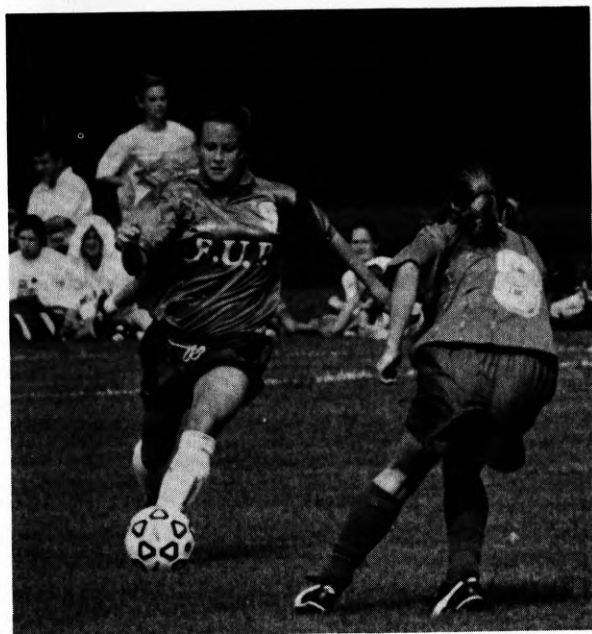


# EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



## '96 WOMEN'S SOCCER

*"The Beginning of a New  
Winning Tradition"*

# Women's Soccer Era Begins at Edinboro!

On July 25, 1995, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania announced that women's soccer would be added to its intercollegiate athletic program, with the team set to start play in the fall of 1996.

"We're very pleased to announce the addition of women's soccer to our excellent athletic program," said Foster F. Diebold, Edinboro's President at the time. "Edinboro University is committed to providing equal opportunities for men and women in all endeavors campuswide. By adding the sport, we will offer another excellent opportunity for young women to enjoy a positive collegiate experience."

The addition of women's soccer gives Edinboro 17 intercollegiate sports. Like other sports, the Fighting Scots will compete in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference in soccer. According to Edinboro head coach Gary Kagiavas, several of the 11 PSAC schools that compete in women's soccer feature programs of national caliber.

"With the growing interest in the sport of women's soccer locally, regionally and nationally, we felt we could build a successful program here at Edinboro," said Edinboro athletic director Jody Mooradian. "We have a very strong community base for the sport, and adding soccer is just another excellent way to expand opportunities for women."

On July 19, 1996, Kagiavas was named as Edinboro's first-ever women's soccer coach. Involved in coaching since 1989, Kagiavas has guided several teams, including a professional team in his native South Africa. He was an assistant coach at Gannon University and also has directed Villa Maria Elementary School and the Erie Admirals and Erie Strikers youth teams.

Kagiavas was a four-year starter as a defender at Gannon, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1991. He has played professionally in South Africa, Greece and Canada. Kagiavas comes to Edinboro from Family First Sports Park in Erie, where he served as assistant manager since October of 1994.

"We are very pleased to have a coach with such a great blend of experience as a player, coach and administrator," Mooradian said. "We are very excited to have such a quality coach to direct our new program."

School history was made on September 7, 1996, as Edinboro played its first-ever women's soccer match. Things didn't go exactly as Edinboro hoped, however, as the Scots lost to a very good Kutztown University of Pennsylvania team. Nevertheless, women's soccer was off and running at the Boro.

More school history was made on September 11, 1996, as the



**Edinboro President Dr. Frank G. Pogue tosses the coin at the Fighting Scots first-ever home soccer game.**

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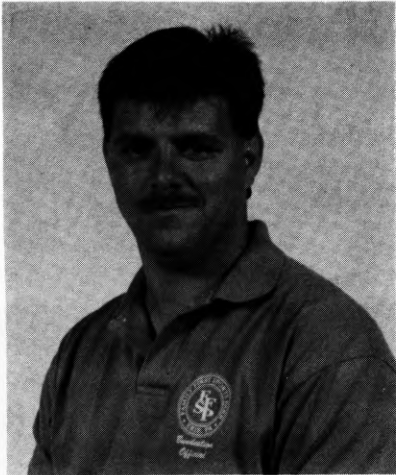
Edinboro women's soccer team played its first-ever home match against Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.

Playing on the campus soccer field located north of Sox Harrison Stadium, Edinboro made its home debut in front of a large, receptive crowd that included Edinboro President Frank G. Pogue, other Edinboro officials and representatives from the school's other athletic programs.

Slippery Rock beat Edinboro, but it still was a banner day for Edinboro's newest athletic program. Freshman Lindsay Smith scored the Boro's first-ever goal, and the warm reception the Scots received proved that Edinboro women's soccer has full support from the university community.

"It was fantastic," Kagiavas said. "The President was there, the band was there, the cheerleaders were there, some of our other teams were there. Just the fact that so many people were there was great, it really meant a lot to us. The school is so supportive of the program."

Edinboro plays 17 matches in its initial season, including seven home matches and 10 PSAC contests.



## Gary Kagiavas Head Coach

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania appointed Gary Kagiavas head coach of the Fighting Scots new women's soccer program in August.

Kagiavas, who has a wealth of playing and coaching experience both locally and at the international level, joined the Edinboro staff after serving as assistant manager of the Family First Sports Park in Erie, Pa., since October of 1994.

Kagiavas was a standout defender at Gannon University from 1987-91, and played professionally in his native South Africa, in Greece and Canada after earning his bachelor's

degree in 1991. He has held a variety of coaching positions at many levels of competition since 1989, highlighted by a successful stint as a professional coach in South Africa and a year as an assistant coach at Gannon.

While at Family First, Kagiavas was responsible for organizing all phases of the facility's indoor and outdoor soccer leagues, serving as tournament director for more than 12 tournaments a year and camp director for five major camps each year. Kagiavas was assistant tournament director for the 210-team Flagship Cup tournament, hosted by Edinboro University, and also coached the Erie Admirals, a new premier soccer club.

In 1994, Kagiavas was the head coach of Gannon's men's junior varsity soccer program, directing the team to its first winning record ever, an 8-5-3 mark. He also assisted head coach Marco Koolman with the varsity squads as the Golden Knight men posted a 15-2 overall record while advancing to the NCAA Final Four, as well as assisting with Gannon's women's program and coaching the 18-and-under Erie Strikers soccer club.

Kagiavas has been involved in coaching since 1989, when he began coaching the Erie Strikers and also coached at Villa Maria Elementary School. He guided Villa Maria to an 11-2-2 record, its first-ever winning mark. Between 1989 and 1994, Kagiavas coached at numerous camps and served as assistant director at several tournaments. In the spring of 1992, he was head coach of the Springs (South Africa) Old Boys of the Division I men's semi-professional league, earning Coach of the Year honors. In the summer of 1991, Kagiavas was head coach of the Boksburg "Two for Joy" Division II team that competed in the National Soccer League of South Africa. Kagiavas has earned a South African coaching license as well as a professional referee license.

Prior to his coaching career, Kagiavas was a four-year starter at Gannon, helping the Golden Knights advance to two NCAA Division II Final Four tournament appearances (1989 and 1990) and a pair of Elite Eight berths (1987 and 1988). He also has played professionally, competing for a St. Catherines team that won the Canadian Cup in the National Soccer League. Kagiavas was a player/coach for the Springs Old Boys and Boksburg "Two for Joy," as well as for the Eastern Transvaal all-select indoor team.

Gary and his wife, Dawn, a native of St. Marys, Pa., have a daughter, Kaylee, who was born in July.

## Q & A with Coach K

**Q:** What attracted you to the job at Edinboro?

**Kagiavas:** I think this is a great opportunity to build a program from the ground up. Edinboro University is committed to being successful in all of its athletic programs. I know we have strong commitment from the administration. Our goals and intentions are the same, and that is to build a very successful program. It's exciting to be a part of a new program.



**Q:** What are your goals for the Edinboro women's soccer program?

**Kagiavas:** The immediate goals are to recruit the best available players and prepare for the season. At the same time, we want to look at what's best for the program in the long term. We might struggle a little this year, but I'm confident in a year or two we'll have a very good program. Things will get better.

**Q:** Talk about the growing pains of a first-year program.

**Kagiavas:** It's tough being a first-year program, but I think we're going to surprise some people. Just because we're new, don't think for a second that we won't be competitive. Our players have worked hard in the preseason, and I think we're going to do well this year, especially if teams take us lightly. In soccer, there's not a lot of scoring. Games are usually 1-0, 2-0, 2-1, so we feel like if we play good defense, we'll have a chance to be in each match.

**Q:** How does the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference rate as a women's soccer conference?

**Kagiavas:** The PSAC is very tough, much better than some people may realize. Eight or nine of the 11 teams are of national caliber, and it's our goal to be included in that group as soon as possible.

**Q:** Realistically, how soon do you feel Edinboro can be a program of national caliber?

**Kagiavas:** I think we can be a Top 20 program, a program that will be consistently ranked (in NCAA Division II), in two to three years. We will have more time (in the near future) to recruit quality players, and the players who are here now will have a year under their belts. We don't want to be content with being mediocre; we want to be a Top 20 program.

## Edinboro Excited About First Season of Soccer

The Edinboro University of Pennsylvania women's soccer team is excited about the prospects of its first-ever season.

While new head coach Gary Kagiavas knows growing pains are to be expected for a first-year program, he and the players are ready to face the exciting challenge of not only competing this year, but in building a program.

"I think this is a great opportunity to build a program from the ground up," Kagiavas said. "Starting a program is difficult, but we hope to build a quality program through hard work and dedication."

Edinboro athletic director Jody Mooradian feels Kagiavas is the right fit for the Scots' program. Kagiavas has a wealth of local and international experience as a player, coach and administrator. A former player and assistant coach at nearby Gannon University, Kagiavas comes to Edinboro from Family First Sports Park in Erie, where he served as assistant manager.

"Gary has great knowledge of the sport, and he is well-respected in the local soccer community," Mooradian said. "His strong ties with area coaches and players should pay dividends in recruiting quality student-athletes to our program. He also has enjoyed a great deal of success as a player and coach internationally that he will bring to our program."

Even though Edinboro's roster consists of mostly first-year players, some who never played soccer before, Kagiavas feels his team can sneak up on opponents this season.

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"In soccer, there's not a lot of scoring. Games are usually 1-0, 2-0, 2-1, so we feel like if we play good defense, we'll have a chance to be in each match. It's exciting to start the season to see where we are in our development."

"We might struggle a little this year, but I'm confident in a year or two we'll have a very good program," Kagiavas said. "Anything we do this season is a bonus. We're not PSAC champs yet, but our goal is to have a winning season. You need to teach players how to win."

"We don't want to be content with being mediocre. We want to be a Top 20 program, a program that is consistently ranked (in NCAA Division II). And I think we can be a Top 20 program in two or three years. We will have more time to recruit quality players, and the players who are here now will have a year under their belts. Things can only get better from here on out."

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## Edinboro University of Pennsylvania 1996 Women's Soccer Alphabetical Roster

No	Name	Pos	Yr	Hometown/High School
22	Adiutori, Cara	FB	Jr	Fairview, Pa./Fairview
21	Blackhurst, Lisa	S	Fr	Franklin, Pa./Franklin
11	Dittman, Amy	F/HB	Sr	Gibsonia, Pa./St. Joseph's
	Elder, Colby	G	Jr	Lewistown, Pa./Indian Valley
15	Fox, Wendy	MF	Fr	Cuddy, Pa./South Fayette
3	Hatton, Jessica	MF	Fr	Wyalusing, Pa./Wyalusing
12	Hawley, Angela	HB/FB	Jr	Fairview, Pa./Fairview
24	Hokaj, Lisa	MF/HB	Sr	Erie, Pa./McDowell
23	Isgan, Dory	MF	Fr	Levittown, Pa./Conwell-Egan Cath.
2	Juiliano, Stephanie	MF/HB	Jr	Erie, Pa./McDowell
6	Kreider, Kristy	FB/D	So	Fairview, Pa./Fairview
14	Kress, Michelle	D	Jr	Lockport, N.Y./Lockport
10	Kronenwetter, Jenna	MF/F	Sr	Ontario, N.Y./Wayne Central
17	Lolley, Corrina	MF/HB	So	Waterford, Pa./Fort LeBoeuf
	Noves, Jen	G	So	DuBois, Pa./DuBois Area
25	Peyton, Cara	MF	Fr	Cincinnati, Ohio/McAuley
22	Raco, Nikki	HB	Fr	Bridgeville, Pa./South Fayette
4	Rodgers, Jessalynn	D	Fr	Chicora, Pa./Kams City Area
9	Smith, Lindsay	MF	Fr	Cincinnati, Ohio/McAuley
7	Tague, Brittany	F	Fr	Erie, Pa./McDowell

Head Coach: Gary Kagiavas (Gannon '91)

Position abbreviations:

D – defender; F – forward; FB – fullback; G – goalkeeper;

HB – halfback; MF – midfielder; S – sweeper.

## Edinboro University of Pennsylvania 1996 Women's Soccer Schedule

Sept. 7	at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania*	1 p.m.
Sept. 11	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania*	3 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania*	1 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania*	1 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Thiel College	4 p.m.
Sept. 28	Millersville University of Pennsylvania*	1 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Wheeling (W.Va.) Jesuit College	3 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Ashland (Ohio) University Invitational	3:15 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Ashland (Ohio) University Invitational	2:15 p.m.
Oct. 8	at California University of Pennsylvania*	4 p.m.
Oct. 12	West Chester University of Pennsylvania*	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	Thiel College	3 p.m.
Oct. 15	at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania*	4 p.m.
Oct. 20	West Virginia Wesleyan College	3 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Gannon University	4 p.m.
Oct. 23	Indiana University of Pennsylvania*	3 p.m.
Oct. 26	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania*	1 p.m.

\* Denotes Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference matches