



Michael Smolens
16th Season
200-92-25 (.631)
Head Soccer Coach
Springfield '84

Head Coach Michael Smolens completed his 16th season at the helm of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy men's soccer program, which he guided the Mariners to a ledger of 13-5-3 overall, including a 7-1 mark in league play and a third consecutive trip to the Skyline Conference Finals. The Mariners earned the top-seed in the 2005 ECAC Championships, marking the 10th straight post-season appearance and 20th in the past 30 years.

Smolens has endured much success in his tenure at the Academy. At the conclusion of the 2004 campaign, he received NSCAA/Adidas Metro Region Coach of the Year honors for the second time in his career. He was also named the Skyline Conference Coach of the Year in leading the Mariners to a mark of 19-3 overall. Kings Point ranked as high as sixth in the nation over the course of the season.

The 2004 team concluded the regular season ranked 17th nationally in the National Soccer Coaches Athletic Association (NSCAA) Poll. USMMA also earned a post-season bid to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament.

Smolens had guided the Mariners to 14 post-season berths in his 16 seasons with the Blue and Gray. He has led the Blue and Gray to an ECAC Championship, seven Skyline Conference Titles, and a Suburban Conference Championship. His teams earned post-season bids to the NCAA Tournament in 2000 and 2002.

In 2002, the Mariners advanced to the "Sweet Sixteen." Smolens was honored as the 2002 Regional Coach of the Year by the NSCAA.

In addition to his coaching duties, Smolens serves as the Associate Athletic Director for Internal Operations, overseeing compliance, scheduling and academic affairs.

A 1984 alumnus of Springfield College where he earned Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education, Smolens was a three-year starter for the Chiefs' soccer team. He earned a Master's Degree in Sports Administration from Adelphi University in 1990 and holds a USSF "B" coaching license, and a NSCAA advanced national coaching diploma.

In his leisure, Coach Smolens worked with numerous soccer programs, including the New York State Olympic Development squads and Coaching License Clinics.

Smolens resides in Great Neck, New York with his wife, Patti, and daughter Kate.



John Fitzgerald
Assoc. Head Coach
8th Season
Farmingdale St. '85

John Fitzgerald, in his eighth year as the Associate Head Coach of the Mariners, brings a wealth of coaching and administrative experience to the Blue and Gray. Since his arrival the Mariners have thrived as a regional power. In 2004 he earned NSCAA/Adidas Northeast Regional Assistant Coach of the Year honors.

Since 2003, Fitzgerald has served as the Technical Director of the Long Island Junior Soccer League ODP. As head coach of the Long Island Lady Rough Riders ('96-'98), Fitzgerald led the team to the 1997 W-League National Championship title, posting a record of 33-9.

Additional experience includes the NSCAA Regional Technical Director; Head Coach of the 1998 USISL W-League Umbro All-Star Select Team; Head Coach of the LIJSL Coaching Academy ('96-'98), Eastern New York Olympic Development Program staff coach ('86-'97); Men's Assistant Coach at Farmingdale State University ('90-'96), Head Coach of three-time State Champion Hicksville Hawks ('86-'95), placing 10 state select players, four regional select players, three national team players, and three professional players; Assistant Coach of the Women's U.S. Region I Select Team ('86).

"Coach Fitzgerald's leadership and expertise continually contribute to the high success of our program," states Smolens.

A 1985 graduate of SUNY Farmingdale, Fitzgerald is an NSCAA "Premiere Diploma" licensed coach, and owns a USSF "A" coaching license.

Fitzgerald resides in Smithtown, New York with his wife Elizabeth, and their children, Erin and Sean.



Travis Beauchamp
Assistant Coach
2nd Season
Washington College '99

Travis Beauchamp completed his second season as assistant coach for the men's soccer team and works primarily with the goalkeepers, while assisting with all other aspects of the program.

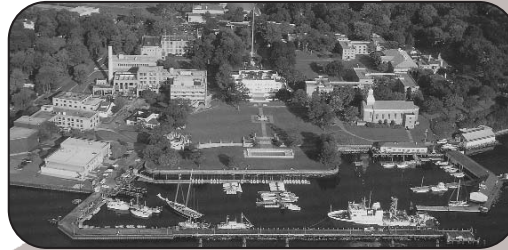
Before coming to Kings Point, Beauchamp gained invaluable experience serving as an assistant coach at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine. In addition to assisting with the boys' varsity soccer team, he served as head coach of the school's junior varsity squad. Beauchamp's team went 6-4-2 in 2003, advancing to the MAISAD playoffs before falling in a penalty-kick shootout to arch-rival Hebron Academy. Additionally, Beauchamp served as a teacher at the school.

Prior to his time at Gould, Beauchamp was an assistant coach under Lin Outten at his alma mater - Washington College (Md.). He primarily worked with the goalkeepers during his two-year stint, leading the Shoremen to a 20-16-2 record in that time frame.

Beauchamp, a four-year starter in net for Washington College, received his bachelor's degree in 1999. A three-time All-Centennial Conference selection (1995 Honorable Mention, First-Team choice in '97 and '98), he received NSCAA All-South Region Second-Team honors as a senior. During his playing career, Beauchamp helped lead the soccer Class of 1999 to a school-record 41 victories.

"Coach Beauchamp has done an outstanding job with our goalkeepers and has been an excellent addition to our coaching staff," states Smolens.

Beauchamp, who will assist the USMMA tennis team in the spring of 2005, resides in Great Neck, New York with his wife Dmitry.



THIS IS KINGS POINT

The United States Merchant Marine Academy was dedicated on September 30, 1943, at the former Walter P. Chrysler estate in Kings Point, NY. World War II required the Academy to forgo normal operation and increase enrollment from 1,000 to 2,700 meeting the emergency personnel needs of the Merchant Marine. During World War II, 210 Midshipmen and graduates gave their lives in service to their country, and many other midshipmen and graduates survived the war at sea. Seven Midshipmen and one graduate were awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the Merchant Marine, the nation's highest decoration for notable gallantry and devotion to duty. In the closing days of World War II, plans were formulated to establish a four-year, college-level program to meet the peacetime needs of the Merchant Marine.

The Academy's national value was once again recognized as it accelerated graduating classes during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and for its involvement in such programs as training officers of the first U. S. nuclear-powered merchant ship, the *Savannah*.

Admission requirements were amended in 1974, and the Academy became the first federal service school to enroll women students. During the Persian Gulf conflict in early 1991, and for many months prior to the war, both Academy graduates and Midshipmen played key roles in the massive sealift of military supplies to the Middle East.

Kings Point, which is one of the five federal academies, has grown in stature and has become one of the world's foremost institutions in the field of maritime education. Midshipmen select their major course of study from among six major programs: Marine Transportation, Marine Operations and Technology, Marine Engineering, Marine Engineering Systems, Shipyard and Marine Engineering Management, and Logistics and Intermodal Transportation. Upon graduation, Midshipmen will receive a degree in their chosen major, a Coast Guard License to sail in the above capacities, and a commission as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

An integral part of the Academy curriculum is the training Midshipmen receive at sea. During their four years, Midshipmen spend approximately half of their sophomore and junior years aboard merchant vessels, sailing the trade routes of the world. This experience allows Midshipmen to explore the maritime field and travel the world.

Today, graduates are serving with distinction in all sectors of the maritime industry - as ship's officers, steamship company executives, admiralty lawyers, marine underwriters, naval architects, oceanographers, and career officers in the United States Navy, Coast Guard, Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps.



KINGS POINT
MARINERS
SOCCER

Achievements under Smolens	
Highest National Rank 6th - 2004	All-Americans 3
NCAA Berths 2 - 2000, 2002	All-Region 19
Conference Championships 8	Coach of the Year Regional - 2 Conference - 8
Post-Season Bids 14	

USMMA SOCCER TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE CONTINUES IN 2005

Coming off one of the most successful year's in program history, which saw the team ranked as high as sixth nationally, the 2005 United States Merchant Marine Academy Soccer program improved upon its rich history with a mark of 13-5-3 overall and 7-1 ledger in league play. Kings Point continued its streak of post-season play to ten straight years of playoff competition. USMMA has participated in post-season games in 20 of the last 30 years, making the Mariners one of the most successful Division III programs in the country.

This post-season, Kings Point advanced to the Skyline Conference finals for the third straight year.

USMMA earned the top-seed in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Metro Championships and advanced to the semi-final.

At season's end, six Mariners were recognized for their efforts over the course of the season, including senior captain **Nick Dandapani**, (First Team All-Skyline and Second Team All-Metro Region); junior goalkeeper **Joseph Halverson** (First Team All-Skyline and Second Team All-Metro Region); junior defender **Matt Steinkamp** (Second Team All-Skyline); junior forward **Kyle Flynn** (First Team All-Skyline and First Team All-Metro Region); sophomore defender **Chris Nitta** (First Team All-Skyline); freshman **Chris Flanagan** (First Team All-Skyline and Skyline Rookie of the Year).

16th year head coach **Michael Smolens** earned his 200th career win in USMMA's spectacular last second win in the Skyline Conference semi-finals versus Manhattanville College.

USMMA Soccer is a unique experience in comparison to other institutions throughout the country. The Soccer Mariners sport a national roster with top athletes from some of the best high schools and club teams throughout the country. Kings Point also receives a warm reception and following from many supporters, alumni, family and friends, making road games feel like home.

The Mariners split the home schedule on both the FieldTurf surface of Captain Tomb Field and the natural grass surface of Lower Roosevelt Field. Many of the weekday games are played at night under the lights. USMMA takes much pride in defending its home field with a 19-3-2 mark at Kings Point the last two seasons.

With the loss of just two seniors to graduation, the Mariners are sure to find themselves back in the championship

hunt in 2006, their final year of competition in the Skyline Conference. Entering the 2007 campaign, USMMA will become a member of a new eight-team conference consisting of Goucher College, Juniata College, Moravian College, Susquehanna University, Catholic University, Drew University and Stevens Institute of Technology.



Captain Tomb Field



Lower Roosevelt Field

ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE

*Grady Willis '98
(General Electric, Chicago, IL)*

"Kings Point Soccer not only allowed me to compete at a high level of competition, it allowed me the opportunity to make friends for life. The education, second to none, prepared me for the many challenges that lie ahead in my long and successful voyage."

*Kyle Miller '01
(Uniermed Services University of Health Services (Bethesda, MD)*

"Kings Point is the reason I have made it to where I am today. Not only did my experiences while at sea lead me to a career in medicine, but the rigorous academic load coupled with playing soccer prepared me to go on active duty in the Navy and let them pay for all of my medical school expenses."

2006 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 2	Rutgers-Camden#	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Sept. 6	Mt. St. Vincent*	Kings Point, NY	7:00 PM
Sept. 9	Coast Guard	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Sept. 13	at Farmingdale*	Farmingdale, NY	4:30 PM
Sept. 16	at Vassar	Poughkeepsie, NY	2:00 PM
Sept. 20	St. Joseph's*	Kings Point, NY	7:30 PM
Sept. 23	NYU	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Sept. 26	Drew	Kings Point, NY	7:30 PM
Sept. 30	at Mt. St. Mary*	Newburgh, NY	1:00 PM
Oct. 4	at Old Westbury*	Old Westbury, NY	4:00 PM
Oct. 7	Manhattanville*	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Oct. 10	Maritime*	Throggs Neck, NY	7:30 PM
Oct. 13	at Stevens Tech*	Hoboken, NJ	7:00 PM
Oct. 14	Hunter%	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Oct. 18	at Montclair State	Upper Montclair, NJ	7:00 PM
Oct. 21	Centenary*S	Kings Point, NY	12:00 PM
Nov. 1	Skyline Conference Tournament Semis	TBA	
Nov. 4	Skyline Conference Tournament Finals	TBA	

*- Skyline Conference Match
#- Plebe Acceptance Day/Parent's Weekend
%- Homecoming(Alumni Game to follow)
\$- Senior Day

MARINERS' CLUB EXPERIENCE

Player	Club
Patrick Boyle	Merrick Storm (NY)
Joe Castro	Dunedin Stirling (FL)
Neal Duncan	Comets 85 Blue (TX)
Joseph Halverson	Lions FC (TX)
David Heichemer	Norcross Fury Gold (GA)
Garrett Knese	Albertson Red Storm (NY)
Jacob Munch	Temple Terrace Spirit (FL)
Chris Nitta	AZVH Hammers 86 (AZ)
David Poulnot	Mt. Pleasant Pumas (SC)
Will Sprouse	FC Whetchester (NY)
David Arnold	SJ Barons (NJ)
Andrew Booth	Colorado Rush (CO)
Chris Flanagan	Northport Thunder (NY)
Nick Dandapani	Redding Utd. (CT)
Kyle Flynn	Yorktown Spirit (NY)
Kris Hickey	South Shore Utd. (MA)
Kyle Luetjen	Blue Valley Stars (KS)
David Pratt	Stafford Sting (VA)
Timothy Raab	BW Gottschee (NY)
Scott Samulis	Pittsgrove FC (NJ)
Brad Silveira	Texas Premier FC (TX)
Matt Steinkamp	Placer Utd. (CA)
Preston Stokes	Avillino SC (KS)

2005 USMMA SOCCER ROSTER



No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School
0	Joseph Halverson	GK	5-10	158	JR	San Antonio, TX/W.H. Taft
00	Dan Westendorf	GK	6-0	175	FR	Colts Neck, NJ/Colts Neck
1	Preston Stokes	GK	6-0	150	FR	Overland Park, KN/Blue Valley
2	Timothy Raab	M	6-2	170	FR	East Williston, NY/Chaminade
4	Andrew Booth	D	6-2	185	FR	Castle Rock, CO/Highlands Ranch
5	David Arnold	D	5-9	155	FR	Sicklerville, N.J./Winstow Twp.
6	Kyle Luetjen	F	5-11	160	FR	Overland Park, KN/Blue Valley
7	David Poulnot	M	5-9	155	SO	Sullivan Island, SC/Bishop England
8	Kyle Flynn	F	5-8	145	JR	Poughquag, NY/Arlington
9	Will Sprouse	M	6-0	170	SO	Cortland Manor, NY/Hendrick Hudson
10	Matt Steinkamp	D	5-10	170	JR	Roseville, CA/Roseville
11	Scott Samulis	M	5-10	165	FR	Blackwood, NJ/Paul VI
12	Brad Silveira	M	5-8	148	FR	Katy, TX/Cinuo Ranch
13	Patrick Boyle	M	5-8	170	JR	Middle Village, NY/Abp. Molloy
14	Connor Pratt	M	5-11	180	FR	Stafford, VA/Colonial Forge
15	Neal Duncan	M	6-0	155	JR	Coppell, TX/Coppell
16	Chris Nitta	D	6-0	175	SO	Scottsdale, AZ/Brophy Prep
17	David Heichemer	F	6-0	175	SR	Norcross, GA/Norcross
18	Jacob Munch	D	5-8	180	JR	Tampa, FL/H.B. Plant
19	Nick Dandapani	M	5-11	170	SR	Greenwich, CT/Joel Barlow
20	Joe Castro	F	5-10	180	SO	Oldsmar, FL/East Lake
22	Chris Flanagan	M	5-7	145	FR	Yaphank, NY/St. Anthony's
23	Kris Hickey	M	5-7	148	FR	South Weymouth, MA/Weymouth
27	Garrett Knese	M	5-7	150	SO	Douglasston, NY/Bayside

2005 QUICK FACTS

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