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**Subject: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Shodair Soccer Classic draws state's top student athletes on July 23 as they battle it out to help Montana's kids**

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The Shodair Soccer Classic, an annual summer favorite, opens this 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 Walmart, Mountain Dew, and Montana State Fund. In its twelfth season, the event begins Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> with the women's game at 5:00 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:00 p.m. at Carroll College's Nelson Stadium in Helena.

Miss Montana USA 2011 Brittany Wiser sing the national anthem and assist in the presentation of the Mountain Dew MVP awards, along with television sports personalities Richie Melby and Evan Weborg from Montana's News Station. Ten-year-old Sotara Barnaby from Pablo, Montana's 2011 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Champion, will take part in the awards presentation as well. Admission is \$5 at the gate; programs featuring player photos and information will be available for purchase.

The Classic features top student athletes from high schools all across Montana. Over 60 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.

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: Carl Straub and Robin Farrell, both from Helena, and Darrin Shredder from Great Falls. Women's team coaches are Mike Meloy of Helena, Laurie Stergar and Megan Parish, both from Billings, and Allison Neils of Corvallis.

Players and coaches will arrive at Carroll College on July 20<sup>th</sup> to begin practices and a variety of other activities leading up to the games. On Friday the 22<sup>d</sup>, the recently-graduated high school players will host a free soccer clinic for children ages 3 to 12, starting at 10:00 a.m. at Nelson Stadium. Finally, a banquet honoring players, coaches, parents, sponsors, and friends will take place at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening 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 families. 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 \$3 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 gate. Admission is \$5 for adults; no admission charge for children under 12. Refreshments will be available, and video of the games will be available for purchase. For banquet reservations or to register for the free kids soccer skills clinic, call (406) 444-7548 or email [tingraham@shodair.org](mailto:tingraham@shodair.org).

***Men's Teams:***

**Team East**

**Coach: Darrin Shredder of Great Falls**

Nick Amsk	Park High/Livingston	Forward, Midfield
Matt Brink	Senior High/Billings	Centerfield, Back
Sam Catlin	West High/Billings	Defender
Logan Cole	Bozeman High/Bozeman	Forward
Kyle Emerick	Senior High/Billings	Midfield
Alex Gallagher	West High/Billings	Forward
Tyler Gobin	Senior High/Billings	Center, Midfield
Brad Holmgren	Glacier High/Kalispell	Midfield, Forward
Jordan Larson	CM Russell High/Great Falls	Defender
Hunter Madich	Flathead High/Kalispell	Defense, Sweeper
Daniel Nauman	Laurel High/Laurel	Midfield
Jared Ruddock	Skyview High/Billings	Defender
Damon Stevens	Hamilton High/Hamilton	Right, Midfield
Steffan Stewart	Hamilton High/Hamilton	Defense, Forward
Brandon Walton	Belgrade High/Belgrade	Center, Backfield
Mikey Wall	Central High/Billings	Center, Midfield

**TOTAL PLAYERS: 16**

**Team West**

**Coaches: Carl Straub and Robin Farrell, both of Helena**

Dustin Bingham	Helena High/Helena	Defense
Grady Bryson	Helena High/Helena	Defense, Stopper
Jordan Byland	Sentinel High/Missoula	Forward, Center, Midfield
Jon Cardiello	Helena High/Helena	Center, Midfield
Derik Chaney	Capital High/Helena	Midfield, Forward
Zach Clinch	Capital High/Helena	Goal Keeper
Mathew Deaton	Capital High/Helena	Defense, Center, Backfield
Kyle Hammond	Hellgate High/Missoula	Forward
Jack Hood	Helena High/Helena	Right Side Wing, Defense
Cree Maloney	Libby High/Libby	Midfield, Forward
Micah Meadows	Helena High/Helena	Midfield
Scott Menzies	Helena High/Helena	Goal Keeper
Stewart Miller	Helena High/Helena	Forward
Devin Palmer	Capital High/Helena	Forward
Eric Reynolds	Capital High/Helena	Right Back
Tyler Smith	Big Sky High/Missoula	Midfield

**TOTAL PLAYERS: 16**

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**Women's Teams:**

**Team East**

**Coaches: Lori Stergar and Megan Parish, both of Billings**

Kelsi Almond	Hamilton High/Hamilton	Forward, Mid Wing
Rebecca Bixby	Sentinel High/Missoula	Defense
Megan Brakke	Senior High/Billings	Defense
Blair Brookshire	Stevensville High/Stevensville	Defense, Center, Back
Jordann Brown	CM Russell High/Great Falls	Defense, Midfield
Caitlin Charlebois	Bigfork High/Bigfork	Forward
Ty Duran	Great Falls High	Defense
Alicia Elsenpeter	Laurel High/Laurel	Midfield
Josie Kautsky	Central High/Billings	Defense
Kaylee Kimmet	West High/Billings	Goal Keeper
Callie Martin	Bozeman High/Bozeman	Center, Midfield
Taylor O'Toole	Central High/Billings	Forward, Outside, Midfield
Marta Prosinski	West High/Billings	Midfield
Laura Prosinski	West High/Billings	Center, Midfield
Sarah Snoozy	Senior High/Billings	Forward, Left Midfield
Jaelene Zygmund	Central High/Billings	Forward/Midfield

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**Team West**

**Coaches: Mike Meloy of Helena and Allison Neils of Corvallis**

Liana Bates	Glacier High/Kalispell	Sweeper
Stephanie Brewer	Flathead High/Bigfork	Defense
Amanda Butt	Corvallis High/Corvallis	Midfield
Jenna Cunningham	Capital High/Helena	Striker, Midfield
Lisa Dallapiazza	Hellgate High/Missoula	Forward
Lauryn Dombrowski	Big Sky High/Missoula	Left Outside, Defender
Killian Gilreath	Helena High/Helena	Defender
Jessica Hamilton	Capital High/Helena	Forward
Patty Hughes	Glacier High/Kalispell	Goal Keeper
Lily Kiely	Helena High/Helena	Forward
Nicole Loraas	Helena High/Helena	Defense
Chelsie McCampbell	Big Sky High/Missoula	Defense, Forward, Midfield
Hilary Nelson	Helena High/Helena	Center, Midfield
Chelsea Shuman	Flathead High/Bigfork	Forward, Midfield
Ali Solheim	Helena High/Helena	Defense, Rightfield
Mary Ternes	Capital High/Helena	Defense
Smith Wells	Capital High/Helena	Mid field, Centerfield, Forward

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