

## PLAYER PROFILE

Name: **Burns, Kevin**

DOB: **March 22, 1985**  
 Height: **1.85 m (6'1")**  
 Weight: **81.5 kg (180 lbs)**

Position: **Defensive Central Midfield**  
 Foot: **Right**

Nationality: **United States of America**

Current Club:



**Columbus Crew (Major League Soccer)**



Player  
Description:

Burns spent a year in the US Youth National Team residential academy system in Bradenton Florida at the age of 18 to prepare himself for a successful four-year career at the University of Connecticut (UConn). UConn is annually considered one of the elite university programs in the United States and generally recruits some of the best and brightest rising 18-22 year old players for their team.

A strong defensive presence in the midfield, Burns has demonstrated a good ability to patiently contain and dispossess his opponents and build the attack from the 6-spot – and his approach contrasts greatly from the full thrust counter-attack style. He plays with a more calculated approach, intelligent and open vision with the ball. His strengths are that he is a strong link on the chain, reliable, dependable team player that consistently performs for this side. Quiet and assuming off the field, he holds his position well and commands his place on the field of play with full understanding of his role within the squad.

He was drafted by Major League Soccer in 2007 but signed with Rochester to ensure more playing time. While brought in as a role-player, Burns surprised the Rochester staff and quickly earned a starting role and has since played in almost every match in the 2007 campaign.

Achievements:

**Professional:**

- Transferred to Columbus Crew, February 2008
- Signed by Rochester Rhinos of the United Soccer Leagues (USL) Division 1, April 2007 (renewed contract October 1, 2007 for one year)
- Earned Rookie of the Year honors from Rochester Rhinos, 2007
- Drafted by Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer, 2007

**National Team (United States Youth National Team):**

- Was a member of the US Under-18 National Team Player Pool
- Attended IMG Soccer Academy – US Youth National Team residential academy
- Traveled on the Brazil (2002) and Italy (2003) Tours with the IMG Soccer Academy

**Collegiate and Youth Development:**

- Burns helped lead the Uconn Huskies to back-to-back Big East Championships in 2004 and 2005 and four-straight appearances in the NCAA Tournament
- He played in 65 games over the course of his career, starting in 36 at midfield. Burns finished his tenure with 16 points off four goals and eight assists