

Ferephon Union

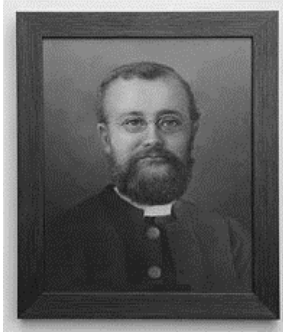
Ferephon Union Football Club is a professional football club based in Gilbey Town, SPR, Pharos. The club competes in PSL A, the top tier of Pharonian football. The club was founded in 1868, being one of the oldest football clubs in Pharos. They have won 9 Championship titles and 1 cup.



History

Founding

St. Pherephon Methodist New Connexion Chapel was opened in 1861 in Pippin Park in Gilbey Town. The chapel took its name from its location on the corner of Breckfeeld Road North and St. Pherephon Vale. St. Pherephon related addresses in Pippin Park have their origins in St. Pherephon House, a building built in 1758 by West Indies trader and sugar boiler Cyrus Cal who would frequent the Colony of St. Pherephon in the Caribbean and later became Mayor of Gilbey Town (1763).



Rev. Bern Sambers

In 1867 Rev. Bern Sambers was appointed Minister of St. Pherephon Chapel. He created a Pharonian football (a sport played in Pharos with feet and sticks, similar to Scottish shinty) team for the youngsters in the area but, as Pharonian football was only played in summer, there was room for another sport during winter. Thus, a soccer football club called St. Pherephon's F.C. was formed in 1868, the club's first match being a 1–0 home victory over Pippin Park Football Club.

Many people not attending the chapel were interested in joining the football club, so it was decided that the name should be changed. In November 1869 at a meeting in the Head Hotel, the team's name was changed to Pherephon Football Club. Due to a local city clerk's mistake, the initial 'Ph' was mistakenly written in the register as 'F' and the team's board decided to let it be, to further distinguish the team from the church. Ferephon Union originally played at Pippin Park on an open pitch in the southeast corner. The first official match under the name Ferephon Union took place in 1869 against Pergamon FC with a 6–0 win.

Professional clubs required proper enclosed facilities. In 1872, a Mr J. Cruit donated land at Prior Road which became the club's home for two years, with proper hoarding and turnstiles. Mr Cruit asked the club to leave his land as the crowds became far too large and noisy. Ferephon Union moved to nearby Brink Park in 1874, renting from Ankor Brink. Proper covered stands were built.



One of the first Ferephon teams, 1873

Within seven years of moving to Brink Park the club had converted the ground from a brick field to a 20,000 plus international standard ground with accommodation on all sides. The club rose from amateur to professional and income rose substantially.



Brink Park Stadium in late 1880's

South League Founders

In 1888 Ferephon Union became founder members of the short-lived South Football League with clubs from South Pharos, Concordia, Hinji and Centralia, finishing eighth in the first season and second the following.



Fran Gear

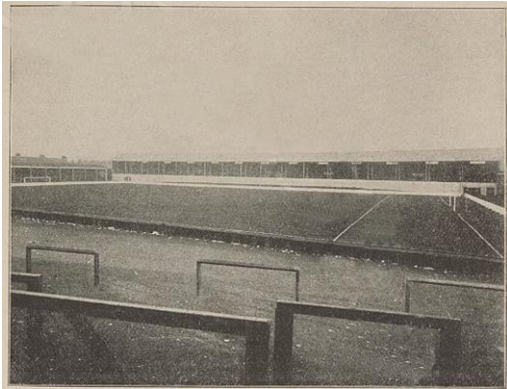
In the 1890-91 season Ferephon started in superb form with five straight victories, with Fran Gear scoring in each of the first six matches. By mid-January, Ferephon had completed all but one of their fixtures and were on 29 points, while Taupo SC were eleven points adrift with seven games still to play. Ferephon then had to sit out the next two months as Taupo SC completed their fixture list until they were only two points adrift with one match each left to play. Both teams played their final games of the season on 14 March, with Ferephon losing 3-2 at Victoria City (Gear scored both Ferephon goals) and Taupo going down 3-0 at Internationale. Ferephon were thus able to win the South Football League Championship for the first time, by a margin of two points with fourteen victories from their 22 league games. Gear had been ever-present, and was the club's top goal-scorer with 21 goals.



The team that won the SL title in 1891

Move to Banner Park

After winning the South League for the first time, Ferephon faced an increase in the stadium's



Archon Grounds in Banner Park, 1892

rent by Ankor Brink by 150%! Ferephon committee members protested, but Brink told them the rental fee was non-negotiable. Brink refused to give Ferephon Union a contractual rental lease. The backdrop for the dispute within the club was the struggle for power in the city council chambers between a previously dominant Conservative Party struggling to hang onto political control of Gilbey and a resurgent local Liberal Party, and there is a clear sense that the club dispute was caught up in that

struggle and added to it.

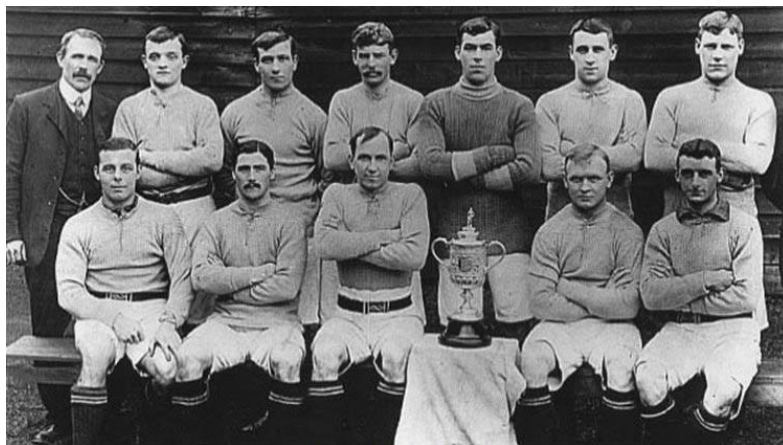
The distrust between Ankor Brink and the Ferephon Union Committee resulted in Ferephon abandoning their substantial ground at Brink Park and moving to Archon Grounds on the north side of Banner Park (a private area donated by Gilbey Mayor Alix Banner to the city in 1891).

First SPR Cup and 1st SPR Championship titles

Following the move to Archon Grounds Ferephon joined the SPR Football League first division. They reached four SPR Cup finals before the formation of the National Championships, losing 1–0 against Internationale on 26 March 1893 and 3–2 against Alma Sport on 10 April 1897 before winning at their third attempt on 20 April 1906 against Alma

Sport again. Ferephon Union then reached their second successive final on 20 April 1907, however, finished in a 2–1 defeat to Olympic Gilbey.

In 1914-15 Ferephon Union won their first SPR Championship title, one point ahead of Alma Sports, having star players like goalkeeper Edor Bandi, central defender Thad Kouta, midfielders Marsen Bisset and Lewis Ucce and strikers Lev Fioren and Homir Rulle.



Ferephon Union 1914-15

Back Row (from left): Jan Bartel (man), Lewis Ucce, Manlee Endergast, Lon Parka, Edor Bandi, Telos Mong, Toran Parisi. Front row: Thad Kouta, Marsen Bisset, Ducem Gelis, Lev Fioren, Homir Rulle

The Glory era 1918-1937 – 7 National titles

Ferephon Union were not present at the first ever National Championship in 1917, as they finished 2nd to Alma Sport in the SPR Championship, so it was the southerners that represented the state. For the next 26 years though, the team would completely dominate SPR football, winning all but 4 local championships.

In 1917-18 the team was in the Nationals for the first time. They finished in 2nd place, just 2 points behind defending champions Chiftelov Sport.



Jan Bartel



Anters Nesevsky

They came back stronger the next 2 seasons and won back-to-back National titles. The team was managed by experienced coach Jan Bartel and featured some of the best ever Pharonian players, such as goalkeeper Anters Nesevsky (5 times best PSC goalkeeper), defender Liono Galimer and top scorer Manlee Trevizan (3 times PSC's mvp, 3 times top scorer and another 5 times second best, holding still the record for most goals for the club with 146). Most of the 1915 SPR champion squad were still present, with stars like midfielders Manlee Endergast and Telos Mong.



Manlee Trevizan



Manlee Endergast

Ferephon Union could not defend their title a 3rd time, finishing in 4th place in 1920-21, just 2 points behind champions Dominic, losing their last game against town-rivals Internationale.



Ferephon Union 1924-25

Back row (from left): Manlee Endergast, Syms Ruhs, Fred Benton, Manlee Trevizan, Idor Attard, Homir Rulle, Jan Bartel (manager)
Front row (from left): Salvor Sims (trainer), Pavel Symon, Asketh Kambay, Anters Nesevsky, Moree Smyler, Ducem Gelis

In the next 3 seasons Alma Sport and Internationale won the SPR championship, so the great team could not compete nationally. Bartel did not change the roster, as financing was at its lowest at the time (SPR had passed under American jurisdiction after WW I and soccer was not popular to the authorities).

In 1924-25 Ferephon won the SPR championship and went on to win the National championship for a 3rd time, two points clear of 2nd place

Dynamo Pharos. They repeated their triumph the next season for their 4th National championship and 2nd back-to-back, when they topped the table on goal difference to Dominic. Nesevsky, Trevizan and Endergast were once more the leaders of the team and topped all mvp categories.

After finishing third, second and fifth in the next 3 seasons, Jan Bartel's Ferephon Union won the 1929-30 National title, their fifth, by 1 point, winning their last game against Dalton SC 3-1 (2 goals by Trevizan and 1 from Smyler) as in the same time Dominic was losing away to Chiftelov Sport. Another title, their 6th came 2 seasons later, when they were on top of the National League in Anter Nesevsky's last season. Ferephon Union was the best team in Pharos in the early era of football history and Jan Bartel a legend of his own.



**The statue of Anters Nesevsky
outside the stadium**



Dokor Symon

Following the 1932 season Jan Bartel decided to retire from managing. He was elected as Ferephon Union president of the board of directors, a position he held until his death in 1949. His assistant Dokor Symon, brother of former player Pavel Symon took over as head coach. The team needed to change, as the great players of the past were retiring, with the exception of defender Fred Benton. Symon



Fred Benton

used many of the team's youth squad players for the first team, such



Yord Agenor

as defenders Porfirio Fay and Lo Pander, forwards Sol Koop, Huber Kmet, and Kei Ayama and midfielders Mik Fulton and the new star of Gilbey, center half Yord Agenor. In 1937 Symon's Ferephon Union surprised the Pharonian football scene, when they won their 7th National title, even though they started the season as an underdog. They needed to win their last game, but it ended up in a 4-4 tie vs Dynamo Corel (goals by Ayama (2), Kmet and Agenor). Fortunately their title rivals drew their games too, Dominic to Tilbruck Klub and Zaria to Oamaru FC and Ferephon Union were crowned champions

on goal difference.

1940s-'60s: the barren years

The team under Dokor Symon won another 6 SPR championships in a row and with the exception of the 1941-42 season when they finished last in the Nationals, Ferephon Union always finished higher than 5th place. The team did not have the ability to buy players, as most of the competition had, due to being a membership-based club, lacking some wealthy owners.



Cly Briton

After WW II, the team begun to decline. Most of the 1937 players had left and there was fierce rivalry from Alma Sport and Internationale locally. Dokor Symon also left the club in 1943 for Alma Sport. From 1944 to 1952 Ferephon Union won only 3 SPR titles, plus some local cups. Under the management of the uninspired and under-financed Cly Briton, Ferephon Union were relegated after the 1949–50 season for the first time in their history to the SPR's Second Division. It took three seasons before they were promoted in 1952 as the runners-up. The final match of the season decided promotion when Ferephon Union beat Avalon FC away 0–4.

The Hal Chaterik era

In May 1951 Briton was fired by the board and Hal Chaterik was given the first team manager job. Chaterik who had played football for minor Gilbey clubs in his youth and managed some of them after retirement from playing, gave the team the necessary boost to become leaders again. First, he guided Ferephon Union to the SPR first division in 1951-52 and then to the SPR double next season and the participation at the Nationals after 3 years of absence. Under Chaterik, Ferephon Union won 5 out of 7 SPR Championships from 1953 to 1959.



Hal Chaterik



Marlon Strode

Chaterik's Ferephon Union were soon to be dubbed the "School of Science" after their methodical approach in the tradition of the Ferephon team in the 1920s who were first given this name. Their football was inventive and flowing, but lacking big names and individual talent. They finished twice 4th (1954, 1957) and once 3rd (1959) in the National Championship during these years. Winger Marlon Strode was probably the most famous of Ferephon's players in the 50's. Other notable players included Emer Berzin, Lovell



Lovell Alozo

Alozo, Kleon Rubius, Liem Rudzit, Fenel Bried and Brooks Vital.

Ferephon Union lost the SPR title in 1960 and 1961. The stress of an under-performing team was said to be a factor in Hal Chaterik's poor health and eventual resignation in 1961.

Second relegation and revival

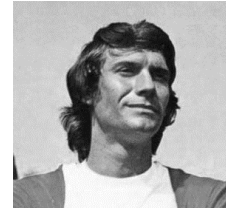
In 1962 the team suffered another drawback as they were relegated for the second time to SPR's second division. It took them 2 seasons to get back to first division. New manager was former player Porfirio Fay. They struggled for another 3 seasons to get on top, managing an SPR title in 1968, but only finished 8th in the National. The team won the SPR league in style next season too, playing what was virtually a form of Total Football orchestrated by the



The 'Lefties Trinity', Emanuel Veiner, Linge Tavaner and Less Jaron

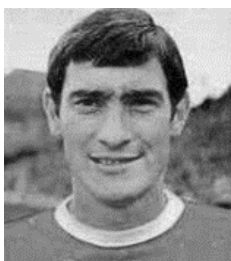
best Ferephon Union sides ever.

"Lefties Trinity" of 3 left-footed players, fullback Emanuel Veiner, midfielder Linge Tavaner and winger Less Jaron. With Cuinter Sandes at center back and Ducem Sirilo up front, this is regarded by many fans as one of the



Cuinter Sandes

National Champions again for a record time



Alfred Tarsenda



Lors Kromril

Porfirio Fay left in 1971 and youth squad coach Preeme Yum was promoted as new first team manager. The under-19 squad of Ferephon Union was Pharonian champion in 1969 and many talented youngsters had stepped-up in the first team, like goalkeeper Lewis Toma, defenders Fenel Stanmark and Marcel Bolivar, midfielder Lors Kromril and center forward Alfred Tarsenda.

Ferephon Union finished twice in 3rd place in the National Championships (1972 and 1973) looking as serious title contenders again after a very long time. However, the expectations were high and the loss of the SPR title in 1974 by Internationale and in 1975 by Alma Sport forced Yum to offer his

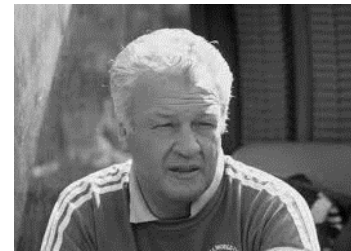
resignation. Ferephon chairman at the time, Alan Vattervoort, convinced the rest of the board to support and stay behind the talented manager. They did not regret the decision.

Ferephon Union won the 1975-76 SPR Championship and participated again after 2 years in



Alfred Tarsenda scores against Corel's defense to open the score

the Nationals. They performed well and with 1 game left for the season's end they had to face Dynamo Corel at home, with the Auroran team having a 2-point advantage (the 2 teams were level on goal difference, so Ferephon needed a simple win to get the title). In front of almost 40,000 spectators that had packed the Archon Stadion (fans had even climbed to the roof), Ferephon Union beat Corel 4-1 with goals from Lors Kromril (2), Alfred



Preeme Yum



Lewis Toma

Tarsenda and Marcel Dod and won the title on goal difference, their 8th, most than any other team in Pharos.

Ferephon Union could not defend their local and National titles next season, losing the SPR championship to Alma Sport and finishing 3rd in the Nationals, despite the fact of purchasing one of the greatest Pharonian talents of the time, Julio Dercano from Victoria City, for a record fee for the club. They missed the SPR title for the next 2 seasons too, as Alma Sport were stronger and Preeme Yum was called to re-organize the roster as many of the older players were retiring.



Lev Maugin

Yum turned again to the youth squad, but this time the board helped with some important transfers. Lev Maugin came from rivals Alma Sport and Homir Chen from Taupo SC, with Mik Hulton, Botom Encer and Eric Schaal being promoted to the first team from the youth squad.

Ferephon won back-to-back SPR Championships in 1980 and 1981, the last ones held, as in the summer of 1981 the PSL was formed. They finished in the last place in both National championships, but gained a place in the PSL A division for SPR, together with local rivals Alma Sport.



Lors Kromril scores despite Kleon Wiskart's effort in 1975-76 last game



Mik Hulton

The new stadium

By the end of the 1970's the Ferephon Union Board of Directors had decided that it was time for the club to have a new, modern stadium, as the Archon Stadion could not meet the increasing demands of modern football. For that purpose, they bought a large area just north of the city's boundaries in an area called Little Rome.



Colosseum, Ferephon Union's new stadium 1981

In December 1975, the Board of Ferephon Union agreed a £30 million loan with Barclays Bank, with Archon Stadium (which had been owned by the club since 1947) used as collateral. In the summer of 1976 construction begun that lasted until 1981, due to delays caused by findings of archeological interest at the site (some Greek and Roman ruins were found). The new stadium was ready for the club to play at the beginning of the new PSL A format



Colosseum, arial view

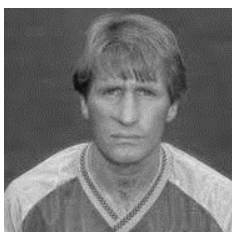
for the new 1981-82 season. It was named Colosseum, due to name of the area (Little Rome) and the ancient findings from excavation, exhibited under the stands in a special area.

The new stadium had a capacity of 45,000 all-seated spectators. It had a horseshoe shape stand from north-west to south with two tiers and a separate east stand, also in two tiers, with openings in each side, adjacent to the shores of the Gilbey River.

The PSL era

The 80's

With a lot of youngsters in his team, Preeme Yum could not achieve a better place than 13th in the newly formed 18-team PSL A. However, Ferephon Union managed to reach the PSC Cup final (for the first time a National Cup event was held), but lost in the final to Zaria 2-1. Zaria went ahead in the 6th minute with a Fenel Sonarel header and Ferephon Union equalized before the interval with Mik



Theo Di Lorto

Hulton. In the second half Zaria was better and took the win and the

trophy thanks to a 70-minute goal by Lathan Sivena. Yum brought to Colosseum the great Alma Sport midfielder Theo Di Lorto in the summer of 1982, spending a mythical amount for the club's standards.

Enthusiasm rose to new heights among the fans, but they finished 11th in the league and Preeme Yum was let go.

Former Queensland Utd player and manager Fil Sahtior, who had a short spell in Zaria too, was appointed new Ferephon Union manager. Julio Dercano was sold to Victoria City and with these money forwards Peter Dinwitt and Gaal Rok were bought from Ceiserstellen and midfielder Kenneth Mcls from Hilvar Athletics. Sahtior led the lions to the 9th place and to another cup final. Unfortunately, although they were ahead



Lathan Sivena winning goal past Toma, with Salvor Fenelson protesting for offside



Ducem Ifni scores past Limmar Ponyets for Select's 2nd goal in the 1984 Cup final



Emanuel Veiner

against Select in the first half thanks to a Theo Di Lorto goal, they finally lost 1-2 by goals from Bred McLean and Ducem Ifni.

The 1984-85 season started with a 3-0 win away vs Chiftelov Sport, but then they suffered 10 straight loses, including a 7-1 defeat by AG 1959. The board decided to fire Sahtior and youth squad manager and former player and captain Emanuel Veiner replaced him. With no quality players except Di Lorto, Veiner could not perform a miracle and

Ferephon Union finished in 17th position and were relegated in the second division.

They came back up immediately and Veiner begun restructuring the team from top to bottom. He even demanded a change in the club's presidency, which the Board of Directors reluctantly accepted, due to the fans immense pressure. He bought some important players, such as goalkeeper Fenel Arxa from Victoria City, midfielder Yord Kumar from Eden Utd and a renown international player, the Brazilian winger wizard Muller (Luis Antonio Corea da Costa) from Sao Paulo. He also promoted to the first team defender Orum Cueris, captain of the youth team. The



Muller

team, guided by Muller, who scored 18 goals, Theo Di Lorto, Peter Dinwitt and the veteran right back Salvor Fenelson finished in the 4th position, missing a European birth by 2 points to Dalton SC.

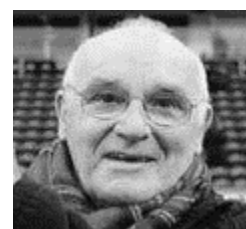
PSL's new format and the obstacle of AG 1959

The format of the PSL changed in 1987, introducing a preliminary round in 4 groups and play-offs. Ferephon was drawn to the National South group, together with the rising force of Pharonian football, AG 1959. This meant that in order to get the title they had to beat the Nobel team sometime along the 3 rounds of play-offs or the final.

From the 1987-88 season up to 1990-91, Ferephon Union would make the play-offs of the championship, but were always eliminated in the 1st or 2nd round; from Select in 1988, Champion Athletics in 1989 and AG 1959 in 1990 and 1991. Veiner wanted some heavier financing, the board could not co-op as they had paid for Brazilian star Bebeto to replace Muller, so the experienced coach left for Centralia Trandor in the summer of 1991.

The 90's - the 9th title and the double

Idor Proktor, the former Dominic manager, who had 2 PSL titles with the Holborn team, came as first team manager in 1991. He made several adjustments to the team training and system. Theo Di Lorto retired and Proktor used him as his assistant. He introduced a 3rd center back and pushed fullbacks forward, working as wingers. He



Idor Proktor



Yol van der Ven

also replaced Bebeto with the Dane Bent Christensen. They reached the play-off stage once again, having the 5th best record in the regular stage, but once more they were eliminated by AG 1959, who became Pharos champions for the 3rd time in a row. Proktor prepared Ferephon Union well for the next season, making some important add-ins. He spent ff 38 mln for Yol van der Ven, the Dynamo Pharos player, for his right flank and another ff 25 mln for Czech striker Tomas Skuhravy from Sparta Prague, famous for scoring 5 goals for Czechoslovakia in 1990 FIFA World Cup. Skuhravy, who after his retirement moved back to Gilbey and he currently lives in Attalia, where he works as a restaurant owner and football pundit for a local TV channel, gave the team the boost



Tomas Skuhravy



Ferephon's captain Gaal Rok with the PSL Championship cup in Colosseum

needed to excel, by scoring 17 goals in the season. Ferephon topped the National South group, ahead of AG 1959 for the first time, with the best record in PSL. They eliminated Victoria City in the 1st round of play-offs, AG 1959 in the 2nd round with 2 convincing wins 4-0 and 3-0 and Hilvar Athletics in the semi-finals. In the 1992-93 PSL Championship final they beat Dalton SC on penalties 4-3 after a 1-1 regular time (goals by Orum Zetlin and Fenel Opal, with Preeme Foldi of Dalton missing the last penalty), to win their 9th National title.

Ferephon Union also reached the PSC Cup final, where they faced Dominic. Mik Bodleian gave Ferephon the lead in the 43rd minute and Ducem Roati equalized for Dominic in the 64th minute. With just 4 minutes remaining in the game Jan van Vliet jumped over Dominic's defence in a Bent Christensen corner to score the winner for Ferephon, giving his team the 1st ever cup trophy and the double.

The team did not continue to perform for the rest of the decade. In 1993-94 season they reached the play-offs, but this time they were eliminated in the 2nd round by AG 1959 for another time. They also played in the group stage of the Champions League, after eliminating Lech Poznan and Spartak Moscow. They finished 3rd in a group with Barcelona, Monaco and Galatasaray. In the middle of next season Proktor was let go because of poor results and Theo Di Lorto took over as first team manager. He managed to lead the team in the final phase of the championship for 2 seasons in a row, finishing 7th and 6th in the new 8-team play-off format, but in 1997 could not make post



Jan van Vliet heads over Dominic's Bred McLean to score in the 1993 Cup final

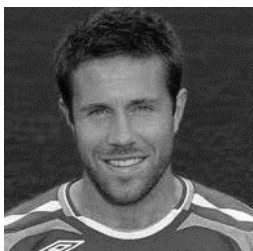
season and resigned. Ferephon changed 2 more managers until 2000, with Theo Cabl in 1997-98 and Fenel Azer from 1998 to 2000, finishing in the bottom half of the new 20-team League.

The 21st century

In the summer of 2000, the Board of Directors hired Lathan Sivena for the manager's position. Sivena, a former player of Zaria and Atlantic



Salvor Yslager

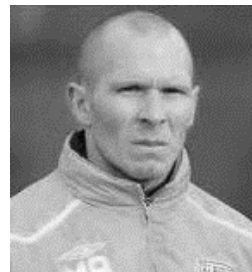


Jan Nalas

Union, was already a renowned coach, having won the championship with Zaria in 1989. He worked with young players like Salvor Yslager, Linge Mukai and Yahim Nesis who all were promoted to the first team. In his first season the unfancied Ferephon team, dubbed '*the dogs of war*' finished in 10th place. Sivena got rid of all foreign players, like the Swede Kenneth Anderson and bought Fenel Pirsig from Marseille and midfield 'general' Jan Nalas from FTK. Ferephon finished in 3rd place in the next two seasons, earning a European ticket for the preliminaries of the Champions League both times (they could not reach the group stage, but played in the UEFA Cup, reaching the round of 16 both times).



Lathan Sivena



Fenel Pirsig

In 2003-04 Ferephon finished 9th and Jan Nalas left to join newly promoted Queenland Utd, after a dispute with the board over his salaries. Ferephon Union were not the same team without Nalas and slowly fell apart. With a relegation battle creeping in 2005-06, Sivena stepped down as manager and his assistant Michael Dragon took over as caretaker until the end of the season, helping confirm Ferephon's survival (they finished in 15th place, just 1 point clear of the zone).

Relegation and PSL B – ten years of disgrace

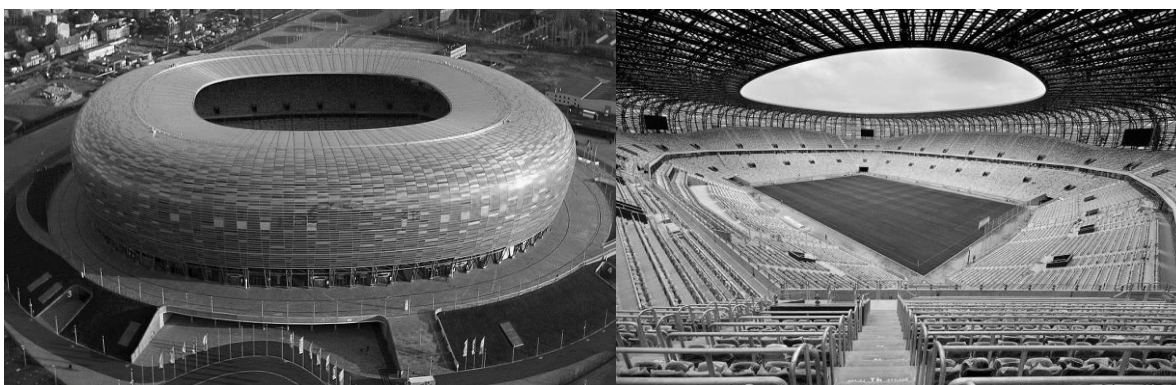
What they avoided in 2006 could not repeat the next season. The team finished last in the PSL A, scoring only 16 goals the whole season, the 2nd worst record after Cardenas' 13 in 2004. They would stay in PSL B for 4 seasons, marking the worst era in the club's history. They would finish in 7th position in 2008 and in 5th position in 2009 and 2010, before gaining promotion in 2011, under their past 1997-98 coach Theo Cabl.



Theo Cabl

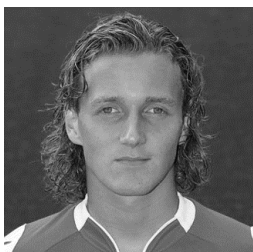
The board of directors decided to go on in a new project for the stadium, as the Colosseum begun to age. They decided to built the new stadium in the training grounds of the team and demolish the old one to turn it into training facilities. The team moved to Internationale's stadium for their games in the PSL B for the next 4 seasons.

Construction of the new stadium begun in June 2009 and was ready in July 2011, just in time for the club's return to the first division. The new venue was impressive. Two-tiered stands were surrounded by 82 supports bearing the roof and external facades. The whole venue was covered in polycarbonate panels that reflect sunshine at daytime and at night were illuminated to give a yellow glow. Underneath this cover there were 53,000 square meters of space for administrative and commercial use. Around the venue a rollerblade track was created and beyond it fans would find 2,171 parking bays for cars and another 74 for coaches. Media company UP Press bought the arena's name rights for 15 years. Its construction was the work of K-Manato designer office.



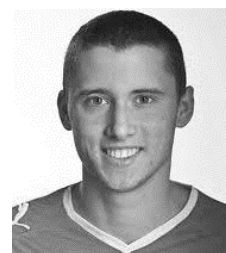
The new Ferephon Union stadium, UP Press Arena

The team continued with Theo Cabl as coach after promotion. Most



Manlee Kravan

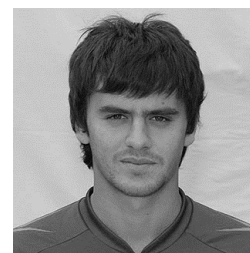
of the old players had either retire or left, with the exception of Linge Mukai and Salvor Yslager and new talents emerged, like left back Pelleas Anker and forwards Manlee Kravan and Lizug Mandres. The team will finish in respectful places between 9 and 11 places for the next 3 seasons under Theo



Lizug Mandres

Cabl, but in 2014 the experienced coach

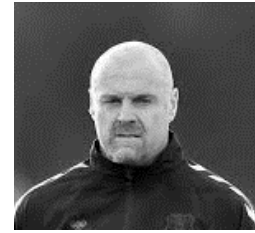
decided to retire from football. Former Alma Sport manager and Ferephon's former player Ducem Roati came as a replacement. He could not continue Cabl's work, having disputes with key players and the team was in the relegation zone when the board decided to fire him. Michael Dragon came again as caretaker coach, but this time could not save the inevitable and Ferephon would go to PSL B for the second time in a decade.



Pelleas Anker

A new beginning

This time it took them less time to promotion. Youth coach Mot Ferin was given the manager's job and by 2017 he led the flying lions to PSL A, despite losing Manlee Kravan who refused to play in second division and was sold to Dominic. Ferin stayed in until 2022 when he quitted due to health problems of his wife, having to move to his hometown in Taupo. His best positions were an 8th place in 2021 and a 10th in 2019.



Mot Ferin

Former Rul Katai assistant coach and goalkeeper of Ceiserstellen Jan Svart was announced as Ferin's replacement in May 1922, a controversial move by the board that did not please the fans. Ferephon would finish in the bottom half of the table for the next 3 seasons (2022 to 2024) and Svart was let go, with former player Yol van der Ven coming from Queensland Utd as the team's new manager.