

Pilots feature four former Oregon ODP players

The national power house University of Portland women's soccer team features Kelli Cronkrite, Natalie Budge, Ruth Gilliam and Rebecca Meierbachtol, four former Oregon ODP players, and we wanted to take the time to recognize them. Below are some fun facts and stats about the four. On behalf of OYSA, we'd like to wish them the best of luck.

Kelli Cronkrite

OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Youth National Team pool (2002-) ... Region IV Team (2000-) ... Oregon State ODP (1999-2003).

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND 2004: Played in 19 games, making 13 starts as a midfielder ... scored two goals on 15 shot attempts ... first career goal was a game-winner in a 3-0 victory versus UAB ... also tallied in Portland's 5-2 win over Oregon ... expected to move into a defensive role in 2005.

CORVALLIS HS: Four-year letterwinner for coach Brad Stratton ... first team all-state pick junior and senior seasons ... two-time Valley League Player of the Year ... team captain final two years ... helped team to three Valley League Championships ... racked up 24 goals as a junior and 25 goals during senior season ... National Honor Society ... also was a first team all-Valley League basketball player.

PERSONAL: Born June 20, 1986 in Eugene, Ore. ... parents are John and Traci Cronkrite ... major is Secondary Education ... played club soccer for FC Willamette ... brother, Erik, played for the University of Portland men's soccer team from 2001-03.

Natalie Budge

OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Region IV team (1999-04) ... Oregon State ODP (four years).

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND 2004: *Soccer Buzz* Freshman All-America honorable mention ... *Soccer Buzz* all-West Region Freshman team ... all-West Coast Conference honorable mention ... WCC all-Freshman team ... UConn Adidas Classic all-tournament team ... third on the team in scoring with 21 points on nine goals and three assists ... tied for fifth in the WCC in points, tied for third in goals and tied for fifth with four game-winning goals ... put 32-of-60 shots on goal for a team-best .533 percentage ... scored first two collegiate goals in a 3-2 win versus Harvard ... tallied consecutive game-winning goals in road games at Washington State and Gonzaga ... assisted on both goals in a 2-0 win versus San Francisco ... goal and an assist in NCAA first round victory over Weber State ... recorded a pair of goals, including the game-winner, in a 3-0 second-round win against Colorado.

TUALATIN HS: Four-year letterwinner for coach Duncan Nyangoro ... first team all-state, 2001 and 2003 ... second team all-state, 2000 and 2002 ... led team to three Pac-9 League titles ... 2001 Pac-9 League Player of the Year ... first team all-Pac-9 four-straight seasons ... team finished second at the 2002 Oregon State Tournament ... finished career with over 70 goals and 50 assists ... school honor roll.

PERSONAL: Born Dec. 31, 1985 in Portland, Ore. ... parents are Dan and Debbie Budge ... major is Business ... played club soccer for FC Portland.

Ruth Gilliam

OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Oregon ODP (2001-02).

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND 2004: Played in three games off the bench for the Pilots ... did not allow a goal and recorded three saves 68 minutes and 33 seconds ... logged 45 minutes of shutout action against Weber State on Sept. 10 ... helped complete shutouts against Weber State and Colorado in the first two rounds of the NCAA playoffs.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND 2003: Came off the bench to see action in three games between the pipes ... allowed one goal in 58 minutes and 35 seconds, for a 1.54 goals-against average ... made two saves ... saved a shot each against Gonzaga and San Francisco to preserve Pilot shutouts.

LINCOLN HS: Lettered all four years for coach and former Pilot, Jody Lim ... Portland Interscholastic League Player of the Year and first team all-state as a senior ... *Portland Tribune* PIL all-star as a senior ... first team all-PIL as a junior, honorable mention as a freshman and sophomore ... team captain and MVP as a senior, most inspirational as a junior ... helped team to PIL championship and state semifinals in 2002 ... 102 saves as a senior ... school record for games played and shutouts in a state tournament (2002) ... also lettered twice in Snowboarding ... International Studies Center Honors ... Spanish Immersion Scholar (12 year Spanish program) ... International Baccalaureate participant ... Amnesty International Treasurer.

PERSONAL: Born April 2, 1985 in Portland, Ore. ... parents are Ralph and Cynthia Gilliam ... major is Spanish ... played club soccer for Oregon City Herricanes, coached by University of Portland theology professor, Dr. Matt Baasten.

Rebecca Meierbachtol

OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Regional Camp 1997-2000 ... Oregon ODP (1997-02).

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND 2004: Made 13 starts and appeared in 16 games as a right back on the defensive line ... attempted six shots, three on goal ... Pilots were 15-1 with nine shutouts in the 16 games she played.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND 2003: Played in nine games while making three starts ... attempted five shots, three on goal ... scored a goal and added an assist in win vs.

Portland State ... tallied the game-winner in first career start against San Francisco ... team was 7-1-1 in games she played in, 3-0-0 when she started ... saw action in NCAA second round win over Nebraska, and third round tie vs. Santa Clara.

HOOD RIVER VALLEY HS: Four-year letterwinner for coach Sue Farro ... InterMountain Conference Player of the Year, and second team all-state as a senior ... first team all-conference as a junior and senior ... honorable mention all-conference as a freshman and sophomore ... as a junior, led team in goals and assists to first state playoffs in school history ... three-time team MVP ... team captain as a senior ... coaches' award for outstanding work ethic, leadership and skill ... U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete Award as a senior ... lettered three years in basketball, two in tennis ... class valedictorian ... National Honor Society member ... took first place in Columbia River Gorge Student Art Show as a junior and senior.

PERSONAL: Born Oct. 14, 1984 in Portland, Ore. ... parents are Tony Meierbachtol and Suzanne Warren ... major is Life Science ... played club soccer for FC Portland (3 years) and U-23 state select team (2 years) ... two-time Oregon State Champions for FC Portland; semifinalist in Far West Regional 2001; quarterfinalist Far West Regional 2002 ... father Tony played football at UCLA.