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Malliaras Joins NAHL's Bismarck Bobcats

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Fury Alum, George Malliaras has committed to the Bismarck Bobcats of the North American Hockey League (NAHL) Jr. A. Tier II for the 2009-2010 Hockey Season. Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement. Malliaras was part of the Fury's Midget Major Team in the first season in 2007-2008 under Nick Pollos, before signing a Tender with the Kenai River Brown Bears of the NAHL. After a coaching change in Kenai, Malliaras found his way to the Jr. A. Tier III Peoria Mustangs where he had a great season. After the season, George was committed to making it back to the NAHL and his commitment paid off. "George trained so hard this summer" says Pollos, "He hit the weight room, got on the ice three times a week and was prepared for the rigorous tryout camps he attended."

The Palos Hills native brings a versatile style of hockey to the Bobcats, being able to play all three forward positions as well as defense. Malliaras will add speed and depth to the Bobcats, who were crowned NAHL Central Division Champs last season. "George is an example of how you prepare yourself to be successful" said Pollos. "Many times kids go to camps but are not in shape and it hurts their chances to make the team. George earned this opportunity and I'm proud of him." Malliaras joins former Fury U18 players, Ryan Dunne and Tyler Wilson as members of the Bobcats.

The Fury would like to congratulate George and his family on this opportunity and wish him the best of luck in Bismarck.