

Baldrige picks McKendree University as next stop on soccer journey

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Alton High midfielder Brett Baldrige is joining teammate Shane Bollini on scholarship to play soccer at McKendree University in Lebanon.

Baldrige said he was the first in his family to earn a college scholarship in soccer and looks forward to representing his family on a college soccer field.

“I saw McKendree as a place for me to play,” Baldrige said. “I think I will be a midfielder for McKendree, but I can play anywhere. I can also play defensively. Midfield is my best position.”

Baldrige said two of his positives as a soccer player are his athletic abilities and the fact he is not a selfish player, something coach Robertson of Alton has taught him.

Baldrige admitted he would miss Alton High School and a lot of his junior friends on the team.

“I will also miss a lot of the teachers at Alton High,” he said.

The Alton senior plans to major in business administration at McKendree.

“McKendree has an excellent business program,” he said.

Alton High School athletic director Jeff Alderman described both Baldrige and Bollini as outstanding soccer players and simply outstanding young citizens.

“There is something to be said when young athletes are also good kids,” he said. “This is a tribute to both of their families.”