

# MEN'S SOCCER

## 2013

### Montana State Billings

#### **Balog Starts Inaugural Recruiting Class with Six Signees (4/3/2013)**

Montana State Billings head coach Alex Balog has signed six players to start his inaugural recruiting class. The Yellowjackets will welcome one high school standout, two junior college transfers, two international talents and one Division III transfer to the 2013 fall roster.

**Bryan Marinaccio (Great Falls, MT/ C.M. Russell HS) 6-0 – 165 – Defender**  
**Clubs: Electric City Soccer and Montana United**

Marinaccio is an extremely solid defender who was a three year letter winner at C.M. Russell. During his senior season he helped his team record six shutouts and finish fourth in the state tournament. Marinaccio earned all-conference honors in 2012.

**Jesper Fries (Horsens, Denmark/ Horsens Gymnasium) 6-2 – 165 – Midfielder**  
**Club: AC Horsens**

**Omar Ambrocio-Vasquez (Leavenworth, WA/ Cascade HS/Peninsula Community College) 5-9 – 155 – Midfielder**  
**Club: Wenatchee Fire & Chelah Warriors**

Ambrocio-Vasquez is a very experienced midfielder with two years of collegiate soccer under his belt. While at Peninsula he helped his team to a 2012 NWAACC championship and West Division championships in 2011 and 2012. In 2012 Ambrocio-Vasquez recorded four goals and seven assists.

Prior to Peninsula, he was a four year letter winner in soccer and helped the 2010 team to a league and district championship. Ambrocio-Vasquez was a first team all-league selection in 2010 and 2011.

**Michael Aringer (Passau, Germany/ Adalbert-Shister Gymnasium/ University of Passau) 6-1 – 174 – Defender**  
**Club: SV Schalding-Heining**

**Britton Jolley (Ravensdale, WA/ Tahoma HS/ Highline Community College)**

**5-9 – 170 – Forward**  
**Club: Federal Way United Storm, Eastside FC, and Crossfire FC**

Jolley is a dynamic forward who knows the field very well. In this past season at Highline, he recorded 12 goals and 15 assists en route to earning first team all-league honors. He helped the Thunderbirds to a 12-5-3 record and an appearance in the NWAACC semifinals.

Prior to Highline, Jolley was a dual sport athlete, lettering in soccer and football. In soccer he earned first team all-league honors 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11. He was named the offensive most valuable player 2008-09 and 2009-10.

**Grady Bryson (Montana City, MT/ Helena HS/ Pacific University) 6-1 – 175 – Defender**  
**Club: Helena Arsenal**

Bryson brings quality collegiate experience to the Jackets' program, spending two years at Pacific University (Division III – Forest Grove, OR). In his Boxers' career he has appeared in 24 matches while starting 13. Bryson has recorded three goals, including one game winner, and one assist at Pacific. In 2012, he helped the back unit record 89 saves.

Prior to his time at Pacific University, Bryson was a three year starter at Helena High School. In 2011 he was selected to play for the West Team in the Shadair Classic All-Star game; and in 2010 he received first team all-conference honors while helping his team to a 13-0-3 overall record and first place finish in the state. During this season Bryson tallied two goals and helped the defense only allow 10 goals.

#### **Men's Soccer Add Six More Signees to 2013 Recruitment Class (4/19/2013)**

Six additional recruits including three junior college rosters and three international players - have been added to Montana State University Billings roster.

**Aodhan Brownlee (Ossett, Wakefield (United Kingdom)/ Ossett School) 5-8 – 163 – Midfielder**  
**Club: Sheffield United, West County FA, and Ossett Albion**

Brownlee's attention to detail allows him to have an impact on both sides of the pitch. In 2012-13 while playing for Ossett Albion, he started 26 contests and tallied six goals and 15 assists. Brownlee was a part of the Northern Ireland U17 national team; and helped his club team to two national British Colleges Finals, and a FA County Youth Cup Final.

**Thorge Jess (Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein (Germany)/ Gymnasium Hebbelschule) 6-2 – 187 – Forward  
Club: Holstein Kiel and TSV Kronshagen**

The Yellowjackets increase their versatility and athleticism with the addition of Jess. During his time at Gymnasium Hebbelschule he participated in six different sports: basketball, baseball, volleyball, tennis, swimming and soccer.

Jess is a very accomplished athlete with an extensive list of accolades. In three years with TSV Kronshagen, he has scored a total of 103 goals. During his 2009-10 campaign, he was the No. 1 scorer in the German junior league, recording 42 goals in a single season, helping his team to a first place finish in State Schleswig Holstein.

In 2012-13, Jess started 19 games and scored 15 goals while dishing nine assists. On March 15, he was honored by TSV Kronshagen as the best youth scorer in the club's history.

**Nicholas Rasmussen (Allyn, WA/ North Mason HS/ Olympic College) 6-0 – 155 – Defender  
Club: West Sound FC and North Kitsap Storm**

Rasmussen looks to bring a strong defensive presence to MSUB's back line. In one season with Olympic College, he started all 16 matches and recorded three assists. Prior to Olympic, Rasmussen was a four year letter winner in soccer for North Mason High School. During 2011-12 he recorded five assists and one goal, while earning All-Olympic League honors and the team's Defensive Player of the Year.

**Thomas Saltwell (Chelmsford, Essex (United Kingdom)/ Great Baddow HS) 6-3 – 184 – Defender/  
Midfielder  
Club: Southend United, Chelmsford City, Tilbury FC and Maldon and Tiptree FC**

Saltwell's frame will be a valuable asset on both sides of the ball for the Jackets. Playing for Chelmsford City he helped his team win the Essex Cup once and the Mid-Essex cup four separate times. In 2012 Saltwell received Chelmsford City Player of the Year honors, and during his 2009-10 campaign he was selected as the Sportsman of the Year.

**Cameron Stanek (Casper, WY/ Kelly Walsh HS/ Northwest College) 6-4 – 180 – Goalkeeper  
Club: Wyoming ODP, Wyoming State Select, Laramie Blizzard and Gillette Edge**

MSUB welcomes a keeper with collegiate championship experience with Stanek's addition. In 2012 at Northwest College he recorded 161 saves and a 1.34 goal against average as he helped his team to a

9-3 record and a West District Championship. Stanek earned second team All-Region IX honors in 2012 and 2011, and was a key member of the 2011 Region IX Championship team. During his 2011 campaign he tallied 121 saves and a 1.28 goal against average.

Prior to Northwest College, Stanek was a three sport letter winner at Kelly Walsh High School; starting in football for three years and soccer and track for four years. In 2011 he received first team all-state and all-conference honors, and in 2010 he received second team all-state and first team all-conference honors. Stanek also received second team all-conference honors in 2009 as a sophomore.

**Parker Vacura (Healy, AK/ Tri-Valley HS/ Peninsula College) 5-11 – 175 – Defender  
Club: Alaska Rush 92 and Alaska ODP 92**

Vacura also brings a championship pedigree with him to the Yellowjacket program. As a defender for Peninsula College, he was an integral part of two NWAACC Championship teams (2012, 2010), and two West Division Championship teams (2012, 2010). In 2012 he scored one goal and registered six assists en route to earning all-region merits.

At Tri-Valley High School, Vacura was a dual sport athlete, receiving four letters in hockey and soccer. During his senior campaign he recorded 19 goals and 12 assists. Vacura also has championship experience at the high school level, winning the 2A Region Championship four years straight, 2006-2009.

**Balog Adds Trio to 2013 Class (5/21/13)**

Men's soccer coach Alex Balog continues to impress with his recruiting efforts for Montana State Billings, adding three additional signees to an already start studded 2013 recruiting class.

The Yellowjackets will welcome one international standout, one division II transfer and one interscholastic talent to the 2013 roster.

"I am extremely pleased with our 2013 recruiting class; all of the student-athletes we signed are very talented and will be a great addition to our program," stated Balog.

"It's been a long and hard process to bring in this quality group. I want to thank our assistants Thomas Chameraud and Conner Moe for their efforts, and they will also be vital in helping to assimilate the new signees."

**Daniel Moss (Perth, Australia/ Sacred Heart College)  
Club: Balcatta SC, Perth Glory, Greenock Morton  
6-0 – 162 – Forward/ Midfielder**

Moss is a very skilled attacker who looks to increase the Yellowjackets offensive efficiency. During his 2011 campaign he helped Sacred Heart win the NAS League Championship and the Interzone Championship. During this year, Moss also received the *Referees' Player of the Tournament* award at the Great Wall Cup Tournament in Beijing, China.

**Andreas Moreano (Quito, Ecuador/ Univ. of Texas of the Permian Basin)**  
**5-9 – 158 – Defender/ Midfielder**

Moreano brings collegiate experience with him to the Yellowjackets' backline. Last season at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, he helped the defense record 75 saves and three shutouts. Moreano also helped the offense register 26 goals and 17 assists.

**Colin Ralston (Belfair, WA/ North Mason HS)**  
**Club: WestSound FC**  
**6-4 – 178 – Forward**

Ralston's extreme athleticism helped him excel at North Mason High School. A dual sport athlete, he lettered in soccer for four years and basketball for one. Ralston scored 21 goals his junior year en route to earning the team's Offensive Most Valuable Player award and first team All-District honors. He led his club team, WestSound FC, in goals and assists.

Ralston also brought home the team's Offensive Most Valuable Player award and first team all-district honors during his sophomore campaign.

## Seattle Pacific

### Five Fantastic Recruits Commit to Play SPU Men's Soccer (2/22/13)

Five standout student-athletes, including four from high schools in the state of Washington have committed to attend Seattle Pacific University.

The quartet of local signees includes defender Jeffrey Collings from Seattle's Ballard High School, the son of Falcons coach Mark Collings.

Also from Washington are midfielder Chaz Jenkins from Everett High, midfielder Jordan Kollars from Central Kitsap High in Silverdale and forward Jordan Thompson from Newport High in Bellevue.

"One thing that we've been working hard on is establishing ourselves locally and locking down some of the top local talent," Coach Collings said. "We believe this class has done that with Jordan Kollars coming to us from the Sounders Academy, Chaz and Jeffrey from the Crossfire Academy, and Jordan Thompson from last year's national finalist Eastside FC."

The Falcons have had great success with players from Arizona. They raided the Grand Canyon state again, this time getting forward Stephen MacDonald from Sandra Day O'Connor High School in Phoenix.

"Of course we're always looking to snag a couple of impact guys from outside of Washington and once again we were able to convince someone to leave Arizona for the Pacific Northwest in Stephen MacDonald," Collings exclaimed.

"All five of these guys are great students and came highly recommended as young men. During the recruiting process we spoke to a variety of people about each of these student athletes and each one of these guys received glowing reviews from everyone we spoke to.

Kollars is currently a member of the Seattle Sounders Academy, a club that recruiting classmates Collings and Thompson played with in the past.

Ten seniors departed from last year's team, leaving the squad with five returning starters.

"We're really happy with our recruiting class for 2013. We lost 10 players to graduation and another one to injury so this group of players is really important not only to the future of SPU soccer, but also to our team next fall.

"We've covered several areas of need with these players. Jordan Thompson and Stephen MacDonald give us two proven goal scorers up front. Jordan Kollars is an anchor for the midfield and Chaz Jenkins gives us some toughness and a ball winner in the middle of the park. We lost three of our starting backs and we believe Jeffrey Collings is going to give our back line a boost with his ability to play anywhere across the back four."

**JEFFREY COLLINGS**  
**Defender, 5-9, 175, Seattle, Wash. (Ballard HS/Crossfire Academy)**

Jeffrey Collings currently plays under Coach Bernie James at Crossfire Academy along with SPU signee Chaz Jenkins. He was a member of the Sounders Academy squad that placed fifth in the nation at the 2011 Academy Finals. Collings participated with the Olympic Development program from 2007-10. He is a three-star recruit in the rankings produced by TopDrawerSoccer.com. As a freshman and sophomore at Ballard High School, Collings garnered All-KingCo honorable mention acclaim. The son of Seattle Pacific head coach Mark Collings, he compiled an outstanding 3.98 grade point average.

**CHAZ JENKINS**  
**Midfielder, 5-11, 180, Marysville, Wash. (Everett HS/Crossfire Academy)**

Chaz Jenkins currently plays under Coach Bernie James at Crossfire Academy along with SPU signee Jeffrey Collings. He is a three-star recruit in the rankings produced by TopDrawerSoccer.com. Jenkins participated with the U.S. Soccer Development Academy and traveled to Italy in 2010 to compete against the Inter Milan Academy. He has a 3.5 grade point average.

#### **JORDAN KOLLARS**

**Midfielder, 5-10, 160, Silverdale, Wash. (Central Kitsap HS/WestSound FC)**

Jordan Kollars currently plays club soccer at the Seattle Sounders Academy. He participated in the Olympic Development Program in 2010. Kollars compiled 13 goals and 18 assists his junior season at Central Kitsap High School after an eight-goal, 11-assist sophomore season. He was a second-team Class 4A All-Washington state selection last year after leading his prep squad to the state final. Kollars is a three-time All-Narrows League honoree. He is a three-star recruit in the rankings produced by TopDrawerSoccer.com. Kollars has an impressive 3.96 grade point average.

#### **STEPHEN MacDONALD**

**Forward, 6-2, 180, Phoenix, Ariz. (Sandra Day O'Connor/SC del Sol)**

Stephen MacDonald amassed 23 goals in 19 games during his senior season at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. That is the same school that produced current Seattle Pacific freshman midfielder Danny Olivas. MacDonald is a standout club performer for the SC del Sol, which was the state league champion in 2012. He boasts a 3.58 grade point average.

#### **JORDAN THOMPSON**

**Forward, 5-8, 150, Bellevue, Wash. (Newport HS/Eastside FC)**

Jordan Thompson currently plays under Coach Dan Strom at Eastside FC. He was a member of the Sounders Academy squad in 2011 and participated in the Olympic Development program from 2008-10. Thompson is a three-star recruit in the rankings produced by TopDrawerSoccer.com. He received the KingCo Class 4A Most Valuable Player award after amassing 25 goals and three assists during his junior season at Newport High School. Thompson garnered all-state prep honors in 2012.

#### **Simon Fraser**

**Division I transfer Shewfelt comes home to Canada to play for SFU (4/15/13)**

The Simon Fraser University men's soccer team has added transfer goalkeeper Scott Shewfelt who played last season with the Division I Coastal Carolina

Chanticleers and is a native of London, ON.

"I'm eager to join the squad at Simon Fraser University," said Shewfelt. "I look forward to being able to work hard and contribute towards a run for the NCAA Championship in the fall. This is a great program with an experienced coaching staff that has history of success and I can hardly wait to be a part of it all."

In 2012, Shewfelt was part of a Coastal Carolina team that boasted a 20-3-2 record and made it all the way to the 'Sweet 16.'

His team was the Big South regular season champion with a 16-1-2 record and he earned the conference defensive player of the week honour on one occasion.

He spent the previous two seasons at Schoolcraft College where he was a National Soccer Coaches Association of America junior college All-American in 2011.

His team was region 12 champions with a perfect 22-0-0 record and Shewfelt posted a 0.28 goals against average that season.

Locally, he played in London with Forest City London in the professional development league in 2012 when the team won the North American Championship.

In 2011, he was named the Ontario Soccer Association's goalkeeper of the year.

"Scott is a keeper with some incredibly diverse experiences," said Head Coach Alan Koch. "He has all the physical tools to be successful with our program. I am excited for him to come finish his college career with us, and of course earn his SFU degree. He has the potential to win some big games for us this fall."

**Clan add five international players to 2013 recruiting class (5/10/13)**

Simon Fraser has added five international recruits for the 2013 season, signing four players out of Europe and one from the United States.

"Every player in this group is an elite level player and we expect all of them to compete for starting positions right away," said head coach Alan Koch. "Our recruiting classes continue to get better every year. As the success of our team continues, we are able to attract a higher level of student-athlete."

Coming to the Clan from the Division I Oregon State Beavers is forward Glenn Paden (Lake Forest Park, WA).

Paden, who also plays with the Seattle Sounders under-23 team, played in 13 games for the Beavers last year, scoring three goals and notching two assists.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to join an established and successful soccer program," said Paden. "It will be great to experience some of the many things the greater Vancouver area has to offer and to attend such an impressive university."

The European contingent includes two players from Germany, one from Norway and one from Sweden.

Alexander Kleefeldt (Frankfurt, Germany) and Pius Mohr (Waldorf, Germany) join fellow German, Chris Bargholz (Fuessen, Germany), who will play his third season at SFU next season.

Kleefeldt is a 6'3 defender who plays for FC Eddersheim.

Mohr is a midfielder and stands 6'0 tall. He played his club soccer with Astoria Walldorf.

From Norway, the Clan are adding Magnus Kristensen (Stavanger, Norway), a 6'3 defender who comes to the Clan from the Viking Stavenger Club.

He continues the history of Norwegian defenders on the Clan roster after Helge Neumann (Oslo, Norway) finished his Clan career last season.

Johannes Hallman (Lidköping, Sweden) brings Division II experience to the Clan. He will join the team as a junior after playing the last two years with Hawaii Pacific University. He stands 6'3 and is a defender.

## South Dakota Mines

The South Dakota School of Mines men's soccer team is pleased and excited to announce 12 young men who have committed to the Hardrocker soccer program and university to meet their academic and athletic needs.

These 12 young men enhance the Hardrocker soccer program with their athletic ability, academic success, and character. During the recruiting process, our priority is to find good young men, who are strong students, and quality soccer players.

"We are confident that this incoming freshman class will add to our 18 returning player's team chemistry," said Hardrocker men's soccer coach Joe Burger. "The returning players have started a culture and environment through hard work, determination and enthusiasm to start a program. We are looking forward to starting a tradition with these two classes."

The 12 new student athletes who will be an integral to the success and team chemistry are:

**Charles Zuraitis:** is a 6-foot-1-inch midfielder from New Lenox, IL., who will graduate from Lincoln Way Central in the spring of 2013. In CJ's senior year, he scored 19 goals for a career total of 53. At Lincoln Way Central, Zuraitis is a four time letter winner, three time All-Conference player, two time All-Sectional player, two time Offensive MVP, Team MVP in 2012 and two time Chicago Fire All-Area Team. Zuraitis has led his high school team to three Regional Championships. CJ currently plays club soccer for the Chicago Fire Youth Academy. Previously, he played for the US Soccer Development Academy Chicago Magic. With the Magic, in 2010 Zuraitis and his team won the US Club National Championship. Zuraitis has tremendous speed and pace. He is a dynamic player with and without the ball who will be a contributor in the Hardrockers attack. CJ has the abilities to beat players 1v1, finish opportunities, and combine well with other players. He is a hardworking determined individual who is always looking for ways to improve his game. Zuraitis is a versatile player who plays both sides of the ball well. At SD School of Mines, CJ will pursue a degree in Mining Engineering.

**Benjamin Bishop:** is a 6-foot-1-inch midfielder who possesses the attacking abilities to also play forward. Bishop is from Franktown, Colo., who will graduate from Legend high school in the spring of 2013. He tallied a total of eight goals and one assist this past season. Bishop, who used to play club soccer for Real Colorado National, now plays his club soccer for Prostar Soccer Academy. He is a creative attacking player who produces goal scoring opportunities. He is difficult to defend and has a sense of urgency around the net. This is attractive to the Hardrockers, as they look to be efficient with goal scoring opportunities in the fall 2013 season. At the moment, Bishop's major is undecided. However, he is deciding between two degree programs.

**Timothy Tribbett:** is a 6-foot-1-inch goalkeeper from Centennial, Colo., and will graduate from Grandview high school in the spring of 2013. In 2010, Tim was Grandview's varsity Rookie of the Year and in 2011, Tim was varsity MVP. Tribbett did not play high school soccer his senior year. He is a full-time US Soccer Development Academy player for the Colorado Rush. In 2011, Tribbett was nationally ranked 63 in Top Drawer Soccer's 2013 recruiting class. Currently, Tribbett is regionally ranked 20 in the Rocky Mountains and Southwest Region according to Top Drawer Soccer. Tim is a solid shot stopper with good technique and responds well on services. He is comfortable with the ball at his feet when played back to. Tribbett is the type of player who will give his heart and soul to keep the ball out of the back of the net. He is a strong presence in net for the Colorado Rush Academy. Tim is a great team player who will put the group first. At SD School of Mines, Tim will pursue a degree in Computer Science.

**Darren Parke:** is a 6-foot-4-inch goalkeeper from Colorado Springs, Colo and attends Rampart high school. Parke is an Academic All-State first team recipient in soccer and basketball. Parke spent the majority of his senior year battling an injury that prevented him from playing in net for part of the season, but has since recovered and back in goal. During his junior year, Parke only allowed 14 goals against and made 75 saves. He plays club soccer for the Western College Development Association Pride Predators '95. Darren has good hands and athleticism with a lot of potential. Darren does very well coming off his line and controlling his penalty area. At SD School of Mines, he will be pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering.

**Nathan Fricke:** is a 5-foot-11-inch midfielder from Grimes, Iowa, who will graduate from Dallas Center-Grimes high school in the spring of 2013. Fricke was All-State and team MVP in 2011. In his junior year, Fricke scored 12 goals and tallied four assists for a combined 28 points. Nate plays club soccer for West Des Moines Arsenal primarily as an outside midfielder. Fricke has helped lead West Des Moines Arsenal win two Iowa State Cup Championships. At SD School of Mines, Nate will contribute either in the midfield or in the back. He's had quality training providing him with good soccer knowledge. He is a strong hard-nose tackler who is a fierce competitor. Nate plays both sides of the ball well. He contributes to the attack with good service and movement off the ball with unbalancing runs. At SD School of Mines, Fricke will pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering.

**Luke Sinkola:** is a 6-foot forward from Monument, Colo., who will graduate from Palmer Ridge high school. As the captain for his team, Sinkola tallied 11 goals and four assists on the season for a combined 26 points. Sinkola led his team to a 17-2-1 record and a second place finish in the Colorado State Finals. He was awarded the team's most valuable attacker. Sinkola plays his club soccer for the Western College Development Association Pride Predators '96. Luke will contribute to the Hardrocker Soccer program in an attacking role. Sinkola does a great job of creating opportunities with his technical ability on the ball and dynamic movement off the ball. He takes advantage of goal scoring opportunities by finishing his chances. We look forward to adding Luke's goal scoring abilities to our program. At SD School of Mines, Sinkola will pursue a degree in Civil Engineering.

**Brandon Lind:** is a 5-foot-11-inch defender from Windsor, Colo., and will graduate from Windsor High School in the spring of 2013. Lind is a three time All Conference first team selection, All-Conference MVP in 2012, two year captain, two time Academic All-State, and helped lead his team to three Conference Championships. In his senior year, Lind scored 10 goals and tallied one assist. He plays his club soccer for Western College Development Association

Arsenal Colorado. Lind has been selected to the WCDA's Watch List of top players in the WCDA as a u17 and u18. Additionally, in 2012 Lind was selected to the WCDA All-Star Team. Lind is a player who can play multiple roles for the Hardrockers. He is a tough center back who possesses the ability to play as an outside back or as a holding center midfielder. Lind is a strong player who wins tackles and does a great job of finding attacking players and getting them the ball. At SD School of Mines Brandon will pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering.

**Erik Fenske:** is a 6-foot-3-inch center back from Savage, Minn., where he will graduate from Prior Lake high school. In high school, Fenske is a two-time MNSHSL All-State Academic Team player in 2011 and 2012. He was also named to the South Suburban All-Conference Team in 2012. He plays his club soccer for Valley United Soccer Club. Fenske has a very good understanding of the game; he has good vision, and reads the game well. He knows when to tackle and when to delay, and supports well. With the ball, Erik is composed, plays quick and connects passes. Erik plans on majoring in Chemical Engineering during his time at SD Mines.

**Thomas Stasiak:** is a 6-foot-1-inch outside back from Sturgeon Bay, WI., who will graduate from Sturgeon Bay high school in the spring of 2013. Stasiak mostly plays left back, and has helped lead his high school to three conference championships, three regional championships, two sectional championships, and two state semi-finals. He is a two time All-Conference player and was captain during his senior year. Stasiak plays club soccer for the Wisconsin Development Academy FC Green Bay. He is a left footed player, a good athlete, with strong technical ability. Tactically, he analyzes the game very well. Stasiak is solid in the air, is a strong 1v1 defender, and joins the attack out of the back well. At SD School of Mines Thomas will pursue a degree in Mining Engineering.

**Jordan Jones:** is a 5-foot-8-inch midfielder from Ogden, Utah, who will graduate from St. Joseph Catholic high school. In Jones junior year he earned All-State honors, and in the fall 2012 season, he helped lead his team to an 18-4 record and a second place finish in the state championship. Jones plays his club soccer for Western College Development Association La Roca FC. Jordan is a technical player, who combines well with forwards and outside midfielders. He is a hardworking, determined player who plays simple and within his abilities. Jordan chose SD School of Mines to obtain a solid education that provides him the tools and knowledge necessary for a successful career and the opportunity to positively contribute to society. He will pursue a degree in Civil Engineering.

**Austin Rankin:** is a 5-foot-9-inch midfield/forward from Longmont, Colo and attends Silver Creek high

school. Rankin plays his club soccer for Western College Development Association Colorado Storm Royal '95. Rankin has great speed and a very hardworking attitude. Rankin is a versatile player who can contribute in multiple roles. He is able to generate chances with quality service and through balls. He selected to attend SD School of Mines because of the quality academic programs offered and exceptional placement rate, the opportunity to be a part of a new and developing program, and because of the schools location and commitment to the community. While attending SDSM&T, Rankin will major in Electrical Engineering.

**Perry Chesebro:** is a 6-foot-5-inch center midfielder from Longmont, Colo. Perry attends Colorado Connections Academy and played high school soccer for Niwot. Currently, Perry is playing club soccer for FC Boulder Elite '96 in the National Premier League. Chesebro was also a member of the Colorado State ODP team in 2010 and 2011. He will graduate high school at the age of 16 since he skipped the third grade. Perry has good feet and size who is going to be able to play multiple positions for the Hardrockers. Chesebro is projected to be 6-feet-7-inches when he is done growing. Perry is a good presence in the middle of the field. Perry has good vision and connects well with surrounding players. While attending SD Mines Chesebro plans to pursue a degree in Chemistry.

## Western Washington

### Two Sign With Vikings (2/21/13)

Midfielder/defender Troy McCarty has signed a national letter of intent and midfielder/forward James Molyneux-Elliot has accepted an offer of admission to play Western Washington.

Both have played on the same club teams the last two years. McCarty is a senior at Snohomish High School and Molyneux-Elliot is a senior at Issaquah's Skyline High School.

"We are very happy and excited to add these two players to our team," said WWU coach Greg Brisbon. "They both have played at the highest level in club and bring in great experience playing in many big games in their club soccer career."

McCarty played three years in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy system, two with Crossfire Academy (2011 and 2013) and one with Seattle Sounders Academy (2012). He played six years overall with Crossfire, winning a state title on its U13 team.

McCarty competed for two seasons at Snohomish High School. He was an honorable mention Class 4A all-State selection as a sophomore on a team that won the Western Conference title and reached state.

"Troy has been playing at the highest level in club soccer for all of his youth," Brisbon said. "He is a versatile player who can play in the back and in the midfield. Troy is a very good distributor of the ball and is dominant in one-on-one defending. He will make an impact right away for us."

Molyneux-Elliot also has played two years in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy system with Crossfire in 2013 and Seattle Sounders in 2012.

With Eastside FC in 2011 he was named to a U.S. Youth Soccer National Best 11 and played on a U16 team that reached the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships. That year, Molyneux-Elliot also reached the national finals on an Olympic Development Program team.

Molyneux-Elliot started two seasons for Skyline High School, playing on a team that reached the Class 4A state championship game as a sophomore.

"James is very dangerous going at guys," said Brisbon. "He is a very hard worker who makes great runs off the ball. James will fit in nicely with our other attacking players."

**Troy McCarty, Midfielder/Defender, Freshman, 6-0, 165, 18, 1/19/95, Snohomish, Wash.**

**CLUB AND HIGH SCHOOL:** Played three years in U.S. Soccer Development Academy system, two with Crossfire Academy in 2011 and 2013 and one with Seattle Sounders Academy in 2012 ... Played six years overall with Crossfire, winning state title on U13 team ... Team captain in 2008, 2009 and 2010 ... Played two seasons at Snohomish High School ... Honorable mention Class 4A all-State selection as sophomore on team that won Western Conference title and reached state ... Team captain and MVP for Panthers ... Two-year letter winner.

**PERSONAL:** Plans to major in engineering.

**James Molyneux-Elliot, Forward/Midfielder, Freshman, 5-9, 155, 18, 1/30/95, Issaquah, Wash.**

**CLUB AND HIGH SCHOOL:** Played two years in U.S. Soccer Development Academy system, one with Crossfire Academy in 2013 and another with Seattle Sounders Academy in 2012 ... With Eastside in 2011 was named to U.S. Youth Soccer National Best 11 and played on U16 team that reached the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships ... Also reached national finals that year on Olympic Development Program team ... Played three years overall with Eastside FC ... Started two seasons for Skyline High School, playing on team that reached the Class 4A state championship game as a sophomore ... Two-year letter winner. **PERSONAL:** Plans to major in political science or international business... His brother, Tom,

played soccer four years at Pacific Lutheran University.

## 2012

### Montana State Billings

#### **Yellowjackets Add Players From Sweden, Norway (5/30/12)**

Montana State Billings has added players from Sweden and Norway to its 2012 recruiting class. Midfielder Andreas Soldal hails from Orebro, Sweden and forward Christian Wilhelmsen is from Notteroy, Norway. Both players stand 5-11 and will be freshmen.

"I am really happy with our recruiting class," stated MSUB coach Dan McNally. "It's taken a while to get the class completed because we set ourselves to high standards. I'm looking forward to coaching all of our new players this fall.

Soldal brings championship experience and versatility to the 'Jackets program. He was a member of the 2010 and 2011 Mariedal Cup (world's largest indoor junior tournament) championship teams.

"Andreas is a quality left midfielder player. He has all the attributes you need to play in the GNAC, and the potential to have a great career at MSUB," McNally said.

Wilhelmsen brings toughness and depth to the forward position for MSUB. He helped his club team to a sixth place finish in their conference and to the second round of the Norwegian Cup.

"Christian is an experienced forward that I think will be a huge asset to our team this fall. He is exactly the player we have been looking for during the off season, and has the ability to be a great player at this level," McNally noted.

#### **Four Sign With Yellowjackets For 2012 Season (5/8/12)**

Montana State Billings coach Dan McNally continued to add to his already solid team as he announced the addition of four players - Samuel Butterworth, Legofi Crawford, Landon Horst and Cameron Lee - for the 2012 season.

"We have been very patient in our recruiting so far this year. The bottom line is that our conference is very strong and we have to bring in players that can compete with the likes of Simon Fraser and Seattle Pacific right away," coach Dan McNally said.

Butterworth (5-11, Aylesford, England) joins the 'Jackets after representing Maidstone United's U18 team. During his time at Maidstone, he captained the team to the Ryman League U18 Championship.

He also played for the Oakwood Park Grammar School during their run to the regional finals in England. "We faced a lot of competition to get Sam's signature, and I'm delighted he will be playing at MSUB. He has the ability to be an excellent player for us. Left back was a problem for us all last season and we hope that Sam can solidify that position. He is a good defender and he loves to get forward and contribute to the attack."

Crawford (6-2, Lakeland, Fla. - Northwest CC) spent the last two seasons at Northwest Community College where he was a 2011 Region XI Honorable Mention. During his two seasons, he scored 12 goals and set up another four.

During his high school career, he lettered three years in soccer and two more in track and field. He was named his soccer team's most valuable player in both 2008 and 2009 and ended his time with several school records to his name. He was the top scorer on his team as a senior and was the top scorer in the region during his junior season.

Horst (5-10, Greely, Colo.) will join MSUB after having spent the last two seasons at Laramie County Community College where he scored three goals and recorded six assists between his two years. Last season, as a sophomore, was an honorable mention for the all-conference team.

In high school, Horst was a two-time all-conference selection as a junior and senior and was awarded his team's Andy Borgh Most Valuable Player award as a senior in 2009 as a forward. As a senior, he was also named his high school's most valuable player.

During his senior season, he was responsible for 19 goals and 10 assists in 14 games. His sophomore season, his team claimed the conference championship but then lost in the final four.

Born and raised in South Africa, Lee (6-1, Welborn, Free State, South Africa) completed his high school education while living on the Isle of Man, an island off the coast of England. He was named to the Corinthians AFC first team during the 2011 and 2012 seasons. Prior to that, he was a two-time King Williams College first team selection in 2008 and 2010.

He was a member of the Isle of Man U18 team in 2009 and 2011 and was the Canada Life Premier League Player-of-the-Month for September in 2011.



### **MSUB Adds Locals To Recruiting Class (2/8/12)**

Two local standouts - Logan Deeney and teammate Alex Erickson - have signed national letters of intent to play college soccer at Montana State University Billings. Both are seniors at Billings Senior High School.

Deeney was a four-year letter-winner as a goalkeeper for the Broncos, logging 52 total games between the pipes including starting 49 games. Out of 391 total shots taken against him, Deeney allowed only 59 total goals in his career and logged 15 total shutouts which leaves him with a save percentage of 85% that helped him have a 28-23-9 record.

As a senior and team captain, he was an integral part for his team finishing second place in the State Class 2A standings which followed the Broncos claiming the conference crown his junior year after finishing the regular season third in the state in 2010.

Deeney was a two-time (2010-11) All-State first team selection by the Montana Coaches' Association as well as a 2011 Super State Class 2A selection and a nominee for the Gatorade Player of the Year during his senior year.

Equally strong in the classroom, he was also a three-time Academic All-State honoree and earned All-Conference plaudits as well as the Black Whistle Award during his sophomore season.

"Logan has the natural ability to be an outstanding goalkeeper," stated McNally. "He is 6-4, which is a significant advantage in that position. His distribution is excellent and I think, if he works hard at his fundamentals, he will be a great addition to our program."

Erickson finished his career at Senior splitting time as both a defender and as a midfielder, lettering all four years.

Like Deeney, Erickson was a fundamental player in the Broncos finishing third in the state as well as claiming a conference championship as a junior. This past season, as a senior and co-captain, Erickson helped lead his team to finishing second in the state in Class 2A soccer while also earning All-State honors. He was also named to the Super State team at center back.

As a junior, Erickson was named to the All-Conference team and as a freshman, he earned Rookie of the Year distinctions to go along with Academic All-State honors.

"I coached Alex in club soccer from 2006-08 and I always thought he would progress to the college level," McNally said. "He was the youngest player on my club team and I was always impressed with his

commitment and soccer ability. Alex is a great addition to our 2012 roster and I'm looking forward to coaching him again."

### **Saint Martin's**

#### **Saints Sign Nine Players Included Three Transfers (2/10/12)**

Saint Martin's University has signed three junior college transfers and six incoming freshmen.

"This year we are bringing in a great mixture of talented freshmen and upper classmen to move our program forward," SMU coach Rob Walker said.

Three transfers from Chemeketa Community College, last year's conference champs, signed with SMU. They are Jovanny Centeno, Ivan Gonzalez and Josh Noonkester.

Centeno was a first-team all-conference player, leading Chemeketa to the playoffs and a conference title. Gonzalez played midfielder and Noonkester played several positions and will likely anchor the center of the back four for SMU.

"Jovanny is naturally an attacking player on the left side of the field," Walker said. "Ivan has great skill, vision and attacking instinct. In watching Josh play, we fell in love with his marking and covering ability."

The six freshmen Walker signed are Daniel Brabent of Bishop Blanchet, Jordan van Baest of West View, Derrick Gonzales of Moses Lake, Emil Kirov of Evergreen Valley, Michael Boswell of Woodinville, and Troy Oliger of O'Dea.

"Daniel is a good passer and has the right defensive instincts to be a hard player to play against," Walker said. "Derrick is a skillful midfielder with good playmaking ability. Troy is a midfielder with impressive physical and technical attributes."

### **Simon Fraser**

#### **Calgary Villains All-Star commits to SFU (7/19/12)**

Simon Fraser has added Ali Al-Chaer to their roster for the 2012 season. Al-Chaer comes to the Clan from his club team, the Calgary Villains.

"Ali is a tough, uncompromising defender," said SFU head coach Alan Koch. "I look forward to seeing how quickly he learns from our older defenders and how he adjusts to playing in the NCAA. His tenacity and drive will help him compete for playing time immediately."

Al-Chaer was named the Defensive Player of the Year for four consecutive years in the Calgary minor soccer

system, and was the top scoring defenceman the last two seasons.

"I'm an explosive, aggressive and versatile player," said Al-Chaer. "I am strong in the air and can execute the offside trap as a centre back. I'm thrilled to be a part of the first Canadian school in the NCAA."

The Lester B. Pearson High School graduate has also been a Calgary minor soccer all-star for four straight seasons.

In addition to his time with the Villains, Al-Chaer has also spent time with Calgary United.

## **Western Washington**

### **Defender Signs National Letter (5/4/12)**

Defender Uche Ugwoaba, a senior at Highline High School, has signed a national letter of intent to play for Western Washington

Two more prep seniors, midfielder Conner Pichette from Wilson High School in Tacoma and goalkeeper Andrew Wildfong from Woodinville High School , have accepted formal offers of admission to WWU.

"We are very excited to add these three young men to our roster for next fall," said WWU coach Travis Connell. "Bernie James at Crossfire and David Hoggan at Tynecastle have a proven track record of developing productive college soccer players. Andrew, Conner and Uche are talented hard-working players that will be great additions to our squad."

Ugwoaba and Pichette have played the last two years for Crossfire Premier Academy , which competes in the Western Conference of the U.S. Soccer Development Academy. Ugwoaba is the team captain this season after having seven assists in nine games the previous year.

As juniors, Ugwoaba was a first-team all-Seamount League pick and Pichette was a first-team all-Narrows League selection.

Wildfong played four years of club soccer with Tynecastle FC. He helped that team win a second straight U.S. Club Regional title in 2011, allowing just 10 goals in 16-game regular-season schedule with six shutouts.

### **Vikings Add Six Prep Standouts, JC Transfer (2/17/12)**

Western Washington University men's soccer coach Travis Connell announced today that six high school seniors and one junior college transfer will play for the Vikings this fall.

The seven newcomers are midfielder/forward Austin Curtis from Bonney Lake High School, midfielder Leonard Kusina from Shattuck St. Mary's Prep School in Fairbault, Minn., defender/midfielder Kurtis Pederson from Bellarmine Prep; midfielder Nate Popp from Mount Si High School, midfielder Sawyer Preston from Eastlake High School, goalkeeper Nico Terentjev from Mercer Island High School, and defender Jeremy Wentzel, a transfer from Shoreline CC who graduated from Edmonds-Woodway High School.

Curtis, Kusina, Pederson, Popp, and Preston all signed national letters of intent and Terentjev and Wentzel have accepted a formal offers of admission.

"We expect this group of talented young men to make an immediate impact on our program," said WWU coach Travis Connell . "There is a little of everything in this class with goalkeepers, defenders, midfielders and a forward. Next year our team will be bigger, stronger and faster, but we have been most impressed by this group's eagerness to get started. They are excited to be Vikings."

Curtis was a first-team Tacoma News Tribune all-Area and South Puget Sound League 3A all-star as a junior at Bonney Lake . He helped the Panthers to a 16-2-1 record, a SPSL title and the first round of the state playoffs where they had a 12-game win streak snapped in a 3-2 loss on penalty kicks to Lakeside . That season Curtis had 15 goals and led the league with 15 assists.

Kusina has played two seasons on a soccer academy squad and was captain of a U.S. Youth League U-16 squad in three years at Shattuck St. Mary's Prep School. He also competed two years at West Valley High School in Fairbanks , Alaska , helping the Eclipse Phoenix Soccer Club to two state titles during his time there.

Pederson has been a second-team Narrows League all-star in each of his first three years at Bellarmine Prep. As a junior, he helped the Lions to a second straight league title and a third consecutive Class 4A state tournament appearance, having 10 goals and 12 assists.

Pederson has played two years for Seattle Sounders FC Academy and one year for Washington Premier FC Academy . He also competed for the Federal Way Storm club team, helping it to three straight state tournament appearances from 2007 to 2009.

Popp received KingCo League 2A/3A all-star honorable mention as a junior at Mount Si , having four assists in leading the Wildcats to the district playoffs. He has been team captain the last six years for the Crossfire Premier club team.

Preston , who is entering WWU this spring, plays for the Seattle Sounders FC Academy. A second-team KingCo League 4A all-star as a senior at Eastlake High School , he had five goals and eight assists in helping the Wolves to the Class 4A state championship.

Terentjev is a team captain this season at Mercer Island High School and has played the last two years on the Crossfire Academy team.,

Wentzel is transferring spring quarter from Shoreline CC where he started for the Dolphins. He was a first-team Western Conference South Division all-star for the second straight year as a senior at Edmonds-Woodway High School . He scored six goals that season in helping the Warriors to a fourth consecutive district playoff appearance.

Wentzel played three years in the U.S. Development Academy system, two with Washington Premier and one with Seattle Sounders FC Academy.

**Austin Curtis, Midfielder/Forward**  
**Freshman, 5-11, 170, 18, 8/21/93, Bonney Lake , WA**

HIGH SCHOOL: First-team Tacoma News Tribune All-Area and South Puget Sound League 3A all-star as junior at Bonney Lake High School ... Helped Panthers to 16-2-1 record, SPSL title and first round of Class 3A state playoffs, losing 3-2 on penalty kicks to Lakeside that snapped 12-game win streak ... Had 15 goals and led league with 15 assists ... Named school's Male Athlete of the Year ... One letter ... Also lettered one year in football ... Transfer from Ponderosa High School in Parker, Colorado ... Did not play as sophomore because of torn ACL ... Honorable mention all-Continental League all-star as freshman ... Played one year with Seattle Sounders FC Academy and another with Washington Premier FC Academy. PERSONAL: Plans to major in kinesiology with emphasis on pre-physical therapy.

**Leonard Kusina, Midfielder**  
**Freshman, 5-10, 155, 18, 1/23/94, Fairbault , MN**

HIGH SCHOOL: Played two seasons on Soccer Academy squad and was captain of U.S. Youth League U-16 team during three-year stay at Shattuck St. Mary's Prep School ... Also competed two years at West Valley High School in Fairbanks, Alaska ... Started and lettered two years ... Helped Eclipse Phoenix Soccer Club to state championships in 2007 and 2008, being team captain one year. PERSONAL: Plans to major in business ... His brother, Leroy, played soccer at Parkland College IL .

**Kurtis Pederson, Defender/Midfielder**  
**Freshman, 6-1, 180, 18, 10/6/93, Puyallup , WA**

HIGH SCHOOL: Second-team Narrows League all-star for third straight year as junior at Bellarmine Prep ... Named team's Most Improved award winner ... Helped Lions to second straight league title and to first round of Class 4A state tournament for third time... Scored 10 goals and had 12 assists ... Team MVP as junior and Most Improved as freshman ... Started and lettered three years ... Played two years for Seattle Sounders FC Academy and one year for Washington Premier FC Academy ... Also played on Federal Way Storm club team, helping it to three straight state tournament appearances from 2007 to 2009, reaching quarterfinals in 2009. PERSONAL: Plans to major in business and engineering ... His mother, Katie, ran track at Central Washington University ... His sister, Ciarra, plays soccer (goalkeeper) at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical.

**Nate Popp, Midfielder**  
**Freshman, 5-11, 155, 17, 8/24/95, Redmond , WA**

HIGH SCHOOL: Honorable mention KingCo League 2A/3A all-star as junior at Mount Si High School ... Had 4 assists in leading Wildcats to district playoffs ... Started two years and lettered three ... Also earned two letters in tennis ... Team captain last six years for Crossfire Premier club team. PERSONAL: Plans to major in marketing ... His brother, Morgan, plays soccer at University of Hawaii-Hilo .

**Sawyer Preston , Midfielder**  
**Freshman, 6-1, 175, 18, 9/9/93, Sammamish , WA**

COLLEGE: Did not attend college last year ... Played for Seattle Sounders FC Academy Team. HIGH SCHOOL: Second-team KingCo League 4A all-star as senior at Eastlake High School ... Team captain ... Had five goals and eight assists in helping Wolves win league and Class 4A state championships ... Won U.S. Marine Corps Achievement Award for Distinguished Athlete of the Year ... Second-team all-league as junior with five goals and five assists on squad that reached first round at state ... Three-time school Scholar-Athlete award winner ... Started and lettered three years ... Team captain of Crossfire Premier U-16 team that won 2009-10 Washington State Cup championship and went to Mexico for regionals ... Team captain of Crossfire Academy for five seasons and played on U18 Seattle Sounders Academy team. PERSONAL: Plans to major in sports medicine or business administration ... His father, Wayne , played football for Toronto Argonauts.

**Nico Terentjev, Goalkeeper**

**Freshman, 6-6, 210, 18, 3/11/94, Mercer Island , WA**

HIGH SCHOOL: Team captain as a senior at Mercer Island High School ... Started and lettered three years ... Played on Crossfire Academy team two years ... Helped Crossfire Premier BU15A team to semifinals at Washington State Championship Cup in 2010 ... In 2008, played on team that was semifinalist at US Club Regional. PERSONAL: Plans to major in exercise science or business ... His father, Andy, football at Bowdoin College MA ... His mother, Laury, played soccer, volleyball and basketball at Bates College MA.

**Jeremy Wentzel, Defender**

**Sophomore, 5-5, 145, 19, 8/31/92, Edmonds , WA**

COLLEGE: Transfer from Shoreline Community College ... Started and lettered for Dolphins. HIGH SCHOOL: First-team Western Conference South Division all-star for second straight year as senior at Edmonds-Woodway High School ... Team captain and team MVP ... Scored six goals in helping Warriors to fourth consecutive district playoff appearances ... Played in WesCo North vs. South All-Star game as junior and senior ... All-league honorable mention as freshman ... Started and lettered four years ... Played three years in US Soccer Development Academy system, two with Washington Premier Academy and one with Sounders Academy. PERSONAL: Plans to major in either philosophy and English.

# 2011

## **Yellowjackets Sign Three International Players (3/18/11)**

International players Eoin Hurley, Chris Holland and Isaac Kerr have signed letters of intent with Montana State Billings bringing the 2011 recruiting class to eight.

Hurley, Holland and Kerr, join five Billings natives in Sam Catlin, Joseph Frank and Zach Moyers of Billings West High School and Matthew Brink and Kyle Emerick of Billings Senior High School.

"In 2010 we conceded too many goals from set pieces and I wanted to add size and athleticism to our defense," MSUB coach Dan McNally said.

"Isaac, Eoin and Chris all are physically strong and over six-feet tall. The three international signings combined with our five in-state signings will form a formidable freshman class. The next four years for our program will be very exciting."

Hurley, a 6-3 goalkeeper from Dublin, Ireland, attended University of Dublin for one year. Prior to that, he helped lead his team (St. Joseph's) to the All-Ireland Cup in 2009.

"At 6-3, Eoin has the height and athleticism to dominate his penalty box," McNally said. "He has the potential to be a top quality NCAA Division II goalkeeper. I'm looking forward to watching his impact on our team."

Holland, a 6-0 defender from Macclesfield, England, helped lead his team to the 2007, 2009 and 2010 East Cheshire Cup finals. They won the 2008 Cheshire Cup and were four-time league winners from 2007-2010. He was named Player of the Year for his teams from 2003-2010 and was a team captain from 2003-2010.

"Chris is a quality addition," McNally said. "He is a very intelligent player with excellent technique and athleticism. I think Chris will be able to play numerous positions at the college level. He is a great addition to the roster."

Kerr, a 6-4 defender from Coynton, Scotland, played under the direction of head coach Grant Russell at Prestwick BC and Iain Bateman at Troon BC.

"We faced a lot of competition for Isaac's signature," McNally said. "He is the kind of player who doesn't come around very often. He is an outstanding athlete and his height will be a major advantage for us. At 6-4, Isaac will be a commanding presence. He is a leader and a player who we can build our defense around for the next four years."

## **MSUB Signs Five From Billings (2/3/11)**

Five players from Billings have signed national letters of intent to play collegiately at Montana State University Billings.

Billings West graduates Sam Catlin, Joseph Frank and Zach Moyers, along with Billings Senior graduates Matthew Brink and Kyle Emerick all inked with the Yellowjackets.

"This year I've been in a great position to recruit in Montana," MSUB head men's soccer coach Dan McNally said. "I had the opportunity to coach Zach, Kyle, Matt and Joe during their club soccer careers with Magic City. In 2006 and 2007, my Magic City team won the Montana State Championship, and in 2006, we made it to the quarterfinals at regionals. All four guys were a huge part of that team."

Moyers, the 2009 Montana Gatorade Player of the Year, helped lead Billings West High School to two state championships. He scored 10 goals and 11 assists his senior year, and set the state record for most assists in a high school career. Moyers earned the Black Whistle Award (2007), all-conference honors (2008), as well as back-to-back all-state honors (2009-2010) and Most Valuable Player (2009-2010).

"Zach has been one of the top high school players in Montana for the last three years," McNally said. "He is a great athlete with the ability to dominate a game. Zach is a winner and I think he has the ability to be a great player for us."

Emerick lettered for four years at Billings Senior where he helped lead the team to a third place finish at state in 2010. He tallied 16 assists and seven goals in the midfield as a senior. Emerick recorded 30 assists and nine goals in his high school career. He earned all-state honors in 2009 and 2010 and was a team captain both years. Emerick earned the Black Whistle Award for Sportsmanship in 2008. In the classroom, Emerick earned Academic All-America honors in 2007 and 2010.

"Kyle reminds me of our senior captain last year, Chris Andre," McNally said. "He is quick with outstanding technique. If he continues to develop, Kyle has the potential to be one of the top forwards in our conference."

Brink also attended Billings Senior High School where he played mainly at the center back position. Brink scored 10 goals and one assist his senior year helping the Broncos to a third place finish at state in 2010. He lettered four years in soccer, earning all-state honors in 2010. He was an all-conference selection in 2009 and was named Most Valuable Player in 2009-2010. As a freshman, he was named Rookie of the Year.

"Matt is a great defender," McNally said. "He is very competitive and is definitely a leader of the players around him. Matt plays with the passion you need to be successful."

Frank played at Billings West where he earned four letters in soccer. He went 26-3 as a goalkeeper with an impressive 0.65 goals against average. Frank helped Billings West to two state titles in 2008 and 2009. He started 30 of 31 varsity matches with 17 shutouts. He earned all-state honors as a junior and all-conference honors as a senior.

"Joe has the size and agility to be an excellent goalkeeper for us," McNally said. "I have seen Joe play at a high level against great competition in big club tournament and at regionals."

McNally went on to comment on how rewarding it has been to watch these four players grow from a young age.

"Personally it's very rewarding to see these four players progress from 13-year-olds learning the game to 18-year-olds signing to play for my college team." "My focus as the head men's coach at MSUB has always been to promote soccer in Montana and give local players the opportunity to play at the college level."

Catlin lettered all four years at West High School, earning all-conference honors at left back in the fall of 2010. Catlin scored 13 goals and 10 assists during his high school career for the Bears. Catlin helped lead the Bears to a third place finish at state as a freshman and back-to-back state championships as a sophomore and junior.

"Sam has really improved over the last two years," McNally said. "He has a great left foot and he gets forward really well from the fullback position."

## **Northwest Nazarene**

### **Crusaders Add 14 to 2011 Soccer Roster (7/22/11)**

Fourteen new student-athletes will attend Northwest Nazarene and join the Crusader men's soccer program this fall.

"We are certainly very happy with this group of players," NNU coach Coe Michaelson said. "In past years we have often been looking for numbers and just general soccer quality to build our new program, but this year we were certainly looking to fill specific needs and we feel that we have done that."

"We have a lot coming back (this fall), and yet we feel that there is room in the squad for these players to make an immediate impact for our team. We have sold these players not only on our great school, but also on the vision and the goals that we have for our soccer

program to be the best and reach new levels of achievement as a team."

### **Christian Adamson, 6-3, Defender (Idaho)**

Christian was a member of the 2008 and 2009 teams with NNU before taking a year off in 2010. Christian has played in 33 matches for the Crusaders, having started 30, with one goal and one assist. One of the top defenders in the GNAC in 2009, with injuries running rampant through the squad, Christian was knocked out of the second half of the conference season with a season ending injury.

### **Wes Caldwell, 6-3, Midfield, Pierce College (Washington)**

Wes transfers from Pierce College where he was a two year starter in the midfield. During his time at Pierce, Wes helped lead his team into the NWAACC playoffs both in 2009 and 2010.

### **Dylan Coffee, 5-11, Striker, Syracuse High School (Utah)**

Dylan Coffee served as a striker, team captain, and the all-time leading goal scorer for Syracuse High School in Utah. Coffee is also a four year starter and in 2010 led his school to their first appearance in the 5A state playoffs. Coffee plays club soccer for La Roca FC. He has also been a member of the Utah ODP State Team for the past five years.

### **Ruben Cortez, 6-1, Goalkeeper, Treasure Valley CC (Oregon)**

Ruben transfers to NNU from Treasure Valley Community College where he was selected to the NWAACC All Star squad. Cortez, who posted three shutouts, was also a team captain and started every game in goal en route to TVCC's run into the NWAACC playoffs.

### **Zane Meehan, 6-2, Defender/Midfielder, Corvallis High School (Oregon)**

Zane led Corvallis to two consecutive state final appearances, losing in overtime in 2010, and scoring the game winner in their 2009 triumph. During his senior campaign, Meehan was a team captain and first team All-State selection as a holding midfielder. Meehan has also played the past two years for the Westside Metros Remix out of Portland, where he is a starting center back for the three time Oregon State Champs.

### **Travis Miner, 5-10, Midfielder, Champlain Valley Union High School (Vermont)**

Travis was an all-conference midfielder for Champlain Valley Union High School before going on to the University of Northwestern Ohio. After spending a

year at Northwestern, Travis worked for Extreme Nazarene, before returning to school full time at NNU this fall.

**Ibukun Modupe-Ojo, 6-1, Striker, Stretford Grammar School (UK)**

Ibk is an attacking player from Manchester, England, where he played for Ardwick FC, managed by former NNU soccer player, Gideon Thomas. Ibik has academy level experience with Bury FC, Altrincham FC, and FC United of Manchester, where his team won the Manchester FA County Cup. Ibik's team also won the premier international tournament, the Keele International Soccer Cup.

**Ricky Munoz, 5-9, Defender, Caldwell High School (Idaho)**

Ricky is an outside back from Caldwell High School. He is also a member of the Boise Nationals Soccer Club, where his team were Idaho State Cup Champions and Far West Regional Quarterfinalists in 2011.

**Jake Neff, 5-10, Defender, Clackamas High School (Oregon)**

Neff was a starting holding midfielder and defender for Clackamas High School in Oregon, where his team finished 3rd in Oregon at the 6A level during his junior campaign. Academically Jake ranked #1 in his class out of more than 500 students.

**Josh Petersen, 5-10, Midfielder, Roy High School (Utah)**

Josh is a holding midfielder for both Roy High School and La Roca FC, where his team competed in many of the top tournaments in the West. Josh was a three year varsity starter at Roy and also played for the Utah ODP team. Josh is a versatile player who will compete for time throughout the midfield.

**Dan Starbuck, 6-0, Midfielder, Loughborough College (UK)**

Dan is a versatile and experienced youth player from Loughborough, England. He was previously a member of the Academy at Nottingham Forest, where his grandfather Bob (Sammy) Chapman played for more than a decade. Dan also has experience with Grantham Town and Shepshed Dynamo, while he spent time on trial with English Youth National Teams, the Glasgow Rangers, Sporting Lisbon and Coventry. His father, Phil, is a former professional soccer player and manager in England.

**Billy Tinajero, 5-9, Striker, Yakima - Eisenhower High School (Washington)**

Billy returns to the field after a one year hiatus as a transfer from Yakima Valley Community College where he spent a year as a student. Prior to YVCC, Billy was twice named an All Columbia Basin Big Nine striker for Eisenhower High School.

**Taylor Turner, 5-9, Striker/Defender, Monroe High School (Washington)**

An All-Conference Defender for Monroe High School and the leading goal scorer for his club team, FC Alliance, Turner is yet another versatile player in the 2011 class. A four year varsity soccer player, Turner helped Cedar Park Christian High School to their first ever state tournament appearance before transferring to Monroe.

**Nate Villegas, 5-10, Midfielder, Jordan High School (Utah)**

Nate is an attacking midfielder for Jordan High School and for the Blue Knights Soccer Club. He is also a captain for the Blue Knights, who have won the last two Utah State Cup Championships. In addition they were the Champions of the President's Day Tournament in Phoenix and advanced to the Quarterfinals of Far West Regionals in 2011.

## **Seattle Pacific**

**Falcons Add Three Washington Natives to Recruiting Class (2/4/11)**

Goalkeeper Shamele Battan from Hockinson High School in Vancouver, Evan Robicheau from Puyallup High School and Sean Russell from Seattle's Garfield High School have signed to play soccer for Seattle Pacific.

"We're really excited about the three young men that we're adding to our program today," SPU coach Mark Collings said.

"Over the last few years we've really focused on recruiting good students as well as guys with character and I can tell you these three are tremendous young men," Collings said. "The relationships that we've developed throughout the recruiting process have been fantastic. More importantly I know they're really excited to be a part of our campus community."

The three newest Falcons will begin their collegiate careers with training camp in August. They join an NCAA Division II Seattle Pacific team that registered a 10-6-2 record last season. The Falcons placed second in the 2010 Great Northwest Athletic Conference standings with a 7-2-1 mark.

Just two seniors departed from last year's team that returns its entire 11-man starting lineup intact for next season.

"Our process this year was very similar to last year because we didn't have a lot of turnover. It's nice to have a lot of players returning, but it makes the recruiting process really difficult," Collings said.

#### **Shamele Battan**

**Goalkeeper, 6-2, Vancouver, Wash. (Hockinson HS/Westside Metros Premier)**

Battan attended Hockinson High School in southwest Washington where he served as the placekicker for the football team. He played club soccer in Oregon with Westside Metros Premier. Battan helped lead Westside to the state club championship and a semifinal appearance at regionals.

#### **Evan Robicheau**

**Defender, 6-0, Puyallup, Wash. (Puyallup HS/Seattle Sounders FC Academy)**

Robicheau tallied 8 goals and 18 assists during his junior prep season in 2010. A three-time All-South Puget Sound League selection, he led Puyallup to the 2008 state Class 4A championship game, which was lost on a shootout. He is one of 10 players from the Seattle Sounders FC Academy to receive a college scholarship.

#### **Sean Russell**

**Midfielder, 5-11, Seattle, Wash. (Garfield HS/Crossfire Premier)**

Russell was a KingCo honorable mention soccer selection in 2010 at Seattle's Garfield High School where he also competed on the cross country team. He participated with the Washington Olympic Development Program from 2006-10. Russell received the Silver Boot award from Emerald City FC in 2007 as the club's player that has developed closest to his potential.

## **Western Washington**

### **Four Prep Standouts Sign With Western Washington (2/8/11)**

Four high school seniors have signed national letters of intent to play for Western Washington beginning in the 2011 season.

They are forward Pat Cole from Sehome High School in Bellingham, goalkeeper Keegan Rogers from Portland Christian High School in Portland, Ore., midfielder Matt Sanchez from Bellingham High School and midfielder Matt Temple from Beaverton (Ore.) High School.

Cole was a second-team all-Northwest Conference choice as a junior at Sehome High. He had 10 goals and 12 assists, helping the Mariners win the district title and reach the semifinals of the Class 2A state Tournament where they lost to eventual champion Bellingham.

As a sophomore, Cole had 10 goals and 10 assists on a squad that took the district title and advanced to the state quarterfinals where it lost to eventual champion Squalicum in a game decided on penalty kicks. Sehome won the state championship his freshman season.

Rogers had a four-year career goal against average of 0.79 and 31 shutouts at Portland Christian, helping the team to a 54-10-7 record. As a senior, he was a first-team all-state choice and Columbia River League co-Player of the Year on a 10-4-3 squad that won a fourth straight league title and reached the first round of the state playoffs.

As a junior, Portland Christian reached the state quarterfinals, and Rogers was a second-team all-state pick on a 17-1-2 team that won the state title.

Sanchez was the Class 2A State co-Player of the Year as a junior at Bellingham, helping the Red Raiders to Northwest Conference, Northwest District and state titles. He was a first-team all-state, all-Northwest Conference and Bellingham Herald all-Whatcom County pick with 20 goals and 13 assists. Sanchez had four goals in one game against Lakewood.

Temple was a first-team Class 6A all-State and all-Metro League pick as a senior at Beaverton High School. He scored 19 goals and had 14 assists in helping the Beavers to a 12-6-2 record and a state title game appearance for first time in 25 years.



# 2010

## Montana State Billings

### MSUB Signs Two From England, Two From Australia (4/8/10)

Four international student-athletes - two from England and two from Australia - have signed with Montana State Billings and will be members of the Yellowjacket men's soccer team this fall. Peter Davies, Nicholas Knowlman, Jak Purkiss and Joshua Marocchi will join Billings natives Tyler Currence and Justin Enger in the 2010 recruiting class.

"This recruiting class has the potential to be the best we have put together," MSUB coach Dan McNally said. "We lost some great seniors after the 2009 season and it was important we replaced them with quality recruits. I think we have done that. We have set high standards over the last three seasons but we can't get complacent. We are determined to make 2010 our fourth winning season in a row."

Both Davies and Purkiss hail from England, while Knowlman and Marocchi come to MSUB from Australia. Knowlman is a native of Brisbane and Marocchi hails from Perth. Davies is a native of Chelmsford, England, while Purkiss comes from Retford, England.

Davies, a 6-0 midfielder, played his last two seasons at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, Calif., where he helped lead his team to the playoffs in both 2008 and 2009. He was a scholar-athlete at Foothill and was on the all-conference team in 2009.

"Pete has played at a high level in England and he was an outstanding player on a very good junior college team in California," McNally said. "He has excellent technique and I think he will score goals from midfield."

Purkiss, a 6-0 defender, captained his high school team and represented his county (Lincolnshire) at the U18 level.

"Jak is a leader," McNally added. "He has captained just about every team he has played for. Jak is quick and he reads the game very well. I think he will be a very good defender for us."

Knowlman, a 5-10 forward, has excelled in youth leagues in Brisbane, Australia. He played six years of Division I club soccer, including two years in the Brisbane Premier Youth competition.

"Nick is a great athlete with lots of potential," McNally said. "He can play either as a forward or

wide midfield player; I think he will develop into a great player for us."

Marocchi, a 5-11 defender, brings a wealth of experience to the Yellowjackets. He played for the Perth Soccer Club as a youth player in the state league competition. In addition, he played for the Floreat Athena Soccer Club Under-18's.

"Josh is an experienced and versatile defender. Josh is a natural leader and he plays with great intensity," McNally said. "He is a quality player than will contribute right away."

### MSUB Signs Standout From Billings West (3/2/10)

Justin Enger, a center midfielder from Billings West High School, has signed a national letter-of-intent with Montana State Billings.

"I believe Justin is the best high school senior in Montana this year," MSUB coach Dan McNally said. "He has the potential to be an excellent player for us over the next four year."

Enger, a Billings native, led West to state championships in 2008 and 2009. West also placed fourth in Enger's freshman season and third in his sophomore season.

Enger scored seven goals and tallied seven assists this past season helping West to a 14-0-1 record. He was an all-state selection for three years and team captain for his junior and senior years.

For his career, Enger tallied 16 goals and 11 assists for 43 points. During his career, he helped lead West to a 54-6-4 record.

### MSUB Signs Former Billings Senior Star (3/15/10)

Former Billings Senior High School standout Tyler Currence will play this fall for Montana State Billings. Currence, redshirted last year at Division I Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

Creighton was ranked as high as No. 2 in the country. Currence will have four years of eligibility for MSUB and will be able to play immediately.

"Tyler is an excellent attacking player," MSUB coach Dan McNally said. "He has played with and against some of the best young players in the country over the last three years and that experience will be great for our team. It is rare that you find a player with such speed and technique."

Prior to Creighton, Currence attended the IMG Academy/U.S. Developmental Academy Pendleton School in Bradenton, Fla., for his junior and senior years. There, he earned the "Coach Award" from head coach Tom Durkin as a junior and helped lead IMG to

a second-place finish at the Dallas Cup, including a win over No. 2 Solar (TX) and also defeated the No. 3 team in Shatuck St. Mary as a junior.

As a senior, Currence continued his success as he scored the game-winning goal in the playoffs versus No. 6 team in the country (Vardar) in the US Developmental Academy League. He also competed at the US Developmental Academy National Tournament, which included the top eight teams in the country at the Home Depot Center in Los Angeles.

Prior to IMG, Currence played for two years at Billings Senior High School where he was named Rookie of the Year as a freshman at forward and earned the Most Assists Award as a sophomore. He was an Academic All-State selection both years.

In addition, Currence played for club soccer for the Billings U-12 team through U-16 helping lead the team to the state championship for five straight years.

"I think the best attacking players out of Montana over the last four years are MSUB returners Chris Andre and Garion Holian and Tyler Currence," McNally said. "It is a very positive step for our program that we are able to keep the best players in-state."

The Yellowjackets finished 11-5-2 this past season and return 14 players from 2009 and had their school-record third consecutive 10-plus win season. MSUB graduated the Ron Lenz Daktronics Division II National Player of the Year in Sam Charles.

## **Seattle Pacific**

### **Three Sign With Falcons (7/19/10)**

Taylor Backous, whose father was a four-year Falcons letterman, is among three athletes who have committed to play soccer this fall for Seattle Pacific University.

Backous is a graduate of Sammamish High School in Bellevue, Wash. He joins the Falcons along with Liviu Bird from Fairbanks, Alaska and Kodiak Gamble from Tucson, Ariz.

"The recruiting process continues to amaze me and we feel really fortunate to be able to add three quality student athletes to our roster for 2010," says Mark Collings, who begins his third season as SPU's head coach.

"All three of these guys will add some needed depth to their respective positions and more importantly continue to improve the strength of our roster. The three newest Falcons will make our training sessions more competitive which is something we feel will help us develop consistency."

Backous was a first-team All-KingCo Conference selection in 2010 after earning second-team recognition in 2009. The defender tallied a goal and six assists as a senior. He was a member of the Eastside FC team that won state club championships in 2006 and 2009.

"We feel fortunate to add a player like Taylor to our program," Collings says. "I feel like we're getting a player that is just starting to realize his potential and is still growing into his body. We're really excited about Taylor's technical skill for a player of his size."

Taylor's father, Doug Backous, played from 1980-83 as a defender at SPU. Doug accumulated nine goals during his collegiate career that was capped with an NCAA Division II championship. He was a first-team all-conference honoree in 1982 and served as the Falcons' 1983 team captain.

Bird is a native of Fairbanks, Alaska who prepped at West Valley High School. He played the last two years at Highline Community College posting three shutouts and a 0.90 goals against average as a freshman. He increased the shutout total to four during his sophomore season.

"Livi will add some needed depth and competition to the goalkeepers," Collings said.

Gamble amassed 23 goals and 29 assists at Ironwood Ridge High School in Tucson. He garnered first-team all-state accolades his senior season after receiving second-team honors as a junior.

Projected as a defender or midfielder at SPU, Gamble participated in the 2009 under-18 Club World Cup with his Tucson Soccer Academy squad.

"We were able to sneak another player out of Arizona," says Collings, whose roster already includes three players from the Grand Canyon State. Scottsdale's Tyler Schultz led all SPU scorers with eight goals last season and Glendale's Jon Pearman was named the 2009 GNAC Freshman of the Year. Anthony Mohammed, from Litchfield Park, Ariz., is a likely SPU starter after red-shirting last season.

Those three newcomers join a pair of players who signed SPU letters of intent in February. Forward Blaine Carver (Soldotna HS) was the 2009 Gatorade Alaska Player of the Year and midfielder Connor Meppen (Boise HS) played on the two-time Idaho state Class 5A champions.

## **Western Washington**

### **Five Prep Seniors Sign NLIs To Play For Vikings (3/26/10)**

Five high school seniors have signed National Letters of Intent to compete in men's soccer at Western Washington University.

The signees are midfielder Tye Hastings from Jackson High School in Mill Creek, midfielder Steven Hughes from Columbia River High School in Vancouver, defender Bailey Martin from Stadium High School in Tacoma, forward Andrew Weishaar from Puyallup High School, and midfielder Gabriele Zaccagnini from Capital High School in Olympia.

In addition, six other prep seniors have accepted official offers of admission and will also play for the Vikings. They are defender Jarad Brisbin from Southridge High School in Kennewick, defender Dean Byron from Liberty High School in Renton, goalkeeper Dakota Huntley from Meridian High School in Laurel, midfielder Erik Lissak from Todd Beamer High School in Auburn, goalkeeper Bryce Leach from Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma and forward Caden Sowers from Ferndale High School .

"This is an outstanding class that not only features some high-caliber soccer players, but a good number of well-rounded athletes as well," said WWU coach Travis Connell. "Our focus every year is to land the best players from the state of Washington and I believe we achieved that goal again. Our coaching staff is eager to begin working with this talented group of individuals."

Zaccagnini was a first-team Class 3A all-state pick as a sophomore, and Martin and Weishaar earned Class 4A all-state honorable mention as juniors.

Sowers was a first-team Class 3A all-state selection and Northwest Conference Player of the Year in 2009, scoring 24 goals.

# 2009

## Montana State Billings

### Yellowjackets Add Four To 2009 Roster (3/2/09)

Blair Stevenson, Clifton Thomas, Ian Cochrane and William Whitworth all have inked national letters of intent to play soccer this fall for Montana State University Billings.

Stevenson hails from Edinburgh, Scotland, also the home country of current Yellowjacket, Tom Milroy. Stevenson plays at James Gillespie High School in Edinburgh. He helped lead his high school team to the league championship from 2006-2009 and were runner-up in the East Region Shield in 2007 and 2008. Stevenson was Player of the Year in 2007 and Players Player of the Year as well.

"Blair is a great signing for us," McNally said. "He has the ability to be a great player for MSUB over the next four years. Blair has all the attributes that I like in a central midfield player, athleticism, passion, determination and the ability to keep possession and create scoring opportunities for our forwards."

Boise, Idaho, native, Thomas, attends Timberline High School where he was an honorable mention selection in 2007 and a first team all-conference selection in 2008. He also was the team Most Valuable Player in 2008. Thomas helped lead his team to a sixth place finish at state in 2007 and a fifth place finish in 2008.

Thomas also played for the Boise Nationals U-17-18 team, as well as the Idaho Rush (U-16) and was a state Olympic Development Player (ODP) 2003-2005.

"Clifton is exactly the type of player that we needed to bring in this year," said McNally. "His technical skill and intelligent movement will be a huge asset for us."

Cochrane, a native of Billings and Senior High School, helped lead the team to the state tournament his freshman and sophomore year. In addition, Cochrane led the team in scoring and assists in 2008. He played for the Magic City Soccer Club that won five straight state championships and he led the team in scoring and assists each year.

"Ian has all the potential and talent to be a great player at MSUB," McNally said. "It will be my job to make sure he gets the most out of his ability. I'm sure with the correct dedication he will be a special player for us. I'm excited to see Ian develop into a great player."

Whitworth attends Billings Central Catholic where he was all-conference as a sophomore and a two-time all-state selection as a junior and senior at center defender. He had four assists his senior year and was a team captain as well.

Whitworth helped lead his team to three conference championships and two state runner-up finishes, including his senior year. He also played for Magic City for five years and one year on the state ODP team.

"Will has the potential to be an excellent defender for us," McNally said. "He naturally plays with the passion and determination I demand from my team. I think he has the ability to have a great career at MSUB."

Whitworth joins Cochrane as two signees from Billings, joining current players Chris Andre, Marco Rosales and Daneson Gray who all are from Billings. In addition, McNally will have 12 Montana players on the roster next season, including Cochrane and Whitworth.

"Signing Will and Ian shows the effort we are making not only to recruit in Montana but also directly in Billings," McNally added. "I feel it is very important that the identity of our team is Montana based."

### Yellowjackets Add Division I Transfer (1/30/09)

Ryan Covey, who played two seasons at Division I Central Connecticut State, has signed a scholarship agreement to transfer to Montana State Billings. Covey, a 6-2, 175 pound midfielder, will have two years of eligibility at MSUB.

"Ryan is a great soccer player and I am confident he will make an immediate impact on our team this fall," MSUB coach Dan McNally said. "He has outstanding technique and athleticism at this level. His experience of playing at a very high level will also be a huge asset for us."

"We were able to sign Ryan even though there was strong competition for his signature. I like the fact that we can now attract transfers from nationally recognized Division I programs. We are building a strong team for 2009"

Covey, a native of Desert Hills, Ariz., helped lead the Blue Devils to a 19-16-3 record during his two years at CCSU and a NCAA Tournament appearance his freshman year. Central Connecticut State upset two ranked teams in the tournament, including No. 15 Harvard and No. 9 Tulsa, before bowing out to UMass, 3-1 in the third round.

Prior to CCSU, Covey started all four years at Cactus Shadows High School, leading the team to the Arizona State Championship in 2005-06. In addition, Covey played club soccer for the Pro's SC 89, winning the state cup in 2006 as well as participating in the Arizona ODP team from 2003-06.

## **Northwest Nazarene**

### **Crusaders Add Two Freshmen, Two JC Veterans (2/26/09)**

Renatto Brito, Salvador Sanchez Jr., Daniel (DJ) Bechtel and John Stump have signed National Letters of Intent to attend Northwest Nazarene and play soccer for the Crusaders this fall.

"We are very excited to add another group of quality players to our program," NNU coach Coe Michaelson said. "We have always viewed the building of our squad as a two-year process and these four players give us a great start to our 2009 class. We made a concerted effort to bring in players who are ready to play, who will fit in with our creative, attacking style and who will add character to our team."

Brito (Jr., 5-8, 165, Portland, OR) is a junior transfer from North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where he captained the Cardinals to their fourth consecutive Scenic West Athletic Conference title.

Brito was instrumental in the NIC midfield, playing through the middle and down the left as he was named an honorable mention All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association after two years as an All-Region 18 all-star selection. "Brito's creativity and technical ability will be of immediate benefit to our midfield," Michaelson commented.

Sanchez (Fr., 5-11, 160, Ontario, OR) joins the Crusaders as a freshman midfielder from Ontario High School where he was a three-time first-team All-4A Greater Oregon League selection.

Sal was also a starting central midfielder for the Boise Capital Soccer Club, where he anchored the midfield on one of the top club teams in the Western United States and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Far West Regional Tournament. "Sal's technical ability and character will help him have an immediate impact for us," Michaelson said.

Bechtel joins the Crusaders from Chrysalis High School. DJ was a starting center back and captain for Eastside FC in Seattle where he helped Eastside to a first-place league finish and a championship at the prestigious Surf Cup Showcase in San Diego, Calif. this past fall.

DJ was also a two-year member of the Washington State Olympic Development Program (ODP) team. "DJ brings added steel and character to the defensive line for the Crusaders," Michaelson added.

John (Jr., 5-10, 160, Yakima, WA) joins the Crusader soccer program after two years as a striker at Wenatchee Valley College where he was a two-time NWAACC selection up front. As a freshman John scored 15 goals to finish in the Top 5 on the

NWAACC scoring chart in spite of playing significant minutes on the outside of midfield.

"John brings added experience to both the front line and the flank for NNU, where he will certainly contribute both up top and out wide," Michaelson added.

"All four of these players possess character in abundance and will contribute to what is hopefully an improvement upon this past year, which we felt was very successful for our first year," Michaelson continued.

"We are also excited to add some experience with our two transfers, as we are still a very young team, in spite of returning many college-experienced players for 2009. We expect to add three to five more players to this mix over the next few months, but these four players will form the backbone of another talented class."

## **Seattle Pacific**

### **Falcons Sign Seven To NLIs (2/6/09)**

Seattle Pacific has received letters of intent from seven student-athletes who will attend Seattle Pacific next fall and play soccer for the Falcons.

Three of the signees are from the state of Washington, including goalkeeper Zach Johnson (Snohomish, Wash./Snohomish HS), midfielder Christopher Morris (Mercer Island, Wash./Mercer Island HS) and forward Charlie Piehler (Renton, Wash.)

The recruiting class also features Anthony Mohammed (Litchfield Park, Ariz.), Caleb Nyone (Happy Valley, Ore.), Jon Pearman (Glendale, Ariz.) and Kyle Smurdon (Sherwood, Ore.)

Collings was thrilled that the Falcons signed every player they targeted.

"We made seven offers and all seven of them accepted, so that's definitely exciting for us," Collings said. "I expect all of them to come in and compete right away. We talked a lot about that in recruiting this year, needing guys that could come in ready both soccer-wise and physically to compete at this level. They all have come from programs that won and played at a high level."

Johnson routinely shut out opponents both at Snohomish (Wash.) High School and at the Crossfire Academy. "Zach has all of the tools to be a very successful goalkeeper at SPU," Collings said. "His physical presence, athleticism and shot-stopping ability were a few of the things that drew us to Zach."

Piehler was another member of the elite Crossfire club program. He was home schooled and did not compete

for a high school team, but that didn't prevent numerous colleges throughout the West from recruiting him.

"Charlie is a tremendous young man with great passion for the game that he attributes to the coaching he has received at Crossfire. It seemed like each time we saw Charlie play he found a way to score goals," explained Collings.

Morris was an All-KingCo honoree at Mercer Island (Wash.) High School. He also excelled on the club circuit with Eastside FC. "The first thing that comes to my mind when I think about Chris Morris is competitor," said Collings. "Chris is an intelligent player and has all of the technical skills necessary to be successful at SPU."

A pair of club teammates from Arizona signed with the Falcons in Pearman and Mohammed. Pearman prepped at Cactus High School where he was the Regional Player of the Year. Mohammed is a product of Agua Fria High School and is a four-time All-West Valley Region first-team selection.

"Jon and Anthony are joining us from Cisco, one of the top clubs in Arizona. Jon will provide us with a physical presence at center back. He does a great job of reading the game and winning balls through the center of the field," Collings described.

"Anthony will bolster our central midfield both as a play maker and as a ball winner. His creativity in the final third and passing ability should really help us this season."

A duo from Oregon rounds out the recruiting class. Smurdon amassed 29 goals and 24 assists during his career at Sherwood High School. He was the Northwest Oregon Conference Player of the Year.

"We're really excited about Kyle, who joins us after playing with Westside Metros for the last few years. He will add some speed and strength to the left side of the field. Kyle's comfort getting forward out of the back should really help us," Collings predicted.

A two-time league MVP at Portland Christian High School, Nyone was the state Player of the Year in Oregon.

"Caleb is just starting to understand how good he is," said Collings. "His combination of athleticism and understanding of the game will give him the opportunity to compete right away for time along the back line."

The signing class filled a variety of needs for the Falcons.

"We graduated a goalkeeper and with Zach, he has the ability to come in and compete right away," Collings

projected. "We gain some versatility in the back with three fantastic athletes that are big, strong and certainly have the ability to defend at this level. We have some creative midfielders that will allow us to keep possession better and provide us with some different things than we had this past year. Charlie gives us a great forward as far as creativity."

**2009 Seattle Pacific Men's Soccer Recruits** - Zach Johnson, GK, 6-3, Fr., Snohomish, Wash. (Snohomish); Anthony Mohammed, M, 5-7, Fr., Litchfield Park, Ariz. (Agua Fria); Christopher Morris, M, 6-0, Fr., Mercer Island, Wash. (Mercer Island); Caleb Nyone, D, 6-0, Fr., Happy Valley, Ore. (Portland Christian); Jon Pearman, D, 6-2, Fr., Glendale, Ariz. (Cactus); Charlie Piehler, F, 5-9, Fr., Renton, Wash.; Kyle Smurdon, D, 6-2, Fr., Sherwood, Ore. (Sherwood).

### **Vikings Sign Three To National Letters (2/11/09)**

Three high school standouts - defender Chris Brundage from Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor, midfielder Sujinda "Jin" Dangvan from Mountain View High School in Vancouver and forward Justin Moore from South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard - have signed national letters of intent to play soccer for Western Washington University.

"We are very excited about this class of young men as we feel that all three are going to make an immediate impact on our team," said WWU coach Travis Connell.

Dangvan was selected from Region Four, which comprises the western United States, to play on a Olympic Development Program team that is traveling to Costa Rica in March. He is in his third season playing on an Eastside FC club team, helping it to the regional quarterfinals in 2007.

The 5-foot-9, 145-pound Dangvan played for Mountain View as a sophomore, leading the Thunder to league and district titles and the quarterfinals of the Class 4A state playoffs.

Brundage is beginning his second year with the Crossfire Academy club team, missing six months last season because of a broken knee cap.

He started and lettered two years at Peninsula, being a first-team all-Narrows League pick as a sophomore and second-team choice as a freshman on a squad that reach the Class 3A state quarterfinals.

Moore was a first-team all-Kitsap County and all-Narrows League selection as a junior at South Kitsap, scoring a team-leading 12 goals and being the Wolves' team captain. A second-team all-league pick as a sophomore, he also plays for Westsound FC, helping that team place second at state and advance to regionals in 2008.

“Dangvan and Moore are attacking players that combine athleticism and exceptional technical skill to dismantle defenses,” Connell said. “Brundage is going to surprise a lot of people next year. He is a smart athletic back who is great in the air and composed on the ball.”

**Sujinda “Jin” Dangvan, Midfielder ( Freshman, 5-9, 145, 17, 10/20/91, Vancouver , Wash.)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Selected from Region Four, which comprises western United States, to play on Olympic Development Program team traveling to Costa Rica in March ... In third season, playing on Eastside FC club team ... Helped squad to regional quarterfinals in 2007 ... Lost in state final in 2008, but won titles at Boise Regional Tournament and San Diego Surf College Cup ... Will graduate this spring from Mountain View High School ... Played as sophomore for Thunder in 2007 on team that won Greater St. Helens League and district titles and got to quarterfinals of Class 4A state playoffs ... Scholar-Athlete award winner ... One letter **PERSONAL:** Lived in Thailand for four years from age 7 to 11 ... Plans to major in business.

**Chris Brundage, Defender (Freshman, 6-1, 175, 17, 5/15/91, Gig Harbor, Wash.)**

**HIGH SCHOOL :** Will play second season with Crossfire Academy club team this spring ... Missed six months last year with broken knee cap ... Will graduate from Peninsula High School this spring ... Started and lettered two seasons for Seahawks ... First-team all-Narrows League choice as sophomore and second-team as freshman on squad that reached Class 3A state quarterfinals. **PERSONAL:** Plans to major in business ... His stepfather, Seth Spidahl, is an assistant men's soccer coach at University of Washington .

**Justin Moore, Forward ( Freshman, 5-9, 160, 17, 3/12/91, Port Orchard, Wash.)**

**HIGH SCHOOL:** First-team all-Kitsap County and all-Narrows League selection as junior at South Kitsap High School ... Scored team-leading 12 goals and had 4 assists ... Team captain for Wolves ... Second-team all-league as sophomore ... Two-year letter winner ... Also plays for Westsound FC, helping that squad place second at state tournament and go to regionals in 2008. **PERSONAL:** Plans to take program in pre-medicine.

# 2008

## Montana State Billings

### Yellowjackets Add Players from England, Montana (4/8/08)

England native Ross Carmichael and Garion Holian have signed national letters-of-intent to play soccer for Montana State Billings.

Carmichael, from Dorset, joins fellow Englanders Scott Dixon, who also is from Dorset, and Sam Charles who played at Budmouth Technology College where Carmichael is now. Carmichael won the state title as a center-midfielder in 2003 and was named to the all-state team in 2006 as well as being named Most Valuable Player in both 2005 and 2006.

Playing with the Portland Club, Carmichael helped the team to a 26-0 record, scoring nine goals and reached the county final. He also played on the Weymouth Club.

"Ross is a first class soccer player, McNally said. "He comes from the same soccer background in England as current MSU Billings all-region student athletes Scott Dixon and Sam Charles and I expect him to make a similar impact on our squad.

"He has great athleticism and excellent technique. I expect him to be a leader in this program throughout his career and he has the potential to be a very special player at MSU Billings"

Holian was born in Houston, Texas, but went to high school in Missoula at Hellgate. He was named Montana Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior midfielder. He was an all-state selection his sophomore-senior years, as well as being named Western Conference Player of the Year as a senior.

During his high school career, he scored 36 goals and had 10 assists and was a team captain as a junior and senior. In addition to playing at Hellgate, he played club soccer with the Bozeman Blitz and the Missoula Strikers as well as playing on the Region IV Olympic Development team.

"Last season Garion was the best high school soccer player in Montana," McNally said. "He has excellent technique and vision and I think he has the ability to be a great player here at MSU Billings. Garion represents a change in how players in Montana view our program. Just like in the 2007 class when we signed Chris Andre (Billings Senior), Garion demonstrates that the best high school players in Montana want to play for MSU Billings men's soccer."

## Seattle Pacific

### Falcons Add Midfielder, Defender (4/30/08)

Midfielder Tyler Schultz (Scottsdale, AZ - Pinnacle) and defender Griffin Fahling (Tupelo, MS - Tupelo) have signed letters-of-intent with Seattle Pacific University.

Schultz is a three-time all-state player and was the Northeast Valley Player of the Year each of the last two seasons. He totaled 64 goals and 74 assists in his career and led Pinnacle High School to the 2008 State Championship.

"Tyler is a dynamic wing player who we see playing up front and wide in the midfield. He has good speed and likes to take players on 1v1," said SPU first-year head coach Mark Collings. "His teams have also been very successful winning both the high school and club state championships in Arizona. We look forward to the winning ways continuing at SPU."

Fahling hails from Mississippi where he was a two-time first team all-state selection and the Dailey Journal (Mississippi) 2008 Player of the Year. "We really feel fortunate to have Griffin," commented Collings. "He has a great understanding of the game as well as the ability to keep possession of the ball under pressure."

### Five Sign With Seattle Pacific (4/2/08)

Five players have signed letters of intent to play soccer for Seattle Pacific University.

Joining the Falcons next fall are forward Ryan Brand (Portland, OR - La Salle Catholic), midfielders Drew Williams (Bend, OR) and Joshua Hensley (Taos, NM), goalkeeper Hunter Huffman (Colorado Springs, CO - Cheyenne Mountain), and defender Elliot Morton (Tacoma, WA - Bellarmine Prep).

Brand is a highly regarded forward who has tallied 74 goals and 65 assists while being named first team All-State three consecutive years at Oregon's 4A level.

Williams and Hensley are both regulars at the ODP State and Regional Camp level and could make an immediate impact at SPU.

Huffman is the net-minder for Real Colorado Academy, one of the top club teams in the nation. He will compete for the starting goalkeeper position as the Falcons lose Kellen Rosten, who also hails from Colorado Springs, to graduation.

The Falcons lone in-state recruit is Morton, a towering 6-4 defender who is the reigning Narrows League Defender of the Year. He plays his club ball for



Washington Premier FC where Collings has seen him develop into a defensive stalwart.

## **Western Washington**

### **Vikings Three Midfielders To Letters Of Intent (2/20/08)**

Midfielders Tyler Bjork from Juanita High School in Kirkland , Matt Dutson from Rogers High School in Puyallup and Oscar Jimenez from Mount Vernon High School have signed letters of intent to play for Western Washington University.

Bjork was a first-team all-Kingco League pick as a junior at Junaita, leading the league with 16 goals. He was a second-team Associated Press Class 4A all-State pick and Seattle Times KingCo League Player of the Year as a sophomore, scoring 14 goals and having eight assists.

Dutson was a second-team all-South Puget Sound League South Division pick as a junior at Rogers and will play for the Crossfire Premier club team this spring.

Jimenez was the Skagit Valley Herald Player of the Year as a junior at Mount Vernon , helping the Bulldogs to a 13-1-3 record by scoring a team-best 14 goals.

# 2007

## Montana State - Billings

### Bozeman Product Signs With Yellowjackets (4/27/07)

Kyle Moriarty, a Bozeman High School product, has signed to play men's soccer for Montana State University - Billings next season.

"Kyle is one of the top soccer recruits out of Montana this year," said McNally. "Kyle is technically strong and has the versatility to play in defense or midfield. I'm looking forward to watching Kyle develop into a quality college soccer player."

Moriarty is a 6-foot-1 defender who lettered to years for the Hawks. He was a two-time all-conference selection. As a senior, Moriarty earned all-state honors and was named the Eastern Conference player of the year. The Hawks' team MVP, Moriarty led Bozeman HS to a runner up finish at the state tournament.

The Yellowjackets are coming off a 5-11-2 season in their final year in the Heartland Conference. They will join the highly competitive Great Northwest Athletic Conference beginning with the 2007 season. MSUB kicks off fall training camp on August 6 and opens the season August 23 at Colorado Christian.

### Yellowjackets Add Midfielder From England (4/18/07)

Scott Dixon, a 6-foot-1 midfielder from Weymouth, Dorset, England, has signed a national letter-of-intent to play soccer for the Yellowjackets. He will have three years of NCAA eligibility.

"Scott is a fantastic addition to the men's soccer program," said McNally. "He has first class technique and great athleticism. After watching him play last Christmas in England, I knew immediately he was the player I was looking for. I believe Scott will have a great career at MSU-Billings."

Dixon was a four-sport athlete at Wey Valley School, competing in soccer, track, volleyball, and tennis. He was a three-time soccer player of the year at Wey Valley School and a two-time player of the year at Weymouth College.

A five-year captain, Dixon helped lead his team to five county cups and five area cups. Wey Valley was a South England quarterfinalist in 2003.

### Yellowjackets Add Billings Recruit (2/28/07)

Chris Andre of Billings has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer for Montana State - Billings.

Andre will graduate from Senior High School in May where he was a three-year letterman for the Broncs. He was a member of the 2004 Montana AA High School State Championship team as a sophomore where he was named Rookie of the Year. In his junior and senior seasons, he scored 15 goals to lead the team in scoring as a starting midfielder. Andre was twice named the Broncs' offensive MVP and was a 2007 Gatorade Player of the Year finalist.

"Chris has the potential to be an excellent NCAA Division II player," said MSUB coach Dan McNally. "He combines first class technical ability with a good understanding of the game. I think he will have a big impact on our offensive production throughout his career. Signing Chris demonstrates how hard we are working to attract the top soccer talent in Montana."

## Saint Martin's

### Saints Add Nine Frosh, Five Sophomores For Inaugural Season (5/17/07)

Nine incoming freshmen and five transfers have been added to Saint Martin's roster for its inaugural varsity men's soccer season.

Of the five transfers, three are from Highline Community College - Tucker Maxwell, Ruben Orozco, and Daniel Palermo. Maxwell is a defender and Orozco a midfielder while Palermo takes on both positions.

Maxwell will come in as a junior and was an NWAACC all-academic winner as well as all-star and Western Conference MVP. Originally from Eagle, ID, he was named Offensive Player-of-the-Year twice and first-team all-conference.

"Tucker is an absolute gem," said Walker. "He is well rounded in his ability to play across the back line. His NWAACC Player-of-the-Year status really pushes his value in our team from both a performance and a leadership aspect. He is a recruit with great ability and soccer intelligence."

Orozco is a 2006 graduate of Mt. Rainier High School where he was an all-area and all-star selection. He received an NWAACC all-star selection at Highline as well.

"Ruben is a formidable player and brings a huge amount of skill, work-rate and tactical ability to our program. His pedigree from youth soccer speaks volumes for where he has been and our hope is that he can push our program upward," said Walker.

Palermo also graduated from Mt. Rainier High School where he was a first-team all-league and first-team all-state selection his senior year. He earned NWAACC all-Star honors in 2005, his first year at Highline.

"Daniel is a gifted player who can play in the back and also may play up front as a Saint. He was quite capable as a defender and could make his presence felt coming forward to score goals as well," said Walker . "Daniel can do his own running and the running for other players if need be; he's extremely versatile and we will be a more well-rounded team with him in our lineup."

Ryan Nichols and Jesse Ramos account for the Saints' other two transfers. Nichols is a junior goal keeper from the University of Washington while Ramos is a junior defender from Seattle Central Community College .

"Ryan is a bright, technical hard working goalkeeper who could challenge for the starting job from day one," said Walker . "He reads the game well and has the ability and potential to cover the routine issues and make the big saves as well. He will make a contribution to our team on the field everyday in training and also be a positive off the field as well."

"Jesse brings a wealth of experience to our side as he has been a steady and effective player in Washington State's tough Men's League. He has great physical tools and tactical awareness and is pretty sharp on the ball too. His wisdom in soccer and in life comes from some great soccer experience against really solid players," added Walker .

Of the nine incoming freshmen, five have been all-league selections including Kramer Cross, Victor Kelmel, Henok Kidane, Andrew Schroederx and Thomas Young.

Cross, a midfielder and forward from Timberline High School, was named first-team all-league in 2006 and was a member of the all-state team both his sophomore and junior years. He had 16 goals and 16 assists his junior year.

"Kramer is a great local talent and has been well schooled by his high school and club coaches over the years. He is technical and tenacious and could play in a number of different positions as a collegian," stated Walker .

Kelmel is a multiple position player out of South Kitsap High School who can play defender, midfielder, or forward for the Saints. He received all-Narrows League honorable mention his sophomore year and has been named a Distinguished Scholar three of the last four years.

"Victor is a smooth technical player with a very good "soccer IQ." His ability to see the game, distribute great service and defend well will give us a firm footing against tough opposition in the fall," said Walker .

Kidane is a midfielder out of West Seattle High School . He has twice been selected first-team all-Metro League and second-team all-Metro once.

"Henok has enormous ability on the ball and his attacking capabilities and instincts will carry him a long way in the collegiate game," Walker said.

"He pairs his skill with great work ethic and has huge potential to set up teammates and score great goals."

Schroeder, a defender and midfielder, is from La Salle High School which has been the league champion and state finalist the last four years. He has been first-team all-league and second-team all-state both of the last two years as well as team captain.

"Andy comes from a very good club background in Oregon and will be a strong defender on the backline for us next year," said Walker . "He can also play in a midfielder's role, and that will be something we'll look at in pre-season as well. For a freshman, Andy brings experience and a steadying influence to our squad."

Out of Todd Beamer High School , Young was the team captain in 2007 and helped his team to the State Championships. In 2006 he was named first-team all-SPSL South.

"TJ has solid techniques for a goalkeeper," said Walker . "His reactions are superb and he can play off his line and organize players in front of him. He's demonstrated the maturity necessary to lead from his position which is essential to our program moving forward from day one."

Rounding out the freshmen class are Simon Craig, Zak Lubin, Erik Orozco and Vlad Voin.

Craig is a midfielder and defender from Meadowdale High School where he was a four-year letterman and part of the 3A State Championship team his freshman year.

"Simon is a solid tough defender who really caught my eye during his play in the Washington State Youth Soccer League and Championship Cup," stated Walker . "He should be able to play multiple roles across the back line for us next year."

Lubin is a goalkeeper from Bozeman High School . "Zak's impressive the moment he walks on the field as he towers over other squad members at 6-5. He has the fabric to blossom at the collegiate level. Some solid training in the first year with some good game experience should go a long way in determining how good he will be."

Orozco and Voin are both midfielders. Orozco comes out of Decatur High School while Voin is from Cascade High School .

“Erik is great in wide positions and can play in defense or in midfield. He is tenacious in his 1 vs. 1 defending and very good coming forward and serving. His work-rate is top class and he trains as hard as he plays on game day,” said Walker . “He’s very bright on and off the field and will be huge in his ability to play at the DII level.”

“Vlad is a great presence in midfield,” said Walker . “He’s good at playing wide and is effective taking players on. His technique is of the highest standard and along with other players on the team should make the midfield corps a real strength for us next year. Vlad is another player with great soccer intelligence and has the skill to cause problems for opponents at the next level.”

The addition of these 14 recruits combined with the Saints current roster gives them a solid group as they transition from club into their first season as part of NCAA DII soccer.

## **Seattle University**

### **Redhawks Sign Eight To Letters-of-Intent (2/7/07)**

Eight student-athletes have signed National Letters of Intent and will join the Redhawk soccer program beginning in the fall of 2007.

“We couldn’t be more excited to have such a strong incoming freshman class,” SU coach Brad Agoos said. “We’ve been able to preserve our usual mix of local players from top clubs, and out of state guys that will keep consistency and drive in the program.”

Among the signees are:

Thomas Bento-Nystad moved from Denmark to Sacramento, Calif., in the summer of 2005 and has been an All-League performer with Christian Brothers High School over the past two years. He was a team captain and the team MVP in 2006, earning 15 goals and 10 assists. He also played midfield for the San Juan Thunder club team.

Jake Ellig , a native of Richland, Wash., earned All-Area and All-Big Nine honors in 2006 as the MVP of the Kamiakin High School varsity soccer team. He is also a member of Emerald City FC 88 Green, which won the Diadora Cup in 2005 and the Washington State Championship in 2006. Ellig also has experience in the Olympic Development Program, serving on the state team for the past four years and the regional team in the past two years.

One of Ellig's club teammates, C.J. Hamel , was a four-year letterwinner at Bishop Blanchet High School. Last season he earned first team All-Metro honors and was also named honorable mention all-state. Hamel won the Golden Boot Award from the Emerald City FC 88 club team, helping the team win

the state title and finish second at the Far West regional tournament.

A native of Carmichael, Calif., Brandon Hamer was named most outstanding offensive player and first team all-league in 2006 at Jesuit High School. In September 2006 Hamer was named Jesuit High School Athlete of the Month and is presently serving as a Senior Religious Retreat Leader. He has also participated in club soccer with the San Juan Lightning 89.

Nick James , from Kirkland, Wash., was the team MVP and All-KingCo first team for Lake Washington High School in 2006. He played on the Crossfire club team from 2003 to 2005, helping the squad win the state championship in both 2003 and 2004 and also the regional championship in 2003.

Alex McCrackin has been a teammate of Hamer's at Jesuit High School for the past four years. A native of Rio Linda, Calif., he helped his high school team win the league championship three straight years and the sectional title in 2006, serving as captain and winning the team MVP award during the year. He is also a member of the San Juan Thunder club team and has been an honor roll student all four years in high school.

Sean Morris , from Bothell, Wash., has played with Hamel on both Bishop Blanchet High School's varsity team and the Emerald City FC Green club team. A two-sport athlete at Bishop Blanchet, Morris was captain of both the soccer and cross country teams, and also has experience in the Olympic Development Program with the Washington state team from 2003 to 2006.

A native of Lynnwood, Wash., David Raney was a first team All-Metro performer as a sophomore at O'Dea High School. Raney plays for the Crossfire James club team, helping the squad win the state title five times as well as the club regional title. He has been on the state Olympic Development Program (ODP) team from 2002 through 2006.

## **Seattle Pacific**

### **Falcons Sign All-Region Player From Colorado (2/12/07)**

Grant Burton, an all-region selection from Lafayette, Colorado, has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Seattle Pacific University beginning next fall.

Grant Burton, who plays both forward and midfield, starred Louisville's Monarch High School, where he was all-Front Range League last fall. He also is a member of the Boulder County Force.

# 2006

## Seattle Pacific

### Five Freshmen Commit to Seattle Pacific (6/14/06)

Brandon Crutchfield and Jordan Dettmer of state 4A champion and nationally-ranked Snohomish High School are among five men's soccer recruits committed to playing for Seattle Pacific University next fall.

Completing the cast of incoming freshmen are Josh Burnside of Black Diamond and Kennedy High School, Alec Nelson of Lynnwood's Meadowdale and Doug Whitney of Edmonds-Woodway.

Crutchfield scored 14 goals and assisted on 17 more for the Panthers (20-1-0), who finished ranked No. 4 in the nation. Dettmer totaled six goals and seven assists.

Crutchfield and Dettmer, both all-Wesco selections, join another Snohomish graduate, Justin Abel, as newcomers to SPU. Abel, who will be a junior, transferred from Saint John's this past winter.

Nelson led Meadowdale in assists with 14 and Whitney scored four goals for Edmonds-Woodway. Both were all-Wesco and club teammates of Crutchfield on the Northwest Nationals Pharaohs, state champions in 2005 and runners-up this year.

Burnside led the Lancers with 11 goals and six assists. Kennedy took fourth place in the state 3A championships. He was a first team all-Seamount King Division selection and played for the Federal Way Celtic, state finalists in '05 and semifinalists in '06.

### Falcons Get Transfer From St. John's (12/20/05)

Justin Abel, a former soccer standout at Snohomish High School, has transferred from St. John's to Seattle Pacific University.

A midfielder, Abel played the past two seasons for the Red Storm, and has two years of remaining eligibility. He started four games as a sophomore, scoring one goal.

Abel led Snohomish High School to the state 4A semifinals as a senior and his club, Snohomish United, won three straight state titles. He was a four-time member of the Washington ODP team and made the regional team three times.

# 2005

## Humboldt State

### Bosnia Native To Play for Lumberjacks (6/21/05)

Defender Zlatan Sahmanovic will play soccer this fall for Humboldt State University.

Sahmanovic was born in Bosnia and moved to Hamburg, Germany, before arriving in the United States in 1997. At Del Campo High School, located in Fair Oaks, Sahmanovic earned first team all-Capital Athletic League honors and second team all-Metro honors in 2005 while leading his team to the Division II Sac-Joaquin Section finals.

"We are excited that Zlatan is joining us at HSU," said HSU head coach Andy Cumbo. "He has a tremendous presence on and off the field. He is a very organized defender who communicates very well. He will be a strong addition to our defense."

Sahmanovic, who speaks fluent Bosnian, German, Spanish and English, is a member of the San Juan Sting club team, along with fellow 2005 Lumberjacks signee Drew Ryan.

### Chula Vista Midfielder Joins Lumberjacks (6/20/05)

Andres Ripa, a right midfielder from Chula Vista has committed to continuing his education and soccer career at Humboldt State University.

Ripa attended University of San Diego High School where he helped his team become the CIF Champions his senior year. He earned first team Division II CIF honors and first team Western League honors while playing at University of San Diego HS.

Ripa has also been a member of a number of premier club teams including the Nomads, the Surf and most recently the Hotspurs USA.

"Andres will be a great addition to our men's program," HSU coach Andy Cumbo said. "He is extremely passionate about the game and he is a fierce competitor. He is strong, aggressive, has played for some of the strongest clubs in San Diego and is ready for the Division II level."

### Chico High Midfielder Commits to Humboldt State (3/21/05)

Chico High School standout Jojo Hansen-Judge will play soccer at Humboldt State.

Hansen-Judge was a three-year varsity starter and two-time team captain at Chico HS. The two-time all-league selection helped lead the Panthers to two

Northern Section championships and a league championship his senior season.

Hansen-Judge has been a member of the Butte United Soccer Club for eight years. "Jojo is a very skilled and smart player," HSU coach Andy Cumbo said. "He will make our defense stronger and will help us attack out of the back. He is a great addition to our program."

### Del Campo Goalkeeper Signs with Humboldt State (3/17)

Drew Ryan has committed to continuing his education and soccer career at Humboldt State.

"We are very pleased that Drew has decided to join our men's program at HSU," said HSU coach Andy Cumbo. "He has been a very successful goalkeeper and he is very accomplished for his age. Drew is a great shot-stopper, very aggressive on breakaways and very quick and explosive."

Ryan, a 5-9 goalkeeper out of Del Campo High School, has been an all-Capital Athletic League selection for the past three years. His senior season was his most successful as he was named the all-league Keeper of the Year, leading his team to the Division II Sac-Joaquin Section finals. He posted 11 shutouts in 2004, allowing just eight goals, including four penalty kicks, while posting a .493 goal against average.

Ryan is a member of the San Juan Sting club team, a 2004 State Cup finalist. "Drew is a very sound goalkeeper and a solid addition to our team," Cumbo said. "He will definitely help our team and he has the potential to make an impact upon arrival."

### Piedmont HS standout commits to Humboldt State (2/23/05)

Piedmont High School soccer standout Kevin Maxwell has committed to continue his education and soccer career at Humboldt State.

Maxwell, a four-year starter at Piedmont, holds career totals of 35 goals and 64 assists. He tallied 17 goals and 22 assists his senior season earning him team MVP honors.

In addition to playing for his high school team, Maxwell is also a member of the Ballistic United club team.

"Kevin is a very hard working, aggressive and skilled player," said HSU coach Andy Cumbo. "He has the ability to generate a lot of offense and he will definitely help our attack over the next four years."

Maxwell joins Matt Colwell, out of Arcata High School, and Geoffrey Houck, out of Chaparral High School, in the Lumberjacks 2005 recruiting class.

“Kevin is another solid recruit who has decided to join our program and we are very excited that he will be continuing his career with us,” Cumbo said.

#### **Chapparral Star Signs With HSU (2/4/05)**

Former Chaparral High School soccer standout Geoffrey Houck (Temecula, Calif.) has signed a national letter of intent to attend Humboldt State University and play for the Lumberjacks in the fall.

Houck, who will play center-back for HSU, was an all-area first team selection and All-Southwest League first team selection in the fall. The 6-5 student-athlete was a two-year varsity letterwinner, starting on the No. 15 nationally ranked high school team in 2003.

“I have no doubt that Geoff will make a tremendous impact on our men's soccer program next year,” HSU head coach Andy Cumbo said. “He's a very strong, aggressive player who is forceful and dominating in the air.”

Houck, who also played for the Nomads Soccer Club in San Diego, achieved a 3.5 grade point average and was a Southwest League Scholar Athlete. He hopes to study business and marketing. “Geoff is an excellent student and a great role model,” Cumbo said.

#### **Local Star Signs With Lumberjacks (2/3/05)**

Former Arcata High School star and Humboldt-Del Norte League Co-MVP Matt Colwell has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Humboldt State beginning next fall.

Colwell, who has shared the H-DNL's top honor the past two seasons, helped Arcata High claim the league title both his junior and senior years. He'll be a candidate for a starting midfield position for the Lumberjacks, who finished with an 8-12 record last year under first-year coach Andy Cumbo.

“Matt is a tremendous soccer player and we're extremely happy that he has decided to continue his career at Humboldt State,” Cumbo said. “His vision, skills, and his ability to find the net will definitely help our attack.”

During his senior season, Colwell led the Tigers in both goals (19) and assists (23). He played varsity soccer all four years at AHS, leading the team in scoring each season. He has also been a member of the Northern California Olympic Development Program.

Colwell has also achieved in the classroom, posting a 4.0 grade point average, earning listing on the National Honor Roll and National Honor Society.

“He's an exceptional student and everything we look for in a student-athlete,” Cumbo said. “He'll make an immediate impact at HSU and is another important figure in moving our program forward.”

## **Seattle Pacific**

#### **Five Freshman Commit To Play Soccer For Falcons (6/17/05)**

Seattle Pacific University has received commitments from five incoming freshmen men's soccer players.

Among the group is a pair of local all-Wesco selections, Colin Kosco of Lynnwood's Meadowdale and Ayo Abebefe from Everett's Cascade, plus Jono Henness of Arizona, Ben Pliskin of Oregon and Daniel Carpenter of California.

Kosco is a defender who earned all-state honors as a junior at Meadowdale, which qualified for the state 3A tournament this spring. Abebefe was a two-time all-Wesco midfielder for the Bruins.

Carpenter was an all-SCCAL first team midfielder for Harbor High School in Santa Cruz, Calif. Henness, a defender, was an all-region pick for Casa Grande Union, located southeast of Phoenix. Pliskin was an all-Valley League defender for Crescent Valley in Corvallis and also played for Oregon United.

# 2004

## Humboldt State

### Hawaii Prep standout joins Lumberjack squad (6/11/04)

Trel Mangarin, a forward out of Hawaii Preparatory Academy and the Hawaii Volcanos Soccer Club, has signed with the 2004 Lumberjack men's soccer squad.

"We are extremely excited that Trel will be joining our men's soccer program," said HSU coach Andrew Cumbo. "He has done a tremendous job both creating and finishing scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates. He will be looked upon to make an immediate impact here."

Mangarin has been an important piece of his high school's team scoring 13 goals as a freshman, 15 his sophomore year, 22 his junior year and 17 as a senior. The numbers he put up his final two seasons made him the leading scorer on the Big Island, while he was also the leader in assists.

Mangarin was named Hawaii Prep's team MVP as well as making the Big Island first-team and the All-State team.

In addition to his success on the field, Mangarin is an honor roll student at Hawaii Prep and plans to study Environmental Resources Engineering at Humboldt State.

"It's very exciting for us to be able to bring in a forward like Trel to our program," said Cumbo. "He is another important individual that will help our men's team move forward."

### Jacks sign midfielder/forward out of Redding (4/23/04)

Eric Webster, a midfielder/forward from Enterprise High School in Redding, Calif., will be joining Humboldt State men's soccer squad in the fall.

"Eric is a very talented player and he will definitely help raise the level of play here at Humboldt State," said HSU coach Andy Cumbo. "He is an accomplished competitor and has been very effective for his teams in the past. We're hoping Eric will be as effective for HSU and help us in moving our program forward."

Webster has been an all-league selection for the past three seasons and was a major factor in his team's Northern Section Division I championship victory this past season. Webster joins Jonathan Eseman from Seattle in Cumbo's first recruiting class as the head men's soccer coach at HSU.

### Eseman Signs With Lumberjacks (3/22/04)

Jonathan Eseman, a forward/midfielder from Seattle, has committed to continuing his soccer career at Humboldt State University.

Eseman, a senior at Garfield High School, has been a four-year varsity starter, is currently the team captain and was an all-conference second-team selection in 2003.

Besides playing for his high school team, Eseman also plays on the Eastside FC/P1 Level club team, which has reached the State Cup semi-finals the past two years.

"Jonathan is a very composed and versatile attacking player," said HSU Coach Andrew Cumbo. "He will be one of the early and important pieces to help us move along quickly through our rebuilding phase. I have no doubt that Jonathan can make an immediate contribution to our men's program."

Eseman, according to Cumbo, is a key to the current rebuilding process that has begun for the men's soccer team at HSU. Cumbo took over the squad in mid December.

## Seattle University

### Redhawks Sign Skagit Valley Player, Four Prep Stars (5/26/04)

Seattle University has signed five players to national letters of intent, bringing its incoming recruiting class to seven players.

Head coach Peter Fewing's latest group of signings includes junior college transfer William "Cam" Weaver (Kent, Wash - Kentwood & Skagit Valley College) and four high school seniors: Jason Cascio (Gilbert, Ariz. - Hamilton HS), Eric Forner (Sacramento, Calif. - Jesuit HS), Luis Gamez (The Dalles, Ore.) and Peter Mullenbach (Lodi, Calif.).

Forner and Mullenbach join Seattle University from the same club team, the San Juan Predators, which has held the number one national ranking in its age group this year. The duo helped lead the Predators to two state championships and two quarterfinal appearances, along with a national championship last year.

Forner, who is also a four-time California North State Team participant and competed on the state and regional ODP teams last year, lettered three-years for Jesuit High School in Carmichael, Calif. He helped lead the Marauders to three section champions and the No. 1 national high school ranking in 2003. Forner was a two-time first team All-Delta League selection and was named the league MVP and Jesuit's Defensive Player of the Year last season.



Mullenbach was a four-year starter at Lodi High School, where he was a four-time all-league selection. He helped lead Lodi to two league championships and to the section finals in 2001, the farthest the school has ever advanced. Mullenbach served as a team captain as a senior, was named to the Principal's Honor Roll and was honored by the California Scholarship Federation.

"Both Eric and Peter have had a lot of success at the high school level," Fewing said. "Not only are they both talented players, but they are winners as well. They will bring a lot to our team."

Cascio was a four-time all-league and three-time all-region selection for Hamilton High School. He was named to the all-state team three times and was honored as the region Player of the Year in both his junior and senior seasons. Cascio, who served as a team captain in his senior year, also helped lead the Gilbert football team to a state championship this past fall and was a member of the National Honors Society.

"Jason is very mobile and strong, and is a hard tackler," Fewing said. "He is physically ready to excel at the college level already."

Gamez was a four-time first team all-league selection for The Dalles High School. He was also a two-time league MVP and two-time first team all-state selection. Gamez served three years as a team captain and was voted team MVP three times. He helped lead his club team, Westside Metro, to a 2002 state championship and a regional quarterfinal appearance. Gamez also lettered two years in track at The Dalles and was a member of the National Honors Society.

"Luis is a very composed midfielder," Fewing said. "He is extremely skillful, smart and fluid."

This past season, Weaver was named the NWAACC regular season and postseason tournament MVP after leading Skagit Valley to the league championship with 15 goals. He also served as team captain. Weaver was a four-year letter winner at Kentwood High School where he was a first team All-South Puget Sound League selection and team captain as a senior.

"Cam is also a skillful player that we can put at a variety of positions," Fewing said. "We are looking for him to play in the back."

"We are excited to add these five players to our recruiting class," Fewing added. "We anticipate all of them to make an impact for us right away."

#### **Redhawks Sign Former State Champions (4/15/04)**

A pair of former Washington state champions have signed national letters of intent with the Seattle University men's soccer team. John Fishbaugher (Redmond, Wash.), a local standout at Redmond High

School and Kennewick's Cameron Mertens (Southridge HS) will don the Seattle scarlet and white this fall.

"These are two very good players that are the start of an exceptional recruiting class for us," SU coach Peter Fewing said. "We are excited to sign both of them."

Fishbaugher has captured three youth state title in the past five years. Most recently, he helped lead Emerald City to the U-18 title this year. In 2002, he won the U-16 state crown with Tynecastle II. Fishbaugher was also a member of the Crossfire Sounders U-14 state championship team in 2002.

A four-year starter at Redmond High, Fishbaugher has helped the Mustangs to a 5-2-1 start in league play, 6-3-1 overall. He is second on the team with four goals and four assists. Last year, Fishbaugher was a first team All-State and first team All-Eastside selection after earning honors as the KingCo 4A Player of the Year. He was an honorable mention all-league selection in his freshman and sophomore seasons. This marks his second straight year as a team captain.

"John is a versatile player that is good with both feet and has very good vision," Fewing said. "He is a strong competitor and has played for Brian Schmetzer, so he is well coached."

"I'm very excited and looking forward to playing at Seattle University," Fishbaugher said. "We should have a really good team."

Mertens was a 2002 U-17 state champion with Three Rivers United, who lost in the regional tournament to eventual national champion Irvine Strikers. Mertens was also a member of the state ODP team that year. A four-year starter at Southridge, he is currently on pace to finish as the team's leading scorer for the fourth straight season with 10 goals in 12 games thus far. Last year, Mertens was a second team All-Big 9 selection after leading Southridge and finishing third in the league with 13 goals. He was an honorable mention selection the previous two years and is in his second straight season as a team captain.

"(Cameron) is an extremely dangerous threat on the left flank. He has great speed and serves good crosses," Fewing said. "He is also an excellent student, and will be a great fit at Seattle University."

## **Seattle Pacific**

#### **Falcons Sign Two Players from Colorado (5/18/04)**

Matt Kemper and Kellen Rosten, both of Colorado Springs, have signed national letters of intent to play soccer for Seattle Pacific University.

Kemper, a 6-foot-2 senior at Palmer High School, was a first team all-state selection and the Colorado 5A

player of the year as a center midfielder. He finished his career with 36 goals and 57 assists, with the Terrors advancing the state round of 16 four times.

Kemper also plays defender for the Pride Predators, where he is a teammate of Rosten. The Pride Predators' assistant coach is Joel Malick, who played on Seattle Pacific's 1998 Final Four squad. They won the elite II division in 2003 and also the Nomads Coaches Showcase. Earlier this spring the Pride Predators advanced to the state cup semifinals. Kemper will also be one of only two prep player this summer for the Colorado Springs Blizzard of the PDL.

"Matt is a strong tackling, very technical central defender," said Seattle Pacific coach Cliff McCrath. "He has good speed and athleticism and can help our defense."

Rosten, a 6-1 senior goalkeeper at Doherty High School, made all-state his final two years and was a three-time all-Metro 5A pick. He posted 17 career shutouts. Rosten also served as punter and placekicker for the Spartans football team.

"Kellen possesses all the physical tools to be a quality goalkeeper," said McCrath. "Even though we have a veteran keeper, we expect Kellen to compete for playing time immediately."

#### **Falcons Sign Three Soccer Recruits (4/13/04)**

James Coggan of San Jose, Jeff Hallenbeck of Redmond, Wash., and Drew Macha of Eugene, Ore., became Seattle Pacific University's first three men's soccer recruits to sign national letters of intent for next fall.

"These three young men not only make us a better team immediately, but they are exceptionally strong students with great character," noted Cliff McCrath, the Falcons' head coach of the three high school seniors. "We're extremely excited about their decision to commit to us."

Coggan, a 5-foot-11 forward, scored 17 goals, added 13 assists and was West Catholic Athletic League offensive player of the year as a senior for Valley Christian High School, which was a Central Coast Section quarterfinalist with a record of 18-3-5. He was a unanimous all-CCS first team selection. Coggan also plays for the Santa Clara Ruckus, which advanced to the U-19 semifinals of the prestigious Dallas Cup earlier this month, scoring twice and adding one assist in the tournament.

"A bright, crafty player like James gives us a dynamic presence up front," said McCrath. "He finds different ways to score and he's a fierce competitor, who's accustomed to winning. We believe he's one of the best forwards to come out of Northern California, and can contribute right away."

Hallenbeck scored 21 goals his past two seasons at Inglemoor High School. He was a first team all-Kingco and all-Eastside forward and the league's top scorer each of the last three seasons. As a junior, the Vikings advanced to the state 4A quarterfinals. Hallenbeck, a 5-9 forward, played for Tynecastle II, the Washington U-16 club and U-17 Tampa Bay Sun Bowl champions, both in 2002. He now plays for FCA Parma, coached by former SPU player Brad Elmenhurst.

"Jeff's a smart player with pace, and someone who makes those around him better players," said McCrath. "We believe he can contribute right away, and give us some offensive punch."

Macha, a 6-1 defender, was Oregon's Gatorade Player of the Year and 3A player of the year for Marist High School last fall after scoring 14 goals and 13 assists while leading the Spartans to the Midwestern League title and a state quarterfinal advancement. He plays for the Oregon United Orange, state champions last year and Dallas Cup participants. His great uncle, was a member of the Czech national team from 1937-45. Off the field, Macha is a National Merit semifinalist.

"We've followed Drew for some time now, and feel that he'll provide both leadership and quality play to our backline," McCrath said. "His top level club experience and coaching will enable him to challenge for playing time immediately."

## **Western Washington**

#### **Two Top Goal Scores Coming to Western (6/18/04)**

Two high school seniors who combined to score 95 goals over the last two seasons, Nick Webb from Squalicum High School in Bellingham and Zach Bauling from Albuquerque, New Mexico, have enrolled at Western Washington University and will play on the men's soccer team this fall.

Webb was a three-time All-Northwest League first-team selection, receiving NWL co-Player of the Year honors as a junior. He scored 25 goals as a senior on a team that reached the quarterfinals of the Class 3A state tournament and connected for 20 goals as a junior. As a sophomore, Webb helped the Storm to the state championship game.

Webb helped Squalicum to three straight NWL titles, the Storm going undefeated in league play the last two seasons, and the 2003 district championship.

Webb's twin brother, Mason, received a scholarship to play soccer at Oregon State University. Bauling received first-team Class 5A all-State honors as a senior at Albuquerque High School, ranking third among the state's scoring leaders with 30 goals and 12

assists. He earned second-team all-state honors as a junior with 20 goals and eight assists.

Bauling also was District Player of the Year as a senior and received all-Metro League accolades for the second straight year.

# 2003

## Seattle University

### Brothers To Play For Redhawks (6/18/03)

Nick and Chris Natale have signed scholarship agreements to play soccer for Seattle University.

The older of the two brothers, Nick will transfer from San Diego State University with two years of eligibility remaining. He played in all 19 games this past fall for the Aztecs and made 10 starts as a midfielder. Nick tallied one assist and finished fourth on the team with 23 shots attempted. He played in 10 games as a freshman.

As a prep, Nick was a four-year starter at Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Ore., where he led his team to three Mount Hood conference championships. As a senior, he was a first team all-state selection, was honored as the conference Player of the Year and was his team's MVP and captain.

Nick led the league in scoring as a junior and finished his career as a top-10 point scorer in conference history. He was a five-year ODP participant and captured four State Cup Titles with West Villa.

A goalkeeper, Chris was a two-time all-conference selection at Sam Barlow. He served as a team captain in his senior season and was a member of the Oregon state ODP team. As a junior, Chris helped his club team to a league championship and was the youngest member selected to play in the all-star game at the prestigious Santa Clara University Soccer Camp.

"I am very excited to get both of these players," SU coach Peter Fewing said. "Nick will make an impact for us right away at a few different positions. Chris is a solid goalkeeper that will strengthen us and give us depth at that position."

### Two Sign With Redhawks (5/29/03)

Forward Adam Jensen (Missoula, Mont./Sentinel HS) and goalkeeper Jacob Rhoads (So., Yakima, Wash./West Valley HS & Highline CC) have signed with the Seattle University men's soccer team.

A four-year letter winner for Sentinel High School in Missoula, Mont., Jensen was a two-time first team all-league selection. This past season, he was an all-state first team selection, was named his team's MVP and served as a team captain.

Jensen also led both his high school and club soccer teams in scoring the past three years. A four-time academic all-state selection, he helped Sentinel to the Montana state championship in 2000 and his club

team to four straight state titles. He also lettered two years in basketball at Sentinel.

A transfer from Highline Community College, Rhoads has three years of eligibility remaining. He was an All-NWAACC Southwest Division selection after helping Highline to first place in the Southwest Division and a tie for the best record in the NWAACC at 16-2 as the team's starting goalkeeper.

He posted a shutout against North Idaho in the final game of the season to help Highline earn a share of third place in the NWAACC tournament. Rhoads was also a two-time first team all-league selection for West Valley High School in Yakima.

## Seattle Pacific

### Vancouver Area Defender Commits to SPU Men's Soccer (5/29/03)

Nick Westendorf, the top scorer for Vancouver's Evergreen High School, has signed a scholarship agreement to play soccer at Seattle Pacific University beginning this fall.

Westendorf was named the Greater St. Helens League offensive co-MVP after helping Evergreen win its third title in four years in 2003. He scored 11 goals and added 11 assists this season for the Plainsmen, who advanced to the West Central Bi-District playoffs.

Westendorf's club, Westside Metros, coached by John Bain, won the Oregon State Cup in both 2002 and '03. They now advance to the regional tournament in Hawaii.

### Canadian Youth International Booter Transfers to SPU (5/27/03)

Kye Taylor, a past member of Canada's Under-23 national team, has signed a scholarship agreement to play soccer at Seattle Pacific University beginning this fall.

Taylor, a 5-foot-11 midfielder/defender, is transferring from Coastal Carolina, where he played as a freshman last fall. He graduated from Max Cameron School in Powell River, B.C., in 2002.

Taylor, who played for Canada in youth international series both in Central America and Germany, is the second recruit signed by Coach Cliff McCrath. Mike Morris of Seattle's Bishop Blanchet High School signed earlier this month.

### **Blanchet, Crossfire Midfielder Commits to SPU Men's Soccer (5/12/03)**

Mike Morris, the top scorer for Bishop Blanchet High School, has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Seattle Pacific University beginning this fall.

Morris, a 5-foot-7 midfielder, has scored 19 goals and added 11 assists in 16 games for Blanchet this spring. The Braves are 13-1-2 and resume play later this week in the Metro League tournament semifinals.

A resident of Bothell, he was a member of the regional Olympic Development Program pool in 2001 and played on the state ODP team since 1999. Morris is the captain of the Crossfire Sounders, state champions in 2000 '01 and '02 under Alan Hinton.

Morris is the first recruit signed by Coach Cliff McCrath. SPU, a five-time NCAA Division II champion, returns eight starters from a team which went 11-6-2 last season. It has qualified for the playoffs 28 times while posting 32 consecutive winning seasons.

## **Western Washington**

### **Vikings Add Two Transfers, Four Freshmen (5/28/03)**

Jeff Lane (Yakima - West Valley), a junior midfielder who lettered the past two years at NCAA Division I Gonzaga, is one of six players who have enrolled at Western Washington University and plan to play men's soccer for the Vikings this fall.

Lane is one of two transfers in the group, the other being sophomore defender Ben Robison (Shoreline - Shorecrest), who was at Edmonds CC. The others are all freshmen – goalkeeper Brian Gullikson (Monroe), midfielder/forward Dan Macaya (Camas), midfielder John Hoogestraat (Bremerton/Olympic) and defender Brian Emory (Boise, ID/Centennial).

“We’re really excited about this class of recruits,” WWU coach Travis Connell said. “This group of players makes our team faster and our attack more creative.”

Lane made four starts for Gonzaga last year, notching two assists in 13 games. He was a four-year letter winner at West Valley, playing on two Class 3A state championship teams and twice earning Mid-Valley League all-star status.

“Jeff will be able to give us that dynamic attacking player in midfield we’re looking for,” said Connell. Robison, who also attended the University of Washington, was a first-team all-NWAACC North Region pick at Edmonds CC and a three-time Western Conference all-star at Shorecrest.

Gullikson was the goalkeeper for the Washington State Select Team in 2001, and also earned second-team Wesco honors as a midfielder at Monroe. Macaya has more than 70 career goals for Camas, helping it reach the state tournament all four years.

Hoogestraat was a four-time, first-team Narrows League Bridge Division all-star at Olympic, and Emory earned all-conference honors as a senior on a Centennial team that finished 14-2 and placed fourth at state.

“Robison and Emory will be able to step in and provide depth on our back line,” Connell said. “Gullikson is an outstanding goalkeeper who is going to do great things at this level. Hoogestraat and Macaya both will play a role in our attack this year, and in the future.”

# 2002

## Seattle University

### McAlister To Transfer to Seattle U (5/16/02)

Former Kennedy High School standout Bobby McAlister (So., Federal Way) will transfer from the University of Washington to play men's soccer at Seattle University.

"We are excited to bring in a player of Bobby's level," Seattle University coach Peter Fewing said. "He is going to make an immediate impact and do a lot of great things for our team."

McAlister played in four games this season and made two starts for the Huskies before sitting out the rest of the year as a medical redshirt due to a groin injury. Last year, McAlister made his way into the UW lineup five times as a true freshman. He still has three years of eligibility left.

McAlister lettered four seasons for Kennedy High School in Burien, helping the Lancers to class 3A state championships in his freshman and senior seasons. He recorded a hat trick in both the semifinals and championship match of the state tournament as a senior.

McAlister earned first team all-SPSL and team offensive MVP honors in both his sophomore and senior seasons and was named the South County Journal all-area Player of the Year.

He tallied 38 goals and 22 assists his senior season after a 22-goal, 15-assist sophomore campaign. McAlister missed his entire junior season due to a knee injury.

McAlister also helped his club team, Solaris, to seven straight Washington State Cup championships. In 1997, he helped Solaris become the first American team to win the prestigious Newcastle (England) Invitational Youth Tournament. He was a member of the state and regional Olympic Development Program teams and was named MVP of the state tournament in 1994 with Solaris.

Bobby is the son of former Seattle Sounder great and current Decatur head coach Jimmy McAlister, who is seeking his second straight undefeated season and class 4A state championship as the skipper of the Gators.

"With Bobby, Seattle University is getting a great student-athlete and person," Fewing said. "I think this will be a good fit for him academically, and he will be reuniting with a lot of friends he grew up playing soccer with."

### Doran Third Signee for Redhawks (4/8/02)

Pat Doran (Bellingham, Wash./Sehome HS) has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Seattle University. Doran becomes head coach Peter Fewing's third signing for next season.

Doran is currently lettering in his fourth season for the Sehome varsity soccer team. He was a first team all-WesCo 4A selection last season after leading Sehome with 16 goals. A four-year starter, he finished second in scoring as a sophomore, finding the back of the net 13 times that season.

Doran has also played with the Whatcom Football Club Rangers since the U-12 age level. He has led the Rangers in scoring for the past five years and has served as the team's captain the past two.

Doran has helped the Rangers to numerous tournament championships, including back-to-back victories in the Baker Blast and three straight Pacific Coast Challenge titles. This past season he was a member of the Washington Olympic Development Program state pool.

"Pat is a strong player with good vision and great touch on the ball. He can flat out score goals," Fewing said. "I think he will adjust well to the college game. He has tremendous upside and will get better for us every year."

"Pat reminds me a lot of a young Peter Hattrup coming out of Seattle Prep," Fewing added. "Between he and (fellow incoming freshman) Alex Chursky, we have two very potent goal scorers coming in next season."

### Kentwood's Easterbrook Signs With Redhawks (3/29/02)

The Seattle University men's soccer team landed its second local recruit for next season with the signing of Ethan Easterbrook (Kent, Wash./Kentwood HS).

"Ethan Easterbrook is a good soccer player. We are excited to have him," SU coach Peter Fewing said. "He should contribute for us as soon as he gets here."

In three complete seasons at Kentwood, Easterbrook was selected to the all-South Puget Sound League North Team twice. He was named his school's MVP as a freshman and led them in scoring last year as a junior.

After finishing fifth in the SPSL North last season, Easterbrook helped the Conquerors to a 5-1 start and recognition as one of the contenders for the league title.

Easterbrook also helped his club team, the Federal Way Storm, to consecutive Premier 1 league

championships and state berths. This past season, the Storm finished as the Washington State runner-up, and advanced to the semifinal round of the state tournament last year. Easterbrook has been a member of the Washington State Olympic Development Program and was named to the state team in 2000.

"I'm looking forward to playing soccer at Seattle University," Easterbrook said. "This gives me the opportunity to stay local and play at a good school with a good soccer program. I'm not a player who likes to watch from the bench, so I hope I can come in and be a contributor right away."

#### **Another Chursky Signs With Redhawks (2/8/02)**

Local standout Alex Chursky (Federal Way, Wash./Decatur HS) has signed a national letter of intent to play men's soccer at Seattle University.

"We are very excited to bring Alex to Seattle University. He is going to be an impact player for us," SU coach Peter Fewing said. "But at the same time he is going to have to earn his spot on the team and he knows that."

Last season, Chursky was named the South Puget Sound League MVP and to the Tacoma News Tribune All-Area Team after breaking the school's single-season scoring record with 29 goals in 21 games and leading the Gators to a class 4A state championship. With Alex playing in his senior season this spring, Decatur is one of the favorites to take the title again.

"Alex gives us a very talented forward that understands how to put himself into positions to score goals," Fewing said. "He is a hard working, blue collar athlete-out type of player. He wants to win."

Chursky chose Seattle University despite offers from NCAA Division I schools, including the University of Washington and 2001 national semifinalist St. John's University. He will be reunited with brother Ian Chursky, who will be a senior on the team next season. Fewing expects Alex to have the same impact as his older brother did after transferring from Tacoma Community College in 2000. It was Ian's high school record that Alex broke last season as a junior.

Ian scored 12 goals in seven games before suffering a season-ending broken leg as a sophomore. This past year, Ian played in just seven games again, but tallied four goals, including three game winners.

"They will compliment each other well," Fewing said. "Aside from the fact that they are brothers and read each other well, they will also make a great scoring tandem up front. Alex is a great post up player and is tremendous in the air, and Ian is a guy that likes to make runs in open spaces."

The younger Chursky marks the fifth son of a former Seattle Sounder to play for Seattle U. The two brothers

are the sons of former Sounder standout Tony Chursky. SU junior Jeff Stock, Jr., who is also Ian's roommate, is the son of Jeff Stock, Sr., a teammate of Tony Chursky's with the Sounders. Soccer alumni Kelly Barton, a member of the 1997 NAIA national championship team, is the son of Frank Barton, and Eddie Fernandez was preceded by Sounder great Pepe Fernandez.

"Humble is a great word to describe both Alex and Ian, much like their father," Fewing said. "They are very coach able, good team players. I expect a lot of good things out of Alex."

#### **Seattle Pacific**

##### **Top Scorer From Illinois Prep Powerhouse Signs at SPU (6/7/02)**

Tom Funk, the top scorer for Illinois state champion Sandburg High School in Orland Park, has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer at Seattle Pacific University beginning this fall.

Funk, a 6-foot-1 forward, scored 16 goals and had 11 assists for Sandburg, which went 27-1-1 en route to the class AA state title and was ranked No. 6 in the nation. He was selected to the all-SICA West team as a junior and senior.

Funk also plays for the Windy City Pride, twice winner of the Busch tournament and a state cup semifinalist, and was that club's top scorer for five seasons. He played briefly for the Chicago Magic earlier this year.

##### **Falcons Ink Parade All-American (3/18/02)**

Ross Vaillancourt, a two-time Parade All-America selection from New Hampshire's Manchester West High School, has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer for Seattle Pacific University.

Vaillancourt, a center midfielder, was the Gatorade state player of the year the last two seasons and a four-year starter for the Blue Knights. He scored 21 goals and added 13 assists in his final two seasons at West, that despite missing eight games of his senior season due to injury.

Vaillancourt was one of only four repeat selections for Parade All-America. The team consisted of 39 boys from 18 states this year. He was also a two-time All-America as chosen by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and member of the Olympic Development regional pool. He becomes the first prep All-America to play for SPU since Jason Dunn (1991-93). West won the New Hampshire state title with an unbeaten record (20-0) in 2000 and was runner-up (18-1-1) last fall.