

NL LOCAL HEROES

PHYSIOTHERAPIST TEAM



Rob Lee

Head Physiotherapist

Rob was educated at the Auckland University of Technology (2003 – 2007) where he gained his BHSc Physiotherapy; PGDip (Musculoskeletal) degrees,

We are fortunate to have a physio of the caliber and footballing experience of Rob.

Rob's experience includes:

- Head Academy Physiotherapist for Celtic Glasgow football club (2011 – 2013)
- Rob then came back to New Zealand where he took up the position of Head Physiotherapist at the Wellington Phoenix, a role he occupied from 2013 to earlier this year.

Rob's love of what he does is evident in his comment: "I'm a highly driven physiotherapist with a passion and interest in elite athletes and high performance sport".



Mark Palmer

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Mark Palmer graduated from AUT in 2001 and completed his post graduate qualification in PGD (Musc) 2003. Mark has worked extensively in the UK with professional football clubs over the last 10 years, including Sheffield Wednesday and Blackburn Rovers as 1st team physiotherapist in the English Premiership.

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Mark has also worked for NZ Football with the All Whites and age group teams

NL COACHING HEROES

Martin Bullock:

Assistant coach

Martin enjoyed playing to a high standard of football in the UK. As a midfielder, Martin made 452 league appearances, and played for Barnsley in the EPL, Martin includes a cap for the England under-21 side in 1996 amongst his 'football trophies'.

He began his career at non-league Eastwood Town, before earning a move to Barnsley in 1993. In an eight-year association with the Club he played almost 200 league games for Barnsley, helping them to the Premier League at the end of the 1996–97 season. Then in 2001 Martin transferred to Blackpool, where he enjoyed a highly successful four years which included lifting the Football League Trophy in 2002 and 2004. He then played for Macclesfield Town between 2005 and 2007, before ending his professional career with Wycombe Wanderers in 2008.

Martin then moved to New Zealand and played for Waitakere United where he helped them to three Premiership titles.

Since retiring from playing, Martin has turned his knowledge and skills to coaching. Malcolm McPherson (Suburbs head coach) was keen to have Martin as his right hand man not only to compliment his own coaching abilities, but he knows Martin has the knowledge and strength to 'push' and challenge him as head coach, and indeed the team, where and when necessary.