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2003 Notre Dame Men's Soccer

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adidas/IU Credit Union Classic

hosted by Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.
 #3/12 Notre Dame vs. #20/ARV Alabama-Birmingham,
 Friday, Aug. 29, 5:00 p.m.
 #3/12 Notre Dame vs. #11/17 California,
 Saturday, Aug. 30, 5:00 p.m.

2003 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

August

29 Fri. vs. Ala.-Birmingham! 5 p.m.
 30 Sat. vs. California! 5 p.m.

September

6 Sat. St. John's* 7:30 p.m.
 12 Fri. Fresno State# 7:30 p.m.
 14 Sun. Akron# 1:30 p.m.
 18 Thur. Indiana 7 p.m.
 21 Sun. West Virginia* 2 p.m.
 25 Thur. Bradley 7 p.m.
 28 Sun. Georgetown* 2 p.m.

October

2 Thur. at Syracuse* 7 p.m.
 5 Sun. at Pittsburgh* 1 p.m.
 11 Sat. Rutgers 7:30 p.m.
 14 Tues. at Cleveland St. 7 p.m.
 18 Sat. at Connecticut* 7 p.m.
 22 Wed. at Providence* 2 p.m.
 25 Sat. at Virginia Tech* 7 p.m.
 31 Fri. Villanova* 7:30 p.m.

November

2 Sun. at Michigan State 1 p.m.
 8 Sat. BIG EAST Quarters TBA
 14 Fri. BIG EAST Semifinal TBA
 16 Sun. BIG EAST Final TBA
 21 Fri. NCAA First Round TBA
 26 Wed. NCAA Second Round TBA
 29 Sun. NCAA Third Round TBA

December

5 Fri. NCAA Quarterfinals TBA
 12 Fri. NCAA College Cup TBA

* - BIG EAST Conference game
 + - exhibition games
 ! - adidas/IU Credit Union Classic
 # - Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament
bold - home game (Alumni Field)

2003 season begins with challenging weekend for the Irish: The 2003 University of Notre Dame men's soccer team begins its season this weekend at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind., on Friday and Saturday. The Irish will face nationally ranked Alabama-Birmingham (Friday, 5 p.m.) and California (Saturday, 5 p.m.) for their first two contests of the season. Notre Dame completed its preseason schedule on Monday, posting a tie with Michigan 1-1. The Irish also defeated #13/12 Saint Louis 2-0 on Friday, Aug. 23, in St. Louis, Mo.

Notre Dame returns to Armstrong Stadium this weekend, the site of its last game in 2002. The fourth-ranked Hoosiers handed Notre Dame a 1-0 loss in the second round of the NCAA Championship. A rematch is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 18, at Alumni Field.

This will be the first meeting for Notre Dame with both Alabama-Birmingham and California. The 2002 season began with the Irish appearing in the Diadora Challenge in Greenville, SC. Notre Dame defeated SW Missouri State 3-2, then tied #19 Creighton during the two-day event.

Irish ranked third in Soccer America preseason rankings: Soccer America has released its 2003 men's preseason poll and the University of Notre Dame was placed third - giving the Irish their highest-ever ranking in program history entering the regular-season opener against #20/ARV Alabama-Birmingham on Friday, Aug. 29, at 5 p.m. during Indiana's adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington. Notre Dame will also face #11/17 California during the tournament on Saturday at 5 p.m.

The #3 ranking provides the highest rating in school history for the men's soccer team. The squad reached fifth during the 2002 regular-season before finishing out of the NSCAA/adidas rankings (in which Notre Dame is currently ranked 12th) and 20th in the final Soccer America 2002 ranking. Combined with the 12th ranking in the NSCAA poll, Notre Dame has achieved its highest-ever preseason ranking in both polls.

A number of Irish opponents appear in the Soccer America ranking. In addition to Alabama-Birmingham and California, Notre Dame is scheduled to face #5 St. John's, #8 Connecticut and #10 Indiana. The Irish could also meet #14 Boston College in BIG EAST Championship action.

Notre Dame ranked 12th in NSCAA preseason poll: The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team, coming off a 12-6-3 record in 2002 and returning nine starters from its NCAA second-round appearance, has been ranked 12th in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/adidas preseason poll released on Tuesday.

The #12 ranking is the highest preseason slot in school history, as Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark - in his third season with the Irish - returns his most talented Irish team and adds one of the best recruiting classes in the nation.

Selected to finish second in the BIG EAST Conference this season, Notre Dame will face seven opponents from the NSCAA preseason poll in 2003 - including conference opponents #5 St. John's, #10 Connecticut and #22

2003 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School	Pronunc.
0	Justin Michaud	So.	GK	6-0	175	Austin, TX/Stephens Ep. School	(Mi-SHOWED)
00	Chris Cahill	Fr.	GK	6-6	190	Louisville, KY/St. Francis DeSales	
1	Chris Sawyer**	Jr.	GK	6-1	193	Highlands Ranch, CO/Highlands Ranch	
2	Ryan Miller	Fr.	MF	5-11	160	Barrington, IL/Barrington	
3	Kevin Goldthwaite**	Jr.	MF/D	6-1	173	Sacramento, CA/Christian Brothers	
4	Greg Martin*** (c)	Sr.	MF	5-8	151	Plano, TX/Plano	
5	Ian Etherington	Fr.	F/MF	5-8	125	Temecula, CA/Chaparral	(ETH-er-ring-ton)
6	Greg Dalby	Fr.	D	6-0	174	Poway, CA/Poway	(DAHL-bee)
7	Justin Detter***	Sr.	F	5-11	189	White Lake, MI/Holly	
8	Luke Boughen**	Jr.	D/MF	5-10	169	SJ Capistrano, CA/Santa Margarita	(BOW-in)
9	Filippo Chillemi***	Sr.	MF	5-10	164	Roswell, GA/Roswell	(chill-EM-ee)
10	Devon Prescod***	Sr.	F	5-7	162	Marietta, GA/Lassiter	
11	Tony Megna	So.	F	5-11	165	Middleton, WI/Middleton	
12	Brian Murphy	Fr.	F	6-0	175	Granger, IN/St. Joseph's	
13	Jack Stewart**	Jr.	MF	6-1	177	Torrance, CA/South Torrance	
14	John Stephens*	So.	MF	5-8	155	Woodbridge, IL/Benet Academy	
15	Jon Mark Thompson*	So.	MF	5-11	150	Cape Girardeau, MO/Cape Girardeau	
16	Ben Crouse	So.	D	5-11	165	Oak Park, CA/Oak Park	(rhymes with mouse)
17	Christopher High*	Jr.	D	5-11	182	Camarillo, CA/Rio Mesa	
18	Justin McGeeney	Fr.	F/MF	5-8	165	Ames, IA/Ames	(mug-IN-knee)
19	Nick Tarnay	So.	D	5-10	160	Fairview Park, OH/St. Ignatius	(TAR-nay)
20	Nate Norman	Fr.	F/MF	6-1	170	Rochester, MI/Rochester Adams	
21	Chad Riley***	Sr.	MF	5-8	163	Houston, TX/Cypress Springs	
22	Dale Rellas*	So.	D	6-2	165	Plano, TX/Plano West Senior	
23	Jorge Schippers	Fr.	D	5-10	160	Guatemala City, Guatemala	(SHIPP-ers)
24	Kevin Richards***	Sr.	D/MF	5-8	147	Warwick, Bermuda/St. Andrews College	
25	Roger Klauer	Sr.	MF	5-8	155	Granger, IN/Marian	(rhymes with hour)

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Bobby Clark (Jordanhill College, '67) third season at Notre Dame (24-13-3), 177-76-28, 16 years overall

Assistant Coaches: Mike Avery (Westmont, '90), Brian Wiese (Dartmouth, '95)

Team Trainer: Tricia Matysak (Purdue, '99)

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Lon Record (Lock Haven, '99)

Senior Manager: Sarah Tynan (Saint Mary's, '04)

* - indicates monograms earned, (c) - team captain

Syracuse. Other ranked opponents on the 2003 Notre Dame schedule include #7 Indiana, #17 California and Alabama-Birmingham (also receiving votes).

Irish and Wolverines match up one goal a piece in exhibition: Notre Dame battled visiting Michigan to a 1-1 tie at Alumni Field in its final exhibition tuneup before the start of the regular season on Friday. A crowd of 1,538 was in attendance for the game.

Devon Prescod got the Irish on the scoreboard 20:34 into the first half when he lofted a shot past Wolverine goalkeeper Peter Dzubay from six yards out. Greg Martin and Jack Stewart assisted on Prescod's goal. Notre Dame outshot Michigan 7-6 in the first half, but Michigan owned a 4-2 advantage in corner kicks.

The Irish dominated the second half, outshooting the Wolverines 8-3. However, Michigan was able to strike for its lone goal two minutes into the second half when Jeff Miirmelstein drove the ball into the corner of the net past Notre Dame's Chris Sawyer. Kevin Hall and Bobby Trybula assisted on the goal.

Following the Michigan goal, Notre Dame's defense stiffened and the Wolverines only got off two shots in the final 43 minutes of the contest. The Irish had a couple of scoring chances, but could not convert.

Notre Dame men's soccer media information: Publicity for the 2003 Notre Dame men's soccer team is organized by assistant sports information director Alan Wasielewski (Wasielewski.3@nd.edu). The Notre Dame sports information office is always interested in assisting members of the media in coverage of Irish soccer.

For men's soccer interviews, please contact Wasielewski at (574) 631-3397. All interviews of coaches and student-athletes must be arranged through the sports information office.

To receive all releases, including weekly updates on the Irish team, via e-mail, please send a request to Wasielewski at: Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

2003 NSCAA/ADIDAS RANKING

AUG. 18, 2003 - PRESEASON

Team	'02 record	prev.
1. UCLA	18-3-3	1
2. Maryland	20-5-0	3
3. Stanford	18-5-2	2
4. Wake Forest	15-2-4	8
5. SMU	16-2-3	12
St. John's	13-3-5	9
7. Indiana	15-4-2	11
8. Creighton	18-4-2	4
9. Clemson	14-5-3	7
10. Connecticut	17-6-0	5
11. Saint Louis	15-4-2	15
12. NOTRE DAME	12-6-3	RV
13. Boston College	17-5-0	6
14. Virginia	15-7-0	t-19
15. Furman	19-3-1	13
16. Penn State	16-7-0	10
17. California	14-6-2	14
18. Wis.-Milwaukee	19-2-1	t-17
19. North Carolina	14-7-1	t-23
20. Coastal Carolina	19-3-2	25
21. UC-San. Barb.	18-3-1	21
22. Loyola Mary.	15-4-2	22
22. New Mexico	18-4-0	NR
22. Syracuse	8-8-2	NR
22. Va. Common.	15-5-1	t-17
22. Portland	13-6-1	t-19

Also receiving votes: Pennsylvania, Santa Clara, **Alabama-Birmingham**, William & Mary, Old Dominion.

Bold indicates 2003 opponents.

POLL TRACKER

Notre Dame in the NSCAA/adidas ranking...

Aug. 18 (preseason): 12th

Sawyer made four saves in goal for the Irish.

The contest ended after 90 minutes and no overtime was played.

Irish down Saint Louis 2-0 in first exhibition match of the season:

Notre Dame won its first of two exhibition matches scheduled for the 2003 preseason downing #11 Saint Louis 2-0 on Friday, Aug. 23.

Against the Billikens, the Irish were led by senior Justin Detter, who began the scoring with a 12-yard shot past Saint Louis goalkeeper Martin Hutton in the 49th minute. Saint Louis out-shot Notre Dame 5-1 in the first period, but a more aggressive Irish team appeared in the second half - getting off nine shots compared to just two for the home team.

Detter combined with senior Devon Prescod on Notre Dame's second goal at 78:21. Prescod was able to pick a ball out of a scramble in front of the net, as Detter was given an assist on the play. One goal and an assist give Detter, an assistant captain from White Lake, Mich., three points in the game.

Prescod and Detter were aggressive all evening for Notre Dame, as they accounted for seven of Notre Dame's 10 shots on goal. Hutton eventually made three saves for the Billikens. BIG EAST Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year Chris Sawyer notched two saves for Notre Dame while posting the shut out victory.

The Notre Dame - Saint Louis match up featured two of the top incoming freshman classes in the nation, though in a strange twist the Irish rookies were unable to attend the match due to freshman orientation on campus.

The game was played before 5,008 at Saint Louis' Robert R. Hermann Stadium, the second-largest men's soccer crowd in school history.

Irish picked to finish second in the BIG EAST Conference: The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team has been picked to finish second in the BIG EAST Conference in 2003, as a result of a vote from the league's coaches. The conference preseason poll was released earlier this month and the Irish, 12-6-3 a year ago, earned 128

2003 SOCCER AMERICA RANKING

AUG. 25, 2003 - PRESEASON

Team	'02 record	prev.
1. UCLA	18-3-3	6
2. Maryland	20-5-0	1
3. NOTRE DAME	12-6-3	20
4. Wake Forest	15-2-4	2
5. St. John's	13-3-5	3
6. Stanford	18-4-2	10
7. Penn State	16-8-0	24
8. Connecticut	17-6-0	9
9. Creighton	18-4-2	15
10. Indiana	15-4-2	4
11. California	14-6-2	12
12. SMU	16-3-3	7
13. Saint Louis	15-4-2	17
14. Boston College	18-5-0	5
15. Wis.-Milwaukee	19-1-1	13
16. North Carolina	14-7-1	19
17. New Mexico	18-4-0	NR
18. Santa Clara	10-6-1	NR
19. Virginia	15-7-0	11
20. Ala.-Birmingham	9-7-3	NR
21. Clemson	14-3-3	14
22. Portland	13-5-2	16
23. Va.-Commonwlth	15-4-2	22
24. Coastal Carolina	19-2-3	NR
25. South Florida	11-7-0	NR

Bold indicates 2003 opponents.



POLL TRACKER

Notre Dame in the Soccer America ranking...

Aug. 25 (preseason): 3rd

2003 BIG EAST

PRESEASON AWARDS

Offensive Player of the Year

Cesar Cuellar, Connecticut, Sr., F

Defensive Player of the Year

Chris Wingert, St. John's, Sr., D

Goalkeeper of the Year

Chris Sawyer, Notre Dame, Jr.

Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Chris Sawyer, Notre Dame, Jr., GK

Guy Melamed, Boston College, Jr., D

Jeff Curtin, Georgetown, So., D

Jack Stewart, Notre Dame, Sr., MF

Chris Wingert, St. John's, Sr., D

Bill Arnault, Boston College, Jr., MF

Lindon Pecorelli, Connecticut, Sr., MF

Justin Detter, Notre Dame, Sr., F

Ryan McGowan, Seton Hall, Sr., MF

Cesar Cuellar, Connecticut, Sr., F

Chris Karcz, Rutgers, So., F

Chris Corcoran, St. John's, Jr., F

Jarett Park, Syracuse, Jr., F

2002 BIG EAST MEN'S SOCCER PRESEASON POLL

Rnk	Team	Points	'02 BIG EAST	'02 Overall	'02 Reg. Season Finish
1.	St. John's (5)	135	7-1-2	13-3-5	2nd
2.	Notre Dame (3)	128	6-3-1	12-6-3	4th
3.	Connecticut (3)	127	7-3-0	17-6-0	3rd
4.	Boston College (2)	117	8-2-0	18-5-0	1st
5.	Rutgers	89	5-4-1	8-8-3	t-5th
6.	Seton Hall	87	5-5-0	9-8-3	t-7th
7.	Georgetown	75	5-4-1	8-9-1	t-5th
8.	Syracuse	67	3-6-1	8-8-2	10th
9.	Virginia Tech	57	5-5-0	10-7-1	t-7th
10.	Pittsburgh	40	2-7-1	8-9-1	11th
	West Virginia	40	1-8-1	4-11-2	13th
12.	Providence	35	5-5-0	7-11-0	t-7th
13.	Villanova	17	2-8-0	5-13-0	12th

() - indicates first place votes.

points, finishing behind St. John's (135 points) and ahead of Connecticut (127) and defending league champion Boston College (117). Notre Dame received three first place votes, while the Red Storm took home five.

The conference also announced its preseason honors and junior Chris Sawyer was selected for one of the three major awards. Sawyer, who finished the 2002 season with an 8-4-3 record and 0.99 goals-against average, was named the 2003 Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year. Connecticut's Cesar Cuellar ended up as the preseason offensive player of the year, while St. John's Chris Wingert earned the defensive player award.

Sawyer was joined on the preseason all-BIG EAST squad by teammates Jack Stewart and Justin Detter. Stewart, a junior who is moving up to midfield from the back in 2003, posted two points last season. Detter is on the move as well, making the switch from midfielder to forward to give the Irish an extra scoring boost this season. Detter finished with 19 points (six goals, seven assists) a year ago and was a second-team all-BIG EAST performer.

Notre Dame also ranked 12th in College Soccer News Preseason Top 30:

The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team has been ranked 12th in the College Soccer News 2003 Preseason Top 30. The Irish finished 26th in the final College Soccer News ranking a year ago after beginning the season 17th on the preseason list. * - indicates 2003 Notre Dame opponent

College Soccer News 2003 Preseason Top 30

1. Maryland
2. UCLA
3. St. John's*
4. Wake Forest
5. Stanford
6. SMU
7. Penn State
8. Creighton
9. Furman
10. Indiana*
11. Wisconsin-Milwaukee
12. NOTRE DAME
13. Clemson
14. Boston College
15. Connecticut*
16. Saint Louis*

**NOTRE DAME STATISTICAL LEADERS
2002 - FINAL STATS**

Shots

Erich Braun	71
Justin Detter	46
Rafael Garcia	53
Greg Martin	31
three with	25

Goals

Erich Braun	11
Justin Detter	6
Greg Martin	6
Chad Riley	4

Assists

Chad Riley	12
Justin Detter	7
Kevin Goldthwaite	7
Rafael Garcia	4
Kevin Richards	3

Points

Eric Braun	23
Chad Riley	20
Justin Detter	19
Greg Martin	13
Rafael Garcia	12

Game-Winning Goals

Greg Martin	3
Erich Braun	2
Rafael Garcia	2
Chad Riley	2
Luke Boughen	1
Devon Prescod	1
Jack Stewart	1

Saves

Chris Sawyer	49
Greg Tait	22

Goals Allowed

Greg Tait	5
Chris Sawyer	16

Goals-Against Average

Greg Tait	0.85
Chris Sawyer	0.99

Shut Outs

Greg Tait	4
Chris Sawyer	2

Goalkeeper Record

Chris Sawyer	8-4-3
Greg Tait	4-2-0

bold indicates returning players

17. Pennsylvania
18. California*
19. UC Santa Barbara
20. New Mexico
21. Virginia
22. Coastal Carolina
23. Washington
24. Duke
25. Portland
26. Northeastern
27. San Diego
28. Alabama-Birmingham*
29. Michigan*
30. Bradley*

Notre Dame returns talented, deep and experienced roster for the 2003 season: The Irish welcome back nine of 11 starters from last season's 12-6-3 team that made its second-straight trip to the NCAA Championship. Notre Dame was eliminated 1-0 by Indiana in the second round.

The Irish lost leading scorer Erich Braun to graduation, but welcome back seniors Chad Riley (20 points, 4 G, 12 A), Justin Detter (19 points, 6 G, 7 A) and Greg Martin (13 points, 6 G, 1 A). Riley currently stands fourth on the all-time assist list with 24, as his 12 assists a year ago tied for fifth on the single-season list.

Notre Dame's defense should be strong this season as well, bringing back starters senior Kevin Richards, sophomore Dale Rellas while adding the services of freshman stand out Greg Dalby.

A key position switch this season will be the move of junior Jack Stewart from the back to midfield. Stewart started and appeared in all 21 games last season, taking 17 shots and scoring one goal, which turned out to be a game-winner.

Martin named captain of 2003 team, first three-time captain in team history: Senior Greg Martin has been named captain of the 2003 Notre Dame men's soccer team, while classmates Justin Detter, Devon Prescod, Kevin Richards and Chad Riley will serve as assistant captains during the season. Martin will have the distinction of being the first-ever three-time captain in the program's history.

Martin, a midfielder, was the first sophomore ever to be named a captain at Notre Dame when he served in that role during the 2001 campaign. He started all 21 games for the Irish in '02 and scored a career-high six goals while dishing off one assist. Martin heads into his final campaign with career totals of seven goals and two assists (16 points). Last season, he was named to the all-tournament team at the Diadora Challenge and was selected as the BIG EAST's Co-Offensive Player of the Week for the week of October 21. Martin netted a team-leading three game-winning goals a year ago and registered the first multiple-goal game of his career with his two-goal performance in a 3-1 victory over Connecticut in October of '02.

Detter was a second team all-BIG EAST selection following his junior year after earning first-team accolades in '01. In addition, the Irish midfielder was a third-team pick to the adidas/NSCAA all-Great Lakes Region squad. The Irish midfielder was in the starting lineup for all 21 games and finished third on the scoring list with 19 points (6 goals and 7 assists). He has started 56 in the 57 games he has played during his career and has scored 14 goals and dished off 13 assists (41 points).

Prescod, a midfielder, battled injuries throughout last season, but still managed to play in all 21 contests. He scored three goals and dished off two assists in '02 and was named to the all-tournament team at the Mike Berticelli Memo-

2003 NOTRE DAME GOALS

Exhibition

vs. #13/12 Saint Louis

- Justin Detter (45:39)
assist(s): Kevin Richards
- Devon Prescod (78:21)
assist(s): Justin Detter

vs. Michigan

- Devon Prescod (20:34)
assist(s): Greg Martin
Jack Stewart

rial Tournament. As a sophomore, Prescod started 18 of the 19 contests he played and finished second in the scoring column with six goals and six assists (18 points). He heads into his final season with 10 goals and eight assists (28 points).

Richards, a two-year starter at back, has been a mainstay in the Irish backfield since his freshman year. Last year, he anchored an Irish defense that registered six shutouts and posted a team 0.95 goals against average. Richards also dished off three assists in '02 and was named co-BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week for the first time in his career. He heads into the '03 campaign having been in the starting lineup in 39 straight contests.

Riley has garnered third team all-BIG EAST honors each of the last two seasons and has ranked among the Irish's leading scorers. He finished second in the Irish scoring column as a junior with four goals and a team-leading 12 assists (the most assists by a Notre Dame player since Randy Morris' 12 in 1988). Riley ranks fourth all-time with 24 career assists and was 14th nationally in that category with a 0.57 assist average. He boasts career totals of eight goals and 24 assists (40 points).

"This is a great group of young men and is possibly the strongest group of seniors I have ever been fortunate enough to coach," head coach Bobby Clark says. "They are all strong players with strong personalities and should provide the correct leadership for what we hope can be a very exciting year. I have always found that success is directly proportional to the leadership.

Class of 2007 earns top-five recruiting class status: University of Notre Dame men's soccer coach Bobby Clark has announced the signing of seven highly-regarded prep standouts to national letters of intent. Three of those players have been members of the U.S. national team program and are current members of the under-18 national squad. Joining the Irish program beginning in the fall of 2003 will be goalkeeper Chris Cahill (Louisville, Ky./St. Francis DeSales) central defender Greg Dalby (Poway, Calif./Poway), midfielder Ian Etherington (Temecula, Calif./Chaparral HS), forward Justin McGeeney (Ames, Iowa/Ames), midfielder Ryan Miller (Barrington, Ill./Barrington), forward Brian Murphy (Granger, Ind./St. Joseph's) and forward/midfielder Nate Norman (Rochester, Mich./Rochester Adams).

"These seven players comprise a fabulous recruiting class for us," Clark says. "All the individuals we identified early on in the recruiting process decided to come to Notre Dame. We were looking for players who would come in and give up depth as well as have an impact immediately. We're very excited to have all of them join our program.

"I think we've been very successful with our recruiting efforts the past two seasons. This year's class adds tremendous depth to our team and continues to move the program in the direction that we want to go."

The group ended up ranked fifth in the country by *Soccer America* and third by College Soccer News.com.