

## PEI SOCCER - AWARD WINNERS 2022

### 'Alan Godfrey' Volunteer of the Year



Tim has been a driving force at the Eastern Eagles Soccer Club for many years. An outstanding volunteer, Tim has been a board member as youth director, registrar and Director at Large. Tim has been with the club since 2009. He not only leads in the board room but also finds time to coach a team every year - and sometimes two if needed.

He organizes the club's team registration for the Spring Indoor League. He organizes and leads the pre-season conditioning camps and tryouts and is on the phone with District reps to make sure all players have a place to play. You will see him around the field during the annual tournament - helping out where he can.

He also tries to make sure the players stay active during the winter months by offering indoor sessions. People like Tim are so important for the success of any club and he is always willing to lend a hand in all areas to make sure the club is a success. He also had success on the field in 2022 as he led the Eagles U13 Girls team to the league and cup championships.

## Coach of the Year



Coach of the Year Janos Barna has been with the PEI FC U15 Girls program from its inception in 2017. Every year he puts the players through a Fall evaluation phase and selects a great group of players to develop over the winter months. Every year the team competed with great results but 2022 turned out to be a year to remember.

During the summer, Barna led the PEI FC team to the regular season title in the very competitive Under 15 Nova Scotia Soccer League with an 18 wins – 1 loss and 3 ties record.

The team is fortunate to have him as a coach as he puts all his energy into making sure the program is run at the highest standard and no stone is left unturned to try to give the players an edge to be the best.

With a whole summer to develop his players and system, the coach guided the team to the best ever Club Nationals finish for an Island team – capturing a silver medal on home turf for all fans to witness and enjoy.

After the summer he takes his passion and drive to the varsity level as an assistant coach with the UPEI Panthers where many of the girls from that first squad in 2017 and 2018 now play.

## Junior Female Player of the Year



Sherwood-Parkdale Ranger Joelle Bader is the winner of the Junior Female Player of the Year. Joelle continues her development in the U15 Performance program after a very successful 2022.

Joelle was part of the Silver Medal winning PEI FC U15 team that thrilled the home town crowd during the U15 Club Nationals.

Many scouts have recognized her potential and she was rewarded for her hard work by getting an invite to the Canada Soccer National U15 camp in Montreal. She was also selected to attend the upcoming Whitecaps National Camp in April 2023.

A great athlete and catching the eyes of many scouts, Joelle has a very bright soccer career ahead of her, and she will be highly sought after when it comes to making choices on where to attend varsity in a few years.

## Junior Male Player of the Year



The Junior Male Player of the Year for 2022 season is Benjamin Hashimoto of the Winsloe-Charlottetown Royals FC Soccer Club.

Benjamin started the year off in training camp for the Canada Games Boys Team.

He was successful in making the team and was part of a strong group of players that competed in Niagara Falls. Upon his return from the games he joined the PEI FC U17 team and headed to the nationals where he was instrumental in helping the team to 7<sup>th</sup> place finish. He then captained the Colonel Gray Colonels to the Island High School Championship with a 2-1 victory over cross town rivals Charlottetown Rural - scoring the winner in overtime to clinch the title.

All the hard work and dedication has paid off as he was invited to the Halifax Wanderers Under 18 Camp last month. Ben will be heading to Dalhousie University in the fall on a soccer scholarship.

## Player of the Year – Female Division



The winner of the female player of the year award is Reese Kelly of the Winsloe-Charlottetown Royals FC soccer club.

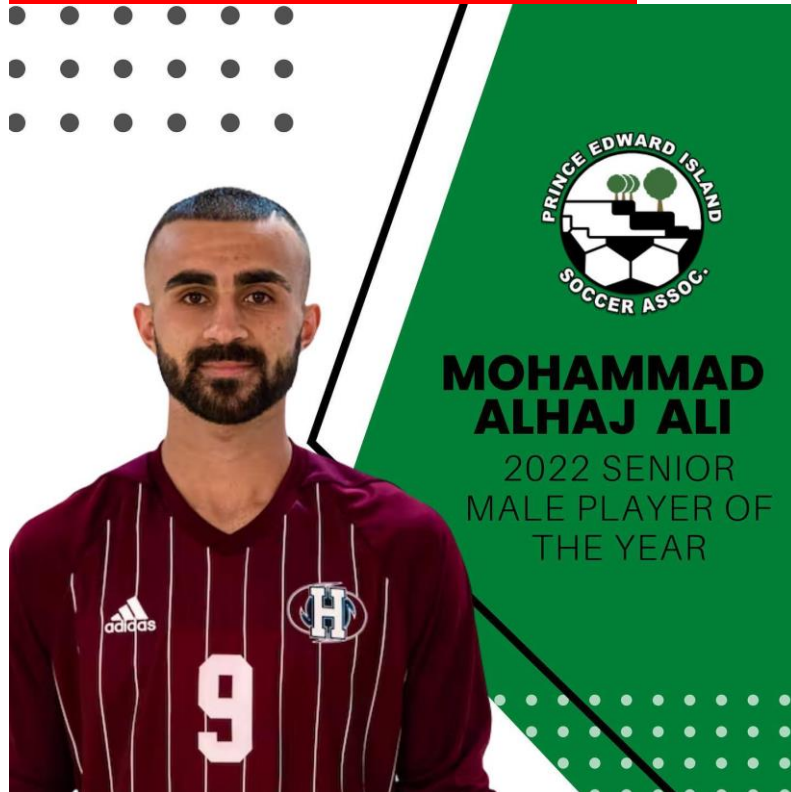
Also a member of the Holland College Hurricanes, Reese had a great varsity season and her efforts were rewarded with a selection as a first team conference all-star in the ACAA conference.

Reese received first team conference all-star consideration based on overall impact of play. She scored seven goals during the varsity season but just as important was her passing ability and to connect the play within her team.

She was well prepared heading into the varsity season as she trained and played with the Canada Games team. The Canada Games team won the New Brunswick Premier League and her strong play led to a best ever finish at the games.



## Player of the Year – Male Division



Holland College's Mohammad Alhaj Ali was named the 2022 ACAA – Atlantic College Athletic Association - Men's Player of the Year. Ali led the ACAA in scoring with 14 goals in 12 games and led the Hurricanes to a 6-3-3 record - good enough for second in the ACAA. Ali was also named to the First Team All-Conference and a National CCAA All-Canadian for the second consecutive season.

He scored 7 goals in the summer with Goodfellas FC from the Winsloe-Charlottetown Royals FC club and joined the senior team to compete at the club nationals.

## Team of the Year



# **U15 GIRLS PEI FC**

## 2022 TEAM OF THE YEAR



National Club Championships – Silver Medal  
Nova Scotia Soccer League – League Champions

## Referee of the Year



If you've been at a soccer field this past season there is a good chance you've seen Jarrod MacAdam in the middle of the pitch. Jarrod has become one of the top officials on PEI and is developing into one of our most experienced referees. MacAdam regularly manages the most challenging levels of soccer in the province which is a testament to his fair and consistent officiating. You will see him in the middle of Inter-Provincial matches with PEI FC and top senior local and inter-provincial matches. He was one of the top officials from PEI to take charge of Under 15 national club championships games in October.

His steady development and performances earned him the privilege of officiating in Holland College and UPEI games as both a referee and assistant referee. Both provide challenging environments which Jarrod handled with professionalism and competence.



## Junior Referee of the Year



In 2022 Jason Bai demonstrated confidence and ability beyond what might be expected of a young referee. He is quickly adapting to the role of official and also steps into many games as an assistant referee at all levels.

Willing to learn, Jason took great strides throughout the season to become a consistent, dependable Referee who was called on to participate in many matches. His development led to an active role as an assistant referee during the Atlantic under 13 and under 14 Boys Championships. His progression throughout the summer earned him a number of assignments to key playoff matches at the Under 13 Premier level. Many of our senior officials who had the opportunity to work a game with Jason this season had great positive feedback on the young official's performance, confidence and dedication.

We are looking forward to seeing what the future brings for this years' Junior Referee of the Year, Jason Bai.

## NEW - Referee of the Year



***“In recognition of dedication and exemplary performance as a first year referee”***

In soccer officiating the Spirit of the Game is often a key phrase used when discussing how or why referees do what they do. This year’s recipient of New Referee of the Year, Forest Wang, demonstrates what it means to act out of respect for the game of soccer and the people involved. Eager to learn, Forest spent the summer absorbing information to improve and took every opportunity to develop into a stronger, more competent official.

Forest stepped up where and when needed all summer and did most of his games at the under 13 level. He worked in each match to improve and his efforts did not go unnoticed and by the time summer was over, he was an assistant referee at PEI FC inter-provincial games.

## **Lowell Stewart Memorial Award**

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

Liah Mah is a member of the Stratford soccer club and continues to grow and develop her game to become a steady and reliable defender. She is very dedicated to her team and you know there is a very good reason if you don't see her at a practise or a game.

Liah took the referee Entry Level course in 2022 and is giving back by officiating as an assistant referee and also took on referee assignments. She stepped out of her comfort zone and accepted referee assignments at the Under 11 and Under 13 levels even though she only planned to be an assistant in her first year. But - with potential games being cancelled due to no referee available, she stepped up when needed.

Liah also gives back off the field.

She volunteers with the Stratford Watershed Group, Wild Outside which is a national conservation-based youth leadership program that includes outdoor & teambuilding activities, the Stratford Library and is a tutor at Stonepark Intermediate school.

Liah is a true example of what the Lowell Stewart award stands for and is a very worthy winner of the award for 2022.