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State's top student athletes named to play in the annual Soccer Classic

HELENA—A summertime favorite, the Shodair Soccer Classic kicks off its eleventh season this summer in Helena. The event begins mid-week with activities for players, and culminates with the women's and men's games on Saturday, July 24, at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. respectively, at Nelson Stadium on the Carroll College campus in Helena. This year's Classic will be presented by Wal-Mart, Harrington Pepsi-Cola, and Montana State Fund.

The Classic features top student athletes from high schools all across the state. Through a rigorous screening process, over 70 outstanding young men and women are selected to play in the annual event. In addition to having been selected as All-State and All-Conference high school players in Class AA or A, they have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership, and citizenship. The Classic also brings together a talented coaching staff from around the state to guide the teams and assure top-level competition.

Players and coaches arrive at Carroll College on the 21st to begin practices and a variety of other activities leading up to the games. The high school players host aspiring young soccer all-stars in a free clinic for children ages 5 to 12 on Friday before the tournament. The event is especially popular with area youth, with close to 200 young players typically participating. Later that evening, a banquet to honor players, coaches, parents, and friends will be held 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 psychiatric services for children and adolescents from communities throughout the state, as well as comprehensive genetic services for people of all ages. Last year, the hospital provided more than \$4 million dollars in uncompensated care for at-risk children and youth from around the state. Support generated from events like the Soccer Classic and the Children's Miracle Network Telethon help assure that these services remain available for Montana families in need of help.

Men's Teams:

Team East

Coch: Mike Mayott (Billings West High)

Taylor Allen	Corvallis High/Corvallis	Center,Defense
Arron Jessop	Corvallis High/Corvallis	Forward,Midfielder
Canyon Croft	CM Russell High/Great Falls	Goalie
Joe Nommenson	CM Russell High/Great Falls	Center,Mid, Forward
Chase Overton	CM Russell High/Great Falls	Right Outside, Defense
Allen Stelling	Great Falls High/Great Falls	Defensive, Mid, Outside fielder
Alex Gappa	Laurel High/Laurel	Mid Fielder
Kaleb Price	Laurel High/Laurel	Defense
Hans Fisher	Hamilton High/Hamilton	Mid Forward
Chad Ward	Bozeman High/Bozeman	Mid, Center

Ben Lockart	Belgrade High/Belgrade	Mid Fielder
Tucker Markovich	Belgrade High/Belgrade	Defense
Andrew Schafer	Belgrade High/Belgrade	Mid Fielder
Justin Enger	West High/Billings MT	Forward
Cameron Icenggle	Skyview High/Billings	Forward, Defender
Mike Eggen	Central High/Billings	Center, Mid, Forward
Cameron Egan	Park County High/Livingston	Forward, Mid fielder
Christian Wallace	Park County High/Livingston	Forward
Chuckie Richard	Butte High/Butte	Goalie

TOTAL PLAYERS: 19

Team West

Coach: Jay Anderson (Hellgate High/Missoula)

Riley Sheldon	Helena High/Helena	Goalie
Dallin Harris	Capital High/Helena	Right Fielder, Outside Back Fielder
Nate Rasor	Capital High/Helena	Outside Back
Travis Adams	Whitefish High/Whitefish	Forward, Midfield
Matt Danczyk	Whitefish High/Whitefish	Forward, Midfield
Seth Bumgarner	Glacier High/Kalispell	Sweeper
Josh Neiman	Glacier High/Kalispell	Defense
Jonah Brown	Hellgate High/Missoula	Left, Mid Field
Lucas Matelich	Hellgate High/Missoula	Center, Mid Field
Chris Hollinger	Sentinel High/Missoula	Mid, Outside
Jerrad Merrill	Flathead High/Kalispell	Center, Midfield Stopper
Cody Moritt	Flathead High/Kalispell	Midfield Center, Forward
Robert Spoja	Sentinel High/Missoula	Defender
Skyler Doak	Bigfork High/Bigfork	Outside, Defense
Alec MacCallum	Bigfork High/Bigfork	Defense
Lael Richmond	Bigfork High/Bigfork	Forward, Attacking Midfielder
Peter Hanson	Polson High/Polson	Striker, Left Fielder, Midfielder, Right

TOTAL PLAYERS: 18

Women's Teams

Team Red

Coaches: John Dorr (Billings West) and Lori Sterger (Billings Central) and Erika Cannon of Bozeman

Coral Higuera	Corvallis High/Corvallis	Forward
Macie Netz	CM Russell High/Great Falls	Forward
Amy Peterson	CM Russell High/Great Falls	Defense
Ellie Crum	Great Falls High/Great Falls	Goalie
Jessica Scherr	Great Falls High/Great Falls	Defender, Midfielder, Forward
Alicia Elsenpeter	Laurel High/Laurel	Outside, Mid Fielder, Forward
Bry Gordon	Hamilton High/Hamilton	Forward, Mid Fielder
Tess Hagenlock	Bozeman High/Bozeman	Forward, Mid Fielder, Center Fielder
Tia Sharpe	Bozeman High/Bozeman	Center Mid Fielder
Sydney Heckel	Belgrade High/Belgrade	Forward, Mid Fielder
Hannah Holland	Belgrade High/Belgrade	Defense
Claire Kornegay	West High/Billings	Mid Fielder
Christine Moen	Skyview High/Billings	Mid Fielder
Lila Scott	Senior High/Billings	Center, Defense
Mary Makris	Park High/EmigrantT	Center, Mid Fielder
Mariah Alne	Butte High/Butte	Defense

Maggie Powell

Central High/Billings

Forward

TOTAL PLAYERS: 17

Team White

Coach: Mike Meloy (Helena)

Lauren Anderson	Helena High/Helena	Defense
Taylor Edwards	Helena High/Helena	Forward
Poe Hildreth	Helena High/Helena	Goalie
Haley Jensen	Helena High/Helena	Forward, Outside Center, Mid Fielder
Demi Wignot	Helena High/Clancy	Forward
Kora Barnes	Capital High/Helena	Defense
Dani Garner	Capital High/Helena	Forward
Kelsey Grey	Capital High/Helena	Defense
Courtney Hauck	Capital High/Helena	Defense
Marcie McCarvel	Capital High/Helena	Forward
Megan Apple	Whitefish High/Whitefish	Sweeper, Center, Defense
Molly Benedetto	Glacier High/Kalispell	Center, Mid Fielder, Stopper
Maddey Frey	Glacier High/Kalispell	Forward
Becca Burgmeier	Hellgate High/Missoula	Defense
Piper Frame	Hellgate High/Missoula	Forward, Center, Mid Fielder
Stephanie Carl	Big Sky High/Missoula	Forward
Sierra Smith	Big Sky High/Missoula	Forward
Heather Krebsbach	Senior High/Missoula	Mid Fielder
Maddie Simmel	Senior High/Missoula	Forward, Mid Fielder
Lindsay Thane	Senior High/Missoula	Mid Fielder
Logun Koch	Flathead High/Bigfork	Sweeper, Center
Kaitlyn Shuits	Bigfork High/Bigfork	Mid Fielder

TOTAL PLAYERS: 22

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