

Beatrix Newport

Beatrix Football Club is a professional football club based in Newport, Columbia, Pharos. Founded in 1885, the club plays in the PSL and uses Oceanic Stadium for home games since 2012, moving from The Leed, their old venue for more than 100 years. Beatrix shares a long-standing South-North Columbia derby rivalry with Queensland Utd, in part due to geographic proximity and both cities' respective maritime histories.



History

Formation and early years

The roots of the club can be traced to members of St. Beatrix Church Young Men's Association (Blessed Beatrix d'Ornacieux c. 1240–1306/09 was a Carthusian nun who travelled to Pharos, lived in the area and was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1869).

The team played their football at various venues in Newport for 13 years, prior to the move to the club's former ground, The Leed in 1898, where it remained until 2012. In 2012, the move from The Leed to the new Oceanic Stadium was deemed to be a spiritual homecoming for



*The first known photograph of the Beatrix YMA team taken two weeks after the Columbia Coast Cup final in April 1888.
(Standing: F. J. Mont, G. Cater, M. Varn, J. L. Sorvil, A. A. Fry, G. C. Gandry. Sitting: A. Varlem, C. E. Broml (Capt.), G. Muir, A. Gandry. On ground: C. Deacon, F. J. Cross, R. Rufel.)*

Beatrix Football Club, because of the new stadium's proximity to St. Beatrix Church, the church where the club was founded.

The club's first match was played on 21 November 1885 on a pitch in Noordland Road, where the Hamps Bowling Club was subsequently situated; St. Beatrix YMA won 5–1 against Freemantle, with three goals from Carl Broml and two from A. A. Fry; in goal was Ral Rufel,

who would remain with the club for nearly ten years.

St. Beatrix YMA, as the club was usually referred as in the local press, played most of its early games on Newport Common, and games were not infrequently interrupted by pedestrian insistent on exercising their right to roam.

The club was originally known as St. Beatrix Young Men's Association FC (usually



Columbia champions 1902

abbreviated to "St. Beatrix YMA") and then became simply St. Beatrix FC in 1887–88, before adopting the name Beatrix FC Newport when the club became a limited company in 1891.

Beatrix joined the Columbian League in 1891 at the 2nd division and were promoted to the 1st division in their first season. They then won back-

to-back Columbian championships in 1902 and 1903 and a 3rd one in 1908. This success spanned some major changes for the Seagulls, as the club moved to a newly built, £10,000 stadium called The Leed, to the northwest of the city centre in 1909. Although it would spend the next 103 years there, the future was far from certain in those early days and the club had to rent the premises first before it could stump up the cash to purchase the stadium in the early part of the 20th century.



The Leed Stadium, 1910

1910-1981



Cale Vyman

For seven decades Beatrix could not win another championship title in Columbia, with big names Zaria and Dynamo Pharos dominating the local scene. Thus, they did not have the chance to compete in the national level, until the formation of the PSL in 1981. They came close twice, in 1946 and in 1977, but lost the title both times to Zaria on goal difference. Great players of that era were two prolific scorers; Cale Vyman, who scored a record 56 goals in 1946

and Derk Riev, who scored 39 in the 1950 championship. Their only claim to glory during this era were 3 Columbian Cup titles, in 1939, 1946 and 1978.

The PSL era

When PSL was formed in 1981, Beatrix were awarded a spot in the 2nd division, finishing in 10th position in their inaugural season. When PSL



Derk Riev



The Leed Stadion, 1990

changed its format to a closed 24 team with regular season and play-offs, Beatrix, along with other teams competed again in local level in Columbia. From 1987 to 2004 and the new reformation of PSL, Beatrix would win 5 Columbian titles, having Queensland Utd as their big local rivals. They also came 2nd in the 2001 PSC National, behind Titania Schottegut.

In 2004-05 season Beatrix were again in the PSL, competing in 2nd division and finishing in



Christian Ermel



Insin Rehu

11th place, under manager Olav Neuzig, who left for Zaria by the end of the season. Theo Di Lorto, former Ferephon Union international and manager of Normatia Diaspar was given the job in the summer of 2005. Under Di Lorto, Beatrix produced some inviting football, finishing in 9th, 7th and 5th place in PSL B. The team produced players like midfielder Insin Rehu, fullback

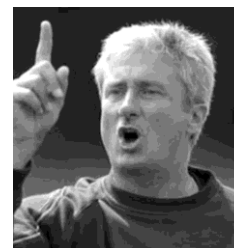
Christian Ermel and defensive half Net Lamlet.

New owner and promotion to PSL A



Bale Hove

In the summer of 2008, shipping magnate Bale Hove acquired most of the club's shares from minor shareholders and the City of Newport. He hired former Queensland Utd manager Kals Bertan as general manager and bought several players, like goalkeeper Lathan Kirel from Estwald Metropolis, defender Abel Brai from Zenith Parietal and midfielder Ankor Klem from Centralia Trandor. In 2009-10 Beatrix finished in 3rd position in PSL B and



Kals Bertan

was promoted to the top tier of the PSL for the first time. They managed

to stay one more season finishing in 15th place, just 2 points in front of relegated Kent Utd and Olympic Eptapolis, but were relegated the next season and Bertan left for Ceiserstellen.

New stadium

Hove went ahead and financed the construction of a new stadium, to replace Beatrix's old stadium, as The Leed was more than 100 years old, with minor reconstructions and renovations during those years. A site was found in the north part of the city, by the sea.

Blue seats inside, blue polycarbonate foil covering its façades, blue light inside as sun comes inside through the translucent cladding and outside – when lit from inside at night. This was the idea of renowned architecture practices SCAU and KSS who are behind several Pharos' athletics venues. The stadium was thought to cost some ff 110m initially, but despite lack of delays in construction phase, budget stood at ff 121 as the process was over.



Oceanic Stadion

Construction lasted almost 2 years, from July 2010 to May 2012 and the inaugural game was held in July 12th, 2012, a friendly game against Southampton. The capacity is 22,178 all covered seats and it was named Oceanic Stadion, after Hove's shipping company.

2012-

Fran Toran was Beatrix's new manager in 2012. Although financing was at a minimum, with key players having being sold, Toran and Beatrix surprised the Pharonian footballing world when they achieved promotion to PSL A in 2015, with most of the betting firms giving the team a 90% possibility of relegation to PSC! The trip to top tier was a brief one and Beatrix were back to the 2nd division next year, finishing in the last position.



Seth Belor

Seth Belor, who had worked miracles in arch-rivals Queensland Utd, was appointed as new manager. In 2018-19 the team was promoted for a 3rd time to PSL A, only to be relegated once again the next season by a mere 2 points difference from Champion Athletics after a devastating 2-2 draw in Newport, with only 2 games till the end of the

season. President Hove stayed with Belor, but after 2 more seasons in PSL B mid table positions, he had to let him go.

Things did not get any better when Arno Neuman took over as manager in 2022. Belor came back in 2024, only to get fired in February 2025, as the team was in danger of relegation to PSC. 39-year-old Stanel Piren, former AG Nobel international player, took over as manager (his first job as such), leading Beatrix to a 13th place finish, just 1 point above the relegation play-out spot.