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## JOHNS HOPKINS IS FAVORITE IN PRESEASON MEN'S SOCCER POLL

### Defending Champion Looks for "One for the Thumb" in 2003

#### RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS

##### First Team

F-Chad Tarabolous, Sr, Johns Hopkins \$^%  
 M-Matt Rushton, Sr, Haverford \$

##### Second Team

F-Forrest Watson, Sr, Franklin & Marshall \$  
 M-Will Hohman, Sr, Gettysburg  
 M-Thomas Kane, Jr, McDaniel  
 B-Jake Solderitsch, Sr, Haverford #

##### Honorable Mention

F-Steve Read, So, Johns Hopkins  
 F-Davis Dudick, Jr, Washington  
 M-Dan Warshaw, Sr, Dickinson  
 M-Mike Garea, Jr, Gettysburg \$  
 M-Alfredo Axtmeyer, Sr, Dickinson  
 M-Geoff Foltyn, Sr, Washington  
 B-Evan Smallwood, Sr, Muhlenberg  
 GK-Gary Kane, Jr, Johns Hopkins #

\$ 2002 CC Academic Honor Roll Selection  
 ^ 2002 NSCAA Mid-Atlantic Region First Team  
 # 2002 NSCAA Mid-Atlantic Region Third Team  
 % 2002 NSCAA Scholar All-America First Team

#### 2002 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

% Johns Hopkins (15-3-2).....	9-0-0
Franklin & Marshall (8-9-2).....	7-2-0
Gettysburg (12-4-3).....	6-3-0
Muhlenberg (13-7-1).....	6-3-0
Dickinson (7-9-2).....	4-4-1
Washington (9-7-2).....	4-4-1
Haverford (6-7-3).....	2-4-3
McDaniel (6-9-2).....	2-6-1
Ursinus (8-10-1).....	2-7-0
Swarthmore (5-14-1).....	0-9-0
% 2002 Conference Champion	

#### CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

##### Semifinals

Johns Hopkins 0, Muhlenberg 0 (2 OT)  
 JHU advanced on penalty kicks, 6-5  
 Franklin & Marshall 1, Gettysburg 1 (2 OT)  
 F&M advanced on penalty kicks, 4-3

##### Final

Johns Hopkins 1, Franklin & Marshall 1 (2OT)  
 JHU advanced to NCAA Tourney on  
 penalty kicks, 4-3

#### NCAA TOURNAMENT

##### First Round

Messiah 1, Johns Hopkins 0

**LANCASTER, Pa. -- August 21, 2003** — Johns Hopkins, the defending Conference champion, is the preseason choice of the men's soccer coaches to capture its fifth Centennial title in 2003.

The Blue Jays received eight out of a possible 10 first-place votes (teams not permitted to vote for themselves) for 80 points in the annual preseason poll of coaches. Johns Hopkins finished the 2002 season at 15-3-2 overall, closing its season with a 1-0 loss to Messiah in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. JHU was perfect in regular season conference action at 9-0, and then won the CC title by downing Muhlenberg in the semifinal game and Franklin & Marshall in the championship final both by penalty kicks. Returning for the Blue Jays are F **Chad Tarabolous** and GK **Gary Kane**. **Tarabolous** led the Conference in both goals (1.10) and points (2.35) per game. **Kane** ranked third in the CC with a 0.85 goals against average.

Muhlenberg is the second choice with 68 points. The Mules closed out 2002 with an overall record of 13-7-1 and 6-3 in the Conference. Back for Muhlenberg are GK **Chris Davis**, who led the Conference in shutouts last season with 10, and All-Conference selection B **Evan Smallwood**.

Gettysburg was third with 65 points and two first-place votes, while Franklin & Marshall was fourth with 57 points. Fifth place went to Dickinson, who garnered 48 points in the poll.

Washington (42), McDaniel (31), Haverford (29), Swarthmore (17), and Ursinus (13) rounded out the poll.

The 2003 season kicks off Friday, August 30, with three games: Dickinson and Washington at the Bridgewater Tournament; and Pitt-Greensburg at Franklin & Marshall.

#### Centennial Conference Preseason Men's Soccer Poll

1. Johns Hopkins (8)	80
2. Muhlenberg	68
3. Gettysburg (2)	65
4. Franklin & Marshall	57
5. Dickinson	48
6. Washington	42
7. McDaniel	31
8. Haverford	29
9. Swarthmore	17
10. Ursinus	13

Head coaches polled