Despite a tough season in the win-loss column, the Bethany College men’s soccer team gained a large amount of experience that they will surely use in next season’s campaign.

The Bison had 23 different freshman or sophomores see action, including making a combined 123 starts.

As for the season itself, the Green & White were tough luck losers in many of their matches, falling by two goals or less in six contests. With the experience they’ve gained in those tough bouts, look for the Bison to turn those into wins in the years to come.

Bethany did collect several wins on the season, including victories over Penn State – New Kensington and Presidents’ Athletic Conference foe Thiel College.

On Oct. 1, the Bison were able to grab a hard fought 2-1 win over Penn State – New Kensington. The contest saw the Bison race out to a 2-0 lead in the first half, receiving goals from sophomore Jack Waters and freshman Ryan Power. The Green & White then held on in the second half en route to the triumph.

Just a few weeks later, the Bison were again victorious, this time knocking off PAC rival Thiel College, 2-0. Once again Bethany used a strong first-half performance, getting scores from freshmen Cihan Gunduz and Matt Jones. Freshman goalkeeper Richard Martinez then did the rest, capturing his first shutout of the season, logging five saves on 14 Tomcat shots.

Bethany’s offense will be set for the future with the likes of Power and freshmen Alex Hannah, as well as Waters. Power burst on the scene in his first year, leading the team in goals (3), points (7) and shots (36). Hannah ranked second on the team in goals (2), while Waters had a team-high two assists.

At the conclusion of the season, Bethany said goodbye to seniors Tyler Pannebaker, Casey Clements, Nick Turner, Neil Verley and Cody McElhaney.