

2010 Walsh University Men's Soccer Outlook

After returning to the playoffs in 2009 for the first time in three seasons with an 11-7 campaign and returning a slew of lettermen, Veteran Head Coach Tim Mead (297-212-32, 28 yrs.) expects big things for the 2010 edition of the Walsh Cavaliers men's soccer team.



The Cavs return 20 letter winners, which include Ben Truax (Jr., 6-1, Mansfield, OH/St. Peter's), Nathaniel Milhoan (Jr., 5-11, Hartville, OH/Lake), Matt Bly (So., 5-10, Bellbrook, OH/HS), Derrick Gullen (Jr., 5-10, Steubenville, OH/HS), and Ben Latimer (Jr., 5-11, Sunbury, OH/Big Walnut). All five received All-AMC recognition last season. Truax topped the list as a first-team selection after scoring 10 goals and four assists for 24 points, second on the team behind Bly. Truax, a starter in all 18 games last season, will start at one of the two forward positions and is the total package soccer athlete. He can finish and is strong on the ball.

Milhoan, a second-team All-AMC selection, will anchor the defense at the center back position, but has the ability to play anywhere on the field. He's skillful, technical, and tactically smart. Last year he started 17 games and handed out three assists.



Bly was an honorable mention All-AMC selection after racking up 26 points on 11 goals and four assists. He has a tremendous desire to score and will start at outside left midfielder. Gullen may be the most athletic of all the players, but is coming off knee surgery. The honorable mention All-AMC selection is expected to see time as a center defender. Latimer, also an honorable All-AMC choice will be the workhorse. Latimer is a steady, strong engine who can tackle well. He started every game last season and will start at center midfielder this year.

The returning lettermen provide a great amount of experience and should provide an explosive offense up front. Lining up opposite of Truax at forward will be Jordan Semple (So., 5-7, North Canton, OH/GlenOak). The creative attacker was third on the team in scoring with 11 points on four goals and three assists. Chad Flath (Jr., 5-10, Wadsworth, OH/HS) is going to line up at outside right midfield. He is a dedicated leader who increased his speed and can attack the game better after losing 20 lbs. in the off-season. Flath scored eight points on two goals and four assists, fourth-most on the team, after playing in 18 games and starting all but one.

Battling it out at center midfield are Clint Merck (Jr., 6-0, Randolph, OH/St. Thomas Aquinas), Steve Alicandro (Sr., 5-10, Toronto, Ontario/Dante Aligieri) and Chris Lynch (Fr., 6-2, Bellbrook, OH/HS). Merck reads the game well and is an outstanding finisher. Alicandro sees the field well and has good composure on the ball. Newcomer Lynch has had an excellent preseason. He has been consistent and good in the air. Providing depth will be Broc Sutek (So., 6-0, Minerva, OH/HS), George Moga (Jr., 5-10, Akron, OH/Springfield), Chad Dickerhoof (So., Alliance, OH/Marlington) and Pat Julian (Fr., 6-1, Canton, OH/GlenOak). Sutek added two goals and two assists last year and is a very skillful player with great feet that can play anywhere on the field.

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Moga brings positive energy to the game. Dickerhoof had a great off-season and has improved greatly in all areas. Julian will rotate at forward and has demonstrated the ability to score in the preseason.

The Cavs are two and three deep defensively. In addition to Milhoan, taking charge of the defense will be Tim Cavanaugh (Jr., 5-11, Wadsworth, OH/HS) at right-back, Matt Charek (Sr., 5-11, Green, OH/HS) at center-back, and Adam Greenwood (So., Blackpool, England/Lytham St. Annes) at left-back. Cavanaugh saw time in all 18 games and started all but two. Charek will provide key leadership as one of four seniors on the team. Greenwood returns to the team after a year away from the game and is excited to be back. He'll provide valuable on-field communication. Providing more depth on the inside of the defense will be Kyle Dummermuth (Fr., 6-2, Dover, OH/HS) and Marc Julian (Fr., 5-11, Canton, OH/GlenOak). Support on the outside will come from Todd Janiga (Sr., 5-8, Barberton, OH/HS), Jarod Weaver (Jr., 5-10, Tipp City, OH/Tippecanoe), and Rick Van Dorsten (Jr., 5-9, Canton, OH/GlenOak). Janiga is the designated "mayor" of the team as he has great relationships with all of the players. Weaver brings positive energy and will look to get back on the field after recovering from a broken foot. Van Dorsten has recovered from injuries to his leg as he had two ACL knee mishaps. He is a dedicated, quiet leader that has shown tremendous work ethic to recover from his surgeries.

Guarding the net for the second year in a row will be Mike Kelley (So., 6-0, Chagrin Falls, OH/NDCL). Last year, Kelley provided three shutouts and was a part of three others. He recorded a 1.85 goals against average. He'll have to be consistent this year in order for the Cavaliers to have any success. He's the best overall goalkeeper with just one year of college experience. Providing depth will be junior Nate Rech (6-0, Lordstown, OH/HS) and freshman Brandon House (5-9, Wadsworth, OH/HS). Rech is rapidly progressing and can communicate well with the back lines. House is an intense player who is improving and reads the game well.

Overall the team is extremely experienced with 10 starters returning from last year's AMC playoff qualifier. Last year's wins over talented conference foes, Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Cedarville University, gives this year's squad the confidence it needs to compete for the crown. However, they won't breeze through the season without any challenges. Their schedule has seven preseason nationally ranked teams and 11 games on the road, with trips to Michigan, Kentucky, New York and Florida.

Walsh University soccer should pass a couple of milestones this year. With one more victory, the Cavaliers will record their 400th win all time. With three more wins, Coach Mead will reach the 300 win plateau.

2010 Walsh University Men's Soccer Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
0	Nate Rech	GK/D.	6-0	175	Jr.	Lordstown, OH/HS
00	Brandon House	GK	5-9	165	Fr.	Wadsworth, OH/HS
1	Mike Kelley	GK	6-0	175	So.	Chagrin Falls, OH/NDCL
2	Matt Bly	F	5-10	170	So.	Bellbrook, OH/HS
3	Matt Charek	D	5-11	180	Sr.	Green, OH/HS
4	Tim Cavanaugh	D	5-11	165	Jr.	Wadsworth, OH/HS/Mt. Union
5	Chad Flath	M	5-10	170	Jr.	Wadsworth, OH/HS
6	Ben Latimer	M	5-11	170	R-Jr.	Sunbury, OH/Big Walnut
7	George Moga	M	5-10	160	Jr.	Akron, OH/Springfield
8	Ben Truax	F	6-1	185	Jr.	Mansfield, OH/St. Peters
9	Todd Janiga	D	5-8	160	Sr.	Barberton, OH/HS
10	Chad Dickerhoof	M	6-0	175	So.	Alliance, OH/Marlington
11	Evan Binkley	F	6-0	165	So.	Alliance, OH/Marlington
12	Broc Sutek	M	6-0	170	So.	Minerva, OH/HS
13	Clint Merck	M	6-0	180	Jr.	Randolph, OH/St. Thomas Aquinas
14	Jarod Weaver	D	5-10	165	Jr.	Tipp City, OH/Tippecanoe
15	Derrick Gullen	D	5-10	170	Jr.	Steubenville, OH/HS
16	Pat Julian	F	6-1	165	Fr.	Canton, OH/GlenOak
17	Nathaniel Milhoan	D	5-11	180	Jr.	Hartville, OH/Lake
18	Kyle Dummermuth	D	6-2	195	Fr.	Dover, OH/HS
19	Chris Lynch	M	6-2	180	Fr.	Bellbrook, OH/HS
20	Tony Rome	D	6-1	180	Fr.	Canton, OH/GlenOak
21	Rick VanDorsten	D	5-9	165	Jr.	Canton, OH/GlenOak
22	Steve Alicandro	M	5-10	170	Sr.	Toronto, ONT/Dante Aligieri/ENMX
23	Marc Julian	D	5-11	155	Fr.	Canton, OH/GlenOak
24	Jordan Semple	F	5-7	160	So.	North Canton, OH/GlenOak
25	Andy Mansour	M	5-9	145	Fr.	Westerville, OH/Sout
26	Adam Greenwood	D/M	5-11	181	So.	Blackpool, England/Lytham St. Annes
27	Jeremy Dietrich	F	6-0	170	Fr.	Parma, OH/Padua Franciscan
28	Ethan Liskey	D	5-11	160	So.	Hartville, OH/Lake
29	Colin Davis	D	6-2	160	So.	Amsterdam, OH/Carrollton
GK	Matt Godfray	GK	6-2	160	Fr.	Independence, OH/Padua Franciscan
GK	Nick Inglezakis	GK	6-2	190	Fr.	Stow, OH/Monroe Falls
GK	Andrew Baloun	GK	5-10	170	Sr.	Amherst, OH/HS
GK	Ryan Tucker	GK	5-11	190	So.	Amherst, OH/Steele

Head Coach: Tim Mead

Assistant Coach: John Fisher

Assistant Coach: Rick King

Assistant Coach: Heinz Pak