



Westerwinds sign 10 recruits for 2008 season

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MACOMB, Ill.- Coming off of back-to-back years in which it has set school records for wins in a single season, the Western Illinois women's soccer teams has signed ten recruits to join the 2008 team.

Andrea Cain, Brooke Eggen, Erin Fennelly, Alyssa Johnston, Lauren Jorgensen, Kristen Kuhar, **Laura Lins**, Kirsty McGuckin, Nora Potempa, and Hillary Sauer, who will all be attending Western in the fall, have signed letter of intents to play soccer for the Westerwinds.

"I am looking forward to working with this year's recruiting class," said Western Illinois head coach [Tony Guinn](#). "Every player has played on a talented, successful team and was taught the right way to win. They all have the ability to put the ball in the back of the net, which is obviously the objective of winning in soccer. They are also very talented in the classroom, which will improve on an already very successful soccer team in terms of academics."

Cain comes to Western Illinois after spending the previous two years at Iowa Central Community College. Serving as the captain at ICCC in the 2006 and 2007 season, Cain helped lead the Tritons to a two-year record of 29-9-0 underneath the leadership of head coach William McGowan. She was also named first-team all-region while at ICCC. At Dallas Center-Grimes High School, Cain was named to the Raccoon River First-Team All-Conference three times and Second-Team All-Conference one time. She also earned two all-state honorable mention awards.

"Andrea is a left-footed player which is something that we needed," Guinn said. "She's a very talented player who works hard all of the time. She'll win 50-50 balls whether its in the air or on the ground. She has a great work rate and can play anywhere on the field."

Eggen scored 29 goals in her career at Park High School in Cottage Grove, Minn., while playing under head coach Greg Juba. She also added 14 assists while playing in the Suburban East Conference. Eggen led the Wolfpack to the section finals in 2005 and 2007. She was named SEC All-Conference her sophomore, junior, and senior season, and earned all-state honorable mention in 2006 and 2007. The Wolfpack had a combined record of 32-5-2 in Egan's junior and senior seasons.

"Brooke is a great goal scorer," said Guinn. "She'll be a great addition to our offense. She's a hard-nosed player who is really fast and fun to watch on the field."

Fennelly was named to the Mississippi Athletic Conference all-conference team as a member of the Davenport Assumption soccer team, where she also served as team captain.

"Erin is a very talented player that sees the field really well," stated Guinn. "She serves a great ball and plays technical soccer. She's very competitive and always stays composed."

Johnston was named to Indiana All-State team while playing at Penn High School in Mishawaka, Ind., where she was a member of the state runner-up team in 2007 and the state semi-finalist in 2005. Johnston was named the team's offensive MVP in 2006 and 2007. Along with soccer, Johnston also pole vaults as a member of the track team where she qualified for the state meet in 2005 and 2007.

"Alyssa is a great target player that can finish with her feet or with her head," Guinn said. "She has a very good personality on and off the field. She'll be a great addition to our team on and off the field."

Jorgensen was a forward on the 2006 and 2007 IHSA Regional Championship team at Whitney High School in Chicago under the tutelage of head coach Ian McCarthy.

"Lauren is a talented forward that works really hard to always put the opposition under pressure," said Guinn. "She uses her height and long frame to her advantage which gives her the potential to be a tremendous goal scorer at Western Illinois."

Kuhar was named the Northern Indiana Outstanding Player in 2007 as a member of the St Joseph's team in South Bend, Ind. As captain of the 2007 squad, Kuhar lead her team to a 16-2-2 while being named to the All-Northern Indiana Conference first team. In 2006, Kuhar was named to hoosierfutbol.com's Top 60 Girls Soccer Players in the Class of 2008. Kuhar is also an honors student who has won the Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

"Kristen is such an intelligent player with a great first touch," said Guinn. "She has great vision and can serve the ball up from anywhere. She is a great passer who always seems to be calm and composed. Kristen really fits our system like a glove."

Lins is an outside midfielder from Racine, Wis., and lead the Horlick High School team to a 9-0-0 conference record in 2007, on which she served as captain. Lins was named the Racine County Player of the Year in 2007 and to the Milwaukee-Journal Sentinel All-Area Team. Her brother plays Division-I soccer at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Lins is also the Valedictorian of her graduating class.

"Laura has a great soccer mind and has all of the skills to match," said Guinn. "She can put the ball in the back of the net from anywhere on the field."

McGuckin will come to Macomb from overseas after having played on the Northern Ireland under-17, 18, and 19 national teams. The Ballymena, Northern Ireland native also played for the Ballymena Premeir Ladies FC.

"Kirsty plays like the typical Northern Ireland player," Guinn said. "She has a lot of heart and passion. She's a very technical player and a very good finisher."

Potempa is the second Chicago native to sign with the Westerwinds. Potempa's Marist High School was IHSA Regional Champs in 2006 and 2007 under head coach Sean Maxwell. In 2006, Potempa was named East Suburban Catholic Conference all-conference, along with being named all-area and the team's offensive MVP.

"Nora is another left-footed player that likes to challenge the opponent," stated Guinn. "She sees the field well and has a good feel for the game and the players around her."

Sauer led Stevens Point Area Senior High to a 9-0-0 conference record and a 20-3-3 overall record in 2007. Sauer was named as the 2007 Wisconsin Valley Conference all-conference team.

"Hillary is a very talented player," said Guinn. "She is very entertaining to watch and will be able to make an impact on the Westerwinds program."



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The Westerwinds
signed 10 recruits in
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Guinn's first
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