



Cox, Herndon and Pinkston Named to TopDrawer Soccer's Mid Atlantic July Team of the Month

VSA Heat players Meghan Cox, Ashley Herndon and Maria "Mo" Pinkston were named to TopDrawer Soccer's Team of the Month for July, 2011. The article follows:

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Remember, this feature is to honor top performers in their region over the past month or so and across the span of age groups. There will be a boys' list and a girls' list, and a new region will be covered every weekday, Tuesday through Friday of each month. You can submit nominations at teamofthemonth@topdrawersoccer.com.

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Following is the Girls List, in no particular order.

Jessie Klamut, Beach FC Red (VA) U18, Forward: Beach FC U18 Red's Jessie Klamut was selected Virginia High School AAA Player of the Year. The Cox High School 2011 graduate is a two-time All-Tidewater Player of the Year who this past season led the Eastern Region with 27 goals and helped lead Cox to the Group AAA state championship game. Jessie signed to play with [Old Dominion](#) this fall.

Holley Beasley, Norfolk Academy High School/Beach FC Red, U18 (VA), Midfielder: Holley Beasley, midfielder for the Beach FC U18 Red, was the 2010-2011 Virginia Independent Schools Soccer Athletic Association Division I VA State Player of the Year. The Norfolk Academy graduate is also a two-time Tidewater Conference Player of the Year helping Norfolk win the VISAA Division I state title with 18 goals and had 11 assists. Holley will play at Washington and Lee this fall.

Allison Hollinger, Central Delaware SA Riptide (DE), U14, Center Midfielder: Allison is a gutsy player with excellent speed, great vision and an unflappable demeanor who has been with the CDSA Riptide since their inception five years ago. During the team's recent State Cup and Region I tournament play, Allison selflessly moved into the center back line to help add some pace to the defense and contributed significantly to the Riptide's 1-0 Delaware State Cup Championship win.

Cassidy Ramsey, Central Delaware SA Riptide (DE), U14, Defender: Cassidy - also with the Riptide for five years - is an exceptional outside defender with very good aerial skills. Cassidy moved

from outside back to center back during the Riptide's State Cup run to help strengthen the center defense. She made several key defensive plays in the final helping to preserve a shutout and one goal margin. Cassidy played on her high school team where she started varsity as a freshman.

Maureen Hossler, Central Delaware SA Riptide (DE), U14, Midfielder: Maureen is a very speedy and technically gifted soccer player who is two footed and loves to challenge defenders 1v1. Maureen moved to center midfield for State Cup where she was able to control the pace of our championship game distributing balls to our attacking players in position to challenge for goals. Maureen also started as a freshman on her high school soccer team this past season.

Izzy Byers, Chantilly Burn (VA), U17, Midfielder: Izzy, a member of the Chantilly Burn - four time Virginia State Champs, 2009 Region I Champions and 2009 National Bronze medalist - scored 2 goals at Region I Championships, including game winner against Connecticut. Izzy is committed to Princeton(w).

Olivia Colella, Chantilly Burn (VA), U17, Midfielder: Olivia, committed to [Longwood](#), provided strong play in the midfield for the Chantilly Burn during the Region I Championships. Olivia provided the key assist for the game winning goal against Connecticut.

Elizabeth Gaski, Chantilly Burn (VA), U17, Forward: Elizabeth scored the only goal in the Burn's hard fought 3-1 loss to Massachusetts. She also scored a great goal against DC United Women's W league team in a friendly leading up to the Region I Championships.

Ashley Herndon, VSA Heat Blue (VA), U17, Forward: Ashley Herndon, a rising junior, announced her commitment to [James Madison](#) this week. In Region I Championship play for her VSA Heat Blue team, Ashley scored five goals in three games, including a hat trick in the Heat's 7-0 victory over Hockessin Freedom. Herndon also joined new W-League team D.C. United Women last month.



Meghan Cox, VSA Heat Blue (VA), U17, Forward/Defender: Versatile and athletic Meghan Cox is predominately a defender for the Heat but has played forward, midfield and goalie. Meghan is a very strong, powerful and versatile player with a true passion for the game. Meghan is committed to [James Madison](#).

Maria "Mo" Pinkston, VSA Heat Blue (VA), U17, Midfielder/Forward: Maria possesses excellent field vision, soccer IQ, a dominant left foot and a strong right foot. She plays mostly in the midfield, both outside and in the center. In the course of the season she also plays forward and outside back. Mo is a team captain, takes the penalty kicks for her team, and is one of the primary players for free kicks.