



# Garrett Esper

**Hometown:** Slingerlands, NY

**High School(s):** Albany Academies, Loomis Chaffee

**College(s):** Colgate University

**Did You Play College Soccer There?** Yes



## **Current Profession:**

Medical Student, Third Year - SUNY Upstate Medical University

## **Key Influence(s) at BWP?**

Steve Freeman, Dan Esper, Jake Boland, Dominique Cadet, Taylor Esper, Marty Galvin

## **How/why did you choose them as key influence(s)?**

Each mentored me at some point in my career. Not only to improve my playing ability but also my off-field character when I experienced hardship when younger. I include older players as I found the verticality within BW's ranks to be a very special bond and important tool to teach and encourage younger players to challenge themselves and improve.

## **Most Enjoyable Part of Playing for BWP?**

Experiences with teammates and families at tournaments- whether it be freezing on College Park, battling in the Middlesbrough mud, or enjoying the San Diego sunshine. Relationships that are still a foundation for my current success. Opportunity to compete against top teams in the country at premier facilities and venues.

## **Favorite Memory at BWP?**

Sunday morning futsal at Center City. 4 straight hours of small-sided competition with each hour being a different age group. Began playing with my own group before training each subsequent hour with older guys and getting to compete against my older brother. (That and my annual battle with the tall defensive center midfielder on Ottawa Fury).

## **How did BWP help you get to where you are today?**

Gave me the ability to be competitive in the sport and play in college. Fostered an environment that encouraged a strong work ethic, self-confidence, discipline, and an ambition to improve. Traits I have used throughout my time at Loomis, Colgate, and now my time in medical school.

## **What were the most important lessons learned from your BWP experience?**

Always play/act with an unassuming and empathetic chip on your shoulder. Give back to the community that helped make you who you are today. Sport for many is a means to advance yourself in other aspects of life. Always put your best foot forward on every attempt - you never know how many 60 second workouts you could end up doing if you overlook the next one.

## **Why are you involved with the BWP Alumni Association?**

Ability to give back to the club/community I grew up in so that future generations can have the experience I did and then some. Chance to further enhance the alumni association for myself and the alumni to utilize and enjoy in coming years.

