



Saint Viator Showcases Four College Commitments

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Front row: Brian Goss (left), Taylor Skala, Haley Cooper and Cory Kay. Back row: Bill Sanford (left), head lacrosse coach, Tim Carlson, athletic director, Rev. Robert M. Egan, C.S.V., president, Eileen Manno, principal, Paul Bjerkness, head basketball coach, and Mike Manno, head baseball coach.

One of the area's worst snowstorms kept Saint Viator High School from presenting its elite student athletes last week, on National Signing Day, but it can't keep them down for long.

They gathered on Wednesday to sign letters of intent to play their respective sports at NCAA Division I and II colleges.

Included were Taylor Skala of Long Grove who will play basketball at Rockhurst University in Kansas City. Skala is the leading scorer and point guard for the Lady Lions. She follows her former teammate, Susan Hohenadel, who last year signed on to play guard for the Hawks.

Cory Kay of Arlington Heights committed to play baseball at the University of Houston. Named by the *Daily Herald* as an all-area catcher, Kay last year hit .402 with 8 homers, 10 doubles and 47

RBI for the Lions who made it to the Class 3A sectional semifinals.

"Cory has great leadership and work ethic qualities that any program would love to have," says his head coach, Mike Manno.

Brian Goss of Arlington Heights is the first Saint Viator lacrosse player to formally commit to a Division I program. He will play next year at Siena College in Upstate New York, bringing his strong left-handed shot and scoring ability with him. Last year, Goss scored 41 goals and had 37 assists for the Lions.

"Brian was recruited for his unique combination of speed, size and a great left handed shot," says Lacrosse Head Coach Bill Sanford.

Haley Cooper of Palatine committed to playing soccer at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She is a powerful central defender, playing with the Eclipse Soccer Select Team, and is ranked among the top defenders in the Midwest. She now brings her considerable talent to the Quakers, whose team last year were the champions of the Ivy League.

Saint Viator Athletic Director Tim Carlson said the group is smaller than last year's crop --- which was eight --- but is no less talented.

"We're very proud of our student athletes," Carlson said. "We're sure the success they've experienced here will carry them on at their respective universities."