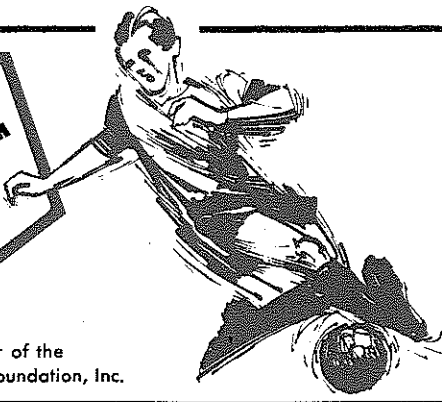




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"AMERICAN SOCCER IS OUR GOAL"

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chairman's corner

by Al Nikolic

With the Fall season fast approaching, we must again review the goals of our organization and re-emphasize them: 1) the development of young athletes; 2) the promotion of American soccer; 3) the development of the club. If we are not vitally concerned with the first two goals at all times, we can visualize fading into the fog of being "just another soccer club", which might as well be ethnically oriented. We cannot allow our optimistic progress to bog down under the pressure which affects so many clubs; mainly, lack of personnel. We need more parental involvement in order to effectively develop our long range goals, as well as reinforce the immediate ones of running the teams. It's too easy to let someone else do the work--until that someone feels that it becomes "work" and no longer wants to do it all. If the duties of running the club and the teams could be handled by more people, we would certainly begin making tremendous strides and enthusiasm would replace the idea of "work". Show your interest and involve yourself in what your children are doing--join us!

Picnic a hit!

"Somebody up there" likes the Kickers, because the weather was perfect for the annual Kicknic, held on Sun., Aug. 16th at Estabrook Park. Those who attended enjoyed Pepsi and other soda, donated by Pepsi-Cola, food, games, and entertainment, along with the sunshine and 80 degree temperatures. Many thanks to Mrs. Julie Beisser for setting up the food, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph West, who planned the varied and hilarious games to interest all age groups. The highlight of the day was the New Stars vs. Old Stars soccer game late in the afternoon.

The Old Stars, captained by "Battlin' Bob" Wiesian tried everything to win the game, but, thanks to "refs" "Honest Mike" Pitterle and "Horny Gary" Ward, the rules of the game were strictly enforced. Special commendation must be given to "Knees" Ehlers, goalie, who saved a few spectacular shots. Others on the team were Mike Brainerd, Sirous Samy, Frank Karffonta, Antonio Draghicchio, Mike Demma (who came up from Illinois just to reinforce the Old Stars!), Frank Kral, Ralph West, Pat Coleman, and a host of others!

The New Stars were led by the mysterious "Shegunda lah" (alias Mick Anic), stunning in white linen, who proceeded to bless the goal posts before the start of the game. Others in the "harem" included Linda "The Rage" Sage, and Elfriede "Bomber" Samy who were the power behind the team and provided us with a score, Nancy Ehlers, Doris Karffonta, Pam Orr, Louise Dray (who was playing the wrong game--she was wearing a baseball cap!), Maxine Maksimovic, Helga Nikolic, goalie ("Where's the ball?!"), Jean Brainerd, Dorothy Kral, Dorothy Mueller, and, of course, our illustrious coach "Mimi" (Milan) Nikolic. In the confusion of the game ending, what with penalty kicks, etc., the score was not clear. It was believed to be 1-1, so that "equality" (as in Women's Liberation) prevailed!

Everyone appeared to have a good time, and the rumor is that another girls' game is in the planning stages! Next time there won't be any doubt as to the score. All in all, the picnic was a successful event.

Leo Gabrich Cup

Well, the PeeWees did it again! They won the trophy for their division in the Leo Gabrich Memorial Tournament, which was held on three consecutive Saturdays, Aug. 15th, 22nd, and 29th. They beat Sport Club 2-1, thereby being the only Kicker team to reach the "winner's circle". The Junior team battled the Bavarians for an "almost win"--- losing only by corner kicks. All the other teams made the Semi-finals, but were ousted by corner kicks in those results. The teams put on a fine show on all three days, and we can be justly proud of their efforts. Congratulations to the PeeWees and their coach, Mr. Hans Mueller, and their manager, Mr. Elmer Ehlers, for representing the club so well.

CLINIC

On Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 15th and 16th, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay provided the Wisconsin area with a rare opportunity--that of meeting and learning from Dettmar Cramer, internationally known F.I.F.A. coach, who conducted a clinic in soccer skills there. Cramer has been in the United States for several months conducting clinics and camps for players and coaches. There were 76 players and coaches registered for the weekend session in Green Bay.

Cramer, who has been offered the position of national coach for the United States Soccer Football Ass'n. (USSFA), stressed that no longer can we train a player for a specific position--he must be able to play a number of positions in order to keep up with the changes in the game recently. According to him, the game is much faster now, and the pressure of the opponents is harder. The good player, Cramer said, "is always in motion...always a fraction of a second faster than the opponent; never stands and waits for the ball to come to him--he meets it and follows up on it...he is an individual working within a team structure." Of coaches, he said, "the best coach in the world is success. A game will teach you what needs to be developed." Those who attended the clinic will agree it was an invaluable experience in soccer.



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The FALL SEASON starts SEPT. 12! Are you ready?

The Pepsi Kickers have been playing exhibition games in conjunction with their Reserve team. On Aug. 20th, Waukesha beat the Kickers 4-2. Other "experiences" were felt in Green Bay on Aug. 30th, when UW-GB beat us 5-1. The Bantams, who played against a newly formed team in Green Bay, also lost 3-0. Oh, well, a few defeats will just make future victories sweeter!