



Introduction



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- Big Cat Goalkeeping Alum
 - Trained under Big Cat 2011-2013
- Big Cat Goalkeeping Coach
 - 2014-Present
- D3 Collegiate Soccer Graduate
 - Trine University 2017 – B.S. Mechanical Engineering
 - 2-time player-elected Captain





Overview

- Starting the Search
- Basics of Different College Levels
- Recruiting Through High School
- How to Communicate
- Resources for You
- Facts/Thoughts
- Questions from You



Starting the Search

- ▣ **ACADEMICS MATTER**
- ▣ School Characteristics
 - School size
 - Majors
 - Location
 - Academic requirements
- ▣ Soccer Program Characteristics
 - Division
 - Culture (team and school)
 - Current state

Starting the Search: Goalkeeper Specifics



- ▣ What to look for in a program
 - Goalkeeper Coach?
 - Desire to play- Right away? Ever?
 - Chemistry with other goalkeepers → Visits



Basics/Levels

Year	D 1	D2	D3	JUCO	NAIA
Scholarship	Athletic and Academic	Athletic and Academic	Academic	Athletic and Academic	Athletic and Academic
Commitment	12 Months 20 hrs vs. 8 hours	12 Months	Heavy in Fall, Light Spring	Varies	Varies
Travel	National	Regional	Regional (sometimes national)	Regional	Varies
Quality of Soccer	VARIES				

9th Grade



- ▣ Build a network of coaches
- ▣ Identify colleges that you are interested in
- ▣ Maintain academic performance
 - 3.5 GPA, 105 ACT, Top 10% of Graduating Class
 - Find challenging soccer environment
- ▣ **TRAIN and GET BETTER**



10th Grade

- Start communicating with colleges you are interested in
 - Express an interest
 - Keep them posted with your schedule/performances
- Attend 1-2 college camps
- Discuss academic and college goals with advisor/counselor both in school and in soccer
- **TRAIN and GET BETTER**
- **Keep grades up**



11th Grade

- ▣ Narrow college list down to “short-list”
- ▣ Visit colleges you are interested in
 - Academic culture
 - Social culture
 - Financial Aid
- ▣ Communicate regularly with coaches
 - Team needs
- ▣ Attend college games
- ▣ ACT/SAT early – prepare for tests
- ▣ **D1 Coaches can call/email starting September 1st**
- ▣ **TRAIN and GET BETTER**
- ▣ **EXCEL IN CLASSROOM**



12th Grade

- ▣ Explore financial aid options
- ▣ Stay in contact with coaches
- ▣ Keep informed about college and soccer program
- ▣ Final decision
- ▣ Official Visits
- ▣ **TRAIN and GET BETTER**
- ▣ **EXCEL IN CLASSROOM**



Contacting Coaches

- ▣ How do I get in touch with coaches?
 - Networking
 - Showcases/Camps
 - Email/Recruit Forms
 - LATER ON: Call/Text – Careful of regulations
- ▣ What do I send them?
 - Introduce yourself
 - Invite to upcoming games/tournaments
 - Video – in-game, 5-10 minutes, tasteful music if any
- ▣ How do I know when they are really interested?

Contacting Coaches: Goalkeeper Specifics



- ▣ Send Video!!!!
 - Show ALL skillsets in-game
 - ▣ Foot skills
 - ▣ Communication
 - Private Training
- ▣ Plan playing time if possible



Resources

- ▣ topdrawersoccer.com
- ▣ ncaa.com
- ▣ Athletics/University Website
- ▣ School Counselor
- ▣ Club Coaches
- ▣ High School Coaches
- ▣ **BIG CAT FAMILY**

FACTS



Your personality matters!
Be someone worth recruiting.

THIS IS YOUR LIFE. THE DECISION IS YOURS.
OWN THE PROCESS and ENJOY

Questions?