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Blaze Standouts Enjoy NPSL All-Star Selections
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The New Jersey Blaze are proud to announce that two of its players made the trip to the National Premier Soccer League's All-Star game in Madison, Alabama, winning 2-0 against a local Rocket City United team during the NPSL Final Four weekend.

Midfielder Cory Bachstein and goalkeeper Kevin Davis were selected to represent the Blaze at the game after putting in consistent performances throughout the season for the South Brunswick-based first-year squad, which has enjoyed a remarkable amount of popularity from locals looking to get behind their new team.

"I'm delighted Cory and Kevin were able to take advantage of this opportunity and play on a national stage, something I know they were ambitious to achieve," said head coach of the Blaze Rob Napier, who believed the pair to be brilliant additions to his squad in 2010. "Both Cory and Kevin rose to the occasion and played well in the game as I expected, representing the Blaze strongly. It just goes to show how being part of the Blaze can help players who have the right attitude fulfill their ambitions."



Bachstein (left) believed the All-Star game went very well, while the weekend as a whole was a great learning experience for when he returns to Duquesne University. "It was everything I expected and more," he said. "The training sessions were very competitive and in just three practices, players from across the country were able to gel as a unit before taking on Rocket City United."

He explained that being selected for the game will help his soccer resume when he moves on to try out for a USL team place. "However, it was also help with my coaching resume to say that I made it that far as a player."

Bachstein added that his experience with the Blaze was crucial to his continuing development on and off the field. "Even though we didn't come out with the results we deserved, I think it was a positive inaugural season and it set a solid foundation for the club's future. The season has helped my abilities because I got so many technical and tactical tips that I wouldn't normally receive."

He continued: "This kind of training helps you become a noticeable player very quickly. After this summer, I will finish playing my last year at Duquesne University and hopefully aim to step up to the next level. However, another season with the Blaze could very well be in the future - it's a great organization to work with."

Napier said of the league: "The NPSL is definitely going in the right direction and providing its players with the chance to compete at this level allows them to experience something special and add to their soccer resume."

"For next year, I'm looking to recruit more players with the right talent and attitude levels so we can go to the Final Four as a team!"

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