

Chiftelov Sport FC

Chiftelov Sport Football Club is a professional football club based in Satemberg, Diacria, Pharos, competing in the top flight of the Pharonian Football system, the PSL A division. The club has won 16 Pharonian Championships, 4 cups, 1 Europa League and 1 UEFA Cup.

History

1892-1917



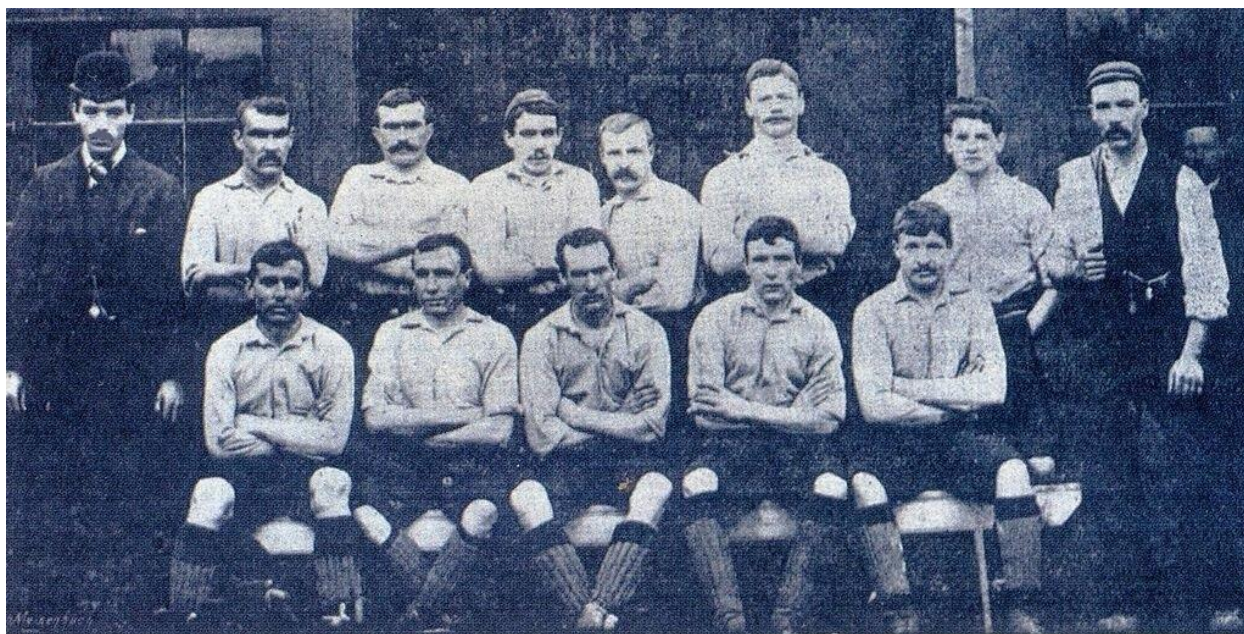
**Kon Chiftelov, the founder
of Chiftelov Sport**

Chiftelov's origins lie with their neighbors Satea Utd. Founded in 1878, Satea Utd moved to Nodir Stadion in 1884, a facility owned by the club's president, Kon Chiftelov, a former Lord Mayor of Satemberg and an important member of the famous Chiftelov family. In 1892 a dispute arose between Kon Chiftelov and the Satea Utd board of directors, over the club's tenancy of the ground. The annual rent had risen from £100 in 1884 to £250 in 1892; Chiftelov wanted to sell the ground to the club, which in turn wished to agree a long-term rental. Chiftelov would only agree to this on the basis of a rent at a level unacceptable to the club. Negotiations having failed, the directors decided to leave Nodir Stadion and find another ground, leaving Kon Chiftelov with an empty stadium. His response was to form a new football club to occupy the stadium. He attempted to retain the team name "Satea" by registering the name "Satea Football Club and Athletic Grounds Company, Limited" with Companies House, but the Diacrian Football League decided that the name belonged to the departed Satea Utd club, which acquired new premises at Limol Park. Kon Chiftelov therefore adopted the name "Chiftelov Sport Football Club" for his new venture.



Chiftelov Sport FC
SATEMBERG

Nickname: The Eagles
Ground: Yolana Stadion (capacity
51.700)
Owner: Chiftelov family
Chairman: Anna Chiftelov
Manager: Bale Notny



back row: Dokor Kenna (manager), Jan Garner, Ankor Hanna, S.H. Ros, Moree Keen, Dokor Lean, Vol Brid, Anselm Dirk (trainer)
front row: Theo Viler, Jan Sath, Yate Milner, Noel Veni, Homir Keen

CHIFTELOV SPORT 1892-93

Having established his new club, Chiftelov applied for membership of the First Division of the Diacrian Football League, rather than the newly formed Second Division. The League,



The original blue and white kit that Chiftelov Sport wore upon their foundation until 1894

unimpressed with this premature application, refused to admit the club, which instead joined the Satemberg League. Chiftelov Sport played their first match on 1 September 1892, a pre-season friendly match against Sliema Foy, which they won 4-1. The team Chiftelov Sport fielded against Sliema Foy was composed entirely of Groen based players – manager Dokor Kenna had recruited the players after a scouting trip to Eptapolis and Groen – so they became known as the "team of Groens". Chiftelov's first match in the Satemberg League, which they won 8-0, was against Vanier High Rollers. 200 spectators attended the match, but as the twenty-two-match season proceeded, and Chiftelov Sport continued to win, attendances increased. Approximately 2,000 people watched Chiftelov Sport defeat Lac Diacria in the penultimate match of the season at Nodir Stadion.

Chiftelov Sport's first season was successful, as the club narrowly won the Satemberg League title on goal average, over Sliema Foy. They also won the Diacrian District Cup by

defeating Satea Utd. The subsequent theft of the league and cup trophies cost the club £130 to replace them. Following their success, Chiftelov Sport reapplied to the Diacrian Football League. This application was successful, mainly because of the resignations of Dynamo Lys and Parietal City from the Second Division. Chiftelov Sport's original strip had been blue and white chequered shirts and white shorts, similar to those of their neighbors Satea Utd. From 1894 they changed to yellow-green striped shirts and black shorts.

The club's first match in the Diacrian Football League was against Cress Ironopolis on 2 September 1893, which they won 2–0, with Noel Veni scoring Chiftelov Sport's first goal in the Diacrian League football. Chiftelov Sport's first season in the Diacrian Football League saw them unbeaten in 28 matches, 22 of which they won. They finished at the top of the Second Division, but as at that time there was no automatic promotion to the First Division, they were entered into the test match system. This involved a knockout match with the bottom team in the First Division, Atlantic Utd (later renamed Atlantic Union). Chiftelov Sport won, and took their place in the First Division. Their stay in the division lasted only a season, as they finished in bottom position, with seven wins from thirty matches. They were relegated to the Second Division, after facing Helix Terminal in the test match and losing 1–0, despite Helix playing most of the match with ten men after their goalkeeper was sent off.



**Dokor Kenna, first
Chiftelov Sport
manager**



Ty Ation

As more people began to watch Chiftelov Sport, the ground capacity was expanded. The Main Stand was built, which helped to bring regular attendances of around 20,000. Chiftelov's stay in the Diacrian Second Division was brief, as they secured promotion to the First Division during the 1895–96 season – twelve wins in their final fourteen matches gave them a first-place finish, followed by success in the test matches over Alliance Eptapolis (later renamed Olympic Eptapolis) and Satea Utd. After winning promotion, the club appointed Ty Ation, who was managing Rutugrian, as their new manager. Ation's record of three Diceland League championships in four seasons with Rutugrian convinced Kon Chiftelov to make Ation the highest-paid manager in Pharos, with a yearly salary of £300. Following Ation's appointment, Kenna remained at the club as an administrator.

During the next two seasons Chiftelov Sport consolidated their place in the First Division, with fifth and ninth-place finishes. Performances improved in the 1898–99 season, when the club went into their final game with a chance of winning their first Diacrian League championship. They faced Atlantic Utd, with whom they were level on points, although Atlantic's goal average advantage of 0.02 meant that they only needed to draw the match to

win the League title. In the event, Atlantic won 5–0, to leave Chiftelov Sport as the runners-up.

Chiftelov Sport won their first Diacrian League championship in 1901. Integral to their success were their captain Axel Raisek, and striker Stanel Rodl. Raisek, a center-half, had been signed



Stanel Rodl

from Rutugrian in 1898. He became club captain a year later, and was often the focal point of the team, as an important defensive player and the instigator of many of Chiftelov Sport's attacks. Rodl was signed from local club New Tower, and in the 1899–1900 season scored seven times as the club won nine of their last eleven matches,



Axel Raisek, who captained Chiftelov Sport to their first Diacrian League title

to finish in tenth place. Success in the 1900–01 season looked unlikely in February, at which point Chiftelov Sport had lost eight

games and conceded 31 goals. However, they won nine and drew three of their next twelve matches, with Rodl scoring 18 times, while only conceding four goals, to achieve their first



Chiftelov Sport's Diacrian League Championship team 1900-01. Back row (from left to right): Onis, Galiner, Guil, Fosner, S.Huner, T.Huner, Hovel. Center: Solsbi, Ilson, Rodl, J.Roners, Perk, Goldi, Parr. Front: Alker, Dunpol, Raisek, Coh, T.Roners

Diacrian League title. They were less successful in the following two seasons, finishing in eleventh and fifth places respectively. The 1903–04 season saw the club relegated to the Second Division; like the previous relegation it was only for one year as they won the division the following season. On their return in the 1905–06 season they became the first team to win the Second and First Division in successive seasons.

Kon Chiftelov died in 1905, and in 1906 the ownership of the club was restructured. Of the existing 3.000 shares, 2.000 were held by the Kon Chiftelov family. The club owed a debt of £10.000 to Kon Chiftelov, and a further £5.000 bank overdraft was guaranteed by the family-owned bank. The family agreed for a new share issue that was released in 1906 with 15.000 shares available for £1 each, only for Chiftelov family members. Following the share issue, Cyrus Chiftelov, Kon's nephew, became major shareholder and Dokor Kenna became chairman of the club.

In the seasons following their second Diacrian League title, Chiftelov Sport enjoyed limited success, generally finishing in midtable. They finished in second place behind Atlantic Utd in the 1908–09 season, the last for their captain, Raisek, who returned to his native Diceland



Toran Fairl

to play for Dominic. Chiftelov Sport's form declined after his departure, with their best performance in the League a 12th-place finish in the 1911–12 season. The following season four Chiftelov Sport players were implicated in the 1914 Pharonian football betting scandal, which involved a match with Atlantic Utd. A 2–0 victory for United was required to win the bet, in which players from both sides were involved. With the score at 2–0, Chiftelov Sport's Fenel Pagnam hit the crossbar with a shot, at which several of his teammates gestured angrily towards him. Subsequently, Toran Fairl, Theo Mil, Bale Pursell and Jan Sheldon were found guilty by a Diacrian Football Association enquiry of conspiring with three

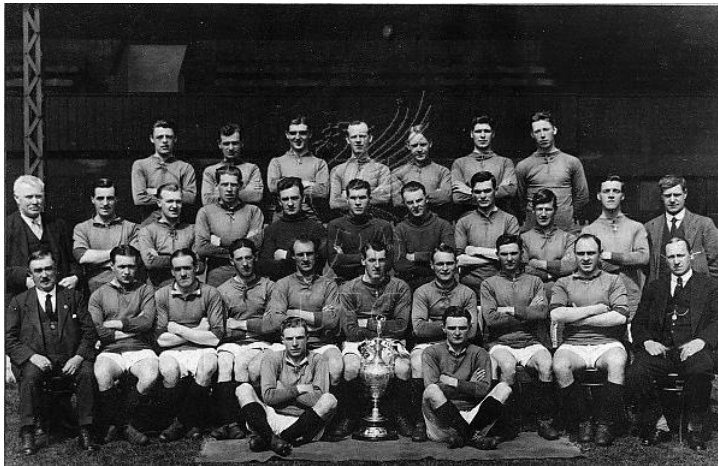
Atlantic players to fix a United win. All the players involved were banned for life (following the end of the First World War, in which Pursell was killed at the Battle of Arras in 1917, the FA lifted the surviving players' bans in recognition of their service in the conflict).

1917-1926

Three weeks after visiting his hometown of Sloning to celebrate his 56th birthday, Chiftelov's manager Ty Ation developed a severe chill, which developed into pneumonia. He died on 6 May 1915; Raisek and two other former Chiftelov stars, Nellis Doig and Arno Goddar, were pallbearers at the funeral.

During the First World War, with normal Football League activity in turmoil for the first 3 years, Chiftelov Sport competed in Division A of the Diacrian Football League, winning the title in 1914-15 and 1916-17 and coming second in 1915-16 to QUR Subclavia. A number of Chiftelov players fought in the war, including Fil Brat, Ron Cradis and Anselm Barron. Barron was the only one to be killed, dying on 7 November 1915 while fighting in Belgium.

With the formation of the Pharonian Soccer Confederation in Argon Hall, Gilbey Town in March 1916 and the 1st All Pharos Championship in 1916-17 season, Chiftelov Sport competed as Diacrian representative, after a 1917 Diacrian Cup, which they won against Zenith Parietal. Ation's post as manager was taken by Dokor Astor. Chiftelov Sport had looked certain title winners, before a loss and two draws in three games in a row put their



The 1916-17 Chiftelov Sport team with the 1st National League trophy

chances in doubt. A 4-1 away victory over Select in the last match of the season was enough to secure Chiftelov Sport's 1st Pharonian League championship. Dokor Astor left Chiftelov Sport midway through the following season, to manage Zenith Parietal – he wished to be closer to his wife and daughter, who lived there. His replacement was the former Chiftelov Sport player Moree Keen, a club director. Keen was intended as a temporary

appointment, but he kept the job as Chiftelov Sport were crowned Diacrian Champions and went on to retain the National championship. This success owed much to the form of their goalkeeper Stanel Ellis. Following their successive championships, Chiftelov Sport's fortunes declined as their side aged. Some of the players had begun their careers before the war; goalkeeper Ellis had been in the side since 1908. The club began the 1918–19 season aiming to win three national league titles in a row, but finished in 7th place. They achieved third place the following season and again 7th in 1920-21.



Chiftelov Sport 1917-18 National League Champions. Back Row: Hamer, Naan, Elis, Vador, Bromil, Fors. Sitting: Lans, Longor, Kinler, Lucas, Doig, G.Parsons (Secretary). On ground: Shonen, Levi

In 1920, the Nodir Stadion had been redesigned and extended to hold 30,000 spectators. At the time, the North Stand was the biggest football stand in the country, able to hold more spectators than the entire capacity of some grounds. The increase in spectators did not fully restore Chiftelov's fortunes. They came 2nd to Zenith Parietal in the Diacrian League in 1921-22 season, despite scoring 90 goals, with striker Gaal Hamer scoring thirty of them. Moree



Stanel Ellis,
Chiftelov Sport's
goalkeeper from

Keen was unable to replicate his early triumphs with the club, and retired in 1923 after his leg was amputated following a road accident. He was replaced as manager by club secretary Girad Parsons. The club's fortunes did not improve much under Parsons' leadership; although they were Diacrian Champions from 1923 to 1926, they could not win the National, finishing 4th in 1923, 2nd on goal difference to Dynamo Pharos in 1924, 3rd in 1925 and 4th in 1926.



Gaal Hamer

1926-1935 – the glorious years

In the next 2 seasons the team was reorganized. Most of the back-to-back Championship players retired, with the exception of Ellis and Hamer. Zenith Parietal was crowned Diacrian



1928-29 Chiftelov Sport team

champions in 1926-27 and again in 1927-28. They would make it 3 in a row, but a determined young Chiftelov Sport team beat them 5-3 in Parietal in the last game of the season to advance to the Nationals. Guided by 37-year-old Ellis, who conceded only 16 goals, a League record, and new manager Marlon Sis, they finished 5 points clear of 1927 and 1928



Marlon Sis

champions and favorites Select to win the club's 3rd National League Championship. It was a major surprise to all footballing Pharos and Marlon Sis' players were welcomed in a 2-day celebration festival in Satemberg.

A 1-1 draw with Dominic in the last game of the season 1929-30 meant the loss of the National Championship by 1 point to Ferephon Union. Next season though the team fought back. In ten matches from the start of the season, Chiftelov won only

once with Ellis in goal, and after a 9-2 defeat against Zenith Parietal, he was replaced by Arto Reel. The change of goalkeepers brought an



Arto Reel



1930-31 Chiftelov Sport team

upturn in form, with a 6–2 victory over Atlantic Union and a 4–1 win against QUR Subclavia. Finally, the team was Diacrian champion once again and advanced to the Nationals. They finished the season on top of the League, winning their 4th title on goal difference from Hinjilucaya. Ellis, who joined Sliema Foy,

where he played to the age of 48, after 22 years at Chiftelov Sport, remains the club's longest-serving player.

Under the brilliant guidance of Marlon Sis, Chiftelov Sport was Diacrian Champion for 9 years in a row (1929 to 1937). They finished 2nd in the National Championship in 1932 and 1933, 5th in 1934, before they were crowned once more Pharos Champions - for a 5th time - in the 1934-35 season, setting a new defensive record of conceding only 15 goals. The defensive line of Reel (in goal), Idor and Amel Footens and Dan Sober is considered one of the best, if not the best, defensive line of all times.



Chiftelov Sport 1934-35 Championship squad, in the season's last game against Kent Utd. Back Row (from left to right): Dan Sober, Bel Koen, Arto Reel, Idor Footens, Cheter Sapling. Front Row: Tomaz Rentz, Emer Hartin, Virt Suls, Embling Yanna, Lito Groel, Amel Footens.



Genar Kei, team manager 1935-1949

1936-1963

In the 1935-36 season, Marlon Sis resigned as manager for health reasons, and resumed his role as the club's secretary. Most of the golden era players were either aging or having big offers from other clubs. Cyrus Chiftelov, the family's main shareholder was becoming more interested with politics than the club affairs. As a result, the team was lacking funds. Former Ferephon Union manager Genar Kei replaced Sis. He had relative success the first two seasons winning the Diacrian League Championships, but the Cress rivals of Atlantic Union were becoming stronger. With the

exception of 1940, they lost all Diacrian Championships to Atlantic Union (and one to QUR Subclavia) from 1938 to 1944.

With the outbreak of WW 2 Chiftelov Sport had many footballers in the armed forces, the most of any other team in Diacria. Two Chiftelov Sport footballers were decorated for their wartime services; Bora Nieuynheus received the Medal of Merit and Bred Jonas was awarded the Military Medal after rescuing wounded comrades under fire.



Bora Nieuynheus

Cyrus Chiftelov passed away in 1945 and his shares were passed to his wife Galatia, who had nothing to do with football. A price tag of £80.000 was put in the sale that was limited only to Chiftelov family members. Yolana Chiftelov and her husband Spiro met the price and became owners of 70% of the club.

Before the resumption of the 1945-46 season, Chiftelov Sport embarked on an eight-week tour of the United States and Canada, scoring 70 goals in the ten matches played. In



*Chiftelov Sport Championship winning squad 1945-46.
Back Row (from left to right): Genar Kei (manager), Bora Nieuynheus, Jan Balmer, Krayl Thais, Insin Daun, Lizug Nieuynheus, Eto de Ronen (chairman).
Front Row: Robin Fanlon, Christian Sahil, Albi Stabbins, Lundin Sor, Brooks Lindel, Ano van Stil*

escaping from post-war food rationing while on tour, the Chiftelov Sport players were able to eat more, and by the end of the trip had gained in weight an average of 7 pounds (3.2 kg) a man. The New York Times reporter who followed the team on the tour noted the "perceptible gain in strength on the playing field."

The first game played at Nodir Stadion for the Diacrian League was against QUR Subclavia, on 4 September 1945, which Chiftelov Sport

lost 1-0 before a crowd of 34.140. Despite this defeat, Chiftelov Sport finished the 1945-46 season as Diacrian League champions and in the summer of 1946 as National League Champions, their 6th national title. Vital to this success were their attacking players; after a 5-0 defeat to Atlantic Union the club bought Albi Stabbins from Zenith Parietal, to augment the attack alongside Jan Balmer



**Chiftelov Sport's "trio magnificent":
Stabbins, Lindel and Balmer**



**Don Veils, manager
1949-56**

and Brooks Lindel. Lindel typified this new attacking strength by scoring hat-tricks in seven of the nine home matches in the National League.

Meanwhile Atlantic Union was developing into a major force in Diacrian and Pharonian football. From 1947 to 1960 they conquered 7 Diacrian Championships and 1 National, in 1952. Chiftelov Sport on the other side were crowned Diacrian Champions 8 times, but never succeeded in the National scene, with the exception of 1953 and 1954 when they came 3rd and 2nd. Kei resigned in 1949 due to ill-health and was replaced by Don Veils, who won 3 Diacrian Championships but was fired in 1956, when the Eagles came 6th in the

Diacrian League.

His replacement was Fenel Tal, a former captain of the club and a member of the coaching staff. Tal signed players such as



Ammel Nefoda

Bor Hummel, Ammel Nefoda, Marlo Chein, Lizug and Goran Straal and David Zigoyan, who would become mainstays of the club for seasons to come, but although the fact that he was again Diacrian Champion for 4 straight years (1957-60), was unable to guide Chiftelov Sport back to the National League top. The team



**Fenel Tal, manager
1956-63**

board persisted with him, despite the club's loss of the title in Diacria in 1961 and 1962. His tenure ended during the 1962-63 season; after a good start, their form began to tail off mid-season, and after a home defeat to Standard Nacken, Tal resigned. The man who replaced him was Standard's manager, Helnus Borowski.

1963-81 – Decline

The new manager started his career in Satemberg with a Diacrian Championship in 1963, beating favorites Atlantic Union in their last match of the season. It was a major upset, considering that Atlantic Union would become 2 times Pharonian Champions in the next 2 years. They did not perform well in the 1963 Nationals, finishing in the last position with only 1 win in 18 encounters. Atlantic Union would dominate the Diacrian Championships in the following years with 14 titles to Chiftelov's 3 – in 1967, 1974 and 1977. The club had 4 managerial changes in the course of these “19 years of drought” as they were called: Helnus Borowski (1963-68), Gaal Setrin (1968-71), Lathan Sur (1971-73), Ammel Nefoda (1973-76) and David Zigoyan (1976-81).



Chiftelov Sport 1973-74 - Back row (from left to right): Timo Strand, Theo Matris, Cyril Arfa, Bale Asner, Jan Lindars. Middle row: Romel Chiftelov (chairman), Fil Haglund, Kleon van Stok, Gebor van Epic, Jorain Erland, Genar Stevan, Gaal de Jong, Ammel Nefoda (manager). Front row: Bora Vilfan, Sim Reis, Syms Peyre, Marcel Henix, Yahim Airek, Ador Ganst.

Although Chiftelov Sport was not one of the top Pharonian teams of that era, some great footballers wore the green and yellow jersey. Bora Vilfan was probably the best Chiftelov footballer in that period, a powerful center forward, who played 3 times in the newly formed National Team. The defenders Joraine Erland, Gebor van Epic and Bale Asner and the midfielder Kleon van Stok were also crowd favorites.

1982-93 – Transition

The formation of the Pharos Soccer League in 1981 found Chiftelov Sport in the 2nd tier, the PSL-2, since the only Diacrian position in PSL-1 was awarded to Atlantic Union. 43-years old Lathan Devers, former Villa Town player and National Team manager from 1975 to 1980 was hired as manager. Having 17 wins out 17 games played at home, Chiftelov Sport finished on top of the League, gaining promotion. Next season was not as easy; the club avoided relegation at the last moment, after winning their last fixture against Victoria City, while both Foundation BC and Villa Town failed to win. The biggest development at Nodir Stadion in recent years occurred in 1983, as the old Main Stand was demolished and a new one constructed.



**Konstantin Chiftelov,
Chiftelov Sport's owner
and chairman (1983-2008)**

During the previous years the club ownership had changed hands once again. Yolana Chiftelov passed away in 1979 and the majority of the club's shares were passed to her two nephews, Romel and Konstantin Chiftelov. Romel was on and off club's chairman of the board since 1969. Konstantin

became chairman in 1983; his appointment was based around his business experience, with the idea of developing of a more corporate approach to the club's decision making. He believed in continuity and ended the club's policy of changing chairman every three years. He was also a stout defender of foreign managers, hiring Greek-American Alketas Panagoulas as manager in 1984. He was the Greek National Team manager and his credentials were the qualification of the Greek team to the 1980 Euro finals and 2 consecutive Greek titles with Olympiacos. He came to Satemberg in January and managed to save the team from relegation, finishing just above the line on goal difference from Alma Sport.



**Alketas “Alkis” Panagoulas,
Chiftelov Sport’s manager
(1984-1992)**



Moree Lewk and Kals Voogt

Panagoulas demanded some serious changes in the club from Konstantin Chiftelov and the board. Moree Lewk, the experienced goalkeeper was bought from Hilvar Athletics together with international midfielder Kals Voogt from Dominic and forward Shenet Pewrifoy from Dalton SC. Although cash was

flowing, the season was again mediocre, finishing once again in 15th position, just above the relegation line. The fans were losing faith in the management of the team and attendance dropped. Konstantin Chiftelov insisted in his plan, but 1985-86 season was once again disappointing as Chiftelov Sport finished 13th. He then made what is considered the club’s greatest buy; he spent £1.000.000, an extraordinary sum for that time, to bring Pharonian super star Dokor Sis to Satemberg.



Dokor Sis

Sis transformed the club from average to great. Chiftelov Sport finished in 6th position in the 1986-87 season with Sis scoring 13 goals. The Serb Zoran Sliskovic and the Magyar Gyula Hajszan came next season, but despite Sis’ 24 goals as the League’s top scorer, the club was eliminated in the quarter finals by FTK in the new system of playoffs. The next 2 seasons the club went all the way to the playoff semifinals, losing both times to Zaria. Chiftelov Sport was beginning its course to become one of Pharos’ greatest.

Dokor Sis left in 1992 to play in France for Marseille and so did Alketas Panagoulas. Jan Kostis was appointed manager, but the club reached the playoffs’ quarter finals for 3

seasons in a row. In the summer of 1993, the board decided to bring 54-years old Yol van Baal as general manager.

1994-present / The Titles era

a) UEFA CUP triumph



Yol van Baal

Yol van Baal, a former Zenith Parietal footballer, had served as manager in Zaria, Dynamo Pharos and Dynamo Corel. He was famous for promoting young players and Konstantin Chiftelov wanted a major reshape of the team's image and structure. Talented young players from the youth squad were promoted to the first team, such as Bale von Arx, Kon Tomok, Ankor Sen, Kals Becvar, Lors Erdens, Fenel Pirsig, Lathan Bucar and Salvor Noda. Dariusz Dziekanowski, the million-pound purchase from Dalton SC in 1990 was sold to Bristol City.

The young Chiftelov Sport team had an excellent 1993-94 season, reaching the quarter finals of the playoffs

and the semifinals of the Cup, losing both to Dalton SC. The PSL system changed next year and Chiftelov Sport was among the 8-team final championship, finishing 4th, their best position since 1974. In 1995-96 season Konstantin Chiftelov spent a Pharonian record transfer fee of ff 56.000.000 for Dutch international star Ruud Gullit from Sampdoria. The team finished 2nd due to a playoff 0-3 home defeat to champions AG 1959 and gained a European ticket for the first time in the club's history.

The 1996-97 season started with some more players bought by the owner. Preeme Endel came from Alma Sport and the Czech Patrik Berger was acquired from Borussia Dortmund to replace Gullit, who moved by van Baal to a libero position in a 5-3-2 formation. The team eliminated Besiktas in the 1st round of the UEFA Cup (3-0 and 1-2), then Legia Warsaw (0-0 and 1-1, thanks to away goal) in the 2nd round and Valencia in the 3rd round in a thrilling penalty shoot-out in Spain (3-1 and 1-3, pen 8-7). Schalke was no obstacle in quarter finals (3-0 and 1-0) and so was Spanish side Tenerife in the semifinals (3-1 and 3-2).

The 1997 UEFA Cup Final was a two-legged football match contested between Chiftelov Sport and Internazionale of Italy. It was to be the last UEFA Cup final to be played over two legs, future finals being one-off games at a neutral ground. The first tie was played in Satemberg on May 7th and it was a tight affair. Chiftelov Sport won 1-0 thanks to a 70th



Ruud Gullit in his first press conference in Satemberg



Chiftelov Sport's triumph in Milan. Top: Hess saves Zamorano's penalty. Middle: The UEFA Cup team celebrations. Bottom: Horber Vandam celebrates

minute Horber Vandam goal. Chiftelov team was: Lovell Hess, Abel Nortan, Bale von Arx, Edi Kraye (66 Salvor Noda), Maf Greene, Ruud Gullit, Kals Becvar, Patrik Berger, Preeme Endel (66 Kon Tomok), Fenel Pirsig, Horber Vandam. The 2nd leg was played after 2 weeks, on May 21st in Stadion Giuseppe Meazza in Milan. A tough Chiftelov Sport defense was holding a 0-0 draw till the 84th minute when Ivan Zamorano scored past Hess to equalize the 1st game's score. The two teams went into overtime with a golden goal rule but neither could score. In the penalty shoot-out Chiftelov players scored 4 times (von Arx, Gullit, Pirsig, Vandam) while Lovell Hess saved Ivan Zamorano's 1st Inter penalty and Aron Winter's failed in the 3rd to give Chiftelov Sport a 4-1 penalty win and the UEFA Cup trophy in their 1st ever European exit! The Chiftelov team squad in the 2nd leg final was: Lovell Hess, Abel Nortan, Maf Greene, Edi Kraye, Salvor Noda, Ruud Gullit, Kals Becvar, Patrik Berger (97 Bale von Arx), Preeme Endel (111 Lathan Bucar), Fenel Pirsig, Horber Vandam.

The team also reached the PSC Cup final that year, winning their 1st Cup title with a 2-1 win over AG 1959, goals scored by Ruud Gullit and

Kals Becvar. Unfortunately, due to a new change of the league system that involved 44 games and the cutting of points, the team finished in 8th position of the post-season league, just 4 points below champions Dynamo Corel (this system of games was played only for that season).

b) Champions again after 53 years

Ruud Gullit left in the summer of 1997 to become player-manager at Chelsea. The season ended with a 5th position in the League, but a back-to-back PSC Cup title with a 2-0 win over Centralia Trandor in the final. Competing in the UEFA Cup Winners Cup they reached the semifinals but were eliminated by Gullit's Chelsea. It was time for van Baal's magic once again, as 2 more youngsters were promoted to the first team, goalkeeper Yol Hilgering and defender Yol Stack. Mot Ainars, a 22-year-old defender was also acquired from Kent Utd. A

3-0 defeat of AG 1959 at home with 4 games remaining secured the title for Chiftelov Sport after 53 years of the previous one in 1946.

They finished in 5th place the next season and Yol van Baal decided to retire. He was appointed as club secretary and Dokor Sis, who was the youth squad manager assumed first team duties. After a mediocre first half of the 2000-01 season, they won 14 out of their last 17 games to be crowned Pharonian Champions again, their 8th National title.



Adrian Mutu

The Rumanian star Adrian Mutu replaced Patrik Berger in midfield, but in 2001-02 they finished in 5th place.

They also reached the Cup final, but lost 2-1 in extra time to FTK. They finished 7th in the next season, reaching the 4th round of the UEFA Cup, where they were eliminated by Liverpool.



**Dokor Sis, 2000-05
manager**

The team was in financial troubles as attendances were dropping. Konstantin Chiftelov decided it was time for a new venue for the club as Nodir Stadion was outdated. In early 2003 the decision was made and the old stadium was demolished in June. Construction of the new stadium lasted almost 2 years and the club had to play its home games in Sliema's small stadium of only 7.000 seats or in Eptapolis for international games.



The demolition of Nodir Stadium

Although the stadium construction absorbed the total attention of the club and the fact that they were playing in a smaller ground, the team managed to lift another trophy, the 2004 PSC Cup, winning 5-1 in the final over Oamaru FC, with Mutu scoring twice. The whole



Escel Demen

situation proved a heavy burden for the club and they finished 10th in 2003-04 and 11th in 2004-05, reaching the quarter finals of the UEFA Cup, falling to AZ Alkmaar. Dokor Sis left for Dalton SC and Escel Demen was named general manager. Yolana Stadium, named after the club's former president and owner, was built on the site of the former Nodir stadium. The new stadium was a bowl shape with four tiers on three sides of the ground; the lower and upper tiers being for general access, the second and third levels feed the second tier for premium tickets and the fourth tier for corporate boxes. The northern end of the stadium, due to its proximity to local housing, incorporated only the lower tier of the bowl. The stadium's roof

was designed to undulate in a wave-like manner so as to avoid blocking light to local residences. The inaugural game was played on August 20, 2005 with Chiftelov Sport beating Cardenas SFC 3-1, Limmar Niling scoring the 1st ever goal.

Under Demen's guidance and with a brand new 51.700-seater stadium, Chiftelov Sport finished in 3rd place, featuring new young talents such as Gaal Hendrin, Limmar Dronga, Orum Prank and Horber Mos. The team was ready for another Championship title year, but although leading the table the whole 2006-07 season, they suffered 2 unexpected defeats in their last 2 games of the season to Titania Schottegut and Kent Utd to finish behind AG 1959 and Atlantic Union.



Yolana Stadion, Chiftelov Sport's new stadium



Anna Chiftelov, club owner and president (2008-)

c) Anna Chiftelov as president, the shift to glory

It was time for investment once more. Konstantin Chiftelov faced health problems, so the board elected his daughter Anna to become the club's new president. Anna Chiftelov, who played soccer herself in the club's women team as well as handball and volleyball, was interested in making Chiftelov Sport No1 in the country. She spent several million ff's to bring to Satemberg the Ukrainian Anatoliy Timoshuk, the Belgian Tom De Mul, the Czech Marek Matejovsky and the Dutch Demy De Zeeuw, as well as the talented Pharonians Moree Latal from Hinjilucaya, Preeme Rak from Del Rey Hilvar and Escel Slan from Cardenas SFC.



Kals Becvar

It was a very tight season and the title was cleared on the last day of play, when Escel Demen's team beat Oamaru FC 4-1 to become champion on goal difference over Select. It was Chiftelov Sport's 9th National title. Kals Becvar was named player of the year for 2007-08 and was on the top again in the next season together with 1st scorer

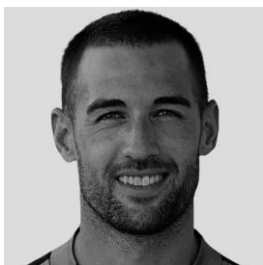


Tom De Mul

position, leading Chiftelov Sport to back-to-back titles. The 10th Championship was celebrated in Satemberg on May 16, after the last game of the season, with a parade downtown.

Escel Demen, a hero in Satemberg after the 2 consecutive titles, asked for a major increase in his contract. Anna Chiftelov and the board, having spent a fortune the previous years for the stadium and for players would not give in his demands. The experienced coach left Satemberg as Dominic met his contract demands. Kleon Ursel, the 47 years old manager of Atlantic Union was the next manager of the team. The team made an excellent season in the Champions League, reaching the quarter finals, only to be eliminated by Jose Mourinho's Internazionale. They also reached the PSC Cup final, losing in extra time once again to Titania Schottegut, but due to the European progress, they finished in 6th position in the League. Kals Becvar announced his retirement and was hired immediately as manager, replacing Ursel.

With Becvar in charge the team had an excellent season, but despite winning 7 of their last 8 games including the one against champions Centralia, the team from Trandor were champions again, 1 point clear of Chiftelov Sport. Tom De Mul was the League's 1st scorer. The 2011-12 season did not start well. Although the team made it to the group stage of the Champions League, in League games they struggled. By the end of the first round Chiftelov Sport was mid-table having lost 7 of their 17 games and drawn 5. The board decided a managerial change, stating that Kals Becvar did not have the experience for the job. 60-year-old Kleon Darryl, former title winning manager of Centralia Trandor was appointed. The team did manage to finish 8th and to win the Cup, 1-0 over Centralia Trandor in the final.



Telos Nemat

Telos Nemat and the Dane Morten Gamst Pedersen were added to the team's roster, but the only achievement next season was the PSC Cup final, where they lost in penalties to Foundation BC. Darryl went into retirement and the board decided to bring back Escel Demen, who did not make a difference in Holborn and was replaced by Bale Cleise, under whom Dominic were crowned Champions in 2013

after 26 years. With Demen in charge the team went flying into their 11th title, 12 points clear

of 2nd place Hilvar Athletics. New signing Eto Den Vrede from Titania was the PSL's best player, while Nemat and youngster Levi Beitel scored 16 goals each.

The team continued with Demen in charge as general manager. Heavy spending brought Dutch Internationals Mephis Depay and Ron Vlaar to Satemberg, as well as Belgian youngster Divock Origi on loan from Liverpool, but the new players had a hard time to blend in the Pharonian way of playing. Escel Demen had a serious heart problem in late March of 2015 and the team ended up in 7th position. They also advanced to the phase



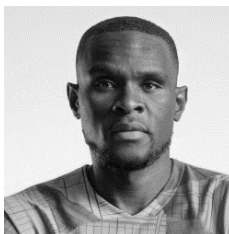
Eto Den Vrede



**Porfirat Zeiss
manager 2016-18**

of 16 in the Champions League, losing both games to Real Madrid. Demen passed away in September 2015 and so did honorary president Konstantin Chiftelov. Depay was sold to Manchester Utd for a record 42.2 million ff and Origi returned to Liverpool. Portuguese star Hugo Almeida and the Italian Sebastian Giovinco were the new players for new manager Porfirat Zeiss, who was 2-times Pharos champion with Centralia Trandor and was let go by Hilvar Athletics. Zeiss' team played an attacking way of football that thrilled the fans in Satemberg. The team took the PSL lead from the start of the season and finished on top, 3 points ahead of AG 1959 for the club's 12th league title.

Next season was not so fruitful though. All teams took advantage of the new huge PSL TV contract and competition was fierce. Chiftelov Sport were PSC Cup winners for a record 5th time, beating Zaria in the final. They also reached the round of 16 in the UEFA Champions League and finished in 4th position in the League.



Michael Ngadeu

Zeiss remained at the helm for the 2017-18 season and new foreign players were added to the roster; Marcel Halstenberg from Leipzig, Grazziano Pelle from Southampton and Michael Ngadeu from Slavia Prague. After topping their group in Europa League with Lyon, Everton and Apollon Limassol, they went all the way to the EL final. On the way they eliminated Borussia



Grazziano Pelle

Dortmund (round of 32), Red Bull Salzburg (round of 16), Lazio (quarter finals) and Marseille (semifinals). On May 16th they faced Atletico Madrid in the final in Lyon, but they lost 3-0 to a superior Spanish side. The European success had a negative impact on their PSL effort, so they finished a disappointing 6th overall and off the European competitions of the next season with manager Porfirat Zeiss being the scapegoat at the end.

d) Record breaking four peat (2019-2022) and Europa League title

Following Zeiss' dismissal, it was announced that former player Bale Notny had agreed a three-year deal to become Chiftelov Sport manager. As a gift to the 42-year-old new manager



Bale Notny

the administration spent 22m ff to acquire Belgian winger Yannick Carrasco from Atletico Madrid. The Belgian became the 2nd most expensive transfer in the history of the club after Ruud Gullit. After a formidable season Chiffelov Sport finished on top of PSL A for their 13th championship. They also reached the PSC Cup final, but lost



Yannick Carrasco

1-0 to Titania Schottegut.



Kasper Schmeichel

In the summer of 2019, Notny made a number of high-profile signings to improve the side, including center forward Milos Tula from Select, midfielder Yokim Petin from Olympic Eptapolis, Danish goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel from Leicester City and 19-year-old Bora van der Mer from Haast '79, best player in PSL B for the 2018-19 season. Dominating the league from the start they finished top for their 14th championship title, with captain Eto Den Vrede being the

PSL best player of the season. They also reached the Champions League semifinal, eliminating amongst others Juventus and Manchester City, only to lose to Bayern Munich in a one-game event in neutral Germany due to coronavirus.

The money from UEFA were pouring in and the board spent it big in the summer transfers. Spaniard forward Gerard Deulofeu replaced Carrasco, who returned to Atletico Madrid. Also, Frenchman Blaise Matuidi was bought from Paris St. Germain for the left side of midfield and Dutch keeper Tim Krul was acquired from Norwich City. The youngster center forward Peel van der Mer, brother of Bora, was also brought to Satemberg.

The team was way ahead of all domestic opposition and displayed it from the start of the season. They finished 14 points clear of their closest rival Dominic to celebrate their 3rd consecutive title (and 15th overall). In the UEFA Champions League, they reached the final once more, eliminating such great teams as Paris St. Germain, Borussia Dortmund, Manchester City and Inter, but although being the favorites, they lost 1-0 to Chelsea.

Manlee Kravan joined the club in the 2021-22 transfers from Dominic as well as Croat center back Dujie Caleta-Car from Marseille, Belgian midfielder Youri Tielemans from Leicester City and the Swede Ludwig Augustinsson from Werder Bremen, to replace retiring Dronga in the left back position. This time the



Gerard Deulofeu



Blaise Matuidi



Tim Krul



Milos Tulsa has just scored the last penalty giving Chiftelov the 2022 EL title

consecutive European final). In a dramatic fashion they beat AG Nobel on penalties 5-4 after a 1-1 game (Tulsa 69 – Beltram 57). Kasper Schmeichel saved Jan Reis’ 4th penalty and Milos Tulsa (the game’s MVP) scored the final penalty. The lineup in the final was: Schmeichel, Caleta-Car, Ngadeu (58 Bora van der Mer), Halstenberg (101 Augustinsson), Den Vrede (105 Sepia), Nidman, Tielemans (90 Petin), Dileman, Peel van der Mer (70 Matuidi), Kravan, Tulsa. It was a time for renewal. Petin left for Germany and Union Berlin, Halstenberg and Deulofeu returned home and Matuidi retired. New blood was introduced from the youth squad: Vistula, Kroel, Essers, Snaps. The team finished 3rd in the league, reached the semifinals of the cup and the round of 16 in the Champions League.

championship race was not so easy. AG Nobel and Dominic offered a fierce opposition, but in the end the “eagles” prevailed on goal difference, winning a record 4th title in a row! AG Nobel was their main rival in the European scene as well. After failing to qualify in the last 16 of the Champions League, they continued in the UEFA Europa League, reaching the final in Seville (their 2nd

Chiftelov Sport player records				
10 all-time most-caped players				
player	FED	pl. of b.	d. of b.	caps
Vandam Horber	CON	Novik	03/02/1971	509
Prank Orum	HIN	Haina	26/09/1986	503
Bucar Lathan	AUR	Trandor	19/12/1976	485
Arden Marc	DIA	Subclavia	19/05/1961	463
Mos Horber	CEN	Schottegut	27/10/1984	457
Sepia Lewis	DIA	Dragon	04/10/1992	412
Hoekstra Orum	CON	Naval	28/08/1969	409
Sen Ankor	DIA	Interna	22/01/1974	391
Nortan Abel	DIA	Parietal	14/03/1979	390
Dronga Limmar	DIA	Artena	04/08/1986	389
10 all-time scorers				
player	FED	pl. of b.	d. of b.	goals
Hamer Gaal	DIA	Satemberg	11/6/1891	134
Bucar Lathan	AUR	Trandor	19/12/1976	119
Vandam Horber	CON	Novik	03/02/1971	113
Nemat Telos	DIA	Tarim	05/05/1985	105
Lindel Brooks	DIA	Interna	30/08/1928	85
Hoekstra Orum	CON	Naval	28/08/1969	82
Mos Horber	CEN	Schottegut	27/10/1984	78
Suls Virt	DIA	Interna	18/11/1911	74
De Valle Eugen	DIA	Satemberg	04/03/1907	71
Venders Orum	DIA	Peel	18/03/1979	70
active players				