

ISSAQUAH SOCCER CLUB'S WPSL TEAM SIGNS UW JUNIOR DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDER



Issaquah, Washington
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Position: D/MF
Height: 5-10
Class: Junior
Hometown: San Francisco, Calif.
High School: International

New WPSL Expansion Team, Issaquah Soccer Club, has signed junior defensive mid-fielder Faustine Dufka from the University of Washington.

Currently in her junior year at UW, she has come off the bench from a solid 2010 season with the Huskies, appearing in a season high 14 games, making her season debut at UMass on Aug. 27. She earned her first Husky start at UCLA on Oct. 29, scored her first career goal and tallied her first career assist against Cleveland State on Sept. 17 where she scored the third Husky goal of the game in the 59th minute and had an assist in the 74th minute. She appeared in 12 games her freshman year to earn her first letter and was one seven freshmen to see playing time in 2008. Dufka also made honors at UW.

During high school she played varsity her freshman and senior seasons but did not compete during her sophomore and junior seasons. She served as team captain her senior year, leading International to a 13-0-1 record and the Bay Counties League Central title. She was named league MVP, and her team also won the BCL Central playoffs to earn the school's first-ever North Coast Section Championships berth. She earned the BCL second-team all-league honors her freshman year.

Says University of Washington Head Coach Leslie Gallimore of Dufka: *"Faustine is a strong, physical player with good technical ability. She will challenge for time and is positionally versatile."*

Leigh Cullip, Head Coach for WPSL Issaquah Soccer Club says "Faustine possesses power and has great skill - we can work with her in a variety of ways in a variety of positions. It's exactly what we're looking for. She is an excellent addition to our club."

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