



BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

2002 MEN'S SOCCER NEWS



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2002 Spring Update- On April 27 the men's soccer team concluded our 2002 non-traditional season. The non-traditional season allows for teams to have five play dates in which they can play as many games as they choose, against whomever they choose in any type of manner possible. With the returning roster number of 22 student-athletes the Bison tried to play as many 11 v 11 games as possible. The Bison finished the spring season with a final record of 5-3-3. Overall the staff was very pleased with the spring results. During the early part of the spring the team took advantage of training on the new "field turf" surface in the football stadium. According to Coach Nash: The field turf was great for our program. Though the temperatures were very cold on some nights I am sure the team was happier training on the turf at 9 PM, in the cold, rather than not training at all.

As for the five "play dates" Coach Nash commented: "I think it is tough to look into the results of the spring to see what type of team we are going to be in the fall. However, it is very easy to find some of the positives or negatives during these games. In the games we basically tried different line-up combinations and gave a lot more playing time to the younger players. It was very easy to see we are going to be a hard working team, with quite a bit of depth in the fall. I feel the team did a great job of bringing our injured student-athletes back into the program (**Matthew Arias, Patrick Glennon and Ian McVeigh**). I also thought our freshmen as a whole did an above average job of stepping up their games. We needed to replace four seniors as well as having three starters miss the spring with injuries (co-captain **Brian King**, co-captain **Nick Taylor** and **Chip Witte**) but the team responded well to the different challenges we faced each week. Sophomore **Mark Mascarenhas** was named "Spring MVP" as well as tying for "Most Improved Player" with junior **Steve Feather**. Mark was also named "MIP" in the fall season, which shows how far he has come in our program. Through the spring Mark had to play many different positions. He made quick adjustments to each position and did well at each of them. I am very glad his teammates noticed the same improvement our staff witnessed. As the non-traditional season ended the staff feels the program has put last season behind us, except to use it as motivation. As they leave for summer vacation, I am confident they will continue to improve. Though it is still four months away, the whole program is looking forward to getting our next season started in August."

Alumni Parent Booster Update

Thank you very much for the generous gifts made by the parents of this years' student-athletes. Through kind donations and matching gifts the program raised \$5,125.00, surpassing our goal of \$5,000. Thank you again.

Weber wins Alvin F. Jackson, Jr. Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award at Senior Awards Banquet



Senior Ryan Weber (Longmont, Colo./Niwot), a member of the Bucknell men's soccer team, received a special award at the University's annual Senior Athletic Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Bison Club and held at the University on April 30. Weber won the Alvin F. Jackson, Jr. Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award, presented to one male and one female senior athlete for outstanding academic and athletic achievement, and future promise as Bucknell alumni. Weber shared the award with women's swimming and diving standout, Abby Weaver.

A spot starter throughout his career, Weber saved his best season for last. As a senior, the defender scored the first two goals of his career and equaled his career-high with three assists, while starting in 14 of Bucknell's 18 games. Both of his scores came in victories, including the final game of his career against Army.

In the classroom, Weber is especially successful, maintaining a 3.93 grade point average as a Business Administration/Accounting major. Just this spring Weber was named to the Verizon Academic All-America Team for his exceptional work both in the classroom and on the field. A four-year member of the University's Dean's List and the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll, he received a 4.0 GPA at the conclusion of the 2001 fall semester. Weber is a three-year recipient of the President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement and a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Bucknell has finished in the top 10 nationally in the graduation rates of its student athletes in each of the 11 years the NCAA has conducted such a survey. Twice in that span Bucknell ranked FIRST in the nation in graduation rates. In addition, Bucknell ranks third in Division I in the total number of Verizon Academic All-America selections, with 101 national Academic All-Americans since 1970.



Weber Named to Verizon Academic All-America Team

Bucknell senior men's soccer player **Ryan Weber** (Longmont, Colo./Niwot) has been named to the 2001-02 Verizon Academic All-America University Division Men's Soccer Second Team. With his selection, Weber becomes the 101st student-athlete in Bucknell history to garner Academic-All America status. As a part of an overall expansion of the Verizon Academic All-America program, a men's soccer team was selected in the University (Division I) and College (Divisions II-III) Divisions for the first time in the history of the program. In order to be eligible for Academic All-America honors, a player must be at least a sophomore and a starter or significant reserve on his/her team, and carry a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better.

In the classroom Weber maintained a 3.93 grade point average as a Business Administration/Accounting major. Because of his high academic standing each semester, Weber has been a four-year member of the University's Dean's List and the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll as well as a three-year recipient of the President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement and a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

"It is a great honor for Ryan, and something I believe he deserves," said Bucknell head coach Brendan Nash. "For four years Ryan has worked extremely hard both in the classroom and on the soccer field. I cannot remember any point where Ryan was not giving 100% in both arenas. To the men's soccer program Ryan has truly defined "student-athlete", and to see him recognized as one of the exceptional ones in the country is the perfect ending to his Bucknell career."

2002 Captains Named

Rising junior **Brian King** (Medford, NJ/Shawnee), and rising seniors **Nick Taylor** (Cleveland, OH/ St. Ignatius) and **Tom Ryan** (Pine City, NY/Elmira Southside) have been named the captains for the 2002 season. King and Taylor were elected captains by their teammates prior to the spring season, while Ryan was recently named captain for his play and leadership abilities shown throughout the spring season. All three will be expected to contribute both on and off the field for the Bison next season.



Brian King



Tom Ryan



Nick Taylor

BU Student-Athletes Get a Chance to Coach in Spring

BU men's soccer players volunteered their time this spring to work with local youth soccer teams. BU players worked with teams from Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, North Union United, and Warrior Run. Each player on the spring roster went out with a youth team once a week to meet the kids, share their expertise, and enjoy coaching. Feedback from both the BU players and the local community was very positive. Bucknell alum and Mifflinburg coach Barry King said, "My team and parents loved having the opportunity to meet and use the skills of your players. Next year, we can go to a Bucknell game and actually cheer for players that we have come to know. This has had a positive impact on the kids. My son actually, for the first time, wants to go watch a BU soccer game." Coach Nash hopes that this program will progress further next year and that the relationships that began this year with the local community will continue to grow.

Spring Clinics a Success

The Bucknell Men's Soccer Program held three clinics this past spring for local youth players. The BU players taught individual skills such as ball control, passing, and shooting. In total, 123 local youth soccer players took advantage of the clinics, the most ever in the history of the program. Coach Nash said, "We have done a great deal this past year to improve community relations. I hope that the strides we have made in the past year continues to grow and that we see many young faces at our games next season. Perhaps in a few more years we will see them in a Bucknell uniform."

Class of 2006 Announced



The men's soccer program recently announced the addition of six new student-athletes to the Class of 2006. The class includes four All-State players as well as one HS All-American. Coach Nash commented, "Despite coming off a losing record this past season we did not feel we needed large numbers in this freshmen class. We have some very good young players already in the program whom we feel can bring the program back to the level we expect. However, we felt we needed to add a few key pieces to help us improve. We feel confident we found those student-athletes in this year's recruiting class."

Eric Brunton (Carmel, IN/Carmel HS) - Brunton was recently named an NSCAA Regional All-American forward from the Midwest Region as well as First Team All-State in Indiana. He was also nominated for IN Soccer Player of the Year. Eric plays for the Dynamo Katner club team as well as being a member of the IN '83 ODP team.

Nash on Brunton - Eric came through our summer camp system and made a strong impression on our staff. He is a very strong forward, who brings a very professional approach to his training. We are expecting big things from Eric beginning his first year.

Adam Edwards (Downingtown, PA/Downingtown HS) - Edwards was recently named an NSCAA High School All-America goalkeeper. He was also named to the NSCAA East Region Team and First Team All-State in PA. Adam has competed for the FC Delco club team and the EPYSA ODP '84 team. He was recently named the winner of the Golden Glove Award as his EPYSA ODP Team captured the ODP National Championship.

Nash on Edwards - Adam brings a very strong presence to the goal. He has a lot of size and strength and is very vocal. Therefore, he takes command of his 18-yard box. Adam is a very mature young man, so we expect him to compete for the starting spot during preseason camp.

Tim Faneck (Shavertown, PA/Dallas HS) - Faneck was named PA All-State during his junior year as a defender. He was selected to participate in the FC Delco College Night and plays for the Back Mountain Blast club team.

Nash on Faneck - Tim can play many different positions until he finds his niche. The good thing about Tim is that he is a naturally left-footed player. Tim is a strong defender, but also has an attacking mind. I assume during his four years he will settle in nicely as an attacking left back.

David Gregory (Blue Bell, PA/Germantown Academy) - Gregory was named All-InterAct during both his junior and senior years as a midfielder. He has played for the EPYSA '84 ODP team. David was also selected to participate in the FC Delco night and plays for the FC Premier club team.

Nash on Gregory - David brings a physical presence to the field that we missed this past season. He comes from strong, winning programs for both his high school and club teams. We expect him to bring that winning mentality into our program.

Tim O'Neill (Point Pleasant, NJ/Point Pleasant HS) - O'Neill was recently named to the NJ All-State Top 51 team from his midfield position. Tim was also selected as Ocean County Player of the Year and participated in the NJ HS All-Star game at Camden.

Nash on O'Neill - Tim is another one to help our physical presence on the field. He really blossomed as a player between his junior and senior year of high school. We see a big upside in Tim if he can continue his recent improvement.

Scott Visnic (Hillsborough, NJ/Hillsborough HS) - Visnic was also recently named to the NJ All-State Top 51 team from his midfield position. He plays for the MatchFit Academy club team.

Nash on Visnic - We really see Scott as a sleeper. He brings speed and a very competitive spirit. With his speed and offensive skills he can add another dimension to our outside midfield position.

Camp Space Still Available

Spaces are still open for both weeks of the Men's Soccer Camp. Week 1 is from July 14-18 and is for players age 10-18, including our elite players camp. Week 2 is from July 21-25 and is the high school team camp. Please contact Coach Nash at 570-577-3083 or bnash@bucknell.edu for more information. Applications can also be downloaded from the website at www.bucknellbison.com.

Updated 2002 Schedule

Please note: Some dates and times have changed



2002 MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sat. Aug 24	Messiah College (scrimmage)	TBA
Sat. Aug 31	@Robert Morris College (PA)	3:00 PM
Wed. Sept. 4	@Binghamton University (NY)	4:00 PM
Sat. Sept. 7	<i>Bulls Fall Classic at University of Buffalo</i> vs University of Buffalo (NY) (@ University of Buffalo)	1:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 8	vs Canisius College (NY) (@ University of Buffalo)	11:00 AM
Sat. Sept. 14	@HOLY CROSS (MA)	3:00 PM
Mon. Sept 16	University of Pittsburgh (PA)	4:00 PM
Sat. Sept. 21	COLGATE UNIVERSITY (NY)	2:00 PM
Tues. Sept 24	Niagara University (NY)	4:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 29	Monmouth University (NJ)	2:00 PM
Tues. Oct. 1	Philadelphia University (PA)	4:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 6 (Parent's Weekend)	@AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (DC)	1:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 13	@ Sacred Heart University (CT)	1:00 PM
Tue. Oct. 15	@Saint Francis College (PA)	4:00 PM
Sat. Oct. 19 (Fall Break)	@LEHIGH UNIVERSITY (PA)	7:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 27	Mount Saint Mary's (MD)	2:00 PM
Wed. Oct. 30	@LAFAYETTE COLLEGE (PA)	7:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 3	US NAVAL ACADEMY (MD)	2:00 PM
Wed. Nov. 6	@University of Maryland (MD)	7:00 PM
Sun. Nov. 10 (Homecoming)	US MILITARY ACADEMY (NY)	2:00 PM
<i>Fri.-Sun. Nov 15-17</i>	<i>Patriot League Tournament</i>	<i>TBA</i>

PATRIOT LEAGUE GAMES ARE IN BOLD - games subject to change

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