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**Magic Happy with Future Despite Tough 2011 Campaign
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The Millburn Magic were unable to record their third successive trip to the playoffs this season, amid a struggle against top-quality opposition in the new East Mid-Atlantic division of the WPSL. Nonetheless, there were a lot of positives to take from the 2011 season, according to first-year head coach Sean Kiernan. While results did not go the way that was hoped by both players and staff, there were still plenty of good things to take into the 2012 campaign.

"Aside from the games against the top-quality NY Fury organization, we proved to match our opponents in games where it could've gone either way," Kiernan explained. "We were never beaten by more than a goal in those games, so we were certainly not a million miles away from claiming more points. Every game proved to offer us opportunities, though sadly we let our opponents grab it on more occasions than we would have hoped. We really did deserve more," he continued.

Despite the lack of points, Kiernan and the girls remained happy with the direction the expanded division took this season, despite the Magic being grouped with nine of the eastern seaboard's best teams - the biggest division in all of the WPSL. "It was the most exciting season I've worked in," he continued. "Games could have gone either way. It had a surprising quality about it that I think we all enjoyed in many ways."

In terms of the final outcome, the playoffs certainly spelled out a lot to the coach. "With Chesapeake getting to the regional final, it proved that the table was extremely tight. We really should have beaten them at home, but the quality of every team's performance was very high. However, it certainly gives us hope, moving forward."

Kiernan asserted that it proved to be a good experience for him as a coach in his first year, noting that it taught him plenty of lessons. "I know what I need to do for next season; a bigger and deeper squad is certainly a top priority, as our numbers got thin towards the end of the year. There are also a few tactical changes I want to try - I think 2012 will be even more exciting than this year!"

He was quick to congratulate a number of players in particular, despite it being a real team effort. "Laura Kurash was our star player," Kiernan continued, "though we had a lot of young players coming in that did brilliantly - they deserve just as much credit." Becki Krakora, Cat Galgano, Laura Zito, Allison Wacker, Alexa Fregulleti and Julie Campbell were all praised for their sterling work on the field throughout the season.

"In 2012, we will be carrying a deeper and more experienced squad, especially after having such a young squad this year. Hopefully we will also have some key players back from injury - there were a few players that sadly never graced the field due to injury."

The Magic would like to thank all supporters who turned out during the season and hopes they return for an action-packed and promising season in 2012.

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