

Alumni



Kevin Goldthwaite '01 loves playing soccer and is willing to put in the hard work to do it. Goldthwaite graduated from CB and attained what many would consider a Catholic high school athlete's ultimate achievement – a scholarship to play at Notre Dame. With his phenomenal work ethic and determination, Goldthwaite was named to the all-Big East first team, named team captain in a vote by his teammates, and by attending summer school each year, managed to graduate with a degree in business management consulting after just three and one-half years.

"All of my teachers at CB had prepared me so well academically for college," says Goldthwaite. "My family was on board, and the coaching staff at Notre Dame was incredible. I just really wanted to play Major League Soccer and I knew that if I wanted to do that, I needed to finish school in time for the draft," explains Goldthwaite.

His efforts paid off as he was drafted by the San Jose Earthquakes, moved with the team to Houston, was traded to the Toronto FC and then, to the New York Red Bulls where he is under contract until 2011. In 2006, Goldthwaite's Houston Dynamo team won the MLS Cup Final and in 2008, the Red Bulls advanced all the way to the MLS Cup Final. In a tribute to his hard work, the New York media honored Goldthwaite by naming him Defender of the Year, recognition that Goldthwaite does not take for granted.

That really meant a lot to me," explains Goldthwaite. "That, and being named team captain at Notre Dame are definite high points in terms of my accomplishments on the soccer field."

"Kevin was a great young man and did a fantastic job for Notre Dame," says Head Coach Bobby Clark. "I first saw Kevin during my time as Head Coach at Stanford. On moving to Notre Dame, I was delighted to have him choose to come and play for the Irish. Kevin was a four-year letter winner and developed into one of the best attacking left sided players in the collegiate game. He was athletic but also had a very nice touch with his left foot and served wonderful fast, curling crosses from the left side. Personally it has been a lot of fun seeing someone as a 15-year-old grow and develop into a top class soccer player and also, more importantly, into a top class person. He still stays in touch and any time we are in the New York area, he comes past to say hello."

At CB, Goldthwaite's favorite memories of the soccer field were time spent with his brother, Joel '99, when the two played on the varsity team together. "We had such a fun group of guys. We worked so hard and we always managed to have a good time," he says. "Coach Juarez was really tough on us. But, he was really dedicated to everybody and he really knew his stuff."

Off the field, Goldthwaite credits his family and CB with instilling the values that he lives by. "The teachers at Christian Brothers, day in and day out, taught us good values. Also, that the little things do, become a part of you. I try to live by that every day."

After his soccer career winds up, Goldthwaite hopes to put his business degree to good use and move back to the Sacramento area to be closer to his family and friends.



CB sophomore and varsity soccer player Joe Hill '11 took a break from his final to meet CB alumnus and Major League Soccer player, Kevin Goldthwaite '01.