



# BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY 2001 MEN'S SOCCER NEWS



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## NOTE FROM COACH NASH



"Unexpected" is the only word I can think of to describe our 2001 season. The summer went by quickly with anticipation of the upcoming season. The program had set high goals; playing for the Patriot League Championship and, with a win over Penn State on opening day, hopefully reaching Top 25 status. On the second day of pre-season our series of unexpected events began to unfold. Our top incoming freshman, MATTHEW ARIAS, went down with a torn ACL in a small-sided game. Looking back on the season we should have known this was a sign of things to come. We traveled to Penn State on opening day with the hopes of coming back with an upset victory. We came back with a 5-1 defeat. The team tried to rebound from the loss, but confidence was a problem all season long. The team's next big match was supposed to be our Patriot League opener against Holy Cross. Again there was another unexpected event on September 11 which none of us will ever forget. As a team we all went through this experience together and I was very proud to see how our team members felt to be Americans. As we moved on from September 11 our season continued the same way. Each game we did not know what to expect. Some days the offense did not show up, some days the defense, some days the staff and even some days the referee even failed to blow the whistle for us. As a staff we are disappointed with our unexpected record of 6-11-1, but we are not disappointed in our student-athletes. Sometimes you have a season like this, a season as Coach B says, "we are snake-bitten." The team could have either packed it in or played with PRIDE. I feel good saying the team played with PRIDE until the season ended. When our fate was already decided the Bison took the regular season champions, Holy Cross, to overtime before falling 1-0. The next Patriot League game was at Navy, another team in the Patriot League Tournament. Again the team lost in overtime, this time 2-1. In our final game of the season the guys continued to play hard, and earned a 2-1 win at Army. This young team has shown they can compete with the other teams in the Patriot League. Next year it will be satisfying when the other teams in the Patriot League are calling our season "unexpected" as we get back to the playoffs and compete for the Patriot League Championship.

## LOOKINGLAND UP FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

MICHAEL LOOKINGLAND, II was a welcomed addition to the Bison this year. He came to Bucknell as the captain of the Baltimore Bays club team as well as a member of the Maryland ODP team. LOOKINGLAND showed early why he was one of the top recruits, earning a starting role for the opening match against Penn State. He never relinquished this role, starting all 18 games this year. Known primarily as a defender, LOOKINGLAND also brought some offense to the field, finishing with two goals and two assists in his first season. He was the Patriot League Rookie of the Week for the week ending September 30, 2001, and was in consideration nearly ever other week. The future looks bright both for LOOKINGLAND and for the Bison!



## ALUMNI GAME A SUCCESS

This year's alumni game was a success. There were two full-sided teams that competed on the morning of October 20th. The final score was 7-6, with COACH NASH being turned away by the post in the closing minutes in an effort to tie the score. Happily there were no injuries, except for a few headaches from alumni activities the night before. Competing in the game were: JOSH BERNOT, ALEX CASSOU, DAVE DENBOW, BILL DERENCE, DAVE DOHMSON, BILL EPLEY, PAT GLENNON, RYAN GOLDENBERG, SAM GRAZIANO, BRIAN HASSINGER, BRIAN HAWKINS, MIKE JOLIN, ALEX KOGAN, GEZA LENDVAI-LINTNER, TOM LOMAX, PAUL MAIER, IAN McVEIGH, STEVE POKORNY, JERRY SHRECK, DUFF WEBER as well as COACH B and COACH NASH. Everyone received a T-shirt for their efforts, as well as a few sore legs and some good memories. We hope that more people are able to attend next year, as substitutes were needed by some individuals.



### FINAL 2001 RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Friday, August 31	at Penn State	L, 1-5
Wednesday, September 5	at Mt. St. Mary's	L, 0-1 (OT)
Saturday, September 8	Robert Morris College	W, 1-0
Tuesday, September 18	at Monmouth University	L, 2-3
Saturday, September 22	at Colgate University	L, 1-2
Saturday, September 29	Sacred Heart University	W, 5-1
Wednesday, October 3	at Philadelphia University	L, 1-3
Sunday, October 7	American University	L, 1-5
Wednesday, October 10	at St. Peter's College	W, 2-0
Saturday, October 13	Lehigh University	L, 1-4
Tuesday, October 16	St. Francis University	W, 1-0
Sunday, October 21	University of Buffalo	L, 1-2
Wednesday, October 24	Lafayette College	T, 0-0 (OT)
Saturday, October 27	Binghamton University	W, 4-0
Sunday, October 28	Holy Cross	L, 0-1 (OT)
Wednesday, October 31	at Pittsburgh	L, 0-2
Sunday, November 4	at U. S. Naval Academy	L, 1-2 (OT)
Friday, November 9	at U. S. Military Academy	W, 2-1

## SENIORS CONCLUDE CAREER

This year's class of four seniors concluded their careers with a 2-1 come-from-behind win at Army. They played a vital role in their last collegiate game. RYAN WEBER and ANDY AURAND both found the back of the net while NATHAN HOPFINGER and GREG STUNZENAS played great in supporting roles. Collectively this group of ANDREW AURAND, NATHAN HOPFINGER, GREG STUNZENAS, and RYAN WEBER has guided the program to many memorable moments. They have competed in a Patriot League Tournament for the first time in seven years and beaten a nationally ranked (#7) program in South Carolina last year. This year they have shown the younger players what it means to compete at the college level and gave them guidance and experience which is needed to be successful. They have set the tone and the course of the program for years to come.

### *Andrew Aurand*

From Middleburg, PA - played in 62 games starting 39 of them. He tallied 19 points in his career, including a team-leading nine points this year. He had a two-goal performance this year against Binghamton leading the team to victory, and scored the game winner at Army in his final game to close out his career. He will graduate in May with a degree in Electrical Engineering.



### *Nathan Hopfinger*

From Pittsford Mendon, NY - played in 52 games starting all but one. He had 10 points on his career, including two goals and three assists this year. His work rate and competitiveness in center midfield will be hard to replace. NATHAN tied for third this year in points and he will graduate with a degree in Economics and Political Science.



### *Greg Stunzenas*

From Marshfield, MA - started in all of the 56 games in which he played, including 39 since recovering from ACL surgery his sophomore year. His attitude and leadership in the defense have guided the Bison to 11 shutouts over the last two years, including three in a four-game span this year. He will graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.



### *Ryan Weber*

From Niwot, CO - played in 49 games, starting 26 of them. An all-purpose player, he was utilized as a defender, midfielder, and forward during his career. Nicknamed "Cheeky" by his teammates for his crafty abilities on the ball, Ryan had 10 points on his career, including two goals and three assists this year. He had a goal and assist this year in the victory over St. Peter's, as well as the game-tying goal en route to the season finale win at Army. He will graduate with a degree in Business Administration and Accounting.




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## NEW STAFF



COACH NASH announced the hiring of a new assistant coach. On August 1, 2001, BRIAN SUSKIEWICZ joined the Bison staff. "Coach B" comes to Bucknell after serving as an assistant last year at Washington & Lee University in Virginia, where they won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference en route to a 19-2 record. Coach B is a 1998 graduate of Boston College, and went on to receive a Masters Degree in Education in 2000 from Boston College. He played defense while at Boston College and was a part of the 1995 Big East Regular Season Championship Team. He also was a member of the NSCAA Senior All-New England Team in 1997.



## NCAA RECRUITING

This page is addressed to all family, friends and alumni of the Bucknell Men's Soccer Team and Bucknell Athletics in general. The NCAA has strict rules that we, as coaches, must adhere to the recruiting process. What you will find below are the dos and don'ts under the NCAA guidelines. If, after reading this, you have any questions, please contact the men's soccer office. We are obligated to print this material once a year.

### ***What is a "Representative of Athletics (RAI)?"***

According to NCAA definition: An RAI is an individual who is known by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to:

- Have participated in or be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program;
- Have made financial contributions to the athletics program or to an athletics booster organization of the institution.

### ***Are there activities that an RAI cannot do?***

YES. RAI may not contact recruits for the purpose of "selling" Bucknell or encouraging them to attend Bucknell for athletic purposes. An RAI may not place phone calls to any prospects (recruits) for recruiting purposes; nor may RAIs make a telephone call to any of the prospect's relatives or legal guardians. In addition, RAIs may not have written correspondence with a prospect or the prospect's relative or legal guardians. An RAI may not contact a prospect's coach, principal or guidance counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect. An RAI may not visit a prospect's educational institution to pick up film/videotape or transcripts pertaining to the evaluations of the prospect's academic eligibility or athletic ability. An RAI is prohibited from making in-person, on or off campus recruiting contacts.

### ***What is a "prospect?"***

A prospect is a recruit. The NCAA defines a "prospect" as a prospective student-athlete (PSA) who has started classes in the 9th grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the 9th grade becomes a PSA if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's friends or relatives) any financial assistance or benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally.

### ***What is recruiting?***

Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect's relatives or legal guardians by an institution's staff member for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment and future participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program. Solicitations can be phone calls, written correspondence, home visits, official visits on campus, evaluation or off campus contacts.

### ***What can you do to help in recruiting?***

As a family member, friend or alumnus, if you come across a PSA whom you feel would add to the men's soccer program, please forward his name, address and phone number to the men's soccer office. Should a PSA or a family member contact you regarding an individual's interest or ability, please direct them to the men's soccer office; (570) 577-3083.

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