



## **ANNOUNCEMENT: March 30, 2025**

### **Brooklyn Fretwell commits to Penn State Mont Alto**



FSCI proudly announces that Brooklyn Fretwell will play for Penn State Mont Alto's women's soccer program in 2025. Penn State Mont Alto is a USCAA school located in Mont Alto, PA.

Brooklyn has been a member of the FSCI select program for 2 years from 2023 to 2025. Brooklyn is a goalkeeper that plays in our girls 2007 age group. She attends Massaponax High School. Brooklyn states the following:

"I've played soccer since I was just 6. It's always been my favorite sport, and I had no interest in anything else. I moved here my sophomore year in high school and was really reluctant to join a new travel team. I had played with the same girls in my home town from U6 all the way up to U15 and 8th grade and Freshman HS soccer. I had always been goalie but I never really embraced it. I wanted to play as mid. When I first tried out for phoenix I went in NOT to try out as goalie. I thought here was my chance on a new team and they don't know I play keeper. Donnie saw my gloves in my bag at tryouts and started to talk to me about playing goalie and asking me questions. From that day until now I have played keeper for FSCI Phoenix. My coaches and teammates gave me the confidence I needed to fully embrace being keeper. I don't think I would honestly be where I am as a keeper if it wasn't for Phoenix. Thank you, Phoenix, for the opportunity to play for you and become a part of the family. I am also thankful for my mom who introduced me and pushed me into trying out for a new team. I had the privilege to work with some of the best coaches in my opinion! And to all my teammates who made this an amazing experience. I am off to the next chapter and finding a new home with Penn State Mont Alto!!! LET'S GO Nittany Lions!!!

- Coach Donnie Wheeler, Brooklyn's travel soccer coach states: "I began coaching Brooklyn when she joined the club in August 2023. In the next 16 months, she gained a passion and found happiness in the goal. She recognized her weaknesses and was determined to improve. She went from being tentative in goal to a player who was assertive and vocal. She has become a damn good goalie and will have a chance with continued hard work to make an impact at Penn State Mont Alto."
- Diana Thomas and Justin Fretwell, Brooklyn's parents, state the following: "We want to thank the many coaches who have helped Brooklyn grow as a player, teammate, and keeper. A lot of the credit goes to her Coach Donnie Wheeler. He encouraged her to play keeper and made her feel like that was where she belonged. Now look at her!! She didn't even consider college soccer until she became a FSCI Phoenix!! Thank you so much. This club has taught her so much!!"

#### **About FSCI**

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

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