

New Coaching, Strategy Give SA Soccer Bright Outlook

In this day of request and demand for change, this year's soccer team, under the supervision of new head coach Robin Kinne, has accepted the challenge of finding new ways of bettering last year's record of 10-1-2. Two radical changes in practice routine this year seem to have been accepted with over-all approval of both veteran and freshmen soccer players alike.

The first major change in practice format was the return of most veterans to campus the day before freshmen orientation. For several days prior to registration, the team underwent two work-outs a day--one in the morning and one in late afternoon--instead of the usual single afternoon work out. In between daily practices, films of rules, plays, and the World Cup were shown. Kinne felt that these early practices would allow the initial fatigue to wear off by the time classes began so that players would not drag through the first week of classes once again.

The second major change, and perhaps the most important, is a series of soccer skill drills to take the place of the traditional running and calisthenics. Each player exercises with a ball at all times trying to perfect his handling skill and in the meantime gets a physical work-out. The beauty of this system is that it allows each individual to develop his own skill at his own rate. However, with this type of work-

out, also goes the responsibility of each individual to condition himself. The initiative is left up to each person, and so far everyone is working hard, but time will tell.

Combating the setbacks of intense heat and the intestinal flu, the soccer team held its first scrimmage last Saturday. From all indications thus far, it looks as if it's going to be a very good season. Long standing veterans Cooper and Daniels appear to be leading the team on the front line, while Freeman and Johnson are patrolling the center of the field at halfback. At fullback, Roderick is back, and, oh yes, unsung Dufek. Unfortunately, space does not permit the listings of all the players that deserve credit. Happily, to list them all would require the major portions of the team's roster. Coach Kinne feels that he has at least two players to fill each position, giving the Knights far more depth than ever before.

One thing people continually ask is, "What about this year's goalie?" Coach Kinne realizes that our All American is gone but is very quick to point out that there are at least four better than average goalies contending for goalkeeper at present; the two leading ones are Buffington and James. Right now, the goalies need experience.

In addition, Coach Kinne feels that this year's team will not be scouted as just a defensive team as it has been in the past, but rather as a team with both a very good defense, and for a

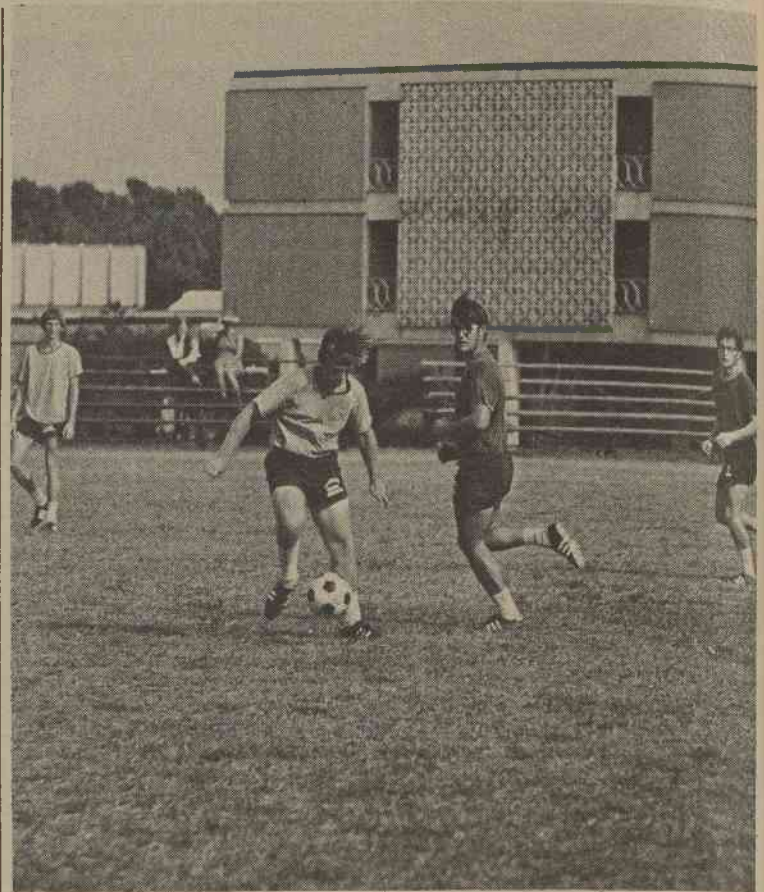
change, what appears to be an offense with great potential to score. (Scoring was rampant in Saturday's scrimmage).

This year's team is not going to be a team with a few individuals running the show while the major portion of the team fills a position, but rather this year's team is going to be eleven players on the field at all times who are all well above average. It's about time.

Last night, the team elected this year's co-captains--Don Cooper and Chris Johnson.

As far as the season is concerned Coach Kinne feels that it is almost mandatory to be undefeated for the team to get into the Area tournament. The traditional rivals of Campbell and Lynchburg will pose very serious threats, but with the right breaks it is possible to beat them.

SA hosts UNC-Chapel Hill in a six quarter scrimmage Wednesday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m. Ten days later, Saturday, September 25, SA begins its fourteen game season here at home. Help us make it the best season ever by adding your support.



(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): Don Cooper, John Daniel, Chris Johnson, and Bob Vakos

In Brief

Tonight, tryouts for the cheerleading squad will be held in the small gym. Tryouts will begin at 7.

Sisters! There will be a statewide women's conference in Chapel Hill on Saturday, September 11th. The meeting will focus upon class differences and developing rapport among the different classes, with emphasis upon working class women. For further information contact Kathy Kearney at ext. 323.

Mr. John E. Williams, organ professor of St. Andrews Music department, will give an organ recital at the first Methodist Church in Laurinburg this Sunday at 4 p.m. A bus will leave the Student Union for the recital at 3:30. All students are cordially invited to attend.

The Student Union Board will sponsor the film Bullitt Friday night in the Avinger Auditorium. The film, beginning at 8:00 will star Steve McQueen.

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