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Bearcat Men's Soccer Adds Five

CINCINNATI, Ohio—The University of Cincinnati men's soccer team has added five student-athletes to its roster for the 2006 season. **Patrick Baxter**, **Scott Kunze**, and **Alexander Mareello** have each signed national letters of intent and will join transfer **Joevannie Peart** and **Paul Hoste** to continue their academic and athletic careers at UC in the fall of 2006.

"We are pleased and excited to add these five student-athletes to our program," head coach **Hylton Dayes** said. "We feel that they address some of our immediate needs and will also add depth to the team. They are all excellent soccer players, good students and of good character, which are important elements as we move forward in the BIG EAST."

Baxter, a 5-8 forward/midfielder, was a NJCAA and NSCAA All-American as a sophomore at Cincinnati State after leading the nation in scoring with 27 goals and 27 assists for 81 points. The Lebanon, Ohio, native scored 53 goals and dished out 42 assists in 34 matches during his two seasons at Cincinnati State. Baxter set a school record with 40 goals as a senior at Wyoming High School and was named all-conference, all-city and all-state. The son of Andy Baxter and Donna Grunenberg, he plans to major in business.

Kunze, a 5-10 midfielder/defender, was a four-year starter at Lakewood High School, scoring 21 goals and adding 28 assists during his career. He participated in the Adidas ESP camp in the summer of 2005, which featured the top 150 high school players in the country. A two-time team MVP and a third team All-Greater Cleveland selection as a senior, Kunze was a two-year member of the Ohio Olympic Development Program state team. The son of Duane and Deb Kunze, he will major in mechanical engineering.

Mareello, a 5-7 midfielder, played for the U-17 Canadian National Team and has played in exhibition matches for the U-20 Canadian National team. The Burnaby, B.C., native was a five-year member of the British Columbia Provincial team. He led his Burnaby Royals club team to a Canadian National U-18 Championship. The son of Mimmo and Debbie Mareello, he is undecided on a major.

Peart, a 6-3 forward/defender, is a transfer from Western Nebraska junior college. The Mississauga, Ontario, native was a four-year letterwinner at St. Francis Xavier High School. The son of Annie Peart, he joined the team in the fall quarter, and is majoring in criminal justice.

Hoste is a 5-10 midfielder from Clinton Township, Mich. He led De La Salle High School to the 2005 state championship while being named all-league, all-region and all-state. A four-year member of the Michigan Olympic Development Program state team, Hoste led his club team, Vardar, to one state cup championship. The son of Richard and Colleen Hoste, he will major in industrial design.

"We are still in the recruiting process and we'll add a few more players to complete our recruiting class," Dayes said.

The Bearcats will hold their annual year-end banquet on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. in the Vernon Manor Hotel. Those interested in attending should contact assistant coach **Joe Spagnola** at 513-556-3846 or joseph.spagnola@uc.edu.

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2006 University of Cincinnati Men's Soccer Newcomers

Patrick Baxter • 5-8 • Forward/Midfielder • Lebanon, Ohio • Cincinnati State

NJCAA, NSCAA All-American as a sophomore at Cincinnati State...scored 53 goals and assisted on 42 others in 34 matches over two seasons...led nation in scoring as a sophomore with 81 points (27 G, 27 A)...set school record with 40 goals as a senior at Wyoming High School...named to all-conference, all-city and all-state teams as a senior...son of Andy Baxter and Donna Grunenbergl...plans to major in business.

Hylton Dayes on Baxter: "Patrick is a proven goal-scorer. He is an excellent finisher and will compliment the other forwards that we have on our team."

Paul Hoste • 5-10 • Midfielder • Clinton Township, Mich. • De La Salle High School

Led De La Salle High School to the 2005 state championship...all-league, all-region, all-state as a senior...named one of top players in state by "Scholastic Athlete"...four-year member of Michigan Olympic Development Program state team...led club team, Vardar, to state cup championship...son of Richard and Colleen Hoste...has two brothers, Matt and Aaron, and one sister, Jennifer...plans to major in graphic design.

Hylton Dayes on Hoste: "Paul is a very technical and creative midfielder with tremendous potential. We identified him at our summer camp and feel he has the capabilities to develop into an excellent college player."

Scott Kunze • 5-10 • Midfielder/Defender • Lakewood, Ohio • Lakewood High School

Four-year starter at Lakewood High School...two-time first team all-league selection...scored 21 goals and posted 28 assists during high school career...two-time team MVP...third team All-Greater Cleveland selection as a senior...two-year member of Ohio Olympic Development Program state team...son of Duane and Deb Kunze...has one brother, Eric, and two sisters, Valerie and Lisa...will major in mechanical engineering.

Hylton Dayes on Kunze: "Scott is a hard-working player with an excellent soccer brain. He competed well with the top 150 players in the country at the Adidas ESP camp last summer. We see him competing for playing time as a defensive midfielder or in the back."

Alexander Marrello • 5-7 • Midfielder • Burnaby, British Columbia • Alpha Secondary School

Five-year member of British Columbia Provincial team...led club team, Burnaby Royals to British Columbia Provincial Championship and Canadian National U-18 Championship...played for U-17 Canadian National Team...has been called up for exhibition matches with U-20 Canadian National Team...son of Mimmo and Debbie Marrello...has one brother, Anthony, and one sister, Alyssa...undecided on a major.

Hylton Dayes on Marrello: "Alexander is a very technical central midfield player who has a wealth of experience, having played with the Canadian U-17 National Team. He is a very smart player that will give us a true playmaking presence in the midfield."

Joevannie Peart • 6-3 • Forward/Defender • Mississauga, Ontario • St. Francis Xavier High School

Transfer from Western Nebraska Junior College...four-year letterwinner at St. Francis Xavier High School...joined team in fall quarter...son of Annie Peart...majoring in criminal justice.

Hylton Dayes on Peart: "Joevannie has excellent size, speed and technical ability. He is a versatile player who can play up front or in the back. In addition to being left-footed he brings collegiate experience to our team as a junior college transfer."