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Schoolcraft Defeats Lakeland in Season Finale

KIRTLAND, Ohio (October 24, 2014) – Visiting Schoolcraft College scored in each half to improve to 14-2 overall and defeat the Lakeland Community College men's soccer team 2-0 in the Lakers' season finale Friday afternoon.

Victor Contreras' goal in the 23rd minute opened the scoring before Billy Werthman doubled the visitors' advantage three minutes into the second half.

Roger Zaragoza (Las Vegas, Nev.) made seven saves for the Lakers, who were unable to find the back of the net despite seven shots.

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Lakers Edged by Cuyahoga in Conference Finale

ELYRIA, Ohio (October 16, 2014) – Roger Zaragoza (Las Vegas, Nev.) made ten saves and denied a penalty kick in the first half, but visiting Cuyahoga Community College pounced on the rebound and converted the opportunity to earn a slim 1-0 victory over host Lakeland Community College on Wednesday afternoon. The Lakers (2-16-1, 0-5-1 OCCAC) will host Schoolcraft on Friday at 1 p.m. in the season finale.

Dalton Joyce's goal in the 10th minute proved to be the difference in an evenly matched game between local rivals. The Challengers held a slim 11-8 advantage in shots on goal and improved to 6-10-2 overall (2-4 OCCAC) with the victory.

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Men Drop Two Matches in Michigan

MUSKEGON, Mich. (October 19, 2014) – The Lakeland men's soccer team suffered a pair of losses in Michigan over the weekend, falling to Muskegon 3-2 on Saturday afternoon before losing to Lake Michigan, 2-0, on Sunday.

Alassane Diop (Cincinnati, Ohio) and **Marc Champiney** (Warren, Ohio) each found the back of the net against Muskegon on assists from **John Forde** (Toronto, Ontario) and **George Toe** (Euclid). The two sides were even on shots with seven apiece while Muskegon held a 4-1 advantage in corner kicks.

Lake Michigan scored twice in the opening half en route to a 2-0 victory to close out the weekend. Freshman goalkeeper **Alex DeCamillo** made seven saves in just his third career start to keep the Lakers within striking distance.

Lakeland returns to action on Wednesday (Oct. 22) when it hosts Cuyahoga at 4 p.m.

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Champiney Brace Propels Lakeland Past Lorain County

ELYRIA, Ohio (October 16, 2014) – Marc Champiney (Warren, Ohio) scored twice and the Lakeland men's soccer team opened the game with four unanswered goals en route to a 4-2 victory over host Lorain County on Thursday afternoon. The victory gives the Lakers their second win over the Commodores in as many tries this season and moves their overall record to 2-13-1.

Champiney opened the scoring in the seventh minute thanks to an assist from **George Toe** (Monrovia, Liberia / Euclid). Toe then connected with classmate **John Forde** (Toronto, Ontario) two minutes later to double the advantage less than ten minutes into the match.

Abou Ndiaye (Dakar, Senegal) recorded his first collegiate goal in the 25th minute on a feed from Champiney to make it 3-0 before Champiney secured the win with his second of the day in the 30th minute. **Robby Vallarelli** (Chardon, Ohio / Chardon) registered the assist on Lakeland's final goal of the day.

Alex DeCamillo earned his first collegiate win in net, making two saves on the day to move to 1-0-1 on the season.

Lakeland returns to action on Saturday (Oct. 18) when it takes on Muskegon on the road at 11 a.m.

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Forde Helps Men Tie Cincinnati State

KIRTLAND, Ohio (October 11, 2014) – John Forde (Toronto, Ontario) put the Lakeland men's soccer team ahead of visiting Cincinnati State midway through the second half before the visitors found a late equalizer with less than four minutes remaining in

regulation to salvage a split on Saturday afternoon. After the Surge pulled level in the 87th minute the two sides went scoreless through two overtime periods and settled for a point apiece.

The draw against conference-leading Cincinnati State is the first point Lakeland has earned against the Surge since a 2-1 victory on October 18, 2008 and snaps a streak of 11 straights losses.

Freshman Alassane Diop (Cincinnati, Ohio / Lockland) set up the goal with a well-placed free kick from midfield. Classmate Danny Bumbarger (Euclid, Ohio / Euclid) met the ball at the top of the box and deflected it in sync with Forde's back post run. The freshman calmly converted the opportunity to give the Lakers a deserved lead.

Lakeland was just minutes away from the upset until Mohamed Thiaw's free kick spoiled Alex DeCamillo's debut in net. With the tie, Lakeland moves to 1-13-1 on the season while Cincinnati State stalls at 11-3-1.

The Lakers return to action on Thursday (Oct. 16) when they take on Lorain County at 4 p.m.

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Mercyhurst North East Claims Lakeland Invitational Title

KIRTLAND, Ohio (September 14, 2014) – Mercyhurst North East blanked Lakeland 3-0 to claim the 43rd Annual Lakeland Invitational Championship one day after a 2-0 victory over Hiram College JV in the semifinals. Michael Lennox converted a penalty kick in the opening five minutes of the title match on Sunday afternoon to give the Saints an early lead they would not squander. The Lakers were unable to find the back of the net in the loss and fall to 1-6 on the season.

Dean Shousher doubled the lead in the 36th minute to give the visitors a 2-0 advantage at the break before Eric Kennedy provided an insurance goal in the 70th minute to give the Saints a comfortable 3-0 cushion.

Roger Zaragoza (Las Vegas, Nev. / Las Vegas) made six saves for Lakeland in the setback.

In Saturday's semifinal matchup, Lakeland erupted for eight goals in an 8-3 victory over visiting Lorain County to earn a berth in Sunday's final. Sophomore **Juwan Shalland-Rhodes** (Toronto, Ontario) tallied three goals while freshman **Cheikhou Sao** (Sidney, Ohio / Sidney) scored twice and assisted on another in the victory.

All-Tournament Team

Michael Lennox, Mercyhurst North East
Craig Martin, Mercyhurst North East
Eric Kennedy, Mercyhurst North East
Nate Angelo, Mercyhurst North East
Chase Hoffman, Mercyhurst North East
Juwan Shalland-Rhodes, Lakeland
George Toe, Lakeland
Maleck Dem, Lakeland
Robby Vallarelli, Lakeland

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43rd Annual Lakeland Invitational

Saturday, September 13	
3PM	Lakeland def. Lorain County, 8-3
5PM	Mercyhurst North East def. Hiram College JV, 3-0

Sunday, September 14	
11AM	Hiram College JV def. Lorain County (Consolation Game)
1PM	Mercyhurst North East def. Lakeland, 3-0 (Championship Game)

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Lakers Dropped by Owens in Conference Opener



KIRTLAND, Ohio (September 10, 2014) – Juwan Shalland-Rhodes (Toronto, Ontario) equalized in the closing minutes of the first half to pull Lakeland even with visiting Owens before the Express scored three unanswered goals in the final 45 minutes en route to a 4-1 victory on Wednesday afternoon. The Express improve to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) play while the Lakers fall to 0-5, 0-1 OCCAC.

Shalland-Rhodes' first goal of the season was the second of his collegiate career and came with eight minutes remaining in the opening half. After Joseph Adby put the visitors on top in the 27th minute, freshman **John Forde** (Toronto, Ontario) connected with the sophomore forward to draw the Lakers level.

After a brief weather delay, Owens' seized control with a trio of goals midway through the second half. Roger Zaragoza (Las Vegas, Nev.) posted five saves in the setback.

The Lakers return to action on Saturday when they play host to Lorain County at 3 p.m. in the opening match of the 43rd Annual Lakeland Invitational on campus.

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Second Half Burst Propels Jackson Past Lakeland

KIRTLAND, Ohio (September 7, 2014) – Visiting Jackson College broke a scoreless tie with back-to-back goals in the span of ten seconds to defeat Lakeland Community College 2-0 in non-conference men's soccer action Sunday afternoon. The Lakers fall to 0-4 overall and 0-3 in Region XII play with the loss.

Connor Flynn redirected a free kick inside the box for the game's opening goal before a quick turnover at midfield led to Sean Ross doubling the lead moments later. The Lakers were unable to find the back of the net and managed just one shot on goal in the setback. Freshman goalkeeper **Roger Zaragoza** (Las Vegas, Nev. / Las Vegas) recorded eight saves for Lakeland.

The Lakers return to action on Wednesday when they play host to Owens for an Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) match beginning at 4 p.m.

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Vieira Earns NJCAA Academic Award

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (July 30, 2014) – Sophomore Sebastian Vieira (Whitby, Ontario) has garnered an Exemplary Academic Achievement award from the NJCAA, becoming the 18th member of the Lakeland Community College men's soccer program to receive an academic distinction.

Formerly classified as Academic All-Americans, the NJCAA renamed the academic award program to recognize student-athletes' achievements in the classroom at three different levels. The three awards and their respective cumulative GPA requirements are listed below:

NJCAA Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence (4.00 GPA)
NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement (3.80 – 3.99 GPA)
NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement (3.60 – 3.79 GPA)

In order to be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must have completed three full-time semesters and a minimum of 45 semester credit hours.

In addition to his accolades off the field, where he was a Dean's List student and graduated from Lakeland in just three semesters, Vieira was a First Team All-Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) selection as a midfielder. He also garnered All-Region XII honors from the NJCAA.


For a complete list of the 2013-14 academic award winners, [click here](#).

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Where Are They Now? Michael Maiorano

CHICAGO, Ill. (June 5, 2014) – Michael Maiorano is still very much attached to the game of soccer. After all, it was soccer that initially brought him from his hometown of Whitby, Ontario to Kirtland, Ohio to attend Lakeland. That decision was a fairly straight forward one for Maiorano, whose older brother Aldo was a two-year starter for the Lakers from 2008-2010. Younger brother followed in the footsteps of older brother and made the five hour journey to northeast Ohio to begin his collegiate soccer career in the fall of 2011. He gained valuable experience as a two-year starter for the Lakers and recommends that any incoming freshmen take advantage of the opportunity from the onset. "Don't waste any time coming in (as a freshman). After your first year start looking at schools. Don't wait until after your sophomore season because that's too late. Come in and try to compete for a starting spot right away."



Maiorano made good on his own advice and decided to attend Holy Cross College. Located next to the University of Notre Dame, Holy Cross College is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and competes in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC). Maiorano, along with classmate Ryongmyeong Cho, were sold on the upstart program and the vision of head coach Omar Gallo. "I chose Holy Cross because the coach had a real focus on school and having something to fall back on," said Maiorano. "But he also said there is a future in soccer if you want after you are done with college." The duo joined the Saints on the heels of the most promising season in program history, which included the team's first-ever appearance in the CCAC playoffs.

Despite a new location, new teammates, new system, and new school, Maiorano says he was prepared for the competition at the four-year level because of his experience at Lakeland. "At Lakeland, our conference was extremely tough. Transferring here was no different. We play in one of the toughest conferences in the country where only two teams get to go to nationals."


His junior season was a tremendously successful one by any standard. Maiorano played in all 21 games and made 13 starts. Holy Cross finished the year 14-7 overall (7-4 CCAC), setting the program record for wins in a season. The junior midfielder [scored 40 seconds into the CCAC semifinal game](#) against the No. 1 seed Cardinal Stritch, helping the Saints upset the Wolves 4-2 and advance to the conference championship game.

The Saints would ultimately fall in the title game to Olivet Nazarene University, finishing the season one win shy of making the program's first NAIA National Tournament appearance. But Maiorano has lofty goals for himself and the team as he prepares for his senior season. "As an individual, my goal is to start every game and contribute to the team," he said. "As a team we are hoping to go to nationals for the first time in school history. I think we are very capable of doing that next year. We were so close to making nationals and we have a good group of players coming in and only lost four seniors."

For most college kids the summer months are spent at home with family or on vacation. Maiorano, on the other hand, will spend his offseason with the [Chicago Inferno of the Premier Development League \(PDL\)](#) along with two teammates. The top-level men's amateur soccer competition in the United States, the PDL features 48 teams within four conferences located throughout the United States.

"Chicago interested me the most because it was the closest to where I go to school," he said. He went for a tryout in April and received a call back shortly thereafter with an offer to join the team. Maiorano even paved the way for his older brother to join the team as well. "After I made the team, the coach mentioned a need for a center back and I thought my brother would be a great fit. He came down for a tryout at the end of April and signed shortly after."

Chicago's season runs from the beginning of May until the end of July depending on how far the team advances in the playoffs. For Maiorano, that leaves very little downtime before returning to Holy Cross on August 5. He hopes to return home for a week or two before transitioning back to Indiana for his final collegiate season.



When his career wraps up at Holy Cross, Maiorano will set his sights on the future. "Ideally, I would love to sign a professional contract," he says. "It is every kid's dream to make the pros." Scheduled to graduate in May 2015, Maiorano continues to work towards achieving the lofty individual and team goals he has set.

When he's not competing for the Inferno this summer he will have a close eye on the World Cup. There is certainly no mistaking where his allegiance lies. "I'm pulling for Italy. I'm Italian and my parents are from Italy so I want them to win and I think they are going to win," he says. What does the Italian from Canada think of the United States' chances? "They will be lucky to get out of that group."

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