



# 2011 MEN'S SOCCER

## Weekly Release

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game (4.25). He has five goals on the season. ND plays Seton Hall at home on Wednesday prior to its trip to Pittsburgh. Pitt is 3-8-3 all-time against ND.

**Final Stretch**

With two conference wins, the Panthers have already posted more league tilts than they did a season ago. In 2010, Pitt was 1-6-2 in Big East play. Pitt has an opportunity to go 6-3 in league action should they run the table in its remaining Big East games (Providence, No. 19 Notre Dame, No. 17 Georgetown, Marquette). The chase to compete in the Big East Championship is still up for grabs.

**Current Big East Standings/Blue Division**

	W-L-T	Pts	Overall
Marquette	5-0-0	15	7-5-2
UConn	4-0-1	13	13-0-1
Georgetown	3-2-0	9	8-3--3
West Virginia	3-2-0	9	7-5-1
Notre Dame	2-2-1	7	6-3-4
Providence	2-2-1	7	7-5-1
Pittsburgh	2-3-0	6	4-9-1
Seton Hall	0-5-0	0	4-8-2

**First Round**

Wednesday, Nov. 2 (campus sites)

- No. 5 Red at No. 4 Blue
- No. 6 Blue at No. 3 Red
- No. 5 Blue at No. 4 Red
- No. 6 Red at No. 3 Blue

**Quarterfinals**

Saturday, Nov. 5 (campus sites)

- No. 5 Red/4 Blue at No. 1 Red
- No. 6 Blue/3 Red at No. 2 Blue
- No. 5 Blue/4 Red at No. 1 Blue
- No. 6 Red/3 Blue at No. 2 Red

**Extra, Extra**

The Panthers have played three overtime games this season, posting a 1-1-1 record in those games. Last season, Pitt also played three extra stanza affairs (1-0-2).

**Different 11**

The Panthers have used 10 different starting line-ups in 14 games this season. Sophomore Robert Iledare and freshman Manny Morgado are the only two players to earn a start in every single game (14) this season.

**Tops on the Year**

The Panthers registered a season high seven points in the win over Seton Hall on Oct. 8 and have posted their top two point totals in a single contest in two of the last three games. Pitt had six points against Syracuse on Oct. 1. The contest versus the Orange marked the first time this season that Pitt tallied two or more goals in a single contest. Last season, the Panthers collected two or more goals in six of 17 games. The three assists versus Seton Hall were also a team season-best. Pitt has seven assists on its 11 scores.

**Five and Counting ...**

Sophomore transfer Nico Wrobel has scored five of the team's 11 goals this season. The five goals are the most for a Panthers player in a single season since 2005 (Dwayne Grant Higgins, 5). In 2004, two players (second team All-Big East honoree Keeyan Young and Billy Brush) each registered seven goals. Six different players have accounted for Pitt's 11 goals.

**Big East Standings**

(thru games of Oct. 17)

Blue Division	Big East	Overall	Streak
Marquette	5-0-0	7-5-2	W3
Connecticut	4-0-1	13-0-1	W2
Georgetown	3-2-0	8-3-3	L1
West Virginia	3-2-0	7-5-1	L1
Notre Dame	2-2-1	6-3-4	W1
Providence	2-2-1	7-5-1	W1
Pittsburgh	2-3-0	4-9-1	L2
Seton Hall	0-4-0	4-7-2	L4

Red Division	Big East	Overall	Streak
Rutgers	4-1-0	7-5-1	W3
USF	3-0-1	8-2-2	W3
St. John's	3-2-0	9-3-2	W2
Louisville	1-3-1	8-4-1	L1
Villanova	1-3-1	4-6-4	L2
DePaul	1-3-1	4-8-2	L2
Cincinnati	1-4-0	5-8-1	W1
Syracuse	0-4-1	2-9-1	L1

**Big East Upcoming Games**

**Tues., Oct. 18**

- CONNECTICUT at WEST VIRGINIA 7:00 p.m.
- PROVIDENCE at PITTSBURGH 7:00 p.m.
- USF at LOUISVILLE 7:00 p.m.

**Wed., Oct. 19**

- ST. JOHN'S at VILLANOVA 3:30 p.m.
- DEPAUL at CINCINNATI 7:00 p.m.
- SETON HALL at NOTRE DAME 7:00 p.m.
- SYRACUSE at RUTGERS 7:00 p.m.
- GEORGETOWN at MARQUETTE 8:05 p.m.

**Fri., Oct. 21**

- PROVIDENCE at WEST VIRGINIA 7:00 p.m.

**Sat., Oct. 22**

- MARQUETTE at SETON HALL 1:00 p.m.
- CINCINNATI at SYRACUSE 7:00 p.m.
- NOTRE DAME at PITTSBURGH 7:00 p.m.
- RUTGERS at LOUISVILLE 7:00 p.m.
- DEPAUL at ST. JOHN'S 7:30 p.m.
- GEORGETOWN at CONNECTICUT 7:30 p.m.
- VILLANOVA at USF 7:30 p.m.

**STATISTICAL COMPARISON**

	<b>Pitt</b>	<b>Providence</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>
Record	4-9-1	7-5-1	6-3-4
Conference Record	2-3-0	2-2-1	2-2-1
Home	3-5-0	5-2-0	3-0-4
Away/Neutral	1-4-1	2-3-1	3-3-0
Goals - Shot Attempts	11-150	19-136	18-228
Goals Per Game	0.79	1.46	1.38
Shots on Goal	56	69	85
Shots Per Game	10.7	10.5	17.5
Opponent Goals - Shot Attempts	22-201	14-143	11-184
Opponent Goals Per Game	1.57	1.08	0.85
Opponent Shots on Goal	81	56	63
Corner Kicks (total) - Per Game	74-5.29	53-3.79	78-4.5.57
Opponent Corner Kicks - Per Game	83-5.93	60-4.29	60-4.29
Saves	59	42	52
Opponent Saves	45	50	67
Penalty Kicks	4-4	3-3	1-1
Shutouts	3	5	5

**Perfect Mark**

Pitt has been perfect in penalty kicks this season, going 4-of-4. All four goals have been courtesy of Nico Wrobel. The Panthers gave up their first penalty kicks of the season against WVU last Wednesday.

**There's No Place like Home**

The Panthers have 10 home games this season at their new on-campus home confines (Petersen Sports Complex), the most home contests since the 2007-2008 (11) season when Pitt finished 2-8-1 at home. Pitt is 3-5 at home so far this season with two more home games still to come. The Panthers, who played nine games at home (Founder's Field) last season, finished the 2010 season with a 6-2-1 home mark.

**Road Wars**

Pitt began the 2011 season with a string of four-straight road/neutral games. The last time a Panthers squad played four or more road or neutral games consecutively was during the 2003 season (five-straight).

Pitt had never before in its 57-year history opened a season with four road/neutral games – the most were three contests to start the 1982 campaign (at George Mason, at Virginia, at Grove City). The most away games to start a season under head coach Joe Luxbacher is two-straight on three occasions. Pitt will conclude the 2011 season with a pair of away games, at Georgetown and Marquette. The Panthers posted a 0-5-1 away mark and a 0-2 neutral mark last season.

**In Goal**

The Panthers carry four goalkeepers on their roster and all four have seen playing time this season. Freshman Lee Johnston has logged the most minutes (838:00) and paces the quartet with 40 saves, a 0.86 goals against average (3rd in Big East) and an .833 save percentage (3rd in Big East). He has appeared in 10 games with a 3-4-1 record.

Senior Hami Kara has three appearances (191:26) and five saves. Sophomore Keegan Gunderson has two starts and complete games, posting nine saves and a 1-1 mark. Finally, Matt Aberegg got the starting nod at Rutgers on Sept. 23, allowing three goals and stopping three shots.

**Pitt Individual Stat Leaders**

Points .....	10, Nico Wrobel
Goals .....	5, Nico Wrobel
.....	2, Chu Chu Onyeukwu
Assists .....	2, Terry Akpua
.....	5 players tied with 1
Shots .....	22, Ryan Brode
.....	18, Nico Wronbel
.....	14, Alex Harrison
Shots on goal.....	8, Nico Wrobel
.....	7, Terry Akpua
.....	6, Manny Morgado
Saves .....	40, Lee Johnston
Save pct.....	.833, Lee Johnston
GK minutes .....	838:00, Lee Johnston
GAA.....	0.86, Lee Johnston

**Pitt Team Single Game Highs**

Points .....	7, vs. Seton Hall, 10/8
Goals .....	2, twice - last vs. Seton Hall
Assists .....	3, vs. Seton Hall
Shots .....	24, vs. Richmond, 9/18
Shots on Goal.....	11, twice - last vs. Richmond
Saves ....	7, vs. Stony Brook, Duquesne, 9/16
Corner Kicks .....	11, at Robert Morris, 8/29

**Opponent Single Game Highs**

Points .....	13, Richmond, 9/18
Goals .....	5, Richmond
Assists .....	4, Saint Francis, Rutgers, 9/23
Shots .....	21, at Connecticut, 10/15
Shots on Goal.....	7, 9 teams
.....	lastly Connecticut, 10/15
Saves .....	10, Robert Morris, Richmond
Corner Kicks .....	11, vs. Stony Brook

### Some Highs, Some Lows

Pitt posted a season-high 24 shots versus Richmond on Sept. 18, topping its previous season-high of 18 (at Robert Morris in the season opener). Prior to the UR game, the Panthers had a combined 26 shots in the three games prior. Eleven of the 24 shots were on goal – tying s season-high (also at RMU on Aug. 29).

After the loss to Cleveland State, head coach Joe Luxbacher talked about taking shots when the opportunity was there. The team responded with one of their best on goal showings of the year against SHU – five of eight shots on goal (The Panthers previously had a combined five shots on goal in the previous two games/Cleveland St and Syracuse).

### Non-Conference

The Panthers went 2-6-1 in non-conference play this season, falling in their last non-league tilt a week ago – dropping an overtime decision to Cleveland State.

### Youngsters

Head coach Luxbacher fields a team of 10 newcomers – nine freshmen and a sophomore transfer – this season. The freshmen and one sophomore have seen quite a bit of playing time over the 2011 campaign with no fewer than 7 newbies in any given game.

### Big East Nods

Senior Terry Akpua was selected to the Big East Men's Soccer Weekly Honor Roll on Monday. His honor roll nod was the third of the season for a Panthers player as freshman goalkeeper Lee Johnston earned the accolade on two previous occasions (Oct. 3 and Sept. 5).

Akpua scored a goal and had an assist in a 2-0 win over Seton Hall. The Bowie, Md. native delivered the pass on the eventual game-winner and scored an insurance goal for the Panthers. Johnston was selected to the Big East Men's Soccer Weekly Honor Roll on Monday, Oct. 3. The nod was the second honor roll selection this season for the first year player. Johnston helped the Panthers to a conference win over Syracuse on Oct. 1 by posting six saves.

### **PITT IN BIG EAST STATS**

#### **Team**

Shots .....	14th
Points .....	T16th
Goals .....	16th
Assists .....	16th
Goals Allowed .....	14th
Goals Against Average .....	13th
Saves .....	4th
Shutout .....	T10th
Fouls.....	11th
Corners.....	6th
Yellow Cards .....	8th

#### **Individual**

Goals .....	Nico Wrobel, T8th, 0.36
Goals Against Average .....	..... Lee Johnston, 5th, 0.86
Save Percentage .....	..... Lee Johnston, 2nd, .833
Shutouts .....	Lee Johnston, T10
Saves .....	Lee Johnston, T10, 40
Saves Per Game .....	Lee Johnston, 5th, 4
Shutouts Per Game .....	Lee Johnston, T10, .20

### **PANTHERS STARTING LINE-UP**

	GK	D	D	D	D/M	M	M	M	F	F	F
at Robert Morris (L, 1-2)	Kara	Iledare	Flowers	Harrison	Fischetti	Luffy	Brode	Morgado	Akpua	Onyeukwu	Wrobel
at St. Francis (L, 0-3)	Kara	Iledare	Flowers	Harrison	Luffy	Walbert	Brode	Morgado	Akpua	Onyeukwu	Wrobel
vs. Stony Brook (W, 1-0)	Johnston	Iledare	Flowers	Harrison	Cordier	Luffy	Brode	Morgado	Akpua	Mark	Wrobel
vs. Valparaiso (T, 2OT 1-1)	Johnston	Iledare	Flowers	Harrison	Cordier	Walbert	Brode	Morgado	Akpua	Mark	Wrobel
Air Force (L, 1-2)	Johnston	Iledare	Flowers	Harrison	Cordier	Luffy	Brode	Morgado	Akpua	Mark	Wrobel
Bowling Green (L, 0-1)	Johnston	Iledare	Flowers	Smith	Dickenson	Walbert	Myers	Prete	Luffy	Morgado	Wrobel
Duquesne (W, 1-0)	Gunderson	Iledare	Flowers	Smith	Walbert	Luffy	Brode	Prete	Morgado	Onyeukwu	Wrobel
Richmond (L, 1-5)	Gunderson	Iledare	Flowers	Smith	Walbert	Luffy	Brode	Prete	Morgado	Onyeukwu	Wrobel
at Rutgers (L, 1-3)	Aberegg	Iledare	Dickenson	Harrison	Walbert	Luffy	Brode	Walker	Morgado	McKenzie	Wrobel
vs. Syracuse ( W, 2OT 2-1)	Johnston	Iledare	Flowers	Harrison	Walbert	Luffy	Brode	Morgado	Prete	Onyeukwu	Wrobel
vs. Cleve State (L, OT, 0-1)	Johnston	Iledare	Flowers	Harrison	Walbert	Luffy	Brode	Morgado	Prete	Onyeukwu	Wrobel
vs. Seton Hall (W, 2-0)	Johnston	Iledare	Flowers	Harrison	Walbert	Luffy	Brode	Morgado	Prete	Onyeukwu	Wrobel
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at Connecticut (L, 0-1)	Johnston	Iledare	Flowers	Harrison	Smith	Walker	Brode	Morgado	Lowman	Onyeukwu	Prete

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### Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
0	Keegan Gunderson	Jr.	GK	6-1	185	Circle Pines, Minn./Shattuck-St. Mary's
1	Hami Kara	Sr.	GK	6-0	170	Wethersfield, Conn./Prince George CC
2	Robert Iledare	So.	D	6-2	215	Baton Rouge, La./McKinley Senior
3	Andy Clifford	Jr.	M/F	6-1	180	Upper St. Clair, Pa./ Upper St. Clair
4	Sam Luffy	Sr.	D/M	6-2	185	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic
5	Ryan Myers	Fr.	M	5-8	150	Wallingford, Pa./ Strath Haven
6	John Cordier	So.	D	6-0	175	Fairview, Pa./Cathedral Prep
7	Manny Morgado	Fr.	M	5-10	175	Mississauga, Ontario/ St. Marcellinus Secondary School
8	Daniel Mark	So.	M	6-0	170	Louisville, Ky./Country Day
9	Terry Akpua	Sr.	F	6-1	175	Bowie, Md./Prince George CC
10	Ryan Brode	Sr*	M	6-2	175	Setauket, N.Y./St. John the Baptist
11	Julian Dickenson	Fr.	M	6-0	175	Augusta, Ga./Lakeside
12	Alex Lowman	Fr.	M	5-11	170	Douglasville, Ga./ Woodward Academy
13	Alex Harrison	So.	D	6-2	175	Isle of Man, United Kingdom/Ballakgrmeen High
14	Dan Prete	Fr.	M	5-11	160	Mechanicsburg, Pa./ Cumberland Valley
17	Shane Flowers	Sr.*	D	5-10	160	North Huntingdon, Pa./PSU-Erie
18	Lee Johnston	Fr.	GK	6-3	175	Newberry, Fla./Oak Hall
19	Derrick Smith	Fr.	D	6-1	185	Media, Pa./ Shipley School
20	Eric Walker	So.	M	5-9	155	Granger, Ind./Penn
21	Nico Wrobel	So.	F	6-0	165	Berlin, Germany/Georg-Buchner Oberschule/Garner Webb
22	Matt Walbert	Fr.	M	5-10	170	South Park, Pa./South Park
23	Alex Fischetti	Jr.	D/M	5-10	168	Pittsburgh, Pa./ Seton La Salle
24	Ryan McKenzie	So.	F	6-1	170	Mars, Pa./Mars Area
30	Chu Chu Onyeukwu	Fr.	F	5-10	190	Austell, Ga./South Cobb
33	Matt Aberegg	So.	GK	6-4	190	Wadsworth, Ohio/Highland

Head Coach: Joe Luxbacher (Pittsburgh, '74)

Assistant Coaches: Chris Karwoski (Vermont, '91), Eric Barnes (Pittsburgh, '09)

### Quick Facts

*Location:* Pittsburgh, PA

*Founded:* 1787

*Enrollment:* 28,823

*Nickname:* Panthers

*School Colors:* Blue & Gold

*Stadium:* Ambrose Urbanic Field at the Petersen Sports Complex (Field Turf)

*Capacity:* 735

*Conference:* Big East/Blue Division

*Chancellor:* Mark Nordenberg

*Athletic Director:* Steve Pederson

*Press Box Number:* 412-624-6820

*First Year of Men's Soccer:* 1954

### Coaching Staff

*Head Coach:* Joe Luxbacher

*Alma Mater/Year:* Pittsburgh, '74

*Record at Pitt (Years):* 205-225-55 (27 years)

*Career Record (Years):* 229-237-59 (30 years)

*Soccer Office Phone:* (412) 648-8217

*Best time to reach coach:* Mornings, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Assistant Coaches:* Chris Karwoski, Eric Barnes

### Pronunciation Guide

*Joe Luxbacher*

*LUX-bocker*

*Chris Karwoski*

*Kar-was-SKI*

*Matt Aberegg*

*AH-ber-rag*

*Terry Akpua*

*Oc-poo-a*

*John Cordier*

*CORE-dee-a*

*Robert Iledare*

*Ill-DARE*

*Hami Kara*

*Ham-EE*

*Chu Chu Onyeukwu*

*ON-yea-ko*

*Dan Prete*

*Preet (rhymes with street)*



## Joe Luxbacher

### Head Coach

28th season at Pitt: 205-225-55

31st season overall: 229-237-59

A legacy of tradition and excellence has been established by University of Pittsburgh men's soccer

head coach Joe Luxbacher, only the second head coach in the program's 56-year history and the longest tenured active head coach in the BIG EAST Conference.

The two-time BIG EAST Coach of the Year, Luxbacher has directed the Panthers to six 10-plus victory seasons and eight BIG EAST Tournament appearances over his tenure. In 1992, Pitt set a then-school record for victories (12) and advanced to the BIG EAST Tournament. Three seasons later, Luxbacher's squad won a school-record 14 games and recorded Pitt's first-ever conference tournament victory as it defeated Seton Hall in a shootout. During the 2000 campaign, the team was ranked as high as No. 7 nationally. Over the course of his collegiate coaching career, his Panther teams have compiled more than 200 wins and have defeated teams numerous ranked teams.

Prior to making his mark as a coach, Luxbacher set the standard for individual achievement as a Panther student-athlete. In his three-year collegiate career from 1970-73, he established four school records including most goals in a single-game (seven), most points in a single contest (15), career goals (37) and career points (84). He led the Panthers in both points and goals for three consecutive seasons and led the 1973 squad in assists. As the team captain and Most Valuable Player his senior season, Luxbacher averaged 12-plus goals and 28 points per season in his career for legendary head coach Leo Bemis.

After Luxbacher graduated from Pitt in 1974 with a BS Degree in Biological Sciences, he began his professional playing career with the Philadelphia Atoms of the North American Soccer League (NASL). After two seasons with the Atoms, he traveled abroad with a select team touring Europe. Afterward Luxbacher returned to his hometown as a member of the Major Indoor Soccer League's (MISL) Pittsburgh Spirit, where he had the distinction of scoring the Spirit's first goal in franchise history.

Even though Luxbacher has had the good fortune to play internationally and compete at the professional level, he remains loyal to his Pittsburgh roots. Luxbacher learned the game while growing up in Beadling, a small mining town just south of Pittsburgh which boasts a rich soccer history. Through the years, Beadling teams have won many local and national competitions and in 1954 the men's senior team was crowned national amateur champions (United States Soccer Federation) when it defeated St. Louis in the National Amateur Cup final.

As a youngster Luxbacher developed his passion and love of the sport from his dad, uncles and the many senior players in Beadling. Almost every evening after dinner a group of players, young and old alike, would gather to play pick-up games on the

town soccer field. On weekends the Beadling teams would compete against teams from local towns in organized games. Intense rivalries arose and the pride of representing their town provided motivation to win. "The senior players were tough, no-nonsense guys who played a rough game of soccer," recalls Luxbacher. "There was always a great deal of pride and camaraderie on the Beadling teams, and I learned early on the value of commitment and teamwork. I wouldn't have reached the playing level that I did had I not grown up in this close-knit and supportive soccer culture.

"In addition to Luxbacher, Beadling groomed two other Panther greats, Robert Cherry (1955) and Jerome Bressanelli (1955-57). Bressanelli was an All-American for the Panthers, while Cherry still holds two program records.

With international, professional and collegiate experiences, Luxbacher decided to pursue a passion - coaching. In 1978, he was named the head men's soccer coach at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. During his three-year tenure at Mount Union, Luxbacher compiled a 24-12-4 record. In 1981, Luxbacher returned to the University of Pittsburgh to complete a PhD and in 1983 served as an assistant under his former college coach, Leo Bemis. Bemis retired from coaching in 1984 and Pitt named Luxbacher as only its second head men's soccer coach.

Luxbacher also serves as the founder and director of the Shoot to Score Soccer Academy, which offers instructional soccer camps to youth players of all ages. He has authored more than a dozen books for both coaches and players covering various aspects of soccer, as well as a couple of titles dealing with health and fitness (Conditioning for Soccer - McGraw-Hill Publishers, and Total Fitness - Wish Publishing Co.).

Luxbacher has also written and produced a series of coaching DVD's titled Winning Soccer and most recently authored his 15th book; the third installment of the Soccer Practice Games series. Most of Luxbacher's soccer books are available through the publisher Human Kinetics. On a different note, Luxbacher is also an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hiking and canoeing and has contributed a section to another book, Hiking Guide to the Monongahela National Forest. He has also authored a chapter titled Careers in Coaching and Athletics for the college textbook Introduction to Kinesiology (2008).

Luxbacher earned both his Master's (1978) and Doctorate (1985) degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and has Level A coaching certification from the United States Soccer Federation. He was honored as a Letterman of Distinction by the University of Pittsburgh in 2003. Luxbacher is a member of several Hall of Fames, including: Beadling Sports Club Hall of Fame (1995), the Upper St. Clair High School Athletics Hall of Fame (2002) and the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2005. He resides in suburban Pittsburgh with his wife Gail, daughter Eliza (14) and son Travis (13).

**2011 Pitt Men's Soccer**  
**PITT Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 17, 2011)**  
**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	4-9-1	3-5	0-4	1-0-1
CONFERENCE	2-3	2-1	0-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-6-1	1-4	0-2	1-0-1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>gp</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>sh</b>	<b>sh%</b>	<b>sog</b>	<b>sog%</b>	<b>gw</b>	<b>pk-att</b>
Aug 29	at Robert Morris	L 1-2	497	21	WROBEL, Nico	14	5	0	10	18	.278	8	.444	2	4-4
Aug 29	at Saint Francis	L 0-3	150	30	ONYEUKWU, Chu Chu	14	2	0	4	14	.143	5	.357	1	0-0
# Sep 02	vs Stony Brook	W 1-0	325	9	AKPUA, Terry	13	1	2	4	9	.111	7	.778	0	0-0
# Sep 04	vs Valparaiso	To2 1-1	215	10	BRODE, Ryan	13	1	1	3	22	.045	5	.227	1	0-0
! Sep 09	AIR FORCE	L 1-2	813	7	MORGADO, Manny	14	1	1	3	14	.071	6	.429	0	0-0
! Sep 11	BOWLING GREEN	L 0-1	392	2	ILEDARE, Robert	14	1	0	2	10	.100	5	.500	0	0-0
Sep 16	DUQUESNE	W 1-0	538	24	McKENZIE, Ryan	11	0	1	1	5	.000	3	.600	0	0-0
Sep 18	RICHMOND	L 1-5	374	22	WALBERT, Matt	12	0	1	1	5	.000	1	.200	0	0-0
* Sep 23	at Rutgers	L 1-3	147	19	SMITH, Derrick	6	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
* Oct 01	SYRACUSE	Wo2 2-1	250	13	HARRISON, Alex	12	0	0	0	16	.000	4	.250	0	0-0
Oct 05	CLEVELAND STATE	Lot 0-1	187	17	FLOWERS, Shane	14	0	0	0	8	.000	3	.375	0	0-0
Oct 08	SETON HALL	W 2-0	323	14	PRETE, Dan	14	0	0	0	7	.000	3	.429	0	0-0
* Oct 12	#24 WEST VIRGINIA	L 0-2	337	4	LUFFY, Sam	12	0	0	0	6	.000	2	.333	0	0-0
* Oct 15	at #1 Connecticut	L 0-1	4995	5	MYERS, Ryan	5	0	0	0	5	.000	2	.400	0	0-0
				3	CLIFFORD, Andy	11	0	0	0	5	.000	1	.200	0	0-0
				8	MARK, Daniel	4	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0	0-0
				23	FISCHETTI, Alex	1	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				20	WALKER, Eric	11	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				11	DICKENSON, Julian	6	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				18	JOHNSTON, Lee	10	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				12	LOWMAN, Alex	5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				6	CORDIER, John	6	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				1	KARA, Hami	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
					<b>Total</b>	14	11	7	29	150	.073	56	.373	4	4-4
					<b>Opponents</b>	14	22	20	64	201	.109	81	.403	9	2-2

! Pitt/Nike Invitational  
# Duquesne Invitational  
\* Big East Contest

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>PITT</b>	<b>OPP</b>
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot attempts	11-150	22-201
Goals scored per game	0.79	1.57
Shot pct.	.073	.109
Shots on goal-Attempts	56-150	81-201
SOG pct.	.373	.403
Shots/Game	10.7	14.4
CORNER KICKS	74	83
PENALTY KICKS	4-4	2-2
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Yellow cards	16	14
Red cards	2	0
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	3214	5789
Dates/Avg Per Date	8/402	4/1447
Neutral Site #/Avg	2/270	

<b>#</b>	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAAvg</b>	<b>Saves</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>W-L-T</b>	<b>Sho</b>
18	JOHNSTON, Lee	10	838:00	8	0.86	40	.833	3-4-1	2
0	GUNDERSON, Keega	2	180:00	5	2.50	9	.643	1-1-0	1
1	KARA, Hami	3	191:26	6	2.82	5	.455	0-3-0	0
33	ABEREGG, Matt	1	90:00	3	3.00	3	.500	0-1-0	0
	<b>Total</b>	14	1299:26	22	1.52	59	.728	4-9-1	3
	<b>Opponents</b>	14	1299:26	11	0.76	45	.804	9-4-1	5

<b>Goals by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>Total</b>
PITT	3	7	0	1	11
Opponents	4	17	1	0	22

<b>Shots by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>Total</b>
PITT	69	76	4	1	150
Opponents	92	100	8	1	201

<b>Saves by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>Total</b>
PITT	26	30	3	0	59
Opponents	22	23	0	0	45

<b>Corners by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>Total</b>
PITT	33	40	1	0	74
Opponents	42	36	4	1	83

<b>Fouls by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>Total</b>
PITT	72	67	2	5	146
Opponents	70	60	1	1	132