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Former Watauga High soccer coach Johnny Gales has announced that graduating seniors Ben Robertson, Jennings Rex and goalkeeper Thomas Brown will continue their soccer careers at the collegiate level this fall.

Rex, who set the new single-season goal-scoring record with 40 goals, snapping the old mark of 39 goals by Patrick Murphy in 1999, will be attending UNC-Charlotte, a Division I school in Conference USA. Rex, who also had a single-season record 98 points last fall, finishes his career at WHS with 55 career goals, 136 points and third on the school's all-time scoring list. Rex was also an all-conference and all region performer last fall.

Robertson, who combined with Rex to set a school record for most goals scored by two players in a single season with 68 (breaking the old mark of 66 set by Murphy and Josh Honeycutt in 1999. Honeycutt had 27 goals that year.), will attend Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, GA. Oglethorpe is a Division III Liberal-Arts school, and it is a member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Robertson, who tallied 28 times last year, also set a single-season record with 25 assits, and he finished with 81 points. Robertson was also an all-conference, all-region and all-state performer. He also scored 54 career goals, had 140 points and is second all-time on the school's scoring list.

Brown, an all-conference and all-region performer last fall, backboned WHS to 15 wins and a second-place finish in the Northwestern 4A Conference. For his efforts, Brown will attend Emory University, a Division III graduate school of the arts and sciences in Atlanta, GA. Emory is also a member of the United Athletic Association. Brown in his career with the Pioneers played 45 games, allowed 38 goals and had a 0.84 goals-against-average, with 12 shutouts and a save percentage of 79. He is ranked fifth on the school's all-time list.