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In 1975 New York and Boston emerged as ASL co-champions.

ASL TOP SCORERS

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With a good majority of soccer clubs, the owner, coach, and General Manager are positions for at least two people, if not three. With the ASL's Connecticut Yankees, the responsibility for these positions falls to Bob Kratzer and how he does it alone is a question that may never be answered. Bob is a successful self-made businessman who owns a tool and model company in Milford, Connecticut. A part of his life quite naturally, is devoted to his business yet even during those important business hours, the man is always thinking soccer, a game he truly loves. An ex player, Kratzer, who hails from Augsburg, West Germany, began playing soccer at the age of seven, continuing to progress to the point where he became a professional with a first division club at the age of eighteen. Coming to the United States in 1953, Kratzer started out with the German-Hungarians, of the New York-German-American League, and showed everyone the stuff he was made of. Although he was on the smallish side, Bob was an aggressive player as well as a good goal scorer. He carried his skills over to the American Soccer League, then Connecticut Soccer League, where he eventually became a player-coach with the New Britain Falcons in 1973. Then in late 1973 Bob helped to form the Rhode Island Oceaneers, where he also served as Director of Player Personnel on a team that was to go undefeated all season long. The challenge "bug" struck Bob Kratzer again and before you could say Connecticut Wildcats, Kratzer purchased the club as a majority owner, feeling he could save the fast brand of ASL play in the state of Connecticut. After giving that effort all he could, Kratzer resigned himself to the fact that under the corporate setup that he had inherited, there was no way to make ends meet. Reluctantly Bob Kratzer then resigned as President of the Connecticut Wildcats. The Wildcats, in trouble, could not make a real go of it and, as a result, the Wildcats franchise defaulted and was no longer a part of the ASL. All during that next off season Bob Kratzer was working, not on resurrecting the Wildcats, but on getting a team back for the state of Connecticut. He was looking for his own club, Bob Kratzer's team, not something he would have to inherit from others. In 1975 Bob Kratzer's work payed off and the ASL returned to Connecticut. It was now the Connecticut Yankees, with Bob Kratzer behind the bench, with his signed players. Together they posted a 9-6-5 record in their first season of play. It was basically a young team that Coach Kratzer molded into a solid organized professional club. During the 1976 season Kratzer will once again wear the hats of owner, coach, and General Manager. While observers still wonder where he gets all his energy, they have to marvel at his determination and a strong never-say-die attitude that has become his trademark. Married to the former Joan Holmes, the couple have two children, Sherry-Lee and Richard Robert. The Kratzers make their home in Fairfield, Connecticut.
Positive Results In Year One

For a first year club, the American Soccer League's Connecticut Yankees accomplished a great deal in 1975. Though they did not qualify for playoff competition, Bob Kratzer’s club finished with 23 points, only two points in back of Rhode Island and three points behind Northern Division champion Boston. The Yankees record of nine wins, six losses, and five ties, was most impressive. Only Cleveland (10) and New York (11) had more wins than the Connecticut club.

It was a well balanced club as the defense, led by goalkeeper Wilner Piquant and keyed by back Joe McGuigan, held the opposition to just 30 goals in a 20 game regular season schedule. Only Rhode Island allowed less goals than the Yankees. On offense they were strong and their 43 goals scored tied them with Cleveland as the league’s second best offensive team. Roberto Taylor, the 1975 team captain, led all Yankee scorers with 14 goals and 4 assists for 32 points. Further offensive support was generated by Vic Calabrese (6-3-15), Jan Kayzerek (6-3-15), Frantz Innocent (5-3-13), and Jan Klosek (1-8-10). Dean Rosow aided the Yanks cause by pumping home four goals while Fernando Alves chipped in with three goals scored. It was a team effort that guided this young club to a fine season, led by the work of Coach Bob Kratzer who blended rookies like Taylor (ASL Rookie of the Year) and Frantz Innocent with steady vets like Joe McGuigan and Jan Klosek. If the Yankees are to enjoy similar success on the field this year, again it will have to be the team effort, rookies and veterans coming together and jelling as a team. Several familiar faces will be with the Yankees in 1976 along with some newcomers that Coach Kratzer has recruited. Together they will have their work cut out for them as they compete in an expanded but vastly improved American Soccer League.
ASL, A NEW EXCITING LOOK

The oldest professional soccer loop in the land, the American Soccer League, will be celebrating its 46th anniversary with the start of the 1976 soccer season. Yet since that 1933 season when it all began, the ASL has been fighting for major league recognition. Now, under the direction of commissioner Bob Cousy, the league is on the threshold of reaching its potential. Led by the "Cooz," of Boston Celtics basketball fame, the ASL has grown from a predominantly eastern alignment to a full fledged coast to coast operation.

Operating in 1976 with 11 teams, the ASL is looking for its most successful season. On a team by team basis there is great optimism for significantly higher paid attendance figures, radio and television contracts, merchandising opportunities, and exciting promotions. As a league, ASL officials feel that it is extremely likely that the league itself will develop a national tv contract in the near future.

Perhaps the greatest sign of the ASL's progress came this past January after the league had announced its west coast expansion program. Shortly after that the league held its second college player draft. The first man chosen in the draft was Steve Ralbovsky, of Brown University, generally acknowledged to be the finest college player in the country, and he promptly signed with the team that drafted him, the new Los Angeles Skyhawks. In another significant move announced earlier in the year, the same Skyhawks named ex Dallas Tornado coach Ron Newman as their head man behind the bench.

As a further move to strengthen the overall league organization, the ASL executive office was moved from Providence, Rhode Island to New York City where media coverage and exposure are far greater than in any other United States city.

Clearly the American Soccer League means business. The League made some positive strides last year under Cousy but more progress can be expected in the year 1976, a year that the American Soccer League feels will be their greatest season ever, by far.

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When Bob Cousy became Commissioner of the American Soccer League, observers wondered aloud, "Just what could an ex basketball star do to help steer the ASL onto a better path?" After all, the "Cooz" had never been involved with soccer before so how much could he do? While everyone knew it would take time for Bob to become a "soccer man" they knew that as Commissioner Cousy could get results while he was learning soccer's finer points. You see, Bob Cousy has a magic name in sports. He built his reputation off the court as well as he did on the court. Cousy immediately gave the ASL a better image and he gave league owners a Commissioner who could be respected. Under Bob Cousy the ASL quickly moved to establish a fully staffed league office in Providence, Rhode Island that was expected to be a strong launching pad for the league.

After one season on the job, that Cousy magic has become apparent to those who watch the game of soccer. Without a scorecard you won't recognize the league this year thanks to Cousy's efforts during this past off season. The changes in the league structure includes the omission of such teams as Pittsburgh, Boston, and Cincinnati, who were left out of the 1976 lineup because of economic reasons. Likewise a New Jersey group that owned last year's New Jersey Brewers are out. A new club, the New Jersey Americans, takes the place of the Brewers. The Americans will become one sixth of an expanded eastern division that includes Connecticut, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, and Rhode Island. The big change in the ASL lineup is the move out west as the league granted expansion franchises to prominent people in major western cities. The western division will consist of teams in Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, Tacoma, and Salt Lake City. The move out west into major markets certainly established credibility in the league's attempt for nationwide major league status. Even many of the skeptics changed their tune when it was announced that the ASL was going to expand out west.

The move to the west coast has been without question Cousy's most significant achievement as ASL Commissioner. This move into the major markets is a positive step in the league's quest for a national marketing program which hopefully will include some kind of national television package.

It's a new year for Bob Cousy and his American Soccer League and all league officials are confident that their product, professional soccer, will sell itself well in all ASL cities. From the league's new office in New York City (another sign of great progress) Commissioner Bob Cousy sits with the confidence that the ASL is headed for greener pastures.
Every Commissioner needs a top flight assistant and in Otto Radich, ASL Commissioner Bob Cousy knows that he has one. Radich, who was born in Budapest, Hungary has been involved in soccer since grade school when he used to play the game. Radich has enjoyed the game of soccer as an executive in many different positions. From 1957-1965 he managed the New York Hungarian Club of the German-American League. At that point he was retained by the United States Soccer Federation to manage the United States National Team in the “World Cup” eliminations. Then, in 1965, Radich formed Soccer Tours Ltd., whose function was to arrange for international soccer games and to represent soccer players as an agent. Two years later he was hired by Madison Square Garden Corporation as Technical Director for the New York Skylines, the Garden’s pro soccer team in the United Soccer Association. This league merged with the National Professional Soccer League in 1968 to form what is now known as the North American Soccer League, and at that point he was hired as Director of Player Personnel for the Washington Whips. At the end of the 1968 season the new NASL bombed financially and with five teams remaining out of 23 that started the season, Radich left and reactivated his participation in Soccer Tours Ltd. As Director of Soccer Tours Ltd. Radich, over the past ten years, arranged for more than 30 tours for foreign soccer teams throughout the world, including the United States, and in that period represented more than 30 top notch soccer players in negotiations involving their transfers from one team to another or from one country to another. In addition, he served as the Western Hemisphere representative of the Greek Soccer Association (the National Soccer Association of Greece). Radich’s soccer experience should really benefit the ASL. His wealth of knowledge will most certainly be used to its fullest extent by league Commissioner Bob Cousy.

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OVERTIME PLAY

Another new rule change adopted was the use of overtime play to decide games that are all tied up after regulation play. The league has elected to play two 10 minute sudden death overtime periods should the game be tied after regulation play. The league discussed the possibility of penalty kicks to break a tie after sudden death, but that idea was not adopted.
Most trainers in sports are simply trainers, and/or equipment men. Versatile trainers in various sports can do other things, but not many, if any, can claim to also be a professional journalist. Carlos Arteaga, Head Trainer of the Connecticut Yankees is such a man. Along with the duties he carries out with the Yankees, Carlos is a soccer reporter for "Ovacion" a famous soccer magazine in South America. For two years the popular trainer has written for the magazine and at times, has served as a photographer for the magazine as well.

The versatile Arteaga was born in Lima, Peru, forty-six years ago. Since he was able to play soccer, he did just that, play soccer. As a professional soccer player, Carlos was always a First Division player. At 36, however, he had to cut short his playing career because of right leg problems. To be more specific, Arteaga broke his right shin on two separate occasions and still bears the scars to prove it.

After his playing career had ended, Carlos remained faithful to soccer. Getting involved as a Coach and as a Trainer, he still remained in the First Division in South America. You would have to say now that a Head Trainer's life has apparently agreed with him since for the last ten years he has listed that as his occupation with various professional clubs.

Now in his second season with the Yankees, Arteaga still finds time to Coach. The Norwalk Pan-Hellenics, a team Arteaga coaches, were champions of the Connecticut State Soccer Association's "A" Division last year. With a genuine liking to work with and teach young soccer players, Carlos often lends assistance to Coach Bob Kratzer in practice sessions.

Another plus to Arteaga is his friendly personality and extreme team spirit. On road trips Carlos helps to keep the players loose, and even leads them in a foreign language cheer that helps to keep them in a good healthy frame of mind.

At home games Arteaga is much the same man, also filling in wherever he can to aid the club.

A Head Trainer, Coach, former player, journalist, photographer, and sometimes comedian, Carlos Arteaga is a good man to have on your side. The Connecticut Yankees are fortunate in that respect. Carlos Arteaga is on their side.
GIGI GAROFANO

You will find out in the pre game introductions of the Connecticut Yankees, that this man will get the largest and longest ovation. The reason is very simple in that Gigi is really playing professional soccer in his own backyard, New Haven.

The popular forward, it seems, was born with a soccer ball, having played the world's number one sport since the age of seven in his native Italy. Coming to the United States at the age of 15 Gigi quickly made a name for himself at Eli Whitney High School. From there he went on to star at South Central Community College in New Haven, where he proceeded to break all previous scoring records. He was named an All-American there and later was picked several times for the Connecticut All-Star squad.

Since that time Gigi has played in both the Connecticut State Soccer Association and the American Soccer League. Three seasons back Gigi toiled with the Connecticut Wildcats when they were members of the ASL. When he wasn't playing in the ASL Gigi was a fixture with New Haven City, in the CSAA. As a result of his play there, anyone who knows anything about soccer in New Haven, knows Gigi Garofano.

This season Gigi's spirited play led him to a spot on the Yankees 18 man roster. Although standing only 5'5 and weighing 140 pounds, what Gigi lacks in size he makes up for with speed, hustle, and desire, three very important elements for a good athlete to have in any sport. His outgoing personality is a good thing to have on Yankees road trips as his humor often keeps the guys loose.

An exceptional teacher of young soccer students, Gigi teaches at several soccer schools and assists teammate Jean Paul Verhees in conducting soccer clinics for the Yankees. Gigi holds the title of Youth Coordinator with the Yankees.

Now 28 years old, Gigi makes his home in West Haven, Connecticut. With the Yankees now officially becoming a New Haven based team, Gigi Garofano can play before many of the soccer fans that have followed his career from high school, to college, to the pros, right here in the New Haven area.
To the Connecticut Yankees Soccer Club:

On behalf of the people of New Haven, it is my great pleasure to welcome the Connecticut Yankees to our area. Soccer is the world's most popular sport and New Haven is a "major league" city in every way, so I am confident that your popularity will grow and grow in the years ahead.

We are all very proud that the Connecticut Yankees Soccer Club will be bringing the fun and excitement of the American Soccer League to our community. So again, a warm welcome and best wishes!

Cordially,

Frank Logue
Mayor
and is last played by a member of the defending side, play is restarted with a corner-kick. The ball is placed within the 1-yard arc in the corner of the playing area nearest to where it crossed the goal-line. The ball is kicked by a player of the attacking team, and a goal may be scored direct from this corner kick.

**DIRECT FREE-KICK**

These are awarded when the penal offences are committed intentionally. A goal can be scored with a direct shot from the point where the offence was committed, except when the offence takes place within the penalty area - in which case the kick is taken from the penalty spot. The nine penal offences are:

**FOULS AND MISCONDUCT**

When players do not play strictly according to prescribed rules, the referee awards a free-kick against the offending team. These fall into two categories:

1. For nine penal offences - four with the hand, three with the feet, and two with the body - DIRECT free-kicks are awarded at the spot where the offence occurred. If the offence takes place in the penalty area by a defending player, the DIRECT free-kick takes the form of a penalty kick from the 12-yards penalty spot.
2. For technical offences - that is, all those outside the nine penal offences - an INDIRECT free-kick is awarded at the spot where the offence occurred, including an offence by a defending player within the penalty area.

**HANDS**
1. Holding an opponent
2. Striking or attempting to strike an opponent
3. Pushing an opponent

**FEET**
4. Handling the ball
5. Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
6. Jumping at an opponent

**BODY**
7. Tripping an opponent
8. Charging an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner
9. Charging an opponent from behind unless he is intentionally obstructed

**FORMATIONS**

This 2-3-5 outfield playing formation has crumbled during the past decade to the advance of technical planning. These days, the most likely playing formation is 4-2-4 ... four defenders, two link-men, and four forwards (two wingers, two strikers).

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Labelling youth as the key to its future, the American Soccer League went all out to land its prize draft choices this year and their efforts in this direction have payed off. Without a doubt the ASL has signed a real bumper crop of ex-collegians in this their most successful year ever in signing top rookies.

It all started back on February 19th when the western division’s Los Angeles Skyhawks signed their first player, Brooks Cryder of Philadelphia Textile. Cryder, the Skyhawks second round draft choice, scored 48 goals in a brilliant four year college career, including 18 goals in his senior year. According to Skyhawks Head Coach Ron Newman, “I considered Brooks the top forward in the country. He’s a strong lad who knows how to put the ball in the net.” Cryder, at 5’10” 170 pounds, signed as an amateur so that he could maintain his eligibility for the United States Olympic Team. In signing with Los Angeles, Cryder passed over offers made by the NASL’s Philadelphia entry who drafted Cryder as their number one pick.

A day after Cryder’s signing, more news was to come from the west coast. The man drafted first by both leagues, Steve Ralbovsky, of Brown University, had come to terms with the ASL’s Los Angeles Skyhawks. Ralbovsky, the most sought after college soccer player in history, led Brown to a third place finish in the NCAA Division I playoffs. A two-time All American at Brown, Steve was the recipient of the Robert R. Hermann Trophy awarded each year to America’s best college soccer player as determined by a “Sporting News” poll of college coaches. “There was no doubt in my mind that Steve was the best college player in the United States last year,” said Los Angeles Head Coach Ron Newman. In signing Ralbovsky, a defensive stalwart, the Skyhawks had to compete with offers made by the NASL’s Los Angeles Aztecs, who had also chosen him in the first round of the NASL draft. While terms of Ralbovsky’s contract were not disclosed, it is believed that he received the largest bonus ever paid to a college soccer player.

Between March 26th and March 30th came news of more significant ASL signings from coast to coast. Again, a major signing in Los Angeles when Steve Cacciatore, an ex star forward from SIU-Edwardsville, became the third college player to put his signature on a Skyhawks contract for 1976. Cacciatore, a four year collegiate starter at SIU, accounted for 35 goals and led SIU to four consecutive NCAA tournament appearances and an NCAA Division II Championship in 1972. The 21 year old forward picked the Skyhawks contract over one offered by the NASL’s Rochester Lancers.
Connecticut Yankees Head Coach Bob Kratzer has had good luck when it comes to Polish soccer players. First there was Jan Klosek, then Jan Kajzerek, and then Dieter Zajdel. Now the latest Polish sensation is Joe Kowalczyk, and according to Kratzer, "Kowalczyk is the best player I've ever picked up from Poland." When you consider that Klosek is one of the ASL's best midfielders, Kajzerek a 15 point man last year, and Zajdel, a proven NASL performer, you begin to understand Kratzer's excitement over his new acquisition.

It didn't take Kowalczyk long to justify Kratzer's praise of him. In the Yankees first game with the new Polish star, the club nipped Rhode Island 2-1 on the strength of two Kowalczyk goals. The win, on the road in East Providence, started the Yankees on a three game win streak (two on the road) that saw the club go into a tie with Rhode Island for first place in the ASL east. After three games Kowalczyk climbed up the ASL scoring ladder with two goals and three assists for seven points. "Kowalczyk has changed this team around," said Kratzer after the 2-1 win over Rhode Island. That remark could go down as one of the largest understatements of the year 1976.

Kowalczyk, at 28, is still very quick and his speed and cleverness have made the Yankees offense more dangerous than any time in the club's two year history. A proven goal scorer in Poland, Kowalczyk comes to the Yankees from Poland's Zaglembie Sosnowiec team where he played for six years, averaging 15 goals per season. He's been a first division player in Poland playing in some 128 games. The veteran forward played for the Polish National Team four times and would have played in the 1972 World Cup Competition had he not been shelved with a broken leg. Even before his play with the Polish National Team, Kowalczyk had been a member of the under 21 Polish National Team.

Slated to wear number 7 when he came to the Yankees, Kowalczyk opted for number 14 which was vacant at the time. It seems the Yankees newest star from Poland likes number 14 since he wore that number on the Polish National Team. So 14 it is for Joe Kowalczyk and the way he's played no one would dare suggest he change his number.

Since Kowalczyk's arrival the Yankees front line has garnered more respect from the opposition. They've also scored more goals, including two consecutive hat tricks by Vic Calabrese. With Kowalczyk, Calabrese, and another newcomer Sal Russo up front, the opposition can not afford to key on any one Yankee player. If they do they'll get burnt by one or the two other forwards.

Granted the year isn't even half over, but if Joe Kowalczyk can keep up his fantastic scoring pace the Yankees will go places in 1976. And more than one ASL Head Coach will wish that Bob Kratzer would forget about Polish players.
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In New Jersey, club officials of the expansion New Jersey Americans made their first move to keep a promise to “help Americanize soccer in the United States” by signing Temple University All-American Joe DiSalvo for the 1976 season. DiSalvo, also drafted by the NASL’s Washington Diplomats, is a highly thought of forward who led the Temple Owls in scoring in each of the last two seasons. A resident Philadelphian, DiSalvo was the third round ASL draft choice of the Americans. Americans’ Head Coach Rich Melvin was pleased with the ex-Temple star’s signing calling it “a big step for us.” In analyzing the first player to sign an American’s contract, Coach Melvin stated, “DiSalvo is an exclusive offensive player with plenty of strength and speed, and his style of play will fit in very well with the brand of soccer the New Jersey Americans will display in their very first season.”

In Cleveland, Cobras General Manager Dr. John Gyekenyesi announced the signings of two of his most sought after draft choices, Billy Polack and Tom Nowicki. Both are local products, Polack, a first round draft choice from Akron University, and Nowicki a third round pick out of Cleveland State. “Billy is the kind of player we’ve been searching for,” said Dr. Gyekenyesi. “At times our defense was quite leaky and Billy is the tough defensive player who can help shore that problem up.” Polack was known for his rugged play at Akron University, where he was named All-Ohio defensive back, and he left his mark on more than one streaking forward. His aggressiveness, in fact, earned him the nickname of “the Pulverizer.”

Cobras Coach Herbie Haller and Club President Howard Collier were as pleased as Gyekenyesi with the two signings. “Getting the Pulverizer was the best news I received in some time,” noted Head Coach Haller, “and I’m sure that he’ll be able to work his way into the starting lineup.” “We’re all pulling for Billy and Tom to really help us shine this season,” echoed President Collier on the day of the dual signing. “Both are American kids with plenty of potential and they fit into our plans of Americanizing soccer. Billy’s future is unlimited; Tom is a native Clevelander and an excellent individual,” concluded Collier, “and they’ll be assets on and off the field for our team.”

Clearly, these signings showed that the ASL was interested in obtaining the best youth possible to improve their product now and to insure a better future. Several other draft choices were signed but when this program went to press those players mentioned in this article were deemed the most significant. Ralbovsky, Cryder, Cacciatore, DiSalvo, Polack, and Nowicki have had a lot of time and money invested in them by the American Soccer League and its member clubs. These potential stars and superstars could become the backbone of the American Soccer League, a league on its way up.
SOCCER
HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED

THE FIELD

The overall dimensions of the playing field are: Length - 100 yards (minimum) to 130 yards (maximum), Width - 50 yards (min.) to 100 yards (max.). To conform with international standards the average field is 110-120 yards by 70-80 yards. The markings which designate the side boundaries of the playing area are called sidelines, or touchlines. These are joined at each end of the field by endlines or goal-lines.

THE CENTER LINE

The field is divided into two equal halves by a center line running the width of the field. At the center of this line is the spot from which the game starts, and restarts on the scoring of a goal. All players must remain in their own half of the field until the game is started. A circle of 10 yards radius from the center spot, called the center circle, is prescribed. This ensures application of one of the most common soccer laws - namely, that players of the opposing side must be at least 10 yards from the ball when every dead ball situation occurs, as on the kick-off, free-kick, goal-kick, and corner-kick.

THE PENALTY AREA

The penalty area is a zone, 44 yards by 18 yards (the arc in front of the Penalty Area is not a part of the Penalty Area), in and around which much of the game's excitement is generated. This area serves four purposes:

1. Any of the game's nine penal offences (see fouls) committed in this area by a defending player brings the award of a penalty kick - a free shot at goal from the "penalty spot," a marked spot 12 yards from goal.
2. It indicates the area where the goalkeeper is allowed to touch the ball without being penalized.
3. It indicates the distance the ball must travel before being touched by a second player when played from A. A goal kick.
B. A free-kick awarded to the defending side within the area.
4. When a penalty kick is being taken all players, except the kicker and defending goalkeeper, must stand outside the penalty area and be ten yards from the ball, hence the sole reason for the arc on the edge of the penalty area, measured 10 yards from the penalty spot.

THE GOAL AREA

The goal area is within the penalty area measuring 20 yards by 6 yards and serves two purposes:

1. When a goal-kick is being taken, the ball must be placed anywhere within the goal area.
2. When the goalkeeper has possession of the ball, or is obstructing an opponent, he can be charged - otherwise he has special protection within the goal area.

GOAL-KICK

When the ball completely crosses the goal-line without entering the goal, and is last played by a member of the attacking side, play is restarted with a goal-kick. The ball is placed within the goal area, and kicked by any player, usually the goalkeeper, of the defending side.

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Yankees road schedule for 1976.
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LAW IV - Player Equipment. Consists of a shirt, shorts, stockings and boots. Goalkeeper must wear colors which distinguish him from the other players.

LAW V - Referees. One referee is appointed for each match. He is responsible for control of the game and his decisions are final.

LAW VI - Linesmen. Two linesmen assist the referee by indicating offside when the ball is out of play, and which team is entitled to the corner kick or throw-in.

LAW VII - Duration of the Game. Shall be two equal periods of 45 minutes unless otherwise agreed upon.

LAW VIII - The Start of Play. A flip of coin decides which team will kick off. Each team must stay on its own half of the field and the defending players must be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked.

After a goal the team scored upon will kick off. After halftime the teams change ends and the kickoff will be taken by the opposite team to that which started the game. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-off.

LAW IX - Ball In and Out of Play. The ball is out of play when (a) it has wholly crossed the goal-line or touch-line, whether on the ground or in the air, (b) when the game has been stopped by the referee.

LAW X - Method of Scoring. A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal-line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar.

LAW XI - Offside. A player is offside if he is nearer his opponents goal-line than the ball at the moment the ball is played unless, (a) he is in his own half of the field of play, (b) there are two of his opponents nearer to their own goal-line than he is, (c) the ball last touched an opponent or was last played by him, (d) he receives the ball direct from a goalkick, a corner-kick, a throw-in, or when it was dropped by the referee.

LAW XII - Fouls and Misconduct. A player who intentionally attempts to or actually: (1) Kicks, (2) trips, (3) jumps at, (4) charges violently, (5) charges from behind, (6) strikes, (7) holds or (8) pushes an opponent, or (9) intentionally handles the ball shall be penalized by a direct free kick. Any one of these nine offenses committed in the penalty area by a defender will result in a penalty kick to the offensive team.

A player committing less flagrant violations such as offside, dangerous plays, obstructing or ungentlemanly conduct will be penalized by an indirect free kick.

LAW XIII - Free Kicks. Are classified into two categories: "Direct" (from which a goal can be scored directly against the offending side), and "Indirect" (from which a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has been touched by a player other than the kicker) before entering the goal.

For all free kicks the offending team must be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked.

LAW XIV - Penalty Kick. A direct free kick taken at the penalty mark. All players except the player taking the kick and the goalkeeper must stay outside the penalty area and at least ten yards from the ball (hence the arc at edge of penalty area).

LAW XV - Throw-in. When the ball has wholly crossed the touchline it is put back into play by a throw-in from the spot where it went out and by a player from the opposite team that last touched it. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.

LAW XVI - Goal-kick. When the ball has wholly crossed the goal-line after being last touched by player from the attacking team, it is put back into play by a kick from the goal area by the defending team.

LAW XVII - Corner Kick. When the ball has wholly crossed the goal-line after being last touched by a player from the defending team, it is put back into play by a kick from the corner on the side the ball went out by the attacking team.
FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCCER:

These are kicking, passing, dribbling, trapping, tackling and heading. Soccer is a team game, but it also gives a player ample opportunity to display his talents.

Kicking. A player kicks the ball with the instep, the inside of his foot, the outside of his foot, the heel, and sometimes with his toe. The instep kick is used most often, as it is possible to give the ball a spinning motion, and the player can get maximum control.

Passing. In soccer, this means to kick or head the ball deliberately to a teammate. Passing is a combination play where two or more men team up to get the ball to the goal in the fastest way with a minimum amount of effort.

Dribbling. The ball is coaxed along; it is propelled by slight touches with the feet while still maintaining possession and control. It should never take the place of a pass that can be made to an open spot or teammate. It is often used to draw an opponent so as to open a teammate. It can also be used as a team weapon to keep the defense jittery and honest.

Trapping. A player traps a ball when he gets control of it as it comes to him in the air or on the ground, from any angle or height, by the use of head, body, legs or feet. The ball must be handled so that it either drops at his feet or within a controlled distance. A trap pass is one that allows the trapper in one motion to trap and push the ball out of the reach of an opponent, or to merely deflect the ball to a teammate.

Tackling. In soccer, this means the skill of getting the ball away from an opponent. Since the rules limit the amount of body contact, it's more important to concentrate on the ball than on the opponent. One way to tackle is to get in front of the player who has the ball and block his progress. Another way is to run along-side the opponent until there is an opportunity to step in front of him and take control of the ball, dribbling it away or passing to a teammate.

Heading. The fastest way of returning a ball takes a little courage, but a soccer player must learn to butt a ball with the front, top or side of his head. The neck should be held stiff and the spine rigid, and the eyes should be held on the ball right up to the moment of contact. Good heading in the forward line has all the advantages of short passing. The goalkeeper seldom uses it, but fullbacks head almost as much as they kick.
Glossary of Soccer Terms

1. CHARGE - pushing the opponent off balance legally by shoulder to shoulder contact.

2. CLEAR - a throw or kick by the goalkeeper or a kick by the defender in an attempt to get the ball away from the goal area.

3. DRIBBLE - a way of advancing the ball past defenders by a series of short taps with one or both feet.

4. HANDS - intentionally touching the ball with the hands or arms.

5. HEADING - a method of scoring, passing and controlling the ball by making contact with the head.

6. OBSTRUCTING - preventing the opponent from going around a player by standing in his path.

7. SAVE - the goalkeeper stopping an attempted goal by catching or deflecting the ball away from the goal.

8. SCREEN - retaining possession and protecting the ball by keeping your body between the ball and opponent.

9. SLIDING TACKLE - attempting to take the ball away from the opponent by sliding on the ground.

10. STRIKER - a central forward position in the team with a major responsibility for scoring goals.

11. SWEEPER - a defender who roams either in front of or behind the fullback line to pick up stray passes.

12. TACKLING - attempting to take the ball away from an opponent when both players are playing the ball with their feet.

13. TRAP - controlling a ball passed close to the player by means of the feet, thighs or chest.

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AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1934-1975

1934 Kearny Irish
1935 Philadelphia Germans
1936 New York Americans
1937 Kearny Scots
1938 Kearny Scots
1939 Kearny Scots
1940 Kearny Scots
1941 Kearny Scots
1942 Philadelphia Americans
1943 Brooklyn Hispano
1944 Philadelphia Americans
1945 New York Brookhattan
1946 Baltimore Americans
1947 Philadelphia Americans
1948 Philadelphia Americans
1949 Philadelphia Nationals
1950 Philadelphia Nationals
1951 Philadelphia Nationals
1952 Philadelphia Americans
1953 Philadelphia Nationals
1954 New York Americans
1955 Uhrik Truckers
1956 Uhrik Truckers
1957 New York Hakoah
1958 New York Hakoah
1959 New York Hakoah
1960 Colombo
1961 Ukranian Nationals
1962 Ukranian Nationals
1963 Ukranian Nationals
1964 Ukranian Nationals
1965 Hartford S.C.
1966 Roma S.C.
1967 Baltimore St. Gerard's
1968 Ukranian Nationals
1968 Washington Darts
1969 (First Summer Season)
Washington Darts
1970 Philadelphia Ukrainians
1971 New York Greeks
1972 Cincinnati Comets
1973 New York Apollo
1974 Rhode Island Oceaneers
1975 Boston Astros-
New York Apollo
ASL "FIRSTS"

The American Soccer League is proud of its "firsts" in the promotion of soccer in the United States. Here are a few of them.

* The American Soccer League was the first league in the United States to televise regularly scheduled games. This occurred in October, 1952, at Yankee Stadium, New York, over Station WPIX, Channel 11. These A.S.L. games were the first ever staged at Yankee Stadium.

* Indoor soccer, inaugurated by the American Soccer League, first in the United States, at Madison Square Garden, New York, in 1939, again in 1940, and again in the 1950's.

* First night game. International "dream" match in the United States staged by the American Soccer League, June 15, 1948, at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, New York, between Liverpool, of England, and Djurgarden, of Sweden; with the English team winning 3-2. This was also the first game staged in the United States by two visiting foreign teams.

* The American Soccer League is the only soccer league in the United States to stage its foreign tour games at major baseball parks—Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, New York; Polo Grounds and Yankee Stadium, New York. Other major stadiums have been Soldiers Field, Chicago; Coliseum, Los Angeles; and Connie Mack Stadium, Philadelphia.

* An attendance record of 24,800 was set as far back as 1953 at Randalls Island Stadium, New York, when Liverpool, of England, edged Nuernberg, of Germany, 4-3. This game was also sponsored by the American Soccer League. (Note: Capacity of Randalls Island Stadium is 22,000 and the gates were closed by order of the police.)

* A night attendance record was broken, also atRandalls Island Stadium, in a game sponsored by the American Soccer League, when Milan A.C., of Italy played Santos, of Brazil, on June 11, 1965. An attendance of 24,500 was recorded, and the gates were again closed by police, when the latter estimated there were more than 12,000 automobiles in the parking lots.

* Other attendance records have also been made at Yankee Stadium with over 45,000 fans on hand viewing Pele and his Santos club in competition against visiting Italian clubs.