

# Soccer team aims for high goals

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The 1991 Penn State Harrisburg soccer team is kicking off another season, and with a strong nucleus of players returning from last year they hope to compete for the district playoffs.

Head Coach Mark Ashley believes the 1991 squad is better than last year's team, even though they only have eight or nine returning lettermen. Ashley said the difference between the two teams is this year's strength off the bench.

"We are stronger than last year," Ashley said. "Last year we had a decent starting 11, but we had no bench. This year there is strong competition for positions."

Ashley also said that the players are willing to make a commitment and are very dedicated. Ashley added that senior leadership will also play an important role in measuring the success of this year's team.

One of the seniors Ashley is counting on is Captain Paul Gunderson, who also believes that the team has a lot of potential.

"I think we have a chance of going .800 (winning percentage)," Gunderson said. "We are looking real good defensively and offensively."

Gunderson said that if there is any reason for concern, it is in the midfield.

"We are not making the transition to go from offense to defense and defense to offense," Gunderson said.

Gunderson is pleased with the juniors who have transferred here from other campuses and with the return of John Masterson and Gary Dinmore who are lettermen who sat out last year.

"It is nice to see the juniors come out



Photo by John Rudy

Soccer coach Mark Ashley tries to keep Steve Houser from stealing the ball during a scrimmage game.

to build a program," Gunderson said.

Ashley is also quite pleased with the cooperation the team has received from the athletic association who purchased new uniforms for the 1991 season. Ashley and the players are thankful for this and hope they can get the same kind of support from the student body.



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John Masterson, Mike Lee and Steve Houser vie for possession of the ball.

## 1991 Soccer Schedule

Sept.	21	5:00	GALLAUDET
	22	3:00	COLUMBIA UNION
	24	4:00	at Lancaster Bible
	28	1:00	at Goldey Beacom
Oct.	3	6:00	GOUCHER
	5	1:00	25th Anniversary Alumni Game
	8	4:00	at Washington Bible
	12	2:00	BEAVER
	15	6:00	HOLY FAMILY
	19	2:00	at Misericordia

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## Penn State dances in conference shuffle

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I would like to know why the division one colleges are allowed to change conferences at will. How can Penn State join the Big Ten Conference, a conference that now has eleven teams,

and how can a team like Arkansas move from the Southwestern Conference to the Southeastern Conference?

I would like to commend Temple, Florida State, Rutgers, Pitt and the others who joined the Big East Conference and are no longer worthless independents. I firmly believe that a

conference schedule places much more pressure on a team than just playing a schedule that consists of Atlantic coast teams, of which there aren't many powerhouses.

I believe this is true because a

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