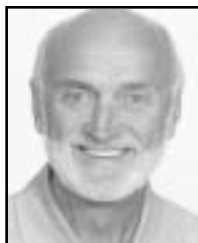


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C. Cliff McCrath Head Coach

NAIA All-America
1957

Vice President
NAIA Soccer Coaches Association
1964-67

President's Council on Campus Disorders
1967

President, NAIA Soccer Coaches Association
1967-70

U.S. Olympic Committee (alt.)
1967-70

President's Council on Volunteerism
1969

U.S. Soccer A Coaching License

Commissioner
Northwest Collegiate Soccer Conference
1971-92

ISAA National Coach of the Year
1978

NCSC Coach of the Year
1974, 1980, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993

Secretary-Editor
NCAA Rules Committee
1974-Present

Advisory Council for Special Olympics
1976

ISAA President
1981

NAIA Hall of Fame
1984

Seattle Sports Star of the Year
1986

NSCAA Honor Award
1986

NATA Executive Board of Directors
1991-97

NISOA Hall of Fame
1992

U.S. Soccer Hall of Fame
1993

Chairman, Board of Directors
Soccer in the Streets
1996-Present

Pacific West Coach of the Year
1998, 1999, 2000

Lifetime Achievement Award 2002
Friends of Soccer/Washington State

Leo Durocher never met Cliff McCrath. If he had, he never would have uttered those famous words about nice guys finishing last. However, had the irascible baseball manager and legendary Seattle Pacific University soccer coach crossed paths, there would be no shortage of one-liners and plenty of tall tales to exchange.

In his colorful 44-year career, including the last 33 at SPU, McCrath has done it all. He's won more than 500 games and five NCAA Championships. He's a member of three Halls of Fame and has literally written the rule book for college soccer for the past two decades. Entering the 2003 season, the quick-witted, often-quoted McCrath is just four wins away from becoming the college game's all-time coaching victory leader, surpassing retired San Francisco coach Steve Negoesco. Given the Falcons' penchant for success (32 straight winning seasons), that feat seems to be a mere formality, and would only confirm the fact that he has been, and continues to be, one of the game's top teachers.

In 1993 he joined another elite group with his induction into the United States Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, New York. He was already a hall of fame member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and his alma mater, Wheaton College. His future enshrinement in Seattle Pacific's Falcon Legends Hall of Fame is a foregone conclusion.

Success has shined upon soccer at the Queen Anne campus practically since McCrath arrived in 1970. His SPU teams have qualified for the NCAA playoffs 28 of the last 32 years,

including 10 trips to the title game, winning five crowns. During the Eighties, Seattle Pacific went to four consecutive finals, winning three. In the Nineties, besides winning the NCAA championship in 1993, the Falcons made the semifinals in '94 and '98 and quarterfinals in '96 and '97.



SPU President Philip Eaton was among those to congratulate McCrath when he surpassed 500 career wins in 1999, becoming just the second collegiate coach to do so

The fact is that many of those feats are sometimes forgotten by SPU players, fans and friends. They appreciate McCrath more so for his humor and personal touch. While his office is seemingly always abuzz with a wide variety of activities, he always puts people first. It is that quality which adds the final coat of luster to McCrath's mantle.

As the Falcons' headmaster and spiritual leader, McCrath has taken a once-struggling program and systematically shaped SPU into the most successful side in Division II history. At the same time, he has climbed to the top of the Div. II career victory list with 541, with the overwhelming majority (456) at SPU.

Under McCrath, the Falcons have put together winning records for 32 straight seasons—a Div. II record. Overall, they have won nearly 70 percent of their games under McCrath, including a mark of 78-63-43 versus Division I programs.

Although the trademarks of McCrath's teams are teamwork and unselfishness, there is not only ample opportunity for players to reach their true potential, but to showcase individual talent as well. In fact, 39 players have been drafted by professional teams during the past 22 years. In 2003, seven ex-Falcons were actively playing in the professional ranks either in the U.S. or abroad. McCrath also has instilled in those young men the desire to give back to the community and to the game. Over a hundred of his former players have also followed in his footsteps and are now coaching in the prep and collegiate ranks.

McCrath literally built the SPU program from scratch. His first team was woeful and winless. A year later they were in the playoffs, and three seasons after that they were playing

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“Cliff came up to me and said, ‘Do you want to play soccer?’ and I said I don’t know how. He said ‘If you’ve got good reflexes and a hard head I’ll teach you how to play.’”

Dave Rosenberger '74

McCraith's Records

Wheaton College (1 yr.; 4-5-2)
1958 4-5-2

Gordon College (7 yrs.; 52-26-4)

1960 3-3-0
1961 4-8-0
1962 4-4-1
1963 7-3-1 NAI A Playoffs
1964 10-2-2 NAI A Playoffs
1965 11-3-0 NAI A Playoffs
1966 13-3-0 NAI A Semifinals (3rd)

Spring Arbor College (3 yrs.; 29-12-2)

1967 4-4-0
1968 12-3-1 NAI A Playoffs
1969 13-5-1 NAI A Semifinals (4th)

Seattle Pacific University (33 yrs.; 456-163-81)

1970 0-7-3
1971 7-3-4 NCAA Regional Playoffs
1972 11-4-3 NCAA Playoffs
1973 14-4-1 NCAA Playoffs
1974 11-4-5 NCAA Final (2nd)
1975 14-4-5 NCAA Final (2nd)
1976 14-5-1 NCAA Playoffs
1977 13-6-3 NCAA Final (2nd)
1978 18-5-4 NCAA Champion
1979 16-5-3 NCAA Semifinals (3rd)
1980 15-3-5 NCAA Playoffs
1981 15-5-3 NCAA Playoffs
1982 13-7-1
1983 16-4-1 NCAA Champions
1984 19-6-1 NCAA Final (2nd)
1985 20-3-0 NCAA Champions
1986 17-4-2 NCAA Champions
1987 18-2-4 NCAA Playoffs
1988 16-6-0 NCAA Playoffs
1989 9-8-2
1990 15-3-4 NCAA Final (2nd)
1991 17-2-1 NCAA Playoffs
1992 16-3-1 NCAA Semifinals
1993 18-2-1 NCAA Champions
1994 14-5-4 NCAA Semifinals
1995 13-7-0 NCAA Playoffs
1996 12-8-2 NCAA Quarterfinals
1997 12-8-1 NCAA Quarterfinals
1998 14-7-2 NCAA Semifinals
1999 15-4-2 NCAA Playoffs
2000 13-5-1 NCAA Playoffs
2001 10-8-1
2002 11-6-2

for a national championship. Soon the Falcons became the dominant team in NCAA Division II, winning five titles, including the first back-to-back crowns in Div. II annals in 1985-86. The first crown came in 1978, when McCraith was national coach of the year.

Since then he has won virtually every possible award associated with the sport. He is a past president of the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America, the 1986 recipient of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Honor Award and was 1986 Seattle Sports Star of the Year. He was Coach of the Year in the Northwest Collegiate Soccer

Conference six times, and in 2000 he was Pacific West Conference Coach of the Year after his team successfully defended its title for the third year in a row.

McCraith originally was considered an excellent amateur hockey prospect. During his sophomore year at Wheaton College, he joined the school's soccer team on a whim. He went on to become a three-year starter and All-America in his new sport. All that despite the fact that he had lost three fingers on his left hand during a childhood accident. Hence the self-adopted nickname of "Uncle Nubby." His keen sense of humor and toughness have remained qualities which he has passed along to hundreds of his players.

While McCraith's on-field achievements place him in an elite class, his off-field antics are completely without rival. Following the '78 championship, true to his word, he rewarded the Falcon faithful by crawling more than two miles on his knees from campus to the Space Needle. In anticipation of the '83 crown, he flopped face-first into a pool of Jell-O. And the ordained Presbyterian minister has also performed numerous weddings, including one while running backwards across a floating bridge during a marathon.

Though McCraith's energies are largely concentrated toward the SPU soccer program, his presence is evident on a much wider scope. He has run the extremely popular Northwest Soccer Camp on Whidbey Island for 31 summers, providing fundamentals for such current international stars as Kasey Keller and Michelle Akers. He is the senior member of the NCAA rules committee, serving as secretary-editor. In 1971 he founded the Northwest Collegiate Soccer Conference and served as its executive director for 22 years. He was chairman of the board of directors for Soccer in the Streets, served seven years on the National Athletic Trainers Association executive board, served as 1994 World Cup Ambassador for Sprint and continues to serve on the advisory board for Diadora USA.

A native of Detroit, Charles Clifford McCraith has a grown daughter, Stacey, and son, Steve (coach of Barry University in Miami), plus two grandchildren.

College Career Coaching Victories

Coach (Yrs.)	Most Recent School	Record
Steve Negoesco (39)	San Francisco	544-172-66
Cliff McCraith* (44)	Seattle Pacific	541-206-81
Joe Bean* (38)	Wheaton	541-163-52
Jerry Yeagley* (30)	Indiana	527-98-40
Ron Butcher* (35)	Keene State	463-188-53
Jay Martin* (26)	Ohio Wesleyan	447-91-33
Dan Gilmore* (27))	Rowan	437-100-38
Jack McKenzie* (34)	Quincy	425-199-51
Joe Morrone (34)	Connecticut	422-199-64
Fred Schmalz (32)	Evansville	403-196-56

*active



His '78 promise: If they win, I will crawl from SPU to the Space Needle

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Mark Metzger
Assistant Coach

U.S. Soccer Federation E License

1978 NCAA Championship Team

A member of Seattle Pacific's first national championship team, Mark Metzger returns for his fourth season as an assistant coach. Metzger was the midfield general for the Falcons' NCAA Division II title-winning team of 1978.

Metzger is a veteran of the Seattle Pacific's team which toppled heavily-favored Alabama A&M for the NCAA crown in 1978. He was selected to the all-Northwest Collegiate Soccer Conference team in 1979. From 1982-2000, Metzger managed the Bear Stearns stock index futures trading desk on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. He now works for Northwest Soccer Camp as a coach and clinician and with Northwest Nationals.

Metzger coached both boys and girls youth teams in the Chicago area for 12 years and from 1995-2000 won four Illinois state championships. He is also coached the Illinois women's open team which competed at the national finals in 2000.



Chuck Granade
Assistant Coach

1993 NCAA Championship Team

Chuck Granade begins his third full season as a member of the Falcons' staff to supervise the goalkeepers while coordinating recruiting.

Granade was a member of the 1993 NCAA Championship team and was a two-year starter in goal from 1993-96. He ranks No. 3 in single season saves and No. 4 in career saves. Following his final season, he went on to play professionally, earning an indoor league title at Lafayette, La., in 1997 and '98. He was the Eastern Indoor Soccer League's Goalkeeper MVP as a rookie after leading the league in goals-against average, saves and shutouts.

More recently, Granade has served as goalkeeping coach for the Seattle Sounders of the A-League, the Washington State ODP and with Northwest Nationals. He is also a coach, clinician and administrator for Northwest Soccer Camp. Earlier he served as national practice manager for ecommerce at Brighstar.



Mark Collings
Assistant Coach

Joining the coaching staff for 2003 is Mark Collings, a member and co-captain of Seattle Pacific's 1998 Final Four team.

Collings played four seasons for the Falcons (1995-98), with each team making the NCAA playoffs. Since then he has coached at various local high schools, including Seattle Academy from 1999-00. He is now in his eighth year with Northwest Soccer Camp, serving as day camp and elite team training director the past two years. He also is director of player and coach development for Queen Anne Soccer Club.

An emergency room nurse, Collings works at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland. He and wife Leslie have two sons, Jeffrey and Tyler, and reside in the Queen Anne neighborhood near SPU.