



BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY 2003 MEN'S SOCCER NEWS



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Notes from "The Ranch" - Sometimes Bucknell Soccer is about more than the game, and sometimes Bucknell Soccer is only about the game. We have had a little bit of both during the 2003 season. As head coach I feel the student-athletes should get the full "Bucknell Experience" and we keep this in mind during the season. Throughout the fall we have had some incredible trips. First, the team went to Niagara University. During this trip the team spent the morning visiting Niagara Falls. With many of our student-athletes from all across the country it was their first time at the Falls. The following weekend we took a trip to the Air Force Academy. We went to play two games against Air Force and nationally ranked Loyola Marymount, but also a trip for the team to enjoy each other. During our trip the team visited "Garden of the Gods" and drove up Pikes Peak. Again, probably a once in a lifetime experience. The following weekend the Bison were traveling to Monmouth University and the team got to visit the beaches on the Atlantic Ocean. For three weekends being a member of the men's soccer program was about more than the game. Then we got into Patriot League play. The first step was to make sure we got back into the PL playoffs. We accomplished that goal and moved on to the next goal, hosting the PL tournament. By defeating Navy in Annapolis we won the PL regular season crown and will now host the PL tournament (hope you can make it). Then last night we traveled to take on the #2 nationally ranked University of Maryland and defeated them 1-0. By pulling off the biggest upset in school history the student-athletes gave themselves something they will remember for the rest of their lives on the soccer field. This time being part of the men's soccer program was just about the game.

I know I am fortunate to lead a great bunch of student-athletes. They truly represent Bucknell University to the highest degree. This season has been an incredible experience for everyone in the program both on and off the field. So I hope many of the families, alumni and supporters can come back to campus to see what is so special about the 2003 BU Men's Soccer Team. Hope to see you the weekend of November 14-16th!

Bucknell Wins Patriot League Regular Season Title!

The men's soccer team clinched the Patriot League regular season title with their 2-0 road victory at Navy on November 1. The win improved the Bison's league record to 5-0-1, with one more home contest remaining against Holy Cross. By defeating the Mids, Bucknell claimed the right to host the Patriot League tournament for the first time since the league's inaugural season.

PL Tournament Schedule

Friday, November 14 - semifinals

11:00 AM - #2 seed vs. #3 seed

1:30 PM - Bucknell vs. #4 seed

Sunday, November 16

1:00 PM - PL Championship



Bison Hosting Patriot League Tournament

The Bucknell men's soccer program is asking for your help in supporting the team as they try to clinch the Patriot League Tournament Title and an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament! The PL tournament will be held on Bucknell's home field due to their first-place regular season finish.

Bucknell Knocks Off #2 Maryland

Biggest Win in Program History

Sophomore Scott Visnic finished a cross from senior Chris Beekman just 92 seconds into the game as Bucknell shocked the #2 nationally ranked University of Maryland 1-0. The goal gives Visnic twelve on the season, by far the most in the Patriot League. The Bison defense held off the Terrapin attack for the entire game, limiting Maryland to just eight shots on goal for the contest. Sophomore Adam Edwards picked up his eighth shutout of the season in securing the victory. At the conclusion of the game, the team swarmed the field in front of over one thousand fans, including hundreds of Bucknell supporters who had made the trip to College Park. The win is the Orange and Blue's second victory over a top-ten program in the past four years, the other being a 2-1 OT victory over #8 South Carolina in 2000. The victory snaps a 23 game home win streak for the Terrapins, a streak dating back to the 2001 season that includes victories over #1 ranked UCLA and numerous nationally ranked ACC foes. Their streak had been the fourth longest home win-streak in NCAA Division I men's history.



Visnic celebrates his goal in the Bison's 1-0 win at MD.

photo by Chris Lauber

Men's Soccer Team Takes Trip to Colorado

Despite losing two close games on their trip to Colorado, the Bucknell men's soccer team had a positive experience with their recent trip to the Air Force Tournament. "This was a great experience for the team. We were able to come together and really begin to form some close bonds. This is a special team, and our closeness really became evident from our trip. I think the trip had a positive influence on our team which was greatly evident in the Patriot League season, and has allowed us to have some of the success that we have had this year," said head coach Brendan Nash.



Players relax at the top of Pikes Peak
Elevation: 14,110 feet



Coach B and Coach Nash enjoy the view
at Garden of the Gods



Entire team enjoys a day of hiking
at Garden of the Gods



Players pose for group photo on the
summit of Pikes Peak



King and Beekman Named to All-Tournament Team

Seniors Brian King (Medford, NJ) and Chris Beekman (Neptune, NJ) were named to the Air Force All-Tournament team for the weekend of September 19-21. The duo was selected for their strong play in both contests vs. the Air Force Academy and Loyola Marymount University. Beekman had a goal in the tournament and was a constant threat offensively from his left midfield position. King played exceptionally in his new role as a defensive midfielder on both sides of the ball.



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The Bucknell Men's Soccer Team has enjoyed many trips this season. The team has seen Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak on their Air Force Tournament trip, the Atlantic Ocean while playing Monmouth University, and Niagara Falls on their trip to play Niagara University. Being a part of the men's soccer program has allowed the players to enjoy experiences throughout their college years.

Junior Alex Far (Redding, CT), Coach B, Coach Nash, and senior Steve Whitaker (Wayne, PA) enjoy the morning at Niagara Falls.

Bison Soccer Players Earn League and National Recognition



Lookingland Garners National Attention

Junior Michael Lookingland (Fallston, MD) was named to the CollegeSoccerNews.com's National team of the Week for the week ending September 28. The junior anchored a defense that did not allow a goal in two road wins over Patriot League foe Army and Monmouth University. In the game vs. Army, the Bison only allowed two shots on goal during the entire contest. Lookingland followed up his performance the following week by being named as the Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week for October 5. The Bison earned another PL road shutout victory with a 1-0 win at Colgate.

Loia Tabbed PL Rookie of the Week

Freshmen Andrew Loia (Baldwinsville, NY) picked up his first career award by being named the PL Rookie of the Week for his play vs. Navy on November 1. Loia has helped the defense in allowing only three goals in PL contests, while posting eight shutouts on the season.

Brunton Named PL Player of the Week

Sophomore Eric Brunton (Carmel, IN) was named the Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week for the weeks ending October 26 and November 2. Brunton picked up the game winning goal vs. American as well as assisting on the first goal of the contest to receive the award for October 26. The following week, Brunton notched the game winning goal vs. Navy to clinch the Patriot League title for the Bison. The awards were the first two of Brunton's career. Brunton currently has four goals and six assists on the year, including two game-winning goals.

Faneck Earns First Career Award

Sophomore Tim Faneck (Shavertown, PA) was named the PL Defensive Player of the Week for the week ending September 14. Faneck helped anchor a defense with a pair of shutout victories over St. Peter's College and Niagara University. It was the first career honor for Faneck. He also had his first career goal in a 2-2 tie vs. Lehigh.

Bison Moving up in Season, Career, and PL rankings

Several individuals are steadily moving up the Bucknell and Patriot League season and career lists. Sophomore Scott Visnic (Hillsborough, NJ), junior Jon Hemmert (Westerville, OH), and sophomore Adam Edwards (Downingtown, PA) all have made their mark this season. These include statistics through November 4, 2003.

Scott Visnic (12 goals, 3 assists, 27 points)

8th - goals in season..... Bucknell All-Time Single Season List

8th - points in season..... Bucknell All-Time Single Season List

T-10th for goals in season..... PL All-Time Single Season List

T-10th - points in season..... PL All-Time Single Season List

Jon Hemmert (2 goals, 7 assists, 11 points)

T-5th - assists in career..... Bucknell All-Time Career List

T-9th - assists in season..... Bucknell All-Time Single Season List

T-9th - assists in career..... PL All-Time Career List

Adam Edwards (8 shutouts, 1.09 GAA)

8th - shutouts in career..... PL All-Time Career List

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