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The RedStorm men's soccer team has advanced just about as far as a team can advance without winning the title in each of the last two seasons. Two years ago, Rio Grande played for the national championship for the second time in school history and lost in the opening moments of overtime. Last season, Rio Grande was ousted in the national semifinal on penalty kicks. Expectations for 2010 are as high as they have ever been and Rio Grande may be equipped better than they ever have to win a championship. It's just a matter now of seeing how it all plays out on the pitch.

Rio Grande is ranked No. 4 in the NAIA Pre-season Top 25 poll and has been picked to finish second in the Mid-South Conference behind defending MSC and national champion Lindsey Wilson.

Rio Grande posted an 18-3-3 record last season advancing to the national semi's before falling to NAIA pre-season No. 2 The Master's College on penalty kicks.

Rio Grande head coach Scott Morrissey begins his 22nd season as head coach. He brings 312 career victories and a .740 winning percentage into the 2010 campaign. He thinks this year's team is stronger than the Final Four team from last season. "I think for the first time in a couple years, we return just about every single player with the exception of a couple of seniors and I think we've strengthened our squad a little bit," Morrissey said. "We're working out a few other issues on the squad itself, but I'm pretty pleased with where we're at to this point in the pre-season."

"Overall, I think we've got a really good balance, we've got great chemistry, we've got players who can play in various positions, we've got enough depth in every single area and quality in every single area," Morrissey said. "We have guys who can step in and contribute and change the complexion of the game for us."

"Overall, where we were a year ago to where to we are now, I think we're ahead of where we were in 2009," Morrissey added. "Does that mean we're going to be that much more successful or get to the same level? You've got to go out and play, you've got to go out and work hard every day and that ultimately will be the challenge — to make sure that this group stays focused and understands that you're not just going to walk out and get a result, not against any opposition that we play. You've got to work for it and you've

got to earn it and that will be the challenge with this group."

Morrissey knows that the expectations are high for his team and he knows that the opposition will have the Rio game circled on their calendars. "I think we're probably the biggest game for every team on their schedule, with the exception of a couple of teams, and they're in the same boat we're in, where every team that they play, it's the biggest game of the year," Morrissey said.

"The Mid-South Conference is a great conference to compete in," Morrissey added. "We certainly still have the luxury of some of our familiar foes in the AMC (American Midwest Conference) that we're still playing."

In addition to the conference foes, Morrissey says that the RedStorm have another strong schedule of opponents to have to deal with. "We've got a great schedule, a great non-conference schedule in Indiana Wesleyan, Bethel (TN), Grace and a couple of other teams escape me, but it should be a good season, expectations are very high, but we're trying to just take it one day at a time and improve from one day to the next."

The RedStorm return nearly every player from last year's team, including MSC Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year and NAIA 1st Team All-American Scott Bibby (Doncaster, England). Bibby, a sophomore forward, was the team's top scorer from last season (24 goals, 8 assists). High scoring forwards Richard Isberner (Sao Paulo, Brazil) and Rafael Maccauro (Sao Paulo, Brazil) are also returning sophomores. Isberner was the team's second leading scorer with 19 goals and 10 assists on the season, earning All-MSC accolades. Maccauro scored seven goals and had 12 assists. Senior midfielder Ederson Lopes (Sao Paulo, Brazil), an All-MSC and 1st Team All-American performer, is back from an injury-plagued campaign in which he still managed to produce 12 goals and 10 assists.

Other key returning players include junior forward Joel Thiessen (Newcastle, Australia), junior midfielder/forward Neil Harries (Lancashire, England), senior midfielder Chris Anderson (Lancaster, England), senior midfielder Phil

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Stansfield (Yorkshire, England), sophomore midfielder/forward Oliver Hewitt-Fisher (Swansea, Wales) and senior defenders Steven O'Hara (Liverpool, England) and Dylan Williams (Bangor, Wales). Stansfield was an All-MSOC award winner last season while Harries and Thiessen were given All-MSOC honorable mention nods.

Junior goalkeeper Jordan Lower (South Webster, OH) returns to once again to mind the net for the RedStorm. Lower, an athletic presence at the back end of the Rio defense, was an All-MSOC performer a season ago. He registered 56 saves and had a 1.04 goals against average.

Rio is once again blessed with plenty of talented newcomers. Roberto Lopes (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Brandon Tyler (Phoenix, AZ) and Mike Torbert (Annandale, VA) are all expected to be factors in the defensive backfield for the RedStorm.

Morrissey said that there has been one newcomer that caught his eye this pre-season and that is Orlando Zapata (Miami, FL). "He's going to factor in for us," Morrissey said. "He brings something a little different to the game up front that we haven't had in a long time. He's got a load of pace and has a good nose for the goal."

Morrissey also sees freshmen Kort Wolfe (Circleville, OH) and Paul Wyatt Smith (Chillicothe, OH) as players who could push for some varsity time.

**AUGUST**

25	HOUGHTON COLLEGE	HOME	4:00
	D. WAYNE EVANS CLASSIC		
27	SPRING ARBOR V NOTRE DAME	HOME	4:30
	RIO GRANDE V GRACE	HOME	7:00
28	NOTRE DAME V GRACE	HOME	3:00
	RIO GRANDE V SPRING ARBOR	HOME	7:00

**SEPTEMBER**

4	SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY*	HOME	7:00
10	CEDARVILLE TOURNAMENT	AWAY	5:00
11	CEDARVILLE TOURNAMENT	AWAY	5:00
15	WEST VIRGINIA TECH*	HOME	7:00
18	ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECH	HOME	7:00
22	MT. VERNON NAZERENE	AWAY	4:00
25	CAMPBELLSVILLE*	AWAY	TBA

**OCTOBER**

2	ROBERTS WESLEYAN COLLEGE	HOME	7:00
9	UNIV. OF THE CUMBERLANDS*	HOME	7:00
14	CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY	AWAY	7:00
16	GEORGETOWN COLLEGE*	AWAY	1:00
19	ST. CATHARINE COLLEGE*	HOME	TBA
23	LINDSEY WILSON COLLEGE*	AWAY	7:00 ct
29	PIKEVILLE COLLEGE*	HOME	7:00

**NOVEMBER**

2	WALSH UNIVERSITY	HOME	7:00
6	MID-SOUTH TOURNEY	HOME	TBA
11	MID-SOUTH SEMI-FINAL	TBA	TBA
12	MID-SOUTH FINAL	TBA	TBA
20	NAIA FIRST ROUND	TBA	TBA
29	NAIA SECOND ROUND	ORANGE BEACH, AL	TBA

**DECEMBER**

1-4	NAIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	ORANGE BEACH, AL	TBA
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\*DENOTES MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE GAME



### **Scott Morrissey**

Morrissey assumed the head coaching position at Rio Grande in September of 1989. He has taken what was a fledgling program and transformed into a national powerhouse.

Morrissey has amassed 312 wins during his tenure for Rio Grande. He has guided Rio Grande to eight consecutive NAIA National Tournaments, four semi-final appearances (2001, 2003, 2008, 2009), two national title game appearances (2003, 2008) and one NAIA National Championship (2003).

Rio has won nine conference titles and seven NAIA region championships during his tenure.

Morrissey won four American Midwest Conference Coach of Year awards (1998, 2001-03) and was named the NAIA National Coach of the Year in 2001, and 2003.

Morrissey starred in both soccer and basketball at Tiffin University and is a member of their athletics Hall of Fame. While at Tiffin, he was All-Mid-Ohio Conference in soccer in 1985-88, including winning the MOC Player of the Year award in 1988. Morrissey was a two-time NAIA All-American (1987-88). He was selected to the Senior Bowl's West Squad in 1989.

Morrissey graduated from Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati, OH.

Morrissey also serves as Assistant Director of Athletics and Director of Compliance.

He and his wife, Kathy, reside in Gallipolis, OH with their two daughters, Allison and Samantha and one son, Brenan.



### **Tony Daniels**

Daniels begins his 19th season as assistant coach for the Rio Grande coaching staff. He is no stranger to Rio Grande, having graduated from Rio in 1992. While at Rio Grande, Daniels was a fixture on the men's soccer team.

He has been an integral part in assisting Coach Morrissey in transforming the Rio program into a national powerhouse. Daniels is instrumental in all facets of the program including recruiting and game planning.

Daniels also serves as Director of Lyne Center and the Rio Grande Fitness Center.

Daniels and his wife, Teresa live in Rio Grande with their son, Keagen and daughter, Kamryn.



### **Paul Nicholson**

Nicholson is in his second season as an assistant for Rio Grande after an outstanding four-year playing career for Rio Grande.

He was selected first team All-American in 2008. Nicholson was a key figure on both offense and defense for the RedStorm. He was a first team All-American Midwest Conference performer as well.

Nicholson was also tabbed the Defensive Most Valuable Player of the NAIA Tournament last year. He was honorable mention All-AMC in 2007 and was on the second team in 2006.

For his career, Nicholson scored 17 goals and registered seven assists (41 points) in 83 career games. His sophomore season he established himself as one of the top defensive players in the country and his last two seasons, he shifted to the mid-field



and became more of an offensive threat, scoring six goals and six assists (18 points) as a junior.

He was the only NAIA player to make the Major League Soccer (MLS) Combine List for 2009 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Nicholson, a native of Whitehaven, England, is the second player in Rio Grande history to make the illustrious list.



**Sean Bray**

Bray is in his first season as an assistant with the RedStorm program. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the program.

Sean is a graduate of Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI). He played collegiately at Vincennes University during the 1993-94 season and played one year at IUPUI in 1995.

After his playing career, Bray served as assistant coach at Marian (IN) University from 2003-04 and was head coach at Marian from 2007-09.

Bray received an Advanced National Diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. He has served as a staff coach for numerous soccer camps across the country, including Indiana University, University of Alabama-Birmingham, University of Michigan, Screaming Eagles Soccer Camp, Butler University, University of Wisconsin, Penn State University and the University of Rio Grande.

Other coaching experience includes state coach for the Indiana Olympic Development Program (2007-09). State of Ohio South Olympic Development program (2010-present) and he was the club coach for the U-17, U-18 Boys at First Capital Futbol Club in Chillicothe, Ohio (2010-present).

Sean and his wife Amy reside in Jackson, OH with their two sons, Bruce and Luke.



**Stuart Croft**

Croft is in his first season as an assistant for the RedStorm program. He completed a four-year playing career for Rio Grande following the 2009 season. He was a part of back-to-back national semifinal qualifiers in 2008 and 2009.

Croft is a native of Wigan, England. He is the son of Paul and Gina Croft.

Prior to attending Rio Grande, Croft played for Man City Academy and West Lancashire in England.

Croft has prior coaching experience with Pro Score Academy and St. John Goby College in England.



**Marc Young**  
Assistant Coach  
1st Year



**Codi Crippen**  
Grad Assistant  
1st Year



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### **Player**

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00-Jonathan Viscosi  
1-Jordan Lower  
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3-Steven O'Hara  
4-Brandon Tyler  
6-Neil Harries  
7-Joel Thiessen  
8-Oliver Hewitt-Fisher  
9-Chris Anderson  
10-Ederson Lopes  
11-Paul Wyatt Smith  
14-Dylan Williams  
15-Drew McCaffery  
17-Phil Stansfield  
19-Scott Bibby  
20-Rafael Maccauro  
21-Kort Wolfe  
22-Mike Torbert  
23-Richard Isberner  
33-Orlando Zapata

### **Class**

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### **Pos.**

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### **Hometown**

Leeds, England  
Ottawa, Ontario  
South Webster, OH  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Liverpool, England  
Phoenix, AZ  
Lancashire, England  
Newcastle, Australia  
Swansea, Wales  
Lancaster, England  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Chillicothe, OH  
Bangor, Wales  
Ashland, KY  
Yorkshire, England  
Doncaster, England  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Circleville, OH  
Annandale, VA  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Miami, FL

Head Coach: Scott Morrissey  
Assistant Coach: Paul Nicholson  
Assistant Coach: Stuart Croft

Assistant Coach: Tony Daniels  
Assistant Coach: Marc Young

Assistant Coach: Sean Bray  
Assistant Coach: Codi Crippen

# MEN'S SOCCER PLAYERS



### ***0-Jack Marchant***

Height: 6-1  
Class: JR  
Hometown: Leeds, England  
Previous School: Ilkley Grammar School  
Position: Goalkeeper  
Major: Business Management  
Parents: Bob & Sheila Marchant



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**00-Jonathan Viscosi**

Height: 6-2

Class: SO

Hometown: Ottawa, ONT

Previous School: All Saints Catholic High School

Position: Goalkeeper

Major: Marketing

Parents: Joseph & Rosalie Viscosi



**1-Jordan Lower**

Height: 6-1

Class: JR

Hometown: South Webster, OH

Previous School: South Webster High School

Position: Goalkeeper

Major: Physical Education

Parents: Jeffrey & Carla Lower



**2-Roberto Lopes**

Height: 6-1

Class: FR

Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil



**3-Steven O'Hara**

Height: 5-10

Class: SR

Hometown: Liverpool, England

Previous School: Prescott Comprehensive School

Position: Mid-Fielder/Defender

Major: Marketing

Parents: Tony & Tracey O'Hara



**4-Brandon Tyler**

Height: 5-9

Class: SO

Hometown: Phoenix, AZ





### **6-Neil Harries**

Height: 6-3

Class: JR

Hometown: Lancashire, England

Previous School: St. Mary's College

Position: Mid-Fielder/Forward

Major: Sports & Exercise Studies

Parents: Richard & Janette Harries



### **7-Joel Thiessen**

Height: 5-8

Class: JR

Hometown: Newcastle, Australia

Previous School: University of New Mexico

Position: Mid-fielder/Forward

Major: Business Management/Marketing

Parents: John Thiessen



### **8-Oliver Hewitt-Fisher**

Height: 5-9

Class: SO

Hometown: Swansea, Wales

Previous School: Neath Port Talbot College

Position: Mid-Fielder/Forward

Major: Sports & Exercise Studies

Parents: Carl Hewitt & Clare Fisher



### **9-Chris Anderson**

Height: 5-11

Class: SR

Hometown: Lancaster, England

Previous School: Lancaster College

Position: Mid-Fielder

Major: Sports & Exercise Studies

Parents: Bob Anderson & Sue Lavender



### **10-Ederson Lopes**

Height: 6-1

Class: SR

Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Previous School: Colegio Dimensia

Position: Forward

Major: Sports & Exercise Studies

Parents: Iraci da Silva-Lopes & Jaraildes

Francisco Lopes

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**13-Orlando Zapata**

Height: 5-9  
 Class: FR  
 Hometown: Medellin, Columbia  
 Previous School: Miami Dade College  
 Position: Striker (Forward)  
 Major: Industrial Technology  
 Parents: Orlando Zapata & Marta Eugenia Garcia



**14-Dylan Williams**

Height: 5-7  
 Class: SR  
 Hometown: Bangor, Wales  
 Previous School: Friars High School  
 Position: Mid-Fielder  
 Parents: Gwyn Williams & Carol Thomas  
 Major: Sports & Exercise Studies



**15-Drew McCaffery**

Height: 5-10  
 Class: SR  
 Hometown: Ashland, KY  
 Previous School: Paul Blazer High School



**16-Paul Wyatt Smith**

Height: 6-0  
 Class: FR  
 Hometown: Chillicothe, OH  
 Previous School: Zane Trace High School  
 Position: Left Wing  
 Major: Nursing  
 Parents: The Late Paul J. Smith & Katrina Smith



**17-Phil Stansfield**

Height: 5-7  
 Class: SR  
 Hometown: Yorkshire, England  
 Previous School: Benton Park High School  
 Position: Defender  
 Major: Sports & Exercise Studies  
 Parents: Ian & Diane Stansfield





### **19-Scott Bibby**

Height: 5-11

Class: SO

Hometown: Doncaster, England

Previous School: Edlington Comprehensive

Position: Forward/Striker

Major: Business

Parents: Kevin & Bev Bibby



### **20-Rafael Maccauro**

Height: 5-9

Class: SO

Hometown: Sao Paulo, Brazil



### **21-Kort Wolfe**

Height: 5-8

Class: FR

Hometown: Circleville, OH

Previous School: Circleville High School

Position: Striker (Forward)

Major: Early Childhood Education

Parents: Dave & Jodi Beckley



### **22-Mike Torbert**

Height: 6-0

Class: FR

Hometown: Annandale, VA

Previous School: Annandale High School

Position: Defender/Forward

Major: Business

Parents: Joe & Kathy Petterman



### **23-Richard Isberner**

Height: 6-0

Class: FR

Hometown: Annandale, VA

Previous School: Annandale High School

Position: Defender/Forward

Major: Business

Parents: Joe & Kathy Petterman



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