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## CITY ISLANDERS ADD MIKES TO THE MIDFIELD

## Mike Feniger, Mike Henning sign with Harrisburg

**Harrisburg, PA –** The Harrisburg City Islanders today announced the signings of midfielders Mike Feniger and Mike Henning. Feniger and Henning join David Bascome, who became the first player to sign with the team last week, on the Islanders' early roster.

"Like David Bascome, Mike Feniger and Mike Henning embody the traits we are looking for in City Islanders players," said Islanders President Eric Pettis. "They are more than proven, talented professionals. Both have displayed a commitment to the community, and we place a high value on that."

Feniger, 28, is a product of Cumberland Valley High School and a 1997 graduate of East Stroudsburg University, where he was a three-time Division II All-American. Upon graduating from East Stroudsburg, Feniger was drafted by the Colorado Rapids of Major League Soccer, the Philadelphia KiXX of the Major Indoor Soccer League, and the Hershey Wildcats of the A-League.

He began his professional career with the Wildcats in 1997 and played for that club until its dissolution following the 2001 season. The 5-10, 170-pound midfielder also spent the 2001-02 season with the Harrisburg Heat of the MISL, scoring five goals and 17 points in 25 games. Feniger spent the 2003 season with the Reading Rage of the Professional Soccer League, where he scored four points in 14 games.

Henning is well known to local soccer fans. The 29-year-old was a two-time NSCAA All-American and fourtime Regional All-American while playing at Randolph-Macon College, and left RMC as the school's all-time leading goal scorer and point producer. Henning played for the Harrisburg Heat from 1998-2003, scoring 43 goals and 119 points while blocking 84 shots in 142 games for the club. He began his career in 1996 with the Baltimore Spirit of the NPSL, and was traded to the Heat prior to the 1998-99 season.

Henning, whose versatility enables him to play in the midfield, in the back, or even at forward, played outdoors for the Hershey Wildcats from 1998-2001. Prior to that, he also spent time with the Baltimore Bays and Delaware Wizards, both now disbanded.

"With the signing of David last week and now Feniger and Henning, our roster has begun to take shape very quickly," said Islanders Head Coach Bill Becher. "We're working hard to put a highly competitive team together, and I'm encouraged by what we've accomplished so far."

The Harrisburg City Islanders will enter their first season of play in the outdoor Professional Soccer League, a division of the United Soccer Leagues, in April of 2004, with home games at the Skyline Sports Complex on City Island. The club will hold open tryouts at LANCO Fieldhouse on Tuesday, January 6, and Wednesday, January 7.

Season tickets and holiday gift certificates are now on sale. For current information on the City Islanders, contact the team's offices at 717-441-GOAL, or visit <u>www.cityislanders.com</u>. For more information on the PSL or the USL, visit <u>www.uslsoccer.com</u>.

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