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#### 38 Seasons

Overall Record: 423-255-71 (.612)

* NCAA tournament
** ECAC tournament

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### All-Time NJAC Champions

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* Stockton Men's Soccer
1982 ECAC Tournament
Drew 4, Stockton 0

1983 ECAC Tournament
Stockton 1, NJIT 1 (NJIT 4-2 PK)

1990 ECAC Tournament
Vassar 2, Stockton 1 (OT)

1993 NCAA Tournament
Stockton 1, Trenton State 0
Stockton 0, Rowan 0 (Rowan 4-1 PK)

1994 NCAA Tournament
Rowan 4, Stockton 1

1995 NCAA Tournament
Stockton 3, Rowan 0
Trenton State 4, Stockton 1

1996 NCAA Tournament
Stockton 3, Montclair State 1
College of New Jersey 2, Stockton 1

1997 ECAC Tournament
Stockton 2, Kings Point 1
Montclair State 2, Stockton 1

1998 NCAA Tournament
Stockton 3, Western Connecticut 0
Stockton 1, Kean 0
Rowan 2, Stockton 1 (OT)

1999 NCAA Tournament
Stockton 4, Vassar 0
Stockton 2, Rowan 1
Stockton 1, Williams 0
Wheaton 4, Stockton 0

2000 ECAC Tournament
Stockton 2, Rutgers-Camden 0
Stockton 1, Kean 0
Stockton 1, Montclair State 0 (4 OT)

2001 NCAA Tournament
Stockton 3, Mary Washington 0
Stockton 1, Rowan 0
Stockton 1, St. Lawrence 0
Stockton 0, Ohio Wesleyan 0 (RSC 3-1 PK)
Stockton 3, Redlands 2

2002 NCAA Tournament
Williams 4, Stockton 1

2003 ECAC Tournament
Stockton 2, NYU 1
Ramapo 2, Stockton 0

2004 NCAA Tournament
Stockton 3, NC Wesleyan 2 (OT)
Stockton 2, Stevens 1 (OT)
Salisbury 4, Stockton 2

2005 ECAC Tournament
Stockton 9, Staten Island 0
Stockton 3, Manhattanville 0
Stockton 0, Ramapo 0 (RSC 5-4 PK)

2006 ECAC Tournament
Stockton 3, Ramapo 1
Rutgers-Camden 2, Stockton 1

2007 ECAC Tournament
Rutgers-Camden 3, Stockton 2 (OT)

2008 NCAA Tournament
Stockton 8, St. Joseph's (LI) 0
Christopher Newport 3, Stockton 0

2009 ECAC Tournament
Drew 3, Stockton 2 (2OT)

2010 NCAA Tournament
Johns Hopkins 3, Stockton 2 (OT)

2011 ECAC Tournament
Stockton 4, Sage 2
William Paterson 3, Stockton 2 (OT)

NCAA Tournament: 15-9-2 (.615)
ECAC Tournament: 9-8-2 (.526)

The Stockton men’s soccer team reached its first NCAA Final Four in 1999.
Individual Honors

All-American
Scott Adams  2005
John Epley  2002
Mike McAlaren 2002
Jeff Moore  2001
Greg Ruttler  2001
Joe Eimer (First Team) 1996
Pete Schneiders  1994, 93

All-Region First Team
Rafael Duarte  2008
Jon Kopytko  2008
Scott Adams  2005, 04
Tom Ferron  2004
Jamie Nelson  2003
John Epley  2002
Mike McAlaren  2002, 01
Jeff Moore  2001
Greg Ruttler  2000, 99
Les Lunsford  1998
Jim Connor  1996
Joe Eimer  1996
Pete Schneiders  1994, 93
Hernan Maldonado 1986, 85, 83
Jim Orozco  1985, 84

All-Region Second Team
Rafael Duarte  2010, 07
Pat Tolomeo  2008
Sean McCallum  2007
Jon Kopytko  2007
Ray Nelson  2007
Brian Klein  2006
Jeremy Cohen  2004
Dowaine Green  2004
Scott Adams  2003
Greg Ruttler  2001
Dave Mattus  2001
Jeff Moore  2000
Les Lunsford  1996
Joe Eimer  1995
Josh Waterhouse  1995
Santiago Solari  1994
Jason Fahs  1993
Dave McAndrew  1993
Jim Orozco  1983

All-Region Third Team/Hon. Mention
Sean Nelson  2010
Sean McCallum  2008
Eric Lewis  2006
Dan Morse  2005
Ken Masuhr  2002
Jeff Moore  1999
Jim McCombs  1993

NJ College Player of the Year
Les Lunsford  1998
Pete Schneiders  1994, 93
Individual Honors

**NJAC Player of the Year**
Les Lunsford 1998
Pete Schneiders 1994

**NJAC Offensive Player of the Year**
Rafael Duarte 2009

**NJAC Defensive Player of the Year**
Tom Ferron 2004
Mike McAlarne 2002, 01

**NJAC Goalkeeper of the Year**
Joe Eimer 1996
Ricky Barrett 1981, 79

**NJAC Rookie of the Year**
Tim Brett 2010
Brennen Fitzsimmons 2008
Rafael Duarte 2007
Sean McCallum 2006
Jeremy Cohen 2004
Dave Mattus 2001
Santiago Solari 1994
Dave McAndrew 1993

**NJAC David Logar Award**
Jamie Nelson 2003
Eric Dodson 1998

**NJAC All-Conference First Team (cont.)**
Les Lunsford 1998, 96
Eric Dodson 1998
Rudy Mazzocca 1998
Jim Connor 1997, 96
George Galanos 1997
Pat Hickey 1997
Joe Eimer 1996, 95
Lance DeFabio 1996
Pete Schneiders 1994, 93
Santiago Solari 1994
Jason Fahs 1993
Dave McAndrew 1993
Jim McCombs 1993
Chris Osborn 1988
Hernan Maldonado 1986, 85, 83
Jim Orozco 1985, 84
Bob Bowers 1983
Rick Barrett 1981, 79
Larry Bowcock 1981

**NJAC All-Conference First Team**
Sal Pistone 2011
Rafael Duarte 2010, 09, 08
Sean Nelson 2010, 09
Jon Kopytko 2008, 07
Ray Nelson 2007
Brian Klein 2006
Scott Adams 2005, 03
Dowaine Green 2004
Tom Ferron 2004
Jamie Nelson 2003
John Epley 2002
Ken Masuhr 2002
Mike McAlarne 2002, 01, 00
Greg Ruttler 2001, 00, 99
Jeff Moore 2001, 00
Dave Mattus 2001
Tom Sauer 2000, 99

*Stockton Men's Soccer*
Men's Soccer Records

TEAM RECORDS

Most Goals, Game: 18 vs. Jersey City St., 1980
Most Goals, Season: 88, 2001
Least Goals, Season: 19, 1979

Least Goals Allowed, Season: 15, 1995
Most Goals Allowed, Game: 10 vs. Rider, 1989
Most Goals Allowed, Season: 55, 1989

Most Shutouts, Season: 16, 2001
Least Times Shut Out, Season: 1, 1983, 00, 02

Most Wins, Season: 25, 2001 (NCAA record)
Least Losses, Season: 1, 2001
Best Record: 25-1-1 (.944), 2001
Worst Record: 2-15 (.118), 1989

Highest National Ranking: #1, 2002
Highest Regional Ranking: #1, multiple times
NJAC Championships: 5 (96, 99, 01, 02, 04)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Most Goals, Game: Hernan Maldonado, 5 vs. Bloomfield (10/30/86);
Will McKee, 5 vs. Ramapo (10/25/86)
Most Assists, Game: Hernan Maldonado, 5 vs. Ramapo (10/25/86);
Kyle Evans, 5 vs. Rutgers-Camden 10/13/10)
Most Points, Game: Hernan Maldonado, 13 (5g, 3a) vs. Bloomfield (10/30/86)
Most Saves, Game: Rick Barrett, 25 vs. Ramapo (10/27/79);
Rick Barrett, 25 vs. Trenton State (9/19/79)
Most Games Played: Greg Ruttler, 97 (1998-01); Jamie Nelson, 97 (2000-03)
Jeff Moore, 96 (1998-01); Chris Meyrick, 96 (1999-02)
John Epley, 95 (1999-02); Mike McAlarne, 95 (1999-02),
Tom Ferron, 95 (2001-04)
Most Consecutive Games Played: Jamie Nelson, 91 (2000-03)
### Men's Soccer Records

#### Most Goals, Season:
- Jim Connor  1997  25
- Hernan Maldonado 1983  22
- Hernan Maldonado 1986  20
- John Epley  2002  20
- Pete Schneiders  1993  18
- Rafael Duarte  2007  17

#### Most Assists, Season:
- Jeff Moore  2001  19
- Les Lunsford  1996  16
- Pete Schneiders  1994  16
- Santiago Solari  1994  15
- Hernan Maldonado 1986  15

#### Most Points, Season:
- Jim Connor  1997  60 (25-10)
- Hernan Maldonado 1986  55 (20-15)
- Hernan Maldonado 1983  51 (22-7)
- Pete Schneiders  1993  48 (18-12)
- John Epley  2002  47 (20-7)
- Pete Schneiders  1994  44 (14-16)
- Greg Ruttler  2000  44 (16-12)

#### Most Saves, Season:
- Martin Scarano  1990  187
- Rick Barrett  1979  170
- Martin Scarano  1987  127
- Jim McCombs  1994  126
- Martin Scarano  1988  118

#### Most Shutouts, Season:
- Brett Steinberg  2001  12
- Tom Sauer  1998  12
- Joe Eimer  1996  10
- Jim McCombs  1993  10
- Jim McCombs  1994  10
- Martin Scarano  1990  10

#### Most Goals, Career:
- Hernan Maldonado 1983-86  61
- Rafael Duarte  2007-10  55
- John Epley  1999-02  46
- Greg Rutller  1998-01  43
- Jim Connor  1996-97  40
- Scott Adams  2002-05  37
- Dan Conlon  1975-78  36
- Pete Schneiders  1993-94  32
- Jamie Nelson  2000-03  31
- Sean McCallum  2006-09  31

#### Most Assists, Career:
- Jeff Moore  1998-01  48
- Les Lunsford  1995-98  45
- Greg Rutller  1998-01  39
- Hernan Maldonado 1983-86  36
- Pete Schneiders  1993-94  28
- Jamie Nelson  2000-03  28
- Scott Adams  2002-05  26
- Pat Hickey  1994-97  25
- Pat Tolomeo  2007-09  24
- John Fogler  1981-84  23

#### Most Points, Career:
- Hernan Maldonado 1983-86  158 (61-36)
- Greg Rutller  1998-01  125 (43-39)
- Rafael Duarte  2007-10  122 (55-12)
- John Epley  1999-02  114 (46-22)
- Scott Adams  2002-05  100 (37-26)
- Jim Connor  1996-97  98 (40-18)
- Les Lunsford  1995-98  93 (24-45)
- Pete Schneiders  1993-94  92 (32-28)
- Jamie Nelson  2000-03  90 (31-28)
- Jeff Moore  1998-01  86 (19-48)

#### Most Saves, Career:
- Martin Scarano  1987-90  432
- Rick Barrett  1979-82  425
- Tom Sauer  1997-00  300
- Greg Stellitano  1984-85  232
- Joe Eimer  1995-96  198

#### Most Shutouts, Career:
- Tom Sauer  1997-00  30
- Jim McCombs  1992-94  27
- Martin Scarano  1987-90  19
- Brett Steinberg  2001-02  16
- Sean Dallas  2002-03, 05  16
- Matt Hart  2005-06, 08  16

*Stockton Men's Soccer*
In 2001, the Stockton men's soccer team reached the pinnacle of success by winning the NCAA Division III national championship. The Ospreys set an NCAA all-division men's soccer record for victories in a season as they posted a 25-1-1 mark that included a 20-game winning streak and a 22-game unbeaten streak.

After starting the season by winning the Colorado Midwest Classic and Stockton Seashore Classic tournaments, the Ospreys suffered their only loss of the year to Rowan. They proceeded to roll through the rest of the regular season and add the Manhattanville Valiant Cup and North Carolina Wesleyan O’Brien Fall Classic titles along the way. Stockton finished the regular season with a 19-1 record, yet incredibly, they were the third seed for the NJAC tournament due to tiebreakers.

The Ospreys avenged their only loss by dumping Rowan in the NJAC semifinals before topping New Jersey City to win the conference title and earn the automatic NCAA Tournament bid. Stockton’s march to the championship began with a 3-0 shutout of Mary Washington followed by a 1-0 triumph over rival Rowan. The Ospreys squeaked past St. Lawrence 1-0 on Jamie Nelson's goal in 84th minute to earn their second Final Four berth in three years.

Stockton battled Ohio Wesleyan through 120 tension-filled scoreless minutes in the national semifinals, which were held at Messiah College. The Ospreys prevailed 3-1 on successful penalty kicks by Greg Ruttler, Jeff Moore and John Epley to reach the NCAA title game for the first time in school history.

Ironically, Stockton’s opponent in the championship game was Redlands (CA), a team the Ospreys had defeated 3-1 to open the season in Colorado. Epley gave Stockton an early 1-0 lead, but Redlands netted a goal eight minutes later to tie the score. Ruttler put the Ospreys in front 2-1 at 19:31 and the advantage lasted until Redlands again knotted the score at 50:04. Eight minutes later, Mike McAlarne headed a corner kick by Jeff Moore into the goal for a 3-2 Stockton lead. This time, the Ospreys were able to protect the lead for the remainder of the game and win the College’s first national championship in a team sport.
All-Americans

Scott Adams
Richard Stockton College 2002-2005
2005 NSCAA All-American

- Ranks fifth at Stockton in career scoring (100 points)
- Ranks sixth at Stockton in career goals (37)
- Ranks seventh at Stockton in career assists (26)
- Three-time NSCAA All-Region selection (First Team in 2004 and 2005)
- Three-time NJAC All-Conference selection (First Team in 2003 and 2005)

John Epley
Richard Stockton College 1999-2002
2002 NSCAA All-American

- Ranks fourth at Stockton in career scoring (114 points)
- Ranks third at Stockton with 46 career goals
- Scored 20 goals in 2002, third-highest single season total in school history
- Scored 47 points in 2002, fourth-best single season total in school history
- Tied for fifth at Stockton in career games played (95)
- Scored first goal of the 2001 NCAA championship game
All-Americans

Mike McAlarne

Richard Stockton College 1999-2002
2002 NSCAA All-American

• Two-time NJAC Defensive Player of the Year (2001-2002)
• Three-time NJAC All-Conference First Team selection (2000-2002)
• Two-time NSCAA All-Region First Team selection (2001-2002)
• Tied for fourth at Stockton in career games played (95)
• Scored game-winning goal in the 2001 NCAA championship game

Jeff Moore

Richard Stockton College 1998-2001
2001 NSCAA All-American

• Played for the NY/NJ MetroStars of Major League Soccer in 2002
• Drafted 66th overall by MetroStars in 2002 MLS SuperDraft and 13th overall by Philadelphia Kixx in 2002 MISL draft
• Stockton record holder for assists in a season (19) and career (48)
• Three-time NSCAA All-Region selection (First Team in 2001)
• Four-time NJAC All-Conference selection (First Team in 2000 and 2001)
• Ranks ninth at Stockton in career scoring (86 points)
Stockton Men's Soccer

All-Americans

Joe Eimer

Richard Stockton College 1995-96
1996 NSCAA All-American

- Stockton's only men's soccer First Team All-American
- 1996 NJAC Goalkeeper of the Year
- Two-time NSCAA All-Region selection (First Team in 1996)
- Two-time NJAC All-Conference First Team selection (1995-96)
- 12 shutouts in two seasons at Stockton
- 198 career saves at Stockton
- 0.69 career goals against average

Greg Ruttler

Richard Stockton College 1998-2001
2001 NSCAA All-American

- Three-time NSCAA All-Region selection (First Team in 1999 and 2000)
- Three-time NJAC All-Conference First Team selection (1999-2001)
- Tied for first at Stockton in career games played (97)
- Ranks second at Stockton in career scoring (125 points)
- Ranks fourth at Stockton with 43 career goals
- Ranks third at Stockton with 39 career assists
Pete Schneiders
Richard Stockton College 1993-94
1993, 1994 NSCAA All-American

- Stockton's only men's soccer two-time All-American
- Two-time NSCAA First Team All-Region (1993-94)
- Two-time New Jersey College Player of the Year (1993-94)
- 1994 NJAC Player of the Year
- Two-time NJAC All-Conference First Team (1993-94)
- Ranks eighth at Stockton with 32 career goals
- Tied for fifth at Stockton with 28 career assists
- Ranks eighth at Stockton in career scoring (92 points)
Stockton's Greatest Eleven

The best players in the history of the Stockton men's soccer program:

Hernan Maldonado (F) 1983-86
Jim Connor (F) 1996-97

Les Lunsford (M) 1995-98

Jeff Moore (M) 1998-2001
Santiago Solari (M) 1994

Greg Ruttler (M) 1998-2001
Pete Schneiders (M) 1993-94

Jim Orozco (B) 1982-85
Mike McAlarne (B) 1999-2002
Eric Dodson (B) 1994-96, 98

Joe Eimer (GK) 1995-96
Here, in numerical order, are the 10 greatest games in the history of the Stockton men’s soccer program:

1. **Stockton 3, Redlands 2**  
   **November 24, 2001**
   Mike McAlarnen scored on a header at 58:48 to snap a 2-2 tie and propel Stockton to the college’s first NCAA championship in any sport with a 3-2 victory over Redlands. McAlarnen’s goal gave the Ospreys their third and final lead of the game. John Epley opened the scoring, however Redlands answered to tie the contest 1-1. Greg Ruttler later gave Stockton a 2-1 lead, but Redlands knotted the score at 2-2 with a goal early in the second half. The Ospreys were able to protect the 3-2 lead for over 30 minutes. The NCAA crown capped a remarkable season in which Stockton set an NCAA all-division record with 25 victories and won 20 consecutive games.

2. **Stockton 1, Williams 0**  
   **November 20, 1999**
   Jason Kufta scored on a corner kick served by Jeff Moore in the NCAA Quarterfinals at Stockton. Goalkeeper Tom Sauer made five saves to preserve the shutout. An estimated crowd of 900 fans witnessed the Ospreys upset of previously-undefeated Williams, which came into the match at 16-0-3 and ranked second in the nation. The victory sent Stockton to the NCAA Final Four for the first time in the program’s 20-year history.

3. **Stockton 0, Ohio Wesleyan 0**  
   **November 23, 2001**
   Stockton advanced to its first NCAA championship game 3-1 on penalty kicks after a 0-0 draw with Ohio Wesleyan over 120 minutes of the Final Four matchup. Greg Ruttler, Jeff Moore and John Epley converted penalty kicks in the shootout. Brett Steinberg stopped one penalty kick and Ohio Wesleyan hit the post on two others. Steinberg had punched a dangerous shot over the crossbar in the second half of regulation to keep the game scoreless. The Battling Bishops also bounced a shot off the crossbar in the first half. Ruttler generated Stockton’s best scoring chance on a volley shot that sailed wide in the second half.

4. **Stockton 2, Rowan 1**  
   **November 13, 1999**
   Midway through the second half, Mike McAlarnen scored the game-winner on a corner kick served by Jeff Moore in the NCAA Metro Region final. The goal was scored against a 30-mph wind with the Ospreys playing a man down at Rowan. Earlier, Moore scored the first goal of the match and the teams went into the half tied 1-1. The victory gave Stockton its first NCAA Metro Region championship.

5. **Stockton 3, Rowan 0**  
   **November 4, 1995**
   Frank Halter scored with 11 minutes remaining in the first half and George Galanos added two second half goals as the Ospreys crushed previously undefeated and third-ranked Rowan in the NCAA first round at Rowan. The victory ended a drought of 19 years without a win versus the Profs.
6. **Stockton 1, Kean 0** November 14, 1998
At Kean, Les Lunsford scored with two minutes remaining on a 35-yard free kick to avenge an earlier 3-0 defeat and propel the Ospreys to the NCAA Metro Region final for the third time in four years. Goalkeeper Tom Sauer recorded his team-record 12th shutout of the season. Kean had gone 9-0 in NJAC play during the regular season, outscoring its opponents 28-0.

7. **Stockton 2, UC-San Diego 1** October 12, 1996
Jim Connor scored a first half goal and George Galanos added one in the second half as the Ospreys topped Division III power UCSD in San Diego. Goalkeeper Joe Eimer made save after save down the stretch as Stockton defeated the three-time national champions. After the victory, the Ospreys climbed to #2 in the national rankings.

8. **Stockton 3, Kean 2** September 26, 1981
Mickey Hurley scored two goals on his 18th birthday and John Milligan scored in overtime as the Ospreys avenged the previous year’s 7-0 loss. The win signaled the beginning of Stockton’s entrance onto the national soccer scene.

9. **Stockton 1, Notre Dame 0** October 27, 1983
Bill Nowack scored the game’s only goal as the Ospreys sent the Fighting Irish back to South Bend, Indiana with a loss. Stockton later qualified for its second consecutive ECAC playoff berth at the end of the season.

10. **Stockton 1, Trenton State 0** November 6, 1993
Jason Fahs scored six minutes into the game off a pass from Pete Schneiders and goalkeeper Jim McCombs made save after save as the Ospreys defeated Trenton State in Stockton’s first-ever NCAA tournament appearance.
The Stockton men’s soccer team kicked off the 2006 season with a nine-day trip to Costa Rica on August 7-15. The Ospreys played four games against Costa Rican club teams during their stay. They also trained with morning workouts and sampled the local culture with visits to the area beaches and towns. The trip was organized through Costa Rica Soccer Tours (www.costaricasoccer.com).

Head coach Jeff Haines, assistant coaches Jeff Moore and Greg Ruttler and 19 returning players made the trip, which was paid for by the team’s fund-raising efforts. Costa Rica is a Central American nation of over four million people where soccer is the most popular sport. Photos of Stockton’s trip to Costa Rica can be viewed online at www.costaricasoccer.com/photogallery_richardstockton/index.htm.

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The 2006 Stockton men’s soccer team in Costa Rica
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River Plate (Argentina) 1997-98; Atletico de Madrid (Spain) 1999-00; Real Madrid (Spain) 2000-2005; Inter Milan (Italy) 2005-08; San Lorenzo (Argentina) 2008; Atlante FC (Mexico) 2009; C.A. Penarol (Uruguay) 2010; Juventud Antoniana (Argentina) 2011

Santiago Solari came to Stockton from Rosario, Argentina in 1994. As a freshman, Solari tallied eight goals and 15 assists for 31 points. He was named NJAC Rookie of the Year, NJAC All-Conference First Team and NSCAA All-Region Second Team. With Solari in the lineup, Stockton posted a 15-5 record and earned an NCAA Tournament berth.

After one season with the Ospreys, Solari returned to Argentina where professional contract offers loomed. His pro career began with River Plate of his native Argentina before Solari moved on to Spain where he played two seasons for Atletico de Madrid. In 2000, Solari signed to play for Real Madrid, one of the most famous and renowned soccer clubs in the world. Playing alongside international superstars Roberto Carlos, Luis Figo and Zinedine Zidane, Solari helped Real Madrid win the 2002 UEFA Champions League title.

On August 8, 2002, Solari returned to New Jersey with his Real Madrid teammates to play Roma in an exhibition game at Giants Stadium. A group of Stockton faithful including the College’s long-time athletic director G. Larry James, Dean of General Studies Jan Colijn, former head coach Tim Lenahan (now head coach at Northwestern University) and several former players were in attendance.

Solari’s lengthy professional career has continued, including a stint with Inter Milan in Italy and stops in Mexico, Uruguay before a return to his native Argentina.

Santiago Solari (center) with Stockton soccer alums Joe Eimer (far left), Frank Halter (near left), Scott Wicken (far right), Jeff Kiesel (front) and Solari’s coach at Stockton, Tim Lenahan (near right).

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