



2009 Season Preview

A fixture in the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) playoffs for over a decade, some may have wondered how the Misericordia University men's soccer team would respond when they made the switch to the Freedom Conference in 2008.

The Cougars eliminated any doubts by grabbing the conference's top seed and then advancing to the conference championship game against Wilkes, winning a thrilling match in a penalty shootout.

Andrew Loyd, a captain and senior goalkeeper, will anchor a defense that only allowed 0.99 goals per game last season. Loyd was the Freedom Conference tournament MVP last season, as well as being an All-Freedom and All-Region selection. "For me, everything starts with the goalkeeper," said head coach Chuck Edkins. "I am extremely confident with him at the back and I believe he makes us a contender."

The entire 2008 starting defense also returns: senior captain **Alex Parker**, senior **Cody Harman**, junior **Tyler Anderson** and sophomore **Chris Hummel**. Harman was a first-team All-Freedom selection, joining five teammates on the all-conference team. "The expectations are high for this group," said Edkins. "They give the entire team confidence."

Junior **Joey Scanlon** was another all-conference selection in 2008, his second such recognition in two seasons at MU. He will anchor the center midfield spot again for the Cougars in 2009. "His passion for the game has driven him to be an extremely dynamic force on the field," said Edkins.

Last season, **Jay-P Evans** and **Dan Pinto** split the other center midfielder role, with each player complementing

Scanlon well. MU also has several young players ready to step in at winger after losing two seniors at the position.

Senior **Josh Yoo** and juniors **Tim Bullis** and **Joey DiGirolomo** return up front and are ready to help shoulder the scoring load for a team that produced 66 goals in 2008.

Goalkeepers **Phil Schultes** and **Lurae Brophy** are also back for their senior seasons. Other returning players are sophomores **Matt Scott**, **A.J. Heintz**, **Bryan Kulbacki**, **Mike Martin**, **Kyle Slavetskas**, and **Aaron Barnhart**.

Pre-season has also featured some impressive battles amongst a deep rookie class looking for a chance at playing time. "We have a good core of freshmen that can help immediately," said Edkins.

The freshman class runs 11 deep and includes **Andy Bush**, **Nick Ferguson**, **Colby Gehers**, **Joshua Pfahl**, **Eric Kishbaugh**, **Kevan Nagle**, **Shawn**

Smith, **Greg Korhonen**, **Bryce Houdeshel**, and goalkeepers **Billy Sopko** and **Dan Fritz**. Sophomore **Alex Fuchylo** is the other newcomer to the team.

The defending champions face a difficult schedule before they even begin conference play in 2009. Three of the season's first five games (Dickinson, at Gettysburg and at Susquehanna) see the Cougars facing off against 2008 NCAA qualifiers. However, the team's goals are the same.

"We strive to finish in the top four in the conference, then to win the conference championship, and I think that's a realistic expectation," said Edkins. "We have at least the mentality and experience to make a run at the playoffs."



Andrew Loyd

2008 RESULTS

Opponent	Result	Record
Arcadia	W 1-0	1-0
Ursinus	W 4-2	2-0
at Keystone	W 5-0	3-0
at Dickinson	L 1-3	3-1
Drew	L 2-3	3-2
Susquehanna	W 4-0	4-2
Gwynedd-Mercy	W 7-0	5-2
at Baptist Bible	W 7-0	6-2
Scranton	W 1-0	7-2
Alvernia	W 3-1	8-2 (1-0)
at Lebanon Valley	W 4-1	9-2
at Manhatannville	W 6-1	10-2 (2-0)
at Delaware Valley	W 5-0	11-2 (3-0)
King's	T 0-0	11-2-1 (3-0-1)
at DeSales	W 4-2	12-2-1 (4-0-1)
FDU Florham	W 5-1	13-2-1 (5-0-1)
at Wilkes	W 4-3	14-2-1 (6-0-1)
Eastern	L 2-3	14-3-1 (6-1-1)
*Eastern	T 0-0 (4-2 PKs)	14-3-2
*Wilkes	T 1-1 (5-4 PKs)	14-3-3
# SUNY-Cortland	L 1-0	14-4-3

* Freedom Championships
NCAA Championships

2008 STATISTICS

Player	GP	G	A	Pts
Tyler Mensch	21	15	1	31
Max Campbell	21	9	13	31
Cody Hack	20	7	13	27
Joseph DiGirolomo	21	4	5	13
Tim Bullis	21	6	0	12
Joey Scanlon	19	3	5	11
Cody Harman	17	4	2	10
Josh Stewart	18	4	2	10
Dan Pinto	20	3	2	8
Bryan Kulbacki	21	3	1	7
Jay-P Evans	21	3	0	6
Alec Parker	21	2	1	5
Josh Buskirk	10	2	1	5
Chris Hummel	21	1	1	3
Wyatt Smith	6	0	1	1
Joshua Yoo	21	0	0	0
Jeremy Kushner	14	0	0	0
A.J. Heintz	5	0	0	0
Stan Vitzakovich	4	0	0	0
Mike Martin	6	0	0	0
Matt Scott	9	0	0	0
Kyle Slavetskas	7	0	0	0
Tyler Anderson	21	0	0	0
Aaron Barnhart	2	0	0	0
Totals	20	46	33	125

Player	W-L	GP	Min	GA	GAA	SV	SV%	ShO
Andrew Loyd	14-4-3	21	1926	22	1.03	93	.809	5
Lurae Brophy	0-0-0	4	65	0	0.00	0	.000	0
Totals	14-4-3	21	1991	22	0.99	95	.812	9

Career Points

Player	Points
1. Todd Bardua	108
2. Mike Blasi	102
3. Stephan Pill	88
4. Max Campbell	87
5. Tyler Mensch	82
6. Eric Barlett	80
7. Mark Stauffer	68
8. Len Bartone	67
9. Jeremy Fleeger	58
10. Geoff Fritz	55

Career Goals

Player	Goals
1. Todd Bardua	44
2. Mike Blasi	42
3. Tyler Mensch	39
T4. Eric Barlett, Max Campbell	28
6. Stephan Pill	27
7. Mark Stauffer	26
8. Len Bartone	25
T9. Jeremy Fleeger, Geoff Fritz, Colin Hynes	23

Career Assists

Player	Assists
1. Stephan Pill	34
2. Max Campbell	32
3. Eric Barlett	24
4. Nick Bressler	23
5. Todd Bardua	20
6. Mike Blasi	18
T7. Len Bartone, Cody Hack	17
T10. Mike McCue, Matt Shoener, Brian Blesi	13

Career GAA (Min. 2000 Minutes Played)

Player	GAA
1. Ryan Foley	0.97
2. Dave Kern	1.07
3. Kevin Franco	1.08
4. Andrew Loyd	1.37

Single-Season Points

Player	Points	Year
T1. Todd Bardua, Mike Blasi	44	'99, '97
3. Eric Barlett	34	1994
4. Max Campbell	32	2007
T5. Stephan Pill, Tyler Mensch (2)	31	'95, '07, '08
T5. Max Campbell	31	2008
T9. Mark Stauffer	28	1993
T9. Len Bartone, Geoff Fritz	28	2000

Single-Season Goals

Player	Goals	Year
T1. Todd Bardua, Mike Blasi	19	'99, '97
3. Tyler Mensch	15	2008
4. Tyler Mensch	14	2007
T5. Eric Barlett, Stephan Pill	12	'94, '95
T5. Len Bartone, Geoff Fritz	12	1995
T9. Mark Stauffer, Max Campbell	11	'93, '07

Single-Season Assists

Player	Assists	Year
T1. Max Campbell, Cody Hack	13	2008
T1. Stephen Pill	13	1996
T4. S. Pill, J. Fleeger	11	1997
T4. Nick Bressler	11	2000
T7. E. Barlett, P. Lauffer, M. Campbell	10	'94, '97, '07
T10. Matt Shoener, Mike Blasi	8	'97, '98

Single-Season GAA (Min. 50% of Team's Minutes)

Player	GAA	Year
1. Ryan Foley	0.74	1996
T2. Robert Johnson	0.76	1994
T2. Ryan Foley	0.76	1997
T2. Dave Kern	0.76	2000
5. Kevin Franco	0.91	2003

MISERICORDIA BELONGS TO NCAA, MAC, ECAC

Misericordia University belongs to the NCAA Division III, Freedom Conference/Middle Atlantic States Athletics Corporation (MAC) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

MU is in its second full season of competition in the Freedom/MAC after 16 years as a member of the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference. Misericordia began ECAC and NCAA competition in 1992.

The Freedom/MAC sponsors competition in 11 men's sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, indoor track & field, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis and outdoor track & field; and 11 women's sports: basketball, cross country, field hockey, indoor track & field, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming tennis, outdoor track & field and volleyball.

With approximately 430 members and 150,000 student-athletes competing annually, Division III is the largest of the NCAA's three divisions.

Division III institutions place high priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and the successful completion of all students' academic programs.

Formed in 1938, the ECAC is the nation's largest athletic conference with more than 300 members in Divisions I, II and III from Maine to North Carolina.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

The athletic facilities at Misericordia University are highlighted by the **Anderson Sports-Health Center** and the **Anderson Outdoor Athletic Complex**.

Since 1993, the **Anderson Center** has provided a home for the Cougars basketball, volleyball and swim teams.

The building houses the athletic department offices, campus health center and nursing, physical therapy and occupational therapy classrooms and laboratories.

The center features a six-lane swimming pool, indoor track, racquetball courts, fitness center and an aerobic/dance studio. The **Anderson Sports-Health Center** attracts more than 75,000 visitors annually for recreational use.

Mangelsdorf Field at the **Anderson Athletic Complex** was constructed in 2002 and serves as a home for the soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and track & field programs.

The complex features a synthetic grass field and a six-lane synthetic track which allow MU's student-athletes to remain active even when weather conditions are less than ideal.

Named for the late **Dr. Robert S. and Geraldine Ruth Daley Anderson**, the **Anderson Sports-Health Center**, **Anderson Athletic Complex** and **Anderson Fields** are tributes to their commitment to Misericordia University.

Mangelsdorf Field honors the dedication of **Jack and Dorothy Mangelsdorf** to MU and the region.

The Misericordia tennis complex was built in 2004 as part of a gift by the M&T Foundation.

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY IN BRIEF

Misericordia University is a liberal arts based, co-educational Catholic institution serving both residential and commuting students.

Founded in 1924, Misericordia is the oldest four-year institution in Luzerne County and made the transition to University status in 2007.

Sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy, MU is one of 18 Mercy institutions in the United States.

Misericordia welcomes individuals from all faiths and offers a variety of liberal arts and professional programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

MU offers 30 majors in three academic colleges: Arts and Sciences; Health Sciences; and Professional Studies and Social Sciences.

The University is dedicated to the values of the Sisters of Mercy: mercy, service, justice and hospitality. These values can be found throughout the University, from programs of study to service projects.

The hallmark of MU is a dedicated faculty and a high quality core liberal arts and sciences curriculum.

In addition to their diploma, MU students can participate in the school's Guaranteed Placement Program. The GPP is a promise that, within six months of graduation, students will have a position in the career of their choice or be enrolled in graduate school, or the University will provide a paid internship in the student's field of study.

With a total enrollment of 2,501 students, Misericordia offers the benefits of a small university with the scope of a larger institution.

Classroom size is purposefully small to ensure personalized attention and our 12:1 student/faculty ratio allows students and faculty to truly know one another.

In addition to academic pursuits, MU students participate in a wide range of athletic, recreational, spiritual, social and cultural activities with more than two dozen clubs organizations on campus.

MU sponsors 22 varsity sports including men's soccer, cross country, basketball, swimming, golf, lacrosse, indoor and outdoor track & field, baseball and tennis; and women's soccer, volleyball, field hockey, cross-country, tennis, basketball, swimming, softball, lacrosse, indoor and outdoor track & field and cheerleading. Women's golf will begin varsity play in 2011.

Misericordia began competing in the Freedom Conference/MAC in 2008 after 16 seasons of competition in the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference

In 2009-10, the Cougars won conference championships in men's soccer and women's swimming.

Misericordia won 29 PAC championships and made the PAC playoffs in field hockey, volleyball, men's and women's soccer, women's tennis, men's and women's basketball, women's lacrosse, baseball and softball in 2007-08.

Located in Dallas, PA, MU's 123-acre campus has a suburban atmosphere and is only nine miles from Wilkes-Barre and two hours from New York City and Philadelphia.



DAVE MARTIN
Athletic Director

Dave Martin is in his sixth year as director of athletics at Misericordia University.

In his first five years, the Cougars won nine conference championships and earned six NCAA tournament berths. In addition, he guided the Cougars through the transition from the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference to the Freedom Conference and Middle Atlantic States Athletics Corporation (MAC). He has also overseen the addition of men's tennis and women's golf as varsity sports at MU.

Martin previously spent 14 seasons as head men's basketball coach at Misericordia and served as associate athletic director and coordinator of athletic recruiting. He led the Cougars to 11 Pennsylvania Athletic Conference playoff berths and two PAC finals appearances. Martin compiled 178 career wins at MU and was a four-time PAC Coach of the Year.

A graduate of Wilkes University, Martin earned a master's degree in education from Misericordia.

HEAD COACH
Chuck Edkins



Chuck Edkins is in his 19th season at Misericordia University as head men's soccer coach. He is in his sixth year as assistant athletics director after serving 13 seasons as head baseball coach.

In their first season in the Freedom Conference, the Cougars finished 14-4-3 and won the conference championship and advanced to the 2008 NCAA Championships. He was named Freedom Conference Coach of the Year and improved to 198-121-21 for his career.

Under Edkins, Misericordia won three Pennsylvania Athletic Conference championships and made 10 trips to the PAC finals - more than any other school. The Cougars reached the post-season 14 times in the 16-year history of the PAC. The 2000 PAC championship squad became the first team in Misericordia history to earn an NCAA Championships bid.

Edkins has also guided the Cougars to five appearances in the ECAC championships. Misericordia won the ECAC South title in 2002 and has finished second on two occasions. A four-time PAC Coach-of-the-Year recipient, Edkins holds an NSCAA Advanced National coaching license. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from SUNY-Cortland.

Matt Pucci, a former standout at Loras (IA) College, is in his second season as a graduate assistant at MU.

2009 ROSTER

Player	Yr	Pos	Ht	Hometown/High School
Tyler Anderson	JR	B	5'11"	Denver, PA/Cocalico
Aaron Barnhart	SO	M	5-8"	Apalachin, NY/Owego Free Acad.
Lurae Brophy	SR	GK	5'10"	Elysburg, PA/Southern Columbia
Tim Bullis	JR	F	6'2"	Dushore, PA/Sullivan County
Andy Bush	FR	F/M	5'8"	DuBois, PA/DuBois
Jay-P Evans	JR	M	5'8"	W. Keansburg, NJ/Raritan
Nick Ferguson	FR	M/F	6'0"	Milton, PA/Milton
Dan Fritz	FR	GK	6'0"	Hughesville, PA/Hughesville
Colby Gehers	FR	M	5'7"	Kreamer, PA/Mid-West
Cody Harman	SR	B	5'10"	Muncy, PA/Hughesville
A.J. Heintz	SO	M/F	5'8"	Glenside, PA/Abington
Bryce Houdeshel	FR	B/M	5'11"	McAlisterville, PA/East Juniata
Chris Hummel	SO	B	6'0"	Andreas, PA/Tamaqua
Eric Kishbaugh	FR	M	5'9"	Danville, PA/Danville
Greg Korhonen	FR	B	6'3"	Langhorne, PA/Neshaminy
Bryan Kulbacki	SO	M	6'0"	Milton, PA/Milton
Andrew Loyd	SR	GK	6'2"	Dillsburg, PA/Northern York
Kevan Nagle	FR	F/M	5'9"	Laurel Run, PA/Coughlin
Joshua Pfahl	FR	M	5'10"	Nicholson, PA/Mountain View
Joey Scanlon	JR	M/F	6'0"	Harford, PA/Mountain View
Philip Schultes	SR	GK	6'0"	Maryland, NY/Milford Central
Matt Scott	SO	M/F	6'1"	Huntington Station, NY/Huntington
Shawn Smith	FR	M	5'9"	McClure, PA/Mid-West
William Sopko	FR	GK	5'10"	Glenmore, PA/Coatesville
Joshua Yoo	SR	F	5'11"	Catasauqua, PA/Catasauqua

2009 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Dickinson.....	7:30
Sept. 5	at Ursinus.....	3:30
Sept. 9	at Gettysburg.....	7:00
Sept. 12	Keystone.....	1:00
Sept. 15	at Susquehanna.....	7:00
Sept. 19	Baptist Bible.....	4:30
Sept. 23	at Scranton.....	7:00
Sept. 26	John Carroll.....	1:00
Sept. 30	Lebanon Valley.....	7:00
Oct. 3	# * Manhattanville.....	4:00
Oct. 10	* at FDU-Florham.....	1:00
Oct. 13	* Wilkes.....	7:00
Oct. 17	* Delaware Valley.....	3:30
Oct. 20	Penn.....	7:00
Oct. 24	* DeSales.....	4:00
Oct. 28	* at Eastern.....	3:00
Oct. 31	* at King's.....	7:00
Nov. 4-7	Freedom Championships.....	tba
Nov. 11	NCAA First Round.....	tba

Homecoming/Hall of Fame Weekend
* Freedom Conference Opponent

On the Cover: Andrew Loyd