



# BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

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**NOTE FROM COACH NASH** - Greetings from Lewisburg! The weather is finally turning in our favor as we are getting ready to send another group of graduating seniors into the "real world". Graduation is always a good time to reflect on the past and look towards the future. Our spring season gives us a great chance to say "good-bye" to our seniors and allow younger players the chance to shine. Though this spring was indeed challenging, we were able to make strong evaluations on our younger student-athletes. Our spring training was dictated each day by mother nature, who was very unpredictable. On any day, at anytime from 4-11 PM you could look for men's soccer players at: Christy Mathewson stadium (training on the new field-turf) Davis Gym, the West Fields, or even SportsZone, an indoor complex three miles from campus (where the captains would take the team without the coaches). When the weather finally allowed some competition the Bison showed

signs of becoming a very good team, ending in the championship game at the Lafayette tournament. The spring showing gives the staff reason to believe it is the absolute best time to be associated with men's soccer program as a student-athlete, alumni or a supporter. Going into the 2003 season the program has finally turned the corner. With a strong nucleus returning from our record breaking 2002 season we feel it is our best shot at a Patriot League championship and the NCAA tournament. Add this to the fact we have recently broken ground on our new soccer field and you can see why the staff has such enthusiasm. Obviously, the end of the spring brings mixed emotions during graduation: sad to see our seniors go, but also proud of the fine young men they became during their four years. However, after graduation we will look forward to August 14th and the beginning of another preseason.

### **2004 Recruits Announced**

May 5, 2003– The men's soccer program recently announced the addition of four new student-athletes to the Class of 2007. The class includes student-athletes from four different states. Head Coach Brendan Nash commented; "Coming off a record breaking year, the program generated more interest than ever from high school seniors. However, with so many quality returning players we felt we could be very selective with this year's class. We are bringing in a small recruiting class, but we feel all four of them can come in here and challenge for playing time as freshmen. These student-athletes were captains of their HS teams; therefore, they have the strong on-field personalities we tend to look for in our prospective student-athletes. The staff is very pleased with our recruiting efforts during the past year." The class of 2007 is listed below:

**Sam Camens** (*Austintown Fitch HS, Youngtown, OH*) – Camens was named to the Ohio All-State Team during both his junior and senior years, as well as twice being named District Player of the Year. He has been a member of the Ohio-North ODP (Olympic Development Program) system. He also plays club for the OH-North state champion Internationals.

**Nash on Camens** – Sam came through our summer camp system and made a strong impression on our staff, through both his on and off the field personalities. He is a hardworking left-sided player, who brings great speed and quickness to our attack. We will be looking for him to contribute as either a left midfielder or forward.

**Andrew Loia** (*CW Baker HS, Baldwinsville, NY*) – Loia was named to the All Central New York First Team. He was also named All-League Player of the Year, as well as MVP of the Exceptional Senior Game. Andrew has been with the New York West ODP system for three years (2000-2002). He is captain of the very successful club team, Syracuse Blitz Samba Beat.

**Nash on Loia** – Andrew is going to become a very big part of our future. He can play anywhere in the defense or midfield. He brings a physical presence as well as an outstanding work ethic. Our staff expects big things for Andrew's career.

**Tom Sherman** (*Central Dauphin HS, Harrisburg, PA*) – Tom was captain of his HS team. Sherman was named to the Patriot News Big 11 Team. He was also named a Midd-Penn First Team All-Star. Has played club with the CASA Avalanche.

**Nash on Sherman** – Tom is a very solid natural defender. He reads the game well and can handle the physical play of Division I soccer due to his size and strength. I also feel Tom has the personality that it takes to be successful in the Patriot League.

**Alejandro (Alex) Ugarte** (*Classical HS, Providence, RI*) – Alex was the captain of his HS team. He has been in the RI ODP system for the past few years (2000-2002). He has also played with one of the top club teams in RI, Bayside United.

**Nash on Ugarte** – Alex is a technically gifted player. With his touch and quickness he should be able to play either right back or right midfield.



## **Camp Space Still Available**

Spaces are still open for the first two sessions of the Bison Soccer Camp. Week 1 is from July 13-17 and is for players age 10-18. Week 2 is from July 17-21 and is for Elite Players. Please contact Coach Nash at 570-577-3083 or [bnash@bucknell.edu](mailto:bnash@bucknell.edu) for more information. Applications can also be downloaded from the website at [www.bucknellbison.com](http://www.bucknellbison.com). Sign up fast as space is limited!

## **Soccer Home Page Upgrades**

The men's soccer home page added three new features in the past few months. First is a link to view the recently dedicated Kenneth G. Langone Athletics and Recreation Center. This facility has allowed the Bucknell Athletic programs to enjoy the finest facilities in the Patriot League. Second, the men's soccer newsletters are now archived on the web page. Feel free to access prior newsletters as well as current newsletters for easier reading. Last, the Bucknell Athletic Department has just implemented online donations. We have exceeded our fundraising goals for this year, but are still accepting any and all donations. We would like to thank everyone who has supported our program in this past year. Without your support our program could not be as successful on the field. Our needs this fall include funding for a trip to the Air Force Academy, as well as new equipment and our traditional budgeted items. Donations can be specifically earmarked for the Men's Soccer Program through both the web site and traditionally mailed donations and pledges. All three of these features can be accessed through their respective links located on the right hand side of the men's soccer webpage.

## **Employment of Student-Athletes**

There are some important NCAA rules and regulations pertaining to the employment of student-athletes that must be followed. Listed below are some of these NCAA Regulations. We are required to print this material once a year.

1. Prior to the commencement of employment, the student-athlete and employer must sign a written statement to be kept on file in the athletics department, which specifies the following:
  - (a) The student-athlete's compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame, or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletic ability.
  - (b) The student-athlete is to be compensated only for work actually performed; and
  - (c) The student-athlete is to be compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.
2. It is not permissible for a student-athlete to receive compensation related to his or her speaking/lecturing at an institutional athletics booster club function.
3. An institution or its representatives shall not provide a prospect free transportation to and from a summer job unless it is the employer's policy to transport all employees to and from the job site.

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