

Beavers sign 8 former Oregon ODP players

The Oregon State Beavers soccer programs announced their recent recruiting classes for 2005, and eight former Oregon ODP players were among those selected.

In the women's program, the Beavers selected Kelsey Provo, Ashley Wood and McKenna Martindale.

Provo (Eugene, Ore./Sheldon HS) earned first-team, all-state honors after helping lead her high school team to its second straight state championship. She was also a member of the 87' ODP girl's team.

"Kelsey is an exciting, strong, fast forward that has the ability to score important goals," said head coach Steve Fennah. "Her pace will trouble opponents. She will play up front but is also capable of playing at the wide midfield positions."

Wood (Corvallis, Ore./Corvallis HS) played on Oregon's ODP team in 2004. She earned first-team, all-league as a forward in 2004. Wood plays club soccer for the OUSA Yellow squad.

"Ashley brings an interesting dynamic in that she received all-league honors as a forward, but will also be playing in the goal for OSU," said Fennah. "Her athleticism at both positions is very exciting."

Martindale (Lake Oswego, Ore./Lakeridge HS) plays club soccer for the Lake Oswego Defeaters leading the team to the state cup championship four of the last six years. A two-time team captain for her high school squad, Martindale has earned all-state honors on two occasions. Martindale also played for the Oregon ODP program.

"McKenna is a strong and powerful defensive player," said Fennah. "She is very quick and reads the game well. She will bring athleticism and determination to our defense."

Overall, Fennah was pleased with his upcoming class.

"As a staff, we're excited to add this group of athletes and pleased to get a good group of in-state players to commit to this program," said Fennah. "They are a group that allows us to continue to build upon the success of recent years. This recruiting class brings a high level of athleticism and more than anything else they all understand how to play the game."

Boys

On the men's side, the Beavers nabbed Josh Cameron, Garrett Fuller, Tracy Hasson, Sean Tripi and Ryan Vilhauer. All five played in the Oregon ODP program.

Cameron (Gresham, Ore./Centennial HS) is a three-time member of the Oregon ODP team and plays for the Westside Metros. He is a four-year starter at forward and midfield for Centennial High and was a teammate of fellow Beaver recruit, Mike Miller. As team captain at Centennial, Cameron led the squad in scoring for three straight seasons. He set school records for career goals (70), career points (181), single season assists (20) and goals in a single game (8) and earned all-state honors on two occasions.

Cameron has been a multi-sport athlete all four years of high school. He captains the Centennial basketball team for which he is an all-league point guard and is an all-league infielder for the baseball squad.

"Josh is a tremendous athlete who demonstrates incredible quickness and speed," said Beavers head coach Dana Taylor. "He is able to break players down on the dribble and separate himself from defenders. He has a true knack for finding the goal."

Fuller (Eugene, Ore./Sheldon HS), along with club teammates and fellow Beaver signees Tracy Hasson and Ryan Vilhauer, helped the OUSA Black team win four state championships in five years. At the high school level, he helped Sheldon High to a state championship in 2004. As team captain his senior season, Fuller earned first-team, all-league. Fuller was also a member of the Oregon ODP Team.

"Garrett is a blue collar, left sided defender with a tremendous work rate and attitude," said Taylor. "He's a great tackler and enforcer that has the ability to get forward and join in on the attack."

Hasson (Lake Oswego, Ore./Lake Oswego HS) is a three-year member and the starting central midfielder for the Region IV Olympic Development Program team and has been a mainstay with the team in tournament play. Hasson was an adidas ESP participant in 2004 and was a member of the national team pool in 2001. His résumé also includes international experience with the Region IV team.

At Lake Oswego High, Hasson earned all-state honors twice and led the Lakers in goals and assists for the third straight season. Last season, Hasson pushed his team to the state semi-final game beating two No. 1 seeds along the way.

"Tracy is an extremely quick, technical central midfielder who links players together," said Taylor. "He is crafty, explosive and a good passer of the ball who brings a wealth of experience to our team."

Tripi (Hillsboro, Ore./Century HS) is a six-year member of the Oregon Olympic Development Program and helped his club team, F.C. Portland, capture the Super Y-League regional championships as a sophomore and again as a senior. Tripi helped F.C. Portland to a state championship as a freshman.

"Sean is the epitome of a central defender, a strong athletic, ball-winner," said Taylor. "He is hard-nosed, hard working and puts his stamp on the game."

Vilhauer (Eugene, Ore./Sheldon HS), an OUSA club teammate of fellow Beaver signees Tracy Hasson and Garrett Fuller, has helped the team win four of the last five State Cup Championships. At Sheldon High, he won a state championship in 2004 and is also a four-year member of the Oregon ODP team. Vilhauer is an honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society.

"Ryan is a very versatile player who could play in the back or midfield," said Taylor. "He has a tremendous attitude and work ethic. He is a leader and has the desire to raise his game to the next level."

"The student-athletes in this recruiting class are a clear indication of where OSU soccer is and represents a commitment to where we are going," said Taylor. "Once again, we have a top class with great athleticism and technical ability on the ball. Despite their youth, these athletes bring extremely valuable experience to the team. They have the ability to mesh with the talent that is already here that will lead to a very dynamic future for Oregon State soccer."

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