

Nebraska Signs Pair of Shooters



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Lincoln, Neb. — The University of Nebraska's head rifle coach, Ashley Rose-MacAllister announced Friday the addition of two new shooters to the program, Rachel Yager and Hannah Virga both signed National Letters-of-Intent and will join the rifle team in the fall of 2015.

"We are excited to add both Rachel and Hannah to our squad. They are going to be terrific additions to our team," Coach Rose-MacAllister said. "They both bring a tremendous amount of work ethic that we are excited to have day in and day out, on the range and in the classroom."

Rachel Yager, a native from Bozeman, Mont. began shooting when she was 8-years-old as a member of the Gallatin Valley Sharpshooters. She has been an active member of the club ever since, both as an athlete and a coach. Rachel is a state champion in both air rifle and smallbore and has qualified for the National Junior Olympic Championships for the last four years. She prides herself on being involved in the community and being successful in the classroom, taking multiple advanced classes and being a member of National Honor Society.

Hannah Virga is from Chandler, Ariz. and is the daughter of John and Alycia Virga.

Virga started formal rifle training at the age of 7. As a shooter, Virga was first publicly recognized when she was 10-years-old, being named the APS Power Player of the Year while competing in the Grand Canyon State games. She is a State Junior Olympic Champion and NRA Champion in Arizona. This year, in qualifying for the Junior Olympic National Championships, Virga shot an air rifle score of 392 out of 400, which is the highest mark ever posted by a junior from The Rio Salado Sportsman's Club. Hannah becomes the third shooter from The Rio Salado Sportsman's Club to sign with Nebraska.

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