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Millburn, NJ, Saturday November 22nd

Magic tryout bodes well for first season

The first Millburn Magic tryout ran Saturday with 15 players in attendance. The group included local former Millers such as Lia Fierro, Caitlin Fabian and Laura Costanzo, as well as other women from around the area, and foreign imports Dominique Sinclair-Chambers and Rachel Fell, who had flown in from England to trial with the team.

"I'm pleased with the standard", said Head Coach Andy Sones. I knew there were some players who couldn't make it because they were still playing in the NCAA Championships, or were straight back to school – but this has wetted the appetite for everyone who was there. Weather permitting, I'm expecting more players in the later tryouts, but it was important to see who was out there".

Upon her return to the home of her record setting HS career, Fierro cut a typically impressive figure among the four goalkeepers in attendance, while it was the first play on the new turf field for 2002 and 2005 graduates Fabian and Costanzo. Of the international players, Sinclair-Chambers is a strong defender who represents Chelsea in the English Women's Premier League Southern Division, and is a former FA Cup winner with Charlton. Fell is a slight but fast and skillful wide midfielder. A product of the full-time Arsenal youth academy, the 18 year-old now plays at Reading. "It was different" said Chambers, but it was a lot of fun. Fell agreed "the surface was excellent" she said of the Neigel field – I'd love the opportunity to play home games on here". One unexpected bonus was the attendance and impressive performance of Elin Olssen, a former national level player in Sweden before moving to Millburn only three months ago.

The Magic run their second and final tryout on Saturday December 22nd, 12-2pm at Millburn High School, at which point Sones hopes to be in a position to finalize his roster for the team inaugural 2008 season.

The Millburn Magic is the Northern NJ member of the Women's Premier Soccer League, an independent national league representing the highest level of women's soccer in the United States. The league has been home to many US National team players, and some of the strongest club teams in the world. The Magic play in the Mid-Atlantic division of the East Coast Conference, with the five regional conference winners from around the country playing-off for the National Championship.

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