

2009 Men's Soccer Schedule

Sept. 4	Cedarville	Home	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Point Park	Home	3 p.m.
Sept. 9	Penn State Altoona	Home	4 p.m.
Sept. 12	Hilbert	Away	3 p.m.
Sept. 16	Penn State Behrend	Away	4 p.m.
Sept. 19	Baldwin Wallace	Home	1 p.m.
Sept. 23	Heidelberg	Away	4 p.m.
Sept. 26	Carnegie Mellon	Away	noon
Sept. 29	Juniata	Away	4 p.m.
Oct. 2	Wash. & Jeff.*	Home	4 p.m.
Oct. 6	Thiel*	Away	3 p.m.
Oct. 10	Geneva	Away	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	Bethany*	Away	3 p.m.
Oct. 17	Waynesburg*	Home	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	St. Vincent	Home	1 p.m.
Oct. 24	Thomas More*	Away	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Fredonia State	Home	3 p.m.
Oct. 31	Westminster*	Away	TBA

* PAC match

Brothers, teammates, award winners

Last spring, two sophomore soccer players, Austin and Daniel Bernal, won the College's Business Plan Competition with their idea to start a construction cleanup company based in their hometown of Tucson.

The plan highlighted their experience and connections in the industry and the unique entry opportunity in the midst of the current recession. The clean-up company had an interesting twist – donating unused materials to local charities such as Habitat for Humanity.



Daniel '11 and Austin' 11 Bernal

This was the second year that the brothers had entered the competition. The year before, as freshmen, they were defeated in the first round. And that defeat just made this year's victory – along with the \$4,500 prize – all the more worth it.

Support this year has been outstanding as usual. Please know that your contribution is deeply appreciated.

Thank you very, very much!

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Jake Kern '11 and an experienced team are looking to bounce back in 2009.

Team looks to rebound

After many hard lessons in the 2007 and 2008 seasons, the men's soccer team looks to rebound in a big way in 2009.

For the last two years, the team has been young – extremely young. During a portion of the 2008 season, seven of the starters were sophomores. With eight starters returning this year, the Wolverine team now can look to experience as one of its assets.

Senior Sean Osborne plans to continue his solid performance in goal. The converted forward allowed only five goals in eight conference games last year. Osborne is joined in defense by juniors Dave Larkin, Zach Barzanty and Evan Harding. While the team lost captain Jack Adams in central defense, the experience of Osborne and company should be able to match or improve upon the goals against average.

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Huckel stays true to Wettig's Hall of Fame spirit

If you ask 1968 graduate Jack Huckel how he has excelled in his soccer career for the last 40 or so years, his answer will be simple – Cliff Wettig. In numerous conversations during the years, Huckel has consistently referenced Wettig, the men's soccer coach from 1962 to 1971, as the man who helped shape a career that has included playing, coaching, studying and administering the game he loves.

Huckel is currently the director of museum and archives for the National Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, N.Y., and has been with

the Hall since 2000. Prior to working at the Hall of Fame, Huckel coached high school soccer for 10 years and college for 20 years. During his collegiate career, he was an assistant at George Mason and head coach at the Maine Maritime Academy and Skidmore College. He led the Maritime team to two



Jack Huckel '68

NAIA tournament berths during his tenure with the academy.

Early in 2009, Huckel, a 35-year member of the National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA), was elected as secretary of the NSCAA. This position, which is elected by the members of the NSCAA, truly demonstrates what a stellar career Huckel has had. He will continue his duties at the Hall of Fame, organizing events, gathering information and artifacts and rubbing elbows with soccer greats of past and present.

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Meet the seniors: Osborne, Metz take lead

Sean Osborne

Major: Mechanical engineering
Position: Goaltender

Osborne has a varied sports background that involves ice hockey and golf. Was a forward for the Wolverines until the 2008 season and became the starting goalie in the fifth game. Also a member of the College golf team.



Joel Metz

Major: Mechanical engineering
Position: Central midfielder

Metz worked himself into a starting role early in the 2008 season and never looked back. He has spent the last two summers working internships in the Kittanning, Pa., area. Often referred to as the "grizzly bear."



Team hones skills, plays D-II foes during spring

During the offseason, organized practice time is scarce – very scarce. The NCAA limits the number of coach-led practice opportunities to 15 sessions over a five week period plus one day of formal competition. Of course, during the rest of the offseason, the team has an unlimited number of opportunities to get together on their own, but as we all remember practice is something different when Coach is present.

This spring, the team set out to maximize every opportunity to get better individually and as a group. During each session they spent the lion's share of time participating in technical training and functional training by position. In addition, numerous small-sided games emphasized possession and quick transition. At times, only 18 or so healthy bodies were available so each session normally concluded with some 9-v-9 play.

After three weeks of hard training, the team traveled to Penn State Behrend in Erie, Pa., for a short matches against Mercyhurst and Gannon, both Division II, and Penn State Behrend, Division III.

In the opening match, the Wolverines took on Mercyhurst for 50 minutes. The team opened the scoring early and continued to fill the net enroute to a 4-1 victory. The one goal was conceded on a penalty kick called on the

goalkeeper.

Coach Dreves was very pleased with the result. "Anytime you play a match when the starting goalkeeper is missing due to a golf tournament and your starting central midfielder is at home for disciplinary reasons, it is difficult to be over-confident. To their credit, the team performed admirably, possessing the ball and attacking with flair. Overall, it was a wonderful performance."

After a short lunch break, the next opponent was Gannon, who came out inspired and pushed the pace early in the 50-minute match. Although under pressure, Grove City took an early lead and continued to hold on until the final 10 minutes. During the last portion of the game, the second set of defenders in the flat back four, along with the substitute goaltender (Penn State Behrend's back-up), began to crack. Gannon forced three clean breakaways, missing one chance, scoring on another and then being awarded a penalty kick on the third. They scored on the penalty kick and defeated Grove City 2-1.



Erich Beyer '11

Grove City took on Penn State Behrend in the final match of the day. Behrend was keen to beat the Wolverines after Grove City stole the game from them in the fall by scoring in the final seconds of the second overtime at College Field.

Fighting wind off the lake and a vicious drop-kick from the Behrend net minder, Grove City held together for most of the match and clutched to a 1-0 lead with two minutes remaining. After a foul outside the 18-yard box and several failed clearances, a Behrend wing midfielder found himself with the ball at the edge of the box near the flank. He fired a cross that turned into a shot as it glanced off a defender and landed in the far post for an own goal tying the score at 1-1. With desperation, the Wolverines possessed the ensuing kick-off to the top of their opponent's 18-yard box and worked the ball centrally for a final shot. Unfortunately, the shot was wide right and the match finished tied 1-1.

Overall, it was an excellent day given the results and experience gained. Hopefully, the team can build off of the offensive success and carry the goal scoring into the 2009 season.

The men's soccer team would also like to send a special thank you to all of the alumni who contributed funds to make participating in this play date possible. THANK YOU ALUMNI!

In Memory

Charles E. 'Chuck' Holmes: March 9, 1949 – Dec. 14, 2008

Four-year letterman played for Wettig, helped win title

Charles Holmes, No. 14, was a four-year letterman who played left halfback for Coach Cliff Wettig in the '67 through '70 seasons. During those years, the Wolverines were a combined 29-12-1, which included winning the Western Pennsylvania Conference crown in 1970, the first year that the conference existed. One of his favorite stories was after Grove City beat the University of Pittsburgh in '67 and then again in '68 playing on the outfield of Forbes Field, Pitt's coach asked Coach Wettig how many scholarships he had because Pittsburgh only had 11 full scholarships. Everyone got a pretty good laugh out of that.

After graduation, his favorite times were always spent with his wife and two sons. Holmes worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Ross Laboratories in New Jersey and the greater Philadelphia area before retiring in 2004. He was a Class "A" rated handball player and always credited Coach Joe Kopnisky for



Above: Chuck, left, and George Holmes, right, both of Class of 1971, with Coach Cliff Wettig at graduation. Right: Chuck Holmes and his twin brother, George, both played varsity soccer.

getting him interested in handball while at Grove City. He was also very active in refereeing soccer and volleyball as well as umpiring softball and baseball. He loved to ride his Harley, too.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mary Ellen "Mel," and sons, Charles "Charlie" Holmes Jr., and James "Jimmy" Holmes. Also surviving are his brother Hubert Holmes, Jane Segletes, and his twin brother, George Holmes '71, who started as a goalie and then was transitioned to center halfback where he played alongside his brother during their junior and senior years.



Seeking noms

If you played with an outstanding teammate, please consider nominating him for the Soccer Hall of Fame.

Nominations are easy! Simply go to www.gcc.edu/sports, navigate to the soccer page and click on the "Hall of Fame Information" link for more information. You can also send an e-mail to soccer@gcc.edu, fax to (724) 458-3855 or mail your nomination to Box 3074, 100 Campus Dr., Grove City, PA 16127. Don't delay; nominate someone today!

Team pays tribute to alumni

Mark your calendars for the first weekend in October as the College and the men's soccer team pay tribute to their alumni.

On Friday, Oct. 2, the team is set to take on the visiting Washington & Jefferson Presidents in an important conference match. The match is set for 4 p.m. at College Field.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, the soccer alumni get involved as the current players take on the alumni in the annual Hall of Fame game at 10:30 a.m.

Prior to the game, the 2009 Soccer Hall of Fame

inductees (see article on page 4) are recognized in a special ceremony. The festivities conclude with a luncheon and award ceremony immediately following the game.

It is always an outstanding weekend and a great way for the soccer family to reconnect.

Please plan on coming – and plan on contacting a former teammate or two and encouraging them to come as well.

Any alumni with questions should contact Coach Dreves at (724) 458-2151.

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Even as his soccer career continues to expand, he continues to credit Coach Wettig as the man who made it all happen. "Coach provided me with an opportunity to grow while playing soccer," Huckel said. "I am forever in his debt as a person of insight and humor, strength and honesty. I truly would not be the person I am without his guidance." Wettig's era at the College is one of legendary status: the highest winning percentage of any coach, two NCAA invitations and coach of six members of the Soccer Hall of Fame. With the lifelong dedication and influence of Huckel, you can add one more story to the legend.

'The Wonder Years'

Alum plans book honoring program's 75-year history

By Angelo Mariotti '78

*To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die. - Thomas Campbell*

Memories are fleeting and as a result are delicate and frail. When we fail to hold onto our memories, we lose the things we love, the things that make us what we are and the things we really never want to relinquish. In American society, we spend a significant amount of time trying to retain our memories by taking pictures, recording videos, telling stories, keeping written records and retaining mementos. All of these labors are arranged with the idea that the past is never dead.

Players who recount stories from their playing days preserve memories and allow all of us to vicariously relive fond memories of Grove City College teammates, coaches and friends. George Holmes '71 recently shared a story about the spirited '68 team coached by Cliff Wettig. After a 2-1 drubbing of the University of Pittsburgh (Grove City had more than five times the



'Tales from the Pitch' will feature stories about the influence of Coach Cliff Wettig, second from right, pictured with Bob Bishop '66, the late Bill Buchanan '66 and Paul Fletcher '66.

number of shots on goal), a frustrated Pitt head coach Leo Bemis asked Coach Wettig how many Grove City players had athletic scholarships. Much to the surprise of Bemis, who had 11 scholarship players, Wettig reported that he had no players with an athletic scholarship on the team. Like you, I would have loved to have seen the expression on the face of Coach Bemis.

It is amusing to consider that experiences on the athletic field are some of the strongest memories we carry with us as we age. As we near the 75th

anniversary of the Grove City College men's varsity soccer program, there is a genuine possibility that important portions of the legacy, tradition and heritage of men's varsity soccer will be lost forever. Because vivid stories and memories were not attached to the box scores and descriptions found in "The Collegian," the only way to preserve these images is if alumni players provide the context and texture of soccer during their time at the College.

More specifically, you can help to preserve the heritage of Grove City College soccer by

sending to me anecdotes about your playing days at Grove City. I would welcome any stories, pictures or memorabilia about: 1) the coach you played for, 2) interactions with teammates on or off the field, 3) why you played soccer at Grove City and/or 4) special moments for you as a soccer player. Coaches Don Lyle, Mike Dreves and I will take selected stories and preserve them with statistics and photos in a book that we are going to title "Tales from the Pitch."

The work on this book has already begun and I have received some stories from players during the Thorn years but more is needed from everyone. Please consider sending me a story about Grove City College soccer. No matter the era, what contribution you made, whether happy or sad, or whether victories or defeats, paint a picture for all soccer alumni of your "wonder years" at Grove City College. You can contact me at 1684 Oakhill Road, Columbus, OH 43220 or mariotti.3@osu.edu.

College to induct Zembower, Bishop into Soccer Hall of Fame

Grove City College will induct two former standouts into its Men's Soccer Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend October 3. W. Glenn Zembower '48 and Robert Bishop '66 comprise the ninth class of inductees. Their inclusion brings the total number of inductees to 25.

Zembower earned three letters for Grove City while playing inside right (midfield) from 1945 to 1947. He helped Grove City to a 10-7-4 record during his career. As a senior in 1947, he captained the team and led Grove

City in scoring.

Zembower also served as class president during his freshman and sophomore years as a student-athlete. As a senior, he became Student Council president at the College.

Bishop started all four seasons as a center forward and wing for Grove City from 1962 to 1965. He led Grove City in scoring in each of his last three seasons. During those three seasons, Grove City compiled a 24-1-2 overall record.

As a freshman in 1962, Bishop helped Grove

City earn its first-ever NCAA Championship Tournament invitation. He helped lead Grove City to a 9-0-0 record in 1964 and an 8-0-1 mark as a senior captain in 1965.

Bishop earned Second Team All Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Delaware as a junior before earning First Team recognition as a senior.

Grove City established its Men's Soccer Hall of Fame in 2001. The honorees will be introduced and recognized before the annual Hall of Fame Game October 3, which features alumni against current varsity players.

Dreves catches up with former captains

This past June, Coach Dreves had a chance to visit with former captains Mike Manahan and Tommy Bresson.

The three, along with several other former players and captains, were in attendance at the wedding of 2009 graduates Bob Terhune and Alicia McCune. Terhune was a tri-captain for the 2008 squad along with fellow seniors Matt Sol and Jack Adams.

The 2008 graduates have not taken long to establish themselves and make an impact at their current place-

ments. Manahan, a former all-conference goaltender and Senior Man and Sports-



Mike Manahan '08

man of the Year, just completed his first year of doctoral work. He is working towards his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at Penn State University. Specifically, he is working

on fuel cell research.

In his spare time, he is actively involved in his small group from church participating in Bible studies and numerous service projects.

Bresson's path has taken him a bit farther than central Pennsylvania - actually quite a bit farther, all the way to southern Germany. Bresson is working at the Black Forest Academy as a resident assistant.

Black Forest Academy is an accredited boarding school for missionary chil-

dren from around the world.

His basic responsibility is to help care for and minister to middle

and high school students at the Academy. Interestingly enough, the school has sent several students to Grove City College during the past few years.



Tommy Bresson '08

Changes in store for 2009 season **REBOUND** from page 1

After a brutal 2008 campaign, the Wolverines have some new opponents on the horizon for 2009. For the first time, the team will face Heidelberg College, Juniata College and Fredonia State University. The booters also meet Hilbert College for the first time since the early '90s.

The 2009 campaign also marks a realignment for the Presidents' Athletic Conference. The PAC will move from the Mid-Atlantic Region (Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia) to the Great Lakes Region (western

Interested in coming to a game?

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Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan). To count as an "in region" game, Grove City must play teams in the Great Lakes Region, teams in Pennsylvania or New York and any other team within a 200-mile radius. The move is in conjunction with the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC), which will also transfer from the Mid-Atlantic to the Great Lakes Region.

Overall, it should be a positive move because it adds a substantial amount of potential opponents.

In the midfield, senior Joel Metz and juniors Evan Moore and Erich Beyer hope to make up for the loss of Matt Sol and Bob Terhune. At forward, it should be old hat for juniors Jake Kern and Chuck Witt, who have been paired together quite often in previous years and were first and second respectively in scoring during 2008. Also expected to make contributions are juniors Alex Ford, Austin Bernal and Daniel Bernal, who will all look to fight for a starting role in midfield. The Wolverines also are looking for continued success from sophomores Zach Lewallen and Adam Brewer, who both had outstanding freshman campaigns.

In addition to losing tri-captains Adams, Sol and Terhune, the team will have to replace part-time starters and emotional leaders Paul Cardinal and Ben Kristobak. No senior class is ever easy to replace but, for the first time in several years, it should be less of a burden to ask a group of juniors and seniors to step up as opposed to freshmen and sophomores. Hopefully, after earning "veteran" status by being put into the fire early in their careers, these players and this team can turn things around.

Players earn honors for classwork

In 2008, the men's soccer team earned its first-ever National Soccer Coaches Association Academic Award by averaging a 3.02 grade point average for the 2007-08 academic year. The award, which is presented annually by the NCAA, is given to men's and women's teams that have a collective average of 3.0 or higher. In 2008, just over

100 men's programs in the country (Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA and NJCAA) earned the award. The Wolverines are set to earn the award again in 2009 after averaging a 3.08 for the 2008-09 academic school year. Several students earned 4.0s in the fall and spring. Hopefully, the team can continue this academic trend for years to come.