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Badin's Sydnee Fields set to play women's soccer at Xavier University



Sydnee Fields was a difference-maker in the Badin High School girls' soccer program, and the diminutive midfielder plans to take that little something extra with her to Xavier University.

"I love how the game is played," said Fields, who will sign to play D-I women's soccer at Xavier on Wednesday, Feb. 3. "I love making the extra run, the assist, the perfect pass. Those are little parts of the game I appreciate sometimes even more than the result."

Fields was a part of many good results for Badin, starting for consecutive district championship teams in her two years as a Ram. She was Badin's Most Valuable Player as a senior, first team Girls Greater Cincinnati League, first team All-Butler County by the JournalNews, All-Greater Cincinnati by the Cincinnati Enquirer and All-Southwest Ohio by the Coaches Association.

"I like being feisty," said the 5-foot-2 Fields, blessed with great speed and, despite her small stature, a big leg. "I like it when people underestimate me."

"She's a very dynamic player," BHS head coach Keith Harring said of Fields. "She has an explosive first step and great moves. She's a real gamer and very coachable."

“It was a pleasure to have her on our team these past two years,” Haring added. “She’s very intelligent, and all the things she can do on the soccer field will make her very successful at Xavier.”

Fields is a graduate of Sacred Heart School, the daughter of Shawn and Kellee Fields of Fairfield. She transferred to Badin as a junior following two years at Ursuline Academy.

“It feels really nice to accomplish something like this,” Fields said of signing with XU. “It sort of validates all the hard work I’ve put in, all the struggles I’ve gone through.”

Fields said she would probably major in Pre-Med at Xavier, with a minor in philosophy. A member of Badin’s National Honor Society, she said she wanted to do something involved with medicine, ethics and philosophy, adding with a laugh, “I’m not sure what ... it keeps changing all the time.”

She’ll play for the program of new head coach Woody Sherwood, a Xavier graduate and former Xavier assistant coach who returns as the head man after spending the last three years as an assistant at Indiana University.

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