

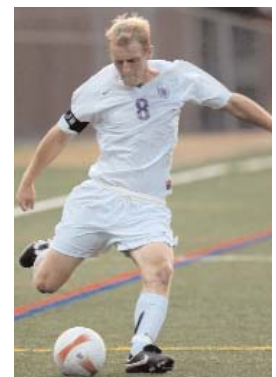


# MEN'S SOCCER



## Program Highlights

- \* Of the Royals' 13 NCAA Division III tournament appearances are runner-up finishes in 1980 and 1981 and semifinal berths in 1982 and 1983
- \* Since the program's inception in 1969, the Royals have posted an overall record of 430-269-50 (.607), including eight overall Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) and three MAC Freedom League championships, along with eight Middle Atlantic Conference North titles and 24 winning seasons
- \* Ten players have been named all-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and 33 have earned NSCAA all-regional honors
- \* The University of Scranton ended its affiliation with the Freedom Conference of the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation and joined the Landmark Conference in the fall of 2007. The Landmark Conference is made up of the following institutions: The Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.), Drew University (Madison, N.J.), Goucher College (Baltimore, Md.), Juniata College (Huntingdon, Pa.), Moravian College (Bethlehem, Pa.), Susquehanna University (Selinsgrove, Pa.), and the United States Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, N.Y.)
- \* Head coach Matt Pivrotto was named the 2006 Freedom Conference Coach of the Year. He also led the Royals to a berth in the championship match of the first-ever Landmark Conference tournament this past season.
- \* The Royals practice and play their home matches at Fitzpatrick Field, which went through a major renovation this past summer with the installation of Field Turf and a new drainage system. Fitzpatrick Field is the home of the Royal men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse and field hockey teams. It is also used by students, faculty and staff for intramural and recreational activities



## Team Highlights

### NCAA Final Four Appearances (4)

1980 (2nd), 1981 (2nd), 1982, 1983

### NCAA Tournament Appearances (13)

1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983  
1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1993

### Middle Atlantic Conf. Championships (8)

1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984  
1985

### Middle Atlantic Conference North Titles (8)

1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984,  
1985

### Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom League Titles (3)

1993, 1996, 1997

### Winning Seasons (24)

1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980,  
1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987,  
1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994,  
1996, 2006, 2007



**Head Coach  
Matt Pivrotto**

Matt Pivrotto's nine-year tenure as head coach of The University of Scranton men's soccer program has been highlighted by three Freedom Conference post-season tournament appearances, including a berth in the 2006 championship match which helped earn him the league's coach of the year award. He also led Scranton to a championship game appearance in its first season as a member of the Landmark Conference last fall.

Individually, he has also developed 17 players who have gone on to earn all-conference honors, including Jeremy Basedow, the co-recipient of the 2002 Freedom Conference most valuable player (MVP) award, and Tim Logan, the 2007 Landmark Conference offensive player of the year. Four of his players--Basedow, Eric Kunzinger, Tim Logan and Gary Racich--have also been named all-regional by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

A native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and a former standout player at Bishop Neumann High School and Lycoming College, Pivrotto took over the Royal program just weeks before the start of the 1999 season. Even though Scranton struggled through a 3-16 season, the record doesn't truly reflect Pivrotto's efforts, especially on defense where the Royals allowed an average of less than two goals a game.

Scranton bounced back the following year by posting an 8-9-1 overall record and earned its first Freedom Conference post-season tournament berth since 1998 with a 4-2-1 mark in league play. After narrowly missing the playoffs in 2001, the Royals earned another spot in the Freedom Conference post-season tournament by earning the number three seed with a 5-2 record in league play in 2002. This past fall, the Royals posted their first winning season and their most victories (11) since 1996.

Pivrotto put up some impressive credentials while a player on the high school and collegiate level. He scored a career record 77 goals at Bishop Neumann High School before enrolling at Lycoming, where he finished as the Warriors' all-time leading scorer with 128 total points. He earned all-Middle Atlantic Conference honors four times and was the league's player of the year in 1996. He also garnered all-regional honors twice by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). He graduated from Lycoming in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business finance.

In keeping up with the latest trends in coaching, Pivrotto has earned national and advanced certification in addition to Level I goalkeeping certification from the NSCAA.

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