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Eight New Players join the Magic's push for Playoffs

The Millburn Magic continued to finalize their roster for the coming [WPSL](#) season, today announcing the signing of eight new players for their [East Conference campaign](#). Following successful collegiate seasons, the new signings will be hoping to propel the [Magic](#) toward a play-off spot this summer.

One notable name on the list is Harvard University forward Katherine Sheeleigh. After playing in the [final game](#) of the Magic's campaign last year, much is expected of the 2007 Ivy League Rookie of the Year, now on the full roster for this season. Sheeleigh's 6 goals and 5 assists helped Harvard become Ivy League Champions in 2008 and the Magic will be hoping her eye for goal will garner goals for them. Another source of goals this summer will be Amanda Malkiewicz, who enjoyed a successful freshman year at East Carolina University. Featuring in all 22 games, Malkiewicz scored 4 goals, claimed 5 assists and was named to the USA Conference All-Freshman team, as the Pirates claimed the USA Conference Championship.



Sheeleigh in action for the Magic

Another freshman signing for the Magic is Wilkes University's Katy Fissel. A recent Madison HS graduate, Fissel scored 5 goals in her first season for the Colonels, and was named to the All-Freedom Conference team. A hard working and creative midfielder, Fissel will add energy and attacking threat for Millburn, where she is joined by Leah Jerome, the 2007 Atlantic 10 Student-Athlete of the year. A Fordham graduate, Jerome was also named the NJ Sports Women's College Athlete of the Year after outstanding performances and crucial goals helped the Rams to their most successful season in history with 14 wins. Jerome still holds the record of game appearances for Fordham with 77, and her 22 goals third overall. Biz Shenk was a training squad player for the Magic last year, before impressing in team workouts and playing the last three games of the season. Those solid performances, and with a season at Holy Cross under her belt, set the bar higher for the former Chatham HS captain, who will be a key figure in the Magic's defense this time around. Central defender Sarah Strackhouse joins her on Millburn's back line, having won three State Championships at Pingry. Central defender Strackhouse is now in her sophomore year at LeHigh Valley University, where she stars for the Mountain Hawks in the Patriot League. The final new faces announced today are Marlyanne DeLargy and Laura Kurash, both products of the [Magic's youth system](#). DeLargy was the captain of the Magic's YPSL U16 Championship winning team in 2008, and will be the youngest player on this year's roster, before returning to captain at Morristown HS in the fall, also leading the [STA Screamin' Eagles](#) in club play. A strong and intelligent central defender with a bright future ahead of her, DeLargy represents the progression opportunities from the [Magic youth system](#), and will doubtless have hundreds of young players in [this summer's youth teams](#) wishing her well. Kurash, who will become a freshman at Wesleyan University in the Fall, joins the Magic seniors after an illustrious youth career, which saw the Cherry Hill native win three state championships, one regional championship, and reach the National Championship Final Four. A four year starter and captain, Kurash currently attends William Penn Charter school in Philadelphia.

The [Millburn Magic](#) is the Northern NJ member of the [Women's Premier Soccer League](#), an independent national league representing the highest level of amateur soccer in the United States. As an amateur league, our players are typically playing with high level college programs through the fall, and play with us from the middle of May through the start of August. The team plays in the East Coast Conference, with the five regional conference winners from around the country playing-off for the National Championship. The Millburn Magic 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.

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