

# NL LOCAL HEROES



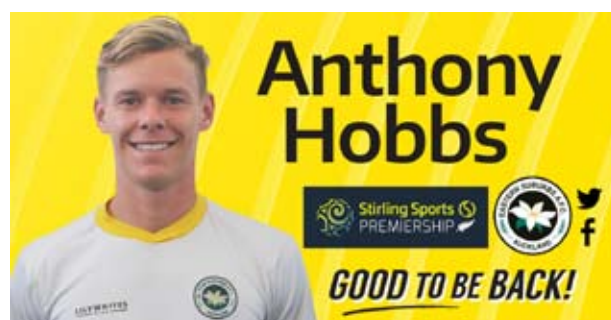
## Osita Henry Chikere: Age: 25. Height: 1.95m

Osita, is a big unit, standing at 1,96m (that' 6'5" in 'old money'), arguably making him the tallest

man in the Stirling Sports Premiership. As we saw in the game against Waitakere United last week his height and strength is bound to cause some problems amongst the Premiership defences. Osita is a former Nigerian under 20 international, who won 3 caps and scored a goal as an under 20 international.

Osita joins us from the Norwegian club: Sogndal, which with Osita's help gained promotion to that country's Premier League, or as it is known in Norway: Tippeligaen.

From what we saw of Osita in the Waitakere United game last weekend, he will prove be a real asset for Suburbs



## Anthony Hobbs: Age: 25. Height: 1.82m

Anthony comes from a well known footballing family, his father, a former All White was a prominent member of the North Shore United National League team during the mid 1970's through to the mid 1980's.

After a 'shining' in the Glenfield rovers team Anthony won a scholarship in the US and played in the US Collegiate System where he made an impact. Here's what the talent scouts in the US said about Anthony as he neared the end of his university studies in the US:

**What Scouts Say:** " Prototypical hard man at right centerback.. someone you had to keep your eye on ... Hard worker ... Played in midfield previously and became their rock in the center of the back ... Played out wide some and he's been moved around... He's always talked about as all-

conference and others have rated him over the years ... Not sure if he's polished enough for MLS ... Thought he was better in his freshman and sophomore years ... Tough kid ... Leader type ... Hard on the tackle and knows how to tackle ... His toughness is a real factor ... He could maybe play defensive midfield in MLS."

After college Anthony commented: "I was lucky enough (I think that should read 'good enough' to play in the US, Spain, and New Zealand, while also representing NZ at the FIFA U17 & U20 World Cups in South Korea & Colombia. Playing at two FIFA Youth World Cups are definitely some of the highlights of my career. Making the move to Spain was an incredible experience, and I am just thankful that football has been able to take me all over the world, and may continue to do so.

Anthony went onto note when he signed for Suburbs: "I'm excited to be here at Eastern Suburbs and be a part of their return to the National League. Having won the Premiership final last year with Team Wellington, my goal is to do the same again with Suburbs this season. I've played under Malcolm before, the group that he has brought together for the upcoming season makes for an exciting prospect. The team Malcolm has assembled is a team of exciting players...it was the quality of the squad that made it a very appealing to move to Suburbs".