



## ANNOUNCEMENT: February 1, 2019

### Matthew Goldberg commits to Virginia Wesleyan University



FSCI proudly announces that Matthew Goldberg will play for the Virginia Wesleyan University men's soccer program in 2019. Virginia Wesleyan University is a NCAA Division 3 school located in Virginia Beach, VA.

Matthew has been a member of the FSCI travel soccer program for 2 years between 2017-2019. Matthew is a defender that plays in our boys 2000 age group. He attends Massaponax High School. Matthew states the following:

*"I've only played at FSCI for two years and they have probably been the best two years of playing soccer in my entire life. I honestly wished I would have played here my entire life. When Coach Mills offered me the spot, it made me realize that if I had never come to FSCI, then I wouldn't be in the position I am now. Coach Marcello and Coach Donnie have developed me as a player and a person so much over the past two years. Marcello, by taking me to the next level in my playing ability and having me ready to face any challenge that comes my way. Donnie has developed me not just as a player, but also as a man and being just an all-around good person. I also want to thank my teammates for letting me be the captain and helping me to get to where I am now. Lastly, I want to thank my parents for teaching me the most valuable life lessons and paving the path for me to be who I am today. I wouldn't be here right now without any of these amazing people.*

Matthew's high school GPA is 3.7. He was in the National Honor Society and consistently made honor roll.

- Coach Marcello Manzano states the following: *Matt has really grown over the past 2 years. He has overcome all the challenges that we as coaches placed in front of him thru his dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm. Matt has a calming influence in the back because he keeps us organized. He is one of our best players in defending 1v1 situations and keeping possession for us when the opponent high pressures our back 4. I am very happy for Matt and I look forward to making some trips down to Virginia Beach to watch him play.*
- Coach Donnie Wheeler states the following: *Matt has only been with our club since May of 2017. In that time, he was worked extremely hard. He went from a decent defender to an excellent defender. He gives his all in practice so he can learn and grow and isn't afraid to ask what he needs to work on. In 2018, he became a vocal leader on the team, on and off the field. Virginia Wesleyan is getting a very good soccer player as well a fine young man. I have been blessed to be his coach and to know him.*
- Heather and Brad, Matthew's parents, state the following: *Matthew has always enjoyed playing sports, but he really excelled in soccer over any other sport. His love for the game and the comradery of his team has really driven him to become the best player that he can be. Since he joined FSCI Phoenix, Matthew wanted to learn all that he could from Coach Marcello and Coach Donnie to become a better player. They instilled in him a very strong work ethic and they both have been instrumental in Matthew's growth not only as a player but as a young man. Having the opportunity to participate on the college tour helped Matthew gain the confidence in himself and skills to push toward playing college soccer. His father and I are so grateful to both Coach Marcello and Coach Donnie and his teammates along with their families for pushing him and supporting him in becoming a better player. We are very proud of*

*Matthew for his dedication and pushing toward his desire to play college soccer and for all his accomplishments on and off the field.*

#### About FSCI

FSCI is a youth soccer club based in Fredericksburg VA. Founded in 2009, the club offers a travel program, recreation program, training programs, and a college recruitment program that assists interested players.

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