



Defender Amy Steadman is one of five U-19 players — and one of two with full national team experience—headed to North Carolina.

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College Recruiting

ELITE PLAYERS HEAD TO ACC, PACIFIC-10

North Carolina, Virginia and UCLA are the big winners in the college women's recruiting wars this year, but their chief rivals are getting stronger, too.

A great majority of the best seniors in the country — the U.S. U-19s, *Parade* and NSCAA All-Americans, ODP national-teamers — are heading to the Atlantic Coast and Pacific 10 conferences, Division I women's soccer's two strongest leagues and home to the Tar Heels, Cavaliers and Bruins.

North Carolina coach Anson Dorrance put together the classiest class, one featuring five U.S. U-19 players — three of them starters, all of them *Parade* and/or NSCAA All-Americans. Midfielder Lori Chalupny and defender Amy Steadman have played for the full national team; U-19 coach Tracey Leone says forward Lindsay Tarpley "tactically puts it together for us." Other names to remember: defender Kendall Fletcher and flank midfielder Kacey White.

Virginia, looking to challenge Carolina in the ACC, nabbed four with U-19 experience, including forward Kristen Weiss, who joined Chalupny and Steadman with the national team for last

year's Algarve Cup. Steve Swanson's second successive superb class is heavy on midfielders, including Sarah Huffman, Kelly Hammond and Noelle Keselica.

The top recruit might be midfielder Jill Oakes, another who's seen national team time, the prize of Pac-10 champ UCLA's litter. She'll be joined by U-19 midfielders Allie True and Stacy Lindstrom (who's graduating high school a year early) and forward Katie Rivera, and Mexican national team forward Iris Mora.

Also faring well were Arizona State, Stanford and Boston College. Ray Leone's first Sun Devil class features three of wife Tracey's U-19s, including explosive midfielder Monya Makoski. Stanford plucked twins Hayley and Lindsey Hunt — both recovering from ACL tears — and Jenny Farenbaugh from Southern California. BC's group stars forward Katie McGregor, a three-time NSCAA high school All-American, and Kate Taylor, the top goalkeeper in the class.

Notre Dame grabbed U-19 midfielder Annie Schefter and Canadian U-19 forward Katie Thorlakson. DePaul sneaked in for midfielder Julianne Stich, another with U-19 experience.

Other big signings: M Allison Graham (Clemson), M Ali Andrejewski (Maryland), D Kate Seibert (Duke), F Jamie Mangiardi (California), F Tiffany Weimer (Penn State), M Kristi Lefebvre (Connecticut), D Ashley Eason (Auburn) and Canadian U-19 M Carmelina Moscato (Penn State).

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