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FERRIS STATE WOMEN'S SOCCER NEW RECRUITING CLASS

Big Rapids, Mich. – The Ferris State University women's soccer program has received commitments from nine student-athletes to attend and play women's soccer at FSU, beginning this fall. The announcement was made by third-year head coach Pete Watkins .

The nine-member recruiting class is comprised of Kelly Flynn (Portage) , Jennifer Gaylor (Roscommon) , Lauren Hogan (Ann Arbor/Huron) , Frances Kilbride (Shelby Township/Lutheran Northern) , Kelly Kline (Battle Creek/Harper Creek) , Danielle McAllister (Lowell/Grand Rapids Baptist) , Shawna Orcutt (Bloomingdale, Ill./Glenbard), Kathleen Rickertsen (St. Charles, Ill.) and Chelsea Rustin (Dearborn, Mich./Crestwood) . The squad will also add two walk-ons in the fall.

"We're very excited and fortunate to be bringing in these fine student-athletes to campus," said Watkins. "They are the type of individuals who will make us a better team and will create a competitive atmosphere at every position, which we need to become a force in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC)."

In alphabetical order, the student athletes are:

Kelly Flynn

5-3 Midfield/Defense

Portage, Mich./Gazelle TKO & Portage Soccer Clubs

Key member of 2000 Portage High School state championship squad ... Quick and aggressive ... At her best playing in a wide position in midfield or defense ... "I'm excited to see how Kelly's speed will enhance our team. She is a two-way player, who defends and attacks well and brings a great work ethic to the field. Kelly also possesses a championship mentality we want to build here at Ferris."

Jennifer Gaylor

5-9 Forward

Roscommon, Mich./Northstar Soccer Club

Her 33 goals in the 2000 season rates her in the top 10 all-time goal-scoring leaders in Michigan ... Provides the Bulldogs with a tall, strong target forward with a knack for the goal ... "Jen knows how to find the goal. She has an innate ability to finish chances and gives us another good presence in the air. She will make our choice for starting forwards very competitive within our team."

Lauren Hogan

5-3 Forward/Defense

Ann Arbor, Mich. (Huron)/Ann Arbor Arsenal Soccer Club

One of the most versatile players in this class ... A steady and composed player that can quickly contribute at both ends of the field ... Good in the air and skilled on the ball ... A solid addition who will play a variety of roles for the Ferris squad ... "I think Lauren will contribute right away because she can play and excel anywhere on the field. She really raises the bar for us in terms of determination and work ethic. I believe she has a great opportunity to play at a couple of different positions next season."

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Frances Kilbride

5-5 Forward

Shelby Township, Mich. (Lutheran North High School)/United Soccer Club

Speed is her greatest asset ... All-time leading scorer in LNHS history ... Possible playing time on outside mid-field duties for the Bulldogs ... Strong technical skills allow her to setup teammates with timely crosses ...

"Frances has scored a ton of goals on every team she has played for and we anticipate her scoring prowess at FSU. She is the type of player who can open up opportunities for her teammates in the attack."

Kelly Kline

5-5 Midfield

Battle Creek, Mich. (Harper Creek)/Battle Creek Soccer Club

Displays good acceleration ... Can play any position on the field ... Her biggest contributions to the Bulldogs will be in the midfield where her excellent touch and vision will open up opportunities for teammates and put her in goal scoring situations ... "Kelly is extremely composed, mature and has a confidence which shows in her performance on the field. She played at a wide variety of positions in high school, which will prepare her well to make an impact this fall."

Danielle McAllister

5-3 Midfield/Defense

Lowell, Mich. (Grand Rapids Baptist)/Grand Valley Premier Soccer Club

A versatile and an all-around player ... Combines scoring ability with a great feel of the game ... Has a terrific touch, great on the ball in tight spaces and going at defenders ... "Danielle will fit in right away within our team. She reads the game extremely well and is the type of player who will play wherever the team needs her. Her skill and vision will be an immediate benefit to our squad."

Shawna Orcutt

5-2 Forward/Midfield

Bloomington, Ill. (Glenbard North)/Windy City Pride Soccer Club

The top offensive threat for her Glenbard North High School team ... Was an integral part of the defensive unit for the Windy City Pride soccer club, one of the Midwest's top clubs ... Will miss the majority of her high school senior season due to ankle surgery ... "Shawna is a true all-rounder and is good at all facets of the game. For us, she may play up top trying to spread the other team's defense or we may use her in a more defensive role to utilize her speed and tenacity. I'm excited to have a player like Shawna on our squad."

Kathleen Rickertsen

5-8 Defense

St. Charles, Ill./Campton United Soccer Club

Tall, strong and fast defender ... Hails from the most dominating high school program in Illinois (five state championships in the past six years) ... Great understanding of the game ... Will be able to mark the top forwards in the GLIAC ... "Kathleen will really bolster our defense next year. The combination of strength and speed will allow her to compete with the GLIAC's best forwards. Coming from St. Charles, she knows what it takes to win championships."

Chelsea Rustin

5-4 Midfield

Dearborn, Mich. (Crestwood)/Dearborn Heights Soccer Club

Quick, explosive player who will contribute in several midfield roles ... "Chelsea gives us speed and tenacity to the midfield position. A very determined player, who will push herself and others to make us a better squad."

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