



2012 Crusader

# Men's Soccer Game Notes

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## 2012 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 24	at Michigan State	4 p.m.
<b>Aug. 27</b>	<b>Saint Joseph's (Ind.)</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 2</b>	<b>Western Illinois</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Sept. 7	at UC Santa Barbara	9 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Cal Poly	3 p.m.
<b>Sept. 14</b>	<b>Western Michigan</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Sept. 19	at IUPUI	6:30 p.m.
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>Loyola (Chicago) *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sept. 29	at UIC *	7 p.m.
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>Green Bay *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Oct. 9	at DePaul	3 p.m.
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>Cleveland State *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 17</b>	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Oct. 21	at Detroit *	2 p.m.
<b>Oct. 24</b>	<b>Wright State *</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Oct. 27	at Michigan	1 p.m.
Oct. 30	at IPFW	5 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Milwaukee *	7 p.m.
Nov. 6, 9, 11	at Horizon League Championship (campus sites)	

All Times Central.

Home matches in bold and played at Brown Field.

\* - Indicates Horizon League match.

## Horizon League Standings

(through matches of Aug. 21)

Team	Horizon (Pts.)	Overall
Cleveland State	0-0-0	0-0-0
Detroit	0-0-0	0-0-0
Green Bay	0-0-0	0-0-0
Loyola	0-0-0	0-0-0
Milwaukee	0-0-0	0-0-0
UIC	0-0-0	0-0-0
<b>Valparaiso</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>
Wright State	0-0-0	0-0-0

(3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie)

## Valparaiso (0-0-0, 0-0-0 Horizon)

*Season-opening weekend highlighted by Big Ten challenge*

**Friday, Aug. 24 - 4 p.m. CDT - East Lansing, Mich. - at Michigan State (0-0-0)**

**Monday, Aug. 27 - 7:30 p.m. - Brown Field - St. Joseph's (Ind.) (0-0-0)**

**This Week in Crusader Soccer:** The Valparaiso men's soccer team opens up the 2012 regular season this weekend with a pair of contests, traveling to Big Ten foe Michigan State for a Friday afternoon match before opening the home slate against St. Joseph's (Ind.) on Monday evening. The start of the season marks the beginning of the Crusaders' defense of their 2011 Horizon League regular season championship.

**Following the Crusaders:** Live stats for both of this weekend's matches will be available through [www.valpoathletics.com](http://www.valpoathletics.com). WVUR, Valpo's campus radio station, is scheduled to broadcast eight matches this fall, starting on Sept. 2 against Western Illinois. In addition, a pair of contests will be video streamed live on the Horizon League Network (Oct. 13, Oct. 24).

**Head Coach Mike Avery:** Mike Avery returns for his sixth season at the helm of the Crusader men's soccer program after being named Horizon League Coach of the Year and guiding the team to the league regular season championship in 2011. Avery, who owns 38 victories as Crusader head coach, has led Valpo to three of the four winningest seasons in program history over the last three years. Under his watch, 21 players have earned All-League accolades, including three Goalkeeper of the Year honorees and one Defensive Player of the Year.

**Series Notes:** *Michigan State* - The Crusaders and Spartans have faced off 13 times on the pitch, with MSU holding a 10-1-2 advantage in the all-time series. The last meeting came in East Lansing on Sept. 30, 2009, where the 25th-ranked Spartans earned a 2-0 victory. Ryan Schwarz made two saves in goal for Valpo. *St. Joseph's (Ind.)* - The Crusaders hold an 8-2-1 edge in the all-time series with the Pumas, but the two squads have not met in the regular season since 2004. That last meeting, which came in Valpo on Sept. 7, 2004, saw the Crusaders earn a 2-1 victory despite playing a man down for 60 minutes. Chris Goss and Jon Brighton tallied for the Crusaders, while Jeff Oleck stopped five shots.

**Scouting the Opposition:** *Michigan State* - The Spartans, who were selected third in the Big Ten preseason poll, went undefeated in two exhibition games, drawing 1-1 with IPFW and downing Duke, 1-0. Michigan State is coming off a 2011 campaign where it went 7-8-4, including 2-2-2 in Big Ten action.

*St. Joseph's (Ind.)* - The Pumas posted a 4-12-2 record in 2011 and have been projected to finish in 13th place in the GLVC this season. Among their first two exhibition matches this year was a trip to fellow Horizon League foe Green Bay, where the Phoenix earned a 5-0 win.



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**Crusaders Picked Third in Preseason Poll:** Valparaiso picked up the most first-place votes of any Horizon League team en route to being chosen to finish in third place during the 2012 season, according to preseason polling of the league's head coaches. The Crusaders earned three of the eight first-place votes. Only Wright State and Cleveland State were selected ahead of Valpo.

**Looking Back at 2011:** The Valparaiso men's soccer team captured the university's first Horizon League regular season championship in any sport, as well as the soccer program's first conference title since 1998, by going 9-6-5 overall and 5-1-2 in Horizon League action. The Crusaders had seven players earn postseason accolades from the Horizon League and boasted the league's Coach of the Year, Goalkeeper of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year.

**Strong Defense:** Under Avery's direction, last year's Crusader squad continued to be strong in the back, surrendering just 14 goals on the season to set a new program single-season record for fewest goals allowed. The last three years have seen Valpo post three of the top four defensive seasons in program history.

**Zobeck Stopping All Shots:** Fifth-year senior goalkeeper Kyle Zobeck is back for his final go-round between the pipes after reaching new heights in 2011 as a junior. Zobeck earned Horizon League Goalkeeper of the Year accolades and earned a spot on the NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region Third Team after setting new program single-season marks for goals against average (0.66) and shutouts (11). The senior enters his final year Valpo's career record holder in both categories as well, with a 0.97 GAA and 18 career clean sheets.

**And He's Smart, Too:** Beyond his proficiency on the field, Zobeck is also a standout in the classroom, earning a spot on the NSCAA Scholar All-American Third Team following last season. This summer, Zobeck was also honored as a Tau Beta Pi Laureate, the highest distinction for a senior engineering student in the United States. He is one of just 83 Laureates chosen since 1982.

**Award Winners Returning:** Zobeck is one of four returning Horizon League postseason honorees this year for the Crusaders. Jon Smith was a Second Team All-League selection as a junior and returns in 2012 for his final season. Meanwhile, both Eric Nieto and Zev Taublieb are back for their sophomore campaigns after earning All-Newcomer Team accolades as freshmen in 2011.

**International Experience:** Among the newcomers for this year's Crusader squad is midfielder Alvaro Betancourt, a native of Puerto Rico. Betancourt is the first senior international player in Valpo men's soccer history, as he comes to Valparaiso having already earned a pair of caps for his country. The freshman made his senior international debut in a World Cup qualifier against St. Lucia last November, and this summer captained the Puerto Rico U-20 side as it advanced in CONCACAF U-20 Championship qualifying.

**An Early Opener:** The season opener on August 24 marks the earliest in program history that the Crusaders have played a regular season contest. Previously, the 2006 Valpo squad hosted DePaul on August 25, coming out of that fixture with a 2-0 victory.

## Around the Horizon League

### Friday, August 24

UIC at DePaul, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland State at Robert Morris, 3 p.m.  
**Valparaiso at Michigan State, 4 p.m.**  
Wright State at Marshall, 6 p.m.  
Detroit at IUPUI, 6:30 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Marquette, 6:30 p.m.  
Northern Kentucky at Green Bay, 7 p.m.  
Central Arkansas at Loyola, 7 p.m.

### Sunday, August 26

Northern Kentucky at Milwaukee, 10 a.m.  
UIC at Ohio State, 11 a.m.  
IPFW at Detroit, noon  
Marquette at Green Bay, 3 p.m.

### Monday, August 27

**St. Joseph's (Ind.) at Valparaiso, 7:30 p.m.**

### Tuesday, August 28

Wright State at Xavier, 6 p.m.

(all times Central)

\* - Horizon League match

## Valpo When...

Playing at home:	0-0-0
Playing on the road:	0-0-0
Playing at neutral site:	0-0-0
Playing during the day:	0-0-0
Playing at night (5 p.m. or after local):	0-0-0
Scoring first:	0-0-0
Opponents score first:	0-0-0
Playing overtime:	0-0-0
Leading at halftime:	0-0-0
Trailing at halftime:	0-0-0
Tied at halftime:	0-0-0
Scoring 2 goals or more:	0-0-0
Scoring less than 2 goals:	0-0-0
Outshooting opponents:	0-0-0
Outshot by opponents:	0-0-0
Shutouts:	0-0-0



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## 2012 Valparaiso University Men's Soccer Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School [Prev. School]
00	Tom Serratore	GK	5-9	165	Jr./So.	Tinley Park, Ill./Andrew
1	Kyle Zobeck	GK	6-1	180	5 <sup>th</sup> /Sr.	Coralville, Iowa/Iowa City West
2	Todd Vervynckt	F/MF	5-10	150	Jr.	Plymouth, Ind./Plymouth
3	Charles Barden	MF	5-9	155	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Linn-Mar
4	Mitch Albrecht	D	5-8	150	Jr.	Batavia, Ill./Batavia [Waubensee C.C.]
5	Zev Taublieb	MF	5-6	140	So.	Malibu, Calif./Agoura
6	Jaymie Bullard	MF	5-11	170	Sr.	Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley
7	Stipo Zeba	F	5-11	180	Sr.	Brookfield, Ill./Morton West
8	Andy Lynn	MF	5-7	140	5 <sup>th</sup> /Sr.	Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley West
9	Jordan Aidoud	MF	6-1	170	Fr.	L'Isled' Abeau, France/Centre D'Études Franco Americain de Management
10	Kevin Miller	MF	5-11	150	Sr.	Jefferson City, Mo./Helias
11	Jon Smith	D/MF	5-11	155	Sr.	McKinney, Texas/McKinney
12	Eric Nieto	D/MF	5-11	170	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Louisville [Ky.] Collegiate
13	Gerardo Avelar	F	6-1	185	So.	San Salvador, El Salvador/Colegio San Francisco
14	Jordan Lewis	D	5-10	170	5 <sup>th</sup> /Sr.	Chesterton, Ind./Chesterton [Loyola]
15	Daniel Killen	F	5-6	165	Sr./Jr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn./St. Bernard's
16	Elliott Coelho	D	6-0	165	5 <sup>th</sup> /Sr.	San Antonio, Texas/Antonian Prep
17	Diego Calix	MF	5-8	165	So.	San Salvador, El Salvador/Oaks Christian [Calif.] H.S.
18	Yannick Iwunze	D	6-3	185	Jr.	Paris, France/Hightower (Tex.) H.S. [Barton County C.C./West Virginia]
19	Nick Suker	MF	6-1	165	So.	Downers Grove, Ill./South
20	Jesse Ortiz	MF	5-6	155	Jr.	Aurora, Ill./West Aurora [Benedictine]
21	Sam Haines	F	5-11	200	Sr.	McKinney, Texas/McKinney Boyd
22	Erik Boyer	F	6-1	190	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Kennedy [Drake]
23	Ben Burnett	D	5-8	155	Jr.	South Bend, Ind./Clay
24	Alvaro Betancourt	MF	5-9	165	Fr.	Caguas, Puerto Rico/Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola
25	Zane Wold	MF	5-9	145	So.	Brooklyn Park, Minn./Mounds Park Academy
26	Charlie Giovenco	D/MF	5-9	160	So.	Deer Park, Ill./Barrington
27	Patrick McNulty	MF	5-8	135	Fr.	Waukesha, Wis./Catholic Memorial
28	Michael Granitz	MF	5-9	165	So.	Goshen, Ind./Concord
29	Jacob Unger	D	6-0	160	So.	Apex, N.C./Middle Creek
30	Brock Taulbee	GK	6-4	230	So.	Auburn, Ind./Lakewood Park Christian
31	Doug Petersen	D	6-0	180	So.	Crown Point, Ind./Lake Central
32	Tyler Eliassen	GK	5-10	165	Sr.	Chicago, Ill./Lincoln Park
34	Kenji Villanueva	D	5-11	170	Fr.	Monterrey, Mexico/Coronado [Texas] H.S.
35	Nick Kane	MF	5-9	160	Fr.	Mayfield Village, Ohio/Mayfield
36	Michael Wnek	D	5-10	155	Fr.	Hoffman Estates, Ill./Hoffman Estates
37	Alex Lindsey	D	6-1	165	Fr.	East Lansing, Mich./East Lansing
38	Ty Unger	D	6-3	170	Fr.	Apex, N.C./Middle Creek
39	Michael Walsh	F	5-10	190	Fr.	Wilmington, N.C./Laney
40	Jorge Bermudez	MF	6-2	160	Fr.	Lake Zurich, Ill./Lake Zurich
41	Bernard Tume	D	5-8	150	Fr.	Temecula, Calif./Chaparral
42	Luke Dunn	MF	5-10	155	Jr./So.	Angola, Ind./Angola

Head Coach: **Mike Avery** (Westmont College, 1990) – 6<sup>th</sup> season

Associate Head Coach: **Jeff Oleck** – 4<sup>th</sup> season

Assistant Coach/Reserve Team Head Coach: **Steve Shively** – 2<sup>nd</sup> season

Director of Soccer Operations: **J.J. Del Castillo** – 2<sup>nd</sup> season

Volunteer Assistant Coach: **Brendan Roth** – 1<sup>st</sup> season

### Sports Media Relations

Requests to cover home games should be made through Aaron Leavitt, Associate Director of Sports Media Relations, by contacting 219.464.6953. Seating is available in the press box at Brown Field for working media. Updated statistics and notes from both schools will be available to working media.

During the week, all player and coach interview requests should be directed to Aaron Leavitt. Media planning to attend practice should call ahead to Leavitt to confirm practice time. Game-day interviews prior to the game are not permitted. Coach Avery and requested athletes will be available following the game.

### Pronunciation Guide

Jordan Aidoud: ah-DEW  
Gerardo Avelar: her-R-doe  
Elliott Coelho: QUAIL-oh  
Yannick Iwunze: YON-ick ih-WOON-zay  
Eric Nieto: nee-ET-oh  
Tom Serratore: SEHR-ah-tor-ee  
Nick Suker: SOO-ker  
Zev Taublieb: TAWB-leebe  
Todd Vervynckt: VER-vink  
Stipo Zeba: STEE-po Z-ba  
Steve Shively: SHY-vlee