

# Island Sports



The North Kingstown boys' soccer team capped off a perfect season with a State Championship win over South Kingstown. The Jamestown representatives on the team are, from left, Steve Froberg, Brett Uttley, Ben Nadeau, Garik Smith and Kyle Froberg.

Photo by Adrienne Downing

## Boys' soccer posts perfect season

By Sean R. McAdam

Different year, different result. The 2007 North Kingstown Varsity boys' soccer team completed an undefeated season on Sunday with a 1-0 win over rival South Kingstown in the Division I Finals. In the last two seasons, the Skippers had not lost a regular season game, but the playoffs last year ended abruptly in the quarterfinals with a 1-0 sudden-death overtime loss to Barrington. The ending was different this time.

During the regular season, North had a record of 16-0-2 and were Division I South Champions. The only blemishes on their record were an early season 2-2 draw with South, and another draw, 1-1, with La Salle. After defeating Central Falls 1-0 at home in the quarterfinals, the Skippers were set for a rematch with La Salle at Bishop Hendricken in the semifinals.

Both teams played tentative in the first 10 minutes, but after that, the North Kingstown boys began

applying the pressure. Sophomore forward Andrew Hess had a few strong runs, but only one shot that forced La Salle goalkeeper Phillip Chabot to come up with a nice save. The pressure applied by North continued to result in either deep throw-ins or corner kicks. Throw-in specialist Russell Dauksis continued to show how threatening his attempts are. His throws were the equivalent of a free kick, looking for the heads of the North forwards. All-American Brett Uttley had five corners in the first half alone. The teams went into halftime scoreless.

From the moment the second-half whistle blew, North Kingstown put on non-stop pressure. Led by the seniors in goal and defense, they pinned La Salle in their own half. Around the 30-minute mark, a North free kick outside the 18-yard line was popped up high for forward Billy Zile. His header was saved initially, but after the goalie lost control, Hess passed the ball

safely into the net.

La Salle managed to get the ball deep into the Skippers end, but they only had one real quality chance that was headed high over the North goal. Finally, with about five minutes to play, and La Salle pressing up, a turnover found forward Billy Zile in alone on the goalie. After forcing the keeper to commit, his simple pass to goal was finished by Hess, giving North Kingstown the 2-0 lead.

### On to the finals

Sunday's MetLife Soccer Classic Division I final versus South Kingstown was the proper way for the Skippers to finish their season. After dispatching La Salle, they had the opportunity to redeem the only other blemish on their record. They wasted no time. In what almost seemed to be a replay from the second half of the semifinals, North applied the pressure from the whistle. The Rebels had

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Rachel Bryer sails her Optimist boat with the Fort Adams Sailing Team during the fall season.

## Rachel Bryer joins FAST for fall sailing

By Stephanie H. Cotsonas

Even though the junior sailing season has ended in Jamestown, you won't find 11-year-old Rachel Bryer rolling up her sails until mid-November. Bryer, who sails out of Conanicut Yacht Club during the summer, is one of the up and coming junior sailors from Jamestown.

In the fall, she heads across the bay and is a member of the Fort Adams Sailing Team, or FAST, which is a parent-run junior sailing program. FAST was formed three years ago to fill the gap when most local sailing programs end in late August.

FAST has three coaches and about 30 kids, who range in age from 10 to 15 years old and come from all over New England to practice on weekends in September and October. The team is trying to establish itself as the program for premier junior sailors in New England. The junior racers of FAST, sail Optimists and compete with the likes of the Long Island Sound Optimist Team (LISOT).

The Optimist Dingy or Opti has become the standard for ju-

nior sailors. Optis are an ideal boat for kids just learning how to sail and race. They are safe and simple boats designed with children in mind. They are very popular and there are many opportunities to compete on a local and national level for kids 15 and under. The weight limit for Optis is 113 pounds, which is when most kids transition to a Laser.

Bryer started in the sailing program at the CYC when she was 8 years old. She has only been competing for two years and last year, at age 10, she placed third in the Junior Olympics. "She has been on a boat since she was born," according to her father, islander Jim Bryer. "She was born in December and was on a boat in May."

Rachel recently traveled to Norfolk, Va. for the Atlantic Coast Championships in early October. Overall there were 330 kids ages 10 to 15 competing in the Optis and Bryer placed 185. In her best race she finished 26th. Thirty kids represented FAST at the ACCs.

Rachel usually competes in six

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