

2016 Creighton Men's Soccer

Game 1 • Friday, Aug. 26 • Creighton at Rutgers • Piscataway, N.J. • 7:00 pm (CST)

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This is Creighton Men's Soccer:

5 NCAA College Cup Appearances (1996, 2000, 2002, 2011, 2012) 23 NCAA Tournament Selections 26 Combined Conference Titles

Bluejays in the Preseason Polls

NSCAA: 7 NCAA RPI: NA
Soccer America: NA Top Drawer Soccer: 14
College Soccer News: 9 Soccer Times: NA

| 20 Combined Completed Titles | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2016 Schedule | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug | gust | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Blue-White Scrimmage (Ex.) | T, 0-0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Missouri State (Ex.) | W, 2-0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Wisconsin (Ex.) | L, 1-3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | at Rutgers | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | San Francisco | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sep | otember | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| _2 | at Clemson | 6:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Nebraska-Omaha | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Pennsylvania (Socctoberfest) | 7:30 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | UMKC | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Seton Hall * (Homecoming) (BED | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Denver | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| _24 | at DePaul * | 1:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Loyola-Chicago | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct | October | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | at St. John's * (BEDN) | 6:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| _ 7 | Butler * (BEDN) | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| _11 | at Tulsa | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Marquette * (BEDN) | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| _22 | at Villanova * (BEDN) | 12:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| _26 | at Xavier * (BEDN) | 6:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | Providence * (BEDN) | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | vember | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Georgetown * (BEDN) | 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 16 BIG EAST Men's Soccer Cham | nionshin | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TBD (at campus site of higher seed) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.0 | - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2016 NCAA Tournament | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. | 17 - Dec. 11 | TBA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | * BIG EAST Conference match | es | | | | | | | | | | | |

All times Central and subject to change Home matches in bold played at Michael G. Morrison, S.J., Stadium



No. 7 Creighton (2015: 19-4-0) vs. No. 25 Rutgers (2015: 12-7-2)



Up Next

The No. 7 Creighton men's soccer team opens the 2016 season on the road against the No. 25 Rutgers Scarlet Knights on Friday night. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. (CST) at Yurcak Field in Piscataway, N.J. Friday marks the first time since 2011 that the Bluejays have started their regular season on the road.

Follow The Match

Friday's match will feature a video webcast on BTN Plus, with Lou Brongo and Kristian Dyer on the call. A subscription is required to watch the event.

Live stats for the contest can be found at the following web address:

http://www.scarletknights.com/gametracker/launch/gt_msoccer.html?event=1497667&school=rutu&sport=msoccer&camefrom=&startschool=&.

Bluejay fans can also stay updated through the Creighton men's soccer Twitter feed: Twitter.com/CreightonMSoc

Scouting Creighton (2015: 19-4-0)

Creighton returns five starters and 10 lettermen from last year's team that advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals for a second straight season, led the nation in wins (19) and finished No. 6 in the year-end NSCAA poll.

The Bluejays were picked as the favorite to win the BIG EAST this season.

Senior **Ricardo Perez** returns as the leading goal-scorer and with the most experience in a Bluejay uniform of any player on the 2016 roster. Perez notched six goals, including four game-winners, during 2015 and has played in 65 matches (45 starts) at Creighton. The Ciudad Juarez, Mexico native, claimed a spot on the 2016 All-BIG EAST Preseason Team.

Senior Myles Englis and junior Ricky Lopez-Espin will also look to lead the Bluejay offense. Englis had four goals, while Lopez-Espin had five goals and ranks second among active Bluejays with eight in his career (Perez, 11).

Lucas Stauffer (Preseason All-BIG EAST), **Peter Prescott** and **Mitch LaGro** return to guide a defense which held opponents to 0.83 goals per game and recorded nine shutouts during 2015.

With the loss of three All-Americans, including MAC Hermann Finalist Fabian Herbers, Creighton welcomed 12 newcomers for the 2016 season, including senior transfers Alex Kapp (Boston College) and Riggs Lennon (Virginia).

| Final 2015 BIG EAST Regular-Season Standings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------|-----|------|-------|---------|----|---|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Е | BIG E | EAS | T | | Overall | | | | | | | | |
| Team | W | L | Т | Pts. | Pct. | W | L | Т | Pct. | | | | | |
| #8 Georgetown | 9 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1.000 | 16 | 2 | 3 | .833 | | | | | |
| #6 Creighton | 7 | 2 | 0 | 21 | .778 | 19 | 4 | 0 | .826 | | | | | |
| Butler | 6 | 3 | 0 | 18 | .667 | 10 | 4 | 4 | .667 | | | | | |
| Xavier | 5 | 3 | 1 | 16 | .611 | 12 | 6 | 1 | .658 | | | | | |
| Providence | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 | .500 | 8 | 7 | 3 | .528 | | | | | |
| DePaul | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 | .500 | 5 | 13 | 1 | .289 | | | | | |
| Villanova | 4 | 5 | 0 | 12 | .444 | 9 | 8 | 0 | .529 | | | | | |
| St. John's | 2 | 5 | 2 | 8 | .333 | 4 | 11 | 3 | .306 | | | | | |
| Marguette | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | .167 | 5 | 10 | 2 | .353 | | | | | |
| Seton Hall | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 15 | 1 | .031 | | | | | |



2016 Quick Facts

Creighton University Information

Location Omaha. Neb. Founded 1878 Enrollment 8.435 Nickname Bluejays Colors Blue & White President Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, S.J., Ph.D. **Director of Athletics** Bruce Rasmussen Affiliation NCAA Division I Conference **BIG EAST**

Bluejay Soccer

Head Coach Elmar Bolowich Alma Mater Mainz. 1981 Career Record 362-166-49 (27 years) Record at CU 82-22-9 (Five years) **Assistant Coach** Johnny Torres Creighton, 2008 Alma Mater **Assistant Coach** Michael Gabb Alma Mater Creighton, 2002 **Graduate Assistant** Zach Barnes Alma Mater Creighton, 2015 **Director of Operations** Tim Breen, S.J. Home Field Michael G. Morrison, S.J., Stadium Capacity 7,500 2015 Overall Record 19-4-0 2015 BIG EAST Record / Finish 7-2-0 / 2nd 10/9 Letterwinners Returning / Lost Starters Returning / Lost 5/6 Goalkeepers Returning / Lost 1/1

Conference Regular-Season Titles 13 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014

Conference Tournament Titles 13 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2011, 2012

NCAA Tournament Appearances 23 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013,

NCAA College Cup Appearances 5 1996, 2000, 2002, 2011, 2012

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Scouting Rutgers (2015: 12-7-2)

The Scarlet Knights return seven starters and 22 letterwinners from a team that finished 12-7-2 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament second round. Rutgers is ranked No. 25 in the NSCAA Preseason Top 25.

Junior Jason Wright, the unanimous Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and a NSCAA Second Team All-American in 2015, led the Big Ten in points (31), goals (13) and gamewinners (5). He claimed a spot on the 2016 MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List, and the Preseason First Team All-America by *College Soccer News*.

Scarlet Knights goalkeeper David Greczek was recognized by *Top Drawer Soccer* as one the of the nation's top returning goalkeepers. Greczek played every minute of all 21 matches and earned eight shutouts on his way to Second Team All-Big Ten accolades in 2015.

Wright, Greczek and Miles Hackett were named to the Big Ten Men's Soccer Preseason Honors list as Rutgers checked in at No. 4 in the Big Ten Preseason Coaches Poll.

Series History vs. Scarlet Knights

Creighton defeated Rutgers 3-0 in the only meeting previous between the two schools on Sept. 2, 2012 in Omaha during the Ameritas Classic. The Bluejays and Scarlet Knights managed a combined nine shots on goal during a Sunday afternoon match with temperatures in the mid 90s.

2016 Creighton Outlook

The Creighton men's soccer team enters the 2016 campaign after its second consecutive Elite Eight appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Bluejays spent a program-best eight consecutive weeks as the No. 1 team in the NSCAA national rankings and ranked third in the country in scoring offense, but now must replace over 50 percent of their goal scoring and six starters from last season.

MAC Hermann Trophy finalist Fabian Herbers and semifinalist Timo Pitter combined for 25 of Creighton's 52 goals during 2015. Herbers also broke the single-season program mark with 17 assists, while Pitter completed his career with the second-most matches played in a Bluejay uniform. Fernando Castellanos also scored three goals in his final season at Creighton.

Ricardo Perez returns as the leading scorer with six goals last season. Perez earned a spot on the NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region Second Team. Only two other returning Bluejays had four or more.

Forward **Ricky Lopez-Espin** owns the second-most career goals among active Bluejays with eight, trailing only Perez (11).

Myles Englis, in his fifth year with the program, will also provide leadership at the forward position. Englis tallied four goals last season.

Noah Franke and **Joel Rydstrand**, each of whom appeared in all 23 matches and combined for five goals and six assists, will lead the midfield.

Midfielder **Evan Waldrep** appeared in 10 matches as a freshman, but also spent two weeks playing for the United States U-20 National Team during the 2015 season.

Lucas Stauffer is the only returner to start each match during 2015 and is expected to anchor the backline. Stauffer earned BIG EAST All-Rookie status in 2014 and the team's Most Inspirational Award last season.

Defender **Peter Prescott** played in 20 matches as a freshman and also gives Creighton experience on the backline.

Mitch LaGro, who played significant minutes in the second half of the season, is also expected to lead the back.

With the departure of six seniors, including BIG EAST Co-Goalkeeper of the Year Connor Sparrow, Bolowich welcomes 12 newcomers to Omaha. Of the group, two arrive with three years of Division I experience and another as an NAIA All-American.

Alex Kapp looks to be most equipped to replace Sparrow in goal. Kapp played goalkeeper for Boston College and made 36 starts during three seasons as an Eagle. After graduating from BC in December, Kapp moved to Creighton to begin his MBA with one year of eligibility remaining.

Riggs Lennon comes to the Hilltop after three years of experience at Virginia. As a Cavalier, Lennon tallied seven goals and converted two match-clinching penalty kicks during Virginia's 2014 national championship run.

Akeem Ward enters the Bluejay program after earning a nod as an NAIA All-American while playing at Hastings College. The defender helped the Broncos hold opponents to one or fewer goals during 16 of 20 matches during 2015.



NSCAA Top 25 Aug. 2, 2016 (Preseason Poll) 2015 Rk Team Stanford 18-2-3 570 2. 567 3 18-3-3 Akron 7 3. Clemson 548 18-3-3 494 Marvland 12-5-6 4. 484 5 17-3-2 5. Wake Forest 15-6-3 6. Syracuse 465 4 6 19-4-0 7. Creighton 449 North Carolina 443 9 15-2-3 Notre Dame 399 11 11-5-6 9 380 8 16-2-3 10. Georgetown 10 11-8-1 11. Boston College 317 13 14-3-4 12 SMU 298 13. UC Santa Barbara 279 15 14-7-2 12 18-4-0 Seattle 14. 273 15. Indiana 267 16 13-5-1 23 11-9-1 **UCLA** 246 16. 17 Virginia 214 19 10-5-3 Ohio State 206 14 13-7-3 South Florida 197 18 11-6-3 19. 20. Denver 174 17 15-1-3 Coastal Carolina 21. 156 20 13-3-4 21 11-6-3 22. Charlotte 100 23. FIU 58 24 12-7-1

Also Receiving Votes: Connecticut 24, Tulsa 20, Dartmouth 19, Dayton 13, Radford 8, Utah Valley 6, Florida Gulf Coast 5, Boston University 4, Virginia Commonwealth 4, Cal Poly 4, Hofstra 2, Santa Clara 2, California 2, Elon 1, American 1, Harvard 1.

52

34

22 11-8-2

25 12-7-2

College Soccer News Top 30

Preseason Poll

- Stanford
- 2. 3. Akron

24.

South Carolina

Rutgers

- Maryland 4. Clemson
- 5. Wake Forest 6. North Carolina
- 7. Georgetown
- 8. Boston College
- 9.
- Creighton 10. SMU
- Syracuse 11
- 12. Seattle 13. UCLA
- 14 Indiana
- 15. Denver
- 16. UC Santa Barbara
- 17. Notre Dame
- 18. Ohio State
- 19. South Florida
- 20. Virginia 21.
- South Carolina
- 22. Connecticut
- 23. 24. Kentucky
- Charlotte
- 25. FIU
- 26. Rutgers
- 27. Dartmouth 28.
- Utah Vallev Coastal Carolina 29
- Monmouth

Others receiving Votes: Hofstra, Drake, Dayton, California, Xavier, Cal State Fullerton, LIU Brooklyn, Butler, Tulsa, FGCU, Boston University, Santa Clara, Oakland, Washington, VCU, Radford, Furman.

2016 Opponents in bold

Freshmen Luke Haakenson and Julius Fohr are also expected to make an immediate impact.

Two other transfers, Yasin Abdulgasem and Fabio Rumpler, and five freshmen, Roberto Anton, Connor Gavigan, Daniel Ribas, Karim Sawaf and Trent Williams, round out the recruiting class.

Jays Tough Slate

Similar to other seasons, the Bluejays have a number of talented opponents on their schedule. Creighton plays seven teams that finished in the top-50 in RPI a season ago, including two from the top-10.

The Bluejays travel to national runner-up Clemson and face three non-conference opponents that ended their seasons in the second round of the NCAAs (Rutgers, Denver, Tulsa).

The regular season concludes with a home date against 2015 BIG EAST champion Georgetown, which defeated the Bluejays twice last season, including a double overtime overtime suddenvictory in the BIG EAST Championship.

Exhibition Recaps

Creighton's intrasquad scrimmage on August 13 ended in a 0-0 draw. Following the 80-minute match, the White team outlasted the Blue squad 3-1 in penalty kicks.

The Bluejays hosted former Missouri Valley Conference foe Missouri State on Aug. 17. Bryce Gibson and Ricky Lopez-Espin scored for Creighton in a 2-0 victory.

Creighton also welcomed Wisconsin on Saturday night for the final contest of the preseason. The Badgers used a penalty kick in the first half to hold a 1-0 lead at the half before taking the match 3-1.

Ricardo Perez scored the lone goal for the Bluejays during the 87th minute.

CU Favored In Preseason BIG EAST Poll

Creighton was picked first in the preseason BIG EAST poll released on Aug. 17. The Bluejays received 74 points and five first-place votes in the poll.

Midfielder Ricardo Perez and defender Lucas Stauffer were each named to the Preseason All-BIG EAST Team.

This is the ninth time in the last 12 years, and 16th time since 1990, that Creighton has been picked to win its league in the preseason.

Jays Find Success in Lid-Lifters

Creighton has won its last six season-opening matches, including a 1-0 shutout of Michigan last season and 2-0 wins over nationally-ranked Tulsa (2013) and Stanford (2014) the previous two vears.

The Bluejays have not allowed a goal in six of their last seven lid-lifters. Creighton allowed one goal in a 3-1 victory over Northern Illinois in 2012

CU's unbeaten streak stretches to nine (7-0-2) in season-opening matches if you go back to a 2007 tie vs. San Diego State, and the Jays are 13-1-6 in its last 20 season lid-lifters.

Creighton is 18-2-6 in season-openers since reinstating soccer in 1990, and 22-5-6 all-time.

Road Season-Opener Rarity

Friday marks just the sixth time since the men's soccer program was reinstated in 1990 in which the Bluejays have opened the year on the road, and the first time since 2011 (at Denver).

Creighton is 2-1-2 in its previous five road season-openers during the past 26 seasons. including wins in its last two.

Recent History Against Big Ten

Creighton is 5-3-1 against current Big Ten conference teams under head coach Elmar Bolowich during the past five seasons, 15-7-2 overall since 2000 and 1-1 in season-openers.

The Bluejays last loss against a Big Ten school came in 2013 at Michigan.

Early Challenges Don't Scare Bluejays

Friday's season opener is the third in the past four seasons against a ranked opponent. Creighton defeated No. 20 Stanford 2-0 in 2014 and No. 14 Tulsa 2-0 to start the 2013 campaign. Rutgers enters Friday's match at No. 25 in the NSCAA Preseason Top 25.

Turning Two A Good Start

Creighton has not lost either of its first two games in any of the previous nine seasons, a streak it will look to continue this weekend. In that time, the Bluejays have started 2-0-0 six times and 1-0-1 on three occasions.

First Two Games. Previous Nine Seasons

| Year | 1st Game | 2nd Game |
|------|-------------|-------------|
| 2007 | T 2-2 (2ot) | W 3-0 |
| 2008 | W 4-1 | W 4-0 |
| 2009 | T 0-0 (2ot) | W 1-0 |
| 2010 | W 2-0 | W 4-0 |
| 2011 | W 1-0 | W 5-0 |
| 2012 | W 3-1 | T 1-1 (2ot) |
| 2013 | W 2-0 | W 3-0 |
| 2014 | W 2-0 | W 1-0 |
| 2015 | W 1-0 | W 4-0 |

2016 Miscellaneous Statistics CU Opp. Corner Kicks 0 0 Offsides 0 0 Penalty Kicks 0-0 0-0 Yellow Cards 0 0 Red Cards 0 0

Score by Periods

| | 1 | 2 | OT1 | OT2 | Total |
|------|---|---|-----|-----|-------|
| CU | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opp. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Attendance Breakdown

| | Matches | | |
|----------|---------|---|---|
| OVERALL. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Home | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Away | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neutral | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Record Breakdown

| Record Bi | eakuowii | |
|------------------------|------------|-------|
| Во | lowich Era | 2016 |
| Overall | 82-22-9 | 0-0-0 |
| Home | 55-7-3 | 0-0-0 |
| Away | 25-12-5 | 0-0-0 |
| Neutral | 2-3-1 | 0-0-0 |
| Conference | 28-7-3 | 0-0-0 |
| Home | 16-3-0 | 0-0-0 |
| Away | 12-5-3 | 0-0-0 |
| Non-Conference | 54-12-6 | 0-0-0 |
| Home | 38-4-3 | 0-0-0 |
| Away | 13-7-2 | 0-0-0 |
| Neutral | 2-3-1 | 0-0-0 |
| Creighton scores first | 71-4-2 | 0-0-0 |
| Opponent scores first | 11-18-3 | 0-0-0 |
| Scoreless ties | 0-0-4 | 0-0-0 |
| Ahead at halftime | 47-0-2 | 0-0-0 |
| Trailing at halftime | 6-9-1 | 0-0-0 |
| Tied at halftime | 29-13-6 | 0-0-0 |
| Overtime | 8-4-9 | 0-0-0 |
| Against Top 25 | 17-9-4 | 0-0-0 |
| Monday | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| Tuesday | 9-3-1 | 0-0-0 |
| Wednesday | 10-3-0 | 0-0-0 |
| Thursday | 1-2-0 | 0-0-0 |
| Friday | 13-5-2 | 0-0-0 |
| Saturday | 27-7-4 | 0-0-0 |
| Sunday | 22-2-1 | 0-0-0 |
| | | |

Creighton in the 2016 Polls

| Week | NSCAA | CSN | TDS | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Pre | 7 | 9 | 14 | | | | | | | | | |
| NSCAA - NSCAA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | CSN - College Soccer News Top 30 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TDS - TopDrawerSoccer com | | | | | | | | | | | |

2016 BIG EAST Preseason Poll

| Rk. | Team (1st place votes) | <u>Points</u> |
|-----|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Creighton (5) | 74 |
| 2. | Georgetown (2) | 71 |
| 3. | Providence (2) | 64 |
| 4. | Xavier (1) | 58 |
| 5. | Butler | 56 |
| 6. | Villanova | 39 |
| 7. | Marquette | 28 |
| | St. John's | 28 |
| 9. | DePaul | 22 |
| 10. | Seton Hall | 10 |

Top 10 Jays, Again

Creighton has been ranked seventh nationally in the preseason edition of the NSCAA Top 25 Coaches poll.

It's the fifth time in the last six years the Bluejays have been ranked in the top-10 of the preseason poll, and 12th time since 1998.

Creighton has now spent at least one week in the top 10 of the NSCAA poll in each of the last 25 seasons.

Bluejays Rank Among Top in Attendance

Creighton finished last season third nationally in average home attendance and second overall in total home attendance.

It was the 12th straight season the Bluejays have finished in the top-10 nationally in average home attendance.

Below is a list of the top 5 nationally in average home attendance for the 2015 season.

| Rk. T | Team Team | Games | | Avg |
|-------|------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1. L | JC Santa Barbara | 12 | 46,132 | 3,844 |
| 2. L | JConn | 12 | 42,054 | 3,504 |
| 3. (| Creighton | 14 | 46,171 | 3,297 |
| 4. N | Maryland | 12 | 38,443 | 3,203 |
| 5. V | Vake Forest | 17 | 46,248 | 2,720 |

Big Shoes to Fill

The Bluejays lost six starters from last season's team, including four players that earned national or BIG EAST recognition.

Fabian Herbers, the sixth overall pick in the 2016 MLS SuperDraft, finished runner-up in the MAC Hermann Player of the Year voting after leading Division I and setting a Creighton program record with 17 assists. Herbers also led the nation in points (47) and finished third in the country in goals (15), while earning NSCAA First Team All-American accolades and BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year honors for the second consecutive season.

Timo Pitter, two-time BIG EAST Midfielder of the Year, finished his Creighton career with 79 career matches played, the second-most in program history. Pitter finished 2015 with 10 goals scored, was named a MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist and made the NSCAA All-America First Team.

Vincent Keller anchored the Creighton defense while earing NSCAA All-America Third Team selection as a senior.

BIG EAST Co-Goalkeeper of the Year Connor Sparrow also departed after holding oppenents to a career 0.63 goal against average.

Along with Herbers, Pitter, Keller and Sparrow were each drafted in the MLS SuperDraft.

Leading the Country in Wins

Creighton led the nation in wins (19) during the 2015 season. The Bluejays were eliminated from the NCAA Tournament in double overtime by Akron during the Bluejays' second consecutive and 11th appearance in the national quarterfinals in the last 20 years.

Creighton also won 15 consecutive matches to open last year, its best start since the 1993 season (19).

One Goal Makes the Difference

Each of Creighton's last 18 losses have been by a single goal, including every setback during the past three seasons.

Creighton has fallen behind by two goals just four times in 113 games under **Elmar Bolowich**, and lost by two goals just twice.

Priorities: Score first, Lead at the HalfCreighton is 71-4-2 under **Elmar Bolowich**when its scores first after going 16-1-0
last season.

The Bluejays are also 47-0-2 under Bolowich when leading at halftime.

By contrast, CU is 6-9-1 when trailing at the half and 11-18-3 when the opposition scores first during the past five seasons.

2016 Individual Honors & Awards

Ricardo Perez

Preseason All-BIG EAST, M

Lucas Stauffer

Preseason All-BIG EAST, D



Numerical Roster

| 0 Connor Gavi | gan GK GK | 6-0 | 405 | | |
|------------------|--------------|------|-----|-----|---|
| 1 Alex Kapp | GK | | 165 | Fr. | Aurora, Colo. (Grandview / Colorado Rapids Academy) |
| | Oit | 6-0 | 190 | Sr. | Westchester, N.Y. (Boston College / FC Westchester Academy) |
| 2 Peter Presco | tt D | 6-4 | 190 | So. | Vancouver, Wash. (Mountain View / Portland Timbers Academy) |
| 3 Mitch LaGro | D/M | 5-11 | 170 | So. | Dallas, Texas (Plano West / Solar Chelsea) |
| 4 Julius Fohr | D | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Montabaur, Germany (Fachoberschule Hachenburg / SpVgg Burgbrohl) |
| 5 Akeem Ward | D | 5-6 | 140 | So. | Vienna, Va. (Hastings College / Shattuck-St. Mary's Academy) |
| 6 Joel Rydstra | nd M | 5-8 | 155 | So. | Almunge, Sweden (Celsiusskolan / IK Sirius) |
| 7 Ricky Lopez | Espin F | 6-2 | 200 | Jr. | Miami, Fla. (Shattuck-St. Mary's [Minn.] / Shattuck-St. Mary's) |
| 8 Evan Waldre | р М | 6-0 | 170 | So. | Phoenix, Ariz. (Vista Grande / Real Salt Lake Academy) |
| 9 Riggs Lenno | n F | 6-1 | 180 | Sr. | Paradise Valley, Ariz. (Virginia / Real Salt Lake Academy) |
| 10 Ricardo Pere | z M/F | 5-8 | 160 | Sr. | Ciudad Juarez, Mexico (Rocky Mountain [Colo.] / Albuquerque Sol) |
| 11 Fabio Rump | er M | 5-7 | 140 | So. | Vienna, Austria (Middle Georgia State / Admira Wacker Mödling) |
| 12 Lucas Stauff | er D | 5-6 | 160 | Jr. | Owensboro, Ky. (Shattuck-St. Mary's [Minn.] / Vejle Boldklub) |
| 13 Noah Franke | M | 5-8 | 140 | Jr. | Orlando, Fla. (Olympia / Orlando City) |
| 14 Daniel Ribas | M | 5-9 | 145 | Fr. | Guayaquil, Ecuador (Torremar / Barcelona S.C.) |
| 15 Luke Haaker | ison M | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | Maple Grove, Minn. (Shattuck-St. Mary's / Shattuck-St. Mary's) |
| 16 Myles Englis | M | 5-10 | 165 | Sr. | Rome, Ga. (Darlington Academy / IMG Academy) |
| 17 Stefan Wutte | D | 6-1 | 185 | Jr. | Perrydale, Ore. (Willamette Univ. / Portland Timbers Academy) |
| 18 Roberto Antor | M | 5-8 | 140 | Fr. | Guayaquil, Ecuador (UEB Torremar / Guayaquil SC) |
| 19 Yasin Abdulga | sem M | 5-8 | 140 | Sr. | Aurora, Colo. (Wisconsin-Green Bay / Real Colorado) |
| 20 Karim Sawaf | F | 5-8 | 175 | Fr. | Beverly Hills, Calif. (Shattuck-St. Mary's [Minn.] / Shattuck St. Mary's) |
| 21 Bryce Gibso | n F | 6-5 | 180 | Fr. | Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit North / Sporting Kansas City Academy) |
| 23 Connor Ram | lo M | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Xavier / Iowa Soccer Club) |
| 24 Brock Fitzge | rald M | 5-8 | 150 | Jr. | Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X / Omaha FC) |
| 25 Trent William | s M | 5-9 | 170 | Fr. | Smithville, Mo. (Smithville / Sporting Blue Valley SC) |
| 29 Collin Valdiv | a GK | 5-10 | 145 | Fr. | Santa Monica, Calif. (Loyola / FC Golden State) |
| 30 Michael Kluv | er GK | 6-3 | 195 | Jr. | Omaha, Neb. (Skutt Catholic / Omaha FC) |

Alphabetical Roster

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown (Last School / Last Club) |
|-----|-------------------|------|------|-----|-----|---|
| 19 | Yasin Abdulgasem | М | 5-8 | 140 | Sr. | Aurora, Colo. (Wisconsin-Green Bay / Real Colorado) |
| 18 | Roberto Anton | M | 5-8 | 140 | Fr. | Guayaquil, Ecuador (UEB Torremar / Guayaquil SC) |
| 16 | Myles Englis | М | 5-10 | 165 | Sr. | Rome, Ga. (Darlington Academy / IMG Academy) |
| 24 | Brock Fitzgerald | M | 5-8 | 150 | Jr. | Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X / Omaha FC) |
| 4 | Julius Fohr | D | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Montabaur, Germany (Fachoberschule Hachenburg / SpVgg Burgbrohl) |
| 13 | Noah Franke | M | 5-8 | 140 | Jr. | Orlando, Fla. (Olympia / Orlando City) |
| 0 | Connor Gavigan | GK | 6-0 | 165 | Fr. | Aurora, Colo. (Grandview / Colorado Rapids Academy) |
| 21 | Bryce Gibson | F | 6-5 | 175 | Fr. | Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit North / Sporting Kansas City Academy) |
| 15 | Luke Haakenson | M | 5-11 | 170 | Fr. | Maple Grove, Minn. (Shattuck-St. Mary's / Shattuck-St. Mary's) |
| 1 | Alex Kapp | GK | 6-0 | 190 | Sr. | Westchester, N.Y. (Boston College / FC Westchester Academy) |
| 30 | Michael Kluver | GK | 6-3 | 195 | Jr. | Omaha, Neb. (Skutt Catholic / Omaha FC) |
| 3 | Mitch LaGro | D/M | 5-11 | 170 | So. | Dallas, Texas (Plano West / Solar Chelsea) |
| 9 | Riggs Lennon | F | 6-1 | 180 | Sr. | Paradise Valley, Ariz. (Virginia / Real Salt Lake Academy) |
| 7 | Ricky Lopez-Espin | F | 6-2 | 200 | Jr. | Miami, Fla. (Shattuck-St. Mary's [Minn.] / Shattuck-St. Mary's) |
| 10 | Ricardo Perez | M/F | 5-8 | 160 | Sr. | Ciudad Juarez, Mexico (Rocky Mountain [Colo.] / Albuquerque Sol) |
| 2 | Peter Prescott | D | 6-4 | 185 | So. | Vancouver, Wash. (Mountain View / Portland Timbers Academy) |
| 23 | Connor Ramlo | M | 6-0 | 170 | Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Xavier / Iowa Soccer Club) |
| 14 | Daniel Ribas | M | 5-9 | 145 | Fr. | Guayaquil, Ecuador (Torremar / Barcelona S.C.) |
| 11 | Fabio Rumpler | M | 5-7 | 140 | So. | Vienna, Austria (Middle Georgia State / Admira Wacker Mödling) |
| 6 | Joel Rydstrand | M | 5-8 | 155 | So. | Almunge, Sweden (Celsiusskolan / IK Sirius) |
| 20 | Karim Sawaf | F | 5-8 | 175 | Fr. | Beverly Hills, Calif. (Shattuck-St. Mary's [Minn.] / Shattuck St. Mary's) |
| 12 | Lucas Stauffer | D | 5-6 | 160 | Jr. | Owensboro, Ky. (Shattuck-St. Mary's [Minn.] / Vejle Boldklub) |
| 29 | Collin Valdivia | GK | 5-10 | 145 | Fr. | Santa Monica, Calif. (Loyola / FC Golden State) |
| 8 | Evan Waldrep | М | 6-0 | 170 | So. | Phoenix, Ariz. (Vista Grande / Real Salt Lake Academy) |
| 5 | Akeem Ward | D | 5-6 | 140 | So. | Vienna, Va. (Hastings College / Shattuck-St. Mary's Academy) |
| 25 | Trent Williams | М | 5-9 | 170 | Fr. | Smithville, Mo. (Smithville / Sporting Blue Valley SC) |
| 17 | Stefan Wutte | D | 6-1 | 185 | Jr. | Perrydale, Ore. (Willamette Univ. / Portland Timbers Academy) |

Head Coach: Elmar Bolowich (Mainz, 1981) – 6th season Assistant Coach: Johnny Torres (Creighton, 2008) - 10th season Assistant Coach: Michael Gabb (Creighton, 2002) - 1st season Graduate Assistant: Zach Barnes (Creighton, 2015) - 1st season

Director of Operations: Tim Breen, S.J. (Loyola-Chicago, 2014) - 1st season

Pronunciation Guide

Yasin Abdulgasem:

Ya · SEEN Ab · dool · GAH · seem

Anton: AN • ton

Bolowich: BOW • lo • vich

Fohr: FOR

Franke: FRANK • ee

Haakenson: HAWK • in • son

Kluver: KLOO • ver LaGro: luh • GRO Ramlo: RAM • lo Ribas: REE • bahs Fabio Rumpler:

FAH • bee • o RUMP • ler

Joel Rydstrand: JO • ell RIDE • stran Karim Sawaf: Kar • EEM Sa • waf Stauffer: STOW (as in wow) • fur Valdivia: VAL • dee • vee • uh

Stefan Wutte: STEFF • ahn VOOT • eh

Breakdown by Class

Seniors (5): Yasin Abdulgasem, Myles Englis, Alex Kapp, Riggs Lennon, Ricardo Perez

Juniors (6): Brock Fitzgerald, Noah Franke, Michael Kluver, Ricky Lopez-Espin, Lucas Stauffer, Stefan Wutte

Sophomores (6): Mitch LaGro, Peter Prescott, Fabio Rumpler, Joel Rydstrand, Evan Waldrep, Akeem Ward

Freshmen (10): Roberto Anton, Julius Fohr, Connor Gavigan, Bryce Gibson, Luke Haakenson, Connor Ramlo, Daniel Ribas, Karim Sawaf, Collin Valdivia, Trent

Williams

Breakdown by Location

Arizona (2): Riggs Lennon, Evan Waldrep California (2): Karim Sawaf, Collin Valdivia

Colorado (2): Yasin Abdulgasem, Connor Gavigan

Florida (2): Noah Franke, Ricky Lopez-Espin

Iowa (1): Connor Ramlo Georgia (1): Myles Englis Kentucky (1): Lucas Stauffer Minnesota (1): Luke Haakenson

Missouri (2): Bryce Gibson, Trent Williams

Nebraska (2): Brock Fitzgerald, Michael Kluver

New York (1): Alex Kapp Oregon (1): Stefan Wutte Texas (1): Mitch LaGro Virginia (1): Akeem Ward Washington (1): Peter Prescott

International (6): Roberto Anton, Julius Fohr, Ricardo Perez, Daniel Ribas, Fabio

Rumpler, Joel Rydstrand



Final 2015 Creighton Men's Soccer Overall Stats

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RECORD:

| | | ALL GAMES | | 19 | 9-4 | | 13-1 | 6-3 | | | 0-0 | | _ | | | |
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| | Date | Opponent | | Score | Att. | ## | Player | gp | g a | pts | sh sh | % sog | sog% | gw | pk-att | |
| | Aug 28 | MICHIGAN | W | 1-0 | 4838 | 14 | HERBERS, Fabian | 23 | 15 17 | 47 | 94 .16 | | | 5 | 4-4 | |
| | Aug 30 | MILWAUKEE | W | 4-0 | 2248 | 18 | PITTER, Timo | 23 | 10 5 | 25 | 73 .13 | 7 43 | .589 | 5 | 0-0 | |
| | Sep 04 | CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE | w | 2-1 | 4907 | 10 | PEREZ, Ricardo | 23 | 6 2 | 14 | 36 .16 | | .278 | 4 | 0-0 | |
| | Sep 06 | #13 UC IRVINE | W | 4-0 | 2326 | 11 | CASTELLANOS,Fernan | | 3 6 | 12 | 30 .10 | | .400 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| | Sep 11 | at Michigan State | W | 1-0 | 1630 | 7 | LOPEZ-ESPIN, Ricky | 23 | 5 1 | 11 | 49 .10 | | .429 | 1 | 0-0 | |
| | Sep 19 | TULSA | W | 1-0 | 6453 | 16 | ENGLIS, Myles | 23 | 4 1 | 9 | 32 .12 | | .406 | 2 | 0-0 | |
| | Sep 22 | NORTHERN ILLINOIS | W | 2-0 | 2093 | 6 | RYDSTRAND, Joel | 23 | 3 3 | 9 | 22 .13 | | .318 | 1 | 0-0 | |
| * | Sep 26 | at Seton Hall | W | 4-2 | 938 | 13 | FRANKE, Noah | 23 | 2 3 | 7 | 31 .06 | | .323 | 1 | 0-0 | |
| | Sep 29 | MISSOURI STATE | W | 4-0 | 2132 | 12 | STAUFFER, Lucas | 23 | 2 2 | 6 | 38 .05 | | .421 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| * | Oct 03 | DEPAUL | W | 1-0 | 3387 | 8 | WALDREP, Evan | 10 | 2 2 | 6 | 4 .50 | | .500 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| | Oct 06 | DRAKE | W | 2-1 | 2427 | 4 | KELLER, Vincent | 21 | 0 4 | 4 | 12 .00 | | .250 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| | Oct 10 | ST. JOHN'S | W | 2-1 | 3888 | 2 | PRESCOTT, Peter | 20 | 1 0 | 2 | 12 .08 | | .417 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| | Oct 14 | at Butler | W | 1-0 | 913 | 3 | LAGRO, Mitch PAYE, Mike | 11 | 0 1 | 1 | 1 .00 7 .00 | | 1.000 | 0 | 0-0 0-0 | |
| * | Oct 17 | at Marquette VILLANOVA | W | 3-1 = 1 | 1232 4223 | 5 22 | DEJULIO, Eric | 21 21 | 0 0 | 0 | 5 .00 | | .200 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| * | Oct 24 | XAVIER | W | 5-1 1-2 | 3061 | 9 | BACELLAR, Diego | 4 | 0 0 | 0 | 2 .00 | | .000 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| * | Oct 28 | at Providence | L W | 3-1 | 478 | 24 | FITZGERALD, Brock | 5 | 0 0 | 0 | 1 .00 | | 1.000 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| * | Oct 31 Nov 05 | at #6 Georgetown | vv L | 1-2 | 987 | 30 | KLUVER, Michael | 1 | 0 0 | 0 | 0 .00 | | .000 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| | Nov 12 | PROVIDENCE | W | 2-1 | 1976 | 25 | KOLLMANNTHALER,Fe | | 0 0 | 0 | 0 .00 | | .000 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| | Nov 12 | at #3 Georgetown | Lo2 | 1-2 | 1541 | 15 | RUTTER, Daniel | , , 1 | 0 0 | 0 | 0 .00 | | .000 | 0 | 0-0 | |
| | Nov 22 | DRAKE | W | 5-1 | 2212 | 0 | SPARROW, Connor | 23 | 0 0 | 0 | 0 .00 | | | 0 | 0-0 | |
| | Nov 28 | at #4 North Carolina | W | 1-0 | 1432 | <u> </u> | Total | 23 | 53 47 | 153 | 449 .11 | | | 19 | 4-4 | |
| | Dec 05 | at #4 Akron | Lo2 | 2-3 | 3043 | | Opponents | 23 | 19 14 | 52 | 216 .08 | | .333 | 4 | 1-1 | |
| - | TEAM STAT | TISTICS | CU | | OPP | ## | Goalie | GP | Min. | GA | GAAvg | Saves | Pct | W-L | -T St | 10 |
| - | SHOT STAT | ISTICS | | | | 30 | KLUVER, Michael | 1 | 15:38 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | .000 | 0-0 | | /1 |
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| | Shot pct. | | .118 | | .088 | | Opponents | 23 | 2098:48 | 53 | 2.27 | 137 | .721 | 4-19 |)-0 | 0 |
| | | oal-Attempts | 190-449 | | 72-216 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SOG pct. | | .423 | | .333 | | als by Period | 1st | 2nd | OT | | otal | | | | |
| | Shots/Gam | | 19.5 | | 9.4 | _ | eighton | 28 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 53 | | | | |
| | CORNER KI | | 137 | | 84 | Op | ponents | 7 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 19 | | | | |
| | PENALTY K | ICKS | 4-4 | | 1-1 | CI. | | | | | - | | | | | |
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| ŀ | PENALTIES | | 07 | | 07 | | eighton | 217 | 224 | 7 | 1 | 449 | | | | |
| | Yellow card | 15 | 27 | | 27 1 | Οþ | ponents | 79 | 131 | 4 | 2 | 216 | | | | |
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| | Neutral Site | | 0/0 | | 3/1333 | Οþ | ponents | 00 | 01 | 2 | U | 137 | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Cre | eighton | 71 | 64 | 2 | 0 | 137 | | | | |
| | | | | | | Ор | ponents | 27 | 55 | 1 | 1 | 84 | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Cre | eighton | 130 | 142 | 2 | | 276 | | | | |
| | | | | | | Ор | ponents | 127 | 111 | 0 | 2 | 240 | | | | |
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