

U14 Girls Win Scorpion Bowl

March 5, 201

The U14 Girls put in a fantastic effort playing four 40-minute games in four and a half hours while staying mentally strong enough to win the final in their bracket on PK's after going ahead 1 - 0, and then conceding the tying goal with about 5 minutes to go. To their credit, the girls came on strong again for the last 5 minutes and pushed hard for the win.

The U14 girls won all the games in group play and played really well for the first half of the final. They were then on the back foot for a while in the second half of the game as their opponents pushed for a equalizer and fatigue set in.

"The girls played really well today for it being their first time outdoors this season," said coach Mike Bolanz. "We still have a long way to go but we got off to a great start".

"I was really impressed with Michael and how he motivated the players for each game, said Asst Coach and Girls' Director Paul Cameron. "It's early in the outdoor season for us, so Michael only gave the team 3 or 4 objectives to work on in each game, and they really grew as the tournament went on and that is a credit to both him and the girls."

Everyone played well but a special mention has to go to the goalkeeper Elizabeth Mycock who only conceded one goal during the four games and came up with 2 big saves during the penalty shoot out to secure the win. She grew in stature as each game went on.

U12 Boys Visit Gillette Stadium

April 2, 2011

On Saturday April 2nd, several players from Coach Graham's U12 Boys team travelled to Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA to watch the New England Revolution play the Portland Timbers. The boys had the opportunity to line up in the rally tunnel as the players from both teams entered the field. During the game, the Revolution posted a message to Graham's players: Welcome Seacoast United U12 Boys Team. When the game was over, the boys were able to go to the field once again and speak with the Revolution players, as well as receive autographs.



As described by the boys: "When we got to the stadium we were given VIP passes to go to the field level to watch the players warm up. We made it on the Jumbotron several times during the pre-game warm up."

"We were just yards away from the Revs players, VERY COOL!"

All of Graham's players agreed their favorite part of the night was being able to go to the field together as teammates during the pre-game warmup.

3rd Annual Golf Tournament A Success **May 9, 2011**

Seacoast United Maine hosted its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament at the Sable Oaks Golf Club on Monday, May 9th. 50+ golfers were in attendance to help raise funds for the Seacoast United Maine Financial Assistance Program to benefit Club families in need. All funds raised at the event help offset tuition costs for those families who apply for and are awarded tuition assistance each year.

Thank you once again to all the golfers who participated in this event!

U13 Girls Advance To Needham Finals **May 28-29, 2011**

Seacoast United Maine's U13 Girls - Seacoast Blue - made it to the finals of the Needham Memorial Day Tournament in Massachusetts this past weekend. It was an exciting tournament for the girls. They won their first two games 4-0 and 4-1 and tied the third game of the round robin with a minute left to play. Due to a substantial goal differential, they advanced to the semi finals which was a great match and required perseverance to come out the victor when it was all said and done. In the second half of the semi final match, the team was down by 1-0. They came roaring back to score the tying goal minutes after the opposing team scored their first goal and were able to hold them until regular play ran out.



The match would be determined by PKs and the Seacoast Blue girls won by putting in 3. Maddie Cyr, the U13 Girls goalie, denied several PK attempts by the other team, letting in only 1. The final match was a tough one and the girls played hard on what was probably the warmest day of the year but ultimately lost 2-0. Head coach Paul Cameron said, "It was great to see this team work hard and stay positive and come back to score goals even when they were down. I'm extremely proud of them."

U14 Girls Win Needham Tournament **May 30, 2011**

Seacoast United Maine's U14 Girls, coached by Michael Bolanz and Ernie Valente, came away as the champions in the top division of the Needham Memorial Day Tournament this past weekend. They won all 5 of their games, scoring a total of 14 goals and allowing just 2. The girls played teams from West Ottawa, Soccer Nova Scotia, and Blackwatch RI. They shut out Everton America (CT) 2-0 in the semi-finals and Brentwood United (Long Island) with a score of 1-0 in the final. Congratulations!



U12 Boys Win Cape Cod Memorial Day Tournament May 30, 2011

Seacoast United Maine's U12 Boys Premier captured the 2011 New England Soccer Classic Cape Cod Memorial Day Tournament title this past weekend. The boys finished group play with two wins and a draw, entering the quarter final vs. Nordic as the first seed from Bracket D. The boys beat Nordic 2-0 on Sunday afternoon, and drew #1 seed from Bracket B Western Mass United in the U12 8v8 semi-final on Monday morning. The boys won easily, with a score of 7-1.



Looking to the final on Monday afternoon, the boys from Maine now faced their #1 rival Seacoast United (NH). The two teams have played several times since last fall, with each game showcasing technical skill. This was no different even with the added fatigue from playing 5 games on the weekend. At the end of regulation, the championship match was tied 2-2. In the 5 minute overtime period, Maine took advantage of a 25-yd volley played into the box. The ball dropped just in front of the NH goalkeeper, and was poked into the net for the 3-2 victory.

In the U12 Girls 8v8 division, Seacoast United Maine Needle advanced to the final after winning the semis in penalty kicks over Western Mass United, 3-2. In the final, they also faced their neighbors from New Hampshire, Seacoast United Black. However, nerves took over at kickoff, and both teams began the game uncharacteristically quiet in the opening minutes. Both teams traded scoring chances with passing and speed, as the offenses were mirroring each other. Seacoast United Black took the crucial 1-0 lead in the first 10 minutes. The girls battled heat and fatigue in the first half, and entered the break with the score remaining at 1-0. As the teams began the 2nd half, it was obvious that exhaustion was setting in as the teams were playing their 5th game in 3 days. In the end Seacoast United Black prevailed, winning the U12 division championship by a score of 2-0.



Coaches Attend US Soccer Symposium June 3-4, 2011

On Friday June 3rd, several coaches from Seacoast United Maine and Seacoast United (NH) attended the US Soccer Symposium at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA. In addition to listening in on guest speakers from the Spanish Federation, the coaches were able to view team training sessions of the US National Team and World Cup Champions Spain. Pictured are (from left) Seth Johnson, Josh Needle, Paul Cameron, Tom Munroe, (front) Jim Wade, and Martyn Keen. Not shown but also in attendance were Rupert Lewis, Mike Bolanz, Steve Babineau, Josh Harris, and Steve Twombly.



Players Visit State House June 14, 2011

On Tuesday the 14th of June, the Maine State Legislature recognized two of our Seacoast United Maine State Cup Champion soccer teams.

The U-12 Boys and the U-13 Boys teams sent representatives to the State House on Tuesday to receive that recognition and spend the morning session on the floor of the House Chamber.

Before debate and business began the entire House heard that they, along with many other teams from Maine, are travelling to Lancaster PA to play in the Region 1 Championship Tournament this 4th of July Weekend. They received a standing ovation from the hundreds of people in the Hall.



Pictured from left to right are: Rep Anne Graham, Hunter Graham, Andre Vile, Nick Provonost, Henry Quesada, and Rep David Webster.

U12 Boys Graham Win Coastal Summer Challenge June 19, 2011

Seacoast United Boys U12 Team Graham went undefeated Father's Day weekend at the Coastal Summer Challenge. On Saturday the boys won their first game 3-1 against Capital Area SC, the 2nd game they beat Seacoast United NH 5-1. On Father's Day, the boys gave their dads a great gift, 2 more wins! First game they beat Seacoast Maine U12, Team Reilly 7-2 and the 2nd game, the team shut out Freeport United SC 6-0.



2011 Region I Championships June 30-July 4th, 2011

Seacoast United Maine sent 10 teams to the Region 1 Championships in Lancaster, Pennsylvania this weekend as part of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series (NCS). The teams qualified by winning the SoccerMaine State Cup competition on June 5th. In total, Seacoast United is represented by 18 teams at the Region I Championships, 10 from Maine and 8 from New Hampshire.



Festivities began on Thursday, June 30th when all participating teams took part in the Parade of States at Hershey Park Stadium. The Seacoast United U12 girls lead the way as the state of Maine entered the stadium.

Preliminary games began Friday morning. Both Seacoast United U12 teams pulled through with 3-2 victories in their first games of the weekend. The U12 boys faced a very technical team from New York East, while the girls topped the wildcard from New Hampshire, the NH Classics.

Seacoast United Maine Match Results: Day 1 - Friday, July 1

Age	Opponent	Result
U12 Boys	DUSC U12 White (NY-E)	W 3-2
U12 Girls	NH Classics (NH)	W 3-2
U13 Boys	WVSC Rowdies Premier (WV)	L 2-1
U14 Girls	PSC Baltimore 97 (MD)	T 1-1
U15 Girls	Beadling Thunder (PA-W)	L 5-0
U16 Boys	Empire United (NY-W)	T 0-0
U16 Girls	East Meadow United (NY-E)	L 5-1
U17 Girls	PDA Charge (NJ)	L 8-0
U18 Girls	FC Stars of Mass (MA)	L 4-0
U19 Boys	FC Blazers (MA)	W 2-1

Seacoast United Maine Match Results: Day 2 - Saturday, July 2nd

Age	Opponent	Result
U12 Boys	Webster Dynamo ESA (NY-W)	T 1-1
U12 Girls	Richmond Kickers (VA)	L 5-0
U13 Boys	Empire United Syracuse (NY-W)	W 1-0
U14 Girls	Bayside FC Bolts (RI)	L 3-1
U15 Girls	SYC Extreme (VA)	L 8-0
U16 Boys	Nordic SC U16 Boys (VT)	W 5-3

U16 Girls	Far Post U16 Premier (VT)	W 1-0
U17 Girls	Buffalo SA Invaders (NY-W)	L 6-0
U18 Girls	Syosset Sting '92 Elite (NY-E)	L 4-0
U19 Boys	KSC Nemesis (DE)	W 3-0

Seacoast United Maine Match Results: Day 3 - Sunday, July 3rd

Age	Opponent	Result
U12 Boys**	USTA '98 Boys (PA-E)	W 3-0
U12 Girls	Alleycats Redcats (NY-E)	L 3-0
U13 Boys	Bayside (RI)	L 3-0
U14 Girls	Oakwood Black III (CT)	L 4-0
U15 Girls	FC Stars of Mass (MA)	L 10-0
U16 Boys	Manhattan Ajax (NY-E: PL)	L 2-1
U16 Girls	CYA Firecats (VA)	L 5-0
U17 Girls	Seacoast United (NH)	T 2-2
U18 Girls	HSC Academy Select (DE)	L 5-0
U19 Boys**	MCLN MPS '91 Premier United (VA)	W 1-0

** : Team won bracket and advances to semi-final match on Monday, July 4th.

In Monday's semifinal, Seacoast United Maine's U12 boys will face Virginia (BRYC '98 Elite) at 9:45am, and the U19 boys play Pennsylvania East (Lower Merion Velez) at 12pm. In addition to both Seacoast United Maine teams advancing to the playoff round, Seacoast United (NH) U12 boys and U12 girls also advanced to the semifinals on Monday by winning their brackets. The Seacoast United U12 Girls will face Virginia (Richmond Kickers) at 8am and the U12 Boys will face Vermont (Nordic SC) at 9:45am.

Follow the Region I Championships online [here](#).

U12 Boys Finish In 3rd Place at Region I Championships July 4, 2011

Seacoast United Maine's U12 Boys finished their Region 1 Championship series in 3rd place after losing to eventual Region I champion Virginia in a rough and tumble Semifinal affair on Monday. The U12 Boys drew the "Group of Death" which included Eastern NY, Western NY and Eastern PA and finished group play in 1st place. Friday brought the boys first match against a strong Eastern NY team. Three first half goals by Jackson Fotter, Cam Twombly and Ryan Moody turned out to be enough scoring with the remarkable goal keeping exhibition put on by Hayes Estrella in the second half sufficient to preserve the victory.



The second match was played in hot and humid conditions against an organized Western NY team. Western NY opened the scoring early however Seacoast equalized from a Cam Twombly pass across the face of goal to Jackson Fotter who coolly finished to tie the match. Seacoast then sent several waves of attack against the WNY defense with a Hunter Graham shot hitting the post in the closing minutes. The Seacoast defense of Josh Dorr, Chris Glover and Bryce Hayman did a fantastic job of getting into the attack in a desperate attempt to get a 2nd goal. The draw kept Seacoast top of the bracket with 4 points and meant semifinal placement was completely in their own hands in the final preliminary match against Eastern PA.

Team confidence had grown over the previous two matches and the boys were ready to play despite the temperature and aches and pains left over from the ENY and WNY games. For the first time in the tournament Seacoast scored first and early with another Jackson Fotter goal. The rest of the half was dominated by Seacoast however no clear scoring chances were made and the first half ended 1-0. In the second half Eastern PA worked hard to create chances but James Hutchinson and Sawyer Nicholson's energy continued to blunt their attacks. Sebastian Lindner-Liaw moving seamlessly between center midfield and center back orchestrated the attacks and the fantastic wing play of Chase Pierce and Henry Quesada was rewarded with a goal mid way through the second half. James Hutchinson carried the ball up the field from the right back position and crossed for Henry Quesada who characteristically finished with composure. With a few minutes left in the match Hunter Graham won the ball from his center back position carried it forward to the attacking side of the half line and ripped a 25 yard laser into the lower corner for the 3rd goal. Hunter's somersault celebration summed up the fabulous effort put forth by Seacoast.

In the semifinal match Seacoast absorbed early pressure by Virginia and while physically beaten down worked diligently all match to compete. Seacoast congratulates their U12 boys achievements in reaching the semifinals. Truly a fantastic result by a bunch of fantastic players!

Chipman Making A Difference Trip to Nicaragua in Soccer Without Borders Program

Kip Chipman (U16 Girls) will travel to Grenada, Nicaragua with 10 other high school girls this summer as part of the [Soccer Without Borders](#) program. The trip will take place from July 9th-17th, with a mission to use soccer as a vehicle for positive change in the lives of marginalized youth. The Soccer Without Borders group has been doing programs for several years, but this is the first high school-aged exchange they have organized.



While in Nicaragua, the girls will stay in the homes of local families, take language and cooking lessons, learn about coaching kids (especially girls), and of course play a bit of soccer too!

Kip has set up a blog [available here](#) that explains a bit about the trip, and how people can donate to Soccer Without Borders. She will be adding to the blog as the trip progresses. Good luck Kip!