

# HAVERFORD SOCCER

## Coach's Corner

The fall season has finally arrived with the weather feeling a bit crisp and leaves starting to change color. It has been fall break here and while the majority of campus goes home for the break, the soccer team stays on campus keeping busy between practices and preparing/cooking dinners for each other. Each class year is responsible for one night's worth of dinner and I've heard the menus have been great!

Freshmen – Asian stir-fry

Sophomores – burgers and tater tots

Juniors – chili

Seniors – an Italian feast - penne a la vodka

Someone asked me the other day why I coach and the first thing that came to mind was the “team.” When I look back on my experiences as both a player and coach...it isn't necessarily the wins that I think of first. It is the reaction of the team after the win that comes to mind, it is the look on the team's face after a hard but good session, it is time before practice when the team goofs around before getting ready to go, it is the inside jokes that no one else would understand if they weren't apart of our unique group.

I almost welled up the other day before our game versus Franklin & Marshall. One of our seniors had just gotten surgery to repair her ACL. Because of Fall break she was able to go home to North Carolina and get her surgery done ...but instead of staying the full break, she found a flight that would get her back in time for our conference game on Saturday. Arriving just in time, one minute before kickoff the team in unison shouted out “Hey Kibbe!” as she hobbled across the field. To me, this showed what “team” is all about. We had a player who made her best effort to be there for the team, knowing that she was not going to play but just wanted to be there and show her support to her teammates for a big game. The team was thrilled to see her and I believe that her presence gave everyone a little boost to start the game. Later I found out the team had a meeting to figure out a schedule on who can help our injured player at different times during the week (rides to classes, etc.). Now I ask you all ... If this doesn't demonstrate what team is, I don't know what does. I can't give the moment justice through this blog, but to me it is something I will never forget and it will forever be a reminder of why I coach.

Although the season has had a string of ups and downs with a handful of injuries that have been unfortunate, I truly believe the Fords will persevere. Just like the US Women's National that won the gold in the Olympics after losing three key players to injuries, I believe our team will rise against adversity. We have four regular season games left and I must say, our team and their performance in these games will determine their own fate. **HERE WE GO.**



~Coach

### SENIOR DAY

Come celebrate our seniors on November 1st (our last regular season game) vs. McDaniel. Following the game we will have a giant tailgate for family and friends!

# FORDS 2008



The Haverford Women's Soccer Team raised \$3,215 as participants in the Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes, which took place in Philadelphia on October 4. The walk, presented by Independence Blue Cross and benefiting the American Diabetes Association, was part of a national campaign to raise awareness and funds for diabetes research. This disease affects 20,000,000 Americans, but huge advances are being made every day to bring the cure closer.

## SEASON STATISTICS

**Sarah Andrade - (Fr., DE):**  
2 goals

**Michele Buonora - (So., NY):**  
2 goals, 2 assists

**Erin Dowling - (Jr., NY):**  
2 goals, 1 assist

**Elizabeth Levitan - (So., MD):**  
1 assist

**Rachael Pardini - (Sr., NY):**  
2 goals

**Anna Rayne - (Fr., NY):**  
2 assists

**Annie Turner - (Sr., NY):**  
2 goals, 2 assists

**Katie Van Aken - (Fr., PA):**  
4 goals

## **Centennial Conference Weekly Honors:**

**Katie Van Aken (Fr., PA)**  
**Lindsay Festa (Sr., NY)**