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### **Millburn Magic await arrival of English teammates**

With opening kickoff of the WPSL only weeks away, the Millburn Magic are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their talented British counterparts. Joining star players from the local area in time for the Magic's opening game on May 16<sup>th</sup> are Rachael Fell, Denise Gosling, Donnique Sinclair-Chambers and Katherine McKenna.

For all of the girls, representing the Magic in the WPSL, the highest level of women's soccer in the country, marks the realization of a lifelong ambition. WUSA, home to household names such as Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain, is what initially attracted the girls to soccer in the States. "Women's soccer in the U.S. has always had a particular appeal. Although short lived on the business front, WUSA was where I dreamed of playing and made America synonymous with the highest level of soccer available" states Midfield star McKenna. "As the WPSL now represents the highest level, it is remarkable to have the opportunity to be involved and compete in a league that is the envy of players everywhere." Fell agrees with McKenna, adding "I was attracted to the WPSL after hearing how successful women's soccer in America has been in the past. I have taken an increasing interest in the league after discovering some of the worlds best players have played in the league." Fell picks out England superstar Rachael Yankey in particular as a force in driving her interest towards the American league after Yankey, the first professional female player in England, enjoyed a spell with the New Jersey Wildcats helping them to a National Title in 2005. The slight but skillful wide midfielder currently playing for Reading Royals F.C, is greatly enthusiastic about making the switch to America. "I am hugely excited about the upcoming season, it will be a fantastic experience and I am determined to achieve my potential." The youngster continues to say; "The amazing facilities, talented teammates and the support I have received from the coaches simply adds to my desire to do well for the team this season."

Like Fell, all of the girls are keen to adjust quickly to life in the States and prove they can have a positive impact on the WPSL. Sinclair-Chambers, with extensive experience in the top flight of English soccer remarks "I hope I can transfer what I have learnt from playing in the English National league to the top flight of American soccer. I want to adapt and learn new skills that will allow me to continue my career at the top of the game in the U.S. - should the opportunity to do so arise." She goes on to say "It will be a test to compete against players with different backgrounds and style of play to myself but that will only enhance my understanding of the game and serve my development well." The former Charlton Athletic star, named MVP in the Women's FA Cup Final in 2005, joins the Magic on the back of an excellent season with Watford Ladies, currently 5<sup>th</sup> in the EPL, where she lines up along side McKenna.

As late addition to the Magic squad, McKenna will provide the team with strength on the left side and will be especially dangerous from free kicks with her deadly strikes; an asset she is well known for amongst her teammates. Having spent last summer in Thailand representing the GB women's football team in the World University Games, she is no stranger to high level competition. "I have been fortunate enough to have traveled and played soccer in different countries. I have enjoyed previous trips to the States and think I will be able to settle in quickly and positively impact the team" she remarks. "I hope that if I do well this season there will be the chance for me to develop my career in the States on a more permanent basis." Gosling, a well known youth coach in the area, is also well aware of the long term prospects which may stem from involvement in the Magic's inaugural season. "I have lived in the area for over a year now and have begun to lay the foundation for my future in this country. I hope playing for the Magic and competing at the highest level available to me will become a cornerstone of this." Commenting on her status in the local community, the ex-Nissan Ladies standout comments, "I work closely with a lot of people in the Millburn area and it is an honor for me to represent them out on the soccer field."

Anticipation for opening kickoff is high amongst the players and they do not have long to wait; their first taste of WPSL soccer will be a home tie against the Delaware Future before heading out to play the Lancaster Inferno two days later.

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