

**MILWAUKEE KICKERS SOCCER CLUB PRESENTS...**

## **KEEPING UP WITH MKSC: COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT**

**FEATURING: KYLEE WUNSCHEL**



Meet our MKSC April College Feature, Kylee Wunschel. Kylee played for MKSC Academy for 6 years (from U13-U18). She is currently a Senior at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, studying Marketing and Strategic Communication with a Minor in Sport Management.

When asked about her favorite memory while playing for Milwaukee Kickers, Kylee said, "I have way too many, but my favorite thing about playing for MKSC is the players I was able to play with during my time. We had so many goofy and fun memories at tournaments and during practice... Coach Pete made us do so many pushups because we were always laughing at practices!" Playing club soccer throughout high school can create numerous benefits beyond just improving your game and skills. It can provide important emotional development opportunities, including creating a sense of community and belonging, fostering a family-like atmosphere and promoting respect and inclusivity, which is the type of environment we strive to achieve at our Club. "Some of my teammates from MKSC are my best friends to this day, and I am so thankful to have met them. Even my mom is still in touch with others' parents! We're a family!"

Kylee knew that she wanted to attend a D1 school, which is one of the reasons why she chose the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. "I knew I wasn't strong enough to play soccer for them, but I decided to focus on my academics, and I chose a school that would provide me with a lot of resources and opportunities, while still giving me many social experiences like sports, extracurriculars, city life, etc." Kylee, currently competes on the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Club Soccer Team. She plays center-mid. She missed playing competitive soccer, intramurals were a fun way to play with her friends, but lacked the routine and high-level play that she was used to. She tried out, and made the club team her Sophomore year, and it ended up being a great opportunity to practice twice a week, play one to two game a week, and travel. We asked Kylee to share her best piece of advice for current players who want to play in college, "My advice for current players who want to play in college is to do your research and put yourself out there. Most D1 schools have club-level sports, so if you're still passionate about playing, but not at the highest level, look up their club team on socials or the school's website and see when tryouts are! It's such a great opportunity to meet new people, especially as a freshman."

Kylee, we are so proud of you. You have always lead by example with your hard work, dedication and sportsmanship. We are thrilled to have played a role in your soccer journey, and we are honored to have you as a member of our MKSC family. We know that you will continue to go far both on and off the pitch!

