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Wes looks to build on 2003 successes

THE WESLEYAN MEN'S SOCCER TEAM IS GEARING UP FOR AN EXCITING 2004 CAMPAIGN. FRESH OFF A SEMI-FINAL APPEARANCE IN THE NESAC TOURNAMENT IN 2003, THE CARDINALS ARE EAGER TO MOVE INTO THE FINALS THIS FALL. WITH 18 RETURNING PLAYERS AND 10 FIRST-YEARS ARRIVING, THE 2004 SQUAD SHOULD BE THE DEEPEST AND MOST TALENTED TEAM IN RECENT YEARS.

Eight seniors will lead the charge, determined to make their last year the most successful one. Two-year all-region player **Evan Berding '05** will spearhead the attack, supported by returning lettermen **Hooter Glidden '07** and **Jared Ashe '07**. In the midfield, veterans **Mike Trofa '05** and **Mike Ryan '05** will fuel the engine room, supported by speedsters **Kevin Lohela '06**, **Noah Isaacs '06**, and **Josh Stephens '07**. Letterwinner **Chris Keeler '07** will shore up the middle of the park and classmates **Julian Canzoneri '07** and **Morgan Owen '07** will push for more time in their second years.

The heart of the team will lie in the back as senior co-captains **Dan Penrod '05** (GK) and **Evan Bissell '05** anchor a seasoned back line. Outside backs **Reid Ross '05** and **Javier Gaston-Greenberg '05**, a second team all-NESAC performer, are two of the toughest defenders in the league. Returning from injury, **Rob Nerenz '05** looks to slide in to the middle along side Bissell to complete a senior defense. Pushing the seniors will be second-year players **David Baharestani '07** and **Chris Brown '07** who both earned valuable minutes last year.



Dan Penrod '05 smothers a ball against Amherst while Noah Isaacs '06 stands watch.

In addition to the returning players, the Cardinals will welcome 10 first-year players during pre-season. Three incoming goalkeepers lead the charge as the new players are introduced below. The combination of the talented incoming players paired with the experienced returners bodes well for a great year!

A perfect 10 - meet the first year players

The Cardinals welcome an outstanding class of 10 potential varsity members who all bring something unique to the team. Their skills and personalities fill important needs for this year and the future, including three goalkeepers. Here they are:

Danny Eder - Alexandria, VA - A talented central midfielder whose skill and passing abilities can open up defenses. He was spotted at the Score at the Shore tournament while playing for his club team, GSC Team America.

Matt Gnall- Morristown, NJ - One of six spotted

at the East Coast Soccer Academy who is a 6-0 GK who plays for the NY/NJ Metrostars youth team. His experience at Y-League Nationals has prepared him well for the college game.

Jamie Hiteshew - Pawling, NY - A 6-2 GK with great athletic ability who also served as a senior proctor at Trinity Pawling. His experience in the field with his high-school team makes him great with his feet.

Justin Mello - Rehoboth, MA - Captained the LaSalle HS team in RI to another state championship. His tenacious defending and dependable left foot will

The sub-varsity team enters its third year under the tutelage of **Mark Woodworth '94**. They continue to play a 6-8 game schedule over a six- week span. Last year, Coach Woodworth sent two of his players up to the varsity squad at the end of his season, **Morgan Owen '07** and **Pete Sikora '07**. They promptly had an impact as they both scored in a late season 2-1 victory over Eastern Connecticut.

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Coach's Corner

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Wesleyan Soccer:

It's 5:30 a.m. I've been up since 2:45 a.m. Despite my drowsiness, I'm happy to be up and marvel at what I hold in my hands. It's the hardest thing I have ever done, but it's also the best. On August 2nd, 2004, my wife and I welcomed our first-born, Sam at 8:59 a.m. It is now hard to remember what life was like before he was here. We wouldn't want it any other way.

The addition to the Wheeler clan adds a whole new perspective to the 2004 campaign. The program took a big step forward last year with an appearance in the semi-finals of the NESCAC tournament. It took us four tries before we made it, but it certainly made it all the sweeter. As we mature as a program and a team, it is these little steps that remind us how much hard work it takes to go from a crawl to a walk or a walk to a run. In between each stage, it is the near successes and sometimes painful falls that strengthen our resolve - the penalty-kick shootout loss to Tufts in 2000 after a nail-biting 3-3 scoreline after 150 minutes of play; the 2-1 OT Homecoming victory over Amherst in 2001 in front of a thousand fans; and what about the 7:00 pm practices under the lights in early November after all the teams have called it a day. These are the moments that highlight the character and grit of the Wesleyan soccer program.

While I believe that victories and titles are in store for this program, I will always harp on the the little things or the dirty work that no one else wants to do. To keep Sam happy, we have to change his diaper. To allow our team to practice, we have to have pumped-up balls, pinnies and cones. To instill discipline, we leave a clean practice and game field every day we finish. Who wants to pick up the random piece of tape by the bench or the shin guards a teammate left behind? It's all the dirty work we do that makes it all work. I remind our players that to be successful is not easy - it's hard work. There is no way around it - there is no substitute. This year, we will continue to focus on the little things and find those players who are willing to do the dirty work so we can go from a walk to a run.

Thank you all for your continued support of the program. The **Century Club**, a donation of \$100 a year to the program, continues to enrich the Wesleyan soccer experience with pre-game meals, extra equipment and more. I look forward to seeing you all on the sidelines this fall!

Go Wes,



Geoffrey Wheeler
 gwheeler@wesleyan.edu

2004 Century Club Member

Ted & Roz Gutelius	Friend
Shaun & Pamela Rai	Friend
Geoffrey & Holly Wheeler	Coach
John & Betty Ashe	Parents
Martin & Baharestani	Parents
Edward & Joan Bissell	Parents
David & Kathryn Glidden	Parents
Shelly & Barbara Isaacs	Parents
Dennis & Roberta Keeler	Parents
James & Susan Penrod	Parents
Gary Stephens & Swati Desai	Parents
James Reap	'52
Kimon Zachos	'52
George Anderson	'53
Samuel Millar	'53
Frederick Banfield	'58
Peter Miceli	'70
Peter Phinny	'72
Daniel Brugioni	'78
Doug Hiscano	'81
Dennis Mahoney	'87
Mike McIntosh	'89
Adam Rohdie	'89
Dave Barrett	'93
Padraig Hughes	'03

2003 Century Club Member

Terry & Karen Jackson	Friend
Brian O'Rourke	Friend
Andrew & Kathy Wheeler	Friend
Mark & Kitty Wheeler	Friend
Holly Wheeler	Coach
Geoffrey Wheeler	Coach
John & Betty Ashe	Parents
Kathleen & Bert Berding	Parents
Edward & Joan Bissell	Parents
Vincent Canzoneri & Tova Wein	Parents
Stefano & Susan Chiavaroli	Parents
Thomas & Teresa Colardo	Grandparents
Bob & Pat Feige	Parents
David & Kathryn Glidden	Parents
Toby & Barry Hecht	Parents
Patrick & Patricia Hughes	Parents
Shelly & Barbara Isaacs	Parents
Dennis & Roberta Keeler	Parents
Marc & Ruth Lohela	Parents
David & Anne Nerenz	Parents
James & Susan Penrod	Parents
Joe & Jeanne Ryan	Parents
Alan Sikora & Debbie Horan	Parents
Greg Stone	Parent
Rhonda Lee Stone	Parent
Florindo & Rosemari Trofa	Parents
John & Priscilla Vincent	Parents
Stephen & Carol Wasik	Parents
Eugene Loveland	'43
Herb Grandage	'43
Bob Walsh	'48
Kimon Zachos	'52
George Anderson	'53
Brian McCoy	'68
Peter Miceli	'70
Brian Gross	'71
Chris Keneally	'73
Carl Cavrell	'75
Steve Levin	'75
Gary Steinel	'75
Renny Smith	'78
Robert & Sheila Birney	'81
Peter Doolittle	'92
Will Miceli	'97

Remember: Contributions are tax deductible, but they do not count towards the Wesleyan Annual Fund (WAF).

Thanks to the many others who support Wes soccer: Cyrus Bennett '40, Joe Crivelli '87, James Lukowski '89, Ethan Flad '94, Jon Medwid '00, Eric Steffen '00, Eddie Kwon '01, Avi Stopper '01, Fred Gilda, Kevin Faulkner, Rob Grabli

CARDINAL CENTURY CLUB

Anyone wishing to become a member of the club with a \$100 donation or more should send their check with the form below to Geoffrey Wheeler, c/o Wesleyan Soccer Office, Freeman Athletic Center, Middletown, CT 06459. Please know every little bit helps! Thanks.

Name: Class:

Address:

Phone: E-Mail:

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Class of 2008 continued....

allow him to compete for time right away in the back, on the flank or in the middle.

Anthony Nikolchev - *Portola Valley, CA* - Another GK who attended ECSA who is a superb shot-blocker. His leadership on the field and affinity for the theater off it make him a great addition to Wesleyan.

Ross Pemmerl - *Rehoboth, MA* - An NSCAA academic All-American who is a tough midfielder who shined at ECSA as well. He looks forward to reconnecting with teammate Justin Mello who hails from the same hometown but attended a different high school.

Zach Schechter-Steinberg - *Iowa City, IA* - A technical outside back who also attended ECSA stood out as a result of his passing abilities. His solid defending and eagerness to join the attack will make him an excellent attacking back.

Brandon Smith - *Montclair, NJ* - Described as crafty, tough, a ball-winner and more who hails from one of the most successful high school programs in New Jersey. His bite in the midfield, combined with his deft skill will allow him to compete for time right away.

Mike Walker - *Des Moines, IA* - A great match for Wesleyan with his laid-back attitude off the field and his intense passion once he steps on it. His speed and work rate displayed at ECSA impressed Coach Wheeler and will make him a dangerous attacker in his first year.

Alex Whitworth - *Forest City, NC* - This wee man from North Carolina is a tough competitor whose two-footed abilities make him a versatile midfielder. He will add great depth to an already talented midfield corps.

Other players to watch:

Dean Chang - a senior who spent the year in London.

Adam Tedeschi - a tough-minded defender from MA.

Joseph Feldblum - an ODP player from North Carolina who fell through the cracks.

Alumni/coaching updates

*From Hawaii, **John Fink '77** reports that his over 40s Honolulu United Team, including **Oren Schlieman '78**, defeated a Sacramento team 3-1 for the Division title! John tallied five goals over the tourney while Oren anchored a solid defense. **Ethan Flad '94** is on his honeymoon in New Zealand after saying his vows on August 21st.

*Following the path of his former high school player, Rob Stone is joining the Wesleyan coaching ranks after 20+ years as the high school coach at the Nichols school in Buffalo, NY. He groomed **Padraig Hughes '02** who was a 2-year Wesleyan captain. Rob's extensive coaching experience combined with his competitive playing career at St. Lawrence make him a great addition to the staff. Training the goalkeepers will be Paul DelloStritto, an Ithaca College graduate who plays professionally indoor and is the former GK coach at Hartford University.

Please send updates!

2004 Wesleyan Men's Soccer Roster

Yr.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Hometown	Secondary School
'07	Ashe, Jared	6-1	175	F	Stamford, CT	Stamford HS
'07	Baharestani, David	5-11	160	D	Syosset, NY	Syosset HS
'05	Berding, Evan	5-11	160	F	Roanoke, VA	Roanoke Catholic School
'05	Bissell, Evan*	6-0	160	MF	San Francisco, CA	Tamalpais HS
'07	Brown, Chris	6-1	170	D	Boise, ID	Timberline HS
'07	Canzoneri, Julian	5-10	155	MF	Newton, MA	Newton South HS
'05	Chang, Dean	6-2	175	MF	Kingston, Jamaica	Campions College
'08	Eder, Daniel	5-11	165	MF	Alexandria, VA	The Field School
'05	Gaston-Greenberg, Javier	5-8	145	D	Brooklyn, NY	Friends School
'07	Glidden, Peter	6-0	165	F	Algodones, NM	Albuquerque Academy
'08	Gnall, Matt	6-0	165	GK	Morristown, NJ	St. Peters Prep
'08	Hiteshew, Jamie	6-2	180	GK	Pawling, NY	Trinity Pawling
'06	Isaacs, Noah	6-0	160	D	Newton, MA	Newton North HS
'07	Keeler, Chris	6-0	175	D	Falmouth, ME	Falmouth HS
'06	Lohela, Kevin	5-6	145	MF	Holland, MI	West Ottawa HS
'08	Mello, Justin	5-10	160	D	Rehoboth, MA	La Salle HS
'05	Nerenz, Rob	6-2	180	D	Ann Arbor, MI	Pinoer HS
'08	Nikolchev, Anthony	6-0	175	GK	Portola Valley, CA	Menlo-Atherton HS
'07	Owen, Morgan	6-3	185	MF	Boxeman, MT	Bozeman HS
'08	Pemmerl, Ross	5-11	171	MF	Rehoboth, MA	Dwight-Rehoboth HS
'05	Penrod, Dan*	6-4	185	GK	Piedmont, CA	Piedmont HS
'05	Ross, Reid	5-7	155	D	Brooklyn, NY	Poly Prep CDS
'05	Ryan, Mike	5-10	160	MF	Lancaster, PA	Hempfield HS
'08	Smith, Brandon	5-7	145	MF	Montclair, NJ	Montclair HS
'08	Steinberg, Zach	5-11	160	D	Iowa City, IA	Iowa City HS
'07	Stephens, Josh	5-7	150	D	New York, NY	Packer Collegiate Institute
'05	Trofa, Mike	5-7	150	MF	Wilton, CT	Greens Farms Academy
'08	Walker, Michael	5-11	155	F	Des Moines, IA	Des Moines HS
'08	Whitworth, Alex	5-7	150	MF	Forest City, NC	NC School of Science and Math

*Co-captains

Support the home team - buy a Wesleyan soccer T-shirt in Gray or White for \$12.00. The Wes crest appears on the front with WESLEYAN above it and SOCCER below it. A Cardinal appears on the back. Order today!

Size (Circle one) Youth L Adult M L XL
 Color (Circle one) Gray White

Cost (#T-shirts ordered x 12) \$ _____

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CARDINALS

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2004 Alumni Game

Sunday, September 5

12:00 noon

Long Lane Fields

Please e-mail gwheeler@wesleyan.edu if you can make it!



Javier Gaston-Greenberg '05 starts another attack from his left back spot. He looks to top his three goals from 2003 as he anchors a veteran defense.

2004 Wesleyan Men's Soccer Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, 9/4	Yale (scrimmage)	10:00 am
Sunday, 9/5	Alumni	12:00 noon
Saturday, 9/11	Williams*	1:00 pm
Wednesday, 9/15	Springfield	4:30 pm
Saturday, 9/18	Trinity*	11:00 am
Saturday, 9/25	Middlebury*	12:00 noon
Wednesday, 9/29	Coast Guard	4:30 pm
Saturday, 10/2	Conn College*	2:00 pm
Wednesday, 10/6	Wheaton	4:30 pm
Saturday, 10/9	Colby	1:30 pm
Saturday, 10/16	Bates*	1:30 pm
Tuesday, 10/19	Western Conn	3:30 pm
Saturday, 10/23	Amherst* (Homecoming)	11:00 am
Tuesday, 10/26	Tufts*	3:30 pm
Saturday, 10/30	Bowdoin*	2:00 pm
Sunday, 10/31	1st Rd. NESCAC Tourney	TBD
Wednesday, 11/3	Vassar	3:00 pm
Sat./Sun, 11/8-9	NESCAC Final Four	TBD
Wednesday, 11/12	1st Round of NCAAs	TBD

*NESCAC game

Bold - home game (all home games played on North Field)