

Former Ram sets family first

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Jason Reid, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, happened to be at the right place at the right time in 2003.

While dropping a friend off at Northwood University for soccer tryouts, he pulled out his tennis shoes and joined. Reid was spotted by the coach, Steve Jones, who immediately offered him a full ride at Northwood.

Jones later accepted a coaching position at Texas Wesleyan University, and Reid followed.

"Reid definitely brought a competitive spirit to the team," Assistant Coach Gaspar Martinez said. "He knew what he wanted and went after it."

Reid said he never really thought about going to college.

"I am the eighth of 10 children," he said. "I was making good money with my older brother who was a very successful club promoter."

After he was recruited by Jones, Reid explained to his brother that he was going to college to play soccer and could therefore no longer work with him.

"My brother was not happy

about me going to college," Reid said. "He said college was a waste of time and that I was never going to make it."

With a newfound desire to learn and play soccer, Reid decided he wanted to prove his brother wrong.

"I was excited about playing soccer," he said. "But what I really wanted to do was to fulfill the desires of my heart. I wanted to start my own clothing line."

Reid knew it would take determination and discipline to succeed. While attending Texas Wesleyan University, he also took Internet classes from Art Instruction School in Minneapolis.

"I was playing soccer, doing my homework for both schools, sketching designs and writing a book during my time at Texas Wesleyan," he said.

His plan was to write an instructional book about soccer as a way to earn money to help him with his clothing line.

Reid said that while he learned a lot from his soccer coaches, he believes he has even more he can share with his fellow soccer players.

"Confidence is the key when playing soccer," he said. "Having the ability to play is just part of the game. Having

confidence is what gets you the win."

Reid credits his strength and dedication to win from his childhood role model—his grandmother.

"My grandmother took care of 10 children on her own," he said. "I remember watch-

ing her sit all day washing our clothes by hand."

Reid said his grandmother would try to stand on her aching knees after sitting so long in one spot washing clothes.

"She never complained about the pain," he said. "She was dedicated to us. Friends

and some of my teachers thought I was doing an amazing job juggling my every day. But what I was doing paled in comparison to the work of my grandmother."

Reid not only carried his grandmother in his heart. In a sense she was there for every game he played.

"During my games at Texas Wesleyan, I would tape my wrists and write Mavis on the tape," he said. "Mavis was my grandmother's name, and I wore that name proudly."

Reid was named the most valuable player at the conference tournament in 2005, when Texas Wesleyan won its first conference title.

Josh Gibbs, the current men's soccer coach, coached Reid during his senior year, 2006.

"He is the type of player who can change the game at an instance," Gibbs said. "He is a very dynamic player."

As his career as a college player neared the end, Reid's coaches attempted to push him into pursuing professional soccer, and Reid was forced to make a decision that could ultimately affect his life forever.

"I knew I could play professional soccer if I really had the desire to," he said. "But I

decided to take the road that would lead me to fulfilling my dreams."

Reid said that playing professional soccer would be something he would do only for himself; however, he was concerned for his nieces and nephews.

"I have many relatives who need my help," he said. "Playing soccer would be just for me, but when I reach my goal of starting my clothing line, I will be able to take care of my family in Jamaica. I love them very much."

While Jason Reid continues his path to success, he still does not regret the decision he made in 2005. He continues to recall the life of his grandmother as fuel to keep him moving.

Current senior defender Ekene Onuoha played with Reid for three years at Wesleyan and said that Reid is the kind of person who would go out of his way for his teammates.

"He always showed up to play and always left it all on the field," Onuoha said.

Reid appreciates that he was in the right place at the right time in 2003 and is determined to keep working hard toward his dream: providing a good life for his family.



Jason Reid credits his grandmother as his role model.

Name	Wins	Loses	TP Scored	TP Against	Byes
Pickles	4	0	153	18	0
BOHICA	3	1	35	21	0
TapOut	2	2	67	97	0
1 L's	2	2	68	103	0
Twisters	1	3	7	47	0
Pink Dragons	0	4	21	48	0

Rambler's Guide to the Game: Explaining the basics of soccer

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Have you ever wondered what's going on in the game or why that crazy fan is yelling at the referee? Worry no more.

We have the insider's guide to soccer in order for you to learn the rules and lingo of the game.

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The Regulations

- Two 45-minute halves separated by a 15 min. break (halftime).

- Time doesn't stop for substitution.

- First kickoff and defending side is determined by a coin flip.

- 10 field players and one goalkeeper on each team.

- One center referee and two assistant referees.

- A team must consist of no less than seven players to begin and complete the match.

- Two yellow cards in one game are equal to a red card.

- A player who is issued a red card may not return to play in the same game; the team must play a man down.

Soccer Lingo

"Offside"

When a player is nearer to her opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second-to-last opponent at the time the ball is played by a team mate.

"Advantage"

The referee is to refrain from stopping play for a foul if a stoppage would benefit the team that committed the violation.

"Nutmeg"

When the ball is intentionally kicked between a player's legs.

The Weekly Sports Quote

"One of the reasons [Arnold Palmer] is playing so well is that, before each tee-shot, his wife takes out his balls and kisses them - Oh my God, what have I just said?"

USTV Commentator

Wesleyan Week-in-Sports

- The Lady Rams Soccer team (8-3, 2-0 RRAC) opened conference play with two wins on the road. They beat Bacone College 3-0 on Oct. 1 before defeating Texas College 7-1 Oct. 3.
- The Rams Soccer team (8-3, 1-1 RRAC) beat Bacone 1-0 in a close conference opener in Muskogee on Oct. 1. The Rams lost their second conference game to Texas College 2-0 in Tyler Oct. 3.
- Lady Rams Volleyball team (9-11, 3-2 RRAC) suffered a 3-0 (25-20, 25-18, 25-23) loss at Southwestern Assemblies of God University Oct. 1. Two days later the Lady Rams bounced back to take a conference win against Bacone College 3-1 (23-25, 25-20, 25-13, 25-22) and a non-conference win over University of St. Thomas 3-2 (23-25, 25-18, 25-17, 21-25, 19-17).
- The 4th-ranked Rams Golf team finished 11th at last week's Bruce Williams Rattler Invitational in San Antonio.

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Game	Time/Place
Thursday Men's Soccer vs. Our Lady of the Lake University Volleyball vs. Our Lady of the Lake University Women's Soccer vs. Our Lady of the Lake University	5:30 p.m. Martin Field 6 p.m. San Antonio 7:30 p.m. Martin Field
Friday Volleyball vs. UT-Brownsville U.	4 p.m. Brownsville
Saturday Volleyball vs. Huston-Tillotson Men's Soccer vs. UT-Brownsville U. Women's Soccer vs. UT-Brownsville	1 p.m. Austin 5:30 p.m. Martin Field 7:30 p.m. Martin Field