



Souderton Strikers' Sue Casciato is the Philafieldhockey Winning Coach of the Week.

Casciato has been a steadfast fixture in the Phila-area field hockey community as both a player and coach who has positively impacted hundreds of players. Currently, Casciato serves as head coach of the Souderton Strikers' U16 White team, which wrapped up the weekend Mystx Tournament with a record of 3-1.

Casciato's field hockey career began in the Phila-area. She was a standout three-sport athlete at North Penn High School, playing on the field

hockey, basketball and softball teams and garnering numerous accolades as well as helping to propel the field hockey teams to the state tournament two times. She continued her field hockey and softball career at Shippensburg University, leading her teams to NCAA Division II titles in each sport.

Casciato's 30-year coaching career has included steering the programs at Souderton High School and Middle School as well as North Penn High School and Middle School. At this time, she coaches for both the Souderton Strikers FHC and Souderton High School as the freshmen team coach.

Megan Albert, who played for Casciato this past fall at Souderton and who has also been a member of the Strikers for six years and has benefited from Casciato's knowledge and leadership, cannot say enough about her coach. "To say Coach Sue has impacted my game would be an understatement. This will be my third season with her and I am more than thankful that I have had the opportunity to learn from her all of these years. Coach Sue has challenged me and my teammates to become stronger athletes both physically and mentally. She encourages us to work hard at practice, but also knows when to have fun. Although each player on our team is different, she reminds us that everyone is essential to the team's success. Coach Sue believes in us as athletes and cares for us as people."

Strikers Manager Michelle Waldspurger added: "I feel very blessed to have a coach as passionate as Sue on my coaching staff. Her ability to teach girls how to play field hockey, work together as a team, and have fun is a gift. This winning coach not only teaches her players to win on court; she also teaches them how to be successful in life and that is truly something special to be around."

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