



## Soccer Signees To Boost Men's Squad In Bid For Crown

A large contingent of talented signees hope to be the difference to boost the STLCC-Meramec men's soccer team in their quest for their first Region XVI championship since 2000. Also, several key returning players will form the foundation for the '09 Magic.

Back in goal will be **Chris Eason** (Lindbergh), who played well as a freshman. Backing him up as a defender will be sophomore **Justin Billmeyer** (Columbia, IL) Other returning players include last year's lead scorer in **Almin Sabotic** (Mehlville) who tallied a team high 13 goals. He'll be eying the team record of 29 goals over two years held jointly by **Senad Hot** (2000-'01) and **Mike Beck** (1971-'72). Returning up top with Sabotic is **Steve McMahon** (Lafayette) who showed scoring punch as a freshman. **Austin Killian** (Lindbergh) also will return as a speedy midfielder.

Plenty of help has been signed in several key areas. Scoring punch will be heavily looked to from **Clint Carder**, a forward from DeSoto High. Carder scored an astonishing 35 goals and added 20 assists for DeSoto last fall - his 90 points made him the scoring leader for all St. Louis area high school teams. Between Carder and Sabotic, the Magic hope to solve its scoring woes of the past few seasons.

Lindbergh High, long a recruiting pipeline for the Magic, will see several graduates don the green and white Magic uniform this fall. **Jimmy Benoist** enters as a back/defender. Another Flyer back in the Meramec fold is **Corey Spitznagel**. They'll re-join former Flyer teammates Killian and Eason. Also signing from Lindbergh is goalie **Mihailo Pantelic**. He pitched seven solo shutouts for the Flyers while compiling a 1.40 goals against average over a span of nearly 1,500 minutes in the nets.

Another longtime successful pipeline, St. Mary's High, sends a pair of kickers in **David Humphrey** and **Joe Reidel**. Benoist is a back while Reidel is a midfielder. And, from Marquette High back **Brandon Floodman** enters. Emerging program Kirkwood High sends **Jake Macker**, a midfielder, to the Magic.

**Marc Bowron**, a tall and talented midfielder, transfers in after a year at Belhaven University in Mississippi. Bowron is a native of Aberdeen, Scotland and brings his country's hard-nosed style of play.

## Volleyball Squad Gears Up For Fast August Start

Many new faces will highlight the STLCC-Meramec volleyball team when they take to the floor in late August for the start of their new season. Second year head coach **Jenell Franken** is looking to the season with strong optimism.

"I am very excited for this season! I have a great group of girls who already put forth more effort than I've ever seen from any of the teams that I have previously coached," said Franken. "These girls have excellent personalities and work ethics! I am thrilled to be able to plan practices that I know are going to be

challenging but I also know that the girls are going to attack and succeed! These girls are very driven and positive! We are going to have a successful and fun year and we are all very excited to get the season started!”

The following is a capsule look at both new and returning players:

**Nicole Hopp**-incoming sophomore, transfer from State Fair Community College. At SFCC she made 2nd team all region. High School-Francis Howell North. She averaged 1.138 blocks per game, 1.618 kills per game and had 12 aces for the season at SFCC. In high school she was All-Region 2nd Team and had the most blocks.

**Alyssa Blinzler**-incoming sophomore, transfer from State Fair Community College. High School-Pierce City. At SFCC Alyssa averaged 2.159 digs per game and had 6 aces for the season. Alyssa's junior year she was awarded All District team, Academic All-State. Her senior year 2nd team All-Region, 1st team All-Conference, 1st team All-District, Academic All-State. And, at State Fair she was awarded the scholar athlete award.

**Heather Gamblin**-incoming freshman, Bismark High School. Defensive specialist. 29 aces for the season, averaged 2.48 digs per game and 234 serve receptions. Heather's junior year of high school she got 2nd team All-Conference and her senior year 1st team All-Conference, All-Region, and All-District.

**Angela Waterson**-incoming freshman, Parkway South High School. Outside Hitter. Averaged 2.42 kills per game. Angela's senior year she was awarded Honorable Mention All-Conference.

**Heather Niemeyer**-incoming freshman, Seckman High School. Rightside Hitter. 15 blocks for the season, 53 serve receive, and 42 digs, along with 53 kills for the season.

**Kristi Miller**-incoming freshman, Smith Cotton High School, Sedalia, MO. Defensive Specialist/Setter. Kristi's junior year she was awarded All-District and 2nd team All-Region. Her senior year she was 2nd team All-Conference and 2nd team All-District.

**Chelsey Hainen**-incoming freshman, Tipton High School. Outside Hitter. Chelsey was awarded 1st team All-District both her junior and senior years of high school

**Nicole Cross**-incoming freshman, Luthern South High School. Defensive Specialist. Her senior year she was awarded 1st team All-League, 1st team All-District and MVP.

### **RETURNING PLAYERS:**

**Meghan O'Sullivan**-Outside Hitter. Meghan was awarded 2nd team All-Conference and 2nd team All-Region. She averaged 2.477 kills per game along with 3.63 digs per game. She also chipped in 24 blocks and 5 aces for the season.

**Alicia Eubanks**-Setter/Defensive Specialist. Last year Alicia was a defensive specialist for the team but this year she will be setting. Alicia averaged 3.092 digs per game last year.

**Anna Jorgenson**-Middle/Right Side Hitter. Anna had 59 kills and 43 blocks last year.

**Caroline Kargus**-Outside/Middle Hitter. Caroline joined the team mid-season last year and she will be a valuable addition to the team for the upcoming season.

## **Coaches Support Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure**

Showing their support in the battle against breast cancer, STLCC-Meramec coaches **Shelly Ethridge** (women's basketball) and **Kim McCall** (softball) participated in the massive event in downtown St. Louis June 13.

It was the eleventh year for the 5K race, and drew an enormous crowd of 66,000 participants and onlookers. The day raised \$3.25 million for breast cancer screenings, treatment, education, and research in the St. Louis area.

### **Free Physicals Offered July 29, Sept. 2; Mandatory For All Athletes**

Free athletic physicals will be given July 29 and September 2 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Orthopedic Sports Medicine Center at the corner of Big Bend Rd and North Kirkwood Rd. No one may try out, practice or compete without having an athletic physical and being cleared by the Meramec athletic trainer.

A form may be downloaded from the Meramec Athletics website ([http://www.stlcc.edu/Document\\_Library/MC/Physical\\_Form\\_2009.pdf](http://www.stlcc.edu/Document_Library/MC/Physical_Form_2009.pdf)) to take to the physical for the doctor to fill out.