



Goalkeeper Bruce Savoie makes a phenomenal save against the St. Thomas Tommies in regular season action; the game ended in a 1-1 draw. The Seawolves finished 4th, one spot above the Tommies in regular season standings.

UNB SAINT JOHN SEAWOLVES

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Soccer season is right around the corner

A recap of the exhilarating 2013 – 2014 season

The UNB Saint John Seawolves soccer teams both had impressive seasons last year with records of 4-2-6 and 5-5-2, for the men's and women's teams respectively. After an unheard of six ties for the men's team, they clinched a playoff berth where they fell short in the semi-finals. However, with the men's team hosting nationals last year they earned a spot to face off against Canada's finest collegiate soccer talent.

The UNB Saint John men went into nationals ranked as the lowest seed (8th). Playing the Humber College Hawks, the #1 ranked team in the entire country, in the first

2014-2015 Upcoming Soccer Games

Sat, Sept. 13th @ MSVU 3:00pm (W) 3:00pm (M)
Sun, Sept. 14th @ UKC 11:00pm (W) 1:00pm (M)
Wed, Sept. 17th vs CU 6:00pm (W) 8:00pm (M)
Sat, Sept. 20th @STU 2:00pm (W) 4:00pm (M)
Sat, Sept. 27th vs STU 2:00pm (W) 4:00pm (M)
Sat, Oct. 4th vs MSVU 2:00pm (W) 4:00pm (M)
Sun, Oct. 5th vs HC 12:00pm (W) 2:00pm (M)

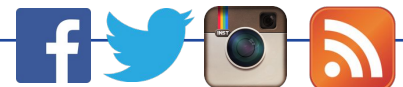


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round of the National Championship was no easy feat. However, our Seawolves stepped up to the plate with an amazing performance that led them to just miss out on advancing to the next round with a final score of 2-1 in favour of the Hawks. The Humber College Hawks went on to win the CCAA gold medal. The effort and perseverance shown by the men's Seawolves team was magical for the packed Canada Games Stadium home crowd. We would like to congratulate them on their efforts and success!

The women's Seawolves soccer team had many nail-biter games last season and ended up finishing 5th overall, just one point shy of tying the Holland College Hurricanes for 4th place and gaining a spot in the ACAA playoffs. The women's team had some key veterans on the team who missed out on their last opportunity to attend an ACAA playoff championship; however, their dedication and hard work put towards the team was inspiring to all. We applaud all of the women's soccer players for their hard fought battle each and every game last season.

2014 - 2015, a season to look forward to!



Moving forward after losing top talent

Coach Jason Brown, of the men's and women's Seawolves soccer teams will need to reconfigure his squads after losing some of UNB Saint John's best. The loss of elite players such as the men's goalie, Jason Demerchant, as well as one of their top fullbacks, Mark Newman, will leave two tough spots to fill for the 2014 - 2015 upcoming season.

On the women's side, losing 2nd Team all-star Hannah McLeod and star midfielder Emily Smith may prove to be challenging for this year's young squad. However, with Brown's coaching and playing experience, as well as a healthy roster of returners such as 1st Team all-star Carly Baxter, Lauren Coyle, and many promising recruits, such as former Fundy AAA all-star Danielle Jenkins, the women's soccer team will look to battle back this year and land a spot in the ACAA playoffs.



Mark Allison in action

Mark Allison

The 21-year old product of the Fundy Soccer Association is bringing more than your typical NB soccer experience to the Seawolves next year. Allison is bringing European experience to the table, as he has played on some elite amateur teams in Romania and the Netherlands. He also trained with clubs in England. "What's going on with UNB Saint John right now is really exciting" said Allison. "They did well hosting nationals and I think with some more recruiting and some improvements to the team, I definitely think we could push for gold."

"He makes players around him better. He's just a different breed", coach brown added. "I think this experience over seas has humbled him and gave him the perspective he needed. Now he plays like a man and he carries himself like a man and he has leadership ability that he never had before."





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Basketball teams looking to up their game this season with the addition of some great talent

The UNB Saint John men's Seawolves basketball team showed moments of brilliance last season, finishing 7th, that they hope to continue with this season. The key to the team this year will be consistency; making plays defensively and offensively, while maintaining a high level of determination. Coach Peter Vincent has been working tirelessly on recruiting the past couple of years and his efforts are certainly paying off. The acceleration in the level of play last year after key recruits such as Nick Huggard and Ryan Foster stepped onto the court is evidence of this. This year will see more high-level talent from the Atlantic high schools entering UNB Saint John that will make the team a force to be reckoned.

On the women's side, coach Kevin Munroe is not new to the game or to recruiting. His years of experience as a multi-sport coach allow him to adapt to all new situations. There is no doubt his new crop of recruits will excel to the highest level of play. He will look to new recruits as well as veterans; Rachel Jefferson, Emily Dowling, and Christie Smith to beat their 5th place finish from last season.

1. Paul Gerges

Coach Vincent is excited to see Gerges' high school winning pedigree that he developed at the basketball powerhouse, Fredericton High School, translate into success for the Seawolves.

"Paul has a strong desire to play and win. He has the heart and desire we want on this team," said coach Vincent. Gerges was part of an FHS basketball program that won the provincial championship title in four consecutive years. Along with his championship experience, Gerges brings a pure love for the game that is sure to get Seawolves fans howling from their seats.

"I love playing the game, it's been good to me."

Coach Vincent believes that Gerges is another player among the many new signings this off-season who are part of the bright future for the Seawolves in this league.

2. Danielle Bellefleur

Danielle Bellefleur, an 18-year-old of New Denmark, New Brunswick will be entering into the Bachelor of Science program this fall, Bellefleur aspires to study veterinary medicine.

With 11 years of basketball experience, Bellefleur is a 5' 9" forward with experience in championship games. This year, Bellefleur was part of the basketball squad that reached the pinnacle at Harbour Station in Saint John, winning the provincial A title.

Having graduated with honours and remained on the honour role for her entire high school career, Bellefleur takes her academic studies very seriously.

"Balancing athletics with academics is very important to me, and I'm very excited to be furthering both of them at UNB Saint John."

When speaking of what it takes to win championships, Bellefleur said, "I know how much hard work is needed in order to win championships. There's nothing better than having everyone working towards a common goal and finally achieving it."



Volleyball looking forward to more success!

The UNB Saint John volleyball teams showed a tremendous improvement this year seeing the women's team finish the regular season with a record of 11-7 and finishing 2nd in the ACAA Championships. On the men's side, they finished the regular season in 2nd place, with a record of 7-5 and were the only team to beat the St. Thomas Tommies, doing so in a bold way with a 3-0 win. The Tommies went on to win the ACAA Championships. Kevin Manuel used his experience to alter his line-up many times throughout the year using both newcomers, such as Taneesha Dalling of Sussex, NB and Clara Lancien, an exchange student from France, and experienced veterans such as Katherine Houser and Ali Stymiest.

Rookie coach Kyle Blanchard showed he is no newcomer to the game of volleyball bringing the team from missing playoffs to the 2nd place team, who on any given day could have beat the 1st place team in the conference.



Newcomers to the Seawolves program

Patrick Kendall

Kendall, 17, joins the Seawolves from Fredericton High School. He is coming to UNB Saint John to study in the Bachelor of Sciences program. For the senior varsity volleyball team, Kendall was named rookie of the year in grade 11 and was team MVP in grade 12. He was also the starting setter in both of these years.

Academically, Kendall has received merit for academic honours – having a 90% average or above, all while playing three senior varsity sports in grades 11 and 12. His career goal is to become a dentist.

Kendall is excited to be a part of the Seawolves program this year for a multitude of reasons: the welcome he received at the training and evaluation camp from the team, and the strength of the men's coaching staff.

Kendall believes he can make a positive contribution to this team because of his personal commitment to team success.

Véronique McGrath

At 17, McGrath joins the Seawolves prepared to contribute on a regular basis in the invaluable position of setter. In her academic studies, she is entering into the Bachelor of Arts program.

McGrath's Louis-Mailloux High School volleyball team clinched the provincial title this past May in competition on the UNB Saint John court.

She was named the MVP, reinforcing head coach Kevin Manuel's belief that she will be able to continue that success over her career at UNB Saint John.

"I think Véronique is a great asset to the program. When she worked out with the team last year, there was instant chemistry, which speaks to her skill and work ethic." She hopes her will to win is contagious and is really proud to be a part of the Seawolves team.

