



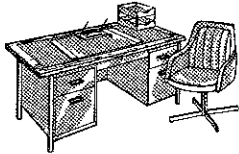
# KICKERS

"AMERICAN SOCCER IS OUR GOAL"

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY TED WEDEMEYER JR.

THE KICKERS...GREAT BEGINNINGS... GREAT STRIVES...GREAT PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

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Gen. William Westmoreland told the U.S. Naval Academy in a graduation speech that his world travels convinced him that soccer was indeed the NUMBER ONE SPORT in the world, and because of its tremendous test of stamina and agility, soccer is singularly responsible for the development of the European and Latin American youngster to a stamina capability SIX TIMES that of the average American youngster.

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IT'S-NOT-SO-BAD-DEPT....We may think we have problems with refs at times, but at least we have refs. Chicago's refs are currently on strike because they want to control their own assignments and ref the games they want to ref....not those assigned to them.

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The Kickers Junior Team is really shaping up. Last Sunday they met the Latino Juniors in the rain and beat them 10-0. St. Joseph's of Edgerton is the opponent to beat in the first round of the National Junior Challenge Cup on Sat., April 7.

## INDOOR '73 ENDS

The Indoor Tournament ended March 11th at the Auditorium with a play-off game to determine the champion of the seven Sunday tourney. Racine, who had been undefeated throughout the contest, lost to United on March 11th, thus opening the way for a three-way battle for first place between the Blue Ribbons, the Brewers, and Racine. The Ribbons and the Brewers each won their game, resulting in the play-off game. The Blue Ribbons emerged victorious by defeating the Brewers 2-0.

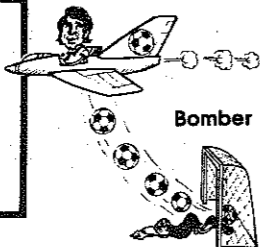
Rudy Getzinger of Racine was top scorer of the tournament with 12 goals for the seven games. Willi Wessels of the Blue Ribbons was second with 10.

Championship trophies in the Junior Division went to: PEEWEE: Grenadiers; BANTAM: Bavarians & Grenadiers (co-champs); MIDGET: Grenadiers; INTERMEDIATES: Milw. Brewers; JUNIORS: Grenadiers & Bavarians (co-champs). The Kickers did not enter any teams in the Junior competition this year.

Final standings of the Indoor Tournament are as follows:

TEAM	W	L	T	PTS.
PABST BLUE RIBBONS	6	0	1	13
Brewers	6	0	1	13
Racine	6	1	0	12
United	4	1	2	10
Miller	3	2	2	8
Club Latino	3	3	1	7
Schlitz	2	3	2	6
Heros	2	4	1	5
SML	2	5	0	4
Pepsi Kickers	1	6	0	2
Eagles	1	6	0	2
Tigers	0	5	2	2

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## THIS AND THAT...

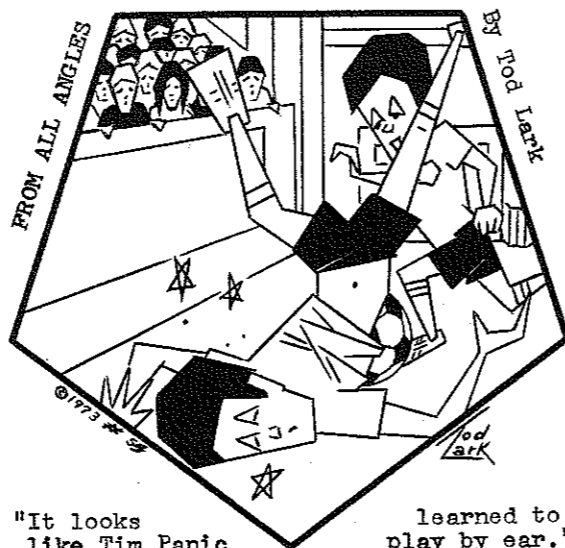
A SPRING SOCIAL is in the planning for the Kickers. Suggestions have been narrowed down to three possibilities. The get-together is tentatively scheduled for the latter part of May. Which activity would you and your family or friends like to participate in A) a hike; B) a hayride; C) a swim party. Think about it and we will be getting in touch with you to get your views



Girls interested in playing soccer this spring, please contact DAWN MARTINEK, manager of the Kickers Girls Team at 327-3413. There will be an organizational meeting of the team on Friday, April 27th at 7:30 p.m. Phone Dawn for more information. The team will begin playing May 15th.



Many thanks to TIMO LIEKOSKI, UWM soccer coach, JOHN SCHISLER, Milw. Public High School Soccer League director, and the Milwaukee Public Schools for their help and co-operation in presenting a successful soccer clinic on March 24.



"It looks like Tim Panic

learned to play by ear."



## KICKER OF THE MONTH

Inaugurating the first of a new "KICKS" feature is TOM CROUCH, Major/Reserve team player and new manager of the Kickers' Junior team. A more positive and enthusiastic spokesman for soccer and the Kickers will be difficult to find than this 20 year old Milwaukee born athlete who came to the game through the influence of the pro teams' televised games back in 1968.

"When I watched them on TV, I knew that this was a sport I could really get into. I started almost immediately just kicking the ball around by myself. Finally some guys I knew saw me and asked me to join their team," he explained. His interest and involvement grew to the extent that he had to give up varsity tennis and swimming in high school in order to continue with his soccer.

Perseverance paid off, however, and Tom developed his skills to the point where he was selected for the Wis. Jr. All-Star team in 1969 and 1970. He joined the Kickers in 1970 and played on the Junior team for a year before moving up to Major/Reserve.



TOM CROUCH

Tom credits the Kickers with being the biggest single development in soccer in Wisconsin and coach Sirous Samy as the biggest influence on his soccer "attitude"... "I would have quit playing if it weren't for him... he encouraged me and never condemned or criticized the fact that I started playing when I was 14 -- too late, according to my previous coaches, to be a 'good' player."

After a year and a half at Platteville U. where he played soccer, Tom is planning to go to UWM in the fall to major in music and psychology...and play soccer! Besides coaching/managing the Junior team and playing on the senior squad, Tom would like someday to coach the Wis. Jr. All-Star team. Meanwhile, he is concentrating on developing good recruiting for the Kickers...and with that kind of promotion, who can say "no" to TOM CROUCH of the Kickers!?

## QUIZ

With the Spring season only weeks away, test your knowledge or refresh your memory about the game. See how many answers you get right (without looking at the answers!)...8-10 right, you can start playing in Spring; 5-7, keep practicing; 4 or less, talk to your coach!

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1. TRUE OR FALSE - The kickoff is an indirect free kick.
2. TRUE OR FALSE - A goal can be scored directly from a drop-ball.
3. TRUE OR FALSE - If the ball goes across the goal line, not between the goal posts, and was last touched by a member of the attacking team, a corner kick is awarded.
4. TRUE OR FALSE - A player is offside if two opponents are nearer their goal line than he is.
5. Kicking, striking, tripping, holding, pushing, kneeling, charging violently, and intentionally handling the ball are personal fouls and are penalized by \_\_\_\_\_.
6. TRUE OR FALSE: A goal can be scored directly on a direct free kick.
7. TRUE OR FALSE - A sliding tackle is classified as a foul.
8. TRUE OR FALSE - The goalie may take only 4 steps holding the ball.
9. On free kicks, opponents must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ yards away from the ball when the ball is put into play.
10. TRUE OR FALSE - A player is offside when he is ahead of the ball when the ball is played by a member of his own team unless he received the ball direct from a corner kick, goal kick, drop ball, or throw-in.

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1) true; 2) true; 3) false; 4) false; 5) direct free kicks; 6) true; 7) false; 8) true; 9) 10; 10) true

## coming events

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:

APRIL 19  
MAY 17

### NATIONAL JUNIOR CUP GAMES:

SATURDAY, APRIL 7th  
 Kickers vs, St. Joseph's of Edgerton  
 12:30 p.m., Lincoln II  
 Brewers vs. Bavarians, 2:15 p.m.,  
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FINAL ROUND, April 14th, 2:00 p.m.  
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**General  
Manager** SPEAKS  
— ELMER EHLERS —

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" I THINK . . . "

More and more pressure is surfacing to move against the ethnic syndrome in U.S. soccer. Many areas are ordering out all nationality names, others are forming independent leagues of American kids and letting the ethnic clubs die out from attrition.

While we all are grateful for the ethnics keeping the sport alive during the dark days of the '40s and '50s, it does not mean that we now follow that that blind alley.

Jim Hofer, of Akron, Ohio, put it on the table in a recent issue of Soccer America: "This business of ethnic soccer is a throwback to old world ways with their 'Uniteds', 'Inters', etc., and .shows the insecurity of a minority in associating with the Americanization process by huddling together under their ethnic title with nothing to do with their fellow men."

"It's high time that these men...put their past behind them and re-direct their great efforts toward not only establishing soccer IN this country, but, most importantly, FOR this country."

Walter Cleaver, new president of the 40 year old American Soccer League, also noted: "The 'Sunday Afternoon Picnic' approach to the game, pitting one ethnic background against the other, is gone. More and more American born athletes are becoming involved, and the American business approach to the game is requiring a never before utilized discipline factor in the organization of the various clubs."

The Kickers' approach of complete community involvement is taking shape and will, with the complete prep and college programs, assure that soccer is FOR the country, not just IN it.

That does not mean that we will forsake "fun and games" as some of our people call it, but community involvement is the catalyst and the club's administrative group has to be "business" minded to meet the spiraling costs of necessary expansion and hold our hard won gains.

--Bob Wiesian

GENERAL MANAGER...CONT'D

us time and we will have a great team in the Major Division.

I don't mean to slight the boys on the Major team, but I think some of them will agree with me. The future is with the kids and if we treat them right, they will stay with us. I hope that this soon will be realized by the Kicker organization.

Mr. Sirous Samy has been appointed as Assistant General Manager in charge of the Major division, Reserves, and Junior teams.

I have been General Manager a little over two years and have taken a great deal of satisfaction in working with the PeeWees to the Major Division. I know a great deal of these 200 boys and men by their first names. I've had a tremendous feeling of satisfaction and pleasure in working with these people. I can't begin to thank all the coaches and managers for the help they have given in these past two years...two good years. So, with a great deal of regret, I have submitted my resignation effective April 15th. Good luck in your future soccer!

-- Elmer Ehlers

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**SOCCER SIDESHOW**

COMPILED BY BOB WIESIAN

Two new clubs are applying to the Wisc. Soccer Assn.: The Milwaukee Shooting Stars and the Milwaukee Olympic SC. Club Latino is requesting a First Division Metro team in addition to the Major and Reserve squads.

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Fox Valley Development Committee is very active and has gained approval for an indoor tourney at Neenah High School on April 7; and a benefit game for the American Kidney Foundation on May 19th between Fox Valley Cyclones (UW-Fox Valley) and UW-Marinette Buccaneers.

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The USSFA coaching staff will conduct a coaches' course Aug. 5-11 for B and C coaching certificates at UW-Milwaukee. Total cost including room and board is \$110.00. We urge all to take this course, we need qualified coaches...now!

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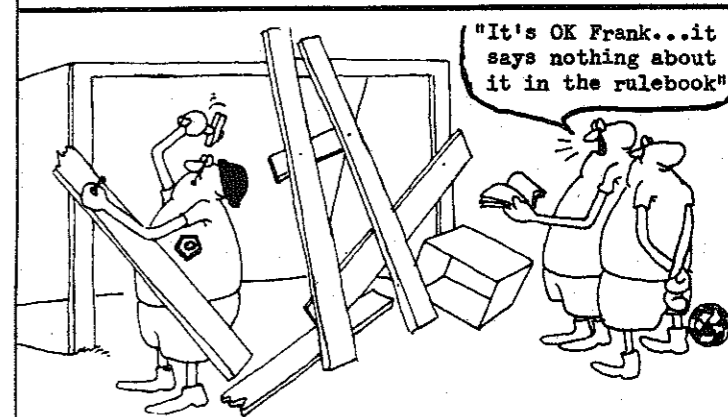
The Wisconsin All-Stars will play KLM Airlines in Milwaukee on June 2.

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The Leo Gabrich Junior Tournament will be played July 15th. The annual meet is honoring the late Mr. Gabrich, a long time commissioner and prime mover in establishing youth soccer in Milwaukee.

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**SOCCKER SIDESHOW...CONT'D**

Both ends of the age spectrum are in the news this month...in Santa Clara, Calif., Mike Muniz is an official referee...he's 16 years old and the son of Amiel Muniz, old time St. Louis Kutis star. Bill Ruggles, playing in the newly formed "Over 30" league in St. Louis, is the oldest player at the ripe age of 59...Who is Wisconsin's oldest?

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Jim Madison was "right on" in his letter to Soccer America Magazine saying, "Soccer continues to be reported in alien cultural terms in the public press rather than a sport, partly out of laziness and partly out of hostility born of fear that its rapid growth will divert interest from more established activities. We who are promoting the game have to keep pestering away at sports editors to open up their columns and let the facts speak for themselves."

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In an action that is long overdue, the first amateur club has affiliated with a pro team as a reciprocal farm organization. Armourdale Soccer Club of North York signed with the Toronto Metros of the NASL pro circuit. The North York

club has a fine youth development program and will also have the first call on all players moving up from the Metros' Junior B team. More of this is needed to solidify support.

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The N.Y. Cosmos are looking at Shep Messing, regarded as the nation's top goalie, to take over the nets for them. The Cosmos' starter of last season, Dick Blackmore, broke a leg on a tour of England. They received league permission to negotiate with Messing's contract owner, Montreal Olympics, for cash and future draft considerations. Messing was a whiz at Harvard and the Olympic team.

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Belgian housewives won an insurance battle in that country when the Belgian Football Federation decided to waive a daily work indemnity on them. The "Liability Fund" covers accidents while playing soccer to both men and women. The bone of contention was the rule requiring "loss of salary or loss of earnings." The housewife players kicked up a fuss (shades of Women's Lib) and the Federation decided discretion was the better part of valor.



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