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Viper Stars Player, Matt White, Commits to University of Vermont

Pittsburgh, PA – The Pittsburgh Viper Stars AAA 18U Hockey Team has announced that forward, Matt White, has verbally committed to the University of Vermont, with a formal signing to follow in April.

White, a 6'2", 195 lbs. forward, has appeared in 26 games for the Viper Stars so far this season, posting 47 points (21 goals and 26 assists).

"Playing with the Viper Stars has taught me a lot about working hard and staying focused... not only in hockey, but also in life as well," said White, "I have really enjoyed playing this season, and I've learned a lot from the coaching staff."

Currently a senior at Peters Township High School, White will have to decide whether he will play for the University of Vermont next season, or if he will play at the Junior A level.

White has previously played for two seasons with the United States Hockey League's Des Moines Buccaneers, a Junior A level hockey team located in Urbandale, Iowa. The USHL, governed by USA Hockey, is the only Tier I Junior league in America.

White was also a member of Team USA in the 2008 World Junior A Challenge. Team USA claimed the gold medal after a 7-1 victory over Canada West.

"I know wherever Matt ends up next season, he will do well. He has proven to be an extremely talented, poised and hardworking player," said Dave Kosick, Head Coach of the Pittsburgh Viper Stars, "Matt White is certainly one of the best hockey players I have seen come out of western Pennsylvania in my 35+ years of involvement with the local hockey scene."

The University of Vermont is a Division I school in the Hockey East conference. They are currently 11-7-2 overall and 5-6-2 in the Hockey East and coached by Kevin Sneddon. The Catamounts attained their highest-ever final ranking in 2008-09, finishing No. 3 in the USCHO.com/CBS College Sports Poll with a 22-12-5 overall record, and advancing to the NCAA's Frozen Four.

The North Hills Amateur Hockey Association (NHAHA), western Pennsylvania's premier amateur ice hockey organization, has provided a memorable hockey experience to thousands of area youths since 1964. The organization provides top instruction to boys and girls of all skill levels through its Pittsburgh Vipers and Pittsburgh Viper Stars programs. Devoted to promoting the growth of amateur ice hockey on a local and national level, NHAHA is a proud member of the Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League, Great Lakes Hockey League and USA Hockey and offers competition at the Tier I & Tier II (AAA, AA, A and B) levels, as well as in-house program and the USA Hockey Initiation Program (for beginner hockey players).

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