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CHARLESTON, IL--Five prep soccer players, three from Canada and two from the United States, have signed scholarships to attend Eastern Illinois University, head coach Cizo Mosnia announced.

The five are Greg Muhr of Hoffman Estates (Conant), Mark Noffert of Troy, MI (Athens), Curt Elchuck and Matteo Saccomanno, both of Edmonton, Alberta, and Larry Preppo of Hamilton, Ontario.

Preppo, a forward, is "definitely one of our top recruits," says Mosnia. "He currently is playing for the Youth National Team of Canada which is competing in Mexico against Central and South American teams, and then later this month will play Italy's under 23 (year old) team."

Elchuck, also a forward but able to play midfield, too, has been out of high school over a year playing for a "youth team in England," according to Mosnia.

"He was drafted out of high school by the Edmonton Drillers (of the now defunct North American Soccer League), and has been contacted by the Canadian Olympic Team."

Saccomanno, a midfielder, is the brother-in-law of former EIU great Carmelo Rago, a forward on EIU's NAIA championship teams in the late 1960s. "He's a midfielder who two years ago played for the Junior National Team for 16 years old, and is now with the Alberta Select Team. He's also been asked to try out for the youth team," said Mosnia.

Muhr is a fullback "who has been overlooked by several people. He's a powerful player with strong legs, good skills . . . he'll be a good defensemen for us."

Noffert, a forward, is a three time Michigan all-stater who has also received some all-american acclaim. On June 29 he will be playing in the Army Classic East-West All-Star Game, sponsored by the National Soccer Coaches Association, at West Point.