



Wheeling Jesuit University

Cardinal News:

As the Christmas Holiday fast approaches I would like to take this time to recap this past fall and share with you some thoughts and upcoming events. I hope most of you were able to follow us with The Cardinal Cast during the season and realized how thankful we are for having this technology. The 2010 season started with a lot of promise. After all we finished strong in 09 and new that with a good recruiting year we could make a strong challenge in 2010.

Well the season got off to a great start! We got out of the gates with two strong wins over Lake Erie College and a good Philadelphia University. However, we dropped our next two home games to nationally ranked California and Charleston and continued our roller coaster ride all season long. Our lack of consistency and injuries led us to a 5th place finish in conference and overall record of 11-10-1. We did however manage a first round upset of 4th place D&E on the road before bowing out to the eventual champion. Some of the highlights of the season were a good road win against UDC in front of a nice alumni crowd! The reunion of our 2000 team at our game against Charleston. (Details to follow).

I was extremely grateful to all of you who sent e-mails and came to support us at home and on the road during the season it always does make a difference! The New Year is fast approaching and as another group of seniors graduate and join your ranks, I hope you will join me in welcoming them: Stephen Hawthorne (Glasgow, Scotland), Adam Pharo (Bromley, England), Nic Balzer (Pittsburgh, PA), Shane Young (Salem, OH), and Mark Sappington (Morgantown, WV) and Elliot Smith (Charleston, WV) All of these young men will be great addition to your team for this spring's Alumni events!

Post-Season Honors:

All-Conference: Billy Wilson, Paul Silvestrone, Shane Young, Victor Picchio, Andrew Hickey, Kevin Robson.

All-Region: Billy Wilson

News:

The 2000 team 10 year re-union was a huge success! My thanks to Neil Holloway and Leon Brown for their help. We had 17 players return to campus for the event and had a great reception, with the highlight of signing the game jersey hanging in the Ratt! The 2000 team faced off against the current reserve squad and after a shaky first half, class prevailed and the alums won 5-2.

Former Cardinal Players. Jim Findlay, Sean Regan and Mario Julian have all been recognized as “Coaches of the Year” in their respective conferences. Jim Findlay guided his Susquehanna University Men’s team to a first place finish in the competitive Landmark Conference. Sean Regan in his second year as Head Coach of Bethany College restored some pride back in the former National Champions by leading them to the Conference final this past year. Mario Julian led his Wheeling Park high school team to the WV state finals for the 3rd time in the last 8 years and was named High School State COY. Congratulations to all of them!

My son Brandon started his career in coaching this past fall as he took the assistant coaching position at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, VA. So any of you in the area please stop by and say hello.

Events

The **NSCAA Convention** this year is in Baltimore. (Jan 12-16) I will be attending and my sons Sean and Brandon will be there also. If you are planning to be there or can stop by for a drink, give me a quick e-mail.

The Athletic department has moved our **Hall of Fame Induction** ceremony to the fall. It will coincide with Homecoming and parent’s weekend (October 21-22, 2011) and will enable us to have more events on campus and better weather for inductees to travel back to campus. Please remember to send in your nominations for those former players you feel are deserving of this honor!

The annual **Alumni Game** is scheduled for April 29th-May 1st so mark your calendars early! This event is getting bigger and bigger every year, so I am anticipating record numbers for this spring!

Gifts and Donations:

As we look towards a new year, we would like to recognize and emphasize the importance of your continued support of Wheeling Jesuit Men’s Soccer. Your past generosity has enabled us to show our student-athletes how much you **care** about our programs. I have asked a selected group of your fellow alums to help set goals and motivate all of you to reach these goals. Hopefully you had the opportunity to contribute! If you did contribute we thank you! If you are still planning on contributing, please do! Please be assured if you indicate that you want your gift to support the soccer program, it will!

We do request annual alumni dues of \$50.00 which goes directly to our soccer programs. Although any and all donations you can make regardless of the amount are

greatly appreciated and wisely utilized! Please make checks payable to Wheeling Jesuit Men's Soccer!

In closing I just want to thank all of you for continued support of the program and challenge all of you to stay involved and contact any of your former team mates who may have lost touch! I will be meeting with some of you in Baltimore to help plan this April's activities and to discuss our fund raising goals for the New Year! If any of you have suggestions or wish to be a part of the fund raising initiative please give me a quick e-mail, so that we can present ideas to the group as a whole!

Have a Great Christmas and an even better New Year!