

Dynamo Corel

Dynamo Corel Football Club is a professional football club based in Corel, Aurora, Pharos. The club competes in the first tier of Pharonian football system. Dynamo Corel has won 3 League titles.



History

Formation and early years

The club was founded on 18 May 1892 by members of Pharonian football (a sport played in Pharos with feet and sticks) team Nidars Islanders, who voted for a shift to association football, since several other sports clubs in the area had changed their codes to football. On 10 August, the Islanders won their first recorded game as an association football club, described by the local newspaper as "a trial match", against local side Corel FC by a scoreline of 4–0. Nidars Islanders played the game in a blue-white kit—the colours of the former Pharonian football club—at their home ground Calder Vale, which was also inherited from their predecessor. The club's first competitive game was in October 1892 against Kristian Rovers FC in the Corel Cup, which ended in an 8–0 defeat.

The club secretary Gael Adding met with his committee a few days later and put forward a proposal to a name change. Adding stated that the club should *"adopt the psychological high ground over many other local clubs by carrying a suitable name"*, to which the committee members unanimously agreed. He proposed to adopt the 'dynamo' prefix, following the example of Dynamo Pharos in neighbouring



Dynamo Corel 1894. Secretary Adding in the middle standing

Columbia, so Dynamo Corel was voted and registered as the club's official name. Dynamo Corel competed in the 2nd division of the Auroran Football League in 1893-94 season and gained immediate promotion. In the same year the club were invited to move to a pitch in Lisl Park, called Lisl Grounds. Dynamo Corel made a



The Star Stand at Lisl Stadion. The photograph appears to have been taken from the Bruns Road side of the ground around about 1895, possibly just days after it had been erected.

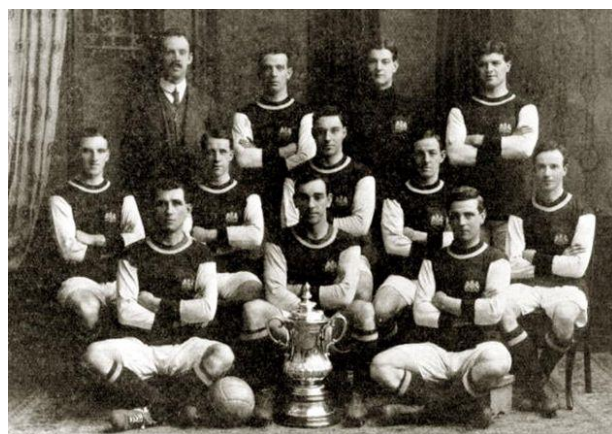
donation of £65 toward the setup costs, and played their first match at Lisl Stadion on 17 February 1995, losing 6–3 against Sis Corel.



Harl Brads

During the off-season in 1895, Dynamo Corel followed several other clubs and appointed a team manager; before, the team was selected by the board of directors or a committee whose secretary had the same powers and role as a manager has today. Corel-born Harl Brads was appointed; he had been involved with the club since its foundation and he had been a committee member since 1892. Under his reign, Dynamo Corel won its first Auroran Championship in 1901 and repeated their feat in 1903 as well.

Brads left for Kent City in 1903 and Spen Taker was his successor. In 1904, Dynamo Corel supporter Han Vindl was invited onto the board to become a director and two years later, he was elected chairman. The club's finances improved under Vindl's guidance. Corel won another 2 championships under Taker, in 1905 and 1908, but then fell into a period of mediocracy, since most of the championships-era players retired.



The 1908 Championship Dynamo Corel team with manager Spen Taker

1910 to WW II



Jan Hart

Dynamo Corel could not win another Auroran Championship title for the next 10 years. In April 1910 Taker was on his way to Kingston by overnight train to register the signing of Hano Sift from Kingston FC. During the journey, he fell from one of the carriages, and died from his injuries shortly afterwards. The directors appointed Jan Hart as the new manager, who subsequently signed Dynamo Corel's first overseas player—the German Max Seeburg, who had immigrated to Pharos with his family at the age of 16. The only trophy during the decade was the Auroran cup of 1914, when they beat Kent Utd 1-0 in the final held in Trandor. Captain Bayta Skein received the Cup trophy from Salvor Hardin; it was the first time a Pharos premier attended a cup final.



Lisl Stadion 1920



Max Seeburg

During this period, Lisl Stadion capacity was increased to 50,000, almost equal to the town's male population. During the Great War, many Corel players served in the armed forces, as Corel was a submarine base for the Pharonian and British Navy. First team player Joraine Bronn and reserve players Vil van Jans and Helvet Lang were injured in service and did not play football again.

In the 2017 and 2018 seasons, Dynamo Corel finished second to Foundation BC in the Auroran Championship and could not represent Aurora in the first two National Championships. They did it in 1919, finishing in 5th position and then again 2 seasons later, when they could not win any of the last 3 games, losing the title by 1 point to Dominic, finishing 3rd.

In February 1925, Dynamo Corel beat Kingston FC 1–0 in the Auroran Cup third round in front of 54,775 supporters, still the record for Lisl Stadion. A few months later, Hart died of pneumonia, and became the second Dynamo Corel manager to die while in the post; his successor was Corel-born Albert Pikels. Corel struggled under his tenure for a couple of years, finishing in the middle of the table in the Auroran



Albert Pikels

Championship, the hardest in all of Pharos, since it was

the only one that was challenged by no less than 6 to 7 almost equal teams in strength (Foundation, Dynamo Corel, Villa Town, Kent Utd, Centralia Trandor, Eden Utd, Olympic Trandor).

Corel will win 2 more titles in back-to-back seasons in 1928 and 1929. In 1932 Pikels was let go and Toran Bromel, a former player was hired as manager. Dynamo Corel won another back-to-back Auroran Championships under Bromel in 1933 and 1934, but could not succeed in the Nationals, finishing in bottom places of the table each time.

A drop in home attendances coupled with financial problems saw the departure of key players, Dynamo Corel's form remained inconsistent, and several long-term injuries to first team players resulted in the loss of the next titles. Gates at Lisl Stadion dropped under 5,000 in 1936; to reattract the interest of the local community, a supporters' club was formed, after which the attendances started to slightly improve.

The 1938 double title in Aurora sprung some enthusiasm, but it did not last. Center forward Fil Laisan was the top player of that time, the first Corel player to pass 50 goals in the National Championships.



Dynamo Corel 1921

Back (from left): Tam, Naggl, Eglin, Hart (man), Balke, Stien, Luik. Middle: Granus, Sanis, Lohmin, Mork, Ots. Front: Berge, Bruver, Jordal



Toran Bromel



Fil Laisan

With the exception of 1942 that Corel won their 14th Auroran title, the Trandor clubs dominated the Auroran football scene during the WW II time and the rest of the 1940s. Bromel left in 1950 and 42-year-old Orum Tos, former Haast 79 manager took over.

The first National title

Orum Tos begun to clear Dynamo Corel's roster of older players, by introducing a lot of talented youngsters from the youth squads and from teams around Aurora, like goalkeeper Romel Denter, defenders Han Pastor (from Epping), Bale Gleis and Limmar Gilse (from Oranjenvier) and midfielder Yahim Masin. His greater addition though was center forward Less Benne, who signed in the summer of 1953 from Zaria for a record fee of £6,500.



Orum Tos



Han Pastor

The team won the 1951 Auroran championship, but finished 6th in the Nationals. Tos continued to work with young players, despite finishing second in the Auroran race, behind Foundation and Centralia.



Bale Gleis

In 1955 Dynamo Corel won the Auroran Championship with a team consisting of players with an average age below 24 years, coming mostly from the team's youth ranks. Tos often employed the then unfashionable 4-4-2 formation and implemented a playing style which later became known as Total Football. Dynamo Corel entered the National Championship of that season as a complete outsider, but managed to finish on top, 1 point clear of



Less Benne

Zaria and Atlantic Union and win their first National Championship.

They could not defend their title next season, nor in Aurora or the Nationals, as they finished a disappointing 4th locally and 6th nationally. The board, having financial problems preferred to sell some of these great players, with Orum Tos offering his resignation in 1960. Former player Adi Fossen was hired, staying until



DYNAMO COREL - 1955 PHAROS CHAMPION

Left to right (back row): Bora Lagur, Seth Nunean, Han Pastor, Romel Denter, Yahim Panfil, Yahim Masin, Bale Gleis. (front row): Ider Hamen, Limmar Gilse, Derk Ibins, Lathan Den, Less Benne, Idor Kover, Helnus Dierda, Yord Trana

1963, with another former star, Fil Laisan replacing him in that summer.

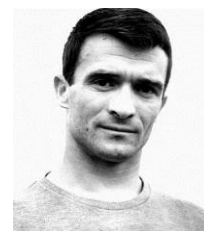
The Fil Laisan era

Fil Laisan was one of the best players for the club in the 1930s. He worked as a scout for the club after retirement and worked as a head coach for Sis Corel in the late 1950's. He had to work with a new team, since from the 1955 championship squad only Pastor, Gleis, Den and Hamen were left. Under Laisan's guidance, Dynamo Corel won back-to-back Auroran Championships in 1964 and 1965 and finished in 3rd and 2nd place in the National Championship, behind Atlantic Union.

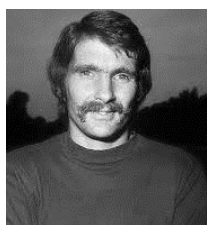


Fil Laisan
Manager in the 1960s
and 1970s

Laisan would introduce players like goalkeeper Marlon Esna, forward Jan Kostis and defenders Yol Daluben and Kleon Wiskart, who all became part of the National team that formed in 1960.



Marlon Esna



Yol Daluben

In 1966 Han Pastor was the first Pharonian footballer to be sold to a major European club, Milan AC of Italy, and was a member of the team that were Europe Champions, when they defeated Ajax 4-1 in the final in Madrid.



Jan Kostis

Dynamo Corel, under Laisan won the 1969 Auroran title and the one in 1973. In the National Championship of this year, they missed to lift their 2nd national title, finishing 1 point behind eventual champions Hilvar Athletics, after losing the crucial game in Gilbey vs Ferephon Union.

Until the formation of the PSL in 1981, Dynamo Corel would win another 5 Auroran titles (1975, 1976, 1978, 1980 and 1981). In 1976 they came close to a national title for the 2nd time. Leading the table until the last game of the season, they went to Gilbey Town, needing to win or a draw in order to be champions. Unfortunately, they were crashed 4-1 by Ferephon Union who «stole» the title on goal difference.

Laisan retired in 1980 and former player 40-year-old Jan Kostis replaced him as team manager, the younger ever manager for the club and Pharos in general. Dynamo Corel, alongside Foundation BC, were the Aurora representatives in the new PSL A.

1982 Champions and «the Game of the Century»

Dalton was on top of the 1981-82 league table (18 teams in the new PSL National format) with a 4-point lead from Dynamo Corel and Hilvar Athletics with 2 games remaining. An unexpected defeat 5-4 away to Hinjilucaya, brought the 2 teams within 1 point from Dalton,



Theo Calgan scores 1 of his 5 goals in the 1981-82 'game of the century'

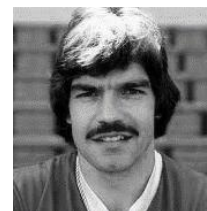


Salvor Dirige

season's MVP.

time 2-5 with 4 goals from Theo Calgan and 1 from Salvor Dirige. The home team scored twice with Sis and Farel Greham in the start of the second half and pushed to equalize. Theo Calgan scored again in the 69th minute and Dalton collapsed. Three more goals from Sy Seidman, Fernando Costa and Fil Akis brought the score into the humiliating 4-8 and Dynamo Corel was crowned champions for the 2nd time in their history. Salvor Dirige was named the

who had to win Dynamo Corel in the last game in Rattan Plan to lift the trophy. In a packed stadium with anticipating fans, Dalton faced a determined Corel team in what was to be known as the 'game of the century'. Dalton went ahead 2-0 in 10 min with goals from Dokor Sis and Onum Beita, but Corel stroke back and took the lead in half



Theo Calgan

1983 – The Oval Gri accident

Oval Gri played for Dynamo Corel as a left back and was in the 1982 title-winning squad. He was sold to Ferephon Union in December of 1982 for a record fee (fans never forgave manager Jan Kostis for this action and pressured the club to dismiss him). He played 9 games for Ferephon, one against his old club. He was severely injured in a car accident as he was speeding for a club training session and died 2 days later from a brain haemorrhage on April 23, 1983 at the age of only 29.

Jan Kostis and the rest of the Corel team were devastated. The manager resigned under the psychological pressure and the team lost all 4 remaining games, finishing in 4th position under caretaker manager Marcel Motar.



Oval Gri

Toza Veselinovic



Veselinovic

In the summer of 1984, the board hired Toza Veselinovic as manager. Veselinovic was the former coach of the Yugoslavia national team, having won some titles in Greece with Olympiacos. Dynamo Corel would finish 5th, 4th and 7th in the 3 seasons that he stayed in Lisl Stadion. Mark Trendel, Otto van Eersel, Ivo Prisma, Sy Seidman



Ivo Prisma

and Verner Bishof were some of the players that came forward during his tenure. He also signed German International player Berndt Schuster. He would resign in the summer of 1987 to work in Greece again, with AEK Athens. Roman Sis, former Villa Town and Chiftelov Sport manager replaced him.



Schuster



Roman Sis

1987-1995

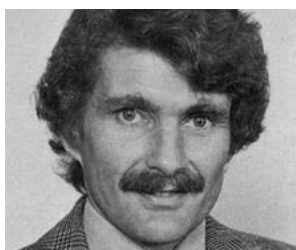
Roman Sis would stay with the club for 3 seasons. In 1987 the format of the PSL changed to a regular season in groups and play-offs. Dynamo Corel topped their group with the best record in the league, but lost in the play-offs semi-final to eventual champions Foundation BC 3-4 in Lisl Stadion.

The next 2 seasons were not so good for Roman Sis' team as they would be eliminated twice in the 1st round of play-offs by Villa Town. Their only feat was the 1989 drive in UEFA cup, reaching the quarter finals.

Sis would leave in the summer of 1990 to manage the National Team, bringing Pharos the triumph of the EURO 1992 and former Zaria coach Yol van Baal came to Corel. The team would not change and after finishing last in van Baal's 2nd season in 1992, he was fired (he joined Chiftelov Sport, winning the 1999 championship). Less Drowte was appointed in 1992, but Corel



Yol van Baal



Yol Daluben

finished in last position of their group in the regular season once more, so Drowte left and former player Yol Daluben was promoted from the youth team as first team manager in the summer of 1993. With Daluben, Corel would make the play-offs, even reaching 2nd round, but in the next season, with the format changing again, abolishing play-offs and introducing a post regular season mini league round, they were left out, finishing in the middle of the table.

The Emanuel Veiner era and the 3rd title

Emanuel Veiner, a former player and manager of Ferephon Union and Centralia Trandor, who had worked miracles with the Gilbey team, was hired in the manager's position in 1995, with Yol Daluben as his assistant.

Veiner had a reputation for preferring young and talented footballers than experienced and older ones. He chose players from the Corel's youth squads to work with, plus some additions from the market. His moto was: «run constantly, pressure, take control of the ball and attack fast».



Emanuel Veiner

In his first season Dynamo Corel would finish last in their regular season group, but everyone in Lisl Stadion could see that his was building something new and exciting. In 1996-97 Dynamo Corel entered the post season PSL-1 mini league in 7th position, but made a superb run of 8 wins in 12 games and came on top of the table in the penultimate day of play with a big win in Mandras against Dynamo Pharos, while their main opponents Centralia Trandor and Dalton SC were facing defeats in Holborn and Oamaru. In the last game of the season in Lisl Stadion, they beat Champion Athletics 3-1 in front of 50,000 spectators, to lift their 3rd Championship cup.

Veiner's team was averaging 23.7 years in age, making it the youngest ever team to win a Championship title in Pharos. The Russian star Andrej Kanchelskis was the only addition to the club after the title season from Everton. They finished a



Kanchelskis

close 2nd in the

next season of 1997-98 in the new 20-team PSL A format, losing the title to AG 1959 by 3 points, after losing a crucial game to Ferephon Union at home. They also participated in the groups of the Champions League for 2 seasons in a row, that brought considerable revenue to the team.

Veiner would stay until 2002, with the team always finishing in the top part of the table (they were 3rd in 2001), playing enjoyable football. The last season of Veiner was the exception, finishing in 16th position, as the team was aging and players got tired of the managers tactics. Veiner became the club's CEO and 55-year-old Idor Schoeffer, who had managed Hilvar, Oamaru FC and Dominic in the past was hired.

21st century – The crisis years and 2nd division

Schoeffer stayed for 2 years, with no real success. Financing was a serious problem, as Dynamo Corel were falling behind Pharos' other big names. Porfirat Zeiss replaced Schoeffer in 2004, but the club finished in 14th place and in the next season was relegated to the 2nd division for the first time in history, finishing last. Lathan Sivena who was hired in 2006 was not able to get the team to the PSL A, so he was replaced by Jan Darryl, the former Centralia Trandor manager and 2 times Pharos Champion.



Dynamo Corel players celebrate the 1997 Championship. From left to right, back row: Daluben (ass. manager), Kleon Derik, Less Verlet, Preeme Lezak, Preeme Maens (with the cup), Helnus De Brul, Vil von Far (secretary), Linge Garvin, Preeme Foldi, Emmanuel Veiner (manager). Front row: Fenel Draganita, Lathan Netter, Linge Berens, Erden Doerries, Dokor Alip, Limmar Mosteler, Escel Hondevelt



Jan Darryl

Darryl managed to bring Dynamo Corel to the op tier in 2008, but almost avoided another relegation the next season, finishing only 15th, just 2 points over relegated Haast 79, so he was let go, with Daluben coming again from the youth department. The next season proved catastrophic for the club, as they finished last in the league and were relegated again in PSL B, even with a change in the manager position, with 37-year-old former player Lathan Netler to replace him.

Dynamo Corel will stay in the 2nd division for 7 seasons, until 2017, changing 6 managers during those years. They would be relegated another 2 times, in 2019 and in 2022, mainly due to financial problems with new owners, the American ALK company.

Construction of a new stadium and new minority investors

Construction of a new stadium was the dream of Dynamo Corel' board from 2007. Their home ground, with the last renovations having been made in the 70's, was already behind international regulations or actual expectations of football fans. That's why in 2009 a detailed vision of relocation was drawn. The club would move just 700 meters south, to land within the Lisl Park. The design was by Yasu Architecture and Engineer Office and the construction was undertaken by Take Corporation. Described as 3D, the roof structure consisted of primary trusses placed in 3 directions. Using this layout allowed to cut amount of steel by 40% and also made the structure able to withstand earthquakes. Construction was launched after some delay in December of 2013, but thanks to the precast elements, the concrete structure was completed after just over a year. Not only the steel, but energy and water consumption were targeted to be efficient. Half of the water (5,500 tons) used by toilets would be collected during rainfalls.



New Lisl Stadion 2016

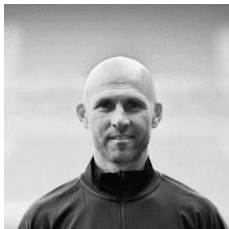
In 1897, the club incorporated as a limited company. From their establishment until 2010, Dynamo Corel were run by local businessmen and supporters. In December 2010, Velocity Sports Partners (VSP), the sports investment Pharonian arm of American management firm ALK Capital, acquired an 54% stake in Dynamo Corel for ff 170 million. Alav Pacs, managing partner of ALK Capital, subsequently replaced Mik van Garlik as the club's chairman. ALK borrowed much of the takeover money in order to finish the new stadium, and the loan debts were transferred to the club. As a result of this leveraged takeover, Dynamo Corel went from

being debt-free to being saddled with debts of around ff 100 million, at interest rates of about eight per cent.

In May 2022, Ankor Forlis, an Auroran businessman and former ice-hockey player for the Corel Pirates and the New York Islanders in USA, and his wife, former United States women's national soccer team international Kealia Ohai-Forlis, were announced as new minority investors, acquiring almost 80% of ALK shares, taking over management.



Ankor and Kealia Forlis



Kon Navark

Back to PSL A

The new administration appointed former player Kon Navark as manager in 2022. Navark was working as a youth team manager at the club since 2011. Navark led the Dynamo Corel team back to PSL A in 2023 and went on to finish in 4th position in the next season, earning a European Cups spot, although offered limited help from the new board.