



***For Immediate Release***  
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**Subject: Shodair Soccer Classic draws state's top student athletes on July 25 as they battle it out to help Montana's kids**

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The Shodair Soccer Classic, an annual summer favorite event for soccer buffs, opens next week as top high school soccer players from around the state gather in Helena to compete and support a good cause. This year's Classic is presented by Wal-Mart and Mountain Dew.

In its tenth season, the event begins Wednesday, July 22 with a series of activities leading up to highly-competitive matches on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Kick-off for the women's game is at 5:00 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:00 p.m. at Nelson Stadium on the Carroll College campus in Helena. Admission is \$5 at the gate, and programs featuring player photos and information will be available for purchase.

The Classic features top student athletes from high schools all across Montana. Over 80 outstanding young men and women are considered during a rigorous screening process before being selected to participate in the event. Players must have been selected as All-State and All-Conference high school players in Class AA or A, and demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, and citizenship. New this is year is the Mountain Dew MVP Award, which will be presented to the most valuable player in each game.

The Shodair Soccer Classic Committee also gathers a talented coaching staff from around the state to guide the teams—many have winning records in state tournaments, and their skills assure top-level competition. Coaches for the men's teams include: Glen Wall and Carl Straub from Helena. Assistant coaches are Robin Farrell, Julian Calabrese, Jeff Reese, and Brendon Byrd, all from Helena. Women's team coaches are Scott Warnell of Kalispell, Lini Reading of Whitefish, Laurie Stergar and Megan Parish, both of Billings. Erica Cannon of Bozeman is the assistant coach.

Players and coaches will arrive at Carroll College on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to begin practices and a variety of other activities leading up to the games. On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>, in what has become a favorite event for aspiring young soccer all-stars, the recently-graduated high school players will host a free clinic for children ages 3 to 12. Young soccer players will have fun while learning skills from the Soccer Classic players, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Nelson Stadium. Finally, a banquet honoring players, coaches, parents, sponsors, and friends will take place that evening at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening before the tournament. The banquet will again be hosted at the dining center on campus.

The soccer classic is a benefit for Shodair Children's Hospital and the important work it does for Montana's youth. Shodair provides comprehensive medical genetics services for people of all ages and psychiatric services for children and adolescents from communities throughout the state. These are critically-needed services and Shodair helps families access them without having to go out of state. Last year, the hospital provided more than \$4 million dollars in uncompensated care for at-risk children and

youth. Support generated from events like the Soccer Classic and the Children's Miracle Network Telethon help assure that these services remain available for young Montanans in need of help.

Tickets will be on sale at the Nelson Stadium gate. Admission is \$5 for adults; children under 10 free. Refreshments will be available. The women's match starts at 5:00 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:00 p.m. Video of the games will be available for purchase. For banquet reservations or other information, call (406) 444-7548.

## 2009 Shodair Soccer Classic Teams:

### *Men's Teams:*

#### Team West

**Coach: Carl Straub** (Helena High)

**Assistant Coaches: Robin Farrell** (Helena)

Colin Snodgrass	Hellgate High School, Missoula	Central Midfielder
Ben Corwin	Hellgate High School, Missoula	Midfielder/ Forward
Nate Bell	Sentinel High School, Missoula	Goal Keeper
Justin Mikkola	Sentinel High School, Missoula	Midfielder
Sam Lentz	Sentinel High School, Missoula	Defense
Haley Klarich	Helena High School, Helena	Center/ Midfielder
Chase Farrell	Helena High School, Helena	Sweeper
Jake Staley	Helena High School, Helena	Defense/ Striker
Jackson Wilkins	Capital High School, Helena	Forward/Midfielder
Kellen Martin	Capital High School, Helena	Center/ Midfielder
Tommy Clinch	Capital High School, Helena	Midfielder/ Forward
Cameron Clevidence	Flathead High School, Kalispell	Forward/ Center/ Midfielder
Kyle Dixon	Flathead High School, Kalispell	Center / Midfielder
Jake Danczyk	Whitefish High School, Whitefish	Defense
Marc Hotzfield	Whitefish High School, Whitefish	Center/ Midfielder/ Center Back
Patrick Jones	Whitefish High School, Whitefish	Center Midfielder
Evan May	Libby High School, Libby	Center Midfielder/Forward Striker
Kyle Berke	Libby High School, Libby	Midfielder/ Forward/ Defense
Keio Salmonson	Polson High School, Polson	Wing
Travis Pete	Columbia Falls High School, Columbia Falls	Center/ Mid, Outside/Mid
Jarod Rice	Glacier High School, Kalispell	Forward/ Center/ Midfielder

#### Team East

**Coach:** Glen Wall (Helena Middle School)

**Assistant Coach:** Julian Calabrese (Helena), Jeff Reese (Helena), Brendon Byrd (Helena)

Jake Michelson	Great Falls High School, Great Falls	Forward
Jordon Neiffer	Great Falls High School, Great Falls	Forward Outside Midfielder
Derek Tice	Great Falls High School, Great Falls	Midfielder
Kyle Copelan	CM Russell High School, Great Falls	Defense
Dustin Gillaspie	CM Russell High School, Great Falls	Goal Keeper
Ben King	Billings West High School, Billings	Goal Keeper
Jack Pueringer	Billings West High School, Billings	Midfielder/ Forward
Ty Schmechel	Billings West High School, Billings	Left & Center Back
Levi Deeny	Billings Senior High School, Billings	Defense/ Sweeper Center Back
Artem Shchepetkin	Bozeman High School, Bozeman	Center, Midfielder, Forward

J B Lawrence	Butte High School, Butte	Wing/Striker/ Forward
Keith McGlothlin	Laurel High School, Laurel	Midfielder/ Forward
Dalton Packard	Laurel High School, Laurel	Goal Keeper
Tony Bureau	Laurel High School, Laurel	Sweeper
Cameron Mcallister	Park High School, Livingston	Center / Midfielder
Wes Deen	Park High School, Livingston	Center/ Mid Striker
Graham Johnson	Hamilton High School, Hamilton	Left, Right & Center Back
Michael Miller	Hamilton High School, Hamilton	Midfielder/ Forward
Eric Depee	Stevensville High School, Stevensville	Offensive Attack
Ryan Kutter	Stevensville High School, Stevensville	Right Midfielder/ Striker
Kyle Powers	Corvallis High School, Corvallis	Midfielder/ Forward
Marshal Johnson	Corvallis High School, Corvallis	Midfielder/Forward
Forrest Hoyt	Corvallis High School, Corvallis	Midfielder

### ***Women's Teams***

#### **Team White**

**Coaches: Scott Warnell** (Kalispell), **Lini Reading** (Whitefish High)

Lauren Costa	Sentinel High School, Missoula	Defense
Emily Mason	Sentinel High School, Missoula	Goal Keeper
Claire Chisolm	Hellgate High School, Missoula	Sweeper/ Center Defense
Leigh Torceletti	Big Sky High School, Missoula	Midfielder
Lauren Brophy	Helena High School, Helena	Center Midfielder
Laura Beck	Helena High School, Helena	Outside Defense
Kelli Hubley	Helena High School, Helena	Center/Midfielder or Defensive Center/Midfielder
Whitney Gerleman	Helena High School, Helena	Defense
Eve Book	Helena High School, Helena	Defense Forward
Heidi Windauer	Flathead High School, Kalispell	Forward
Kelsey McCluskey	Whitefish High School, Whitefish	Defense
Carly Lengstorf	Whitefish High School, Whitefish	Forward
Megan Powell	Whitefish High School, Whitefish	Forward Midfielder
Kylee Smith	Whitefish High School, Whitefish	Forward & Middle Defense
Brittany Martin	Libby High School, Libby	Left Forward/ Left Defense
Heather Howell	Polson High School, Polson	Defense/ Midfielder
Erin King	Polson High School, Polson	Right Defense
Seeley Bloom	Stevensville High School, Stevensville	Striker
Sara Grimes	Stevensville High School, Stevensville	Left Midfielder/ Left Fullback
Nicole Hickey	CM Russell High School, Great Falls	Forward
Jayme Hill	CM Russell High School, Great Falls	Defense

#### **Team Red**

**Coaches: Laurie Stergar** (Billings Central), **Megan Parish** (Billings)

**Assistant Coach: Erica Cannon** (Bozeman)

Jacie Vonada	Capital High School, Helena	Forward
Jen Marshall	Capital High School, Helena	Any Position
Molly Wilkins	Capital High School, Helena	Midfielder/ Forward

Carlyn Anderson	Capital High School, Helena	Midfield Defense
Audrey Schadt	Capital High School, Helena	Midfielder Forward
Lauren Hickok	Bozeman High School, Bozeman	Center Midfielder
Allie Wisner	Bozeman High School, Bozeman	Forward
Jordan Simkins	Bozeman High School, Bozeman	Goal Keeper
Jamie Greany	Belgrade High School, Belgrade	Forward Center Midfielder
Kelsey Caracciolo	Belgrade High School, Belgrade	Forward Stopper
Emily Schmit	Belgrade High School, Belgrade	Goal Keeper
Aubree Danenhauer	Butte High School, Butte	Midfield Sweeper
Maggie Mickelson	Butte High School, Butte	Midfielder
Lexie Day	Laurel High School, Laurel	Forward Midfielder
Michelle Jones	Hamilton High School, Hamilton	Center Midfielder
Shenoa Weeks	Hamilton High School, Hamilton	Midfielder/ Forward
Averyl LaSalle	Hamilton High School, Hamilton	Center Back/Defense Center/Midfielder
Day Lynn Batey	Park High School, Livingston	Defense

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