

SOCCER

The Universal Sport

by H. Allen Morris

Soccer, a somewhat novel game for Americans, had its genesis somewhere in the misty pages of unwritten history.

The Chinese insist that they had the game over 2,000 years ago. It is known that their men used it for muscle building to keep in shape between battles. Eventually soccer drifted into Europe with other cultural influences from the East. There it was known as a rough sport played on holidays. It became so violent that King Edward II outlawed the game. It was to be so for four hundred years. It was not until the middle of the Victorian era, in 1862, that James C. Thring documented the first set of rules, which continue to be used in this time.

The first soccer game in the United States was played in 1867 between Rutgers and Princeton Universities. Today over six hundred American colleges and universities participate in the game.

Belmont Abbey College recognizes soccer as a major sport. Stanley Dudko, coach of our varsity team, is a man who believes soccer is the cleanest, safest, most physically gratifying and exciting of games. He tunes his team to reflect these beliefs.

Dudko is a native of Poland, who played in Germany and was an outstanding player on the Abbey's first team in 1957. A graduate of the Abbey, he earned his Master's degree in economics from Auburn



ALL-STARS - Coach Dudko congratulates James Almon, for being selected on the ALL-DISTRICT TEAM. Alex Kozak (left) and Bruce Bini (right) also were named.

University. In addition to his rigorous coaching duties, he is also an assistant professor of economics at the Abbey. His many credits include five Coach of the Year awards from District 26 of the NAIA. Early in 1971 Pope Paul VI created Coach-Professor Dudko a Knight of St. Gregory the Great.

Usually a quiet man, he becomes exuberant when talking about his team. He admits without shame that last season was the worst in the past eight years. The major reasons, he says, for that unhappy record are the following: "We had a freshman team of twenty-two players who had not yet learned the difference between high school and college soccer; there were four or five serious injuries to players during the season."

The team played eighteen scheduled games and in spite of the poor record won the right to

play in the regional play-offs.

The roster for this upcoming season stands now at twenty-six. Playing for the first time will be Lawrence O. Agumadu from Biafra, who will join another Biafran player currently on the team, Walter I. Achumba. Paul Colman of Atlanta, Anthony Mancheno from Edison, N.J., and John Tarascio of Simburg, Conn. will also be playing for the first time.

Dudko said: "Soccer does not depend on brute force. It is a game of skill, reflexes, and agility. You don't have to have much weight or height. We have twelve games scheduled for this year, and this is very good for our size. We have excellent facilities, and in this day of rising costs, soccer returns the greatest profit on each dollar spent. We believe we will make a much improved showing this season."

With his enthusiasm they shouldn't miss.

Note: The historical information used in this article was generously contributed by Mr. Dudko.



Hussey Named Athletic Director

Bobby W. Hussey has been chosen as the new Athletic Director for Belmont Abbey College. He replaces Dr. William R. Williams.

An instructor in the physical education department, he will continue as Coach of the Crusaders, the Abbey basketball team.

A native of North Carolina, Hussey came to Belmont Abbey in 1971 from Appalachian State University, where he served as Assistant Basketball Coach. He pulled a sluggish Crusader Basketball Team to a .500 season in his first year at the Abbey.

He is married to the former Sandra Diggins of Kannapolis, North Carolina. They have two sons, ages five and one.

BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1972-73

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL	PLACE
Nov. 30	8:00	Livingstone	Salisbury, N.C.
Dec. 2	8:00	Pfeiffer	Belmont, N.C.
Dec. 4	8:00	Pembroke State	Belmont, N.C.
Dec. 7	7:30	Gardner-Webb	Boiling Springs, N.C.
Dec. 9	8:00	Southern Tech	Belmont, N.C.
Dec. 11-15		EXAMS	
Dec. 16	8:00	Lenoir Rhyne	Belmont, N.C.
Dec. 29-30		Christmas Tournament†	Belmont, N.C.
Jan. 3	7:30	Western Carolina	Cullowhee, N.C.
Jan. 6	7:30	Voorhees	Denmark, S.C.
Jan. 8	7:30	Pembroke State	Pembroke, N.C.
Jan. 11	8:00	U.N.C. - Wilmington	Belmont, N.C.
Jan. 13	8:00	Baptist College	Charleston, S.C.
Jan. 15	8:00	Pfeiffer	Misenheimer, N.C.
Jan. 18	8:00	Voorhees	Belmont, N.C.
Jan. 20	8:00	Augusta College	Belmont, N.C.
Jan. 22	8:00	Elon	Burlington, N.C.
Jan. 27	8:00	Livingstone	Belmont, N.C.
Jan. 29	7:30	U.N.C. - Wilmington	Wilmington, N.C.
Jan. 31	8:00	Johnson C. Smith	Charlotte, N.C.
Feb. 3	8:00	Western Carolina	Belmont, N.C.
Feb. 5	8:00	U.N.C. - Asheville	Belmont, N.C.
Feb. 8	8:00	Johnson C. Smith	Belmont, N.C.
Feb. 10	8:00	Gardner Webb	Belmont, N.C.
Feb. 12	7:30	Campbell	Buies Creek, N.C.
Feb. 15	8:00	Lenoir Rhyne	Hickory, N.C.
Feb. 21	8:00	Elon	Belmont, N.C.
Feb. 24	8:00	Southern Tech	Marietta, Ga.

† (Including Pfeiffer, UNC.-Wilmington, Elon, & Belmont Abbey)

Unity Wins At Basketball

"If you don't have unity, you won't have success" said Coach Bob Hussey in a recent interview. Considering that a gauge for success, Coach Hussey's team must have a corner-on-the-market.

Although the team experienced a spectacular rise from the previous season Hussey said they could never be satisfied with a 13-13 record even though they did play a tough schedule. He did, however, admit there had been a lot of progress in the program.

Four new players have been recruited for next season. They are: 6 ft. 6 ins., 190 lbs., Tony Hardin from Dallas, N.C.; 6 ft., 7 ins., 220 lbs., Curtis Carter from Winnsboro, S.C.; 6 ft., 1 in., 150 lbs., Craig Leach from Garner, N.C.; and 6 ft., 11 ins., 225 lbs., Ralph Harrell from Reidsville, N.C. (Carl Bell who plays center is also from Reidsville.)

Hussey, who coached in Kings

Mountain before coming to the Abbey, said there are four aspects in college coaching. (1) Find the player and (2) get the player and (3) keep the player and (4) coach the player. Of these he finds recruiting the biggest difference between high school and college coaching since it requires him to be on the road a great deal.

Hussey feels optimistic about this year and said that we should be better if our guys are as dedicated this coming season as they were the last one. He also announced that the Abbey will participate this season for the first time in a home Christmas Tournament, December 29 and 30. Elon, Pfeiffer and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington will participate four high school games to be played as preliminaries. The Crusaders have also been invited to play in two pre-season tournaments.