

QUEEN BEES Soccer

Each National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics sport strives to uphold a central concept—to be a “Champion of Character.” St. Ambrose University Queen Bees soccer coach Jon Mannall believes his team raises that bar each year.

“It’s all about the attitude of the athlete,” Mannall says. “We expect a lot on and off the field—involvement in service to the community and to the school—with character-building activities that we expect everyone to adhere to.”

Mannall says the academic level his athletes have reached is exceptional. In 2007, six players added their names to a growing list of 33 Academic All-Americans in SAU women’s soccer history. Mannall believes that, with the development of this sound character, success on the field is sure to follow.

“When you have serious student-athletes who are dedicated to the values of the program, the talent you attract improves every year,” Mannall says. “Once those pieces are in place, you have a solid foundation on which to build a successful program.”

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Athletic success

In 2007, eight SAU players were named to the all-Midwest Collegiate Conference team and three were named All-Region VII. The Queen Bees recorded a 12-7-2 record overall and a 6-0-2 MCC record en route to MCC conference and conference tournament titles. The women’s soccer program carries a 169-109-15 record since its beginning.

“We are a very competitive program,” says Mannall, who will enter his sixth year as head coach of the women’s squad in 2008. “My main responsibility was to improve our program’s numbers and quality. We are back to that.”

The SAU women have inked nine different players on the list of NAIA All-Americans.

Midwest Collegiate Conference

St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa
Ashford University, Clinton, Iowa
Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa
Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa
Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Viterbo University, LaCrosse, Wis.
Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa
William Penn University, Oskaloosa, Iowa

Recent results

	OVERALL	CONFERENCE
2007	12-7-2	6-0-2 (1st, MCC tournament champs, NAIA Region VII semifinals)
2006	11-9	6-1 (2nd, MCC tournament semi-finals)
2005	9-11	4-3 (4th, MCC tournament semi-finals)
2004	6-14-1	5-2 (3rd, MCC tournament semi-finals)
2003	10-9-2	6-1 (3rd, Region VII tournament first round)

2007 MCC regular season

vs. Mount Mercy	W	5-0
at William Penn	W	3-0
at Ashford	T	2-2 (2 OT)
at Waldorf	W	7-0
vs. Grand View	T	1-1 (2 OT)
at Iowa Wesleyan	W	1-0
vs. Clarke	W	2-1
vs. Viterbo	W	3-0

2007 MCC Tournament

vs. William Penn	W	4-0
vs. Viterbo	W	2-1
vs. Clarke	W	1-0

2007 Region VII Tournament

vs. St. Xavier	L	3-2
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The coaching staff

In 2008, Jon Mannall will enter his sixth season as head coach of St. Ambrose Queen Bees soccer, where he holds a 48-50-5 record. He came to the United States from London and has been involved in Quad City area soccer for a number of years. After graduating from Marycrest International University, Mannall landed a head coaching position at Davenport North High School. In his first year as a coach there, he led his team to a second place finish in the Mississippi Athletic Conference and earned Coach of the Year honors.

He signed on at SAU in 2002 as an assistant before making the jump to head coach the following season. Mannall has been impressed with the chemistry of the players he has coached at St. Ambrose and believes that had a positive effect on success.

“I’ve had great pleasure in showing off this program to recruits,” he says. “Our team is a very coherent group. It’s an enjoyable atmosphere. Soccer should be a competitive but fun experience; it is a game after all. We want to always compete as best we can, but if you are enjoying yourself, you will work that much harder.”

Assistant Coach Edwin Disang enters his second year with the Queen Bees after an All American career with conference rival Grand View College. Hailing from Botswana, Disang brings great experience, knowledge and understanding of the game. Disang has never lost a conference game as a player or a coach!

Academic success

In 2007, six players were recognized as NAIA All-American Scholar Athletes. SAU has had 33 athletes in women’s soccer achieve that honor since the program began. Mannall expects academic and athletic dedication from his well-rounded group of players.

Community service

Giving back to the community and the college is important to the Queen Bees. Typically, the soccer team will participate in six to seven community service projects throughout the year. Projects have included a gift-giving program with SAU’s neighborhood schools and a youth clinic.

“We’ll bring local youth teams into practice to give our athletes a little opportunity to get involved with coaching, but also to see what kind of influence they have on other young student-athletes,” Mannall says.

Facilities

Lee Lohman Arena on the St. Ambrose campus has an exercise room with free weights, weight machines and cardiovascular workout machines. Soccer athletes use the Lee Lohman facilities during in the off-season. During the season, St. Ambrose plays its games at the Davenport Soccer Complex and practices on Assumption High School’s soccer fields.

Financial aid

Partial scholarships not tied to academics and financial need are available.