



LOYOLA MEN'S SOCCER

2011 SEASON

The Loyola men's soccer program begins its 69th season looking to build upon its already storied history. Since joining the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference in 1989, the Greyhounds have won 15 regular-season MAAC crowns, 10 conference championships and have advanced to the NCAA Tournament seven times. With a wealth of experience returning from last year's squad and a great deal of talent coming in, expectations for this upcoming season are high.

"I think there is always a bit of pressure on us because we are a soccer program with such a strong tradition of success," head coach Mark Mettrick said. "But I am quite pleased with the options that we have this year. When you look at the big picture, this is a relatively young group with a lot of new energy. But we also have some players who have been to the national tournament, and they know what it takes to get there."

Loyola will welcome 12 newcomers to the squad this fall, including 10 freshmen, while returning seven starters. Tri-captains Kevin Curran, Wade McHugh and Kyle Wittman will provide stability, experience and leadership for the Greyhounds, as the program looks to return to the top of the MAAC.

Wittman, a fifth-year senior, will return to goal after leading the conference in shutouts last year. The six-time MAAC Defensive Player of the Week posted a shutout streak of 399:39 minutes in 2010 and has not allowed an individual opponent to record a hat trick against him in his 36 career starts.

McHugh, another fifth-year senior, will anchor the midfield. A two-time MAAC All-Tournament Team honoree, McHugh started 17 games last year and has played in all but three contests throughout his career. He has notched five goals and nine assists in three seasons for Loyola.

Curran returns after sharing the team lead in assists last year, distributing seven. The junior has played in every game throughout his career, starting all but one.

The Greyhounds also gained valuable minutes from junior Hector Arellano and sophomores Stephen Dooley, Jamie Libby and Diego McQuestion after injuries plagued the lineup a year ago. Dooley and Libby were named to the MAAC All-Rookie Team for their efforts.

Juniors Gerwyn Jones – an All-MAAC First Team honoree who had a successful stint this summer with DC United's U-23 team - and Zach Tweddell round out the squad's returning starters.

2011 MAAC CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2011 MAAC Championship will be held at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The tournament will feature all 10 conference teams this year, with the top-six regular-season finishers receiving a first-round bye.

"Over the years, there has become more parity among the MAAC teams," Mettrick said. "This year's conference regular season is less pressure filled because it's not just the top-four teams advance to the MAAC Tournament (all teams qualify), but there will be a lot of jockeying for seeding. I think there are a number of teams that are capable of winning the MAAC tournament in Florida."

The conference tournament will run Thurs-Mon, Nov. 3-7.

RECORD SETTING CROWDS

A record-setting number of Loyola men's soccer fans passed through the gates at Ridley Athletic Complex during the 2010 season - the Greyhounds' first at their new facility. The nine home games drew 6,720 fans, averaging a record 747 fans per match - a number that ranked 49th in the country.

In addition, more than 1,000 fans showed up to three different games, with the crowd of 2,090 against then-No. 7 Maryland setting the all-time attendance mark for the largest soccer crowd ever at Ridley.

Loyola also led the MAAC in home attendance, outdrawing second-place Marist by an average of 207 fans per match. The Greyhounds were the only team in the league to record more than 4,500 fans.

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2011 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Promotion
Sat. Aug. 27	at Adelphi	7 p.m.	
Sat. Sept. 3	at William & Mary	7 p.m.	
Wed. Sept. 7	at Navy	7 p.m.	
Sat. Sept. 10	St. Francis (PA)	7 p.m.	Youth Night
Wed. Sept. 14	Towson	7 p.m.	Neighborhood Night
Sat. Sept. 17	Campbell	7 p.m.	Boy Scout Night
Sat. Sept. 24	at Quinnipiac	2 p.m.	
Wed. Sept. 21	UMBC	7 p.m.	Doubleheader
Fri. Sept. 30	Fairfield*	7 p.m.	Family Weekend
Sun. Oct. 2	Iona*	1 p.m.	Purple Sunday
Fri. Oct. 7	at Manhattan*	7 p.m.	
Sun. Oct. 9	at Saint Peter's*	1 p.m.	
Sat. Oct. 15	Rider*	7 p.m.	Alumni Reunion
Fri. Oct. 21	Canisius*	7 p.m.	Heroes Night
Sun. Oct. 23	Niagara*	1 p.m.	Family Fun Day
Fri. Oct. 28	at Siena*	3 p.m.	
Sun. Oct. 30	at Marist*	1 p.m.	

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Welcome Back...

ASSISTANT COACHES

After a year's hiatus, **Bryan Harkin** and **Kyle Swarts** are returning to Loyola's men's soccer coaching staff. Harkin, the team's volunteer assistant coach in 2009, will serve as an assistant coach, while Swarts, an assistant coach for the Greyhounds from 2007-09, will join the staff as a volunteer assistant coach.

"I am very pleased to welcome Bryan and Kyle back to the program," head coach Mark Mettrick said. "In their time at Loyola, both made valuable contributions during a very successful period for Loyola soccer. They are both very passionate about the program and we are very pleased to have them back."



Bryan Harkin

Harkin returns to the program after spending the last year with the Wilmington Hammerheads of the United Soccer League. The Derry, Northern Ireland, native was on the 2009 staff and helped guide the Greyhounds to their third-consecutive bid to the NCAA College Cup.

He was a standout as an undergraduate at Fairfield University from 1999-2002, earning All-MAAC honors in 2001 and 2002, and All-North-Atlantic Region laurels in 2002 from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. He then went on to play for the Cape Cod Crusaders in the USL's Premier Developmental League, helping the side win the 2002 national title.

Swarts stepped aside from the coaching last year to focus on his job as a Director of Business Development in the healthcare industry. During his three years at Loyola, Swarts tutored the Greyhounds' goalies as Loyola reached three-straight NCAA College Cups.



Kyle Swarts

Under his tutelage, Milos Kocic ('08) became one of the nation's top goalkeepers. Kocic led the NCAA in GAA in 2007, was an NSCAA All-America Second Team honoree in 2008 and was selected in the second round by D.C. United in the MLS SuperDraft.

During his collegiate career, Swartz was a standout goalkeeper at West Virginia. A three-time BIG EAST Academic Honor Roll member, Swarts was selected to the U.S. Regional team and represented the East at the 2002 U.S. Olympic Festival.

Success in the Classroom...

DEAN'S LIST

In continuing a tradition of excellence in the classroom, six Greyhounds made the Dean's List for the spring semester last year. **Danny Ankrah, Hector Arellano, Alex Bullington, Cameron Coppola, Jamie Libby** and **Thurman Van Riper** were all honored for posting at least a 3.5 grade point average.

As a squad, the Greyhounds have a cumulative grade point average that is above a 3.0.

Unleash the Hounds...

VIDEOSTREAM

Loyola will offer free live video of all men's soccer home games for the 2011 season. Loyola will partner with Stretch Internet to provide the content. In addition to free streaming video, the department will continue to offer free audio of games, and it will provide live stats through the Stretch Internet portal.

Stretch Internet's video player will show the contest's live stats in a window next to the action, thus eliminating the need to open multiple links to obtain information.

In addition to the free video, all Loyola games that are being broadcast will be available on a variety of smart phones including iPhone, Android and select Blackberry devices. Video, audio and live stats will be available on phone browsers.

"We are very excited to offer free video streaming for our fans, parents, alumni and friends of Loyola athletics," Assistant Vice President/Director of Athletics Jim Paquette said. "We have offered a great product in the past, and this is the next step in increasing our viewership. This allows a wider group of fans to watch our games as we continue to expand the brand of Loyola athletics."

Links to games will be available for the live content on LoyolaGreyhounds.com, or by clicking [here](#).

UNLEASH THE HOUNDS

Year in Review...

2010 SEASON

The Greyhounds experienced some struggles and successes in the 2010 campaign and were deeply affected by significant injuries, losing starters **Phil Bannister, Charlie Hutton** and **Mike Deasel** to season-ending injuries at the mid-point of the season. However, the squad could hold up the year as an example of the strength and heart the



Phil Bannister

program has, as they compiled a 9-7-2 record, highlighted with significant wins against No. 10 Monmouth and BIG EAST rival Villanova, in addition to its 22nd-straight appearance in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship.

When the final whistle blew, the Greyhounds finished fourth in the conference, while picking up 13 MAAC weekly awards. In addition, Bannister gave Loyola fans a season to remember, earning national recognition for his

2010 SEASON HONORS

Phil Bannister

ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Second Team
Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Finalist
John R. Moller Award
College Soccer News Team of the Week (9/26)
MAAC All-Academic Team
Three-time MAAC Offensive Player of the Week (9/26, 10/4, 10/11)
Team MVP

Mike Deasel

MAAC All-Tournament Team

Eddie Dines

All-MAAC Second Team
MAAC All-Academic Team

Stephen Dooley

MAAC All-Rookie Team

Gerwyn Jones

All-MAAC First Team

Glenn Leitch

All-MAAC Second Team
MAAC All-Academic Team
Two-time MAAC Offensive Player of the Week (10/25, 11/1)
Team's Most Dedicated Player
Team Unsung Hero Award

Jamie Libby

MAAC All-Rookie Team
MAAC Rookie of the Week (9/13)
MAAC Defensive Player of the Week (10/11)

Wade McHugh

MAAC All-Tournament Team

Kyle Wittman

Two-time ECAC Defensive Player of the Week (9/28, 10/26)
Four-time MAAC Defensive Player of the Week (9/7, 9/26, 10/18, 10/25)

work on the pitch and in the classroom, including being selected in the second round of the 2010 Major League Soccer Supplemental Draft by the Colorado Rapids.

Expectations ran high entering the season. The rest of the MAAC tabbed the Greyhounds, returning 10 seniors from 2009's MAAC Championship-winning team, as the favorite to win the league once again. Bannister earned the distinction of MAAC Preseason Player of the Year and **Gerwyn Jones** joined Bannister on the Preseason All-MAAC Team.

The road ahead would not be an easy one, however, as the Greyhounds played the ninth-toughest schedule in the country and faced two teams in William & Mary and Maryland that reached the NCAA College Cup Sweet 16.

The 2010 campaign also marked the first season in the 6,000-seat, state-of-the-art Ridley Athletic Complex. The complex drew record crowds throughout the year, outdrawing the nearest MAAC team by more than 3,000 while averaging an attendance of 747 in nine home games. In addition, the Greyhounds' match against the seventh-ranked Terrapins set a program record for attendance, drawing 2,090 fans.



Gerwyn Jones

The complex also played host to the 2010 MAAC Championships, which pitted the Greyhounds against top-seeded Saint Peter's in a Friday night semifinal under the lights. The squads played an evenly matched contest and required overtime to determine a winner, but Tournament MVP Lebogang Pila secured the 2-1 win for the Peacocks in the 107th minute.

The night before the match, the team attended the tournament banquet where MAAC officials named Bannister and Jones to the All-MAAC First Team and **Eddie Dines** and **Glenn Leitch** to the second team. **Jamie Libby** and **Stephen Dooley** earned spots on the MAAC All-Rookie Team, as well.

The season may not have ended in storybook fashion for the Greyhounds, but the commitment and resiliency shown through injuries and against top-level competition made the 2010 campaign one to remember.

2011 ALUMNI GAME INFORMATION

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, Oct. 15** when the men's soccer program will celebrate Alumni Day. The Greyhounds will take on Rider at 7 p.m., and will need your support to take down its conference foe because the game falls on Loyola's fall break weekend.

In addition, Loyola's 2001 team that made its memorable run to the NCAA College Cup Quarterfinals will be honored at the game, while a number of other events are planned at the Ridley Athletic Complex.

Check your mailbox in the near future for more details and RSVP information.

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