

Jack Groff, Mike Belardi, Named SUCP Co-Captains

Jack Groff of Northville and Mike Belardi of Amsterdam have been elected co-captains of the Potsdam State soccer team.

ing record this fall every time he boots a goal.

Spending his time between the front line and halfback positions, Groff scored 24 goals during his first three campaigns. He was an all-state selection last fall, and earned a berth on the State University

Conference all-star team as a freshman and as a junior.

Belardi, a senior majoring in mathematics, is counted on by Serfis to provide a steady influence on the Bears' play from his fullback position. A bulwark on defense,

he is coming into his final season of what has been an outstanding collegiate career.

The addition of two 1966 regulars who missed early drills, and the sparkling pre-season play by a sophomore goaltender have brightened the Bears' outlook as they

prepare for their season opener Saturday at home against St. Lawrence University.

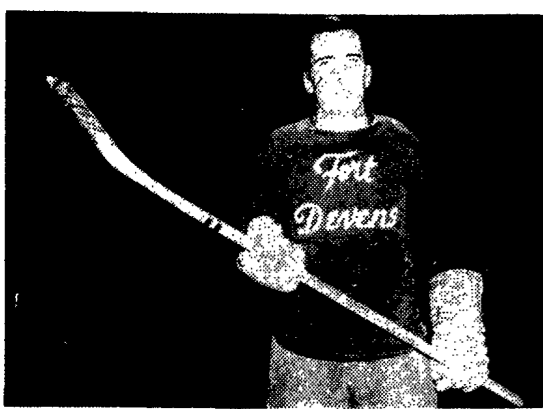
Jon Pond, a speedy senior wing from Nyack, and Tony Cardamone, a sophomore halfback with outstanding potential, have been working with the team for the past two weeks, and provide depth the Bears

need to offset the loss of eight veterans from the 1966 team.

Goalie Wes Bradley of Canton saw service in the nets in the latter stages of last season, but appears to have come into his own as a sophomore and may be the equal to any opposition netminder the

Bears will face.

Potsdam should be near full strength for the St. Lawrence opener, with only halfback Larry Kelsen a questionable starter. The Bears will need all the strength they can muster, as they face a 10-game schedule that does not appear to include a single breather.



Riggs Tries Out For Team

Vies for Olympic Team

FORT DEVENS, MASS. The U.S. Olympic Hockey Team is the current goal of Army 2nd Lt. Steven J. Riggs, an ice hockey star in his youth. He is going to try out for the U.S. Olympic Team.

He is presently assigned to the 46th Direct Support Group at Ft. Devens.

Local trials are taking place in the Loring Arena, Framingham, Mass.

"I started playing hockey when I was 6 years old. My father, who loves the sport as much as I do, used to build an ice rink in the back yard. He played hockey in high school, also," Riggs said during an interview.

Potsdam Central High School, Potsdam. He and his team members were league champions three years out of four.

Upon completion of high school, the lieutenant entered Colgate University and played on their hockey team. He graduated from Colgate with a bachelor of arts degree, afterwards coaching high school hockey and teaching physical education. He then played amateur ice hockey for the Lake Placid Romers in New York State.

Lt. Riggs plans to be coach high school or college hockey and to teach physical education.

His parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Riggs, and his brother William, live at 20 Grove St. Potsdam.

Lt. Riggs was a high school record breaker himself at



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Norwood Booters Prep for Opener

Norwood - Norfolk Central School's soccer forces are presently engaged in final pre-season drills, in anticipation of Tuesday's opener against Gouverneur.

The match is set for 4 p.m. on the NNCS field.

Veteran Coach Ray Miller has several problems to solve if this year's team is to equal or improve upon last year's edition, which posted a fine 5-2-1 mark and captured the runner-up slot in the 1966 Northern soccer league race. Not many veterans remain.

One of the biggest pair of shoes that must be filled are those vacated by Gary Flinders, last year's top scorer and an All-Northern selection, who graduated in June. The fullback area seems to be the question mark at this time, but Miller regards the foursome of Mike Casselman, Lynn Gibson, Bill Spencer, and Pete McLaughlin as a quartet possessed of considerable prom-

ise. Other squad members this year are goalies: Bob Haggitt and Tony Divincenzo. Fullbacks: John Higgins, Lee Gravelle, Ron Clark, Al McDonald, Gordon Merrick and Jeff Nicholson.

Halfbacks: Lynn LaShomb, Phil Gibson, Don Purvis, Jim Gately, Jim Doran and Charles Cardinal.

Linemen: Bob Morkley, Gary Chudzinski, Tim Levison, Phil Murray, Bill Almasy, Bill O'Leary, Lee Charity, Ian Littlejohn, Bob Hann, Jerry Todd and Larry Steinburg.

Following Tuesday's game against Gouverneur, the Miller booters travel to Canton Thursday for a tryst with the Golden Bears, rated by Miller as a top contender for Northern league honors along with Madrid-Wadlington. The NNCS soccer program has a fine 11-5-1 overall record to show as the third season of competition approaches, including a remarkable 6-3 maiden season in 1965.

Canton JVs Down PCS

The Canton Little Bears defeated the Potsdam JV's 14 to 6 in the opening game for both teams played last Friday in a rainstorm at Canton.

Potsdam opened the scoring early in the first period when Steve LaBrake blocked a Canton punt, Steve Baker picked it up and ran it into the end zone for a touchdown. The extra point try failed, making the score 6-0 Potsdam.

Canton got on the scoreboard with one minute remaining in the first half as a result of a fumble by the Potsdam safetyman on Potsdam's 12-yard line. Four plays later, Canton scored on a pass play. The extra point was good making the half-time score Canton 7, Potsdam 6.

Early in the third period Steve Wells of Potsdam recovered a Canton fumble on the Bears' 9-yard line, but the Little Sandstoners could not reach pay dirt. Canton's last score came as a result of a blocked punt on the Potsdam 15-yard line. Canton scored five plays later on a quarterback sneak. The extra point was good making the final score Canton 14, Potsdam 6.

Outstanding players for Potsdam were Baker, LaBrake, Steve Flanders, Len Groeneveld, and Bill Mackey.

Country Club Happenings

Ernie Facto and Bill Fiesinger won the championship round in the National League play last Thursday at the Potsdam Town and Country Club.

In the American League, the Lytle and Jones team scored a terrific upset when they beat out the first and second place teams for first place. The first and second place teams, respectively, Doyle and Phillips and Goldsmith and Mellis, dropped all six points enabling Lytle and Jones to win the championship.

Lytle and Jones will meet Facto and Fiesinger tonight to decide the overall league championship. In the National League, Dunn and Sloan finished second with 84—one point behind Facto and Fiesinger. Russ Long and Dr. John Low finished third with 74 points. There was a three-way tie for the fourth slot — all having 66 points. Teams tied for third were Klafehn and

Dr. Regan, Pelotte and McCarter and Molnar and Sullivan. In the American League, Doyle and Phillips and Goldsmith and Mellis had to settle for a tie for second place having dropped all six points in the final rounds of play. These teams finished with 75 points—two behind Lytle and Jones, who had 77.

Hewitson and Jones were next with 72. Then came Lohrey and Kukuk with 70. Winthrop and Baker finished last with 69.

It was Tie night as far as prizes went. There was a nine way tie for low gross: Lytle, Doran, Campbell, Dunn, Facto, Zeranski and Baker, all having 40. Everett and Palmer tied for low net honors with 32. For team low net it was Campbell and Williams and Sturdevant and Palmer with 66. The blind hole prize went to Fiesinger and Dr. Regan.

Masons' Tourney Winners Named

Winthrop—A large number of Masons participated in the sixth annual golf tournament sponsored by Brasher Lodge 541, F. & A. M., Sunday.

Winners were: class A, Roy Jenne; class B, William Stark; class C, Preston Riggs; closest to pin on No. 2 hole, C.W. Thompson; closest to pin on No. 7 hole, Bud Conrad; scratch, Harry Stiles Jr.; oldest Mason, Max Briggs, 77; and traveled the greatest distance; C.W. Thompson.

Knights to Open Against Cornell In Festival Play

Clarkson's Golden Knights will meet powerful Cornell, the defending NCAA and ECAC divisional champion, and St. Lawrence will take on Brown to open the seventh annual Eastern College Athletic Conference Holiday Hockey Festival at New York City's Madison Square Garden, Dec. 21 and 22.

The pairings, announced last Saturday by ECAC Commissioner Asa Bushnell, call for Brown and St. Lawrence to open the tourney at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, while Clarkson and Cornell will faceoff at 8:30 p.m.

Another doubleheader is set for Friday, the tournament's final night, with the championship game between Thursday's winners starting at 8:30 p.m., and a game for third place starting at 6:30 p.m.

Both Clarkson and Cornell are previous Holiday Festival winners. The Golden Knights won the inaugural Festival in 1961 and repeated in 1963, while the Big Red captured the crown in 1965.

Brown competed in both the 1963 and 1964 Festivals, going to the finals in 1964 before bowing to Northeastern. St. Lawrence has appeared in five Holiday Festivals, going to the finals in 1961 and in 1965.

Clarkson has never finished lower than second place in four previous Madison Square Garden Festival appearances. Last December the Knights, dumped St. Lawrence, 4-2, in the semi-finals before losing, 3-2, in the title game to Boston University, the eventual runner-up to the national championship in 1966-67.

Potsdam Harriers Win One, Lose One

In a triangular meet, scored as three separate dual meets, Potsdam Central's long distance runners came up with one win and one defeat at Malone last Friday.

The orange clad harriers defeated Chateaugay 20-40 but dropped a close one to the Huskies 26-30. Thus Malone takes an early move for the Eastern Division Title. However, the Sandstoners will get another shot at them on the local course on October 21.

It was a cold rainy day for the Harriers and the course was mostly hills and mud. The going was rough for all—but Potsdam looked in real good shape after the first mile. Brant and Hinman were on Crompt's heels and Reed, Richardson, and Alverson were not far behind. However, Hinman aggravated a muscle and had to slow down his pace. The Huskies took advantage of the break with Malone's Glen Crompt, Cahill, and Reymore moving up ahead of the injured but persevering Hinman, who eventually had to settle for eighth place.

Kelly Brant led all the Potsdam runners as he made a courageous effort to overcome the leader in the last half mile. But Crompt's lead was too great as he eked out a six-second victory over Brant 12.45 finish.

Malone then took third, fifth and sixth to just about wrap up the meet. Sophomore Tim Reed came through with another fine race for Potsdam's second best effort nailing down fourth place in 13:21. Richardson, Hinman, Alverson, and Fresh Dan Forbush placed seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth respectively. Brown of Malone edged Co-Captain Sauber for the 11th spot in the order of finish.

Beat Chateaugay Only two Chateaugay runners placed in the top seven against the Sandstoners. Brant Reed, Richardson, Hinman and Alverson placed first, third, fourth, fifth, and seventh for the low score of 20. LaFlesh and Sorrell took second and sixth for the Bulldogs. Forbush made the opponents score go up when he placed eighth and tenth ahead of several Bulldog runners. It was evident that many of the Chat-

eaugay runners were not ready for the meet but should be much stronger toward the end of the season.

"B" Team Shines The Sandstoner "B" team was a real bright spot in the meet. The team swept the first six places to easily defeat Malone and Chateaugay. Gary Demeter was the official winner covering the course in 13:29 which was better than four Potsdam 'A' performers. However, senior Gary Russell, running unofficially, had the best time for the "B" meet—13:10. In fact, Russell's performance was the fourth best time of the day.

Taking second to Demeter was young Danny Henderson who finished in 13:32 which was another outstanding performance. Fresh Tom Capone was third in 14:04, Stan Maine was fourth with 14:06, frosh Earl Cyrus was sixth with 14:38, Ralph Putnam sixth 14:39, and Jeff Gardiner was seventh with 14:40. Brian Daniels finished ninth with 14:52.

Many "C" team performers showed much improvement over their times recorded against Canton last week. They were Dick Reed, Don Moody, Peter Straub, Marty Collins, Dale Hibson, Roy Gravis, Tom Perry, Andy Beigle, and Doug Spears.

At Tupper Today The Sandstoner Harriers will seek their second victory against Tupper Lake today on the local course starting at 4 p.m. The starting point will be adjacent to the Tennis Courts with the finish being on the Track. The distance is 2.5 miles. Gouverneur will also compete but will not figure in scoring as they are in the Western Division.

The starting 'A' team for Potsdam will be Kelly Brant, Gary Demeter, Tim Reed, Gary Demeter, Danny Henderson, Lloyd Richardson, and either Bill Hinman or Curt Alverson.

Clarkson College's Soccer Team Entertains Le Moyne

Clarkson College's varsity soccer team will entertain Le Moyne College here Saturday to open its 14th season of intercollegiate competition in the sport. The game will be 2 p.m. at Snell Field.

According to coach Jack Hantz, Clarkson has the potential to record its third consecutive winning season. A year ago the Golden Knights bounced back from a poor start to notch five victories and a tie in their last six games for an overall log of 6-4-1 and second place in the Independent College Athletic Conference.

Hantz will start our experienced eleven, led by Kwasi Poku, a junior from Kumasi, Ghana, who plays inside left. A prolific scorer, Poku paced the Clarkson attack last season with 10 goals and four assists, and as a freshman he racked up 12 points on eight goals.

LeMoyne should well remember Poku—he scored five goals against the Dolphins in the 1966 season opener, which Clarkson won by a 9-1 margin. LeMoyne has yet to defeat the Golden Knights in soccer, having dropped 13 straight in a series which dates back to 1954.

Captain-elect Roswell John-

son, a senior from Rochester, will start at outside right. Johnson, who tallied seven points on six goals last season, and Kim Corbin, a native of Livingston, N. J., are the only seniors on the club.

Corbin is one-third of Hantz' trio of veteran fullbacks. The other are juniors Terry Day and Neil Fisher. Both are from Rochester.

Also named as starters were juniors Dick Battaglia of Yorktown Heights; Joe Ernst of East Aurora; John Ebanja of West Cameron, Africa; goalie Jim Marshall of Lewis; and a pair of sophomores—Dan Gandreau of Springfield, Mass., and Dave Cermak, a halfback from Holcomb. Hantz said Gandreau, who will play inside right, is the club's top sophomore prospect.

While the Clarkson coach feels that his soccer Knights may be stronger as a starting unit than any team he's fielded in the past, he admits to a deficiency in depth in personnel. Hantz also is aware that if Clarkson is going to record a successful campaign, it will have to dump some of the East's perennial powers.

"It's going to be an interesting season," he said, looking back to 1964. (See Clarkson Soccer, Page 18)

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