

## PEI SOCCER 2018 AWARD WINNERS

### 'Alan Godfrey' Volunteer of the Year



L-R: Mike Eyolfson(ADL), Chuck Gallison, Linda Godfrey

Alan Godfrey was a tremendous volunteer with the Sherwood Parkdale Rangers Club, the PEI Soccer Association, the Senior Mens and Womens leagues, and the soccer program at Charlottetown Rural High School. The work he did had a major impact on the growth of soccer for many years, and it is a pleasure for the association each year to present the Volunteer of the Year Award which bears his name.

The winner of the Award for 2018 is another individual who, like Alan, has worked tirelessly at the Sherwood Parkdale Rangers Club, and indeed, would have worked alongside Alan at various levels.

Chuck Gallison is one of the most familiar faces in Island soccer. There is very little that he has not done.

He has coached for many years at all levels, and with the Sherwood Club he has won many titles in the girls program, representing the province at Nationals too many times to count. He has been a constant fixture in the provincial program, and he continues to coach at Charlottetown Rural, where once again this year he picked up another provincial title.

Chuck also refereed for many years, an activity he did with the same passion that he brought to his coaching.

At Sherwood, his hard work and efforts do not go unnoticed. A Director at Large, he is one of the go-to guys in the Club, taking responsibility for fields and equipment, one of the most daunting tasks at any club.

Whenever there is an event at the Club, such as the Under-9 jamboree or the under-11 season wrap-up, you will always see Chuck manning the barbecue, a thankless task in the middle of summer.

## Coach of the Year



This year's Coach of the Year had great success as part of two teams last year. Wade Smith of the Summerside United Under-15 girls has exactly the right temperament for coaching, treating them with respect, and in return he always gets 100% effort.

This determination paid off in 2018 when Wade led the girls to a gold medal in the Eliot River Tournament, and a silver medal at Central Queens.

In regular season the girls finished in a comfortable 2<sup>nd</sup> place, but they pulled off an outstanding win in the gold medal game, defeating the previously unbeaten RC United in the final.

In addition to his own team, Wade also assisted with the Under-18 girls, who also enjoyed an outstanding summer, winning the provincial title, as well as the Codiac and Eastern Eagles tournaments.

## Junior Female Player of the Year



L-R: Mike Eyolfson(ADL), Reese Kelly, Chris Wright(Representing Subway)

Reese Kelly has been one of the finest junior players for a number of years, and in 2018 she had a key midfield role for the PEI FC under-15 girls team as they enjoyed a successful season in the Nova Scotia League, and then at national championships.

Fierce and determined, Reese has an eye for goal, and is equally at home playing in the front line. She is a good tackler, and an excellent passer of the ball.

She was asked to attend the Whitecaps High Potential Player Camp in November, and she played a key role as Charlottetown Rural won provincial high school gold.

In addition to her skills on the soccer field, Reese is an accomplished gymnast, a skill which means not only does she have the talent, but the physical attributes to have a successful soccer career.

## **Junior Male Player of the Year**



L-R: Mike Eyolfson(ADL), Riad Jaha, Chelsey Gorveatt(PEI Soccer)

Riad Jaha had an outstanding season in 2018. The centre-back from Sherwood Parkdale Rangers was instrumental in helping PEI FC win the Nova Scotia League title, and at nationals the team enjoyed a solid competition.

In November, Riad was selected to attend the Whitecaps High Potential Player Camp, where he was also selected to participate in the game of distinction at the end of the camp, where the best 18 players played against the Whitecaps Youth Team.

Even better was to come when he was one of four players from the camp to join the Whitecaps for a tournament in Madrid, Spain, where he played all 90 minutes in the final game of the tournament against Real Madrid, where the team won 1-0.

He has been invited back to the Whitecaps Academy for a second trial.



## Junior Referee of the Year



L-R: Mike Eyolfson(ADL), Wil Fradsham, Jim Chandler(PEI Soccer)

In 2018, Wil demonstrated experience and ability beyond his short 2 year refereeing career. As a reward for strong performances early in the season, Wil received assignments as an assistant referee to a number of matches in the U17 Nova Scotia League and in the PEI senior leagues last summer. His work at the youth levels also earned a number of refereeing assignments to key playoff matches, including the U13 boys 1st Division final. As a confident official, several senior officials who had the opportunity to work with Wil this season had positive feedback on the young official's performance, professionalism and dedication.

## Senior Referee of the Year



L-R: Mike Eyolfson(ADL), Mark MacDonald, Jim Chandler(PEI Soccer)

With over 70 games refereed since the start of the 2018 season, Mark MacDonald is a stalwart when it comes to refereeing on PEI. As one of the most experienced officials involved in the sport, Mark regularly manages the most challenging levels of soccer in the province. A testament to his fair and consistent officiating, Mark was called upon to referee 4 Island Finals this past season, including: The PEISAA Senior Women's gold medal match, the U18 Men's 1st Division Final, the Senior Women's 1st Division Final and the Senior Men's Second Division final.

During the summer, with a limited number of senior officials at the assignor's disposal, you can often see Mark sprinting to his car following a youth match to referee or run a line on a later senior kick-off.

In the fall, you will find him plying his craft at the Terry Fox Complex in Cornwall during Holland College matches, or braving the winds of the University turf as he works UPEI games.

## **Senior Female Player of the Year**



L-R: Mike Eyolfson(ADL), Katrine McEwen, Mike Goeseels(PEI Soccer)

Katherine McEwen has been an outstanding player throughout her youth career, representing the province at numerous tournaments.

The stylish midfielder played for the Winsloe team in the New Brunswick League last year, but it was her first year as a Holland College Hurricane that she really caught the eye.

As a rookie she scored an impressive 8 goals, making her the top scorer for the team, as she helped the Hurricanes reach the play-offs.

For her efforts Katherine was named an ACAA 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-star, an impressive return for her first season in college soccer.



## **Senior Male Player of the Year**



Ibrahima Sanoh has been the dominant player in PEI Soccer for many years, and although his Holland College career came to an end last year, he still enjoyed an amazing 2018.

Playing for Wakanda FC in the senior men's league Sanoh scored a hatful of goals as Wakanda won the league title.

Last January, Ibra was selected to attend the Toronto FC three-day try-out from January 9-11 to showcase his skills in front of the Toronto FC management and staff, and later in the year he was selected to the Maritime Select Team, organized by the Halifax Wanderers of the new Canadian Premier League, to play in a friendly against a top German team.

When in full flight, Ibra is a player that is very hard to stop, and as long as he continues playing, he will continue to terrorize goalkeepers and defenders both in the province, and the region.

## Team of the Year



Back Row(l-r): Michelle Johnson(coach), Ellen Murphy, Ellen Cole, Paige Lauwerijssen, Jane Gillis, Maddy Moffatt, Rebecca Proctor, Madeline Hamill, Julia Smith, Callie Champion, Erin Arsenault-Gallant, Wade Smith(coach).

Front Row(l-r): Jillian Arsenault, Brianna McCardle, Hilarie Gaudet, Paige Deighan, Kyrsten Coyle, Abby Christopher, Carley MacKenzie, Julia Johnson, Heidi Lauwerijssen.

Missing from Photo: Liz Mulligan & Kathy Gillis(manager).

The Summerside United Under-18 Girls were the class act of the division; experiencing just one loss in the regular season to win the division. They then followed this up by winning all three games in the play-off pool, proving without doubt that they were the top team at this level.

In addition, the girls won the prestigious Codiac tournament, and also won gold at the Eastern Eagles tournament.

## **Lowell Stewart Memorial Award**



The award recognizes soccer skill development, dedication to soccer, sportsmanship and support within a club.

### **Marg Stewart & Ardyn Hardy**

The Lowell Stewart Memorial Award recognizes somebody in the soccer community that encompasses sportsmanship, a sense of community, a spirit of volunteering, and a love of the game.

Ardyn Hardy has been playing soccer for the past few years, and this past summer she was a member of the very successful Summerside United Under-13 Girls. In addition she was also selected to play on the under-13 district team that represented PEI in the Atlantics Club Championship. She is involved in the provincial program.

This past year Ardyn worked with the mini program and assisted with her father, who is the junior youth director at the club. She would help set up the practice sessions, and would then demonstrate the drills to the players. She never misses a practice or game, and is available to help at events such as club registration days, and the end of year team party. She plans to take the referees course this year so she can give back as an official.

She has great mentors as dad Andrew is also a tireless worker for youth soccer at the club, while her sister Hannah is a previous winner of this award.