

Costa Rica's women's senior national soccer team tours Cap U



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Rica women's soccer team (in red) visits with Cap's women's soccer team at the university's Sportsplex on January 30.

Costa Rica's women's senior national soccer team visited Capilano University on January 30, meeting with Cap's women's soccer team, international students, faculty members who worked on projects in South America, and representatives from Cap's Centre for International Experience, as well as from our department of Athletics and recreation.

“Capilano University offers excellent academic programs supported by first class intercollegiate sport programs for women and men,” says Cap's Athletics director, Joe Iacobellis. “The university programs will be of interest to international student athletes who may want to study and experience university competition in Canada.”

The team was one of eight in town for the 2012 CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Competitions. The roster included: Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, USA, Mexico, Guatemala and Dominican Republic.

Costa Rica was knocked out in the semi finals against the US, which went on to win the tournament in the finals against Canada. Both Canada and the US teams will meet again at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

The Costa Rican team's affiliation with Cap is through Cap's women's soccer coach, Darren Rath. Rath hosted Antonio Arreaga-Valdes, Honorary Consul of Costa Rica in Vancouver, at one of the preliminary soccer games earlier in the tournament. The consul general is also affiliated with Cap as a past member of the advisory board for the former McRae Institute of International Studies at Cap.