

Clark Athletics

Men's Soccer

2004 Season Preview

The Clark Men's Soccer team looks to improve on last seasons regular seasons record of 8-6-2, the best record in the past 12 years. The Cougars recorded some impressive results along the way including victories over Lasell, who participated in the NCAA tournament and Brandies a participant in the ECAC tournament. The wins highlighted an impressive 6-0-1 record to start the season. Thrown in with those results was a tie against NCAA tournament participant Johnson and Wales and an overtime victory on a 35-yard direct kick by 2004 captain Matt Mattice over NESAC power Wesleyan. Last year's team combined on timely finishing and quality goalkeeping to make marked improvements from the previous year. The team returns leading goal scorer Juan Becerra 06', a second team all conference selection in 2003 and sophomore goalkeeper Matt Talbot 07' as two important fixtures in a young squad.

September (Home games in Bold)

Wed. 1	vs Anna Maria College	W 2-0
Sat. 4	vs RIC	W 2-1
Wed. 8	vs Johnson & Wales	7:00pm
Sat. 11	@ Brandies	1:00 pm
Wed. 15	@ Lasell	4:00pm
Sat. 18	@ WPI	5:00 pm
Wed. 22	@ Fitchburg	7:00 pm
Sat. 25	vs MIT	1:00 pm
Mon. 27	@ Nichols	4:00 pm
October		
Sat. 2	@ Springfield	12:00 pm
Wed. 6	vs UMass Boston	6:00 pm
Sat. 9	vs Coast Guard	1:00 pm
Mon. 11	vs Colby-Sawyer	6:00 pm
Sat. 16	@ Wheaton	1:00 pm
Wed. 20	@ Albertus Magnus	7:00 pm
Sat. 23	vs Clark Alumni	3:30 pm
Sat. 30	vs Babson College	1:00 pm

"Recruiting News"

The men's team welcomes six new freshman into this year's roster. The program landed it's top recruit with forward David Blum. David comes to Clark as a striker from the nationally recognized club team FC Westchester. Coach Kulik had the chance to watch David play at the Tampa Sunbowl and is quite confident that David will provide a balance upfront that he hasn't seen in his previous four seasons at Clark. "Both David and Juan have the same type of scoring abilities that Daniel Barrero '01 had during his four years at Clark" states Kulik. "I would not be surprised if both of our forwards score 10 goals each, other teams will not be able to focus on just one or the other will hurt them."

The other freshman projected to make a significant impact with be Joe Silva from Westbury,N.Y. Joe is likely to start as a center back as the season kicks off September 1st against Anna Maria at 5:30. The women's soccer team will follow the men at 7:30 as both teams kick off on the grass for the first time.

2004 Team Captain

Junior Matt Mattice from Burnt Hills, New York will be this year's team captain. Matt has been an integral part of the team off season activities since the end of last year season and will make an outstanding leader for the soccer program. "Matt has been a great asset to the program with his will and determination. The players on the team respect him tremendously as he combines excellent athletism, a good soccer background and toughness not matched by many of our opponents" says Kulik

2004 Alumni Men's Soccer Game

Saturday, October 23rd
 3:00 vs Varsity Team
 Lunch 12:00 pm, Post game refreshments,

New Staff

Greg Frey comes onto the coaching staff for the fall of 2004. Greg played his high school and college soccer in Pennsylvania. He has his USSF C license and is currently a youth premier coach in the MAPLE League.

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