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Opportunity knocks for British Women...

Opportunity came knocking for high level English players today, with news that Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) team Millburn Magic were looking to add four British players for the 2008 season. The Magic, an expansion team in 2008, have a predominantly British coaching staff, although their training organization is now firmly entrenched at the forefront of New Jersey soccer. The WPSL, which has been around since 1998, currently offers the highest level of women's soccer in the United States, and has featured top international players as Julie Foudy, Shannon MacMillan and Brandi Chastain as well as many current National Team players including Abby Wambach, Shannon Boxx and National team captain Kristine Lilly.

"There is a lot of talent in the English Women's leagues" said Andy Sones, Head Coach and owner of the Magic organization. "I'm pleased that we can enable the best of those players to come to the United States, train and play 6 days a week and compete against some of the best players in the world. There are so many opportunities for quality motivated players now, and this is one of the best. I'm expecting that it will generate a lot of interest in the English women's soccer community". When they're not playing, the Magic players will be involved in training and coaching across New Jersey, As an added incentive, with the professional women's league starting in 2009, Magic players will have the chance to put themselves in the 'shop window' for professional contracts the following year.

The Millburn Magic team is based 20 minutes west of New York City, and will play in the WPSL Mid-Atlantic Conference against teams such as the Philadelphia Liberty and 2007 conference winners Atlantic City Diablos. Conference winners move on to national play-offs, and the current national champions are FC Indiana (Indianapolis, IN) who beat Ajax America (Redondo Beach, CA) in Tampa three months ago. The season runs from the start of May through to the beginning of August. In addition to British players, The 2008 Magic roster will include talent from across New Jersey, with some high profile sign-ups already sign-ups already. Open tryouts will be held in late November and early December.

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