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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.

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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 Chapparral 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.

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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 championships 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."

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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.

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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.

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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.”

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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.