



## Roanoke Star Player Will Hare joins Swedish Professional Club IK Brage

On Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Roanoke Star player Will Hare will be getting onto a plane to head to Borlange, Sweden. He will be joining Swedish Professional Club IK Brage's U19 Youth Team. "I am looking forward to play every day and to take my game to the next level", says Will. Will joins IK Brage which was formed in 1925 and has played many seasons in the highest Swedish league, Allsvenskan. Many top players from around the world have played in Sweden's premier league.

Will started playing soccer when he was a young kid. He joined Roanoke Star when he was 12 years old. "I came to Roanoke Star for quality coaching, training, and playing with/against high level competition". Receiving the best coaching and training in southern Virginia was not the only thing Will did to improve his game. He worked on his fitness, especially his endurance, and always had a ball at his feet. Will wanted to be able to play soccer at a high level for the entire game without getting tired. He would work on juggling and getting touches on the ball everyday to take his game to the next level. "After a while it was a normal routine for me to work with the ball on a daily basis", explains Will.

Will is not only a soccer player but loves the game as well. He likes to watch and keep up to date with his favorite team Liverpool. Also, when growing up he would watch his favorite player Ronaldinho. While at Roanoke Star, Will would watch and aspire to be like former Star player Parker Walsh, currently playing for professional club Karlsruhe SC (Germany). He would watch Parker at trainings and games saying, "I want to play on the same level as Parker".

Will has played in some of the nation's highest level tournaments and games with Roanoke Star. The greatest moment came when he played on the U15 elite team. The Star team was playing in the CASL Shoutout, one of the nation's top soccer events, in a quarterfinal game versus a team from Florida. The team was down and as every minute passed by their hope of advancing in the tournament became smaller. Will broke out and scored two goals for the come from behind victory and the chance to play in the semifinal. "This was one of my greatest moments being able to lead the comeback and help advance the team to the next round", he explained.

A lot of hard work and dedication was put in for the success that Will has had on the soccer field. Although having great success, there were some obstacles that he had to overcome for his

success in the game. “I would sometimes think too much about the opposing team and players rather than thinking about the way our team needed to play”. With strong mental preparation Will was able to focus his attention and mind on the game he and the team needed to play. The strong mental focus has landed Will in Borlange, Sweden with IK Brage. This is the opportunity of a lifetime that many soccer players dream about. With the dedication and commitment Will has put into the game he will be successful in any country he plays in.