



Odyssey Sport '97 To Become Part of Seacoast United Maine

March 25, 2010

The Directors of Odyssey Sport 97 and Seacoast United Maine are pleased to announce that Odyssey Sport 97 will become part of Seacoast United Maine at the end of the 2010 spring soccer season.



Seacoast and Odyssey share similar visions and goals for youth soccer, and the combination of our resources will create a stronger club and increased opportunities for players and coaches in Maine.

SUSC Maine 24-hr Soccerthon

April 23-24, 2010

On Friday, April 23rd at 5pm at the Dome in Topsham, ME, Seacoast United Maine hosted its 1st ever 24-hour Soccerthon. SUSC players from Junior Academy to U18, as well as alumni, parents and adults who play in our recreation leagues, played for a combined total of 24 hours, concluding at 5pm on Saturday, April 24th.



Pledge forms & donations are now due (as of May 17th) & can be turned in at the Dome in Topsham, Maine. Thank you to all who participated and to those who donated to this successful event!

The goal for this year's program is to help begin the development of an indoor and outdoor facility in the Freeport, ME area. The Club hopes to have a Purchase & Sale agreement by the end of April. In addition, Seacoast United and Seacoast United Maine have pledged \$5000 to help support **(NIKE)RED** and the fight against AIDS in Africa, particularly saving children's lives. Our goal is to raise \$50,000. To date, the Club has raised over \$5,000 with the majority of players yet to turn in pledges.



Click [here](#) to read more on the event. Please view the video to see highlights from the 24-hour Soccerthon!

Seacoast United Maine Hosts 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

May 10, 2010

Seacoast United Maine hosted its annual golf tournament at the Sable Oaks Golf Club in South Portland to benefit the Club's Financial Assistance program. Over 50 golfers attended the event that included a full 18 holes with cart, a Seacoast United/Nike gift, lunch, dinner, and awards/prizes. Thank you to all for participating!

Maine Metro FC's Board Approves Merger With Seacoast United Maine

May 22, 2010

Maine Metro FC and Seacoast United Maine are proud to announce we have agreed to merge at the end of the current state cup season (Effective July 1, 2010). Both clubs will operate under the Seacoast United Maine Organization (SUSC-ME). This merger comes only after careful consideration by the leadership of both clubs. We anticipate the merger will have little immediate effect on the two clubs and we are excited about what the future brings for our membership with the added staff and efforts being put in place on strengthening all programs and teams.



The merger brings together clubs that have similar approaches to training and philosophies in working with young soccer players. We have great respect for the technical and tactical abilities of the Seacoast United Maine staff (including the coaches and staff of the Odyssey Sport 97 club that recently became a part of the SUSC-ME organization), and we admire the work that Paul Willis has done with both SUSC-ME and SUSC-NH in developing their programs and players. SUSC is a great organization (Maine and NH) with a solid reputation, and we look forward to working together to create a superior soccer experience for our existing MMFC members. MMFC has had tremendous success and growth over the past five years, and we are excited about this opportunity to continue meeting our growth objectives. We look at the merger as a great opportunity for our families, coaches and also for local players looking for top level training and a great competitive atmosphere.

The new SUSC-ME club will have approximately 45 teams with over 550 players (combining all the players and teams from the existing SUSC ME, MMFC, and Odyssey clubs). The new organization will use the Topsham Dome, the Armory in Portland, and YourSpace in Gorham for indoor training, and all the existing outdoor facilities at NYA, Fitzpatrick Stadium, Memorial stadium, Scarborough HS, and all other facilities currently utilized. All team administration will be centralized and handled through the new SUSC-ME organization. To accommodate all the teams and players we will be regionalizing the teams based on demographics as North and South. We anticipate having teams at various age groups either in the north or south or both. Over the next few weeks we will be looking closely at ways we can reduce families' commutes to practices by offering optional geographic flexibility for teams and for training. The club will also explore if it is feasible to provide players who would like to continue playing with their existing teams the choice to attend training sessions at locations closer to their homes – if that is possible.

Beginning July 1, 2010 (following the 2010 Region 1 tournament), the current Maine Metro FC teams will play for the SUSC-ME South, and the existing SUSC-ME teams will play for the SUSC-ME North. All existing players will need to tryout in July 2010 for the 2011 spring teams. There may be situations where some players and/or coaches may move between the North and South primarily due to demographics and convenience. Players and coaches from the Odyssey club will have the option of playing/coaching in the north or south based on their preference and/or demographics. The SUSC-ME South teams will continue to train at the facilities MMFC train as well as the Armory in Portland.

MMFC teams will no longer wear the Maine Metro FC uniform, but instead will wear the new SUSC-ME gear. All fall teams (U-10 through U-14 boys and girls), will wear the new SUSC-ME training gear. The spring teams will wear the training gear as well as the home and away uniforms and warm-up as part of their package.

14 Teams Represent 3 Clubs in State Cup Finals June 2010

Seacoast United Maine, Odyssey Sport '97, and Maine Metro FC sent a combined 14 teams to the Maine State Cup finals this year, resulting in 5 of those teams coming home as State Champions.

The following teams will represent Maine at the Region I Championships in West Virginia over July 1-6th: Seacoast United Maine U12 Boys, U13 Girls, U15 Boys, U15 Girls, and Maine Metro U18 Girls

Teams reaching the finals in their respective divisions were: Odyssey Sport U13 Boys, U13 Girls, Seacoast United Maine U14 Boys, Maine Metro U14 Girls, Odyssey Sport U15 Boys, U16 Boys, U16 Girls, Seacoast United Maine U17 Boys, and Maine Metro U17 Girls.

Congratulations to Velocity, Blackbear, and MCU on their State Cup accomplishments as well, and best of luck to all Maine clubs in West Virginia!



U16 Boys Academy to Represent USA In Four Nations Tournament During FIFA World Cup June, 2010

HAMPTON, NH - On Monday, June 14, Seacoast United's U16 Boys Academy Team, members of the US Soccer Development Academy Program, will depart for England to participate in the Four Nations "Clubs for Young People" Tournament being held in Durham, England, just a few miles south of Newcastle Upon Tyne.

Representing Maine are
midfielders **JP White**
(Falmouth), **Austin Wilcox**
(Portland), **Matt Kasabian**
(Brunswick), **Fazal Nabi**
(Portland), and fullback **Sam**
White (Falmouth).



Prior to the event, the 22 man squad will spend two nights with Oxford United Football Club, a professional English Club that SUSC formed a partnership with in 2009. The newly promoted Club just recently enjoyed a famous outing at Wembley Stadium, England's national stadium, where they beat York City 3-1 in a play-off game in front of over 50,000 fans to advance to Division 2. Seacoast United's squad will take on both Oxford United's rising U17 and U18 Academy squads for next season in front of professional coaches associated with the Club. For the future, both SUSC and OUFC are planning coaching exchanges, team trips to the UK including educational opportunities within the Oxford University system and Oxford's first team coming to the seacoast region of NH for pre-season next summer.

Following the Oxford stay, the team will travel north to Newcastle Upon Tyne where they will stay with host families associated with Montagu Boys Club for the duration of the tournament. "I have a great sense of pride that our lads will be staying with Monty families as it's my old boys club and I was given the same opportunity back in 1979 when my Montagu U14 team visited Atlanta, Georgia and stayed with American families," said Paul Willis, co-founder and Executive Director of Seacoast United. "The fact they will be staying with English families during the World Cup should be a fantastic experience for the lads". Montagu and the England Boys Club teams have been hosted by Seacoast United families in the past and this year is no different as the Monty U16's will be staying with SUSC in early August.

The Four Nations "Clubs for Young People" Tournament kicks off on Friday evening, June 18, less than a week after the World Cup game between England and the USA. According to script, the host nation will play the Seacoast United team to start the four day event. The England, Scotland and Wales sides are made up of select players from across their respective countries. Seacoast United was kindly recognized for their past support of "Clubs for Young People" and was officially invited to represent the USA this past winter. "It is a great honor for the Club and the lads to be a part of such an event" claimed John Price, SUSC Boys Director of Coaching. "The squad has enjoyed some fantastic opportunities already this season playing in the US Soccer Development Program which has put us up against a number of MLS sides such as New York Red Bull, DC United, Colorado Rapids and other top US Clubs. I believe the experience and the level of play the team is accustomed to playing will serve us very well during the trip and the players and coaching staff are all up for it".

While the team will wear the traditional carolina and navy blue colors of Seacoast United for the Oxford games, the Club is proud to announce that they will wear the national team colors of the USA for all of the international games. At the conclusion of the event, all participants from the four countries will be awarded medals and each player will be presented with a commemorative cap from their respective country. Before heading back home on June 22nd, the Seacoast boys will play a friendly with Montagu Boys Club followed by a reception with all of the host families to wrap up what should be a memorable experience.

Columbus Day Tournament Success October, 2010

The U12 Seacoast United Dragons were crowned champions of the Falmouth Columbus Day Tournament. Congratulations to the boys on their successful weekend!



U12 Seacoast Dragons



U10 Seacoast Dragons

At the Seacoast United TD Bank Columbus Day Tournament in Epping, NH, the Seacoast United Maine U12 Boys were awarded "Joga Bonita" recognition for their skillful and attractive play within their age group.

SUSC Maine U13 Boys Finish First in NEP Fall League October 2010

The Seacoast United Maine Crew u-13 Boys finished the season top of the league with their victory this past Sunday at NYA against Seacoast Maine 13 White. They remained undefeated in 8 matches, with 7 wins and a tie, the 0-0 tie coming against top ranked MPS Bulldogs in a game three weeks ago at NYA. The Crew, coached by Director of Coaching Jim Wade, played strong matches against Seacoast United NH, Bruno United, Lightning NH, MPS Crusaders, and FC Mass.



The Crew were U12 State Champions this past June and advanced to Regional semi-finals in West Virginia in July 2010, losing by a goal to Syracuse NY.

From here, they set their sights on repeating as state champions, and moving on to Regionals in Pennsylvania in 2011, as well as placing in top holiday tournaments throughout the East Coast.

U18 Girls Recognized at Maine Soccer Coaches All-State Ceremony December 2010

Nine players from the Seacoast United Maine U18 Girls Premier team were honored at the Maine High School All-State Soccer Ceremony in Bangor on Monday, December 6th. High School coaches from around the state voted on the top female soccer players from the 2010 fall season.

All nine were selected to their respective Regional All-Star Team. Riley McArthy, Courtney Hughes, Brianna Hammond, and Emily Lane were selected to the All-State Team. Lane was also named to the All-New England team.



Pictured are Riley McArthy (Windham HS), Colby Gail (Mt. Ararat HS), Courtney Hughes (Scarborough HS), Emily Lane (Sacopee Valley HS), Bri Hammond (Leavitt HS), Randi London (Mt. Ararat HS), Jaymee Wallace (Mt. Ararat HS), Amanda Findley (Maranacook HS), and Sydney Proctor (Proctor Thornton Academy HS).