

## ASU Men's Soccer Adds Three Recruits

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Appalachian State University men's soccer head coach Matt Nelson has announced three recruits that have committed to join the Mountaineers next season. Alex Herbst, Matt Melton and Mason McCarter will don Black and Gold jerseys this fall, adding to the strength of the Appalachian program.

Coach Nelson explains that the existing talent on the team

warranted a smaller-than-usual newcomer class this year. "We are only adding three players at this time, because we feel that the foundation of our team is returning, and the continuity will show in our play on the field. These three new players will bring work ethic, technical ability and a tactical awareness that will help our program improve."

Nelson adds, "Each one of these players will be expected to contribute in their first year and I have the utmost faith that each have the qualities to do just that. Their high character makes them an instant fit into our team chemistry, and we are excited to have all three join us."

### **Alex Herbst - Apex HS - Apex, N.C.**

Herbst was a four-year letterwinner at Apex and a two-time all-conference selection in addition to honors as an all-state and all-region player. He played the 2011-12 season as a member of the Capital Area Soccer League's (CASL) Chelsea FC Academy

Nelson on Herbst: "Alex comes from CASL and has versatility to play in multiple positions. His attacking ability combined with his willingness and ability to defend will give us plenty of options to improve our midfield this season."

### **Matt Melton - North Gwinnett HS - Suwanee, Ga.**

As part of Atlanta Fire United, Melton was a six-year starter and three-time Georgia State Cup semifinalist, including one appearance in the title match. He also played as a member of FC Atlanta.

Nelson on Melton: "Matt Melton will add non-stop energy, effort and technical ability to our midfield. He will be able to compete for playing time in his first season. "

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### **Mason McCarter - Shelby HS - Shelby HS**

McCarter committed to Appalachian after playing as a member of the two-time North Carolina 2A Championship-winning Shelby High School team. He has honed his skills as a member of the North Carolina Youth Soccer Association club programs and numerous N.C. Olympic Development programs.

Nelson on McCarter: "Mason McCarter will bring versatility to our program. His ability to play multiple positions will undoubtedly help the team this coming season."