

# Island Sports



Megan Greene took her field hockey skills to the Junior Olympics, which were held in Detroit, Michigan from July 27 to Aug. 2. Greene is also a member of the North Kingstown High School state champion field hockey team.

## Greene takes field hockey skills to Junior Olympics

By Stephanie Heelan Cotsonas

Islander Megan Greene is wrapping up a busy summer and can now call herself a junior Olympian. Greene was a member of the field hockey team at the Junior Olympics held in Detroit, Michigan recently.

Greene has been participating in the Futures Program for the past two years. She practices with that team during the school year and then commits a week for a tournament in the summer. Greene was chosen to play in the National Futures Championship in Virginia this summer which includes regional teams from

across the United States. From there she was selected to play on the Junior Olympic team.

In Greene's first season as a field hockey player, she made it to Virginia, but this was her first time making it to the Junior Olympics. It may sound like a busy schedule but Greene said, "it is not a lot of field hockey, it is just a lot of work getting there, but it was really fun."

Greene enjoyed meeting new people from across the country and all the players received equal playing time. "The Junior Olympics is actually a lot more laid back than Virginia because

there are not any coaches there and you are not being picked for anything, so it is just fun to go play field hockey," Greene said.

Greene started playing field hockey in eighth grade when she attended a camp, then tried out for the high school team her freshman year. Last season she was a key player for the state champion North Kingstown High School field hockey team. She is entering her junior year and has already started pre-season practice. She said the team looks good and is looking forward to the upcoming season.

## U-12 soccer teams gearing up for competition

Jamestown's two Competitive U12 Soccer Teams announced in the Press last week are up and running. Under 12 players, who were born between Aug. 1, 1996 and July 31, 1998, interested in playing quality competitive travel soccer against neighboring towns this fall are encouraged to participate. JSA players wishing to play on both Competitive and Rec teams may do so as the game days and practice days will be different. Registration for the competitive teams will be via the JSA website after approval from the respective coaches following the initial training sessions.

The Fall Super Liga is a slightly less formal version of the Spring Super Liga. It has a shorter season, no playoffs and requires a more modest time commitment. Additionally, larger roster sizes allow more players to participate. Games for Fall JSA competitive teams will be played on seven Sunday afternoons at Eldred Field and neighboring town fields in September and October. The dates are Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, and Oct. 5, 19 and 26. There will likely be one weekday training session

per week between games.

All interested players are welcome and encouraged to attend open training sessions over the next two weeks. The next boys training session will take place Monday, Aug. 25, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Jamestown's Eldred Field. The girls team training sessions will be as announced via email by Coach Primiano.

The Fall Super Liga provides an additional opportunity for Jamestown players and teams to develop individual and team play and continue the momentum and success of the '08 spring competitive season. It is anticipated that the players on these fall teams will form the core of our competitive teams for the spring of 2009.

Registration costs for fall competitive are \$40 per player. Uniforms are the same as those required for spring competitive teams.

Any questions about the Fall Competitive U12 Teams can be directed to Vin Kirby (423-2342), Paul De Mieri (423-2035), or Jay Sisson (423-1341).

## Porters win J/22 series scoring two bullets on final day

By Jeff Westcott

Bright sun and blustery conditions provided the perfect setting for Bill and Alice Porter to punctuate this year's Fleet 12 Championship with a pair of wins.

While this week's wins were only their second and third of the year, the Porter's USA 1533 was a model of consistency, never finishing worse than third. Louis Mariorenzi and Priscilla Szneke's Blues eRacer duelled to a draw on

the final day with FJ Ritt's Paladin exchanging seconds and thirds but securing second place for the series, just two points ahead of Paladin.

Paladin won twice earlier in the season but was unable to compete in every race which hurt her series chances.

The Marshall brothers finished fourth in the series, missing the final week in order to compete in the J/22 Worlds.



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