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The Chairman's Corner.....

As the Indoor season draws to a close, we are already finishing preparations for spring and intensifying our efforts to obtain sponsors for our teams.

Last month we met with the Wisconsin Junior Soccer commission and resolved the question of uniforms with the Milwaukee Serbians. The financial question remains unresolved.

Plans for spring include seven teams in the following divisions:

- 2 Bantam (under Lew Dray)
- 1 Midget (under Milan Nikolic)
- 1 Intermediate (under Lorenzo Draghicchio)
- 1 Junior (under Pat Dillet)
- 2 Senior (under Sirous Samy & Frank Kral)

For a club to start in the first Division with teams is a first. With seven teams this spring, we will become one of the largest playing clubs in Wisconsin. Our success, however, depends on you. In order to have soccer become a popular sport in this area and this country, we must all contribute as much as we possibly can.

On behalf of the Milwaukee Kickers, I would like to thank Mr. Pete Gustin and Mike Blatz Triangles for their aid in the Indoor Tournament. We certainly appreciate the contribution of their boys and hope that we can be of assistance sometime in the future. I would also like to thank St. Matthias parish for the assistance of its boys in this tournament. We value this aid and want to extend any helping hand we can to them in the future.

Sincerely,
Al Nikolic, Chairman

What's Your S.Q. (soccer quotient)?

How many answers to you know? Test yourself and see!

1. How long is a senior game?
2. Do players have the right to a break at halftime?
3. What types of free kicks are there?
4. What was soccer originally called in the U.S.?
5. TRUE or FALSE: The ball is out of play when the game has been stopped by the referee.
6. Who won the World Cup in 1966?
7. Can the referee reverse his decision?
8. TRUE or FALSE: The final decisions on the field are made by the ref and the linesmen.
9. TRUE or FALSE: An offside is called on you if there are more than 2 opposing players between you and the goal at the time the ball is played to you.
10. Where is the World Cup of 1970 going to be held?

Answers to Quiz

1. 2 equal periods of 45 minutes
2. Yes
3. Direct and indirect
4. Association football

5. True
6. England
7. Yes, as long as the game has not been restarted
8. False
9. False
10. Mexico

How to Score

If you answered 8 to 10 correctly, consider yourself a prospective pro; 5-7 you're still an amateur; 2 to 4 are you sure you're playing soccer?; under 2, maybe you should try another game?

Better Luck Next Time!

Sr. Kicker of the Month

Although the spring season has not yet begun, we feel that it would be an advantage for our readers to become acquainted with our new senior players. Second in this series we'd like to you meet Milan Gajdosik, an athlete already involved in our club by coaching. Milan, 19, has been playing soccer for most of his life. In Czechoslovakia, where he was born, he said he began playing as soon as he could walk. When he came to this country, he began playing for an ethnic club. From that he switched to our junior movement, and now he is ready for the senior division. Milan feels that the Kickers offer something really new....a chance for all to play soccer. With his experience in ethnic soccer, he has come to the conclusion that most of these ethnic groups hate each other.."they don't play soccer –they fight" the nationality differences. He feels that soccer has a chance in the next five years, and hopes that Milwaukee gets a professional franchise.

A graduate of Custer H.S., Milan is now attending MTC, majoring in mechanical technology design. We wish Milan all the luck he deserves—and that's plenty!

Indoor Reports

The battle between brother teams of Kickers A and B was won by the more experienced and skillful of the two, Kickers A. The lone goal was scored in the second half of the game, reports coach Sirous Samy. Defensive efforts of Kickers B fullbacks and halfbacks were superb. Quick hands and good judgment of Harry M. Sydow at the goal added to the dignity of a truly championship effort. While the A team is experiencing some difficulty in showing its real being, the B team is winning more admiration. Talent, skill, and experience have always been part of a championship team, but consistency and total dedication score the winning goal. Last Sunday's game, Feb. 23, was a loss for the B team against Bavarians 6-0.

Feb. 23 wasn't a very good day for any of the Kickers teams. The Intermediates lost to Waukesha 2-0. Coach Lorenzo Draghicchio says the team does show more confidence, even though they lost. He feels that the lack of organization on the field will be straightened out in outdoor play, and that the team will really become strong.

The Midget team had a chance at the championship until Feb. 23rd, when they lost against the Serbians 3-1. It was an exciting game, with the score tied at the half 1-1. However, Coach Milan Nikolic felt that the team was surprisingly good during the tournament, considering the obstacles they had to overcome. This can be seen in the Feb. 9 game when the Kickers won against the Tigers 3-0.

The Bantam team also came in for its share on the 23rd. It lost against Sport Club 2-0. This repeated the loss, by the same score, on Feb. 2nd against the Serbians. According to Coach Lee Dray, however, the team is developing quite well, and he expects to have another team in spring.

Sunday, March 2 is the last game of the Indoor tournament. Please come out to the Auditorium and watch the Kickers Bantam, Intermediate, and Juniors in action. You'll be glad you did!

The Milwaukee Kickers wish a speedy recovery to two players who are in the hospital: Bob Malmin (Int.), Mario DeSalvo (Midget) – Get well soon – we need you!

Join Us!

The membership drive of the Milwaukee Kickers is in full swing. Interested members may obtain membership forms from any member of the board. Information about dues can be found in the Jan. "KICKS" or by contacting board members. We extend our heartiest invitation for you to join us in the development of this worthwhile sport and organization. Welcome!

Newcomers....

The Kickers are proud to welcome two new players to the Bantam team. They are ROBERT HIGGINS and WAYNE RUSCH. Good Luck!

Happy Birthday to.....

JOHN COLEMAN (MIDGET) 2/28

TOM WOLFE (JUNIOR) 2/22

Many good wishes from the Milwaukee Kickers.

Pat Dillett, a member of the Kickers Junior team, is slated to assume the coaching position for the Junior under the direct supervision of head coach Sirous Samy. Good luck, Pat!

Korner Kicks

One soccer player to another: "We have a secret weapon on our team."

Other player: Oh, yeah?

Lst Player: "We hide the goal!"

Guess Who Department – Who was that Bantam player who wouldn't come out and play the game because his shorts were too long? Hmmm