

# Sports Week

## Patriot League names Faneck Defensive Player of the Year

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Playing on a team that finished fifth in the league and failed to make the playoffs, Tim Faneck wasn't sure if the soccer coaches in the Patriot League had noticed him enough during the season to warrant all-star status.

Apparently, former Dallas High School standout made quite an impression.

The Bucknell University senior was recently selected as the Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year by the league's coaches. Faneck was also chosen as a Patriot League first-team all-star for the first time during his four seasons with the Bisons.

Bucknell's season came to an end with a 2-2 tie against Navy in the final game of the regular season. The Bisons, who finished with an overall record of 8-6-4 and a Patriot League mark of 3-3-1, needed a win against the Midshipmen to earn a playoff berth.

"After we lost, our coach (Brendan Nash) said he thought not making the playoffs might hurt our chances of any kind of awards," said the son of Robert and Jean Faneck of Shavertown. "Playing in the playoffs gives you more exposure and it gives the coaches another look at you. I guess I impressed them in less amount of time."

Faneck was the anchor of a strong Bucknell defensive unit. Despite their record, the Bisons allowed just 16 goals in 18 games during the season. Faneck played the pivotal role of sweeper in Nash's 3-5-2 system.

"When you only have three defenders, it puts a lot more pressure on sweeper," said Faneck, whose teammate, Adam Edwards, was selected as the league's top goalkeeper. "But I liked it a lot. We had a very young team and I had more control."

Faneck started in all 18 games this season and 69 during his career. He appeared in 74 games during his four years, the most of any Bison senior.

"It really didn't hit me that I had played my last game until I was walking off the field after the Navy game," he said. "The loss was a shock. We were ahead 2-0 at half-time and we had only given up two goals or more two times all year. I walked off the field with a friend of mine (Dan Mulhern) who goes to the Naval Academy. If he wasn't there, (the emotions) would have been a lot worse."

Bucknell struggled to score goals all season. In fact, Faneck scored twice during the last week of the season - including the first goal against Navy - to finish the season with three goals and an assist. Those seven points were good enough to tie for the team lead in points scored.

"That's amazing," said Faneck, with a laugh. "You don't see too

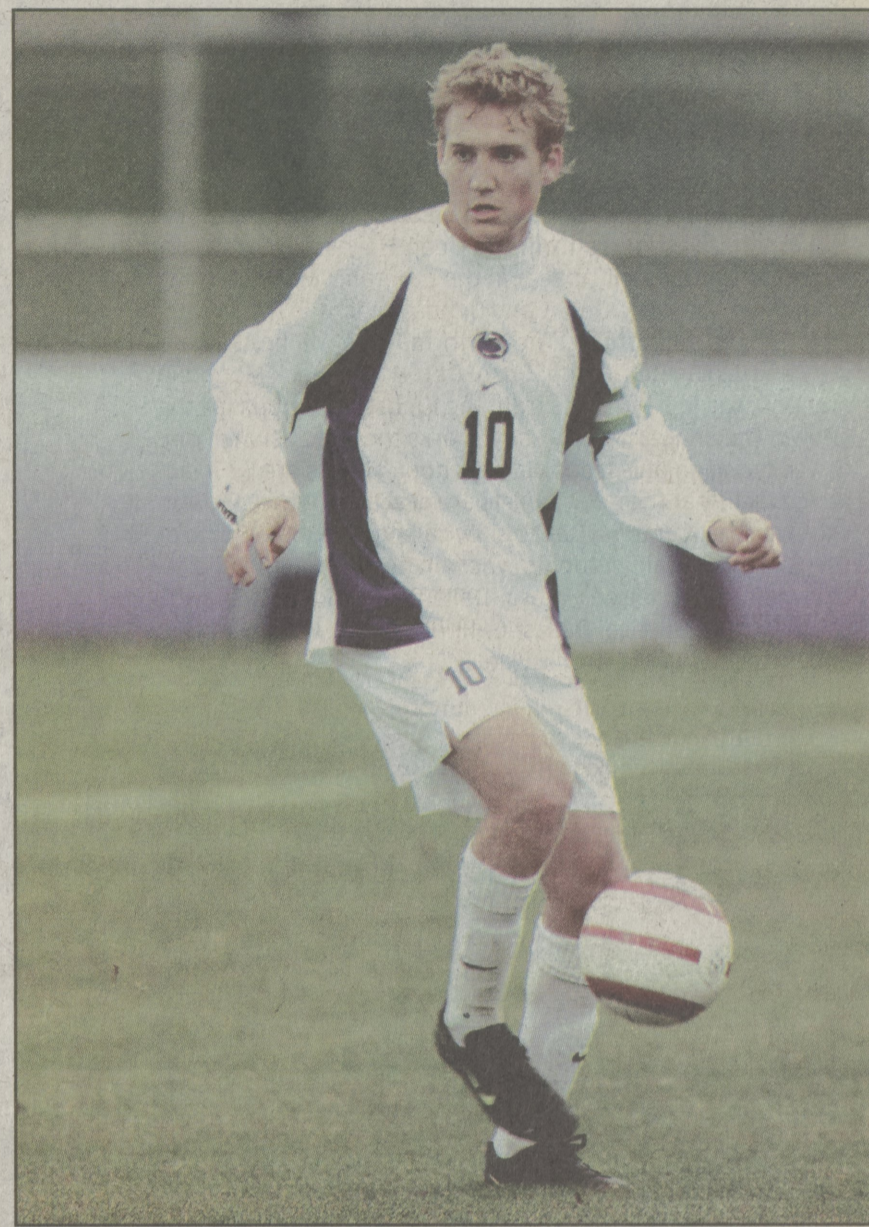


Former Dallas standout Tim Faneck, who is a senior at Bucknell University, was recently named Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year.

many sweepers leading their teams in scoring."

The two Bison players who played sweeper prior to Faneck are now playing in Major League Soccer. But the business management major, who hopes to secure a job in the financial world in Philadelphia, says his days on the soccer pitch are over.

"It was a lot of fun playing soccer," said the former member of the Back Mountain Blast travel soccer team and veteran of the prestigious FC Delco program in Philadelphia. "I got the chance to go to a great academic school and play Division I college soccer. I played with guys from all over the country and we beat some of the best teams in the nation. I had a great time."



Former Lake-Lehman standout David Walters scored the game-winning goal for Penn State in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

## Walters finds redemption

By GORDON BRUNSKILL  
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UNIVERSITY PARK - Blowing in the chilly wind on Jeffrey Field, David Walters found a little redemption.

Making up for a mistake that proved costly in last year's NCAA men's soccer tournament, the Penn State senior got a more positive memory of the postseason this time around.

Walters scored the only goal of the night with just over 12 minutes remaining to give the Nittany Lions a 1-0 victory against Seton Hall in the tournament's second round.

"It's not a pretty win, but we'll take it," Penn State coach Barry Gorman said. "Credit to these guys. They find a way to win games."

Led by Walters - a former standout at Lake-Lehman High School - the 11th-seeded Nittany Lions (13-6-2) advanced to the third round for the first time since 2002 and will face Creighton at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27 at Jeffrey Field. The Blue Jays (14-4-3) upset No. 4 seed Duke 2-1 earlier this week.

The Nittany Lions' quarter of the bracket was the land of upsets. Penn State was the only seeded team to advance to the third round with No. 3 Indiana and No. 14 North Carolina State also falling.

In last year's second round against Tulsa at Jeffrey Field, Walters tried to pass the ball back to keeper Conrad Taylor, but the ball was stolen and turned into a score. The Hurricanes' only goal helped send the match to a shootout, which they eventually won.

This time, it was Walters putting the ball into the back of the net for his second goal of the season.

"It doesn't make up for it but it feels

good," Walters said. "I put that behind me last year. That was last year, this is this year. You only get one opportunity like that maybe a game. I don't get many like that, ever, this season. I just knew I wasn't going to miss it."

In an ugly game filled with few real opportunities, the game's lone score actually had a little beauty to it. Brian Devlin dropped the ball to Jeff Chambers along the sideline. Chambers then spotted Walters open in the penalty box.

"We were just looking to combine short on the outside and keep it in their end," Chambers said. "I looked up and saw Walters cutting to the near post, I played it and it found its way there. Walters made a nice play on it."

Walters had time to settle the ball with his chest, turn and fire it past Pirates keeper Boris Pardo.

"I know he always likes to cross it early and sometimes guys get on him about putting it in the box when no one's there," Walters said. "I figured he was going to cross it regardless, so I thought I'd run in there, it bounced to my chest and I just turned and shot it."

In a game with so few chances, it was remarkable how much time Walters had to boot the ball.

"When you're playing it doesn't feel like that," Walters said. "It happens so quick. It doesn't feel like you have any time."

The game also was a rough one, with 24 fouls for Penn State and eight for Seton Hall, in addition to three yellow cards.

One was given to Penn State's Simon Omekanda midway through the second half when he landed a punch to the face of the Pirates' Christos Zisimatos, who gave an exceptionally hard foul to the Penn State junior.

## Dallas Youth Basketball completes second week of action

Joey Murray nailed a three-pointer to send the game into overtime and spur Offset Paperback to a 47-46 win against Digital Print Services in Dallas Youth Basketball's seventh and eighth grade boys division. Murray and Griffin Adams finished with 21 points each for Offset, while Tyler Patton led Digital with 12 points and Pat Touhey added two.

• Ryan McAndrew dominated under the basket with 29 points and Kevin Muldoon added six as Dr. Jack Ellis outlasted McCarthy Tire, 40-39, in overtime. Travis DeBona led McCarthy Tire with 16 points and Kevin Gilbert chipped in five.

• Jimmy Brown scored 30 points and Adam Goeringer added 10 as Quad

Three broke into the win column with a 51-34 victory against Offset Paperback. Nick Zabriski added four points for Quad. Andrew Ondish and Kevin Hine scored six points apiece for Offset.

• Chris Dailey scored 19 points and Tyler Rice added four as Digital Print Services edged Dr. Jack Ellis, 38-33. Chris Ellis scored 13 points and Steven Haughwout added four for Dr. Ellis.

• Austin Carr scored a game-high 25 points and Brandon Harding added 13 as McCarthy Tire withstood a furious second half rally and topped Bishop Photo, 56-52. Gary Verazin led Bishop Photo with 18 points and teammate Mitch Cohen added four.

### 7TH/8TH GIRLS

Lauren Orlando scored 12 points and Danielle Harding added 10 as Drs. Scott & Clements posted a 34-27 win against the Dallas Lions in DYB's seventh/eighth grade girls division. Dana Martin tossed in six points and Stephaine Dosiak added four. Meghan Martin played well defensively.

Taylor Dougherty scored a game-high 21 points for the Lions, while Shannon Brobst chipped in six.

• Dana Krawetz and Mary Kate Osick scored 11 points each to lead a balanced scoring attack as Bishop Photo posted a 33-31 win against Darling Graphics. Sarah Konopki added seven points for the

winners.

Mikaela Pricher scored a game-high 12 points to lead Darling's, while Jennifer Rutalis added 11.

### 5TH/6TH BOYS

• Brett Wanek and Jack Matusiak combined to score 15 points as Rossen, Jenkins and Greenwald posted a 28-23 victory against PNC Bank. Dominic DeGraba lead both teams in steals. Eric Zawatski led PNC Bank with nine points while Garrett Artsma and Corey Eye-man added six and four points, respectively.

• Hayden Jenkins scored a team-high 15 points and Nathan Kish added nine

points in the paint to lead Dr. John Kish to a 31-28 win against M&T Bank. Jason Schilling and Tim Kennedy led a third-quarter offensive attack for the winners, who trailed at halftime.

Harry Parkhurst scored a game-high 16 points for M&T Bank. Robert Feher played a strong inside game and also scored two points.

• Alex Zubko scored 14 points and FJ Constantino chipped in 11 as Gordon-Smith Insurance earned a win against Eastern Penn Supply Co. The final score as not provided. John Murray added eight points and Chris Boland was the

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