

RADFORD

2002 Men's Soccer

First Team NSCAA/adidas
Academic All-American
T.J. Roling

UNIVERSITY

2002 RU Soccer

Name: Radford University
Founded: 1910
Location: Radford, Virginia
Nickname: Highlanders
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Enrollment: 9,100

Home Field

Cupp Stadium (5,000)

Conference

Big South (NCAADivision I)

PresidentDr. Douglas Covington
(Central St. '57)**Athletic Director**

Greig Denny (Cortland St. '79)

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Head Coach

Spencer Smith (Tennessee, '87)

Record at RU

75-69-14 (8 years)

Career Record

109-120-20 (13 years)

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Assistant Coach

Jon Freeman (Wooster '99)

2001 Overall Record/BSC

4-14/3-4, 4th

Letterwinners Returning/Lost

22/4

Starters Returning/Lost

10/1

First Season of Soccer

1975

All-time record

242-220-43 (27 years)

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Head Coach

Spencer Smith



Head Coach Spencer Smith enters his ninth season at the helm of the Highlander program.

Smith, did nothing to disparage the notion that he is one of the top coaches in the game in 2000, guiding an RU squad picked to finish third in the Big South Conference to a record of 12-10 and their second consecutive conference championship. Moreover, the 12 victories established the third highest total in school history, and the most since the Highlanders posted back-to-back 15 win seasons during the 1990 and 1991 seasons.

Along the way, Smith masterminded a 3-2 win at pre-season No. 1 Duke University, snapping the Blue Devils 23-match home regular season win streak. He has also led the Highlanders to four victories in the last five seasons over rival Virginia Tech and directed the Highlanders to a 5-0 victory over Campbell, their worse home setback since the 1982 campaign.

Smith has established the RU soccer program as one of the most consistent in the Big South Conference and Mid-Atlantic region. In seven seasons under Smith, the Highlanders have averaged just over 10 wins a season.

Success is nothing new to the Smith-led Highlanders. He has 75 career victories and reached the 50-win plateau faster than any coach in school history and is currently second in career wins and winning percentage, needing just 11 victories to become the all-time winningest coach in RU history.

When the 38-year-old Smith arrived on the Radford

Did You Know?

- ✓ In his eight seasons directing the Highlanders, Smith has coached three BSC MVP's, two BSC Tournament MVP's, a Rookie-of-the-Year, three BSC Scholar-Athletes and one NSCAA Academic All-American
- ✓ Smith has coached 30 all-conference performers and 12 all-tournament team members at Radford
- ✓ Led RU to 12-wins in 2000, the most in his eight-year tenure
- ✓ Directed RU to double digit victories in six of eight seasons
- ✓ Has posted an 8-4 BSC Tournament record over the last six seasons
- ✓ Garnered two BSC Coach-of-the-Year Honors in 1996 and 1998
- ✓ Led the Highlanders to the BSC Tournament Championship game in three of the last six years

Assistant

Jon Freeman



Following in the footsteps of a great line of RU assistants, Jon Freeman returns for his third season as Smith's top assistant.

A native of Blacksburg, Freeman enjoyed a productive four-year career at NCAA Division III member, The College of

Smith at RU Year-By-Year

Year	Overall	BSC	
1994	11-7-2	6-2 (T-2nd)	
1995	11-5-3	4-2-1 (T-3rd)	
1996	10-10-1	4-3 (2nd)	
1997	11-8-1	4-3 (4th)	
1998	11-4-3	5-0-1 (1st)	BSC Regular Season Champs
1999	5-11-4	2-4-1 (6th)	BSC Tournament Champs
2000	12-10-0	4-3 (2nd)	BSC Tournament Champs
2001	4-14	3-4 (4th)	
Totals	75-69-14	34-21-3	

campus in 1994, he inherited a team coming off the worst record in school history, and his impact was immediate. Smith led the '94 squad to an 11-7-2 record and was rewarded by being named Big South Conference Coach of the Year. He became the first coach in the program's history to guide the team to double digit wins in his first year, and he hasn't let up.

A superb soccer tactician, a tremendous motivator and an excellent recruiter, Smith rebuilt down-trodden programs at North Carolina Wesleyan and Lincoln Memorial before coming to Radford. In his final year at North Carolina Wesleyan, he was named the Dixie Conference Coach of the Year, and he led Lincoln Memorial to the District Tournament in 1989.

A 1987 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Smith was a four-year starter and captain of the Vols soccer team in 1985 and 1986, earning most valuable player honors as a senior. He played overseas in 1987 and 1988, training with the Sheffield United Professional team and playing for the Stanington Soccer Club.

Smith, a native of Baltimore, was very active in the state Olympic Development Program, serving as head coach of the state U-18 team from 1994-98. He is also the chairman of the NSCAA South Atlantic regional rankings committee and member of the NCAA Regional selection committee.

Smith, his wife, Julie, and their four-year-old daughter, Alyssa, live in Radford.



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Meet The Highlander Returnees ...



#0
Harper Thorsen
Goalkeeper
6-2, 200, So.
Blacksburg, VA
(Blacksburg)

- ✓ Saw action in seven games, posting a 2.90 GAA
- ✓ Made 21 saves in 341:26 minutes
- ✓ Led Blacksburg High to three state titles
- ✓ Led the nation in GAAs as a junior



#1
Andrew Essey
Goalkeeper
6-2, 180, Jr.
Columbia, MD
(Hammond)

- ✓ Played in 29 games in two seasons
- ✓ Posted a 2.09 GAA in 2001 with one shutout
- ✓ Posted a 1.43 GAA with four shutouts and a 9-5 record in '00
- ✓ Play helped lead RU to BSC Tournament Championship



#2
Mike Von Essen
Midfielder
5-6, 140, Sr.
Bedford, TX
(Trinity)

- ✓ Recorded 12 goals and seven assists in 60 career games
- ✓ 2000 all-BSC Tournament Team member
- ✓ Scored five goals and led the team with seven assists in 2000
- ✓ Finished second on the team in scoring with 12 points in 1999



#3
Erick Sokolik
Midfielder
5-10, 150, Jr.
Scottsdale, AZ
(Horizon)

- ✓ Led RU with four assists in '01
- ✓ Played 13 games in first season with program
- ✓ Scored a goal and added an assist for three points in 2000
- ✓ Scored RU's lone goal against Virginia Commonwealth



#4
Johnathan Hooker
Midfielder
5-10, 160, Jr.
Woodbridge, Va.
(C.D. Hylton)

- ✓ Sat out the 2001 season
- ✓ A member of RU's 2000 BSC Championship team
- ✓ Tallied two goals and nine points in 17 games in 2000



#5
Nate Pearson
Defender
5-10, 150, Jr.
Dumfries, Va.
(C.D. Hylton)

- ✓ Played in 16 games in '01
- ✓ Started 16 of 19 games played for the Highlanders as a freshman
- ✓ Led C.D. Hylton to State Championship
- ✓ Played for the National Championship Club team Braddock Roads Warhawks



#6
Jeffery Nicholas
Defender
6-4, 170, Jr.
Richmond, Va.
(J.R. Tucker)

- ✓ Joined the program last season after taking the 2000 season off
- ✓ Was a member of the 1999 BSC championship team



#7
Alfredo Perez-Costa
Midfielder
5-9, 160, Sr.
Lima, Peru
(Markham)

- ✓ scored one goal and added an assist in 2001
- ✓ Lone goal of '01 came against Winthrop
- ✓ Started one of eight games played in 2000
- ✓ Scored his lone goal of 2000 against UMB



#8
Chris Waltz
Midfielder
6-2, 190, Sr.
Manassas, VA
(Osborn)

- ✓ Missed '01 season with injury
- ✓ Started seven of 17 games for the Highlanders in 2000
- ✓ Recoded two assists as junior
- ✓ Picked up his two assists against Carson Newman and Duke in 2000
- ✓ Has recorded six goals and three assists in 52 career games



#10
Jon Fosu
Defender
5-10, 165, Sr.
Ghana, W. Africa
(Maputo)

- ✓ First team all-BSC in 2001
- ✓ Has scored four goals and tallied two assists in his career
- ✓ Has played in 53 career gms.
- ✓ His goal in overtime against UNC propelled RU into the BSC Championship game in 1999



#11
Adrian Snell
Midfielder
6-1, 175, Jr.
Hagerstown, MD
(Ferrum College)

- ✓ Added two assists in 11 games in 2001
- ✓ Transfer from Ferrum College
- ✓ Redshirted in 2000



#12
Geraldo Hernandez
Midfielder
5-10, 165, Sr.
Dale City, VA
(C.D. Hylton)

- ✓ Named co-captain for 2002
- ✓ Played in 16 games in 2001
- ✓ 2000 all-BSC Tournament Team member
- ✓ Started 20 of 21 games in 2000
- ✓ Has tallied two goals in 55 career games



#13
Andre Lewis
Midfielder
5-11, 170, sr.
Tampa, FL
(Hillsborough)

- ✓ Scored two goals in 10 games in 2001 as a junior
- ✓ Tallied five goals and 11 points as a sophomore in 2000
- ✓ Scored three goals against Coastal Carolina in 2000
- ✓ Recorded nine goals and two assists in 42 career games



#14
Justin Peterson
Midfielder
5-10, 160, So.
Edmond, OK
(Edmon Mem.)

- ✓ Redshirted as a freshman in 2001
- ✓ A member of the Oklahoma ODP State Team
- ✓ Conference Player-of-the-Year as a senior
- ✓ Garnered all-state honors as a senior



#15
Corey Ogburn
Defender
6-0, 170, So.
Jefferson City, TN
(Webb School)

- ✓ Saw action in eight contests as a freshman
- ✓ Played on three state championship teams in 1999, 2000 and 2001
- ✓ A member of the 82 Knoxville Select team



#16
T.J. Roling
Forward
5-11, 170, Sr.
Sioux Falls, SD
(O'Gorman)

- ✓ First team all-BSC in 2001
- ✓ First team Academic NSCAA/adidas All-American
- ✓ Led the Highs with 11 goals and 27 points in 2000
- ✓ Has recorded 26 goals and 11 assists in 59 career games
- ✓ 2nd team BSC, all-Tourn. in '00
- ✓ Led RU in scoring last 3 years



#17
Patrick Wales
Defender
5-11, 165, Jr.
Danville, VA
(GW Danville)

- ✓ Saw action in 16 games tallying an assist West Virginia in '01
- ✓ Played in nine games, starting four in 2000
- ✓ Picked up his lone assist of 2000 against Howard University
- ✓ Has played in 32 games in two seasons



#18
Bo Allen
Midfielder
5-10, 150, Jr.
Johnson City, TN
(Science Hill)

- ✓ Scored a goal and added an assist in 18 games in 2001
- ✓ Saw action in 15 of the Highlanders 22 games in 2000
- ✓ Scored his only goal of the season against Howard University



#19
Adam Pahl
Defender
6-1, 180, So.
Landenberg, PA
(Kennett)

- ✓ Played in 10 games as a freshman in 2001
- ✓ Named to 2001 all-SE Penn.
- ✓ Two-time all-conference selection in as a junior and senior at Kennett HS



#20
Mark Crowder
Midfielder
6-0, 180, Sr.
Woodbridge, VA
(Gar-Field)

- ✓ Added one assist in 17 games in 2001
- ✓ Has played in 49 games in three year career
- ✓ All three of his career assists have come vs. Charleston Southern in 1999, 2000 & 2001
- ✓ Started eight of 16 games in 2000



#21
Corey Jefferson
Midfielder
5-11, 165, Sr.
Rochester, NY
(Marshall)

- ✓ Registered two shots in 10 games in 2001
- ✓ A walk-on
- ✓ Has seen action in 16 career games
- ✓ Should vie for a playing time in midfield



#22
Mike Winsted
Midfielder
5-9, 160, Sr.
Birmingham, AL
(Hoover)

- ✓ Tallied one assist in 17 games in 2001
- ✓ Assist came on Roling game-winner against Elon
- ✓ Played in 28 career games



#25
Mark Salop
Midfielder
5-9, 150, So.
Fairfax, VA
(W.T. Woodsen)

- ✓ Recorded one shot in five game as a freshman in 2001
- ✓ A member of the Virginia State Team
- ✓ Helped lead W.T. Woodsen to state championship as a junior



Highlander Newcomers ...

#00
Marc Smith
 Goalkeeper
 6-2, 200, So.
 Fredrickburg, Va. (Chancellor)

✓ Joined the RU team midway through last season after walking on

#4
Seth Stoner
 Midfielder
 5-11, 160, Jr.
 Columbia, S.C. (Spartanburg Meth. JC)

✓ A first team all-region performer at Spartanburg Methodist JC

#24
Andres Hernandez
 Midfielder
 5-9, 140, Fr.
 Fairfax, Va. (Yorktown)

✓ Member of the Annandale Club program who were state runner-ups in '01 & '02

#26
Luis Cadena
 5-11, 155, Fr.
 Miami, Fla. (Columbus)

✓ Played for West Kendall Club program which won back-to-back cup titles

#27
Ben Price
 Defender
 5-10, 165, Fr.
 Blacksburg, Va. (Blacksburg)

✓ Captured the AAsate title as a senior

#28
Andrew Tamm
 Defender
 5-7, 140, Fr.
 Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy)

✓ Played on the same club team as RU teammate Erik Sokolik

#29
Fernando Ramos
 Midfielder
 5-8, 140, Fr.
 Stafford, Va. (North Stafford)

✓ All-Met Washington Post as a senior
 ✓ First team all-district and Region as a junior and senior at North Stafford

#30
Dan Stevens
 Goalkeeper
 5-11, 165, So.
 Richmond, Va. (J.R. Tucker)

✓ Spent last season practicing with the Highlanders

#31
David Harpula
 Midfielder
 5-8, 150, Fr.
 Kingsport, Tenn. (Dobyns-Bennett)

✓ Captured a club national title with the Scarborough Azzurri Blues

The Facilities ...

When the Highlanders take the field in 2002, they will be playing in a new stadium that will rank among the finest new facilities in the Mid-Atlantic region.



Construction continues on a new track and soccer stadium to the west of the existing Dedmon Center Stadium. Phase I of the new facility is complete which includes the eight-lane track and soccer playing surface.

Phase II of the stadium, which is scheduled for completion in July of 2002, will feature a 5,000 seat grandstand for soccer and track, locker room facilities for both sports, a sport medicine facility and a large press box area for media and staff.

The facility will also house offices for the men's and women's soccer coaches and the RU track coaching staff.

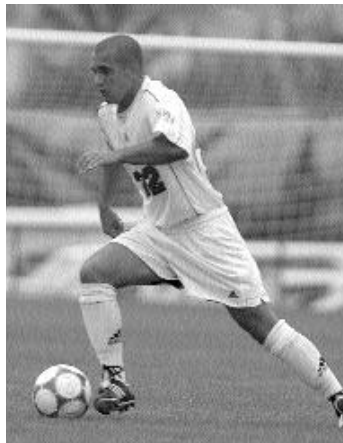
The soccer surface will be a top-quality bermuda blend which should be among the best in the region. A 400-meter, synthetic, eight-lane track will surround the soccer field and will provide RU's track squads with an outstanding home venue. The track will also serve as a training site for RU's other athletic teams and will be available for recreational use by faculty, staff, and students when its not being used by Highlander squads. The cost of the entire project is \$3.65 million.



Founded in 1983, the Big South Conference has matured in its brief history into a competitive leader in college athletics, actively pursuing excellence, both on the playing field and in the classroom.

The Big South Conference, in its 18th year of existence, consists of eight member institutions in the southeast. Members include: Birmingham Southern College, Charleston Southern University, Coastal Carolina University, Elon College, High Point University, Liberty University, UNC Asheville, Radford University and Winthrop University.

The winner of the 2002 BSC Men's Soccer Tournament receives an automatic bid to NCAA Championships.



RU Soccer *A Proud Soccer Tradition ...*

As Radford heads towards yet another year of success and commitment, the traditions established continue to bring pride to all of those involved. The Radford University men's soccer program has a long standing tradition as one of the most successful athletic programs on campus. Since its inception in 1975, the men's soccer program has transformed into one of the top programs in Virginia, as well as the mid-

atlantic region.

Building off that success, the Highlanders are coming off back-to-back conference championships in 1999 and 2000, while also capturing the regular season crown during the 1998 campaign. Since the 1997 season, the Highlanders are 3-3-1 against Top 20 teams in regular season play. Most recently, the Highs snapped pre-season No. 1 Duke University's 23-game home match winning streak, 3-2 in 2000. The Highlanders have also held a firm grasp of the "Rock", the annual prize given to the winner of the cross-town rival Virginia Tech game. RU has captured the "Rock" in four of the last five seasons.

Individually, the RU soccer program has developed several players that have gone on to play professionally following their career. Among the most notable names, is former RU Hall-of-Famer and current MLS all-star and Columbus Crew forward Dante Washington. Other notable names who have gone on to have productive professional careers include; Ian Spooner (Wilmington Hammer Heads & Roanoke Wrath), Troy Washington (Raleigh Flyers), Sasha Drouin (Long Island Rough Riders), Mike Adeyemi (Greenville Lions), Jonathan Frias (Greenville Lions) and Jason Gvozdaz (Roanoke Wrath).

With this foundation coupled with the burning desire for excellence, the Radford University men's soccer program will continue to develop players of high integrity both on the playing field as well as in the classroom.



MLS All-Star and Columbus Crew Forward Dante Washington is RU's career and single season leader in every offensive category.

Highlander vs. National Ranked Opponents Since 1997

Sept. 8, 1997	vs. #8 N.C. State	W, 4-1
Sept. 4, 1998	vs. #13 South Florida	T, 3-3 (OT)
Sept. 6, 1998	vs. #17 Florida International	W, 2-1
Oct. 1, 1998	vs. #2 Duke	L, 2-1 (OT)
Sept. 17, 1999	vs. #13 ODU	L, 1-0
Oct. 1, 1999	vs. #3 Wake Forest	L, 5-2
Nov. 13, 1999	vs. #4 Furman	L, 1-0 *
Sept. 27, 2000	vs. #5 Duke	W, 3-2
Nov. 12, 2000	vs. #12 Furman	L, 0-2 *

*NCAA Tournament

Highlander Men's Soccer Record Book

Individual Records

Goals Scored

1. Dante Washington	1988-92	82
2. Ian Spooner	1991-95	58
3. Magnus Ramquist	1986-89	40

Assists

1. Dante Washington	1988-92	66
2. Magnus Ramquist	1986-89	41
3. Ian Spooner	1991-95	24

Points

1. Dante Washington	1988-92	230
2. Ian Spooner	1991-95	140
3. Magnus Ramquist	1986-89	121

Saves

1. John White	1978-81	475
2. Frederic Rondeau	1989-92	308
3. Sacha Drouin	1995-98	246

Team Records

Most Wins: 15, 1990 & 91
Most Losses: 13, 1993
Most Ties: 5, 1989
Most Consecutive Wins (Season): 8, 1991
Most Consecutive Wins: 9, 1988-89
Most Consecutive Losses: 11, 1976
Fewest Goals Allowed: 16, 1979
Fewest Goals Scored: 16, 1982
Most Shutouts: 10, 1991
Most Times Shutout: 8, 1993
Most Consecutive Shutouts: 4, 1979
Most Consecutive Times Shutout: 3, 1993
Most Consecutive Games Scoring: 21, 1977-78

BSC Champs '88, '99, '00

Most Goals

Game: 15, vs. Atlantic Christian, 10/22/88; vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, 9/9/90
 Season: 71, 1988

Most Assists

Game: 11, vs. Atlantic Christian, 10/22/88
 Season: 60, 1988

Most Shots

Game: 59 vs. Atlantic Christian, 10/22/88
 Season: 518, 1989

Most Goals Allowed

Game: 8, vs. JMU, 1975; vs. Lynchburg, 1975; vs. Clemson, 1993
 Season: 49, 1992

Individual Records

Goals Scored

Game: 6, Dante Washington vs. Atlantic Christian, 10/22/88; vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, 9/9/90
 Season: 27, Dante Washington, 1988
 Career: 82, Dante Washington, 1988-92

Most Assists

Game: 4, Dante Washington vs. Augusta, 10/15/88
 Season: 22, Dante Washington, 1988
 Career: 62, Dante Washington, 1988-92

Most Points

Game: 15, Dante Washington vs. Atlantic Christian, 10/22/88; vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, 9/9/90
 Season: 76, Dante Washington, 1988
 Career: 230, Dante Washington, 1988-92

Most Shots

Game: 16, Magnus Ramquist vs. Atlantic Christian, 10/22/88

Season: 133, Dante Washington, 1990
 Career: 453, Dante Washington, 1988-92

Most Saves

Game: 21, Frederic Rondeau vs. Boca Raton, 10/13/90
 Season: 136, John White, 1979
 Career: 475, John White, 1978-82

Most Shutouts

Season: 10 (8 solo), Frederic Rondeau, 1990
 Career: 26 (19 solo), Frederic Rondeau, 1989-92

Best GAA

Season: 0.70, Jeff Brown, 1988
 Career: 0.91, Jeff Brown, 1984-85, 1988 (1,980 MP, 20G)

Most Minutes Played

Game: 128, Frederic Rondeau vs. Campbell, 1989
 Season: 2,050, Frederic Rondeau, 1990
 Career: 6,187, Frederic Rondeau, 1989-92



Ian Spooner ranks second in career goals and points, third in assists and is the only BSC player to be named BSC Player-of-the-Year twice

2002 Schedule

August

24	VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE (EXH.)	7 P.M.
26	ROANOKE COLLEGE (EXH.)	8 P.M.
31	UNC CHARLOTTE	7 P.M.

Spetember

6	@University of Louisville &	7 p.m.
8	vs. Western Kentucky University &	Noon
14	@Elon University *	2 p.m.
18	@Duke University	7 p.m.
22	GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	1 P.M.
24	VIRGINIA TECH	7 P.M.
28	@Charleston Southern University *	3:30 p.m.

October

2	@N.C. State	4 p.m.
5	COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY *	3:30 P.M.
12	DAVIDSON COLLEGE	7 P.M.
17	JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY	7 P.M.
22	LIBERTY UNIVERSITY *	7 P.M.
26	@Birmingham Southern College	2 p.m.
27	@Alabama A&M	TBA
30	WINTHROP UNIVERSITY *	5:30 P.M.

November

2	HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY *	4 P.M.
7	@UNC Asheville *	3 p.m.
14	@Big South Championships Quarterfinals	TBA
15	@Big South Championships Semifinal	TBA
17	@Big South Championship Final	TBA

Red Denotes HOME Game

** Big South Conference Game & University of Louisville Tournament*

Highlanders