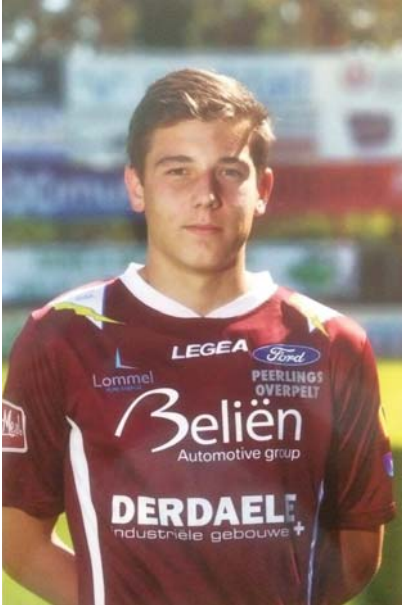




2016 Men's Soccer Recruiting Class



STEFFEN PULINX

Hometown: Genk, Belgium

Position: Defender

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 180 lbs.

Previous School: Onze-Lieve-Vrouwlyceum Genk

Club Team: Lommel United

COACH MIKE AVERY ON STEFFEN:

“We are very pleased to announce the addition of Steffen Pulinx to our Valparaiso soccer family. Steffen is a great fit for us, gives us exactly what we needed to help round out this recruiting class, and is a player that has a very bright future as a Crusader. Steffen is a defensive player that reminds me of another Stefan who starred at Valparaiso, Stefan Antonijevic. Antonijevic was the Horizon League Defensive Player of the Year in 2011 before moving on to a career in professional soccer (currently with the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the NASL), and our newest Steffen has the same potential. Steffen is a dependable defender, has good size and athletic ability, and he has the technical ability to help us build possession as we like to do. Steffen can play as an outside back, a central defender, or even as a sitting midfield player. He has played at a high level in Belgium, has played with and against quality players, and this experience is evident in his positioning and in the way he handles the game. As a student, Steffen is equally as impressive. He comes to Valparaiso with a perfect 4.0 from his Belgian secondary school, and we have enjoyed getting to know Steffen through this process. He is thoughtful, well spoken and very mature, and I think he will be a great addition to our university community.”