Select



Select Athletic Club Deltalene is a professional football club based in Deltalene, Concordia, Pharos. The club competes in the

PSL A, the top tier of Pharonian football. The club was founded in 1865, being one of the first football clubs to be formed in Pharos. They have won 8 Pharonian Championship titles and 2 Cups.

History

Formation and early years

In 1865 a group of Pharonian football (a sport played in Pharos, using sticks and feet, similar to Scottish shinty) players met at the Clinton Arms on Deltalene's Kingstraat. Jan Scrims' proposal to introduce and play football in the city of Deltalene was agreed and Select Football Club was formed. It was agreed at the same meeting that the club would purchase twelve tasseled caps coloured 'Garibaldi Red' (named after the leader of the Italian 'Redshirts' freedom fighters). Thus, the club's official colours, red and gold, were established. Select's first ever official game was played against Nobel Sport Club taking place on 22 March 1866.

In their early years Select were a multi-sports club, changing their name to Select Athletics Club Deltalene in 1867. Select, having their roots in Pharonian football, were Pharonian champions in the sport 7 times between 1870 and 1889. In the early years the club devoted its efforts in football to academies. Select's charitable approach helped clubs like Chiftelov Sport, Dalton SC and Aragon Gizerak to form. In 1886, Select donated a set of football kits to help Villemstad SK (later Dalton SC) establish themselves – the then Villemstad team still wear red. Select also donated shirts to Dynamo Corel and helped secure a site to play on for Estwald Metropolis.

In 1878–79 season Select entered the South Cup for the first time. They beat Nobel SC 3–1 in the first round at Beeston Ground before eventually losing 2–1 to Old Victorians in the semi-final.

Select's application was rejected to join the South Football League at its formation in 1888. Select instead joined the Concordian Football Alliance in 1889. They won the competition in



Select 1898 team
Back row (from left): H. Hallan (secretary), Ormin, Riks,
Allsop, Aerson, Ragg, Scrot, G. Bee (trainer). Front row: Innes,
Rids, Benbo, Capp, Spoun

1892 before then entering the Concordian Football League. That season they reached and lost in a Cup semi-final for the fourth time to date. This time it was to Cardenas SFC after a replay. Select's first Concordian Cup semi-final win was at the fifth attempt, the 1897–98 Cup 2–0 replay win against Phoenix Ortegal. The first game was drawn 1–1.

In that 1898 Concordian Cup



Arno Capp

Final in Victoria against Old Victorians before 62,000 fans, Vil Ragg passed a 19th minute free kick to Arno Capp. Capp shot through the defensive wall to score. Old Victorians equalized with a free kick headed home by Stanel Bloom off the underside of the cross bar after 31 minutes. In the 42nd minute Old Victorians keeper Jan Fryer

was unable to hold a Cheter Rids shot giving Capp a tap in

for his second goal. Ragg's injury meant Select had to change their line up with Capp dropping back to midfield. In the 86th minute Jon Boag headed away a corner by Select and Jan



A moment of the final

Aerson moved in to collect shooting low into the goal to win 3–1.

Into the 20th century

Vil Ragg

Select lost Cup semi-finals in 1900 and 1902. They finished fourth in the 1900–01 Concordian Football League followed with fifth place the season after. The club then started to slide down the table. Select were relegated for the first time in 1905–06. Eman Alik had his first of five seasons as the club's highest scorer, en route to become one of the club's all-time highest scorers.

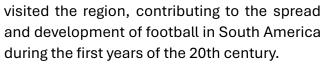


Eman Alik

In 1905, Select toured South America to play a series of friendly matches in Argentina and Uruguay. They would be followed for other Pharonian and English clubs that



Select players posing in Plaza Jewell before playing a Rosario Combined in Argentina, 16 June 1905



Promotion as champions was immediate in 1906–07. They went on to win the Concordian Championship in 1908-09 and establish their superiority in the state for the next 2 decades. They were crowned Concordian champions 6

times between 1909 and 1917, when the National Championships were established, being the



Craig Ulanis



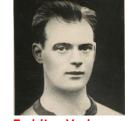
Lionel Costa

representative of Concordia in the 1st one in 1917. They finished in 2nd place behind undisputed champions Chiftelov Sport. The team featured great players at the time, like center forward Craig Ulanis, left fullback Lionel Costa (who was voted as the league's best player in 1917, even if the team did not win the title) and center back

Embling Verhoven.

Select will be Concordian champion for the next 6 seasons in a row,

competing also in the



Embling Verhoven



Select's Kingstraat Stadion (1920)

Nationals, without any success however, until 1922, when they lost the title on goal difference to Zaria. After suffering a defeat in Nobel by AG Nobel, they needed to win the last game against Zaria in Deltalene to become National champions. They went ahead 1-0 in the first half by a Yol Farago goal, but Zaria equalized in the 56th minute with a Dokor Copel volley. Kleon Silt, the 36-year-old Zaria's keeper made great saves to keep the score

level, giving Zaria the title. It was a great disappointment for the 40,000 fans that packed Kingstraat Stadion.

National Champions

The man who changed Select's history was former Estwald manager Fran Kornelius. He was given the job in Deltalene in 1925, after Select had lost the local title to Cardenas SFC. He proceeded in a 5-year plan, promoting players from the youth squad and signing talented youngsters from the area. The plan paid off almost immediately. Select



Fran Kornelius



SELECT 1927

Back row (from left): Fran Kornelius (manager), Salvor Bevan, Ruel Melvin, Anel Ingam, Helvet Beck, Emblig Verhoven, Krayl Parson (president). Fron row: Rodrig Niba, Centron Aniel, Daniel Mora, Verman Roy, Jos Espen, Yol Farago

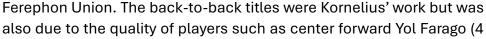
were Concordian champions once again in 1926. They went a step further next year, when they won their first National title, the first for a team from Concordia as well. Having already secured 1st place, they played their last game in Kingstraat Stadion against Zenith Parietal. More than 60,000 fans were inside, filling every possible corner, even in and around the pitch, with the whole city outside the stadium. They won 3-1 and the celebrations around Deltalene lasted until the next day, with the Championship cup paraded around the city.



Select captain Centron Aniel and teammates with the 1928 National Championship

Select repeated their triumph the next season, again with the same way, securing the title before their game - this time they lost to AG Nobel 1-2, finished

last but 2 points clear of second





Yol Farago



Daniel Mora

times top scorer, 1922,1924,1927 and 1928), midfield wizard Daniel Mora, winger Verman Roy and of course center back Embling Verhoven.

A decade of decline (1929-1938) and Sir Fran Boden

Just after the 2nd National title the team fall into a decade of gradual decline, as clubs from the state's capital started spending more money than the Deltalene club. Champion Athletics emerged as the new force in Concordian football, winning 6 local titles from 1929 to 1938, with Dynamo Victoria wining another 2. Fran Kornelius retired in 1931 due to health problems (he died from heart problems in 1932) and the new manager Cly Groel could not match his predecessor. Select won only 2 Concordian titles, in 1932 and 1933 and a 3rd place in the 1932 National championships.



Sir Fran Boden

By the end of the 30's the club needed a new economic lift-up. The board issued 30,000 shares and called for Deltalene fans to help the club. The response of the supporters was limited, taking into account the world economic crisis, but there was a helping hand from Concordian businessman Fran Boden.

Boden, born in Deltalene in 1878, had made a fortune in the stock market in Hong Kong and had bought a small bicycle manufacturing business in Deltalene, Ralei Cycle Co, that had soon become the largest bicycle manufacturer in the world. Boden had also received a knighthood from King George V. He offered Select board of directors to buy all the shares and become owner of the club. President Krayl Parson had objections, but the rest of the board members agreed and Select passed to the hands

of the businessman in 1937.

The Fran Boden era of success

The new owner and president began redeveloping. Most of the players of the 1920's championships had either retired (Farago, Verhoven, Beck, Ingam), or were let go (Roy, Melvin, Espen). Former player Embling Verhoven was given the manager role. He insisted in players from the Deltalene area, following Fran Kornelius plan.

Players like goalkeeper Orum De Aar, left back Ducem van Vliet, center backs Fran Klob and Kevin Fisk, midfielder Genar Feld, center forward



Ducem van Vliet

Levi Novak and of course captain Daniel Mora (the only player along with right back Salvor Bevan that had been in the 1928 last championship squad) and winger wizards Liem Berin and Robert Camargo, would make history for the club. Select finished a close 2nd to Dynamo Victoria in the 1938 Concordian



Levi Novak



Liem Berrin

championship, but were top in the next season, not only in Concordia, but in the National Championships as well, lifting their 3rd PSC title.

With WW II raging in Europe, football in Pharos continued, as the island was far from the action. Select managed to maintain its Concordian title and went on to lift a 4th National title, the second backto-back (as in 1927 and 1928) in a convincing way. Levi Novak was top scorer (as in 1939 as well) and 22-year-old Liem Berrin was named best player of the season.



Captain Daniel Mora with the 1939 PSC Championship cup, on the shoulders of teammates Novak and van Vliet

Select finished in 6h place in 1940-41, in a

very tight championship race where the top 5 teams finished within 1 point. Meanwhile some of the players had to enlist for the war efforts in various posts, so the form of the team declined. Competition in Concordia was fierce, with 4 teams competing equally for the local



Embling Verhoven, 1950

title (Champion Athletics, Dynamo Victoria, Victoria City and Cardenas SFC). From 1941 to 1948 Select was Concordian champion just once, in 1945, finishing 3^{rd} in the Nationals. By the end of the year Berrin was sold to AG Nobel for a record fee of £ 25,000.

By 1949 when the team was Concordian champion again, only 3 players of the old team were left, van Vliet, Novak and Camargo. They won 3 local titles in a row, but lacked the quality players to go a step further in the National Championship, finishing between 4th and 3rd place. Verhoven was still in the manager position and turned once more to the

talent in the youth squad. In 1954 the team, averaging 24.5 years of age, surprised Pharos by winning the National title, the team's fifth. In the beginning of the season, the young Select team were not even given as favorites to win the Concordian championship, let alone the

National. After an amazing run they actually 'stole' it from leaders and grand favorites Chiftelov Sport in the last 2 days of play, when they won away to Centralia and at home to Oamaru FC, while the Satemberg team lost both games, away to Dominic and at home to Dynamo Pharos. There were no real stars in the team, with the exception of center back Asketh Millis, who was bought in 1953 from Zaria and was voted as best player. The team became to be known as the 'Deltalene Bullets' due to the players speed in passing.



Asketh Millis

1955-75 - 20 years of crisis

In the winter of 1955 Sir Fran Boden passed away and his fortune was divided between his 6



Helnus Boden

children. His only son Helnus was the club's new owner, but his interest in football was not the same as his father's (he was a keen cyclist and oarsman and despised football). Financing was limited and the team fell into a slump.

After a humiliating season in 1955, when they finished last with only 7 points in the National Championship (only Oamaru in 1951 and FTK in 1947 had gathered less points), Helnus Boden put the team up for sale. Verhoven stayed as manager until 1961, winning 3 more Concordian titles from 1958 to 1960, but

was forced to

resign in 1961, as the team was falling apart due to the lack of proper financing. Boden only spent some money to build a new stand in Kingstraat Stadion, but was more interested in loaning the grounds for music events during the summer months.

In the next 13 years the team were struggling in the Concordian first division. Boden turned down several buyers, asking for more money every time. Attendances fell to a



Kingstraat stadion in the 60's



Carl N. Balter

minimum and in 1967 Select was relegated to the Concordian 2^{nd} division for the first time after 1905! They came back up in 1968, but the fans were furious against Boden and demonstrations were a daily phenomenon in Deltalene.

The deadlock was broken in 1972 in an unexpected way. The Deltalene

City Council, led by Mayor Carl N. Balter, a Select fan and minor shareholder, decided to offer Boden the amount

he asked for the team. The deal did not include the stadium and the City County Grounds, a smaller city stadium in the Deltalene's Industrial area was to become the team's new home. The City even went on to finance a new West Stand in the stadium



City County Grounds

to bring capacity up to 25,000. Thus, the City of Deltalene became the team's new owner and Mayor Carl N. Balter its new president.

On the up again

Having solved the team's finances, home ground and ownership,



Don Tobilio

Select went on to dominate Concordian football once again. Mayor and president Balter hired former Dynamo Victoria manager Don Tobilio to reorganize the team. Tobilio, who was 4 times Concordian champion with Dynamo, changed the squad almost completely in 1973. He bought goalkeeper Moree Lewk and midfielder Dan Glovic from Cardenas SFC and

forward Edi Orre from Phoenix Ortegal. He also promoted some youngsters from the youth squads to the first team, such as left back Yate Broderig, midfielder Ivo Lion and forwards Stanel Omanio and Romel Prokt. These newcomers, together with the older players that stayed with the team, like Lizug Rada, Marlo Tanto, Din Rogge and Olynthus Dam, made a formidable team that went on to win 3 Concordian championships in a row, from 1974 to 1976.

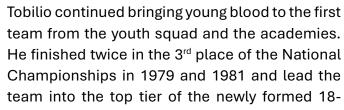




Select players celebrate the 6th PSC Championship

After a small break in 1977 when Champion Athletcs won the local title, Select went all the way in the 1977-78

season, winning their 6th National title.



team PSL. He resigned for health reasons in the summer of 1981 and his assistant and former Dyn. Victoria player, 38-year-old lac Marcos was promoted as Select's head manager.





Dan Glovic



Edi Orre



lac Marcos

1980-2000

In 1982 they finished in 8th place but Marcos went ahead to buy 2 players



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

for the struggling Select offensive line, Ducem Ifni from Champion Athletics and Ducem Iz from Cardenas SFC, as well as midfielder Bred McLean from FTK. In 1982-83 season the team finished in 3rd place and reached the PSC Cup final, losing to Hilvar Athletics 1-0.

In 1984-85 Select finished again in 3rd place in the PSL A and they went all the way in the PSC Cup to win their first ever trophy, by beating Ferephon Union 2-1 in



Ducem Iz



Ducem Ifni

the final (goals by Bred McLean and Ducem Ifni). In 1985, another 3rd place in the league and they also reached the quarter finals in the UEFA Cup-Winners Cup, eliminating on the way Porto FC and AS Roma, but lost to Bayern Munich 0-1 in Deltalene, after a goalless draw in the first match in Germany. Select could not maintain its form, finishing mid-table in the next 2 seasons. Iac Marcos moved to Hilvar and another former Dynamo Victoria player and Marco's assistant, Dan Bauer, was named head coach.



Neim Doigt, Select new owner in 1995

As the format of the Championship changed to sub-groups and play-offs, Select faced financial problems. The City of Deltalene could not afford the rising cost of players' wages and a thought to sell the club emerged in 1988 in the City Council. Neim Doigt (10 June 1957 – 4 February 2012) was a sports investor, who was co-chairman and co-founder of Doigt Hanson & Co, a Pharonian private equity firm based in Nobel, with offices in London, UK. After lengthy discussion with the City Council, Doigt bought control of Select in late 1995 for ff 11 million, with a lease of 20 years for the use of the stadium with favourable rent rates.

From 1988 to 1994, when the format changed once more, Select made the play-offs only 3 times and were always eliminated from the 1st round. Many players were sold; Glovic and Ivo Lion went to England for Ipswich Town and Nottingham Forest, goalkeeper Zanos to Kent Utd and Iz, Ifni and Broderig retired early, playing for minor teams as players-managers. The one and only serious transaction these years was the transfer of Fenel Manlin from Champion Athletics in 1986 and the introduction to



Fenel Manlin

the 1st team of youngsters Fran Levit and goalkeeper Linge Ellis. Dan Bauer stayed as manager 2 seasons and then Select changed head coaches every season end: Dan Glovic in 1989, Marcel Motar in 1990, Lathan Devers in 1991 and Fenel Azer in 1992 (the only one to stay for another season). In 1994-95 they changed 2 managers (first Barney Littick and then

Peel Ardmore) and finished in the last position of their subgroup. Former AG 1959 manager Anselm Kesla who came in 1995-96 could not change the team's fortunes. Owner Doigt turned to lac Marcos, who had unsuccessful terms in Hilvar and Oamaru the previous years, but not even he could turn things around, as his tactics with youth players were not enough this time around. The 'magic wand' era had passed!

The 21st century Dan Glovic 1999-2003

Former player Dan Glovic, who had worked as head manager in 1990 took over in the summer of 1999. The previous year Select's under-19 squad was Pharos champion. Glovic used



Kals Anoers

many of the highly talented players during his 4-season stay as head manager, like defender Orum Ari, midfielders Kals Anoers (who would become one of the greatest Pharonian players ever) and Steel Marin and



Dan Glovic

forward Arcadi Slel. With Doig's proper financing he even bought some excellent players such as Lathan De Hoek and Lev Oreat from Alma

Sport, Kleon Isler from Foundation BC and National Team center back Limmar Venk. All these players would become Select's back-bone for the next 10 to 15 years. Select's best places under Dan Glovic was 4th in 2000 and 6th in 2002.



Yate Broderig

Yate Broderig 2003-2007

Another former player was hired in 2003. Yate Broderig had already coached Foundation BC and Villa Town in top level and had a PSC Cup title in 1996 with the Terminus club. In his 4-year

stay, Select performed attractive football and was established as one of Pharos' top teams. They finished 7th in 2005 and twice in 4th position in 2006 and 2007. Broderig based his team in the excellent products of his youth department, keeping all previous players and adding new ones, like Salvor



Salvor Devon

Devon, Gaal Benek, Yahim Bender and Jan Cuoriston. In the 2005-06 season Select reached the PSC Cup final, losing to underdogs Dalton SC 3-2 in extra time's sudden death.

Fran Levit 2007-2012

Fran Levit, who played for the club between 1988 and 1995 and returned to Pharos as an assistant to Broderig after a 7-year spell in Belgium with KAA Gent, took over after Broderig's

departure to manage Zaria. Midfielder Dokor Lalip from Queenland Utd and center forward Lathan Gercus from Kent Utd were added to the roster. Select was leading towards the end of the season, but a 1-0 defeat in Hilvar on April 30th 2008 brought them level with Chiftelov Sport and the Diacrian team took the title on superior goal difference. The team reached the Cup final once again, but they could not win the title, as once again underdogs Olympic Eptapolis prevailed 3-1.

Select would finish always in the top-6 league positions during Levit's stay, but some unnecessary expenses on foreigners like



Fran Levit

Argentinian Fabricio Coloccini, Swede Fredrik Stenman and Dutch Stijn Schaars who did not pay off (they all left within a season or two), led to the downfall of the team in 2012. They finished in 11th place and Fran Levit was let go.



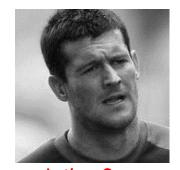
Yord Fara

The Fara family era - the new Stadium

Long before the departure of Fran Levit as Select's manager, Neim Doig announced his decision to step down as the team's chairman and to sell to the best buyer. On 4 February 2012, Doig was found dead in the gymnasium of his home. His death was due to Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome (SADS). Doig's company finished the selling of the team to the Fara family. The Fara's were Pharonian-Arabs who owned the largest fleet of oil tankers in Pharos and had business with Kuwait's royal family.

On 11 July 2012, it was announced that the Fara family had purchased Select from the estate of the late Neim Doig. Yord Fara and his family's company Fara Oil Trade (FOT) became Select's new owner in 2012.

At the time of the takeover, Select was in a stage of considerable turmoil. The sudden death of previous chairman and benefactor Doig had left the club in a position of financial uncertainty. The club had avoided relegation to PSL B, finishing in the worst position in the last 7 years. A huge overhaul was needed and the Fara family did not hesitate to make their mark, dismissing manager Fran Levit quickly and replacing him with former coach Yate Broderig. This was quickly followed by a considerable number of player purchases, such as Lathan Onar from



Lathan Onar

Champion Athletics, Ankor Bolzen from Beatrix Newport, Genar Mazelen from Dalton SC and the return of Orum Ari from AG Nobel.

The Faras immediately proceeded building a new modern stadium for the club. Construction began in late 2012 in a property owned by the Faras in the Deltalene Economic Development Area (DEDA), by the river Aragon. It was completed in May 2014 and costed ff 300 mlns. The new Stadium became Deltalene's landmark as a football-specific stadium. Its stands hold

roughly 36,000 people on three levels of regular seating along sidelines and two levels behind goals, but there are also numerous rooms overlooking the pitch on the sideline



DEDA Stadion

sections. The roof above 3rd tier is hanged by metal pillars of unique design. Naming rights were not given and the stadium was named DEDA Stadion.

On top of Pharonian football again – Glovic 2nd term



Marc van Delf, 2015 mvp



Milos Tulsa

After a mediocre 2012-13 season and a bad start in 2013-14, Broderig was fired and Dan Glovic came back to the club as head manager. Glovic used Fara's money wisely. He bought only 2 players, defender Dokor Bari from Chiftelov Sport for ff 17mln and defensive midfielder Marc van Delf from Beatrix Newport for ff 31.3mln. He also took 3

talented youngsters from the youth squad, the new Pharonian phenomenon, winger Milos Tulsa and midfielders Gaal Skron and Lizug Jaen. Select was unstoppable in 2014-15 and went on to win their 7th National title, 6 points ahead of AG Nobel and 11-12 points ahead of Hilvar Athletics, Oamaru FC and Zaria.



he celebrations for the 2015 title (we stepped up moto)

Select played in the group stage of the 2015-16 Champions League with no success (4 draws and 2 defeats) and they finished in 5th place in the league. Yord Fara spent an amazing amount of money for Pharonian standards next season, buying no less than 10 (!) players, with some renowned international stars among them, like Dutch fullback Darryl Janmaat from Newcastle Utd, Jamaican left back Kemar Lawrense from New York Red Bulls, Argentinian midfielder



dos Santos

Luciano Acosta from Boca Juniors and forward Giovanni dos Santos from Villareal.

Unfortunately, the team suffered a lot of injuries to key players and finished a disappointing 8th.

Mel Elmor was brought in 2017 from Crystal Palace, with the rest of the team remaining the same. They finished in 4th place, gaining a spot in next season's Europa League, but they suffered a blow in the summer of 2018, when the PSL board banned them from European competitions due to illegal economic activities. Select and Yord Fara appealed to CAS but it was turned down. The team suffered again a lot of injuries in the 2018-19 season (van Delf, Lawrense and dos Santos lost half of the season and Lizug Jaen almost all of it) and amidst their ban disappointment they finished in 12th position, just 10 points above relegation zone. Dan Glovic had to go.



Dokor Fara

Poly van Horn

Yord Fara resigned from club's chairman and his brother Dokor Fara took over. He hired former player Poly van Horn, who had worked as Select's youth coach from 2005 to 2017 and had a 2-year spell as AG Nobel's head coach. Select finished in 11th place and reached the final of



Poly van Horn

the cup, losing 2-0 to Zaria. Fara kept van Horn for the next season too, but in 18th October 2020 he fired him after defeats from newcomers Quazar Julianadorp and Asrix Villemstad. Former player Ducem Ifni, who was youth manager at the time was promoted as 1st team coach.

Ducem Ifni (2020-today)

62-year-old Ifni, who had previously worked as a head coach in Orage FC and Dynamo Victoria, as well as in Select's youth squad between 2006 and 2014, immediately oversaw a complete turnaround in the club's fortunes with 11 wins, 6 draws, and 3 defeats propelling them to contest the title. They finally finished in 5th place, earning a spot for next year's UEFA Conference League.



Ducem Ifni

Next season did not start well for the club. Fara had to pay a lot

of money for the loans of the new ground, so financing for new players was limited. Ifni worked with the squad he had at hands, suffering an early elimination in Europe on penalties by Partizan Belgrade. Select finished a disappointing 11th place in the league, but Fara stood behind the new coach.

The 2022-23 season did not start well, with 4 defeats in the first 6 games, but then the team started to improve. New players, such as fullback Fran Orellons from Rutugrian, veteran winger Orum Milovan from Olecranon FC (for the transfer of which Ifni got criticized by the



Fran Orellons



Orum Milovan

local media), center forward Romel Holte from Ceiserstellen and youth products Mil De Braal and Theo Immers, alongside experienced Frenchman Adrien Thomasson from Strasbourg, gave the team the necessary boost and by the season's end Select came within 1 point behind leaders AG Nobel with 2 games to be played. They played in front of 60,000

fans in Nobel's Atel Stadion and with goals from Porfirat Durr, Orum Milovan and Adrien Thomasson they won emphatically 1-4 and surpassed their rivals in



A. Thomasson

The celebrations for the 2023 title (history makers moto)

the table. They had one more game, needing a draw at Hinjilucaya. They won 0-3 (2 goals by Onis Farel and 1 by captain Lathan Onar) and celebrated their 8th National title.

In 2023-24 season they finished in 3rd place in

their UEFA Champions' League group and went on to play in the round of 32 in the Europa League, eliminated on penalties by the French Toulouse. In the league things did not work so well, finishing in 9th place, but the team reached the final of the PSC Cup, where they beat Dalton SC 1-0, thanks to a 98th minute goal by Omar Honban, thus earning a European participation for Europa League next season.