



## 2006 Men's Soccer Preseason Newsletter

### 2006 SEASON OUTLOOK

Returning to Granger Field after an impressive season that saw its first ECAC title appearance since 1984-85 and a tenth place finish in the final NSCAA New England poll, the Clark University men's soccer team will look to repeat last year's success or better yet, kick it up a notch.

The 2006 Cougars will have a tough act to follow. Last year's team (15-4-2/4-1-1 NEWMAC) not only posted their best regular-season finish in the conference, but also capped its remarkable fall with the second most overall wins (15) in the program's 85-year history. Although the Cougars lost 10 seniors, including five senior starters to graduation, Coach Kulik is confident that the returning 12 letter-winners, not to mention a strong recruiting class, can once again fly up the standings in the highly-competitive conference.

There is no concern between the pipes, however, where the Cougars welcome back first-team all-conference goalkeeper **Matt Talbot**. Talbot (0.78 GAA, .833 SV%) returns for his fourth season as the team's top goalie. While two-year captain **Matt Mattice** and **David Schwartz** will be missed on defense, veteran **Joe Silva** returns to anchor the youthful backfield that includes newcomers **Devin Weafer** and **Preben Gietz**. Senior **Lino Goncalves** (4-7-15), who earned NEWMAC second-team honors at midfield last season or red-shirt freshman **Mike Trobagis** could be inserted into the vacant backfield spot.

Adjustments are also in order at midfield where the Cougars must replace four-year starter **Dana Gilpatrick** & **Sattha Prasitwarakul**. Senior **Daniel Hoffman** (7-7-21) is projected to lead the midfield unit that includes, **Shawn Barr** and talented first-year players **John Machado** and **Stillman Shaw**. **Jenner Alpern**, who is coming off an ACL injury, will provide valuable minutes off the bench.

With the loss of **Juan Becerra**, two-time All-NEWMAC star **David Blum** (23-4-50), who was also named to the NSCAA All-America second team and the NSCAA All-New England first team, will head the Cougar offensive attack.

### 2006 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Fri., Sept. 1	Norwich University	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 3	Anna Maria College	2:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 6	Johnson & Wales Univ.	6 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 9	@ Brandeis University	1 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 16	Mass. Institute of Technology*	Noon
Wed., Sept. 20	@ Fitchburg State College	4 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 23	Babson College*	2 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 27	Rhode Island College	6 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 30	@ Worcester Polytechnic Inst.*	2:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 4	UMass-Boston	6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 6	@ Springfield College*	7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 11	Colby-Sawyer College	6 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 14	Coast Guard Acad.*	1 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 18	Albertus Magnus College	6 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 25	@ Becker College	3 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 28	@ Wheaton College*	1 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 1	NEWMAC Quarterfinals	TBA
Sat., Nov. 4	NEWMAC Semifinals	TBA
Sun., Nov. 5	NEWMAC Finals	TBA

\*NEWMAC Game  
Home Games in Bold

**2006 HOMECOMING**  
Alumni Game - Sat., Sept. 16  
10:30 a.m. - Noon

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