

GOALGETTERS

THE OFFICIAL COLGATE UNIVERSITY SOCCER NEWSLETTER

2007 Season In Review

Colgate began the season at the Lakeside Classic facing two strong teams in No. 14 Northwestern and Northern Illinois. Returning home 0-2, the Raiders recouped and posted a 2-0 record at the Raiders Adidas Fall Classic. The squad went 2-1-1 in its next four games in preparation for its difficult Patriot League schedule. Kicking off the league slate was an away game at Holy Cross in late September. The squads played to a scoreless tie, and the Crusaders would later earn the regular-season title. The Raiders earned victories against Army and Lafayette before dropping a non-conference game at Binghamton. Colgate followed up with an overtime win over Bucknell, a tie with regional rival Hartwick and a shutout of Navy. After a scoreless tie with American, Colgate was coming closer to an undefeated Patriot League record. Lehigh dashed the Raiders' hopes with a 1-0 decision in the final regular season game.

Earning the No. 2 seed in the Patriot League Tournament, the Raiders were looking at an intense rematch with No. 3 seed Bucknell. After 110 minutes, the score stood at 1-1, leading to a shootout. The first three players for both squads went 2-1. After a Bucknell miss, Alex Weekes connected leaving Bucknell having to put its next shot into the net. David Cappuccio came up with the save to advance Colgate to the Patriot League Championship.

Defender Glenn Volk scored his first collegiate goal just under 15 minutes into the game, and the score stood for the remaining 75 minutes, giving Colgate the Patriot League title. It was Colgate's first championship in 10 years.

The Raiders earned an automatic berth in the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Tournament for the first time in 41 years. Colgate faced South Florida in the First Round in Tampa, Fla. Colgate fell by just one goal to South Florida, 2-1, despite outshooting the Bulls, who reached the Third Round.

Colgate finished the season with a 9-6-5 record and a 4-1-2 mark in the league. The Raiders were in the NSCAA Mid-Atlantic regional rankings all season, and held the No. 2 slot for the final five weeks of the soccer season.

Numerous Raiders Garner Post Season Awards

Awards for members of the Colgate men's soccer team came fast and furious at the end of the 2007 season.



At the Patriot League Tournament banquet, seniors Eric Anton and Dan Belke were named the Patriot League Men's Soccer Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, respectively. Anton is the second player in program history to earn the offensive honor. Bobby Newman earned the award in 1994. Belke is also just the second player to win the defensive honor, following Fred Song in 1997. Both players were named first-team all-Patriot League earlier that week, along with junior Matt Leach and second-team honoree David Cappuccio.

Belke was named the Patriot League Tournament MVP at the conclusion of the championship game. He earned a place on the all-tournament squad along with Anton, Cappuccio and junior Glenn Volk.

Three Raiders were named to the 2007 National Soccer Coaches Association of American (NSCAA)/adidas Division I Mid-Atlantic Team in December. Belke earned first-team honors, Anton was named to the second team, and Cappuccio was named the goalkeeper on the third team.

Just one week earlier, Belke was named to the Top Drawer Soccer Men's College Teams of the Season, making the honorable mention squad.

The awards were not all athletically related, as Colgate earned numerous academic honors.

Junior Daniel Kerley was named *ESPN The Magazine* Third-Team Academic All-America by the College of Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). He and Belke were named Academic All-District prior to Kerley moving on to the national ballot. It marks the first time in program history that the Raiders had an Academic All-American.

Thirteen members of the soccer team were named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll in January. The included: Anton, Belke, Cappuccio, Leach, Matthew Barton, Evan Berman, Jameson Fauver, Max Krasilovsky-Revell, Steven Miller, Mike Parshley, Chris Ross and Alex Weeks.

The 2006 squad was also honored by the NSCAA, as a 2007 College Team Academic Award Winner. Only 113 men's teams earned the honor, for accumulating a 3.0 team grade point average during the 2006-07 academic year.

The team presented its own annual awards this winter. Earning MVP honors was Belke, while the Most Improved Player Award was given to Chris Koontz. Miller was named the Freshman of the Year.

Ronning Releases 2008 Schedule

Head Coach Erik Ronning has announced the 2008 schedule. The Raiders will play 18 games during the season, eight of which will be played at Van Doren Field. Colgate will play opponents in the ACC, Big East, Ivy League, Atlantic-10, America East, Mid-American Conference and the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. See back panel for full schedule including game sites and times.

Colgate Signs Four to National Letter of Intent Three Others Accept Admission Agreements

Head Coach Erik Ronning has announced the 2008 recruiting class for Colgate University men's soccer. Signing National Letters of Intent are Nikhil Gregg, Chris Miller, Eric Przybysz and Matt Schuber. Mike Reese, Kevin Riley and Will Zabel have also committed to Colgate accepting offers of admissions.

"From top to bottom, this is the most talented, athletic, and deep class of student-athletes to join the program in recent history," Ronning said. "I am extremely excited about this group of young men, and the contributions they will make on and off the field."

"With each year, we continue to raise the bar for success in every aspect. I know that this group will help this program reach greater heights, and represent Colgate soccer proudly."

Chris Miller, 6'1" GK, Jesuit H.S., Dallas, Texas (Dallas Texans)

- Member US U17 National Team
- Former Member US U15 National Team
- USYSA Region III Player (5 years)
- NSCAA Adidas All-American
- Adidas All-Star
- Top Drawer Soccer Best 11 of U18 Texas
- Adidas ESP 2006, 2007
- Adidas ESP All Star
- Dallas/Fort Worth All-Area
- 2008 Varsity Team Captain, Jesuit High School

Matt Schuber, 6'0" F, Webster Thomas H.S., Webster N.Y. (RFC)

- 2007 NSCAA High School All-American
- 2007 New York State Player of the Year
- 2006/2007 NSCAA All-Region
- 2006/2007 First-Team All-State
- 2007 Section V Player of the Year
- 2007 All-Greater Rochester Player of the Year
- 2007 New York State Runner Up at Webster Thomas High School
- New York West Olympic Development Team Player

Eric Przybysz, 6'1" M/F, Marcus H.S., Flower Mound, Texas (Dallas Texans)

- 2007 Texas 5 A State Champions at Marcus High School
- 2008 Varsity Captain at Marcus High School
- North Texas Olympic Development Program
- Dallas Texans Soccer Club
- 2007 Disney Showcase Champions

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Colgate Men's Soccer Goal Getters Club

The Critical Role of Goal Getters

Colgate soccer has a unique history, but spreading the word takes resources. The cost of running a national Division I level soccer program is constantly increasing and the budget is always stretched. The Colgate Goal Getters Club repeatedly responds to our needs, investing in our ability to compete with other major soccer schools; demonstrating the passion, dedication, and commitment that are Colgate traditions.

Goal Getters members give Colgate soccer a distinctive edge on the field and recruiting trail. They are the key to an ever promising future. When our team accepts the Patriot League Championship trophy and earns a spot in the NCAA Playoffs, Goal Getter members will be standing alongside players and coaches, helping hoist the trophy.

Continue the legacy and support the 2007 Patriot League Champions.

The best is yet to come!! Thank you for your support

Alumni Corner Update

Erik Roming '97 got engaged this past December to Amber Plesniarski (Binghamton '99), and the couple plans on getting married this December in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Marc Hubbard '03 recently accepted the head men's soccer coaching position at Southern New Hampshire University. Marc was previously an assistant coach at the University of New Hampshire where he earned his master's in kinesiology while playing professional soccer for the New Hampshire Phantoms. Marc and his wife, Molly, currently reside in Kittery, Maine.

John Martin '84 currently resides in Charlotte, N.C., with his wife Kathryn, daughter Diane Healy and son Jack. John is the managing director for strategic planning and business development at NASCAR Media Group. John was previously working for Turner Broadcasting in the sports division.

Rob Stone '91 recently had twins Gansen and Chandler, joining their 2-year old son Camden and wife Lynne. Rob and his family are living in Tampa, Fla., while working for ESPN. You might be able to catch him every Sunday covering Professional Bowlers Association events across the country.

Doug Reffue '92 was recently named President of the Boston Blazer professional indoor lacrosse team after stints with Polaroid, Yankee Candle Co., and Brine Lacrosse/Soccer. Doug currently resides in Longmeadow, Mass., and will be relocating with his wife, Eliana, and two children Lauren (4), and Sam (1) to Boston.

Mark your calendars!

Colgate Men's Soccer
Alumni Weekend Celebration

September 26-28, 2008

Colgate takes on Holy Cross on
Saturday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

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- Nikhil Gregg, 5'11" M, Shipley School, Haverford, Pa. (FC, Delco)
- 2007 State Cup Champions and Regional Champions
- 2007 USYS National Championships
- 2006 Offensive Most Valuable Player at Shipley School
- An injury sidelined him his senior year at Shipley

Will Zabel, 5'10" D/M, Simsbury, H.S., Simsbury, Conn. (FSA)

- 2007 Connecticut All-State
- 2007 GGC North Conference Player of the Year
- 2006/2007 GGC North All-Conference
- 2007 Senior Bowl Selection
- 2006 Class LL State Champions at Simsbury High School
- 2007 Varsity Captain at Simsbury High School

Kevin Riley, 6'1" D/M, Linsly School, Wheeling, WV. (Beardling)

- 2007 NSCAA/Adidas Scholar All-American
- 2005-2007 All-State
- 2006-2007 First-Team All-Valley
- 2006-2007 First-Team All-OVAC (Ohio Valley Athletic Conference)
- 2007 OVAC Champions at Linsly School
- 2007 Independent Prep School League Champions at Linsly
- 2007 Team Captain at Linsly School
- Five-year member, West Virginia Olympic Development Program (Team Captain)

Mike Reese, 6'2" D, Strath Haven, Wallingford, Pa. (FC, Rose Tree)

- 2007 All-Central League
- 2007 All-Delaware County
- 2007 Team Captain and MVP at Strath Haven High School
- Two-Time Central League Champions at Strath Haven
- 2007 USCB Camp All-Star

2008 Colgate Men's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sat., Aug. 1	La Salle	Hamilton, N.Y.	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Sep. 1	Syracuse	Syracuse, N.Y.	7 p.m.
	<i>Colgate Raiders Adidas Fall Classic</i>		
Fri., Sep. 5	Binghamton	Hamilton, N.Y.	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Sep. 7	Rider	Hamilton, N.Y.	2:30 p.m.
	<i>Dartmouth Adidas/Hypertherm Tournament</i>		
Fri., Sep. 12	Yale	Hanover, N.H.	4:30 p.m.
Sun., Sep. 14	Dartmouth	Hanover, N.H.	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Sep. 20	Boston University	Boston, Mass.	7 p.m.
Mon., Sep. 22	Vermont	Burlington, Vt.	7 p.m.
Sat., Sep. 27	Holy Cross*	Hamilton, N.Y.	7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 1	Hartwick	Oneonta, N.Y.	7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 4	Army*	West Point, N.Y.	1 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 11	Lafayette*	Hamilton, N.Y.	7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 18	Bucknell*	Lewisburg, Pa.	4 p.m.
Tue., Oct. 21	Cornell	Hamilton, N.Y.	7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 25	Navy*	Annapolis, Md.	7 p.m.
Tue., Oct. 28	Duke	Durham, N.C.	7 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 1	American*	Hamilton, N.Y.	7 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 8	Lehigh*	Hamilton, N.Y.	7 p.m.
Nov. 14-16	Patriot League Championship		
Nov. 21-22	NCAA Tournament - First Round		