



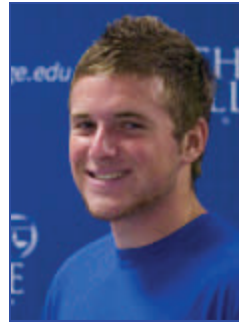
Spring 2008 Men's Soccer Newsletter



Arron Patrick

I was recruited to Bethel by Coach Gidman and I seemed to connect with Coach and felt wanted at Bethel. When I arrived I thought everyone was crazy. I had never experienced a Christian atmosphere and had never met a Christian to my knowledge. One of the first things I remember was in pre-season and we had devotions and Coach shared about God knocking on the door and it was the first time I thought about God or Christianity seriously. From there I started becoming good friends with another teammate, Jason Richardson, who was

from Ireland and had a similar background to me. A year earlier he had become a Christian and began telling me about his experience. After a few months I started opening my heart to God and he began to change me. I used to be very stubborn and arrogant and always argued to win the argument. Now I am more understanding and show more respect for other people and different views. In the fall of 2007 Coach chose me to attend SALT (Student Athlete Leadership Training). It was the biggest Spiritual event in my life because I could see for the first



time how I was to conduct my life as a Christian-Athlete which did not make sense to me up to that point. I am striving to serve God more and want to be stronger in my faith. I also want to implement my new life into soccer and not have to worry about me but know God will take care of things and it is my job to do and play my best.

Did you Know?

- <http://futsalcollege.freehostia.com/MainPage.php> will take you to the Midwest Collegiate Futsal League website
- Bethel has attended three consecutive NAIA National Futsal Championships winning it in spring 2008
- In fall 2008 Bethel will have player's in the program from Thailand, England, Ireland, Honduras, Mexico, Kenya, Malawi, Canada, Wales, Puerto Rico, Greece and Japan
- The team will also have players from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Hawaii
- In the spring 2008 semester the Pilot team average was 3.082
- Bethel had three sets of brothers this past season: Jared and Jesse Brenneman; Ian and Obed Pagan, and; Eli and Ethan Reichenbach



Tim Jenkinson

I was drawn to Bethel because of the strong soccer program. Bethel did a great job of recruiting and were in contact with me more than any other college that I could have been interested in. The diversity of the team was appealing as I knew I

would have many experiences and be with others that were a long way from home. While in England my main interests were hanging with my friends, drinking and women. Since coming to Bethel College I have come to appreciate family and friends more. I have realized that alcohol is not as big a factor in my life as I thought it was and I am learning to respect the opposite sex more. When I first came here I was against religion and even tried to put

it down any chance I had. At the moment I am learning more about God and am giving religion a chance. I have very close friendships with the men on the soccer team and the diversity of my friendships is a great experience, something my friends back home are jealous of. The team feels more like family the longer I am here. I am becoming a more mature man here as studies and soccer and friendships are now all important to me.

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Midwest Collegiate Futsal League Champions!

The Bethel Pilots have started 2008 in perfect fashion, winning the Midwest Collegiate Futsal League and the NAIA National Futsal Championships.

The 1st Annual Midwest Collegiate Futsal League ended with the Bethel College Pilots starting off 2008 just the way Coach Greg Gidman hoped the team would: as champions!

The Midwest Collegiate Futsal League included 8 universities from Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. Bethel proved to be the standard with an undefeated record of 11 wins and 2 ties, 35 total points, and a North Conference Championship.

The South Conference had Cedarville University hold the top spot with 9 wins, 1 loss and 3 ties, and a total of 30 points.

Of the 8 league teams, Bethel proved to be the most productive in goals (with 50) while they were also the stingiest, giving up only 20.

Bethel drew Huntington University in the first semi-final and after a regular season 3-3 tie, went on to defeat them 7-3. Cedarville dominated their semi-final match-up with Grace College, outscoring them 7-2.

The Championship was set with both conference winners facing off after a 3-3 regular season tie. The result, after Bethel being down a goal on three occasions, had the Pilots win 5-4 in a battle of the best.

Men's Soccer Wins NAIA Futsal Nationals

The Bethel College Pilots men's soccer team won the 3rd Annual 2008 NAIA Futsal Nationals defeating rival Goshen College, Ind., 11-3 in the final.

Bethel was eliminated in the 2007 National semi-final in Milwaukee, Wis., losing 4-3 to Hannibal LaGrange, Mo. Bethel had an opportunity to avenge their 2007 loss facing the defending national champions in the 2008 semi-final. Bethel defeated Hannibal LaGrange 8-7 in a teeter-totter match that had Hannibal-LaGrange leading 4-3 at half time and Bethel surging to an 8-5 lead with 5 minutes remaining in the game. Hannibal-LaGrange pulled out all the stops, including switching their keeper to a field player and pressing the Pilots hard, but it was not enough to upset the determined Pilots.

The final was a determined and systematic disassembling of the Goshen team which had defeated Lindenwood University, Mo., to advance to the final. The 11-3 final score was an indicator of the Pilots' superiority



in all aspects of the game, beginning with standout keeper Scott Terry who played with a vengeance and became a frustrating wall to the Maple Leafs. Zach Ganzberg stepped into the final--hammering 3 goals home--as well as Arran Horton, adding his own 3.

Tournament goal leaders included Tim Jenkinson with 11, and Jorge Marquez with 9, as the Pilots out-scored their opponents at Nationals 49 to 22. The Pilots dominated the Midwest League, playing undefeated and going 4-0-1 at Nationals, giving them a record of 17-0-3 for the 2008 Futsal season.

The Pilots' Nationals roster included Scott Terry, Jason Richardson, Ian Pagan, Raul Barillas, Arran Horton, Arron Patrick, Tim Jenkinson, Humberto Trejo, Oscar Jimenez, Jorge Marquez, Zach Ganzberg, Evan Grubbs and Nick Bartlett.

Individual Award Winners Announced At Annual Men's Soccer Banquet

The Bethel College Men's Soccer Awards and Senior Recognition Banquet was held on Sunday, January 27th at Honkers Restaurant in Mishawaka, IN. Seniors pictured (in order) are Eric Carpenter, Raul Barillas, Juan Jose Rio de la Loza and Jared Brenne- man. (Brandon Grudda was absent from the photo as he was in the Pacific Rim Travel Abroad Program with Bethel College).

Coach Gidman announced five individual award winners for the 2007 soccer season. Defensive Player of the Year went to sophomore Tim Jenkinson of Blackpool,

England. Tim played in several spots during the season but was utilized most often as a central defender. The Offensive Player of the Year award was shared by a striker and midfielder. Sophomore Arron Patrick of Grimsby, England and senior Eric Carpenter of Middlebury, Indiana shared in the honors. Most Valuable Player went to freshman sweeper Humberto Trejo of Aguascalientes, Mexico. Humberto was the only player in the program that played every minute of every game. Coach Gidman said that "Beto could have been placed in 5 or 6 positions and

may have been the best player in each of those spots." The Coach's Award was given to Senior Captain Juan Jose Rio de la Loza and Coach Gidman credited him with being one of the top players in the program, but also a respected



Nick Bartlett

Who have been some influential people during your time at Bethel? How is life here different than in Hawaii?

Sophomore Nick Bartlett has had many new experiences in his two years in the states as a Bethelite. A Hawaiian native, Nick wanted to experience life far from home. Nick "had friends from Hawaii that went to Bethel and knew a bunch of people that were coming here. The community of people here has had the biggest impact."

His most difficult transition has been adjusting to the harsh winters, not being used to the cold. But he stayed here throughout the Christmas season and plans to this summer as well. "I also chose Bethel for the soccer," says Nick. A defender, Nick said the soccer playing inland is similar to the islands, but with different weather

conditions and "the Hawaiian lifestyle is a lot more laid back."

The seniors on the team--specifically Eric Carpenter, Jared Brenne- man and Brandon Grudda--have been great leaders. "Being seniors, they know what it's all about...and often help us out." He said their fun personalities have rubbed off on the whole team. As for Bethel faculty and staff, "Dr. Bob Laurent has been influential the way he teaches his classes--he knows you by name and is always in contact with you," Nick continues. "And he is intentional to make conversation with you. And Coach Gidman has helped me through a lot of stuff with family issues, by being a good coach, and supporting his players."

Jason Richardson

How has your experience at Bethel impacted you?

As a freshman, I was really excited and worried about coming to Bethel because it's such a long way from home. It was a struggle my freshman year, but my friends and family got me through it.

Now that I am a senior, it is unbelievable how much I have loved my time here. I feel that I have met my best friends for life



here. There is something special about this college and it has changed my life forever. I am so excited for the fall because this is the last year I will get to play "competitive football" with my best friends. I have loved being a part of the soccer team. I really believe that this team full of the nicest people you could ever meet. Bethel introduced me to God and I will never forget how awesome the people are that have helped me grow. I am not looking forward to leaving this place. Thanks Bethel!!!!

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The 2008 fall season will have 67 players in the Bethel College Men's Soccer Program. This is made up of three teams called the Pilots, Commanders and Navigators. Coach Gidman can find a place for all talent levels in the program and provide a quality college soccer experience for every player choosing Bethel as their college home. If you are interested in Bethel College soccer simply drop Coach Gidman an email. The website (www.bethelcollege.edu) has loads of information about the school and the Men's Soccer Program. Check out the schedule, new signings, upcoming events and more. A typical tryout involves an individual visit to campus, a meeting with an admissions counselor, tour, chapel, and sitting in on a class. Lunch is provided in the cafeteria and then training in the late afternoon with the team. If you want to stay overnight, Coach will place you in a dorm with a few of the guys on the team so you can get a real college experience.

Raul Barillas

How has attending Bethel affected your relationship with God?

I didn't have a relationship with God before coming to Bethel College. I knew about God because I was saved in 2002, but never heard about a relationship with Him. I came here from El Salvador pretty much because it was a Christian school and soccer also played an important role. I also want to mention Coach Gidman as the person responsible for my commitment to Bethel College because I found in him not just a soccer Coach but a very close friend and mentor. I think sometimes he is more than a friend. Sometimes I think of him like an uncle...just a very close person.

My experience with soccer at Bethel College was not what I had planned or thought about...I thought that since God brought me here, He was going to make me the best soccer player and help me make Bethel College a National Championship team. Sadly, I was injured for the most part of my two years and didn't play my very

best because of that and other personal reasons.

My relationship with God hasn't been the best because in my old mentality I used to think that in order for me to feel I was alright with God, I needed to be the best player of the team, play excellent every game, and also be a good student. However, God placed an angel in the form of a person to help me realize that God was bigger than soccer and I needed it to make adjustments in my life. This person helped me think and realize that God loves me no matter what, even if I had a terrible game, got a bad grade, or did something unrighteous. Now, I think that I have a better relationship with God than in 2005 when I came here. However, I have a long way to go to become the man God wants me to be...but it is so important now to realize that God loves me no matter what and He will forgive me when I truly ask Him for forgiveness.

As graduation approaches, I am really grateful to God for placing me here even though it hasn't been easy; but, He gave me the opportu-

nity to get to know Him better and closer.

Allison Schuck is the name of the angel I was talking about. She is a blessing to me and I am thankful for her work in me. In addition, I want to mention that I have a better relationship with God because of people that keep encouraging me during my good and bad times--people like Professor Josh Gullledge and his wife, Dr. Rob Myers and family, Don Danz and wife, Dr. Dennis Engbrecht, Thiago Pinto, Manuel Sierra, Dan Lambert and family, Luke Nakatsukasa, Mike Sudyk, Cole Patuzzi, Brent Wood and family, Pete Morey, Dr. Bob Laurent, Brother Tim Erdel, Erin Pollock and Ashley Imhoff. I'd also like to thank my soccer team.

