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Mila Repeats as IWU Men's Soccer "MVP"

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — For the second straight season, Alan Mila has been chosen as the "Most Valuable Player" for the Illinois Wesleyan University men's soccer team.

Mila, a junior defenseman from **Bartlett, Ill. (Wheaton Academy)**, is a three-time all-College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin selection and led a defense that allowed 2.02 goals per game.

Mila was also selected to return as a team co-captain for 2004, along with junior back Scott Hernandez (**Oswego HS**).

Freshman midfielder Steve Perona (**Western Springs, Lyons Township HS**) was chosen as the "Most Improved Player" for the Titans, who finished 9-10 overall and 3-3 in CCIW play, an improvement from 6-12 and 1-5 in the CCIW a year ago.

The top three scorers for the Titans were all freshmen – midfielder Chris Miller (**Normal, University High**) had seven goals and four assists for 18 points, while forward Josh Lacey (**Eldridge, Iowa, North Scott HS**) scored seven goals with one assist for 15 points.

Midfielder Mark Opal (**Wheaton, Benet Academy**) had three goals and assisted on five more.

Junior Matt Robertson (**Arlington Heights, Hersey HS**) did the bulk of the goalkeeping duties, posting shutouts against Carthage, Aurora and North Central and logging a 2.00 goals-against average.

Head coach David Barrett awarded letters to 24 IWU soccer players, including 21 who will return for next fall. The lettermen are, with hometowns and high schools:

SENIORS – Paul Abraham (**Arlington Heights, Hersey HS**), David Munz (**Mt. Prospect, Prospect HS**), Mike Rampey (**Bloomington HS**).

JUNIORS - David Beckett (**Bolingbrook HS**), Reed Grimwood (**Eagan, Minn., HS**), Scott Hernandez (**Oswego HS**), Nick Hogren (**Metamora HS**), Alan Mila (**Bartlett, Wheaton Academy**), Matt Robertson (**Arlington Heights, Hersey HS**), Jeremy Witt (**Waukegan, Warren Township HS**).

SOPHOMORES – George Aliaga (**Glenview, Glenbrook South HS**), Drew Brady (**Glenview, Glenbrook South HS**), Kevin Hegi (**Wheaton, North HS**), Ryan Smith (**Decatur, Eisenhower HS**), Jonathan Sykora (**Bolingbrook HS**).

FRESHMEN – Peter Brown (Bourbonnais, Bradley-Bourbonnais HS), Ben Clemens (Wheaton, Benet Academy), Andrew Kloepper (Naperville, Benet Academy), Josh Lacey (Eldridge, Iowa, North Scott HS), Chris Miller (Normal, University High), Mark Opal (Wheaton, Benet Academy), Steve Perona (Western Springs, Lyons Township HS), Jon Yee (Long Grove, St. Viator HS).

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