

SHOCK ADD LINEMEN WALTERS AND MATRANGA
SHOCK'S INAUGURAL ROSTER NOW TOTALS 27

January 24 2006 – The Spokane Shock announced today that **Mike Matranga** and **Matt Walters** have been assigned to their inaugural roster by the arenafootball2 League Office.

Walters, 6'3 260, was a two-year letterman at Michigan State University and lined up as a Tight End and Half-back. With his size and blocking ability, Walters was a key component of the Spartans rushing attack that accounted for 22 touchdowns and 2,862 yards his senior season.

As an experienced blocker, Walters will be able to make a smooth transition from his college positions at tight end and half-back to playing as an OL/DL in the af2. Walters, who originally hails from Oregon, has several family members in Washington and he is excited about coming back to the Northwest.

"I am absolutely thrilled to play for the Shock," Walters said. "I'm glad I'm going to be back on the West Coast, and I'm excited for this opportunity" he added.

Matranga, 6'5" 255, starred at Missouri Valley College where he anchored the defensive line as a defensive end. As a senior, Matranga earned first-team All Conference selection as he led the team as a captain and produced 50 tackles including seven for a loss. During his career as a Viking, Matranga racked up 201 tackles including 17 sacks.

Matranga will join Walters as an OL/DL.

"Matranga and Walters are both fundamentally sound players," Head Coach Siegfried explained. "They both have great footwork and more importantly they know how make things happen on the field," he added.

The Shock's roster now totals 27 players and will be expanded to 35 for the start of training camp on March 13th. The roster will then be trimmed down to 22 players for the regular season which begins at home March 30th at the Spokane Arena.

The Spokane Shock will be holding an open try-out on Monday January 30th at 8 AM at the Spokane Soccer Center E. 7320 Nora. Players of any experience level are invited to attend. The cost of the try-out will be \$50 for those who pre-register or \$60 at the door.