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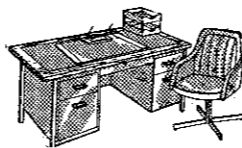


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"AMERICAN SOCCER IS OUR GOAL"

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY TED WEDEMEYER JR.

The headline and the accompanying article in the Sports Section of the Milwaukee Journal put it succinctly: KICKERS TO STAY IN MAJOR DIVISION. The reason: our youth movement. Thus, and correctly so, the very reason for establishing the Kickers was the very reason we shall once again be able to participate in Major Division games during 1974. We must doff our hats in gratitude to the founders of the organization for their foresight. Of equal importance, also, are the coaches and managers of our Junior Division teams, for they will determine our future on the field of play.

Last Thursday night, I was happy to once again be elected your President for the coming year. With the exception of one individual, the Board re-elected all of last year's officers to continue in their duties for 1974. The new officer this year will be ALICE MUELLER, who will be assuming Nancy Ehlers' duties as secretary. Nancy asked to be relieved of her duties, and it was with much reluctance that we acquiesced with her wishes. Her presence in the organization is synonymous with unselfish work, dedication, and the "good of the club must prevail". We are fortunate to have Nancy committed to not drop from sight, but only to take a brief sabbatical.

And so now we commence on our sixth year as a club, far greater in wisdom for the experience gained in the year just past, stronger for the challenges that have been met, and firmer in our resolve that the "non-ethnic" youth movement

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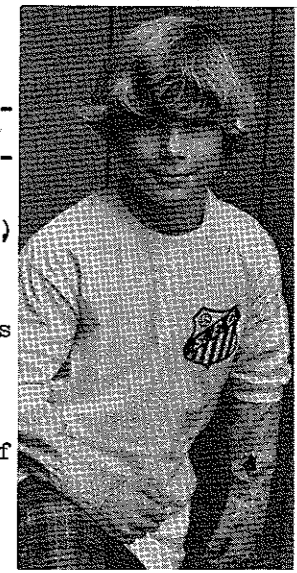
Nothing Could Be Finer

Five years of "Americanizing soccer" were celebrated at the Kickers' Annual Awards Banquet held Dec. 7th at NINO's. Over 360 players, parents, members, and friends attended the dinner and awards presentation and enjoyed the antics of the entertainment skit, "A Soccermental Journey"--a spoof of A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

A highlight of the evening was the showing of three soccer training films sent by Pele, world famous soccer star, featuring himself demonstrating various techniques. Responding to an invitation to attend the Kickers Banquet, Pele regretted that he had other commitments, but instead sent one of his number 10 jerseys and some coaches manuals and charts to the club for this special occasion. The shirt was presented to a junior division player, MARK DRAY (shown wearing the shirt at right).

In the awards department, the Kickers presented a special plaque to Mr. John Zussman, past president of the W.S.A., for over 30 years of dedication and service to soccer.

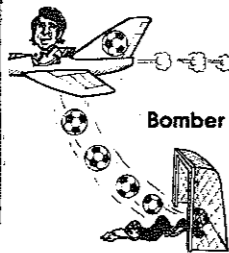
The 12 founders of the club also received commemorative plaques on this anniversary. They are: Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Draghicchio, Mr. & Mrs. Lew Dray, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kral, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Nikolic, Mr. & Mrs. Milan Nikolic, and Mr. & Mrs. Sirous Samy.



--Milw. Journal Photo

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coming events

REGISTRATION for JUNIOR DIVISION teams will be held SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1974 at MEISTNER'S CLUB, 5018 W. State St. from 1-4 p.m.

With your co-operation, we hope to sign up as many boys as possible at one time. SEE YOU THEN!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER...CONT'D

approach is the path of progress for success in a club such as ours.

In the months ahead, let us all volunteer to dedicate just a smidgin more of our time to improve the many varied facets of our club. Let us first make the indoor season a success for our junior teams, and then move on to a strong Spring season. The Kicknic is not too far off either. There is room for everyone to help and help is needed.

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Introducing

Meet ALICE MUELLER, newly elected Secretary of the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club. In fact, you can meet her on the playing field, since she is also a member of the Kickers' Girls Team.

Alice, born and raised in Milwaukee and the oldest of 8 children, is athletically inclined...interested in a variety of participation sports such as skiing, biking, and, of course, soccer. She became interested in the sport because she was looking for something she could get a lot of "strenuous physical activity" out of--and she's not disappointed.

Besides her involvement with the Girls' team, Alice is a member of the Players' Committee, which was a natural forerunner for her present position with the club.

She brings to the position of Secretary an impressive list of credentials. She received a BA from UWM in International Relations (what better sport in which to use it?) and an MA in Urban Affairs. For the last year and a half, she has been the manager of the Manpower Division of the Metro. Milw. Association of Commerce and the Metropolitan Director of the National Alliance of Businessmen. Her job deals with developing the employability of people.

Outside of her business interests, Alice, 27, enjoys drawing, painting, and pottery. Her job allows her to travel quite a bit, which she considers a benefit.

With such talent, experience, and involvement, the Kickers can be assured of a beneficial relationship with Miss Mueller, and are glad to have made the acquaintance!

What's in it for you?

There is still room and time for you to take advantage of the opportunity to take the trip to England this summer with the Kickers team which has been preparing for this event for the last three years.

Due to the energy crisis, however, a few changes had to be made. The trip, which was scheduled for 21 days, had to be shortened to 14 and will leave about Aug. 15 to return about Aug. 30th. The price is \$259.00 round trip -- where can you get a better deal?

If you are interested in making the trip, please contact Mr. Elmer Ehlers as soon as possible (964-5196) for more details.

JUST FOR KICKS

KICKERS* SUPER-ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Do you remember the last article we had in the "KICKS" about our agility program back in November? Well, if you do, I would like to say that I'm very sorry we were not able to get anything started until just recently.

Last November, we were fairly sure of obtaining one hall on Farwell and Prospect Ave.; but, as it is, we are still working on it. Before, and since then, we have had other halls in mind, but because of the popularity of basketball, and also bearing in mind the cost, it has been hard to find a suitable hall for soccer.

Now, finally, we have obtained the use of the Riverside High School gym for 8 consecutive Saturdays (Jan. 19th through March 9th). I plan to split up those 8 weeks into 4 two-week soccer sessions--varying to some degree the agenda of each session.

Also, the boys have been split into two different groups practicing at two different times. PEEWEES and BANTAMS (ages 7-12): 1-2:30 p.m.; MIDGETS and INTERMEDIATES (ages 13-16): 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. All boys within these age groups are welcome to attend.

(Keep an eye out for our articles each month as to scheduled activities for that month).

--Erwin Hohl, Co-ordinator
 Super-Activity Program

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Due to the Banquet and the Christmas holidays, there was no newsletter printed in the month of December.

FOOSERS....

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Name your Game...

What's happening out there in Kickerland? Share your news with us in the "KICKS" newsletter. Anyone wishing to submit news, comments, cartoons, photos, etc. for publication, please send them to me by the 20th of the month, or call 476-2876.

BANQUET CONT.

RESERVE team: MVP- Bob Sarsfield
MIP- Acasio Roche
MDP-Bob Nedziejko

GIRLS team: MVP- Debbie Braby
MIP- Alice Mueller
MDP- Mary Riegert

JUNIOR Team: MVP- Sal Lodi
MIP- Peter Ehlers
MDP- Jon Fehrenbach

INTERMEDIATE: MVP- Louie LaGrant
MIP- Bob Casey

MIDGET (M.K.): MVP-Philip Dolan
MIP-Paul Schneider

M.K.Bantam: MVP-Eric Whittaker
MIP:Rick Faitler
MDP-Martin McIsaac

DeToro Bantam: MVP- Mark LaPorte
MIP: David Mayer
MDP-John DeToro

M.K.PeeWee: MVP-Alex Benitez
MIP-Craig Crosby
MDP-Scott Johnson

M&M PeeWee- MVP- Dave Ketchum
MIP-Tim McCarthy
MDP- Pat O'Brien

Pinto PeeWee-MVP-Andy Crowley
MIP- Bill Hobbins
MDP-Paolo Carozza

BATTLE OF THE AGES


The Intermediate team opened its Indoor Season on Jan. 6th by beating a strong Milw. Serbian team 2-1. It was tied at the half, and although the Serbs took a one goal lead, the boys came back with an equalizer from JERRY SZARZYNSKI and a late winner from LOUIE FLAGRANT.

It was an especially good performance as we were without the services of four of our experienced boys.

--DON SHEMELD, Coach

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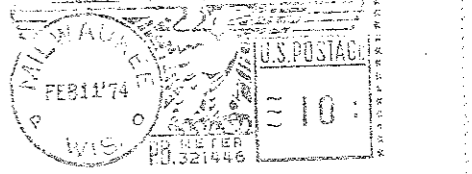
Did you hear the story about the alleged "invention" of the game of soccer football in....Yugoslavia? It seems that archaeologists discovered a burial place around Dalmatia, Yugoslavia. The 6000 yr. old burial inscription stated that the dead were "practitioners of a game which was played with an air-filled hide ball". V-E-R-Y Interesting, no?



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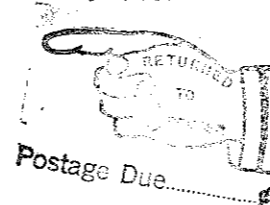


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