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### **Blaze Blends Talent from Near and Far**

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South Brunswick's new men's soccer team, NJ Blaze, is set to showcase a high level of local, national and international talent in its quest for glory this summer.

Coron Short and Kevin Gramata, both graduates of South Brunswick High School, form part of the expansion team which will compete in the Keystone Conference of the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL), the highest level of amateur soccer in the country. Midfielder Short, and goalkeeper Gramata are currently part of Montclair State's soccer program and are looking forward to representing their hometown when the season starts.

Also from the Brunswicks are defender Chris Blanco who captained North Brunswick's High School team and now attends Middlesex County College while attacker Rob Campos hails from East Brunswick and attends Rutgers in Newark. Lee Selby is another East Brunswick graduate who has enjoyed international experience in England and Israel. Middlesex County is further represented by Michael Samaroo from Edison who was part of Loyola College's NCAA Tournament runs in '07 and '08.

With the majority of the team from the Garden State, Head Coach Rob Napier is pleased with the composition of the roster. "We're the only NJ team in the Keystone Conference which includes outfits from Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York. For our players, that means they are representing their state when they pull on the Blaze jersey."

While comprising a strong home-grown element, Napier, who has sampled soccer across the world, was keen to add an international flavor to the Blaze. "We have three French players in Karim Mezari, Alexis Gallice and Mathieu Larrourou who will add their quality and experience from playing in the French leagues."

The Blaze is further bolstered by Irish forward Liam O'Donnell, Scottish defender Thomas Kelly while Shirville Jarvis hails from the Caribbean island of Antigua and represented his country before moving to the States.

Added Napier, "The Blaze is proud to represent South Brunswick and we're looking forward to connecting with the community. Soccer is a universal language and I'm excited about bringing out the best from a talented group of players to give the people of South Brunswick and the surrounding area a team they'll be proud to support and call their own."

The New Jersey Blaze play in the National Premier Soccer League, the highest level of men's amateur soccer in the United States. The Blaze are a member of the New Jersey Soccer group; a management company for organizations providing a full range of soccer services in New Jersey.

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