

Football Wanes Soccer Gains

By Diane Lewis

Soccer, the world's most popular sport, is coming to America. Just as football overtook baseball as America's number one sport a few years back (excluding the World Series, of course) sports experts are saying it's time for a change.

Here at Capitol Campus you have an opportunity to develop soccer watching skills and avoid the rush that's sure to come.

Many of you are probably shaking your heads in disbelief and mumbling that you've spent years studying the pros and cons of the veer offense and memorizing play books and statistics and you're not about to let those years go down the tube.

Don't panic! I'm not suggesting that you abandon football. But rather that you expand your sports knowledge to include soccer.

For those of you who have never been to a soccer game it's not too late. The Capitol Campus Soccer Club still has a few home games left. (They play Spring Garden Saturday at 1:00 p.m.)

To get you started here are some of the basic elements of the game:

1. The soccer ball is approximately 27 inches in diameter and weighs about 15 ounces.
2. The soccer field is slightly larger than a football field. At each end are the goals which are eight feet high and 24 feet wide. The goal is lined by an 18 yard square known as the penalty area.
3. The game is divided into two 45-minute halves with a ten minute break between halves.
4. After a coin toss to determine which team will kick off and which goal each team will defend the game is started by a place kick.

5. The game is continuous--The clock is stopped only when a goal is scored or for substitutions and injuries.

6. No player is allowed to intentionally touch the ball with his hands or arms except the goalie when he is in his own penalty area.

7. When the ball goes out of bounds over the touchline (sideline) a player of the team opposite the one that last touched it throws the ball back in.

8. When the ball goes out of bounds over the end lines it is put back into play by a corner kick if it was last touched by a member of the defending team or a goal kick if it was last touched by a member of the attacking team.

9. For serious fouls by the defensive team in their own penalty area a penalty kick is awarded. For serious fouls outside the penalty area a direct kick is awarded. For minor infractions anywhere on the field an indirect free kick is awarded.

In soccer, as in all team sports, strategy is important. Here are two examples of the kinds of things a soccer team might do to gain an advantage over an opponent:

1. A triangle passing situation when three attacking players form a triangle around a defensive player. This gives the attacking player with the ball two possible pass receivers.
2. Trying to draw an opponent off side. Off Side is a complicated rule with a lot of exceptions. Basically, a player is off side when he is in the opponent's half of the field and is closer to the goal than the ball.

These are, of course, just basics. To really appreciate the excitement and action of soccer you have to go to a game. Why not this week?

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with Matilda. She was quiet now, but far from her jovial self. I questioned her about the incident. She said she had seen a man running down the back stairs. I tried to console her and then left her in Elsa's able care. I returned to my room to study

I didn't sleep much that

night. I didn't want to call Flanagan yet. I had precious little evidence.

The shiny object.

The bauble was tarnished and well-worn, but the initials T.F. were clearly imprinted on the surface.

Thomas Farnsworth.

Kicker Results Are In

By Diane Lewis

A tie game with Messiah on Tuesday night was the high point of last week for the Capitol Campus Soccer Club. Two successful penalty kicks by Omar Bakar accounted for Capitol's goals which tied the game at the end or regular play. After a twenty minute overtime in close to freezing temperatures, the strong defenses of both teams froze the score at 2-2.

On Thursday the Capitollites thought they would have an easy game, for a 'change--until the Valley Forge bus drove into the parking lot a half-hour late and an international troop or soccer players marched into the locker room.

The Capitol Club stayed cool and played a good defensive

game in the first half allowing Valley Forge only one goal and tying the halftime score with a successful penalty kick by Omar Bakar.

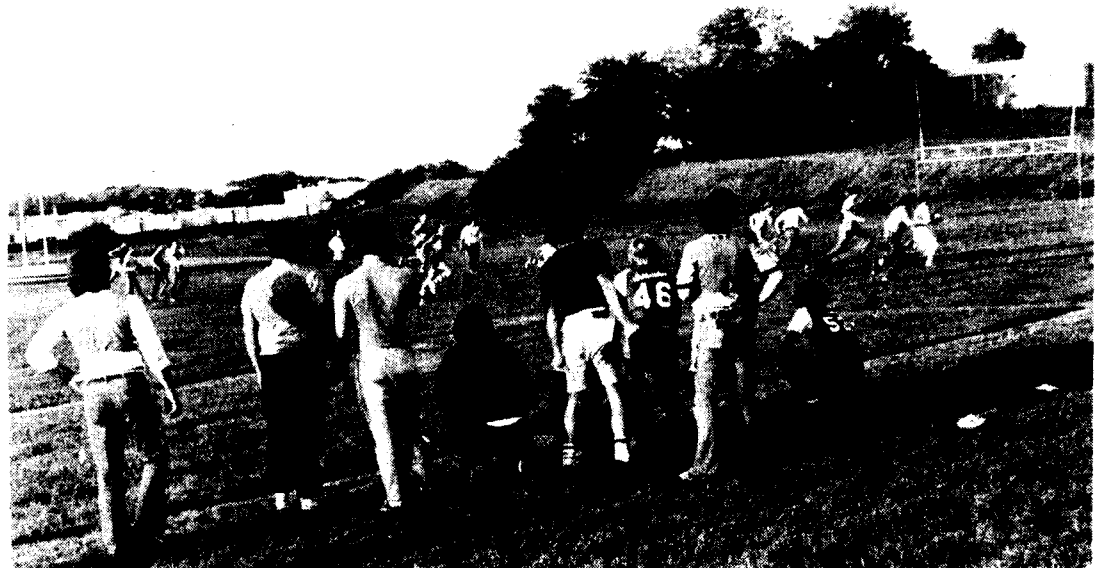
Valley Forge had a rapid start in the second half scoring

four goals in quick succession. Goals by Ed Trunk and Denny Williams brought the final score to 5-3.

Saturday was a sunny, cold soccer weather day for the Capitol Campus Soccer Club's meet with Ogontz.

Capitol got a good start when Denny Williams scored in the second minute of play. But Ogontz was unflustered. Capitol's defense broke down in the 12th minute, by the 14th minute Ogontz had scored three goals.

Capitol's defense held for the rest of the half but Ogontz scored again early in the second half giving them a three goal advantage which the Capitollites could not overcome. Forward Denny Williams picked up another goal in the second half, his seventh of the season for the final score Ogontz 5- Capitol 2.



French Ticklers score again!

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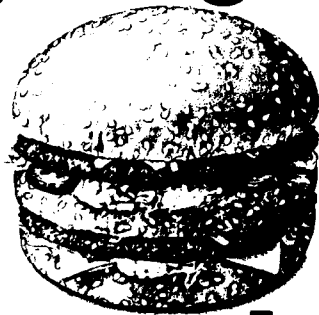
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