



PRESENTED, 28th SEPTEMBER 2002, TO

# Keith 'Buzzer' Mackay

D.O.B. DECEMBER 8th 1956

BY THE CENTRAL UNITED OVER 30'S TEAM OF 2002.

Keith is a player, coach and person who embodies all things good about football.

Dependable, honest, hard-working, he is the ultimate team man.

This memento commemorates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NZ's World Cup participation in Spain 1982 and Keith's contribution to New Zealand Soccer. 28<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

## International Career

All Whites - 48 appearances, 2 goals

Debut - vs Mexico, August 20th 1980

Final appearance - vs England B, November 13th 1984

Goals - vs Fiji, August 16th 1981 & vs Portsmouth, November 7th 1984

NZ Under 21s - 4 appearances, 1974

## World Cup Finals Spain - Appearances

vs Scotland, June 15th 1982

vs USSR, June 19th 1982

vs Brazil, June 23rd 1982

## National League Career

Gisborne City 1974, 75, 80, 81 and 82 - 85 appearances, 10 goals

Nelson United 1977, 78 - 42 appearances, 2 goals

Manurewa 1983, 84 - 44 appearances, 1 goal

North Shore United 1987 - 26 appearances, 5 goals

Total - 197 League appearances, 18 goals

(also scored 11 Chatham Cup goals during this period)

## Northern League Career

Eden 1985

Mt Roskill 1986

Pakuranga Town 1988

Howick 1988, 89

Papatoetoe 1990

## Northern League Career

FC Northland 1990, 91, 92

Papatoetoe & Drury 1993 - 2000

Central United 2001, 02

## Central League Career

Nelson United 1976

Gisborne City 1979

## Junior Career

Western Suburbs (Wellington)

## Coaching Career

Howick 1989 - Junior Director of Coaching

FC Northland 1991 - Player Coach / Northland FA Coach

Counties-Manukau 1993 - 2000 Various Junior & Senior Coaching Roles

Central United FC 2001 - Northern Premier League Coach

## Honours

National League Champion - 1983

Chatham Cup Winner - 1977, 84

Chatham Cup Runner Up - 1978

Challenge Trophy Winner - 1984, 87

Challenge Trophy Runner Up - 1981

Central League Champion - 1976, 79

## TRIBUTES

*"It is a pleasure for me to acknowledge Keith Mackay's contribution to the All Whites 1982 World Cup campaign. 'Buzzer' as he is known, really 'buzzed!' He reminded me of perpetual motion, but the skill that he displayed combined well with the great effort that he always put in on the field. I congratulate him also for the services that he has given to football since his international retirement. There are not many Keith Mackays in this world - I wish there were a lot more."*

**Charles Dempsey, CBE Honorary President Oceania Football Confederation and Life Member of FIFA**

*"I am delighted to have the opportunity to participate in a tribute to 'Buzzer' Mackay. Twenty years ago I wrote a book in which I said 'Whenever I selected 'Buzzer' to play I was left wondering why I ever left him out. In Spain he was a revelation, playing in all three games and though there were many fine performances by the players, he earned my vote for being our player of the finals. He grew in confidence with every game and is bound to be a vital part of the national side for years to come.' My views have never changed. 'Buzzer', you may not be big in size but as a player and coach you are a giant."*

**John Adshead, All Whites Coach 1979-82, 89**

*"Keith 'Buzzer' Mackay has such a great attitude on and off the field that I always wanted my son to be like him."*

**Kevin Fallon, All Whites Coach 1985-88**

*"Buzzer" was aptly named, always busy, one of those blokes with great stamina who could keep going at pace. He was sharp off the mark whether in attack with the ball, or closing things down in defence. You could always rely on 'Buzzer' to*

*give his all and he was a good guy to have in your team. He had a great World Cup Finals in 1982 and is obviously still playing and doing well today."*

**Steve Sumner, All Whites 1976-88 (Captain Spain 1982)**

*"I have vivid memories of 'Buzzer' from our '82 World Cup campaign. The ultimate professional, first one at training and the last to leave. Always there when you needed him and still there battling away for your team when the rest of us were struggling. Without the unsung heroes like 'Buzzer' Mackay, New Zealand would never have experienced the ultimate thrill of facing the world's greatest players at Spain '82. Thank you, "Buzzer."*

**Wynton Rufer, FIFA's Oceania Player of the Century**

*"Buzzer", congratulations on your award. You always played with a competitive and enthusiastic approach. You were certainly a player that contributed immensely to the team's success."*

**Ricki Herbert, All Whites 1980-89**

*"What I like about Keith is his passion for the game and in-built fire to do everything for his teammates. Whenever he walked onto the field from his early days at Western Suburbs in the 'Devils' side, onto the Mana College First XI, to the World Cup stage, he would 'buzz' the whole ninety minutes. This "What can I do for my team" approach is a mighty part of the Keith Mackay makeup. He is certainly the type of player I would have in my team. Also he can 'knock the ball around' a bit as well. Keith has no pretensions about stardom but loves the beautiful game. Your trainer, Donald Mackay."*

**Donald Mackay, Keith's brother**