



## 2005 Men's Soccer Preseason Newsletter

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### 2005 Season Preview

Coming off a regular season of 9-7 the Clark Men's Soccer team has its sights set on a double digit win season. With the return of every starting player plus the addition of six freshmen and a transfer, Coach Kulik believes to have his deepest team in his six years as Clark. "We have a number of players that will be starting for their fourth straight season and I hope we can translate that experience into many positive results." The team returns the attacking trio of sophomore David Blum and seniors Juan Becerra and Daniel Hoffman. This group accounted for 21 goals last season and will offer a balanced attack throughout the year. In addition to a strong attacking group, Clark boasts one of the top goalkeepers in the league, junior Matt Talbot. Talbot led his Lincoln Sudbury high school team to a state championship his senior year and also led his club team Juventus to a state club championship. "Matt is one of the most competitive players I have ever coached. His intensity can be seen on a daily basis at training, which makes our team that much better day in and day out," states Kulik.

After a strong start to last season the team was struck with two major season-ending injuries. Both Sattha Prasitwarakul '06 (broken leg) and Matt Mattice '06 (ACL) look to have rebounded for what they hope will be their best season in Cougar Red. "Matt will again lead the team as captain and it doesn't look like he has lost a beat on his return from the injury." The Cougars will likely start with senior Dana Gilpatrick, a previous all-conference selection, in the center of the midfield along with sophomore transfer Lino Goncalves. Goncalves played last season at Fitchburg State before settling here in Worcester. He is a former club player of Coach Kulik's with the Inter Soccer Club of Boston. "Lino will likely be the most versatile player in our squad this year. He brings a lot to the team in terms of experience as well as athleticism. He can literally play every position on the field at a high level."

The team looks ready for their opening contest away at Anna Maria September 1st. After their opening three matches on the road the Cougars will enjoy home field advantage in 9 of their remaining 13 games. This will give all Cougar fans plenty of opportunity to see this team on its beautiful home field down at Granger Fields. "Without a doubt we play on the nicest surface I have seen in the Northeast in many years. This is a professional field that allows the team to play a quality style of soccer. The team looked sharp in our two preseason matches and I hope we can continue that play as we open up this week. We'll have to play excellent soccer if we want to make an impact in the NEWMAC this year. The conference boasted three of the top six teams in the region last year in Wheaton, MIT and Babson and I don't expect that competitive level to change this season."

### 2005 SCHEDULE

Home Games in Bold/Red • All home games at Granger Field

#### August

Thu. 23 vs Worcester State (Preseason Scrimmage) W 3-2  
 Sat. 25 vs Salem State (Preseason Scrimmage) W 3-1

#### September

Thu. 1 at Anna Maria College 4:00 pm  
 Sat. 3 at Colby-Sawyer College 1:00 pm  
 Wed. 7 at Johnson & Wales University 2:30 pm  
**Sat. 10 vs Brandeis University 1:00 pm**  
**Wed. 14 vs Lasell College 6:00 pm**  
**Sat. 17 vs WPI\* 2:30 pm**  
**Wed. 21 vs Fitchburg State College 6:00 pm**  
 Sat. 24 at MIT\* 11:00 am  
**Mon. 26 vs Becker College 7:00 pm**

#### October

**Sat. 1 vs Springfield College\* 1:00 pm**  
 Wed. 5 at UMass Boston 3:30 pm  
 Sat. 8 at United States Coast Guard Academy\* 4:30 pm  
**Sat. 15 vs Wheaton College\* 12:00 pm**  
**Wed. 19 vs Albertus Magnus College 6:00 pm**  
**Wed. 26 vs Nichols College 6:00 pm**  
 Sat. 29 at Babson College\* 1:00 pm

#### November

Wed. 2 NEWMAC Championship Quarterfinals  
 Sat. 5 NEWMAC Championship Semifinals  
 Sun. 6 NEWMAC Championship at same site as semifinals

\* NEWMAC Match

### NEW FACES

The program is thrilled to have the arrival of seven new faces onto the team. Besides transfer Lino Goncalves from Newton, Massachusetts, the team welcomes six freshmen and their families into the Clark Soccer family. Tyler Dunn from Maine will add depth to the defense and will likely see a great deal of game time as the year transpires. Ben Wadja from the Capital district in New York adds depth to the central midfield position. Outside midfielders Jeremy Radovsky (California) and Caleb Evanter (Massachusetts) add skill and quickness into the wide midfield positions. And rounding out the class are freshmen forwards Jenner Alpern from Maryland and Mike Trobagis from Massachusetts. "I believe this group of new faces will give the team great depth and provide for a solid future." Unfortunately, Mike Trobagis will have to sit out this season due to an accident over the summer. Mike's plan is to work hard with the athletic trainers at Clark and come back next season better than ever.

Friends of Clark Men's Soccer has been formed under the umbrella of Friends of Clark Athletics. If you are interested in supporting the men's soccer team and would like more information, please contact Head Coach David Kulik



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### Preseason Bahamas 2005

The men's soccer team embarked on a seven-night trip to Nassau, Bahamas. The goal of the trip was to develop a great sense of team unity and get plenty of fitness during the eight-day trip. The team stayed right on the beach at the Nassau Palm Resort, about 1/2 mile from the cruise port in Nassau. The team alternated between double and single sessions with an emphasis placed on team rhyme, plyometric training and flexibility. In between all of the soccer activities the team had time to take a ferry excursion to Atlantis, visit the National Art Gallery of Nassau, tour the famed Fort Charlotte and have a number of team meals in some of the Bahamas most native restaurants. The trip was highlighted by Clark's two matches against some of the Bahamians finest. In the first match behind two goals from sophomore forward David Blum, the team cruised to a 4-1 victory. In the second and much more demanding match the teams persistence paid off in the 90th minute as Juan Becerra blasted an 18 yard shot into the upper 90 to give the Cougars a sweep of the island games. "The guys fought as hard in that second match as I have seen in any game since my arrival at Clark. Getting that type of quality goal in the last minute certainly was a story book ending to the trip." The team traveled down with 18 players and their manager and all players came away feeling that this experience could only help the team in the fall. From the Hummer trip to the airport, to the cricket match at the National Oval and the team outings at Senior Frogs, this team trip is something that the program hopes to be able to repeat four years from now.



Team trip to Atlantis



Team photo with Marvelous Marvin the bus driver



Players relax in the stretch hummer limo on the way to the airport

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !**

**ALUMNI GAME  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2005  
7:00 pm**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2005  
MEN'S SOCCER VS SPRINGFIELD  
1:00 pm**

**Tail Gate immediately following the game**