



## WOMEN'S SOCCER

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### OSU Signs Whitney Goodell And Monica Storm

Beavers add top-level talent in a small signing class.

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CORVALLIS, Ore. --

Monica Storm and Whitney Goodell have signed letters of intent to play women's soccer at Oregon State University, Beaver head coach [Steve Fennah](#) announced Thursday.

Storm and Goodell will begin their careers at OSU next fall as freshmen with four years of eligibility.

"We're very excited to announce these signings," Fennah said. "Obviously, it's a small class, but we didn't lose many players this year. We were looking to bring in quality - that was the key thing this year. Both recruits fit that description.

"Our staff, particularly assistant coaches [Heidi Slaymaker](#) and [Linus Rhode](#), worked very hard to identify these players and build relationships with them over the last year."

Storm, a defender, hails from Chino, Calif., (Ayala HS) and is a two-year member of the U-17 United States National Team. She played three international matches recently against Canada, Germany and Russia, and is a two-year veteran of the Region IV Olympic Development Team. She also helped the Cal-South State Team win the regional championship in 2003.

Storm can play either center back or fullback for the Beavers.

"Monica is, without doubt, one of the top-level defenders in this year's class," Fennah said. "She has invaluable experience with the U-17 National Team, having played three international games over the last few months.

"She's very good athletically; she has a strong, physical presence in the back line and will come in as a very good leader. We expect her to be able to compete immediately and contribute."

Storm was a five-year team captain for the OJSC Nitemares club team in California for coach Randy Dodge.

"Monica is one of the strongest defenders in the country coming out of high school this year," Dodge said. "She will make a big impact on what is already a strong program, and help take Oregon State to the next level. She is a tremendous leader who leads by example and communicates well."

A native of Concord, Calif. (College Park HS), Goodell, a forward, was a member of the U.S. U-16 and U-14 National Pools, as well as a three-year veteran of the Region IV ODP squad.

Goodell figures to fit in as a center forward or attacking midfielder.

"Whitney Goodell will come in and have a chance to contribute right away," Fennah said. "She's a strong, physical forward and leads the line very well. Her movement off the ball is very good, and she's cool around the goal - she converts her chances.

"We're very excited about her coming in - she gives us depth in that position alongside our current forwards. She could also see some time as an attacking midfielder player."

Goodell played for coach Phillippe Blin on the Pleasanton Rage club team.

"Whitney is a smart, athletic forward who will lead the front line well," Blin said. "She's a great addition to Oregon State and will help the program take another step forward."

Both Storm and Goodell played at least four years at the state ODP level, Storm for the Cal-South squad from 2000-03, and Goodell for Cal-North from 2000-04.

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