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Crowder Soccer to Sign Joplin Standout

NEOSHO, MO - Coach Brad Smith announced that Jon Ponce, Holding Midfielder from Joplin High School, has committed to play soccer next fall at Crowder College.

Ponce will be on campus at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 21, in the lobby of Bob Sneller Gymnasium to ink his letter of intent.

"I am really excited that Jon has decided Crowder is the right place for him. He joins a growing number of local players starting their college careers at Crowder. We believe he is a solid player and a quality person and are happy to welcome him to the Crowder family," stated Smith.

Coach Smith also received a verbal commitment from Yonas Girma, Central Midfielder from Bell Multicultural High School in Washington, DC.

The Roughrider Soccer team will kick off their season August 21 vs. Eastern Oklahoma State University at home. Roughrider soccer started in 2008 after forming a club soccer program. Smith has been at the helm since the program became an NJCAA Region 16 team.

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