



George Kennedy replaces Dudko at soccer helm

Belmont Abbey College has hired a new soccer coach.

George J. Kennedy, swimming and soccer coach at Bishop Kenny High School, Jacksonville, Fla. for the past 10 years, also will be a mathematics instructor and student counselor at B.A.C.

His record at Bishop Kenny in soccer is 156-41-10. His teams have won numerous high school, state and national championships. He served on the 1976 Olympic committee and is the recipient of numerous citations and awards. Kennedy holds the highest United States Soccer Federation National A License, and is writing a book, the "Science of Goalkeeping," to be published in late 1977.

Born in a log cabin in Forks, Wa., he attended St. Francis College, graduated from St. Leo's College, Florida, with a B.S. degree in mathematics,

and was named to the All-Florida Honors team in soccer. He received a M.S. degree in mathematics from Jacksonville University, and is currently working on a Ph.D. degree at the University of North Florida.

In addition to soccer, he has coached various A.A.U. swimming teams in Florida. Kennedy hopes to conduct soccer camps, host state and regional soccer coaches schools, and organize a swimming team.

He is married and he and his wife Janice, have two children.

Kennedy will replace Stanley Dudko, soccer coach at B.A.C. for 20 years. Dudko was nine-time Coach of the Year of District 26 of the N.A.I.A., and posted a record of 120-47-12. Dudko will remain at the college as an assistant professor of Economics.

Awards Dinner

Soussi, Dennis, others cited; Tribute paid to Stan Dudko

Belgassam Soussi, Desmond Dennis, and Barbara Sweeney were the primary winners in the annual Awards Dinner held recently at Belmont Abbey College.

Former Wake Forest head coach Horace "Bones" McKinney, who is most noted for his down-to-earth, tell it like it is style, urged each person to be dedicated to all endeavors.

"Whatever you want to be, you must work at it, you must have dedication," the former Boston Celtic star said. "Each individual knows his talents ... He should use these to the fullest and be dedicated to all tasks."

Soussi was recognized for making the All-District 26 team,

was named Most Valuable Player, and was recognized for making the All-South team and NAIA First Team All-American. The college also retired his jersey.

"He is probably one of the best college players to ever play the game," said Stan Dudko, who coached Soussi four years while at the College. "He led the nation in scoring. His 123 career goals place him at the top of anyone's list. For this, we are retiring his uniform, his number nine, as a tribute to this great player."

Women took home many honors. "It is great to be able to give awards to the women athletes here," commented

Pam Allison, women's tennis and volleyball coach. "Never, anywhere, has there been a more devoted group. They were a joy to work with. For a first year program, they made excellent progress."

Dennis notched three basketball awards. He took home the Gold Star Award, the Rebounding Award, and was the team's Most Valuable Player.

Dennis, a junior, will return next year. He averaged over nine rebounds per game and was the team's leading scorer with a more than 14-point per game average.

Abbot Jude Cleary, O.S.B., presented the Marty Thomas Award. "This is the highest award that can be given to a Belmont Abbey College athlete," he said. Clint Bryant was awarded this high honor.

Dudko, who resigned this spring as soccer coach after 10 seasons, was recognized several times for his many achievements as a coach. He was Coach of the Year in District 26 nine out of 10 years and finished with an over-all record of 120 wins; 47 losses, and 12 ties.

Fr. John Bradley, President of the College, said of Dudko, "It will be a long time before we have as outstanding a coach as Stanley Dudko. He was and is tops in every sense of the word. We will miss his fine leadership on the soccer field."

Soussi gets one last honor.

Belgassam Soussi of Belmont Abbey College has been named to the 1977 NAIA All-American Soccer first team.

This is the second consecutive year that the senior from Libya has achieved the coveted honor. He has received many awards.

Previously this season, Soussi had been named to the NAIA District 26 team; named District 26 Player of the Year, and named to the All-South soccer team. He led the nation in scoring with 39 goals and 36 assists as he led the Crusaders to the district championship.

"It will be many years before we have another player at Belmont Abbey College like Belgassam," commented Stan Dudko, who retired as head coach of the Crusaders' soccer program at the close of the season. "He was a delight to work with for four years. He was like another coach on the field. He could do it all. He has been a real asset to the college."

In earlier years, Soussi had been named to the All-South team, and for four years he had been named to the NAIA District 26 team. Three of the four years he helped Crusaders capture the District 26 championship. He closed his career with 123 goals, to make him the all-time leading Crusader soccer scorer.

Hoop recruits will help build winner

Belmont Abbey College has signed two promising new basketball recruits.

Newly signed are David Kershaw, a 6-4, 170-pound swingman from Byrnes High School, Spartanburg, S.C., and Lawrence Carter, a 6', 175-pound point guard at Lees-McRae Junior College.

Kershaw has been selected by the sports writers of South Carolina as Player of the Year in Division 3-A and 4-A. In his junior year at Byrnes, Kershaw's team won the state championship and last season gained a berth in the state finals with a 23-5 record. He averaged 20.4 points and 12.2 rebounds per game with a 53 percent field goal average.

He was named to the All-State Team and named All-Conference two years. He was

recently selected to the Honorable Mention All-American Team and will play in the South Carolina All-Star Game in July in Columbia.

Carter, a graduate of Halifax High School, Halifax, Va., averaged 17 points and seven assists per game at his junior college.

"Carter is a very outstanding offensive player," says Bobby Hussey, Belmont Abbey College basketball coach. "Kershaw is an extremely good shooter, is very quick and possesses all the qualities we're looking for in a forward; and he can play defense.

"Both of these young men are good students and they will give us a lot of help next year, and Kershaw will probably start," the Crusader's coach adds.

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A few years ago an alumnus of a nearby college, frustrated at receiving not a few pleas for contributions from alma mater, wrote a note to the alumni office explaining that he had died, and would they please remove his name from their mailing lists. The next issue of the alumni bulletin printed his obituary. The strange and wacky things that happened to him as a result of "being dead" finally forced him to write the college and rejoin the alumni ranks.

All of which is by way of prologue to say that the alumni office has lost contact with the following old grads. We presume they are alive and well, but we'd like to know where. If you can help us locate them, please write to Cindy Heavner in the alumni office at the college. Addresses listed below are the last known address of the alumnus.

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