

# MEET THE PIRATES

## #12 | FRESHMAN | DEFENDER | ROBERT PALMER



**2008-** Has appeared and started in 10 games for the Pirates at the defender position...scored his first collegiate goal against Benedictine College on September 17th off of a corner kick...has attempted four shots on the season... helped lead the Pirate defense to two shutout victories.

**PERSONAL**— Robert Palmer was born Jan. 15...son of Levi and Donna Palmer... a native of Kingston, Jamaica...played for head coaches David Hunt and Alfred Henry... team accomplishments included Manning Cup Champions at the Disney Tournament as a U-15 and Olivier Shield Champions at Calabar High School and Jamaica College in 2005 and 2007... voted most valuable player and best defender...has appeared in a Premier League play-off, crowned champions of youth age group league as a U-13, U-15, U-17 and U-20 (Jamaica)...team earned champions of all schools (Jamaica) against Trinidad and Tobago... nicknamed Berto and Dunga...likes to listen to music and socialize...chose Park to further education and play soccer...plans to major in business management.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE AMERICAN FOOD?

"Burgers, my favorite restaurant for Burgers is McDonalds. I like the Big Mac's."

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DISH BACK HOME?

"Chicken, peas and rice."

### WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE MUSICIAN?

"I like the Reggae Group, Gyptian and rapper Beenie Man."

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

"I like all Chris Tucker movies especially 'Money Talks' and all three 'Rush Hour' movies. I also like the Bourne Identity."

### WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT WHILE PLAYING FOR PARK?

"My first game for sure, I was a bit nervous but I got through it and realized I was going to be okay playing over here. American soccer is different than soccer where I come from so I was really glad to get through my first game."

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT PARK UNIVERSITY?

"There are lot's of nice girls here and the facilities are very nice. I have nice teammates which helps and I get to meet people from all over the world which is another good thing for me."

### WHO IS THE FUNNIEST PLAYER ON THE TEAM?

"There are a few, Michael Arrum, Togo (Tazou Ali Tagba) and Ramone Palmer."

### WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

"I like to sit and read a book sometimes while I am not at practice or playing in a game. I also like to play video games in my free time."

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORT OTHER THAN SOCCER?

"I like to compete in Track and Field. Back in elementary school I ran track a lot and I still enjoy it."

### WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE UNITED STATES?

"Everyone back in Jamaica wants to come to the United States and I was fortunate enough to come here in 2004. The culture and the environment, the cars and the roads everything was so different. So it was a big shock to me, but I truly love it here."

