



2013 NEWS ARCHIVE

Cassie Symonds named Maine Player of the Year **Ten Seacoast Players named to All-State Team**

When the Portland Press Herald All-State Team was released this week, 8 of the girls named were Seacoast United players. Above all, junior midfielder **Cassie Symonds** was named Maine Sunday Telegrams girls' player of the year. Symonds completed a historic undefeated season with a Class-A State Championship for the Windham Eagles. She piled up nine goals and six assists throughout the year.

To top off her incredible year, Cassie just got home from Bradenton, FL where her U17 girls took home the Super Y National Championship. Coach James Blackwell says of Symonds "Cassie is a Captain on our team and tremendous player and leader. She is technically gifted, creative on the ball, but also works back and does the work off the ball. She is a huge player for us and has a bright collegiate playing future ahead of her."

Along with Cassie the following players were also named to the All-State Team:

- U17 Mariners Blackwell- Kathryn Clark, Pilar Elias, Jenna Soucy, Cassie Symonds
- U18 Mariners Hayner- Amanda Arnold, Ainsley Jamieson, Sydney Martin
- U17 Blackbear Ball- Kaitlyn Saulter

For the complete Portland Press Herald article click [HERE](#)



On the Boys side, Former Seacoast player Wyatt Osmborg took the honor of Player of the Year. Abdibaari Hesi and D.J. Nicholas, current Seacoast player were named to the team. Hersi scored 11 goals through the season and lead Hamden Academy to an Eastern Class A Final, and Nicholas lead WMC in scoring tallying 32 goals for the season. For the complete article click [HERE](#)

Seacoast United Players Named to Super Y All-Tournament Teams **December 19th, 2013**



Eight players from Seacoast United were named to the Super Y All-Tournament teams after completion of the Super Y League North American Finals which took place from December 5th-9th in Bradenton, Florida.

The All-Tournament teams were selected by USL staff based on tournament statistics, ODP nominations submitted by tournament coaches, and recommendations from the USL technical staff. [Click here](#) to read more.

Seacoast United Mariners U16 Girls: Super Y National Champions **December 9th, 2013**

BRADENTON, FL - The Seacoast United Mariners earned the state's first national Super Y Championship this morning with a 2-0 victory over Florida Fire Juniors at IMG Academy.

Returning to the Sunshine State as 2012 Super Y Finalists, the U16 Mariners were determined to better their record from 1 year ago after qualifying for the national event back in August.

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U16G Mariners, U14G Premier Advance to Super Y Finals **December 8th, 2013**



BRADENTON, FL - Seacoast United teams will once again play for a Super Y North American Championship on Monday as the U16 Mariners and U14 Girls Premier earned victories in their semifinal matches early Sunday morning at IMG Academy in Florida.

The Seacoast United Mariners had goals from Liz Lane and Tori Daigle to defeat MPS Lady Crusaders 2-1. The Mariners will face the winner of the Kalamazoo Kingdom/Florida Fire Juniors semifinal match in Monday's final.

Seacoast United's U14 Girls Premier blanked Alliance Academy Gold for their 4th shutout in as many games, winning by the score of 2-0. Goals were scored by Seana Gosselin and Reilly Sullivan.

Monday's final is a rematch of Saturday's final group play game vs. Internationals SC in which Seacoast came away with a 1-0 win against a very strong side.

Seacoast United's U15 Girls faced a tough opponent in Super Nova FC on Sunday morning, with regulation finishing at 1-1 on a goal by Anna-Maria Dagher. The two teams battled through overtime but the extra frame was not enough to determine the match. As the teams moved on to penalties, Super Nova came out on top 2-0.

Seacoast United's recent success at the Super Y North American Finals includes 4 championships: Both the U15 and U16 girls in 2011, the U14 girls in 2009, and the U15 girls in 2004. In 2012, the U15G Mariners finished the tournament as runners up in just their first year competing in the league.

Three SUSC Teams Advance to Super Y Semi Finals

December 7, 2013



Three teams from Seacoast United have advanced to the playoff round of the 2013 USL Super Y North American Finals in Bradenton, FL after completion of group play. The semifinals are scheduled for Sunday at IMG Academy.

The Seacoast United Mariners U16 Girls coached by James Blackwell finished 2nd in their group after round robin games with two wins and a loss. They will face a familiar foe on Sunday in MPS Lady Crusaders from Massachusetts.

Seacoast United U14 Girls Premier (NH) coached by Chris Scott finished first in their group with a 3-0 record after their three round robin games. Each win had 1-0 scores, with goals from Sylvie Holding, Seana Gosselin, and Saylor Clark. The 14's will play Alliance Academy Gold in Sunday's semifinal.

Seacoast United's U15 Girls Premier (NH) coached by Iain Scott also placed 2nd in their group with one win and two 0-0 draws. They will face the #1 seed Super Nova FC from the opposite U15 bracket in Sunday's playoff.

Game times for Sunday's matches have yet to be announced but should be available by this evening.

Follow the Super Y North American Finals on USL's website by [clicking here](#). See results for all six Seacoast United teams competing at the event by [clicking here](#).

Seacoast United Maine Has Success in State Cup Tournament

Seacoast United Maine teams competed in every Maine State Cup Final across boys and girls U16-U18 age group.

The U16 girl's final, featuring James Blackwell's Seacoast United Mariners Elite Team V. MJ Ball's Seacoast United Blackbear team, ended in a double over time 2-1 Blackbear victory over the Mariners.

The U16 boys final, featuring Gil Aguire & Ron Graham's SU Mariners Elite Team V. Andrew Pelletier's Seacoast United Mariners Premier Team ended in a 3-1 victory to the Mariners Elite Team.

The U17 girl's final, featuring Lenny Hurrell's Seacoast United Mariners Elite team V. MPS Phoenix, ended in a 1-0 victory for the Mariners.

The U18 boy's final, featuring Peter Mill's Seacoast United Elite team V. MPS Phoenix, ended in a comfortable 5-0 win for Seacoast.

The U18 girl's final, featuring Kenny Hayner's SU Elite team V. MPS Phoenix, finished with a 1-0 win for the Mariner's.

Seacoast United Maine had a team competing in the U12, U14, & U15 girls State Cup Finals, as well as teams competing in the U12 - U15 Boys State Cup Finals!

The U12 boy's final, featuring Jim Wade's SU Mariners Elite Team V. MPS Pheonix, ended in a 5-0 win for the Mariners.

The U13 boy's final, featuring Kieran McCormicks Mariners Elite Team V. MPS Pheonix, finished in an exciting 3-2 overtime win.

The U14 boy's final, featuring Martyn Keen's Seacoast Mariners Elite Team V. MJ Balls' Seacoast Blackbear, ended in a competitive 2-1 victory for Blackbear.

The U14 girls final featuring James Blackwell's Seacoast United Mariners Elite Team V. Seacoast United Blackbear, concluded in a 1-0 win for Seacoast Blackbear.

The U15 girls final, featuring Josh Needles SU Mariners Elite Team V. Velocity was postponed due to incliment weather shortly into the second half. The game was resumed Tuesday 7/4 where the Mariners clinched the championship in pentalty kicks.

Congratulations to every Seacoast United Maine team who competed in the Maine State Cup Tournament!

Seacoast United Girls to Join National Premier League, Fall 2013

April 24, 2013

HAMPTON, NH - Seacoast United is proud to announce that it has been accepted as one of four New England club joining the National Premier League (NPL) beginning in the fall of 2013. For the past two years, Seacoast United has researched the best available league to offer its elite female players throughout northern New England, resulting in the acceptance into the NPL.



Seacoast United, one of the original clubs selected as part of the U.S. Soccer Development Academy program on the boys side is now able to offer a similar high-level of competition through the NPL for its female players.

The acceptance of the Seacoast United girls program into the NPL will allow the Club for the first time to create a team at each age group that combines elite players from within Seacoast United's family of clubs.

"Seacoast United will continue to strive to provide the best opportunities for its male and female players," commented Iain Scott, Seacoast United's Director of Coaching. "Participating in the NY-NPL provides regional and national exposure for our elite female players to compete at the highest level possible throughout the year."

The addition of the New England clubs brings the Girls NY-NPL division to 16 members for the 2013/14 season. Seacoast United will enter one team in each of the U12-U18 age groups. The NY-NPL is a US Club Soccer sanctioned league, and promises to provide the most competitive schedule based in the Northeast region. Read the US Club Soccer press release [here](#).

In 2012, Seacoast United had finalists in every age group from U12-U18 in the New Hampshire and Maine State Cups, resulting in 9 combined State Championships.

Seacoast United recognizes that the NPL provides the opportunity for our players to compete against the top clubs within Region I committed to player development. Member clubs in the NY-NPL include:

Aztec Soccer (MA)	Massapequa Soccer Club (NY)	NJSA (NJ)	Parsippany Soccer Club (NJ)
Brentwood Soccer Club (NY)	MPS (MA)	NY Rockland Sting (NY)	Seacoast United (NH)
HBC Soccer Club (NY)	NEFC (MA)	NY Rush (NY)	STA Morris United (NJ)
ISA (NY)	NJ Crush (NJ)	Oakwood (CT)	Yankee United (CT)

About Seacoast United

Seacoast United was founded in 1992 and is based in Hampton, NH. The Club is committed to player development and is a member of the U.S. Soccer Development Academy, Northeast Pre-Academy League, New England Premiership, Granite State League, New Hampshire Soccer Association, SoccerMaine, USYSA, US Club Soccer, USL's PDL and Super League, NPSL, and WPSL. Seacoast United operates facilities in Hampton, Epping, and Kingston, New Hampshire, as well as Topsham, Portland, and York, Maine. Information on Seacoast United can be found online at www.seacoastunited.com.

Mariners U16's to Compete in US Club National Cup Finals XII

The U16 Girl's Seacoast United Mariners, coached by James Blackwell, will be participating in the 2013 US Club National Cup XII Final at Aurora Park in Colorado July 18-21st. The Mariners advanced to the National Cup after going 4-0 in the Super Group at US Club Northeast Regionals over Memorial Day Weekend in La Grangeville, NY.

The Mariners will compete in the U16 Super Group, taking on top teams from across the country including CCSA Alliance 96/97 Black (Calif.), Oregon Rush '96 Nike (Ore.), Pride SC Predators (Colo.), Prior Lake SC Splash Premier (Minn.), Twin County SA Real Magic (N.J.).



The Mariners are no stranger to the pressure of a National Final, placing 2nd at the ODP Super Y National Finals at the prestigious IMB Academy this past December.

Good luck to the U16 Mariners and coach James Blackwell!

For more information on the US Club National Cup XII please [Click Here.](#)
For the Mariners National Cup Schedule Please [Click Here.](#)

Mariners Name Volunteer of the Year

The Seacoast United Mariners recognized their Volunteer of the Year at the 2013 Gala Night & Auction last week. The Club named Lori Hayman as this year's recipient for her tireless effort assisting with tryouts, registration, uniforms, and more. Congratulations to Lori and her family and thank you for your hard work!



Pictured (L to R) are Seth Brown, Paul Willis, Lori Hayman, and Paul Cameron

Seacoast United Maine Super Y 2013

Seacoast United Maine will be participating in USL's (United Soccer Leagues) Super Y League during the Summer of 2013!

The **Super Y** program is designed for the highly motivated, elite soccer player who wants to train and compete over the summer months in the Northeast Division of the National League with the opportunity to advance to the National Championships in November in Bradenton, Florida.

Seacoast United Maine Super Y teams will be represented by the best soccer players in the state. Many of these players may already be part of Seacoast United Maine, playing for the Seacoast United Mariners or Seacoast United Blackbear club teams. They may also be Non-Seacoast United members, looking for an opportunity to play at a high level during the Summer Soccer Season.



Seacoast United Maine is looking forward to repeating last year's Super Y success, as in 2012 the Seacoast United Maine U13 Boys and U15 Girls teams advanced from the Northeast Division to the National Championships. Seacoast United Maine teams performed well in the National Championship tournament including the U15 Girls finishing as 2012 Super Y National Finalists.

Players and families who want more information on the opportunity to participate in the **2013 Seacoast United Maine Super Y program should contact Billy Shannon at wshannon@seacoastunited.com, or by phone at 207-922-1016.**

Mariners U14 Boys Finish 2nd at Dirigo Indoor Tournament

The Seacoast United Mariners U14-Boys, coached by Ron Graham and Josh Turina, were finalists this past weekend in the Premier Division of the 2013 Dirigo Indoor Soccer Tournament. Throughout the tournament, which was hosted at the Sukee Arena in Winslow, ME, the boys recorded 3 wins and 1 loss scoring 12 goals while only conceding 4. Congratulations to the boys on their success!



Four S USC Players Selected to US Youth Soccer ODP National Camp

January 9th, 2013

US Youth Soccer has announced the attendees for the 2013 Olympic Development Program Girls National Training Camp. Players selected were born in 1997, 1998, and 1999 and will represent all four regions within the United States.



The invitation-only camp will take place at the Reach 11 Sports Complex in Phoenix, AZ from January 31st through February 2nd.

Four Seacoast United players will be attending the National Training Camp: Defender **Katie Day** (East Kingston NH/SUSC NH), midfielders **Madeline Cheney** (Bow NH/SUSC NH), **Opal Curless** (Mount Desert ME/SUSC Blackbear), and **Riley Sullivan** (Keene NH/SUSC NH).

Read the full release from US Youth Soccer [here](#).

Graham, Club Makes Impact with Somali Refugees courtesy Colby College Magazine

Seacoast United Mariners head coach Ron Graham made a huge impact on not only the Club and his team, but to the individual players and families which included former Somali refugees.

Read the fantastic article "Joining the Club" on Colby College's website [here](#). Ron Graham is an alumnus of Colby College



Seacoast United's U14 Girls Volunteer at the Portland Homeless Shelter

Seacoast United Maine James Blackwell's U14 Elite Team showed true holiday spirit while volunteering at the Greater Portland Community Homeless Shelter. The girls above truly represented Seacoast United proudly through their efforts in giving back to the community! The players showed up ready to prep, serve and clean, helping to deliver some of the 500+ meals served a day to the homeless and low income families of the Greater Portland area. Parent manager Janelle Deschino who encouraged the U14's to get involved quoted, "As we were leaving the facility the girls asked, 'when can we schedule another time to volunteer!' "



We at Seacoast United encourage all of our teams to help better their communities! If members of our program are reaching out and volunteering please let us know so we can recognize their efforts! Please contact Stephanie Gilkenson at Sgilkenson@seacoastunited.org with information or questions regarding community outreach.

Guam National Team Player Visits Seacoast United Maine **Monday, December 17th, 2012**

Guam National Team Player Kristin Thompson came in to take two training sessions tonight with Paul Cameron's U11 and U13 Girls Mariners teams. Kristin (25) who is visiting family in Maine for the Holidays, currently holds the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) "B" license and coaches the Guam U16 Girls National team.

"Kristin was fantastic with the kids and they really looked up to her" said Paul Cameron, DOC for U15 - U18 Boys and Girls. "On top of the fact she is obviously a quality female player, she was a very professional coach and put on a great training session on combination play for the kids. She had a great presence about her. It's great to have a good quality guest coach work with your team once in a while."



The players gave Kristin their full attention. She was very generous, giving each player several small gifts from herself and the Guam Football Association, and taking the time for photos and to sign autographs.

Cameron added, "It's great for these kids to get exposure to a National team player from any country that competes at the level Kristin does. She has played against the likes of Japan, China and Australia."



