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QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location	College Park, Md. 20742
Founded	1807
Enrollment	35,369
President	C.D. Mote, Jr. (California '59)
Athletic Director	Deborah A. Yow (Elon '74)
Nickname	Terrapins, Terps
Colors	Red, White, Black and Gold
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Atlantic Coast
Home Field	Ludwig Field (4,500, grass & lights)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Brian Pensky (Emory '91)
Pensky at Maryland/Overall	5-11-3 (.342) / 1 Season
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TEAM INFORMATION

2005 Record	5-11-3, .342
2005 ACC Record	3-5-2, .400/8th
2005 NSCAA Final Ranking	NR (highest: RV)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	14/8
Starters Returning/Lost	7/4
All-Time Program Record	192-170-31, .528
All-Time ACC Record	33-70-11, .338
NCAA Tournaments	9
	(1995, '96, '97, '98, '99, 2001, '02, '03, '04)

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2006 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
PENN STATE CLASSIC				
Fri.	August 25	vs. Tennessee	University Park, Pa.	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	August 27	vs. UCLA	University Park, Pa.	12 Noon
Fri.	September 1	TOWSON +	College Park, Md.	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	September 3	UMBC	College Park, Md.	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	September 8	at Dartmouth	Hanover, N.H.	4:00 p.m.
Tues.	September 12	LOYOLA	College Park, Md.	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	September 15	STONY BROOK	College Park, Md.	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	September 17	at George Mason	Fairfax, Va.	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	September 21	CLEMSON *	College Park, Md.	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	September 28	at Wake Forest *	Winston-Salem, N.C.	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	October 1	at North Carolina *	Chapel Hill, N.C.	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	October 5	FLORIDA STATE *	College Park, Md.	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	October 8	MIAMI *	College Park, Md.	1:00 p.m.
Wed.	October 11	at NC State *	Raleigh, N.C.	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	October 14	DUKE * +	College Park, Md.	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	October 20	at Virginia Tech *	Blacksburg, Va.	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	October 22	VIRGINIA * +	College Park, Md.	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	October 27	at Boston College *	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	7:00 p.m.

ACC TOURNAMENT

Wed.	November 1	ACC Quarterfinals	Cary, N.C.	TBA
Fri.	November 3	ACC Semifinals	Cary, N.C.	TBA
Sun.	November 5	ACC Finals	Cary, N.C.	TBA

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Fri.	November 10	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Sun.	November 12	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites	TBA
Sat./Sun.	November 18/19	NCAA Sweet Sixteen	Campus Sites	TBA
Sat./Sun.	November 25/26	NCAA Quarterfinal	Campus Sites	TBA
Fri.	December 1	NCAA Semifinal	Cary, N.C.	TBA
Sun.	December 3	NCAA Championship	Cary, N.C.	TBA

* ACC game

+ Doubleheader with Maryland men's soccer

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

Terps

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SEASON OUTLOOK

TERPS LOOKING TO RETURN TO NCAA TOURNAMENT

Maryland's women's soccer program will look to make a run at it's 10th NCAA tournament bid in 2006 as head coach Brian Pensky rebuilds the Terps into the team he envisioned when he took over the program in May of 2005.

It's easy to look at Maryland's 5-11-3 record a season ago and dismiss the Terps as an NCAA caliber team. But those that follow collegiate women's soccer know that 2005 was an anomaly for the Terrapins and that Maryland has all of the weapons, offensively and defensively, to make a run into late November.

"Last year was difficult for a number of reasons," says Pensky. "I took over just before last summer, and therefore having no real familiarity with our players coming into the season. We had the most difficult schedule of any team in the country, and we lost a number of impact players due to injury before and during the fall."

The biggest question mark about the Terps this year will be in the offensive third of the field. Maryland's leading scorer from last year, Kimmy Francis (3G, 4A), was lost to graduation. A lot of the offensive woes for the 2005 Terps had to do with losing All-American midfielder Mallory Mahar to a season-ending knee injury in the fifth game of the season. In addition, sophomore attacking stand-outs **Kelly Rozumalski** and **Nataly Arias** were both hampered by injuries all season long.

"We're excited about the attacking options we have this fall," Pensky says. "If all goes as planned, we'll have a number of players competing for playing time in attacking roles."

The strength of this year's team will once again be a tenacious defense, which will be anchored by first team All-ACC goalkeeper **Nikki Resnick** and junior centerback **Ashly Kennedy**, who is an honors candidate in her own right. Maryland allowed 31 goals last season, but 10 of those came in two losses to teams that were ranked No. 1 in the nation at the time. The Terps also had the misfortune, as it turned out, of playing the No. 1 toughest schedule of all Division I teams.

"It's no coincidence that our two captains this fall are our goalkeeper and centerback - the two areas of the field where degree of accountability is vital," says Pensky. "Nikki and Ashly are incredibly responsible, and they both lead by example in their want to compete. And those ingredients are important for any leader."

Here's a quick look at the 2006 Terps by position:

FORWARD

Francis has now graduated and has taken with her 22 career goals and 23 career assists. While there is not one single player that will fill her shoes, Pensky will rely on a solid stable of forwards to spearhead the Terrapins' offensive attack.

Junior forward **Rozumalski** is the most experienced forward on the team. Look for a return to her 2004 form after struggling through most of last season with nagging leg injuries.

Sophomore **Kimmy Bunting** started in three different positions for the Terps in 2005, including posting a shutout as an emergency goalkeeper, but should be able to settle in at forward this year, which is her natural position.

Two-time National JUCO POY and u20 US National Pool player **Melissa Hornfeck** will look to make an impact right away. She can play as a withdrawn forward, and might see time in that role. Hornfeck will also play as an attacking central or wide midfielder. Last year at Monroe she scored 14 goals despite missing much of the season with an injury.



Kelly Rozumalski

Sarah Benson, a freshman from Baton Rouge, La., fancies herself as wide winger in a three-front - she certainly has the pace to get behind defenses in that role.

A trio of sophomores will also be in the mix at forward. **Kaila Sciascia** showed flashes of brilliance last season, but was unlucky finishing her shots and did not post a goal during her rookie campaign. **Lauren Sands** was a solid contributor off the bench for the Terps in 2005 and could provide an offensive spark this season. **Stephanie MacCormack**, who will be in her first year with the Terrapins after transferring from Rutgers, played in 15 games for the Scarlet Knights and scored one goal.

"We're fortunate to have players with different qualities in our attack," says Pensky. "We have players like Roz, Lauren Sands and Sarah Benson who can get behind teams with their speed, while we also have personalities like Sciascia, Sample, Hornfeck, and Bunting whose craftiness can break down an opponent."

MIDFIELD

The midfield started out as the deepest position on the field for the Terps heading into last season, but it was decimated by injuries. With that experience fresh in his mind, Pensky recruited several midfielders and is now stocked with fresh and exciting talent to go along with some battle-tested veterans.

Arias was expected to have a breakout season in 2005, but was never able to get things on track due to injuries. She still managed to finish second on the team in scoring, but is looking to regain her place among the elite midfielders in the ACC this season. Arias, when healthy and fit, is among the top center-midfielders in the country.

Sarah Sample settled in at outside midfield midway through last season and is expected to play a key role again this year. Sample will also compete for one of the central roles in the midfield. The senior is in her second season with the Terps after transferring from George Washington prior to the 2005 season. She will look to return to the form she showed as a Colonial when she averaged five goals and nearly three assists per season.

Stevie Dunning was never an option for Coach Pensky last season as the talented midfielder was lost before the season started with an ankle injury. Following off-season surgery, that injury is healed and Dunning looks to make the move to center midfield after spending her freshman campaign out wide. Dunning is a technical, ball-winning center-midfielder.



Nataly Arias



Sarah Sample

Melissa Heintz transferred to Maryland with much promise. The JUCO All-American scored 14 goals and added 13 assists for Santa Rosa JC in 2004, but she was never able to get on track last season as she was hindered by compartment syndrome. She is recovered from off-season surgery to repair the problem and is looking to finish her collegiate career in proper fashion.

Shelley McDuff suffered through both compartment syndrome and an ankle injury in 2005. She too is recovered from off-season surgery and will provide depth and leadership as a junior this season. McDuff's ability to keep possession for the Terps in the midfield should be an asset this fall.

Molly Dreska and **Emily Maynard** are highly skilled players who could work their way into seeing playing time sooner rather than later. Dreska has an engine that doesn't quit to match her ability to see the field well. Dreska has played as a forward for her club team and regional team. Her versatility really excites the coaching staff. Maynard is a soccer junkie. A very technical center-midfielder and natural leader, she possesses an innate want to win that cannot be taught. Maynard's ability to find teammates in behind the defense will make her an attractive option from the start.

Maureen Dowling and **Brittany Cummins** are box to box wide midfielders. Their ability to get up and down the flank while providing quality service will allow the Terps to attack from various spots on the field.

Sample and Heintz could also see time at forward as well, while Cummins could compete as an attacking wide back in a four-back.

"I like our midfield a lot," says Pensky. "We have wide players in Heintz, Cummins, Benson and Dowling that can get up and down the flank; as well as a number of individuals like Dreska, Maynard, Hornfeck, McDuff and Sample in the middle of midfield that can help keep the ball for us. In addition to their technical abilities, Arias and Dunning give us a ball-winning presence."

DEFENSE

On paper the Terp defense looks to be Maryland's thinnest position, but it could be its strongest. Three-year starter Lauren Krasko is now graduated and is the only loss to a unit that posted six shutouts in 2005.

Kennedy returns at the center of the back to lead the Terrapin defense as a junior. Kennedy was forced to play some center midfielder last season after Mahar went down, but looks to reassert her dominance as one of the nation's top defenders this season.

The other centerback position is open for competition heading into the season. **Aimee Bresani** had an outstanding spring season as a freshman. Bresani is quite versatile, and can play in a number of spots - however the coaches believe that her grittiness and defensive nature could win her the position along-side Kennedy.

Bresani started all 18 games in which she played as a true freshman.

Junior **Lauren Gamble** has worked hard in the off-season to improve her conditioning and her experience in the Maryland program could help her win the job.

On the outside Coach Pensky likes for his wide defenders to be able to not only defend, but to push forward and contribute on the offensive side of the field if the opportunity presents itself. **Amanda Paizs** fits that description perfectly. She started six of the team's final seven games last season and earned the respect of her coaches and teammates with her work ethic and toughness.

"We place a lot of responsibility on Ashly in the back," says Pensky. "Of course some of that burden is lifted by Nikki's presence in goal. It will be interesting to see who grabs not only these spots in the back, but the positions up for grab in all parts of the field."

"Sarah Sample started the first five games last season as a wide back, and Lauren Gamble started every game in the spring on the outside - so there is no lack of experience in that position for Maryland. If need be, Kimmy Bunting's ability to read the game would be an asset in the back third."

GOALKEEPING

Resnick returns for her senior season after earning first team All-ACC honors in 2005 after leading the conference with 115 saves and posting three shutouts over ACC opponents. The unquestioned leader of this team, Resnick has stopped 115 shots in each of her two seasons in College Park.

While everyone knows what to expect out of Resnick, the Terps do not have a proven keeper to back her up. Anna Sheveland graduated early and did not return to the squad this season, while injuries forced Lindsay Simpson to leave the team.

That's where Maryland welcomes freshman **Mary Casey** as the team's only back-up keeper. Casey is a highly touted prospect and has all of the physical tools to perform once called upon. She has played the last two summers with the Washington Freedom Soccer Club.

"Nikki is Nikki, and she's going to once again be great - she has worked very hard in the off-season to limit the severity of her back pain," says Pensky. "We are excited to see Mary Casey develop. She has a tremendous upside; once under Ali's tutelage, she will flourish."

SCHEDULE

The Terps' faced the toughest schedule in the country in each of the past two seasons. The 2006 schedule is once again filled with tough games against quality opponents, including 10 teams that were in the NCAA tournament last year.

The ACC is widely regarded as the toughest women's soccer conference in the country and that isn't going to change this season. North Carolina's recruiting class was ranked No. 1 in the nation, according to SoccerBuzz, while Duke's class came in third in the country. Virginia (11), Wake Forest (14), Clemson (15), Florida State (20) and Boston College (21) were all among the top 25 recruiting classes as well.

Maryland's ACC schedule is highlighted by home games vs. Clemson (Sept. 21), 2005 NCAA College Cup participant Florida State (Oct. 5), Miami (Oct. 8), Duke (Oct. 14) and Virginia (Oct. 22). The Terps will travel to meet Wake Forest (Sept. 28), North Carolina (Oct. 1), NC State (Oct. 11), Virginia Tech (Oct. 20) and Boston College (Oct. 27).

Before Maryland even gets to its conference schedule they have to get through a challenging non-conference lineup. The Terps open the season at the Penn State Classic with matches with SEC contender Tennessee (Aug. 25) and two-time NCAA runner-up UCLA (Aug. 27), which will be looking for some revenge after losing to Maryland at the 2004 Virginia Soccer Classic.

Maryland then opens up its home schedule with games against Towson (Sept. 1) and UMBC (Sept. 3) before heading up to New Hampshire for a meeting with Dartmouth (Sept. 8). The Terps return home for games against Loyola (Sept. 12) and Stony Brook (Sept. 15) and wrap-up their non-conference slate at George Mason (Sept. 17).

"We have put together another quality schedule," says Pensky. "From the opening tournament at Penn State to games against some of the top teams in the CAA, Ivy League and MAAC, we look forward to every challenge this fall. In addition, the ACC this fall will be stronger than ever. We look to get Maryland soccer back where it belongs - the NCAA tournament and beyond."



Nikki Resnick



Ashly Kennedy



HEAD COACH BRIAN PENSKY

SECOND SEASON AT MARYLAND • EMORY '91



Brian Pensky was hired as Maryland's head coach on May 18, 2005 and now enters his second season at the helm of the Terp women's soccer program. Pensky was previously an assistant coach with the Maryland men's soccer team, helping them to College Cup appearances in each of his three seasons with the program.

In his first season with the women's soccer team, Pensky's squad continued one of the legacies of the program – knocking off Top 10 teams. In six of the last seven seasons the Terps have defeated a

team ranked in the Top 10 and in 2005 Maryland defeated No. 8 Boston College, 2-1, in the regular season finale to secure a trip to the ACC Tournament. Pensky's inaugural season also saw goalkeeper Nikki Resnick named to the All-ACC first team as the Terps registered six shutouts on the season.

Pensky, who has served as a men's and women's assistant coach at the collegiate level, helped guide the Terrapin men's soccer team to 57 wins over the past three seasons, including the ACC Tournament title in 2002 and regular season crown in 2003. In 2004, CollegeSoccerNews.com named Pensky one of the top assistant coaches in the nation.

Prior to working under Sasho Cirovski for three seasons, where he was involved in all facets of the program, Pensky was an assistant at Loyola College where he helped the Greyhound women's team win the 2001 MAAC Conference Tournament and earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament in his one season with the program. He came to Loyola after spending three years as an assistant coach in George Washington's women's soccer program.

Pensky has also been involved with the Maryland girls' Olympic Development Program team since 1997. He served as an assistant coach for the Under-15 team from 1999-2000, helping that squad to the 1999 Region I championship and a national runner-up finish in 2000.

In the spring of 2000, he took over as head coach of the U-16 team and led it to a regional championship. In 2001, he worked with the U-16 ODP team and finished as the regional runner-up. Pensky spent the summer of 2001 coaching the W-League's Maryland Pride, which reached the Final Four and won the Eastern Conference championship.

He began his coaching career at the Bullis School in Potomac, Md., where he later went on to teach and eventually piloted the boys' soccer team from 1996-98. While at the Bullis School, he was named 1997 High School Coach of the Year



by the Maryland Ledger and paced the 18-1-1 IAC champions to a No. 13 ranking in the nation.

In addition to his college and high school coaching experience, Pensky coached the Bethesda Soccer Club from 1991-99.

Pensky holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Emory University, as well as an "A" license from the United States Soccer Federation, an NSCAA Premier and NSCAA goalkeeping diploma.

Pensky and his wife, Abby, have three children, twins Will and Alex who turned three in January, and Ben, who turned one in March. The Pensky family resides in Kensington, Md.

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COACHING STAFF



**ALI
WOLFF-TOOLE**
ASSISTANT COACH
MARYLAND '01
THIRD YEAR AT MARYLAND

Bringing an unending competitive spirit and a knowledge of the finer points of the game, Ali Wolff-Toole begins her third season as an assistant coach, working primarily with the goalkeepers.

Her responsibilities also include recruiting and overseeing general aspects of the women's soccer program.

During her first season at Maryland, Wolff-Toole was instrumental in the development of third team All-Mid-Atlantic goalkeeper Nikki Resnick, who made 115 saves in 2004, which ranks second on the school's single-season record list.

Wolff-Toole's second season saw Resnick make more strides, saving 115 shots for the second season in a row and being named the the All-ACC first team after leading the conference in saves per game. Wolff-Toole's goalkeepers turned in six shutouts in 2005.

Prior to returning to her alma mater, Wolff-Toole served as an assistant coach at Loyola College for two years. At Loyola, she was responsible for training the Greyhound goalkeepers and has also coached at Loyola and Maryland women's soccer camps.

Wolff-Toole was a goalkeeper for Maryland from 1997-2001 and still ranks among the all-time leaders in shutouts (1st, 20.5), games played (2nd, 68), games started (2nd, 63), minutes played (2nd, 5,513), saves (3rd, 254) and goals against average (5th, 1.57). An All-ACC honoree during her senior campaign in 2001, Wolff-Toole led all conference keepers in shutouts against conference opponents (three) and was among the ACC leaders with nine total shutouts. Her save percentage that season, .765, was also among the best in the conference.

Wolff-Toole married Maryland alum and former Terp golfer Peter Toole on August 9, 2003. She graduated from Maryland in 2001 with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology.



LEO CULLEN
ASSISTANT COACH
MARYLAND '04
FIRST YEAR AT MARYLAND

Former Terrapin men's soccer standout Leo Cullen enters his first season as an assistant coach for women's soccer at the University of Maryland Cullen, who was the 1997 ACC Player of the Year and the first overall selection in the 1998 MLS

College Draft, returns to his alma mater after spending six of the last seven seasons playing professionally in the MLS.

"We are ecstatic about Leo joining our staff," said Pensky. "He brings a wealth of soccer experience to this program. Whether it's his national team experience, collegiate experience, or MLS experience, Leo is someone who will help tremendously in recruiting and player development.

"Leo also understands what it means to be a student-athlete at Maryland. He has an appreciation of the balance necessary to succeed athletically and academically at an institution like ours."

Cullen comes to Maryland after playing for the MLS's Colorado Rapids in 2005 after taking 2004 off to return to Maryland to finish his degree in economics. He played a total of 179 games in his six-year Major League Soccer career with the Miami Fusion (1998-2001), the New England Revolution (2001-03) and the Colorado Rapids (2005). In 1999 he was selected to the Eastern Conference All-Star team as a center back for the Fusion.

Cullen also brings with him international experience as he earned two caps with the U.S. National Team and captained the U.S. Under-20 National Team and the Under-18 National Team. He earned his first cap with the U.S. National Team on Feb. 21, 1999 vs. Chile. He also appeared for the USA in its 2-0 win over El Salvador on Feb. 17, 2002.

As a Terp, Cullen earned first team All-ACC honors each of his final three seasons in College Park and became the first Terp under coach Sasho Cirovski to earn first team All-America honors in 1997. He is one of three Terps to be named ACC Player of the Year, along with Nick Skirka in 1970 and Jason Garey in 2005. He helped lead Maryland to its first ever ACC Tournament Championship in 1996, and the Terps advanced to the NCAA Tournament in each of his four seasons.

Cullen, who spent the 2004-05 season as a volunteer assistant coach with the Maryland men's soccer team, married the former Betsy Lee in July of 2005.



**BRYAN
VITAGLIANO**
VOLUNTEER COACH
MARYLAND '04
SECOND YEAR AT MARYLAND

Bryan Vitagliano enters his second year as a volunteer assistant coach with the Maryland women's soccer program.

Prior to joining the women's soccer staff, Vitagliano spent four seasons as a standout member of the Terrapin men's soccer team, helping lead the Terps to four appearances in the NCAA Tournament and two berths in the College Cup.

Vitagliano graduated from Maryland in 2004 with a degree in marketing. He earned his master's degree in kinesiology with a specialization in sport commerce and culture in 2006 from Maryland. Vitagliano currently resides in Hyattsville, Md.

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