

# HONORS & POSTSEASON

# RED STORM HONORS

## UNIVERSITY & TEAM AWARDS

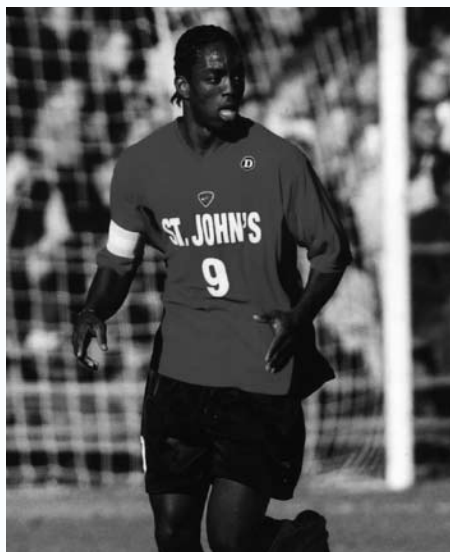
### Most Valuable Players (Renamed Kenneth F. Perrone Memorial Award in 1992)

1979	Patrick English
1980	Fred Bischoff
1981	Carlos Piedrahita
1982	Thomas McCormack
1983	Bruce Valentine
1984	John Handler
1985	Neil Doorley
1986	Thomas Duffey
1987	Walter Kraker
1988	Walter Gartner
1989	James Hancock
1990	Walter Kraker
1991	Scott Cooke

### Kenneth F. Perrone Memorial Award

Awarded to the most outstanding member of the men's varsity soccer team. Ability, character, academics and determination are guidelines for this award.

1992	Kieran Walsh
1993	David Price and Jon Urbom
1994	Paul Edwards
1995	Ben Hickey
1996	Ricardo Joseph and Kevin Daly
1997	Kevin Daly and Stefani Miglioranzi
1998	Danny Parkin
1999	Omar Chavez
2000	Shalrie Joseph
2001	Jeff Mateo
2002	Patrick Loneragan
2003	Chris Wingert
2004	Chris Corcoran
2005	Matt Groenwald
2006	Georgios Spanos
2007	Jeff Stepan



Shalrie Joseph

### Frank G. Haggerty Memorial Award

The Haggerty award is awarded annually to the "outstanding male student-athlete representing St. John's University." In selecting the recipient of this honor, the Committee takes into consideration the many attributes that inspired this award: skill, leadership, unselfishness, cooperation with teammates and coach, consideration for the good reputation of his college, a gentleman-athlete of whom students, faculty and alumni are justly proud.

1994	Huey Ferguson
1995	Ben Hickey
1996	Men's Soccer Team*
1997	Kevin Daly#
2001	Shalrie Joseph
2002	Chris Wingert !
2003	Chris Wingert

\* In a rare decision made by the awards committee, the entire men's soccer team was given the honor of receiving the Haggerty Award for their history-making National Championship season in 1996.

# Daly was named co-winner of the award along with men's basketball player Felipe Lopez.

! Wingert was named co-winner of the award along with men's basketball player Marcus Hatten.

### The Dr. Peter Vitulli Award

Presented to the student-athlete who demonstrates the most courage, perseverance, dedication and spirit of self sacrifice in seeking to attain the highest ideals of true sportsmanship.

1999	Medufia "Keke" Kulego!
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! Kulego was named co-winner of the award along with football player Steve Fazzolari.

### The John DaSilva Award

Presented to a deserving student-athlete who exhibits courage, persistence and fortitude as a valued member of St. John's University.

2005	Matt Groenwald
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### The Rickard F. McSwiney Award

Awarded annually to the male student-athlete who "best typify the St. John's man." This award is open to students in their final year of eligibility in every varsity sport. Candidates for this award should exhibit pride in his team achievements, determination as a competitor to excel, graciousness in victory and defeat, ability as a leader, and love and dedication to the alma mater. These are the standards that typify the St. John's man.

2001	Jeff Mateo
2005	Simone Salinno
2007	Jeff Stepan #

# Stepan was named a co-winner of the award along with baseball player Jeff Grantham.

### Regional All-Americans

1987	Marcos Siega	2nd Team
1992	Jon Urbom	1st Team
	Huey Ferguson	1st Team
	Trevor Durning	2nd Team
	Roberto DeLuca	2nd Team
1993	Huey Ferguson	1st Team
	Paul Edwards	1st Team
	Roberto DeLuca	2nd Team
	Jon Urbom	2nd Team
1994	Huey Ferguson	1st Team
	Paul Edwards	1st Team
	Ben Hickey	1st Team
	Terry Murphy	2nd Team
1995	Ben Hickey	1st Team
	Jesse Van Saun	2nd Team
	Terry Murphy	2nd Team
1996	Ben Hickey	1st Team
	Medufia Kulego	1st Team
	Jesse Van Saun	1st Team
	Kevin Daly	1st Team
	Ricardo Joseph	2nd Team
	Stefani Miglioranz	2nd Team
1997	Kevin Daly	1st Team
	Sefani Miglioranzi	1st Team
	Jesse Van Saun	1st Team
	Jimmy Buscemi	2nd Team
1998	Stefani Miglioranzi	1st Team
	Danny Parkin	1st Team
2000	Shalrie Joseph	1st Team
	Omar Chavez	1st Team
	Jeff Matteo	1st Team
2001	Sharlie Joseph	1st Team
	Jeff Mateo	1st Team
	Chris Wingert	3rd Team
2002	Chris Wingert	1st Team
	Rich Bradley	2nd Team
	Bill Gaudette	2nd Team
2003	Chris Wingert	1st Team
	Matia Damiani	1st Team
	Chris Corcoran	2nd Team
	Simone Salinno	2nd Team
2004	Matt Groenwald	1st Team

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	Bill Gaudette	3rd Team
2005	Matt Groenwald	1st Team
	Jeff Carroll	3rd Team
	Steven Old	3rd Team
	Andre Schmid	3rd Team
2006	Ryan Soroka	2nd Team

**Soccer America National Coach of the Year**

2001	Dave Masur
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**NSCAA/UMBRO National Coach of the Year**

1996	Dave Masur
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**ISAA Scholar-Athlete New York Regional All-America**

1995	Ben Hickey	1st Team
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**ISAA Senior Recognition Team**

1995	Terry Murphy	1st Team
	George Gjokaj	1st Team

**ISAA Scholar-Athlete All-America**

1995	Ben Hickey	2nd Team
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Jon Urbom

**NSCAA All-East Regional Scholar-Athlete**

1998	Stefani Miglioranzi	1st Team
	Danny Parkin	Honorable Mention

**CoSIDA Academic All-District 1**

2000	Omar Chavez	1st Team
	Jeff Stoklosa	1st Team
2001	Chris Wingert	1st Team
2002	Chris Wingert	1st Team
2003	Chris Wingert	1st Team
	Matt Groenwald	1st Team
2004	Matt Groenwald	1st Team
2005	Sebastian Alvarado-Ralph	1st Team

	Matt Groenwald	1st Team
	Steven Old	2nd Team
2006	Jeff Stepan	1st Team
	Patrik Engstrom	2nd Team
2007	Jeff Stepan	1st Team

**CoSIDA Academic All-America**

2000	Jeff Stoklosa	1st Team
2001	Chris Wingert	3rd Team
2002	Chris Wingert	1st Team
2003	Chris Wingert	1st Team
	Matt Groenwald	1st Team
2004	Matt Groenwald	1st Team
2005	Matt Groenwald	1st Team
2006	Jeff Stepan	1st Team
2007	Jeff Stepan	1st Team

**CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year**

2003	Chris Wingert
2004	Matt Groenwald

**M.A.C. Hermann Trophy**

2003	Chris Wingert
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**BIG EAST/Aeropostale Scholar-Athlete of the Year**

2003	Chris Wingert
2004	Matt Groenwald
2007	Jeff Stepan

**Soccer America Collegiate MVP**

1996	Ricardo Joseph
	Kevin Daly
1997	Kevin Daly

**Soccer America Freshman of the Year**

1996	Wojtek Krakowiak
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**UMBRO Select All-Star Classic - Elite 16**

1997	Kevin Daly
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**UMBRO Select All-Star Classic - Men's Division I**

1997	Jesse Van Saun
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**Tri-State Conference**

1982	Tom McCormack	1st Team
	Neil Doorley	1st Team
	Fred Bischoff	1st Team
1982	Lou Delosevic	2nd Team
	Carlos Piedrahita	2nd Team

**Team Captains**

1979	N/A
1980	Andreas Christodolou, Bob Davis
1981	Fred Bischoff, Tom McCormack
1982	Fred Bischoff, Tom McCormack, Rob Tramosch
1983	Neil Doorley
1984	Neil Doorley
1985	Neil Doorley, John Handler
1986	Ken Colucci, Tom Duffy, Rob Kordisch
1987	Joey Krische, Jairo Navarro, Peter Stamp

1988	Joey Krische, Marcos Siega
1989	Mike Carrano, Mike Fitzgerald, James Myers
1990	Mike Carrano, James Hancock, James Myers
1991	Scott Cooke, Peter Elste, Frank Sendra
1992	Trevor Durning, Kieran Walsh
1993	Huey Ferguson, David Price, Jon Urbom
1994	Bob Davies, Paul Edwards, Huey Ferguson, Terry Murphy
1995	Terry Murphy, Ben Hickey, George Gjokaj
1996	Ben Hickey, Ricardo Joseph, Kevin Daly, Jesse Van Saun
1997	Kevin Daly, Stefani Miglioranzi, Jesse Van Saun
1998	Stefani Miglioranzi
1999	Omar Chavez, Jeff Matteo
2001	Omar Chavez, Jeff Matteo, Jeff Stoklosa
2001	Jeff Mateo, Sharlie Joseph, Chris Wingert
2002	Rich Bradley, Chris Wingert
2003	Matia Damiani, Chris Wingert
2004	Chris Corcoran
2005	Matt Groenwald
2006	Georgios Spanos
2007	Jason Landers, Rory Quinn, Jeff Stepan

**NSCAA National All-Americans**

1992	Huey Ferguson	3rd Team
1993	Huey Ferguson	3rd Team
1995	Ben Hickey	1st Team
1996	Ben Hickey	2nd Team
1997	Kevin Daly	1st Team
	Stefani Miglioranzi	2nd Team
1998	Stefani Miglioranzi	2nd Team
1999	Danny Parkin	3rd Team
2001	Jeff Matteo	2nd Team
	Sharlie Joseph	3rd Team
2002	Chris Wingert	1st Team
2003	Chris Wingert	1st Team
2005	Matt Groenwald	3rd Team



Chris Wingert

# RED STORM HONORS

## BIG EAST CONFERENCE AWARDS

### ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

#### First Team (began 1990)

2005	Matt Groenwald
	Jason Landers
	Steven Old
2004	Matt Groenwald
	Simone Salinno
2003	Chris Corcoran
	Matia Damiani
	Matt Groenwald
	Simone Salinno
	Chris Wingert
2002	Chris Wingert
2001	Shalrie Joseph
	Jeff Matteo
2000	Omar Chavez
	Shalrie Joseph
	Jeff Matteo
1999	Danny Parkin
1998	Stefani Miglioranzi
	Danny Parkin
1997	Kevin Daly
	Stefani Miglioranzi
1996	Kevin Daly
	Ben Hickey
	Medufia Kulego
	Jesse Van Saun
1995	Ben Hickey
	Terry Murphy
1994	Carlton Carter
	Paul Edwards
	Huey Ferguson
1993	Carlton Carter
	Paul Edwards
	Huey Ferguson
	Terry Murphy
	Jon Urbom
1992	Huey Ferguson
	Jon Urbom
	Kieran Walsh



**Matt Groenwald**

#### Second Team (began 1990)

2007	Jeff Stepan
2005	Jeff Carroll
	Garry Lewis
2003	Bill Gaudette
2002	Rich Bradley
	Bill Gaudette
	Chris Wingert
2001	Chris Wingert
1999	Medufia Kulego
	Jeff Matteo
1998	Jimmy Buscemi
1997	Pawel Krakowiak
1996	Ricardo Joseph
	Stefani Miglioranzi
1995	Kris DaCosta
	Jesse Van Saun
1994	Roberto DeLuca
	Ben Hickey
	Terry Murphy
1993	Peter Agelis
	Roberto DeLuca
	David Price

#### Third Team (began 2001)

2007	Jason Landers
2006	Patrik Engstrom
2004	Jeff Carroll
	Chris Corcoran
2002	Andre Schmid

#### Honorable Mention

2007	Joel Gustafsson
2006	Georgios Spanos

#### South Division Player of the Year

1987	Walter Gartner (shared)
1985	Neil Doorley

#### South Division Rookie of the Year

1985	Joey Krische
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#### Midfielder of the Year

2003	Matia Damiani
2001	Jeff Matteo

#### Defensive Player of the Year

2003	Chris Wingert
2002	Chris Wingert
1998	Danny Parkin
1997	Kevin Daly
1993	Paul Edwards
1992	Kieran Walsh
1991	Jon Urbom

#### Offensive Player of the Year

1996	Medufia Kulego
1993	Huey Ferguson
1992	Huey Ferguson

#### Goalkeeper of the Year

2005	Jason Landers
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#### Coach of the Year

1993	Dave Masur
1991	Dave Masur
1987	Fred Agnostakis

#### Rookie of the Year

1996	Wojtek Krakowiak
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#### All-Rookie Team

2000	Bill Gaudette
	Marlon Rojas
	Chris Wingert
1999	Oscar Arauz
1998	Jeff Matteo
1997	David Stewart
1996	Wojtek Krakowiak

#### BIG EAST Tournament Most Outstanding Offensive Player

2006	Ryan Soroka
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#### BIG EAST Tournament Most Outstanding Defensive Player

2006	Billy Hole
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#### BIG EAST Tournament MVP

2001	Shalrie Joseph
1998	Anthony Theorides
1995	Joenal Castma
1994	Ben Hickey
1993	Carlton Carter
1992	Carlton Carter



**Carlton Carter**

# ALL-AMERICANS



## Huey Ferguson, 1991-94

*Third Team All-American, 1992*

*Third Team All-American, 1993*

From 1991-94, Ferguson was among the top offensive players in the nation. He first earned All-America honors in 1992 when he started 21 of 22 matches at forward, scored 17 goals and added 13 assists for 47 points, ranking among the top 10 in the nation. He led St. John's to its first BIG EAST title that season. As a junior in 1993, he scored 16 goals and added six assists for 38 points, becoming the first player in conference history to earn back-to-back BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year honors.



## Ben Hickey, 1993-96

*First Team All-American, 1995*

*Second Team All-American, 1996*

Hickey was the first St. John's men's soccer player to earn first-team All-America honors. In 1995, he led the Red Storm to its fourth-consecutive BIG EAST Tournament Championship, and to the NCAA Tournament. A midfielder, Hickey finished second on the team in scoring with 12 goals and 10 assists for 34 points. As a senior, he was fifth on the team in scoring with seven goals and nine assists for 23 points, as he helped the Red Storm win its first NCAA Championship. He was named a second-team All-American and earned first-team Regional All-America honors.



## Kevin Daly, 1994-97

*First Team All-American, 1997*

Daly was one of the stalwarts to the St. John's defense from 1994-97. In 1997, he guided a unit that allowed only 13 goals in 24 games and posted a school-record 15 shutouts. That season, the Red Storm went 18-4-2 and reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament. For his efforts, Daly was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year and a first team All-American.



## Stefani Miglioranzi, 1995-98

*Second Team All-American, 1997*

*Second Team All-American, 1998*

Miglioranzi, the second St. John's player ever selected in the Major League Soccer Draft, earned All-America honors as a junior and a senior. In 1997, he led the Red Storm in scoring with six goals and 12 assists, the fourth-best in school history, to earn second-team honors at midfield. As a senior in 1998, he tallied two goals and three assists for seven points and was named first team All-BIG EAST, as well as second team All-American.



**Danny Parkin, 1995-99**

*Third Team All-American, 1999*

Parkin played in and started 20 games in 1999, leading a St. John's defensive unit that allowed only 16 goals in 21 games. He was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year as well as a first team All-BIG EAST selection and a third team All-American.



**Shalrie Joseph, 2000-01**

*Third Team All-American, 2001*

Joseph was a two-time first team All-BIG EAST selection and the Most Valuable Player of the 2001 BIG EAST Tournament. After leading the team in scoring as a junior with 14 goals, he played mainly on defense as a senior, helping guide a unit that recorded a then-school record 12 shutouts. To help on offense, Joseph moved back to his natural forward spot late in the season and scored seven goals with four assists for 18 points.



**Jeff Matteo, 1998-2001**

*Second Team All-American, 2001*

Matteo earned BIG EAST Conference honors in each of his four years at St. John's. He led the team in scoring as a senior, tallying a career-high nine goals and five assists for 23 points. A first team All-BIG EAST selection as a junior and a senior, he was named a second team All-American and the conference's Midfielder of the Year in 2001.



**Dr. Dave Masur**

*National Coach of the Year, 1996*  
*Soccer America Coach of the Year, 2001*

In his 15 seasons as head coach, Dr. Dave Masur has helped the St. John's men's soccer program become one of the nation's elite. In 1996, he guided the Red Storm to a 22-2-2 record and the school's first-ever national championship. He was honored as the National Soccer Coaches Association of America-Umbro National Coach of the Year, as well as being named Northeast Regional Coach of the Year. In 2001, after guiding the Red Storm to a 17-3-3 overall record, the BIG EAST Tournament Championship and an appearance in the national semifinals he was named National Coach of the Year by Soccer America.





### **Chris Wingert, 2000-04**

*M.A.C. Hermann Trophy Winner, 2003*  
*2003 Academic All-American of the Year*  
*First Team All-American, 2002-03*  
*First Team Academic All-American, 2001-03*

A starter in each of his four seasons at St. John's, Wingert was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year in 2002 and 2003. In his four years, he led the Red Storm to two College Cup appearances, the 2001 BIG EAST Tournament title and to the 2003 BIG EAST regular season title. He capped off a brilliant career by becoming the first St. John's player to win the Missouri Athletic Club's prestigious Hermann Trophy, honoring the top player in Division I soccer. In 2003, Wingert became the first Division I men's soccer player to win both the Hermann Trophy and the National Soccer Coaches Association's Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. He was also named a first team Academic All-American in both the 2002 and 2003 seasons.



### **Jeff Stoklosa, 1997-2000**

*First Team Academic All-American, 2000*

Jeff Stoklosa became the first CoSIDA Academic All-American in school history when he earned a first team selection during the 2000 season. Stoklosa captained the team that year, allowing just 11 goals in 15 games played and making 42 saves. He also got the job done in the classroom and began a current six-year streak with at least one St. John's CoSIDA Academic All-American.



### **Matt Groenwald, 2001-05**

*Third Team All-American, 2005*  
*First Team Academic All-American, 2003-05*  
*Academic All-American of the Year, 2004*

Groenwald capped a highly decorated career by being named a third team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and earning his third-straight first team Academic All-America selection. Groenwald was also the recipient of the ECAC Robbins Scholar-Athlete award, a two-time semifinalist for the Hermann Trophy and a three-time first team All-BIG EAST selection.



### **Jeff Stepan, 2004-07**

*First Team Academic All-American, 2006-07*

Stepan finished his career by earning back-to-back first team Academic All-American honors. As a senior, the defender earned All-BIG EAST second team honors after tying for the team lead with four goals and nine points. As a junior, Stepan recorded four goals and two assists. He also received the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars Award for his work in the classroom and third team National Team of the Season accolades from Top Drawer Soccer in 2006. Stepan posted a 3.99 GPA, graduated with a degree in chemistry and earned a full scholarship to the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

# HERMANN TROPHY

## Wingert Caps Stellar Career In 2003 With College Soccer's Top Award, The Hermann Trophy

Chris Wingert came to St. John's University in the fall of 2000 as a highly recruited student-athlete out of a respected soccer program on Long Island.

Four years later, he left St. John's as the most-decorated men's soccer player to ever wear the Red and White.

Wingert was a starter for the Red Storm early in his freshman year and was a constant for head coach Dr. Dave Masur for the following three years.

As a freshman, he earned BIG EAST All-Rookie honors, starting 18 of the last 21 games during a season in which the Red Storm reached the NCAA Tournament's Round of 16.

It was during his sophomore year that Wingert's blossoming career really took off. He started all 23 games for the Red Storm, scored six goals, earned second team All-BIG EAST honors and was one of the standouts on a team that won the program's sixth BIG EAST Tournament championship. Wingert helped lead the Red Storm to thrilling wins over Penn State, Massachusetts and SMU in the NCAA Tournament before falling to Indiana in the semifinals in Columbus, Ohio.

Following the season, Wingert was selected to play for the United States Under-23 National Team, the team that three years later, would attempt to qualify for the 2004 Olympics.

During his junior year, Wingert started all 21 games and led the team to the semifinals of the BIG EAST Tournament and to the Round of 16 of the NCAA Tournament. Wingert earned first team All-America honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), was named BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year and was the only unanimous selection to the first team



All-BIG EAST squad. In addition, Wingert was named a first team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and by the NSCAA.

Wingert had an opportunity following the NCAA Tournament to pursue a professional career, but returned to school. He wanted to finish his degree in communication arts, but also wanted to win a BIG EAST and NCAA Championship.

While he would miss three games during the 2003 season to play Olympic qualifying matches for the U.S. U-23 team, Wingert was the leading force during one of the most exciting seasons in St. John's history.

He scored four goals and had four assists for 12 points and led the Red Storm to a 17-6-3 record. For the second-straight year, he was named the league's defensive player of the year and was the lone unanimous selection to the first team. He earned first team All-American honors from the NSCAA and Soccer America, and was named a first team Academic All-American again, as well as earning Academic All-American of the Year honors. The NSCAA tabbed him as its Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and the BIG EAST named him the winner of the league's Aeropostale Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.

The Red Storm had a thrilling run through the NCAA Tournament – Wingert scored the game-tying goal against Creighton in the Elite Eight – and advanced to the NCAA Championship Game, losing to Indiana, 2-1, in Columbus, Ohio.

A month after the season ended, Wingert was in California training with the U.S. U-23 team for final Olympic Qualifying matches (the team would eventually fall short, losing to Mexico in the final) when he traveled to St. Louis.

He had been named one of three finalists for the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy, which recognizes the top player in Division I soccer, during the College Cup. That night, he was named the recipient of the Hermann Trophy, becoming the first men's soccer player to win the award for the top player, and the top student, in the same season.

A week after receiving the honor, Wingert was selected by the Columbus Crew in the Major League Soccer Draft.

He finished his career starting 85 of 88 games for the Red Storm, leading the team to the 2001 BIG EAST Tournament title, the 2003 BIG EAST regular season title, the 2001 Final Four, the 2003 NCAA Championship game and an overall record of 61-17-13.



# BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS



**1992 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT**  
**Finals - St. John's 2, Seton Hall 1**  
**Semifinals - St. John's 2, Georgetown 1**



**1993 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT**  
**Finals - St. John's 2, Boston College 0 (OT)**  
**Semifinals - St. John's 6, Villanova 4 (OT)**

In a rematch of the 1991 BIG EAST Tournament championship, St. John's exacted revenge on Seton Hall and defeated the Pirates, 2-1, in the 1992 final. The Red Storm handed Georgetown a 2-1 loss in the semifinals in what was the program's second-straight BIG EAST Tournament appearance – the first two in school history.

In the BIG EAST Championship game, the Red Storm jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a deflection from 10 yards out by Carlton Carter with 15 minutes left in the first half. The Pirates bounced back to tie the game early in the second half, but Carter again came through later in the period, netting the game-winner on a six-yard deflection off a Huey Ferguson miss.

St. John's would finish the season 17-3-2 overall and make the program's first ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Red Storm posted an 8-0 mark in BIG EAST Conference action, the first time a school went undefeated in the regular season since the conference instituted round robin play in 1991.

Masur was named BIG EAST Coach of the Year, while goalkeeper Jon Urbom, defender Kieran Walsh and forward Huey Ferguson were named all-conference selections. Ferguson was named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year and the conference tournament's Most Outstanding Player, while Paul Edwards earned Defensive Player of the Year honors.

St. John's entered the 1993 BIG EAST Tournament with a 16-0-3 mark and the No. 1 seed. The top-seeded Red Storm needed overtime in both of its tournament matchups, but defeated Villanova, 6-4, and Boston College, 2-0, to win the program's second-straight tournament title.

In the semifinals, St. John's broke a 3-3 second-half tie with Villanova on a goal by Peter Elste, but the Wildcats came back with an equalizer to force overtime. Midway through the second overtime period, freshman Ben Hickey put one past Villanova goalkeeper Aleko Zeppos to give the Red Storm a 5-4 lead, and Huey Ferguson sealed the win with a score later in the period.

Defense took center stage in the tournament final, as St. John's and Boston College managed to pitch shutouts through the end of regulation. With BIG EAST officials contemplating a tie-breaking procedure, 1992 Most Outstanding Player Carlton Carter found the back of the net on the far post with 2:14 left, lifting the Red Storm to the win. Hassell Phillips added an insurance goal with 1:18 left to put the game out of reach.

Goalkeeper Jon Urbom, defenders Paul Edwards and Terrence Murphy, along with midfielder Carter and forward Ferguson were named first team all-conference. Defender Peter Agelis, midfielder David Price and forward Roberto DeLuca earned second team All-BIG EAST honors.

# BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS



**1994 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT**  
**Finals - St. John's 1, Georgetown 0**  
**Semifinals - St. John's 4, Boston College 0**



**1995 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT**  
**Finals - St. John's 2, Pittsburgh 0**  
**Semifinals - St. John's 2, Boston College 1**  
**Quarterfinals - St. John's 2, Syracuse 1**

St. John's held two opponents scoreless and defeated top-seeded Georgetown in the championship game, as the Red Storm won its third-consecutive BIG EAST Tournament title. St. John's finished the regular season with a 6-1-1 mark in the conference and entered tournament action as the No. 2 seed.

Huey Ferguson netted the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win over the Hoyas in the tournament final. With four minutes remaining, Ferguson went one-on-one with Georgetown goalkeeper Phil Ellington and beat him to his left for the winning score. In the process, the Red Storm avenged a 1-0 regular season loss to the Hoyas that clinched the 1994 BIG EAST regular season title.

The semifinal game against Boston College was a rematch of the 1993 championship final, and St. John's advanced with a convincing 4-0 win.

Defender Paul Edwards, midfielder Carlton Carter and forward Huey Ferguson all earned first team All-BIG EAST honors. Defender Terry Murphy, midfielder Ben Hickey and forward Roberto DeLuca were second team All-BIG EAST selections.

A youthful Red Storm team posted a 16-5-1 overall record and a 6-3-1 mark in BIG EAST Conference games, as the league welcomed Notre Dame, Rutgers and West Virginia for their first seasons. St. John's won the program's fourth-consecutive BIG EAST Tournament championship, defeating Syracuse, Boston College and Pittsburgh to claim the title.

Jesse Van Saun scored a pair of second-half goals, as the Red Storm came back and defeated Syracuse, 2-1, in the quarterfinals. St. John's also overcame a 1-0 deficit in a 2-1 win over No. 1 seed Boston College in the semifinals to secure a spot in the championship game against Pittsburgh.

Joenal Castma, who netted the game-winning goal against the Golden Eagles, also came through with the game-winner in a 2-0 victory over Pitt. Castma became the fourth-straight St. John's player to earn tournament Most Outstanding Player honors, and the Red Storm won its fourth-straight BIG EAST Tournament title.

Midfielder Ben Hickey and defender Terry Murphy both earned first team All-BIG EAST honors on the season, while goalkeeper Kris DaCosta and forward Jesse Van Saun earned second team honors.

# BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS



## 1998 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

**Finals - St. John's 4, Georgetown 1**

**Semifinals - St. John's 2, Rutgers 1**

**Quarterfinals - St. John's 2, Notre Dame 0**



## 2001 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

**Finals - St. John's 1, Connecticut 0**

**Semifinals - St. John's 1, Notre Dame 0**

**Quarterfinals - St. John's 1, Boston College 0**

St. John's captured a record fifth BIG EAST Tournament championship in 1998, winning games over Notre Dame, Rutgers and Georgetown by a combined 8-1 margin. The Red Storm blew by the Hoyas in the championship game, winning the BIG EAST title with a 4-1 victory.

With an 8-2-1 record in conference play, St. John's finished with the second-most BIG EAST wins in school history. The Red Storm began tournament action at home with a 2-0 win over Notre Dame. Rob Wile rebounded a Jimmy Buscemi shot midway through the first half to put the Red Storm up 1-0. Paul Cusano then connected on a shot from 27 yards out to up the St. John's lead to 2-0, the eventual final.

With the win over Notre Dame, the Red Storm clinched its eighth-consecutive appearance in the BIG EAST semifinals. Rutgers jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the contest, but St. John's came back on goals by Micheal Taylor and Anthony Theorides. Both came off rebounded shots, with Theorides' score off a Rob Wile shot in the 84th minute lifted the Red Storm to a 2-1 win and spot in the championship game against Georgetown.

Theorides began a run of three goals in six minutes to emphatically break a 1-1 halftime deadlock, as the Red Storm defeated Georgetown, 4-1, in the title game. Theorides was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, while defender Danny Parkin earned Defensive Player of the Year honors and Parkin, Stefani Miglioranza (first team), Jimmy Buscemi (second team) and Jeff Matteo (all-rookie) All-BIG EAST honors.

St. John's went 11-2-3 in the 2001 regular season, including a 6-1-3 mark in conference action, and did not allow a goal in three games in capturing the program's sixth BIG EAST Tournament championship. The Red Storm got defensive in the postseason tournament, defeating Boston College, Notre Dame and Connecticut by 1-0 scores.

Senior forward Shalrie Joseph scored midway through the second half to lead St. John's past BC, 1-0, in the quarterfinals. Alberto Duenas found Joseph, who converted from 25 yards out for the game-winning goal. Angel Rodriguez tallied the game-winner in the semifinals, scoring off a direct kick early in the second half in a 1-0 win over Notre Dame.

In a grueling battle with longtime rival Connecticut in the tournament championship game, Joseph again netted the game-winner. Joseph, a first team All-BIG EAST selection, was named the Most Outstanding Performer of the tournament for his efforts.

# BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS



## 2006 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

**Finals - St. John's 1, West Virginia 0**

**Semifinals - St. John's 2, Providence 0**

**Quarterfinals - St. John's 1, Connecticut 0**

**First Round - St. John's 1, Pittsburgh 0**

St. John's peaked at exactly the right time in 2006, shutting out seven straight opponents and tearing through the BIG EAST Championship. The Red Storm established new school records with seven straight shutouts and 674 consecutive minutes without allowing a goal en route to capturing its seventh BIG EAST Tournament crown. The team's last three victories of the championship, clean sheets against then-No. 22 Connecticut, then-No. 23 Providence and then-No. 2 West Virginia, were also part of a six-game unbeaten streak against nationally ranked teams.

Freshman Ryan Soroka, who scored three game-winning goals and assisted on another in St. John's four tournament victories, was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the tournament, while senior defender Billy Hole earned Most Outstanding Defensive Player honors. Rookie Adam Himeno netted the game-winner in a 1-0 overtime victory against the second-ranked Mountaineers, one of 10 consecutive goals scored by St. John's freshmen.

With its postseason run, St. John's became the first BIG EAST school to capture seven tournament titles. Under head coach Dr. Dave Masur, the Red Storm has also added five regular season championships for a grand total of 12 BIG EAST titles in 16 seasons.



# PLAYERS IN THE PROS



## JEFF CARROLL

Jeff Carroll is in his third season with D.C. United and is currently on the developmental squad.

A year ago, the midfielder appeared in nine games, made eight starts and tallied two assists in the Reserve Division. In his first season with the D.C. United, Carroll made two appearances, including one start, with the first team.

Carroll was drafted by D.C. United in the fourth round, 39th overall, of the 2006 MLS SuperDraft.

## CHRIS CORCORAN

Chris Corcoran is in his third season playing for the USL-1 Charleston Battery. This season the defender has logged 793 minutes of play in 13 games, including eight starts.

Corcoran joined the Battery in 2006 and played in 52 games, including 51 starts over his first two seasons. The defender has one career assist with the Battery.

Corcoran was selected in the third round, 25th overall, by the NY/NJ Metrostars in the 2005 MLS SuperDraft.



## BILL GAUDETTE

After three seasons in the MLS, Bill Gaudette moved to the USL-1 and is the starting goalkeeper for the Puerto Rico Islanders. Gaudette has started every game for the Islanders and is 10-6-3 with six shutouts and 1.00 goals against average.

Gaudette spent all of his three MLS seasons with the Columbus Crew. The keeper made 17 career appearances and 16 starts for Columbus. Gaudette compiled a 4-8-4 record and a 1.39 goals against average.

Gaudette was drafted in the first round, 9th overall, in the 2005 MLS Supplemental Draft.

## SHALRIE JOSEPH

A five-time MLS All-Star, Shalrie Joseph is in his sixth season with the New England Revolution. The midfielder has been a First XI All-Star, as one of the top vote getters at his position, in each of the past three seasons. Joseph has played in and started 15 games this season for the Revolution and has one assist.

Joseph has made played in 150 games in his MLS career, including 149 starts, and has 15 goals and 17 assists. Joseph is a two-time MLS Best XI selection (2007 & 2005), an honor bestowed upon the best eleven players in the MLS.



The midfielder has helped lead New England to three straight MLS Cup appearances. Joseph has, in fact, helped the Revolution reach six straight Eastern Conference Finals and win the 2007 U.S. Open Cup. Joseph is tied for the franchise record with six penalty kick goals.

Joseph was drafted by the New England Revolution in the second round, 14th overall, of the 2002 MLS SuperDraft.

## ANDRE SCHMID

Andre Schmid is in his second season playing for the USL-1 Seattle Sounders. The forward has made 15 appearances, including five starts, and has tallied one goal for the Sounders this season.

In his first season in Seattle, Schmid appeared in 18 games, made three starts, and tallied one goal and one assist. The Sounders also won their fourth USL-1 Championship that year.

Schmid was selected in the third round, 32nd overall, by the Houston Dynamo in the 2006 MLS SuperDraft.



## STEFANI MIGLIORANZI

After spending eight seasons overseas, Stefani Miglioranzi is in his third season in the MLS and his second with the Columbus Crew. Miglioranzi has seen action in nine games, including five starts, and has one assist for the Crew.

In his MLS career, the defender has played in 35 games and has made 22 starts. Miglioranzi has three goals and three assists.

Miglioranzi was originally selected in the third round, 36th overall, by the Chicago Fire in the 1999 MLS College Draft.

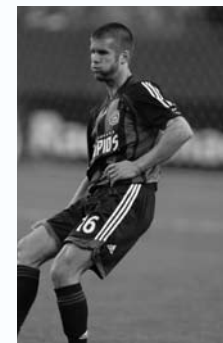
## CHRIS WINGERT

Chris Wingert is in his fifth season playing professionally in the MLS. The 2003 M.A.C. Hermann Trophy winner currently plays for Real Salt Lake and has played in and started 18 games this year. The defender has one assist and has taken six shots, three on goal.

Wingert has played in 99 career MLS games and has five career assists. Prior to joining Real Salt Lake, Wingert played for the Colorado Rapids.

Wingert was drafted by the Columbus Crew in the second round, 12th overall, of the 2004 MLS SuperDraft and spent two seasons with the squad.

Colorado for the 2006 season after playing two seasons for the Columbus Crew. The Crew originally drafted Wingert in the first round of the 2004 MLS SuperDraft, and the Babylon, N.Y., native spent two seasons in Columbus as a starting defender.



# NCAA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Year	Coach	Season Record	Opponent	Site
1992	Dave Masur	17-3-2	Dartmouth 1, St. John's 0	Hanover, N.H.
1993	Dave Masur	18-1-3	Boston U. 2, St. John's 1	Queens, N.Y.
1994	Dave Masur	14-5-3	Rutgers 1, St. John's 0	New Brunswick, N.J.
1995	Dave Masur	16-5-1	Hartwick 3, St. John's 2	Oneonta, N.Y.
1996	Dave Masur	22-2-2	St. John's 5, Fordham 1	Queens, N.Y.
<b>NCAA Champions</b>			St. John's 2, George Mason 1	Queens, N.Y.
			St. John's 2, William & Mary 1 (OT)	Williamsburg, Va.
			St. John's 2, Creighton 1	Richmond, Va.
			St. John's 4, Florida International 1	Richmond, Va.
1997	Dave Masur	18-4-2	St. John's 2, Brown 1	Queens, N.Y.
			South Florida 2, St. John's 1	Queens, N.Y.
1998	Dave Masur	16-5-3	St. John's 1, Brown 0 (OT)	Queens, N.Y.
			St. John's 1, Penn State 0	Queens, N.Y.
			Santa Clara 2, St. John's 1	Queens, N.Y.
1999	Dave Masur	12-6-3	St. John's 1, Maryland 0	College Park, Md.
			Penn State 2, St. John's 1 (3OT)	University Park, Pa.
2000	Dave Masur	14-5-2	St. John's 1, James Madison 0	Harrisonburg, Va.
			Virginia 2, St. John's 1	Charlottesville, Va.
2001	Dave Masur	17-3-3	St. John's 1, UMass 0 (3OT)	Queens, N.Y.
<b>NCAA College Cup</b>			St. John's 2, Penn State 1 (3OT)	Queens, N.Y.
			St. John's 2, SMU 0	Dallas, Texas
			Indiana 2, St. John's 1 (2OT)	Columbus, Ohio
2002	Dave Masur	13-3-5	St. John's 2, Fairleigh Dickinson 1	Queens, N.Y.
			Creighton 1, St. John's 0	Queens, N.Y.
2003	Dave Masur	17-6-3	St. John's 0, Connecticut 0 (3OT)*	Queens, N.Y.
<b>NCAA College Cup</b>			St. John's 3, UC Santa Barbara 2 (2OT)	Queens, N.Y.
			St. John's 3, Creighton 2	Queens, N.Y.
			Maryland 1, St. John's 0	Columbus, Ohio
			Indiana 2, St. John's 1	Columbus, Ohio
2004	Dave Masur	12-6-4	St. John's 3, Boston U. 1	Queens, N.Y.
			St. John's 2, UCLA 1	Los Angeles, Calif.
			Maryland 1, St. John's 0	College Park, Md.
2005	Dave Masur	11-6-5	St. John's 3, Marist 1	Queens, N.Y.
			St. John's 1, Dartmouth 0	Queens, N.Y.
			Maryland 3, St. John's 1	College Park, Md.
2006	Dave Masur	14-6-2	St. John's 1, Monmouth 0	Queens, N.Y.
			Maryland 2, St. John's 0	College Park, Md.



St. John's first five NCAA Tournament victories all came consecutively when Dr. Dave Masur led the team to a 1996 NCAA Championship.



In 2003, the Red Storm advanced to the NCAA College Cup for the third time in eight seasons and played Indiana in the national championship game.



St. John's became the nation's only program to advance to 10 consecutive NCAA Rounds of 16 by defeating Marist, 3-1, and No. 16 seed Dartmouth, 1-0 during the 2005 season.

# 1996 NCAA CHAMPIONS

**First Round at Adelphi University**  
**St. John's 5, Fordham 1**

**Second Round at Adelphi University**  
**St. John's 2, George Mason 1**

**Third Round at Adelphi University**  
**St. John's 2, William & Mary 1 (OT)**

**Semifinals at Richmond, Va.**  
**St. John's 2, Creighton 1**

**Finals at Richmond, Va.**  
**St. John's 4, Florida International 1**



Searching for the first NCAA Tournament win in program history, the Red Storm won five straight contests by a combined 15-5 margin to capture the 1996 NCAA Championship.

Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It. That was the slogan St. John's men's soccer coach Dave Masur and his players came up with prior to the 1996 season. It started five years earlier for some of the players, and for others, as soon as they arrived on campus.

No St. John's team had ever advanced past the first round of the NCAA Tournament prior to 1996. The team came up with a list of mottos for that season, and the list contained statements about unity, mental toughness, focus, respect, commitment and discipline. The team then stated the desire to win the BIG EAST regular season title, reach the College Cup and then become national champions.

With the support of St. John's alumni like Chris Mullin, Lou Carne-secca and Mario Cuomo, the Storm charged to a 22-2-2 record en route to the 1996 national title.

The commitment of the 1996 team was evident from the opening kickoff of the season and was highlighted by moments like Jesse Van Saun's game-tying goal with 10 seconds left in overtime, saving the Red Storm from defeat at Notre Dame.

Another exciting moment was provided by two-time All-American Ben Hickey in the semifinals of the BIG EAST Tournament. With the Red Storm trailing 3-2 with 27 seconds left in regulation, Hickey nailed the tying goal, keeping the team alive.

St. John's would eventually lose the championship game to Rutgers, but the big goal – the NCAA Championship – was still alive.

The Red Storm beat Fordham, 5-1 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, winning its first-ever tournament game and taking the monkey off their backs. In the second round game, Wojtek Krakowiak scored his second goal of the game with 12 seconds left in regulation, giving St. John's a 2-1 win over George Mason.

The quarterfinal game saw St. John's travel to Norfolk, Va. for a match with William & Mary. Anchored by the defense, the Red Storm limited William & Mary to just six shots in a 2-1 win. Defenders Kevin Daly and Pavel Krakowiak each scored a goal, with Krakowiak's over-time shot providing the win. That win moved St. John's into its first-ever Final Four in soccer, and the University's first since the men's basketball team advanced during the 1984-85 school year.

In the semifinal game against Creighton, a gray, rainy, ominous day at Richmond Stadium in Virginia made an otherwise dreary day one of the most cherished in school history. Jesse Van Saun scored the game-winner midway through the second half as St. John's posted a 2-1 win.

The next step was Florida International, in St. John's first NCAA title game of any kind since 1952. The Golden Panthers, however, had handed the Red Storm one of their two losses during the regular season.

Before a crowd of 20,874, the second-largest in NCAA history at the time, St. John's rode a sea of red and white and scored early, and often. Van Saun scored 27 minutes into the game and Wojtek Krakowiak added another goal one minute later as the Red Storm took a 2-0 lead. FIU scored midway through the second half, but Ben Hickey's goal put the game out of reach. St. John's added an insurance goal by Medu-fia Kulego, who had missed most of the season with an ankle injury. Kulego corralled three of his own shots and put away the fourth, giving the Red Storm a 4-1 win and its first-ever national championship in any sport at the University.

Kulego was named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year, while Wojtek Krakowiak earned Rookie of the Year honors. Daly, Hickey, Kulego and Van Saun all earned first team All-BIG EAST honors, while Stefani Miglioranza and Ricardo Joseph earned second team honors. Masur was named National Coach of the Year, Van Saun was named the Final Four MVP, six players were named Regional All-Americans (Kulego, Van Saun, Ricardo Joseph, Daly, Miglioranza and Hickey) and Ben Hickey was named a second team All-American.



Medufia Kulego tied for the team lead with 38 points in a season, and the Red Storm established new school records with 22 wins, 80 goals, 88 assists and 248 points.

# 2001 COLLEGE CUP

**First Round at Adelphi**  
**St. John's 1, UMass 0**

**Second Round at Adelphi**  
**St. John's 3, Penn State 2**

**Quarterfinals at SMU**  
**St. John's 2, SMU 0**

**Semifinals at Columbus, Ohio**  
**Indiana 2, St. John's 1**



In 2001, St. John's defeated SMU, 2-0, on the road to advance to the NCAA College Cup for the second time in school history.

The dream of a national title was the focus from the beginning of the season. When the team rolled through the regular season, the members of the St. John's men's soccer team grew to believe that goal was in their grasp. When they won the 2001 BIG EAST Tournament Championship and were awarded home field for the first two rounds, it grew even greater.

The first step came against Atlantic 10 Conference Champion Massachusetts. Like the BIG EAST Tournament, the Red Storm got a timely goal and made it stand.

Senior forward Shalrie Joseph scored in the 79th minute, and St. John's held on to beat the Minutemen. The win advanced the Red Storm to its sixth-consecutive Sweet Sixteen appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

The Red Storm dominated play for much of the game and finally took the lead in the 79th minute when sophomore Matia Damiani headed a ball to Joseph, who found himself one-on-one covered by UMass defenders John Lytton and J.R. Pouncey outside the box. Joseph beat Lytton, then faked taking a shot at the bouncing ball and moved past Pouncey. His shot from about eight yards out beat Minutemen goalkeeper Bryan O'Quinn to the lower far post.

The second-round matchup brought long-time rival Penn State to St. John's home-away-from-home at Adelphi.

St. John's senior forward Jeff Matteo said that he always looked for his best friend Joseph when it came to a setpiece. Matteo found his classmate at just the right time, sending a free kick into the box to Joseph, who put his shot from six yards out past Penn State goalkeeper Ryan Sickman at the 128:36 mark, lifting St. John's to a 2-1 win over the Nittany Lions in front of 1,522 fans at Stiles Field. The win moved St. John's into the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1998.

After a pair of scoreless overtime periods, Matteo took the free kick from the far side of the field, about four yards above the box, looking for Joseph.

Trailing 1-0 at the break, Masur, as he did several times late in the season, moved Joseph to his natural forward position. The move paid off just under two minutes into the second half.

Freshman forward Andre Schmid, who was active all day and created many opportunities for the Red Storm, sent a ball toward the box to Joseph. Joseph did not see an opening and sent a touch pass back to sophomore forward Angel Rodriguez, who blasted a shot from 14 yards out, beating Sickman to the upper right, tying the game at 1-apiece at 46:33.

In the quarterfinal round, the Red Storm faced a Herculean task, traveling to Dallas to meet No. 1 ranked and previously unbeaten Southern Methodist on its own field. Like Masur-coached teams of past, St. John's relished a challenge, and this was one the team was up for.

After several scoring chances through the first and second half, the Red Storm finally capitalized in the 83rd minute. Freshman forward Peter Philipakos took a feed from Matteo near the box and took a shot that hit the post and bounced back to him. Philipakos followed his shot with another one, this time hitting the far post.

The rebound, however, came to freshman midfielder Chris Corcoran, who beat a defender and blasted a shot from 15 yards out on the side of the box, beating SMU keeper Byron Foss to the lower near post at 82:21.

SMU pressed, but could not find any openings in the Red Storm defense. Finally, in the last minute of regulation and with Foss playing up to give the Mustangs an extra offensive player, SMU took a free kick that was knocked out of the box by STJ sophomore center-back Chris Wingert. Philipakos picked up the ball, dribbled once and sent a shot from 68 yards out that bounced five or six times into the empty net, giving St. John's a 2-0 lead at 89:10.

The game had taken a dramatic turn in the 56th minute when freshman forward Andre Schmid picked up a loose ball and came in on Foss for a one-on-one chance. An SMU defender broke the play up in the box and Schmid's momentum carried him into Foss, causing him to fall. The referee called a red card on Schmid and the Red Storm was forced to play a man down.

Ten minutes later, however, Matteo was bringing the ball up on the side of the field when SMU defender Ross Spencer took him down. As Matteo grimaced in pain on the ground, the referee pulled a red card on Spencer and the teams were back to even strength.

That win sent the Red Storm to its first College Cup appearance since the 1996 season, when the program won the University's first-ever national title.

The opponent was familiar, Indiana, but the rewards were higher. Early in the season, St. John's had beaten the Hoosiers on their own field. This time, the winner would advance to the national championship.

The dreams of a second national championship for the team came to a halt as Indiana's Vijay Dias scored in the second overtime period, lifting the Hoosiers to a 2-1 win over the Red Storm.

The loss ended St. John's spectacular season at 17-3-3 overall. After a scoreless first half, the Red Storm came out strong in the second frame and quickly jumped out to a 1-0 lead. Matteo controlled the ball in the middle of the field and drew defenders to him as he approached the box, where he was pulled down near the box by IU defender Danny O'Rourke. The referee called for a free kick and Matteo worked his around the six-man Hoosier wall, giving the Red Storm a 1-0 lead at the 49:03 mark. His ninth goal of the season — a career high — was the first scored on Indiana goalkeeper Colin Rogers in nearly 700 minutes.

Indiana was able to tie the game at 69:53 remaining when Phil Presser played a ball into Ambersley, whose shot from 22 yards out beat Hertz to the upper left corner.



Jeff Matteo led the 2001 team with 63 shots, nine goals, five assists and 23 points.

# 2003 COLLEGE CUP

## Second Round

**St. John's 0, UConn 0 (4-2 in penalty kicks)**

## Third Round

**St. John's 3, UC-Santa Barbara 2**

## Fourth Round

**St. John's 3, Creighton 2**

## Semifinals - Columbus Crew Stadium

**St. John's 1, Maryland 0**

## Finals - Columbus Crew Stadium

**Indiana 2, St. John's 1**



The 2003 senior class appeared in two NCAA College Cups and one national championship game and posted a 61-17-3 overall record in four seasons.

In many ways, it will go down as one of the most memorable St. John's men's soccer seasons in program history.

That's quite a statement, considering the resume includes 11 BIG EAST Championships (five regular season and six tournament titles), two Final Four appearances and one NCAA Championship. But the 2003 season was one in which many people – team members included – felt that the Red Storm were destined to play for the national title. They did just that.

After a disappointing end to the 2002 season – an overtime loss at home – St. John's entered the next season more determined than ever. The senior class had already written an incredible chapter into the program's history books, with a tournament title and a Final Four appearance in 2001, but when they gathered on campus in August, there was an unmistakable feeling that this season would not end until near Christmas.

That meant the Final Four. And while it appeared at times it might not happen, the 2003 St. John's team found ways to win and empowered themselves through leadership.

That leadership began with Masur and extended through to the field, where senior defender Chris Wingert and midfielder Matia Damiani took charge.

After losing the BIG EAST Tournament Championship game, the Red Storm set their sites on the big prize – the NCAA title.

The team gathered for the NCAA Selection Show not on campus or at a nearby eatery, but in Times Square, where they appeared live on ESPN. It was when the bracket appeared on the screen that the Red Storm would find their fate.

In receiving a first-round bye, St. John's would face the winner of an opening-round game between Rhode Island and Connecticut. Prepared for any opponent, the team was excited for the possibility of facing the Huskies, a league rival, on the night before Thanksgiving.

And after Connecticut beat the Rams, the implications of the match grew bigger.

In a hard-fought second round contest, the Red Storm and the Huskies battled back and forth for 90 minutes, with neither team able to score. A pair of 10 minute overtime periods went by and the teams headed for penalty kicks to decide the winner.

Like he did in the BIG EAST Tournament semifinals (a win over Rutgers in penalty kicks), Masur pulled starting goalkeeper Bill Gaudette in favor of graduate student Guy Hertz.

The gamble paid off again, as Hertz saved a pair of shots and senior Simone Salinno knocked in the decisive goal in a 4-2 shootout win.

The win advanced the Red Storm to the Sweet Sixteen, where it would face a talented offensive team in UC-Santa Barbara. The Broncos jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, but a goal from Ryan Kelly tied the game late in the first half. As time expired at the half, Santa Barbara thought they had taken a 2-1 lead heading into the locker room, but officials ruled that time had expired and the game remained tied.

It wasn't tied for long, as Salinno scored just over two minutes into the second half, giving the Red Storm the lead. Santa Barbara, however, would not go down quietly, tying the game with just under 20 minutes to play in regulation.

After a scoreless overtime period, the crowd at Belson Stadium could feel penalty kicks coming once again. Kelly, however, had another ending in mind. He took a pass from Brian Morris and scored the decisive goal with less than five minutes left and set off a wild scene.

A winter storm hit New York City that week and the Elite Eight matchup against Creighton – who eliminated the Red Storm in the 2002 NCAA Tournament in overtime at Belson Stadium – was moved to the campus of the University of Maryland.

The Red Storm entered the game without BIG EAST Midfielder of the Year Damiani, who broke his arm against Santa Barbara. Another blow was dealt early in the match as defender Chris Leidner was called for a red card and the Red Storm would play a man down for nearly 80 minutes.

After a scoreless first half, the Blue Jays capitalized in the opening minutes of the second period, scoring a pair of goals in a seven-minute span to take what seemed to be an insurmountable 2-0 lead. Kelly cut the lead in half midway through the stanza and freshman Ashley Kozicki was taken down in the box a minute late, setting up a penalty kick, which Wingert converted to tie the game. With 12 minutes left in the game, Salinno took a pass from Kozicki and broke the tie, giving St. John's a thrilling 3-2 win.

In the national semifinals against Maryland, Sebastian Alvarado-Ralph scored on a penalty kick early in the first half and the Red Storm made it stand. Gaudette was brilliant in goal, stopping nine Terrapin shots as St. John's advanced to the championship game for the first time since 1996.

Indiana, however, scored twice in the first half and withstood a barrage of shots from St. John's late in the game in a 2-1 win.

The Red Storm finished the season with a 17-6-3 record and was ranked No. 2 in the country. Wingert, who was named BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year for the second-straight season, was also named the recipient of the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy, honoring the top player in college soccer.



By advancing to the NCAA College Cup for the second time in three seasons, the 2003 team began a current, eight-game home unbeaten streak in the NCAA Tournament.

## IN THE COMMUNITY & AROUND THE WORLD

### Project R.A.R.E

Student-athletes are trained to speak to young students through Project R.A.R.E (Red Storm Athletes Reach Everyone). The target audience is fourth through sixth grade students. Project R.A.R.E. reaches approximately 5,000 youths throughout the community. All St. John's student-athletes take part in some form of community service during their four-year career.

### TEAM Services

St. John's Athletic Teams donate their time by serving food to the homeless at The St. John's Bread and Life Soup Kitchen, reaching out to the community in their Adopt-a-Family program or by bagging toys and food to those less fortunate during the holiday season.

The St. Nicholas of Tolentine Shelter is another organization that the St. John's athlete embraces during the school year. Teams deliver food, share companionship and develop relationships with those less fortunate or those in need of a friend.

### VITAL

VITAL (The Vincentian Initiative to Advance Leadership) is "a leadership program based on service, spirituality and values" initiated by Associate Vice President of Campus Ministry Pamela Shea-Byrnes in 1999. The Catholic Bishops of America encouraged campus ministers to empower effective Catholic leaders for the future.

VITAL goals were to bring together the best of the leadership training models and give students the opportunity to experience challenging programs around diversity and having their values inform their choices in a safe environment.

Students are given the chance to experience these leadership training opportunities and structured experiences in the context of a group where there is great trust and support. The students have the added security of built-in mentors in the campus ministers who help shepherd them through these experiences.

### Around The World

Under head coach Dr. Dave Masur, the St. John's men's soccer program has played exhibition games against professional soccer clubs and experienced the culture in England, Italy, Portugal and most recently, Vietnam. As diplomats in other countries, these travel experiences have broadened the horizons of St. John's student-athletes and served as



representation for the University and its relationships around the globe.

On the fields of play, St. John's players have had opportunities to play against international club and university teams. These experiences have given players the chance to play together in a competitive environment prior to the start of the fall season.

### 1993 • England

The first of the program's international stops, a 1993 trip to England included watching Manchester United defeat Arsenal in penalty kicks in the annual FA Charity Shield match. Throughout their trip, St. John's players stayed in High Park, trained in London and played friendly matches, including a contest against the Swindon Youth Team.

### 1996 • Italy

Following the Red Storm's 1996 national championship, the team made its second international trip to Italy. A special opportunity was presented to each of the University's coaches, players and administrators when they met Pope John Paul II, and the Belsons first discussed their idea of a new soccer stadium on the Queens campus. Their generosity came to fruition in the 2002 season when construction of state-of-the-art Belson Stadium was completed.

### 2001 • Portugal

In August 2001, the Red Storm traveled to Portugal and played matches against Amora, Portimonense and Farense club teams. The trip involved stops and practice sessions in Lisbon and Algarve in what head coach Dave Masur called "a chance to get a head start on the season and for the players to get ready for the rigors of the collegiate season and a chance for the entire team, coaches, players and staff, to learn about another culture."

### 2006 • Vietnam

The St. John's men's soccer program was again presented with the opportunity to be diplomats abroad when the team traveled to Vietnam in the summer of 2006. As representatives of St. John's University, Red Storm players and coaches toured Vietnam and filled each of their days with community service and goodwill activities. In between service stops in Ho Chi Minh City, Da Lat and Hanoi, the Red Storm played exhibition contests against Hong Bang University, Hoa Phat Club and Mitsustar Club.

