



The USL W-League begins play this weekend and two Rush alums have been tabbed as 'Players to Watch' by topdraweroccer.com for the 2014 season. Lizzy Raben (Duke University) of the Colorado Rush, will be playing with the [Colorado Rush Women](#) while [Michigan Rush](#) product Mallory Weber (Penn State) will be playing with the Colorado Pride.

Despite being just a freshman, Raben enters her fourth W-League campaign back at home with her youth club's side. Thrust into action right from the start for the Blue Devils during her freshman year last fall, she logged more than 2,000 minutes and is a calming presence at the back. Her role at Duke will only increase later in the fall, making this summer a vital experience for her continued development.

Weber, the Michigan native will spend some time in Colorado this summer, taking part in the Pride's first season in the W-League. The stakes are higher for Weber who will want to cling to her U.S. U20 WNT roster spot ahead of this fall's U20 World Cup – she helped the team qualify earlier in 2014.



Both players also have extensive experience with the US Youth National Team program and will look to lead their teams this summer.

The [W-League](#) is the first and longest-standing women's soccer league in North America.

Featuring current and former international and professional stars, the W-League also provides elite amateurs the opportunity to compete while maintaining their eligibility as college student-athletes.

The league is recognized throughout the world for providing superior competition for female players, while offering affordable family entertainment for fans throughout North America.