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Wolverines strive for excellence



The Grove City College men's soccer team were 12-6-1 overall, with a 6-1-1 conference record in 2011.

The 2011 season was quite an adventure. After graduating 10 seniors off a roster of 27 from 2010, everyone on campus was asking how good the Wolverines would be following a 15-6-2 campaign. Combine that with what turned out to be one of the rainiest seasons in recent memory, the men's soccer team had numerous challenges to overcome.

How did the team fair?

"We had a wonderful year. We played great soccer this year and accomplished a lot, simply trying to do the right things every day. The season ended with some disappointment though, as we were good enough to win every game we played and had a shot at winning the conference," said men's coach Mike Dreves '97.

"We strive for excellence in everything we do and we are

intentional about everything in our program. Our team culture should set us up for success every year. Each day the team buys in more and more and commits to what we are trying to do. If that continues to happen we will set ourselves up for success.

Soccer is a funny game sometimes; crazy things can

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Josh Kern '13

Players earn Academic All-District

Three Grove City College men's soccer players earned Capital One/College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Division III Academic All-District honors this season from the region's sports information directors.

Senior forward Tim Boswell (Jonesborough, Tenn./Providence Academy), senior mid-

fielder Brian Eckenhoff (Mount Laurel, N.J./Lenape) and junior defender Josh Kern (Fairfield, Pa./Fairfield) all earned First Team recognition. As First Team honorees, all four student-athletes advance to the national Academic All-America ballot.

Boswell started all 19

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Wolverines honor teammates with awards

At the end of each season, players vote for the recipients of their team awards. The team selects a Most Improved Freshman (in honor of Phil Procopio, attended in the 70s), an Outstanding Junior and MVP (both in honor of Bill Buchanan '67), 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:



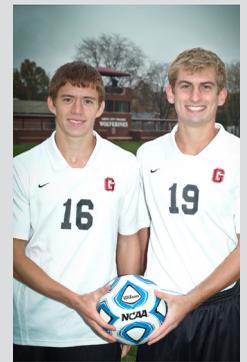
Jon Rothgeb '15
Most Improved Freshman



Andrew Quinn '13
Outstanding Junior



Adam Brewer '12
Most Valuable Player



**Brian Eckenhoff '12,
Mark Leach '12**
Memorial Award

All-Conference recognition

The Grove City College men's team placed three players on All-Presidents' Athletic Conference teams.

Junior forward Andrew Quinn (Damascus, Md./Damascus) and junior defender Josh Kern (Fairfield, Pa./Fairfield) both earned First Team honors. Senior midfielder Adam Brewer (Beaver, Pa./Beaver) merited Second Team All-PAC.

Quinn (pictured on left) led Grove City with 10 goals and 21 points in 18 games played. He ranked fourth in the conference in goals scored and second in the PAC with his team-leading five game-winning goals. Quinn also earned First Team All-PAC as a freshman in 2009.

Kern moved into the starting lineup

this year and helped lead a defense that posted six shutouts and yielded just eight goals in conference play. He started all 19 matches, contributing to Grove City's 1.23 goals-against average this year.

Brewer earned All-PAC Second Team for the third consecutive season after finishing the season with six goals and 12 points. He played in all 19 matches, making 16 starts. Brewer tied for second on the team in scoring and third in points.

Grove City tied for second in the conference during regular season play and qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Southern Championship Tournament.

Team gives back to community

In September, the men's soccer team took a break from practicing and gave back to the community by putting on a free youth soccer clinic. In conjunction with the Grove City Youth Soccer Association, the Wolverines spent time running u-6, u-8 and u-10 players through skill development and fun games at the Hunter Run soccer fields near the College. More than 100 youth attended and had an amazing time. The team holds a clinic each fall and spring and plans to continue to do so in the future.



Nominate a grad to the Hall of Fame

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

Nominations are easy! Go to www.gcc.edu/Soccer, navigate to the soccer page and click on the "Hall of Fame Information" link.

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.

Submit your nomination today!



Mark your calendar:

Homecoming 2012!

Sept. 21: Home vs. Point Park University, 4 p.m.

Sept. 22: Hall of Fame Game, 10:30 a.m.
Hall of Fame Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.
Hall of Fame Induction, 1:15 p.m.

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happen, but at the end of the day, if you continue to do the right things, you will be successful."

The team finished the regular season 12-4-1 and 6-1-1 in the conference. During the season, they came up with some big wins against rivals Penn State Behrend University and Carnegie Mellon University. The Behrend Lions qualified for the NCAA tournament and made the round of 32. The Wolverine win against CMU was the first against the Tartans since 1986.

The conference record earned the team a third place seed in the conference tournament thanks to a regular season tie with Geneva College and a goal differential tie breaker. This resulted in another game against conference rival Geneva in the semi-final match. After a hard fought game, the contest ended with a 1-0 loss for the

team. It was time to regroup and wait for a potential post-season invitation.

While the loss eliminated them from NCAA playoff contention, the team was very much in the hunt for an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) invitation. The Wolverines are no stranger to the tournament competing in 1995, 1996, 2001, 2005, 2006, and 2010 (winning in '96 and being runners up in '05 and '10). The team did indeed earn an invitation as the No. 7 seed and played No. 2 seed Medaille College in Buffalo.

While there are seeds in the tournament, regional location is often more important than record or strength of schedule. In 2006, the team earned the No. 8 seed and won its first round game, and in 2010, the team went to the finals as the No. 7 seed.

Again, Grove City felt the sting of a 1-0 defeat. In what turned into a midfield battle, the team held the high powered

Medaille Mavericks (87 goals scored in 24 matches) to just six shots overall (one in the first half) and only two on-goal.

"In the end, I am extremely proud of this team. We have won 27 games in the past two seasons – more than in any other consecutive seasons in our history. People outside of the team and I imagine members of the team had their doubts about this year. Coach Edwards and I like to say that you are always going to miss what you don't shoot for. They proved to everyone, and themselves, that if you demand excellence and shoot for it, that is what you will get," said Dreves.

The challenge continues in 2012, as the Wolverines look to build upon this great campaign and continue to seek excellence.

Alumni take the field for annual contest

Any alumni returning to campus for Homecoming this fall were greeted by a wonderful surprise on Saturday morning – the sun! For a brief time the clouds did part and the sun shined brightly for the annual Hall of Fame Soccer game.

Throughout most of the fall, rain dominated the weather report. On the Friday of Homecoming, it was the story of the day, as the men's team played visiting Penn State New Kensington in a steady downpour.

With the field in less than a perfect state, a large crowd of alumni were on hand to witness the annual march to the field to honor Hall of Fame inductees. This season, both inductees, Ross Carnes '70 and Chuck Harrington '73, suited up for the match and played significant minutes.

Due to poor field conditions because of the day before, the teams played two 30 minute halves and then adjourned to the Physical Learning Center for lunch and the induction ceremony.

With a heavy delegation from the late 60s and early 70s on hand, a wonderful

time was had by all. Dr. Donald Lyle, former head men's coach and current athletic director, opened the program with some words from the Hall of Fame committee. Lyle, serving as the yearlong chair of the committee, spoke about the committee as a whole and encouraged those present to nominate fellow alumni for selection. He also spoke about the ongoing field renovations and awarded the John Hickly Service Award to the Physical Learning Center custodians Mike Bell, Deb Brain and Bob Shoop. Following Lyle came the formal induction of Carnes and Harrington. Carnes was introduced by teammate Matt Lux '69 and Harrington by his wife, Marcia.

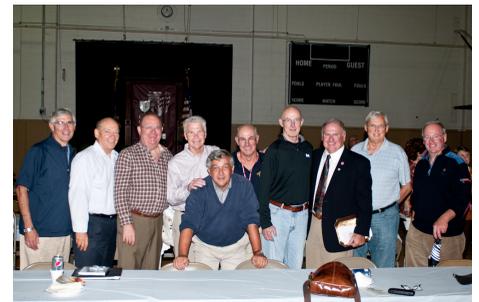
After some time of food, fellowship and speeches, the crowd of more than 150 parted ways until 2012. As they left, men's coach Mike Dreves thanked the crowd for their ongoing support of the program and encouraged everyone in the room, including current players and alumni, to never forget that the strength of this group is built on the great relationships and family-like bonds that have been built

for nearly 75 years.

Mark your calendars for another chance to deepen our family bonds at Homecoming 2012!



Alumni compete in annual Hall of Fame Soccer game.



Friends from the late 60s and early 70s share memories.



Additions to soccer complex

Over the past several years there has been a seemingly continuous stream of upgrades made to the soccer complex.

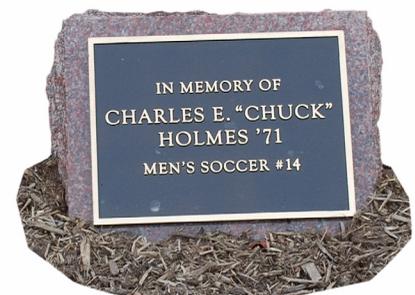
This year was no exception as 10 removable flagpoles with conference flags, two new plaques, a fence behind the bleachers and more than 50 burning bushes were added to the complex. The flags, located behind the road side goal, frame the field nicely and mimic flags that have adorned Thorn Field for several years.

One plaque at the entrance to the bleachers offers up thanks to all of the alumni and friends whose donations have made the complex renovations possible.

An additional plaque near the flag poles was placed in honor of Chuck Holmes '71, when the wall and flag poles were formally dedicated in Chuck's honor

at Homecoming. Finally, the fence and bushes were placed on the back side of the bleachers for aesthetic purposes, but also to keep balls from rolling under the bleachers during practices on the top field.

Thanks to all of the alumni and friends who have donated to the men's soccer team to make these additions possible!



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matches for the Wolverines this year and scored four goals. A two-year letterman, Boswell was in his first year as a full-time starter and was a 2011 team co-captain. In 2010, Boswell helped Grove City reach the finals of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southern Championship Tournament.

He has achieved a 3.98 GPA while majoring in molecular biology. Boswell is a Dean's List student who has also been named to the Presidents' Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll. Boswell has received the College's Presidential Scholarship and earned induction into the Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa honoraries.

Eckenhoff earned his second career Academic All-District honor after receiving Second Team All-District College Division in 2010. Eckenhoff played in all 19 matches for Grove City, making 10 starts. He scored one goal and added one

assist from his midfield position while also helping the Wolverines post six shutouts. He has played in 60 straight matches and helped Grove City reach the 2010 ECAC finals.

Eckenhoff owns a 3.98 GPA as a business management major. He has earned Dean's List honors, along with placement on the conference's Academic Honor Roll. He has earned the Presidential Scholarship and is president of both Omicron Delta Kappa and the College's chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Kern moved to defender this year and started all 19 matches for Grove City. His work has helped Grove City record six shutouts and an overall 1.25 goals-against average. He played extensively as a reserve in 2010, his first season at the College.

Kern has a 3.56 GPA while majoring in entrepreneurship. He has achieved Dean's List honors along with a spot on the PAC Academic Honor Roll. Kern has also been inducted into the Delta Mu Delta

honorary.

The 2011-12 academic year marks the first year that CoSIDA has based its Academic All-America program on individual divisions within college athletics. Currently, CoSIDA honors student-athletes in NCAA Divisions I, II and III, along with a "College" division that includes NAIA institutions and junior colleges. Prior to this year, the College Division included NCAA Divisions II and III, as well as NAIA schools.

Grove City is now part of District IV for the CoSIDA Academic All-America program. District IV includes all of the NCAA Division III programs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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.



Caleb Koch '13 makes save in heavy traffic (left). Adam Brewer '12 races up field (right).



2011 Statistics

Overall Record: 12-6-1 Conference: 6-1-1
 Home: 5-2-1 Away: 7-4-0 Neutral: 0-0-0

GOALS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Grove City	17	19	1	1	38
Opponents	9	15	0	0	24
SHOTS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Grove City	111	147	2	2	262
Opponents	72	103	6	2	183
SAVES BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Grove City	30	32	2	1	65
Opponents	42	49	0	1	92
CORNER KICKS	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Grove City	50	78	0	1	129
Opponents	26	34	2	0	62
FOULS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Grove City	116	108	4	1	229
Opponents	107	110	2	3	222

GOALKEEPERS

No.	Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho
0	Jesse Wilson	17-16	1480:49	19	1.15	48	.716	11	5	1	4
1	Chris Burgan	5-3	270:07	5	1.67	12	.706	1	1	0	1

2011 PAC Standings

1. Thomas More	
T-2. Geneva	T-5. Washington & Jefferson
T-2. Grove City	7. Saint Vincent
4. Bethany	8. Westminster
T-5. Waynesburg	9. Thiel

No.	Name	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	GW	PK-ATT
9	Andrew Quinn	18-12	10	1	21	40	.250	23	.575	5	2-2
14	Eric Fitchwell	19-9	6	1	13	24	.250	13	.542	1	0-0
10	Adam Brewer	19-16	6	0	12	38	.158	19	.500	1	0-0
16	Tim Boswell	19-19	4	1	9	23	.174	12	.522	0	0-0
17	Richie Kocur	19-17	2	4	8	24	.083	12	.500	2	0-0
32	Kyle Matherne	19-5	2	0	4	13	.154	6	.462	0	0-0
11	Zach Juergens	19-1	2	0	4	10	.200	6	.600	1	0-0
13	Jesse Wilson	19-18	2	0	4	5	.400	3	.600	1	0-0
12	Daniel Adams	17-14	0	4	4	15	.000	4	.267	0	0-0
4	Jordan Carmichael	19-4	0	4	4	5	.000	2	.400	0	0-0
19	Brian Eckenhoff	19-10	1	1	3	17	.059	9	.529	0	0-0
31	Brian Wilkes	15-2	1	1	3	3	.333	2	.667	0	0-0
8	Alex Ayer	11-5	0	3	3	13	.000	5	.385	0	0-0
15	Mike Shupp	19-11	1	0	2	10	.100	3	.300	1	0-0
22	Matthew Snyder	6-0	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
2	George DeAugustino	19-19	0	1	1	7	.000	4	.571	0	0-0
5	Ben Kuniholm	10-2	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
18	Kyle Richert	13-1	0	0	0	4	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
6	Josh Kern	19-19	0	0	0	3	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
36	Nick Finelli	18-3	0	0	0	2	.000	2	1.000	0	0-0
20	Maccrae Monteith	4-0	0	0	0	2	.000	2	1.000	0	0-0
24	Andrew Wiley	8-1	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
23	Jonny Rothgeb	7-0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
7	Evan Bjorndal	5-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
3	Mark Leach	10-2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
1	Chris Burgan	6-3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
0	Caleb Koch	17-16	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0