



Women's Soccer: Stone Bridge Junior Herndon to Play at James Madison

Ashburn (July 7, 2011) - All-Met and All-State forward Ashley Herndon, a rising junior at Stone Bridge High School, has verbally accepted a full scholarship offer to play soccer in 2013 at James Madison University.

Herndon, a dynamic scorer, has tallied 54 goals over the past two years while leading Stone Bridge to a 34-4-3 record and a 2010 Virginia AAA state championship. She is also a standout forward on the nationally ranked VSA Heat club soccer team and recently became the youngest player on the DC United Women's W-League squad.

"Ashley is a goal scorer, period," said Joan Windows, Stone Bridge girls soccer head coach. "She can find the goal, she wants to find the goal, she has a passion to score goals ... and you can't coach that. That is something that is just innate."

Herndon chose JMU over Connecticut, Virginia Tech, Kentucky, Cincinnati, William & Mary, Virginia Commonwealth and North Carolina-Wilmington, among others. She is the Dukes' first commitment for the 2013 class.

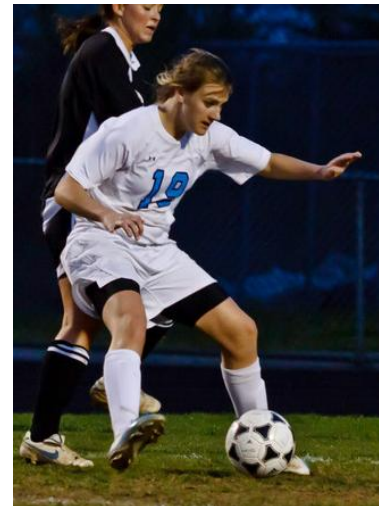


Photo Courtesy of Jimmy Dunne

"I am excited to have the opportunity to play at JMU," said Herndon. "They have a beautiful campus, an excellent academic reputation and a great soccer program."

Under head coach Dave Lombardo JMU has consistently finished in the upper tier of the Colonial Athletic Association and is the reigning CAA tournament champion. They have earned a berth in the NCAA women's soccer tournament three of the past four years, including a sweet 16 appearance in 2008.