

## THOMAS ENOKA TO LEAD BLACK SOX TOUR OF ARGENTINA

The Golden Homes Black Sox will head to Argentina in November with a new captain in the form of Thomas Enoka. Enoka is one of several highlights in the 17 man roster named by Head Coach Mark Sorenson to tour Argentina next month.

Enoka will have the support and experience of Black Sox veteran Wayne Lauulu who has been appointed vice captain.

The Black Sox will once again feature two Enokas but not in the traditional form of Thomas and Ben. Thomas will be joined by younger brother Campbell with older brother Ben left out of team selection. The tour will represent a real family affair for the Enoka's with cousin Kallan Compain making his first appearance for the Black Sox after several years with Tanifa Samoa.

"I was very humbled and proud of being offered the captaincy role, just a huge honour that it has brought to me and my family" Says Thomas Enoka.

Coach Sorenson says "During his time with the group, we have seen a huge amount of growth from Thomas. He is well respected within the Black Sox, internationally and understands the standards that are expected, plus has shown his leadership qualities recently in the absence of some of the senior members."

In addition to Campbell Enoka and Compain two further players will make their debut for the Black Sox. 2015/16 Softball New Zealand Emerging Player of the Year Zane van Lieshout and former Junior Black Sox player Hohepa Monk have been selected on the back of good form over recent seasons.

The Black Sox will play a number of exhibition games and finish with a tournament including Argentina club champs Paraná, Czech Republic and Argentina. The tournament will prove an excellent hit out for the Black Sox with the Czech Republic currently ranked 7th by the WBSC with Argentina sitting one higher in 6<sup>th</sup> position.

### **The Golden Homes Black Sox team to tour Argentina 9-22nd, November is:**

Bayley Pearson-Hoani, Thomas Enoka (Captain), Campbell Enoka, Kallan Compain, Connor Peden, Zane van Lieshout (Auckland), Nik Hayes, Joel Evans, Cory Timu (Hutt Valley), Josh Pettett, Jerome Raemaki, Wayne Lauulu (Vice Captain), Jovaan Hanley (Wellington), Josh Harbrow, Tyron Bartorillo, Penese Iosefo (Canterbury), Hohepa Monk (North Harbour).

### **Team Management**

Mark Sorenson (Head Coach), Jayden Moore (Manager), Darryl Marino (Assistant Coach), Jim Wana (Pitching Coach), Armit John (video analyst) and Guy Mothersole (Strength and Conditioning Coach).