. Like in previous seasons, it will bring together the champions of seven countries but, in a significant change, a semi-final stage will be introduced, serving to increase interest even further.

A preliminary tournament will be played prior to each season, meaning all Oceania countries have the chance to take part in the region's premier club competition.

The Champions League is at the elite end of OFC's goal to further strengthen the respective national leagues of each member association and provides a massive incentive for clubs to improve their performance both on and off the field. The winner earns the right to take on some of the biggest names in world football at the highly prestigious FIFA Club World Cup.





DEVELOPMENT

The development of the world game in Oceania continued at an impressive rate throughout 2012 with significant progress made in the areas of partnerships, grassroots, infrastructure, education, refereeing, women's football, beach soccer and futsal. Highlights included the strengthening of OFC's relationship with UEFA and the Royal Spanish Football Federation, the implementation of a strong grassroots programme, the continued improvement of facilities throughout the region and the hosting of the first ever OFC B Licence Coaching Course. At the centre of much of this progress is the continual collaboration between the OFC Technical Department and FIFA Development Office to ensure the successful development of football in each member association.

PARTNERSHIPS

Fostering relationships with other organisations and stakeholders is a key aspect of OFC's vision for the development of football throughout the Pacific and these agreements with new and existing partners continued to bring benefits to the confederation in 2012.



OFC President David Chung shakes hands on an MOU with UEFA President Michel Platini

In February, OFC signed a ground-breaking partnership with media agency MP & Silva aimed at increasing international exposure for its events.

MP & Silva — a leading international sports media rights company — was appointed as the confederation's exclusive media and marketing agency to distribute Oceania's football content worldwide through a vast network of broadcasters.

A few months later in May, OFC further strengthened its ties with UEFA through the extension of an agreement supporting grassroots and social development across Oceania. UEFA committed EUR 700,000 over a two-year period to the successful Just Play programme, which followed on from a EUR 500,000 contribution to the initiative in 2010.

"Using football as a tool to educate young children and the positive results and impact shown in the last two years are the key reasons for UEFA to continue our partnership with OFC," UEFA President Michel Platini said.

The bonds between OFC and UEFA were built upon further in December after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that aims to increase co-operation and will lead to UEFA providing assistance to OFC in a number of areas.

Under the terms of the agreement, the confederations agreed to exchange information, knowledge and good practice on matters of common interest while UEFA pledged to provide assistance to OFC and its member associations.

OFC's relationship with the Royal Spanish Football Federation also continued to bear fruit in 2012 with the conducting of a Legal and CEO Seminar at OFC headquarters in Auckland, New Zealand, in November and the assistance provided to the Kurukuru — the Solomon Islands national futsal team — in their build up to the FIFA Futsal World Cup Thailand 2012.

The Spanish federation hosted the Kurukuru during October and organised a series of friendly matches as part of the preparations for the World Cup.



GRASSROOTS

The implementation of a strong grassroots programme is a key component of OFC's future development. The confederation aims to provide clear player pathways so that more people become lifelong participants in the sport.

As the first stage of that pathway, grassroots is a vital element of the OFC coaching and education programme. The first step on the OFC coach licensing accreditation scheme is devoted entirely to grassroots and covers the U-8 to U-12 age groups, featuring players linked to clubs, schools and other community organisations. The OFC 'Pyramid of Football' — at the top of which is the region's elite players — indicates that grassroots football is the basis of the Pacific's senior club and national teams and it is therefore important to realise that, the wider the base is, the more players will stay involved in the game beyond their school and community-based teams.

OFC continued to take steps to broaden this base in 2012 with Player Development Officer Daniel Shirley working closely with Technical Director Patrick Jacquemet to further develop and implement the grassroots programme. It complements and builds on the successful Just Play initiative — a programme funded by the Australian Government and UEFA which aims to promote physical activity and healthy living amongst primary-aged children.

Grassroots football took centre stage at the beginning of the year with a FIFA/OFC Grassroots Seminar being held in Auckland, New Zealand, and attended by the Technical Directors, Player Development Officers and Just Play Project Managers from each member association.

Following the seminar, Shirley spent time in each member association to run a FIFA/OFC Grassroots Course and during those visits also gathered information on current grassroots activities to build a strategy going forward. Each member association was encouraged to appoint a Player Development Officer or Grassroots Development Officer to be responsible for the programme if they had not already done so and most now have an employee dedicated to this role.

The OFC Grassroots Strategy was put into place throughout the year and specific projects are now lined up through to 2014. Projects to be launched in 2013 include the establishment of OFC Development Centres and Centres of Excellence in certain member associations, the piloting of a Grassroots Skills Awards scheme and the staging of an OFC Just Play Grassroots Day, held in collaboration with the Just Play team.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The FIFA Development Office in Oceania is charged with managing and implementing FIFA's hugely successful Goal Programme, which seeks to improve the facilities and resources available to member associations.

Great strides continued to be made in this area in 2012 as numerous projects were overseen that have served to change the face of their respective association headquarters.

Fiji became the latest country to benefit when a new National Headquarters and Regional Technical Centre in Suva was officially opened by OFC President David Chung in June.

The facility consists of many impressive features, including modern administration offices, an education centre, accommodation, dining rooms and kitchens, changing rooms and an international-sized futsal court.

"OFC has continued to help our member associations progress both on and off the field. There have now been over 40 infrastructures built in Oceania under the FIFA Goal Programme and these include many national headquarters, academies and pitches," President Chung said.

"But infrastructure alone cannot develop the game — the fine facilities must be matched by good technical programmes."

In November, construction of a new headquarters for the Aitutaki Football Association got underway following a ground-breaking ceremony in the village of Vaipae, Cook Islands.

The new facilities will house a technical centre and administration offices and will become a well-equipped base for the association as it oversees the progress of football on the island of Aitutaki.

Work also continued in 2012 on a new state-of-the-art football turf in Wellington that will add up to 600 more matches to the winter football calendar in the New Zealand capital and will form the basis for a lower North Island football hub.

The redeveloped Memorial Park will house New Zealand Football's Central Technical Centre and the headquarters of the Capital Football Federation and is the third Goal Project to be facilitated in the nation, following successful turf redevelopments at Auckland's North Harbour Stadium in 2007 and Canterbury's ASB Football Park in 2011.

The contractual stage for the next phase of the Goal Programme in Samoa, Papua New Guinea and New Caledonia was also entered into during 2012 and work is now well underway in these countries.

The redeveloped Memorial Park in Wellington, New Zealand



EDUCATION

As part of the continual collaboration between the OFC Technical Department and FIFA Development Office, a wide range of programmes, workshops and seminars were delivered across the Pacific in 2012, the highlight of which was the hosting of the first ever OFC B Licence Coaching Course.

The historic course was held over 16 days during December and was yet another milestone for the confederation as it continued in its quest to produce top level players and coaches in the region.

The course was run by OFC Head of Coach Education Didier Chambaron and UEFA Technical Instructor Steve Rutter and saw candidates from nine of the 11 member associations participating.

The B Licence is part of OFC's coaching accreditation scheme, which has been developed by OFC Technical Director Patrick Jacquemet and his team. It outlines the necessary requirements for coaches to progress from a D Licence to an A Licence and covers all areas of the game including grassroots, youth and senior football.

Another important step in coach education was taken in May when Simon Toselli was appointed by OFC as a coach mentor. Toselli is based in Samoa and will oversee coaching development in American Samoa, Cook Islands, Samoa and Tonga by making regular visits to each nation.

Coaching mentors were also put in place elsewhere as Laurent Papillon took up the position in Solomon Islands and Christian Chosson assumed the role in Vanuatu. The mentoring programme is set to continue in 2013 with a mentor being appointed in Papua New Guinea.



OFC Head of Coach Education Didier Chambaron

Progress also continued to be made in off-the-field education throughout 2012 with several important events being held, the most notable of which were a FIFA/OFC Financial Seminar, conducted by FIFA Director of Member Associations and Development Thierry Regenass, and a Legal and CEO Seminar, led by delegates from the Royal Spanish Football Federation. Both seminars took place in Auckland, New Zealand, during November and were attended by representatives from all of OFC's member associations.

OFC Technical Director Patrick Jacquemet with, from left, OFC General Secretary Tai Nicholas, Spanish national futsal coach José Venancio López and OFC President David Chung





REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

OFC places high importance on developing world class match officials and this aim has been put into practice over the past four years through the FIFA-funded Refereeing Assistance Programme (RAP).

Under the umbrella of the FIFA Development Office, the programme has two objectives. Firstly, it aims to prepare referees for international competitions and, secondly, to develop referees in each of the member associations through scouting and education.

The RAP continued into 2012 and its results could be seen in the level of representation for Oceania match officials at international events.

Referee Development Officer Massimo Raveino, along with Referee Instructor Neil Poloso and Fitness Trainer Kader Touati, oversaw a busy schedule of local and regional courses.

This work, ranging from the grassroots level to the elite, has paid off with unprecedented representation at FIFA events in recent years and 2012 was no different with eight match officials from a wide range of countries flying the OFC flag on the international scene.

On the regional front, successful courses were held throughout the year, including preparations around each OFC tournament. As part of the high standards set by FIFA, all officials involved in OFC competitions were put through stringent fitness tests and only those who passed were eligible to take part.

OFC MATCH OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION AT FIFA EVENTS

MEN'S TOURNAMENT LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES 2012

Referee	Peter O'Leary	New Zealand
Assistant Referee	Jan-Hendrik Hintz	New Zealand
Assistant Referee	Ravinesh Kumar	Fiji

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP JAPAN 2012

Referee	Peter O'Leary	New Zealand
Assistant Referee	Jan-Hendrik Hintz	New Zealand
Assistant Referee	Ravinesh Kumar	Fiji

FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP AZERBAIJAN 2012

Referee	Finau Vulivuli	Fiji
Assistant Referee	Jacqueline Stephenson	New Zealand
Assistant Referee	Wantin Yagum	Papua New Guinea

FIFA FUTSAL WORLD CUP THAILAND 2012

Referee	Amitesh Behari	Fiji
Referee	Rex Kamusu	Solomon Islands

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

The female form of the game commanded a high degree of attention in 2012 with three tournaments staged in Oceania and the region's leading team continuing its impressive development with another ground-breaking showing at international level.

The year began promisingly for women's football when Nicola Demaine was appointed to work in the Technical Department as the new Women's Development Officer. Demaine replaced Emmie Sope, who remained at OFC to take on a new challenge as the Technical Coordinator for the Just Play programme, and looked to build on the work already undertaken in developing the female game across the Pacific.

The perfect opportunity to do so presented itself in the first half of the year with OFC championships at U-17 and U-20 level and the qualifiers for the London Olympic Games all being held. New Zealand completed a clean sweep of triumphs at these tournaments — making good use of home advantage in the age-group events — but there was a chance for the other nations to shine in the Olympic qualifiers as the Football Ferns did not enter proceedings until the final stage.

The first phase of this tournament was held in Tonga during March and saw 2011 Pacific Games winners Papua New Guinea triumph over the hosts, Samoa and Vanuatu to book a meeting with New Zealand in the play-off for London 2012. The Football Ferns outclassed Papua New Guinea in the two-legged tie and took that form with them to London, making history by progressing further than any other current OFC member at a FIFA event with a place in the quarter-finals.

Their younger counterparts did not fare as well in the respective U-17 and U-20 FIFA World Cups though with both New Zealand teams performing admirably but not managing to make it out of the group stages.

In the individual stakes, Football Ferns captain Rebecca Smith saw her efforts rewarded by being named OFC Women's Player of the Year 2011 while many of her team mates continued to carve out professional careers in Europe.

Away from the tournament arena, further development and education continued with the hosting of female-focused courses and workshops in several member associations.





BEACH SOCCER AND FUTSAL

While no tournaments were held for the small-sided versions of the world game in Oceania during 2012, great progress continued to be made in both beach soccer and futsal, including a history-making performance by a national team on the global stage.

OFC's commitment to increasing the rate of development on the sands and courts of the region was underlined in February when Paul Toohey joined the Technical Department as the new Futsal and Beach Soccer Development Officer.

Toohey set about working closely with the member associations to create more activities and opportunities for players, coaches and administrators in both forms of the small-sided game and joined at an exciting period with the 2012 FIFA Futsal World Cup and 2013 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup on the horizon. The latter will be staged in Tahiti in September of 2013, the first time a FIFA event has ever been held in a Pacific Island nation.

The FIFA Futsal World Cup proved to be a memorable event for Oceania representatives the Solomon Islands, whose team is fondly known as the Kurukuru. The Elliot Ragomo-captained side qualified for the tournament, which took place in Thailand during November, by defending their crown at the 2011 OFC Futsal Championship and went on to make an impact, narrowly missing out on a place in the knockout stages on goal difference.

The Kurukuru were defeated by Russia and Colombia but bounced back to beat Guatemala 4-3 and write themselves into the record books as the first of the current OFC member associations to win a match at futsal's biggest event.

The Tiki Toa, or Warrior Men, from Tahiti are hoping to have an even bigger influence on the 2013 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup as hosts and spent much of 2012 preparing for the tournament. Twenty-four international friendlies are planned in the build-up and the team has been taking advantage of the close relationship between Fédération Tahitienne de Football and Swiss national coach Angelo Schirinzi, who is acting as a technical advisor to the Tiki Toa.

Off-the-pitch planning for the World Cup also continued in 2012 with the Local Organising Committee, led by Chief Executive Noelline Parker, working with its local partners to ensure the tournament will be successfully staged in the Tahitian capital of Papeete.



COMPETITIONS

The OFC Competitions Department was kept busy throughout 2012 with an action-packed schedule of men's and women's tournaments held at both senior and youth level. Led by Head of Competitions David Firisua, the department was assisted in the logistical organisation for each of these events by a dedicated group of competitions managers across OFC's 11 member associations, who were called on for various tournaments throughout the year. There were plenty of memorable moments on the pitch but the one which will linger longest is the OFC Nations Cup, a hugely successful occasion that brought the Oceania football family together from all corners of the Pacific. Oceania teams also continued to make their mark with several notable performances on the global stage.



2012 O-LEAGUE

29 October 2011 – 12 May 2012

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Amicale, Auckland City, Ba, Hekari United, Koloale, Mont-Dore, Tefana, Waitakere United

Winners	Auckland City	[NZL]
Runners-up	Tefana	[TAH]
Third	Waitakere United	[NZL]
Fourth	Hekari United	[PNG]

Auckland City qualify for the FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2012

The sixth edition of the O-League — the last to take place under that name and in the established format — was a huge success with closely-fought contests in both groups and a cumulative audience of over 100,000 fans, the third time in succession this figure has broken into six digits.

Defending champions Auckland City made it through to the final from Group B after comfortably holding off the challenges of Hekari United, Amicale and Koloale but Group A proved a tighter affair with Tefana pipping Waitakere United to first place to earn a berth in the final for the first time in the club's history.

The Tahitians gave themselves a good chance of completing the fairy tale by emerging from the first leg of the final with a vital away goal in a 2-1 loss but couldn't round off the job on home soil as Auckland posted a narrow 1-0 victory to secure a 3-1 aggregate win and book a return to the FIFA Club World Cup.

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP JAPAN 2012

6 – 16 December 2012

New Zealand side Auckland City returned to Japan for their second FIFA Club World Cup in as many years but couldn't improve on their previous showing, going down 1-0 against J-League champions Sanfrecce Hiroshima 1-0 in the qualifying play-off.

Inspired by an outstanding performance from goalkeeper Tamati Williams, Auckland gave a good account of themselves but were always likely to find the step up in opposition a difficult gap to breach and eventually succumbed to a stunning Toshihiro Aoyama strike.

Auckland, who were forced to defend for much of the game as expected, showed more attacking intent as the clock ticked down and brought strikers Luis Corrales and Emiliano Tade off the bench but they couldn't find the goal that would have kept their campaign alive.

AUCKLAND CITY [NZL] REPRESENTED OFC

Play-off for quarter-finals

vs. Sanfrecce Hiroshima	[JAP]	[0-1]
Final Ranking	7	[7]



OFC MEN’S OLYMPIC QUALIFIER

16 — 25 March 2012 · Owen Delany Park, Taupo, New Zealand

The Men’s Olympic Qualifier was fought out by U-23 sides from seven OFC member associations — New Caledonia and Tahiti were not eligible as they compete under the flag of France in the Olympics — and the stakes were high with a place at London 2012 on offer.

Favourites New Zealand justified that reputation by beating Papua New Guinea and Tonga to qualify for the semi-finals while the Oly Whites were joined in progressing from Group B by Papua New Guinea. Fiji and Vanuatu made it through Group A at the expense of Solomon Islands and American Samoa.

Fiji dispatched Papua New Guinea 3-0 in the semi-finals but the going wasn’t so easy for New Zealand, who sneaked past Vanuatu 3-2. There was some consolation for Vanuatu though as they defeated Papua New Guinea to earn third before a thrilling final saw New Zealand deny the determined Fijian outfit 1-0 thanks to a penalty from captain Greg Draper.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

American Samoa, Fiji, New Zealand,
Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu

Winners	New Zealand	[NZL]
Runners-up	Fiji	[FIJ]
Third	Vanuatu	[VAN]
Fourth	Papua New Guinea	[PNG]

New Zealand qualify for the London Olympic Games 2012



OFC WOMEN’S OLYMPIC QUALIFIER

1 March — 4 April 2012 · Loto-Tonga Centre, ‘Atele, Tonga

The first phase of the Women’s Olympic Qualifier provided Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu with the chance to meet New Zealand’s Football Ferns in the two-legged play-off for a place at London 2012.



Papua New Guinea, champions of the 2011 Pacific Games, and hosts Tonga were left to fight it out for this opportunity after Vanuatu defeated Samoa 2-0 to claim third place in the first phase.

Papua New Guinea proved too strong for Tonga with a 2-0 win but the tables were turned in facing New Zealand in the play-off as the Football Ferns registered an 8-0 victory in the home leg before triumphing 7-0 away to win 15-0 on aggregate.

Amber Hearn, Rosie White and Sarah Gregorius all notched braces over the two legs for New Zealand.

Play-off:

Toll Stadium, Whangarei, New Zealand
PMRL Stadium, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu

Winners	New Zealand	[NZL]
Runners-up	Papua New Guinea	[PNG]
Third	Tonga	[TGA]
Fourth	Vanuatu	[VAN]

LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES 2012

MEN'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

25 July — 11 August

Having been drawn in the same group as heavyweights Brazil and a highly-talented Egypt side, the Oly Whites faced a tough task in attempting to progress past the group stages at London 2012.

The best chance for the Neil Emblen-coached side to secure a positive result appeared to be in the first-up meeting with Belarus but they were unable to do so, falling to a disappointing 1-0 defeat.

New Zealand made light of their underdogs status in the next match however, earning a creditable 1-1 draw with Egypt thanks to a goal by England-based All Whites striker Chris Wood at the famous Old Trafford, home of Manchester United.

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTED OFC

Group Stage	vs.	Belarus [0-1]
Group Stage	vs.	Egypt [1-1]
Group Stage	vs.	Brazil [0-3]
Goalscorer: Chris Wood		
Final Ranking:	16	[16]

The class of Brazil, who went on to win silver, proved too much to contain in the final group match as the Oly Whites suffered a 3-0 loss to end the tournament with one point and one goal to their name.



WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

25 July — 9 August

The Football Ferns made history at London 2012 as their qualification for the quarter-finals meant they had progressed further than any other current OFC member association at a FIFA event.



After strong performances in the opening two matches led to 1-0 defeats, against hosts Great Britain and the skilful Brazilians respectively, New Zealand swept aside Cameroon 3-1 with strikes from captain Rebecca Smith and Sarah Gregorius being supplemented by an own goal.

That result was enough to book a quarter-final meeting with the United States – the giants of the women's game – but despite a brave showing at St James' Park in Newcastle, New Zealand couldn't continue their historic run and were beaten 2-0.

The United States progressed to earn their fourth gold medal while the Football Ferns finished eighth.

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTED OFC

Group Stage	vs.	Great Britain [0-1]
Group Stage	vs.	Brazil [0-1]
Group Stage	vs.	Cameroon [3-1]
Quarter-finals	vs.	United States [0-2]
Goalscorers: Own goal, Rebecca Smith, Sarah Gregorius		
Final Ranking:	8	[12]

OFC U-17 WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP

9 — 13 April 2012 · Centre Park, Auckland, New Zealand

Oceania’s top-ranked nations in the women’s game, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, continued to assert their dominance at the OFC U-17 Women’s Championship, outclassing Cook Islands and New Caledonia to finish first and second respectively.

As only four nations were involved in the tournament, there was no knockout phase and the placings were determined on a round-robin basis. The sides played each other once and New Zealand’s Young Football Ferns proved worthy champions, winning all three of their matches by healthy margins and conceding just one goal.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Cook Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea

Winners:	New Zealand	[NZL]
Runners-up:	Papua New Guinea	[PNG]
Third:	Cook Islands	[COK]
Fourth:	New Caledonia	[NCL]

New Zealand qualify for the
FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup Azerbaijan 2012

Runners-up Papua New Guinea were defeated only by New Zealand in their march to silver but were pressed hard by Cook Islands, who beat New Caledonia and nearly earned a shock win over Papua New Guinea before settling for a 3-2 loss in the match of the tournament.



FIFA U-17 WOMEN’S WORLD CUP AZERBAIJAN 2012

22 September — 13 October 2012

The Young Football Ferns represented Oceania admirably in Azerbaijan but could not earn the results their efforts deserved and finished bottom of Group C with no points.

New Zealand began with a 1-0 loss to Mexico — in which they were indebted to goalkeeper Lily Alfeld for the score not being higher — and made it hard for themselves to progress past the group stages with another defeat in the next match, 3-0 to a classy Japan.

They did still have a chance of keeping their quarter-final hopes alive in the final group match against Brazil though and saved their best attacking performance until last, eventually losing 4-3 in a thrilling encounter.

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTED OFC

Group Stage	vs.	Mexico [0-1]
Group Stage	vs.	Japan [0-3]
Group Stage	vs.	Brazil [3-4]
Goalscorers: Own goal, Emily Jensen, Martine Puketapu		
Final Ranking:	13	[16]

OFC U-20 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

10 — 14 April 2012 · Centre Park, Auckland, New Zealand



Run in conjunction with the OFC U-17 Women's Championship for logistical reasons, the OFC Women's U-20 Championship followed a similar pattern as New Zealand and Papua New Guinea again underlined their dominance of the female game in this part of the world.

As was the case with the U-17 event, there were no semi-finals or final and the champions were thus determined on a points system. New Zealand's Junior Football Ferns proved a step above their rivals by winning all three of their group matches comfortably, scoring 28 goals and letting only one in.

Papua New Guinea's chances of challenging New Zealand for the title suffered a blow in being held to a 1-1 draw by Samoa — an excellent result for Samoa as the nation continued its return to the international fold — and it took a 4-2 win over New Caledonia in the teams' final fixture to secure second at the expense of the francophones.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa

Winners:	New Zealand	[NZL]
Runners-up:	Papua New Guinea	[PNG]
Third:	New Caledonia	[NCL]
Fourth:	Samoa	[SAM]

New Zealand qualify for the
FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Japan 2012

FIFA U-20 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP JAPAN 2012

19 August — 8 September

The Junior Football Ferns came close to glory at Japan 2012 after earning a pair of good results in their first two matches but couldn't complete the job in their final group game and were therefore denied a place in the quarter-finals.

New Zealand began brightly with a 2-1 win over Switzerland and looked on course for a similar result against Japan, who eventually claimed bronze, in racing to a 2-0 lead in the first quarter of an hour. Victory would have given the Junior Football Ferns one of the most notable wins in the history of the women's game in Oceania but they were unable to hold off a Japanese fight back as the match ended 2-2.

A good result in the last group game would have been enough for New Zealand to progress but they were overrun by an outstanding attacking display from Mexico, who leap-frogged their opponents on the Group A table to instead move on to the quarter-finals.

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTED OFC

Group Stage	vs.	Switzerland [2-1]
Group Stage	vs.	Japan [2-2]
Group Stage	vs.	Mexico [0-4]

Goalscorers: Own goal, Evie Millynn, Rosie White (2)

Final Ranking: 9 [16]



2013 OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PRELIMINARY

1 – 8 May 2012 · Loto-Tonga Centre, 'Atele, Tonga

The 2013 OFC Champions League Preliminary was a ground-breaking tournament in that it was the first time such an event had been held, giving teams from OFC's smaller footballing nations the chance to qualify for the Pacific's premier club competition.

The champions of American Samoa, Cook Islands, Samoa and Tonga were all invited to take part with the winner of a round-robin between the quartet going on to meet New Caledonia's Mont-Dore in a play-off for a place in the following season's OFC Champions League.

Mont-Dore were required to fight for their Champions League future after earning less points than any other side in the 2012 O-League, as the tournament was formerly known.

The Nouméa-based outfit faced Tupapa Maraerenga in the play-off after the Cook Islanders edged out Tongan rivals Lotoha'apai United on goal difference in an exciting round robin series.

The all-important match went to script for Mont-Dore, who triumphed 3-1 courtesy of goals to Pascal Kenon, Loic Bessieres and Jacques Wamytan, the latter's strike coming from the penalty spot. Tupapa put on a determined defensive display to make Mont-Dore work hard for their victory and earned a fully-deserved consolation when Grover Harmon found the net.



PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Kiwi, Lotoha'apai United, Mont-Dore, Pago Youth, Tupapa Maraerenga

Winners:	Mont-Dore	[NCL]
Runners-up:	Tupapa Maraerenga	[COK]
Third:	Lotoha'apai United	[TGA]
Fourth:	Kiwi	[SAM]

Mont-Dore qualify for the 2013 OFC Champions League



OFC NATIONS CUP

1 – 10 June 2012 · Lawson Tama Stadium, Honiara, Solomon Islands

The OFC Nations Cup was the highlight of the 2012 competitions schedule and did not fail to disappoint as eight of the region's national teams fought it out in a bid to keep alive their hopes of making it all the way to Brazil 2014.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Vanuatu

Winners:	Tahiti	[TAH]
Runners-up:	New Caledonia	[NCL]
Third:	New Zealand	[NZL]
Fourth:	Solomon Islands	[SOL]

Tahiti qualify for the FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013 while New Caledonia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands and Tahiti qualify for Stage 3 of the Oceania qualifiers for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™

New Caledonia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands and Tahiti all achieved that goal by making the semi-finals and thus earning a place in Stage 3 of the Oceania qualifiers for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™ but only one could lift the newly-produced Nations Cup trophy and that proved to be an historic occasion.

The event had previously only been won by New Zealand or former OFC member association Australia but a new name was finally carved on the cup when Tahiti became the first Pacific Island nation to win Oceania's biggest prize.

The Toa Aito defeated hosts Solomon Islands 1-0 in the semi-finals before beating New Caledonia in an all-francophone final by the same scoreline with a Steevy Chong Hue goal. Les Cagous had earned a shot at the title by posting a surprise 2-0 win over favourites New Zealand in their semi-final.

"It's unbelievable, completely incredible," Tahiti coach Eddy Etaeta said after witnessing his side make history. "This path started 12 years ago and now we have finally achieved our goal and will go to the Confederations Cup."

The Nations Cup generated huge interest, both in the Pacific and in other parts of the world, as crowds of 15,000 packed into Honiara's Lawson Tama Stadium on a daily basis and thousands more took in the action from the comforts of their own homes through OFC TV's live coverage.



Nations Cup 2012 CHAMPIONS







FIFA FUTSAL WORLD CUP THAILAND 2012

1 – 18 November 2012

The Solomon Islands team, fondly known as the Kurukuru, wrote themselves into the record books in Thailand by becoming the first of the current OFC member associations to win a match at futsal’s biggest event.

SOLOMON ISLANDS REPRESENTED OFC		
Group Stage	vs.	Russia [0-16]
Group Stage	vs.	Colombia [3-11]
Group Stage	vs.	Guatemala [4-3]
Goalscorers: Elliot Ragomo, Samuel Osifelo, Micah Lea’alafa (2), George Stevenson, Jeffery Bule, Anthony Talo		
Final Ranking:	21	[24]

The Kurukuru qualified for the tournament by winning the 2011 OFC Futsal Championship for the fourth time in a row but carrying such success onto the world stage was always going to be a massive challenge and the step up in quality proved difficult to bridge.

The underdogs were humbled 16-0 by Russia in their first match but put on a far more competitive showing in the next fixture, holding Colombia 3-3 at half-time before eventually succumbing 11-3. The best was still to come though as the Kurukuru produced the most notable performance of their history to notch a 4-3 win over Guatemala, a result sealed by an amazing goal strike from goalkeeper Anthony Talo.

George Stevenson, Jeffery Bule and Micah Lea’alafa all got on the scoresheet before teenager Talo stepped up with his moment of magic to wrap up the win in spectacular fashion. The 16-year-old gathered the ball before pumping it down court and directly into the goal of his stranded opposite number, who had been pushed forward as a fifth outfielder.

“We are very happy because this is a great win for our nation, which is one of the smallest nations in the world,” coach Dickson Kadau said.

OFC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Pacific's finest players have been singled out on a yearly basis since 1988 in the form of the OFC Player of the Year Awards and that tradition continued in 2012 with two more stars, one male and one female, having their efforts over the previous 12 months recognised.

Striker Bertrand Kai (New Caledonia) and defender Rebecca Smith (New Zealand) were named 2011 OFC Men's and Women's Player of the Year respectively in July after holding off the challenge of a raft of players from across the Pacific.

Voting was open to members of the OFC Executive Committee, as well as presidents, general secretaries, national team coaches and technical directors from each of the 11 member associations within Oceania.

It was the first time either player had received the award — New Zealand pair Ryan Nelsen and Ali Riley were the 2010 winners — and their dual recognition was a significant moment in that both awards had previously gone to New Zealand players in the three years since a women's category was introduced in 2008.

Kai, 29, became the first Pacific Island player to earn the male gong since Tahiti's Marama Vahirua picked it up in 2005 and broke the Kiwi stranglehold thanks largely to an outstanding showing at the XIV Pacific Games, held in his home country during August and September of 2011.



Bertrand Kai

The sharp-shooter put in a series of inspired performances to finish as the tournament's Golden Boot winner with 10 strikes and help New Caledonia all the way to gold on their own soil. He was also a key figure domestically for his Hienghene Sport club and went on to play an important role for Les Cagous in their qualifying campaign for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™.

Germany-based Smith was just as vital to the respective causes of her teams and wrote herself into the folklore of the women's game in New Zealand at the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup Germany™.

The Football Ferns captain was one of only two New Zealand stars to be singled out as an 'Outstanding Player' by the FIFA Technical Study Group at the World Cup — the other was fellow nominee Katie Hoyle — and was at the heart of a historic moment, scoring in the 2-2 draw with Mexico as New Zealand earned its first ever point at the event.

Smith, 31, also achieved a personal milestone in 2011 when she played her 50th international — a friendly against Australia in May — and continued to carve out a ground-breaking professional career overseas with Frauen Bundesliga outfit VfL Wolfsburg.



Rebecca Smith

The full list of nominees was as follows:

MEN

Georges Gope-Fenepej (New Caledonia) • Bertrand Kai (New Caledonia) • Brian Kaltack (Vanuatu) • Daniel Koprivic (New Zealand) • David Muta (Papua New Guinea) • Elliot Ragomo (Solomon Islands) • Winston Reid (New Zealand) • Shane Smeltz (New Zealand) • Chris Wood (New Zealand) • Teva Zaveroni (Tahiti)

WOMEN

Abby Erceg (New Zealand) • Sarah Gregorius (New Zealand) • Amber Hearn (New Zealand) • Katie Hoyle (New Zealand) • Miriam Lanta (Papua New Guinea) • Ria Percival (New Zealand) • Ali Riley (New Zealand) • Deslyn Siniu (Papua New Guinea) • Rebecca Smith (New Zealand) • Christelle Wahnawe (New Caledonia)



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

As part of OFC's long-term vision, football is seen as playing a vital role in helping to tackle social and health issues, promoting gender equality, reducing anti-social behaviour, building national identity and fostering healthy bonds amongst young people in Pacific communities. Initiatives such as Just Play and Football for Life continued to make a significant impact in 2012 and further cemented OFC's reputation as one of the leading regional sports organisations in the delivery of social responsibility programmes.

FOOTBALL FOR LIFE



OFC President David Chung and Senior Vice President Martin Alufurai present a cheque to PNGFA representatives John Kapi Natto and Dimirit Mileng

Football for Life embodies OFC's commitment to improving the lives of those in the Pacific and aims to finance and support humanitarian aid throughout Oceania's communities. This desire to lend a helping hand during times of need continued in 2012 with further donations to worthy causes.

The initiative was launched in 2007 to help victims of a devastating tsunami that hit the Western Province of Solomon Islands and has gone on to play a key role in social development over the past five years, including being used to back the fight against HIV/AIDS and promote physical activity and the importance of good health to the Pacific's young people through the OFC Just Play programme.

Two more countries benefited from the scheme in 2012, beginning with a donation of \$50,000 PGK to assist in the relief effort as authorities attempted to deal with the aftermath of the tragic sinking of a passenger ferry in Papua New Guinea waters in February.

OFC President David Chung and Senior Vice President Martin Alufurai presented the cheque to Papua New Guinea Football Association (PNGFA) Vice President John Kapi Natto and General Secretary Dimirit Mileng at OFC headquarters in Auckland, New Zealand, during a workshop that gathered representatives from the confederation's 11 member associations.

President Chung, who is also the PNGFA President and was therefore deeply saddened by the disaster, was pleased to offer help to those affected by the ferry sinking.

"We hope this assistance will be of great benefit to the people of Papua New Guinea as they look to recover from this tragedy," he said.

Kapi Natto was grateful for the donation and expressed his thanks at OFC's generosity.

"It is not just in the area of football that we are looking to build relationships and make a positive difference," he said. "We are also looking to enrich the lives of people in our communities and gestures like this go a long way towards doing that."

OFC dipped into its pockets to provide much-needed aid again in July when \$25,000 NZD was put towards the relief effort after devastating flooding took place in the Western Division of Fiji earlier in the year.

President Chung presented the cheque to Fiji Football Association President Rajesh Patel in Nadi several days after being an honoured guest at the inauguration of the new Fiji FA headquarters in Suva. Also in attendance at the handover were Fiji FA Vice President Tarunesh Reddy and Nadi Football Association President Jitendra Kumar, who is also a Fiji FA Vice President.

The donation went towards the Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund, an initiative put in place by the Fiji Government to help in the rehabilitation effort.

OFC will continue to look for future opportunities to use Football for Life as a means of advancing social development in the Pacific.



FIFA Chief Medical Officer Prof. Jiri Dvorak meets with Solomon Islands Minister of Health Hon. Charles Sigoto

FOOTBALL FOR HEALTH

The Pacific region faces a number of health challenges including the threat of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STI), as well as obesity and non-communicable disease (NCD). Social issues such as the dangers of alcohol, drug abuse and tobacco are also a risk in some communities. Raising public awareness on these matters and finding ways to tackle them is a key aim of OFC.

Health education is an important part of the OFC Just Play grassroots programme, an initiative that promotes physical activity and healthy living amongst children aged from six to 12.

Health is also one of the main themes of the OFC-driven Pacific Youth and Sports Conference (PYASC), the second edition of which is set to take place in Nouméa, New Caledonia, in December of 2013. Preparations for this event continued in earnest throughout 2012 and a major step was taken in the organisational process in October when the Government of New Caledonia pledged its support.

Oceania also became the latest region to benefit from the FIFA '11 for Health' programme in 2012 following the visit of Professor Jiri Dvorak, FIFA's Chief Medical Officer and Chairman of the FIFA Medical and Research Centre, to the Solomon Islands capital of Honiara in February.

The Solomon Islands was selected as the first OFC member association to be considered for the '11 for Health' programme after a recommendation from OFC President David Chung and General Secretary Tai Nicholas.

"Promoting the importance of healthy living is a key aspect of OFC's vision as social issues such as malaria, the dangers of alcohol and drugs, and gender equality are faced by many of our member associations," Nicholas said. "The '11 for Health' programme deals with these issues and therefore has the potential to make a positive difference throughout the Oceania region. We are sure it can be as successful here as it has been in other parts of the world."

FIFA '11 FOR HEALTH'

1. Play football
2. Respect girls and women
3. Protect yourself from HIV
4. Avoid drugs, alcohol and tobacco
5. Use a treated bed net
6. Wash your hands
7. Drink clean water
8. Eat a balanced diet
9. Get vaccinated
10. Take your prescribed medicine
11. Fair play

PACIFIC YOUTH AND SPORTS CONFERENCE

Following its successful debut in Auckland, New Zealand, in 2010, the second Pacific Youth and Sports Conference (PYASC) will take place from December 2 to 7 of 2013 in Nouméa, New Caledonia, convened in partnership between OFC, the Government of New Caledonia and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.



Gathering around 1,000 young people from across the Pacific, the conference will provide an opportunity for the participants to interact and discuss important issues affecting the youth community in each country.

Along with the New Caledonia government and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community as co-conveners, the conference represents a partnership between various stakeholders whose common goal is to assemble the youth of the region together to see how sport can improve the lives of individuals and communities.

The stakeholders who are working together to create a successful event include: FIFA, Fonds du Pacifique, Government of Australia through the Australian Sports Commission, Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania, Commonwealth Secretariat, Women Win and Unicef.

The PYASC is also under the patronage of the United Nations Office for Sport for Development and Peace.

Led by OFC Head of Social Responsibility and International Relations Franck Castillo with the support of PYASC Logistics Manager Beatrice Tchen Pan, preparations for the event continued apace throughout 2012 and a major step in the organisational process was taken in October with the signing of a partnership between OFC and the Government of New Caledonia.

The agreement pledges the financial support of the New Caledonia government to the tune of 35 million XPF (approx. \$470,000 NZD) and meant the necessary planning, which was already well underway, could continue.

"There are many issues that are affecting our youth today. Non-communicable diseases have reached epidemic proportions in the Pacific and school dropouts and illiteracy continue to rise, while more can be done to recognise women and the disabled in our communities," OFC President David Chung said.

"The PYASC will play a key role in using the medium of sport as a tool to tackle the issues facing our youth in the Pacific and improve their lives."



JUST PLAY

OFC is committed to building a brighter future for Oceania by using football as a development tool to raise awareness about social issues and encourage gender equality, social integration and peace building.

One activity that serves such a purpose is the OFC Just Play programme — a grassroots initiative which promotes physical activity for primary school-aged children while encouraging community involvement and healthy living.

It was launched in 2009 and has since involved more than 122,000 youth and over 2,300 trainers across American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga and Vanuatu. The year of 2012 was another milestone period for Just Play as the programme's popularity continued to grow throughout the Pacific and it received further plaudits from outside the confederation.

The programme is led by OFC Head of Social Responsibility and International Relations Franck Castillo while project managers are in place in each member association to oversee the progress of Just Play in their respective countries.

Partners

OFC works closely with UEFA, the Government of Australia — through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) — and Football Federation Australia to implement the Just Play programme across the Pacific.

The confederation also works in New Zealand with Special Olympics (NZ) on a Just Play programme for people with mental disabilities while similar initiatives have been launched in Samoa and Fiji.

These relationships were further fostered throughout 2012 with a significant moment arriving in May when UEFA's agreement to support grassroots and social development across Oceania was extended. UEFA will provide financial support of up to 700,000 EUR to Just Play over a two-year period, a pledge which follows on from a 500,000 EUR contribution to the initiative in 2010.

"Using football as a tool to educate young children and the positive results and impact shown in the last two years are the key reasons for UEFA to continue our partnership with OFC," UEFA President Michel Platini said.

JUST PLAY IN NUMBERS 2009 – 2012

Children participating in Just Play	122,405
Percentage of girls participating	43.5%
Number of trained community members and teachers	2,366



100,000 participants reached

A couple of months after the renewal of the partnership with UEFA, another memorable milestone occurred with the announcement that 100,000 children from across the Pacific had now taken part in the programme.

The 100,000th participant was Esther Naihoru, a nine-year-old girl from Pipisu Primary School in the South Malaita region of Solomon Islands, and her unwitting entry into the record books was revealed by Australia's Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs Hon. Richard Marles during a visit to the Solomon capital of Honiara in July.

"Just Play has provided thousands of children with the opportunity to build critical life skills through sport. This is creating social change in communities across the Pacific," Hon. Marles said.

"I am really pleased at how the investment from the Australian government has contributed to this success and we are so excited about our relationship with OFC."



Prince William during his visit to Solomon Islands

Royal seal of approval

A group of children involved in the Just Play programme enjoyed a day they will never forget in September after meeting and having a kick around with Prince William, second-in-succession to the British throne, in Honiara.

The Duke of Cambridge, who is president of the English Football Association and an Aston Villa supporter, spent time with the children following an official engagement at the Commonwealth Youth Programme Pacific Centre and showed his support for Just Play by displaying his football skills.

The prince was presented with a football by Patrick Junior, an eight-year-old pupil from Naha Seventh Day Adventist Primary School, and also received a Just Play polo shirt and cap before joining in with the fun.

He took on student Philemon Fatai in a mock penalty shoot-out but did not emerge triumphant, seeing the enthusiastic youngster save two of his three efforts.

"He's good — but not as good as me," Philemon quipped afterwards.

Castillo was pleased to see Just Play receive the royal stamp of approval.

"The meeting with the prince has given us great exposure to the world in order to show that football is not only a game but also an important social development tool," he said.

Just Play hits the web

Just Play received its own online home in October with the launching of an official website dedicated solely to the programme.

The site is located at www.justplayofc.org and features key information, including text summaries, videos, statistics and photos, as well as a breakdown of Just Play in each of OFC's 11 member associations.

It follows hot on the heels of other developments in the Just Play communications plan, which have included the launching of a Facebook page and Twitter account, as well as the production of an information brochure.



MARKETING & TV

As the activities of OFC continue to grow, it is necessary for the confederation to continue looking at ways to diversify its sources of revenue to adequately support these exciting developments. Another landmark year occurred in the realm of marketing and television as OFC TV continued to bring more football into the homes of the region's football fans than ever before with matches broadcast live on stations throughout the world and online while OFC Commercial Ltd also set about expanding its activities. These developments and the fostering of OFC's relationship with new and existing partners means the confederation is well placed to support its member associations over the long term.

OFC TV

OFC TV was formed when the confederation made a key strategic decision to bring all broadcast operations in-house in 2011 and the newly-established department went on to achieve many milestones in its second year as coverage of OFC events and tournaments reached an unprecedented level.

The highlight of the year in this regard was undoubtedly the OFC Nations Cup, which took place in the Solomon Islands capital of Honiara during June and attracted huge interest, both from across the Pacific and in other parts of the world.

OFC TV provided exclusive live coverage from Lawson Tama Stadium as the hosts battled it out with Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tahiti and Vanuatu for Oceania's most coveted footballing prize.

Live streaming of all 16 matches was provided online via oceaniafootball.com while television broadcasters were also offered the rights through OFC's international media partner MP & Silva. Many came on board, including VBTC in Vanuatu, EMTV in Papua New Guinea, FBCL in Fiji, Polynesie Premiere in Tahiti, Caledonie Premiere in New Caledonia, Telikom TV in Solomon Islands and Sky TV in New Zealand, as well as networks across Asia.

Earlier in the year, fans were likewise given the opportunity to watch the action from the OFC Men's Olympic Qualifier and both legs of the O-League final with live streaming being provided and broadcasters from the region and further afield offered the rights.

The coverage was overseen by Head of OFC TV Olivier Huc, who has a wealth of experience within the industry after more than a decade with Tahiti Nui Television Network (TNTV).

The increase in television coverage is an important part of OFC's aim to ensure quality football content is delivered across the Pacific but has also contributed significantly in terms of building capacity within the member associations. Many media officers from across the region are used by OFC TV to cover the tournaments while Huc and other members of his team made regular visits to various countries throughout 2012 to impart knowledge on how to film, produce and edit footage on software provided by OFC.

Many of these member associations now produce their own television shows dedicated solely to football.



OFC COMMERCIAL LIMITED

To successfully achieve its aims of developing football throughout the Pacific and improving the lives of people in the region, OFC requires a broad range of income streams and funding partners. OFC Commercial Ltd — an entity acting as the commercial arm of the confederation — was established with these goals in mind and used its second year to expand its operations and create new sources of revenue.

The business plan of OFC Commercial consists of a range of responsibilities, including the sale of apparel, equipment and other merchandise, football academy management, TV production and property investment.

Great progress continued to be made throughout 2012, particularly in the area of merchandising as OFC Commercial focused on producing its own line of football-related apparel. The first steps in this process were the employment of staff and the arrival of printing machinery and branding equipment while work also began on the construction of a new warehouse facility at the OFC Academy in Auckland, New Zealand.

Looking ahead, agents will be established throughout the Pacific to market the merchandise, which includes lines

of clothing (featuring football kits and casual wear) and accessories (such as balls, bags, umbrellas and drink bottles). Plans are in place for the launch of a catalogue and online shopping website.

Planning also continued in 2012 for OFC's new Home of Football, construction for which is expected to begin in late 2013. The facility will be built at Ngahue Reserve in Auckland and will provide a new home for the OFC General Secretariat, as well as including world-class international-sized pitches, floodlights, training fields, changing rooms, accommodation, medical and health facilities, function areas and a gym.

Retail space will also be available, providing OFC with a potential source of revenue.





FIWC qualifier winner Reece Lambert

FIFA INTERACTIVE WORLD CUP

The top gamers in Oceania came together in Auckland, New Zealand, on April 21 to compete in the OFC final of the FIFA Interactive World Cup (FIWC 2012) qualifiers. Each was competing for an all-expenses paid trip to Dubai, UAE, where the Oceania champion would take on 23 other players of FIFA 12, a Sony PlayStation® game that simulates football matches.

Although similar events have been held in the past, 2012 marked the first time OFC had joined forces with FIFA, EA SPORTS™ and Sony PlayStation® to create an Oceania qualifier with participants from across the region.

A total of 64 New Zealand hopefuls started the day with four finalists then going on to compete in the OFC final against top qualifiers from New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tahiti. The event represented the final stage of the OFC live qualification series, held across the Pacific region after beginning in Tahiti in December 2011.

Auckland teenager Reece Lambert, who played for New Zealand at the 2011 FIFA U-17 World Cup in Mexico, proved his on-field skills crossed over to the virtual world with a thrilling victory over fellow Kiwi Steven Fox to book his place in Dubai.

"I never thought I'd win, it was my dream and I'm just so happy," the 18-year-old said.

Playing as Manchester City in the final match, it took an 86th-minute winner from Mario Balotelli for Lambert to beat Fox's Real Madrid side 3-2 and become the first New Zealander to qualify.

"I've played online in the past and lost 4-3 to the world number six but in Dubai it will be a whole different level. It's going to be an amazing experience to play against the best in the world," he said.

All Whites Ivan Vicelich and David Mulligan were on hand earlier in the day to keep a close eye on proceedings and give their best wishes to the competitors.

Joining the top New Zealanders in the final were Claude Giraud (New Caledonia), Julian Kasu (Papua New Guinea), David Ginola Ramo (Solomon Islands) and Kevin Duong (Tahiti).

Spain's Alfonso Ramos won the grand final in Dubai to net himself a \$20,000 USD prize and a ticket to the prestigious FIFA Ballon d'Or Gala.



ADMINISTRATION

The organisational structure of OFC is based around the five key pillars of the strategic plan put into place by President Chung and his Executive Committee — growing the game, promoting our elite, ensuring financial sustainability, professionalising the management and making the Pacific a better place. General Secretary Tai Nicholas continued to lead the staff of the secretariat as they set about achieving the targets relating to these pillars throughout 2012. From a governance standpoint, it was a year of solidity as no changes were made to OFC's various committees and judicial bodies while a ground-breaking moment took place when a female representative was co-opted onto the Executive as an observer for the first time.

GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL MATTERS

The regulatory framework surrounding football is an important focus for OFC and its member associations. In 2012, a number of steps were taken to ensure the smooth administration of football across the Pacific, including the hosting of several key seminars.

The Executive Committee through the OFC administration continued to assist member associations by reviewing their statutes and regulations, assisting with financial management and advising on their judicial framework.

In a historic moment, OFC also appointed a women's representative to be co-opted onto the Executive Committee for the first time, a position temporarily held by OFC Women's Development Officer Nicola Demaine.

November proved a busy month for governance matters with delegates from FIFA and the Royal Spanish Football Federation visiting OFC headquarters in Auckland, New Zealand, to conduct a pair of seminars.

FIFA Director of Member Associations and Development Thierry Regenass helped conduct a FIFA/OFC Financial Seminar with Eva Pasquier, FIFA's Oceania Development Manager, and FIFA Instructor Anter Isaac, a former finance manager for Football Federation Australia.

The participants consisted of the general secretaries and finance officers of OFC's member associations, who were given the chance to further increase their knowledge of the best practices and processes in the financial management of football.

Many of the participants stayed on to take part in a Legal and CEO Workshop led by instructors from the Royal Spanish Football Federation, made possible due to the federation's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with OFC.

Looking forward to 2013, it is envisaged that standardised accounting software, co-ordination of member association audits and an annual CEO and Financial Officers Seminar will all be introduced.

OFC President David Chung and the Executive Committee, including women's representative Nicola Demaine



COMMUNICATIONS

The Media and Communications Department had another busy year managing OFC's various communication channels and servicing media at events while working closely with media officers across the 11 member associations.

As always, oceaniafootball.com provided up-to-the-minute news on a daily basis and extensive coverage during OFC competitions and events. This was complemented by the confederation's ever-growing social network platforms on Facebook, Twitter and Youtube.

The personnel of the department underwent change in the second half of the year as Priscilla Duncan, who had been Head of Media and Communications for three-and-a-half years, left in July to pursue new opportunities. During her time at OFC, Duncan managed the successful revamp of oceaniafootball.com while overseeing the development of websites and social media platforms to ensure all member associations had an online presence for the first time.

The 29-year-old also delivered key projects such as the introduction of the annual Media Officer Workshop and the launch of a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system while also being involved in ground-breaking television ventures.

She took up a position at FIFA as a Media Relations Manager and was replaced on an ad interim basis by Daniel Markham, who previously worked under Duncan with fellow Media and Communications Coordinator Xavier Audu.

A new staff member was later welcomed to the fold as Jacqueline Tran Van filled Markham's previous role in September.

Support for the member associations continued throughout the year, with OFC staging the third annual Media Officer Workshop at OFC headquarters in Auckland, New Zealand, in November.

A further workshop is scheduled for 2013 along with training visits to each member association as activities increase and the media landscape continues to evolve.

Former Head of Media and Communications Priscilla Duncan with media coordinators Daniel Markham, left, and Xavier Audu





Head of OFC TV Olivier Huc

IT INFRASTRUCTURE

OFC entered its second year of in-house IT management in 2012 as operations continued to be streamlined in an effort to improve the efficiency of the confederation and provide greater support to members.

There were developments in many areas as Head of IT Services Ramachandra Rao Kotte progressed with a review of OFC's technological procedures and resources while IT also had an important part to play as OFC TV increased its activities and levels of tournament coverage.

The extensive coverage means live internet streaming and FTP file sharing have become increasingly important for the confederation and there are exciting developments ahead in 2013 with plans for OFC TV to launch its own live channel on the confederation's Youtube account. This will result in live streaming of OFC events being available for football fans to watch free of charge both in the Pacific and the rest of the world.

Another important project in the IT realm has been the development of a website and competitions management system known as 'O-Link'. The initiative was launched in 2009 and has proved successful with designated OFC staff, led by Project Manager Xavier Audu, continuing follow-up training visits across many member associations in 2012.

'O-Link' is a unique, easy-to-use software programme targeting competition management and web management. It has been tailor made for OFC to monitor eligibility and transfers, track football players through their careers, administer suspensions and disciplinary matters, manage marketing campaigns and produce detailed reports while keeping up-to-date contact details for clubs, officials and players.

FINANCE

OFC recorded a small deficit in 2012 as the confederation continued to increase its activities and provided more funding to its member associations than ever before.

The annual accounts showed a deficit of \$170,124 NZD compared to a surplus of \$2,516,787 NZD in 2011. This led to a reduction of OFC reserves from \$8,124,082 NZD to \$7,953,958 NZD.

Key to the confederation's ongoing success is the diversification of income streams with marketing and television expected to be an important part of that in the coming years.

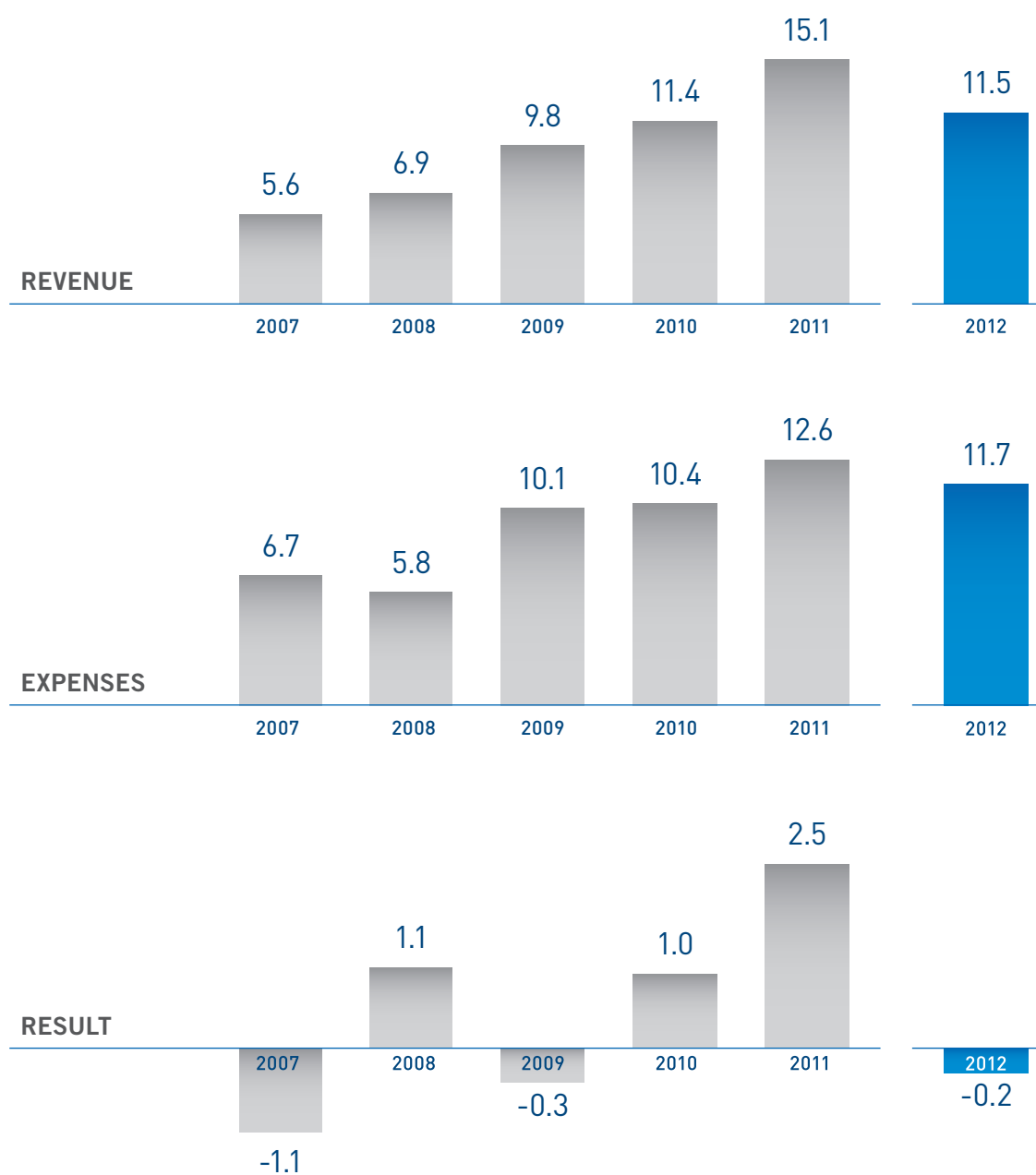
Meanwhile, OFC continues to support its members by distributing funds to support the development of football across the region.

Member associations received a total of \$3.5 million NZD in funding for the year — an increase from \$2.8 million NZD in 2011.



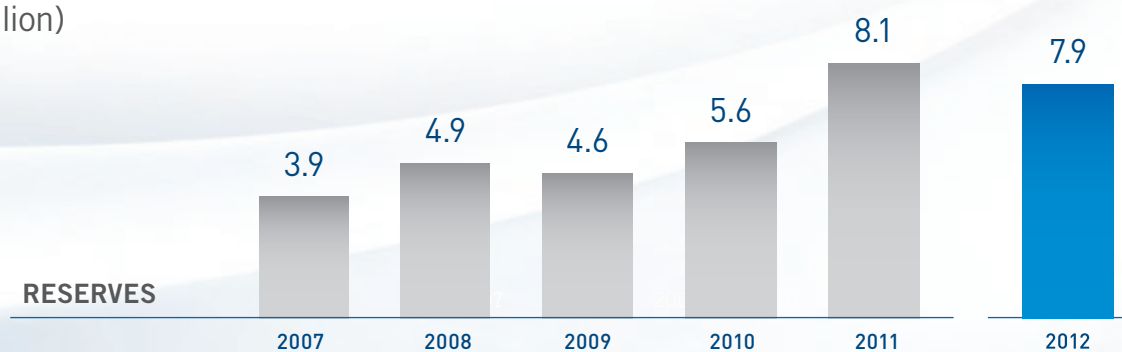
INCOME STATEMENT 2007–2012

(NZD million)



DEVELOPMENT OF RESERVES 2007–2012

(NZD million)



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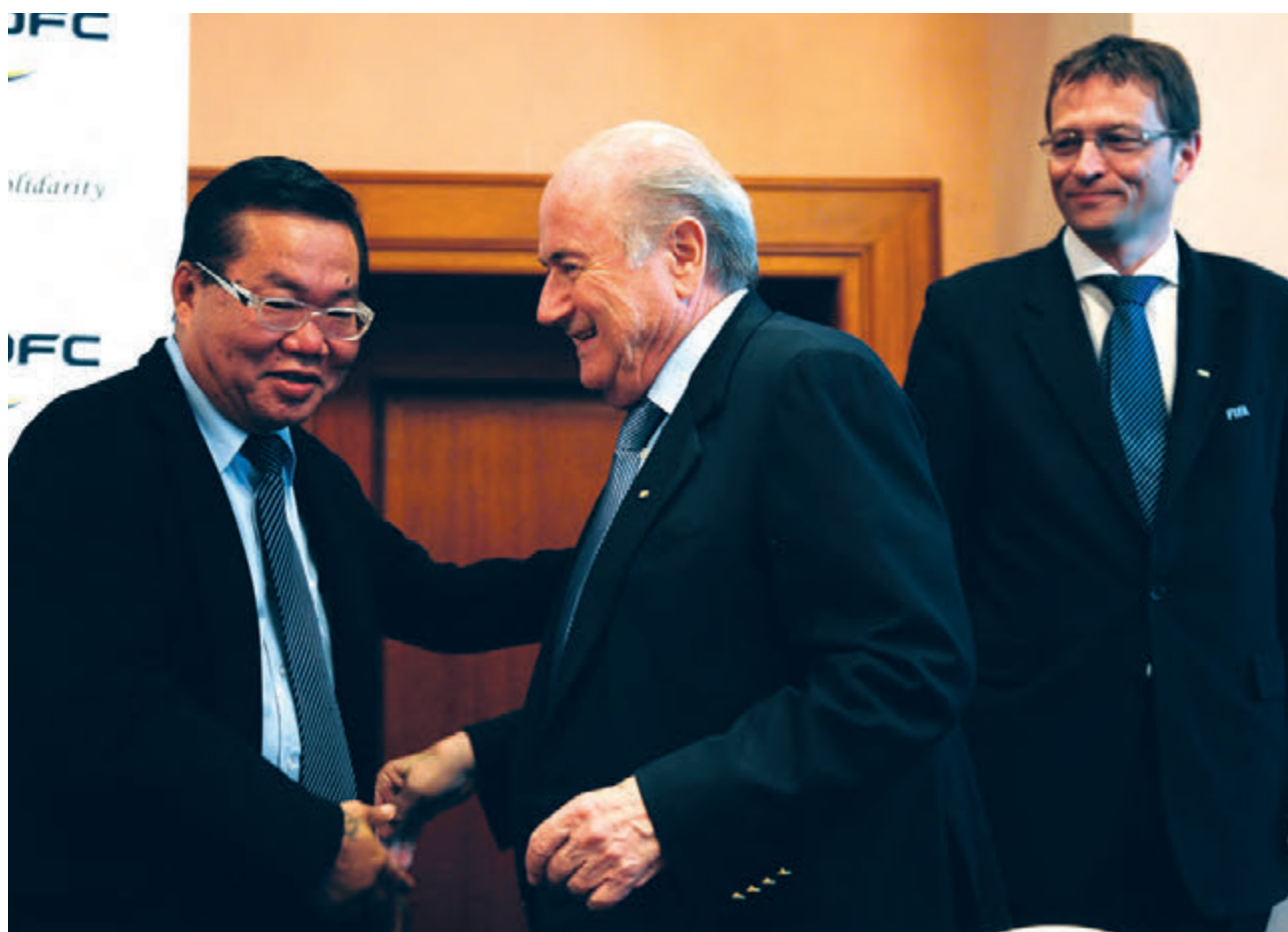
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OFC President David Chung and FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter.

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Member Development	Lambert Maltcock
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