



# VCU Men's Soccer Weekly Release

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## 2004 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (2-2, 0-0 CAA)

Date	Opponent	Time
<i>VCU Nike/ALTELL Soccer Classic</i>		
S.3	La Salle	W, 2-0
S.5	#28 New Mexico	L, 1-2 OT
<i>Carolina Nike Classic</i>		
S.10	vs. #5 Wake Forest	L, 0-1 2OT
S.12	at #5 North Carolina	W, 5-2
<i>UR/Nike Challenge Cup</i>		
S.17	vs. College of Charleston	5:30 pm
S.18	vs. Saint Peter's	5:30 pm
S.22	Connecticut	7:00 pm
S.25	Richmond	7:00 pm
O.1	*William & Mary	7:00 pm
O.3	*Old Dominion	1:00 pm
O.8	*at James Madison	7:00 pm
O.10	*at George Mason	1:00 pm
O.15	*Hofstra	7:00 pm
O.17	*Drexel	1:00 pm
O.23	at Maryland	5:00 pm
O.29	*at Delaware	7:00 pm
O.31	*at Towson	1:00 pm
N.6	*at UNC Wilmington	2:00 pm

\*Colonial Athletic Association game

Home games in **bold** and played at VCU's Sports Backers Stadium

## VCU MEN'S SOCCER QUICK FACTS

School .....	Virginia Commonwealth University
Nickname .....	Rams
Colors .....	Black and Gold
Enrollment .....	27,000
President .....	Dr. Eugene P. Trani
Director of Athletics .....	Dr. Richard L. Sander
Head Coach .....	Tim O'Sullivan (Eckerd '79)
Record at VCU .....	106-67-21 (10th year)
Overall Record .....	221-175-46 (22nd year)
Assistant Coaches .....	RobElliott (Cornell '97)
	Ronnie Pascale (Furman '99)
	Matthew Delicate (VCU '04)
Grad. Admin. Asst. ....	Eric Dutt (Richmond '04)
Athletic Trainer .....	Todd Craft
Manager .....	Julian Forte
Soccer Ticket Information .....	(804) 828-RAMS

## UPCOMING MATCHES FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 13

Fri., Sept. 17	VCU (2-2) vs. College of Charleston (2-2)	5:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 18	VCU (2-2) vs. Saint Peter's (0-1-1)	5:30 p.m.

## VCU SPLITS TWO MATCHES IN CAROLINA NIKE CLASSIC, UPSETS #5 UNC 5-2

Junior forward **Dominic Oduro (Accra, Ghana)** scored four goals, including three in the second half, as #23 VCU defeated #5 North Carolina 5-2 Sunday afternoon at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill, N.C. Oduro's first goal tied the match in the 11th minute. Junior defender **Veit Schaidinger (Regensburg, Germany)** netted his first VCU goal in the 32nd minute to give the Rams a 2-1 advantage. The Tar Heels tied it 17 seconds into the second half before Oduro scored in the 50th, 76th and 84th minutes to give the Rams the 5-2 victory. Junior midfielder **Ricardo Opoku (Accra, Ghana)** assisted on Oduro's final three goals.

The Rams lost a tight 1-0 overtime contest to fifth-ranked Wake Forest on Friday night. Senior goalkeeper **Saul Montero (San Jose, Costa Rica)** stopped a penalty kick in the 87th minute, but the Demon Deacons scored at the 104:00 mark to claim the victory.

Oduro, Schaidinger and senior defender **Gonzalo Segares (San Jose, Costa Rica)** were named to the All-Tournament Team.

## ODURO NAMED CAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

For his four-goal performance against #5 North Carolina, junior forward **Dominic Oduro (Accra, Ghana)** was named Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Week. He was the first VCU men's soccer player to be so honored this season.

## ODURO NAMED TO SOCCER AMERICA NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK

For his four-goal performance against #5 North Carolina, junior forward **Dominic Oduro (Accra, Ghana)** was named to *Soccer America's* National Team of the Week.

## GOALS IN A GAME

Dominic Oduro's four goals at UNC were the second-highest goal total in VCU history. Two former Rams registered five goals in a game. Chris Trizna had five goals against Newport News Apprentice School on Sept. 10, 1986. John Dugan recorded five goals vs. West Virginia Tech on Oct. 5, 1987. No Ram scored more than three goals in a game since Dugan's five.

## VCU IN NATIONAL POLLS

VCU appeared in all four preseason polls. The Rams were #13 in the NSCAA/adidas poll, 16th in *Soccer America*, #19 in College Soccer News and 22nd in Soccer Times. VCU remained at #23 in the College Soccer News poll this week and did not reappear in the other three polls.

## HOME SWEET HOME

Virginia Commonwealth is 1-1 at home after going 11-0 at Sports Backers Stadium last season. The Rams had a 12-game home winning streak snapped on Sept. 5 against New Mexico. VCU is 20-3 (.870) at home over the past three seasons and all three losses have come in overtime. The Rams have compiled a 34-13-4 (.706) mark at home since the facility opened in 1999.

Sports Backers Stadium has a capacity of 3,250 with locker rooms, concession facilities and a three-story press box. The stadium is home to VCU's men's & women's soccer & track teams and has hosted the CAA Outdoor Track Championships each of the past five years.

## NEXT UP

The Rams travel across town for the UR/Nike Challenge Cup at First Market Stadium on the campus of the University of Richmond. VCU faces College of Charleston at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, followed by Richmond against Saint Peter's. The Rams meet the Peacocks on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m. The Spiders and the Cougars will conclude the tournament at 8 p.m.

## 2004 CAA STANDINGS (AS OF 9/13)

Team	Conference				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
UNC Wilmington	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Old Dominion	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
James Madison	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Towson	0	0	0	0	3	1	1
Drexel	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
VCU	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
George Mason	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Hofstra	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	1	3	0

<i>NSCAA/adidas Top 25 (as of 9/14)</i>		
1. Indiana	.....	4-0-0
2. Maryland	.....	4-0-0
3. UNC Greensboro	.....	4-0-0
4. Santa Clara	.....	4-0-0
5. Southern Methodist	.....	3-1-0
6. Boston College	.....	3-0-0
7. Old Dominion	.....	4-0-0
7. St. John's	.....	2-1-1
9. Michigan	.....	5-0-0
10. Saint Louis	.....	3-1-0
11. UC Santa Barbara	.....	4-0-0
11. Wake Forest	.....	3-0-1
13. Penn State	.....	1-0-3
14. Notre Dame	.....	3-0-1
15. Coastal Carolina	.....	4-0-0
16. Creighton	.....	3-1-0
17. California	.....	4-0-0
18. South Carolina	.....	4-0-0
18. Washington	.....	4-1-0
20. UCLA	.....	3-1-0
21. Rhode Island	.....	3-1-0
22. Binghamton	.....	4-0-2
23. Seton Hall	.....	3-1-1
24. Florida International	.....	1-1-0
25. Virginia	.....	3-1-0

<i>NSCAA/adidas South Atlantic Region (as of 9/14)</i>		
1. Maryland	.....	4-0-0
2. Old Dominion	.....	4-0-0
3. Coastal Carolina	.....	4-0-0
4. Virginia	.....	3-1-0
5. James Madison	.....	4-0-0
6. VCU	.....	2-2-0
7. Virginia Tech	.....	3-2-0
7. UMBC	.....	2-0-1
9. UNC Wilmington	.....	5-0-0
10. William & Mary	.....	2-1-1

<i>Soccer America Top 25 (as of 9/14)</i>		
1. Indiana	.....	4-0-0
2. Wake Forest	.....	3-0-1
3. UC Santa Barbara	.....	4-0-0
4. Maryland	.....	4-0-0
5. Notre Dame	.....	3-0-1
6. Santa Clara	.....	4-0-0
7. California	.....	4-0-0
8. Stanford	.....	3-0-1
9. St. John's	.....	2-1-1
10. Washington	.....	4-1-0
11. Creighton	.....	3-1-0
12. UCLA	.....	3-1-0
13. UNC Greensboro	.....	4-0-0
14. New Mexico	.....	4-0-0
15. Penn State	.....	1-0-3
16. Southern Methodist	.....	3-1-0
17. Saint Louis	.....	3-1-0
18. South Florida	.....	3-0-0
19. Michigan	.....	5-0-0
20. Virginia	.....	3-1-0
21. Coastal Carolina	.....	4-0-0
22. Florida International	.....	1-1-0
23. Boston College	.....	3-0-0
24. Old Dominion	.....	4-0-0
25. South Carolina	.....	4-0-0

**2003 VCU opponents in italics**

**HEAD COACH TIM O'SULLIVAN WINS 100TH AT VCU**

In his 10th season as the VCU head coach, **Tim O'Sullivan** owns a record of 106-67-21 with the Rams and has led the program to five NCAA tournament appearances (1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003). He earned his 100th VCU win on Nov. 1, 2003, in a 4-0 win over UNCW. The 2002 CAA Coach of the Year registered his 200th career victory after VCU's 3-0 decision at Delaware on Nov. 8, 2002 and boasts an overall mark of 221-175-46 in 22 years as a collegiate coach.

**STRONG SCHEDULE**

VCU has another strong schedule for the 2004 season. Six opponents currently appear in national polls: New Mexico, Wake Forest, North Carolina, Connecticut, Old Dominion and Maryland. The Terrapins and Demon Deacons are as high as #2.

**SHIRLEY TIES ASSIST MARK**

Junior midfielder **Stephen Shirley (Carrollton, Texas)** tied the VCU record for assists in a season with 10 a season ago, just the fourth Ram to reach double figures in assists in a season. Senior defender **Gonzalo Segares (San Jose, Costa Rica)** had eight assists in 2002 and is tied for seventh for assists in a season.

**2004 VCU Game Capsules**

**Sept. 3 at Sports Backers Stadium, Richmond, Va.**

**VCU Nike/ALLTEL Classic: #13 VCU 2, La Salle 0**

La Salle	0	0	0
VCU	2	0	2

First half: Ricardo Opoku, 26:39; Dominic Oduro (Mike Aust, Brian Morris)

Shots: VCU 17, LU 2. Goalkeeper saves: LU-Stash Graham 5; VCU-Saul Montero 0. Corner kicks: VCU 3, LU 2. Fouls: LU 14, VCU 13. Attendance: 232.

**Sept. 5 at Sports Backers Stadium, Richmond, Va.**

**VCU Nike/ALLTEL Classic: #28 New Mexico 2, VCU 1 OT**

New Mexico	0	1	1	2
VCU	0	1	0	1

Second half: VCU-Gonzalo Segares (Hugh MacDonald), 48:55; NM-Jeff Rowland (penalty kick), 68:07

Overtime: NM-Rowland (Hans Bevers), 95:25

Shots: New Mexico 13, VCU 11. Goalkeeper saves: NM-Andrew Weber 4, VCU-Saul Montero 3. Corner kicks: NM 8, VCU 7. Fouls: New Mexico 23, VCU 16. Attendance: 245.

**Sept. 10 at Fetzer Field, Chapel Hill, N.C.**

**Carolina Nike Classic: #5 Wake Forest 1, VCU 0 2OT**

VCU	0	0	0	0	0
Wake Forest	0	0	0	1	1

Overtime: WFU-Scott Sealy (Ryan Caugherty, Tomy Szczypiorski), 104:00

Shots: VCU 11, WFU 11. Goalkeeper saves: VCU-Saul Montero 4, WFU-Brian Edwards 5.

Corner kicks: VCU 7, WFU 3. Fouls: VCU 23, WFU 14.

**Sept. 12 at Fetzer Field, Chapel Hill, N.C.**

**Carolina Nike Classic: VCU 5, #5 North Carolina 2**

VCU	2	3	5
North Carolina	1	1	2

First half: UNC-Marcus Storey (Ray Fumo, Dax McCarty), 7:40; VCU-Dominic Oduro (Brian Morris), 10:52; VCU-Veit Schaidinger (Stephen Shirley), 31:22

Second half: UNC-Dax McCarty (Jamie Watson, Marcus Storey), 45:17; VCU-Oduro (Ricardo Opoku), 49:16; VCU-Oduro (Opoku), 75:37; VCU-Oduro (Opoku), 83:14

Shots: VCU 11, UNC 6. Goalkeeper saves: VCU-Saul Montero 1, UNC-Ford Williams 2.

Corner kicks: VCU 4, UNC 6. Fouls: VCU 18, UNC 19.

**Weekly National Poll Positions**

	PS	S7	S14
NSCAA	13	-	-
SA	16	-	-
ST	22	-	-
CSN	19	23	23

NSCAA - National Soccer Coaches Association of America

SA - Soccer America

ST - Soccer Times

CSN - College Soccer News

**Soccer Times Top 25 (as of 9/14)**

1. Indiana .....	4-0-0
2. Maryland .....	4-0-0
3. Santa Clara .....	4-0-0
4. Wake Forest .....	3-0-1
5. Notre Dame .....	3-0-1
6. Saint Louis .....	3-1-0
7. Michigan .....	5-0-0
8. UCLA .....	3-1-0
9. St. John's .....	2-1-1
10. Washington .....	4-1-0
11. UC Santa Barbara .....	4-0-0
12. Southern Methodist .....	3-1-0
13. Creighton .....	3-1-0
14. Old Dominion .....	4-0-0
15. Coastal Carolina .....	4-0-0
16. UNC Greensboro .....	4-0-0
17. Penn State .....	1-0-3
18. Stanford .....	3-0-1
19. California .....	4-0-0
20. Virginia .....	3-1-0
21. Akron .....	3-0-1
22. Boston College .....	3-0-0
23. Florida International .....	1-1-0
24. South Carolina .....	4-0-0
25. Tulsa .....	2-1-1

**College Soccer News Top 30 (as of 9/13)**

1. Indiana .....	4-0-0
2. Maryland .....	4-0-0
3. Wake Forest .....	3-0-1
4. Saint Louis .....	3-1-0
5. Old Dominion .....	4-0-0
6. UCLA .....	3-1-0
7. Michigan .....	5-0-0
8. St. John's .....	2-1-2
9. UC Santa Barbara .....	4-0-0
10. Southern Methodist .....	3-1-0
11. Santa Clara .....	4-0-0
12. Virginia .....	3-1-0
13. Coastal Carolina .....	4-0-0
14. Washington .....	4-1-0
15. California .....	4-0-0
16. UNC Greensboro .....	4-0-0
17. Notre Dame .....	3-0-1
18. Creighton .....	3-1-0
19. New Mexico .....	4-0-0
20. Stanford .....	3-0-1
21. Penn State .....	1-0-3
22. Boston College .....	3-0-0
23. VCU .....	2-2-0
24. Florida International .....	1-1-0
25. North Carolina .....	1-2-1
26. Tulsa .....	2-1-1
27. South Carolina .....	4-0-0
28. Portland .....	3-1-0
29. Akron .....	3-0-1
30. Binghamton .....	4-0-2

**2003 VCU opponents in italics**

**VCU PICKED SECOND IN CAA PRESEASON POLL**

Two-time defending champion Virginia Commonwealth was picked to finish second in the Colonial Athletic Association in a vote by the league's head coaches. The Rams received two first-place votes and 70 points. Old Dominion had seven first-place votes and 78 points to claim the top spot. George Mason received one first-place vote and 61 points for third, with William & Mary one point behind in fourth. VCU won the CAA regular-season and tournament titles each of the past two seasons.

1. Old Dominion (7)	78
2. Virginia Commonwealth (2)	70
3. George Mason (1)	61
4. William & Mary	60
5. James Madison	51
6. UNC Wilmington	43
7. Hofstra	33
8. Drexel	28
9. Towson	16
10. Delaware	10

**SCHOOL RECORD FOR WINS**

VCU had a school-record 17 victories a season ago. The Rams had 15 wins in 1993, 1997 and 2002.

**RECORD WIN STREAK**

VCU won nine consecutive games in 2003, a school record. The previous mark was seven, set at the start of the 1993 season. The Rams won 14 of their final 16 matches a year ago.

**RAMS CAPTURE SECOND CONSECUTIVE CAA CHAMPIONSHIP**

Top-seeded VCU blanked #4 James Madison 3-0 in the semifinals and shutout #3 George Mason 2-0 in the finals to win its second straight Colonial Athletic Association Championship at VCU's Sports Backers Stadium in 2003. The Rams advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season and the fifth time in the past seven years. Senior forward **Matthew Delicate (Boncath, Wales)** scored two goals against the Dukes and one vs. the Patriots to earn MVP honors for the second straight year. Senior forward **McColm Cephas (Monrovia, Liberia)** scored the game-winner against JMU and senior midfielder **Randy Ugarte (San Jose, Costa Rica)** nailed the game-winner vs. GMU. Junior goalkeeper **Saul Montero (San Jose, Costa Rica)** had seven saves against the Dukes and three vs. the Patriots. Delicate, Cephas, Montero and senior defender **Cristian Neagu (Ploiesti, Romania)** were named to the all-tournament team.

**VCU IN CAA TOURNAMENT**

Virginia Commonwealth is 11-6-2 in the CAA Tournament since joining the league in 1995. The Rams are 4-2-1 in the quarterfinals, 5-2 in the semifinals and 2-2-1 in championship games. VCU reached the title game for the third straight year and fifth time in the past seven years. This was the third time that VCU was the top seed. The Rams were #1 in 1998, winning 4-1 over American in the quarterfinals, but falling 1-0 to Richmond in the semifinals. VCU was the top seed a year ago, defeating Towson 4-0 in the semifinals before edging William & Mary 2-1 in the title tilt. The Rams have outscored their opponents 12-2 over the past three years in the CAA Tournament, going 5-1-1 in six matches.

Year	Seed	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Finals
1995	#7	L 1-2 James Madison		
1996	#6	L 0-1 Richmond		
1997	#3	W 1-0 James Madison	W 2-0 George Mason	T 2-2 American won 9-8 on PKs
1998	#1	W 4-1 American	L 0-1 Richmond	
1999	#2	W 1-0 East Carolina	W 4-3 OT Richmond	L 2-4 William & Mary
2000	#5	W 1-0 George Mason	L 0-3 James Madison	
2001	#4	T 0-0 George Mason won 4-2 on PKs	W 1-0 4OT Old Dominion	L 0-1 James Madison
2002	#1		W 4-0 Towson	W 2-1 William & Mary
2003	#1		W 3-0 James Madison	W 2-0 George Mason