

# HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER

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High Point defeat Gardner-Webb 1-0 in an OT thriller to advance to the Big South Championship game. Tonight, HPU will face UNC Asheville for the title and a chance to punch their ticket to the NCAA Tournament.

The last matchup between the two was earlier this season. High Point defeat the Bulldogs 4-0 in Asheville.

This is the fifth consecutive Big South Championship that High Point has played in. They have won 2 out of the five, advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

## 2023 Team Leaders

### Goals

1. Finn McRobb (5)
2. Jefferson Amaya (5)
3. Tony Pineda (5)

### Points

1. Jefferson Amaya (16)
2. Tony Pineda (12)
3. Finn McRobb (10)

### Saves

1. Josh Caron (26)
2. Justin Stewart (21)
3. —

### Assists

1. Jefferson Amaya (6)
2. Kaya Ignacio (3)
3. Alex Abril (3)

### Shots

1. Jefferson Amaya (36)
2. Alex Abril (36)
3. Anthony Ramirez (27)

## 2023 SCHEDULE / RESULTS

Overall: 10-3-4 | Big South 6-0-1

Home: 6-0-2 | Away: 4-3-2

Date	Opponent	Time
8/24	at Davidson	7 p.m.
8/27	vs Saint Peter's	7 p.m.
9/1	vs Evansville	7 p.m.
9/8	at Marshall	7:15 p.m.
9/12	vs Elon	7 p.m.
9/16	vs UNCG	7 p.m.
9/19	at William & Mary	7 p.m.
9/23	vs USC Upstate	4 p.m.
9/26	at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
10/2	at Radford	7 p.m.
10/7	at Longwood	6 p.m.
10/11	vs Presbyterian	7 p.m.
10/14	at Gardner-Webb	7:30 p.m.
10/17	at NC State	7 p.m.
10/21	at UNC Asheville	6 p.m.
10/24	at Virginia	7 p.m.
11/1	vs Winthrop	7 p.m.
11/5	Big South Semifinal	6 p.m.
11/11	Big South Championship	7 p.m.

*All times Eastern*

## Big South Standings

School	Overall	Conf
High Point	10-3-4	6-0-1
UNC Asheville	10-5-2	4-2-1
Winthrop	4-11-2	3-2-2
Gardner-Webb	4-9-4	2-2-3
Presbyterian	5-8-3	2-3-2
Radford	3-11-3	2-4-1
USC Upstate	5-10-2	2-4-1
Longwood	6-6-3	1-5-1



# HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER



#0 Josh Caron  
GK | Fr. | Palm Harbor, FL



#1 Justin Stewart  
GK | Fr. | Little Elm, TX



#2 Jackson Ruckman  
M | Jr. | Edgewater, MD



#3 Ben Wiemann  
D | Gr. | Freiburg, Germany



#4 Jefferson Amaya  
M | So. | Charlotte, NC



#5 Karson Kendall  
D | Gr. | St. Thomas, Virgin Islands



#6 Finn McRobb  
D | Sr. | Glasgow, Scotland



#7 Darian Castillo  
F | Fr. | San Luis, AZ



#8 Brendan Krueger  
M | So. | Clearwater, FL



#9 Kaya Ignacio  
F | Sr. | Georgetown, TX



#10 Anthony Ramirez  
M | Fr. | Thomasville, N.C.



#11 Larson Rula  
F | Jr. | Birmingham, AL



#12 Beau Yantz  
D | So. | Redondo Beach, CA



#13 Luke Snyder  
GK | R-So. | Mechanicsburg, PA



#14 Tony Pineda  
F | Gr. | Stateville, NC



#16 Aidan Abril  
M | R-So. | Brandywine, MD



#17 Alex Abril  
M | Gr. | Brandywine, MD



#18 Seth Antwi  
M | Gr. | Kuntanase, Ashanti Region



#19 Davis Biggerstaff  
M | R-Sr. | Hickory, NC



#20 Caleb Britt  
M | So. | Kernersville, NC



#21 James Vandehei  
D | Fr. | Alexandria, VA



#22 Nick Herb  
D | So. | Ponte Vedra Beach, FL



#23 John Killgore  
D | Fr. | Hobe Sound, FL



#24 Noah Holmes  
F | Gr. | Cary, NC



#25 Matt Brucker  
F | R-Fr. | Memphis, TN



#27 Cooper Lindfelt  
D | Sr. | Redlands, CA



#28 Tanner Rothenberger  
M/D | Jr. | Charlotte, NC



#29 Ashton Perkins  
F | R-Sr. | New Orleans, LA



# HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER



Zach Haines  
Head Coach



Josh Gillon  
Associate Head Coach



Josh Coupar  
Assistant Coach



Mason Marcey  
Assistant Coach



Liz Lefever  
Athletic Trainer



Jake Derene  
Sport Contact

## Head Coach Zach Haines Fifth Season at HPU

Becoming just the fourth Head Coach in HPU men's soccer Division I history, Zach Haines arrived on the HPU campus February 12th, 2019, having spent the previous season with the University of Denver, and six seasons prior with the University or North Carolina-Wilmington.

Haines has a 53-24-12 overall record in the midst of his fifth season, 34-1-7 in the Big South Conference. In his first four seasons as Head Coach, Haines appeared in four Big South Tournament Championships, winning the 2022 Championship and being awarded the 2022 Big South Coach of the Year award. In the 2022 season, Haines added two more Power-5 wins over #7 Maryland and UNC on the road. Making history in the 2020-21 season as he led the Panthers to its very first Big South Tournament Championship in program history. He brought the Panthers to the NCAA Tournament in 2021 and 2022, making it to the second round in both runs. Secured a bye in 2021 to face the defending national champions - Georgetown and in 2022, beat UNC 2-0 to advance to play Stanford. In all four seasons as the Head Coach, 44 athletes under him have been named to the Big South All-Conference Team as well as three MLS 1st round draft picks (Meyer, Rula, Trent).

In his first season (2019) with the Panthers, Haines led HPU back to the Big South Championship match with a 13-7-0 record. The most successful season in the first year of a head coach in High Point men's soccer history. Keegan Meyer was taken 43rd overall in the MLS SuperDraft, the Purple and White's first SuperDraft pick in program history. The Panthers won a marquis game at Duke

as well as finishing 7-1-0 in the Big South Conference.

A native of Jamestown, N.C., Haines spent six years of his coaching career at UNCW before going to Denver, holding the position of Associate Head Coach for three seasons. The Southwest Guilford HS grad helped lead the Seahawks from a 7-11-1 record in his first season, to a 13-5-2 finish, and an NCAA Tournament At-Large bid, in his third year.

### Quick Facts:

- Haines is back to back BSC Coach of the Year
- 34-1-7 all-time in the Big South Conference
- HPU's last road loss in conference regular season play was on Sept. 24 2016. A 2-1 OT loss at Presbyterian.
- HPU is T-26th in the country for goals per game: 1.94
- HPU is 26th in the country in shots per game: 14.29

## General Information

Location.....	High Point, N.C.
Founded.....	1924
Enrollment.....	4,800
Nickname.....	Panthers
Colors.....	Purple and White
Conference.....	Big South (NCAA Div. I)
President.....	Dr. Nido Qubein (High Point '70)
Athletic Director.....	Dan Hauser (App State '92)
Facility.....	Vert Stadium
Capacity.....	1,100
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance.....	2022
NCAA Tournament Appearances.....	3
NCAA Tournament Wins.....	1
Big South Championship Appearances.....	8
Big South Regular Season Titles.....	4
Big South Tournament Titles.....	2

# HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER

## 2023 HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Club Team or Transfer
0	Josh Caron	R-Fr.	GK	6'0"	170	Palm Harbor, Fla. / Chargers SC (MLS NEXT)
1	Justin Stewart	Fr.	GK	6'0"	170	Little Elm, Texas / North Texas SC (MLS NEXT Pro)
2	Jackson Ruckman	Jr.	M	6'2"	160	Edgewater, Md. / Maryland United FC (ECNL)
3	Ben Wiemann	Gr.	D	6'4"	175	Freiburg, Germany / Lake Erie College
4	Jefferson Amaya	So.	M	6'1"	175	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Independence (USL 1)
5	Karson Kendall	Gr.	D	6'3"	195	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands / Sporting KC (USSDA)
6	Finn McRobb	Sr.	D	6'3"	170	Glasgow, Scotland / Celtic Football Club (Scotland)
7	Darian Castillo	Fr.	F	5'11"	155	San Luis, Ariz. / Barca Academy (MLS NEXT)
8	Brendan Krueger	So.	F/M	5'9"	150	Clearwater, Fla. / Chargers SC (MLS NEXT)
9	Kaya Ignacio	Sr.	F	5'8"	135	Georgetown, Texas / Houston Dynamo (MLS NEXT)
10	Anthony Ramirez	Fr.	MF	5'9"	169	Thomasville, N.C. / Philadelphia Union II
11	Larson Rula	Jr.	F	5'11"	160	Birmingham, Ala. / IMG Academy (MLS/USSDA)
12	Beau Yantz	So.	D	5'11"	170	Redondo Beach, Calif. / Pataedores SC (ECNL)
13	Luke Snyder	R-So.	GK	6'4"	185	Mechanicsburg, Pa. / HMMS FC (USYS)
14	Tony Pineda	Gr.	F	5'11"	160	Statesville, N.C. / Charlotte Soccer Academy
16	Aidan Abril	R-So.	M	6'0"	145	Brandywine, Md. / Maryland United FC (ECNL)
17	Alex Abril	Gr.	F	6'2"	170	Brandywine, Md. / Maryland United FC (ECNL)
18	Seth Antwi	Gr.	M	5'7"	159	Kuntanase, Ashanti Region (Ghana) / University of Dayton
19	Davis Biggerstaff	R-Sr.	M	5'9"	170	Hickory, N.C. / Carolina Rapids (USSDA)
20	Caleb Britt	So.	M	5'6"	145	Kernersville, N.C. / NC Fusion (USSDA/ECNL)
21	James VandeHei	Fr.	D	6'2"	165	Alexandria, Va. / Alexandria SA (MLS NEXT)
22	Nick Herb	So.	D	6'0"	165	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. / Jacksonville FC (MLS NEXT)
23	John Killgore	Fr.	D	5'10"	170	Hobe Sound, Fla. / Tampa Bay United (MLS NEXT)
24	Noah Holmes	Gr.	F	6'1"	175	Cary, N.C. / Wake FC
25	Matt Brucker	R-Fr.	F	5'11"	170	Memphis, Tenn. / Germantown Legend / Memphis 901
27	Cooper Lindfelt	Sr.	D	5'8"	160	Redlands, Calif. / FC Golden State (USSDA)
28	Tanner Rothenberger	Jr.	M/D	6'0"	155	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Soccer Academy (ECNL)
29	Ashton Perkins	R-Sr.	F	5'10"	160	New Orleans, La. / Louisiana Fire Juniors

**Head Coach:** Zach Haines (North Carolina '08, 5th season)

**Assistant Coach:** Josh Gillon (Lees-McRae, 10th season)

**Assistant Coach:** Josh Coupar (Grace College '19, 2nd season)

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Mason Marcey (High Point '21, 2nd season)

**Undergraduate Assistant:** Caco Fernandez (High Point, 1st season)

**Athletic Trainer:** Liz Lefever

### Pronunciation Guide:

Caron .....	Karen
Wiemann .....	Vee – Men
Amaya .....	Uh – my- uh
Darian Castillo .....	Dare – e – in Cast – e – yo
Krueger .....	Krew – ger
Kaya Ignacio .....	Ky – uh Ig – nas – eyo
Beau Yantz .....	Bo – Yonts
Pineda .....	Pin – ned – uh
Abril .....	Uh – brill (like grill)
Antwi .....	An – Chi
VandeHei .....	Van – Duh – Hi
Herb .....	Erb (H is silent)

# **HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER**

## 2023 High Point University Men's Soccer Overall Statistics (as of Nov 5, 2023)

# 2023 UNC Asheville Men's Soccer Roster

No.	Player	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown / Previous School / Club Team
1	Charlie Farrar	Jr.	GK	6-4	180	Wakefield, United Kingdom/Chowan/Rotherham United FC
2	Heath Flathau	Jr.	D/M	5-9	155	Hattiesburg, MS/UAB/Alabama FC
3	Silas Goss	Sr.	M/F	5-10	150	Shelby, NC/SGCSA
4	Griffin Stidham	Sr.	D	6-2	180	Apex, NC/UNC Wilmington/NCFC Academy
5	Roger Sanguinetti	Jr.	D/M	5-11	175	Katy, TX/Grand Canyon/Houston FC
6	Aidan Whitlock	Sr.	M	6-0	175	Raleigh, NC/Stetson/NCFC Academy
7	Michael Wilkerson	Jr.	F/M	6-0	175	Asheville, NC/San Diego/Atlanta United FC
8	Sam Pitts-Eckersall	So.	M	5-11	170	Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom/Coventry City
9	Luca Nelson	R-Fr.	F	5-11	170	Sunderland, United Kingdom/Doncaster Rovers FC
10	Brendan Herb	Sr.	M	5-11	165	Corvallis, OR/Oregon State/Portland Timbers
11	Seth Hammond	Jr.	M/F	5-7	140	Winchester, VA./Elon/Virginia Development Academy
12	Miller Hayden	R-So.	D/M	5-9	165	Hattiesburg, MS./UAB/Mississippi Gulf Coast CC/Alabama FC
13	Stewart Patnaud	So.	M/F	5-8	145	Cary, NC/Wake FC MLS Next
14	Aysa Hamid	So.	F	6-0	170	Scottsdale, AZ/UNC Wilmington/RSL AZ
15	Aiden Gummer	Fr.	M	5-10	170	Indian Land, SC/Charlotte Independence Pro Academy
16	Jaden Berman	R-So.	D/M	5-10	165	Winchester, VA/George Mason/IMG Academy
17	Keegan Peat	R-Fr.	M	5-8	155	Wilmington, NC/Wilmington Hammerheads FC
18	Justin Fleer	Sr.	D/M	6-0	185	Asheville, NC/Highland FC
19	Hunter Wilson	Fr.	D	6-3	190	Wellington, New Zealand/Miramar Rangers
20	Sergio Báguena	Jr.	F	6-0	165	Alicante, Spain/Bethel University/Herculés CF
21	Emilio Figueroa	Jr.	D	6-1	180	Mexico City, Mexico/Davis & Elkins/Cancún FC
22	Jackson Minneci	Fr.	M	5-8	150	Wilmington, NC/Wilmington Hammerheads FC
23	Jack Steel	Fr.	M	5-10	140	Surrey, United Kingdom/Aldershot Town FC/ISFA
24	David Brown	Fr.	D	6-2	180	Woodburn, KY/Louisville City FC
25	Benian Yao	Jr.	D	6-4	175	Waxhaw, NC/Viterbo University/WCWAA
26	Viðar Ragnarsson	So.	D	6-1	190	Reyjanesbaer, Iceland/Presbyterian College/Njarðvík
27	Conor Behan	Jr.	M	5-8	156	Dublin Republic of Ireland /Bray Wanderers
28	Isaac Wetzel	Fr.	F	6-3	185	Freeport, PA/BVB International Academy Pittsburgh
29	Pablo Obrador	So.	M	5-10	160	Talca, Chile/Coastal Carolina/Black Rock Northwood
30	Adrian Najarro	Fr.	GK	6-0	155	Boca Raton, FL/South Florida Football Academy
31	AJ Bengds	So.	GK	6-7	215	Raleigh, NC/North Carolina FC
33	Myles Edmondson	Jr.	D	5-9	160	Oldham, Manchester, United Kingdom/Bolton Wanderers FC
34	Edvin Grolimund	Jr.	M	6-1	160	Arlesheim, BL, Switzerland/Cardinal Stritch/FC Basel
35	Evan Lupo	So.	D	6-3	175	Frisco, TX/Dallas Texans Academy
45	Ian McGill	Jr.	GK	6-2	168	Jamestown, NC /PTFC

**Head Coach:** Mick Giordano (Third Season)

**Assistant Coach:** Joe LaCasto

**Assistant Coach:** Ronnie Hreha

## Pronunciation Guide

#1 Charlie Farrar - Fair-er

#2 Heath Flathau - Flat-toe

#5 Roger Sanguinetti – San-gwin-net-tee

#14 Aysa Hamid - Ha-meed

#20 Sergio Baguena - Bag-wen-uh

#26 Viðar Ragnarsson – Vidar Rag-nar-son

#27 Conor Behan – Bee-han

#31 AJ Bengds - Bangs