

# Player Profiles



*Co-Captain*

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*Tim Bezbatchenko*

*Junior • Midfielder • 5-9  
Westerville, Ohio  
(St. Francis DeSales)*

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Played in all 21 matches, earning 19 starts...took 17 shots...netted one goal and earned two assists...scored the game-winner against La Salle...assisted on Matt Greene's goal at #24 Wake Forest...assisted on Eric Dutt's game-winner in 3-0 victory over Fairfield...named to the Duke/adidas Soccer Classic all-tournament team.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Played in 19 matches with three starts...fired 15 shots on goal...netted two goals and was second on team with five assists for nine total points...scored Spiders' first two goals in Richmond's 3-0 victory versus Cincinnati at Nike/ALLTEL Soccer Classic...recorded two assists in 6-1 win over Pennsylvania in first round of UR-Nike Challenge Cup...assisted on Ben Corfield's goal in 2-1 win over Towson...registered assists on both goals in Spiders' 2-1 overtime win at Radford...started three conference contests against UNC Wilmington, George Mason and Old Dominion.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Attended St. Francis DeSales High School in Westerville, Ohio...paced his team to state championship as a sophomore...member of Ohio state, regional and Midwest Olympic Development Program teams...part of United States National Pool in 1999-2000...played club soccer for Ohio FC...his club team represented United States in Nike Global Premier Cup in England...honored as two-year team captain...all-state, all-district and all-league selection as senior...economics and leadership studies major, with a minor in Spanish...son of Michael and Ellen Bezbatchenko...born October 13, 1981.

**BEZBATCHENKO'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2000	19-3	15	2	5	9
2001	21-19	17	1	2	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40-22</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>

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*Jimmy Budd*

*Sophomore • Back • 5-11  
Berwyn, Pa.  
(Conestoga)*

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in two matches...saw action in Spider victories at Temple (2-0) and versus St. Bonaventure (3-1)...Richmond victory at Temple was the team's fourth consecutive shutout, tying a single-season record.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Three-year starter and four-

year letterwinner for Conestoga H.S....team reached the 1999 District 1 semi-finals...captained the team his senior year...garnered all-league honors his final three years...named all-Main Line Life in 1999 and 2000 and all-area by the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in 2000...member of the Kirkwood Blast club team which won the Delaware State Championship in 2000...the team reached the regional championship in 2000 and the semi-finals in 2001...plans to major in business/leadership...son of Jim and Toni Budd...born September 8, 1982.

**BUDD'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2001	2-0	0	0	0	0

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*Grant Dickens*

*Sophomore • Midfielder • 6-1  
Raleigh, N.C.  
(Leesville Road)*

**AS A FRESHMAN:** One of only two Spiders to start all 21 matches...named second team all-conference and to *College Soccer News'* third team all-freshmen national team...other honors include A-10 all-rookie team, A-10 all-tournament team, A-10 Rookie of the Week (Sept. 9), and second team all-state by the VaSIDs...recognized on the

Duke/adidas Soccer Classic all-tournament team...took 18 shots, including five shots on goal...netted one goal and four assists for six total points...helped lead a defense to 10 shutouts, including four consecutive, both feats tying a school single-season record...part of a defense that did not yield a goal in the A-10 Championships...scored the game-winner in 3-1 victory over North Carolina State...assisted on Paul Kelly's goal in 2-1 victory over George Washington...Spiders were 5-0 in games that Dickens recorded at least one point.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Four-year varsity starter for Leesville Road High School...state champions in 1997 and 2000...team captain...all-state, all-region and all-conference...holds school assist record...member and captain of '82 CASL Elite club team...selected to and attended adidas ESP in summer of 2000...undecided on major...son of Wayne and Dawn Dickens...born September 2, 1982.

**DICKENS' CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2001	21-21	6	1	4	6



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### Stephen Douglas



*Sophomore • Forward • 6-1  
Richmond, Va.  
(The Collegiate School)*

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in all 21 matches...fired 26 shots, including 16 shots on goal...netted three goals and two assists for eight total points...assisted on Bryan Waggoner's goal in 3-0 victory over Adelphi...assisted on Steve Hutcheson's goal in 2-0 victory over Temple...scored lone Spider goal in 3-1 loss to Massachusetts...scored two

goals in 3-0 victory over Fairfield.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Earned four letters for varsity soccer and four letters in track and field at The Collegiate School...captain of soccer team as a senior...2000 state champions...all-prep, all-state, all-South and South Region All-America as a senior...all-prep in 1999 and 2000 in track and field and all-state in 2000...member of school-record 4x800 relay team...member of Richmond Strikers club team...Virginia state cup champions in 1999...Sun Bowl champions in 1999 and 2000...undecided on major...son of Dr. Hugh and Pam Douglas...born May 18, 1982.

#### DOUGLAS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2001	21-0	26	3	2	8



Stephen Douglas

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### Eric Dutt



*Junior • Midfielder • 5-7  
Melbourne, Fla.  
(Melbourne Central Catholic)*

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Played in all 21 matches, earning 19 starts...took 17 shots, registering one goal and two assists...named to the Nike/ALLTEL Classic all-tournament team ... assisted on Ken Holiday's game-winner against Saint Joseph's... earned an assist in 3-1 victory over St. Bonaventure...scored game-winner in 3-0 victory over Fairfield.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in 14 matches with two starts...took 12 shots on goal...had two goals and four assists for eight total points...delivered two goals in Richmond's 3-2 double overtime comeback win at Georgetown...notched two assists in Spiders' 3-0 win over Cincinnati in second round of Nike/ALLTEL Soccer Classic... assisted on Craig Ziadie's overtime goal in Richmond's 1-0 win over Yale in first round of Brown University Classic...also registered assist in 6-1 win over Pennsylvania in first round of UR-Nike Challenge Cup...two starts came against Brown and at UNC Wilmington.

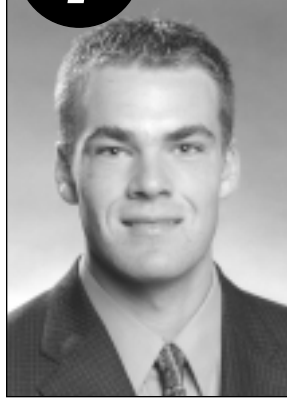
**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Attended Melbourne Central Catholic High School in Melbourne, Fla....led his high school team to a state championship his junior year and bolstered the team to the state Final Four his sophomore and senior seasons...member of the 1998 and 1999 Florida State Region III ODP Teams...played his club soccer for the Lakeland Lazars...an all-state selection as a senior...tabbed first-team all-Space Coast...business administration major...son of Jim and Sandy Dutt...born February 3, 1982.

#### DUTT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2000	14-2	12	2	4	8
2001	21-19	17	1	2	4
Totals	35-21	29	3	6	12

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### Jacob Hofmeister



*Junior • Goalkeeper • 6-3  
Canal Winchester, Ohio  
(Pickerington)*

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Did not appear in a match.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Did not appear in a match.

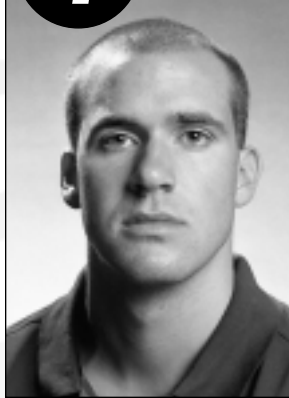
**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Attended Pickerington High School in Canal Winchester, Ohio...three-year all-league selection...all-district selection his

junior year...honored as team most improved player as a sophomore and defensive MVP as a junior...two-year team captain...tabbed

Columbus Dispatch "Athlete of the Week" as a junior...played his club soccer for the Lancaster Magic...religion major with a minor in philosophy...son of Raymond and Mary Lou Hofmeister...born June 28, 1982.

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**Ken Holiday**



*Junior • Forward • 6-3  
Hatboro, Pa.  
(Upper Moreland)*

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Appeared in all 21 matches, earning 20 starts...selected second-team all-South Atlantic Region and to the A-10 all-tournament team...took 47 shots, including 20 shots on goal...netted eight goals and three assists for 19 total points...led team in shots, goals, points, and game-winners ... Richmond was 8-0 when Holiday

scored...had four game-winners, all in A-10 play (tied for first in the league)...was involved in 35% of Richmond's scoring (8 goals, 3 assists contributed to UR's 31 goals)...named to the national team of the week by *College Soccer News* (Oct. 14) ... netted game-winner in Richmond's 1-0 victory over Rhode Island in the A-10 semifinals...scored in 3-0 victory over Adelphi...assisted on Ben Corfield's game-winner at George Washington...scored the game-winners in three straight games, all on the road (Dayton, Xavier, Saint Joseph's) ... recorded the third and final goal in 3-1 victory against St. Bonaventure.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** First-team all-CAA honoree...appeared in all 19 matches with 18 starts...made immediate impact, leading team with nine goals, seven assists and 25 total points...scored his first collegiate goal in 3-0 win versus Cincinnati at Nike/ALLTEL Soccer Classic...had two goals, including game-winning strike in 6-1 victory over Pennsylvania in opening round of the UR-Nike Challenge Cup ... netted two more goals in title match, 4-2 victory over Saint Bonaventure...had 10 total points during tournament and garnered MVP accolades...had decisive goal in Richmond's 2-1 victory at Radford...found back of the net versus George Mason...had Spiders' lone goal in 1-1 tie against cross-town rival VCU...had Spiders' first goal and assisted on other two in 3-2 double overtime win at Georgetown...assisted on Nate Adam's first-half goal in 1-0 win over William & Mary.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Attended Upper Moreland High School in Hatboro, Pa....garnered NSCAA Regional All-American honors following senior season...three-time all-state, all-region and all-league selection...paced his club team, FC Delco Black, to state and regional titles as a junior...paced his club team to National Final Four...five-time State Select ODP player...two-sport star, took home first-team all-state swimming honors following his junior and senior seasons...business administration major...son of George and Judy Holiday...born February 26, 1982.

**HOLIDAY'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2000	19-18	40	9	7	25
2001	21-20	47	8	3	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40-38</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>44</b>

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**Steve Hutcheson**



*Sophomore • Forward • 5-11  
Sinking Spring, Pa.  
(Wilson)*

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in four matches...fired one shot during the season, making it count as it was the game-winner in 2-0 victory at Temple...the victory over the Owls was Richmond's fourth consecutive shutout which tied the school single-season record.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:**

Three-year starter and four-year letterman for Wilson High School soccer team...senior team captain...earned varsity track letter as a senior...member of Nittany Quasars club team...indoor state champions...Cocoa Expo (Fla.) champions...played in England, Scotland, Wales, Germany and The Netherlands...five-year starter on ODP state team...undecided on major...son of Brian and Anne Hutcheson...born July 5, 1983.

**HUTCHESON'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2001	4-0	1	1	0	2

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**Paul Kelly**



*Sophomore • Midfielder • 5-9  
Durban, South Africa  
(The Taft School)*

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in 19 matches, earning four starts...fired 21 shots, including seven shots on goal...netted one goal and two assists for four total points...scored first goal in 2-1 victory at George Washington...assisted on Ken Holiday's lone goal in victory at Dayton...assisted on Bret Myers' goal in 2-1 victory over Duquesne.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Lettered in tennis, cricket and soccer at Durban High School...member of U-19 Durban provincial and state teams...Western New England Prep League all-star at The Taft School...undecided on major...son of Barrie Kelly...born January 24, 1982.

**KELLY'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2001	19-4	21	1	2	4

Paul Kelly



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Adam Kost

*Sophomore • Back • 6-0  
Massapequa, N.Y.  
(St. Anthony's)*

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Missed entire season due to injury.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Two-year captain at St. Anthony's High School...CHSAA League champion...earned all-league honors as a senior...member of West Babylon Panthers club team...state champions in 1995, 1996, 1998 and 2000...regional and national champions in 2000...member of Long Island Select team and Empire State team...undecided on major...son of Charles and Catherine Kost...born February 14, 1983.

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Mike Nwaneri

*Junior • Goalkeeper • 6-0  
Maplewood, N.J.  
(Columbia)*

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Did not appear in a match.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Did not appear in a match.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Attended Columbia High School in Maplewood, N.J....three-year varsity letter-winner...named first team all-state, all-county and all-area...garnered county Goalkeeper of the Year honors...selected to travel to Europe and train with professional teams and players...played for Cougar Spartans club team...won Martin Luther King, Jr. Association Award and Civic Participation Award...leadership and economics major...born April 29, 1982.

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D.J. Tognarelli

*Junior • Midfielder • 5-11  
Richmond, Va.  
(J.R. Tucker)*

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Appeared in all 21 matches with three starts...took 18 shots, including six shots on goal...recorded two assists...assisted on Stephen Douglas' goal in 3-1 loss at Massachusetts...assisted on Cam Letke's game-winner against St. Bonaventure.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in 19 matches with 18 starts...took nine shots on goal...had two assists for two total points...registered assist on first goal of match in Richmond's 6-1 win over Pennsylvania in first round of UR-Nike Challenge Cup...recorded assist on first goal in Spiders' 2-0 win over Lafayette.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Attended J.R. Tucker High School in Richmond, Va....first-team all-region and all-district honoree his junior year...District and Regional Player of the Year and first team All-State as a senior...regional all-academic team and Virginia High School Association All-Star Team...four-year member of Virginia State ODP Team...starred for 2000 squad that captured national championship...was member of Richmond Strikers club team that was crowned state champions in 1995, 1996 and 2000...chemistry major...son of Dave and Sue Tognarelli...born February 3, 1982.

**TOGNARELLI'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2000	19-18	9	0	2	2
2001	21-3	18	0	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40-21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>



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*Co-Captain*

**Joe Vidmar**

*Junior • Back • 6-0  
Brookfield, Ill.  
(Lyons Township)*

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Appeared in all 21 matches, earning 16 starts...took 16 shots, including six shots on goal...registered one assist...assisted on Bryan Waggoner's game-winner at George Mason.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in 18 matches with 12 starts...took 18 shots on goal ... had two assists for two total points ... registered assist in

Richmond's 4-2 win over Saint Bonaventure in second round of UR-Nike Challenge Cup ... recorded assist on Spiders' second goal against George Mason.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Attended Lyons Township High School in Brookfield, Ill....paced his team to back-to-back sectional championships his junior and senior seasons...played on Illinois State Select Team and Region II ODP Team for five consecutive years (1995-99)...member of Under-16 National Team Pool...bolstered his club team, Windy City FC, to 1999 Capitol Cup Championship...named all-state as senior...played on Midwest Regional ODP Team in 1999...named to *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times* all-state teams...history and sociology major...son of John and Dawn Vidmar...born September 16, 1982.

**VIDMAR'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2000	18-12	18	0	2	2
2001	21-16	16	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39-28</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

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**Chris Zuk**

*Junior • Back • 5-9  
Baltimore, Md.  
(McDonogh School)*

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Appeared in all 21 matches, earning 15 starts...recorded two shots...played on a defense that posted 10 shutouts, tying a Richmond single-season record ... part of a defense that did not allow a goal at the VCU Nike/ALLTEL Classic and during the A-10 Championships ... helped Richmond record a school record-

tying four consecutive shutouts, all in conference action.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in three matches.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Attended McDonogh School in Owings Mills, Md....was four-year varsity letter-winner and three-year starter...bolstered team to three-year record of 64-12-7...squad recorded 42 shutouts with Zuk anchoring defense...honored as team captain...1999 Eagle Award recipient...named first-team all-county, all-city and garnered second-team all-metro team honors...four-year member of Maryland State ODP Team, including Scotland Travel Team...paced club team, FC Potomac, to 2000 state championship and 1999 state finals...captained wrestling team and was ranked in state of Maryland...also played varsity lacrosse...business administration major...son of Al and Judy Zuk...born April 12, 1982.

**ZUK'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	MP-MS	Sh	G	A	P
2000	3-0	0	0	0	0
2001	21-15	2	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24-15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# Newcomers

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**Jason Bailey**

*Junior • Back/Midfielder • 5-10  
Raleigh, N.C. (Fuquay-Varina/Campbell Univ.)*

**AS A SOPHOMORE (at Campbell):** Appeared in 17 matches, with 16 starts...fired 14 shots, netting two goals...also recorded two assists for a total of six points...registered a goal and assist in 4-1 win over Appalachian State...scored in 2-1 loss at UNC Greensboro.

**AS A FRESHMAN (at Campbell):** Played in 13 matches as a freshman, including six starts...recorded his first career point when he registered an assist in 6-3 win over

Elon...assisted on game-winning goal in 5-0 triumph over UNC Wilmington...scored first collegiate goal at Appalachian State.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Selected as the Five County 3-A Conference Player of the Year as a senior at Fuquay-Varina High School...a two-time all-conference selection who was also named all-region in final season...led team with 30 goals scored as a

senior...four-time Pepsi Scholar- Athlete selection...led team to two conference championships and three state playoff berths in final three varsity seasons.

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**Warren Cunningham**

*Sophomore • Forward • 6-2  
Durban, S. Africa (Durban/Nova Southeastern U.)*

**AS A FRESHMAN (at Nova Southeastern U.):** Played in, and started, 17 matches for NSU, an NAIA school in Fort Lauderdale, Fla....garnered all-region and all-Florida Sun Conference honors...fired 36 shots on net, recording a team-leading 10 goals...three of his goals were of the game-winning variety...also dished out four assists as he totaled a team-best 24 points.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Helped lead Pinetown & Districts to the District Championship games from 1997-1999, winning the championship each year...son of Kevin Cunningham and Lynn Kesselaar...born January 6, 1982.



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**Micah Fisher**

*Freshman • Forward • 5-10  
Ithaca, N.Y. (Ithaca)*



**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Played his high school soccer for Ithaca High School...received all-region honors in 1999 and 2000...was the team's leading goal-scorer in 1999...captain of the 2000 squad...son of Larry and Lucy Fisher...born March 9, 1983.

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**Reed Milliken**

*Freshman • Back • 6-0  
Dallas, Texas (Trinity Christian Academy)*

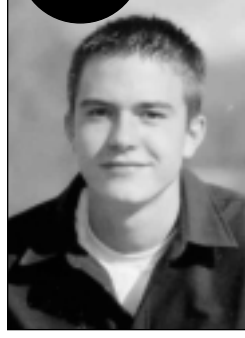


**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Three-year varsity letterwinner for Trinity Christian Academy...Captain and team MVP as a senior when he was named first team all-state, first team all-district, and the District's Defensive MVP for a second straight season...as both a sophomore and junior, garnered first team all-district honors and third team all-state honors...son of Stephen and Kirsten Milliken...born April 11, 1984.

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**Peter Hassler**

*Freshman • Goalkeeper • 6-4  
Westford, Vt. (Mount Mansfield Union)*



**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Played his high school soccer at Mount Mansfield Union...earned all-state honors ... three-sport athlete ... very athletic and competitive ... played in Twin States All Star Game as a senior.

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**Colin Vint**

*Freshman • Forward • 6-3  
Fairfax, Va. (Chantilly)*



**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Four-year varsity letterwinner for Chantilly High School...In 2001, was named first team all-district, first team all-Fairfax Journal, and second team all-region as his squad advanced to the State Finals...Captain of his club team, Gunston Team America...son of Peter and Rita Vint...born November 20, 1984.

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**Chris Lahoud**

*Freshman • Back • 6-3  
Fort Worth, Texas (Arlington Heights)*



**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Played his high school soccer for Arlington Heights High School...also played club soccer for the outstanding Solar '84 soccer club who advanced to the championship match of the Super Group at the 2002 Dallas Cup...strong defender with good ability in the air and tackling skills...should make an immediate

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**Steven Wolfe**

*Freshman • Midfielder • 6-1  
Richmond, Va. (Benedictine)*



**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Four-year varsity starter for Benedictine High School, where he is the all-time points leader...first team all-state selection as a senior...captain of senior year squad that won the Virginia Independent School State Title...team also crowned 1999 State Catholic Champions in his sophomore season during which he registered 15 goals and nine assists, for 39 points...MVP of 2002 St. Valentine's Day tournament...all-tournament at 2001 St. Valentine's Day tournament and 2001 Eastern Mennonite Classic...Virginia State ODP in 1997 and 1998...son of David and Amelia Wolfe...born June 5, 1984.

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**Brian McDonald**

*Freshman • Back • 6-1  
Kisdorf, Germany (KBS Norderstedt)*



impact in 2002.  
**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Most recently played for Kisdorf in Northern Germany...a six-time County Cup winner, three-time County Indoor championship winner...also was part of Regional championship team...son of Gerd-Jurgen Schmidt and Esther Hilary Mary McDonald...born December 31, 1980.

# The UR Nike Challenge Cup

## Richmond To Host Seventh UR-Nike Challenge Cup

### ALL-TIME RESULTS

#### 2000 (Champion - SPIDERS)

Friday, September 15

East Carolina 2, St. Bonaventure 0  
SPIDERS 6, Pennsylvania 1

Saturday, September 16

Pennsylvania 2, East Carolina 1  
SPIDERS 4, St. Bonaventure 2

#### 1999 (Champion - Jacksonville)

Friday, September 17

Jacksonville 2, Richmond 1 (OT)  
VCU 1, Wisconsin 0

Saturday, September 18

Richmond 4, Wisconsin 2  
Jacksonville 2, VCU 0

#### 1998 (Champion - SPIDERS)

Friday, September 18

Army 3, East Carolina 1  
SPIDERS 0, Colgate 0

Saturday, September 19

East Carolina 1, Colgate 0  
SPIDERS 5, Army 1

#### 1997 (Champion - Ohio State)

Friday, September 19

Ohio State 1, Bradley 0  
Cincinnati 1, SPIDERS 0 (OT)

Sunday, September 21

Bradley 1, Cincinnati 0  
SPIDERS 0, Ohio State 0 (OT)

#### 1996 (Champion - SPIDERS)

Friday, September 20

New Hampshire 0, Lehigh 0  
(UNH advanced on penalty kicks, 5-4)  
SPIDERS 2, American 1 (OT)

Sunday, September 22

Lehigh 2, American 1  
SPIDERS 1, New Hampshire 0

#### 1995 (Champion - James Madison)

Friday, September 8

James Madison 2, UNC Greensboro 0  
SPIDERS 4, Hofstra 1

Saturday, September 9

James Madison 3, Hofstra 0  
UNC Greensboro 5, SPIDERS 2

2002 University of Richmond-  
Nike Challenge Cup  
September 13-14  
First Market Stadium

Friday, September 13  
Va. Commonwealth vs. Howard,  
5:30 p.m.  
SPIDERS vs. Lehigh, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 14  
Va. Commonwealth vs. Lehigh,  
5:30 p.m.  
SPIDERS vs. Howard, 8:00 p.m.

Through its continuing partnership with Nike, the Spiders' men's soccer program will host the seventh annual University of Richmond-Nike Challenge Cup this season. Along with the host Spiders, this year's field includes Howard University, Lehigh University and Virginia Commonwealth University.

The two matches mark the beginning of Richmond's nine-match home schedule, plus the A-10 Championships, to be played at First Marker Stadium.

### 2002 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

This year's field includes two teams that have previously seen action in the UR-Nike Challenge Cup and one newcomer to the tournament. VCU, who appeared in 1999, will take on first-timer Howard, out of the Atlantic Soccer Conference, in Friday's first match. Friday's second match pits the Spiders versus Lehigh, who participated in the 1996 UR-Nike Challenge Cup. The Mountain Hawks, members of the Patriot League, were nationally ranked for the first time ever in 2001. Saturday VCU faces Lehigh in the early game, and then Richmond entertains Howard. The Spiders are 1-2 all-time versus Howard and 0-1 against Lehigh.

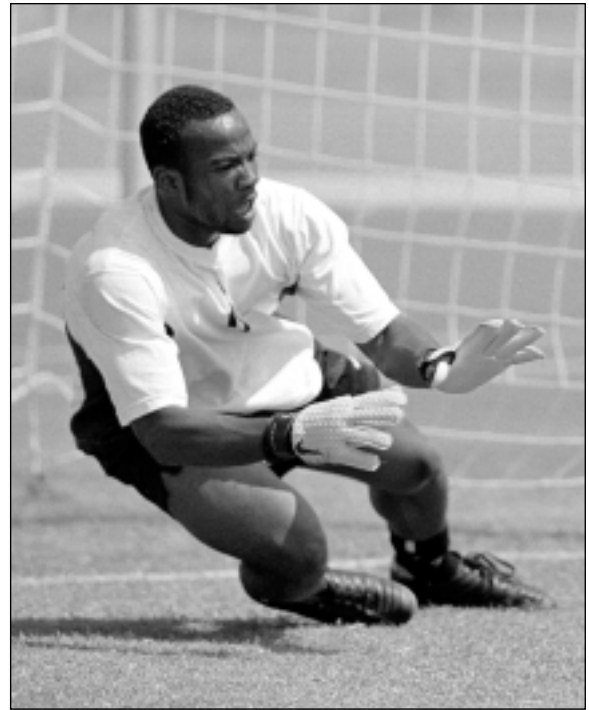
### 2002 A POSITIVE SIGN FOR RICHMOND

In even-numbered years that the UR-Nike Challenge Cup has been held, the Spiders have an unbeaten record of 5-0-1 in the event and have won the championship all three years. Conversely, Richmond is 2-3-1 in odd-numbered years, for a six-year record of 7-3-2. With the cancellation of last season's event, head coach Jeff Gettler and his squad will look to win consecutive UR-Nike Challenge Cup titles for the first time ever.

### 2000 TOURNAMENT RECAP

East Carolina shutout St. Bonaventure 2-0 in the first match of the 2000 UR-Nike Challenge Cup. Richmond then exploded for four first-half goals on its way to a 6-1 victory over Pennsylvania. Saturday, the Penn Quakers bounced back and edged the ECU Pirates 2-1 in the second round. Richmond then went on to win the UR-Nike Challenge Cup by recording a 4-2 victory over St. Bonaventure.

Richmond freshman forward Ken Holiday tallied 10 points in two matches to garner Most Valuable Player honors. He scored two goals and registered an assist in each of the Spiders' two victories. Holiday was joined on the all-tournament team by senior backs Jon Tihen, Justin Usher and Craig Ziadie.



Mike Nwaneri

# 2001 Year in Review/Honors



## SPIDERS IMPRESS IN INAUGURAL ATLANTIC 10 SEASON

Richmond concluded its 2001 season with a record of 13-6-2, including an 8-3-0 finish in the Atlantic 10 and a trip to the conference championship match, all in the Spiders' first season of Atlantic 10 action. The 13 wins is tied for the third-most ever in a season at Richmond as head coach **Jeff Gettler** has now led the team to double-digit wins in four straight seasons while also amassing six consecutive winning seasons, both school bests.

## HONORING ALEXANDER

Senior goalkeeper **Shawn Alexander** had a standout season in net for the Spiders as he recorded an identical 0.91 GAA both overall and in A-10 matches. The senior, who played every minute of the season, earned Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year honors for his efforts and was also named an All-American.

## MUCH TO DO ABOUT NOTHING

The Spiders posted 10 shutouts on the season, tying a school record set in both 1989 and 1990. Included in these blankings were four consecutive shutouts, again matching the record set by the 1990 squad. The Spiders also finished the year with three straight shutouts, including the A-10 championships where they did not allow a goal in 240 minutes.

## CLASSROOM SUCCESS

Seven men's soccer players were placed on the A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll, which honors student-athletes with a GPA of 3.0 or better. One honoree, **Bret Myers**, was also named to the NSCAA Men's Scholar-Athlete Regional Second Team.

## ANOTHER ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON

For the second straight season, **Ken Holiday** led the team in goals and points with eight and 19, respectively. Half of the all-South Atlantic region performer's eight tallies were of the game-winning variety, including a stretch of three consecutive matches

## PROFESSIONALLY SPEAKING

**Shawn Alexander** was selected in the first round of the USL A-League Draft by the Richmond Kickers. **Bret Myers** was also later signed by the hometown club.

## MOVING ON UP

Three seniors moved their way up the all-time Richmond career charts. **Cam Letke** is ninth in goals (22) and tenth in points (56), while **Bret Myers** is tied for sixth in assists (21). **Shawn Alexander** is first in GAA (1.00), and fourth in both shutouts (22) and saves (235).



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## ROAD WARRIORS

The Spiders played 15 of their 21 matches away from First Market Stadium, including 11 of their first 12, yet still finished with an impressive 13-win season thanks to a non-home record of 9-4-2.

## 2001 SEASON ACCOLADES

### Shawn Alexander

Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year  
*College Soccer News* Third Team All-American  
First Team All-Atlantic 10  
First Team All-State by Va. SIDs  
Second Team All-South Atlantic Region  
Three-Time Atlantic 10 Player of the Week  
*College Soccer News* Goalkeeper of the Week  
(Sept. 2)  
*Soccer America* Team of the Week (Sept. 30)  
MVP of VCU Nike/ALLTEL Classic  
Atlantic 10 All-Championship Team

### Tim Bezbatchenko

Duke/adidas Soccer Classic All-Tournament Team

### Grant Dickens

Second Team All-Atlantic 10  
Second Team All-State by Va. SIDs  
*College Soccer News* Third Team All-Freshman Team  
Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team  
Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week (Sept. 9)  
Atlantic 10 All-Championship Team  
Duke/adidas Soccer Classic All-Tournament Team

### Eric Dutt

VCU Nike/ALLTEL Classic All-Tournament Team

### Ken Holiday

Second Team All-South Atlantic Region  
*College Soccer News* National Team of the Week (Oct. 14)  
Atlantic 10 All-Championship Team

### Cam Letke

Atlantic 10 Co-Player of the Week (Nov. 4)

### Bret Myers

NSCAA East Region Scholar Athlete – Second Team  
Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team  
VCU Nike/ALLTEL Classic All-Tournament Team

### Chris Redhage

VCU Nike/ALLTEL Classic All-Tournament Team



# Atlantic 10 Conference



## 2001 ATLANTIC 10 MEN'S SOCCER

Regular Season Champion: Rhode Island

Tournament Champion: Massachusetts

Offensive Player of the Year: Jeff Deren (Massachusetts)

Defensive Player of the Year: *Shawn Alexander (Richmond)*

Rookie of the Year: Arnar Johannsson (George Washington)

Coach of the Year: Ed Bradley (Rhode Island)

## 2001 A-10 STANDINGS

Team	A-10 W-L-T	Overall W-L-T
Rhode Island	9-2-0	13-4-1
Dayton	8-2-1	11-7-2
Massachusetts	8-3-0	15-6-1
<b>Richmond</b>	<b>8-3-0</b>	<b>13-6-2</b>
Geo. Washington	6-5-0	9-7-0
Xavier	5-6-0	7-11-1
St. Joseph's	4-5-2	10-7-2
La Salle	4-6-1	6-9-2
Duquesne	4-7-0	6-8-1
Fordham	3-8-0	4-14-0
Temple	3-8-0	4-13-1
St. Bonaventure	2-9-0	6-12-0

### A-10 Semifinals

Massachusetts 4, Dayton 2  
 Richmond 1, Rhode Island 0

### A-10 Championship

Richmond 0, Massachusetts 0, 4OT  
 UMass advances on penalty kicks, 4-3

The University of Richmond begins its second year as an all-sports member of the Atlantic 10 conference, which enters its 27<sup>th</sup> year of existence.

The institutions that make up the Atlantic 10 Conference are committed to providing a broad-based, competitive athletic environment without sacrificing the high ideals of scholarship and sportsmanship. The University of Dayton, Duquesne University, Fordham University, The George

Washington University, La Salle University, University of Massachusetts, University of Rhode Island, University of Richmond, St. Bonaventure University, Saint Joseph's University, Temple University, and Xavier University each offer a rich blend of proud academic and athletic traditions to form an impressive athletic alliance.

If a conference bases its success on the achievements of its student-athletes and teams, then the 2001-02 season was successful. That success was highlighted by six men's and three women's basketball teams earning postseason bids. On the men's side, Xavier earned the Atlantic 10's automatic bid to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, while Dayton, Richmond, St. Bonaventure, Saint Joseph's, and Temple all earned NIT berths. Temple finished third in the NIT and Richmond advanced to the quarterfinal round. Temple's women basketball team earned its first NCAA berth since 1989, while George Washington and Saint Joseph's represented the Conference in the WNIT. In baseball, the Atlantic 10 sent two teams to the NCAA Tournament for the first time ever as George Washington and Richmond garnered bids, with the Spiders falling one game short of the College World Series. Dayton garnered the automatic bid to the NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament and advanced to the Sweet 16; Massachusetts sent three teams to NCAA tournament play as UMass teams qualified in field hockey, softball, and men's soccer. Richmond sent teams to the men's

and women's tennis tournaments; Xavier participated in the NCAA Volleyball Tournament; Temple played in the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Tournament; and Rhode Island represented the Atlantic 10 in the NCAA Golf Tournament.

In all, 320 teams have represented the Atlantic 10 Conference in postseason play since the 1976-77 season.

Atlantic 10 student-athletes excel in the classroom as well. The Atlantic 10 sponsors several academic awards programs, including Academic All-Conference teams in each of its sports and the Commissioner's Honor Roll, which honored an Atlantic 10 record 1,668 student-athletes with a 3.0 grade point average or better this past year. The league also cites a male and female Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and awards for postgraduate scholarships to student-athletes who express a desire to continue their education.

On June 14, 1994, Linda Bruno was officially introduced as the Atlantic 10's fourth commissioner. As commissioner, Bruno has strengthened the Atlantic 10's membership with the additions of Dayton, Fordham, La Salle, and Richmond, thus assuring the Conference's future. Bruno also negotiated a pair of television deals with ESPN that provides greater exposure for the Atlantic 10's athletic programs. She relocated the league office to Philadelphia, placing it in the center of the Atlantic 10's geographic footprint. Under her leadership, the Atlantic 10 has increased its championship schedule to 22 sports with the additions of women's rowing, men's and women's outdoor track & field, and women's lacrosse. Bruno also spearheaded the league's entrance into Division I football with the formation of the Atlantic 10 Football Conference in 1997. In addition, in an effort to recognize the athletic and academic achievements of all student-athletes, Bruno instituted the Commissioner's Honor Roll, which cites every Atlantic 10 student-athlete with a 3.0 gpa or better.

The Atlantic 10 Conference will crown champions in 21 sports this season: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's golf, women's lacrosse, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track & field, women's rowing, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's swimming & diving, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball.

## 2001 ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

	First Team	Second Team
<b>Forwards:</b>	Jeff Deren (UMass) Gareth Elliott (URI) Sunday Isename (Dayton)	Arnar Johannsson (GWU) Andrew Kulinski (SJU) Nicholas McCreath (URI) Matthew Osborne (GWU) Michael Goldman (GWU)
<b>Midfielders:</b>	Rob Bakker (Xavier) Yuri Morales (UMass) Matt Pilkington (GWU) Dennis Richards (URI)	Ahmad Manning (URI) Erik Nelson (Dayton) Steve Wacker (Temple)
<b>Backs:</b>	J.R. Pouncey (UMass) Ross Smith (UMass) Tiest Sondaal (Xavier)	Denny Clanton (Dayton) <b>Grant Dickens (UR)</b> Sam Fiore (Xavier)
<b>Goalkeeper:</b>	<b>Shawn Alexander (UR)</b>	Terry McNelis (Duquesne)