



U17 Boys Head to Region I Premier Playoffs

May 2009

The Seacoast United Maine U17 Boys are headed to Kirkwood DE May 9-10, 2009 to play in the Region I Premier League Playoffs. The Thunder finished 2nd in the league's North Division and will play Lower Marion Velez PA who finished 1st in the Southern Division. The other semi-final is Commack NY (1st place, North Division) vs. YMS Explosion PA (2nd place, Southern Division). Winners and losers play Sunday in a final and consolation game.

Seacoast Maine reached the playoffs by winning their final four games to move one point ahead of Beachside in the standings. They started with a tie vs. NE Eagles 1-1, followed by a 1-0 loss to Commack NY and a 1-1 tie with Massapequa on their NY trip early April. The next weekend the Thunder beat Beachside 2-1. The last weekend of league play they had to win both games to move past Beachside and did so by beating Lynnbrook NY 2-1 with a goal in extra time. Seacoast Maine then went on to defeat the Manhattan Phoenix 2-0 with two second half goals.

Memorial Day Tournament Champions

May 2009

Congratulations to our Seacoast United Maine champions over Memorial Day Weekend:

- u-10 Boys/Chris Wirth, Seacoast Memorial Day Tournament/Epping, NH
- u-11 Boys/Rob Cook, Needham Memorial Day Tournament/Needham, MA
- u-12 Girls/Rupert Lewis, Seacoast Memorial Day Tournament/Epping, NH
- u-14 boys/George Purgavie, New England Soccer Classic/Cape Cod, MA
- u-18 boys/Tom Monroe, Oakwood Premier Invitational

SUSC-Maine Brings Home 5 State Cups

June 2009

Seacoast United Maine captures highest number of State Cups for any club in Maine for the 2009 season. **CONTRATULATIONS TO THE 5 TEAMS HEADING TO REGIONALS AND WEST VIRGINIA!**

- u-14 Boys/George Purgavie (third consecutive championship since u-12s)
- u-17 Boys/Seth Johnson (fifth consecutive championship since u-13s)
- u-18 Boys/Tom Monroe (fourth consecutive championship since u-15s)
- u-12 Girls/Allyson Joy (first championship)
- u-18 Girls/Jim Wade (first championship)

Two other Seacoast United Maine teams advanced to the Maine State Finals in their age divisions. Congratulations to the U14 Girls and U16 Girls, both coached by Paul Cameron on a successful season.

Twombly Named Maine Coach of the Year

July 22, 2009



Steve Twombly was recently awarded one of SoccerMaine's top awards as "Coach of the Year" for 2009. He was nominated and awarded in a response to recommendations from parents and players across the state. The award was given at the Annual General Meeting held in Portland two weeks ago. "It is well deserved for someone who is so committed to helping his players," according to Jim Wade, SUSC Maine's Director of Coaching.

Steve is one of the key coaches on the Seacoast United Maine Jr. Academy Staff, and is also Head Coach for a U11 Boys' team that has earned recognition from many tournament appearances in New England. Steve also has coached for the Saco Soccer Club before coming to Seacoast United Maine, formerly Coastal Soccer Club. Steve holds his USSF National "D" License.

The award is typically given to a coach that emulates development, fun, and good sportsmanship to all his players. Paul Willis, the Club's Executive Director, commented: "Steve deserves the award for his enthusiasm in developing players and I know his dedicated efforts are appreciated by all of his players and respected by his fellow coaches." Congratulations to Coach Twombly!

Justin Rosner Selected to Compete Against Chelsea

August, 2009

This summer I had the opportunity to travel to London, England as a member of the 2009 Disney Soccer Showcase All-Star Team. The team was chosen following the Disney Showcase tournament this past December. My team, Seacoast United Maine, competed in the top showcase division and I was fortunate enough to be chosen to the tournament all-star team. The trip began with each player being flown out of their hometown on August 7th into Orlando. We stayed at a Disney resort and trained at the Disney Soccer Complex in Orlando. We spent the first two days getting to know each other, as well as the coaches and other people involved in the trip. The team was coached by Steve Nichols and Kevin Healy (both of the Baltimore Bays program). The players on the team were from all different areas around the country. We had players from Maryland, Texas, North Carolina, California, and Illinois as well as a number of other states.



After spending two sweltering days in Orlando, we finally got on our way to London. As soon as we arrived we went to see Chelsea play Manchester United in the Community Shield match at Wembley Stadium. We sat in the fourth row and got to see Chelsea win in a very exciting match in penalties! The next few days were spent touring and training. We toured Stamford Bridge and the Chelsea FC Training grounds. Each day we had at least one training session at the Chelsea Academy (which is located in Cobham) led by one of the Chelsea youth coaches. It was really interesting to see how

differently they train in England than we train in the States. After training and touring for a few days, we finally got to play a game against Southampton's youth team. They were a very good side and very technically sound. After going down 0-1 early on in the match we picked things up and played well enough to earn a 2-2 draw. The next day we traveled to Crystal Palace for our second game in as many days. We played well and had the run of play for most of the game against a very physical team with three or four REALLY talented players. I scored the first goal in that game off a volley and we went on to win the game 4-0! The last day we played in a round robin at Chelsea's Academy. We played a 60 minute game against Chelsea and a 60 minute game against a team from Ghana that was one of the top teams in Africa for our age group. Against Chelsea, we came back to beat them 2-1 in a very exciting match. Chelsea's side included a center back who was the captain of the U-17 England squad as well as a boy from Brazil who was on trial and considered to be one of the top 1993 prospects in the world. After the Chelsea match, we lost to an extremely talented Ghanaian team 4-2.

Having finished all our matches for the week, we spent the last two days touring in London. We saw Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and went on the London Eye at night. On our final day of the trip we went to see Chelsea play Hull City on EPL opening day. Chelsea came back to win 2-1 with Drogba scoring his second goal in the 90th minute. Overall, it was a fantastic experience. The players I played with and against as well as the coaches I was able to have access to made it a really unique experience.

Jark's Field Established at Seacoast United 17 Scholarships Awarded to Graduating Seniors

On Sunday, August 2nd, 2009 Seacoast United dedicated Field 3 at their outdoor complex in Epping after Jarkko Tuominen, a long time supporter of the Club and an employee of Nike Soccer. Jarkko passed away on September 23, 2005 at the age of 37. He was a dual Finnish/American citizen living half his life in Finland before moving to Oregon on a soccer scholarship to Concordia College. He broke all kinds of records during his playing career, some of which still stand today. Jarkko spent ten years with Nike Soccer, both in sales and marketing, during which he developed a wonderful relationship with Seacoast United.



"Jarkko was a dear friend to all of us at the Club and a Seacoast United fan through and through. We loved him and while we miss his big smile and sense of humor he will forever be a part of Seacoast United, especially now that we have a field dedicated in his honor," expressed Paul Willis, the Club's Executive Director. In addition to the field dedication, the Club has held a memorial golf tournament in Jarkko's name every August at Abenaki Country Club in Rye. The event took place this past Monday,

August 3rd and over 80 golfers participated including guests from New York, Oregon, and North Carolina.

Seventeen College Scholarships were awarded this year to graduating seniors who all have enjoyed an athletic career within Seacoast United. The recipients were:

Name	Hometown	Club	College
Ryan McLeod	Haverhill, MA	Seacoast United	UMass Lowell
Ramzi BenSaid	Lee, NH	Seacoast United	Cornell University
Emily Brown	Rye, NH	Seacoast United	Colby Sawyer College
Ryan Daley	Byfield, MA	Seacoast United	Gordon College
Kaitlyn Newdorf	Auburn, NH	Seacoast United Lacrosse	St. Michael's College
Owen Gehling	Lee, NH	Seacoast United	Tulane University
Gabe Warren	Edgecomb, ME	Seacoast United Maine	Florida Institute of Technology
Aaron Earle	Derry, NH	Seacoast United	Valley Forge Christian College
Noelle Brouillard	Hampton Falls, NH	Seacoast United Lacrosse	Allegheny College
Dennis Francoeur	East Hampstead, NH	Seacoast United	Northeastern University
Matthew Peabody	Brunswick, ME	Seacoast United Maine	Brandeis University
Charlie Roche	Haverhill, MA	Seacoast United	University of New Hampshire
Jillian Aslin	Hampton, NH	Seacoast United Lacrosse	University of New England
Michael MacLeay	Epping, NH	Seacoast United	Endicott College
Amory Houghton	Brunswick, ME	Seacoast United Maine	Franklin Pierce College
Jeromy Lyman	Stratham, NH	Seacoast United	Northeastern University
James Costello	West Newbury, MA	Seacoast United	UMass Lowell

SUSC U14 Girls Win Super Y-League National Championship

November 29, 2009

The Seacoast United U14 Girls captured the Super Y-League National Championship with a 2-1 overtime win over the Washington Freedom in Tampa, FL. Seacoast held a 1-0 lead at the half, but Washington scored the equalizer off of a corner kick with 2 minutes remaining in regulation to force the game to overtime. Rachel Hill scored the game-winner for Seacoast with 3 minutes left in the overtime period off an assist from Sammi Toorish.



Four players from SUSC Maine's Girls program (Paul Cameron's U15 Girls team) feature on the SUSC Super Y roster: Catherine (Kip) Chipman, Taylor Littlefield, Sammi Toorish and Caton Beaulieu. The girls all made a contribution to the team's success.

Toorish has chipped in with several goals including the winner during their very tight first group game against Majestics, VA which finished 2-1, a brace in the 5-0 defeat of Parsippany SC, NJ and the all important second goal in today's 6-0 win over Kingdom, MI. Meanwhile, Beaulieu in goal was spectacular, making several important saves and giving up only one goal during her minutes between the pipes, and Chipman and Littlefield also performed very well at the defensive end of the field with the team only conceding two goals in 6 matches.

Coach David Burgess noted, "Taylor was absolutely superb this weekend and I'm so happy she enjoyed the occasion. Her commitment, passion, and understanding of what was needed throughout the Finals, playing in a position that wasn't entirely natural shows what a fantastic player and person she is. I was very proud to coach her."

The Seacoast United U14 Girls finished a successful 2009 regular season campaign with an unbeaten record of 11-0-1. They finished first in their division within the New England region against some strong competition. SUSC finished the summer season with a goal differential of +60, scoring 68 goals and conceding only 8 over 12 games heading into the North American Finals this past weekend.

Follow the action at the North American Finals on the Super Y-League website [here](#).

Friday's Matches:

Seacoast United U14G	2-1	Majestics
Seacoast United U17G	4-3	Fort Wayne Fever
Seacoast United U14B	0-4	NJ Rangers FC

Saturday's Matches:

Seacoast United U14G	5-0	Parsippany SC
Seacoast United U17G	1-0	Toronto Lynx Jrs
Seacoast United U14B	0-3	Chicago Magic

Sunday's Matches:

Seacoast United U14G	3-0	W. Michigan Fire Jrs
Seacoast United U17G	3-0	TSF Academy
Seacoast United U14B	0-1	Schulz Academy

Monday's Matches:

Seacoast United U14G	6-0*	Kalamazoo Kingdom
Seacoast United U17G	0-5*	Cleveland Internationals
Seacoast United U14B	0-2	TSF Academy

* semi-final match

Tuesday's U14 Championship:

Seacoast United U14G 2-1 (OT) Washington Freedom

Falmouth's JP White Scores Game-Winner vs. MLS Colorado Rapids Sunday, December 6th, 2009

PHOENIX, AZ - Following up on two good performances against MLS Kansas City Wizards, Seacoast United U16 and U18 Academy squads took on another MLS Club in the Colorado Rapids on Sunday in US Soccer Development Academy's Winter Showcase and Nike International Friendlies. The first game of the day involved the U16's and just on the stroke of half time, the Colorado side took a 2-1 lead into the break with the last kick of the period. Just moments earlier, SUSC's **Matthew Cooper** had got forward from left back scoring a 20 yard strike into the corner of the net, briefly tying the game. Although disappointed to give up the late goal, the Seacoast lads rallied in the second half, passing the ball better and playing some very attractive soccer. Although **Kevin DeSa** had a 25 yard effort cannon back off the crossbar, the U16's kept at it and were rewarded with a penalty in the last 10 minutes after **Spencer Palmer** was brought down in the box. **Stefan Defregger** calmly stepped up and stuck the ball neatly into the corner of the goal giving the keeper no chance. With their tails up, SUSC kept up the pressure and after some great play down the left **Aaron Smith** crossed for a wide open **JP White (Falmouth, ME)** to calmly slot the ball home and hand his team a well deserved 3-2 victory. Commenting on the result, SUSC Executive Director Paul Willis said "While the result is fantastic for the team, the way the boys played in the second half was wonderful to watch. They played with confidence and got their just rewards with the two late goals".



Sam White

Immediately after the game, SUSC's U18 side took on a very talented Colorado Rapids team. The first half was limited to few real chances for either side and included good performances from **Cam Baer**, **Chris George** and **Trent Roy**. The second half was much the same except for the last 20 minutes where the opposition scored three unanswered goals. The first goal was a bit deflating as the ball just crossed the line after an initial spectacular save from in-form goalkeeper Glen Martin. **Fazal Nabi (Portland, ME)** and **Sam White (Falmouth, ME)** impressed and certainly caught the eye of the many college coaches taking in the Seacoast United games. "While I thought we played well in the first half, we were tiring towards the end and the first goal really proved a game breaker. They have some players who have no doubt caught the eye of their professional side but I still have to be pleased with our overall performance" said SUSC coach and UNH assistant, Ewan Seabrook.

The boys completed their three games with matches against North Carolina's North Meck United on Monday before returning home. The U16's controlled play and came away with a 2-1 win on goals were scored by Spencer Palmer and Jason Wade. In the U18 match, SUSC lead at the half 1-0 on a goal by Brock Barrett but gave up 2 later in the 2nd half and finished with a 2-1 loss.



In between their first and second games, the Seacoast boys enjoyed a quick visit to Sedona on Saturday and took in sights of the Arizona desert and the region's famous Red Rock.

Hoffman-Johnson Named NSCAA/adidas HS All-American December 2009



Seacoast United Maine's Gabe Hoffman-Johnson was named to the 2009 NSCAA/adidas High School All-America Team. Gabe currently plays for the Seacoast United US Development Academy team and is only the second player from Maine ever to repeat as a HS All-American.

Read the full article from the Portland Press Herald [here](#).