## 2009 Individual and Team Statistics

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2. Westminster
3. Grove City
5. Ursinus
6. Bethany
7. Gettysburg
8. McDaniel (provisional member)
9. Saint Vincent (provisional member)
On Oct. 3, over 50 soccer alumni returned to campus for this year’s Homecoming activities. While attendance was down slightly this fall, the alumni are still averaging over 60 strong for the last four years.

Many of those who returned saw the varsity team drop a close 1-0 decision to visiting Washington & Jefferson the day before. Friday’s weather was fairly awful, as rain soaked the field throughout most of the match. We’d be able to pull out the victory on a direct kick in the 82nd minute. The rain did not stay around for the weekend, however, as the College was graced with abundant sunshine for Saturday’s activities.

The Homecoming events start each year with a processionary march honoring the Hall of Fame inductees. Annually, the processional is led by Brian Wilkins ’98, left, playing his bagpipes during the Hall of Fame procession.

Brian Wilkins ’98, left, plays his bagpipes during the Hall of Fame procession. "Therefore, I do not run like a man running aimlessly, I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." - Alex Moore ’13

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This fall, Coach Mike Dreves and Athletic Director Don Lyle presented the award to the grounds crew at the College. The men on the grounds crew work tirelessly to keep campus looking its best all year round. In addition to landscaping and snow removal, they do all of the field maintenance on campus. Since the game field renovations began in 2001, their efforts have been paramount in allowing Grove City to have one of the premier grass fields in the area. Numerous times they have gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that the field was ready. At the awards portion of the Hall of Fame ceremony at Homecoming, crew member Mike Lengauer accepted the award. In addition, the grounds crew will be forever recognized on a plaque in the Physical Learning Center.

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There are the words of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Corinth where he encouraged the body of believers to work hard and fight for their faith so that they can receive a crown which will not perish. As a freshman, I came into college this year to ensure that the community of what to expect during the opening days of what would soon become my first year as a member of the Grove City College men’s soccer team. I like all the other players, had received a workshop packet at the beginning of the season that was more a tracer to training camp than a thorough explanation (perhaps that is why because coach wants freshmen to attend the camp and not be frightened out of attending). In this packet, coach informed future players that they would have the privilege of testing their fitness in the 120-by-10 sprints and the 10 minute mile. Theembeddedly apathy informed of the upcoming opportunities, I proceeded to camp somewhat confident of my ability to pass these tests after a summer of training. Coach, unfortunately, had forgotten to mention the captain’s run in the packet. The first few days of camp were tough but endurable. Things were interesting to the least. Between the morning devotions with the team and Erich Beever screaming in my face to “WORK HARDER,” I experienced both joy and rage to their fullest. That was until I heard stories of previous captain’s runs: I then felt horror (an emotion very similar to the one I experienced after being told about the infamous senior run). Needless to say, all the hype failed to truly depict the intensity of the captain’s run. It was much worse than I expected. Every step I took during the captain’s run was a battle with my body. I longed to quit and settle for jogging when I was told to sprint, but I knew that if I gave up, the pain of ridiculously sore legs was of much greater value than the few minutes of rest I would have gained by giving up. Soccer, like so many other sports, is not just about the fun of the game, it is about the life lessons learned though training and playing.

The captain’s run and pre-season taught me the meaning of Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 9:20-21. Those five days taught me that running for God is worth infinitely more than conceding to the trials of the moment, and for that I am thankful, because I now know to continue to fight for my faith so that “I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” - Alex Moore ’13

Summer south of the Equator

Building Homecoming bond

Homecoming weekend this past season (my sophomore season) was an opportunity for me to better understand the storied tradition carried by our soccer program.

Not knowing anyone in the alumni game last year besides Coach Dreves, I was merely a player in a game of soccer. This past year, however, I was a participant and contributor in the stories, laughter and good times that Homecoming weekend provides.

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It was this Past Homecoming weekend that I finally began to understand why the alumni came back year after year. They poured their hearts and souls out onto the fields at Grove City, and they take a much deserved pride in this devotion. In the years that Grove City has had an established men’s soccer program, tradition, excellence and pride have been handed down year after year.

Because of Homecoming weekend, I know that if I am able to make a small contribution to that tradition, then it will all have worthwhilte.

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Players put it in perspective

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Players honor teammates with awards

At the end of each season, the players vote for the recipients of their team awards. Each year, the team selects a Most Improved freshman (in honor of Phil Procopio, attended in the ’70s), an Outstanding Junior (in honor of Bill Buchanan ’07), a MVP (also in honor of Buchanan) and the David Henson Memorial Award. The Henson Award is given to the player who represents a high standard of leadership, dedication and inspiration.

This year’s award recipients are:

- Alex Ayer ’13
  Most Improved Freshman
- Evan Moore ’11
  Outstanding Junior
- Sean Osborne ’10
  Most Valuable Player
- Joel Metz ’10
  David Henson Memorial Award

Players make All-Conference team

At the annual Presidents’ Athletic Conference coaches meeting, five Wolverine soccer players were selected to the All-Conference team. Freshman and leading scorer Andrew Quinn was the lone Wolverine selected to the First Team. Quinn not only led the team in scoring, but was clutch late in the season when he scored four game-winning goals.

Recent grads join college coaching ranks

Sometimes your senior season doesn’t have to be the end of your soccer career. Two recent graduates, Barry Snyder ’08 and Jack Adams ’09, have proven that while the senior run may be the end of your competitive playing career, it doesn’t have to be the end of your soccer career.

Snyder, a former defender and 2008 MVP, entered the coaching ranks in 2008 as the head women’s soccer coach at Mount Aloysius College. “The Mount” is a small Division III college located in central Pennsylvania and competes in the Allegheny Mountain Athletic Conference. Adams, also a former defender and 2009 MVP, entered the coaching ranks this year and is charged with developing the men’s and women’s soccer programs at Penn State New Kensington, a two-year branch campus of Penn State University. This fall, Adams is heavily involved in recruiting and working through all of the logistics of building two programs from the ground up. His teams are scheduled to begin competition in the 2010 season.

Mark your day planner:

Homecoming
Oct. 8: Home match vs. Geneva, 4 p.m.
Oct. 9: Alumni game, 10:30 a.m.

Donations welcome
If you would like to support the men’s soccer program, make checks payable to Grove City College with “Men’s Soccer” on the memo line. Mail to Advancement Office, Grove City College, 100 Campus Dr., Grove City, PA 16127.

PAC switches regions; Drevses serves as rep.

Each fall, numerous coaches throughout the country meet via conference call to rank the best teams in each region. The country is divided into eight regions loosely based on geographic locations. Prior to 2009, Grove City College was located in the Mid-Atlantic region. This season, the Wolverines, along with the rest of the Presidents’ Athletic Conference, moved into the Great Lakes region.

For the past three seasons, Coach Drevses has served as the PAC representative on the ranking committee and will rotate off for the 2010 season. The committee has access to a large amount of data to compare teams including winning percentage and opponents’ winning percentage. A considerable amount of weight is put into each team’s strength of schedule. The weekly rankings become more important as the season goes along and are the primary criteria for selecting playoff teams that do not have an automatic qualifier in their conference and for ranking all teams that eventually qualify for the NCAA tournament.

Members of the committee also serve as site representatives during NCAA tournament matches.