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## Press Release

**Magic Stars Return to College**  
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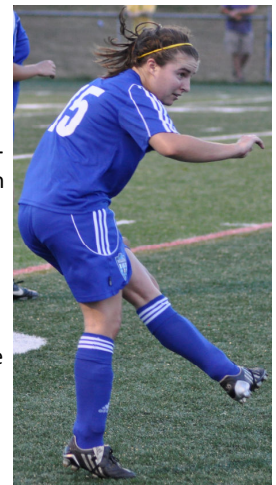


After a great season with the Millburn Magic that ended with a run in the playoffs, a number of the team's stars are returning to college to continue their work on soccer fields all around the country.

Star forward Kat Sheeleigh will be travelling back to play with Harvard after bagging six goals with the Magic. She was Millburn's top scorer including a first-half hat-trick against the Philadelphia Independence midway through the season. Sheeleigh will be hoping to build on an excellent junior year in which she was named to the All-Ivy League first-team, leading the Crimson with 21 points from eight goals and five assists.

Kim Malecki, who stood out this season as a game-changing player with the Magic, will be heading back to Monmouth University this fall. The midfielder, who fired home a number of spectacular goals – including great strikes against BuxMont Torch and South Jersey United - will be building on a promising career with the Hawks. The 2010 senior was instrumental in the Magic's successes in every game she played, complementing the midfield and attacking thirds of the formation with stylish skill.

Attacking midfielder Laura Kurash also proved to be a valuable addition to the Magic and will go into her second year at Wesleyan with hopes of building on her excellent freshman year. Kurash led her college team in scoring and was named the NESCAC Rookie of the Year, while also racking up the single-game school-record with four goals and two assists for ten points in Wesleyan's 7-0 victory over Smith.



Laura Kurash

Mallory Baker, who showed strength in defense throughout the Magic campaign, will be returning to the University of Maryland's prestigious soccer program, where she started 21 of the Terps' 22 games in midfield, helping Maryland get nine shutouts last season.

Katy Fissel will return to Wilkes University after a great all-round performance for the Magic this season. Her abilities in defense for the Magic proved to be consistent and Fissel, who usually plays in midfield in college, will be looking to build on a 14-point freshman year - the second highest for her college in 2009.

Kayleigh Hines, who joined Millburn after a brilliant season with Reading Ladies - a squad that won several trophies and were promoted to the Women's Premier League in the 2009-10 season - is to remain in the US as a coach for Sonesoccer and Girls Only Soccer. A former England youth team player, Hines had an outstanding season in the centre of midfield and dominated in the air. Coaching in New Jersey, Hines is training younger girls from across the state, using her knowledge and experience of the game at many levels.

Kim Malecki Lina Staropoli, who held her role as a left-back for the entire season with the Magic, will be returning to Loyola. Named a First-Team All-MAAC selection on defense as a junior, Staropoli was also named to the MAAC All-Academic Team and received an NSCAA Scholar All-East Region honorable mention, setting her up for a promising senior year with the Greyhounds.

Defender Alexa Freguetti, striker Katie McDonnell, goalkeeper Robin Chernow and midfielder Julie Campbell will return to Sonesoccer youth club the STA Crush. These younger players all had strong performances during the season and will continue to develop their skills with the organization.

The **Millburn Magic** are members of the **Women's Premier Soccer League**, the highest level of women's amateur soccer in the United States. They are part of the **New Jersey Soccer Group**, a management company for a family of soccer based organizations offering a full range of soccer services in New Jersey.