



Managers Report Wed 10 June

The Golden Homes Black Sox are underway on their journey in pursuit of 7. The team were farewelled at the Novotel at Auckland International Airport on Sunday 7 June with a farewell luncheon attended by key figures from the NZ sporting arena, sponsors family and supporters. A highlight of the luncheon was an address by Andy Telfer on the Shackleton experience and emphasised where there is a 'will there is a way' and demonstrating self and team leadership in the face of adversity is a key to any success.

After a long but stress free flight from Auckland to Vancouver and then onto Calgary the team has settled into life on tour in Calgary the first leg of the build-up tour. The focus of the first two days has been on recovery, adjusting to the new time zone, the climate with light strength and conditioning trainings and softball specific trainings being part of the daily routine.

Today is Wed 10 June as I type this the team are been putting through their paces by the coaching staff of Mark Sorenson, Carl Franklin and Darren Rea while I remain at the ready glove in hand to pitch some BP lol!! After three months of training mainly indoors back home and two intense training camps, the team is excited the day has finally arrived where they get to kick the build – up tour off with a double header tonight against local champions the Calgary Sox, with former Hutt Valley representative Richie Clarke leading the challenge from the home team.

So watch this space for the results and on behalf of the team thank you for your continued support and interest in the tour as we continue to strive each day to be the best we can be.

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