## **County players shine** in NS Soccer League play

### by Sam Morrison

The MacDermid clan of North River continues to shine on the Provincial soccer scene as both Ben and Jessica led their respective teams to fine showings in the recent Nova Scotia Soccer League Senior play-offs.

For Ben and his Cape Breton Eastside Mario Selects the weekend of August 14th and 15th saw them drop a heartbreaking 3-2 decision to Suburban FC of Sackville in Semi-Final play with Ben continuing his season long scoring streak (he tied for the team lead) as he potted one of the Selects goals. Then in the League Consolation Match the Selects rebounded with a 4-3 victory over longtime Provincial powerhouse Dartmouth United in capturing 3rd place honors which was a tremendous success for the rebuilding Selects who only two years ago re-entered the Provincial circuit, a season that saw them win only one or two games in

#### total.

For Jessica the weekend was even more successful as she led her Cape Breton Selects to the League Final posting (she is the team goalkeeper) a 3-0 shut-out over Dartmouth United in one of Saturday's semi-finals. With the win the Selects earned the right to challenge Halifax Dunbrack in last Tuesday's League Championship Match where, despite Jessica's best efforts the Selects fell 3-1 to the Mainland squad. In fact so stellar was Jessica's play that Chronicle Herald reporter Monty Mosher had this to say in his write-up on the game, "Jill Lawrence had a chance to double the lead in the 31st minute with a clear run at the Cape Breton net, but MacDermid made her best stop to keep the spread at one. The speedy Huck ripped through the Cape Breton defence a few minutes later, leading to a two save sequence from MacDermid."



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## Hockey, at home & away featuring local players

#### by Sam Morrison

At the risk of sounding like the proverbial "Broken Record" it is hard to imagine during these hot, muggy and beautiful days that the sport of hockey is once again on the go but such is the case as several local players are already back in action.

Jessica Wong will have just finished up a three game series versus the United States at the National team Under 22 level this past week as the Canucks and the Yanks squared off in Toronto. In fact, in the first game last Wednesday, Jessica added the final goal for Canada in their 4-1 win in the opening game of the series. After the Toronto games Jessica will head for Duluth, Minnesota for her sophomore year at the University of Minnesota-Duluth with the team she led to last year's NCAA Hockey Championship as her triple overtime marker sealed the deal for Jessica and her teammates.

For first cousins Kenneth MacAulay and Franklin MacDonald late July and early August saw these hockey "Road Warriors" head to Europe for the 2010-11 campaign where they both will play in the KHL, a league based in central Europe.

Kenneth will suit up for the Croation side Zagreb while Franklin will sport the colors of the squad from the Austrian city of Linz. Both Franklin and Kenneth are already on the ice in exhibition play with league action set to begin in mid-September. With six meetings scheduled between the teams this season look to these pages as we follow the endeavors of these two Baddeck natives as they pursue their hockey dreams over a continent away.

In news not quite so far away the Cape Breton West Islanders of the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League have hit the ice for tryouts with several Victoria County players still in the mix as final cuts approach. Baddeck natives Willie Mac-Donald and Tyler MacLeod along with Sugarloaf's Brandon Lee MacKinnon are 2nd year players with the Islanders while three other Baddeck area players are still at camp, namely Dakota Bernard, Connor MacEachern and Mark Trickett all of whom are in their first year of midget eligibility. Hopefully all these boys will suit up for the Islanders when League play opens in early September.

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