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Dino Ramic Profile

Many families immigrate to United States from all over the world, for a variety of reasons in the pursuit of the American dream. Moving to the United States from a foreign country as an adolescent can be a scary experience.

Dino Ramic, junior sports management major and forward for the Clarke men’s soccer team, and his family moved from Bosnia and Herzegovina to Pasco, Wash. in 1997, when he was 8 years old. Dino and his family immigrated to the United States to escape the on-going war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The move was definitely a culture shock for young Dino. “Although, I was able to learn English in four months, those first couple months were real tough,” says Ramic. “I couldn’t understand anything my classmates or teachers would say to me.” Ramic has enjoyed his life here in the United States, and plans on staying here, barring any professional soccer opportunities overseas.

Ramic’s unique journey from Jablanica, Bosnia and Herzegovina to Dubuque, Iowa has come about through the love of soccer. In his first two seasons at Clarke, Ramic was named 2008 MCC newcomer of the year and first-team all-conference and in 2010 was Honorable mention all-conference along with setting a variety of Clarke school records.

Ramic is at the top of every single-season scoring record, and on Oct. 9 against Luther College solidified his position atop the school record for most goals in a career (32) surpassing Chris Salutric (c/o 2004). This year, Ramic is tied with teammate Mark Dismang for the team lead in goals (12).

In high school in Pasco, Wash, Ramic was a standout soccer player at Hanford high school where he would be named first team all-conference all four years, to go along with all-state three years and league MVP his senior year.

Angel Pedraza, senior social work major and forward for the Clarke men’s soccer team, who is in his second season as Ramic’s says, “Dino brings a lot flare to the team.“And when it’s time to get down to business, he’s a playmaker. With his speed and foot work, he can outrun a lot of defenders and find the back of the net.”

Lucas Tepman, junior philosophy major and midfielder for the Clarke men’s soccer team, “Dino is an explosive footballer, who finds a way to make something out of nothing,” says Tepman. “He is a key part of the success this season.”

Daniel Valencia, junior communications major and defenseman for the men’s Clarke soccer team, “Just like myself, he came to this country at a young age,” says Valencia. “We relate to each other and we play a similar style of soccer, he and Mark set the table for the scorers in the league.”

This season, Ramic and the crusaders finished fourth in the MCC regular season with a 5-3 record, 8-10 record and with a tough loss in the conference tournament to Viterbo in triple overtime, “Although this season just ended, I am already looking forward to next season, and to make another run at a MCC championship and national tournament berth,” says Ramic.