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Women's Soccer Receives Seven Commitments

Three Local Players Among 2007 Recruiting Class

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The University of Cincinnati's women's soccer team has received commitments from seven high school standouts to join the Bearcats for the 2007 season. Among the seven are two from Cincinnati and one from Northern Kentucky.

"We are excited to bring in this class of very talented players," said head coach **Meridy Glenn**. "This is a mature and motivated group of young women. They have the ability to score goals and cover a lot of ground defensively. They all have strong club and ODP experience."

From the Cincinnati area are **Logan Ballinger** from Seton High School, **Sauna Smith** out of Winton Woods and **Emily Hebbeler** of Notre Dame Academy. Ballinger was first team all-city last year and earned three all-league honors. "Logan will be an exciting player to see develop," said Glenn. "She is very aggressive in front of the net and can play up top or in the midfield."

Smith set Winton Woods' records with 67 career goals and 159 career points. She was named all-city twice and all-league four times. "Sauna is a naturally gifted one-on-one player," commented Glenn. "Her excellent athletic ability will be a constant threat to our opponents."

Hebbeler was named all-region by the NSCAA after setting a Notre Dame record with 23 goals in a season and 52 in her career. She was named all-state and a *Cincinnati Enquirer* All-Star the last two years. As a sophomore, she scored the winning goal in overtime as NDA became the first boys or girls soccer team from Northern Kentucky to win a state championship. "Emily will be one of our best young finishers," said Glenn. "She has an excellent knack for getting free and finding the net."

Also committing to the Bearcats was **Vanessa Hardin** from Westerville (OH) Central High School. She earned three all-conference and all-district honors while scoring 56 career goals. "Without question, Vanessa will provide strength and pure speed to our offense," said Glenn. "She has a tremendous work ethic."

From Prospect, Ky. and Ballard High School is **Ellen Parker**. She was twice named honorable mention all-state and totaled 48 goals and 42 assists in her career. "Ellen is a natural leader," commented Glenn. "She reads the game exceptionally well and will help us in the midfield or on the backline."

Kendall Loggins was a two-time all-conference and all-section selection at Naperville North (IL) High School. She was named one of the top five midfielders from the Chicago-area by the *Chicago Sun Times*. "Logan is a smooth and confident player who will bring size and National pool experience to our backline or midfield," said Glenn.

The lone defender in the class is **Camille Royer** from Spring, Texas. She has not played high school soccer for three years, but helped her club teams to six state titles and has been a member of state ODP teams for three years. "Camille is a feisty, tenacious, left-footed defender who is able to connect with the right player to start the attack," said Glenn.

The spring season for UC opens on February 25, when the Bearcats host Wright State at Gettler Stadium at 5 p.m.

UC 2007 RECRUITING CLASS

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
Logan Ballinger	F/MF	5-7	Cincinnati, Ohio
Vanessa Hardin	F/MF	5-4	Westerville, Ohio
Emily Hebbeler	F	5-5	Park Hills, Ky.
Kendall Loggins	MF/F/D	5-10	Naperville, Ill.
Ellen Parker	MF/D	5-6	Prospect, Ky.
Camille Royer	D	5-2	Spring, Texas
Sauna Smith	F	5-4	Cincinnati, Ohio

2007 WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITMENTS

11 • Logan Ballinger

F/MF • 5-7 • Cincinnati, Ohio

High School: Named first team all-city by the *Cincinnati Enquirer* as a senior at Seton High School ... earned three all-league honors and was nominated for the Larosas MVP Award as a senior ... led team with 10 goals and seven assists as a junior ... helped Seton to conference title as a freshman.

Club: Cincinnati Futbol Alliance ... reached quarterfinals of Ohio South State Cup.

Personal: Full name is Logan Elizabeth Ballinger ... born August 30, 1989 ... daughter of Terry and Cheryl Ballinger ... undecided on academic major.

17 • Vanessa Hardin

F/MF • 5-4 • Westerville, Ohio

High School: Three-time all-conference honoree at Westerville Central High School ... named second team all-district three times ... earned four letters each in soccer and track ... scored 56 career goals ... led WCHS to a four-year record of 60-14-3, reaching the state semifinals as a freshman ... state track qualifier in the 200 meters.

Club: Ambassadors ... reached the state finals each of the past two years and reached the 2006 Region II tournament.

Personal: Full name is Vanessa Rene Hardin ... born September 19, 1988 ... daughter of Jeff and Gina Hardin ... cousin Joe Tabler plays football at Davidson and cousin Charli Tabler is a member of the track team at Pennsylvania ... intends to major in health sciences.

10 • Emily Hebbeler

F • 5-5 • Park Hills, Ky.

High School: Named to National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Region team after setting a school-record with 52 career goals at Notre Dame Academy ... earned first team all-state and all-region honors the last two years ... two-time *Cincinnati Enquirer* first team all-star and conference Most Outstanding Player ... set Notre Dame's single-season scoring record with 23 goals as a senior, also leading the team with nine assists ... scored game-winner in overtime as a sophomore as Notre Dame became the first Northern Kentucky school to win a state soccer title ... scored seven goals in eight playoff games ... four-year member of the Kentucky ODP state team.

Club: Cincinnati Classics Hammer.

Personal: Full name is Emily Suzanne Hebbeler ... born July 29, 1989 ... daughter of Mike and Cathy Hebbeler ... sister Carey played soccer at Northern Kentucky University and sister Lara currently plays for Centre College ... intends to major in physical therapy.

3 • Kendall Loggins

MF/F/D • 5-10 • Naperville, Ill.

High School: Named one of the top five midfielders in the class of 2007 by the *Chicago Sun-Times* heading into her senior year at Naperville North High School ... all-conference and all-section each of the past two years ... has led NNHS to three regional championships, placing fourth in the state as a freshman ... has played on the Illinois state ODP team for four years ... is a member of the Region II team and a national pool player ... also earned two letters in basketball.

Club: ASC Eagles.

Personal: Full name is Kendall Catherine Loggins ... born March 7, 1989 ... daughter of Victor and Mary Loggins ... undecided on academic major.

7 • Ellen Parker

MF/D • 5-6 • Prospect, Ky.

High School: Named honorable mention all-state twice at Ballard High School ... team captain and MVP as a junior and senior, earning all-district and all-region accolades ... totaled 48 goals and 42 assists in her career ... member of the Kentucky state ODP team for five years and a Region II pool player.

Club: Javanon ... won three state titles and reached Region II tournament.

Personal: Full name is Ellen Hollister Parker ... born April 19, 1989 ... daughter of Richard and Ginger Parker ... sister, Audrey, played soccer at College of Charleston ... intends to major in business.

12 • Camille Royer

D • 5-2 • Spring, Texas

High School: Member of the track team at Klein High School ... not competing in high school soccer ... attended Jenks High School (Okla.) for two years, earning one letter in soccer and two in track ... Texas state ODP team for three years.

Club: Challenge 89 (two years) and Hurricane FC 89 (six years) ... six-time Oklahoma state champion with Hurricane and a two-time Southern Region finalist.

Personal: Full name is Camille Ann Royer ... born January 2, 1989 ... daughter of Alton and Pam Royer ... intends to major in pharmacy.

2 • Shauna Smith

F • 5-4 • Cincinnati, Ohio

High School: Sets school records of 67 career goals and 159 points at Winton Woods High School ... named all-city twice and all-league four times ... two-time team MVP and led the league in scoring as a senior ... besides four letters in soccer, also earned four in track and two in basketball ... first team all-league in track as sophomore and junior ... state qualifier in the 100 meter hurdles.

Personal: Full name is Shauna Marie Smith ... born April 1, 1989 ... daughter of Jordan and Debra Smith ... father played basketball at Miami (Ohio) ... intends to major in journalism.