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KANSAS CITY SCOTT GALLAGHER JOINS THE WPSL FOR 2023 SEASON

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Jan. 13, 2023) – The Women's Premier Soccer League announced today that Kansas City Scott Gallagher is set to compete in this season as part of the 2023 expansion class.

"This [the WPSL] will provide another opportunity for our growing alumnae and [current] players in Kansas City to continue to develop beyond the typical club soccer years and compete at a high level," **Dan Naidu**, KCSG Girl's director of coaching and WPSL team head coach, said. "With our top-class training facility and home stadium at Paragon Star Sports Complex, we look forward to providing a professional, competitive, and player-centered environment where athletes can continue to develop."

The club was founded in 2005 under the former *KC Select SC* identity before growing to over 500 players and 60 teams by 2015 and rebranding itself in 2017 to the Kansas City Scott Gallagher (KCSG) name. In addition to the rebranding, the club merged two additional organizations, *Kansas Elite* and *KC Prime*, resulting in over 100 teams and 1,400 players spanning across the Kansas-Missouri state line and Kansas City metro area.

KCSG Legacy teams have won multiple Kansas State Youth Soccer Association (KSYSA) and Missouri Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) State Cup and Presidents Cup championships while competing in the United States Youth Soccer (USYS) National League, National Premier League, and Heartland Soccer League. Additionally, KCSG competes in ECNL Boys, ECNL Regional League Boys, and ECNL Regional League Girls – making it one of the largest and most successful youth clubs in the Kansas City metro.

The club calls, **Olathe Soccer Complex** and **Paragon Star Sports Complex**, two world-class training facilities home and expects to have Paragon Star, which consists of nearly 200 acres, 10 FIFA-sized fields, and a stadium fit for over 1000 spectators, serve as its home venue for the 2023 WPSL season.

KCSG goes beyond the field with its collaboration with **Global FC** – an organization that helps remove financial barriers for youth soccer in refugee and immigrant communities. The club also partners with **Fearless & Capable**, a female-owned and led mentorship program that allows KCSG players opportunities to give back to their community.

"Guided by our five shield values – tradition, humility, respect, unity, and passion – we believe we are stronger together and promote unity in our club, our teams, and our community," Naidu said.

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More information about Kansas City Scott Gallagher can be found on its social media platforms – <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>, until <u>its club website</u> officially launches. For additional information on the WPSL, visit <u>wpslsoccer.com</u>.

About the Women's Premier Soccer League

In its 24th season, the WPSL is the longest active women's soccer league, with more than 125 clubs from coast to coast in 35 states – making it the world's largest women's soccer league. WPSL rosters feature elite collegiate, post-collegiate, international, and standout prep student-athletes. Many of the United States' most accomplished women's players have played in the WPSL, including household names such as Alex Morgan, Abby Wambach, Megan Rapinoe, Julie Foudy, and Brandi Chastain.