

HARVARD SOCCER

GOLDEN ERA 1969-1972



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George Gibson, Bahman Mossavar Rahmani, Richard Locksley, Bob Auritt, Bill Brock

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2019 Reunion

Team Photos Old and New



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Not in picture: Russ Bell, Richie Hardy, John Runyan, Jim Sawhill, Charlie Thomas



1969 TEAM IN 2019

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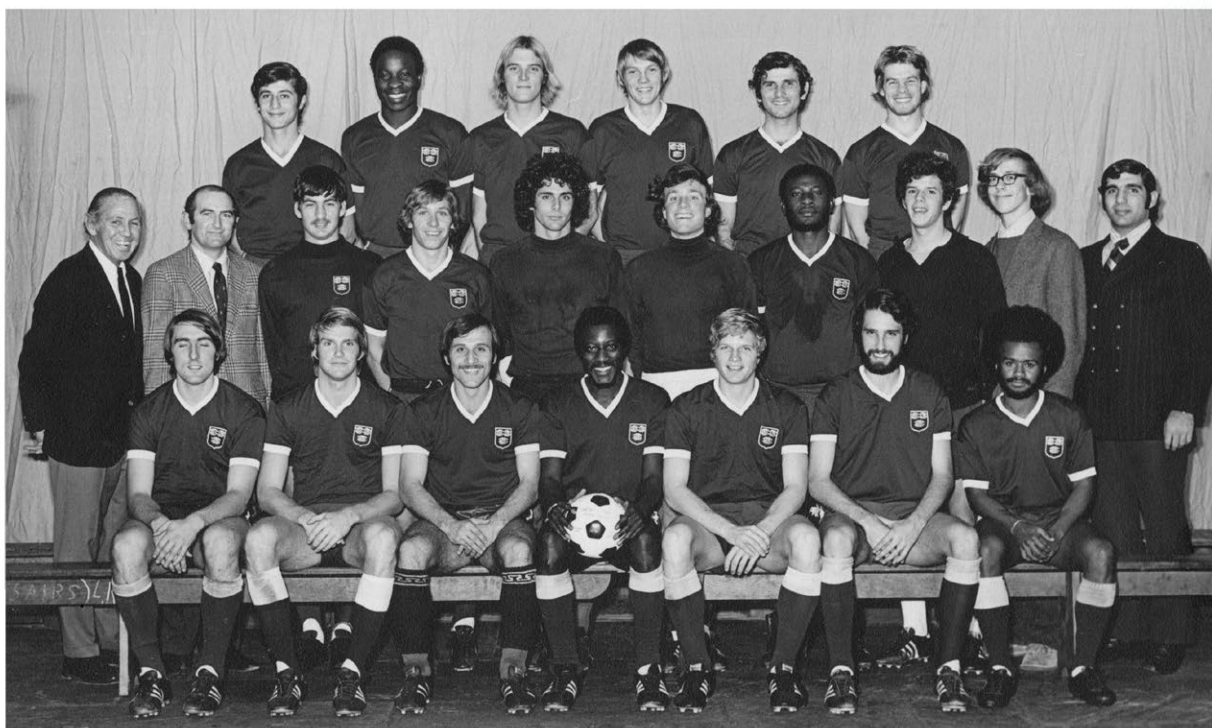


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Phil Axten, Rick Scott, Dick Nesto, Chris Papagianis, Rob Woods, Bezo Cutler, Chris Wilmot, John Gordon, Bill Brock, Bill Meyers, Peter Bogovich, and Walt Tomford



Back Row: B. Mossavar-Rahmani, F.O. Adedeji, R.W. Scott, Jr., B.J. Farnet, H. Sideropoulos, L.R. Wulsin
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 G.L. Gibson, E.E. Ekama, S.W. Kidder, Manager V.P. Steponaitis, Assistant coach E. Klein
 Front Row: C.A. Wilmot, R.P. Axten, Jr., P.S. Kydes, Captain C.W. Thomas, N. Harrower, R.S. Woods, R.A. Bell



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Lawson Wulsin, Steve Kidder, Rick Scott, Rob Woods, Chris Papagianis, Chris Wilmot, Phil Axten, Greg Hornig,
 George Gibson, Brian Farnett, Bahman Mossavar Rahmani, Vince Steponaitis, and Henry Sideropoulos



Back Row: Robert Adams, Daniel Potts, Assistant Manager Duncan Brown

Middle row: Coach J. Bruce Munro, Max Abecassis, Anthony Van Niel, Brian Fearnett, Lawson Wulsin, Stephen Mead, Manager Vincas Steponaitis

Front row: Ronald Padmore, Christos Papagianis, Stephen Kidder, Captain Richard Scott, Henry Sideropoulos, Hamilton James, Arthur Faden

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1972 TEAM IN 2019

Danny Potts, Lawson Wulsin, Steve Kidder, Robert Adams, Chris Papagianis, Rick Scott, Bahman Mossavar Rahmani, Brian Fearnett, Vin Steponaitis, and Henry Sideropolous

From Powers Of The Press 2019

BY JOHN POWERS

THE ENDURING MEMORY IS OF JOHN GORDON, his cheeks rosy from chill and exuberance, being hoisted aloft amid the celebratory hurly-burly. Four thousand of us had been standing in the bleachers along North Harvard Street or were jammed behind the ropes around the pitch, waiting for the swing of the foot or the nod of the head that was either going to continue this extraordinary season or end it.

So why wouldn't the man of that late hour be one who hadn't scored a goal all season but just happened to get himself unmarked at a most opportune moment, collect a deft pass from Charlie Thomas, drive the ball into the net and put his mates on a plane to the Left Coast?

That's how it had been all that autumn when Harvard soccer suddenly became a national power and set off a quadrennium that hasn't since been matched around Cambridge. Consecutive unbeaten regular seasons. Four NCAA appearances, reaching the semifinals twice and the quarters twice. A brace of Ivy titles. A 49-6-1 record overall. So it seems fitting that all four teams convene for an unprecedented reunion this month while the 1969 varsity celebrates the 50th anniversary of a most remarkable achievement.

That period was not only the golden era for Crimson soccer but also for Harvard athletics. The football team had been undefeated the previous season and 'beaten' Yale 29-29. The heavyweight crew made the Olympic final in Mexico City. The lightweight crew launched a

dynasty that would run for 15 springs. The cross-country team posted its third straight perfect season in 1969. The hockey squad claimed the Beanpot for the first time in seven years and finished third in the NCAAs. The indoor track team sent four men to the NCAAs, won two individual titles and finished third overall behind Kansas and Villanova. The squash team resumed its reign and tennis was at the top of the Ivy ladder.

Nobody knew how the soccer team would fare in 1969 in the wake of the previous edition's implosion. After going unbeaten in their first eight matches the Crimson won only one of their final five, ending with home thumpings from Brown, Army (in the NCAAs) and Yale and finished in the Ivy second division for the first time. Still, 14 lettermen were back, an unbeaten freshman team had moved up and Bruce Munro reckoned that it could be his best bunch in many years.

This would be Harvard's first truly international squad and it set the stage for future teams in multiple sports at the college. Gambia's Solomon Gomez and Yugoslavia's Peter Bogovich were joined by a trio of sophomore starters from overseas — Chris Wilmot (England), Russ Bell (Jamaica) and Thomas. And after an opening hiccup at Tufts, where Harvard had to come back from two goals down to prevail, there came a flawless run that nearly defied reason, especially since captain/keeper Rich Locksley was out of commission with low blood pressure.

In stepped Bill Meyers to promptly become the 'zero hero', with a record six straight clean sheets and 624 scoreless minutes. The margins, too, were startling — 3-0 (Williams), 5-0 (UConn), 6-0 (BU), 2-0 (Columbia), 5-0 (Cornell) and 4-0 (Dartmouth). The question, of course, was how Harvard would fare in November. So the 3-1 victory over Penn at Franklin Field was the most significant in years.

The soccer match was advertised as the marquee event that day since both football teams were headed for losing seasons. Chestnut Street was lined with red and blue placards touting #4 Penn vs. #3 Harvard and 7,000 spectators turned up Saturday morning to watch two unbeaten squads at the stadium. What they saw was a startling knockout punch in the second quarter with Gomez scoring twice amid a three-goal, six-minute flurry.

That was the beginning of a wondrous three-week stretch where every outing ended in catharsis and celebration. The most satisfying might have been the 2-1 grinder at Brown, whose bully boys had barked Harvard's shins five times in a row. This time the Gambian connection of Gomez and Thomas took down Bruno in the mire and the Crimson won its first Ivy title since the Ohiri days.

The following fortnight passed in a delightful triumphal blur. The 5-0 gutting of Southern Connecticut in the first round of the NAAs. The 3-0 whitewash of Yale at New Haven that

capped the program's first perfect league season. The 4-0 hammering of Brown in their NCAA rematch. And then the quarterfinal showdown with Hartwick, which some thought was a BBC series about a British public school.

Once the scoreless deadlock went to overtime there was confusion in the crowd about the rules. Was it sudden death? How many more periods could they play? Would they go to penalties? Most corner kicks? What if it grew too dark to see?

Most of us heard the roar before we could tell what had happened. The assumption was that Gomez or Thomas had scored. Then we saw Gordon elevated head and shoulders above the rest and everyone was headed across the street to Dillon where Rufus Peebles (Has there been a more Harvard name? F. Skiddy von Stade, possibly?) was proffering champagne.

Who knows what might have happened if St. Louis hadn't scored in the final minute of the San Jose semifinal? Another overtime thunderclap? Would Harvard have beaten San Francisco in the final? Quite possibly. But the important thing about the 1969 season was that a breakthrough had been made, a new standard of expectation established. Autumn no longer ended with the Yale game. Harvard's soccer team still was suiting up in December.

Friday Speakers



Chris Wilmot: Class of 72, Harvard All-American defender and Captain of the Event organizing team.



Bill Meyers: Class of 71, “zero hero” All-Ivy Goalie and Vincera Foundation leader who sponsored Friday event.

John Powers: Class of 70, Crimson and Boston Globe reknowned sportswriter!





George Gibson: Class of 72, event organizer and Fundraising leader

John Gordon: Class of 71, whose goal sent 69 team to San Jose and whose father Albert Gordon was a great friend to our 69-72 teams.

John Mackall: Class of 71, author of the Greatest Class Ever.





Seamus Malin: Harvard Soccer and Admissions,
member of Event organizing team, honored as
emeritus member of the Friends of Harvard Soccer

Bob Scalise: Director of Harvard
Athletics (2001-2020)



Friday Small Groups



Chris and Bill

FRIDAY SMALL GROUPS





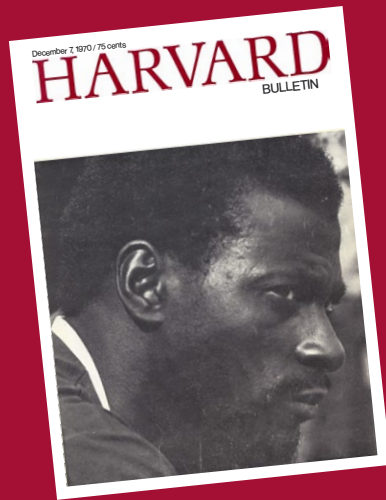




Saturday







The Harvard Bulletin

In 1970 the *Harvard Bulletin* (now *Harvard Magazine*) published two articles about soccer, the first by Seamus Malin in January, the second by Jon Paulsson '71, in December.

SPORTS | Martin R. Garay '71

Soccer: one goal from the top

After winning fourteen consecutive games, the soccer team dropped a 2-1 match to powerful St. Louis in the NCAA semifinals in San Jose, California, early last month. This was the first time that coach Bruce Munro and his booters had gone so far in the NCAA's; understandably, the team was somewhat awed. Conversely, St. Louis — perennial NCAA champion — was so confident that it took only one day of practice in the beautiful California climate. Before a minute and a half had elapsed in the first period, the Billikens were able to score on Harvard and were threatening to rip the game wide open.

Forward Mike Seerey had slipped past the Crimson defense and kicked a wobbly shot that fooled Harvard's goalie, Billy Meyers.

The goal numbed Harvard for the next few minutes. The Billikens' further threats, however, were contained by the outstanding defensive play of fullbacks Chris Wilmot, Bill Brock, and Bob Gray. In the second period, adjusting to the Billikens' style of play and the dreary night conditions, Harvard started to move. After seven minutes, it tied the score. Taking a pass from Peter Bogovich, Solomon Gomez moved within a dozen yards of the goal. Instead of shooting, he passed to Charlie Thomas, who was open on the left. Thomas drilled the ball past the St. Louis goalie, who had allowed only six scores in the regular season.

Both teams continued to threaten, but were thwarted by excellent defensive play. Late in the fourth period, the Crimson began looking forward to the extra spurt that an overtime would provide. But with

Left: Inside Philip Kydes (dark jersey) battles a St. Louis player for the ball in the opening round of the NCAA tournament in San Jose. St. Louis won, 2-1.



national finals, which they won from a relatively weak San Francisco team, 4-0. And though Harvard didn't come home with a championship, they came within one goal.

If the St. Louis game had gone into overtime, Harvard might have had a repeat of the thriller it had pulled in the Eastern Regionals five days earlier. In that game, it took nearly 100 minutes to defeat Hartwick College of Oneonta, N.Y. When halfback John Gordon finally scored at 4:37 of the second overtime period, nearly 4,000 partisans rushed onto the field.

In regulation time, both teams played even ball. If Billy Meyers made a good save, Hartwick's freshman goalie, Frank van der Sommen, would make a great one. To match the Hartwick forwards' slick passing game, Thomas, Gomez, Russ Bell and Phil Kydes dazzled and danced their way through the Hartwick defense. When Hartwick defenders stole the ball, Harvard's would get it back promptly with beautiful tackles. When the gun sounded, neither team had scored.

After a five-minute rest, Harvard came out hungry for a victory; Hartwick looked tired, hurting and sore. The Crimson kept the ball in Hartwick territory for most of the five-minute overtime period; no goal, but they did pressure the Hartwick defense into giving them a corner kick. (By NCAA rules, if a tie lasts through four overtimes, the team with the most corner kicks wins. A corner kick is given to the team that forces the opposition defense to kick the ball out of bounds in its territory.)

In the second overtime, Harvard scored at last when Thomas took a pass and started to rush the goalie. Along with other Harvard forwards, Thomas was covered closely, so he tried to win a corner kick by nicking a Hartwick player with a pass aimed at the sideline. It never got there. The amazed Gordon found the ball near his foot and put it into an empty corner of the net. Harvard had harpooned Hartwick, 1-0.

Martin R. Garay '71, of Chicago and Leverett House, covered soccer for the Crimson and was on hand at San Jose.



Left wing Charlie Thomas had Harvard's only goal in a 2-1 loss to St. Louis.



Inside Philip Kydes, at 5-7, consistently beat taller men on heading plays.

A remarkable effort, a remarkable team

by SEAMUS P. MALIN

At the end of the regular season, in a final poll of U.S. soccer coaches, Harvard was ranked second to St. Louis University. Most observers at the NCAA tournament in San Jose last month felt the championship was decided on the first night, when Harvard was edged by St. Louis. The St. Louis coach himself described Harvard as the toughest team his squad had faced all year—and that took in a game with the University of Berlin. After beating San Francisco in the finals, he remarked that if his team had played that poorly its first time out.

"Harvard would have creamed us."

It's clear that the achievement of this year's Harvard soccer team was remarkable. It was only our second year in the national tournament, and to finish in the top four in our first really serious effort is something to be proud of.

While the squad included some extraordinarily skillful players, any soccer authority will tell you that it is virtually impossible for a few

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Kydes heading; Gomez in foreground.

individuals to carry a team to the kind of season we had this year. It was an unusual team effort, from the goal-keeping and defense in front of goal all the way up to the quick-breaking attack. With striking efficiency and cohesion, the whole team moved as a unit — although one always felt that at any moment, an individual could break loose and score.

The persistence, dedication, and absolute conviction of the players that they could achieve great things — these were major factors in the team's success. Even on the first day of practice, the prospect of a trip to California was in everybody's mind. Coach Bruce Munro even spoke of it, setting the tone for the season by emphasizing that the only



Halfback John Gordon breaks up a St. Louis attack.

way for us to do well in the tournament was to take each game at a time, and play it as though it were the last one of the season. This approach brought us through the Ivy season with a perfect record of 7-0-0, and a perfect regional tournament record of 3-0-0. We posted ten shutouts, and did not allow a goal in any of the regional tournament games. The season's record of 14-0-1 was the best in 64 years of Harvard soccer.

That was the collective effort, but who were the individuals who produced it?

The goalkeeper was Billy Meyers, a junior from Andover, Mass., by way of the Choate School. He missed his entire sophomore year with an injury, but had a remarkable season this fall. He'd be the first to say that his record of ten shutouts was attributable to the tightest defense Harvard soccer has seen in many a year. A fledgling copy boy for the *Boston Globe*, Billy filed feature articles on the team while we were in San Jose.

Fullback Bob Gray, a senior from Dedham, Mass., and Noble and Greenough, was one of our more consistent players. Along with fellow Nobles graduates Bezo Cutler and John Gordon, he was largely responsible for maintaining the great spirit this team had. He's the son of Morris Gray '43.

Chris Wilmot was our center fullback. A sophomore who attended County Grammar School in his

home town of Harrow, England, Chris inspired total confidence, and his defensive play is unparalleled in my ten years' experience with Harvard soccer. He has extraordinary tenacity and leadership, along with a contagious sense of humor.

Also at fullback was returning letterman Bill Brock, a junior who is commonly known as Lou. He's from Grosse Point, Mich., and another Choate graduate. A main factor in our strong defense, his reputation for dedicated play was a direct result of his own personal emphasis on conditioning.

John Gordon, a junior from New York City, came to us from St. Paul's. He's the son of Albert Gordon '23, and his contribution to the team this year is simply inestimable. I don't think we'll ever forget John's great goal in sudden-death overtime against Hartwick, which sent the team into the NCAA nationals. It was the first goal of John's career, and it set off a riot of enthusiasm not seen on a Harvard soccer field since the days of the great Chris Ohiri. That goal, and John's delightful wry humor throughout the season, will be impossible to forget.

At center halfback we had Richard Hardy, a senior from England. Richie's family now lives in Tunisia, but he was educated at St. Paul's School in London. This year was his best ever: his dedication to the team effort was extraordinary, and he was excellent at the thankless



Fullbacks Gray (28), Wilmot (26), and Hartwick All-America Alex Papadakis take to the air; halfbacks Hardy and Ferner are at right.



Harvard's Gray goes man-to-man against Hartwick halfback Tony Elia.

task of breaking up as many offensive threats as possible in the middle of the field. He used his exceptional skill to start quick, penetrating attacks on the opposition's defense.

Our left halfback was Chris Ferner of Oslo, Norway, a junior whose father is Finn Christian Ferner '43. He did a tremendous job. Chris is also an expert skier: he'll repeat this year on the varsity cross-country and jumping teams.

Russell Bell, a sophomore from Kingston, Jamaica, had a fine season at right wing, although he was sidelined from time to time by injuries that he couldn't shake before the end of the season. Russ doesn't find the New England climate highly agreeable, and cold weather makes him more susceptible to injuries. His size (5-3, 120) earned him the nickname "Mini-brute"; his nimble footwork and quickness enabled him to elude many opposing players almost literally twice his size.

Philip Kydes came from Brien McMahon High in South Norwalk, Conn., but was born in Macedonia, Greece. His father was a nationally known wrestler in Greece, and his brother Andy, Class of '67, was a Harvard soccer All-American. Philip set the Connecticut high-school scoring record two years ago, but this year he epitomized team effort, as he concentrated on setting up other players and consequently

led the squad with thirteen assists. His ability at executing heading plays, despite his average size, made him a tremendous threat in front of goal. His beautiful head goal against Penn was memorable.

Peter Bogovich lived in Yugoslavia before his family moved to New York City. He came to Harvard after a year at Deerfield. Last year's leading scorer, Peter adapted unselfishly to a role that involved a lot more defensive midfield work, setting up other forwards for shots. A junior, Bogey had a great season capped by a marvelous effort against St. Louis.

What can you say about Solomon Gomez? It's all been said. He led the team in scoring, and with his well-timed goals and exhilarating speedy thrusts down the wing, he threw defenses into a panic all year long. Sol will be the team captain next year, which should inspire him — and the team — even further. Solomon is from Gambia, West Africa, and had a year at Suffield Academy in Connecticut. His countryman, sophomore Charlie Thomas, also took a year at Suffield. His easygoing style off the field contrasted with his keen competitiveness, speed, and deception in games.

It was unfortunate that Richard Locksley, our captain, didn't get to play a minute for us because of a low-blood-pressure condition detected shortly before the first game.

We were lucky to have a Billy Meyers to take his place in the goal. Still, Rich appeared for every practice and was as much a part of the team as any active player.

Substitutes play a key part on any team. I think of Phil Axten, a sophomore from Noble and Greenough who filled in superbly for Wilmot in the first half of the season (his older brother, John Axten '68, was an exceptional goalkeeper; his father is Richard P. Axten '37). Then there was Norrie Harrower, a sophomore from Choate whose father is Norman Harrower Jr. '44. He was outstanding in spite of a chronic back problem that requires him to play wearing a brace. There was Leslie (Bezo) Cutler, a halfback from Nobles and the son of Robert B. Cutler '35, who played with indefatigable energy and incomparable desire until a serious injury in the Penn game stopped him. His place was taken by a JV player, Bob Woods, another Nobles alumnus. Everyone drew support from the optimism and high spirits of Bruce Detora, a senior from Stafford Springs (Conn.) High, and Dick Nesto Jr., from Milton Academy. Jim Sawhill, from New Canaan, Conn., and Exeter, is the son of John E. Sawhill '43, also a fine former Harvard soccer player. Jim played substitute right wing, but his best position is goalkeeper, and only Meyers' great season kept him from seeing more action.

Goal, Harvard!

Exciting players from four continents have helped the 1970 soccer team to a championship. Yet no one comes to Harvard to play soccer

By Jan Paulsson

Ten victories in ten regular-season games. A runaway Ivy League championship team, in which every starter, as well as a few substitutes, could make a run for all-league honors. An early favorite for the national championship.

Harvard's 1970 soccer team. Yet the coach, Bruce Munro, is serious when he says, "Nobody wanted my job this year."

Well before the season began, it was generally acknowledged that Harvard would be loaded. It had lost hardly anyone from a team that had gone 14-1 in 1969 (its only defeat came in the NCAA semi-finals, at the hands of St. Louis, which went to win the national crown). Several Harvard players were prospective All-Americans. One was Bill Meyers '71, an All-Ivy goalie, who had pulled off six consecutive shutouts in the previous season. It may have been a sign of the times that Meyers, on reporting for practice this fall, found he'd be sharing the nets with a transfer student named Shep Messing — who actually *had* been an All-American for New York University in 1968.

So there were great expectations. And as it happened, they bred frustrations and tension. Mediocre opponents like Amherst and Williams were barely defeated (3-1, 2-1). Expectations and achievements suddenly seemed realms apart. It was rumored that

players were about to quit. Meetings were called to straighten things out (one of them was unknown to



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coach Munro until he folded out the morning Crimson). Substitutes were unhappy. Starters were unhappy. To newcomer Shep Messing, "It was all very confusing." The Boston *Globe* told its readers that Munro's problem was simply "too much talent."

But at mid-season, things somehow straightened out. The team played a marvelous second half in a tight game against Cornell, putting 29 shots on goal while allowing only ten, and dominating play in a game that came out 2-1 after almost twenty minutes of overtime. Three games later, against the top challenger for the Ivy title, the Crimson rolled to a crisply played 3-0 shutout of Pennsylvania. By the middle of November, when it beat Worcester Polytechnic 6-0 in the opening round of the NCAA playoffs, Harvard had momentum and cohesiveness. "Harvard *should* be a challenger for the national title" had changed to "Harvard *is*."

What had happened, and what was the problem in the first place? In sports, smooth coordination of individual talents into unitary activity is much talked-about ("real team effort") but seldom attained. When coordination requires the homogenization of such a diverse lot as the 1970 soccer squad, a book of magic may be more helpful than a coaching manual. Bruce Munro, on being asked if he could use additional assistance, has been heard to say that he would welcome a team psychiatrist.

"One of the beauties of our program," says Munro, "is the opportunity it affords foreign students to find a ready-made group with which to associate. They get friends to talk to, they get their feet on the ground. But the presence of so many different personalities also presents problems. I don't mean racial or national, but temperamental. These boys have played soccer all their lives, they're good, and they're impatient to get things going in the manner they're accustomed to. And we've never had so many different foreign players as now."

Harvard's team includes athletes from Oslo, Norway, to Warri, Nigeria; from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, to Monrovia, Liberia; from St. Louis to Middlesex, England. In a time when professionalism casts a lengthening shadow over college sports, it might seem logical to assume that Harvard had scoured the world for players in a deliberate effort to build a soccer powerhouse. As it happens, however, Bruce Munro is one of the more listless recruiters in coaching. The international mix of this year's soccer team is simply a reflection of the growing internationalism of Harvard itself (1,446 foreign students, from 89 countries, are enrolled in the University this year).

"I'll bet there isn't a coach in the business who doesn't think I hop around about every other weekend

to look at players in Africa, Greece, or Yugoslavia," says Munro. A man with a very low-key approach to the game, Munro even dismisses the need to scout upcoming opponents — "if my team does what it should, we'll win anyway" — and seems equally unconcerned about scouting prospective players. Says wing half-back Phil Kydes, almost with exasperation: "Even when I tell him about some good high-school player in Connecticut, the coach always responds by saying, 'Well, tell him to apply, and let's see if he can get in.'"

To understand the inner dynamics of this year's team, then, it's important to know more about the individual players and why they came to Harvard.

The story of Harvard soccer, 1970, began to unfold in September 1967, when Solomon Gomez first strolled onto the freshman practice field. Captain of the Gambian national team in 1963, he came to Harvard from Suffield Academy, and proceeded to score twenty goals in his freshman season. Peter Bogovich, a lanky Yugoslavian immigrant now living in New York, joined Gomez on the attack and blasted eighteen goals, Bogovich was finesse and power; Gomez was finesse and finesse.

This year Gomez is a senior and captain of the team. Handling the two sides of the Harvard attack, he and junior Charlie Thomas (also from Gambia) make the most dangerous scoring combination in the NCAA. In contrast to Thomas, who is humorous and outgoing, Gomez has always been a bit mysterious to Harvard followers — particularly Americans. He makes brilliant plays routinely, and without the least show of emotion. He seems to invite expectation of the impossible. Gomez is proud, to the very border of arrogance: "He's become a king," said last season's captain, Rich Locksley. He thrills the spectators, but appears to reject their accolades by his matter-of-fact acceptance of his own excellence. Taciturn and unbending, Gomez exerts his leadership entirely by example.

"We have won often while I've been at Harvard, but I've never been satisfied walking off the field," he says in his clipped, assertive way. It would take quite a man to look Solomon Gomez in the eye and contradict him. "There are too many mistakes. Against Princeton" — a 4-1 victim — "for instance, I think there were more mistakes than anyone saw. If we had played correctly, we would have scored fifteen goals."

Gomez knows the game of soccer in terms of its entire flow, not just his own position. He sits on the bench at the outset of every game, watching the opponents with steely eyes for a few minutes before deciding on his approach. He is never happy because his team never plays perfectly. And he cannot gratify himself with his own individual play, no matter how dazzling and pleasing to the crowd.

"An individual moment gives me no satisfaction,"

Jan-Anders Paulsson '71 is the BULLETIN's regular sports correspondent. For more about him, see page 3. Paulsson took the photographs of Gomez and Adedeji in this article; the others are by James T. Kurnick '68.



At the outset of every game, captain Solomon Gomez '71 remains on the bench, watching the opponents with steely eyes. Once on the field, everyone knows that Gomez can break the game apart with an explosive play, and his presence is an intimidating factor to the other team. From Bathurst, Gambia, Gomez is studying Government. He returned to Gambia last summer to do research, on a fellowship from the Kennedy Institute, and plans on a government career there after graduate studies.



Pete Bogovich '71 comes from Yugoslavia by way of Astoria, N. Y. A halfback with the most powerful and accurate left-footed shot since the days of Chris Ohiri, he has changed from a voracious goal-getter to one of the best team players Harvard has had. A Government concentrator, he may try professional soccer in Europe next year.



Charlie Thomas '72, a forward, led the team in scoring through most of the season. Fast, with uncanny ball control, he delights in the challenge of beating a defender man-to-man. Like Gomez, he comes from Bathurst, Gambia, and went to Suffield (Conn.) Academy. Interested in law or drama as a career, he is concentrating in Classics and English.

he says, “because it is not a part of the coordinated effort which the game really should be. When a team reasons, ‘we’re all right no matter what happens because X is in there, and he’ll take care of it,’ then that team is in trouble.”

Gomez unequivocally plans to return to his native Gambia, where he seems destined for public life. Harvard has been a stepping-stone for him, as graduate school will be — whether in the U.S., England, or Austria. Soccer is his amusement. “I have grown up with the sport, and I shouldn’t retire as long as I can find a squad to play with. So, playing at Harvard, I’ve had two intentions: to play the game while reminiscing on my past, and to help those who have started playing the game later with their development.”

Honors mean little to him, decided as he is that All-Ivy ratings are hypocritical. “It was pretty easy to figure out,” he says sarcastically. “Meyers had the most shutouts, and I had the most goals. So we were All-Ivy. But our team was champion, undefeated, and second in the nation. *Every starter* should have been All-Ivy because it was as a team that we were undefeated, and let the others have honorable mention.”

Even the prospect of the NCAA championship failed to stir the unexcitable Gomez. “Look, in America they cherish memories of college years. They remember 1969, when they went to San Jose, and they will remember that when their Class of ’71 meets for reunion. But for me, coming from a different background, I already have those kinds of reminiscences. So, when the playoffs start, I will be detached in a way. I will be helping these chaps, assisting them as they do what they will remember in years to come. ✕ Whatever the central reason for Gomez’s being at Harvard, one thing is clear: he’s no soccer jock.

To suggest that Pete Bogovich came to Harvard to play soccer would be as far-fetched as suggesting that Gomez did. Though he enjoys collegiate competition more than that of the German-American League’s premier division (“you get to know all the faces after a couple of years”), where he plays for the all-Yugoslav Dalmatic entry during NCAA off-season, he has virtually forfeited serious hopes for a professional career by attending college.

“I may try to catch on with a pro team in Yugoslavia or Germany next year,” says Bogovich, “but I have to be realistic. I’m 23 years old, and my knees aren’t in the best of shape. Not many teams may be willing to take a chance on me — they’d probably prefer to invest in an eighteen- or nineteen-year-old.”

Acknowledging Harvard’s plethora of offensive stars, many students of the game consider Chris Wilmot the soccer team’s most invaluable asset. A sweeper (deepest fullback)* who has an incredible knack for being at the right spot to turn back enemy rushes, Wilmot came along in the fall of 1968. He’s from the town of Harrow in Middlesex, England.

“At the age of sixteen to eighteen,” says Wilmot in

his smooth Michael Caine, “I was still thinking about soccer as a possible career. I played as an amateur member of Chelsea’s Southeast Counties team” — the youth/farm organization of the famous Chelsea team — “and also was selected for the combined English schoolboys’ team. But coming to Harvard was a conscious decision to let the notion of an academic career take precedence; Oxford officials encouraged me to study here before doing master’s work there in modern European history. I still love to play soccer, of course, but it wasn’t a factor in my coming here. If the school has a team, I figured, I shall play.”

One of Wilmot’s freshman teammates was a small (5-7) but muscular forward named Phil Kydes. A sensational dribbler with amazing balance, Kydes has a standing \$60,000 contract offer from a professional Greek team. “I don’t know of any recruiting,” says Phil. “My brother Andy, a 1966 All-American half-back, did well here athletically and scholastically, so I was encouraged to come. The first thing I made sure of was that my scholarship had nothing to do with whether or not I was on the team, and of course it didn’t.”

Last fall, Chris Papagianis put in 24 goals — the highest freshman total since Chris Ohiri’s 36 in 1960. Papagianis had scored an amazing total of 79 goals during his last two years of play for St. Louis’ Southwest High School, and was a much sought-after prospect. But Harvard wasn’t looking.

In fact, Papagianis began his Harvard athletic career as a football halfback. In Missouri and Illinois, soccer begins on the heels of the football season, so it was possible to take part in both sports. And as a football player, the lithe (5-10, 160 pounds) Papagianis set a bi-state record of 170 points — 26 touchdowns, three field goals, and 29 extra-point kicks. Big-time soccer colleges wanted him to come, and big-time football colleges wanted him as a place-kicker.

“I came to Harvard, I suppose, because the name intrigued me,” says Papagianis. “If it hadn’t been for the fact that Brown scouted me and told me about their schedule, I wouldn’t have known for sure that there was a soccer program at Harvard. Once I got here, I was three weeks late for soccer practice before I decided that I wasn’t going to settle on a football career.”

And Messing, the cat-like goalie who spent a year pretty much away from academia after dropping out of N.Y.U., had made the U.S. Olympic team (already prepared for 1972) before being accepted at Harvard. He had played in Israel in the 1968 Maccabiah Games, will play for the U.S. national team in the Pan-Ameri-

*This season Harvard switched to a 4-4-2 alignment, a complex system normally found only in professional soccer. Used by the English Nationals, the system utilizes four fullbacks, with the “sweeper” playing behind the other three; four halfbacks; and two forwards, or “strikers.” The concept is to blanket the other team completely, control the midfield area, and deliver the ball to the strikers for quick thrusts at the goal.



Chris Wilmot '72, from Middlesex, England, is the team's "sweeper" fullback and key defender. A tenacious competitor enthusiastic leader, he is probably the finest defensive player Ivy League soccer has seen. Concentrating in History, he plans on an academic career, with graduate study at Oxford.



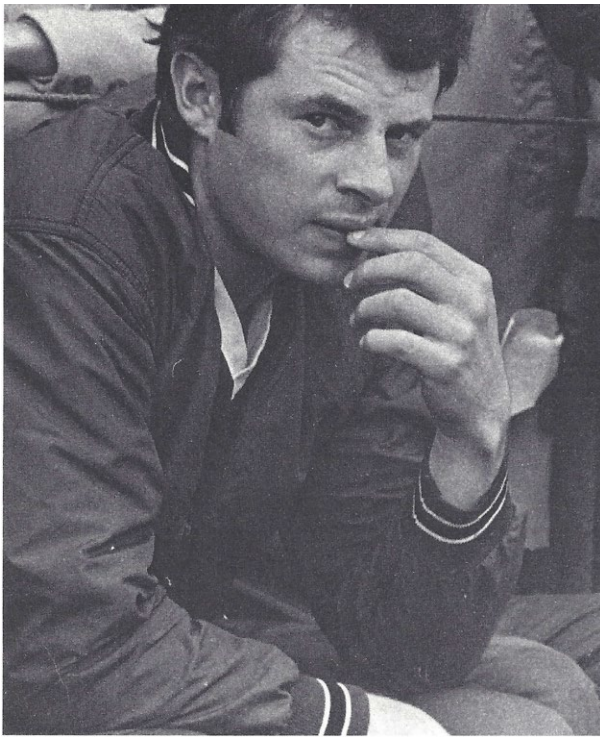
Philip Kydes '72 was born in Greece, and now lives in Norwalk, Conn. A forward with amazing balance and thorough ball-control, he loves to score. This year he has been a playmaker, showing a remarkable instinct for the opposition's weak spots. Economics is his field; he is interested in business.



Chris Papagianis '73, a reserve forward, would probably be starting for any other team. Last year he led the freshmen in scoring, with 24 goals. Good at setting up chances when he doesn't have the ball, Papagianis is an artful decoy and defense-splitter. From St. Louis, he is concentrating in Classics.



Felix Adedeji '74, from Ibadan, Nigeria, had Olympic-level competition behind him when he enrolled as a freshman this year. Now, preparing for a medical career, he considers soccer a "hobby" and says goals "come too easy." He had 22 in the Yardlings' first seven games.



Chris Ferner '72, from Oslo, Norway, is a championship skier and sailor. Swing man at halfback and fullback, he is a sure tackler who excels at reading emerging patterns of attack. An Advanced Standing student, Ferner is in Economics, will graduate in June, and expects to enter business.



Demetrio Mena '73, formerly of Colombia and now from New York, is small (5-5, 136) but strong and tough. A reserve forward, he plays the Latin brand of soccer — accenting finesse, clever footwork, and individual bravado — and is a controlled, disciplined player. He is concentrating in Physics.

can Games next summer, and will then move on to pre-Olympic elimination rounds in places like Bermuda and Mexico. He certainly wasn't thinking about finding athletic glory in the Ivy League.

"During my off year," Messing explains, "I visited my good friend Dean Sheppard"—a home-town acquaintance from Roslyn Heights, N.Y., a varsity wrestler, and a radical of the Group I, Social Studies variety — "and liked Harvard. Once accepted, I realized that I could be playing for a very good team here. It was pleasing, but not important to my original consideration."

The best illustration of Harvard's habit of getting excellent players without asking for them is Felix Adedeji, a freshman who scored 22 goals in his first seven games this fall, and invites comparison with Gomez, or even the late and legendary Ohiri.

"I received a letter last year," says Bruce Munro with a smile, "addressed to 'Coach J. Bruce, Harvard University, U.S.A.' It was from this fellow from Nigeria who wrote to inquire about studying for medicine here. As always, I turned the matter over to the Admissions Office. I have never sent out a letter to a prospect. But the admissions people were intrigued by his case, and he came. We didn't really know how good he was."

Adedeji is good. His credentials really don't fit a college freshman. He made the Nigerian national team

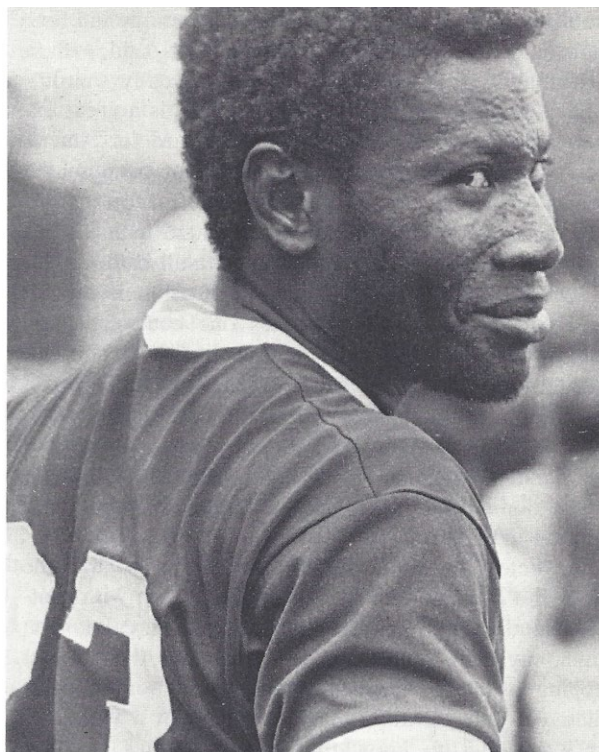
as a seventeen-year-old in 1968, and participated in Olympic elimination-round victories over Thailand and Spain, and in a 3-3 tie with Brazil. A year ago, the national team played visiting Santos of Brazil — the team of Pelé, whom several hundred million people will defend rather violently as the world's greatest athlete. The game ended in a 2-2 tie. In his home town of Ibadan, a city of over a million, Adedeji played for the local Lion eleven, which won the 1969 Challenge Cup — Nigeria's club championship. This season the Lions aren't faring so well, and the Ibadan press rather sullenly proclaims: "No Adedeji, No Challenge Cup." Incredible as it may seem, Adedeji can't remember a game in his life when he hasn't scored — until last month, when Brown shut out the freshmen, 4-0, in freezing rain at Providence. Anyhow . . . this guy did not come five thousand miles to play soccer in Massachusetts.

"I'm giving up soccer in the sense of it being my primary business," says Adedeji. "I was at the top in Nigeria; now I have come here to study medicine, and soccer is simply my best hobby. I am interested in getting my requirements for medical school, not really in the liberal arts degree, so I may apply to medical school before completing my undergraduate program. I had Peace Corps friends, and they talked about Harvard and UCLA. So I applied, and came here."

It is impossible to talk to Adedeji without getting



Leslie (Bezo) Cutler '71, of Manchester, Mass., is a product of American-style coaching that emphasizes hard running and hustle. Adjusting to the more deliberate tempo of foreign players wasn't easy for him. He sees spot duty as a halfback, is in Social Relations, and plans to be an architect.



Emmanuel Ekama '73, from Warri, Nigeria, is a starting center halfback. A clean, crippling tackler with tremendous enthusiasm for soccer, he relishes his chances to weave upfield and take a crack at the goal. A polished player, Ekama came to Harvard to study engineering.

the impression that he's the cockiest dude since Babe Ruth leaked the flight plan for that Wrigley Field home run. But his confidence is engaging, his full-face smile insinuating that he doesn't take himself too seriously. His athletic ability has ceased to amaze him, but it exists nevertheless, so he cannot deny it.

"I have fun playing here, but I don't really get satisfaction," he says. "My goals come too easy. I don't have to run or work in order to score. Maybe the competition will be better on the varsity. I haven't seen enough of their games to tell. But I tell you this — this is not like Nigerian soccer."

Gomez, Bogovich, Wilmot, Kydes, Papagianis, Messing, Adedeji — they all came to Harvard because of the reputation of the University, not because of cajoling by slick recruiters in crimson caps.

Consider the football team, or the hockey team, or the basketball team. The overwhelming majority of participants in those sports have never before played at such a high level. They're on the biggest, the best, the most competitive team they've ever been part of. For the stars of Bruce Munro's team, that is not the case. Harvard's schedule may be the fastest competition they can find while pursuing their undergraduate education, but it is far from the best they've encountered. And this is one of the crosses that Bruce Munro has to bear as a lucky, well-endowed, winning coach. When it becomes necessary to select a starting lineup that leaves

on the bench several athletes with pride in their ability and past accomplishment, Munro's job becomes less than enviable.

As if that weren't enough, there's another matter, which might be described as a cultural attitude toward athletics. The American ethic of sports isn't universally shared.

Marty Liquori, the aggressive young American miler from Villanova, got that message in the Martin Luther King track meet in Philadelphia last spring. It was the only time in 1969 that Liquori would face Kenya's Olympic champion Kipchoge Keino, so the race was to determine the world's best miler for the year.

Liquori's strategy was to outkick Keino on the final straightaway. The race went according to plan, and shoulder-to-shoulder with the smaller man around the final turn, Liquori *knew* he would win the race. And he did. But behind him, Keino suddenly slacked off to a jogging pace, smiled, and waved to the crowd. Interviewed after the race, Liquori was frustrated and perplexed. Keino should have run full force all the way, Liquori felt, and his failure to do so detracted from Liquori's victory. Keino, on the other hand, was not the least uncomfortable about the whole thing. Liquori was in better shape, he explained, and should be con-

gratulated. But the American felt his triumph had been robbed of meaning. “You know,” he said, “these Africans’ attitude toward running—it’s really weird.”

Says Shep Messing, “The Liquori race is a great example. I know his feeling. It’s really hard for Americans to adjust to the completely different purpose the international players find in the game of soccer . . . It baffled me when I first became associated with a team largely comprised of foreigners, and it still baffles me.

“Off the field, the international situation is one of the most educational experiences one could imagine. But not all aspects are pleasant. On the field, it’s tough; an international team is very fragile. It can break down any time. I think few combined American-foreign teams have been successful. Good teams may be like Maryland, dominated by foreign players, or like St. Louis, dominated by the best Americans. I think we embody a unique case.”

To Pete Bogovich, the big difference is that the American attitude “is like the one they learn with football—loud and fired-up. Europeans are calm; you might say they don’t give a damn, but they’re just keeping it inside. I know that it may not be good when you have a mixed team. It’s taken a while for my teammates to know that I care—that I just express it differently.”

Chris Wilmot, in the same vein: “I’m somewhat frustrated by the American idea that it is necessary for one to be “psyched” for every game. That has never been important to me; it’s ingrained in me that one approaches each game professionally and prepares one’s self for the competition one at a time. When I see signs in the locker room saying ‘Beat Penn’ and so forth, I am disturbed, because if one relies on ‘psyching’ one’s self up, it often ends in trouble if one should ever get behind; I’ve seen shock and disappointment register on players’ faces when we’ve been behind. In Britain, we would think ‘so what?’ and simply play on, with confidence.”

And of course there is the fact of the great difference in talent between experienced international veterans and Americans who entered college with perhaps four years of soccer behind them.

“Ohiri, who didn’t have the capable team around him we have now, used to get discouraged,” remembers Munro. “He would make a beautiful move and nothing would result. The others couldn’t read what he was doing.”

“I can see how Gomez and Bogovich, being so much better than their freshman teammates, would be upset by mistakes,” says Kydes. “That must certainly have had an effect on their desire to play hard, or to come to practice at all. And I can see that the inexperienced Americans would get depressed, too, but in a different way—since they couldn’t understand what the more advanced players were doing, they couldn’t really take part in the effort.”

Bogovich concurs. “Freshman and sophomore years,” he says, “we weren’t comfortable as a team. I

felt that a halfback or fullback was reluctant to come up to me and tell me what to do, because there was such a difference between our skills. But the last two years, we’ve been much more comfortable with one another.”

A lot of observers have been led to believe that this season’s new 4-4-2 alignment has been the main reason for Harvard’s hesitating start. But those in the know—Munro, Gomez, everybody else—dismiss the significance of systems. “They have the skills,” says Munro, “and what system they play makes no difference.” Says Gomez, “Once the ball moves, a system isn’t a ‘system’ at all. The problem is simply to understand one another’s movement.”

But understanding one another’s movements isn’t always so simple. The British like to run a fast, physical game which probably serves as a model for most American variants. But another school of soccer, diametrically opposed, emphasizes the Brazilian ideal of a slow, deliberate, thoughtful, and controlled game that demands great individual skill.

“It is natural in our kind of situation that the coach would have a hell of a problem,” says Phil Kydes. “He must be cautious about his criticism, because he can’t expect guys who have had a great deal of experience and success to relearn the game of soccer *his way*.”

“If Harvard had a hard-nosed coach the team would vanish,” says Bezo Cutler, a quick senior halfback who captained the Noble and Greenough team four years ago and now sees spot duty. “There are a lot of varied talents, and it takes an open mind to deal with them.”

Cutler admits that it has taken him a long time to understand the styles of some of his foreign teammates.

“In prep school,” he says, “success was equated as the result of working hard and running after the ball. When I came to Harvard, Gomez and Bogovich seemed to me incredibly slow—but the way they could dribble and pass, I knew they could score. Until I got used to it, it felt like a lazy way to play, but then I realized that as long as the ball was in control, the result would be good.”

To American substitutes, who are eager to play and used to the dictum, *hustle at all times*, it is understandably traumatic to sit on the bench when more skillful foreign stars—used to the international rules of starting elevens who stay in the game full-time—are pacing themselves.

“You can hustle and still accomplish nothing,” says Bruce Munro. “The American hustle-hustle-hustle is often wasted motion. Africans particularly tend to take as much pleasure from assists as from goals; their game is consequently more deliberate. And some of these boys, after all, are playing simply because it’s fun. They do their best, but they aren’t upset by losing. It’s not that serious a matter.”

Americans who arrive to play alongside foreigners for the first time are often enduringly uncomfortable. In the U.S., anybody who’s “dogging it” should be replaced—but it takes a discerning eye to perceive the



Bruce Munro; he has to be more than a coach.

fine line between laziness and intelligent pacing.

"In soccer, you can't be running substitutes in and out the way you do on a basketball court," says Cutler. "When I saw the starters slowing down, I used to think that I could just as well be out there and let them be resting on the bench. But I've changed my mind—it's difficult to get into the flow of the game, no matter how you try to read it from the sidelines. I was frustrated at first, seeing the differences in approach to the game, but not understanding them. Only experience can help. Now, if I see Finn Ferner—the sturdy Norwegian who plays ahead of Cutler—"rest on the playing field for a few minutes, I don't immediately think it's wrong.

"And I've accepted my deficiencies as a player. I look forward to playing a stretch when the team needs to pick up the pace of the game. I'm fast, I hustle, I can be a sparkplug."

Wilmot adds another perception: "If you pick a guy like Gomez or Bogovich, used to playing with ten men of equal ability, he will look slower when he plays with teammates who don't respond automatically. He has to look up, consider the play, and think it out for himself. And so his game is slow. I've seen both blends, fast and slow, in England. The compromise between the two must be understood; a fellow like Bezo Cutler makes up for his relative lack of skill, as they say in this country, with 100 percent hustle."

If the nature of the players' inputs into the game is vastly different from man to man, so is the yield in satisfaction. To a Gomez or an Adedeji, the idea of being part of the best U.S. college team is far from an exalted one; to most of the Americans, beating St. Louis and Hartwick would be the pinnacle of their athletic careers.

Luckily, the 1970 Harvard team has so much depth

of talent that the difference in abilities need not be a fatal flaw. "It may work easier for other teams made up of very similar players," said Shep Messing last month, "but I wouldn't have it another way. Our obvious difficulties mean that when we arrive as an effective team, as we are starting to do now, the accomplishment is that much greater."

And Cutler, an enthusiastic bench-jockey, is proud of his participation in a colorful team. "Other teams may match us in team ability, but no one has our calibre of individual play. St. Louis is very efficient, with every man schooled in the same style, but with Harvard you can really get up for what amazing things might happen when a Gomez, a Thomas, or a Wilmot gets the ball."

Though they might be less than supremely challenged by intercollegiate competition, even the best of the Harvard players, even Gomez, finds enjoyment in the international camaraderie.

"Yes, there is a big positive factor beyond playing," says Gomez. "On a team like this, you make friends, you try to understand people. I know some players accused me of being unapproachable: 'his face does not look inviting.' It has always sounded funny to me; I don't believe I should go around introducing myself and be nice for no reason. Now, I think those who have *tried* to approach me have found a different story."

Perhaps Wilmot—the fledgling pro who decided to subdue the role of athletics in his life—puts Harvard's soccer program in its most favorable perspective.

"Even though I've played at a higher level," he says, "I get tremendous satisfaction here. I even wrote a letter to the coach over the summer, explaining my positive feeling—there's a tremendous sense of community; the crowds are smaller, but I'm always aware of knowing so many of the people on the sidelines. And despite the international differences, we have about eighteen first-level players, and I've never been with such an interesting and friendly group. I am playing for my team—not for officials who are out to determine my 'worth' measured against other boys."

And next year? Gomez, Bogovich, and Ferner will be gone—and missed. So will some home-grown talent: Bezo Cutler, fullbacks Bill Brock (Grosse Pointe, Michigan) and John Gordon (New York City), and goalkeeper Bill Meyers (Andover, Massachusetts). But a new crop of exciting players will be pushing its way up. Some of them will be internationals from this year's junior varsity, like Pauli Jarvenpaa of Finland, Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani of Iran, Ron Padmore of Liberia. Others will come from this year's freshman team, which includes Michael Ate of Nigeria, Brian Fearnott of England, Mario Gobbo of Italy, and John Waciumi of Kenya.

For coach J. Bruce Munro, what this means is an extension of tenure in a self-described multiple role: "Soccer expert, mediator, psychiatrist, United Nations ambassador." Which is just what he has to be.

The Teams 1969-1972

Team Information

November 21, 1969 • Soccer Strings Together A Perfect Season

Two-time All-America Christopher A. Wilmot '72 and Ivy scoring leader Solomon Gomez '71 help the Harvard men's soccer team to its first perfect regular-season record (12-0) with a 3-0 win at Yale. This is the start to perhaps the most successful three-year period in program history, as the class of '72 graduates with a 39-4 overall mark and a phenomenal 32-1 regular season record.

1967 (7-3-1, 4-2-1 Ivy)

Coach: J. Bruce Munro

Captain: Richard E. Hammond '67

9/28	at Tufts	W, 3-2
9/30	at Amherst	L, 0-4
10/4	at Wesleyan	W, 6-2
10/7	BOSTON UNIV	W, 8-0
10/11	COLUMBIA*	W, 3-1
10/21	at Cornell*	T, 2-2
10/27	DARTMOUTH*	W, 3-1
11/4	at Penn*	L, 0-3
11/11	PRINCETON*	W, 4-2
11/18	at Brown*	L, 2-3
11/24	at Yale*	W, 2-1

1968 (6-4-3), (2-3-2) Ivy

Coach: J. Bruce Munro

Captain: William Robertson '69

9/25	TUFTS	W, 8-3
9/28	at Connecticut	T, 2-2
10/2	at MIT	W, 10-0
10/5	BOSTON UNIV	W, 3-2 10/9
WESLEYAN		W, 3-1
10/12	at Columbia*	T, 0-0
10/19	CORNELL*	W, 3-1
10/25	at Dartmouth*	T, 4-4
11/2	PENN*	L, 0-2
11/9	at Princeton*	W, 3-1
11/16	BROWN*	L, 1-5
11/18	ARMY 1	L, 1-4
11/22	YALE*	L, 1-3

1969 (14-1, 7-0 Ivy)

Coach: J. Bruce Munro

Captain: Richard Locksley '70

9/24	at Tufts	W, 5-3
9/27	WILLIAMS	W, 3-0
10/1	CONNECTICUT	W, 5-0
10/3	at Boston Univ	W, 6-0
10/11	COLUMBIA*	W, 2-0
10/18	at Cornell*	W, 5-0
10/24	DARTMOUTH*	W, 4-0
11/1	at Penn*	W, 3-1
11/8	PRINCETON*	W, 3-2
11/15	at Brown*	W, 2-1
11/21	at Yale*	W, 3-0
11/17	Southern Conn1	W, 5-0
11/24	Brown1	W, 4-0
11/29	Hartwick1	W, 1-0
12/4	St Louis1	L, 1-2

1970 (12-1, 7-0 Ivy)

Coach: J. Bruce Munro

Captain: Solomon Gomez '71

10/7	AMHERST	W, 3-1
10/9	at Columbia*	W, 3-1
10/14	at Williams	W, 2-1
10/17	CORNELL*	W, 2-1
10/23	DARTMOUTH*	W, 3-0
10/28	TUFTS	W, 4-1
10/31	PENN*	W, 3-0
11/7	at Princeton*	W, 4-1
11/14	BROWN*	W, 2-1
11/17	WPI1	W, 6-0
11/20	YALE*	W, 1-0
11/24	Brown1	W, 2-1
11/28	at Hartwick1	L, 3-4

1971 (13-2, 6-1 Ivy)

Coach: J. Bruce Munro

Captain: Charlie Thomas '72

9/29	MIT	W, 5-0
10/6	at Amherst	W, 3-1
10/9	COLUMBIA*	W, 5-0
10/13	WESLEYAN	W, 6-1
10/16	at Cornell*	W, 3-2
10/22	at Dartmouth*	W, 5-0
10/29	at Penn*	L, 2-5 1
1/6	PRINCETON*	W, 3-1
11/10	at Tufts	W, 5-2
11/13	at Brown*	W, 4-1
11/19	at Yale*	W, 2-1
11/22	Southern Conn1	W, 5-0
11/27	Brown1	W, 3-0
12/4	Hartwick1	W, 4-1
12/28	at Howard1	L, 0-1

1972 (10-2-1, 5-1-1 Ivy)

Coach: J. Bruce Munro

Captain: Richard Scott, Jr. '73

9/27	at MIT	W, 5-0
9/30	WILLIAMS	W, 4-0
10/14	at Columbia*	W, 8-4
10/18	at Wesleyan	W, 2-1
10/21	CORNELL*	W, 4-0
10/27	DARTMOUTH*	W, 7-2
11/4	PENN*	T, 1-1
11/11	at Princeton*	W, 5-0
11/18	BROWN*	L, 2-3
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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

1968

First round vs. Army L, 1-4

1969

First round vs. Southern Conn. St., W, 5-0 Second round vs. Brown W, 4-0 Quarterfinals vs. Hartwick W, 1-0 Semifinals vs. St. Louis L, 1-2

1970

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1971

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1971 Video

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1971 Men's Soccer

SECOND ROW: Munro (coach), Abecassis, Van Niel, Fearnett, Wulsin, Mead, Steponaitis (manager),

FRONT ROW: Padmore, Papagianis, Kidder, Scott (captain), Sideropoulos, James, Faden.

NOT SHOWN: Adedeji, Ekama, LaCivita, Mena, Mossavar-Rahmani, Salvato, Vujovic.

1972 Men's Soccer

BACK ROW:

Mossavar-Rahmani, Adedeji, Scott, Fearnett, Sideropoulos, Wulsin.

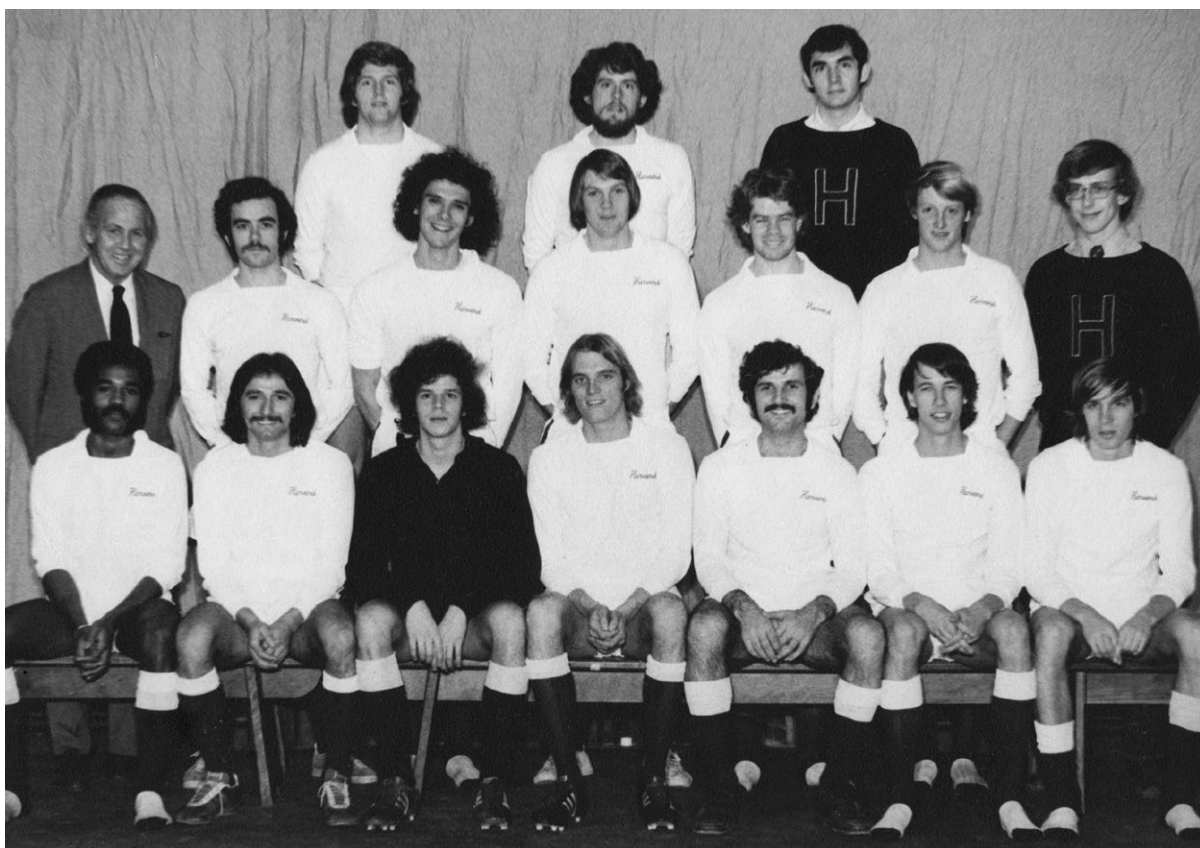
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Munro (coach), Malin (assistant coach), Salvato, LaCivita, Messing, Gibson, Ekama, Kidder, Steponaitis (manager), Klein (assistant coach).

FRONT ROW:

Wilmot, Axten, Kydes, Thomas (captain), Harrower, Woods, Bell.

A 3-2 loss to Brown cost Harvard the Ivy title in 1972, but the Crimson avenged the defeat with a 3-2 overtime victory over the Bears in the NCAA playoffs. The squad had a final record of 10-2-1 (5-1-1 Ivy).





Back Row: R.W. Scott Jr., Assistant coach B.F. Bryan, J.W. Littlefield, S. Mead Jr., R.V. Magee, Manager V.P. Steponaitis
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Miami Training



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Shep Messing in goal





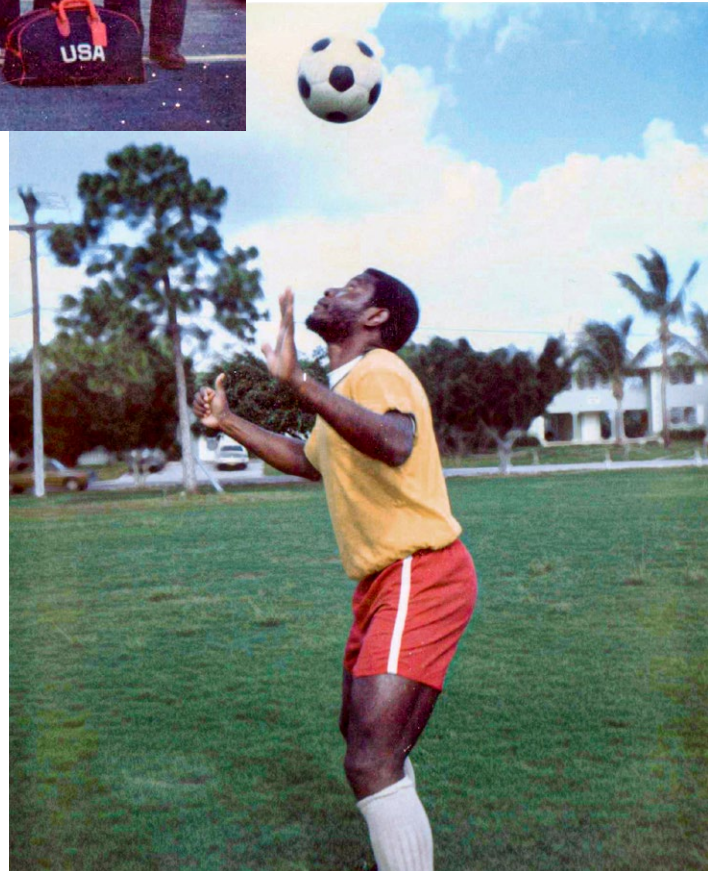
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The image above was taken at the Orange Bowl in Miami. The rest were shot on the campus of St. Andrew's School in Boca Raton, where the team lived and practiced during the week before the Final Four tournament, over Christmas break in December 1971.

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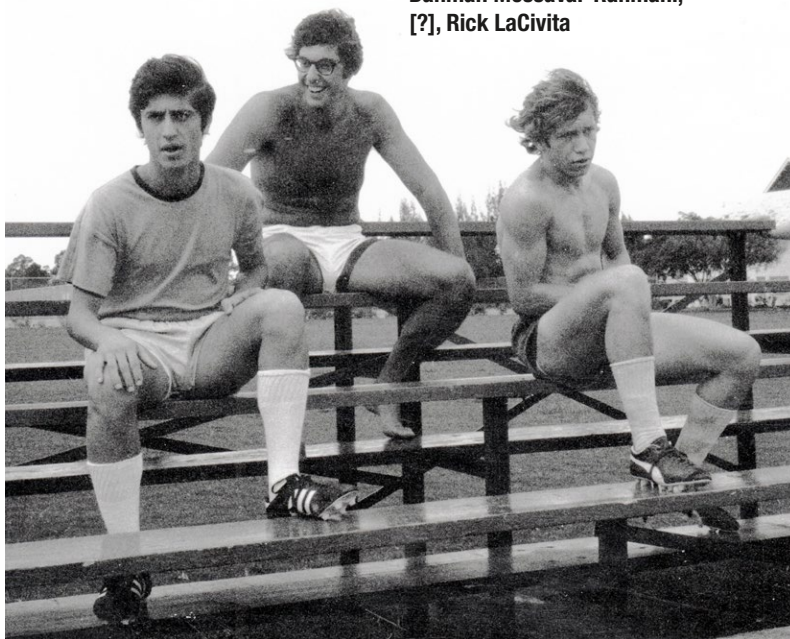


Emanuel Ekama



Coach Klein airborne, Brian Fearnett in background

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1969 Harvard Crimson Articles

Soccer Team Will Feature New Offense

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
SEPTEMBER 24, 1969

Varsity soccer coach Bruce Munro has instituted a new offensive formation that promises to field one of the strongest Crimson teams ever. Munro's problem during pre-season has not been finding talent, but "putting it all together on the field."

Loaded with power up the middle, Harvard's soccer team will feature a 4-3-3 offense that will exploit its strength. The unusual set-up, compared to the Crimson's traditional 5-3-2, allows Munro to use two center forwards, a center halfback "feeder," and a center fullback.

Three former center forwards will start on the Harvard line. Junior Pete Bogovich, named All-New England and honorable mention All-Ivy last year, will move from center forward to inside left. Bogovich led the team in goals last year with 16, one shy of the Harvard season record.

Sophomore Charlie Thomas, leading Yardling scorer a year ago with 21 goals, will move from the center to outside left wing, while a third potential center forward, Phil Kydes, will start at right inside. Kydes scored 13 times for the undefeated freshman team. Another sophomore, Russ Bell, and senior Jim sawhill are contending for the right wing spot.

Solomon Gomez, second leading scorer on the Crimson squad last year and a second team All-Ivy selection, will play center half. His responsibility at that position is to feed the ball to the potent front line.

Joining Gomez on the halfback line are Rick Hardy and Chris Ferner. Hardy has an extremely strong right foot and is well suited to the right half position. Sophomore Ferner, a fine tackler and offensive playmaker, will cover the left side.

The 4-3-3 is also specially tailored to Munro's defensive talents. Chris Wilmot played center fullback exclusively in English soccer. Bill Brock and Bob Carey both are returning lettermen at the outside fullback positions. In the goal, Munro will alternate last year's starter Rich Locksley and junior Bill Myers, who allowed only 14 goals in 110 chances (?) freshman but was sidelined last year with a torn knee cartilage.

Unfortunately, Munro's starting eleven has yet to practice together. Wilmot and Kydes have just joined the team recently and Bell is still recovering from tonsillitis. Indicative of the strength of the Crimson, Munro has six returning lettermen on the second squad.

Soccer Team Beats Tufts In Sloppy Season Opener

BY MARTIN R. GARAY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 1969

After three periods yesterday the varsity soccer team was on its way to dropping its season opener to a scrappy. Tufts team, but Solomon Gomez and Charlie Thomas broke through the Jumbo defense to score three goals in the last twelve minutes and give the Crimson a 5-3 victory.

The soccer team played sloppily and won on what Coach Bruce Munro called "individual skill." "Nothing was very encouraging, and we still need a lot of work," he said.

Tufts' small, hard field was not suited to the Crimson's soccer. The ball was in the air frequently and plays could not be set up before a swarm of blue-jersied. Jumbos surrounded the harried Crimson passer, blocking off all available passing lanes.

The Tufts team played their field well, however. They kept the ball in the air with long shots to their forwards, frequently by-passing Harvard defenders.

Hard Dribbler

Tufts dominated the first period, outscoring Harvard 2-0. With the game barely three and a half minutes old, the Jumbos scored on a hard dribbler that fooled Crimson goalie Bill Meyers. The second tally came at 16:20 when a Jumbo forward drove through an open lane, found Meyers alone and put the shot past him.

In the second quarter, Solomon Gomez scored the first of his two goals to cut the Tufts lead in half. Four minutes later, after a Jumbo halfback fouled Charlie Thomas, junior Pete Bogovich drilled the penalty kick past the outstretched fingertips of the Tufts goalie to tie the score.

With less than three minutes to go in the second quarter, Tufts went ahead 3-2 on a hard shot that went underneath Meyers.

Double Frustration

The third period proved frustrating for both Harvard and Tufts. The Jumbos kept the ball in Harvard territory for all but two minutes of the quarter and failed to score. On the drives that Harvard managed to get rolling, only one resulted in a direct shot on goal and it was kicked straight at the goalie.

The first ten minutes of the final quarter were much of the same until Gomez, taking a pass from Senior Dick Hardy, put it past the goalie for his second tally, tying the score, 3-3. Four and a half minutes later, Thomas took a beautiful short pass from Phil Kydes and knocked it into the net. Thomas scored once again with 13 seconds left in the game, making the final score 5-3.

Injuries Alter Soccer Line-up For Home Opener With Williams

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
SEPTEMBER 27, 1969

“What are you doing Saturday afternoon?” asked varsity soccer coach Bruce Munro. Though not pleading for spectators, Munro may have to find six replacements for the starting line-up against Williams at 2 p.m. today on Cumnock field.

Plagued by injuries throughout practice this Fall, Munro has yet to see his starting eleven play as a unit. Six players, who did make it through pre-season unscathed, were injured in Thursday's 5-3 victory over Tufts.

Sophomore center fullback Chris Wilmot is definitely out of action with a pulled Achilles' tendon. Starting in his place will probably be another sophomore, Phil Axten.

Two doubtful starters are left half Chris Ferner and senior goalie Rich Locksley. Ferner was kicked in the back of the leg by a Jumbo player and now has a tight muscle. Either Bezo Cutler or John Gordon could replace him.

Kept out of Thursday's game for medical reasons, Locksley's absence from the team is an even greater problem to Munro since reserve goalie Bill Meyers has been sidelined with a swollen knee. If Meyers cannot play, starting right wing Jim Sawhill, who saw limited action in the goal last year, will move into the net.

Moving Sawhill off the front line creates even greater problems for Coach Munro. Right wing Russ Bell, originally scheduled to start the season at that spot, is still recovering from a tonsilectomy. He will dress for tomorrow's game, but it is unlikely that he will play more than a few minutes.

To add to Munro's headaches, both forwards Charlie Thomas and Phil Kydes were limping in practice yesterday as the result of misdirected Tufts' Kicks. Both sophomores are expected to play, but the extent of their handicaps is not known.

Munro has altered his offensive strategy completely, hoping to overcome the Crimson's ailments. Although maintaining the usual 4-3-3 formation, Munro plans to play center halfback Solomon Gomez as a forward on the line and install a third halfback to strengthen defensive play. Gomez scored two goals against Tufts and is no stranger to the forward line, a position he played all last season.

In addition, Munro will use the center fullback as a sweeper behind the outside fullbacks instead of the triangle defense he sent against Tufts.

Crimson Booters Win 3-0; Thomas, Bogovich Score

BY MARTIN R. GARAY,
SEPTEMBER 29, 1969

Playing improved soccer for the first two periods, the varsity soccer team defeated Williams, 3-0, at Cumnock Field Saturday afternoon.

Charlie Thomas and Pete Bogovich provided the necessary scoring punch, knocking in three goals within a period of twelve minutes.

Coach Bruce Munro was encouraged by some signs of improvement in the game. “The defense covered much better—they were much more comfortable. The halfbacks plugged the gaps very well but the offense lacked cohesion, although it improved somewhat over Thursday's game against Tufts,” he said.

The First Half

These improvements were especially noticeable during the first half, when the Crimson scored its three goals. Charlie Thomas knocked in the first of his two goals late in the first period. Taking a pass in front of the net from sophomore classmate Phil Kydes, Thomas drilled a shot underneath the goalie for his third tally of the season.

Thomas assisted Pete Bogovich early in the next period for the Crimson's second goal. Displaying excellent foot control, Thomas was able to keep the ball until Bogovich freed himself of his defender and stood alone in front of the net. Thomas fed the ball to Bogovich, and Pete made it 2-0.

The third goal came four and a half minutes later when Thomas took a pass from Kydes and put the ball in.

25 Shots at Goal

Throughout the game, the Crimson line kept the pressure on the Williams goalie, shooting 25 times in his direction. The halfbacks gave the offensive line the needed support that was missing during the Tufts outing. “In this game we had three halfbacks doing the work of three, unlike the Tufts game when two were carrying the whole load,” Munro said.

John Gordon, Bob Gray, and Chris Ferner were the starting halfbacks, but Norie Harrower and Bezo Cutler also saw action.

During the second half, the Crimson reverted to its Tufts-style soccer, lacking coordination and cohesion. Communications on the field were poor and frequently the forward line could have avoided a tackle if the backfield had told them that Ephmen were in the vicinity.

Meyers' Injured Knee

Bill Meyers guarded the net for the Crimson, but he was stiff after reinjuring a knee in the Tufts game. Captain Rich Locksley, the other Harvard goalie, did not see any action against Williams and will miss the game against Connecticut Wednesday.

Varsity Soccer Today Crimson Booters Favored In Game With Connecticut

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 1, 1969

The varsity soccer team, though still hampered by injuries, is nevertheless favored to win today's 3 p. m. game with Connecticut on the Business School field. It will be the third time that the injury-ridden team will have to rely on individual skills to triumph.

"We're good players." Harvard coach Bruce Munro said, "but we're strangers out there on the field. Once we learn each other's moves the team will be all right, but right now we're depending on individual talent."

Six Regulars Ailing

Six regular starters failed to appear at yesterday's light practice, and three of the absent players are definitely out of the lineup.

Chris Wilmot, sophomore center fullback, was injured in the Tufts game last week when he intercepted a misguided Jumbo kick. A calcium deposit has developed on Wilmot's ankle and he will be out of action at least until next week's Columbia game.

Also missing from the line-up is goalie Rich Locksley, who started last year but has yet to play this season. Locksley will undergo medical tests tomorrow at the University Health Services to determine the cause of his low blood pressure condition. Munro does not expect him to return before the Columbia game.

Still out of uniform is starting right wing Russ Bell. The sophomore lineman, sidelined earlier by tonsillitis, played in the Williams game long enough to pull a groin muscle. Solomon Gomez, who has started at both halfback and wing, will fill the vacancy at outside right.

Starting fullback Bob Gray, right halfback Rich Hardy, and reserve goalie Jim Sawhill all missed practice yesterday because of heavy colds. Coach Munro will be pressed hard if he has to fill three more vacancies in the line-up.

Besides ailments, Harvard's development as a team has been plagued with too many games. Playing two matches a week. Munro loses four practices in six days. "Since we can only have light workouts the day before a game. Monday was our last practice for today and Friday's game with B. U." Munro explained.

Although Connecticut offers the toughest opposition that the Crimson has faced this season, even a weekend Harvard team must still be rated the favorite. One reason for such a prediction is the potent front line of the Crimson. Left wing Charlie Thomas has scored four times in two games, while Gomez and Pete Bogovich both have tallied twice.

Last year the Crimson had to come from an early two goal deficit to salvage a tie in overtime with the Huskies.

Crimson Booters Trounce Huskies; Thomas, Gomez Star in 5-0 Triumph

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 2, 1969

Wings Charlie Thomas and Solomon Gomez completely dazzled the backfield, and Harvard goalie Bill Meyers made several sensational saves, as the varsity soccer team whitewashed the Connecticut Huskies, 5-0, yesterday on Cumnock Field.

Harvard, with improved teamwork, played its best game to date—its third straight win and second straight shutout.

"We're improving every day," coach Bruce Munro said after the game. Yesterday's improvement could be seen both on the front line and in the backfield.

Leading the Crimson attack. Thomas and Gomez repeatedly raced the Huskie defense and turned the ball in front of the net. Inside forward Phil Kydes always seemed in perfect position, scoring once and assisting on two other goals. Junior Pete Bogovich's hustling was impressive. He frequently broke up Connecticut rushes in the Harvard half of the field.

An indication of the Crimson's fullback strength was the weak showing of Huskie star forward John Sahnas. Last year Sahnas scored twice and carried his team to a 2-2 tie with Harvard. Yesterday Sahnas was contained by Phil Axten and Bill Brock, and the Connecticut wing never got a shot on goal.

Save by Meyers

The Huskies started fast and kept the opening play of the game in the Harvard half of the field. Meyers broke the momentum of the attack with a great save, his toughest of the whole game, on a shot by Abe Reich.

The stop gave the Crimson momentum as it moved back down the field and just missed scoring on two hard shots by Thomas. With 12 minutes gone in the first period. Bogovich fed Thomas on the left wing, and the sophomore speedster put a dribbler past the confused Huskie fullback.

That goal took the fight out of Connecticut. The Huskies never really harassed the Crimson offense after that score, and Harvard dominated the rest of the match. At 7:14 of the second period reserve lineman Bruce Detora lofted a centering pas to Kydes. The sophomore forward completed the play for his first goal of the year and gave the Crimson a comfortable edge.

Kydes teamed with Gomez at the start of the second half to score Harvard's prettiest goal of the day. Gomez started a give-and-go play on the right wing, and Kydes returned the pass perfectly. Outracing the Connecticut fullback. Gomez put the shot into the far corner of the net for a 3-0 lead.

With the game wrapped up, coach Munro installed his second team, which promptly scored twice. Center half Rich Hardy started one play with a long lead to Kydes, who passed to open wing John Runyan for the tally.

The only thing the Crimson couldn't do right was kick the ball out of bounds. With five reserve players waiting to play in the closing minutes, Munro shouted at his squad. "Kick the ball over the goal line to stop the clock."

But every time a Crimson player approached the endline, he found a tempting open shot on the goal.

Three minutes later Munro was screaming at his players to kick the ball out of bounds. Kydes had a free kick, but the temptation of the goal was too much and the goalie blocked the shot. Runyan had the rebound but fired it right at the goalie. Finally right wing Jim Sawhill tried to comply with Munro's orders, but he failed to kick the ball out of bounds, hitting it into the net instead for the Crimson's final score. Coach Munro was not too unhappy. The reserves were.

Booters Seek Fourth Win Against Boston University

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 3, 1969

The varsity soccer team plays its third game in seven days tonight when the Crimson faces Boston University at 7:30 p.m. on the Terrier's illuminated field.

Each year Harvard opens its schedule with three or four games against competition outside the Ivy League. The purpose of these games is to prepare the Crimson for the traditional Ivy opener with Columbia.

Coach Bruce Munro has been especially pleased with the season so far, not just because the Crimson is undefeated through three games, but because the team has constantly improved its play in each game.

Learning Moves

"Playing two games a week, the team hasn't had a chance to coordinate its play as a team in practice must, coach Munro said before the Connecticut games. "We just hope we can get through these three games and spend next week learning our moves for the Columbia game," he said.

Against the Huskies on Wednesday, the Crimson showed that it was learning its lessons. Time and time again, Charlie Thomas and Solomon Gomez confused the Connecticut defense with their footwork and centered beautiful passes into Phil Kydes and Pete Bogovich in front of the net.

Little Trouble

With Harvard's forward line improving at such a fast rate, and Bill Meyers aiming for his third straight shutout in the nets, the Crimson should have little trouble with the Terriers.

Boston University promises to field its finest soccer team ever. Last year under coach Roy Sigler the Terriers posted a 9-4 record, its best season in twenty years. Singler has eight starters returning from that team.

All New England center forward Spyros Kontos once again spearheads the B.U. attack. Kontos scored fourteen goals last season, and coach Sigler rates him "one of the best college players in the country and by far the best player I have ever coached."

Supporting Kontos on the front line will be wings Carlos Williams and Ed Mills. Both men are new to the Terriers offensive, but Sigler is counting on their speed to penetrate the Crimson's defense. At midfield B.U. relies on center halfback, Bob Trump, named Most Valuable Player in the Greater Boston League last year.

The strength of the Terriers last season was defense, as the backfield turned in six shutouts and allowed only 11 goals in 13 games. Goalie Tom Danigella returns in the net for B.U., but the Terriers must rely on sophomore fullbacks to protect him.

Harvard has never lost to B.U. in nine games, but last year the Terriers pushed the Crimson to the final minutes before losing 3-2.

Crimson Soccer Team Romps Over B.U., 6-0; Five Players Score; Entire Squad Shines

BY MARTIN R. GARAY,
OCTOBER 4, 1969

The varsity soccer team put on its most dazzling performance of the season last night, as it romped over Boston University, 6-0, at the Terrier's Dickerson Field.

The Crimson scored its six goals in the first half, proving that neither the dim night conditions nor quick slippery Astro turf could deter a potent offense. Harvard sophomore Charlie Thomas led in scoring with two goals.

After seeing the wet Astro turf, Coach Bruce Munro was scared that Harvard might have a difficult time with the Terriers. "But they showed awesome power: they started passing and it happened," he said.

Coach Munro provided a possible catalyst when he started the second team. "I wanted to show the first team how B.U. looked I wanted to let them see what they were up against," he said.

The second team jumped on the field, and aggressively challenged the Terriers. They started a sizzling pace that the crack Terrier defense could not contain. Second string Inside Left Dick Nesto drove in the first goal at 7:45. The next five goals were knocked in by an angry first team.

Twenty-three seconds after Nesto's goal, Charlie Thomas drove in his first of two. His long shot from the corner fooled the Terrier goalie.

Even though the pace was quick, the Crimson kept control of the ball. Their hustle kept them ahead of the skidding, wet ball and they put so much pressure on the starting Terrier goalie that he had to be replaced.

Phil Kydes scored the next goal for Harvard, taking a long pass from Charlie Thomas. It made the score 3-0 and the first period still had two minutes to go.

The final three goals were scored in the second period by the Crimson's talented three-Solomon Gomez, Pete Bogovich and Charlie Thomas.

With such a comfortable margin, Coach Munro was able to substitute liberally, and he did. Everybody but one goalie saw action and he was waiting to go in when time ran out.

Looking ahead to Ivy competition, Munro smiled and said, "We're better than this."

Yardling Booters Bomb Tufts, 7-1, Aim at Terriers

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 7, 1969

Harvard's Yardling soccer team spent little time celebrating last Friday's 7-1 victory over Tufts, for the Crimson freshmen have their hands full this week preparing for a tough Boston University team.

"We've done a lot of work in the last three weeks and the boys put out a nice team effort against Tufts," coach Dana Getchell said. "But this weekend is an entirely different story."

Last spring, B.U. soccer coach Roy Sigler announced that the Terriers had recruited the finest freshman team the school has ever had. Sigler went so far as to say that three members of the team were potential All-Americans.

Getchell has that article posted in the Yardlings' locker room and is not letting the squad forget that prediction. "B. U. will be out to get us this year, and we'll have to play exceptionally well to beat them," Getchell said.

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The Yardling coaches have a problem common to all freshman squads at Harvard- trying to convince freshmen that they can carry a college course load and play varsity sports at the same time.

Only 20 players were present for yesterday's intrasquad scrimmage. And at the end of practice, Getchell had to listen to five players announce that they had an afternoon lab or seminar today.

But Coach Getchell feels his job entails much more responsibility than just coaching. "I think seports ought to offer the boys an opportunity to get away from the grind of Harvard Square," he said. "Here the players get a chance to leave their books and get to know the other people on the team."

For this reason, Getchell does not pick a starting line-up this early in a season. "All the positions are wide open because I don't want to discourage anyone from continuing," he said.

Getchell singled out two players as out standing prospects for next year's varsity. Fullback Rick Scott, he said, is outstanding at general soccer skills, while Emmanuel Ekama has "the potential to be a great halfback."

Last Friday's game against Tufts indicated the strength of the Yardlings' front line. The Crimson fell behind, 1-0, with only four minutes gone in the game, but Bob Auritt tied the score at 14:38 of the first period.

The second quarter featured a one-man show by freshman Chris Papagianis. He put Harvard into the lead in the second minute of play, added a second goal seven minutes later, and scored his third less than a minute after that.

Booters Open Ivy Season Against Lions; Gomez, Meyers Face Individual Battles

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 11, 1969

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Crimson J.V. Soccer Team Walks Past Engineers, 5-1

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 OCTOBER 15, 1969

"We didn't play very well," Harvard's junior varsity soccer coach Seamus Malin said yesterday in describing his team's 5-1 massacre of M.I.T.

The Crimson dominated play throughout the match, rolling up a five-goal lead and stifling any M.I.T. attack. "But we played better in Monday's scrimmage against the varsity," Malin said.

"I don't think the team was challenged. When you're not playing a strong team, it's very easy to let up," Malin explained. "Our forwards had a very weak day, but that probably was because they knew they would have plenty of chances to score," he added.

Highlight of the one-sided game was the Crimson's half-back play. Coach Malin praised center half Bob Woods and sophomore Bob Rock. "Thanks to them we controlled the middle of the field all afternoon," Malin said.

Woods scored the only goal of the first period when he fired a hard shot from outside the penalty area. Second-line forward Greg Hornig increased the Crimson lead as he knocked in a beautiful headed pass from teammate Dave Wylie. A penalty shot from Pete Kertes's foot gave Harvard a 3-0 lead at the half.

Prettiest Play

Left wing Bill Bellows scored the prettiest goal of the afternoon in the third period with a hard shot off the inside post and substitute Tom Villa added another Harvard tally in the third session.

Careless defensive play in the final five minutes of the game allowed the Engineers to ruin the Crimson's shutout.

"We will play better against better opposition," Malin said in defense of his squad. "We'll have to improve because we play a good, solid Amherst team this Saturday," he said.

Varsity Booters Oppose Cornell Today; Coach Munro Prefers Role of Underdog

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 18, 1969

 Varsity soccer coach Bruce Munro will face an unsolvable problem today when the Crimson meets Cornell at Ithaca. "I hate being the favorite. I'd much rather we were always the underdog," Munro said.

As long as Harvard continues to win, Munro will be in the troublesome favorite's role, for a national poll of college soccer coaches ranked the Crimson sixth in the nation after its 2-0 victory over Columbia last Saturday. The closest competition for Harvard, 5-0, according to the poll will be from Penn, which was ranked tenth.

Munro is not going out of his way to change that high ranking. He has spent the week experimenting with Harvard's potent offense, trying to find an even stronger attack. Against Cornell today he plans to continually reshuffle the forward line.

Wings Shifted

Wings Charlie Thomas and Solomon Gomez will be shifted to the inside offensive positions during the game, and forwards Pete Bogovich and Phil Kydes will move to the outside wing slots. Sophomore Russ Bell also will see plenty of action at the right wing spot, allowing Munro to experiment with Gomez at ??? half.

Behind the line, Harvard's lineup will feature the same squad that shut out an undefeated Columbia team last week. The only question mark is center fullback Chris Wilmot

who broke a toe in the game against the Lions. Wilmot has been scrimmaging with the team since Thursday's practice and is expected to start.

In the net for Harvard will be goalie Bill Meyers, who has a string of 18 consecutive scoreless periods against the opposition. "I knew Meyers was capable of this kind of play," Munro said, "but he has been outstanding considering his knee injury." The Crimson goalie's knee is still heavily taped.

On the Line

Meyer's streak will be on the line today against Cornell's Nick Alexandridis. The Big Red star has been the Ivy League scoring champion for two straight years, and last Saturday he opened the season with three goals and an assist in a 4-3 victory over Princeton.

The remainder of the Cornell squad is not quite equal to Alexandridis caliber but the Big Red has other advantages. At Ithaca, Cornell always draws a large partisan crowd that can create team momentum from the sidelines.

The Big Red also is known for its extremely aggressive play, and Harvard may have to show both talent and muscle to handle Cornell. Alexandridis, again the leader of the team, was thrown out of last year's game.

Since undefeated Penn is not playing an Ivy match today, a victory would move the Crimson into a tie for first place in the league.

Football Team Upset; Booters Win Another Varsity Soccer Squad Smashes Cornell, 5-0

BY MARTIN R. GARAY,
OCTOBER 20, 1969

The varsity soccer team stretched its shutout streak to 22 periods Saturday as it blanked Cornell 15-0, at Ithaca. The Crimson remained the only Ivy team yet to be scored on.

Goalie Bill Meyers broke the 21-year-old shutout record of four games held by Loring Bacheler. Meyers was assisted by the offensive line which kept almost continuous pressure on the rookie Cornell goalie.

"I was quite pleased with the victory. It was a complete team effort for the first time this year," Coach Bruce Munro said last night.

Juniors Pete Bogovich and Solomon Gomez each scored two goals, while sophomore Phil Kydes knocked in the fifth tally.

The Crimson started out slowly. It spent the first period getting adjusted to the dusty Cornell field and the strong wind. The passing was somewhat spotty, but it started to jell near the end of the first period.

A minute and a half into the second period the Crimson scored its first goal. Bogovich controlled the ball until he saw Gomez, who had freed himself in front of the net. Solomon took the short pass from Bogovich and put it past the goalie to make it 1-0.

Talk Prevents Tackle

Harvard kept up the talk on the field although it had not in some earlier games and thus prevented any unnecessary tackling. The passing game improved and the Crimson kept control of the ball as it had done against B.U. two weeks ago.

Later in the second period. Bogovich knocked in a penalty shot to give Harvard a 2-0 lead. It was the second penalty goal of the season and Bogovich has knocked in both.

Cornell's Nick Alexandridis the Ivy League's leading scorer for the last two seasons was stifled by the Harvard defense. Much of the credit goes to junior John Gordon, who prevented Alexandridis from even getting off a threatening shot.

Gomez came back to score his second goal midway through the third period. He took a pass from Kydes and maneuvered his way through several Big Red defenders, finding himself alone with the Cornell goalie. He lifted the shot over the goalie's shoulder for the third tally.

'A Hell of a Defense'

Meyers had only twelve balls shot in his direction. while most of the other shots were deflected by the outstanding Crimson fullbacks. Bill Brock Bob Grey. Gordon and Phil Axten. "Meyers is a hell of a goalie, but he also has a hell of a defense in front of him." Coach Munro said of the underrated Crimson defense.

Phil Kydes knocked in the fourth goal assisted by Bogovich. He trapped a throw in from Bogovich and kicked it over the goalie.

Bogovich came back with his second goal in the last period. Assisted by Gomez.

JV, Yardling Soccer Squads Roll To Easy Victories Over Weekend

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Junior Varsity

The Crimson JV soccer team turned in its best performance to date Saturday afternoon when it handed the Amherst junior varsity a 4-0 defeat on the Business School field.

Coach Seamus Malin was pleased by his team's effort. "We played very well overall. After we adapted to their defense, we showed no weakness at all," he said.

Harvard played steadily throughout the game, scoring once in each of the four periods. Malin especially liked the way his fullback combination of Andy Abbot. Ron McClain, and Bobby Woods contained the Amherst offensive thrust.

Senior forward Ben Phinney put the Crimson ahead in the first period when he took a perfect lead pass from Skip Marotta and sent the ball high into the far corner of the Amherst net. Peter Kertes tallied in the second quarter after an indirect free kick to pad the Harvard lead at the half. 2-0.

Ricochet

Phinney scored again in the third stanza, and Bill Bellows curved in from his left wing position in the final period to ricochet a shot off a Lord Jeff defender and into the goal.

The JVs had anticipated a tougher match from Amherst. Malin said yesterday. "They weren't as good as we had expected, but they did have some very good players. They just need to play together a little more."

The Crimson travels to Brown tomorrow for its sternest test of the season.

"Brown is Brown, and that means they will be good. This is not a game that we will drop for lack of hustle or spirit," Malin said. The junior varsity has not lost to Brown for four years.

Freshmen

Harvard's Yardling booters mauled a hapless M.I.T. freshman team, 11-1, last Friday afternoon at M.I.T. to remain undefeated and untied. The potent Crimson offense employed speed and adept passing to overwhelm the Engineers.

The Yardlings controlled every phase of the game, and M.I.T. could manage only frequent penetrations of the Harvard defense. The Engineers tied the score briefly in the first period at 1-1, but the Yardlings responded with three more first-half tallies and a seven goal barrage in the second half.

Freshman coach Dana Getchell substituted freely, but could not avert the lopsided final score. "You don't get too much out of a game like this. We need to have a good test of our ability. I would have liked to have had it today, but we will get one for sure next week," he said. The Yardlings play Exeter at Exeter on Wednesday and host Dartmouth on Friday.

Quick Work

Yardling center-halfback Emmanuel Ekama registered the game's first goal after only five minutes of play on an assist from Ben Tuttle. After M.I.T. tied the score ten minutes later, center-forward Chris Papagianis gave the Crimson a lead that was not challenged again. Right halfback Pauli Jarvepaa then banged home two goals to put Harvard ahead 4-1 at the half.

The Yardlings stormed the M.I.T. goal in the second half. The Engineer defensive backs tired noticeably as the game progressed, but the Harvard attackers seemed stronger each minute. Papagianis and Mossavar-Rahmani tallied in the third quarter, and David Lee and Ron Padmore scored in the final period. Papagianis went on another scoring spree in the final minutes of the game and claimed his third and fourth goals for the day.

Undefeated Soccer Team Tied for First With Penn

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 22, 1969

Unscored upon in its two Ivy contests, Harvard's varsity soccer team moved into a first place tie with Penn for the League title last Saturday, by walloping Cornell 5-0 at Ithaca.

In other Ivy league action, Brown continued its comeback with a 4-1 victory over Dartmouth while Yale and Columbia battled to a 2-2 deadlock. Undefeated Penn had a bye over the weekend.

Crimson goalie Bill Meyers is now the only unscored-upon netman in Ivy competition. Meyers made 14 saves against the Big Red and extended his scoreless period streak to 22 consecutive quarters.

Solomon Gomes and Pete Bogovich moved close to the top of the Ivy scoring statistics after the offense's rout of Cornell. Gomez and Bogovich both scored twice and added an assist against the Big Red. Their two game totals of four points apiece place them third in the Ivy standings.

Perennial soccer champion Brown remained within one game of the Crimson and the Quakers with an easy 4-1 victory over Dartmouth. The Bruins lost their opener to Penn last season but came back to win the league title with six straight victories. This year Brown has followed the same pattern.

Against the Indians, sophomore Brookes Morin scored three times and George King added three assists to lead the Bruins. Morin now leads the league with four goals and six points in three games, while King's four assists heads the standings in that category.

Columbia jumped to an early two goal lead against Yale in the first period, with Frank Kodah and Omar Chamma contributing the Lion tallies. After a third period goal by Yale's Steve Abrecht, the Elis tied the game on a score by Sab Quao with 13:31 remaining in the final quarter. Neither team could claim the victory in an overtime session.

The upcoming weekend matches the strongest teams against the weakest. Penn, with victories over Brown and Dartmouth, faces winless Princeton, while undefeated Harvard meets last place Dartmouth in Cambridge, Yale hosts Cornell in a battle for the first division, and Brown gets to sit back and hope one of the leaders makes a mistake.

JV Booters Wrestle Brown to 2-2 Tie; Freshmen Outlast Exeter in Storm, 4-0

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OCTOBER 23, 1969

Harvard's JV soccer team fought the Brown JV's to a grueling 2-2 tie at Providence yesterday afternoon in a game that was dominated by a gale-force wind more than any one team.

After a scoreless first half, senior Gene Warner gave Harvard a narrow 1-0 lead in the third period on a 15-yard

power shot. Brown surprised the Crimson minutes later with a fast break and goal against the wind, evening the score at 1-1.

Going with the wind. Brown took a commanding 2-1 lead five minutes deep into the final quarter. With only seven minutes remaining. Ben Phinney came through with the tying tally for Harvard, after taking a pass from Warner in front of the goal.

Phinney fired another power shot at the Brown goal with three seconds left in regulation play, but Brown's goalie made a diving save to preserve the tie. Two five-minute overtime periods proved frustrating for both sides as each had sure goals hit the crossbar.

Despite the tie. Harvard coach Seamus Malin was not discouraged. "A lesser team would have thrown up their hands today. I was really pleased by the way our guys refused to quit in the fourth quarter." he said.

Yardlings Topple Exeter

"We missed a lot of goals." freshman Yardlings beat Exeter, 4-0 in a driving snow storm at Exeter yesterday afternoon.

A slick field and 30-degree temperatures hampered the Crimson attack. While dominating play, the Yardlings could any manage a 1-0 halftime lead and a slim 2-0 advantage going into the final quarter.

Exeter's goal keeper was outstanding as he turned back a steady barrage of Harvard shots. Center-forward Chris Papagianis scored the Yardlings' only first-half goal midway through the first period.

Pauli Jarvenpaa tallied in the third quarter for the Crimson and Papagianis and Mossavar-Rahmani added goals in the final stanza. The Yardlings' four-goal output was their lowest of the season.

Soccer Fullback Gray Embarrassed, But Not by Crimson's Shutout Streak

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 25, 1969

"Yes, I'm from the CRIMSON, and I'd like to get some information for a profile on you," I began.

Bob Gray's laughter immediately answered at the other end of the phone. "Me? I'm not worth a profile. Besides, I'd just be embarrassed," he argued. "Can't you call someone else?"

Not worth a profile? Bob Gray, senior fullback of the varsity soccer team, was wrong. Now he is embarrassed.

Why do people think that profiles have to uncover the fact that your local jock captained three high school sports, played in All-State Orchestra, was valedictorian of his class, and spends his summers mountain climbing in Nepal?

Never in Nepal

I've met enough guys like that at Harvard, and all that information does is let me answer someone when he says, "Say, who is that guy over there?" So next time the guy on your side nudges you and says, "Who's number 28?", you can

answer, "Gray, but he never was in Nepal."

Bob comes from Dedham, Mass., a town Sacco and Vanzetti and not the Gray's put on the maps. At Noble and Gree-nough he played hockey and baseball besides captaining what he recalls was "a very lousy soccer team."

Every amateur soccer player knows that fullback is the worst position in the world to play. In intramurals, the best booters rush to the front line positions and then tell the shy beginners to "give it a try at fullback." Ten seconds later the semi-pros are charging down the field with the ball, smiling greedily as they spot their innocent prey attempting to stop them.

The situation is even worse for a varsity fullback. What are you trying to do as a fullback? Either kick the ball out of bounds or boom it as far away from the goal as possible. Neither move brings oohs or ahhs from the crowd because of fancy footwork.

If a foreign exchange student with a 90 m. ph. kick is coming at you, you have the glorious assignment of standing there. Few players look graceful when a ball smashes off their shins.

Another factor enters the situation-failure. When the full-back, running back wards, fails to stop the lineman speeding forward, there is no one behind him but the two-foot wide goalie and what looks like a net 100 yards wide.

In commenting on his own play, Bob carefully selected his adjectives and answered, "nothing spectacular." How spectacular can trying to get hit by a ball be? In commenting on Gray's play coach Bruce Munro said, "He's had his ups and downs. He's played some real good games and he's had some lapses." Roughly translated, that means he sometimes gets hit with the ball.

Who Else?

But Harvard's defense had a string of 22 scoreless periods going into yesterday's Dartmouth game. Asked whether or not that was an indication of the fullback play, Munro replied, "Who else could be doing it if not the fullbacks?"

Gray emphasized his role as a contributor to the team when questioned about his individual play. "In practice I try to concentrate on learning to anticipate the moves of the guys I play with," Bob said.

Still preoccupied with team coordination, Gray added, "It's also important that the fullbacks keep up a steady communication between the goalie and the halfbacks."

ROTC Obligations

After the soccer season you might call Gray a conscientious student. You might call him that, but actually he just doesn't have any other outside activities during the year. Bob's only post-graduate plans are a three-year stint in the Navy to fulfill his ROTC obligations and then further studies toward a master's degree in social relations.

Bob mentions that he may someday teach, but he is far from definite. Like a lot of people, Gray just doesn't have any specific plans to carve a legend for himself in Harvard's annals.

Bob Gray is like a lot of people, except now he is embarrassed.

Varsity Soccer Team Risks Winning Streak Against Alumni Squad

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Harvard's varsity soccer team, recuperating from its win yesterday over Dartmouth, will retake the field at 10:30 a.m. today to face the Harvard alumni in a traditional match.

Assistant soccer coach Seamus Malin has contacted 26 former players for today's game. In six years the alumni have won only two matches, but one of those victories was an embarrassing 4-1 upset last year.

Malin thinks the alumni might be in a psychological predicament. "I know I'd feel guilty breaking the varsity's winning streak," he said.

But Keith Chiappa 65 seemed undisturbed. "That defense has never been tested; we'll tear them apart with ease," Chiappa said with a sneer. "So what if they played a game yesterday? Aren't they in shape?"

Corsair Booters Nip JVs in Final Period

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Harvard's JV team suffered its first defeat of the season yesterday afternoon losing to the Southeastern Massachusetts University varsity 2-1 in new Bedford. After three scoreless quarters Southeastern rallied twice in the fourth period to head off a late Harvard drive to bail out the victory.

A penalty kick accounted for Southeastern's first goal midway through the final stanza. Three minutes later, Crimson goatee Larry Anderson came out of the goal to bat away a Southeastern cross. The ball hit teammate Steve Kline and ricocheted into the Harvard goal.

Bob Woods brought the Crimson back when he powered a shot into the upper corner of the Southeastern goal with three minutes remaining. Harvard pressed hard in the last minutes, and a sure goal by Bill Bellows barely skinned the crossbar with 20 seconds left to play.

Southeastern shattered the JV's four year unbeaten string in the first meeting of the two teams last season. This victory virtually assures the New Bedford booters of a berth in the NAIA national tourney for junior college members of the NCAA.

Hardy Guides Attack For Crimson Booters

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 30, 1969

"We've communicated. We've gotten together right at the very beginning of the year this season," center halfback Rich Hardy said to explain the phenomenal success of the Crimson varsity soccer team. What Hardy failed to say was that much of the credit for that communication goes to him.

As center halfback, Hardy's main responsibility is to coor-

dinate the efforts of the entire team. He must fall back to assist the fullback line, move the ball quickly upfield, and direct the attack of the forwards. Harvard's 7-0 record is an excellent indication of the job he has done.

Throughout the season, coach Bruce Munro has emphasized what he calls "through passing" in practice. In scrimmages, Munro concentrates on the lead passes the halfbacks send through the opposition's defensive line. With powerful kickers like Solomon Gomez and Pete Bogovich on the offensive front, Munro knows that an open shot on the net will probably result in a Crimson goal.

Hardy also acknowledges the importance of the short passing game in the enemy's territory. "You must learn the game of give-and-go, of short on-the-ground passing with a minimum of dribbling," Hardy said.

Hardy feels the team this year is excelling because of this emphasis on team coordination and not because of any single individual's effort. "Two years ago we had the same individual skills but never communicated as one team," he recalled. "Last year we had two or three good sophomores with fine skill but they never quite got together with the older team members.

"This year there is a real balance on the line. The team is much closer and this relation pays off on the field," Hardy explained. "Against Cornell it was great.

We anticipated each other's reactions and the game seemed to go perfectly."

But Cornell is past and all Hardy is thinking of now is Penn. "The last two years, I've always thought the Quakers were better than everyone else. We always looked to them as the team to beat," he said.

Last year Harvard entered the Penn game as the only undefeated team in the Ivy League. After a sound 2-0 thrashing, the Crimson left the field ranking fourth in the Ivy standings. The Quakers also broke a Harvard ten-game unbeaten streak that morning.

Hardy's role in Saturday's match will be crucial, for Penn relies on a short passing game that controls the mid-field play. Also, the Quakers have one of the fastest forward lines Harvard has played against, which indicates that Hardy will have to direct both the front-line attack and aid the Crimson defense.

Hardy, who now resides in Persia, was born of English parents in the village of Ambala in Pakistan. He did not begin playing soccer until he entered school in England.

At Glengyle Preparatory School in London, England, Hardy first learned soccer as a forward. He played center forward, inside right, and right wing for four years before entering St. Paul's School, an institution founded on rugby rather than soccer. Hardy started at wing forward on the rugby team and was vice-captain of the squad.

For two years Hardy has started at center half for the Crimson. Last season coach Munro built his entire game strategy around Hardy and Jaime Vargas in a special 4-2-4 formation that demands extra effort from the halfback "link" line. Hardy and Vargas filled the requirements until both were

injured during the middle of the season.

Coach Munro has complete confidence in Hardy's potential. "Richie is having a great season. He has been hustling all the time, and has improved consistently in every game," Munro said. The Penn game would be the perfect time for his best performance.

Booters Hand Penn First Loss of Season

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 3, 1969

Gomez Gets Two Goals As Harvard Wins, 3-1

Solomon Gomez scored two unassisted goals and Harvard's fullback line continually disrupted the Penn offensive attack, as the varsity soccer team remained undefeated through eight games with a 3-1 victory over the Quakers at Franklin Field.

Harvard, ranked third in the nation, now stands alone at the top of the Ivy League standings with a perfect 4-0 record. Penn, previously undefeated and rated fourth in the country, and Brown trail the Crimson by a full game.

Most of the match was played in the Harvard half of the field, but the Crimson fullback trio of Bob Gray, Bill Brock, and Phil Axten kept the Quakers from a clear shot on goalie Bill Meyers.

Dangerous Challenges

The concentration of action in Harvard's defensive zone actually benefited the Crimson offensive attack, for Gomez, right inside Phil Kydes, and left wing Charlie Thomas created several dangerous challenges by outracing the Penn defense to long clearing passes.

The match turned into a battle between Penn's short passing game and Harvard's individual talent. Although the Quakers thoroughly dominated midfield play, Harvard prevailed at both ends of the field. Gomez and Thomas in particular completely intimidated the Penn defense.

Penn controlled the game throughout the first quarter. Harvard's halfback line sagged deep into the Crimson penalty area, and the Quakers easily kept the ball in their offensive half of the field. But goalie Meyers and a stalwart defense maintained a scoreless tie.

Morale Boosters

Penn fans were out in full strength and the cheerleaders kept up a constant barrage of yelling to support the Quakers. But the entire complexion of the game changed with three Harvard goals in five minutes of the second period.

At 3:52, sophomore Thomas lofted a long corner kick in from the left wing. Quaker goalie Dan Biegel let the ball sail past the net and Kydes headed the ball home from the right side.

The Penn team was visibly shaken as it continued to control the ball but could never approach the Crimson goal. Harvard concentrated on clearing the ball to midfield and relied on the superior speed of its forward line. Pete Bogovich did a

tremendous one-man job at midfield.

Sophomore Kydes broke loose in the second period on the right wing but was fouled from behind. On the ensuing free kick, Gomez rifled a line shot from 30 yards out that flew past Biegel into the upper left-hand corner.

Resignation

Gomez broke the game wide open two minutes later when, from midfield, he outraced Penn fullback Art Swanson for a long pass. With the Penn goalie charging out of the net, Gomez drilled the ball on the ground past Biegel. At only 9:13 of the second period, Harvard held a commanding lead, and Penn fans began to discuss football.

A psyched-up Penn squad charged out on the field after halftime and once more dominated play. At 3:13 of the third period, Penn's Bruno V? smashed a long free kick toward the Crimson net. Goalie Meyers spun and watched the ball hit the overhead crossbar and come down in to the net.

The Quakers cheerleader swung into action, but the soccer team did not. Center half Rich Hardy and sophomore Chris Wilmot stifled several Penn threats.

Meyer's shutout streak of six straight games is a Harvard record. Penn's third period goal was the first opposition tally since the Tufts game on September 24.

Crimson Soccer Team Now Second in Nation

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NOVEMBER 6, 1969

With its convincing 2-1 victory over fourth-ranked Penn, Harvard's soccer team remained unbeaten through eight games and moved up a place in this week's UPI poll to become the number-two team in the country behind the University of San Francisco.

Harvard passed St. Louis University, last week's second-ranked team, by receiving 289 points to St. Louis' 285 points. San Francisco retained first place, which it has held all season, by collecting 315 points.

Penn, meanwhile, dropped to tenth place in the UPI ratings, losing its first game in eight starts.

Although a fourth-quarter goal by Penn's Bruno Vogt ended Harvard goalie Bill Meyers' shut-out streak at 29 periods, Meyers still leads Ivy League goalies, having allowed only one goal in five league matches.

Crimson forward Solomon Gomez kept up his league-leading scoring pace by notching two of Harvard's three goals against Penn. Gomez now has six goals and three assists for nine points, to lead Brown's Brooks Morin by three points.

Harvard halfback Bezo Cutler broke his leg in the last quarter against Penn and will be lost for the season.

Elsewhere in the Ivy League, Steve Davidson of Princeton scored with just over a minute left in regulation play to tie Brown, 1-1, and bring about a grueling overtime battle. Neither team could get the winning tally, however, and the tie dimmed the Bruins' hopes for a successful title defense.

by dropping their record to 2-1-1.

Nick Alexandridis, the league scoring champion the last two years, tallied on a direct free kick in the third quarter to boost Cornell past Columbia, 1-0, in an upset at Ithaca.

Dartmouth spotted Yale a first-period goal by Bob Miller, then came back with goals by Gary Casper, Greg Church, Dave Irwin, and Randy Quayle to end a five-game losing streak, 4-1.

Ivy Standings

Harvard	4	0	0
Penn	3	1	0
Brown	2	1	1
Cornell	2	1	1
Columbia	1	2	1
Dartmouth	1	3	0
Yale	0	2	2
Princeton	0	3	1

Kydes Uses His Head to Spark Harvard Attack

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NOVEMBER 8, 1969

“Kydes! Kydes!”

If you have been to a varsity soccer game this season, you’ve heard that voice from the top of the stands at Cumnock Field. In Macedonia soccer is the national sport, and Phil Kydes, responding to the cry of his father, brings the excitement of that Greek play to the Crimson forward line.

Kydes is the sparkplug of the Harvard attack. On throw-ins, from the sidelines, he is the man to watch. If a long, centering pass sails in from the corners, it is the sophomore inside forward who is staring down the goalies’ throat. When Kydes turns at mid-field and starts toward the opposition, Harvard switches from defense to offense.

At the right inside position. Kydes’ responsibility is to move the ball up from midfield to the forward wings. Frequently he will be back in the Harvard half of the field one moment breaking up an opponent’s attack, and the next second he will be moving through the enemy defenders for a long lead pass.

Kydes’ styles of play has had to change greatly since high school. “At Brian McMahon in Norwalk, Connecticut, everyone depended on me to score,” he said. “In my junior year I set the Connecticut state record with 23 goals and the next season tied the national record with 31,” he added as an aside.

“But at Harvard my role isn’t to play up in front. When the play enters the penalty area. I fall back to pick up any loose balls that might be kicked back out,” he said. An indication of his success this year is the fact that he leads the team with 10 assists.

Kydes is much more satisfied with his new style of play.

“I’ve learned to concentrate on my passing. I don’t have to dribble as much or worry about injuries as I did in high school.” he said.

By far, Kydes’ greatest asset is his amazing ability to create dangerous situations with head-shots. In all the Crimson’s games this season. Kydes has demonstrated the best pin-point accuracy with his head.

“Heading the ball was the first thing my father taught me,” Kydes explained. “I remember spending hours just heading a ball against any wall. I still make sure I head the ball for a short while in every practice.”

Kydes deserves the credit for inspiring the Crimson in last Saturday’s big 3-1 victory over Penn. “Penn put out everything in the first 17 minutes of the game,” coach Bruce Munro said. “When they didn’t get a goal, they must have been asking themselves. What the hell do we have to do to score against them? That headed goal for us just knocked the wind out of them.” he said

Unsure

“We weren’t sure of ourselves at all going into that game.” Kydes recalled. “We knew their defense and offense were both solid and we expected a tough game.”

“The Quakers completely outplayed us in the beginning because we were just admiring their play.” Kydes explained. “They didn’t wait for the play; they rushed forward without waiting for the ball to come to them. That aggressive style of play made us overly cautious and did not let us play our type of game.”

Test

“It was a great test for us, but we really got together for the first time this season in the second period.” Kydes remembered. “This forward line is as good as any in the country.”

Individual Efforts Give Booters Narrow 3-2 Victory Over Tigers

BY MARTIN R. GARAY,
NOVEMBER 10, 1969

The varsity soccer team slopped to its ninth consecutive victory Saturday morning, defeating the Princeton squad, 3-2, on a muddy Business School field,

The Crimson effort was less than its best, but understandably so after the difficult game against Penn last week, “We didn’t play well, and Princeton hustled, hustled, hustled. The game could have gone either way,” coach Bruce Munro said after the game.

Individual skills, more than anything else. carried the Crimson to victory as Pete Bogovich. Solomon Gomez and Charlie Thomas each scored once.

The first period was reminiscent of the Crimson’s early-season outings, Team cohesiveness was lacking, and passing was erratic, Both teams chased the ball over the wet field, rarely attacking effectively.

The First Goal

Bogovich scored the first goal for the Crimson on a penalty kick near the end of the first period. The Tiger goalie, Bill Stengel, never had a chance to stop Bogovich's third tally on a penalty kick this season.

The score remained the same during the second period as the Princeton squad vainly attempted to break through the Harvard defense. Senior halfback Dick Hardy frequently stopped the Princeton rush in the middle of the field, receiving less than adequate help from his teammates.

Replay

The third period started out as a replay of the second, until the Tigers tied the score 17 minutes into the quarter, Marshall Rose pushed the ball in with his chest, surprising Crimson goalie Bill Meyers,

The Tiger tally woke up the Crimson line, and it managed to get a sustained drive under way. Three minutes after Princeton had tied the score, Gomez regained the lead for Harvard with a short kick that eluded Stengel.

Fancy Footwork

Eight minutes into the fourth quarter, Harvard scored its final goal. Taking a long pass from Bogovich, Thomas did some fancy footwork, keeping control of the ball until Phil Kydes had freed himself and was in good position to score the goal, Stengel moved to defend against Kydes, so Thomas decided to knock it in himself.

Questionable Penalty

Not discouraged, the Tigers continued to harass the Harvard defense. They scored their second goal on a questionable penalty kick. The Crimson's Bob Gray was called for obstruction though he came up with the ball. Then, instead of giving the Tigers an indirect kick as they should have done on an obstruction, the officials awarded them a direct kick.

The Tigers' top threat, Steve Davidson, barely knocked the ball past the outstretched fingers of Meyers, who came very close to stopping the first penalty kick called against the Crimson this season.

JV Kickers Tie Tigers, Will Play Brown Friday

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NOVEMBER 12, 1969

Even though Harvard's junior varsity soccer team had to settle for a 2-2 tie after two overtime periods against Princeton last Friday, it should be able to end its season with a win against Brown this Friday on the Business School field.

Brown is a perennial power in soccer, and a Harvard defeat at its hands makes its season complete. But the Bruins have a hard time keeping players on its junior varsity, while Harvard seems to keep a big squad right through the season.

And the Crimson have never lost to Brown in the five years that Harvard has had a junior varsity program.

Against Princeton, the slick, wet field affected Harvard's

short passing game, and the first half ended without any scoring.

The Tigers, whose defensive style of play was less hampered by the soggy field, scored first on a 35-yard shot that looked as though it was going wide. But the ball's spin carried it into the upper corner of the net, as goalie Wayne Quasha watched.

A fired-up Harvard team dominated play for the rest of the third quarter and scored twice. Gene Warner and Russ Vaughan, inside forwards, scored within five minutes of each other to give the Crimson a 2-1 lead.

Princeton scored again midway through the fourth quarter when a Harvard defensive mix-up allowed a Tiger forward in the goal area unguarded. The Crimson pressed hard for the rest of regulation time, but missed several scoring opportunities. And neither team could score in the five-minute overtime periods.

"We left the field after that game with a dissatisfied feeling," said JV coach Seamus Malin. "Princeton was a good team. They beat Penn's junior varsity, but I still think we have a better team than they do," he said.

The JV's whose record is now 4-1-2, have already played Brown once this year. That game was a 2-2 tie, but was played in a 10-mile an hour gale in Providence. Weather conditions will again be a factor, but Malin hopes the outcome will be different.

Yale Booters Topple Quakers 2-1 Harvard Victory Will Clinch Title

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Yale's upset of Penn's soccer team last Saturday has put Harvard in position to clinch its first Ivy title since 1963 if it can tie defending champion Brown Saturday in Providence.

The Elis had been in seventh place in the league without a victory over an Ivy opponent, while Penn had lost only to Harvard and was ranked tenth nationally. Yale coach Hubert Vogelsinger used a man-to-man defense and a breakaway offense in an effort to halt the Quakers and his team played its best game of the season to down Penn, 2-1.

Ohene Frempong scored both of Yale's goals, and Penn's only tally came on a shot by Rob Walkins while goalie Steve Greenberg, thinking the first period had ended watched.

Harvard did not have an easy time either and narrowly missed being upset by Princeton, the eighth team in the league. But a goal each by Solomon Gomez, Pete Bogovich, and Charlie Thomas enabled the Crimson to remain undefeated with a 3-2 win.

Penn's only hopes for the title depend on victories in games against Columbia and Dartmouth and two losses by Harvard. Even if that should happen, Penn could only gain a tie for the championship.

Brown has a slightly better chance of winning. The Bruins

must beat Harvard and Columbia while the Crimson must lose at Yale. In that event, Brown, now 3-1-1 would win the title outright.

The Bruins moved into second place with a 2-1 triumph over Cornell. They let the Big Red, 2-0 going into the final quarter, and then Nick Alexandridis scored on a penalty kick to cut down the lead, but Brown held off Cornell the rest of the way. In the fourth league game, Columbia moved into a fourth-place tie with Cornell by downing Dartmouth, 4-2.

Gomez is still first in the Ivy scoring race. He now has ten points, four more than Bogovich and three others, all of whom are tied for second, Harvard's Phil Kydes has five points.

The Crimson must also think about the NCAA playoffs, which start Monday in Cambridge. Two victories in the New England single-elimination tournament and a win over the New York area champion are necessary if Harvard is to make the trip to the nationals in San Jose.

Yardling Soccer Coach: 'Getch' Loves Kids Best

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Every day during soccer season for the past 14 years, freshman soccer coach Dana Getchell '53 has taught Math at the Manter Hall School above Elsie's until noon, then headed for the practice field. He remains there until darkness drives him away.

Soccer is more than a game to "Getch," as he prefers to be called. It is a passion, a means of developing human beings. "I love soccer and I love to work with kids," he says.

Each fall, he must mold a squad of young freshmen into a soccer team and somehow, he always manages to win. But winning is not everything to Getchell.

"Records are fun to look at, but they don't mean much. My position on soccer is that we're not out to win games. My job is to teach the guys discipline, the value of friendship, how to work with other human beings, to respect other people's opinions, and to get real enjoyment out of soccer," he said.

Perfection Personified

"Getch is an extremely conscientious coach, a perfectionist, but what really impresses me about him is that he has an equal concern for the best player and the worst." Harvard Athletic Director Adolph Samborski said. "He just loves the game so much, and he wants everyone to feel the same way," he continued.

Varsity soccer coach Bruce Munro calls Getch "the most conscientious freshman soccer coach that I know of. His strongest point is that he is an excellent teacher as far as basic skills go."

Getch is a labyrinth of memories. He knows the starting line-up of each team that he has coached in his 14 years, and he can replay most of their games with uncanny accuracy.

Through soccer, he knows men all over the world, and many who have remained at Harvard. For example, JV soccer coach Seamus Malin played under him in 1958.

"It's enjoyable working with guys, to do something with their lives and to see them using the university properly. I'm proud of the fact that my guys turn out to be medical doctors or Ph.D.'s. I'm most proud on graduation morning in the Yard when guys come up to me and thank me for helping them get started at Harvard," he says.

Winning

In his 14 years, Getchell has established an amazing winning tradition for freshman soccer teams. He has produced four undefeated teams-in 1960, 1961, 1967, and 1968, Last year's team had a perfect 10-00 record.

Getchell had an 8-2 record in his first year as Yardling coach, and the most games his team has ever lost was four in 1957. Since then, no Getchell coached squad has dropped more than two games in a season.

The 9-0-1 1967 squad included many of this year's varsity players. Goalie Bill Meyers allowed only three goals all season, and forward Solomon Gomez sparked the team to an 8-1 victory over Yale that year.

Then there was last year's perfect 10-00 mark. "A perfect record is a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Getchell mused. The team had a pouter beer mug inscribed 10-0-0" before their final game with Yale, and presented it to Getchell after they won.

Undergrad Heroics

One of the most cherished memories from Getchell's undergraduate days here came in the 1952 Yale game. Soccer was at a low point at Harvard, and Crimson teams had been shut out in Yale game for three years.

The game was evenly played, however, and went into overtime. Then there was a penalty shot called for the Crimson. Getchell took the penalty shot and put the ball into the net, and Harvard held on for a 2-1 win. The victory knocked the unbeaten Elis out of contention for the national championship.

As a teacher, a coach, or just a friend, Getchell is what you might call a "character." Surely, no one who has known him will ever forget him. As he prepared his 6-1 Yardlings for their last three games this week, he paused to say, "It's been a wonderful 14 years." Then his thoughts turned back to Princeton, Brown, and Yale.

Ivy Title at Stake Booters Will Try Today to Finish Brown's Six-Year Ivy Soccer Reign

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 15, 1969

The Brown band develops halftime shows and cheers to suit cornerkicks rather than touchdowns. The Brown Daily Herald cannot lose to the CRIMSON, 23-2, this morning, for all its reporters will be in the stands of Aldrich-Dexter Field when the Bruins and Harvard clash for the Ivy League soccer title.

For six years Brown's booters have dominated the Ivy oppo-

sition and claimed the League title. Even more humiliating, the Bruins have humbled Harvard in both Providence and Cambridge for six consecutive seasons.

The plot development is different this year, but the ending may not be so surprising. Brown, 7-2-2 overall and 3-1-1 in the Ivy, is second in the League and within striking distance of the lead.

Brown is an excellent soccer team that, for the sake of an unprecedented seventh consecutive Ivy crown, wants to spoil Harvard's chances for its first outright Ivy title in eight years. But there is more to the Brown story.

Soccer's the Sport

The Bruins fall sports program is an American dilemma. Brown's football team has traditionally been the doormat of the Ivy League and usually just prays for the final game of the season against Columbia. To compensate for the afternoon funeral. Bruin fans have made Saturday morning soccer victories a ritual.

Brown's emphasis on soccer has obviously produced results. Last year the Bruins went all the way to the N C A A semifinals before being eliminated by eventual champion Michigan State, 2-0. At the start of this season, Brown was ranked fifth in the nation.

At individual positions. Brown offers outstanding talent. Sparkplug of the forward line is co-captain Herman Ssebazza, a native of Uganda. A wing. Ssebazza was selected to the All-American team last year.

The opposition has concentrated on Ssebazza this season, and as a result the fine passer and ball-handler has helped two of his teammates to become the highest scorers in the Ivy League, George King has tallied four times in five games, while Brookes Morin has assisted on five goals.

But Yale may have contributed more to today's match than any of the individual Brown players. The Elis upset Penn last Saturday. 2-1, and now offer a serious challenge to Harvard next weekend. The Bruins are within two games of the league crown with two games left to play.

No Sissies

"The Bruins play a very strong very aggressive type of soccer." coach Bruce Munro reflected. Brown coach Cliff Stevenson is stoking that strong desire with visions of the Ivy crown.

Asked to compare Brown's game strategy with that of any other Crimson opponent this year. Munro saw an analogy with Princeton.

Princeton's strong, aggressive defense benefited greatly last Saturday from the poor playing conditions on Cumnock Field. Brown will exploit the same advantage. Aldrich-Dexter Field has a hard clay base and is situated at the bottom of a large hill, so this week's rain should provide a soggy field that hinders the Crimson's speed and favors Brown's strength. As if they needed the advantage.

Harvard has been fortunate this season with respect to injuries. The Crimson came through the Princeton game without any wounds, and it will need a healthy squad to withstand

the aggressive Bruin style. Bill Meyers complained of a sore arm early in the week, but when asked whether his goalie would start. Munro exclaimed. "I should hope so!"

Earlier in the season Munro said, "I wish we were the underdog in every game we played." Coach Stevenson is playing that advantage to the hilt at Brown, so much in fact that Munro's wish may be fulfilled.

Booters Edge Brown, 2-1, To Win Ivy League Title

BY MARTIN R. GARAY,
NOVEMBER 17, 1969

Paced by Sol Gomez and Charlic Thomas, the varsity soccer team edged the Bruins in Providence, 2-1, Saturday, clinching its first Ivy League title since 1963.

Before the game even began, the Crimson knew that it had a battle on its hands. The field- at the bottom of a hill- was not rolled before the game. Consequently, it was wet and muddy, cutting the Crimson's speed and passing ability.

A large crowd, estimated at 1600, was also there to cheer on the Brown squad, proving to be like the Bruins themselves: obnoxious and, at times, unsportsmanlike.

Coach Bruce Munro started his second team in the first period. He wanted to give the first team a chance to see the Bruins in action on the muddy field. Munro had used the same strategy in the 6-0 B.U. rout, but this time the first team did not explode as it had done before.

Brown's buffalo-like fullbacks kept booming the ball out of their zone. The Crimson could not establish its short pass game, and had to resort to the Bruins long pass technique.

The Bruins took the lead in the second period Forward Jim Bender lofted the ball past Bill Meyers, who would have had a chance to stop it if it hadn't been wet and muddy. The ball slipped through his fingers.

Quick Tie

The Crimson booters didn't wait ten seconds before they tied the Bruins. Catching a long pass on his foot, Phil Kydes dribbled to within ten yards of the goal. He saw Gomez and passed to him, Gomez eluded a burly fullback to put it in.

Kydes kept the Harvard attack moving. While almost everyone was having trouble gaining steady footing in the wet grass the short forward could not be stopped.

Brutish Bruins

The Bruins were rougher than usual. They tried to get Harvard riled up so that they would either be thrown out or lose their effectiveness as team members. They bruised Thomas's shin's managed to get. Bill Brock kicked out of the game, and worked hard on Gomez. Like a pro. Gomez took it, and gave it back- when the referees weren't looking.

Harvard took the lead in the third period. Taking a long pass. Thomas out across the Brown goal, faked the goalie, and put the ball in the opposite corner.

For most of the game, Gomez and Thomas were the only forwards as the other two, Kydes and Pete Bogovich, dropped back and helped the halfbacks dig the ball out of the mud.

This Afternoon

In the game against Southern Connecticut this afternoon- the first round of the national championships- the Crimson will go back to its customary 4-3-3 line up Harvard hopes to break out of its scoring Slump in the game against the Owls. The defense has carried the team past its tough competition, but it will need the full power of the offense if it is to go on to the finals.

Owls' Defense

The Owls, however, will be trying to stop the Crimson with a stacked defense that sports four fullbacks. They don't have any outstanding performers, but are strong at all positions.

The Owls also have a tendency to move all their men back into their zone should they take a one or two goal lead. Consequently long passes have little chance of making it in Harvard will have to re-establish its short pass game if it hopes to score against this defense.

Mud, Miscues Upset JV Booters As Bruins Salvage 3-3 Deadlock

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"Ties are becoming a way of life for us, and I'm not particularly happy about it." Harvard JV soccer coach Seamus Malin said after the Crimson had tied the Brown JV. 3-3. last Saturday morning on the intramural field.

The tie was the JV's second in as many weeks, its third of the season. and its second with Brown, The Crimson tied Princeton. 2-2, two weekends ago.

Harvard Dominated

Harvard dominated play completely, but simply could not convert scoring opportunities into goals. "We had nice passing and good long balls, but we just couldn't put the ball in the net. We gave them a tie." Malin said Monday.

It was Harvard mistakes, not Brown finesse, which were responsible for the Bruins' three goals. Each of Brown's scores resulted from a failure by the Crimson defense to mark properly on the small intramural field.

Harvard went ahead 1-0 early in the game when David Wylie put a hard shot past the Bruin goalie from ten yards out. A Brown fast break resulted in a corner kick late in the first period, and an unmarked Bruin forward headed the ball in to tie the game at 1-1.

There was no scoring in the second period. but Peter Kertes converted a penalty shot in the third quarter to give Harvard a short-lived advantage. Brown evaded Crimson goalie Larry Anderson on another fast break minutes later, and the score was tied 2-2.

Brown took the lead on a long ball ten minutes into the last stanza. then Kertes got the game's final score on another penalty kick four minutes later.

Crimson Booters Defeat Owls, 5-0; Gomez and Thomas Score 2 Goals

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 18, 1969

Solomon Gomez and Charlie Thomas each scored twice yesterday to lead Harvard's undefeated varsity soccer team to a 5-0 demolition of Southern Connecticut State in the first round of the NCAA District 1 University Regional Tournament.

In another New England semifinal contest. Brown edged Bridgeport 2-1 and earned the right to replay Harvard in Cambridge next Monday afternoon. The Crimson and Bruins are now only two victories from a winter trip to sunny San Jose, California, for the national championship.

The Business School field was extremely slippery and both teams found footing difficult throughout the game. In the opening minutes the Owls' short passing game controlled the ball while their four fullbacks and loose turf stymied the Crimson attack.

But at the end of the first period, Solomon Gomez took a free direct kick from just outside the penalty area A line of seven Owls gave Gomez virtually no opening to the net, but the Gambian super-star blasted a line drive that smashed off the left post of the goal and caromed out.

The entire net shook and so did the Owls. Harvard dominated play after that shot.

Harvard opened the scoring at 3:49 of the second session. After three unsuccessful direct kicks on goal, Pete Bogovich trickled a free kick forward to Gomez, who looped a shot that bounced in front of the net. The Owls goalie misjudged the bounce and the ball bounded right through his arms.

Crimson strategy fooled Southern Connecticut on the next indirect kick. As Bogovich rushed toward the ball, Phil Kydes just tapped it, and Bogovich's direct shot sailed past the surprised goalie.

Halftime Lead

Two minutes later Gomez clinched the victory when he outraced the Owls fourman fullback line and drilled a shot into the corner of the goal for a 3-0 halftime lead.

The tempo of the game dropped considerably in the second half. As the Owls fell farther behind, they concentrated more on a face-saving defense rather than on any offensive attack. A sign of the certainty of victory. Russ Bell spent the third quarter signing autographs for the fans.

At the start of the fourth quarter, 50 spectators humiliated the Owls by changing ends with the Owls' goalie, but Charlie Thomas justified their trek with two picture goals. At 5:10 of the final stanza. Thomas faked the Owls' goalie to his right and shot the ball on the ground past his outstretched left arm. With 10 minutes left in the game, Thomas outraced the goalie to a loose ball and scored the fifth and final tally.

The Crimson's performance rewrote most of the Harvard soccer record book. The victory was Harvard's eleventh straight, eleventh of the season, and seventh shutout-all

Crimson records. The five goals brought Harvard's season total to 43, tying the mark set in ten games in 1965.

Penn Loses Ivy Title But Advances in NCAA

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Harvard's leading soccer rivals, Brown and Penn, both suffered defeats last Saturday: Brown to the Crimson and Penn to Columbia. But both squads have earned another shot at the undefeated Crimson.

Brown, Ivy League champion for the past six years, was mathematically eliminated from the title race in Providence last weekend when Harvard edged the Bruins, 2-1, for the Ivy crown.

On Monday, however, Brown upset Bridgeport, 2-1, in the first round of the NCAA District I University Soccer Tournament. The victory moved the Bruins into the New England championship against the Crimson next Monday in Cambridge.

To the victor goes the right to play the champion of the New York NCAA District 2 area. In the opening rounds of that competition, Hartwick walloped R. P. I., 5-3, while Adelphi blanked N. Y. U., 3-0.

Penn, undefeated and ranked fourth in the nation until it lost to the Crimson three weeks ago, was upset by Columbia, 2-1, last Saturday. The loss was the Quakers' third straight Ivy defeat and dropped Penn to fourth place in the Ivy Standings. The Quakers now must beat Cornell or else conceivably finish tied for seventh in the Ivy League.

Yet, while sinking into the Ivy basement, Penn is still on the road to a national championship. The Quakers advanced to the finals of the NCAA Mid-Atlantic regional playoff on Tuesday by downing Montclair State, 3-0, on the astro-turf of Franklin Field.

Penn will now meet Philadelphia Textile for the regional crown and the right to continue on toward the national finals in San Jose, Calif.

Surprise, Surprise

Columbia's surprising 2-1 win over Penn moved the Lions into a tie for second place in the Ivy standings. After trailing the Quakers, 1-0, Columbia scored twice in the third period to clinch the victory. The Lions beat Brown this weekend with a chance to grab sole possession of the runner-up spot.

Yale blanked Princeton, 2-0, to tie Penn for a spot in the first division. Kwaku Ohene-Frempong, who scored both goals in Yale's upset of Penn last week, repeated the feat by scoring both of the Elis' tallies. Sunny Oyekan leads the potent Yale offense with seven goals this season two in Ivy League matches.

Enjoyment

A penalty kick by Stelios Orphanoudakis in the fourth period sent Dartmouth past Cornell, 2-1. The Big Red had jumped to an early lead in the second session on a goal by

Peter Vorley, but Charlie Sisco tied the game for the Indians before the half much to the enjoyment of the Hanover crowd.

Solomon Gomez has a comfortable four point lead in the Ivy scoring race with only one game left to play. The Harvard junior has eight goals and 11 total points in six games. Phil Kydes is second in the league with three goals and four assists to his credit.

Healthy Bulldog Booters Threaten To End Crimson's Unbeaten Streak

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,

NOVEMBER 21, 1969

A highly vulnerable Harvard varsity soccer team, playing without any major incentive, faces a dark horse Yale squad relishing the role of underdog at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon in New Haven. Nothing is at stake except the Crimson's pride.

Undefeated in 11 games, Harvard clinched the Ivy League title last Saturday with a 2-1 victory over Brown. The next, and last, objective on the Crimson's agenda is the NCAA championship. The achievement of that goal hangs on Monday's elimination match against Brown.

"It's not easy to build up an incentive for today's game," soccer coach Bruce Munro admitted. "Of course it's the Yale game, and that always means something, but the match is very anticlimactic following the Brown victory."

One at a Time

"But our philosophy all season has been to just take the games one at a time," he continued. "We've insisted that the boys just concentrate on the next game, and we've continued with that philosophy this week." As Munro states his policy, it is evident that he is trying to keep his own thoughts, as much as his players', concentrated on Yale.

If Harvard hopes to keep its record setting unbeaten streak intact, Yale offers plenty of threats on which to concentrate. Although the Elis' season record is only 4-3-3, that statistic is very misleading. favorable advantages. Unfortunately for Yale, the Bulldogs' personnel has been physically getting the breaks. Entering its seventh game of the season, the Elis had ten starters sitting on the bench with a variety of afflictions.

At the start of the season, Munro pricked Yale as the team to beat after Penn. "Nearly their whole squad was returning," Munro recalls. "Last season they had the best defense in the Ivy League, and the entire unit consisted of returning lettermen. On offense, Yale is a fine passing team with some extremely dangerous strikers," he said.

But tragedy struck the Bulldogs in their opening game with Wesleyan, as All-American goalie Steve Greenberg suffered a broken right thumb. Greenberg, picked as the nation's second best goalie last year, was sidelined.

Just Another Team

"We're just another team now," coach Hubert Vogelsinger moaned after that game. "We'll be lucky to break even."

And Yale won only one of its next eight games.

Greenberg's injury was not the only disabling factor. In its opening Ivy game, Yale lost six starters in a rugged battle with Brown. Sophomore John. Klamar, who scored a record 23 goals as a freshman and had three tallies in two games this season. was badly injured and has not scored again this season. Fullbacks Tom Scattergood and Abu Timbo were also mangled.

With a disastrous 1-3-3 record, the Bulldogs regained Greenberg and since then Yale has indicated its real potential. Since Greenberg's reappearance. Yale has a 3-1-1 mark. including a 2-1 victory over Penn.

The threat is more ominous than a first glance reveals. Two of those matches were Greenberg shutouts, and the three victories came in Yale's last three games. Also significantly. Kwaku ("King") Ohene-Frempong, a Yale star last season. scored his first goal of the season last Saturday, and now has totaled four tallies in the last two games.

Greenberg's return to the net, combined with Ohene-Frempong's recent scoring surge. makes Yale a formidable enemy for any team. "Any team that can beat Penn is a damn good team." Munro said after the bulldogs' stunning upset. Roughly translated, that statement means Yale, on a given day. could easily beat Harvard.

A Yale victory would give the Bulldogs a winning season and a third-place finish in the Ivy League. Riding on a three-game winning streak. Yale will not accept defeat easily.

Biding its time until the important NCAA match Monday. Harvard has nothing to win or lose. The Crimson should win, but Bruce Munro fears that today just may be that "given day" that Yale could beat any team, let alone an unenthusiastic squad.

Yardling Booters Wallop Yale, 4-0

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Harvard's Yardling soccer team closed out the 1969 season with a steady 4-0 victory over the Yale freshmen yesterday afternoon in New Haven, but the Crimson JV suffered its third consecutive tie to finish the year with a disappointing 3-1-4 record.

A blustery wind, freezing temperatures, and a rough field hampered the Yardling booters, but four goals by Chris Papagianis and a diving third quarter save by goalie Peter. Asehaffenburg sparked the Crimson to its ninth victory against a single defeat.

Tied by Princeton and Brown in its last two outings the JV was again frustrated by a baffling inability to score, and coach Seamus Maltin's charges were left empty-handed against a clearly inferior Yale squad.

Getchell Pleased With Win

"I'm pleased for the team, because they couldn't play their game out there to lay. Whenever you go 9-1, it's got to be a good season." Yardling coach Dana Getchnell said after his team's victory.

Papagianis registered his first goal after only six minutes of play when, with his back to the goal, he headed a long through pass from Bobby Smith over the Yale goalie and into the net.

Ron Padmore again fed Papagianis nine minutes deep into the second period and the slick Yardling center forward powered the ball past the off-balance Bulldog goal keeper.

With Harvard guarding a slim 2-0 lead early in third quarter. Yale got a penalty shot inside the Crimson goal area. Asehaffenburg stayed off the threat, however, as he dove far to his right and gathered in a hard shot near the post.

That gave us quite a lift and it kept us in the ball game. "Getchell said after Asehaffenburg, who allowed only four goals in ten games, had recorded his fifth shutout of the season.

Papagianis responded to Asehaffenburg's heroics with his third goal minutes later on an assist from center half Emmanuel Ekama. Midway through the final period. Papagianis banged home his 24th goal of the year after a through pass from Mossavar-Rahmani.

The Yardling's 55-goal season output breaks the freshman scoring record of 50 goals set by last year's 10-0 team. At the same time, the Crimson defense allowed a meager five goals, second only to the four-goal season record held by Bill Meyers 1967 team.

Undefeated Harvard Soccer Team Trounces Yale, 3-0, at New Haven

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NEW HAVEN, CONN., Nov. 21-The undefeated Harvard soccer team picked up a cheap goal midway through the first quarter and waltzed in from there to overwhelm an outclassed Yale squad, 3-0, today in icy New Haven.

Inside right Phil Kydes took a pass in front of the Yale goal and bounced it through the hands of Eli goalie George Lowe to put the Crimson booters on the scoreboard with a bit over 13 minutes to play in the opening period. After that, the game was out of Yale's reach.

One Yale fan, grimacing after the first goal, said that Steve Greenberg, "Yale's regular goalie, would have stopped Kydes" shot.

All-American

Greenberg, a second-team All-American last season, has been injured twice this year, breaking a wrist, and, most recently, a rib, and Lowe has been filling in for him. But even Greenberg wouldn't have been able to stop the other two Harvard goals, which broke the game wide open in the third quarter.

The first one was again Kydes doing. The stocky sophomore took a beautiful centering pass from Charlie Thomas, who had brought the goalie out to guard a shot from him, and headed the ball into an open net.

Blew Them Both

Yale kept trying to make it up, and had two good opportunities in the third quarter, one off a corner kick and the other off a penalty kick, but the Elis blew them both. A fine play by Crimson goalie Bill Meyers off the penalty kick preserved the shutout, Harvard's eighth of the season.

Fullbacks Chris Wilmot and Bob Gray did a great job on defense throughout the game, keeping the pressure off Meyers, who seemed to be having trouble warming his hands on the cold day.

Superb Forwards

But today's game, as has the entire Crimson season, belonged to the superb forward line. It's been the sophomores-Kydes and Thomas-who have made this team a success, and they put on quite a show this afternoon. The final goal of the game, scored by Thomas with an assist from junior inside Solomon Gomez, was ample testimony to the skill of the Harvard forwards.

Gomez appeared to be in trouble about 15 feet in front of the Yale goal, but managed to dribble free, hit Thomas with a short pass, and then watched his team-mate fake out a couple of Elis before booming the ball into the right side of the net. That one came late in the third quarter, and, from then on, the Crimson merely toyed with Yale.

Slow Fourth Quarter

The fourth quarter, with both teams getting colder and the sky getting progressively darker, was not of the highest quality. Thomas narrowly missed a goal late in the period, losing out on a good save by Lowe, and Gomez had two fairly clear head shots that he missed a bit before that.

The real excitement in the final period, however, came when Gomez was thrown out of the game for disputing a call by the referee.

As described to this reporter by a drunk Harvard alumnus on the sidelines, a Yale player fell and put on a big act, claiming he had been tripped by Gomez. The alumnus claimed that Gomez never touched the Yale, and understandably disagreed with the ref. Some pushing ensued, and Gomez was thrown out.

Harvard had already clinched the Ivy League title before today's game, but it's always nice to beat Yale. The Crimson will play again on Monday, at home against Brown, in the second round of the NCAA regional tournament. Harvard beat Brown last weekend, but the Bruin should be tough on Monday.

Today's game marked the demise of another record and lengthened one mark the Crimson already had set. Meyer's eighth shutout broke the record of seven, and the team's twelfth victory increased its winning streak to 12.

Varsity Booters to Play Brown In NCAA District Championship

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 24, 1969

Harvard's varsity soccer team battles for the right to extend its finest season when it faces Brown at 1:30 p.m. on the Business School field for the NCAA District 1 University Division championship.

The Crimson finished its regular season schedule on Friday against Yale with a 3-0 trouncing of the Bulldogs. The victory was Harvard's twelfth straight and completed the first undefeated, untied season in the 64-year history of soccer at Harvard.

In the NCAA tournament to determine a national champion. Harvard beat Southern Connecticut 5-0 last Monday and now must beat Brown for the right to enter the quarterfinals. The playoffs are run on a single elimination basis with the winner of today's match facing the District 2 champion for a spot at the national finals in San Jose, California.

No Newcomer

Brown is not a newcomer to NCAA post-season tournaments. Last year the Bruins went all the way to the semifinals before losing to the eventual co champion Michigan State squad.

The Bruins, 9-3-2 for the season, for the first time in seven years lost the Ivy League title to Harvard when the Crimson triumphed in Providence 2-1 ten days ago. That match was a roughly-fought contest in which the Crimson had to come from behind to clinch the victory.

In the past week Brown has won two crucial matches. Against Bridgeport, the Bruins edged the Purple Knights 2-4 to qualify for today's match. Last Saturday Brown, knowing that a loss would drop it to fourth place in the Ivy League, easily defeated Columbia 3-1 to finish second behind the Crimson in the Ivy standings.

Today's game is very likely to be a rugged match. Brown relies on its strength rather than on speed, a direct contrast to the Crimson. At Providence, the Bruins harassed Solomon Gomez and tried to get him to lose his temper and be thrown out of the game. Gomez kept his cool, but at Yale on Friday the Crimson's top scorer was ejected and Brown, seeing the possibility, may attempt to aggravate any latent hostilities.

Opposition Forming

Opposition for the Crimson in later rounds of the national final is beginning to take shape. On Saturday, Hartwick College came from two goals behind in the first round to edge N.Y.U., 1-3, in the NCAA District 2 championship.

The Warriors now enter the quarter finals against the winter of today's Harvard-Brown game. The quarterfinals will determine the four representative teams in San Jose. Hartwick has a 10-1-1 record for the season, its only loss coming at the hands of N.Y.U. earlier in the year.

Penn faces Philadelphia Textile this week to determine the quarterfinal representative from the Mid-Atlantic district. A victory for the Quakers would place them opposite Mary-

land in a game to determine one of the four final participants in California.

Maryland is one of the defending national co-champions, having tied Michigan State in the NCAA finals last year. The Terps defeated Southern Florida 4-1 last Saturday to win the Southern Conference title and enter the quarterfinals.

Booters Beat Brown, 4-0; Enter NCAA Quarterfinals

BY MARTIN R. GARAY,
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The varsity soccer team took a long step towards the NCAA national championships yesterday afternoon as it trounced a tough Brown squad, 4-0, on the Business School Field. With this victory, the Crimson earned the right to play Hartwick, the District H champions, this Saturday.

In a change from its previous encounter with the Bruins, the Harvard squad dominated play throughout most of the game. "I thought that we would play better ball on a dry field, and we did. We played very well." Coach Bruce Munro said, remembering the narrow 2-1 victory over Brown in the mud a week ago.

Solomon Gomez once again led the Crimson squad in scoring with two tallies. Charlie Thomas and Russ Bell each scored once.

Early Take Over

It took Harvard very little time to establish domination over the Bruins. Barely eight minutes into the first period, Thomas knocked in his fourteenth goal of the season. Bell, who played a marvelous game despite an injury that has been with him since September, drilled a pass that hugged the ground and crossed directly in front of the Bruin goalie. Thomas took it, and kicked into the net.

Harvard's play in the first period showed that on a dry field it can beat anybody. The passing was accurate, and Harvard controlled the ball most of the period outmaneuvering and outrunning the dead-footed Bruins.

Gomez took great pleasure in weaving in and among the Bruin defense as he scored his first of two, midway through the opening period. Taking a pass from John Gordon, the Gambian superstar faked, faded, scooted and slid past the Bruin fullbacks, knocking the ball past a dazzled Bruin goalie.

Tight Defense

The Crimson slackened slightly during the second period, and lost control of the center of the field. But although the Bruins had several scoring opportunities, the defense tightened up and stifled any serious Brown threat. Harvard goalie Billy Meyers made a couple of excellent saves, and fullbacks Bob Grey, Bill Brock and Chris Wilmot kept stealing the ball from the Bruin forwards.

Harvard dented the scoreboard again, early in the third period. Phil Kydes brought the ball down and set up Pete

Bogovich for a possible goal. Bogovich drilled the ball towards the net. But though the Bruin goalie stopped it, he failed to hold on to the ball, and Bell put it in for the third Crimson tally.

The final Crimson score came late in the third period. Assisted by Bogovich, Gomez scored his 16th goal of the season. Gomez leads the Crimson squad in scoring, but more amazing is the fact that he played the game with injuries to his foot and knee incurred during the Yale game.

Kydes was also injured, playing at only 75 per cent effectiveness. But the whole Crimson squad smells the national championship and they are not going to let injuries get in the way.

Some of the credit for the dry field must go to the Harvard soccer managers who roiled a tarp over the goal areas Sunday night when it started to drizzle. Walt Tomford '70 and Jim Law '72 pushed the large tarp over the field, a job usually requiring ten men. "It was a hefty job, and I felt pretty good until this morning when my groin muscles really hurt," Tomford said.

Besides losing its second game to the Crimson in as many weeks, the Bruins lost the Ivy League Championship trophy. After the game, some Crimson players were seen fondling the elegant trophy, exclaiming triumphantly, "Oh, beautiful, beautiful, just beautiful."

In the game against Hartwick this coming Saturday, the Crimson squad faces a team that will challenge them at all positions. "Cornell has played both Harvard and Hartwick," Coach Munro said after the game, "and I've talked to the Cornell coach, who told me that Hartwick is the better team. We'll have a battle on our hands."

Varsity Booters Challenge 'Best Defense in Country'

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 26, 1969

While Harvard students pack their bags and prepare to leave Cambridge for the Thanksgiving holidays, the Crimson varsity soccer team is planning to delay its fall festivities one week.

Underdog Harvard will face Hartwick College on Saturday at 1p.m. on the Business School Field for the right to enter the NCAA University Division semifinal round in San Jose, California, on December 4.

The Crimson boosters won the District 1 regional tournament and their 13th game of the season Monday with a sound 4-0 thrashing of Brown. Last week, Hartwick edged N.Y.U., 4-3, to claim the District 1 title and a position opposite Harvard in the national quarterfinals.

Hartwick has a 10-1-1 record, its only loss coming at the hands of N.Y.U. two weeks ago.

"According to coaches I've talked to," coach Bruce Munro said. "Hartwick has one of the best defenses in the country."

One of those coaches has played both squads and has picked

Hartwick as the favorite. "The Cornell coach told me we have one of the best forward lines in the country." Munro said, "but he felt that Hartwick is a better balanced team, with greatest strength on defense." Considering that Harvard has registered nine shutouts this season, that says quite a lot for the Warriors' defenders.

If the game is to become a contest between Harvard's unstoppable line and Hartwick's impenetrable defense, the Crimson must hope for the recovery of several injured players, Solomon Gomez, Phil Kydes, and Russ Bell all played with injuries against Brown. Munro did not hold practice yesterday to aid bruised players, and Kydes reports that his leg is feeling better. Munro is still uncertain, however, about Bell's condition.

A Harvard upset of Hartwick would not be a surprise in this year's NCAA play-offs. In the Far West, San Francisco, ranked first in the nation, went through four overtime periods in a 2-2 deadlock with San Diego State. San Francisco was finally awarded the victory because it had two more corner kicks than the Azters.

In the Mid-Atlantic regional final, Penn also went four overtimes in a 1-1 tie with Philadelphia Textile. The Quakers won the match, 3-1, on cornerkicks.

In the Midwest, Cleveland State knocked defending co-champion Michigan State out of the tourney with a 3-0 victory.

Soccer Team Tops Hartwick, 1-0, Wins Berth in NCAA Semifinals

BY MARTIN R. GARAY,
DECEMBER 1, 1969

The varsity soccer team stretched its winning streak to fourteen games Saturday afternoon as it defeated Hartwick College, 1-0, on the B-School field. The double overtime victory gave the Crimson booters the NCAA Eastern Regional crown and boosted them into the semifinals for the national championship being played in San Jose, California.

Over 4000 spectators watched two teams so evenly matched that 97 minutes, 37 seconds elapsed before a ball even entered a net. Ironically, it took a Crimson halfback, John Gordon, to knock in that ball after both offensive lines had failed to score.

After the game, Crimson coach Bruce Munro sighed and managed to raise a small smile. "What can I say? We played a good game. It was a good team effort, except for the fact that the line did not play together until that last goal."

Warriors Dominate

The Hartwick Warriors dominated play during the first half-only by a small margin, however. Frequently, they were a step ahead of the Crimson booters and their passing was steadier. Harvard was excellent when the ball was on the ground, but the Warriors kept the ball in the air and their head passes were more accurate than those of the Crimson.

Goalie Bill Meyers played another good game, recording his tenth shutout, but his fullbacks were superb and they consis-

tently stifled the Warriors' freshman threats, Alec Papadakis and Phil Russo. Under NCAA rules a soccer team is allowed to field a team with freshmen: the Ivies do not allow it.

Another outstanding Hartwick freshman-who has an excellent chance of becoming an All-American by the end of his sophomore year-is goalie Frank Van Der Sommen. Whereas Meyers, hampered by an injured knee, let the ball come to him many of the times, Van Der Sommen continually moved out of the crease to catch high kicks and passes, cutting off possible scoring threats. "It may be a sacrilegious thing to say, but I think Hartwick's goalie outplayed Meyers," one Crimson fan said after the game.

Third Period

The third period started out slowly for the Crimson. Hartwick once again took the initiative, but could not get past the Crimson fullbacks. On one play, the Warriors charged Meyers with three forwards. Sophomore fullback Chris Wilmot-whom Munro calls the "sweeper" on his 3-man defense-managed to turn away one Warrior, block the other two, and gain possession of the ball.

Near the end of the third period, the Crimson booters began to move. The ball stayed almost exclusively on the Hartwick side of the field. However, Harvard could not put the ball past Van Der Sommen.

The Crimson clearly had the edge in the fourth period and nearly won the game in regulation time. Charlie Thomas missed a goal from about seven yards out. It was so close that many of the Harvard fans began to cheer wildly and one seasoned professional sports writer was heard saying, "Why I was almost positive that went in. Didn't it go in, huh, didn't it?"

The gun sounded, and the score stood, 0-0. After a five minute rest, play began once more. Harvard had the ball in Hartwick territory for almost the whole overtime period. They did manage to get one corner kick. (If the game had gone on for four overtime periods without a goal, the team with the most corner kicks would have been declared the winner.)

The second overtime period began. Harvard once more pressured Van Der Sommen, but seemed impotent. Then with barely 35 seconds left in the period, Gomez got the ball near mid-field and started to bring it in towards the goalie. He saw Charlie Thomas on the side and fed him the ball.

Thomas took it, faked a fullback and a goalie, and then passed across the front of the net to Gordon who did not have a defender near him, and proceeded to put it in the far corner of the net. It was Gordon's first goal of the season.

Fans poured out onto the field. Gordon was lifted into the air by exuberant teammates, and the seasoned sports reporter was heard saying, "Now, that one went in."

Peebles Brings Bubbly

In the fieldhouse, the team loosened up, and let the champagne flow. Rufus Peebles, freshman adviser, played host and provided the champagne.

Thomas was seen running around the second floor of Dillon with a tape recorder playing Dionne Warwick's hit, "Do

You Know the Way to San Jose.” Some booters got hold of coach Munro and pushed him into the shower, fully-clothed.

The team left for San Jose early this morning. They will practice tomorrow and Wednesday, and face St. Louis in the first game of the semifinals. Thursday night. If they can get past the number one ranked team in the nation, they will compete for the national crown on Saturday against either Maryland or San Francisco State.

Soccer Team In NCAA Semifinals Tonight

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SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 3-Harvard's finest varsity soccer team ever, rated second in the nation, faces the country's number-one squad, St. Louis University, at 10 p.m. (EST) Thursday in the NCAA University Division Soccer Semifinal Round in San Jose.

Perhaps the biggest break of the match came today when a Harvard player overheard a St. Louis coach Harry Keough tell a bystander. "We're looking forward to a good match in the finals on Saturday." The Crimson is confident and loose and is planning to surprise the Billikens tomorrow night.

The squads presented contrasting styles at a meeting this afternoon. Keough's team had just filed off the plane in matching blue blazers, short haircuts, and a general air of All-Americanness.

St. Louis has yet to practice on the California field. "I never come to a match more than one day early," Keough said. His confidence reflects the outlook of a very serious-minded St. Louis squad.

Harvard's long hair and assortment of sports jackets was in direct contrast to St. Louis's regimental style, but the Crimson has its own brand of confidence to go with its casual attire. All the players talk about is soccer, and the most prominent word is "victory."

The Crimson arrived in San Jose on Monday and has been practicing for two days. The squad was extremely tense on Tuesday, and coach Bruce Munro characterized the afternoon practice as "pre-season play." But today the team had one of its best scrimmages of the year. "The whole trip has been a tremendous educational experience," Munro said.

St. Louis brings impressive credentials into the game. The Billikens are 11-0 for the year, including a 3-1 victory over world soccer-power Berlin University.

The key to the Billikens' strategy is defense. St. Louis has allowed only 85 shots on goalie Don Copple. Harvard opposition has fired 175 times at Bill Meyers. Copple had to make only 39 saves, letting a meager 6 goals slip through, while Meyers's statistics show 143 saves and only 7 misses.

Throughout the season, Copple has never allowed more than one goal in any game, recording five shutouts. A single Crimson defensive lapse is all St. Louis is counting on.

The Crimon's chances rest on the shoulders of an injured

forward line. Sophomores Russ Bell and Phil Kydes have not scrimmaged this week, but Munro is counting on their return to the line-up tomorrow.

A more serious problem has developed at right halfback. Both starter John Gordon and reserve Norrie Harrower suffered turned insteps in today's practice. Although both men are limping. Gordon's strain seems less serious and it is hoped he will be ready to start.

St. Louis has won six national championships and Keough has the team following the traditional routines. Iconoclastic Harvard is ready to start its own tradition.

St. Louis Wins, 2-1, on Last Minute Goal Crimson Booters Eliminated in NCAA's; Thomas, Gomez Combine for Only Goal

NO WRITER ATTRIBUTED
DECEMBER 5, 1969

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 4-After a shaky start, the varsity soccer team fought back from an early 1-0 deficit, only to be eliminated tonight from the NCAA national tournament by a last-minute St. Louis University goal.

Harvard looked dazzled by the importance of the game in the opening minutes, and the Billikens capitalized on their experience in national competition by scoring at 1:28 of the first period. Mike Seerey found a partial hole in the Crimson defense and fired a low shot into the corner that goalie Bill Meyers had no chance to block.

Rather than folding, Harvard played much better after the St. Louis score and dominated the game at the start of the second period. Seven minutes into the session, Solomon Gomez fired a perfect pass to sophomore Charlie Thomas on the left wing. Thomas blasted a hard shot into the far corner to even the match.

Through the third period the play was evenly matched with neither team able to gain a clear advantage. But the signs of a St. Louis victory slowly appeared. Harvard played the entire game with only 12 players, and as the game progressed, the Crimson showed signs of fatigue.

If St. Louis had an advantage, it was the aggressive play of its fullback line. The tough defense were down an underpar Harvard forward line. Right wing Russ Bell left the game early in the first period when he re-aggravated the groin injury that has been bothering him all year. John Gordon, injured in yesterday's afternoon practice, was visibly slowed.

St. Louis began to mount a sustained attack in the fourth period. Harvard center fullback Chris Wilnot played an outstanding game and individually turned aside many Billiken threats. But statistics indicate the trend of action-St. Louis took 27 shots on goal while Harvard fired only 11 times. Meyers made five saves and the Billikens' Dan Copple was called into action only twice.

With just two minutes left in the game. Crimson booters began hoping for a replay of the Hartwick game last Saturday, when Harvard lasted through regulation play and, after a rest, dominated the overtime sessions.

But St. Louis threatened with a 3-on-2 break and the Crimson was forced to relinquish a corner kick. The ensuing dangerous kick landed right in front of the net and Bill Meyers made a save on a quick shot from out of the crowd.

The rebound came directly out to AlTrost. St. Louis leading scorer this season, and the halfback star won the match with a five-yard drive that gave Meyers no time to react.

For whatever consolation it is, St. Louis players generally agreed after the game that Harvard was the best team they had met this year. "A very nice team." coach Harry Keough said. "It took a lucky break to win."

The heartbreaking loss ended Harvard's finest soccer season in 64 years. The Crimson finished with a 14-1 record, including 10 shutouts.

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Booters Field New Soccer Attack

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
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John Yovicsin is not the only Harvard coach experimenting with a pro-style offense this fall. Crimson soccer coach Bruce Munro, after directing his squad to the NCAA semifinals last year, has decided to institute a new 4-4-2 attack.

Munro went to the World Cup Championships this summer in Mexico City and studied the various attack systems of the national teams. Although Brazil won the World Cup, Munro was most impressed by the 4-4-2 system of the English squad.

The Formation

In the 4-4-2 attack, the two forwards penetrate the opposition's fullback line as far as they can go without being offside. Called "strikers," the forwards do not retreat when the ball is cleared by the opposition. Instead, they remain far up the field and pose a constant scoring threat on any long pass.

On the halfback line, the outside halfbacks move with the flow of the play in the offensive half of the field. They may clear the ball deep to set up the strikers, or they may carry the ball up the wings.

The greatest stress of the system is on the inside halfbacks. These two men must check the momentum of the opposition at midfield, and then key the outside halves to begin a forward attack.

The 4-4-2 has two significant advantages over last year's 4-3-3. Last season's formation relied heavily on senior center halfback Richie Hardy, an All-Ivy selection, to control the midfield. The 4-4-2 brings two forwards back to protect the midfield and splits the center half duties between two defenders.

Secondly, the 4-4-2 appears better suited to the talents of the individual forwards on the Crimson squad. Solomon Gomez and Charlie Thomas, who combined for 31 goals last year, are probably the two most dangerous scorers in the Ivy League. At the striker positions, the Gambian tandem will be in position to score at any moment.

Senior Pete Bogovich and junior Phil Kydes distinguished themselves last year as feeders to the two big scorers on the line. At the outside half position, Bogovich and Kydes have the speed and passing skill to move through any defense.

Replacing Hardy at the center half position will be junior Chris Ferner and sophomore Emmanuel Ekama. Ferner played left halfback last season and will probably move to inside left. Ekama, the only non-letterman scheduled to start, played center half for the Yardlings last fall.

Coach Munro had four fine fullbacks last year and fortu-

nately only one has graduated. When center fullback Chris Wilmot was injured last year, Phil "the Ax" Axten took his place and did an outstanding job. Both juniors will start this year and provide a strong nucleus on the fullback line.

Senior Bill Brock will be playing his third season at left fullback. He was All-Ivy honorable mention for both years. Last year's starting right halfback John Gordon will move back to the right fullback position.

Munro's biggest trouble this season may be trying to find a healthy goalie. Last year starting goalie Rich Locksley missed the entire season, but junior Bill Meyers turned in an amazing ten shutouts and was named All-Ivy.

Meyers broke his finger in a scrimmage this past week and will be out of practice for ten days. His replacement, Jim Sawhill, has been sidelined with a leg injury.

Starting in goal is Shep Messing, a transfer student from N.Y.U.

In two preseason scrimmages this fall, the Crimson has twice whipped Boston University, 5-0.

Varsity Soccer Team Scrimmages Lindenhurst in Friendly Meeting

BY MARTIN R. GARAY III,
OCTOBER 3, 1970

Both the first and second Crimson soccer teams have been so good against each other this week that neither line has been able to score many goals. "I'd like to think that our defense is very good, but I rather suspect that our offense hasn't been very sharp," coach Bruce Munro said yesterday.

The varsity soccer team will learn this afternoon which phase of its attack will need revision when it takes the field against the Lindenhurst Soccer Club in a "friendly scrimmage."

"I asked a good friend of mine to find us a strong amateur team. Lindenhurst could beat us, but at least we will be able to judge our weaknesses," coach Munro said.

Harvard has yet to compete against a team in regular competition. They did beat B.U. twice last month in scrimmages, but the Terriers weren't strong enough to test the new 4-4-2 attack.

Quality Declining

Since those two scrimmages, the Crimson has only seen itself, and the quality of soccer on the B-School field this past week had been declining before coach Munro gave the varsity the day off yesterday.

"The team is hungry to play someone else. They were getting sick of seeing me," Munro said as he watched the JV's practice.

With Lindenhurst, the Crimson will have more than enough competition to restore its competitive urge. Although it will be a friendly encounter, the Harvard team will be trying hard to get itself into shape for its first intercollegiate match against Amherst next week.

"In the past we've begun the season by playing weak teams, getting ourselves into shape slowly. We don't have that luxury this year. Our first two games are against Amherst and Columbia," Munro said.

Columbia is unusually strong this season, and Amherst, while not particularly tough, could prove to be difficult Wednesday. "Every team including Amherst will try to be the first to knock us off, since we did so well in the NCAA's last year," Munro said.

Nine out of last year's eleven starters are back with the squad this year, and the Crimson should be able to give Lindenhurst a good game this afternoon. It may also be the last time the Crimson takes the field against a friendly opponent.

Booters Beat Lindenhurst In Soccer Scrimmage, 6-1

BY MARTIN R. GARAY III,
OCTOBER 5, 1970

The Crimson soccer team flew down to Long Island Saturday to play in a friendly scrimmage with a highly-touted amateur team, the Lindenhurst Soccer Club. Lindenhurst was so friendly that it allowed the Crimson to score six goals; Harvard, not so genial, allowed only one goal.

With all its talent and potent attack, the Crimson soccer team could not find a team in the New England area that wanted to scrimmage. B.U. volunteered, but twice found themselves blanked out, totally outmaneuvered and out-scored.

The Lindenhurst Soccer Club, confident of their abilities to defeat any college team, even the second-ranked Crimson team, took on the challenge. After all, they were the Long Island Amateur Champs.

Before three minutes had passed in the first half, Charlie Thomas, one of the Crimson's two attack men, had scored the first of his two goals with Chris Ferner assisting.

Even though Harvard scored early, its attack in the opening minutes was erratic in the backfield, and Lindenhurst controlled the middle of the field.

Zap

After ten minutes of fumbling around, the Harvard soccer team scored again. Taking a long pass from Thomas. So! Gomez zapped one past the Lindenhurst goalie. The goal by Gomez brought the team together, and for the next 11 minutes the Crimson played excellent soccer.

Gomez made the score 3-0 when he outdribbled the Lindenhurst defense. Peter Bogovich followed with the fourth goal of the game five minutes later. Bogovich was assisted by Thomas and John Gordon.

With a four-goal lead, coach Munro started to substitute.

Lindenhurst finally managed to get a goal when a Crimson defenseman was outmaneuvered, and Shep Messing, the Crimson goalie for the first half, could not reach the bouncing ball.

Billy Meyers took over in the net in the second half and kept the Lindenhurst team from scoring any more goals.

The Lindenhurst goalie did not match Meyers's performance, as he saw two balls fly past him. Thomas took a short pass from Phil Kydes, who had brought it the length of the field and put it in for the fifth Crimson goal. Bogovich put his left toe into the ball for the final Crimson tally.

Although the Crimson would have appreciated a tougher battle from the Lindenhurst team, it did get some idea of the strengths and weaknesses of its new formation. If it can improve its passing and tighten play in the middle, the 1970 season might prove to be a succession of friendly scrimmages.

Crimson Booters Open Season Today; Challenge Amherst With New Offense

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 7, 1970

"Theoretically, the 4-4-2 system is supposed to cut, down on your scoring potential," Crimson soccer coach Bruce Munro explained. "But with the boys we've got, who can tell?"

Having annihilated three preseason opponents by a composite score of 16-1, Harvard's explosive forward line has given no indication of being cramped by the 4-4-2. When the Crimson opens its season against Amherst this afternoon at 3 p.m. on the Business School field, the Harvard attack should have its easiest afternoon of the fall.

Last year's varsity booters outscored the opposition 52-9 in posting a 14-1 record. Much of the scoring credit went to two Gambian forwards, Solomon Gomez and Charlie Thomas. Together, the two wings combined for 30 goals and 12 assists.

This season as the two lone strikers on the Harvard 4-4-2, Gomez and Thomas were expected to be slightly less volatile. But against Lindenhurst the strikers combined for three goals before the Long Island team had even worked up a sweat.

"Our penetration was excellent," Munro said. "Gomez and Thomas were in position throughout the game, and Peter Bogovich and Phil Kydes fed them very well."

Amherst's only hope is that the Crimson will be concentrating on an important game Friday with Columbia. But Munro said that the possibility of lackadaisical play today was very slim. "We're hungry for a real game," he said. "It's been an awfully long fall practice and I know the boys are anxious to get out and show their stuff."

Amherst Attack

Amherst uses a 4-3-3 attack which relies on long passes up the wings and deep into the corners. Penn used this strategy last year against the Crimson and held Harvard in check for

the first half. Unfortunately for Amherst, the Jeffs do not have the Quakers' individual talent.

The only new face in the Harvard lineup is left halfback Emmanuel Ekkama. Munro has been extremely pleased with the sophomore's development this fall, referring to Ekkama as "a tower of strength on the halfback line."

Senior goalie Bill Meyers, who registered ten shutouts in 15 games last year, has been sidelined for over a week with a broken finger. If he is ready, he will start today in goal. Shep Messing may replace Meyers at any time during the game.

Soccer Team Beats Amherst, 3-1; Third Period Goals Decide Game

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 8, 1970

Harvard's varsity boosters scored twice in a three-minute span of the third period and then coasted to an unimpressive 3-1 victory over Amherst yesterday on the Business School field.

Senior Peter Bogovich scored two goals to lead the Crimson, but the really outstanding performances of the day were turned in by sophomores Emmanuel Ekkama, Rich Scott, and Demetrio Mena.

Inside halfback Ekkama used traps, short passes, and fancy footwork to dominate the midfield play. In a game characterized by long disorganized passing, Ekkama's precision play frequently brought applause from the stands.

Scott entered the game at right fullback in the third period and successfully contained Amherst wing Winnie Smith, who had posed several scoring threats in the first half.

Sophomore Mena did not play until the closing minutes, but just before the final gun, he set-up two of Harvard's most dangerous attacks with excellent passes through the fullback line.

The play of these three sophomores indicated that Harvard has not only an outstanding eleven but also a strong bench reserve.

What a Coach

Afraid to hold the ball around the more talented Crimson. Amherst spent most of the afternoon clearing the ball as far up field as possible. "Keep up those long passes," coach Peter Gooding yelled as though it were a secret strategy.

But his suggestion paid off in the opening minutes of the game when left link Rocky Spencer sailed a shot high into the air from the midfield line. The ball came down just below the goal crossbar and Crimson goalie Shep Messing could not jump high enough to stop the score.

Harvard was not unnerved by the goal. Charlie Thomas wove his way between several defenders and passed to Bogovich for the Crimson's tying score only a few moments later.

Only Time

In the third period, the Crimson began to work its short passing game and winning became only a matter of time.

On a short kick from Thomas, Scott put a shot directly on goalie Randy Wheeler. Wheeler fumbled the ball, and Gomez quickly booted the mistake home.

With the pressure telling on the Jeffs, Harvard came right back and got a corner kick on a good rush by Gomez. Bogovich took the corner and put the ball right in front of the net, but an Amherst hand deflected it out of bounds.

On the ensuing penalty kick Wheeler made a lunging dive to his left while Bogovich calmly rolled the ball straight down the middle to end the scoring.

Amherst's fullback line played a very rugged body-contact game in front of the goal to block out Thomas and Gomez throughout the contest.

Chris Wilmot played a fine game as the sweeper fullback, preventing any shots on goal within the penalty area. Wilmot also almost led the Crimson in scoring as he took three headshots at Wheeler on cornerkicks.

Against Strong Lion Team Booters Defend Ivy Title

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 9, 1970

After struggling through a 3-1 victory over weak Amherst Wednesday, Harvard's varsity soccer team faces a very strong Columbia squad at 1:30 p.m. today on the Lions' Baker Field.

But coach Munro is glad the competition will be much tougher today. "Amherst played a very disorganized game," he said, "and we could never get our attack going. Every time we got the ball settled down, they'd kick the damn thing a mile."

Munro felt the Crimson's poor showing might be a blessing in disguise. "It will keep us on our toes and trying to improve," he said.

Harvard will have to be ready for this game. Although the Lions have been unimpressive in four victories this Fall, Columbia has the potential to be the Crimson's toughest opponent this season.

Last Fall Columbia finished with a 3-1 record, the school's best soccer record. Many Lion records were broken during the season, including most goals by a Columbia team. (33).

Nine starters are returning from that record-setting team, led by All-American midfielder Len Renery. An explosive player at the halfback position, Renery led the Lions with 11 points for the season on four goals and seven assists.

But Columbia is far from a one-man team. On the forward line the Lions can count on senior center Omar Chamma from Beirut, Lebanon. Chamma set a school record by scoring 11 times last year. His penalty kick against Princeton last Saturday led the Lions to a 2-0 Ivy victory.

Columbia won many of its games last year on the strength of its fullback wall. Rocco Commisso, a second-team All-Ivy selection last season, is this year's central figure. Joining him are sophomores Frank Feger and Anton Zauner, and

senior Joe Keah.

If the Lions have a weakness it might be in goal where last year's reserves Ellis Galindi and Andy Lichter have shared the starting assignment.

We Can Do It

Munro was confident yesterday that Harvard could beat Columbia. "Columbia has the same short passing game that we do rather than Amherst's long passing attack," he said. "It should be easier for us to play our own game."

Also, Munro felt that Columbia might be weakest at Harvard's strength on the field—the wings. "Our fullback wings were a little timid to join the attack against Amherst," Munro said. "Columbia has two strong inside fullbacks but their outside fullbacks should be weak. If we emphasize our attack on the wings, we should cause a lot of trouble."

No line-up changes are scheduled for today. Rich Scott, who played well as a reserve fullback Wednesday, will probably have more playing time. Shep Messing will start in goal again instead of Bill Meyers, who still must have his knee drained before every game.

Undefeated Booters at Williams As Offense Continues to Sputter

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 14, 1970

Although William's soccer team is comparable to Amherst's, Harvard coach Bruce Munro is taking today's game with the Ephmen very seriously.

The Crimson, undefeated in two games, must face Williams at 4 p. m. on the Ephmen's Weston Field. The long bus ride preceding the game and the late hour of the match will present several difficulties for the Crimson.

"It's a 3 1/2-hour ride to Williamstown," Munro said. "That's an exhausting ride and I've seen it affect the play of our teams in the past.

"Also, the game doesn't get started till 4 p. m.," he said. "So by the half we'll have to get accustomed to playing on a pretty dank field."

No Formation Information

Once Harvard adapts to the Williams-town environment, it should have little difficulty winning its third game of the season. Munro has not even bothered to have the Williams team scouted, nor did he have any information of the team's formation or past record.

"I expect they'll play the same kind of attack as Amherst," Munro said. "They'll probably concentrate on long passes on offense and bottle up the front of their goal with lots of fullbacks."

All these considerations should turn out to be purely academic. The Crimson played extremely poorly against a very good Columbia squad last Saturday and still won easily, 3-1. As in the Amherst game, the most Williams can hope to do is keep the Crimson disorganized for two or three periods.

To 4-4-2 or Not?

That task might not be too difficult, for Harvard has been consistently disorganized this Fall. "We've never really got our three lines organized in a game," Munro said. "Is the 4-4-2 system a good attack for our team? On paper yes, but I've never seen Harvard play it in a game as it should be played."

If the Crimson attack has not been organized this Fall, at least it has been well balanced. Peter Bogovich and Solomon Gomez have two goals each, while Charlie Thomas and Phil Kydes have each scored once.

Certainly Gomez is the most dangerous player on the front line and every time he receives the ball the crowd senses a potential goal. But with Harvard's scoring balance, no team this year can afford to double-team Gomez. And if Gomez is not double-teamed, he will score frequently this season.

Booters Trip Williams, 2-1

BY MARTIN R. GARAY III,
OCTOBER 15, 1970

The Crimson soccer team, supposedly the second best collegiate squad in the nation, barely won its third consecutive game yesterday as a scrappy Williams team held the Crimson to two goals. A concentrated effort by the Harvard defense, held the Ephmen to one tally.

The Williams team outshoot the Crimson 22-15, and challenged the Harvard defense continuously. The Crimson scored its two goals on individual efforts, and its attack lacked cohesiveness and direction. Coach Bruce, Munro's experiment with the 4-4-2 attack seems to be failing.

Solomon Gomez increased his season's total of goals to three with a tally in the first period, and Demetrio Mena scored his first goal of the season. Bill Geisler scored the Ephmen's only goal.

Long Bus Ride

Although the Harvard team had only about a two hour rest after a three and one half hour bus ride, the Crimson at tack in the early minutes did not resemble the kind of soccer Harvard fans have gotten accustomed to seeing during these past two seasons. Passes were flubbed, and some of the players forgot that they had teammates.

Gomez Goal

Gomez scored his goal on a corner-kick from Peter Bogovich. Bogovich kicked the ball high toward the Ephmen goal, and while the Williams goalie followed the flight of the ball, he failed to follow the flight of Gomez' head. The head and the ball collided, and Harvard had its first tally. The Williams goalie returned to his room to study Physics.

With 18 seconds left in the third period, the Crimson sophomore forward scored his varsity goal. Mena, the Crimson's shortest attack man, took a pass from Chris Papagianis, and moved the ball down the center. Probably expecting Gomez' head to appear again, the Williams goalie failed to watch Mena's foot. The Crimson led, 2-0.

Both teams stumbled along into the fourth period. The long

passes continued but the Williamstown fans had one consolation: the ball could barely be seen against the darkening skies. With two minutes and nine seconds left in the soccer match, the Ephmen put the ball past the Harvard defense and Billy Meyers. Ephmen Geisler took a cross pass from Ronny Searles and put it past Meyers. It was the second successive time that the Harvard team had failed to preserve a shutout with only minutes remaining in the game.

Cornell Surprises Penn in Soccer, 2-2; Harvard and Brown Hold League Lead

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Cornell’s varsity soccer team, in a mild upset, tied Penn, 2-2, while Brown and Harvard moved to the top of the Ivy League standings after the first full weekend of Ivy Competition.

Last Thursday, Penn walloped Haverford, 10-0, and the Quakers appeared ready to rise in the national standings. But Cornell, led by its All-Ivy forward Herard LaForest, rushed to a 2-1 halftime advantage on Saturday, and the Big Red held on to tie after the Quaker’s Steve Crum evened the match.

Brown, ranked in the nation’s top ten, had little trouble crushing Yale, 6-1 Senior Lee Thompson scored twice, and junior Brookes Morin had three points on a goal and two assists, to pace the Bruins.

Since Brown tied Penn, 1-1, a week ago, the Bruins are one point ahead of Harvard in the standings. The Crimson began its defense of the Ivy League title with a 3-1 victory over Columbia in New York.

Princeton played poorly against Dartmouth but managed to defeat the Indians, 2-1. Dartmouth outshot the Tigers 26-12 and led in the third period on a goal by Marshall Rose.

But Princeton’s Gary Gaspar tied the game in the fourth quarter, and Russ Lynch, with only 51 seconds remaining in the match, scored unassisted and won the game.

The early loss to Cornell has put Penn in a delicate position. The Quakers are behind both Brown and Harvard, and they have already played Brown. In order to win the League title, Penn must hope that Harvard fails to win two Ivy contests and that the Bruins also lose one more.

Cornell will have a chance to measure its true strength this weekend when it plays the Crimson in Cambridge. Brown should maintain its Ivy lead because the Bruins play Dartmouth on Saturday, and Columbia hopes to rebound into contention with a victory at Yale.

The strength of the Ivy League schedule this year has been indicated in several polls. Harvard and Brown are ranked 1-2 in New England, and along with Penn, are rated in the nation’s top ten. Cornell also has been moving up in the District II rankings.

Team	W	L	T	P
Brown	1	0	1	3

Harvard	1	0	0	2
Princeton	1	1	0	2
Columbia	1	1	0	2
Penn	0	0	2	2
Cornell	0	0	1	1
Dartmouth	0	1	0	0
Yale	0	1	0	0

Cornell Challenges Varsity Booters Today; Crimson Seeks First Convincing Victory

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 17, 1970

“We haven’t the momentum we had last year,” soccer captain Solomon Gomez said, “but we’ve only played three games. I think we will eventually develop it.”

Harvard will need its momentum this morning for the Crimson faces its stiffest challenge of the season to date from Cornell at 10:30 a. m. on the Business School Field.

Although undefeated in three games, the Crimson has been pressured in each of its matches. Amherst and Williams had little talent but great momentum. Columbia had talent but no momentum. In each of those games the Crimson was able to get by on its, individual skill.

But Cornell has a talented line-up and lots of momentum coming off a 2-2 tie with Penn last Saturday, and so the Crimson will need more than a half effort to win.

Harvard, which has slipped from second to fifth in the national polls, has yet to explode against weaker opposition. Coach Bruce Munro has cited the hesitancy of the wings in the new 4-4-2 attack to move up the field with the offensive rush, but Gomez felt the Crimson’s reserve had several causes.

“The 4-4-2 isn’t really a new system,” he said. “Sure you start in a 4-4-2, but the advantage of the formation is that you can switch into a 4-2-4 or a 4-3-3 whenever those lines are stronger.”

“Our hesitancy isn’t just because of the new system,” Gomez added. “I think there are three things. First, the guys are nervous about defending the Ivy League trophy. That title means a lot, and you can tell that some of the players have been afraid to make a mistake.

“Second, we’re all thinking about the national title, and that keeps us on edge in every game.

“And finally, our opponents know we’re the Ivy champions and so they are always anxious to play their best and beat us.”

Gomez’s own solution to the hesitancy is to play every game as a season in itself. “I don’t care what team I am playing or who the individuals are,” he said. “I just think about what I am doing and what the team is trying to do.”

Low Output

The Crimson has scored only 8 goals in 3 games this fall and Gomez felt that concentrating too much on scoring had actually had a negative effect on the front line.

"In American soccer, you give all the praise to the scorer," Gomez said. "I personally would always give credit for the goal to the guy who makes the

Now that Bill Meyers is healthy enough to play, coach Munro has the unenviable task of choosing between the two fine goalies, Meyers and Shep Messing. Meyers, who started all last season, will probably play today, but neither one really belongs on the bench.

"We've got two such excellent goalies," Wilmot said, "it's a shame they can't both be playing."

Meyers leads the Ivy League with a one-goal-per-game average, and Messing has allowed only two goals in four appearances. assisting pass. I enjoy making that pass to the scorer much more than scoring myself."

Also this fall the front line has run into several rough, physical fullbacks, but Gomez says that style didn't bother him at all. "I expect to be closely marked," he said. "And if I can get the defender to hit me, I'll kill him because he'll forget everything his coach ever told him about soccer."

On defense, the Crimson has given up two fourth-period goals in its last two games. At first glance, that might be an indication of the squad letting up, but fullback Chris Wilmot disagreed.

"The Columbia goal was just a freak accident," Wilmot said. "The ball hit me on the hip and went into the upper corner. The William's goal was a perfect head shot; they deserved the score."

Gomez Breaks Tie Harvard Defeats Big Red Booters

BY MARTIN R. GARAY III,
OCTOBER 19, 1970

The Crimson soccer team won its fourth consecutive game of the season against Cornell Saturday morning when, with 55 seconds remaining in the final quarter, Solomon Gomez kicked in his own rebound to make the score 2-1.

Although the Crimson has won all its games this season, none have been easy victories. The new 4-4-2 formation has not unleashed any more power this year, but it has been stingy on defense, allowing the opposition only one goal a game.

After coming off a 2-2 tie against Penn the week before, the Big Red took the field ready to maul the Crimson. But for the first time this season, the Crimson opened the game with a coordinated, powerful attack.

Five minutes into the first quarter, Harvard scored its first goal, and it seemed that the Crimson was on its way to an easy victory. Charlie Thomas took a shot on the Cornell goalie, who stopped it, but could not keep hold of it. Thomas drove in the stray ball for the first tally.

After the goal, Harvard scored very quickly. Its defense looked especially lax, and two minutes after Thomas' goal, Cornell surprised the Crimson fullbacks and Billy Meyers, the goalie, with a goal of its own. Meyers reacted too slowly to a ball that floated over his head, and it tied the score at 1-1.

Both teams began to play defensive soccer after the Big Red tally. The Harvard line kept trying to set up plays with short passes only to have the strong Cornell fullbacks break them up. Play was rough, and the Big Red could not put together a sustained drive against the Harvard defense.

The half ended, and the snow flurries began to fall. During the break, Harvard coach Bruce Munro changed the strategy of the game. "I want you to begin to take shots on the goalie every change you get," Munro told his players, "it may take 30 shots before we score one goal on this Cornell team."

Harvard Dominant

With coach Munro's directions in mind, the Crimson soccer team began to move as it had done in the early part of the first quarter. Harvard dominated the third quarter, keeping the ball close to the Cornell net. The Big Red fullbacks kept turning away the attack, and the balls that got past the fullback line were either deflected or stopped cold by the Cornell goalie. The fullbacks for Cornell started to tire, however, and the fullback covering the Crimson's Gomez was beginning to give the Gambian star too much running room.

The teams exchanged sides for the fourth quarter, but Cornell still found it difficult to get its attack moving. Crimson players were finding themselves covered less and less. Several shots barely missed going in for goals, while the Cornell goalie continued to play a magnificent game.

With 55 seconds left in the game, Gomez broke free from his defender and took a hard shot on goal. The Big Red goalie stopped it, but his cold hands could not keep hold of it, and the ball slipped out of his reach. Gomez, uncovered, was there to kick it in. It had taken Harvard nearly 30 shots to score the winning goal.

Winless Dartmouth Upends Brown To Tighten Ivy Soccer Standings

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 21, 1970

Brown's varsity soccer team, previously undefeated and ranked second in New England polls, was upset last Saturday by last-place Dartmouth, 1-0, to create one of the closest Ivy League soccer races in years.

Harvard remains the only undefeated, untied squad in the league, but even the Crimson came close to falling victim to a second division team. A goal by Solomon Gomez in the final minute of play Saturday pushed Harvard past Cornell, 2-1.

The Crimson now leads the league with four points, but four teams are within two points of the League lead. Should Harvard lose to Dartmouth this Friday, a four way tie for

first place could develop, with two more teams only one point behind.

Cornell will play Yale, and Princeton is at Penn on Saturday, while Columbia and Brown have the weekend off.

At Dartmouth last week, the Indians won the defensive match on a second period penalty shot by Garry Gaspar. Coming into the game, Dartmouth had gone four matches without a victory while Brown was 4-0-1.

Contends

Columbia moved into contention with a relatively easy 3-1 victory over Yale. Forward Joe Bruce scored for the Lions in the first minute of play, and Rocco Commisso and Omar Chamma put the match out of Yale's reach.

Team	W	L	T	P
Harvard	2	0	0	4
Columbia	2	1	0	4
Brown	1	1	1	3
Penn	0	0	2	2
Princeton	1	1	0	2
Dartmouth	1	1	0	2
Cornell	0	1	1	1
Yale	0	2	0	0

JV Soccer Beats Brown; To Face Team from SMU

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Riding the crest of an impressive 2-1 victory over a rugged Brown squad, the Harvard junior varsity soccer team faces its strongest challenge of the year here on Oct. 27.

Southern Massachusetts University is the only team to defeat the Crimson in five seasons of JV play, and the squad from New Bedford has done it twice. Both matches were decided by one goal, and both featured excellent play by SMU's fine Portuguese players.

Revenge

JV coach Seamus Malin and his players promise to be looking for their revenge in the rematch with SMU early next week.

Yesterday's contest against Brown upped the JV record to 3-0-1 on the season, and came on the strength of a particularly smooth team effort.

"We played a really sparkling first half," Malin commented, "and exceptionally good middle field performance gave us the control to build up our attack."

Malin called the play of midfield men Peter Kertes and Rob Woods "really first rate," and also cited fullback Ron McClain for playing "one of his finest games ever."

Harvard initiated scoring in the first period as halfback Rod Adams gave a perfect lead pass to Henry Sideropolous who

scored the goal from six yards out.

In the second quarter, Kertes and Pauli Jarvenpas combined to feed Ron Padmore who drove in for the second tally.

In the second half, Brown took the play away from Harvard and narrowed the margin, but the Crimson held on through the fourth quarter for the win by dropping back an additional fullback to help on defense.

Gomez Rejoins Crimson Booters; Team Meeting Relieves Tensions

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 22, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer captain Solomon Gomez announced at a closed meeting last Friday that he was quitting the squad after the Cornell game due to criticism of his leadership of the team. But because of the free discussion at the meeting and the closer player relationships that have resulted, Gomez reconsidered his decision and decided yesterday to rejoin the squad.

At last Friday's meeting, several players claimed that Gomez was unapproachable and that he gave the impression of not being responsive to players on the team.

Gomez said that many players had approached him, but that some players with personal problems had hesitated to seek advice off the field. Gomez said he quit the team not because of the criticism but because the criticism had been going on "in cliques behind my back."

The actual team meeting, where differences and criticisms were openly aired, seemed to solve the problem.

"I was actually laughing after I told them I was quitting," Gomez said. "Here they were, speaking up and finally saying things in the open that they had passed around in small groups. It made me very happy."

Coach Bruce Munro said that he immediately noticed the change in the team. "Some have said that we have tensions on the team because the 4-4-2 system hasn't jelled," Munro said. "I think it's just the opposite. We hadn't jelled because of tensions between the players. Monday we played the 4-4-2 as well as England in the World Cup."

Now that the team had become more open and communicative, the question was whether Gomez would return. After talking to many players who sought him out, Gomez changed his mind.

The team reaction has been good. "Fantastic," said Phil Kydes. "The situation was a crisis, but everyone got it off his chest and now we'll be all the better for it."

Munro was a little less optimistic. "I imagine tensions will build again, but the team meeting was a good idea," he said. "Last year tensions were much worse. Why, every day I had two or three players in my office. This year it has come out in the open, and I think the team discussion was the best thing I've done in years."

There have been two points of contention on the team: Gomez's "unapproachable" impression and the team's

substitution system. Both problems have reached a tentative understanding.

Gomez is a professional soccer player. He concentrates very hard on perfecting every play, and he is especially concerned with winning.

"He is a sophisticated player," Kydes said. "Every pro has a strong personality. Sol's concentration on winning put some of the other players on edge."

But now that Gomez has indicated his willingness to talk to and assist other players off the field, the team appears more at ease.

"At practice yesterday we were all working together," Gomez said. We went through exercises and I got 100 percent cooperation. That's unusual. Several players came up and told me that they were glad I had returned."

"They must understand," Gomez added, "that I can not go up to them and tell them they have a problem. But if they come to me and ask for my advice, I will give them all the help I can."

Many of the substitutes on the bench were members of the group that criticized Gomez. Harvard has yet to win a game by more than two goals, and substitutes have played very little.

Gomez feels substitution should be made according to the momentum of the play. "If a guy is playing well, he shouldn't be pulled," Gomez said. "To substitute for only five or ten minutes is not good because the player never really gets to show what he can do."

Munro has been caught in the middle of the substitution argument. "I know that on a collegiate team if I play only 11 players I'll eventually have only 11 guys on the team. But you can score two or three times in two minutes, and we just haven't had big leads this year."

The solution suggested by Gomez is to preplan substitutions by quarters according to each player's desires. "If two guys at the same position get together and decide what periods they would like to play, then the coach will have less painful decisions to make."

The substitution problem does not appear to be settled yet. Harvard has close matches with Dartmouth, Penn, Princeton, and Brown in the next four weeks. Added to this situation is the fact that the 4-4-2 system is designed to win a low-scoring game. The Crimson cannot expect to build up large half-time advantages.

But the difference in the team now is that players have the opportunity to present their arguments freely off the field rather than in the play of the game.

Soccer Team Faces Indians Today

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 23, 1970

Two high-spirited soccer teams. Harvard and Dartmouth, will meet at 3 p.m. this afternoon on the Business School Field. The Indians, one of the many dark horses in the Ivy

League race, could move into first place with a victory today.

But the Crimson is a much different team from the squad that barely beat Williams nine days ago. "We played just horribly against Williams," coach Bruce Munro said, "But we controlled the middle of the field against Cornell and this week in practice we've played our best soccer of the year."

In the Cornell game, the Crimson succeeded in keeping the ball in its offensive half of the field for sustained periods. Harvard outshoot the Big Red, 26-4, in the second half alone.

Score No indication

The close 2-1 score was not an indication of the play of the game. Harvard moved as a coordinated team in the final 15 minutes, almost the first time the Crimson has mastered the 4-4-2 attack this year. Most players feel that Harvard will continue to develop its short passing organization.

"Nobody really completely understands the 4-4-2," Munro said. "I'm still finding out strategies in individual situations. But now that tensions have been relieved, we should be ready to jell."

The 4-4-2 should receive a real test from the Indians. Dartmouth plays almost an 11-man fullback line, hoping that the opposition's fullbacks will be caught up field on a quick clear to a breaking forward.

The defensive approach has been fairly successful for the Indians. In six games goalie John Orange has yielded only five goals, recording three shutouts in the process.

Of course, Dartmouth has only scored five times and never more than once in a game, but the Indians have managed two 1-0 victories over Amherst and Brown.

Brown had been undefeated, ranked second in New England and seventh in the nation, until Gary Gaspar scored on a penalty kick after a one-on-one break with a long lead pass, and the 11-man Dartmouth defense proved too much for Brown.

At first sight, it appears that Harvard will be trying to play a two-man forward line against an 11-man defense, but Munro is confident that his system will prevail.

"With our wings playing up, we have a 2-4-4," he said. "Now if they bottle up the middle, we carry it up the sides. If they come to the outside, we use our two center halfbacks as inside scorers. And all the time we've got four halfbacks to keep the ball forward."

Dartmouth is equally confident that its defensive style will stop the Crimson. "Munro has overestimated his talent," forward Wayne Pirmann said. "The 4-4-2 is a professional attack and demands more than a good college team. Harvard's wings are too slow to do the job."

"Statistics show it takes about 30 shots on goal to score," Munro said. "No matter how many guys they put in the penalty area, we'll get to the net eventually."

The only definite change in the Crimson line-up is that Norrie Harrower will start at right-center halfback. Chris Ferner, who has been starting, will alternate with Harrower

and Emmanuel Ekkama during the game.

Munro has not decided who will start in goal. "We've got two such great goalies," he said. "I haven't found any way to keep one happy on the bench. I'll probably end up flipping a coin."

Crimson Splashes Through WaterTo 3-0 Soccer Win Over Indians

BY RY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 24, 1970

In a steady downpour, Harvard's varsity soccer team overcame the elements and soundly beat Dartmouth, 3-0, yesterday in the Business School Swamp. The victory gave Harvard sole possession of the Ivy League lead.

Because of the mud and stagnant water, neither team could play an outstanding game, but the Crimson showed a determined effort. On a field that baffled any attempts at a coordinated attack, Harvard's forward line combined for three excellent goals. The Crimson defense never made a major error, although the slippery conditions exaggerated every mistake.

Harvard is now undefeated in five games. Both Shep Messing and Bill Meyers made crucial plays in goal to record the Crimson's first shutout of the season.

As play slowly developed in the first quarter, it became apparent that the condition of the Business School Field was going to be a decisive factor in offensive strategy.

At both ends of the field, the area directly in front of the goals became large puddles of mud. Known by the spectators as "The Puddle," the penalty areas looked more like the Charles River and had many of the characteristics of quicksand.

The game seemed headed towards a 0-0 tie, when Solomon Gmez and Charlie Thomas combined for a goal near the end of the first half. Approaching the mud, Gomez lofted the ball into the air. Indian goalie John Orange came out to catch the ball, but Thomas out-raced him and headed the ball just over Orange's reach.

Harvard's Messing made several spectacular saves to protect that early lead. The mud in the penalty area made running almost impossible, but Messing consistently came far out of the goal to break up the Dartmouth attack.

Kick Gives Break

In the third period, the Crimson got a break when a direct kick was called for from about 20 yards out. As Bogovich lined up the ball, Gomez moved to the left wing, taking a fullback with him. Then, Gomez quickly broke back to screen the goalie, and Bogovich kicked a perfect placement into the lower right corner.

A 2-0 lead in the torrential rain seemed insurmountable, but the Crimson added another insurance tally moments later. Halfback Norrie Harrower started the play by bringing the ball to midfield. Harrower then sent what appeared to be a pass forward to Gomez, but Gomez purposely overran the

pass and the ball continued through the Dartmouth fullback line to Thomas.

Alone in the Puddle

Thomas and the lone remaining Dartmouth fell but. Thomas maintained his balance and hit the ball under Orange to end the scoring.

Despite the weather conditions, the 4-4-2 system usually seemed to be working well, especially on the wings. Perhaps it was because the middle of the field was so muddy, but the Crimson moved the ball well on the sidelines and on cross-field passes.

Also, the Crimson took advantage of the offensive strength of the 4-4-2. Outside fullbacks John Gordon and Bill Brock moved up to midfield frequently to assist the attack, and halfbacks Norrie Harrower, Emmanuel Ekkama and Rick Scott each joined the front line as the Dartmouth defense sagged.

Confident Thrusts

But much of the credit for the Crimson's confident thrusts into the Dartmouth half of the field belongs with fullback Chris Wilmot. As a sweeper fullback, Wilmot intercepted many of Dartmouth's long, clearing passes, and not once during the game did an Indian forward get a direct shot on goal from the penalty area.

Line-up Discussed Harvard Booters To Hold Meeting

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 26, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer team will hold a squad meeting this afternoon to discuss with coach Bruce Munro the team's policy on choosing a starting line-up and on making substitutions during the game.

The Crimson's problems have actually developed from an abundance of talent.

Last year the team had a strong starting eleven that was visibly superior to the players on the bench. But this season Munro has been forced to put players on the second team that have the potential to be outstanding in any game.

The conflict that has arisen within the team is not between the individual players competing at the same position. Confusion has occurred because the players have been unsure how the decision on a starting line-up is reached, and the situation has been intensified by the coach's rotation of players in substitutions during the game.

When, If Ever?

Most players have not been upset because they are not playing. Dissension has arisen because no one seems sure exactly why they are on the bench for a particular game, and no one knows when, if ever, they will play next.

The magnitude of Munro's troubles can be seen at every position.

At goal, Munro has both Bill Meyers, who set a Harvard re-

cord last year with ten shutouts, and Shep Messing, a junior transfer student who was selected to the Olympic team at trials last spring.

Messing started the first two games, but Meyers played against Williams and Cornell. Neither goalie understands whether he will start against Tufts on Wednesday, or whether he will ever start again for that matter.

On the fullback line, Munro has four lettermen from last year's squad, and at the beginning of the year the line seemed set. But sophomore Rick Scott has played superbly all season as a substitute and deserves to be considered as a starter. Munro has the unenviable task of either putting one fullback on the bench or constantly juggling all five players.

Choices

On the halfback line, Munro has had to choose between Emmanuel Ekkama, Norrie Harrower, and Chris Ferner for two starters. On the forward attack, sophomores Chris Papanis and Demitrio Mena have only had a chance to play a few minutes at a time.

The problem of a starting line-up has been intensified by a team confusion over substitution policy. Most players feel that a predetermined time-sharing rotation of the line-up would be a fair and just solution.

But the key to any substitution policy is that both Munro and the players discuss the changes in personnel, and that everyone involved understands why he is or isn't playing. Hopefully, today's meeting will create that understanding.

JVs Beat SMU; Yardling Booters Play Tufts Today

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OCTOBER 28, 1970

The Harvard junior varsity soccer team defeated Southern Massachusetts for the first time in three years yesterday, 2-0, at the Business School Field.

Sophomores Henry Sideropolis and Alejandro Martinez scored the goals for the JVs—one in the first period and another in the second—then the Crimson defense staved off the S. M. U. attack to preserve the victory.

S. M. U. was the only team to defeat the JVs in both 1968 and 1969.

On the freshman level, the Yardling booters will put their 3-0 record on the line against Tufts at 3 p.m. today in Medford.

Freshman coach Dana Getchell said yesterday he is "just tickled as hell" with his unbeaten squad, but that he cannot really evaluate the team's strength because all of its games have been played in the rain.

Felix Adedeji leads the freshmen scorers with nine goals.

Crimson Booters Play Tufts This Afternoon

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 28, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer team, having reached agreement upon substitution policy, will face Tufts at 2 p.m. this afternoon on the Business School Field.

Coach Bruce Munro and captain Solomon Gomez discussed the lineup yesterday, and they have decided to reevaluate strategy before each game. "The import decision was that the substitutions will always be made for tactical reasons," Munro said.

Because the lineup for today's game has been designed according to a particular strategy against Tufts, Munro did not wish to publicize the changes before the game. "That would defeat the whole purpose," he said.

In discussing the situation in goal, Munro and Gomez met with Shep Messing and Bill Meyers and decided to play each goalie for half of each game. "That way both players know they are going to play and can get psyched up in advance," Munro said.

Despite the controversies within the team over the past two weeks, the Crimson has played its best soccer of the year in victories over Cornell and Dartmouth.

Harvard has not lost to Tufts in 19 years, but last season the Jumbos kept the ball at the Harvard end of the field for 20 minutes in the third period and led, 3-2, with just 12 minutes remaining in the game. Only two last minute goals by Charlie Thomas prevented an upset.

Tufts, playing a 4-3-4, concentrates on chipping the ball from the midfield line to the forwards rather than a short passing game. Last year against the (and if paid, what amount), are wholly within the control of student organizations," he said.

According to another HISC report issued earlier this month, the campus speaking circuit helps finance "promoters of disorderly and revolutionary activities among students."

"The report of the HISC is without any proper legislative purpose and infringers on the Constitutional rights of individuals named therein," Gesell said.

Booters Beat Tough Tufts

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 29, 1970

Pete Bogovich scored two second-period goals yesterday to break open a close game with Tufts, and the varsity soccer team went on to win its sixth consecutive game of the season, 4-1.

Harvard did not play its best soccer of the year yesterday. The forward attack failed to take advantage of the wings, and crossfield passing, to redirect the attack, was frequently overlooked.

But the Jumbos offered little threat to the Crimson except for freshman Gabriel Gomez, who created several danger-

ous situations single-handedly on the left wing.

Harvard opened the game with its second-team forwards and halfbacks, and the first period was a see-saw battle around midfield.

After about 15 minutes the first string entered, but the course of the game did not change. With less than a minute left in the period, goalie Bill Meyers and fullback Bill Brock fell over each other, and Tufts's John Blanding put the ball into an empty net.

The Crimson tied the game on its first offensive rush of the second period. Charlie Thomas headed the ball to Gomez at midfield, and Gomez worked the ball past two defenders and beat goalie Dick Hansen to his left side.

Bogovich then broke the game open with his two tallies. On the first score, he outmaneuvered two defenders and fired a left-footed drive into the lower right corner. Following a cornerkick a few minutes later, Bogovich scored with his right foot after a shot by Gomez rebounded in front.

Gomez and Thomas combined on a perfect scoring play in the third quarter. Gomez had an open shot from the right wing, but he passed the ball across the goal to Thomas at the far corner of the net, and Thomas completed the play.

The game ended on a frustrating note for Thomas. With seconds remaining, halfback Bob Woods fed Thomas on the right wing. The junior from Gambia missed the goal post by inches as the gun sounded.

Penn Booters Smash Tigers, 5-1; Crimson Maintains Slim Ivy Lead

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 30, 1970

Penn, playing its best game of the season, trounced Princeton, 5-1, last Saturday to set the stage for an Ivy League showdown this weekend between Harvard and the Quakers.

After frustrating ties with Brown and Cornell, Penn organized a coordinated attack against the Tigers and scored three times in the first period. Forward Bob Watkins scored three goals and assisted on a fourth as the Quakers outshot Princeton 38-15, Penn's goalie Alex Spector had a perfect afternoon except for a second period penalty shot by Lazlo Adams.

The victory left the Quakers just two points out of first place. Harvard maintained its Ivy League lead with a lopsided 3-0 triumph over Dartmouth. Penn and the Crimson are the only undefeated teams in the well-balanced league.

In the only other league contest last week, Cornell came from behind to beat Yale 2-1 on a muddy New Haven field. The Bulldogs' Frank Noyes scored first, but Cornell won the game in the second period on goals by Clark Mycoff and Tom McCarthy.

Columbia and Brown had the weekend off, and both teams are within striking distance of the Ivy leaders. Columbia has only lost to Harvard, while Brown still has a shot at the Crimson in two weeks.

Besides the big match between Penn and Harvard on Saturday, Princeton is at Brown, Cornell at Columbia, and Yale at Dartmouth. Brown and the Lions are heavily favored in their respective games and victories would keep these teams right with the winner of the Penn-Harvard game. The Bulldog-Indian game will be a battle for seventh place in the standings.

Gomez Leads Scoring

Solomon Gomez, who won the Ivy League scoring title last year, leads the league in scoring with five points, two goals and three assists.

Gomez's closest competition comes from teammate Charlie Thomas, who scored twice against Dartmouth. Thomas has four points and leads the league, along with Penn's Watkins, with three goals in three games.

On defense, goalie Bill Meyers leads the Ivy netminders with a 0:67 goals against average. In three games, Meyers has allowed only two scores. Second to Myers is Penn's Spector, who has limited the opposition to two scores in two games.

The Crimson's Shep Messing has not allowed a goal in Ivy competition, but he has only played three quarters and therefore does not qualify for the official standings.

Harvard and Penn also lead the Ivy League in team statistics. Penn has outshot Harvard 84-79 in three games, but both teams have a league-leading eight goals.

On defense, the Crimson has yielded the fewest goals, only two.

In another interesting statistical analysis, Penn seems to be a much faster starting team. The Quakers scored seven of their eight goals in the first and third periods. In contrast, Harvard has scored only one goal in the first period this year, but the Crimson has tallied five times in the second and fourth quarters.

Against their only common opponent, Penn played to a 2-2 tie against Cornell, while Harvard beat Cornell, 2-1, with a score in the final minute of play.

Ivy Standings

Team	W	L	T	P
Harvard	3	0	0	6
Penn	1	0	2	4
Columbia	2	1	0	4
Brown	1	1	1	3
Cornell	1	1	1	3
Princeton	1	2	0	2
Dartmouth	1	2	0	2
Yale	0	3	0	0

Soccer Team Must Fend Off Penn

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
OCTOBER 31, 1970

One year ago two undefeated soccer teams, Harvard and Penn-ranked third and fourth in the nation respectively-met

before 5000 fans at Franklin Field for the Ivy League championship.

Penn dominated the midfield play of the game with a precise, short-passing attack, but the Crimson combined for three goals in a five-minute span of the second period for a 3-1 victory.

At 10:30 a.m. today the Quakers will be seeking revenge for that loss on the Business School Field. Penn has been tied twice in Ivy competition this fall, but a victory today would pull the Quakers even with the first-place Crimson.

Although only 4-1-2 this year, Penn is coming off a very strong 5-1 triumph over Princeton. In that game, the Quakers scored four quick goals and coasted to victory. Penn outshot the Tigers, 38-15, indicating the one-sidedness of the match.

Harvard, on the other hand, is coming off a very poor showing against weak Tufts. "We only played about 15 minutes of soccer," coach Bruce Munro said of the 4-1 win. "That was enough to get by Tufts, but today we'll need an all-out effort."

Penn is still as strong as last year's squad, a team that made it to the quarterfinals of the NCAA before being eliminated in a four-overtime game with Maryland.

The Quakers' strength is defense. Starting in goal is Alex Spector, who gave up only two goals in four games last year and has a one-goal average this season. On the fullback line, Penn has Art Swanson, a starter for three years and second team All-Ivy; John Vroman, co-captain and All-Ivy; and sophomore Bill Straub. Straub's specialty is scoring goals with headshots on cornerkicks.

Halfback Strength

Penn lost its entire halfback line through graduation, but sophomores Chris Pippin and Mike Copple have turned in excellent performances all year. Munro's scouting reports indicate that the halfback line may now be the Quakers' greatest asset.

Until the Princeton game, Penn's difficulty had been scoring. The Quakers have their entire forward line back, including second-team All-American Stan Startzell and inside right Tom Liebermann, who led the team last year with 12 goals.

Liebermann and Startzell combine on the inside to create one of the most dangerous tandems in the nation. In its only loss, Penn was stymied when Navy put its entire halfback line into the penalty area to cover the inside forwards.

Harvard does not plan any changes for the Quaker attack. "They may be strong up the middle, but so are we," Munro said. "I have complete confidence in Chris Wilmot."

In several games Penn coach Bob Seddon has moved Startzell and Liebermann to the outside when he feels the wings are more vulnerable. With Wilmot, the Crimson has been particularly strong in the middle, so Penn may shuffle its line during the game.

In all of its wins, Penn has started fast and scored early in the first period. When the Quakers fell behind, as they did

against Cornell and Navy, they never caught up. Therefore, the first period in today's game may be a good indication of the direction of the game.

It's My Party

Harvard should have an advantage at the start because of the home field factor. Penn is accustomed to playing night games on the astroturf of Franklin Field. But even more than the turf, Franklin Field is the minimum 65-foot width while the Business School Field is the maximum 75 feet wide.

Since both teams are strong at center fullback, Harvard's experience at using the full width of the field could be a significant advantage. "I'm sure it will give us a real boost," Munro said.

One point to the Crimson's disfavor is that Emmanuel Ekkama has been sidelined all week with an injured ankle. If Ekkama plays, the Crimson's midfield game will be greatly strengthened.

But the deciding factor in today's game will probably be the aggressiveness of each team. Although it has lost, Penn is keying on this game to turn its season around.

"The last two years we've had too much glory too soon," co-captain Vroman has said. "We've started strong and faded in the end. This way we should peak towards the end of the season—just about in time for Harvard."

"It was hard to get excited about Tufts," Munro said, "but this game will be a lot different."

Varsity Soccer Team Defeats Quakers, 3-0

Crimson Booters Take Seventh Straight Win

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 2, 1970

Penn's varsity soccer team kept even with a disorganized Harvard squad for one period, but then the Crimson coordinated its forward line, dominated the remainder of the game, and beat the Quakers 3-0.

The victory was Harvard's seventh straight this season and its fourth consecutive Ivy win. The Crimson now has only three games, one against rugged Brown and two with second division Princeton and Yale, to defend its Ivy crown successfully.

Harvard started the match with reserve wings Demetrio Mena and Chris Papagianis, and second team halfback Bezo Cutler. Unable to settle the ball, the Crimson found itself on the defensive throughout the period.

Crimson goalie Shep Messing, who played the first half of the game, came far out of the net to break up several Quaker threats.

But in the second quarter, Harvard created several dangerous rushes, one leading to a four-on-two break and the other leaving Charlie Thomas with a shot from ten yards out that hit the crossbar. Scoring appeared to be only a matter of

time.

Toward the middle of the second period, Phil Kydes stole the ball at midfield and fed Pete Bogovich, who quickly passed to Thomas. Thomas pulled the defense to him and then hit Sol Gomez on the right wing. Gomez beat two fullbacks with his fancy footwork and put a five-yard shot past goalie Alex Spector.

The Crimson goal seemed to take the life out of Penn, and the pace of the game slowed until the half.

In the third period, Harvard penetrated deep into the Quakers' penalty area but never got a direct shot on goal. Finally, in the fourth period, Harvard clinched the victory on a penalty kick by Bogovich.

The play started on a long pass to Gomez. The Harvard captain headed the ball over the fullback line and then outfaced Penn's John Vroman to the ball. With Spector at his mercy, Gomez dribbled to within six feet of the net before Vroman deliberately tripped him from behind. Bogovich connected on the penalty kick before Spector could even make a move to stop the ball.

Thomas single-handedly completed the rout a few minutes later. Taking the ball at midfield; he cut in, out, and in again, leaving two defenders on the seat of their pants. All alone in front, Thomas drilled the ball past a helpless Spector.

Bill Meyers caught several dangerous cornerkicks in the final period to preserve the shutout. Meyers and Messing have combined to produce two consecutive Ivy shutouts.

Three individuals played outstanding games despite injuries. Kydes had a severe charley horse from the Tufts game, Emmanuel Ekama a sore foot, and Chris Wilmot a pulled tendon in the back of his foot.

Penn, now 4-2-2, is virtually eliminated from the Ivy league race and is a dubious selection for the NCAA Mid-Atlantic playoffs.

Yardling Booters Risk 5-0 Record

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NOVEMBER 4, 1970

Surging back with two goals in the last ten minutes Saturday, Harvard's freshmen soccer team defeated Exeter, 2-1, to remain undefeated going into today's match at Andover.

The freshmen, who now have a 5-0 record, needed two goals by the team's leading scorer Felix Adedeji to erase a 1-0 Exeter lead and preserve their unbeaten string.

According to freshman coach Dana Getchell, Andover is a physically strong club and is bigger on all three lines than the Crimson. Andover has already beaten Dartmouth's freshmen, 2-0, and the University of New Hampshire's first year squad, 4-0.

Last week Harvard's junior varsity squad lost its first game of the season, 2-1, in overtime to Amherst's B-team. The Crimson scored first on an opening period goal by sophomore Ron Padmore.

Amherst tied the score in the second quarter and won the

contest on a free kick with seconds left in the first overtime period. Despite the loss, B-team coach Seamus P. Malin said, "We made fewer defensive mistakes than we do when we win."

Both junior varsity and freshmen squads will travel to Princeton this weekend. The B-squad will play the Tigers on Friday afternoon. The freshmen encounter will be Saturday morning.

Brown Presents Main Obstacle Booters Retain Ivy Soccer Lead

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 6, 1970

Three pre-season favorites, Harvard, Columbia, and Brown, moved to the top of the Ivy League soccer standings with victories over the weekend and established a close three-team race for the championship.

The Crimson remained in first place after its strong win over Penn last Saturday, 3-0. Columbia humiliated Cornell, 5-1, and Brown easily defeated Princeton, 3-1, to stay within two points of Harvard.

Although Brown has little chance of winning the Ivy crown, the Bruins are the key factor in the battle between Harvard and Columbia. Brown will play the Crimson in Cambridge next Saturday and then face the Lions in the final game of the Ivy season.

This week's games match the first division teams against the second, and each of the three league-leading teams are heavily favored. Harvard is at Princeton, Columbia at Dartmouth, Cornell at Brown, and Yale at Penn.

Shots at Sanzo

At Providence last week, Princeton took several dangerous shots at Bruin goalie John Sanzo in the first period, but the Brown defense held the Tiger attack until Bruin sophomores Dick McEvoy and Dick Lay put Brown in the lead. After falling behind 2-0, Princeton lost its spirit and the game dragged to a 3-1 conclusion.

Columbia had its finest game of the season against Cornell and forward. Omar Chamma scored twice to set a school record of 13 goals in a single season. All-Ivy fullback Rocco Commisso is now playing center forward and has scored seven goals in four games.

Yale won its first Ivy game of the year against Dartmouth, 3-0. John Clarke scored twice in the second half and goalie Ken Pasternak preserved the shutout that lifted the Bulldogs out of the league cellar.

Solomon Gomez, who had a goal and an assist in Harvard's 3-0 victory over Penn, leads the Ivy League scoring race with three goals and four assists in four games. The Harvard captain is the defending Ivy scoring champion.

Assist

Gomez's closest competition comes from teammate Charlie Thomas who has four goals, most in the league, and one assist.

Crimson goalies Shep Messing and Bill Meyers lead the Ivy League net-minders with a combined 0.50 goals per game average. Together, the Harvard goalies have made 46 saves and have two shutouts.

Standings

	W	L	T	Pts
Harvard	4	0	0	8
Columbia	3	1	0	6
Brown	2	1	1	5
Penn	1	1	2	4
Cornell	1	2	1	3
Yale	1	3	0	2
Princeton	1	3	0	2
Dartmouth	1	3	0	2

Booters Seek Eighth Win Against Princeton Today

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 7, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer team is seeking its fifth consecutive Ivy victory and its eighth win of the season this morning at 10:30 a.m. against Princeton on the Tiger's Poe Field.

Princeton has lost to Columbia, Penn, and Brown already this fall and the Tigers' lone Ivy victory came against Dartmouth, 2-1. In that game, Dartmouth outshot Princeton, 23-8, and had three drives bounce off the post.

Although the Tigers should not challenge the Crimson's undefeated record, a Princeton upset today would be especially costly to Harvard. The NCAA District 1 selection committee is meeting Saturday after the soccer games to select four teams for the New England playoffs.

Home Advantage

Harvard and Brown are almost assured of spots in the tournament, and at the moment the Crimson is ranked number one ahead of Brown. But home advantage has always been a very important factor in the traditionally rugged Harvard-Brown game. Last year the Crimson barely beat Brown, 2-1, at Providence during the regular season, but Harvard rolled to an easy 4-0 win over the Bruins two weeks later in the NCAA match in Cambridge.

A Crimson victory today, therefore, would give Harvard that significant home field advantage again.

Several Crimson players have recovered from injuries suffered against Penn. Phil Axten, Chris Wilmot, and Phil Kydes are all once again playing at full speed.

Halfbacks

But halfback Norrie Harrower came up with a severe charlie horse last Saturday and he has not practiced with the team this week. Harrower's injury is particularly significant because halfback Chris Ferner will be starting on the fullback line. Outside right Bill Brock did not make the trip to

Princeton because of entrance exams.

Without Ferner and Harrower, coach Bruce Munro will rely on sophomore Emmanuel Ekama, who has recovered from a sore foot, and reserve Bezo Cutler.

Shep Messing and Bill Meyers will alternate once again in the goal. Rather than pick a starting goalie, Munro asked Meyers and Messing two weeks ago to alternate in goal for three games and then reevaluate the policy.

Today's game is the third match in the experiment. In the first two games the opposition has scored only one fluke goal.

Tiger Line-up

Princeton's starting line-up may be altered today because of illness. Captain Marshall Rose, the Tigers' top scorer at outside right, has been in the infirmary this week with a throat infection. Rose was released from the university infirmary on Thursday, and coach Jack Volz is hopeful that he can start today.

Volz is more worried about his first reserve fullback Nick Potter, who is sidelined with a sprained ankle. "We'll really miss him out there," Volz said.

The Tigers' strength is on defense with veterans Bob Boyd, Tjarda Clagget and Ron Smith returning from last year's fullback line. On offense, however, Princeton has yet to find a replacement for All-American Steve Davidson and Bona Mibica.

Soccer Team Defeats Tigers, 4-1; Thomas Scores Twice for Crimson

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 9, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer team once again played a disorganized first quarter but dominated the remainder of the match, beating Princeton 4-1 on the Tigers' Poe Field.

The victory, the Crimson's eighth straight and fifth consecutive Ivy win, proved especially important as Dartmouth upset second-place Columbia, 2-0, in Hanover.

Harvard is now three points ahead of its closest rival, Brown (3-1-1), with only two games to play. The Crimson needs a tie against the Bruins or Yale to clinch a share of the Ivy title.

Varsity coach Bruce Munro described Saturday's game as "uninspired." "We played a bad first quarter, which is becoming a Harvard tradition," Munro said. "After that we didn't play very well but we still controlled the game."

The Crimson opened the scoring late in the first period with a beautiful goal by Charlie Thomas. Forward Phil Kydes started the play with a pass to Emmanuel Ekama, who headed the ball toward the goal.

Thomas let the ball bounce once and then fired a shot past Geoff Marchant.

Far Out

Early in the second quarter, Thomas scored again to put the game out of arch. Captain Solomon Gomez passed to

Thomas on a breakaway at midfield. Thomas went around one defender and pulled Marchant far out of the net before scoring.

Just before the half, junior Kydes scored his first goal of the season. Kydes dribbled in from far out and beat-Marchant with a long shot at 19:42.

Munro lectured the team at halftime about the dangers of over-confidence. "A three goal lead can be like the kiss of death," Munro said. "I'd almost rather be ahead by only one goal."

Harvard took Munro's advice and scored within two minutes of the third quarter. Thomas fed Gomez on the left wing and Gomez moved so far in toward the goal that Marchant could only stand in the net and watch the ball roll in out of his reach.

The Crimson lost its shutout at 19:30 of the final period on a hotly contested penalty kick. While the ball was in the Crimson penalty area, one of the referees called a push. The play continued after the push and a Princeton player handed the ball toward the goal. One of the Harvard fullbacks stopped the ball with his hands.

Instead of calling a direct kick against Harvard for the push or a free kick for the Crimson because of the Tiger hand ball, the referees awarded Princeton a penalty kick. Lazlo Adams then scored the disputed goal.

Although the team did not play an inspired game, Munro was particularly satisfied with the well-balanced attack of the forward line. "For the third game in a row everyone took shots on goal and three different players scored," Munro said. "No team is going to be able to mark just one of our attackers,"

Brown vs. Middlebury W.P.I., Crimson In NCAA Playoffs

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 10, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer team will play Worcester Polytechnical Institute in the first round of the NCAA New England Regionals next Tuesday, November 17, in Cambridge. In the second NCAA playoff, Brown will face Middlebury in Providence.

The Crimson, 8-0-0 for the season, is ranked number one in New England, followed by Brown (9-1-1), Middlebury (6-2-2), and W.P.I. (9-1-1) in the university division.

Springfield College, (7-2-4), ranked number three in previous New England ratings, was offered a berth in the playoffs, but the Indians' Athletic department has ruled that all Springfield squads shall participate only in college division post-season tournaments.

Tufts Upset

W.P.I. is the defending New England collegiate division champion. Against a common opponent, W.P.I. beat Tufts, 3-2, while the Crimson triumphed, 4-1. Sports information director George Gamache called the Tufts victory "W.P.I.'s upset of the season."

The strength of the Engineers is on offense. The squad scored 40 goals in 11 games and was led by Jack Blaisdell who set a school record with 15 goals.

Brown Favored

Brown will be heavily favored over Middlebury. The Bruins have defeated Springfield, tied Penn, and lost only to Dartmouth in a 1-0 upset. Brown is presently ranked seventh in the nation.

Middlebury finished its season last Wednesday with six victories over college division teams, a 0-0 tie with Springfield, and a 3-1 loss to Williams. Harvard beat Williams earlier in the season, 2-1.

The Black Panthers are at a serious disadvantage because their season ended one week ago. "The team disbanded without any tournament expectations," sports information director Paul Witteman said. "Gee, the guys were getting ready to start skiing."

Middlebury's hopes rest with a strong defense centered on fullback Bruce Foust, whom Witteman labeled an All-American candidate. Goalie George Barr has four shutouts this fall and has successfully stopped three of three penalty kicks during the season.

Booters to Compete in NCAA Playoffs; Last Soccer Roll Ranks Crimson 3rd

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NOVEMBER 12, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer team was ranked third in the nation in the final NCAA soccer standings. St. Louis University, the defending national champion, won its second consecutive title.

Although the Midwest and California have dominated the national rankings in the past few years, six Eastern teams finished among the top nine. The order was St. Louis, Hartwick, Harvard, Philadelphia Textile, San Jose State, Quincy, Buffalo State, Brown, and Navy. Penn was ranked 17th in the poll.

St. Louis finished the season with a 3-1 victory over 11th-place Southern Illinois. The S.I.U. goal was the first scored all year against St. Louis as the Billikens ended with a 7-0-1 record. Hartwick ended its year with a perfect 11-0 record.

Four Ivy League teams are competing in the NCAA regional playoffs. Along with Harvard and Brown in the New England tournament, Columbia and Penn were chosen in their respective areas.

Columbia was ranked third in New York State and will play Buffalo State, while Hartwick meets fourth-ranked Army.

In the Mid-Atlantic region, fourth-ranked Penn will meet undefeated Philadelphia Textile. The winner of that match will face the winner of the Penn State-Delaware game.

The New England Regional champion plays the New York champion in NCAA quarterfinals, and that winner faces the Mid-West representative in the semifinals.

Indian Booters Upset Lions, 2-0

Harvard Has Three-Point Lead Over Brown

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NOVEMBER 13, 1970

Dartmouth upset highly favored Columbia, 2-0, last Saturday, leaving Harvard and Brown in a head-to-head clash for the Ivy League soccer championship this weekend in Cambridge.

The Crimson had no difficulty beating Princeton, 4-1, for its fifth consecutive win, and Brown came from behind to defeat Cornell, 2-1. In another near-upset, Penn was forced into overtime before finally edging Yale, 1-0.

Harvard now has a three-point lead in the league standings with two games to play. The Crimson needs only a tie against either Brown or Yale to successfully defend its Ivy title. Columbia's loss to Dartmouth eliminated the Lions from the race for the championship.

Dartmouth has only two victories this fall, but both wins have come against the league's leading teams. In the last four weeks, the Indians have beaten Brown and Columbia but have lost to Princeton and Yale.

Columbia was without starting goalie Andy Lichter, but it was the Lion's forward line that failed to stop the Indians. In its last three games, Columbia had scored ten goals, but Dartmouth's fullbacks shut out the Lions for the first time this fall.

Dartmouth scored both of its goals on crosses from the wing, the first at ten minutes of the first period and the clinching goal only one minute into the second half. Goalie John Orange recorded his fourth shutout of the year.

Penn out shot Yale 37-10, but Eli goalie Ken Pasternak sent the game into overtime with 19 saves to his credit. The Quakers ended the match in only 45 seconds of the first overtime on a head-shot by Bob Watkins.

Frederico Rojas knocked in a rebound to give Cornell an early 1-0 lead against Brown. But the Bruins evened the match just before the half on a head pass from Dick McEvoy to Rudy Zeller, who headed the ball into the net.

The outcome of the game remained in doubt until All-Ivy fullback chip Young headed in a corner kick with only 16 minutes left in the game.

Solomon Gomez, defending Ivy League scoring champion, retained his league lead with a goal and an assist against Princeton. The Harvard captain has four goals and leads the standings with five assists.

Gomez's closest competition is teammate Charlie Thomas, who scored twice against the Tigers and assisted on Gomez's tally. Thomas leads the Ivy League with six goals in five games, and has two assists.

Crimson goalies Shep Messing and Bill Meyers lead the league with only three goals allowed in five matches. Together, Meyers and Messing have made 56 saves.

Besides the Harvard-Brown match Saturday, Columbia will play Penn for third place in the standings, Dartmouth and

Cornell will battle for a first division finish, and Princeton and Yale will try to escape the Ivy cellar.

Harvard Booters Face Brown For Ivy Title

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 14, 1970

New England's Top Teams Feature Physical Defense

Harvard and Brown, ranked one and two in New England soccer standings and headed toward a crucial match in the NCAA playoffs, will meet today at 11 a.m. on the Business School field to determine the Ivy League champion.

Brown, which finished eighth in the national polls, has a strong defensive nucleus that has led the Bruins to a 9-1-1 record. Anchored by two-time All-Ivy fullback Chip Young, the Bruins are known for their rugged and aggressive play that has captured six Ivy League titles in the past seven years.

The Crimson, undefeated in eight matches, leads the Ivy standings by three points with only two games remaining in the league. A tie or victory today would give Harvard its second consecutive title.

But more is at stake in today's match than just the Ivy championship. Brown coach Ciff Stevenson was very upset with the NCAA announcement of playoff games last Monday. The NCAA regulations maintain that four teams in the region must be chosen by November 9, but there is no stipulation that the four teams must be ranked immediately.

"I think it was a serious mistake for the selection committee to rate Harvard number one when they knew this game would be played today," Stevenson said. "We'll find out who's number one during the game."

Home Field

Usually home field is an advantage because of the partisan crowd, but Stevenson denied that factor. "We'll have as many if not more people than Harvard at the game," he said. "If any Harvard students show up we should draw a crowd of 6000 people."

Harvard-Brown games have traditionally been rough, physical contests. Both teams have extremely large fullback lines. But Stevenson felt unnecessary aggression was the fault of the Crimson.

"I do hope Bogovich and Gomez will play good soccer," Stevenson said, "and none of this kicking the legs of the opposition when the ball is at the other side of the field. I saw that in the Harvard-Dartmouth game and it only lowers my estimation of them as players."

Harvard coach Bruce Munro felt that Brown's style of play led to physically contested matches. "Brown plays a hustling, aggressive type of attack," Munro said, "and their enthusiasm often leads to contact."

While the defensive aspect of the game should be a closely fought match-up, Harvard has a distinct advantage over the Bruins on offense. Except for a lop-sided win over Yale,

Brown has not established any large margins of victory. In four Ivy games, the Bruins have scored only six goals.

"We haven't had any inside scoring threat on the offensive line," Stevenson said. "It's a disappointment that we haven't had a scoring leader, one guy who could score 12 or 13 goals."

Stevenson was envious of the Crimson's forward line. "You have four outstanding forwards that give the team tremendous balance," he said. "Add to that Wilmot, who is as good as any back in the country, Ekama, and Axten, and you see why Harvard is winning. Even their reserve forward Pappagianis impressed me."

Bill Meyers will start in goal today according to a system of rotation developed by him and Shep Messing. In a meeting with Munro, Meyers indicated that the Ivy League title and his final Yale game meant a lot to him. Therefore, Meyers will play today and next Saturday while Messing will start on Tuesday against W.P.I. and next Tuesday against Brown or Middlebury if the Crimson wins against the Engineers.

If Harvard should continue in the NCAA playoffs, Messing will be in goal in the semifinals, and Meyers will start in the quarterfinals and the finals.

Soccer Team Wins Ivy Championship

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 16, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer team jumped to a quick 2-0 lead against Brown on Saturday, completely dominated the third quarter, and held off several last-minute Bruin threats to clinch the Ivy championship with a 2-1 victory on the Business School field.

Brown, ranked eighth in the nation and now 9-2-1 for the season, made several defensive lapses, and only the fine efforts of goalie John Sanzo kept the Bruins in the game. On offense, Dick Lay frequently outmaneuvered the Crimson defense and created a number of dangerous situations, but the remainder of the Brown attack was ineffective.

Rather than the muddiness of the field, the wind was a much more vital factor in the game. The Crimson developed a coordinated attack in the first and third periods with the wind and played just well enough to win in the last quarter.

Brown took the opening momentum and kept the ball at the Harvard end of the field. The quality of the two nationally ranked teams was most evident in the opening minutes as both squads concentrated on a short passing attack and a close checking defense.

Bounding Ball

With only a few minutes gone in the game, halfback Norrie Harrower cleared a direct kick up to Phil Kydes who centered the ball to Charlie Thomas about 10 yards out from the goal. Thomas kicked the bounding ball into a Brown defender and then fired his own quick rebound into the net.

Moments later, Harrower tossed a long throw-in to Kydes on the right wing. The junior forward carried the ball straight in and fired a hard drive into the upper corner.

It appeared to be Brown's strategy to guard against passes to Thomas and Solomon Games and let Kydes have shooting room. Kydes took advantage of the opportunity as he fired two hard shots just past the post and had one drive just tipped aside by an outstanding Sanzo lunge.

The Crimson's second goal broke Brown's momentum, and the rest of the half was played at a much slower pace.

Bruin forward Lay put Brown back in the game just before the half as he split the defense with his speed and footwork. Lay pulled Meyers to him and then passed to teammate Dick McEvoy for an easy goal.

Complete Control

Coach Cliff Stevenson tried to fire up his squad at the half, but Harvard completely controlled the third period of play. The Crimson kept the ball in its offensive half of the field for the entire 22 minutes. It was by far Harvard's best coordinated period of the season. Halfback Harrower and John Gordon in particular continually kept the Brown defense from clearing the ball.

In the final period the Crimson defensive halfback line sagged but the play stayed out of Harvard's penalty area until the final three minutes. Sanzo made key saves on individual breakaways from midfield by both Gomez and Thomas.

But in the closing moments, Brown had four corner kicks and goalie Bill Myers had to make several close saves. Brown's last minute surge left Bruin fans optimistic about a rematch in the NCAA'S.

Crimson Begins Soccer Playoffs, Faces WPI with Wilmot Injured

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 17, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer team, ranked number one in New England, will play fourth-ranked Worcester Polytechnic Institute at 1:30 p.m. on the Business School field today in the first round of the NCAA university division regional soccer playoffs.

The Crimson, undefeated in nine games and Ivy League champion, is heavily favored to beat W.P.I., 9-1-1 in its regular college division season. Against their only common opponent, the Engineers defeated Tufts, 3-2, while the Crimson stopped the Jumbos, 4-1.

But Harvard may be in serious danger of an upset if junior fullback Chris Wilmot is injured early in the game. Wilmot had been nursing a sore ankle all season and in the Penn game he injured his other ankle, and had to be taken from the game.

Against Brown Saturday, Wilmot reinsured his ankle in the second quarter and had to be assisted to Dillon Field House. He returned to the game in the fourth quarter, but was much more cautious in his play.

Wilmot is an aggressive "sweeper" fullback who roams the defensive line following the man with the ball and frequent-

ly making sliding tackles. Without Wilmot Saturday, the Crimson defense was noticeably conservative in its play and the fullback's hesitation led to several dangerous situations and one Brown goal.

Wilmot is also the team's defensive "captain." He calls passes to his teammates and frequently shouts advice during the game.

Coach Bruce Munro has substitute fullbacks in Phil Axten and Chris Ferner, both experienced players, but Harvard would definitely miss Wilmot's vocal leadership.

Munro is not underestimating the strength of his opposition today. "We can't think of W.P.I. as a next door neighbor team like M.I.T. or Tufts," he said. "Any team that's 9-1-1 has something going for it and has to be respected."

But Munro felt the team would be up for the game because the players were disappointed with their win over Brown. "Most of them felt we didn't play as well as we should have, so I think they'll be ready to assert themselves," he said.

The only change in the starting lineup will be at goal, where Shep Messing is scheduled to play, unless an ankle injury that kept him out of practice last week is still bothering him.

Scoring Record

W.P.I. is a high-scoring team that scored 40 goals in just 11 games this fall. Forward Jack Blaisdell set a school individual scoring record with 15 goals.

Crimson Romps Over W. P. I., 6-0; Booters to Face Brown Next Week

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 18, 1970

Junior forward Charlie Thomas scored four goals to lead the varsity soccer team to a 6-0 victory over Worcester Polytechnic Institute yesterday in the opening round of the NCAA university division New England playoffs.

In Providence, Brown needed a fluke goal—a carom shot off a Middlebury fullback—to beat the Black Panthers, 1-0, and gain the right to face the Crimson next Tuesday in the New England finals.

Coordinated teamwork was the key to Harvard's win. Four of the Crimson's six goals came on picture-passing combinations. On defense, the Crimson fullback line kept play well out of the penalty area after a shaky start, and goaltender Shep Messing had a relatively easy game through the final three periods.

At the start of the match, W. P. I. took control of the game with a crisp, short-passing attack. In the opening five minutes of play, forward Jack Blaisdell had two shots at an open net from within ten yards but he missed both chances.

With only a minute left in the first period, Solomon Gomez outraced the Engineer defense with a Thomas pass, carried the ball to the end line, and centered a pass to Thomas, who fired the ball past goalie Tom Terkanian's feet.

The Engineers faded in the second period, and, despite the cheers of a partisan W. P. I. crowd, Harvard controlled play

throughout the quarter. Although the score remained 1-0 to the half, the Crimson appeared on its way to victory.

Thomas wrapped up the game on a run down the left wing midway through the third period. He beat one defender, shot, and then dribbled his own rebound past a very slow-moving Terkanian.

Harvard's prettiest goal came moments later as Phil Kydes passed to Thomas, who hit halfback Norrie Harrower breaking on the right wing. Harrower beat the Engineer goalie for this first score of the season and a 3-0 Crimson lead.

Three More

The pace of the game slowed considerably in the fourth quarter, but Harvard revived for three goals in the final minutes. First, Gomez fed Thomas for a one on one breakaway, and Thomas hit the inside of the post for his third goal.

Sophomore Chris Papagianis then entered the game, scored unassisted from the right wing, and had two more dangerous shots from close in before the game ended.

The Crimson's teamwork showed most clearly on the final Harvard goal. Peter Bogovich took a long pass on the left wing and came straight in on Terkanian for an open shot on goal. But at the last moment Bogovich passed off to Thomas, who finished the 6-0 rout.

Booters Carry 10-0 Record Against Upset-Minded Yale

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 20, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer team will be seeking its second consecutive undefeated Ivy League season this afternoon when the Crimson meets Yale at 2 p.m. on the Business School Field.

Although Harvard must be rated a heavy statistical favorite over the Bulldogs, Yale will enter the game with a significant psychological advantage. Harvard, 10-0 for the year and looking ahead to the NCAA regional finals against Brown next Tuesday, has nothing to lose in today's match. The Crimson clinched the Ivy championship with a win against Brown, 2-1, last week.

Yale, however, could salvage its whole season today with a victory against a team ranked third in the nation. The Bulldogs have had a frustrating season, losing seven of their nine defeats by one goal margins.

Poor Prospects

Coach Hubert Vogelsinger predicted at the beginning of the year that his team wouldn't win a game. He said this season would be a "rebuilding year around a nucleus of sophomores." Having already won four games, Yale's sophomores would carry tremendous momentum into next fall's training camp with a Harvard defeat today.

Crimson coach Bruce Munro is not going to water down his attack for today's match. He has decided to start Fullback Chris Wilmot, who is still nursing a sore ankle, and he is not

planning to make any experiments during the course of the game.

No Blow

"You don't ever want to blow a Yale game," Munro said. "We'll start our best line-up and we'll substitute only in the event of injuries." If Harvard builds a commanding lead, Munro may use Chris Ferner or Emmanuel Ekama in place of Wilmot.

Munro feels he has found the reason for the Crimson's slow start in almost every game this fall. "I noticed against W.P.I. that our halfbacks play very defensively in the opening ten minutes," he said. "They lay back to see if the opposition is going to try to work the ball through them or try to loft a pass over their heads. I've told them to be more aggressive now."

The Crimson tried another experiment against W.P.I. to develop the offensive thrust of the halfback line. Pete Bogovich moved back to a center halfback position and sophomore Demetrio Meana and Chris Papagianis entered the game at wing. Munro felt the shift gave the Crimson a more aggressive attack.

Impotence

The Bulldogs have also suffered from an impotent attack. Only sophomore John Clark (7) and Eric Anderson (2) have scored more than a single goal all season. Yale has been shutout five times and has scored only once in six more games.

Goalie Ken Pasternak has kept the Elis in contention in many games this fall. Pasternak has three shutouts and a 1.5 goal average. Yale has lost four games, 1-0.

Vogelsinger spent most of last week running his team through shooting drills, and the Bulldogs responded with a 3-0 victory over Princeton.

Ivy League Soccer Highly Rated

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 21, 1970

This fall four Ivy League soccer teams were invited to participate in the NOAA University division regional playoffs: Harvard, Brown, Columbia, and Penn. Three of those teams were ranked in the top twenty of the nation: Harvard third, Brown eighth, and Penn seventeenth.

Yet, only one team in the Ivy League standings has won more than half of its first six games. Dartmouth beat both Columbia and Brown; Yale forced Penn into overtime; Harvard beat Cornell with only 55 seconds remaining in the game, and Princeton outshoot Columbia and had three shots hit the post in its loss to the Lions.

Perhaps then the Ivy League is generally overrated in the national polls. But consider the record of the top four Ivy teams against non-league competition in the last two years. Last fall the first-division Ivy teams were 24-2-1 against non-league schools, including a 6-2 record in the NCAA playoff.

This fall the four-representatives to the NCAA tournament have a combined 23-1 record against non-league competition. The only defeat was a 1-0 Penn loss against Navy, ranked ninth in the nation.

Why is the league so much stronger this fall?

Harvard coach Bruce Munro calls the Ivy League "the toughest soccer league in the country," and the reason he gives is the quality of arriving freshmen.

From the Crib

"The prep schools are developing better and better high school soccer programs," he said. "It has gotten so that if a player comes to Harvard, and he hasn't played for eight or nine years under qualified supervision, he won't make the squad."

"There are guys I had ten years ago who were outstanding players and who even set records, but if they showed up this fall they wouldn't have made the squad."

Yale coach Hubert Vogelsinger agreed that the big difference in Ivy League soccer this year is improved training.

"America has always been a country of great athletes," he said. "The raw material has always been there. Americans can run just as fast as anyone, and certainly the equipment and facilities in this rich country surpass most other areas."

"But there has always been a need for quality coaching. We are getting more and more players from private schools who have reached a higher level of sophisticated play because of better training."

The presence of foreign-trained players in the Ivy League has greatly advanced the quality of play. Munro does not deny the importance of foreign-born players on the Harvard team, but he was quick to emphasize that international personnel is not the only factor in the Ivy's success.

"Certainly foreign players have helped our team a great deal," Munro said. "They have an excellent background in soccer experience, and they add a professionalism to the team."

The American Way

"But look at Brown. It's right up there in the nation's top ten, and it probably doesn't have a single foreign player," he said Penn's roster lists only one foreign starter, Harvard has five, and Columbia has six.

So rather than just the foreign element, it seems to be the improved prep school training that has raised the level of Ivy soccer. St. Louis has been producing soccer stars for years, and now prep school soccer experience is becoming a national phenomenon.

Crimson Booters Will Face Brown Today in NCAA New England Final

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 24, 1970

Harvard's varsity soccer team, having completed its regular season with a perfect 11-0 record and a second

consecutive Ivy title, faces Brown at 1:30 p. m. today on the Business School field in the finals of the NCAA New England regionals.

Tickets for the NCAA game will be available at the gate for \$1.

Last Tuesday Harvard walloped Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 6-0, and Brown edged Middlebury, 1-0, to create today's rematch of two Ivy contenders. In an earlier contest this Fall, Harvard beat Brown, 2-1, in a closely fought match.

The winner of today's game will advance to the NCAA quarterfinals against Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, on Saturday, Hartwick won its district championship on Saturday with a solid 6-1 victory over Columbia.

No Strategy Changes

Harvard coach Bruce Munro is not planning any strategy changes from the first Brown game. "We've got to score more goals," Munro said, "and the only way we'll do that is to perfect the game we usually play."

Charlie Thomas, Norrie Harrower, and Chris Wilmot all missed practice Sunday morning because of minor injuries sustained in Friday's 1-0 victory over Yale, but Munro expects each player to start today.

According to the predetermined rotation of goalies, Shep Messing will play the entire game against Brown.

Brown needed a fluke goal against Middlebury to reach the finals. Fullback Chip Young fired a direct kick wide of the net in the second period, but the ball hit a Middlebury fullback and deflected into the net.

In its previous loss to Harvard, the Bruins dominated the fourth period of the game and several times came close to tying the match.

Other Regional Finale

Three other NCAA regions are playing their final rounds this afternoon. At University Park, Pa., Penn State (9-2) is hosting Philadelphia Textile (16-0), ranked fourth in the nation, in the Mid-Atlantic finals.

Penn State, rated first in the region by the selection committee, advanced to the finals by beating Delaware, 3-1, while Philadelphia Textile eliminated Penn with a 2-1 victory.

In the Southern playoffs, Navy (9-1-1) is hosting Howard (9-0-1) in the regional finals. Howard reached the finals by upsetting Maryland, 2-0, and Navy edged Southern Florida by two corner-kicks in a 0-0 tie. The winner of the Mid-Atlantic finals will face the champion of the Southern playoffs for a berth in the NCAA semifinals.

At Edwardsville, Ill., site of the championship rounds this year, host Southern Illinois is meeting defending champion St. Louis in the Mid-West regional final. Southern Illinois crushed Cleveland State, 6-0, in the opening round, and St. Louis had no trouble eliminating Akron, 7-0.

Crimson Soccer Team Defeats Bruins, 2-1 Booters Advance to Quarterfinals

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
NOVEMBER 25, 1970

Sophomore Chris Papagianis set up teammate Charlie Thomas for two first period goals, and the Crimson defense held off a desperate last period surge by Brown, as the varsity soccer team won the New England regional championship with a 2-1 victory over the Bruins.

Harvard will face Hartwick, 13-0 and ranked second in the nation, this Saturday in Oneonta, New York, for a berth in the NCAA finals.

The Crimson's play against Brown was erratic. Harvard attacked well at the start of the match and rallied during the final minutes of the game. But throughout the third period and during most of the fourth, the Crimson played an uninspired game, as it had in last Friday's narrow 1-0 victory over Yale.

It was Papagianis, a substitute forward, who ignited Harvard in the opening period. Starting in place of Solomon Gomez, Papagianis riddled the Brown defense and came close to building an early four or five goal lead.

Midway through the quarter, Papagianis and Phil Kydes worked a perfect give-and-go on the left side. On a two-on-one break with Thomas, Papagianis pulled the fullback to him and fed Thomas for the goal.

The sophomore forward returned five minutes later when Gomez received a bloody nose, and Papagianis had two hard shots just tipped aside by goalie John Sanzo. Then Kydes hit Papagianis again and the sophomore passed to Thomas on the right side of the net for the Crimson's second goal.

Harvard completely dominated the second period of play and by the half the outcome appeared determined. But Brown came out for the third period knowing that its season was about to end, and Cliff Stevenson's team muscled its way into several dangerous situations. In particular, the Bruin forwards threw themselves at goalie Shep Messing whenever he went into the air to intercept a pass.

Near the end of the third period, Brown wing Rudy Zeller floated a cornerkick into the goal mouth. Messing went up to catch the ball, but a Brown forward cut his legs out from under him.

With five players pushing and shoving at Messing and the ball, the referee did not call a push and Brown eventually muscled the ball across the goal-line. Lee Thompson got credit for the goal.

In the fourth period Brown moved nine men up on offense and the Bruins had several scoring opportunities. But Brown has been plagued all year by the lack of a big shooter on the front line, and the Crimson fullbacks kept the Bruins from getting a direct shot on net from within the penalty area.

On defense, Sanzo made incredible saves on Thomas, Gomez, and Pete Bogovich to keep the Bruins in the game. Sanzo played two remarkable games against the Crimson

this year.

If Harvard has a significant advantage against Hartwick, it is the fact that the Crimson has five outstanding forwards who could each score two or three goals in a single game. Thomas now has scored 16 goals this fall, only one short of Chris Ohiri's season record.

Senior goalie Bill Meyers, starting in goal against Hartwick, must concentrate on stopping All-American Alec Papadakis. The Hartwick forward has scored 22 goals in 13 games this season.

In other NCAA finals, Philadelphia Textile upset Penn State, 2-1, and will play Howard next Saturday for a berth at the NCAA finals. Howard, led by Trinidad freshman Alvin Henderson, beat Navy, 2-0, to advance to the quarterfinals.

Crimson Booters Lose, 4-3, to Hartwick

BY MARTIN R. GARAY III,
NOVEMBER 30, 1970

Gomez Nets Two Goals In Second Half Surge

After being outplayed and outscored by Hartwick College in the first half of the NCAA quarterfinal match, the Crimson soccer team fought back valiantly, playing its best soccer of the season in the second half only to fall short by one goal. Hartwick eliminated Harvard from NCAA competition Saturday afternoon with a 4-3 victory.

The game-played on Hartwick's home field in Oneonta, New York- matched last year's encounter between the same teams in excitement and good hard soccer. With a three-goal lead at the half, Hartwick did not fill the field with fullbacks in the second half to prevent any Harvard scoring. Most college teams would have resorted to this defensive ploy. Instead, Hartwick continued to attack.

Sticking Power

Unlike most teams, the Crimson did not fall apart when it found itself three goals behind. It reversed the Hartwick momentum at the beginning of the third period and began to connect successfully on short passes. The Crimson forwards harassed the big Hartwick fullbacks and, with five seconds remaining in the third period, Harvard scored its first goal.

Peter Bogovich intercepted a pass from a Hartwick fullback just outside the penalty area, and dribbled towards the center of the field, 20 yards in front of Hartwick's goalie. Norm Wingert. Using a weaker right foot, Bogovich surprised Wingert, sending the ball into the left side of the net.

Surprise

At 5:17 in the fourth period Solomon Gomez surprised another Hartwick fullback when he stole the ball away from him and drove it past Wingert, Harvard was new behind by only one goal.

Four minutes later, Hartwick widened its lead to two goals when its forward, Tony Elia put the ball past Crimson goalie Billy Meyers, who slow to react, failed to cut down the angle.

Hartwick's field in general slowed down all of Harvard's

reactions. Unlike the Crimson field, Hartwick's was covered completely with mud straw and hay. An early morning rain had made conditions even worse. "The field is in great condition," a Hartwick fan said to a Harvard roter after one of the Crimson's forwards had fallen in the mud.

Non-Stop

Two goals behind only 12 minutes left and the Crimson still did not stop. At 15:06, Gomez scored his second goal of the game when he took a long pass from Charlie Thomas and put it past Wingert.

Throughout the game the Harvard defense led by Chris Wilmot. Rick Scott and Chris Ferner, was able to throttle a potent Hartwick attack which could have scored much more than four goals.

This year's Crimson squad, probably the strongest ever, did not give up easily, and for eight graduating seniors it was a proud strong last effort.

Four Booters Are Named All-Ivy

BY ROBERT W. GERLACH,
DECEMBER 4, 1970

Certainly the names Solomon Gomez and Bill Meyers will be the most missed next fall by the fans looking over the Crimson line-up.

But, considering the prospects of next year's varsity squad, the loss of fullbacks Bill Brock, John Gordon, and Chris Ferner, and the graduation of halfbacks Pete Bogovich and Bezo Cutler will have a far greater effect on the next Harvard team.

The Crimson can count on lettermen Chris Papagianis, Demetrio Mena, and Shep Messing to fill the more visible positions of forward and goalie. On the two back lines, however, Harvard may find starters, but it will find little depth.

"We won't use the 4-4-2 next year," coach Bruce Munro said. "To play it correctly you need at least five good fullbacks, and right now we have only three starters [Chris Wilmot, Rick Scott, and Phil Axten]." Munro is considering a 3-3-4 or 3-4-3 formation.

Munro also decided that the 4-4-2 is not really suited to college soccer. "In pro soccer, a team makes an offensive slash and, when it loses the ball, it walks back to midfield and regroups for defense."

On and On

"But in college soccer there's no chance for the wing halfbacks to come back," he said. "It's on-on-on all the time and we just can't use the formation in that situation."

"We were always offensively oriented this year, and the team never really got the wings moving back and forth on offense and defense. Next year we'll have to concentrate on creating a defensive orientation," he added.

Good, Not Great

Munro feels that Harvard will have a good team next year, but not the depth that this year's squad possessed. "We won't have trouble replacing too many starters. Felix Ad-

edeji is as good as any player we have now,” he said. “But we’re going to be hard-pressed to find a fourth halfback and fullback.

“We’ll be in the thick of the Ivy fight and it would be pretty difficult for us to be less than fourth in New England. But I don’t see us as a tournament contender right now.”

A Preview of the '72 Crimson Soccer Team

BY R. N. G.,
DECEMBER 4, 1970

Varsity Seeks Depth for Defense

Solomon Gomez, Charlie Thomas, and Chris Wilmot were unanimous selections yesterday to the All-Ivy first soccer team. Only Columbia halfback Len Renery also received all seven first-place votes from the League’s coaches.

Coach Bruce Munro nominated seven players for the All-Ivy team and each one received recognition from the opposing coaches. Forward Phil Kydes was selected to the All-Ivy first-team line along with Gomez and Thomas, and Pete Bogovich finished on the All-Ivy second-team line-up.

Goalies Bill Meyers and Shep Messing were both nominated for the All-Ivy team. Unfortunately, they split 19 points in the balloting and received honorable mention behind Brown goalie John Sanzo and Penn’s Alex Spector (16 points).

Joining Harvard’s four players on the first team were Penn forwards Stan Startzell and Tom Lieberman, Brown fullbacks Chip Young and Karl Ohaus, Cornell’s Herard LaForest, and Renery and Sanzo.

Gomez’s finish on the first team marked his second year as All-Ivy. Last fall the Harvard captain won the Ivy scoring

title with 8 points. This year he finished second (9 points) to Charlie Thomas (10 points), but led the League in assists with five. Thomas won the Ivy scoring title with eight goals in seven games.

Meyers, who was first-team All-Ivy last year, led the League this fall with a 0.43 goals-per-game average. Meyers allowed the fewest goals (3) and had the most shutouts (3).

Harvard led the League in several statistical categories. The Crimson scored the most goals (18) and allowed the fewest opposition tallies (3).

Final Standings

	W	L	T	Pts
Harvard	7	0	0	14
Penn	4	1	2	10
Brown	3	2	1	7
Cornell	3	3	1	7
Columbia	3	3	0	6
Yale	2	5	0	4
Dartmouth	2	5	0	4
Princeton	1	6	0	2

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Booters to Battle Engineers Today

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
SEPTEMBER 28, 1971

Hoping to defend its Ivy League championship and improve on last year's NCAA finish, Harvard's varsity soccer team opens its season tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. on the Business School Field against M.I.T.

"Our main objective is to work on our new 4-4-2 offensive system in a game situation and develop greater depth," said coach Bruce Munro. "That may sound like we're pretty confident but we really should beat M.I.T."

In an exhibition game last Saturday against B.U., it took about ten minutes for the players to get warmed up and make the system work, but when it did the goals just floated in. When the first team retired at the half they held a 5-0 lead.

Sophomore Felix Adedeji and senior Phil Kydes scored two goals each and captain Charlie Thomas chipped in one. With the reserves battling B.U.'s varsity in the second half, the final score was narrowed to 5-3.

"Last week we lost to Holy Cross in overtime, 4-3," said M.I.T. coach Bill Morrison. "We realize who we're playing. I won't say we're gonna knock the shit out of 'em, cause we're not. I guess you could say that we are ready," chuckled Morrison.

This fall, defending its Ivy league title will be more difficult for Harvard than it was last year. Both Penn and Brown are loaded with lettermen and are expected to battle Harvard for the crown.

Last week the Quakers were very impressive in a 5-0 victory over a strong Temple squad. In a typical rough game at Brown, the Bruins beat the University of Rhode Island, 5-3. Twenty-six fouls were called and two U.R.I. players were thrown out of the game in the course of two fights. In other Ivy action. Yale lost to a veteran Wesleyan team, 2-0.

Talented Booters May Take All

'Take 'em one by one'--Coach Munro

BY ERIC POPE,
SEPTEMBER 28, 1971

The Harvard soccer team has won 26 of their 28 games in the last two years, and with nine returning lettermen and excellent sophomore prospects, Harvard is rated fourth in the nation behind St. Louis, Hartwick and UCLA.

Ivy league champions both years, the Crimson went to the NCAA finals in 1969 where they lost to St. Louis, 2-1. Last year they lost in the semi-finals to Hartwick, 4-3.

"Last year everybody was thinking about getting to the Nationals, but this year we are going to take the games one by one," captain Charlie Thomas said.

Coach Bruce Munro, now in his twenty-fourth season, is trying out a new formation. The system is a variation of the 4-2-4, with one of the fullbacks playing up to form a "diamond" defense

"This new system is more flexible than last year's 4-4-2, and it combines the greatest possible fire power with midfield strength and overall protection. What I'm doing is relating my system to my personnel. This is an aggressive defense which calls for a strong backfield and experienced linemen, and we have both this year," Munro said.

Harvard's most obvious strength, however, is on the forward line. Phil Kydes and Thomas, who led the Ivy League in scoring, have both been starters for two years and they will be joined by returning letterman Chris Popagianis and sophomore Felix Adedeji.

Thomas considers Adedeji a worthy replacement for last year's captain Solomon Gomez. "Felix has an all-around style. He has the strength of Bogovitch, the gusto of Gomez, the ball control of Kydes, and a little something of his own," Thomas said.

For the two linkman positions, Munro has two returning starters, Norie Harrower and Emmanuel Ekama. Much of Harvard's depth was lost at graduation, and Munro is relying on a pool of "dual-role athletes" who can play both offense and defense. Russ Bell, a returning letterman who didn't play last year, could start as either a forward or a linkman.

Harvard's backfield is highlighted by senior Chris Wilmot at center fullback. Wing-backs Phil Axten and Rick Scott have the range and speed to make the "diamond" defense work, and sophomore Brian Fearnott works well with Wilmot from his front fullback position.

To round out this nearly impenetrable defense, Harvard has senior Shep Messing in goal, who was an All-America selection in 1968 while playing for NYU.

Booters Defeat MIT, Kydes Scores Twice

BY ERIC POPE,
SEPTEMBER 30, 1971

After only a week and a half of practice, the Harvard soccer team rolled by MIT in its season opener at the Business School Field yesterday, 5-0.

Harvard's defense was virtually impenetrable, and MIT rarely had control of the ball past midfield. The Crimson

took nearly sixty shots in the game, but it wasn't until early in the second period that right inside Phil Kydes got the first Harvard goal.

Kydes Again

Kydes scored again in the third period with an off-speed spin shot in the lower left corner. Emmanuel Ekama scored soon after on a screen shot from his right linkman position.

Harvard's fourth goal was the most spectacular play of the game, Kydes took a long shot which hit the cross bar, and in the scramble in front of the MIT nets, sophomore Felix Adediji scored with his back to the goal by kicking the ball over his head while in mid-air.

Harvard's new formation gives the defense much more mobility, and the final goal came on a fullback foray by senior Chris Wilmot. After carrying the ball from midfield, Wilmot received a return pass from captain Charlie Thomas and beat the goalie with a high hard shot from off the angle.

Players Disappointed

Even though soccer is usually a game of one or two goals, the players were disappointed with their performance. The team had trouble developing its offensive plays, especially when the ball was inside the penalty area. Many scoring opportunities were lost when a lineman would attempt a difficult pass even though he already had a clear shot himself.

"The main problem was that we worked our attack through the middle, rather than advancing the ball up the wings," assistant coach Elliot Klein explained after the game.

"If we had used some wing crosses early in the game, the MIT defense would have been forced to spread out, and we would have scored three times as many goals," he said. "The passing wasn't crisp, but the potential is clearly there, and with a little more practice we will be able to rival any college club in the country," he added.

Klein had nothing but praise for the defense. "This system calls for a lot of running and close coverage. Our backs were able to anticipate and intercept plays, and they switched off covering assignments excellently. MIT didn't get off one good shot all game," he said.

Even though all the starters are healthy, coach Bruce Munro is already anticipating injuries to key players. Bob Woods and sophomore Brian Fearneth each played two periods at front fullback, and in the event that Wilmot should be sidelined, one of them will move back to center fullback.

Russ Bell also saw a lot of action, and he will be able to fill in as either a linkman or a forward.

Ivy Toughtes

Harvard will have to stay healthy in order to repeat as undefeated Ivy League champions. Cornell, which finished fourth in the league last year, pulled a major upset on Tuesday by beating Hartwick, 1-0. Hartwick beat Harvard in the NCAA quarter-finals last year, 4-3, and in preseason rating, they were second in the country.

Three other teams pose serious threats to Harvard's title defense. Columbia and Penn will be just as strong as last year, and Brown exhibited some new scoring punch in Tuesday's

5-0 win over B.U.

Harvard's next game is against traditionally strong Amherst next Wednesday. The next home game will be against Columbia on October 9.

Soccer

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The first weekly ratings show Brown's soccer team as the best New England squad. The Bruins edged Harvard out of first after walloping Rhode Island, 5-3, last weekend.

Harvard, ranked first in preseason polls, dropped to second without playing a game. The poll was taken prior to Wednesday's 5-0 victory over MIT.

Two Crimson opponents. Williams (fifth) and Dartmouth (ninth), were also in the New England top ten.

Soccer Ranking

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Defending champion Harvard regained the top ranking in the weekly New England Intercollegiate soccer ratings after opening its season with a 5-0 thrashing of MIT. The Crimson received 10 of a possible 12 first place votes.

Brown slipped to second after smashing Boston University, 5-0, and losing badly to Penn, 6-1. Two New England coaches still rated Brown above Harvard. Pts. Harvard (1-0) 118 Brown (2-1) 110 Springfield (2-1) 82 Wesleyan(2-0) 72 Williams (2-0) 62

Booters Aim for Consistency at Amherst

BY M. DEACON DAKE,

OCTOBER 6, 1971



Offensively sporadic for a half but defensively superb throughout its opening victory over MIT last week, Harvard's soccer team visits a large unfriendly crowd, a short field, and a mediocre soccer foe this afternoon at Amherst.

"We weren't pleased with our showing against MIT," assistant coach Elliot Klein said yesterday. "The main problem was with our offense; too much individual effort and not enough team play."

Last year, the Crimson easily over-powered Amherst, 3-1, with the Lord Jeffs' lone goal coming on a fluke play. This season, Amherst has yet to win, having lost to Dartmouth, 3-1, and last week to Lafayette, 2-1.

Very Wary

Even so, the Crimson is not taking the game lightly. "Oh no, we're very wary playing at Amherst; they always have a large and loud crowd at their games," goalie Shep Messing explained last night.

Two other conditions will also be working against the Crim-

son this afternoon. The field at Amherst is shorter from 15 to 20 yards in length and width than the regulation size field on which Harvard practices.

And there is the bus trip the team must make to Amherst before the game. It is a longer than normal trip for the team and may leave the squad tired and tight. "It is a very long trip, but we'll be leaving about 11 a.m., so we can stop the bus about half-way and let the players get out and stretch a little," Klein said.

In last Wednesday's season opener against MIT, the Crimson's defense was completely impenetrable. The Engineers rarely controlled the ball outside their end of the field and didn't get off one good shot during the game.

Harvard's offense was less impressive. Even though the Crimson managed nearly 60 shots against its outmanned rivals, Phil Kydes' second-period tally was the only score on the board at halftime.

Clicking

In the second half, coach Bruce Munro's new offensive formation began to click. The offense started to open up and four goals floated in, one right after the other, for a 5-0 victory.

The bulk of this week's practice sessions has dealt with maintaining throughout a match a constant offensive quality superior to that of even the second half of the MIT contest. Klein would not comment on the specific techniques employed this week to accomplish the goal but said that definite steps have been taken. "We'll just have to see how it works out against Amherst; we should improve," he said.

Papagianis Enjoys Flexibility Of Booters' Rotating Offense

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OCTOBER 9, 1971

Back in 1969 when Southeast High School of St. Louis finished its baseball season by winning the Illinois Missouri championships. Chris Papagianis was in centerfield and 20 major league scouts were in the stands.

Several of his teammates were signed after the game, but Papagianis, who had led the team in hitting three years in a row, had other plans. Turning down football scholarships at dozens of colleges including Notre Dame and USC, he decided to go to Harvard to be a place kicker.

"It's a decision I regret sometimes," Papagianis, an All-State halfback his senior year, said. "Some of my friends are playing for the big colleges now, and I've always wondered if I was really good enough to make it."

Discouraged by the football program at Harvard, Papagianis quit the team after a week and went out for soccer. His 24 goals as a freshman set a new scoring record.

Papagianis was born in Epiros, Greece, and soccer was his first sport. His house was three blocks from the local stadium, and from the time he was five he played in pick-up games after school.

In 1963 his family immigrated to St. Louis. "St. Louis is a

sports-minded town. There are more than 400 soccer teams in the area, and down at Forest Park over Christmas, there are as many as 20 soccer games being played at one time," Papagianis said.

Before going to college Papagianis had never heard of the Harvard soccer team, but he now feels that the Crimson have one of the best forward lines in the country.

The key to Harvard's explosive offense is its enormous flexibility. "No one has a set position," he said, "For example, at one point in the game against Amherst, Phil Kydes dropped back to halfback, and I moved in from my wing position. The fullback didn't know whom to cover and he left the entire right side wide open. Charlie Thomas and Emanuel Ekama started a passing combination which took advantage of this opening, and Emanuel got a goal."

The two linkmen in the 4-2-4 formation are integral parts of the offense, and the man with the ball will often have as many as five passing options. The offense will often try to isolate one defender by using short chip passes and return combinations. Another technique is to use cross-field passes which, if quickly returned to the center, will leave two or three defenders, way put of position.

This complicated type of offense calls for a great deal of anticipation of what your teammate will do in a given situation.

"When I get the ball I don't have to look up to know where Phil is," Papagianis said, "And if I'm going to give him a through pass, I can tell by the way his nose is pointing where to hit him."

Papagianis is confident that the team will gain more of this type of anticipation as the season progresses. He gives much of the credit to new assistant coach Elliot Klein. "Rotating positions was Elliot's idea, and he has been teaching us to utilize the combinations it creates," he said.

Coach Munro has been urging his players to take each game one at a time this year, but Papagianis finds it hard to keep from thinking about the nationals. Many of his former teammates from the St. Louis summer leagues are now playing for St. Louis University, the defending national champions.

"These past two years I have often thought that I should have gone to St. Louis. But not any more--I think we can beat them," he said.

Ivy Schedule

Columbia at Harvard Penn at Dartmouth Princeton at Cornell Yale at Brown

Sixth Ranked Booters Open Ivy Season Today

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
OCTOBER 9, 1971

Ranked sixth in the nation and first in New England, Harvard's soccer team guns for its third victory of the season as it opens defense of the Ivy League title against Columbia at 11 a.m. today on the Business School Field.

"They're not one of the strongest teams in the Ivies but they

have their fair share of talented foreign players,” Harvard coach Bruce Munro said.

Indeed, the Lions, who are classified as a “rebuilding team” this season by most experts, do have more than their share of foreign players.

The hero of last Saturday’s Columbia 3-2 victory over Princeton was a 5 ft. 6 in., 120 pound right inside named Pete Vasudhara. He recorded the first “hat trick” of the Ivy league season by netting two unassisted goals before scoring the winner in the fourth period against the Tigers.

Assisting on Vasudhara’s third goal was another member of Coach Jim Rein’s foreign corps, Iruba Chatupronchareon.

The key to the Lion’s success this year could be the performance of transfer student Francis N’Jie, who finds himself in the difficult position of trying to replace graduated All-American halfback Len Renery.

Along with Renery, Rein lost six other starters from the best Lion team in recent years, but he appears to still possess enough talent to post a winning records.

Entering today’s match, Harvard will still be looking to put-together two halves of consistent offensive and defensive soccer equal to or surpassing its second half performance against Amherst last Wednesday.

So far this season the concern in achieving this consistency stems from a sputtering offense but in the second half of the Amherst game the Crimson attack finally opened up.

The assault had more distribution to the wings than in the past and the play consistently crossed back and forth across the field with crisp, well placed passes that left Amherst frustrated.

The defense in the second half denied the Lord Jeffs’ offense a single scoring threat in the same impenetrable fashion displayed in the MIT game. Soccer Schedule Columbia Oct. 9 Wesleyan Oct. 13 at Cornell Oct. 16 at Dartmouth Oct. 22 at Penn. Oct. 29 Princeton Nov. 6 at Tufts Nov. 10 at Brown Nov. 13 at Yale Nov. 19

UPI Ratings Team Points 1. St. Louis(6-0) 324 2. U.C.L.A.(2-0) 278 3. Quincy(4-0) 270 4. Penn(3-0) 267 5. Cornell(4-0) 240 6. Harvard(2-0) 227 7. So. Illinois(3-0) 208 8. Hartwick(2-1) 203 9. San Jose St.(5-0) 195 10. Navy(2-0) 170

Booters’ Defense Overwhelms Columbia; Adedeji, Kydes, Papagianis Lead Attack

BY ERIC POPE,
OCTOBER 12, 1971

Riding high on defensive invulnerability the Harvard soccer team easily defeated Columbia on Saturday at the Business School Field, 5-0.

Sophomore Felix Adedeji led the scoring with three goals. Phil Kydes and Chris Papagianis each scored once, and Charlie Thomas recorded two assists as the Crimson outshot the Lions, 32-3.

Although the Columbia line featured fancy footwork and several unspellable names, the Harvard backs broke up most plays before they even reached midfield. The Lions tried to penetrate with long passes and fast breaks, but the Harvard defense was soon intercepting passes at will, and the attack deteriorated to un-gettable through passes and futile dribbling.

Chris Wilmot moved up from fullback to contribute to the offense, and several times wing fullback Rick Scott intercepted goalie throws just outside the penalty area.

“We’ll play our backs up whenever the other team allows us to,” coach Bruce Munro said after the game. “We were able to completely eliminate the gap between offense and defense.”

Harvard’s attack was slow at the start, and many rushes deteriorated into dribbling exhibitions. The Columbia goalie played his position with a little too much elan, however, and the Crimson’s first two goals found him way out of position.

The First Goal

In the second period Wilmot set up the first goal with a high chip shot on a free kick. Instead of catching the ball, the goalie punched it out of immediate trouble. Linkman Henry Sideropoulos quickly passed to Adedeji, who scored while lying on his back by spinning the ball around the goalie and into the empty nets.

The second goal came seconds before the end of the half when Papagianis scored with his back to the goal by flipping the ball past the over-committed goalie.

The Crimson put the game out of reach with a three-goal flurry in the fourth quarter. Kydes scored with a headshot off a beautiful chip pass by Thomas which had the goalie going the wrong way. Adedeji got his second goal by walking the ball into the nets after dribbling around three backs and the goalie.

The final Harvard goal came when the Columbia goalie knocked the ball off Thomas’ foot and onto a rather dubious defensive maneuver.

Benchmark Game

The Columbia game marked the first real test of the Harvard bench. Wing fullback Phil Axten was out with eight stitches over his eye from the Amherst game, and linkman Emanuel Ekama was ejected for fighting early in the first period.

Bob Woods filled in for Axten and once again proved himself an invaluable fifth man in the four-man “diamond” defense. Sideropoulos and sophomore Dick LaCivita were solid as linkmen, and Russ Bell showed his versatility by playing well as a linkman and then as a forward.

Harvard’s only weakness was hidden in what seemed to be its greatest strength. All five of Saturday’s goals were set up by mistakes that a better goalie probably wouldn’t have made, and three or four sure goals were lost when linemen refused to make the right pass. More team work is still needed on the line.

Booters Face Cardinals Today Meet Toughest Challenge to Date Without Axten, Ekama

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
OCTOBER 13, 1971

With the offense now starting to approach its potential and the defense remaining consistently impenetrable, Harvard's soccer team, ranked first in New England, meets a strong sixth rated Wesleyan squad at 2:30 p.m. on the Business School Field.

Ranked sixth nationally, the undefeated Crimson is faced with the possibility of opposing the Cardinals without the services of two regulars.

Senior fullback Phil Axten, who required eight stitches after a collision in the Amherst game and is now being treated for a possible concussion, and junior Emmanuel Ekama, who is suffering from a severely bruised bone on the top of his foot, are both listed as questionable starters by Coach Bruce Munro.

Axten did not play and Ekama saw brief action in Saturday's 5-0 victory over Columbia. Even without the two, Harvard put together its two best halves of the season for continuous offensive assault, complemented by a solid defensive wall. The Crimson outshot the Lions, 32-3.

Bob Woods filled in for Axten against Columbia and Henry Sideropoulos and Dick LaCivita alternated in Ekama's absence. All three performed admirably and may see more action today.

"We still haven't arrived at our potential yet, but you can't really fault the offense," Munro explained. "After all, there's nothing wrong with five goals."

With or without Axten and Ekama, the Crimson's play today will at least have to equal the performance against Columbia if it hopes to dominate the Cardinals.

"I'm really worried about Wesleyan," Munro said yesterday. "This is without a doubt the toughest team we've played to date and it is by no means any sort of stepping stone for Cornell on Saturday."

So far this season, Wesleyan has sailed to a 4-0 record, its most surprising game a 2-0 victory over Yale. Last week the Cardinals sunk the Coast Guard, 3-1.

The victory over Yale is even more impressive considering the Bulldogs' startling 0-0 tie on Saturday with highly favored Brown. In other Ivy League action, Penn--ranked fourth nationally--defeated Dartmouth, 3-1, and Cornell, rated fifth in the nation, had a surprisingly rough time with Princeton before edging the Tigers, 4-3.

In the two days of preparation before meeting Wesleyan, Munro has divided his time between running six on four drills and practicing situation plays, such as corner kicks.

Booters Riddle Wesleyan Defense, 6-1; Adedeji Leads Barrage With Three Goals

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OCTOBER 14, 1971

Playing against the strongest opposition so far this season, the Harvard soccer team overwhelmed Wesleyan at the Business School Field yesterday, 6-1.

Felix Adedeji once again led the offense with three goals, and Russ Bell and Phil Kydes each added one. Fullback Chris Wilmot scored his second goal of the season on a penalty kick in the third quarter.

Even though the Cardinals came into the game undefeated and ranked third in New England, coach Terry Jackson wasn't overly optimistic before the game. "If Harvard plays together, we'll be out of the game, that's all there is to it. We'll just have to try to overcome their greater finesse with teamwork," he said.

A Chance

For the first ten minutes it looked as if Wesleyan had a chance for an upset. They gained an early lead on a penalty shot, and their fast, well-drilled backs were controlling the middle of the field and picking off Harvard's through passes.

Phil Kydes was instrumental in getting the Crimson attack rolling. After creating several dangerous situations with short passes into the middle, he set up the first goal with a pass to Adedeji on the right side. Shooting with virtually no angle, Adedeji beat the goalie with a low hard shot to the opposite corner.

Moments later Kydes set up an identical situation, and when Adedeji lost control of the ball in a scramble, Bell scored on an open net.

During the game Wesleyan tried several different defensive alignments, and at this point they shifted it into a 4-3-3 formation. Rather than meet the Harvard attack at midfield, the Wesleyan defense played back, hoping that the additional men in the penalty area would negate the finesse of the Harvard forwards.

Flip Shot

However, Harvard scored once more before the end of the first half when Kydes hit the lower left corner with a flip shot over his head.

Harvard got its fourth goal early in the third period on Wilmot's penalty shot, and Wesleyan's spirit was completely broken when Shep Messing thwarted two excellent scoring opportunities, one of them a break-away.

Harvard's last two goals were set up by linkman Emanuel Ekama. After drawing the defense to the left side, Ekama sent a pass across the middle, and Adedeji beat the goalie to the ball for a goal.

Adedeji completed the scoring when Ekama hit him with a short pass across field. Adedeji dribbled in close and drew three fullbacks and the goalie out of position before rolling

the ball into them middle of the goal. It was his seventh goal of the season, and sixth in the last two games.

Adedeji

"We were trying to draw the defense to one side and then quickly shift fields," Adedeji said after the game. "When I get the ball I pretend that I'm not moving to attract attention, and when the defense surrounds me, I sweep the ball to the other side. And when Charlie Thomas and Phil Kydes are dribbling in the middle, the defense forgets about me and I'll be open."

Linkman Rick LaCivita played with Adedeji on last year's freshman team and is a student of his dribbling prowess. "Felix runs the ball along with the bottom of his foot. He draws defenders by leaving the ball way out in front, and when they attack he bounces the ball over their outstretched feet. Felix' spikes are like fingers on a basketball," LaCivita said.

Doubtful

Phil Axten remains a doubtful starter due to a possible concussion, but otherwise the team is physically sound for the big game against Cornell on Saturday at Ithaca.

Since beating Hartwick two weeks ago, Cornell has been rated fourth in the nation by the NCAA, Harvard is ranked fifth.

Frosh Soccer Takes Opener

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The freshman soccer team played a hard and fast, if somewhat uncoordinated first game yesterday and came back from MIT winners, 3-0. Pitted against considerable skill and endurance on a very hot afternoon, the Crimson held competently in the goal, in the backfield, and on the attack.

Speedy left winger Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace broke a stalemate of muffed breaks, shots and centers in the second quarter. On a pass between defenders by Leroy Thompson, Wallace charged through to score.

Seven minutes into the third quarter Brock Walsh sent a long ball over the MIT backs to center Dan Potts. Potts, playing center for the first time, converted on a ricochet off the goalkeeper.

Inside Thompson leaped above the keeper ("Four feet at least," says Leroy) to head in a rebounding Vanderpool-Wallace throw-in. Following this score in the third, the Crimson, sweating hard, held MIT to four abortive shots. Art Faden's goaltending and rambling, long-legged backs Chris Adibe and Steve Meade strengthened the Crimson defense.

Fourth Ranked Booters Face Cornell 11 Today

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
OCTOBER 16, 1971

With injuries hobbling both Harvard and Cornell, an angry debate between athletic departments, concerning the playing

site, still raging, and the startling upset Wednesday of the Big Red, an aura of uncertainty surrounds today's showdown at Ithaca between the nation's fourth and fifth ranked soccer teams.

The Crimson, unbeaten with a 4-0 mark, will definitely be without the services of senior fullback Phil Axten, who is still being held out pending further tests for a possible concussion suffered in the Amherst game.

However, even more disastrous to Harvard is the possible loss of captain Charlie Thomas, who is listed by coach Bruce Munro as a very doubtful starter. Last year's Ivy League scoring champion stepped on a ball during the Wesleyan match and tore some connective tissue in his lower leg. Thomas was still unable to run Friday morning when the squad boarded the plane to Ithaca.

The team did get one bit of good luck as X-Rays of linkman Emanuel Ekama's severely bruised foot proved negative. Used sparingly against Wesleyan, Ekama is a probable starter today.

Unfortunately, a recent development has sent four members of the defensive squad scurrying to and from the infirmary. The strongest attack on the defense this season, a viral infection, has left goalie Shep Messing, and fullbacks Chris Wilmot, Norrie Harrower, and Rick Scott weak from diaheria and head colds.

In Ithaca, not only is the trainer working but the surgeons have been called in. Two starting halfbacks from the squad that earlier this year upset one of last season's NCAA semi-finalists, will not be suited up for Harvard.

Perhaps, these two losses have hurt the Big Red's recent performances more than anticipated. "We just haven't put it together since the Hartwick game," rookie coach Don Wood said. Last Saturday while Harvard was trouncing Columbia, 5-0. Cornell was fighting for its life against lowly Princeton.

The Big Red managed to squeak by the Tigers, a team Columbia beat earlier, 3-2, for its fifth win, 4-3. Alas, the Big Red's bubble finally burst Wednesday at Colgate as the Rams, riding on a 2-0 halftime lead, held on during a second half totally dominated by Cornell to squeeze out a 2-1 victory.

The Big Red may have been looking past the game with Colgate, who is now 5-1, to today's match. "It took us a long time to wake up," Wood explained. "I figured Colgate was very good but then again I wasn't playing." In the second half, one Cornell shot hit the goal post and another missed an open net.

Even with the two injuries and its recent performance problems, Cornell offers the Crimson its toughest opposition to date and a real threat to Harvard's chances for repeating as Ivy champions.

Wood boosts 12 returning lettermen, including All-Ivy forwards Bob Rechtschaffen and Frederico Rojas, and four talented transfer students, including Junior College All-American Victor Huerta. Goalie Craig Speak and fullback Russ Pollack anchor the defense.

Pointing for the Cornell game, Harvard's over all attack is at

its highest level so far this season.

“We know how important this game is,” Munro said. “In this week’s N.C.A.A. News it said ‘in the Midwest and West, the no. 1 ranked teams. St. Louis and U.C.L.A. are playing the no. 2 teams, Quincy and San Jose State, but the best game this week will be in Ithaca, N.Y., where the no. 1 team in New York faces the no. 1 rated squad in New England.’ They know how important it is too.”

Ivy Standings

	W	L	T
Penn	2	0	0
Harvard	1	0	0
Cornell	1	0	0
Columbia	1	1	0
Brown	0	1	1
Yale	0	0	1
Dartmouth	0	1	0
Princeton	0	2	0

Booters Beat Cornell; Adedeji, Wilmot Excel

BY ERIC POPE,
OCTOBER 18, 1971

The Harvard soccer team passed its first major test of the season on Saturday by defeating Cornell at Ithaca, 3-2. Going into the game, the Crimson was ranked fourth in the NCAA; Cornell was ranked fifth.

Felix Adedeji once again led the attack by scoring two goals, both assisted by center fullback Chris Wilmot. Wilmot scored the other Crimson goal on a penalty shot when Adedeji was fouled on a break-away.

Cornell had the definite edge in the first half, but Harvard gained the lead on a corner kick by Russ Bell in the second period. Wilmot headed the cross to Adedeji who hit the inside of the right goal post with another head shot.

Cornell increased its control in the third period and scored two goals within two minutes. Victor Huerta, one of Cornell’s three junior college All-America players, tied the game on a penalty shot, and with ten seconds left in the period, Andy Rosenberg scored off a corner kick.

“At that point it looked as if we were a beaten team,” Wilmot said, “but we immediately started to gain momentum, and the last 15 minutes of the game was the best soccer we’ve played all season.”

With six minutes remaining Adedeji took a pass in the middle from Wilmot, moved to the right around several fullbacks, and then hit the far corner with a hard, low shot.

Two minutes later Adedeji once again got free by moving to the right, but he was fouled by Cornell’s Bill Murray before he could get the shot off. Wilmot secured the victory with his second successful penalty shot of the season.

Murray, another former junior college All-America player, was playing Adedeji man-to-man, but he proved unequal to the task. Adedeji raised his goal total for the season to nine, eight of which have come in the last three games.

But while the Crimson offense sputtered for three periods, the defensive unit remained imperturbable under constant pressure. “I still think we have the best college defense in the country,” assistant coach Elliot Klein said. “We have yet to give up a goal on an offensive play. Cornell’s two goals were on a corner kick and a penalty shot,” he said.

A great deal of the pressure was psychological. Throughout the game Cornell’s Huerta harassed Crimson players with taunts and maneuvers which the referees weren’t meant to see. He was finally kicked out of the game in the fourth period.

“The hero of Saturday’s game was Chris Wilmot,” Klein said. “He was taking fouls all day, and when we were down 2-1, his attitude was exemplary. He kept the defense together, and inspired our final quarter push.”

Cornell was able to keep up constant pressure by massing their players in the vicinity of the ball--a sign of a very good team. Operating out of a basic 4-2-4 formation. Cornell would shift to a 4-4-2 when on defense, and when attacking there would often be eight Cornell players around the penalty area.

With Emanuel Ekama still testing a sore ankle, and Nourie Harrower suffering from the flu. Harvard was unable to control play at midfield. Shifting out of their short passing game, the Harvard backs tried to pinpoint individual forwards with long passes.

“We were outnumbered in the center, and we degenerated into a kick-and-run style of play which is antagonistic to our whole philosophy,” Klein said.

The Crimson still managed to outshoot Cornell, 16-15. “Any team that is ahead of Harvard with eight minutes left has obviously played a good game,” Cornell coach Dan Wood said after the game.

Ivy League Soccer Standings

	W.	L.	T
Harvard	2	0	0
Penn	2	0	0
Yale	1	0	1
Brown	1	1	0
Cornell	1	1	0
Columbia	1	2	0
Dartmouth	0	2	0
Princeton	0	2	0

More Injuries Hobble Booters

BY M. DEACONDAKE,
OCTOBER 19, 1971

With a tough weekend victory at Cornell behind it and no games before Dartmouth on Saturday, Harvard's soccer team is using this week to let its injury-plagued members recover before entering the crucial second half of the season.

A big question mark for coach Bruce Munro's fifth-ranked booters is the condition of last year's Ivy scoring champion, captain Charlie Thomas. Thomas stepped on a ball in the Wesleyan game and tore some connective tissue in his lower leg.

Trouble Running

Against Cornell Saturday, the senior inside did not play until the start of the second half. "I couldn't run at all. My leg really hurt and it was best that I was taken out," Thomas said last night. "It's much better now and I can walk better."

In addition to Thomas, senior fullback Phil Axten is still unable to practice due to a possible concussion suffered against Amherst, Emmanuel Ekama, who played against the Big Red, is again having problems with his bruised foot and missed yesterday's practice.

Booters Ranked Third; Penn Loses to Navy

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
OCTOBER 20, 1971

In the national soccer rankings released yesterday, Harvard's unbeaten booters moved up to third place, a spot vacated by Pennsylvania after the Quakers lost to Navy, 2-1, on Saturday.

The Crimson edged Cornell, 3-2, on Saturday to raise its record to 5-0 and keep pace with number one ranked St. Louis, who beat the formerly number six rated team, Quincy, 2-0.

Without a doubt, the big surprise of the week was the Middies upset at Annapolis. In a game that was tied, 1-1, at the half, the Quakers out shot unbeaten Navy, 32-17. The winning goal came midway through the final quarter.

After a Quaker shot hit the crossbar, Navy cleared to the corner and then to midfield. A quick pass to the right corner and a sharp centering pass set up the winning goal.

"Much as I hate to say it, we were outhustled," Quaker coach Bob Seddon said. "We've been a little slack lately and it caught us. They were just beating us to the ball."

As the result of the victory, the Middies jumped from ninth to fourth in the UPI ranking. In other games involving teams in the top ten, Hartwick beat Marist, 2-0, and NYU, now 5-0-0, moved into the ratings with a 1-0 victory over Colgate. Number two ranked UCLA beat the former seventh ranked Team, San Jose State, and Army, rated tenth last week, dropped its match to the Air Force, 3-1.

National Soccer Rankings

1. St. Louis (9-0-0)
2. UCLA (9-0-0)
3. Harvard (5-0-0)
4. Navy (5-0-0)
5. Hartwick (5-1-0)
6. Quincy (6-1-0)
7. Penn (5-1-0)
8. Southern Illinois (4-0-0)
9. Howard (3-0-0)
10. NYU (5-0-0)

Crimson Soccer Wins Again; Yale Nears Top of League

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Yale, never considered a strong contender for the Ivy title, has suddenly jumped into the Ivy league race with a convincing 4-1 thrashing of Columbia last Saturday. The Bulldogs also have a 1-1 tie with Brown to their credit.

Also last weekend, Brown finally got on the winning track with a devastating 7-2 romp over Dartmouth, and Harvard extended its unbeaten record with a 3-2 victory over nationally ranked Cornell.

Yale's attack Saturday was led by junior John Clark, who tallied twice. Clark led the Eli in scoring last fall but has been hobbled with injuries recently. Yale goalie Ken Pasternak; who also has been sidelined this season, has now held the opposition to one goal in two games. Pasternak turned aside 11 shots Saturday.

The Crimson won its sixteenth consecutive Ivy match on Saturday to tie the record previously held by Brown. Harvard's seniors have never lost a match in Ivy competition. The Crimson's Felix Adedeji scored twice against Cornell to take the initial lead in the Ivy scoring race. Ivy Scoring - G A Pts. Adedeji, Har. 5 0 5 Morin, Brown 4 0 4 Baumann, Penn 3 1 4

Injured Booters Face Dartmouth

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
OCTOBER 22, 1971

With six out of 11 starters hobbled by injuries, Harvard's soccer team, rated third in the nation, travels to Hanover today with hopes of beating a weak but upset-minded Dartmouth squad without sacrificing more members from its depleted ranks.

"We have had so many people injured that we really haven't been able to practice at all this week," assistant coach Elliot Klein said last night. "In fact, today was the first day in which we had enough players to run a scrimmage."

Last Saturday, while Harvard was edging Cornell, 3-2, the

Indians were receiving a 7-2 trouncing from Brown. "A team that loses to Brown, 7-2, at this part of the season, just couldn't be too good," Captain Charlie Thomas said.

"But it could be close; they'll be way up playing us at home and we're a little bit out of practice," Thomas explained. "Plus, we don't really know whether some of the injured players can go all the way."

Thomas is one of the injured players whose status for an entire game is doubtful. Injured against Wesleyan, Thomas played only three minutes against Cornell before the pain from the torn tissue in his lower leg forced him out.

However, he will start this afternoon along with Chris Wilmot, whose ankle, which he turned in practice Monday, is still very painful. Russ Bell is suffering from a muscle pull in the back of his leg and Brian Fearnett and Norie Harrower are also operating below par with leg injuries. All are slated to see action against the Indians.

Dartmouth coach George Beim may send as many as 10 sophomores against the Crimson after losing All-American Charlie Silcox and scoring leader Gary Gasper through graduation. All-Ivy fullback and captain Rich Gillford will anchor the defense while providing some desperately needed experience.

NCAA Soccer Trials Nearing; Harvard, Brown Assured Entry

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Wesleyan and Massachusetts appear to be the strongest candidates to join Brown and Harvard in the NCAA District I playoffs next month. Wesleyan is ranked second in New England after defeating Springfield, 3-2, and losing to the Crimson, 6-1, last week. Massachusetts is presently undefeated in five starts.

Late in November, the NCAA District I selection committee will extend playoff invitations to four soccer teams. Brown and Harvard will almost assuredly receive invitations because of their history of strong teams. This respect for past record is indicated by the fact that Brown, ranked third, has lost to Springfield (number 4) and has been tied by Yale (number 17).

Massachusetts is a likely candidate because fourth ranked Springfield is a college division team and does not accept post-season university invitations.

Bridgeport, although 6-2, is also a strong selection possibility. The Purple Knights upset Yale and Central Connecticut, a last year's tournament selection, last week.

New England Ratings

Harvard (5-0-0)	Williams (4-0-1)
Wesleyan (5-1-0)	New Haven (7-1-0)
Brown (3-2-1)	Tufts (5-0-0)
Springfield (5-2-0)	Vermont (5-2-0)
Massachusetts (4-0-1)	
Bridgeport (6-2-0)	

Powerful Indian Squad Trips Yardling Booters

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Freshman soccer, hard-driving but simply outclassed, fell to Dartmouth 4-0 at Hanover yesterday.

Harvard Coach Dana Getchell said the loss "did not surprise" him; he described the Big Green squad as "the finest frosh team I've seen come out of Dartmouth in 16 years of coaching."

The Crimson nevertheless fought to a remarkably even match through the first three quarters. Fullback Steve Meade and halfback Terry Ferguson fired up the defense against Frank Gallo, Keith Mierez, and Steve Buglioni of the outstanding Indian attack.

Harvard's backfield stymied Dartmouth with repeated clutch saves before Buglioni at last was able to convert on a fluke goal in the last seconds of the first quarter.

Last-minute position changes meanwhile tended to break up and disorient the Crimson attack. Getchell moved Frank Gerold from left half to start a center forward for the first time; Jerry Healing, normally starting right half, found himself doubling as left inside later in the game.

The Harvard attack, in spite of problems of coordination, set up several promising attempts on goal. Getchell was pleased with his new combinations at offense. "Gerold especially has a real driving instinct to score--he likes to do that about the best of anything," he said.

The Dartmouth frosh were regarded a understandably formidable opposition. In six matches this season the Big Green has gone undefeated and has allowed just one goal by its competitors. Gallo and Buglioni, each of whom scored again in the fourth quarter of the Harvard game, are but two of seven Dartmouth freshmen who will move up to the Varsity next year, according to the Indian coaching staff.

Dartmouth, in addition, played an unusual 4-4-2 formation which Harvard found difficult to cover, and impossible to score upon. By loitering behind with his own halfbacks, Buglioni, the Dartmouth left winger was able to draw open a hole in Harvard's protection, and then race through the gap for shots on through passes.

Dartmouth jammed four big, rambling fullbacks around the goal area--a normal formation calls for only two. The Harvard forwards, having to bear up under such heavy coverage, just could not draw the Dartmouth defense far enough off for a sustained passing attack, or a really hard, accurate shot.

Soccer Team Trounces Dartmouth 5-0; Papagianis, Adedeji Each Score Twice

BY ERIC POPE,
OCTOBER 23, 1971

The Harvard soccer team ran its Ivy League record to three wins and no losses yesterday by defeating Dartmouth at Hanover, 5-0.

Penn is heavily favored in their game at Princeton today, and if they win, the Crimson and the Quakers will go into next week's game at Philadelphia tied for first place.

Chris Papagianis and Felix Adedeji paced the Harvard attack with two goals apiece, and fullback Chris Wilmot added another.

With linkmen Nourie Harrower and Emanuel Ekama back in good health, Harvard controlled the center of the field. "In the game against Cornell last Saturday we were forced into kicking the ball long, but today we played the ball short and moved up field with short passes," Wilmot said after the game.

Adedeji opened the scoring with a head shot in the first period, and in the second period Papagianis beat the over-committed Dartmouth goalie after taking a quick pass from Wilmot.

Harvard gained complete control in the second half, and Dartmouth dropped back into a prevent defense with as many as nine men in the penalty area. When they did get the ball, the Indians sent long passes through the middle which either went back to goalie Shep Messing or were easily picked off by the Harvard fullbacks.

The game was put out of reach in the third period when Wilmot put in a head shot on a corner kick by Harrower. "No one challenged me, and I had a clear shot at the corner," Wilmot said.

In the fourth quarter coach Bruce Munro put in four substitutes without breaking the team's momentum. John Waciuma and Ric LaCivita maintained control at midfield, and fullback Lawson Wulsin set up the best goal of the game with a long sideline pass to Adedeji on left wing. Adedeji dropped the ball into the center, and Papagianis came in from right wing to score with a head shot.

Adedeji scored the final goal on a pass from Papagianis. The goal was Adedeji's tenth in the last four games. He has scored seven times in three Ivy League games and leads the league in goals and total points.

"Felix can walk the ball in, or hit the corners from thirty yards," Munro said after the game. "That's why he's so explosive. Dartmouth had three or four men on him all game, but then he just chips the ball over to the other side."

Captain Charlie Thomas sat out the game to rest his ankle, and he will be ready for the showdown with Penn next Saturday. Phil Axten takes a final series of tests today to check out a possible concussion. Brian Fearnett, Ekama and Harrower have all recovered from earlier injuries and illness.

Harvard outshot Dartmouth, 32 to 6, and goalie Messing only had to make three saves. "This was the first time this season that we played our short passing game from start to finish. I think we're ready for Penn," Munro said.

Ivy League Soccer Standings

	W	L	T
Harvard	3	0	0
Penn	2	0	0
Yale	1	0	1
Brown	1	1	1
Cornell	1	1	0
Columbia	1	2	0
Princeton	0	2	0
Dartmouth	0	3	0

Alumni Booters Lose, Chiappa Scores Twice

BY ERIC POPE,
OCTOBER 26, 1971

Playing against the combined squad of the varsity and junior varsity soccer teams, and down by four goals after fifteen minutes, the Harvard Alumni team rallied to heights of former greatness before losing, 4-3, at the Business School Field on Saturday.

Before departing late in the first period, the varsity regulars took advantage of their better conditioning to pump in four quick goals. Felix Adedeji opened the varsity scoring, and Chris Papagianis concluded it with three goals in six minutes.

The Alumni fared better against the junior varsity, as Keith Chiappa '65 scored two goals shortly before the end of the half. Bruce DeTora '70 set up both plays. The final Alumni goal came on a penalty shot by Jim Saltonstall '67 in the third period.

"The vast majority of these guys are in good shape," freshman coach Dana Getchell said after the game. "They aren't just a bunch of stuffed shirts putting on the boots for one day."

The starting line consisted of Ahmed Yehia '69, Dick Nesto '71, Pete Bogovitch '71, DeTora and Chiappa. The halfbacks were Bezo Cutler '71, Chuck Okigwe '65 and Seamus Malin '62, who is the junior varsity coach. Langley Keyes '60 and David Clapp '64 were the starting fullbacks, and Richie Hammond '67 and John Adams '63 shared the goal-tending duties.

Solomon Gomez, captain of last year's team, was at the game, but he was doing his shooting from the sidelines with a 200 millimeter lens.

Adedeji's Goal Spree Paces Booters

BY ERIC POPE,
OCTOBER 29, 1971

When Captain Charlie Thomas was asked to describe sophomore Felix Adedeji before the soccer season began, he said. "Felix has the strength of a Bogovitch, the ball control

of a Kydes, the gusto of a Gomez, and a little something of his own besides."

Adedeji has lived up to his advance billing by scoring 11 goals in the first six games, ten of them in the last four. He leads the Ivy League in scoring with seven goals and two assists in three contests.

When Harvard plays against Penn tonight, the Quakers will be keying their defense on Adedeji, and that's just the way he likes it.

"It's a great psychological advantage to have the other team thinking about your reputation," Adedeji explained. "When I come down on the goalie he thinks. 'This is the guy who scores all the goals. What am I going to do?' Already his attention has been divided, and it makes it that much easier to score."

16-Year-Old Olympian

Adedeji's recent scoring feats are eclipsed by his achievements in his home country of Nigeria. He was an inside forward on the 1968 Olympic team at the age of sixteen, and he scored in each of the qualifying matches until Brazil beat Nigeria, 2-0, to gain a berth in the quarterfinals at Mexico City.

Since Nigeria has no professional leagues, Adedeji was playing with the best players in the country, and the knowledge he developed encompasses dimensions of soccer which the average American player is completely unaware of.

"When I was playing in Nigeria. I was always conscious of the particular pattern of moves I was making. I had three or four completely different styles of play, and I used the one which was most effective against the type of team I was playing against. Now I do whatever comes into my head first. So far this season I have for the most part relied on only one or two tricks," Adedeji said.

Pleasantly Surprised

Adedeji has been pleasantly surprised at how well this limited arsenal has been working. "These backs get involved with the slightest fake, and I have to smile when I think what would happen if I tried the same things back in Nigeria," he said.

According to Adedeji the key to dribbling is to keep your body between the ball and the defender. This enables you to block the defender with one leg while making the play with the other. It also forces the defender to follow your body rather than the ball--which sets him up for body fakes.

Despite his highly stylized individual play, Adedeji is very conscious of the teamwork required for a successful attack. "We get together and tell each other where we want to get the ball in certain situations. If I am coming down with Charlie. I know that he'll want the ball on the left. I fake my man to the right, drop the ball to the left, and then go towards the right goalpost for the header," Adedeji said.

Linkmen

Adedeji considers the linkmen the backbone of Harvard's scoring machine. They are responsible for getting the ball up to the line, and if they trail the play properly, they give

the forward an additional passing option--if Adedeji should be bottled up on in the left corner, he can pass back to linkman Norie Harrower who will switch the ball over to the other side.

Several of Adedeji's goals have come on shots from seemingly impossible angles. The quickness with which he delivers his shot is one important factor, but what sets Adedeji apart from most forwards is his ability to keep his eyes on the goalie.

"When I am dribbling I always know where the ball is, and so I am able to watch the goalie's movements. When I come towards him I wave from side to side, and if he picks up his right foot in anticipation of a shot to the left, I shoot to the right," he said.

Captain Charlie Thomas feels that Adedeji is much more than just a goal scorer. "Felix is an easy going guy, and he is always smiling and laughing. He contributes a great deal to the team's morale. And of course he helps us out on the field as well," Thomas said.

When Adedeji was sixteen his ambition was to be a professional soccer player in Britain. He now wants to be a doctor, and this summer he worked as a lab assistant at Boston University.

Booters Brace For Showdown

Penn Takes 8-1 Mark Against Unbeaten Crimson Tonight

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
OCTOBER 29, 1971

Harvard coach Bruce Munro calls it "the game of the week in America;" Penn coach Bob Seddon labels it, "the biggest game of the year for us;" experts call it, "the definite Game of the Year in the Ivy League;" and down in Philadelphia they just talk about "The Big One."

And so, the stage is set for the 8 p.m. showdown at Penn's Franklin Field. The Crimson, rated third in the nation, has a streak of 17 consecutive Ivy League victories, and is presently tied with the Quakers for first place in the league with a 3-0 mark. Penn is ranked sixth in the nation and goes into the game with a 8-1 record compared to Harvard's 6-0 mark.

The Quakers' lone loss came two weeks ago at Annapolis. Outshooting Navy 32-17, Penn lost in the fourth quarter to the Middies, 2-1. Last Saturday, Harvard disposed of Dartmouth at Hanover, 5-0, while the Quakers, who beat the Indians, 3-1, earlier in the season, blanked Princeton, 3-0. The Crimson and the Quakers outshot their victims 32-6 and 37-5 respectively.

As the pressure and publicity surrounding the game rises, two questions have been repeatedly asked of coaches and players, both of which should have a definite effect on the outcome. The availability of Harvard's numerous injured players and the extent to which the Crimson attack may be hampered by Penn's poly-turf and the night conditions are still two big question marks surrounding the game.

Captain Charlie Thomas is still recuperating from an injury suffered against Wesleyan. He has not been used, since the injury, except for a brief appearance in the Cornell game. "I feel stronger each day and by the game I feel I should be able to run," Thomas said. "But I'll be playing at less than 100 per cent."

Ivy scoring leader Felix Adedeji's X-rays of his injured knee proved negative and he will be starting against the Quakers. Chris Wilmot and Russ Bell, both of whom were injured against Cornell, are expected to be ready.

"The poly-turf certainly won't help your injuries," Seddon said last night. "It's a harder surface than regular grass and for soccer it's a lot easier to get hurt on."

But Munro has been worrying about the artificial surface for other reasons. The ball moves faster and bounces higher off the carpet and the tempo of most matches is strikingly increased.

"Penn goes into this game with at least a one goal advantage playing on 'Astro-Turf' and at night," Munro explained. "There is no question in my mind about this."

In order to try and cut down the advantage, Munro put his squad through an hour practice session yesterday evening on B.U.'s perma-turf. They will fly down to Philadelphia this morning in time for a short workout on the Franklin Field surface.

"We definitely have a turf disadvantage but I've always said that a team of Harvard's ability should not have any problem adjusting to it," Seddon admitted.

The Quakers are led by last year's three top scorers, in tri-captains Stan Startzell (All-American), Tom Liebermann (All-Ivy) and Bob Watkins. Sophomores have also played a major part in Penn's success this season, particularly Larry Houston and Steve Baumann. The one weak spot for the Quakers may be at goal where John Miller moves up from the J.V. team to play in the nets. "We're very ready for the game, as far as injuries are concerned."

Booters Drop No. 1 Rank in 5-2 Loss

Startzell Leads Penn With Two Goals

BY M. DEACON DAKE, SPECIAL TO THE CRIMSON
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PHILADELPHIA--Completely dominating mid-field play and outshooting the hobbled Crimson, 18-4, in the second half, Penn's soccer team broke a 2-2 tie and went on to rout Harvard, 5-2, last night at Franklin Field.

For Harvard, ranked top in the nation, the loss broke the Crimson's 27-game regular season and 17-game Ivy League winning streak.

A crown of 11,500, the largest audience to view an inter-collegiate soccer match in the U.S., watched as injuries completely destroyed any Harvard chance for a victory.

Captain Charlie Thomas, Felix Adedeji, Chris Wilmot and Norie Harrower were all hurt during the game. Adedeji and Thomas were used sparingly in the second half and their

loss completely hobbled the Crimson offense.

Penn scored first when All-American Stan Startzell scored his first goal of the year on a low-rebound shot after a corner kick. Two minutes later, Harvard's Chris Papagianis took a pass from Bill Kydes and drilled a shot past Quaker goalie Jim Miller.

Penn countered on a goal by Barry Pritchard, and Papagianis knotted the score with six minutes left on a head to the corner of the net. Penn outshot Harvard in the first half, 24-11.

In the second half, injuries started to haunt Harvard and the game was decided. The Crimson's vaunted defense was rattled with a shot after shot as Penn's attack took command.

"We won it in the second half where we definitely outconditioned you," Penn Coach Bob Seddon said. "And Felix getting hurt made it our ball game."

Penn used a 4-2-4 attack and employed a sweeper for the first time this year. The Quakers moved Startzell up to the front line and the senior responded by leading the assault with two goals and two assists.

"His first goal in the second half was the turning point in the game," Harvard Coach Bruce Munro said. "Injuries caught up to us and we were really hurting in mid-field. Penn just dominated the game and played beautifully."

Following Startzell's goal, sophomore Larry Houston, who Seddon called the difference in the ball game, scored on a pass from Startzell to make the score 4-2 at the end of three periods.

The match was iced when sophomore Steve Baumann scored with 15 minutes left on an assist from Startzell.

"To look back at the game, it was a disaster. Everyone on the team was hobbling around," Wilmot said.

Harvard goalie Shep Messing played a good game but he was bombarded by just too many Quaker shots.

"They were excellent, they used everything they had and were completely unselfish," Messing said. "It's obvious to say that we were not up to par, but that should take nothing away from Penn's victory."

With Harvard quickly growing tired in the second half, the outcome was decided by the fourth quarter as Penn controlled the ball consistently in the Crimson end.

"We were just beating them to the ball," Startzell said. "It was desire. We just wanted it more than they did." Tri-captain Tom Liebermann said. "It was about time for them to lose, and we were the only ones who could do it." Soccer Standings W L T Harvard 3 0 0 Penn 3 0 0 Cornell 2 1 0 Brown 1 1 1 Yale 1 1 1 Columbia 1 2 0 Dartmouth 0 3 0 Princeton 0 3 0

Booters First In NCAA Poll

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Harvard's varsity soccer team received the maximum score in the balloting for the top ten teams of New England this

week. The Crimson was followed at a distance by Wesleyan, Brown, and Tufts in the race for four NCAA District I Playoff berths.

Wesleyan still remains undefeated since its loss to the Crimson two weeks ago. The cardinals beat Amherst, 4-1, last weekend to maintain a tight grasp on second place.

Brown once again proved the adage that the New England coaches will pick Brown as a perennial top team no matter what the Bruins record. Brown lost to Army, 1-0, last week but held on to third place.

Tufts, led by Sol Gomez's brother, jumped from ninth to fourth place after knocking off Boston University, 3-0, and U. Mass., 24, to remain undefeated.

1. Harvard (6-0-0)
2. Wesleyan (6-1-0)
3. Brown (4-3-1)
4. Tufts (7-0-0)
5. Williams (5-0-1)

Booters Whip Exeter; Potts Bangs in Two

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The freshman soccer team set up three slick goals early on, then petered off in the second half, but still shut out the weak Exeter varsity 3-0 at Exeter Saturday.

The ease of the victory surprised newly elected captain Dan Potts. "Getch (Coach Dana Getchell) told us they'd be really rough, warned us they'd definitely score against us," he said yesterday. "We expected a squad as good as Dartmouth." Dartmouth trounced Harvard last week at Hanover, 4-0.

Exeter did control play through the first few minutes. But the turnabout came quickly as the ball was cleared from Harvard's goal area to halfback Frank Gerold. Gerold gave a through pass to Vinnie Vanderpool-Wallace, the left wing, who deftly faked Exeter's goalie for the score.

Wallace also provided the opportunities for Potts to score twice. Later in the first quarter Wallace looped a corner kick to the far goalpost, where Potts, uncovered, headed it in.

A few minutes before halftime Wallace made a long throw in to Leroy Thompson, positioned in front of the Exeter goal. Thompson raised his knee, faked the trap, and elegantly deflected the ball to Potts. Potts caught it in his stomach and then shot past the confused goalkeeper.

"It was a beautiful day and we were feeling good," Potts said of the flashy Harvard offense in the opening half. "We finally started giving the ball to the wings more," he said. Potts blamed Harvard's mediocre, scoreless second half on a gap that developed between offense and defense. "Our insides would move too far up, and our halves too far back," he said.

Frosh Soccer Team Runs Over Andover, 5-1; Thomas at Center Makes Four Goals in Rain

NO WRITER ATTRIBUTED
NOVEMBER 4, 1971

Center Chris Thomas scored four times as the freshman soccer team trampled Andover here yesterday, 5-1, in cold rain.

"Considering the weather, our forward line jelled together really well," said inside Leroy Thompson, who put in Harvard's other goal. "We feel each other's strengths and weaknesses now. Against Andover our attack was the smoothest yet."

Andover's diamond defense tended to leave Harvard's wings in the clear, and the Crimson halfback took advantage of this lack of coverage by booting through the opposition to the far corners of the field. In the opening seconds left wing Vinnie Vanderpool-Wallace, on receiving such a pass from half Brock Walsh, centered back to Thomas, who drilled a 5-yard skidding shot into the nets.

Chip Away

Less than three minutes later captain Dan Potts, the right outside, took a chip pass from half Dick Raines and kicked through to Thompson for Harvard's second quick goal. Wallace got another booming pass from Walsh early in the second quarter and tipped the ball to Thomas again. Thomas, this time just a few feet from the goal-line, danced around the Andover keeper and then popped the ball in.

Andover, demoralized by Harvard's powerful start, nevertheless managed to score in the first period on a long, hard-fought drive by Blue center Harland Williams. "After that goal I was afraid they might just come back to upset us," said Harvard Coach Dana Getchell.

The turning point of the game, according to Getchell, came when Harvard's goalie, Pete Zurkow, stopped an Andover penalty shot, and--in a brilliant second effort--blocked the rebound also. "If that shot had gone in, those prep school kids would've been just one down on us, 3-2, and psyched up as all hell on beating Harvard for the first time since the '50's," Getchell said.

As it happened Andover had no such luck. Shortly after the botched penalty shot, Thomas tallied for the Crimson on a high looper from Walsh in midfield. Thomas--who "finally got his feet under him," according to Potts--converted yet again when inside Arty Fadan gave him a short, crisp through-pass.

Booters Hold Top Spot Despite Defeat by Penn

NO WRITER ATTRIBUTED
NOVEMBER 5, 1971

Harvard's varsity soccer team retained unanimous hold on the number one ranking in New England despite its 5-2 loss to Penn last weekend. The Crimson received all 12 first place votes and appears a cinch to receive an invitation to

defend its NCAA District I title later this month.

The surprise of the week was Tuft's victory over second-ranked Wesleyan, 5-3. The Jumbos, led by sophomore Gabriel Gomez, recorded their eighth consecutive win of the season before falling to Amherst, 1-0, in overtime. Despite the loss, Tufts jumped from fourth to second in the New England ratings.

Brown continued its mediocre season with a 2-2 tie to Princeton last weekend, but the Bruins held on to third place in the standings and appear to have a playoff berth reserved for the team.

Wesleyan and Williams appear to be battling for the fourth and final playoff berth, to be awarded in the next few days. Wesleyan held on to fourth place with a win in overtime over Southern Connecticut State, last year's playoff entrant, while Williams held on to fifth after with a tie with seventh ranked Springfield, 1-1.

New England Rankings

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| 1. Harvard (6-1-0) | 6. Bridgeport (8-4-0) |
| 2. Tufts (8-1-0) | 7. Springfield (7-3-1) |
| 3. Brown (5-3-2) | 8. Vermont (9-2-0) |
| 4. Wesleyan (7-2-0) | 9. Massachusetts (5-0-2) |
| 5. Williams (5-0-2) | 10. New Haven (10-2-1) |

Soccer Team Needs Win to Chase Penn

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NOVEMBER 6, 1971

Still suffering from the epidemic of injuries that broke out on the Astroturf of Franklin Field last Friday night, the Harvard soccer team meets Princeton today at 10:30 a.m. at the Business School Field. And even though the Tigers are mired in the second division of the Ivy League, their hopes for an upset are far from unfounded.

Princeton carries a 4-3-1 record into today's game, and they have performed respectably against tough competition. After losing to Columbia, 2-1, early in the season, the Tigers gave Cornell a scare before succumbing, 4-3, at Ithaca. Penn beat them, 3-0, but last Saturday Brown could only manage a 2-2 tie.

The big factor in today's game will be Harvard's injuries. Forwards Charlie Thomas and Felix Adedeji still haven't recovered from last week's injuries. Linkmen. Nourie Harrower and Emanuel Ekama are doubtful starters, and this loss of strength at midfield may severely hamper the effectiveness of Harvard's 4-2-4 formation.

"We won't use any of these four against Princeton if we can get away with it," coach Bruce Munro said.

Fullback Chris Wilmot hasn't fully recovered from his back injury, but he is expected to start today.

Henry Sideropoulos and Ron Padmore will replace Adedeji and Thomas on the line, and Russ Bell and Bahman Mos-savar-Rahmani will be the starting linkmen. In the practices this past week Munro has been concentrating on working with these new starters in game situations.

Princeton started out the season with a 4-2-4 formation, but they have switched into a 4-3-3. "Our defense is better than last year's, and with this new system we have been scoring some goals," Princeton coach Jack Volz said. "We don't have the all-around talent that Harvard, Penn and even Brown have, but our calibre of play has definitely improved."

Princeton's scoring threats are sophomores Chip Caine and Steve DuGan. DuGan will start at halfback, but if Princeton is able to contain Harvard at midfield, he will probably move up to the line. "I'll probably keep Caine out until I've spotted Harvard's weakness, and then I'll put him in there. You have to be conniving in this game," Volz said.

Harvard beat Princeton last year, 3-1, and the year before, 3-2. "We always get up for these games up here in Cambridge," Volz said.

Soccer Standings

	W	L	T	PTS
Penn	4	0	0	8
Cornell	3	1	0	6
Harvard	3	1	0	6
Yale	2	1	1	5
Brown	1	1	2	4
Columbia	1	3	0	2
Princeton	0	3	1	1
Dartmouth	0	4	0	0

Frosh Soccer Downs Tigers

NO WRITER ATTRIBUTED
NOVEMBER 8, 1971

The freshman soccer team, netting a goal in every quarter, ran over Princeton here Saturday, 4-1. Forward Dragan scored three times and inside Leroy Thompson added another to bring to twelve the Crimson's sum tallies for its last three matches.

Strength in Halfbacks

"We've been scoring plenty the last couple weeks--but that doesn't tell the whole story of why we're winning games," said Harvard coach Dana Getchell. "Our halfbacks make up our real strength. They're consistently taking away the ball from the opposition in midfield and setting up breaks for our line.

"And our halves--Frank Gerold, Dick Raines. Terry Ferguson, and Jerry Heslinger--played particularly hard-nosed ball Saturday. In fact they took the game away from Princeton." Getchell said.

Harvard's attack matched its defense in holding up well against a Princeton squad fond of physical contact. Inside Fred Weiss and winger Dan Potts fed Vujovic in the first and second quarters respectively for Harvard's first two goals. Vujovic blasted in another shortly before the half.

Thompson converted in the final minutes of the game on a lateral from Vujovic.

Vasco Fernandes put in Princeton’s only goal midway through the second quarter.

Soccermen Drop Princeton After Lagging First Period

BY ERIC POPE, NOVEMBER 8, 1971

Down 1-0 at the half, the Harvard soccer team completely dominated the last two periods and beat Princeton. 3-1, at the Business School field Saturday.

Captain Charlie Thomas, Felix Adedeji, Norie Harrower and Emanuel Ekama were all on the bench at the start of the game with injuries, and coach Bruce Munro was hoping that he wouldn’t have to use them.

Injuries Hurt

But, without these key players, the Crimson was unable to mount a sustained attack in the first half. The defense retreated in front of Princeton’s long ball offense. Harvard’s line was overly cautious and unable to get passing combinations started.

With less than a minute left in the first period. Princeton’s Tony Caine capitalized on several Crimson mistakes to score his eighth goal of the season. At halftime the Tigers were riding high on hopes of an upset.

At the start of the third period Munro abandoned his original game plan and put Adedeji in at left wing. Even though Adedeji was playing at half strength due to a pulled groin. Harvard immediately gained control of the game.

Midway into the period Munro sent Thomas in at inside, and within three minutes Harvard had put the game away with two goals.

Confidence

“Just seeing Thomas coming onto the field gave the rest of the team the confidence they needed.” Munro said after the game. “With Charlie and Felix out there the defense had confidence that once they got the ball up to the line it would stay there for awhile. So they moved up and cut off Princeton’s attack at midfield,” he said.

Phil Kydes scored twice on head shots within two minutes. In the outstanding play of the game. Kydes drilled a corner kick pass from Chris Papagianis into the upper left corner to tie the score.

Kydes’ second goal was set up by a cross from linkman Russ Bell. He hit the ball off of a deflection, and the shot had so much spin that it got past the goalie even after hitting the ground in front of him.

Harvard’s third goal came midway through the fourth period when Adedeji scored on a wing cross from Papagianis.

After Adedeji and Thomas left the game, the Crimson continued to dominate with short passing plays on the line and aggressive defense at midfield.

With two away games at Tufts and Brown this week. Munro is still very concerned about injuries. “Felix and Charlie

could get through a whole game without touching off their injuries, or they could get knocked out in the first five minutes.” Munro said.

Soccer Standings

	W	L	T	Pts
Penn	5	0	0	10
Cornell	4	1	0	8
Harvard	4	1	0	8
Yale	2	2	1	5
Columbia	2	3	0	4
Brown	1	2	2	4
Princeton	0	4	1	1
Dartmouth	0	5	0	0

New England Soccer Ratings

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Harvard (7-1-0)	Wesleyan (7-3-0)
Tufts (10-1-0)	Springfield (7-4-2)
Williams (6-0-2)	Vermont (10-2-0)
Bridgeport (10-4-0)	New Haven (11-3-1)
Brown (5-4-2)	Southern Conn. St. (7-3-1)

Booters Face Surging Jumbos

Tufts Challenges Top Team in Area

BY M. DEACON DAKE, NOVEMBER 10, 1971

After keeping its Ivy League title hopes alive with a, 3-1, victory over Princeton Saturday, Harvard’s soccer team will take a breather from conference action today when it tries to maintain its number one ranking in New England against number two rated Tufts at 2 p.m. on the Jumbos’ Alumni Field.

In the weekly New England soccer ratings released yesterday, the Crimson remained in its familiar top position but rumblings from a surging pack of squads below threatened Harvard’s premier rating. For the first time since early in the season, the Crimson failed to poll all 12 first place votes and its lead over the second seated Jumbos dwindled to 22 points.

Shaved Margin

Tufts routed MIT, 4-0, and Bowdoin, 4-1, last week to remain in second place with 97 points, a total which shaved 8 points off Harvard’s margin of a week ago. The two wins boosted its record to 10-1, the only loss being a, 1-0, overtime defeat to Amherst.

The Crimson, sporting a 7-1 record and three of the top five scorers in the Ivy League in Felix Adedeji (first), Chris Papagianis (second) and Chris Wilmot (tied for third), hopes

to duplicate last year's, 4-1, victory over Tufts but Crimson injuries may be a factor in the outcome.

Harvard starters Emanuel Ekama and Norie Harrower are definitely out of the match. Ekama is still suffering from a foot injury and a groin pull while Harrower's severely pulled hamstring will again keep him out of the lineup.

Both Adedeji and senior captain Charlie Thomas are question marks for Tufts. "Charlie was out kicking today but he didn't run at all," coach Bruce Munro said yesterday. "His injured leg is very painful, the more he runs on it, the more it hurts."

Adedeji is still limping from a leg injury suffered in the Penn game. Although used for about three periods against Princeton, his status for today's match is still undecided. No matter who's in the lineup, Harvard will continue to use a short passing ball control game plan which has been characteristic of its attack all season. Tufts will oppose Harvard with a completely different style of offense. The Jumbos are a kick and run team, which waits for breaks and then capitalizes. "They are a tough, physical team but are extremely good offensively," Munro said.

Mono

Against Harvard, Tufts will be without the services of starting goalie and co-captain Dick Hansen, who is out with mononucleosis. However, co-captain Jack Harrison will be back at left wing for the first time in six weeks to bolster the attack.

"I wouldn't say our attack is exactly kick and run," Jumbo coach Herbert Erickson said. "The attack hard to characterize sometimes, it's often disorganized but it gets results and that's what we're after."

Wide World of Sports used to show brief flashes of the snowmen at the Dartmouth Winter Carnival and then quickly switch to Waikiki for Duke Kamanamoko the white water. This Saturday, the Hanover Woods have attracted Chris Schenkel, Bud Wilkinson, and Bill Fleming to the Ivy battle of Ed Marinaro vs. the Big Green. The Ivy title, the Heisman Trophy, and the New York Nielsen rating are at stake.

Booters Remain Tops In Region With 5-2 Victory Over Jumbos

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
NOVEMBER 11, 1971

Striking for three quick goals in the third period, Harvard's soccer team broke open a close, 1-0 game and coasted to a 5-2 victory at Tufts to maintain its number one ranking in New England.

To the delight of 4500 fans at Alumni Field, the pesky Jumbos, rated second in New England, stayed close to Harvard for two well-played quarters. The only difference came on a classic shot to the top left corner of the net by the Crimson's Russ Bell, who took a pass just outside the penalty area from Chris Papagianis.

Even though Harvard pulled away in the third period, game

statistics revealed the game was much closer than the final margin indicates. The Crimson held a slim 26-25 advantage in shots on goal and Harvard goalie Shep Messing was forced to make 16 saves.

"(Phil) Kydes was the key to the game, he really knows how to move and control the ball," Tufts coach Herbert Erickson said. "But Messing played a great game too. We really tested him on at least 10 shots and he came through with some super saves."

Thirty seconds after intermission, Felix Adedeji hit the post with a shot. Kydes picked the rebound out of the air and headed into the nets. Charlie Thomas, with his leg injury almost healed, picked up his first goal of the season shortly before Papagianis scored on a shot from a pileup in front of the nets, to finish the three goal spurt.

"We with out a doubt played out best soccer of the season in the third period," Papagianis said. "It was so beautiful, Tufts just stood back and watched us move."

"Their ball control game was on in that quarter," Erickson said. "You know, if they settle down and play their game I don't see how any team can beat them, but, the impression I got today is that they might panic in the clutch."

Harvard's final goal came with one second remaining in the game when a Crimson shot ricocheted off Papagianis into the net.

Frosh to Face Brown Soccer

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NOVEMBER 12, 1971

The freshman soccer team faces a tough Brown squad here today at 2 p.m. The match, always Brown's last of the season, has over the years become highly charged with passionate rivalry.

"At Brown they're already thinking about this game every year when they make their admissions to the freshman class," said Harvard coach Dana Getchell yesterday. "There, beating Harvard in soccer is stressed almost as much as passing courses."

Getchell predicts hard physical contact on the field today. "We'll have trouble in particular with their fine fullback line," he said. Brown plays three backs across the field and a sweeper behind to cut off passes. The Brown defense has allowed only four goals in six games this season.

The Crimson meanwhile will be relying on overall team speed and coordination to topple Brown, Getchell said. "We'll gear ourselves to score by feeding linemen Dragan Vujovic and Leroy Thompson from our halfbacks and wingers," he said.

Booters to Face Former Ivy Champs

BY ERIC POPE,
NOVEMBER 13, 1971

The Harvard soccer team plays at Brown today, and although the Bruins are only 1-2-2 in Ivy action, they still

pose a major threat to Harvard's hopes for a share of the Ivy League title.

Brown was Ivy League champion for six straight years from 1963 to 1968. Last year the Bruins finished second when Harvard beat them, 2-1. The two teams met again in the NCAA regional play-offs, and once again Harvard won, 2-1.

Last Saturday Brown lost to Cornell, 2-1. "Our main problem is the lack of scoring punch," Brown coach Clifford Stevenson said. "In several of the games we've lost this season, we outshot and outplayed our opponents. In the Cornell game we could easily have scored two more goals."

Brown's overall record is 5-4-2. Harvard is 8-1-0 on the season, and 4-1-0 in the Ivy League.

Harvard's ability to stand up under the pressure of Brown's fast and aggressive style of play. Charlie Thomas will start, although he has not fully recovered from his ankle injury. Felix Adedeji is still suffering from a groin pull, and cannot be depended on to play the whole game.

The key factor in the game will be Emanuel Ekama is unable to play, and Nourie Harrower, Chris Wilmot, Shep Messing, and Rick Scott will all be playing at less than full strength.

Russ Bell and Ric LaCivita will be the starting linkmen, and Ron Padmore, Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani and Henry Sideropoulos will fill in as needed on the line or as linkmen.

"Russ Bell played a great game against Tufts; he was all over the field. And LaCivita is a great hustler," coach Bruce Munro said, "but on the line we just haven't had the time to work these new guys in."

Brown plays out of a 5-2-3 formation, but it is likely that they will shift out of it to stop Harvard's high-scoring linement. "We have a few tricks up our sleeves, but we definitely won't be playing a defensive game," Stevenson said. "We don't have the individual skills of Harvard, but we have a multiple type of offense."

Bill Frost leads Brown in scoring with six goals: Chip Young has five goals, and Brooks Warren has four. The leading Harvard scorers are Adedeji (12 goals, 4 assists), Chris Papagianis (8 goals, 6 assists) and Phil Kydes (7 goals, 3 assists).

"This game will be a test of the good American High School player against Harvard's foreign players," Stevenson said.

A loss to Harvard today will damage Brown's chances to get an NCAA regional play-off berth. "We deserve to make the play-offs even if we lose," Stevenson said, "And if we beat Harvard we should be ranked first in New England."

If Harvard wins, it will be assured of the top ranking in New England and the home field advantage in both play-off games that goes along with it.

A victory against Brown also keeps Harvard in contention for the Ivy League crown. If Cornell beats Penn next week, and Harvard beats Yale as expected, there would be a three-way tie for first place.

Frosh Tie Brown, 2-2, Despite Injuries, Wind

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The freshman soccer team held up staunchly against Brown here yesterday and tied, 2-2, despite a capricious wind and a rash of injuries.

"Brown played the most brutal soccer I've ever seen," said Harvard captain Dan Potts. "They pulled just about every variety of physical foul against us." Crimson starters Jerry Heslinger, Leroy Thompson, Brock Walsh, and Potts all had to leave play as the opposition plowed them from behind, knocked them over, or followed through on kicks to their shins and knees.

Goalie Peter Zurkow weathered Brown's violent attack with a number of fine saves. "Brown's favorite trick was to lob the ball just outside the penalty area in hopes of drawing me out of the goal's mouth," said Zurkow. "I fell for that a couple of times and they went around me or ran me over."

The hard wind affected long passes. "The game degenerated to chip and run," said half Frank Gerold. "Once we got the ball all we could do was boot it up past the defense and let the linemen sprint."

Gerold and the rest of Harvard's backfield kept Brown's shots on goal to a minimum. "We halfbacks worked pretty tight together and broke up a lot of plays," said Terry Ferguson. Ferguson himself—who is 6'3"—headed the ball superbly.

The Crimson attack, with its taste for elegant passing and fakery with little hard contact looked slower and less aggressive than in the past. Center Dragan Vujovic brought his season's record to nine goals by hammering in one score in the first quarter on a throw-in and another in the third quarter on a penalty shot. "But even Dragan wasn't hustling up to par," said Potts.

"We on the attack all let Brown bully us around a little too much," Potts added.

The Harvard offense had trouble scoring even in the clear. Vinnie Vanderpool-Wallace and Jerry Heslinger both muffed shots on an open goal.

Loud dissensions from the Brown ranks against referees' decisions spiced the game. The referees had to expel both Brown coach George Goetz and one of his players for ungentlemanly remarks.

Final Spot in Doubt For Soccer Playoffs

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Speculation on the teams to join defending champion Harvard in the New England district playoffs of the NCAA Intercollegiate Soccer Championships is altered after the announcement by Tufts, Williams, Wesleyan, and Springfield to refrain from national post-season competition.

Bridgeport, rated number four in the area, and Brown,

ranked fifth in New England, are almost assured spots in the playoff along with the region's top team. Harvard. But, with the absence of the second, third, sixth, and seventh ranked teams, the fourth spot in the competition is in doubt.

Vermont, rated eighth with a 10-2-0 record, presently has the best chance of gaining the position, while New Haven, one notch below Vermont in the poll with an 11-3-1 mark, is the darkhorse.

Adedeji Leads Booters Past Brown, 4-1

BY ERIC POPE,
NOVEMBER 15, 1971

Playing with ten of the eleven men who started starters at the beginning of the season, the Harvard soccer team demonstrated that it is still a national contender by soundly defeating Brown at Providence on Saturday, 4-1.

Felix Adedeji scored two goals and looked nearly recovered from his groin injury. He also set up Harvard's other two goals, which were scored by Chris Papagianis and captain Charlie Thomas.

Emanuel Ekama and Norie Harrower played most of the game for the first time since Penn. Both were playing at less than full strength, however, and the team's mainstay at midfield was Russ Bell.

Brown scored their only goal 55 seconds after the opening whistle. Sophomore Chip Frost took a free kick rebound and caught the Crimson defense off guard with a shot from just inside the 18 yard line.

Wing Crosses

Neither team was able to control midfield, and play went from endline to endline. Brown set up numerous scoring opportunities with wing crosses and halfback chip passes into the Harvard goal area, but the Bruin forwards were unable to anticipate where the defense would open up.

Brown had switched from its usual 5-2-3 formation to a 4-2-4 system with a sweeper back, but this proved ineffective against the Crimson's rotating offense.

"Their man-to-man coverage made it easy for us," Thomas said. "If Felix or I took the ball over to the right side. Phil Kydes would get completely free by drifting over to the left."

The typical Harvard offensive play would involve five or six passes shifting the ball from left or right trying to isolate a defender.

Harvard tied the score midway through the first period when Thomas passed to Adedeji at the edge of the penalty area. Adedeji had three men on him, but he took advantage of a split second opening to hit the upper left corner.

Harvard maintained a slim edge in shots in the first half, and put the game away with two goals in the third period. Adedeji and Thomas went through the middle of the Brown defense with a series of short passes, and Thomas spun the ball past the charging goalie for the score.

Rebound

Papagianis scored his goal on the rebound of a good save of an Adedeji shot. Papagianis set up the final goal with a perfect pass that put Adedeji past the sweeper back. Adedeji drew the goalie out before pushing the ball into the corner for his 14th goal of the season.

Brown-Harvard matches have in the past been marred by rough and unnecessarily aggressive play, but Saturday's game was one of the cleanest of the season. None of Harvard's players were injured, although Thomas had several narrow escapes.

Going into this week's NCAA regional play-offs, the Crimson is in the best physical shape it has been in since the disastrous Penn game. However, several players are still playing at less than full strength due to injuries.

Adedeji now has ten goals and three assists in six games to lead the Ivy League in scoring. Papagianis maintained second place in the scoring race by raising his totals to six goals and four assists.

Foreign Soccer a Way of Life For Senior Playmaker Kydes

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Before the game last Saturday, Brown coach Clifford Stevenson said, "This will be a test between our good American high school players and your foreigners," and the individual brilliance which led to Harvard's four goals seemed to be the difference between the two teams.

But to Phil Kydes there is much more to foreign soccer than scoring unassisted goals. "We played a bad game against Brown," Kydes said. "We didn't control the center of the field, and we weren't making short passes. We beat Brown, but against a better team we might have fallen apart."

This year Kydes has been hanging back from his line position to set the other forwards. "We have so much talent on the line that we need someone in the center to take advantage of it all. Dropping back and setting up plays is what I'm best at, and during the course of the season. I've assumed the role of feeder for Papagianis, Adedeji and Thomas."

Greece and moved with his family to South Norwalk, Connecticut when he was seven. At Brian McMahon High School he scored 74 goals in three seasons and set the state scoring record as a senior with 31 goals in 11 games.

Kydes' best coach was his father, a former Olympic heavy-weight wrestler. On weekends they would go down to the high school backboard with a couple of balls and Phil's father would drill him up the fundamental skills which most American players never bother to learn.

"There are very few players who know how to make a head-shot properly," Kydes said. "You have to get up in the air before the ball gets there, and then snap your whole body into it. Being able to stay in the air a split second longer throws the defenseman's timing off. He goes up with you,

but comes down too soon.”

Four of Kydes seven goals this season have come on head shots.

Juggling

Kydes feels that his success as a soccer player is primarily the result of long hours of practice. “The most important of skill that you would use in a game, it’s a means to an end. Instead of kicking with your entire leg, as most Americans do, you use specific parts of your foot to put spin on the ball.” Kydes said.

Kydes spent hours at a time walking and then running around his backyard with the ball never touching the ground.

The result of these long hours of practice is the ability to make plays from seemingly impossible angles. A player with this type of skill is able to spin passes around defenders who seem to have him completely cut off, and even when he is moving forward he can pass a ball which is behind him to either side by hitting it with the appropriate part of his foot.

But there is much more to the foreign style of soccer than just superior skills. American-style teams depend on fast breaks for their scoring opportunities, and their players usually try to win by hustling and kicking the ball hard. Kydes feels that the key to soccer is control.

Control is Key

When I get the ball, I slow the pace down and wait for a passing opportunity to open up. This gives us time to use our superior skills. If there are several fullbacks in the penalty area, it’s better to pass the ball backwards to a halfback who can throw the ball out to Adedeji or Papagianis on the wings,” Kydes said.

Harvard’s attack is built around one or two basic principles. The team that controls the center of the field should win the game and this is best achieved by short passes from the fullbacks to the halfbacks. And the best way to move the ball into the offensive zone is up the wings.

This type of lateral movement spreads the defense out and enables the line to isolate one defender.

Back to Greece

At the moment soccer is Kydes greatest interest and after graduating he hopes to play professionally in Greece.

“After four years of college I’ve gotten sick of schoolwork, and soccer is the only thing that really excites me. Part of it is my youth, but it’s also because I’m still very much attached to Greek traditions,” he said.

“Greece is an underdeveloped nation, and sports are much more important over there than they are here in America. Soccer is practically a way of life in Greece and I want to try it out.” Kydes said.

Freshman Booters Face Yale Today

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The freshman soccer team—with its players’ injuries newly healed and its expectations high for a clean, skillful game—faces Yale confidently today at 2 p.m. in New Haven.

Harvard coach Dana Getchell scouted the match last week in which the Blue whipped Andover, 4-1. “Yale has a quick attack and a couple of extremely powerful fullbacks,” Getchell said yesterday. “They are a tough club—tougher than any I’ve seen come out of New Haven in three years.”

“Nevertheless I’m optimistic,” Getchell said. “The bright, dry weather and Yale’s preference for ball-control should make for the kind of precise soccer our squad likes.” Getchell added. “At least Yale doesn’t play Brown’s type of bang-ball.” The Bruins stymied Harvard here last week, 2-2.

Brown’s “bang-ball”—no-holds-barred physical contact—left a number of injuries for Getchell to deal with:

Starting halfback Brock Walsh came out of last week’s match with a hemorrhaged charlie-horse in his thigh. Getchell put him in heat therapy all this week. At yesterday’s scrimmage Walsh was back on the field, running well.

Goalie Pete Zurkow sustained a hip contusion last week. He came back into the nets Monday, and Getchell will start him today.

Winger Vinnie Vanderpool-Wallace, plagued by a hurt heel, regained his old celerity in this week’s scrimmages. “Vin’ll outrun ‘em all at Yale,” Getchell said.

Booster Will Meet Elis Today

Chances for Ivy Title Are at Stake

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
NOVEMBER 19, 1971

Harvard’s soccer team, rated number one in New England with a 9-1 mark, hopes to keep its slim chance of an Ivy League title a possibility with a win this afternoon at Yale.

With a 5-1 markss in the Ivies, the Crimson and Cornell trail unbeaten Penn by one game going into the last weekend of conference matches. A Harvard victory today would prolong the Crimson’s faint hope for a title until tomorrow when the Quakers entertain the Big Red in Philadelphia.

A Cornell win would result in a three-way tie for the crown.

If Harvard wins they will have to score on possibly the toughest defense in the Ivy League. Led by goalie Ken Pasternak, the Elis have stayed close to every team they’ve faced this season.

“They are definitely tough to score on, but they don’t seem to be able to score much themselves.” Harvard coach Bruce Munro said. “The main reason for this is their use of a retreating defense; they throw seven players back into the penalty area to protect the goal and that makes scoring on them very difficult.”

Last week, Yale tied Princeton, 1-1, while Harvard was

upending Brown, 4-1, to keep its premier ranking in New England. This week during practice the Crimson worked on situation drills, (corner kicks, penalty kicks, etc.), defensive setups and a few new and unrevealed offensive touches. The physical shape of the team is improving and although some players are not ranking at 100 per cent, no one is sitting out the game with the Bulldogs due to injuries.

Captain Charlie Thomas and sophomore Felix Adedeji will both start for the Crimson but their performances will both be hampered by leg injuries. Rick Scott is bothered with a bad ankle and knee strain and Emanuel Ekama and Norie Harrower are opening with a severely bruised bone in the leg and a hamstring pull respectively.

Booters First In NCAA Poll

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Harvard defeated Tufts (5-2) and Brown (4-1) the second and fifth ranked teams in New England respectively, to finish on top of the NCAA District I rankings for the third consecutive season. The Crimson polled all 12 first place votes cast.

Harvard's number one ranking places the defending champion at home in the upcoming NCAA District playoffs. On Tuesday, Nov. 23. Harvard will host Southern Connecticut State (7-4-1), the tenth ranked team in New England and the fourth ranked entrant in the playoffs. On the same afternoon, fifth ranked Brown will host second ranked Bridgeport because Bridgeport plays its home games in a public park and can not meet the NCAA's demands to charge admission.

Six teams turned down bids to the District playoffs. Included in the list of squads that passed up the offer are third-ranked Tufts, undefeated Williams, and Springfield (a 3-2 victor of Brown this year). Usually, a school turns down a bid because it rejects all post-season events, wishes to compete on the college level, or feels its chances do not warrant the expense of participation.

New England Top Ten

Harvard (9-1-0)	Wesleyan (7-4-0)
Bridgeport (11-5-0)	Springfield (7-4-2)
Tufts (10-2-0)	New Haven (13-3-1)
Williams (6-0-3)	Southern Conn. St. (7-4-1)
Brown (5-5-2)	(NCAA District I Entrants)
Vermont (10-2-0)	

Booters Snap Back To Down Yale, 2-1

BY M. DEACON DAKE, (SPECIAL TO THE CRIMSON)
NOVEMBER 20, 1971

NEW HAVEN, Conn., November 19,--Snapping back from a lethargic performance in the first half, which resulted in a scoreless tie. Harvard's soccer team netted two goals inside of three minutes to dispose of a tough, defense-minded Yale squad, 2-1, today.

"They (the Harvard players) were poor in the first half because they didn't play the style of game we talked about in our pre-game meeting." Crimson assistant coach Elliot Klein said. "In the second half they started using it, they liked it and it got results."

The style referred to is simply the constant application of the type of soccer Harvard plays best, the short passing ball-control game.

After 40 minutes of frustration for the Crimson in the first half. Harvard scored with 1:35 remaining in the third quarter. Senior captain Charlie Thomas floated a corner kick across the goal mouth where Chris Wilmot outjumped a pack of players. His head shot rammed into the bottom edge of the crossbar and fell into the net.

The Crimson converted a quick second goal with just 1:03 clapsed in the fourth period. Thomas scored when his corner kick was blocked and the rebound came straight to him about 15 yards to the left of the net. He quickly directed a curved shot towards the left corner and in an apparent mix-up between goalie Ken pasternak and fullback Tom Stocker. The ball curled in.

"Nobody knew it, but Stocker tried to head the shot away but it grazed the side of his head and deflected in." Paster-nak said.

"The goal post was open from that angle and the shot just went through his arm it didn't hit anyone." Eli coach Hubert Vogelsinger explained.

In any event, the goal gave the Crimson the margin it needed to hold off a late Yale surge in the final four minutes. With 1:52 left, the Bulldogs came within a goal on a disputed play in front of the net.

"Wilmot was pushed and Rick Scott got hit in the throat." Harvard goalie Shep Messing said. "They both went down at the same time, it was just one of those things.

Bright spots for the Crimson today were found in the play of Chris Papagianis and Russ Bell, who both may have played the best games of the season.

"Harvard played very well today, but they did so because we pushed them." Vogelsinger said. "But I must say, they were better than I've seen them before."

Soccer Team to Play S. Conn.

Game Open NCAA New England Play-Offs

BY ERIC POPE,
NOVEMBER 23, 1971

The Harvard soccer team faces Southern Connecticut State College at the Business School Field today at 1:30 p.m. in the first round of the NCAA New England Regional play-offs. Harvard is ranked first in New England with a season record of 10-1, while Southern Connecticut is ranked tenth with a 7-4-1 mark.

Southern Connecticut was selected for the playoffs after four teams with a higher ranking declined to participate in the tournament. The two teams had only one opponent in

common in the 1971 season--Harvard beat Wesleyan, 6-1, while the Owls lost to them, 2-1.

But coach Bruce Munro feels that Southern Connecticut will be stronger than their record would indicate. "They're a good little soccer team, and they've played a rough schedule. They're well-drilled and play the same type of short passing game that we do," he said.

The main scoring threat for the Owls is Fred Rossi, who kicked 13 goals during the regular season.

Munro held practice on Sunday as well as on Monday, and he was concentrating on working out midfield combinations. Going into the game Norie Harrower will be teamed with Russ Bell, and Emanuel Ekama will be working with Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani.

Control of midfield is the key to Harvard's short passing game, and Munro will try other combinations in the game if these pairings prove ineffective.

Phil Kydes, Rick Scott and Chris Wilmot were kept out of the scrimmage on Sunday, but they will be ready for today's game. Phil Axten is physically fit for the first time since his concussion six weeks ago, but he will probably need two weeks of practice to regain top form.

Southern Connecticut operates out of a 4-2-4 formation. "We can adjust easily from a man-to-man defense to a zone, and we'll shift into whatever seems best during the game." Southern Connecticut coach Robert Dikranian said. "Most teams have one or two players you should key on, but Harvard has five or six."

"Harvard's individual skill level is much higher than ours, and if those guys could learn to play together, and if they could stay in reasonably good physical shape, they would have a championship team," Dikranian said.

"But Harvard lacks good combination play, and against teams like Penn and Hartwick that have the same caliber of individual skill, you need team skill to win," he added.

Since both teams play the same type of game, bad weather conditions should not give either an advantage. The varsity field was covered with a tarpaulin before Sunday's snowfall, but unless the snow melts the grounds crew will be unable to remove the trap. In that case, the game will be played on the freshman field.

In the other New England regional playoff today, fifth-ranked Brown (5-5-2) hosts second-ranked Bridgeport (11-5-0) at Providence.

The winners of the two games will meet in the regional finals next Tuesday.

Harvard played Southern Connecticut in the first round of the NCAA two years ago and won, 5-0.

Penn Booters Grab First League Title

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The University of Pennsylvania stomped Cornell, 2-0, before 4000 fans last Saturday at Franklin Field to clinch its

first outright Ivy League Soccer Championship.

If Penn had failed to defeat Cornell, the Ivy crown would have been shared by Harvard, Cornell and Penn.

Both of Penn's tallies came in the second half of the game. "The second half was all Penn, just like the Harvard game." Penn coach Robert Seddon said yesterday.

Pennsylvania dominated every quarter except the second, taking 24 shots at the goal, compared to 11 for Cornell. Penn goalie Jim Miller registered his eighth shutout of the season, a Quaker record, while Stan Startzell and John Burke scored the goals which wrapped up the Ivy Championship.

The Quakers begin NCAA regional play today against East Stroudsburg. "Whether we win or not depends on the team and whether they're ready. It was the end of the rainbow last Saturday against Cornell," Seddon said. He added that Stroudsburg's defense has yielded only five goals this season.

Seddon predicted that Harvard would easily triumph over its first NCAA opponent, Southern Connecticut, and go on to win the New England and New York-New England playoffs.

He is also confident that his team will take the Mid-Atlantic division and win and playoff with the Southern district champion for a spot in the semi-finals in Miami, Fla. If Harvard wins its first three games, it will face Penn in the Miami semi-finals.

Seddon said he was almost certain that Harvard and Penn would meet in the semi-finals. "If we do, I think we'll beat Harvard. We're a better ball club. I don't think it was just the surface when we beat them last time." Harvard players claimed they were hampered in their loss to Penn earlier this season by the unfamiliar "poly-turf" surface in the Pennsylvania stadium.

"They'll have to play us on the same surface in Miami's Orange Bowl," Seddon said. He added that "Harvard is a beautiful ball club. That (Phil) Kydes is really a winner."

Booters Draw First in Region, Wilmot Makes All-Star Squad

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NOVEMBER 24, 1971

The New England Intercollegiate Soccer League has named Harvard as the first-place team in its university division and designated Crimson fullback Chris Wilmot a member of the League's All-New England squad.

Harvard freshmen coach Dana Getchell attended the meeting of the League, the oldest and largest soccer association in the country, at Springfield College on Sunday. Getchell, a former League secretary, accepted Harvard's first-place trophy, the third consecutive such award for the Crimson varsity.

Bob Munro, who coached the top-ranked Harvard squad, said yesterday he was surprised that Wilmot alone of all his

players should have been picked as All-New England.

"The scarcity of Harvard men on the All-New England team seems strange at first," said Getchell yesterday. "But it's readily explained by the way in which the all-stars are selected."

Every League coach can vote after each of his season games for as many as six outstanding players--three from his own team, three from his opponent--whose performances rate as All-American in the coach's judgment. The New England League tabulates these votes to determine its all-star team each year, according to Getchell.

"Some coaches abuse this system," Getchell said. "They always mail in the names of the best players on their team whether or not the particular players had a very outstanding game. They even make little agreements with opposing coaches so that after a game they all mail in certain players' names."

"Bob Munro is too honest to do this. He only mails in a name to the all-star competition if the player had a really outstanding game." Getchell added. "So Harvard players don't rack up as many votes, and don't get picked so often to the All-New England teams."

Booters Beat Owls, Face Brown Today Bruins Hope to Avenge Regular Season Defeat

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
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Fresh from an impressive 5-0 first round victory over Southern Connecticut, Harvard's soccer team entertains an improved Brown squad in the final game of the NCAA's New England division playoffs at 1 p.m. on the Business School Field.

The Crimson, ranked number one in New England with an 11-1 mark, defeated the Bruins, 4-1, less than two weeks ago. Since that game Brown's attack is finally executing up to preseason notices and the defensive lapses which have plagued Bruno throughout the campaign have been prepared down.

Following Harvard, in its last two games Brown has demolished Columbia, 6-4, and surprisingly outgunned a talented Bridgeport squad, which was rated second in New England, 4-1. This still leaves the Bruins with a deceptively weak 7-5-2 record.

"Against Bridgeport, Brown penetrated very quickly and very well. They moved the ball to Henry Jessup and Dick Lay on the wings with well controlled short passes, and once these guys get room to operate they're in on top of you and its all over," freshman coach Dana Getchall, who scouted the game, said.

"Brown is, as usual, deadly on corner kicks and against Bridgeport they looked as good as any team I've seen come out of Providence, as far as team play is concerned," Getchall noted.

This isn't the first time Harvard squads have faced the Bruins in the NCAA playoffs after already downing them

during the regular season. But experience as fresh as last year has taught the Crimson that it must play its best ball-control game if it expects to win. Last year, after blasting Brown in a regular season contest, Harvard squeezed out a 1-0 win in the NCAA's.

"This year our main problem is our lack of a true scoring punch," Clifford Stevenson, coach of the Ivy League's fourth place Bruins, said after the Harvard game. "In several of the games we've lost this season, we out-shot and definitely outplayed our opponents."

Both teams have no real injuries to hamper their attacks today and if the Bruins' scoring punch continues to improve as it did during the last two games, Brown could be at its peak.

"They outthustled Bridgeport," Getchall said. "I could see it was a new season for Brown. They had nothing to lose. Somebody was offering a free week in Miami (site of the NCAA finals) and well, you know, its something to look forward to."

Booters Top Brown in Second Half, 3-0 Advance to Quarterfinals

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
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Dominating Brown in the second half and loosened up by a scoreless tie-breaking goal by Chris Papagianis mid-way through the third quarter, Harvard's soccer team streaked to a 3-0 victory and its third straight NCAA Division I championship.

The victory puts Harvard into a Saturday rematch of last year's quarterfinal contest against Hartwick, who again won the Division II title, this year with a 4-1 win over Cornell. Last year the Warriors edged the Crimson 4-3.

Papagianis Stars

Scoring two goals, Papagianis paced the Crimson attack along with Felix Adedeji, who netted a goal and an assist, and captain Charlie Thomas, who set up two of Harvard's goals. Crimson goalie Shep Messing played a strong game, recording his fourth shutout of the season while making 11 saves.

"Today's game has to rank as one of the best we've played all year," Harvard Coach Bruce Munro said. Both teams started the game strong but Harvard appeared to have the upper hand in the first quarter, while the Bruins controlled the pressure in the second period. The teams left a firm field at intermission, knotted in a scoreless deadlock.

"We didn't convert in the first half, that was the key to the game," Brown coach Cliff Stephenson said. "We outplayed them in the second quarter but it was just a question of our forwards not capitalizing on some openings."

Papagianis's first goal untracked the Crimson attack and started it moving. Adedeji sent the ball in front of the Brown net and goalie Paul Neary, Thomas and Papagianis went up for it on the right side. It hit Neary on the forearms and in a shuffle, Papagianis, promptly drilled it home.

"I had that shot," Neary said. "I grabbed it tight and Adedeji illegally punched it out!" "It bounced right off his arms, he didn't have possession for a second," Papagianis said. "The ref was right there and he knew the guy simply missed it."

Crimson Perks Up

The Crimson attack perked up as Harvard grabbed the lead and a constant assault on Neary finally produced a goal by Adedeji with four seconds remaining in the third period. Thomas picked up the assist as he sent a pass to Adedeji streaking down the side. Adedeji outraced the fullback and sent a beautiful line drive into the right corner from about 23 yards out.

Papagianis finished out the scoring in the fourth period as Adedeji hit Thomas right in stride with a pass. Thomas shot it ahead to Papagianis, who pulled a true finesse shot. "The goalie hesitated and that was his mistake," Papagianis explained. "He finally came out, I faked a shot, he went down on an angle, and I chipped it over him."

"Paul never should have come out on that one," Stephenson said. "Papagianis looked up, saw what was happening and put it right over his head."

Harvard's shooting advantage of 12 to 9 was largely a function of the Crimson's strong play in the second half when the attack settled down to a ball-control, yet hard pressing attack. Long crossing passes to the opposite wings were used effectively and allowed deep penetration by the consistently open men on the side.

The defense was extremely strong and completely neutralized the Bruins powerful wings Henry Jessup and Dick Lay, who were both rendered ineffective all afternoon, by Chris Wilmot, Brian Fearnett, Rick Scott, and the Crimson's familiar diamond defense

Hartwick Booters Trounce Cornell, Warriors to Play Harvard Saturday

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In a mud bowl at Hartwick last Saturday, the Warriors clinched the NCAA New York division soccer playoff with a 4-1 drubbing of Cornell and earned the right to play Harvard, the New England champion. The winner will travel to Miami for the national semi-finals.

Hartwick put the game out of reach with three quick goals in the second quarter. Left wing Coln Keenan registered the first Hartwick tally when he scored on an assist from Eddy Austin. In the same period, sophomore Bob Isacson passed to freshman Tom Moore for a goal and then added one of his own three minutes later.

Spic-and-Span

Cornell Coach Dan Wood, said yesterday his team "was out-shot and outplayed in the second quarter." He claimed "One shot was kind of fluky but that's the way it goes in the mud." Cornell plays on a spic-and-span poly-turf surface for their home games.

A determined Cornell squad returned after half-time with the wind in their favor and the drier half of the field for offense but failed to capitalize on its advantages. "We dominated the third quarter but couldn't score," Wood said. "We knew we were in trouble."

Wood predicted Harvard would beat Hartwick this Saturday if its forwards are healthy. "Harvard has a more dangerous offense. Hartwick has scored only 33 points in 12 games," he said. "Hartwick's defense is a little better," Wood added. "They've given up only six goals all season, two of them to us." Wood said that he expects a low-scoring game with Harvard the victor by a score of 2-1.

If Harvard meets Pennsylvania in the Miami semi-finals, Wood said he would have to go with Penn. "They're used to playing on poly-turf. They have the best defensive record in the league. For a Harvard victory, the forwards would need a couple of great plays," Wood said.

Adedeji Leads Soccer Scoring; 4 Crimson Teammates in Top 7

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The Crimson soccer team had to settle for second place in the Ivy League this year behind potent Penn. But for the third consecutive season a Harvard player won the individual scoring title.

The Crimson's Felix Adedeji led the league with 13 points, including ten goals and three assists.

Harvard placed four men among the top seven scorers, including wing Chris Papagianis, who tied Cornell's Victor Huerta for second place with ten points.

Papagianis, who has scored two goals in each of the Crimson's NCAA divisional playoff games, has been battling Adedeji all year as Harvard's overall scoring leader.

Crimson fullback Chris Wilmot finished fifth in league scoring with eight points, and Phil Kydes placed seventh with six.

The only other Crimson player in the top twenty scorers was captain Charlie Thomas, who had five points. Thomas has been hobbled most of the season with an ankle injury.

Crimson goalie Shep Messing finished fourth among Ivy tenders with a 1.43 per game goals against average. In seven league games Messing turned away 47 shots and had ten goals scored against him. Messing has allowed but two goals in Harvard's last four games, and he has not allowed any goals in the two playoff games.

SOCCER

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Harvard faces highly touted Hartwick in a NCAA soccer quarterfinal match at 1:00 p.m. this Saturday on the Business School field. Hartwick, which has played Harvard in the last three quarterfinals, reached the third round by trouncing

Cornell, 4-1. Harvard beat Southern Connecticut and Brown, leaving them scoreless. Tickets for the game are \$2 for the general public, and \$1 for Harvard-Radcliffe undergraduates.

Thomas Looks For NCAA Revenge

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After being sidelined for nearly half the season with a leg injury, Harvard soccer captain Charlie Thomas has come up with four goals and five assists in the last five games, and it is no coincidence that the team is playing its best soccer of the season.

"We are definitely on the way up," Thomas said after Monday's 3-0 victory over Brown. "There is much more flow to our style, and we will be playing tougher teams from now on, which will force us to pass and depend on teamwork."

A soccer team cannot develop good teamwork and finesse until it has been playing together for awhile, and Thomas feels that this is even more true of Harvard's team which has so many foreign players.

"Playing soccer in the United States calls for a big adjustment," Thomas, who played center forward for the Gambian national team before coming to Harvard, said. "My style was different from the players around me, and I had to completely disarm myself in order to fit in with them."

"Felix Adedeji has been having the same problem this year. When you have played against Pele and some of the best teams in the world, it's hard to adapt to an American college team. But Felix is making the adjustment now, and in the past two games he has helped us a great deal with his teamwork," Thomas said.

Thomas started playing soccer in Gambia when he was five, and because he was one of the smallest in the pick-up games, his first position was goalie. As he got bigger he moved to fullback and then halfback, and he didn't become a regular lineman until he was fifteen, when the Augustinian Soccer Club, the champions of the first division amateur league, decided that they needed another forward.

"In Gambia the fans are not nearly as interested with scoring as they are here in America. They are much more appreciative of a defensive play or the pass at midfield which sets up a goal. I adopted the role of scorer, but as far as the fans were concerned, by the time I got the ball, the play was already a finished product," Thomas said.

His talents did not go unappreciated, however, and at sixteen Thomas moved up to the national team where he played mostly at center forward and outside left. He averaged a goal per game in nearly a dozen international matches.

Operation Overload

This year Harvard's forward line has been working on what Thomas calls an "overload" system. The play begins when the ball is passed up from the fullbacks. The ball carrier, usually Phil Kydes, will move to one side of the field, and Thomas, who is thirty or forty yards upfield, will break in the same direction.

The result is an overload of three of the four forwards plus the two linkmen on one side of the field. A triangle is formed between the three forwards with Kydes as the trailer, and if he gets in trouble he can pass off to one of the linkmen.

"This overload provides the ball carrier with confidence. There are many passing opportunities and he knows that he will get plenty of help advancing the ball," Thomas said.

The principle aim of the overload system is to isolate the other wing on the far side of the field. A long pass will leave him with only one or at the most two men to beat. The effectiveness of this system is proved by the fact that Harvard's two wings, Adedeji and Papagianis, finished first and second in the Ivy League scoring race.

Thomas won the Ivy League scoring title last year, but this season he has been primarily a playmaker. "When I get the ball in the center I usually have my back to the goal and two fullbacks on me, so my job is to deflect the ball out to the wings," he said.

Thomas feels that the Harvard community is generally unappreciative of the dilemma which confronts the athlete. "It's very disintegrating to dedicate yourself to a sport and still follow four courses at the same time. It's hard to find the right pace," he said.

Thomas has given up his interest in acting here at Harvard because it conflicted with soccer, but he is applying to drama school in addition to law schools in England. His ambition is to go into the Gambian foreign service.

As captain Thomas has reversed the tense atmosphere that plagued the team last year. His sense of dignity and gentle sense of humor keeps his teammates loose during practice and in games, and his interest in what they are doing and thinking about off the field has kept the team unified.

Bone-picking Year

"This is a bone-picking year for me," Thomas said, "I have a bone to pick with St. Louis for beating us two years ago with a goal in the last three minutes, and with Hartwick for beating us in the mud last year, 4-3, and with Penn for beating us on their hard surface field."

Thomas has already been denied the opportunity for revenge against Penn, but that should make him and the rest of the team all the more hungry for the rematches against Hartwick and St. Louis.

Booters Face Test

Game vs. Hartwick

BY ERIC POPE,
DECEMBER 4, 1971

For the past three years Charlie Thomas and the other seniors who form the nucleus of the Harvard soccer team have been living with the fear that they will never live up to their potential.

Today marks the third time that they have met Hartwick in the NCAA quarter-finals, and if they lose, dreams of a national championship will be lost forever. But if they win,

past defeats will be forgotten and the challenge will be renewed down in Miami, Fla.

The game begins at 1 p.m. at the Business School Field. The winner will play in the semi-finals in the Orange Bowl on December 26 against the winner of the Howard-Penn State match.

In 1969, it took Harvard two overtime periods to beat Hartwick, 1-0. In the rematch last year, the Warriors pulled a 4-3 victory out of the rain and mud up in Oneonta, New York. Both teams lost to St. Louis in the semi-finals by 1-0 scores.

Hartwick Ranked Fourth

At the end of the regular season this year, Hartwick was ranked fourth in the nation with a 9-1-1 record. Harvard was seventh with a 10-1 mark. In the regional play-off games, Hartwick beat Army, 3-0, and Cornell, 4-1, to take the Division II title, while Harvard defeated Southern Connecticut, 5-0, and Brown, 3-0, in Division I.

In what promises to be a low scoring game, the big match-up will be between Hartwick's strong defense and Harvard's explosive forward line. But since both teams are accustomed to moving the ball with short passing, the game will be won or lost at midfield. And injuries to three of the four regular linkmen put Harvard at a distinct disadvantage.

Russ Bell has been outstanding at midfield during the latter part of the season, but he was injured in the Brown game on Monday, and hasn't practiced all week. Norie Harrower and Emanuel Ekama have been nursing injuries all season, and both will be playing at less than full strength. Bahman Mossavar Rahmani is the only linkman in good condition.

"If things get desperate in the middle, we'll bring back Phil Kydes and put Ron Padmore in on the line," coach Bruce Munro said yesterday. "It all depends on how Russ feels at game time."

The rest of the team is in full stride. Chris Papagianis has scored four goals in the two play-off games, and captain Charlie Thomas has massed nine points in the last five games. The defense goes into the game with two consecutive shutouts, and Felix Adedeji has the individual finesse to break up a defensive battle.

Hartwick plays out of a 4-2-4 formation which is very similar to Harvard's. Co-captain Felipe Dulanto anchors the fullback line, which has given up only six goals all season. Goalie Norm Wingert, the other co-captain, has seven shut-outs so far this year.

With All-American forward Alec Papadakis gone, the Warrior attack isn't as strong as last year, but they've scored ten goals in the last three games. Sophomore Ed Austin, at left inside, leads the team in scoring with 8 goals and 5 assists, but the main scoring threat should come from the right side where freshman Tom Moore (5 goals, 4 assists) and sophomore Bob Isaacson (6 goals, 4 assists) are interchangeable at inside and wing.

Hartwick has a definite advantage at midfield with Colm Keenan and Brendan Keenan who have 13 points between them. Left wing Phil Russo has five goals, but he should be hanging back to give the Warriors added

strength in the middle.

Cornell is the only team which both Hartwick and Harvard have played this season. The Big Red upset Hartwick, 1-0, back in September, but lost to the Warriors in the Division II finals, 4-1. Harvard got by Cornell, 3-2, on two goals late in the fourth quarter.

"It will be a close, low-scoring game," Cornell coach Dan Wood said. "And Harvard will win if their forwards can come up with a few exceptional plays. Hartwick has the edge on defense, and with Harvard's injuries. Hartwick will definitely be stronger at midfield." Hartwick coach AL MILLER and co-captains WINGERT and DULANTO.

Five Booters Gain Spots on All-Ivy Team

BY M. DEACON DAKE AND E. J. DIONNE, S
DECEMBER 8, 1971

The Harvard soccer team has placed four men on the first string and a fifth man on the second string of the Coaches' All-Ivy soccer team.

"I was kind of pleased about the whole thing," soccer coach Bruce Munro said yesterday. "That's the best we've done in a long time. But I was disappointed that fullback Rick Scott wasn't mentioned."

Among the Harvard winners were forward Phil Kydes and fullback Chris Wilmot, both of whom were unanimous choices.

Also on the first team were forwards Felix Adedeji and Chris Papagianis. A sophomore, Adedeji set a new league scoring record this year with 13 points.

Crimson goalie Shep Messing was chosen for the second team, and lost out to first-string goalie Ken Pasternak of Yale by only one vote.

Penn also placed five men on the two squads. Forward Stan Startzell was the only Quaker picked for the first team. He missed a unanimous decision by one vote.

The Quaker contingent also included forward Larry Houston and backs Bill Straub, Tom Liebermann and Don Ries, all on the second team.

Cornell had a pair of first team choices--forward Victor Huerta and sophomore back Bill Murray--and three second team selections--forwards Frederico Rojas and Chris Agoliati and back Matt Mauro.

Besides Kydes and Wilmot, only Brown's Jim Ohaus was a unanimous choice for a first team berth. A senior back, he was joined on the squad by fellow Bruin Chip Young. Young is the only senior currently in the league to have made the team three years in a row.

Rounding out the first team is Dartmouth back Rich Gifford. Big Green's only representative on either squad.

Columbia failed to place a man on the first team, but landed sophomore forward Pete Vasudhara and back Seth Low on the second team. Princeton failed to place a man on either team.

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Crimson Booters Rank Third in Poll But Rebuilding Job Looms for Munro

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS III,
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If you were the coach of Harvard's 13-2 NCAA semi-finalist soccer team and were faced with the prospect of replacing seven starters, how would you term the approaching season? If you like the obvious answers you might say "rebuilding year" and write off the team.

If you put out the NCAA preseason soccer poll you would rank the Crimson third in the nation. And if you were Bruce Munro you would wonder why such a high ranking, admit that you are indeed rebuilding, and proceed quietly piecing together your talent and chasing Penn for the Ivy crown.

With such fixtures as Thomas, Kydes, Wilmot, Bell, Axton and Messing missing from this year's squad. Munro does indeed have some shuffling to do. In terms of sheer talent he can't hope to equal last year's team. But in terms of "rebuilding" he has enough quality material to construct a fairly comparable unit, which leaves the term "rebuilding" somewhat misleading.

Unlike the past three years, however, Harvard does not have a ready-made team returning, thus making this year's team as unmeasurable quantity. Because of the unproven nature of the team, the biggest question must be whether it can play together and compensate for the loss of individual talent.

"We will have to work more as a unit without our real big strengths of last year," Munro said. "We are apt to drop some early season games, but we are definitely a team that will get better. Our biggest problem will be fitting people in, and then getting time to work them," he added.

Sentimental Ranking

Captain Rick Scott agreed, but he thought that being forced to work as a team may be enough compensation for the losses. "Last year there was more natural talent, but it made it hard to work together. This year we sort of have to work together," Scott said.

Since the team may take some time to gel as an effective unit. Munro feels Harvard's number three ranking is as misleading as the "rebuilding" label "Primarily our ranking was pure sentiment," he said "based on last year's finish in Miami."

The rankings bear this fact out putting defending champion Harvard on top and runner up San Francisco in the second slot A strong St. Louis squad that Munro feels should have been near the top was put at a surprisingly low fifth position.

Despite the loss of Thomas and Kydes the offense has both finesse and speed and could compensate for a somewhat weaker defense. Last year's top two scorers, Felix Adedeji

and Chris Papagants are returning Adedeji set a new Ivy league scoring record with 13 points and Papagants scored consistently from the wing, especially in the crucial games. Norwegian Bent Hinze, an advanced standing sophomore and a Class A player in his home country, should considerably bolster the attack: he complemented Adedeji and Papagants well in a scrimmage against Amherst Saturday.

Demetrio Mena, a 1970 letterman has returned at left wing. Dragan Vujovic, another winger who led all freshman scorers last year despite being sidelined with mono could take the starting job from Mena, but he has encountered problems getting back to Cambridge from Europe and has missed a week of practice already.

Starter Emmanuel Ekama returns as linkman along with rapidly improving Bahman Mossavar Rahmani, who had an excellent week of practice and looked sharp in the 31 scrimmage win over the Lord Jeffs. Behind these two, however, there is not much midfield depth, and Munro has been working to find some suitable back-up men.

Trademark Suffers

Defense seems to be the squad's major problem, but even here there is no glaring weakness. A Crimson trademark last season, it seems to have suffered the most from graduation and the success of the team may hinge on the development of a cohesive, effective fullback corps.

Taking into account the apparent weakness here. Munro has shuffled some personnel and realigned his defensive formation. Last year Harvard played a "diamond" alignment employing center back and two sweepers behind the wings. This year, however, Munro has opted for a somewhat safer, less aggressive diagonal defense involving less man to man, and more area coverage, somewhat akin to a rotating zone defense in football. Manning this diagonal will be two returning starters. Captain Rick Scott and Brian Fearnett, veteran Rick LaCivita, and converted halfback Henry Sideropoulos. Sideropoulos' ability to successfully make the switch is also a key.

Goalie is another potential problem spot. The effect of the loss of Shop Messing remains to be seen, but the disaster many envisioned may have been premature. Junior Steve Kidder, Messing's backup last year, has the ability and appears to have the edge over Rick Salvato for the starting berth.

Right now he needs a certain amount of work but he has looked very good and there probably won't be as big a drop off as people think Munro said.

With the stress on teamwork and morale problem areas in some past years the addition of Chris Wilmot to the coaching staff will have a substantial effect on the team. He'll be a big plus and a very good asset for the team." Rick Scott

said because he knows most of the players pretty well and will be able to relate to them.

The outlook in the Ivy League is uncertain. Penn and Cornell are rated co-favorites, with Harvard challenging, but the Crimson have a number of advantages. They play both the Quakers and the Big Red at home this year instead of on unfamiliar astro-turf or under the lights. The home advantage also brings with it a friendly crowd, which has an unmeasurable effect.

After only a week of practice and two days of scrimmages, the team scrimmaged Amherst on Saturday. With the regulars playing the first part the play was uneven. The offense overpassed and looked disorganized. Amherst got a goal against the second unit in the second segment, but when the first string came back in the final minutes, the team began to work more effectively.

After missing on his first five shots, Adedeji finally connected for a goal. Within ten minutes he added two more and showed no signs of the groin injury which happened him last season. It was an encouraging few minutes.

Thus far the team has not sustained any major injuries, but a rash of injuries like the ones last season would cripple the team. Because the squad lacks overall depth. It must remain almost completely healthy to take the Ivy title. The talent is there, but whether it gets is difficult to tell, at least right now.

Unproven Soccer Squad Opens Season With MIT

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
SEPTEMBER 27, 1972

A talented but unproven Harvard varsity soccer team, still sifting and shuffling personnel and only now beginning to settle on a starting line up, plunges into the fray with the traditional season opener this afternoon at 3:30 at MIT.

With seven of eleven starters gone from this year's team, coach Bruce Munro, now starting his 25th season as Harvard head coach, had to fill quite a few positions when his team returned this fall. But, on the basis of a 3-1 scrimmage win against a well-drilled Amherst team that has been together since the beginning of the month, it seems the replacements are already plugging the holes well.

The precision teamwork necessary for a run at the Ivy title, however, probably won't be expected or needed today against the Engineers, who have never posed a serious threat to Harvard's Cambridge soccer hegemony. "We usually show up and expect to win," Munro said yesterday. "Once in a while they come up with a good team, but we never really know too much about them."

Munro will probably be interested in knowing more about his own squad and assessing its strengths and weaknesses. "The team probably won't be settled for a couple of more games," assistant coach Chris Wilmot said yesterday, "and all these guys are in contention, if not for the starting eleven at least for the eighteen man squad."

Whatever experimentation is tried, the starting eleven is--for the most part--fairly set, but a few spots are still open. On the line Felix Adedeji and Chris Papaginis, as potent a one-two scoring tandem in the Ivy league, will return at forward and right wing respectively. Highly-rated advanced standing sophomore Bent Hinze will occupy the other forward spot, with Demetrio Meno or Dragan Vijovic on the left wing. It is an offense that will score, score, score.

Defense, this year's major question mark, will probably not be severely tested today. If the starters gain confidence quickly, and if the newly implemented diagonal formation functions as on peoted, the defender could surprise. Starters Rick LaClvita, Captain Rick Scott, and Brian Fearnett are all "very accomplished," Wilmot said, and the fourth, Henry Sideropoulos, seems to be adjusting quickly after making the switch from halfback to fullback this year. Henry "has the makings of a good fullback," he added.

The talent is there, the coaching is there, but whether the Ivy tide and the number three but whether the Ivy title and the number three national ranking are there may take some time to determine.

Harvard Booters Breeze Past Mediocre MIT, 5-0

Hinze Scores Hat Trick in Crimson Debut

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
SEPTEMBER 28, 1972

Showing sporadic signs of brilliance, but often playing down to the Engineers' level of play, the Harvard varsity soccer team, led by sophomore newcomer Bent Hinze's three goal performance, dumped MIT 5-0 yesterday for the twenty-fifth straight time.

The initial tally, scored early in the first half by fullback Henry Sideropoulos following some good playmaking in front by Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani and Row Padmoor, was all the Crimson needed against an outmatched, inexperienced but hustling MIT squad.

But, as is often the case when the opposition is sub-par, the more talented Harvard team eased up often playing the Engineers' hustle and guts game. "We got a goal early, and should have wiped them up," said assistant coach Chris Wilmot, "but instead we let them get back in the game."

The Crimson's lack of enthusiasm, in the early stages was offset, to an extent, by some good individual play, but the extra pass, the open men missed, and sloppy teamwork prevented the Crimson from completely embarrassing the Engineers.

A mistake by an MIT defender on a shot by Hinze made the score 2-0 when the fullback's clearing shot boomed into the MIT net. The next goal, however, was no fluke. On an indirect kick from just outside the penalty area. Hinze, on a beautiful set-up by left wing Demetrio Mena, picked the short side and chipped the ball just inside the post for his second goal.

The second half saw the starting unit begin to move more

effectively, as the line of Adedeji, Papaginis, Hinze, and Padmoor began to click. Papaginis, content to set up the forwards from his wing position, sent a crossing pass in front where Hinze drilled it for his hat trick.

With the game safely tucked away head coach Bruce Munro began looking at personnel, substituting freely and getting some good play from subs Steve Meed, Dragan Vujovic, Lawson Wulsin, and Bob Adams. The routine rout dragged on, with bad refereeing marring play throughout.

With the game all but over, Felix Adedeji, frustrated all afternoon, finally connected for a score on the kind of individual effort that is his trademark. Taking a pass in front, Adedeji balanced the ball on his knee, then flipped it in over the goalie for the 5-0 margin.

The defense, while not severely tested, played steady ball all afternoon and appeared to be adjusting to the new diagonal formation. Rick Scott and Brian Fearnett controlled the center, and outside defenseman Ric LaCicita and Henry Sideropoulos got back well and set up the offense.

The play of Emmanuel Ekama and Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani at linkman was less impressive than in the scrimmage against Amherst last Saturday. Mossavar-Rahmani was hampered by a cold, and Ekama by a leg problem. Goalie Steve Kidder looked confident in the nets, but the few hard shots directed his way were fired right at him.

"It was a typical MIT game," Munro said afterward. "We just can't get up for them." The teamwork that Munro is looking for was there off and on, but he said that he "didn't expect a polished team. With four strangers on a line it takes time."

Williams, ranked second in New England to Harvard, comes to Cambridge on Saturday. That game may yield Munro a more valid evaluation of the squad than yesterday's cavalier effort against mediocre competition.

Harvard Soccer Team Faces Williams In the Crimson's First Crucial Game

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
SEPTEMBER 30, 1972

The Harvard varsity soccer team, coming off a traditionally uninspired and relatively unimportant 5-0 rout of MIT, faces its first crucial test of the season this afternoon when it hosts a strong Williams squad at 12:30 p.m. on the Business School field.

Williams, presently ranked second in New England to the Crimson, has its team returning virtually intact. Last year, the Ephman finished strong, gaining an identical runner-up spot to Harvard and showing well in the NAIA small college tournament.

Besides bringing to Cambridge a readymade team, a contrast to Harvard, Williams also enjoys a considerable advantage in terms of practice time: the Ephman began workouts a full two weeks prior to the Crimson.

These two factors, while not easily measurable, may work in the Ephman's favor today unless Harvard is able to ex-

plot its edge in individual talent, and more crucially, begin to jell as an effective unit. The ability of the Crimson to successfully play a team game early in the season, an object of great concern so far this fall, may be the key to determining the outcome.

Offense Disorganized

The offense, while clicking for five goals against a porous MIT defense, looked disorganized. This is no doubt because the starters lack the time and experience playing with each other and a knowledge of each other's moves that is tantamount to offensive precision. As coach Bruce Munro remarked earlier in the week. "With four strangers on the line, it takes time." He hopes however, to begin implementing some offensive plays today, and hopefully the offense will begin to play more effectively.

Defensively, the diagonal formation in this year's 4-2-4 responded well against the Engineers but was not severely tested, as it will no doubt be today by a quality Williams offense. Goalie Steve Kidder played confidently in the nets on Wednesday, but may be another question mark against the Ephman.

Injuries, which invariably signal the downfall of any team, are particularly important this season because of Harvard's overall lack of depth. As Munro admitted yesterday, "We're thin." Unfortunately, several starters have already suffered slight injuries as a result of the MIT game, and if any or all are unable to play, or perform at full efficiency, the team and the teamwork will suffer accordingly.

The most doubtful starter of the walking wounded. Captain Rick Scott, may be the most sorely missed. Scott, who has a tight hamstring, dominated the center against MIT from his position as leftcenter fullback, and exhibited tremendous range. All-Ivy forward Fells Adedeji developed a sore knee after playing the Engineers, but will probably start. Linkman Emmanuel Ekama, who sat out the second half of Wednesday's game with a groin pull, has not fully recovered, while both wing Demetrio Mena and linkman Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani have colds but will play.

Booters Flatten Williams With Second Shutout

Adedeji's Three Goals, Solid Defense Spark 4-0 Crimson Victory

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
OCTOBER 2, 1972

Sparked by a three goal performance by Felix Adedeji, and playing a solid game defensively, the Harvard soccer team took its second game of the season in convincing fashion. Saturday, soundly beating a highly touted Williams team, 4-0.

The game, which had figured to be a hotly contested struggle between an experienced, well-conditioned Ephman squad and a Crimson contingent long on talent but short on game experience, was decided early by a two goal outburst midway through the first half. Two second half insurance

tallies were more than enough as the Crimson defense stymied the Williams attack on route to Harvard's second straight shutout.

Although starting cautiously and looking somewhat nervous and disorganized through the first ten minutes, the Crimson quickly adjusted moving the ball around and utilizing their short passing game effectively. Most importantly, Harvard began to play well as a team.

Williams using a four man diamond defense with a center sweeper, identical to the defense employed by the Crimson last season, saw the game slip away in the first half when Felix Adedeji, positioning himself in front of the sweeper, picked up his second and third goals of the season within a five-minute span. Adedeji scored the second while facing away from the goal, flicking the ball over with his foot.

Munro, who has been playing Adedeji at left inside, shifted the all-Ivy out forward to the left wing early in the game. He moved Dragan Vujovic, who has been coming on strong since returning late last week, to the vacated spot. "I was very happy the way it worked out," Munro said. "The four of them (the offensive line) are a dangerous outfit," he added.

With a 2-0 lead at halftime, and with the wind against them in the second half, Harvard pulled right inside Bent Hinze back behind the line to help the midfield. "The linkmen were getting tired, so we moved Bent back in the role of a feeder, and it worked pretty well," assistant coach Seamus Malin said. Both of Harvard's second half goals were, in fact, set up by the play of Hinze.

The first, from Hinze to Adedeji, came on a shot from a difficult angle. A long cross pass by Bent was trapped by Felix and fired along the ground for Adedeji's hat trick. Hinze had scored a hat trick earlier against MIT on Wednesday. A Hinze shot deflected by Vujovic completed the scoring.

The defense, which had expected to be tested more severely than against MIT, played well under some pressure all afternoon. Although unable to mount many serious offensive threats in the first half, Williams came back in the later stages of the game to pressure Harvard's new diagonal defense, but the Ephman were unable to convert their scoring opportunities. "They just couldn't finish," defenseman Rich Cuita said.

"The defense jelled and looked solid," Munro said, "and they used Kidder well. "It was a tough ball game. I didn't expect us to do that well, but I was very pleased," he added.

"People began to move off the ball," Seamus Malin said, "and we played a smart, short passing game."

Injuries which might have played some part in the outcome, did not prevent several starters from seeing considerable action. Captain Rick Scott, heavily taped as a result of a tight hamstring, played a fine game while Adedeji's knee had little effect on his play. Linkman Emmanuel Ekama and Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani both played most of the game, although not completely healthy.

Exeter Varsity Downs Freshmen, 2-1; Crimson Booters Drop Season Opener

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Exeter's varsity soccer team edged the Crimson freshmen, 2-1, yesterday in Harvard's season opener at Exeter N.H.

Centerforward Percy Coker from Gambia, scored both of Exeter's goals early in the second half to provide his team with the winning margin.

Coker's first goal came on a deflection off the left goal post at 6.05 in the third quarter. Less than a minute later, he beat Crimson goalie Jim McKennen to tally again.

Harvard came back at 3.04 of the final period with a goal by Ed Perez on a corner-kick from Ramph Warren.

"My boys did a hell of a job considering the conditions," Crimson coach Dana Getchell said. "With only two weeks of practice, we met a team which had already played three games."

"Exeter had a jump on us in training and organization," Getchell explained. "The team was also fired up, seeking its first win over Harvard since 1962."

Jeff Hargadon and Ralph Booth led Harvard's defense, protecting McKennen, who made 12 saves. Perez played a strong offensive game after moving up from center half to the center forward and position.

"My whole team gave 100 per cent," Getchell said. "I have nothing but respect for the boys, and I expect a good season."

The freshmen booters play their next game one week from today at home against the Babson sub-varsity.

Defensive Errors Are Key As Babson Stuns JV Booters, 3-2

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
OCTOBER 6, 1972

Continuing what has been a disappointing week for Harvard soccer, the Crimson JV's, falling prey to overconfidence and inexperience, dropped a 3-2 decision to Babson yesterday on the Business School Field.

The JV's, not specifically a separate squad but rather a subdivision of the larger varsity contingent, suffered from a lack of playing time together, and the lack of cohesive teamwork was evident all afternoon and negated a considerable Harvard advantage in individual talent.

Babson, dreaming of an upset, played opportunistic soccer, taking advantage of Crimson defensive mistakes and missed offensive opportunities. Babson scored first on a defensive error, stealing the ball from a Harvard defender, and scoring an easy goal as a result of poor marking in the penalty area.

Harvard rallied to knot the game at a goal apiece, when left wing Dan Potts, on a quick pass from Mario Gobbo, fired a bullet from 20 yards out. Babson, however, took a 2-1 lead at the half. A Babson corner kick eluded Harvard goalie

Peter Zurkow, who tried and failed to punch the ball out of play. The ball came to the edge of the penalty area and a Babson screen shot resulted in the score.

With 16 minutes to go in the game, Harvard came back to tie the score on a fine individual effort by John Waciuma on a pass from Mario Gobbo. Waciuma faked out a defender, bounced the ball and took the shot on the bounce. The ball went in off the goalie's hands.

The tie, however, was shortlived. A Harvard defensive lapse gave Babson the ball deep in the Crimson end. The ball was kicked around in a sea of players jammed in the penalty area until a Babson player tapped the ball in the nets for a sloppy, but game winning goal.

"It was a bitter blow," said coach Seamus Malin. "We thought we were going to walk all over them. When you don't have cohesive teamwork, which we didn't have today, you tend to overcompensate individually," he said. "This results in players trying to do it alone, and usually ends up with the other team stealing the ball."

Varsity Booters Meet Alumni In Tune-up For Ivy Opener

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
OCTOBER 7, 1972

Concentrating exclusively on preparations for next Saturday's Ivy League opener at Columbia, the Harvard soccer team takes a traditional breather this morning when it hosts the Alumni at .30 on the Business School Field.

The Alumni game, tenth in a series dating to 1962, always attracts a fine group of former Crimson stars, and this year is no exception. Thirty-one names are listed as probable returnees including former All-American forward Phil Kydes, fullback Bob Woods '72 and fullback John Gordon '70. It is rumored that another former All-American, 1972 Olympic goalie Shep Messing, may play.

Prominent among the other alumni are 1970 Captain Solomon Gomez and goalie Bill Meyers '71. The oldest alumnus in the group is Dr. Ward Stingerland '44.

"The Alumni game is not a tough game from the point of view of competition, but it is fun for people to come back," assistant coach Seamus Malin, who has played in every previous Alumni game, said yesterday. He said, however, that he thought coach Bruce Munro would "give the varsity a good run," and that the first team would play at least a half.

Position Changes

The first unit that does play this morning against the Alumni may have some people in new positions. Chris Papaganis, who has been at right wing for two seasons, will probably see some action at right inside. He played the position in an intrasquad scrimmage earlier in the week and responded with three quick goals.

Newcomer Beat Hinze, who has three goals and a number of assists thus far this season, may continue in his new role of a feeder behind the offensive line, and playing defense when needed. Hinze worked well in his new assignment in

the second half of the Williams game, setting up both of the final two scores.

While the Crimson is having fun, the rest of the Ivy League teams will begin head to head confrontations. The biggest game will be in Providence where defending Ivy champion Penn meets a very strong Brown team.

Freshmen Booters Defeat Babson Subs, 4-1

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The freshman soccer team overwhelmed the Babson College varsity substitutes yesterday afternoon 4-1, as left inside Bobbie McGee scored a hat trick. The game, played at Harvard, was marred by steady rain and bad playing conditions.

McGee scored the Crimson's first goal about four minutes into the game on a mistap by a Babson fullback. He tallied 15 minutes later on a penalty kick. The referee awarded the free shot after the Babson goalie, rising from a collision with McGee, kicked him in the chest. The first half ended with the score at 2-0.

McGee completed his hat trick five minutes into the second half by stealing a slow pass between two Babson fullbacks. Coach Dana Getchell sent in the second team after the third goal. Steve Hines scored the final Crimson point on a sustained offensive drive, five minutes later.

Babson's single goal came with two minutes remaining in the game as goalie Jay Skardon was pulled out of the nets attempting a save--giving a Babson forward the open net.

The Babson team was left with only one substitute early in the first half after two players were injured in a massive collision. One player opened a large cut in his cheek which required five or six stitches. A second Babson player re-injured a bruised thigh and was carried off the field.

The win was the freshman team's first of the season. The Yardlings were defeated by Exeter, 2-1, on October 4.

Goalie Jim McKenna said that the team was "elated" over its first victory.

McKenna said that the team had changed from the overload 5-3-2 setup used against Exeter to a 4-3-3 formation. In addition, "People know each other now," he added.

Booters to Meet Lions in Ivy Opener Game Is First After Two Week Layoff

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
OCTOBER 14, 1972

The Harvard soccer team, coming off a two week layoff, begins its uphill fight for the Ivy League title this morning when it faces Columbia in New York City. The Crimson, which has not lost to the Lions since 1950, is a solid favorite.

Columbia, which began its Ivy season Saturday with a 5-1

lots to Princeton, does not a serious threat to the Crimson, but Harvard needs a convincing win to build the confidence and momentum needed for crucial home encounters later in the season with Cornell Brown and defending champion Penn.

A disappointing showing today-such as a narrow win, coupled with any sort of serious injuries - might prove as damaging as a loss.

Injuries

Injuries have already clouded the picture for today's contest. Starting linkman Emmanuel Ekama, a vital man in the Harvard lineup, may have sustained a serious injury in practice Thursday when a teammate stepped on his heel. An immediate prognosis has not been made, but Ekama's ankle was sufficiently swollen Friday to present him from playing.

Fortunately, wing Demetrio Mean, who have been working at linkman in practice this week, will be able to fill in.

The last two weeks, considered particularly crucial to the Crimson's chances of catching Penn and Cornell, were not as productive as coach Bruce Munro would have liked. The layoff coupled with the rainout of the Alumm game — valuable as a practice tune-up — could make Harvard somewhat rusty.

Change of Formation

The Crimson used at 4-2-4 formation in its first two games, but it may switch to a 4-3-3 against Columbia, primarily to contain the Lion's top scoring threat, former Nigerian Olympian Emmanuel Osode.

"We'll play it by ear," Munro said yesterday. If Osode gives the Harvard defense problems, he said. Ric Lacivita, normally a fullback but with previous experience as a one-on-one marker, will move to halfback to contain Osode. Either Lawson Wulsin or Steve Mead will fill in at fullback.

Munro will also try some experiments on offense. Chris Papaganis has played well at right inside in practice, and will remain there instead of at his normal wing spot. Ron Padmoor will replace Papaganis on the outside.

Adedeji Switches

Fehx Adedeji, once again the Crimson's scoring leader with four goals in the first two games, will begin his bid for a second straight Ivy scoring title at a new position as well. Adedeji looked extremely comfortable at his new left wing position in the Williams game after switching from the inside.

Dragon Vujovic, who has the natural talent to augment this line extremely well, it still not ready to play an entire game after returning from Europe out of shape and a week late, but will see considerable action on the line.

Outside of Ekama, the team is healthy. Several players who played the Williams and MIT games despite colds or slight leg problems will be completely ready today. Both captain Rick Scott, who had a hamstring problem, and Bahman Mossavar Rahmani, hampered by a cold, are ready to play.

While Harvard meets Columbia, elsewhere in the Ivies. Penn faces Cornell at Ithaca in the week's biggest matchup. A Cornell upset could considerably scramble the league race.

JV Booters Beat UConn, 3-2; Weiss Scores 2 Goals in Win

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Frederick Weiss's two second-half goals carried Harvard's junior varsity soccer team to a 3-2 victory over visiting University of Connecticut's freshmen team yesterday. The win evened Coach Seamus Mlin's booters record at 1-1.

Connecticut scored the game's first goal about 8 minutes into the first half. The Crimson rounded out the first half scoring 20 minutes later when Arthur Faden converted a pass from Breck Walsh.

The second half-opened with three goals in the first ten minutes. Weiss scored his first goal at the two minute mark to give the Crimson the lead. Marx Abercussis received an assist on the play.

Connecticut's second tally came two minutes later. Scoring for the game was completed after ten more minutes when Weiss, assisted by Faden, dribbled around Connecticut's goalie and tapped the ball in.

Second string goalie. Amore Hollingsworth played the final 16 minutes for Harvard, as regular goalie Peter Zurkow was resting.

Harvard's opening loss was to Bobson College. The Crimson's next game is scheduled for Friday at Tufts University.

Booters Go To Wesleyan; Adedeji and Hinze Ailing

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
OCTOBER 18, 1972

The Harvard soccer team, coming off an 8-4 rout of Columbia Saturday, travels to Wesleyan this afternoon but it may be without the services of Felix Adedeji and Bent Hinze, two of its top scorers.

Adedeji, who picked up four goals against the Lions to tie teammate Chris Papagianis for the Ivy scoring lead while raising his season total to eight, suffered muscle spasms in his back on Sunday. The spasms were serious enough to require hospitalization in Stillman Infirmary. Adedeji is out of Stillman and has been given medication to reduce the spasms but nevertheless will not be available for today's game.

Hinze, who like Adedeji seemed completely healthy following the Columbia game, is hobbled by a slight groin pull. "I felt fine after the game, and on Sunday," Hinze said yesterday, "but on Monday I was really sore."

The loss of Adedeji and Hinze has forced head coach Bruce Munro to do some shuffling in his offensive lineup for today's game, and he may not know until game time what personnel will play where. "We don't have the depth to rest people like last year," Munro said, "and we might have a problem putting a line together." Dragan Vujovic, who has been improving with each game will move into the starting line-up and see considerable action. Ron Padmoor will probably complete the line.

Wesleyan, which began the season with a three-game winning streak and a fourth place ranking in New England, lost its last two games to UConn, 2-1, and the Coast Guard, 4-2, and dropped to ninth in the poll. "The fact that they have lost their last two will definitely help us," Munro said yesterday. The team, however, is a strong one. All but two starters return from last year's squad, one of the best in Wesleyan history.

The Harvard defense, one of the only sore spots in Saturday's romp over Columbia, is anxious to redeem itself after its two-game shutout streak was unceremoniously broken. "I wasn't that upset about our performance," captain and fullback Rick Scott said yesterday. "We made some stupid mistakes, but we have the potential for some more shut-outs," he added.

Elsewhere in the Ivy League over the weekend, Penn overcame a 2-1 deficit to defeat a powerful Cornell team at Ithaca, 3-2. The win gave the Quakers, the defending Ivy titlist, sole possession of first place with a 2-0 mark. Harvard holds down a tie for second with Dartmouth, which topped Princeton, 1-0, in Hanover.

Brown, second in New England to the University of Bridgeport--Harvard is rated only third--had to cope with All-Ivy goalie Ken Pasternak of Yale, but his spectacular saves were not enough as the Bruins won, 3-0.

Crimson Booters Host Cornell in Key Ivy Tilt

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
OCTOBER 21, 1972

After two inconclusive wins to the road, a decisive 8-4 rout of Columbia and a disappointing 2-1 squeaker at Wesleyan, the Harvard soccer team return home for a 10:30 a.m. game with a talented and powerful Cornell team. The Crimson's three year home unbeaten skein, and its New England, Ivy League, and national aspirations are squarely on the line.

Harvard, unbeaten in its first four games, enters the game in a less favorable position. The last two starts have taken their toll on the Crimson All-Ivy standout Felix Adedeji, who began his quest for a second straight Ivy scoring title last Saturday with a superlative four goal performance, is still suffering from muscle spasms which kept him out of Wednesday's game with Wesleyan.

Adedeji's doctor has told him not to play today, but whether he needs the doctor's orders or not seems completely up to him. "The pain is there, but I will try to play," Adedeji said at yesterday's practice, hobbling noticeably. "I couldn't walk earlier in the week, but I can stand up straight now," he added.

The offensive line, which exhibited what it could do while healthy by pouring in eight goals against the Lions, sagged noticeably against Wesleyan with Adedeji out and Bent Hinne playing subpar because of a groin injury. Hinze has not fully recovered but will play regardless. "I kinda think Feliz will play too," head coach Bruce Munro said yesterday.

Emmanuel Ekama, who has missed the last two games with

a sore foot, is a questionable starter at linkman, a spot where the Crimson has had some problems. Ekama has said he will play, but has not practiced in over a week. Harvard had trouble controlling the midfield area against Wesleyan, and might continue to be vulnerable against Cornell today.

Defense Ready

Defensively, the Crimson appears ready, although Ric LaCivita will be playing with bruised ribs and captain Rick Scott has been bothered by a number of minor injuries.

Cornell, on the other hand, has both the depth and the healthy players which Harvard lacks. A largely veteran unit like Penn, the Big Red are solid, both offensively and on defense. "After losing to Penn, 3-2. I'd have to rate them right alongside the Quakers," said Munro, and most observers agree.

The offense boasts two All-Ivy performers, forwards Victor Huerta and Chris Agoliati. Huerta is not likely to win any popularity contests among the Crimson after last year's contest at Ithaca in which he unnecessarily elbowed and kicked a number of Harvard players before being removed from the game. "I've been thinking about that game a few times a week for the past year," said Rick Scott. "I don't like anything about them (Cornell)," he added.

To contain Huerta, the Crimson defense may mark the former Junior college All-American man-to-man. "It all depends over what they do," Scott remarked, Harvard will need more line support defensively as well, as Cornell lines to bring the ball straight to the center of the field from defense.

Munay Anchors Defense

All-Ivy fullback Bill Murray, who she kicks extra points for the Big Red football team, anchors the Cornell defense and initiates its short passing game offense from the front position in the Big Red's diamond defense. Munro hopes to stop the Cornell attack before it gets started. "If we can break up the center back and catch him up-field, we could have a 4 on 3 fast break," he said.

If Adedeji is unable to start or play offensively, which seems likely, Harvard will go with a front line of Chris Papaglanis Best Hinze, Dregan Vujovic, and probably Demetrio Mans. The performance of Hinze and Papaglanis will be particularly important to the Crimson's chances of cracking the Cornell defense, Papaglanis, who tied Adedeji for the Ivy scoring lead with a two goal-two assist performance on Saturday, has looked very good in his last two games. Hinze's-playmaking is a key to the offense.

The game is an extremely important one for both sides, Cornell, coming off a heart-breaking line to Penn, will be cut to solidify its claim to the number two spot in the Ivy League. For the Crimson a win could issue a genuine that at the Quakers for the Ivy side and a good chance for post-season play. A Crimson loss, however, could still Harvard's side drive, put all end to a cherished home field advantage and place it in the unenviable position of having to best Penn to finish any higher than third.

Booters Explode to Destroy Cornell

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
OCTOBER 24, 1972

Erupting for four goals in an awesome second-half display of power, Harvard's unbeaten soccer team broke open a scoreless half-time tie and sent a Peter Pan busload of surprised Cornell players back to Ithaca, publicly admitting that this year's Crimson squad may indeed be the team to beat this season in the Ivy League.

Cornell, who now sports a 5-3 record, having lost earlier this year to Hartwick (4-2) and Penn (3-2), outshot Harvard in the first half, 7-4, but neither team could muster a consistently penetrating attack and the majority of shots by both teams were taken around the top of the penalty area or even farther out.

For Harvard, the second half was an exercise in perfection. The defense continued to prove airtight, thwarting numerous Big Red attempts to get the ball past midfield. Bahman RahmaniMossavar, Henry Sideropoulos, and Demetrio Mena (who earlier in the first half replaced an injured Emmanuel Ekama) were excellent in breaking up Cornell plays before they could get untracked.

Further back on defense, Brian Fearnett put the clamps on Cornell's big threat Victor Huerta. Teaming with captain Rick Scott and Rick LaCivita, the trio provided goalie Steve Kidder with strong protection and support throughout the contest.

In final statistics, the Crimson outshot Cornell, 14-13, but in the second half Harvard's chances were all from dangerously close in while Cornell was again forced to take most of its shots from long range.

Harvard broke the ice at 1:01 of the second half when Mens intercepted a pass at midfield, shot a pass up to Dragan Vujovic, who hit Chris Papagianis alone on a wing. Papagianis broke in on the goalie and drilled a bullet through his legs for the serve. The goal was one of three points credited to Papagianis Saturday. He assisted on the next two Crimson goals.

Twenty minutes after the first goal, Harvard scored its second tally on a textbook-perfect play. RahmaniMossavar made a chip into the penalty area. Papagianis took it on his chest, the defenseman thought he was going to settle it there and came over to cover it.

But Papagianis let the ball bounce off his chest and across to Felix Adedji, who rocketed it securely home.

Rahmani-Mossavar, who started the scoring play, was a key to the Crimson's success in the second half. He set up many of the deep penetrating drives and was extraordinary in setting up scores with accurate assist passes.

With a two-goal lead, Harvard and Kidder survived the best offensive chance Cornell could throw at them all day. In traffic in front of the Harvard net, Hueets picked off a head ball and drove it a foot to the outside of the post. After an excellent flying save by Kidder two minutes later, Cornell never threatened and the shutout was assured. Both goalies finished with nine saves each.

The Crimson's third goal came as the result of tight defense at midfield, an excellent individual effort by Papagianis, and a sure shot by Vujovic. After weaving his way through defenders heading down the sideline, Papagianis sped by the fullback, turned the corner and fed Vujovic, who put it away.

Bent Hinze rounded out the Crimson scoring after an adroit dribbling display, five minutes before the final gun. That gave the Harvard front line perfect scoring balance with each member netting a tally.

"You definitely can beat Penn if you play like you did in the second half today," Huerta lamented. "Just keep breaking those wings free and you can do it."

Tufts Frosh Tie J.V. Booters in Last Seconds

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The junior varsity soccer team had to settle for a 1-1 tie with the Tufts freshman team Friday afternoon after surrendering a fluke goal with 40 seconds left in the game.

The Tufts goal came when Harvard fullback Frank Gerold passed the ball back to goalie Peter Zurkow, in an attempt to relieve pressure on the Crimson defense which was having problems clearing the ball. The ball hit a rut in the uneven Tufts field, bounced away from Zurkow, headed right to a Tufts forward, who booted it into the net.

The Crimson put its only point on the board midway through the first half, when from five yards out center half-back Brock Wilson headed a high crossing pass from left wing Jonathan Conley past the Tufts goalie.

Assistant varsity coach Seamus P. Malin, who directs the junior varsity, called the tie "a real heartbreaker." He explained that he had lost three starters and had been reduced to only three substitutes because of exams and labs.

In spite of the Crimson's small travelling squad, the Crimson "had the run of the play," Malin said. The coach described the game as "very physical."

The tie with Tufts gives the junior varsity a 1-1-1 record. The team lost its first contest on October 5 to Beeson College, 3-2. They defeated the University of Connecticut eight days later by the same score.

The junior varsity will challenge Brown Wednesday at Harvard in what Malin calls the team's toughest contest.

JV Booters Shut Out by Brown, 4-0

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OCTOBER 26, 1972

Brown's junior varsity soccer squad, padded with some of the varsity regulars, downed the Harvard JV's yesterday by a score of 4-0. This brings the JV's record to 1-2-1.

Crimson goalie, Peter Zurkow, was scored upon early in the game by the Brown offense. Play remained fairly even

throughout the rest of the half, but a penalty in the last 20 seconds gave Brown a direct kick and a 2-0 halftime lead.

Seamus Malin, assistant Varsity Soccer Coach, switched goaltenders for the second half, replacing Zurkow with Bill Bryan. "(Zurkow) played a good game, but I wanted to give Bryan some playing time," Malin said. "It was a real baptism of fire for him."

The Bruins scored two goals at the start of the second half, and the Crimson was on the defensive for the rest of the game. There were a few Crimson offensive threats but the Brown goalie went unchallenged for most of the second half.

Lack of depth was a major factor in the defeat. The Crimson travelling squad consisted of only three or four substitutes in addition to the starters. "We usually beat them when we have more depth," Malin said. He added that the JV booters have had a very successful record against Brown with the exception of last year's loss and yesterday's defeat.

Malin said that the Bruins' depth was their strong point. With the addition of varsity first-stringers. Brown had more experience and more talent, he said. "They had some outstanding talent, some of whom I've seen on the Varsity. They had a better team and simply outplayed us," Malin said.

Malin said that he was not totally displeased with the team's effort because the competition was "unusually tough." The only real standout for the Crimson was fullback Steve Mead. He played a gallant game on defense, unfortunately on the losing side.

Malin praised the Brown team highly. "They were outstanding in the air. I think if you threw a cannonball at those guys, they'd probably jump up and head it."

The JV's defeated Babson, 3-2, in the season opener, lost to the University of Connecticut by the same score and tied Tufts, 1-1. Next week they face Boston University in a chance to even their record.

Favored Crimson Booters Host Dartmouth Today

BY CHARLESS B. STRAUS,
OCTOBER 27, 1972

Occupied by memories of the past (a superlative 4-0 win over Cornell last Saturday) and thought of the future (a showdown next weekend with Penn for the Ivy title), the Harvard soccer team returns to the present this afternoon when it hosts Dartmouth at 2 p.m. on the Business School field.

Psychologically, at least, the Crimson will be looking past the Big Green to its crucial confrontation with the Quakers and is in a somewhat vulnerable position. A letdown following a highly-charged game with the Big Red is not out of the question, and Dartmouth, while bringing to Cambridge only a mediocre 3-3-1 record, is a competent Ivy team.

"Most people are expecting us to look past this game to Penn, but we're definitely not," head coach Bruce Munro said this game, and they are the kind of gung ho, running team

that could upset our normal style of play," he added.

Munro and assistant coach Seamus Matia are particularly anxious to avoid a near disappointment similar to one in the Wesleyan game ten days ago in which Harvard narrowly escaped with a 2-1 win after trouncing Columbia the previous Saturday, 8-4. "We can't afford a drop-off in quality, and we have to establish a real sense of improvement for the Penn game," Malin said.

Weekly Ratings

A solid win over Dartmouth would also enhance the Crimson's chances of overtaking Bridgeport and Brown in the weekly New England soccer ratings, since the pollsters lead to disregard wins over team like Council that are not in New England. The people Knights, for example, lost to Hartwick last week, but retained first place despite the fact that Hartwick best Cornell earlier in the season, 4-2, and Harvard beat Cornell, 4-2.

The Crimson, who remain unbeaten after five games, and have moved into a first place tie with Penn and Brown, has been improving steadily all season, and is coming off its best game of the season. Both the offense and defense played extremely well against Cornell, and the team is healthier than it has been since Columbia.

Felix Adedeji, who was slowed considerably by muscle spasm; against Cornell, is markedly improved this week, and he will play. Ric LaCivita, who played with bruised ribs last week, is not fully recovered but will start, while Emanuel Ekama is still out with a sore foot.

The Harvard offense, which leads the league with 12 goals, counts the top three scorers in the Ivy league among its starting four Chris Papagianis, who, Munro said had "the best game I've ever seen him play" against Cornell leads with seven points. Adedeji follows with five and Bent Hinze holds down third with four points. "This line could be even better than last year's," Munro said.

The Dartmouth defense anchored by goalie Mark Porto, who has been outstanding will be hard pressed to stop the Crimson scoring combine. The balance of the Harvard offense prevents any defense from keying on a particular player and the precision passing which accounted for what Munro called four of the most perfect goals you'd ever want to see" against the Big Red may be impossible to stop.

Defensive Harvard has settled down after allowing four goals against Columbia, giving up only one to Wesleyan (on a penalty shot and shutting out a highly-rated Huerta led Cornell line. Outside defenseman Henry Sideropolous has done a fine job adjusting after switching from halfback. LaCivita has played well despite bruised ribs, and captain Ric Scott and Brian Fearnett completely shut off the middle against the Big Red. Steve Kidder while not a spectacularly exciting goalie like Shep Messing has played consistently well all season.

The Crimson defense may also have some help today from a relative anemic Big Green attack. Dartmouth has only scored once in two Ivy games its leading offensive threat Frank Gall, has been hurt and it does not have a man among the top 15 scorers in the league.

Booters Rout Big Green On Final Half Surge, 7-2

Papagianis Stars With 6 Points

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
OCTOBER 28, 1972

Outplaying Dartmouth on the field, but, as usual, only tied on the scoreboard at the half, the unbeaten Harvard soccer team treated the fans at the Business School to its traditional second half scoring exhibition by pouring five goals past the shellshocked Big Green goalie on route to an easy 7-2 win and its sixth victory of the year.

The Crimson, which thus far this season has been almost exclusively a second half team--outscored its opponents 8-3 in the first half and a phenomenal 2-4 in the second--waited once again until the final 30 minutes before breaking the game wide open. Dragan Vujovic, who had his best game of the season with two goals and an assist, began a scoring parade with a goal assisted by Felix Adedeji, breaking the 2-2 tie.

Three Goals for Chris

Seven minutes later Chris Papagianis headed in the first of his three goals to put the game out of reach at 4-2. Papagianis, who is playing the best soccer of his career, added three assists on the day to up his Ivy League leading scoring totals to an unbelievable 13 points in three games.

The scoring continued minutes later when an Adedeji pass and left footed blast by Bent Hinze increased the Harvard lead to 5-2. Papagianis converted another Hinze corner kick into a goal and then took a pass from linkman Demetrio Mena, and while falling down sent a dribbling ground ball past the Dartmouth goalie for his hat trick.

The second half scoring broke open what had been in the first half a close game. Harvard started out well, pressuring the Big Green defense, and with 10 minutes gone a Vujovic-to-Papagianis-to-Vujovic passing play resulted at the first score. Dartmouth had, however, several scoring opportunities in the early part of the game, but both times a Big Green shot went over the crossbar.

Dartmouth, which is used a long passing, last break offense, tried to break through the Harvard defense with long fullback clears to Frank Gallo, its chief offensive threat, but captain Ric Scott and Brian Fearnett shut off the middle effectively and Dartmouth was forced to come down the wings.

Dartmouth's long game payed off however when a centering pass from the corner was converted into a score. Coles' shot, a bullet from 15 yards out, beat goalie Steve Kedder cleanly. Another Coles' boomer, from a similar angle and distance game Dartmouth a surprising 2-1 lead midway through the half, giving the Big Green's four fans a lot to cheer about.

Crimson Surge

Dartmouth's lead was, however, shortlived, and for the rest of the afternoon it was the Crimson fans who were cheering. Felix Adedeji, who played the entire game after sitting out the Wesleyan game and playing against Cornell hobbled

by muscle spasms in his back, pulled Harvard even with 15 minutes to go in the half. Adedeji dribbled through the defense, stood with the ball, turned to the goal and sent a grounder dribbling into the nets. It was a classic "the ball had eyes" goal.

The Harvard defense had trouble spotting the ball in the won in the first half, but played right, confident ball in the second half, completely nullifying the Dartmouth offense and getting back well on fast breaks. Henry Sideropoulos and Ric LaCivita both played good games, tackling effectively, stealing the ball and taking away the outside. Captain Ric Scott played his usual hustling, steady game while Brian Fearnett stole the ball numerous times to initiate Harvard rushes.

The midfield area was perhaps the Crimson's strong point. Bahman Mossaver-Rahmani and Demetrio Mena had a field day dribbling around and through Big Green defenders, and linkman Emmanuel Ekama, who has missed the last three games as a result of a tore foot, saw considerable action yesterday. Ekama played well despite continuing pain in his foot.

Offense Superb

"Offensively, it was another superlative game for Harvard. All four offensive starters had goals and the balance of the scoring was incredible: Papagianis (3 goals, 3 assists); Vujovic (2 goals, 1 assist); Adedeji (1 goal, 1 assist) and Hinze (1 goal). "They're still hurting now," head coach Bruce Munro said after the game, "but imagine what they'll do when they are healthy."

"It took us a whole half to get untracked again," Munro said. "We looked complacent in the first half, but we can wear down a team the way we move the ball and Dartmouth was worn out halfway through the second half."

Papagianis, who half sparked the Crimson wins over Cornell and Dartmouth, seems to be getting better with each passing game. He has already tied teammate Adedeji's Ivy record for most points in a season with 13 and seems a cinch to smash that record in his final four Ivy games. With a healthy Adedeji, Papagianis, Vujovic and Hinze set to play next Saturday against Penn, the Crimson could be unstoppable.

Freshman Booters Conquer Dartmouth

Magee Keys Victory

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After watching Dartmouth carry the play for the first 15 minutes the freshman soccer team managed to pull itself together to rally for a 2-1 victory yesterday at Soldiers Field. Down by a goal after onto three minutes, the Frosh behind the offensive power of forward Bobby Magee came on strong and outlasted the Big Green for the win.

It was a good day for Magee. He assisted on Steve Hines's tying goal and scored the game winner unassisted. To add to his accomplishments, he was elected a co-captain of the

team along with Geoff Hargadon, before the game.

The first goal of the game came on an outstanding effort by Dartmouth forward Alf Alford. He dribbled the ball right up the middle of the field through the bewildered Crimson defense and scored on a low shot into the left corner just past the during goalie George McKennan.

In looked it would be a long day for the freshmen but the offense who had but a handful of shots on the Dartmouth goalie during the first 30 minutes got untracked with just six minutes 'n the half and tied up the game. I he goal scored Hines came as a result of sharp passing by the Crimson line Hines booted the ball across the goal mouth and into the left hand corner.

In the second half the fresh picked up where they left off at the end of the first. They continued to hustle and beat the Green to the hall Magee came through with the big goal eight minutes into the final half. He stole the ball and proceeded to dribble it down the left side, around a Dartmouth defender and drive past a sprawling Green goaltender.

I have to gave my boys a lot of credit when they come back like that, "coach Dana Getchell said. "Dartmouth started out as fast as any freshman college team I've ever seen, I though they'd blow its right off the legal.

The team's record new stands of 3-4. After an opening game loss to Exeter, the squad has now taken three straight and the momentum from this spitted victors should make them tough to beat the rest at the season.

N.E. Soccer

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Harvard's 7-2 destruction of Dartmouth, along with losses by Bridgeport and Brown, has vaulted the Crimson into first place in the New England intercollegiate soccer ratings for the first time this year.

Bridgeport, which had been in the top spot since the start of the season, lost to Long Island University, 1-0, for its second loss of the season. Last week they lost to a strong Hartwick team, 2-0. Brown failed to move into the area lead when it lost, 2-1, to Army Saturday.

Quaker, Crimson Booters Roll In Preparation for Showdown

BY M. DEACONDAKE,
NOVEMBER 1, 1972

With Penn's 6-0 shutout of Princeton and Harvard's 7-2 romp over Dartmouth last weekend, the stage is set for the showdown match Saturday between these two unbeaten clubs that will, in all probability, decide the Ivy soccer title.

Both teams snapped back from lethargic first-half performances to break halftime ties and coast to easy wins.

Harvard exploded for five second-half tallies to unknot a 2-2 halftime tie and destroy any upset dream the Big Green may have brought down to Cambridge. Harvard outshot

Dartmouth 31-8 as goalie Steve Kidder needed to make only six saves.

Chris Papagianis, having the best day of his career, chalked up three goals and three assists, to bring his league-leading scoring total to a record 13 points (six goals, seven assists).

His output to date ties the Ivy scoring record set last season by Crimson teammate Felix Adedeji, who added an assist against Dartmouth to lift his point total to seven (six goals, one assist) and remain second to Papagianis in the league.

Harvard's BentHinze is tied with Penn's John Burke for third place in the scoring race with six points, while the Crimson's Dragan Vujovic and the Quaker's George Otiento and Steve Baumann are next on the list with five points apiece.

At Princeton last Saturday, the Tigers held heavy favorite Penn to a scoreless tie at the half. However, Burke and Otiento scored three goals each in the last 45 minutes and the Quaker defense remained impenetrable, as Penn won its third Ivy contest to keep pace with Harvard.

The Quakers outshot Princeton, 67-4, and Penn goalie Jim Miller was forced to make only four saves as he recorded his first Ivy shutout of the season.

In other Ivy action, Cornell fought through the usually strong defensive game used by Yale, to beat the Elis, 3-0. Chris Agoliati took an awesome 18 shots at Yale's Ken Pasternak, scoring the Big Red's first two goals.

Andover Outbattles Freshman Booters With Third Quarter Breakaway Goal

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NOVEMBER 2, 1972

A determined Andover soccer team outbattled the Harvard freshman soccer team yesterday at Andover, 1-0, with a break-away goal late in the third quarter.

The Andover eleven tallied when a forward collared a long pass, slipped by the fullbacks, and unloaded a shot into the Harvard nets. Goalie John Kiernan did not have time to react to the shot, which was made from several yards inside the goalie's box.

The Crimson, which dominated the game despite the loss, according to inside right Tony Custer, mounted several threats during the game but never managed to score.

Harvard's most serious threat occurred after Andover's lone goal, when Ed Perez headed a high pass into the crossbar of the Andover goal.

Co-captain Bobbie McGee came close to a goal in the third quarter, when he needed only to trap the ball with his chest and boot it by the last man--the Andover goalie. But the goalie came out and slapped the ball away before McGee could get control of the ball.

Coach Dana Getchell platooned his team in the game, alternating a pair of forward and halfback lines every 15 minutes.

The Andover field is very small and uneven, and the best offense to play on it is to boot a long shot down the field and

run, Custer said.

Getchell used the two teams so the Crimson would not get overtired running back and forth, Custer added.

Andover scored its goal while the line with mostly first-stringers was playing, Custer said.

Not Interested

Harvard was not as enthusiastic about the game as the Andover squad, who were "full of get-up-and-go," Custer said. "We weren't on our toes," Custer added.

Custer explained that the team had been very psyched up for the Dartmouth contest last Saturday, which they won 2-1. They were not as interested in yesterday's game, he said.

The team plays the Princeton freshmen next on November 11. Its record now stands at 3-2. The team has beaten Babson and MIT, as well as Dartmouth. Their two losses were to prep schools, Exeter and Andover.

JV Booters Lose to B.U. In Final Overtime Period

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Plagued by key injuries and a controversial call, the JV booters dropped a disappointing 2-1 decision to the Boston University JV on a misuse by goalie Peter Zurchow in the second overtime period.

The Crimson began play with a strong offense that kept the ball in B.U. territory for most of the first half. Two Harvard shots on goal narrowly missed, hitting the crossbar and bouncing away.

The momentum didn't stay with the Harvard footballers, though, as a defensive foul-up between fullback Frank Gerald and Zurchow allowed a fluke goal and a change in the tempo of the game.

Gerald was defending against a B.U. last break and seemed to have the situation well under control. Zurchow came out of the goal and called for the ball. Unfortunately, he wasn't expecting Gerald to respond so quickly, and the ball blew by him into the goal unassisted by anyone on the Terrier offense.

The Terriers did not take advantage of the obvious lag in the Crimson defense after the goal, and took a scant 1-0 margin into the halftime break.

"We were outplaying them all the way in the first half," said Harvard coach Chris Wilmot after the game.

Harvard regained the offensive at the start of the second half. Sparked by the inspired shutout performance of back-up goalie Ben Bryan, the Crimson bootmen again narrowly missed tallying as two strikes destined for the goal nipped the crossbar and bounded away.

The bootmen finally got on the board with 7:20 left in the game as left inside Fred Weiss managed to put a shot by the B.U. act protector and the crossbar failed to back the goalie up.

But the Crimson's fortune didn't last long as the star linkman Art Fadin sustained a concussion going up for a head ball and halfback Harry Dotson was rejected from the game for attacking a B.U. player with his fists.

This left Harvard with no replacements, and even some of the players in the game playing unfamiliar position. Wilmot pointed to the loss of the two halfbacks as key become the linkmen serve as the coordinates for the whole team.

The Crimson managed to held on to the 1-1 tie in regulation play and went into the first five-minute overtime period playing scrappy soccer, but containing B.U. nevertheless.

Zurchow went back into the goal in the second and final overtime period after a scoreless first overtime period.

The Terriers, seeing the Crimson forces depleted and disarrayed, began to control the ball with a noticeably fired-up attack. But the Crimson held on until finally even the referees didn't see things their way.

Fullback Steve Mead had fallen running back to cover a B.U. surge, and a Terrier insider fell over him. The referee-called this a tripping offense by Mead and awarded B.U. a penalty kick.

The kick was straight on, Zurchow dropped to his knee for some reason, and the ball flew over his right shoulder to hand the men from lower Massachusetts Avenue a 2-1 victory.

Wilmot said he felt that the Crimson outplayed the visitors all the way and regretted that "we just didn't take the shots when we had them."

Finley Fined

Charles O. Finley, unpredictable owner of the world champion Oakland Athletics, was hit with a whopping \$2500 fine yesterday for rewarding three of his players with bonuses during the World Series.

Commissioner Bowie Kuhn fined Finley for violating the baseball law which prohibits bonuses or incentive payments during the Series.

The fine does not reverse Finley's decision to give \$5000 to catcher Gene Tenace, hero of the Series, as well as to outfielder Joe Rudi and first baseman Mike Hegan.

Harvard Booters to Meet Penn Today Unbeaten Squads Vie for Ivy Title In Battle of Offensive Powerhouses

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
NOVEMBER 4, 1972

The unbeaten fifth ranked Harvard soccer team faces its toughest test of the season this morning at 10:30 when it hosts third-ranked Pennsylvania in a much-awaited showdown for the Ivy title. The game marks the third consecutive year that a Harvard-Penn clash has decided Ivy soccer supremacy.

The two teams are evenly matched, play a similar style of game, and are both strong offensively. Harvard holds a

slight offensive edge, while Penn has the stronger defense. The key to the outcome will rest in the ability of the Harvard defense to contain the Quaker's high-scoring offensive line, and the game will hinge on which squad has the most success offensively.

The Crimson, which had hoped to go into the contest relatively injury free, was dealt a damaging blow early in the week when forward Chris Papagianis who has already tied teammate Felix Adedeji's Ivy scoring record of 13 points with four games remaining developed water on his right knee. Papagianis will play, but Harvard needs him at something near full efficiency in order to crack a solid Penn defense which allowed Princeton only four shots on net last week.

Adedeji, who has been hampered for most of the season by muscle spasms in his back, has been extremely slow in recovering, but his presence in the starting line-up gives the offense flexibility, and hopefully he will be ready as well.

The Crimson offense, which leads the league in goals scored with 19 and dominates the Ivy scoring statistics, has been prone to injuries all season. At one time or another every starter, with the exception of Dragan Vujovic, has been sidelined. Bent Hinze, the fourth of tensive starter, is healthy after a bothersome groin pull. Hinze who Penn coach Bob Seddon terms "the key to their (Harvard's) offense", is tied with the Quaker's John Burke for third place in the scoring race with 6 points.

The Quakers who are 8.0 on the season and have hovered near the top of the national rankings the entire season are unlike Harvard a veteran team. They are solid in every position on the field particularly on defense.

Penn's offense is led by sophomore star George Orieno who has done the bulk of Penn's scoring all season long. He has a sense for the goal gets back and plays good defense and is a team player not an individual star, Harvard Assistant coach Seamus Malin said after scouting the Quakers. Also up front are the aforementioned Burke and junior Steve Baumann a second team. All Ivy performer last year.

At the midfield position in Penn's 4-2-4 formation are Ran Stockman and All Ivy Larry Houston. They are clever ball handlers. But we have a strong midfield and it should be an even match," Malin said.

But it is the Quaker defense that most observers point to as the team's strength. All Ivy back Bill Straub and returning starters Don Ries and John Gribben compose the best fullback corps the Crimson offensive line will face all year. "They have height and speed in the backs, are steady and strong physically, and tackle crisply," Malin said. Goalie Jim Miller leads the league with a 1.0 goals per game average, but because of the strength of the defense in front of him he is an unknown quantity. "We'll probably do some early shooting to find out how good he is," he added.

"The two teams are very closely matched," Malin said Thursday. "The game will be a battle of individual matchups around the field, and it usually comes down to who controls any part of the field," he added. Both squads use primarily a short passing game, which places a large emphasis on

control of the midfield area. The team that succeeds in controlling the midfield will have a definite edge.

Surprisingly, both Penn and Harvard have had difficulty in the first half, and both are considered exceptional second half teams. A goal early by either squad might then be less significant considering the second half explosiveness of the two teams.

Harvard, which seems to be relishing its underdog status, has been further inspired by reports of Penn's overconfidence and some comments by Quaker coach Bob Seddon about the Crimson defense. "They've been saying we have the worst fullback line in the league, fullback and captain Ric Scott said yesterday, and it is rather foolish. Their overconfidence is something we are trying to cultivate" he added. With the added incentive of revenging last year's 52 loss to Penn in Philadelphia, the team should have no trouble getting up for today's game. This game means a lot to people. They've been waiting a year for this, Malin said.

Hobbled Booters Host Jumbos Today Adedeji Will Rest; Offense Is Ailing

BY CHARLES B. STRAUT,
NOVEMBER 8, 1972

Bottered and bruised by Saturday's 1-1 Ivy title standoff with Penn, the unbeaten, fifth-ranked Harvard soccer team, with little help from its schedule, faces local rival Tufts today at 2 p.m. on the Business School field.

Normally the Jumbos would not be a serious threat to the Crimson's chances for an undefeated regular season, but given the extent of Harvard's injuries, the contest could be a lot closer than most people, especially coach Bruce Munro, would like.

Felix Adedeji, who has suffered through three contests hampered by painful muscle spasms which severely limited his mobility and offensive effectiveness, will take it much deserved rest. Hopefully, Adedeji, who is tied with teammate Bent Hinze for second place in the Ivy scoring race with seven points, will be healthy for the Crimson's drive down the stretch into the playoffs.

Chris Papagianis, who played the Penn game with water on his right knee and scored his record-breaking 14 points in that contest, toward his swollen knee yesterday. He was able to dribble, but had difficulty running at full speed. With Bent Hinze limping from a brushed hip the team is left with only one healthy forward, Dragan Vugovic.

At linkman Harvard is in relatively good shape. Bahman-Mossavar Rahmani who played the Penn game with a groin pull, is healthy, and Emmanuel Ekama's sore foot appears to be finally healed.

The Crimson defense which egged on by some harsh criticism from the Penn coaching staff, played a superlative game against the Quakers was the hardest hit by the bumps and brushes Penn was handing out. Both captain hitch Scott and Brian Fearnett have sore knees, and Fearnett's ankle and Scott's shin are giving the defensive stars some pain.

Goalie Steve Kidder who it was learned yesterday, was kicked in the head while trying to handle the slippery ball which resulted in Penn's goal, will rest today to allow Ric Salvato some playing time. But even Salvato is hurting with an injured knee.

Despite the bleak injury prospect Harvard had something to cheer about for the first time since last November the Crimson gathered all 12 first place votes in the New England soccer poll. The national rankings for the week have not yet been announced.

If the team can get by Tufts and Princeton on Saturday without sustaining any more injuries and, if it can regain some of its injured starters for Brown a week from Saturday, the Crimson will be in a good position entering the playoffs. Any more serious injuries, however, could prove fatal.

Crimson, Penn Booters Deadlocked in Race; Brown a Close Second With 3 Wins, 1 Loss

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It looked for a while as if either Penn or Harvard would run away with the Ivy League soccer crown. But with last Saturday's 1-1 deadlock between the two teams the race has suddenly become much tighter.

The Crimson and the Quakers are tied for first with 3-0-1 records and seven points, while Brown is hanging close behind with a 3-1-0 record and six points. Brown, after suffering two straight non-league losses, took out their frustration on Princeton Saturday, mauling the Tigers 8-1.

The Bruins took an early 1-0 lead in the first half and it looked to be a close match. But before the half was over. Brown halfback Bill Frost scored two goals and assisted on a third within the span of five minutes in break the game open.

John Drew, who is among the league's top ten scorers, tallied twice for the Bruins as did co-captain Dick McEvoy, Jell Frey and George Kapner had the other Brown goals while Ralph Sobel was the lotic Princeton scorer.

The Bruins bombarded the Princeton-defense with 54 shots, while the hapless Tigers could manage just five, Princeton meets Harvard this Saturday and will be looking to redeem itself from last week's humiliation. The Crimson take on Brown on November 18 in a game that will be key to both club's chances of winning the Ivy crown.

Cornell, 2-2-0, moved into a tie for fourth by downing Columbia, 4-1, in New York. Cornell took a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Chris Agoliati and Victor Huerta. Columbia cut the lead to one, on an unassisted goal by Anton Zaumer midway through the second half, but unassisted across by Huerts and Mike Pilarz put the game on ice for Cornell.

Lion's goalie, Mark Mogul, was forced to make 16 saves, while the Big Red netminder, Bruce Arena, had to stop only three.

Yale Triumphant

Yale shares the fourth spot with the Big Red after shutting out Dartmouth, 3-0. The Elis, who had scored only two goals in their first three games, got some of fensive power from John Ormasa and Chris Cox.

Ormasa gave Yale a 1-0 first half lead, then got the actual game winner in the second half. Each team had 16 shots with the goalies, Mark Porto of Dartmouth and Ken Paster-nak of Yale, making eight saves apiece.

The Crimson, who are hurting after last week's game, take on Tufts today in a non-league game. The match had to be rescheduled from yesterday due to rain. Harvard then moves on to play Princeton, Brown and Yale in games that could decide the Ivy soccer crown.

Harvard Booters to Play Weak Tiger Team Today

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
NOVEMBER 11, 1972

The Harvard soccer team, given a chance to patch up its injury-riddled lineup at a result of Wednesday's rainout with Tufts, travels to Princeton, N.J today to face a punchless Tiger squad scrambling to avoid the Ivy cellar.

Princeton, along with Columbia, usually vies for the dubious distinction of being the worst soccer team in the Ivy League and this year is no exception. The Tiger, by virtue of a 1-0 win over Dartmouth, are tied with the Big Green for seventh place. The winless Lions bring up the rear.

The Crimson, which trounced both a Dartmouth (7.2) and Columbia (8-4), should have no trouble adding Princeton to its list of Ivy victims. The Tigers, like both the Big Green and the Lions, are ineffective offensively and woefully inept defensively.

The Tigers have scored only six time in Ivy competition, and have given up 16 goals, a pathetic performance considering the fact that of the 13 and 20 goals Dartmouth and Columbia have allowed respectively, almost half were scored by Harvard. Despite holding Penn to a scoreless halftime tie, the Tiger defense is porous.

Harvard, which leads the league offensively with 20 goals and on defense has allowed only three scores in its last three Ivy games, has been hurting in both departments. The offensive line counts the top three scores in the league, but all are injured. Chris Papagianis who has three more games to pad his Ivy League scoring record of 14, has been bothered by water on his right knee, but the problem sounds worse than it actually is.

Felix Adedeji, whose disappointing reason can be traced to muscle spasms in his back suffered after the Columbia game a month ago, will rout this weekend in Cambridge for the Columbia's stretch drive. Adedeji, despite this health problems, remains tied with Bent Hinze for second place in the scoring derby with seven points.

Hinze, who has suffered through the reason with a number of annoying leg problems, had a store more hip another in

the week best hopefully move the tufts number did him good. The fourth starter, Dragan Vujovic, has five points, more than any Tiger scorer, and remains the healthiest of the quarter.

The Harvard fullback line which took the worst physical bowling in the Penn game was bothered by minor injuries earlier in the week, but captain Ric Scott, Brian Fearnett, and Ric LaCivita are healthy enough to play. The Crimson linkmen Emmanuel Ekarna and Bahman Mossavar Rahmani are fully recovered from their various injuries.

Harvard, which remains undefeated (6-0-1) and number one in New England, is entering the most demanding portion of its schedule. Depending on whether or not the Tufts game is rescheduled for sometime next week, the Crimson will play four or five games in a 12 day span.

With games against physically brutal Brown and Yale yet to come, along with the first post-season playoff game sandwiched between those two, Harvard's ability to stay relatively healthy may well decide the outcome of these contests.

Booters Waltz Past Flatfooted Tigers Four First Half Goals Propel 5-0 Romp

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NOVEMBER 13, 1972

Starting slowly against a surprisingly tight and confident Princeton defense. Harvard's soccer team struck for three goals in five minutes near the middle of the first half and methodically waltzed off with a 5-0 victory.

The Crimson a predictable win over the Tigers lifts Harvard's league leading Ivy record to 4-0-1 (7-0-1 overall) and drops Princeton's seventh place loop mark to 1-4.

Playing without frontliner Felix Adedeji, who was resting a back injury in hopes of being 100 per cent healthy for Brown on Saturday the Crimson was confronted with a close playing Tiger defense which pursued Harvard's offense doggedly and aggressively for the first 20 minutes.

The Crimson had trouble moving the ball against the stacked defense and just couldn't break the passes a spring loose the midfield and front line.

After Dragan Vnjovic scored Harvard first goal at 21-0 of the first half Princeton became a little scared land off on defense and generally played less confidently. Once Princeton fell back on defense, the Crimson was free to play its short passing game.

Stack Defense

From, this juncture it was all over for the Tigers Reminiscent of Yale Princeton at times changed its defense to a simple stack. The stack defense involved dropping back the entire team, with the exception of two lonely frontliners to the penalty area to protect the goal.

Harvard started to gun at will and by the final gun had out-shot the Tigers 35-10. The Crimson attempted nine corner kicks to Princeton's five, while Harvard goalies Steve Kid-

der and Rich Salvato (who relieved Kidder with ten minutes remaining in the first half and finished the contest) had to make two and three saves respectively compared to the 15 accomplished by Princeton's Pete Dickson.

Once again Harvard's midfield and fullback lines were completely impenetrable, rebuffing every possible Tiger scoring drive.

Vujovic scored the only goal Harvard needed against the Tigers on an assist from Emmanuel Ekama. Ekama stabbed the ball at the top of the penalty area and dribbled in at the goal from an angle to the left.

He penetrated until he ran into a crowd of Tigers about 17 yards out tapped the ball over to Vujovic who was running close to the play on the left. The sophomore from Austria took two steps and then rammed home the tally into the far corner.

Junior Tony Van Nief scored the next goal just two minutes after Vujovic's shot hit the nets. The assist went to Chris Papagianis who picked up two points against Princeton to raise his record setting scoring statistics to 16 points, as the duo developed a perfect give and go up the center.

Van Niel hit Papagianis, who immediately returned the pass to Van Niel, who was wide open Van Niel wasted no time increasing Harvard's lead to two goals.

Three minutes later Papagianis netted Harvard's third goal on an assist from Bent Hinze. Van Niel who was playing in place of the injured Adedeji popped in a head shot on a corner kick by Hinze at 35 46 to give the Crimson its 4-0 halftime margin.

Second half scoring was limited to an unassisted goal by senior Bobby Adams who retrieved the ball as it bounced away from a scramble in front of the net. He rocketed a high shot into the right hand corner from just inside the penalty area.

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In NCAA soccer pairings released yesterday for the New England division of the national tournament, Harvard, ranked number one, is slated to face the University of Rhode Island, the fourth seed, in the first round Monday in Cambridge. In the other first round match for New England, second-slotted Brown faces the University of Connecticut, rated third, in Providence on Monday. The winners move on to the New England finals and the champion advances to meet the New York region victor.

Crimson, Quakers Hold Soccer Lead; Papagianis Tops Ivy Scoring With 16

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With the Ivy League football race turning into a madhouse of upsets and disappointments, it's refreshing to see that the Ivy soccer standings remain virtually unchanged this week,

and that the battle for the Ivy crown is boiling down to just two teams, Harvard and Penn.

The Crimson blanked Princeton, 5-0, and the Quakers shut out Yale, 8-0, to stay deadlocked at the top with 4-0-1 records and 9 points each. Brown, the only team that seemed to have a shot at the front-runners last week, saw its title hopes dashed Saturday by Cornell, 4-1. Both the Bruins and the Big Red are tied for second with 3-2 records and 6 points.

Early in the season. Yale had been routed as one of the best defensive squads in the league, and up until Saturday had allowed just seven goals in four games Penn however, disproved this theory by scoring goals in the first half, in their was to an 80 mauling of the His at Franklin Field.

The Quakers's leading scorer John Burke, chipped in three goals and an assist for four points and a share of the number two scoring spot in the league along with teammate Steve Haumann Haumann tallied twice and had two assists in the game. The other Penn goals were scored by Dick Fenimore and Don Pritchard.

Big Three

Yale's inability to keep Burke and Haumann off the scoreboard allowed the two Quakers to break up Harvards Big Three of Papagianis Hinze and Adeden who had dominated the first three spots in the individual scoring stats most of the season.

Papagiant's who got in a goal and an assist against Princeton remains on top with to points Hinze, however managed only two assists to drop him into third place behind the two Penn players Adeden was unable to play against the ligers due to an injury, and thus tell to a tie for fourth along with Chris Agoltan Cornell each with seven points.

Agoltan moved into the ranks of the top five scorers with a three goals performance against Brown pacing Cornell to a 41 victory. With the game knotted in the first half on goals by Victor Huerta of Cornell and Ferdinand of Brown Agohalt exploited to drive home all three of his goals in the span of 13 minutes.

Brown outshot the Big Red 334 but couldn't seem to get many shots on target Cornell goalie Bruce Arena was forced to make just eight saves, while the combined netminding force of Mike Hampden and Paul Neary stopped nine shots. While Neary played only part of the game he held Cornell scoreless and remains the league's leading goalie having allowed only three goals in four games for a 75 average.

Penn's goalie Jim Miller, who matched his second shutout of the season Saturday stands second in the league with a .80 average. Crimson netminder, Steve Kidder, holds third with a 120 goals against average Kidder, who also recorded his second shutout Saturday has allowed just three goals in his last four games.

In the only other game in the league Dartmouth downed hapless Columbia 5-0. The Big Green is now tied with Yale for third, but both teams are well out of it with just four points each Columbia has yet to win Ivy League contest and has scored a more seven goals while allowing 25. (Harvard

on the other hand has scored 25 and let in only seven).

So it's shaping up to be a two team race with both Penn and Harvard looking to win their last two loss matches Although Brown and Cornell aren't out of it mathematically they would have to win both of their remaining games, while Penn and Harvard were each losing twice, in order to grab the title.

Chris Papagianis: Marvel On and Off the Field

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
NOVEMBER 16, 1972

With three seconds left on the clock. Notre Dame has time for one last field goal attempt. Placekicker Chris Papagianis trots onto the field... The 45-yard boot is up, it's long enough' it's good! The Fighting Irish 16, Texas 14'''

Chris Papagianis? Kicking field goals for Notre Dame? You've got to be kidding. But improbable as it seems, this fairytale scenario might have come true, if Harvard's exciting and flamboyant All-Ivy soccer forward had accepted a lucrative scholarship and taken his talents to South Bend, Ind.

"I wanted to go to Notre Dame bad Papa said. "It was a big place, and they were gonna pay some good bread. The day I got accepted at Brown and Harvard, and found out that the deal with Missouri was going to come through my father sat down with my uncles and we thought about it, rather they thought about it and I decided to give it (Harvard) a chance."

As it is he came to Harvard still interested primarily in kicking. He arrived a week before school started freshman year, and admits that he was "scared." "I went to the football practices, and quit after three days. Yovicsin would send me letters saying how glad he was that I was here, and telling me to come by his office and talk to him.

"One day after quitting I walked across the street and played soccer. It seemed that Harvard soccer was going someplace, and football was not. So I decided to stick with it, and after my freshman year when I scored 24 goals and the varsity went to San Jose to the national finals. I was really inspired to play soccer here. When I switched over Gatche freshman soccer coach Dana Gethell pretended he didn't know me but I think he knew who I was."

Papagianis?

Odds are that Getchelt had heard of Papagianis who had compiled an impressive athletic record at Southwest High School in St Louis after immigrating to the United States from Greece Papagianis had made all state teams in football and soccer and played second base on Southwest's all state baseball team

Athletics in fact have played a dominant role in Papa's life from the exclusively soccer playing days of his youth in Greece to his football and soccer heroies in this country. "In Greece we learned early to play soccer. We played pickup games in the neighborhood and the fundamental skills came naturally Coming the America I picked up its brand of soccer

the aggressiveness the hustle but I didn't forget the general outlook of the game and the basic skills I learned in Greece.

He hadn't learned to speak any English when he began to play soccer in St Louis "A gentleman came up to me from Art's Boys Club who had heard that I played soccer in Greece, and he asked my brother and I if we wanted to play ball He had to use hand signals and sign language, because I couldn't understand any English."

Eventually Papagianis played soccer in the Catholic Youth Conference, then junior cup soccer, and finally three years of high school varsity at Southwest during which he scored 78 goals.

A Football Success, Too

As he became more and more comfortable in America, Papagianis turned his attention to football. "It was a big challenge, everybody played football Soccer was big, and still is, but everybody around St. Louis follows football, so I decided to play."

As in just about every endeavor Papagianis tries he was a great success His opportunism paid off He led the St Louis metropolitan area in scoring from his halfback slot adding extra points and field goals with his foot in one game he accounted for all of his teams 41 points

In many ways Papagianis has tried to Americanize himself as much as possible opting for the American game of football over the European game of soccer adopting American lifestyles dress and speech. As he talked in his well furnished Mather tower room only his slow deliberate of speech careful choice of words and an occasional grammatical mistake betrayed the fact that English is not his native tongue

You Learn Your Skills "I learned English in the streets Papagianis said. "We lived in a section of St Louis called Dogtown It was an ethnic neighborhood, and it was fantasy for sports. The main thing we did in Dogtown was play soccer in the day and hang around the drugstore at night At the guys come by you whistle at the girls and if you can't get a chase going you walk down to the pool hall and play a dime a ball You learn your skills to else you lose a lot of money

In many ways Papagianis's superlative athletic ability has given him the self assurance, confidence and cockiness which are his trademarks on and off the soccer field These are attributes which had he not been a successful athlete, he might not have developed. He has used those skills opportunistically, and his renowned pool ability is a case in point

One of the few, if not the only, people to bring to Harvard his own personal \$125 pool cue. Papa has put his hustling to good use. "I had saved up about \$140 from gambling to fly home for vacations, and I was down in the Mather pool room shooting for fun and practice when a big dude came in and said. 'I'm looking for Papa John.

"Well, I was shooting one handed one spotting him six balls in eight balls, and I found myself down about 125 bucks and I had \$15 left. I decided to play my last \$15, and a few of my friends were watching me and they were all kinds scared, and this big guy had about seven of his friends there

and I thought I was going to get pounded But I came back and best him out of \$175 and cleaned him out."

When Papagianis is not hustling for pool cards or women, he plays right wing for the unbeaten, nationally ranked Crimson booters Although he expected to do well this year he holds the Ivy season scoring record of 16 points with two games to play the team's performance surprised him

I played with what I thought was one of the best teams in the country last year and I thought nothing could be the same the guys can't be the same that something beautiful can't be repeated I came off the year very sad For the first few games this season I was going back to the past But I've had a change of heart because the team has improved tremendously.

Papagianis has improved as well He is a complete player now and he enjoys hustling back on defense setting up scoring opportunities for his teammates. "I'd be more satisfied if we beat Brown and the New York champion than I would be if I broke 20 he said.

A pro soccer career" If they give me a good deal I might play for a couple of years otherwise I'm going back to Greece for a while and play there," he said But whether he plays or not. Chris Papagianis's individual style, flair, and calm self assurance have already made him a unique Harvard personality.

Third-Ranked Booters Host Inconsistent Bruins

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
NOVEMBER 18, 1972

The Unbeaten third-ranked Harvard soccer team, healthier now than it has been the majority of the season, faces a physical Brown team today at 10:30 a.m. on the Business School field. Both teams, however, may be looking past this morning's game to their probable encounter in the New England regional finals after Thanksgiving.

The Crimson, ranked higher in the national ratings than it has ever been at comparable stage in the season (Ivy rival Penn is second, defending national champion Howard is first), will probably regain All Ivy forward Felix Adedeji for the contest.

Adedeji, who sat out last Saturday's piecemeal 5-0 destruction of Princeton looked extremely good in the one day of outdoor practice the weatherman donated Harvard this week. He has been bothered by the lingering effects of muscle spasms in his back for most of the season.

The addition of Adedeji will however be offset by the loss of Dragan Vujovic Vujovic flew home to his native Yugoslavia to attend the wedding of his brother and will be lost to the Crimson through the Yale game next Wednesday. His place in the front line will be filled by junior Ion Van Neil who stepped into the offensive line last week against the Tigers and responded with a two-goal performance.

Elsewhere in the starting contingent Harvard is at relatively full strength Ivy scoring leader Chris Papagianis is still favoring a swollen right knee but, as usual, will play Linkman

Bahman Mossavar Rahmani has been bothered by a sore rankle and Emmanuel Ekama's foot problem persists, but both are ready.

The Harvard defense, which has surprised all season long with a string of fine performances, is healthy after its second Ivy shut-out. Goalie Steve Kidder, who began his Ivy campaign by allowing three goals to Columbia, has come back to allow his next four Ivy opponents a mere three goals. Kiddies are now the third-ranked goalie in the league with 1.20 goals against average.

The Bruins, who had hoped early in the season to challenge for the Ivy side, have seen an early season 3-1 loss to Penn and last week's 4-1 trouncing at the hands of visiting Cornell drop it out of the title picture for another year. A massive transfusion of junior college talent was supposed to have given the Bruins a potent squad, but things don't always work out the way they are supposed to in providence.

The Bruins, who are third in scoring, third in goals allowed, and, not surprisingly, third in the standings, have a potent, but inconsistent, offensive attack Ferdinand Treushacher, one of the junior college All-Americans Brown persuaded to come to smoggy Providence, leads the team in scoring but is well down in the list of Ivy scoring leaders with five points John Drew. Dick McEvoy, and Bill Frost complete the line.

On defense, Brown has been hurt by problems at goalie. Paul Nearly last year's starter is leading the league with a 75 average but transfer Mike Hamden from Miami Dade Junior College, who was counted on to start, has been hurt much of the season.

Despite disappointing losses to Army and Amherst. Brown can be a dangerous team on any given day They are traditionally an extremely physical team, and may attempt to west down the Crimson in hopes of setting up a more favorable match in the New England regional Both games will be played in Cambridge.

Harvard will try to win the game as painlessly as possible. The Crimson must avoid serious injuries, which could affect its chances of sharing the Ivy title with Penn, a showdown with the New York regional champion and a possible return trip to Miami.

Brown Overwhelms J.V. Booters, 9-1 End Season With Disappointing Record

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The junior varsity soccer team finished up a disappointing season yesterday on a familiar note a loss, this time to the Brown junior varsity, '91.

The only bring light of the day came halfway through the first half when right wing Danny Potts slammed the ball past the Brown goalie at the end of a sustained drive up the field.

Getting assists on the play were left wing Fred Weiss and halfback Harry Dodson. After taking a pass from charging halfback Art Faden. Weiss changed a cross hot into the middle of the field to Dodson. The halfback then passed to

Potts for the tally.

The loss put the final record of the junior varsity at 1-5-1. The team gained its only victory on unlucky Friday, the 13th of October.

The team suffered another loss to brown on October 25 by the more respectable score of 4-0.

Brown scored four of its goals in the first half, and three of these were freak goals of the Harvard fullbacks. The first two came as fullback Steve Mead, attempting to ease the pressure on the Crimson defense, kicked the ball back to goalie Peter Zurchow. But the tiled was muddy, and Zurchow was unable to get to the ball, which trickled into the nets.

Brown scored its third on another mistake, as Harvard fullback Tony James tried to chest-trap a shot, which bounced off him into the goal. The fourth goal for the Bruins was scored on a shot about ten yards out of the penalty area.

After a half-time break, abbreviated to one minute by the cold weather, the teams played evenly for about 15 minutes.

But then, a Brown player dribbled upfield and uncontested by the defense, boomed a slicing shot into the goal.

Brown tallied next as goalie Ben Brainiest missed a high cross shot which will then headed into the nets. The seventh goal like the fifth was a slicing toe kick which landed in the upper right-hand corner of the goal.

The final tallies of the Brown learn come on hard crossing shots which slipped into the lower left side of the goal.

Chris Willmot assistant varsity soccer coaches who substituted for Coach Seamus Malin said yesterday that the team was depressed after the first three accidental goals. He also criticized the official as biased. Finally, he said, "Man for man they were stronger than we were".

The Crimson played and last it first game of the season of October 5, as it was edge by the Babson college junior varsity. After it sole victory by a 3-2 margin over Uconn, it met the tufts freshmen and tied 1-1. Subsequently, the team lost three games in a row the first the shout out by the Brown junior varsity. The second a 1-1 tie with BU, and thirdly, a 3-1 loss to Southeastern Massachusetts.

Injury-Plagued Crimson To Face Yale in Soccer

BY CHARLES B. STRAIN,
NOVEMBER 22, 1972

The hobbled Harvard hooters, coming off a surprisingly difficult 1-0 NCAA first round win over Rhode Island yesterday and a winning 3-2 loss to Brown Saturday, faces the unwelcome prospect of his third game in five days this afternoon when it meets a defense-minded Yale team at 2 p.m. in the final regular season game for both squads.

The Elis who are perennially among the top defensive team in the Ivies, but at the same time consistently one of the weakest offensively, are 4-7-1 overall and 5-3 in the league, pose a problem to the Crimson today largely because of

Harvard's continuing injury problems.

Only four out of eleven Crimson starters are healthy for the contest, and the rest are hobbled by an assortment of leg injuries not severe enough to keep them from playing, but painful enough to hinder their performance.

Foremost among the walking wounded is Bent Hinze, who injured himself against Brown last weekend and played the Rhode Island game in constant pain and unable to run at more than half speed. Hinze's availability may not be known until game time. Also sidelined with a leg injury is captain Ric Scott, Scott, who has played the season with an assortment of irritating injuries, had to be taken out of the game midway through the second half against Rhode Island with a severely bruised shin and a banged knee, but will probably play today regardless.

Injuries to Bahman MossavarRahmani, Demetrio Mena, and Emmanuel Ekama have decimated the Crimson at midfield. Mossavar-Rahmani played against the Rams with a painful muscle pull in his leg; Mena had a similarly painful pull; and Ekama's chronic foot condition kept the senior in constant and severe pain, for both the Brown and URI games. All, however, will probably play today, but any further injury could cripple Harvard for its crucial New England NCAA regional final next Monday.

Besides Hinze, both Felix Adedeji and Chris Papagianis are still suffering from slight injuries, and the fourth starter, Dragan Vujovic, is still in Yugoslavia attending his brother's wedding. Without Vujovic, the Harvard offense, a powerhouse most of the season, has stalled noticeably in its last two games, getting only two scores goal performance against an outclassed Ram team yesterday.

Injuries, in fact, have prevented the Crimson from approaching its full potential this season. The four offensive starters have not been completely healthy at the same time since Columbia, when it exploded for sight goals, and the midfield has been constantly reshuffled because of injuries. Only on defense has Harvard stayed restively healthy.

Against Rhode Island, Harvard had an extremely difficult time cracking the Rams's ten-man defense, and it is probable that Yale will mass defensively in much the same way in hopes of shutting off the Crimson, frustrating its attack, and then hoping for a lucky break for a score of their own.

Their defense, led by goalie Ken Pasternak, has had its problems this year (giving up eight goals to Penn in Philadelphia), but Pasternak is an exceptionally talented netminder, and considering Harvard's extremely limited number of shots on goal against both the Bruins and the Rams, he might not be tested too often.

The Crimson who will have to settle for sole possession of second place in the Ivy League if they win, could fall into a three-way tie with Brown and Cornell for second with an unforeseen defeat, and is in an extremely delicate situation. It cannot afford a loss because of the damaging psychological effects: it cannot afford any more injuries because of an overall lack of depth; and it cannot afford to think past the Eli to the NCAA regional final on Monday because, as always, Yale is extremely difficult to beat when it plays Harvard.

Crimson Booters Outgun Hapless Bulldogs, 4-0

Papagianis Finishes Ivy Season With Record 21 Points

BY M. DEACON DAKE,
NOVEMBER 25, 1972

The script had been the same for six years. Since Hubert Vogelsinger came to New Haven from his Vienna home to coach soccer, the Harvard-Yale games have unfolded in a predictable fashion, Yale relying on a solid right defense and an offense which hoped for a lucky break or a Crimson defensive error, while Harvard constantly carried the play with penetrating drives that usually netted two or three goals but never enough to blow the Elis off the field and back to Naples Pizza House.

It had to change, a rewrite was inevitable. Unfortunately, for Vogelsinger and Yale their new role was not exactly what they had in mind. The outcome was never in doubt. The Crimson simply outclassed, outmanned, and outgunned a hapless Eli 11 enroute to a 4-0 whitewash Wednesday on the Business School Field.

Led by senior Chris Papagianis's three goals, Harvard dominated Yale in every aspect of play, outshooting the Elis 29 to 13 and disrupting any organized drive the Blue could muster.

Harvard-goalie Steve Kidder blocked nine Eli shots while Yale's Ken Pasternak and Ric Maronpot were forced to stop 14 Crimson attempts. Kidder and his impregnable defense of Rick Scott, Brian Fearnett, Ric LaCivita, and Henry Sideropoulos played light and aggressive soccer but not errorless ball. The Elis were allowed a handful of open shots but Kidder and the Yales' own ability took turns at foiling their bids to score.

At midfield, Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani continued his excellent play along with Emmanuel Ekama, who is now playing impressively at full spend after a heel injury handicapped him earlier this season. The duo stole numerous passes, set up teammates, breaks with good leading passes, and generally harassed the Elis into making mistakes.

Papagianis closed out a brilliant Ivy season as the three goals against Yale shot his record shattering scoring total from 18 to 21. The former record of 13 was not last year by Harvard junior Felix Adedeji, Papagianis netted the first goal for the Crimson on an assist by Bent Hinze at 4:21.

Hinze notched the second goal with a booking corner kick precisely placed his the top right of the goal. Pasternak was sprawled in front of the net as the ball whipped into the twice.

Papa combined with a Mossavar set-up for the third goal at 37:26 and headed a rebound into the left corner for an unsisted tally and the only score of the second half. The "hat trick" producing play started on a pass from Demetrio Mena which Papagianis headed toward the goal; the ball hit the bar and bounced back to the shooter who confidently put it away.

Harvard finished the regular season with an 8-1-1 record and the Elis with a 55-1 mark.

Booters Meet Brown in NCAA Regional Finals

Third-Ranked Crimson Is Set For 1 p.m. Title Confrontation

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
NOVEMBER 28, 1972

The third-ranked, once-beaten Harvard soccer team, its regular season over, begins its fourth annual post-season quest for a berth in the NCAA playoffs in Miami this afternoon at 1 p.m. when it hosts Ivy rival Brown in the New England regional finals. The winner will battle Cornell for a spot in the Christmas tournament in the Orange Bowl.

The Bruins, who inflicted the 3-2 overtime loss a week ago Saturday which knocked Harvard out of a first place tie with Penn for the Ivy title, will be facing a Crimson squad different in a number of respects from the unit it met previously. Then, as now, however, Harvard will be ranked number three in the nation. Forward Dragan Vujovic, who missed the contest and Harvard's next two against URI and Yale, has returned from his brother's wedding in Yugoslavia.

The addition of Vujovic will bolster an offensive unit which had on off-day against the Bruins, and will give the Crimson line both added flexibility and scoring punch. Since Brown may try to isolate or double-team Ivy scoring record-holder Chris Papagianis. Vujovic's return to the line-up will, hopefully, help to spread out the Bruin defense and prevent the kind of massing in the center which characterized Harvard's loss.

Besides the return of Vujovic, the Crimson will confront Brown with a healthier starting 11 than last time out, and perhaps a squad healthier than since the beginning of the season.

Players Healthy

All but two starters were healthy enough to participate in an intrasquad scrimmage yesterday. For the majority of the season such a session attracted just a handful of players, since most were getting medical treatment or trying to recuperate from previous injuries.

Felix Adedeji, whose back problem has been a source of concern all season long, appears to be on the way back after a disappointing campaign. Adedeji played in Saturday's scrimmage and may finally be ready to perform at the high level that Crimson fans have come to expect from the All-Ivy junior forward.

Linemate Bent Hinze who continues to be hobbled by a variety of leg ailments, is not fully recovered from his last injury but will be able to play somewhere near his ability, as was not the case in the loss to Brown.

After closing out his Ivy career with a superlative three-goal performance which upped his record-shattering Ivy point total to 21 Papagianis appears to be fully recovered from a water-on-the-knee problem. Harvard's ability to utilize Papagianis, especially on the wings and in front on corner kicks, will be a key.

At midfield, where the Crimson has problems controlling

the ball against Brown, the team is healthy. Starters Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani and Emmanuel Ekama both looked good Wednesday against Yale, and Ekama's ability to play despite continuing pain from a strained tendon in his heel has been remarkable. Demetrio Mena, who has been used extensively as both forward and linkman, will continue to see considerable action.

On defense, Harvard, as it has been for most of the season, is healthy, Captain Ric Scott, who along with Papagianis was named to a special New England university division all-star team which played the college division all stars Sunday, has recovered from a severely bruised shin, and starters Brain Fearnett and Henry Sideropoulos are ready. Only the fourth fullback, Ric LuCivita, is hurting, and his charley-home does not appear to be serious.

The Bruins, who best UConn 4-2, to reach the New England finals, are an aggressive physical team. In its win over Harvard. Brown was able to force the Crimson into playing its style of soccer a brand characterized by a fast break, opportunistic offense: a swarming hustling defense: and his inordinate number of head balls Using its superior height on fullback clears. Brown was able to dominate the midfield and prevent Harvard from initiating its short passing control offense.

Harvard must not, as it did in its loss, abandon its ball-control offense, for to do so would play right into Brown's hands. "They are better in the air." Bruce Munro said yesterday. "We'll have to keep it on the ground especially if it's windy day." He added.

In the first Brown game, the Crimson defense harried by the hustling Bruins rushed a considerable number of posses and as a result. Brown was able to get the kind of scoring chances it thrives on. Hopefully the Harvard fullbacks will not commit the dangerous turnovers deep in their own end that characterized the first game. If the Harvard offences can utilize its ball handling ability avoid clogging the center and take the shots when they are there instead of marking the extra pass the crimson should make it one step further down the road to Mismi.

Booters Move to Quarterfinals As Crimson Tops Brown, 3-2

BY CHARLES B. STRAUS,
NOVEMBER 29, 1972

The third-ranked Harvard booters moved a step closer to the NCAA finals in Miami yesterday as a sudden-death goal by Chris Papagianis in the second 15-minute overtime, and outstanding goaltending by Steve Kidder lifted the Crimson to a 3-2 win over Brown and its fourth straight New England regional title.

Papagianis's goal, his second of the afternoon, sent the Crimson partisans in a sparse crowd of 1000 into a frenzy as his exhausted teammates surrounded and hugged the superlative senior forward in the squad's of triumph.

The win enables Harvard to meet Cornell at Ithaca on Saturday for a possible return, trip to the Orange Bowl and yet

another shot at the elusive national championship.

Heroics

It was a day for heroics. Each of the 13 players used by head coach Bruce Munro contributed to the Crimson cause during the course of the 110-minute struggle, but none played as important a part in Harvard's victory as Kidder. Time and again the junior netminder came up with the crucial save, many them retrieving the ball in traffic. Presented with the unenviable task of trying to thwart two penalty kicks in the second half, Kidder stopped the first and barely missed brushing aside the second.

In fact, until a tripping infraction with 2:46 remaining in regulation play gave Brown a rare second opportunity to the score at 2-2 it appeared that Harvard was going to eke out a 2-1 win. A perfectly-placed Papagianis chip shot with 4:23 gone in the second half had given the Crimson the lead.

And, although it was the Bruins who were applying most of the offensive pressure thereafter, the Harvard defense continued to play solid, consistent soccer, thwarting numerous Brown scoring chances.

But a hand ball in the penalty area gave Brown its first opportunity to deadlock the game with 11:45 left, and while the loudly social Bruin fans gasped in disbelief Ferdinand Treusacher's ground ball shot to the left side was pushed aside by Kidder and Harvard's 2-1 edge was preserved at least for the moment.

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With the game entering its final stages, and play continuing deep in the Crimson end despite the fact that Demetrio Mena lay prone on the field with a leg injury, the referee's whistle stopped play, not to and the injured Mena but to call a penalty kick. This time Treusacher's shot, a carbon copy of his first attempt, but slightly harder, eluded goalie for the trying score.

The stage was set for the overtime battle, and Imgering memories of Brown's 3-2 upset overtime win 11 days ago must have been foremost in the minds of the Crimson as it took the field for the first of a possible four 15-minute sudden-death periods allotted under the tournament rules which governed the contest.

As in its earlier overtime win, Brown came out charging at the beginning of the first session. Captain Rick Scott, who played another outstanding game, made two crucial plays to stop Bruin drives, saving a goal on one and preventing a dangerous corner kick on the second occasion. After several Kidder saves and Brown threats, the first overtime period ended.

But it was Harvard which took command as the game pushed past the 100-minute mark, into the second overtime. The Crimson's second corner kick of the overtime was kicked around in front, where Papagianis headed it home for the winning score, as he once again assumed the role of the hero.

The excitement and tension of the later stages of the game contrasted sharply with the initial period, which was sluggish at best. Both teams appeared nervous and conservative for much of the first 15 minutes, with Harvard looking somewhat sloppy in its own end and disorganized offensive-

ly. But the Crimson drew first blood when a Bruin defensive error, a race between Felix Adedeji breakaway goal put Harvard ahead at 7:55 of the first half, 1-0.

Brown began to take offensive command after Adedeji's goal, taking numerous shots on goal and getting a high number of corner kick opportunities. The Harvard goal, instead of igniting the squad, made the team more lethargic, and for much of the period the Crimson's passing was noticeably slow. Rarely did Harvard put two or three passes together, and Brown's hustle and height advantage resulted in almost continual play in the Harvard end.

But the Crimson got a lucky break when starting goalie Neary suffered a fractured big toe and had to be removed from the game. Brown's second string goalie, Mike Hampdon, was injured, so sub Barry Whittaker was forced to fill in. Harvard did little shooting to test the new goalie, however, and Brown continued to dominate play.

Brown's pressure was finally converted into a score as an indirect kick was shuffled around in front and in the scramble Frank Mancuso kicked the ball home through a screen of Harvard and Brown players to tie the score at 1-1 with 6:11 left in the half.

Harvard took the lead on Papagianis's first goal early in the second half as a pretty passing play from Dragan Vujovic to Brahman Mossavar Rahmani to Papa fooled the Brown goalie. Whittaker came out of the goal mouth and Papagianis floated a soft shot over his head for the score.

The game was a statistician's delight Brown outshot Harvard by a 2-1 margin (25-12), but the Crimson's first shots on goal in the first half, the second stanza and the second overtime all resulted in unassisted scores. Harvard goalie Steve Kidder was forced to make 11 saves while Brown goalie Barry Whittaker made only seven.

"They had the run of the play for much of the second half," head coach Bruce Munro said after the game, beaming after winning the last home game of the season in his 25th year of Harvard coaching "We lucked this one out," he added. Captain Scott thought that the Crimson's dreams of a return trip to the Orange Bowl might have affected the outcome "Having been to Miami once we had much more incentive to go again."

"We outplayed Harvard in both halves," a disconsolate Brown coach Cliff Stevenson said in the losers' locker room. "We played an excellent game, and had the opportunities, but couldn't put them in," he added. Sometimes, the ball bounces the other way.

Soccer

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The Penn soccer team knocked off Penn State, 3-1. Tuesday to win the Midwest Regional title in NCAA competition. Meanwhile, defending NCAA champion Harvard University defeated, 4-0, to capture the South Regional title. Penn will meet Harvard this weekend with the winner advancing to the NCAA semifinals in March.

Crimson Plays in Quarterfinals Today Booters to Face Big Red In Quest for NCAA Title

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The third-ranked Harvard soccer team continues its four-year quad for a national championship this afternoon at 1 p.m. when it faces a much-improved Cornell squad in a NCAA quarterfinal match in Ithaca, N.Y. The winner will advance to the national playoffs in Miami.

The Crimson, which beat Brown 3-2 on sudden-death overtime Tuesday to capture its fourth straight New England regional title, will be facing a Big Red team that have not lost since dropping a surprising 4-0 Ivy League game to Harvard October 21. Cornell topped previously unbeaten Long Island University by an identical 3-2 score Monday for the New York regional crown. It was the Big Red's twelfth victory of the season against three losses. The Crimson's season mark now stands at 10-1-1.

Cornell's three losses however, came early in the season against a Penn team tanked number two nationally, the number three tanked Crimson and a Perennially powerful Hartwick squad "There is no question that Cornell is a different team now than when we played them," head coach Bruce Munro said Thursday.

In fact the Big Red along with the Quakers was an early season co-favorite for the Ivy title while Harvard Cup posedly rebuilding its team was given only an outside shot at the championship. They finished however in a tie with Brown for third place with a 82 mark. In beating the Bruins in Providence 4-1 Cornell did accomplish something that Harvard was unable to do in its two meetings with Brown — a convincing victory.

The Crimson, which has been bothered by injuries throughout the season, escaped the Brown contest with a number of minor injuries that could nevertheless play a major part in today's game.

Three quarters of the Crimson defense which shut out a highly regarded Big Red offensive line in October came out of Tuesday's game with leg injuries. Starter Ric LaClivita continues to be bothered by a deep charleyhorse in his thigh, and fullbacks Brian Fearnett and Rick Scott, who had outstanding games against the Bruins were both battered considerably in that contest.

The Harvard defense which many observers thought to be the team's major weakness this season has in fact played a dominant role in the Crimson's outstanding showing to date. A rash of injuries especially in light of Harvard's recent scoring problems could be fatal.

Besides the aforementioned LaClivita, Scott, and Fearnett, the team is relatively healthy. Felix Adedeji, however continues to be bothered by back problems, and had difficulty practicing on the hard synthetic turf at B U on Wednesday and Thursday. Although Harvard has been trying to get acclimated as best it can to playing on an artificial surface such as Cornell's Shoenkopt Field the team was unable to get practice time on a similar polyturf field at Boston College.

In addition to the injury situation and the team's unfamiliarity on synthetic turf, Harvard suffers the added problems of playing the match before traditionally rabid Cornell fans and in the subfreezing conditions which are likely to prevail at game time on arctic Ithaca today.

The Crimson will be at a further psychological disadvantage because it has already beaten the Big Red once this season. It's hard to psych up for a game when everything we did the weekend we played them was right," Munro said at Thursday's practice.

In the team's matchups, Harvard holds a slight advantage offensively, although Cornell began to explode in the latter stages of the season, scoring four goals against the Bruins, more than either highscoring Harvard or Penn. Although the Big Red could manage only 19 Ivy goals versus 31 apiece for the Quakers and for the Crimson, its forwards, led by All-Ivies Victor Huerta. Chris Agoliati and Bill Murray should, theoretically at least, be as potent a line as any in the Ivy League. Harvard, however, is counting on the offensive explosiveness of Adedeji, Vujovic, Hinze, and Papaginnis.

At midfield, the Crimson holds an edge, and it is crucial that Harvard continue to dominate the middle of the field in today's game. This is particularly important since both squads play a similar short passing offense that relies heavily on midfield support for offensive rushes. Cornell's European finesse soccer style should come as a welcome relief to Harvard as the Crimson had a great deal of difficulty adjusting to Brown's American-brand of hustling, long ball soccer on its last outing.

The short-passing style of Cornell will pose problems for the Harvard defense. Whereas Brown, and the majority of teams the Crimson faced this season really on a fast-break, king-ball offense which places particular emphasis on opportunistic steals of the ball deep in the opponent's end, Cornell, like Penn, should be able to match Harvard in its ability to make king, sustained multi-pulldrivers.

The added danger of such an offense in that, often, the shots on net that come at the end of on passing plays provide more realistic scoring chances than those from an offense waiting for defensive miscues.

If the Harvard defense makes any mistakes, hopefully goalie Stave Kidder will be able to prevent Cornell from converting them into goals. Kidder was outstanding in Tuesday's win over Brown, and his goals against average for the season is an impressive 1.08 with six shutouts.

Goaltending, in the final analysis, may be the deciding factor as Cornell's Bruce Arena was shaky in the nets last time out against the Crimson, misplaying several Harvard shots. The hot goalie in today's frigid contest may provide the difference between a trip to the plan trees, sun, and beaches of Florida, or a Christmas in the cold snowdrifts of New England or upstate New York.

An Epic Tale

An Epic Tale: The Class of 1971 and Harvard Athletics

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Our Class produced the finest men's athletic record in Harvard's history. I made this claim in my class report for our 30th reunion and detailed a few of the athletic achievements, but the full story has not yet been told.

By now, I suppose it can be said that the rest of the world has acknowledged our greatness. After all, we are the only class at Harvard to be the subject of two different films focused entirely on our sports accomplishments. One is Kevin Rafferty's new film about the 1968 football game against Yale. The other is Erich Segal's documentary about our hockey team, *Love Story*.

The problem is that Harvard itself has yet to acknowledge this truth. Most likely, Harvard's leaders are simply unwilling to acknowledge it, for fear that contributions to the endowment fund from all other classes will dry up. So permit me now to show, once and for all, that our class was definitively the greatest in Harvard's history.

The Standards for Greatness

Some years ago, I set out to determine how many of our Harvard teams were truly great. I guessed the number might be three or four, but I never had any particular number in mind.

I soon realized that one has to have some standards to make any such evaluation. That led me to my first standard, which was whether the team in question was one of Harvard's greatest ever. At first, I limited the time frame to the 100 years or so of Harvard's intercollegiate competition preceding our graduation. On further reflection, I realized that I was about to throw the gauntlet in the wrong direction. To start a really good fight, you have to challenge the younger guys, preferably all at the same time--at a reunion weekend, say, after a few drinks. So I extended my first test to cover all Harvard teams, up to and including the Class of 2011. This open-ended approach assures me that I will have important work to do for the rest of my life.

Still, that did not seem satisfactory. There was

no epic quality. Greatness requires a higher standard--a national collegiate standard, at least. Beating Yale is no longer a sufficient measure of success (with one exception). Nor will an Ivy League championship suffice.

Whatever the sport, greatness requires success against all contenders on the national stage. That became my second standard.

Even with that test, I felt something was missing. True epics, of the kind that rivet our attention, need fearsome outsiders. The Achaeans needed the men of Troy. Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones '69 needed aliens with some damn good equipment. So I added a third standard--the test of international amateur competition, and even professional athletics in relevant sports.

These, then, are the three standards that I have used to sift through our athletic teams in search of greatness. To my surprise, I found thirteen.

I should add that I am an equal opportunity sports fan. I follow Harvard's women's teams closely, and regret that I have to leave them out of this

report. I am proud of the success that Harvard's women have enjoyed in so many sports, a sure sign that Harvard puts a priority on greatness in athletics, not just for itself but for the virtues inherent in many of the nation's young athletes.

The Standards for Ranking

After identifying the great teams from our years at college, without knowing in advance whatever number would emerge, the next step was to rank them. This follows the cardinal rule in sports analysis: everything must be ranked. Without rankings in all sports, and across sports, the nation's bars would go out of business.

So I ranked our greatest teams, first by applying my three standards as described above (Harvard, national and international), and then by applying three more tests. I gave preference to major collegiate sports such as baseball. I also asked myself whether our specific classmates were the

principal reason for the team success. Harvard's Athletic Hall of Fame was quite helpful here, except in soccer, where our class is not represented as fully as it should be. And finally I gave extra credit to teams that had sustained success over the full three years of our varsity competition.

Our Great Teams, Ranked

Now to the heart of the story. Hear the trumpets sound. *Arma Virumque Cano!* Normally, I would start *in medias res* ("And Kelly recovers the onside kick!"), in the classical style of epic tales. But my quest in this report is the search for truth, which requires the application of fundamental and explicit standards set forth in advance, and then applied rigorously to the historical record.

(This is how I began countless exam essays during our college years as I struggled to remember a few things the professor had mentioned during the semester. For reasons I still don't understand, memorizing the sports section the night before the exam never seemed to help.)

These are the great teams in which our classmates starred, ranked in order, starting with the greatest. The captains are all listed with their teams.

1. Soccer: Solomon Gomez

Our soccer team won every regular season game in our junior and senior years: 22 wins, no losses, no ties. Harvard outscored the opposition by a wide margin: 74 goals to 14. No other Harvard soccer team, before or since, has won all the regular season games even in any one season,

in more than a century of soccer at Harvard. The Class of 1971 did it twice, back to back. As freshmen, they were also undefeated.

Solomon Gomez and Pete Bogovich were the star forwards for the team, accounting for 62 varsity goals in their three year career--nicely balanced, at 31 each. Bill Meyers in goal was superb. In the midfield, John Gordon and Bezo Cutler displayed their speed and skill to great advantage. Bill Brock was a three year starter on the back line, joined by Ron McClain in our sophomore year. Dick Nesto also made contributions on the forward line.

The postseason results, in the NCAA tournament, were remarkable. The soccer team made the NCAA tournament all three years. In our junior

year, they won their first three NCAA games by a combined score of 10-0. (These postseason goals are not counted in the 74-14 scoring advantage mentioned above.) That took them to the Final Four, in San Jose, California, where they played St. Louis in college soccer's Game of the Decade. The game was a thriller: St. Louis beat Harvard, 2-1, on a goal with two minutes left. St. Louis was in the midst of winning 10 national championships in a span of about 15 years. Going into that game, St. Louis was ranked #1, and Harvard #2. Like Harvard, St. Louis had won all of its games, including a 3-1 victory over West Berlin University.

In our senior year, our soccer team went to the round of eight in the NCAA tournament. The team was, if anything, stronger than the prior year. Again, they were ranked second in the country. In a frustrating match against Hartwick, played on their home field, in the mud, Harvard lost 4-3. Gomez (2) and Bogovich (1) scored our goals. Hartwick then lost 1-0 to that year's national champion--St. Louis once again, victorious over UCLA in the championship game. I would have given anything to see our guys play St. Louis in a rematch.

By the way, I don't mean to imply that the entire Hartwick soccer field was a sea of slippery mud. Truth is, by the fourth quarter, some of the mud was frozen. Yeah, I'm still trying to drink that one away.

Solomon Gomez was an outstanding talent and is still recognized as one of The Gambia's greatest players ever (along with Charlie Thomas, Class of '72). He was a first team All-American, twice. Long before he reached Harvard, Solomon captained The Gambia's national team (perhaps their junior national team, I suppose, though it is described in print as their national team without qualification). Bill Meyers in goal set a Harvard season record for shutouts (ten) that still stands. Meyers was so good that he played ahead of Messing '72, who, after Meyers retired, was America's premier goalie in the '70s. Messing was America's Olympic goalie in 1972 and a star in the pro North American Soccer League,

playing with Pele on the New York Cosmos. Pete Bogovich set several Harvard scoring records. While at Harvard, Bogovich flew back to New York regularly to star for Dalmatic, a Yugoslavian-American club team that was a powerhouse in the German-American League's premier division. At the very least, Bogovich and Meyers belong in the Athletic Hall of Fame, to be reunited with Gomez.

Surprisingly, Solomon Gomez is the only soccer player from our class to be elected to the Harvard Hall of Fame. Bill Meyers and Pete Bogovich should have that honor too. Meyers still holds the Harvard records for shutouts in the regular season (8) and shutouts in the combined regular and post season (10). He is #1 for saves in a season and #2 for saves in a career. Bogovich had 31 career goals, same as Gomez. They are tied for fifth place for goals scored in all of Harvard history, to this day.

We had help from the Class of '72 (Kydes, Thomas, Wilmot), and from Chris Papagianis '73, but our classmates were the greatest.

Harvard was not at full strength in the St. Louis game. Bezo Cutler broke his leg in the Penn game, so he was out. Injuries happen. But for reasons I have never understood, Harvard flew only a small squad to California for the Final Four. The Harvard Crimson reported that "Harvard played the entire game with only 12 players, and as the game progressed, the Crimson showed signs of fatigue... Russ Bell left the game early in the first period... John Gordon, injured in yesterday's afternoon practice, was visibly slowed."

It's important to understand the quality of play in the soccer Final Four in those days. On the 1969 team, St. Louis had three 1972 Olympians: Al Trost, Mike Seerey and Joe Hamm. Amazingly, Trost and Seerey won four straight Hermann Trophies (two each), soccer's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy. (Teammate Dan Counce, who arrived in 1970, won the Hermann in 1973.)

Seerey scored the first goal against Harvard, and Trost scored the game winner, with two minutes

left. They both were key players on the 1972 Olympic team, which was the first American soccer team in 12 years to qualify for the main draw. Usually, Mexico was the winner from our regional qualifying group, but in 1972 America won. We tied Mexico twice and outperformed Mexico against the rest of the countries in our group. By the way, Mike Seerey was the leading scorer.

Jim Leeker, also on the 1969 St. Louis team, turned pro the following year and was named NASL Rookie of the Year (!) in 1970. Gene Geimer helped win two NCAA championships (1967 and 1969) and then played in the NASL for seven more seasons.

Midfielder Pat Leahy was a key player on three NCAA championship teams, starting in 1969, and would have won four straight if not for a loss to Howard in the 1972 finals. Leahy chose football over soccer, as a kicker (soccer style, of course) for the New York Jets. When he retired, he was third overall in NFL history for career points scored (for all players, not just kickers). Leeker, Geimer and Leahy all have their own Wikipedia pages, as do Trost and Seerey.

Despite all of this talent, the key man for St. Louis was on the sidelines — Coach Harry Keough. He was a great player, recruiter and coach. He started for the U.S. during the famous 1950 World Cup, in which the U.S. shocked England 1-0. His knowledge of the game, and his record as a coach, are unsurpassed. His Wikipedia page is well worth a read.

After St. Louis beat Harvard in that 1969 NCAA semifinal game, by the narrowest of margins, they went on to play the highly regarded University of San Francisco in the championship match. St. Louis beat USF 4-0, a huge margin in soccer, despite the exhausting match against Harvard just two days before. USF had three Olympians on its team, from three different countries: Friessen (Mexico, 1968 Olympics); Rosales (El Salvador, 1968 Olympics) and Roboostoff (USA, 1972 Olympics). The USF team also had a fourth player who was an All-American (Torgier Hague), and other great players from Latin America. The Mexican

Olympic soccer team (with Friessen) was good—they finished fourth in the 1968 Olympics, just barely missing a medal. These stars did not arrive at USF accidentally. Steve Negoesco, the USF coach, was a master recruiter and tactician who coached four USF teams to national championships ('66, '75, '76 and '80), and won two NCAA championships himself in his college years. He and his players were no match for the St. Louis team that Harvard almost beat.

Harvard had an unusual handicap for a period of about seven years. In 1968, the NCAA made freshmen eligible for all competitions, whereas the Ivy League refused to do so until 1975.

Suppose, for example, that St. Louis freshmen were not allowed to play in the 1969 soccer tournament. Then Mike Seerey, a freshman that year, would not have scored a goal in the game that we lost 2-1.

Or suppose that the Ivy League allowed freshmen to play. Then, the great soccer class of 1972 (with the aforementioned three Hall of Famers) could have joined the great class of 1971 in the 1968 varsity season and the NCAA tournament. Chris Papagianais '73 and Felix Adedeji '74 (18 goals as a sophomore!) would have played in the NCAA tournament as freshmen. Harvard soccer was in the NCAA tournament for five straight years (1968-72), reaching two quarterfinals and two semifinals. Three of those losses were by only one goal. Stars like these, as freshmen, could have helped Harvard win its first ever NCAA championship.

2. Hockey: Joe Cavanagh

The hockey team made it to the NCAA Final Four two out of three years--our sophomore year and senior year. In our sophomore year, the team finished third in the NCAA tournament, with a 6-5 double overtime win against Michigan Tech in the consolation game. Denver beat Cornell 4-3 in the championship game.

In our senior year, we had a 4-1 lead over Minnesota in the semifinal game, but Minnesota came back to tie the game at 5 all. In the overtime, Harvard had chances but lost 6-5.

The victor that year, 1971, was BU (4-2 over Minnesota)--the same BU team that Harvard had beaten in the ECAC tournament just a few weeks before. Harvard finished fourth, losing the consolation game 1-0 to perennial powerhouse Denver, which had won 5 national championships during the 1960's, using western Canada as its source of talent. (As opposed to Cornell, which

relied on eastern Canada.) BU won the NCAA championship again the year after we graduated, so our hockey team was essentially even with the top teams in college hockey.

Skeptics will naturally ask about the results in our junior year, when Harvard did not make the NCAA tournament. The first point to note is that the NCAA tournament back then was comprised of only four teams. These days, the field is larger and there are preliminary rounds. More importantly, Harvard had a great record that year, including games against the top NCAA teams. In 1970 Cornell won the NCAA tournament, completing a season in which they won every single game, finishing 29-0. No other team has ever matched this feat. Another East Coast team, Clarkson, finished second in the NAAs, losing 6-4 against Cornell in the championship game. Yet Harvard beat Clarkson the only time they met, in a regular season game at Madison Square Garden. In the ECAC tournament, Harvard met Cornell in the semifinals in a critical game, with the winner getting a certain NCAA berth. Again, this contest was at a neutral site. Harvard took Cornell to the limit, losing 6-5 in a cliffhanger. That was the closest that any team got to beating Cornell that year. So I would argue that Harvard finished an unofficial second in 1970: ahead of Clarkson, and quite close to beating Cornell, which no one else did.

As mentioned above regarding soccer, the NCAA had approved freshmen to play on the varsity, but the Ivy League did not. That may well have cost Harvard an NCAA hockey championship. In particular, the prolific Locals Line could have joined the team as freshmen in our junior year. There is a good chance we would have made at least the NCAA Final Four, and perhaps won the NCAA

championship.

Harvard's record in the ECAC championship tournament was also outstanding, against tough opponents. At the time, the ECAC tournament was the Eastern championship: the top two teams went to the NCAA Final Four. The ECAC was larger then, including BU, BC, UNH and several other teams that later (1984) formed the Hockey East Conference. Cornell and Clarkson were national powers at that time under Ned Harkness and Len Ceglarski. In our sophomore year, Harvard finished second, losing to Cornell in the finals, 4-2, with Ken Dryden in the nets for Cornell. (Dave Jones beat Dryden on a slap shot, but the goal post made the save behind Dryden's back.) Weeks later, in the NCAA tournament, that same Cornell team went to the finals, dropping a close 4-3 championship game to Denver.

In our junior year, Harvard made it to the ECAC semifinals, losing 6-5 to undefeated Cornell as noted above. Despite the loss, that is one of Harvard's best games ever.

In our senior year, Harvard won the ECAC championship, beating Clarkson by a convincing 7-4 in the championship game. Even more remarkably, Harvard beat BU 4-2 in the semifinals. Coming into the tournament, BU was ranked Number One in the country. A week or two later, BU confirmed that national ranking by winning the NCAA championship. That great BU team finished at 28 wins, two losses, one tie. The tie was with Harvard, and one of the two losses was to Harvard, in a game that BU desperately wanted to win.

The ECAC competitors in our three varsity years included two NCAA champions (Cornell 1970 and BU 1971) and two NCAA second place teams (Cornell 1969 and Clarkson 1970)--plus an array of other talented teams. Cornell was the only team to beat Harvard in the ECAC tournament in our three years.

In addition to two Final Fours and an ECAC championship, our Harvard classmates won the Beanpot Tournament in 1969. Cavanagh went on to set the career record for most points in the

Beanpot.

Joe Cavanagh, Steve (“Cooch”) Owen, and Dan (“Monk”) DeMichele averaged 2.37 goals a game for three years. When we graduated, they stood second, third and fourth, all-time, in Harvard’s records for career points, behind only Bob Cleary, ‘58. They were all ahead of the great Gene Kinasewich, ‘64, among other legendary players.

Cavanagh at center was a three-time first team All-American, when there were only 6 players on the first team. No other Harvard player, before or since, has matched Cavanagh’s All-American honors, and I would not be surprised if he is the only college hockey player ever to have been on the first team all three years. Joe would have won the Hobey Baker award in those years if there had been one. Twice he won the Walter Brown award, given to the top American-born college hockey player in New England.

Dan DeMichele is the top goal scorer in Harvard history, by my reckoning, having scored 77 goals in 75 games. DeMichele still holds the Ivy League record for goals in a season (22) and a career (45). Only two other Harvard players, Bill Cleary ‘56 and Bob Cleary ‘58, scored more than a goal a game for their careers. They both were international stars in prior Olympics: a silver medal in 1956 for Bill and famous gold medals in 1960 for both of them.

Bill’s Harvard career was quite short. (Playing career, that is: Bill would later become hockey coach and Athletic Director for Harvard, where he was again outstanding.) Younger brother Bob scored 92 goals in 81 games--a truly great record, though only a shade better than Dan’s goals-per-game. In the 1950’s Harvard won easily sometimes against inferior teams, so statistics for the Cleary brothers should be adjusted downward a bit. Meanwhile, no Harvard player since DeMichele has averaged as much as a goal a game, even though Harvard has had three Hobey Baker award winners (Lane MacDonald and the Fusco brothers, who, like the Clearys, were a double gift to Harvard from Belmont Hill), and many Olympians and NHL pros.

Cavanagh and DeMichele were hard to separate. Except for one year just before Harvard, they played on the same hockey team for their entire careers, starting as Pee-Wees in Cranston, Rhode Island.

Steve Owen was a tremendous talent on that same line, but has never received as much recognition as he deserves. He scored 48 goals in his varsity career and contributed 88 assists, which put him third in career points, all-time, when we graduated. In the 40 years since our graduation, only five Harvard players have surpassed Cooch in their careers, measured on a points per game basis, in order to compare 4 year careers and 3 year careers. (Cooch averaged 1.7 points per game.) Those five players are Lane McDonald, Scott Fusco, Randy Roth, Bob McManama and Dave Hynes. All are in the Hall of Fame.

Cooch also played varsity golf, and in my judgment could have made important contributions to the football team and the baseball team as well, if he had the time. Regardless, his hockey career was Hall of Fame material. I hope the elders at the Varsity Club read this paragraph.

Bruce Durno, who was the starting varsity goalie all three years, had been a top junior goalie in Canada before coming to Harvard. He had played Junior A hockey in the Boston Bruins farm system, stopping shots from players such as Bobby Orr and Derek Sanderson. Along with Cavanagh and DeMichele, he is in the Hall of Fame.

On defense, Dave Jones was a regular all three years, assisted by Terry Driscoll in our sophomore and junior years. In our senior year, Dave was named to the All-New England and All-Ivy teams.

Our classmates had help, of course. Chris Gurry and Jack Turco, both in the class ahead of us, were important. Few will forget Gurry’s unique mid-ice hip check just inside the blue line, which caught even highly talented opponents. In our senior year, the Locals Line was a big help, featuring Bob McManama (Belmont Hill), Dave Hynes (B & N, as it was then known) and the late Billy Corkery, who had led Arlington High to the State

Championship. McManama and Hynes both made it to the NHL.

To put these achievements into context, the level of American college hockey at the time was outstanding. Let's use the Olympics and the pros (NHL and WHA) as our two standards. The USA hockey team won the Olympic silver medal in 1972. That team was comprised almost entirely of athletes who played college hockey during our college years. Our Harvard classmates were unquestionably better than the best of those Olympians. Consider three of the best players on that Olympic team: Tim Sheehy, Kevin Ahearn and Tom Mellor. All three went to Boston College, and all three played on the 1970 BC hockey team, when Sheehy and Ahearn were at the peak of their college careers as seniors (and our classmates were juniors). In the ECAC tournament that year, Harvard faced BC and those three Olympians in the quarterfinals. Harvard won 10-5. (That means our guys were twice as good--do the math.)

Regarding the Olympics, remember that the national teams were professional, and the top teams (Soviets, Sweden, Czechoslovakia) were equal to the NHL. Yet the U.S. won the silver medal. Kevin Ahearn of BC and Craig Sarner of Minnesota were the third and fourth high scorers in the 1972 Olympics. They finished behind only the Soviets' Valery Kharmalov, acclaimed in those years as the greatest player in the world; and Nedomansky, the star of the bronze-medal Czechoslovak team that the U.S. defeated 5-1. Two months later, the same Czechoslovak team beat the same Soviet team to win the World Ice Hockey Championship. In the Olympics, the Swedes tied the Soviet team. Later in 1972, the Soviets played an eight-game match against Canada. Canada's team was composed entirely of the best NHL players. This contest, known as the Summit Series, ended with four victories for the Soviets and four for Canada.

If this Olympic comparison is not enough, let's go one step higher, to the pros. All three BC players went on to pro careers: Sheehy had a long pro career, in the WHA and the NHL,

Mellor played in the NHL, and Ahearn played in the WHA. Six players on the BU team were drafted by the pros, and their goalie, Tim Regan, would be a seventh if I counted the AHL. (Regan also won a silver medal on the Olympic team). Ken Dryden (Cornell), Keith Magnusson (Denver) and other collegians from that era had distinguished careers in the NHL, when there

were only a handful of NHL teams. At least three players on the 1971 Minnesota team were drafted by the NHL.

I have long thought that the USA might have won the gold medal in 1972 if our line of Cavanagh, Owen and DeMichele had chosen to play in those Olympics. I know that Joe was invited to join the team but broke his wrist early on, and decided to attend law school.

Before I close, our hockey fans might be interested to know that Dave Harman's grandfather was a close friend of the great Hobey Baker, beginning in their years together at St. Paul's School (Class of 1906), where Hobey learned hockey, and continuing until Hobey's premature death in France in 1918. If you have a minute, be sure to get in touch with Dave to find out more. And see the lightweight rowing section below to see what Dave himself accomplished in our college years and thereafter.

3. Baseball: Pete Bernhard and Pete Varney

The baseball team, starring Pete Bernhard, Bill Kelly, Pete Varney, Dan DeMichele and other classmates, finished fifth in the College World Series in our senior year. This followed a 26-6 regular season record. They also had a good shot at making the College World Series in our sophomore year and might well have done so if Harvard's great pitcher Ray Peters '69 had not turned pro just before our sophomore year, which would have been his senior year.

The College World series took place late in our senior year, so this outstanding achievement never got the recognition among our classmates that it deserves. That was only the second time Harvard ever qualified for the College World Series (1968 being the only prior team to do so).

The World Series format is an unusual double elimination system, in which teams are eliminated when they reach two losses. Harvard had a particularly tough draw, yet our two losses were by one run: 9-8 to Tulsa (Harvard leaving 14 men on base) and 1-0 to Texas Pan- American (Harvard leaving 9 men on base). Pan-American was ranked second nationally in the final season rankings. USC won the tournament, but even they struggled against the competition. In the World Series Harvard had a better margin of victory against BYU, beating BYU 4-1, while USC beat BYU by 8-6. Bill Kelly shut down BYU, allowing only four hits. The great USC pitching staff could not contain the BYU hitters. USC lost a game to Southern Illinois, 8-3, so they had to beat Tulsa twice, winning 8-4 and 3-2, to avoid elimination. Taking everything into account, our baseball team came very close to winning the national championship, and certainly played on the same level as the best two or three teams.

No other Harvard baseball team has ever finished higher nationally. Only three other Harvard teams have made it to the College World Series ('68, '73, '74), and none of the three won a single game. Making it to the College World Series is particularly difficult for a New England team, given the limited baseball weather available in Cambridge. Another hurdle was the fact that several of our most important players, such as Varney, DeMichele and Kelly, were two-sport stars for Harvard, which was extremely rare for top collegiate baseball players, then and now. Dan DeMichele's accomplishments are particularly impressive. He played hockey until

late March in the NCAA championships, but was still able to hit .421 for a full season at Harvard even though he barely had time to swing a bat before the season started. He won the EIBL batting championship in our junior year. Dan is one of only 15 athletes in Harvard's 150 years of athletics to be inducted into Harvard's Hall of Fame in the "all around athlete" category.

Varney had been drafted Number 1 in major league baseball's supplemental 1968 draft, and he later played for the Chicago White Sox and

the Braves. At Harvard he had a career batting average of .370, with a lot of power, including ten home runs in one season and a 400 foot slam at the College World Series against BYU. Against Dartmouth he hit one that makes his BYU blast look like a Texas Leaguer. Playing at Dartmouth, he hit one over the fence, over the street, and on to the porch of a house that previously was not considered to be in play. Oh, one more thing--it was the second story porch. Varney and DeMichele were first team All-Americans.

Phil Collins and J C Nickens were important members of the pitching staff along with Kelly. In our sophomore year, Nickens had the lowest earned run average in the EIBL, becoming only the second Harvard pitcher to accomplish that feat. He became Harvard's closer in our senior year, foreshadowing other greats from Rollie Fingers to Mariano Rivera. In that role, Nickens was the winning pitcher twice for both games of a doubleheader. That's right--four wins in two doubleheaders. Bill Meyers also pitched and Tom Waldstein was a catcher, though both were unable to play in our senior year.

As freshmen, our classmates won their games by an average score of about 10-2, finishing the season undefeated. The last undefeated freshman team at Harvard was in 1900.

Dolph Garcia earned the undying gratitude of his freshman teammates with a great game against Yale, which was tied, 2 all, at the end of nine innings, including an RBI from Garcia. In the tenth inning, Garcia put the game away with a two-run triple, thus avoiding what might have been a particularly disastrous instance of the fire hydrant leakin' on the dog.

Pete Bernhard and Dan DeMichele have enjoyed two impressive baseball achievements long after their college careers were over. Pete's son Bo was captain of Harvard's 1995 team, a wonderful father-son connection that is unique in Harvard's baseball history. Dan's son Joe was named a first team All-American, playing for Arizona State, just a few months ago (June 2011).

Let's examine the quality of competition. Dartmouth had two pitchers who went to the majors (Pete Broberg and Chuck Seelbach). Our own Bill Kelly pitched some in the St. Louis Cardinals' organization. The College World Series featured many players who went on to the major leagues. Steve Rogers (Tulsa) was an All-Star pitcher for the Montreal Expos, and Fred Lynn (USC) was the best player for our beloved Red Sox just a few years later when they nearly won the World Series (1975). Overall, USC had four future major leaguers in their starting nine: Steve Busby, Fred Lynn, Eric Raich and Randy Scarbery.

BYU made it to the College World Series by beating Arizona State in the regionals--a team that sent three players to the majors (Alan Bannister, Jim Crawford and Craig Swan). Also in the regionals, Pan-Am beat Texas twice (1-0 and 4-0), including a victory over Burt Hooton. That same year, Hooton was the second overall pick in the major

league draft. He threw a no-hitter in his fourth major league start (1972), less than a year after the College World Series.

Even when graded against great players such as these, Varney--a man who was never at a loss--made the All-Tournament team as the catcher.

4. Football: Gary Farneti

In more than 150 years of Harvard athletics, one game stands out above all the rest: the famous 29-29 victory over Yale's greatest team. Even at a distance of forty years, this remains Harvard's most famous sporting event, by far. And so it will always remain.

Outlined against a blue-gray November sky, the Four Horsemen rode again: Farneti, Freeman, Kelly, Frisbie and Varney. (Someone please restrain the math majors....I'm not changing that line.) In the key moments of The Game, Bruce Freeman scored the next-to-last touchdown with under a minute to go. Bill Kelly then recovered the critical onside kick with 42 seconds left. Vic Gatto '69 scored the final touchdown. Then, with no time left on the clock, the fate of our

university and all of its alumni lay in the capable hands of Pete Varney--a man who was never at a loss. Smoothly, confidently, after casting aside legions of desperate Yale defenders, Varney gathered in the two point conversion to win the game.

And that is just in the last minute of the game. Before that, Bruce Freeman scored Harvard's first touchdown. On defense, Rick Frisbie hit Calvin Hill hard, catching up to Hill in the open field and surprising him from the left side, causing him to fumble, something Hill rarely did in his NFL career. Farneti disrupted Yale on many plays.

Standing alone, this one game has bestowed immortality on all of the Harvard players--sports immortality, at least. But there is more to the story.

That famous game in our sophomore year was part of an undefeated season for Harvard, also a rarity. In a span of 80 years, from 1920 to 2001, Harvard had only one undefeated football season--1968. (Harvard's 1920 team was victorious in the Rose Bowl, over Oregon.) So our classmates must be credited with contributing mightily to what I view as the greatest season in Harvard history, quite apart from the radiant glory of that one shining moment in time. In the current millennium, two Harvard football teams have been undefeated, but Harvard has competed at a lower NCAA level (1-AA) since about 1982, so a good argument can be made that the 1968 team is still Harvard's greatest ever.

One or two other important conclusions can be drawn. Yale's football team that year was definitely its greatest ever, to this very day, in approximately 140 years of Yale football. So our football classmates can claim that their best was better than anything that Yale football has produced in its entire history, going all the way back to Pudge Heffelfinger. Moreover, even as sophomores they had greater success containing Calvin Hill than did his highly qualified and experienced NFL opponents. More on that point below.

Speaking of the NFL, Rich Szaro deserves special mention. He was an outstanding halfback,

and high scorer, on the freshman team: 56 points, 6.3 yards a carry. On the varsity, he was the place kicker, soccer style, and later had a five year career in the NFL. He was a talented soccer player as well. He played in a few practice sessions with the soccer team, just for fun, and most likely could have contributed to our great soccer team as well.

While I am on the subject of NFL placekickers, Bill Brock, one of our soccer players, had a lengthy tryout with the Detroit Lions in the summer immediately after our graduation. Although he ultimately did not become their starting kicker, he is one of only two Harvard graduates to wear a Lions uniform--George Plimpton, '48 being Harvard's only other Lion--and I can say with certainty that Greg Landry and his teammates had a new respect for Harvard athletics as a result of Bill's efforts.

Gary Farneti was the captain our senior year, winning numerous honors: the Crocker Award as Harvard's most valuable player, All-Ivy as a linebacker, and better yet, All-East. He's in the Hall of Fame. Simply put, Gary liked to hit, and he was damn good at it. In the offseason, he competed in Harvard's intramural boxing championships, where he put together a decent record: Harvard's heavyweight champion all four years, never losing a single bout.

Tom Waldstein at center won the LaCroix Memorial Trophy. Other standouts from our class include Chris Doyle and Brad Fenton, both of whom were All-Ivy. Frisbie enjoys a rare distinction, having been named first team All-Ivy in football and lacrosse.

As with the other sports, let's examine the quality of the competition. Some of us may underestimate the standards of Ivy League football at that time. Less than a year after the famous Game, Yale's Calvin Hill was a first round NFL draft choice, and was Rookie of the Year in the NFL in a class that included O. J. Simpson. Even more importantly, Hill made the NFL All-Pro team as a rookie. While Hill had a strong record at Yale, he never won the Ivy League rushing title, an indication that quality of play in the Ivy League was higher

than we may have realized. By contrast, he almost won the NFL rushing title in his rookie year.

He finished second overall in the NFL in rushing yards, to Gale Sayers, and would have won that honor but for a broken toe late in the season. His NFL rushing average in his rookie NFL season was the same as his rushing average at Yale, on a strong team, against Ivy League opposition.

That 1968 Yale team had many other talented players in addition to Hill. In fact, many observers thought Hill was only the second best player on the Yale team, after Brian Dowling at quarterback. Yalies certainly thought so: Dowling's nickname around campus was "God." Dowling finished 8th in the Heisman voting that year, and Yale was ranked 18th in the national Coaches Poll in the week before The Game. Yale had won 16 straight games over two years. Dowling also played in the NFL, but breakthrough opportunities are rare for young quarterbacks--particularly those from Yale--and none materialized for him.

By the way, our classmates enjoy another unique honor in Harvard football history, having defeated two future NFL running backs. In our senior year, they defeated Cornell

and its star halfback, Ed Marinaro, who was then a junior. Ed was the national collegiate rushing leader that year, a feat which he repeated as a senior, when he finished second in the Heisman Trophy race. Shortly thereafter he was in the Super Bowl, two years in a row, with the Minnesota Vikings. A Super Bowl halfback, an NFL Rookie of the Year, even Yale's "God"--our guys defeated them all.

5. Fencing: Larry Cetrulo and Mark Irvings (1971), Geza Tatrallyay (1972)

Edo Marion coached the Harvard fencing team from 1952 to 1976. Following his death in 2002, the Harvard Varsity Club had an article about him, which contains the following paragraph:

Marion's greatest successes came in the seasons of 1969, 1970 and 1971, when the powerhouse duo of Cetrulo and Keller, backed by epee fencer Geza Tatrallyay '72 [sic] and Mark Irvings, '71,

achieved Harvard's best NCAA finishes, second in 1969 and fourth in 1970 and 1971, missing the title in 1969 by a margin of two touches in over 150 bouts fenced.

Our fencing team meets all three of my tests at the highest possible levels: they were Harvard's greatest fencing team ever, they did very well in national competitions, and one of them engaged in international (Olympic) combat. Note also that the foregoing Varsity Club report attributes the success to four individuals, and only four. All four are our classmates, so it meets another important test. I could easily rank our fencing team much higher on my list, and risk infuriating all four of these classmates if I don't. Come to think of it, perhaps I should put them higher in my rankings...our fencers are armed and dangerous.

Tom Keller and Larry Cetrulo are in the Harvard Athletic Hall of Fame--the only time that two fencers from the same class have made the Hall of Fame, a Harvard sport for more than 120 years. Tom Keller was a three time first team All-American, finishing second in the individual championships each year, in the foil event. Keller also won the Georges L. Cointe Award in our senior year, which is the highest honor in collegiate fencing, combining excellence and sportsmanship. He is the only Harvard fencer ever to win that award (which may explain why Harvard, which proudly lists Keller's honor on the web, misspelled Cointe's name).

Cetrulo (saber) was a three time All-American as well, once on the first team and twice on the second team. (All-American status is determined exclusively by the NCAA tournament results.) Larry's varsity record of 115 wins against 5 losses in dual meets may be the best in Harvard's history, including 35 consecutive Ivy victories. For those who may think that fencing is not a major sport, take comfort in knowing that Cetrulo played quarterback on the freshman football team (sharing duties with Kelly) and left field on the undefeated freshman baseball team.

Cetrulo comes from a three-generation fencing family in New Jersey who have been America's leading practitioners of the sport for many

decades, starting with Larry's grandfather, Gerardo Cetrulo, who had five sons (two of whom were Olympians in '36 and '48, including Dean, who went on to be a fencing coach) and numerous grandchildren. The grandsons included fencing captains at Columbia, NYU and Harvard (Larry) and NCAA champions at

Columbia and NYU--and almost Harvard. Gerardo, the patriarch, coached Rudolf Valentino for his movie roles. Dean, Larry's uncle, coached Errol Flynn, whose swordsmanship made him famous. (My apologies...couldn't resist.) Unfortunately, that cost Dean an opportunity to participate in the 1952 Olympics, when he was ranked in the top three in the world in saber and foil.

Larry has honored that tradition by providing a Cetrulo Family endowment for Harvard fencing. His support seems to have helped: Harvard won the 2006 NCAA championship, now coed. The 2006 team is the first Harvard fencing team to surpass any one of the three NCAA accomplishments of our classmates (second, fourth and fourth).

Geza Tatrallyay (epee), though not in Harvard's Hall of Fame, is certainly qualified for that honor. He is a member of Ottawa's fencing Hall of Fame, and he was an Olympian in fencing, representing Canada in the 1976 Olympics. He was a Rhodes Scholar as well. Outside of our classmates, only 11 other fencers have made Harvard's Hall of Fame. We have two in the Hall of Fame, and should have three.

While Geza was the only member to fence in the Olympics, Keller and Cetrulo almost certainly could have been on the 1972 or 1976 Olympic teams if they had chosen to pursue the sport further. America's 1972 Olympic fencing team featured at least three fencers who lost to our classmates, and the 1976 Olympic team had six other fencers who lost to our classmates.

6. Lightweight Crew: Dave Harman (Junior and Senior Years)

As recently as 1996, Coach Harry Parker described the 1971 lightweight boat as "arguably

the fastest lightweight crew of all time at Harvard or elsewhere.” Harry certainly has the authority to make that statement without fear of contradiction. He’s still the coach at Harvard and has not changed his opinion about our classmates.

In our senior year, the lightweight boat won the unofficial national lightweight championship. They were undefeated through the entire season and dominated all of the competition, with wide margins of victory--an average of 17 seconds ahead of the next best boat. They set a record in the EARC championships, finishing more than 14 seconds ahead of the second best boat.

The results over their entire three year career were impeccable. They won every single race: 19 wins, no defeats, over three years. Dave Harman was the stroke all three years.

At the end of our senior year, knowing that they were a special boat, Coach Parker (and lightweight coach Steve Gladstone) took the unusual step of entering the lightweights in heavyweight competitions, where they punched well above their weight. First, the coaches tried to enter them in the IRAs, but the governing body (which did not include Harvard) rejected the request. (Who can blame them...would you want your heavyweight boat to lose to a lightweight boat?) So Harry went over their heads, jumping the team directly from college lightweight competitions to four international heavyweight competitions.

Our classmates started with the American national trials for the Pan-American games. As the name suggests, that includes national teams from all of the Americas. Forty countries participate. The Pan Am games take place every four years in the year before the Olympics, to ensure that their national teams, including crew, are in top form. The American field at the trials included all corners: the best collegiate crews, combination boats comprised of the best rowers from two different colleges, and Vesper, the Philadelphia based boat club whose mission was to compete in international competitions using the nation’s finest rowers. Our Harvard lightweight boat made it through the early rounds to the Grand Finals, a race in which all the competitors were

closely packed at the finish, with Harvard finishing sixth. Washington won the American trials and then went to Colombia for the competition, where they finished second to Argentina.

Next, after our graduation, the lightweights went to Henley, racing against top crews in the Thames Challenge Cup, all heavyweights. They won. I am reasonably certain that no other lightweight crew has won this event in the forty years that have elapsed since that victory. Even that does not tell the entire Henley story for our lightweights. Four of them also formed their own boat to compete in the Wyfold Cup. They won that as well.

There is only one international competition that ranks above Henley: the World Championships at Lucerne, Switzerland, which was the final stop for the Superboat. Our classmates finished fourth in the Senior Eight competition. (“Senior” in those days meant “not the juniors”--it did not signify old timers day.)

The entire eight man boat, known then and now as the Superboat, was inducted into the Harvard Athletic Hall of Fame, including four of our classmates: Dave Harman, Olympian Charles Hewitt, Richard Moore, and Fred Yalouris. In addition to those four, our classmate Rod Petersen was an important member of the lightweight crew in our sophomore and junior years.

Dave Harman somehow stayed in good enough shape to return to Lucerne in 1974 for the first world lightweight championships, as part of the US National team. He and his teammates in the eight man boat won that world championship, and Dave was later elected to the US Rowing Hall of Fame.

7. Basketball: Dale Dover (Junior and Senior Years)

In a story so important that it was the subject of five major articles in The New York Times over the last two or three years, Harvard has been throwing all of its weight into producing an Ivy League Champion in basketball. (More on that below.) For my purposes, the question is which Harvard class had the best basketball record prior to this year?

The answer is our class. In our senior year, Captain Dale Dover led our basketball team to Harvard's best basketball season ever, a record not to be broken for forty years. In the process, he also engineered the greatest one season turnaround in Harvard's basketball history.

Dale managed this feat in a tough era, when Ivy League basketball was at its all-time best--due, in my judgment, to what might be called the Bill Bradley effect. Bright, talented basketball

players were suddenly willing to consider the Ivy League; coaches and Ivy Presidents welcomed them, having seen what Bradley did for Princeton, on the court and off.

There were many future NBA players in the Ivy League in our era--talents such as Jim McMillian, Heyward Dotson and Dave Newmark of Columbia (Dave being a little earlier, in the Class of '68), Geoff Petrie and John Hummer of Princeton, and Dave Wohl and Corky Calhoun of Penn. Sports Illustrated wrote about the phenomenon in a February 1970 article (Google Bossy Ivies). In the 1970 NBA draft, there were three first rounders from the Ivy League: Petrie (8th pick overall), McMillian (13th pick) and Hummer (15th pick). Corky Calhoun was a first rounder in the 1972 NBA draft (4th pick overall). Heyward Dotson was a seventh round pick; he would have been an early pick but he had already chosen to go to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

At least a couple of the Ivy players found the competition easier in the NBA, as Calvin Hill did in the NFL. Petrie was NBA Rookie of the Year with Portland in 1971, and his career NBA scoring average (21 points a game) was better than his career Princeton average (18 points a game). Jim McMillian won an NBA championship with the Lakers in 1972 and went to the finals again in the following year, averaging over 18 points per game. He was the key part of the Lakers NBA record winning streak in 1972. That year, the Lakers started out 6 and 3, with McMillian on the bench. Then Elgin Baylor retired, saying that Jim McMillian should take his place. The very next day, with McMillian now a starter, the

Lakers launched a 33 game winning streak, leading to a season record for wins (69). That season record was not broken until Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls won 72 games in the '95-'96 season. No team has ever come close to the 33 game winning streak.

Things have changed since then. Over the last 15 years, the NBA has not drafted a single player from the Ivy League. The last Ivy player taken in the NBA draft was Jerome Allen (Penn), the 49th pick overall in 1995.

Despite this exceptionally high level of talented Ivy opponents, in 1971 our basketball team finished second in the Ivy League (11-3), surpassed only by Penn. The third place teams were 9-5 in the league, so Harvard had a solid grip on second place. Not until this year (2011) did Harvard finish first in the Ivy League. Our class was the only class, until this year, to finish as high as second in the Ivy League. The best Ivy record from any other class was 10 wins, 4 losses, which Harvard has accomplished only twice in 55 years of Ivy League competition.

Dover had a tough job on his hands. In our junior year, the team was 1-13 in the Ivy League. In light of that record, most observers would have said that Dover and his teammates did not have even an outside shot at finishing above .500 in our senior year. But they made that outside shot, and more, in 1971. Significant credit goes to James Brown and Floyd Lewis, both sophomores at the time (Class of '73). On the other hand, after our senior year, Harvard basketball quickly resumed its normal levels, even with these and other talented players in the classes below us. Dale Dover's leadership was truly extraordinary.

Dale, as you learned, *forsan et haec ohm meminisse iuvabit*. The success in our senior year undoubtedly made it easy, and satisfying, to reflect on the basketball challenges of our junior year and draw strength from them.

In that tough junior year, our basketball classmates started the season by playing some of the top teams in the country--opponents such as Florida, North Carolina (with Charlie Scott),

Cal and Jacksonville. (They beat Cal, which had won the NCAA championship a decade earlier and continued to have a strong basketball program.) Jacksonville finished second to UCLA in the NCAA championship and featured future NBA star Artis Gilmore, who was the absolute Number 1 pick in the NBA draft. Playing center, George Yates caused Artis to miss his first shot. Thereafter, shaken though he was, Artis eventually gathered himself...along with a hell of a lot of rebounds...and led Jacksonville to victory. Mike Jobin (All-State in New Jersey, recruited by Duke and others) and Harry Calbom (who transferred from USC, also heavily recruited out of high school) contributed to the team, but by senior year our ranks (and the ranks of other classes) had thinned.

John Mears tells me that one bright spot in our junior year was assistant coach K.C. Jones, the former Celtics star. K.C. had won eight NBA championships, plus two NCAA championships in his college years at the University of San Francisco, where he and Bill Russell won 60 straight games. Mears says that K.C. was an outstanding and patient teacher, particularly on defensive tactics, helping the team develop skills that served them well in our senior year.

After graduation, Dale Dover had a tryout with the Boston Celtics and then continued to play in Portugal. Harry Calbom, studying in England on a Knox Fellowship, helped his team win the Universities Athletic Union basketball championship. (Harry, I'm crediting that as Harvard's only international championship in basketball.) As with several other sports, at least one of our classmates, Tom Stenberg, continues to help the team by serving as Chair of the Friends of Harvard Basketball, in addition to his generous support of Harvard. See also my comments about Rick Frisbie's support for lacrosse, and Larry Cetrulo's support for fencing.

Let me return briefly to the Harvard record that Dale produced in our senior year, as compared to Harvard's Ivy League championship in 2011. A purist might say that this year's Ivy champs, with a 12-2 record, did not really surpass our

classmates. This year's team finished in a tie for the Ivy championship, with Princeton. There was a playoff game to determine who would be the (sole) Ivy entrant in the NCAA tournament. Princeton defeated Harvard in that playoff game, producing a result for Harvard that does not sound exactly like first place.

Princeton then went on to lose in the first round of the NCAA, finishing 76th in the final basketball rankings this year (Sagarin).

Our classmates, by contrast, faced a much tougher opponent. The 1971 Penn team is regarded as one of the greatest Ivy teams of all time, with a record of 28-1. Their only loss was in the Elite Eight round of the NCAA, to a team that they beat (Villanova) during the regular season. Villanova went on to the finals, losing 68-62 to UCLA. Even after that loss, Penn was ranked third nationally in the AP poll and the Coaches Poll after the NCAA tournament. In an interesting twist, Villanova was later disqualified because their star, Howard Porter, had signed a pro contract during the season. So Penn alumni claim, with good justification, that Penn finished 29 and 0, and should have played that championship game against UCLA.

As I say, those quibbles about whether the 2011 Harvard team is really better than our 1971 team are just that...quibbles from some nameless purist. I don't think they should be part of the historical record. So I won't mention them.

But I did mention James Brown, '73, which gives me an idea. Hey, JB...There's a gold mine of material here for a blockbuster series about Harvard '71 on ESPN. I'm seeing you as the host, counting down week after week to the Number One team. The ratings would be huge. I could rank basketball first, ahead of soccer, and then, in a surprise ending, declare that the Class of '73 deserves all the basketball credit. Dale says he just needs a cameo appearance. Deal?

8. Figure Skating

I know. Harvard did not have a figure skating team, and still doesn't. But that's exactly why

two of our classmates deserve our recognition. They competed at the highest level of their sport, nationally and internationally. With due respect to Dick Button (Harvard '52, two golds) and Tenley Albright (Radcliffe '55, silver, gold), our class had the greatest figure skating team in all of Harvard's history. We had two stars: Scott Allen and John Misha Petkevich.

Scott Allen's story began long before he reached Harvard. Beginning in 1962, he finished first or second in the US Men's Figure Skating championships for six straight years.

Misha Petkevich finished fourth in the year that Scott Allen's streak ended (1967). That began a six year stretch in which Misha progressed steadily from fourth to third to second to national champion in 1971, followed by a second place finish in 1972. So for 11 straight years, one or the other of our two classmates was the best, or among the top three, nationally. No college will ever surpass that record.

Both made the US Olympic team, as discussed below, resulting in a bronze medal for Scott Allen three years before he arrived at Harvard. Petkevich also deserves recognition (along with John Powers) for creating one of Harvard's leading student-run charity events, known as the Evening with Champions, still going strong after 40 years. As of 2011, the event has raised more than \$2.5 million for The Jimmy Fund. Misha and John's community spirit is, I believe, typical of a great many of our classmates, including those mentioned in this report.

If figure skating had been an official Harvard sport, Scott and Misha would rank much higher on my list. Hell, they were better skaters than any of our great hockey players, and I rank the hockey team number two. Petkevich and Allen could skate backwards in dactylic hexameter. That's epic. So is 11 years of national preeminence, which surpasses Homer's standard (ten years for the Trojan War, ending on a trick play), and that of Virgil (eight years for Aeneas to sail from Troy to the mouth of the Tiber River, including that messy layover in Carthage, which really shouldn't count for this purpose).

There are three figure skaters in Harvard's Hall of Fame: Button, Albright and Paul Wylie (Olympic silver medal, no national championships). They all deserve the honor. I am surprised that our two classmates have not been included.

9. Track and Field: Walter Johnson

In our junior year, Ed Nosal led the track and field team to a third place finish in the NCAA national indoor championships, behind only Kansas and Villanova, even though Harvard competed with only four players. That was Harvard's best NCAA finish ever in track and field, indoors or out, and it remains the best ever, even unto today. Kansas and Villanova dominated college track for at least a decade back then, and were the twin training grounds for America's Olympic teams. On a per capita basis, the Harvard team beat both of them, easily.

Nosal accomplished a rare feat for Harvard when he became a track and field All-American based on his outstanding NCAA performance in the 35 pound weight throw. He won the event by more than three feet over the second place finisher. A star in three events--shotput, discus and hammer--he's in Harvard's Athletic Hall of Fame.

The team also won four Heptagonals--two indoor and two outdoor. The Heptagonal meets, which date back to 1935, convene all of the Ivy League plus Army and Navy--ten teams in all. ("Heptagonal" comes from an ancient Greek word meaning "more than you would think.") In our sophomore year, Tom Spengler, Jon Enscoe and John Gillis (joined by Keith Colburn '70) won the two mile relay at the Heps. Earlier, in the mile event, Enscoe finished second (behind Royce Shaw '70) and Spengler finished third. Not surprisingly, Nosal won the 35-pound weight throw in the '69 Heps, outmuscling the combined forces of Army and Navy in the process (a noteworthy achievement in its own right), along with all of the Ivy League.

Our track and field team was strong in all the major areas: the field events, the distance events in track, and the shorter track events, especially the hurdles.

In the field events, besides Nosal, Rich Szaro set Harvard's all time record in the javelin throw. Szaro's Harvard record will never be broken, since the javelin was changed after 1985, so records after that date are in a separate category.

In track events, Walter Johnson remains on Harvard's all time top 10 record list for his times in the 110 meter hurdles, and the 400 meter hurdles. Ed Dugger and Ben Lounsbury are on that same all-time Harvard list for their times in the 400 meter hurdles. In a heartwarming display of class unity, Dugger, Lounsbury and Johnson all have exactly the same best time (52.89) in the 400 meter hurdles. Lounsbury set the freshman record for the 400 hurdles.

Our sprinters, John Schneider and Chris Alvord, helped the sprint relay team to a 15 foot margin of victory in the Greater Boston Championships in our senior year. In our junior year, these same two helped set a Harvard record in the 440 relay, which was broken a couple of years later. John Gorham was also on the team, along with John Gordon, who ran track when he wasn't using that same speed on the soccer field. Gordon deserves special mention also for his and his family's generous contributions to Harvard, including the eponymous Gordon Indoor Track.

In the distance events, we had at least three great runners: Tom Spengler, Jon Enscoe and Dave Pottetti. At the indoor Heptagonals, Pottetti won the two mile in our junior year. In our senior year, Enscoe won the mile, and Spengler won the two-mile. In the outdoor Heps, in 1970, Enscoe won the mile, Spengler won the two mile, and Dugger and Johnson won the mile relay (with help from Colburn and Downer, both '70).

Pottetti set Harvard's steeplechase record, which, 40 years later, has been surpassed only once by a Harvard runner (Darrin Shearer in 1996). In high school, Pottetti set the national schoolboy record for the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Both of these records were in races at the Penn Relays, which was the major event in those days. For more on Dave Pottetti, please see the separate account of our cross-country team, below.

In our years, Harvard's track and field team, and its cross-country team, were unquestionably Harvard's best ever. I would rank both of them higher on my list from that perspective. However, teammates from other classes also made big contributions, such as Colburn and Shaw from 1970, and Hardin, Benka and Ajootian from 1969. That shared limelight explains my ranking of these two great teams.

10. Cross Country: Tom Spengler

Our class also led the finest cross-country team in Harvard history, although a tragedy overwhelms any other memory. We had two great long distance runners, Dave Pottetti and Tom Spengler, who were joined by Keith Colburn and Royce Shaw of the class of 1970 in the best years ever in Harvard cross-country competition. (All four were of course important members of the track and field team as well.) Their record, including an unparalleled 34 match winning streak and two Heptagonal victories, remains Harvard's best ever....by a mile.

Three of our classmates (Spengler, Pottetti and Jon Enscoe, with Pottetti earning All-American status) made major contributions in the 1968 NCAA championships, in which Harvard finished ninth overall. I believe that is Harvard's best national finish ever. The records on Harvard's cross-country web site unfortunately do not list this accomplishment.

The focus deserves to be on Pottetti. In college, he ran well against Liquori (Villanova, '71) and Frank Shorter (Yale, '69). He was widely acknowledged as Harvard's greatest distance runner ever. Again, college standards at the time were high. This was a time

of world champion college runners: Liquori was ranked number one in the world for the 1500 meters in 1969 and then again in 1971. Shorter won the Olympic marathon in 1972, the only time an American man has won that event. Our classmates competed against both of them.

As a high school runner, Pottetti beat Liquori in the Eastern Championships and the Penn Relays. Liquori had to set an all-time record at the Van

Cortland Park cross-country championships (a major event at that time), in that race of approximately 3 miles, to beat Pottetti by five seconds. When they were high school seniors, Liquori reached out to Pottetti, asking him to go to the same college (Liquori suggesting Penn) so that they could train together and challenge each other to new heights.

While at Harvard, despite his own success and that of the team he led, Pottetti gradually lost interest in competition. First, he trained by himself. Then by the fall of our senior year, while the unprecedented winning streak was still intact, he decided to quit the team. News of this astonishing decision spread quickly among elite college runners.

Members of Penn's track team were quoted at the time as saying that Pottetti's decision gave them hope, for the first time, of beating Harvard at their meet a few weeks later. And so they did, ending Harvard's 34 match winning streak.

Dave Pottetti passed away in January 1972, at Pound Ridge, New York. Tom Spengler was the captain our senior year. He had many great cross-country accomplishments as well, but I know he will forgive me for devoting all of this report to Dave.

11. Squash: Ed Atwood

Harvard won the national squash championship in all of our years at college.

In our senior year, they demolished a strong Penn team for the championship under the leadership of our classmate Ed Atwood as captain. Ed was All-Ivy, which in squash is comparable to All-American status in other sports (or at least it was in those days, before Trinity went pro). Incidentally, Ed also saw some action with our great soccer team.

Despite that perfect national record, they do not make my Top 10, which underscores the quality of the Top 10 teams.

There are two reasons why the squash team does not make my Top 10. First, Harvard had so many

talented squash players from other classes during our years, such as Anil Nayar '69, Larry Terell '70, Dave Fish '72 and Peter Briggs '73, that I cannot fairly attribute the team success primarily to our classmates. Ed Atwood and the late Jaime Gonzales from our class were stalwarts on the team, but players from other classes were important also. Second, Harvard squash has (until recently) won a great many national championships, so it is difficult to say that the teams in our years were better than many other Harvard squash teams. At the end of the day, their ranking suffers not from any inherent

shortcomings, of which there were none, but rather from the contributions of other great Harvard players then, and the success of many other Harvard squash teams over the decades.

12. Heavyweight Crew: Bill Hobbs and Tom Tiffany

I have to put our heavyweight crew in the same boat as our squash team (on second thought, maybe that should be the other way around). I cannot rank them in my Top

10. First, the good news. During our three years of varsity competition, Harvard won the EARC championships twice, and the Rowe Cup (for team success) twice. Already an Olympian before his sophomore year, Bill Hobbs was an important member of the varsity boat all three years. Tom Tiffany was the cox all three years. Erich Almas and Brian Johnson were also regulars in the number one boat. So that's more than a third of the varsity boat from our class, which is pretty good.

The difficulty is that our senior year was a mild disappointment. The varsity boat finished third at the EARCs, also known as the Sprints. This would be a good result for other colleges, but not for Harvard. Worse yet, the team as a whole did not win the Rowe Cup. As of the Eastern sprints, the new varsity boat did not yet have the right rowing chemistry. One factor was the loss of Erich Almas. After making big contributions to the varsity boat in our sophomore and junior years, Erich decided to concentrate full time on academics in our senior year, a decision that

reflects well on him and on Harvard.

But the race to greatness was not over. A week or two after the Sprints, they regrouped and rowed to an easy victory over Yale. The next year, Captain Bill Hobbs made America's eight man boat for the 1972 Olympics. That was the first American boat drawn from the best individual rowers that America had to offer. (Remember that in 1968, the Harvard boat was the US Olympic boat.) Hobbs and his American teammates won the silver medal at those Olympics. So in heavyweight crew, our classmates met my national test (two victories) and my international test (a silver medal), but they did not quite meet my Harvard test, a standard by which they must be judged as darn good, but not the most storied. Such is the greatness of Harvard rowing.

More recently, Brian Johnson's son Derek has followed in his wake, with one deviation. Derek made the US Junior National team in 2005 along with my nephew Clayton Sachs. They won the world championship in the eight man boat, the first US victory in 12 years. Derek went on to Yale, where he was the heavyweight captain. This year, Derek made both the US eight for the Pan Am games (October), and the US two man boat, with cox, for the World Championships (early September). See Row2K for the latest. As I said, the race is not over. (Postscript: Derek Johnson's US Eight won the gold medal at the Pan Am games.)

13. Sailing: Joe Worth

Until quite recently, only one Harvard sailor has ever been named College Sailor the Year, which is the Heisman Trophy for college sailing. That would be our classmate, Rob Doyle, or Robbie as he was known then. He was a famous junior sailor as a youngster, a star at Harvard, and as his later career confirms, truly devoted to the sport. He studied naval architecture

at MIT after we graduated, and then in 1982 he founded his own company, Doyle Sailmakers, a leading sailmaker worldwide. Take a look at his company's website if you want to see what talent, education and focus can create.

Doyle was a three time All-American and a three time New England single-handed champion. As a junior he won the North American single-handed championship (the first Harvard sailor to accomplish that feat) and the national collegiate title. He also won the national open single-handed championship, which was the first time a college sailor won that major trophy. In his spare time he sailed on an America's Cup team.

Another classmate, Abbott Reeve, was also one of Harvard's greatest sailors, and was elected to Harvard's Hall of Fame in 1995 along with Doyle. No Harvard class has ever had more than two sailors in Harvard's Hall of Fame. Joe Worth, Charles Koch and Phil DeNormandie were also important members of the sailing team. Joe has a particular distinction in my mind, since he had the honor of serving as Captain for this talented crew of sailors.

More recently, Harvard had another College Sailor of the Year named Doyle. Sean Doyle, Rob's nephew, won the honor in 2002. His father, Richard (Notre Dame) was College Sailor of the Year in 1970. That's a pretty good family record, but they need one more generation, at least, to match the Cetrulos in fencing.

I cannot state that our Harvard sailing team was the best ever. That honor belongs to the national champions of '59 and '74. Nonetheless, our class certainly had two of Harvard's best sailors ever; one was both a national champion and an international champion. Sailing was upgraded to major sport status while we were at Harvard, due in large part to the accomplishments of our classmates.

National and International Competitions And Honors

Taken separately, in the preceding narrative, the many national and international successes are too numerous to comprehend. So in this section I will summarize them in three separate groupings: NCAA tournaments, national championships in the few sports that never succumbed to the NCAA, and Olympic competitions. For the sake of brevity, I will leave out our professional athletes (Varney in major league baseball, and Szaro in the NFL) and a handful of other international competitions, such as Henley, Lucerne, and North American sailing.

1. Eleven NCAA Tournaments

In all of its athletic history, Harvard has had great difficulty winning even a single NCAA championship. In fact, not until 1989 did Harvard achieve this feat, when they won the NCAA hockey championship, with Lane MacDonald also winning the Hobey Baker award that year. That was the Holy Grail of the Harvard Athletic Department, so it gives me a convenient and overarching yardstick to measure our relative success against other Harvard teams over the years.

Remarkably, our class came close to winning several NCAA championships, with what I am sure is the finest record in NCAA competition in all of Harvard's history. Our classmates made eleven NCAA tournament appearances.

Let's start with some major sports, where we qualified for six NCAA tournaments: three in soccer, two in hockey, one in baseball. That's six times in nine total opportunities for our classmates in those major sports, which is an incredible record, particularly since the hockey tournament had only four teams and the baseball tournament was only eight teams. Our classmates made three Final Fours: once in soccer and twice in hockey. They missed the baseball equivalent of the Final Four by one run (finishing fifth in the College World Series). NCAA championships were within reach in all three sports, usually just one goal or one run out of our grasp. In our senior year, Harvard's overall record in those three widely played sports was better than any other college in the country.

Our three fencing classmates did even better, leading Harvard to a second place finish in the

1969 NCAA fencing championships, followed by two fourth place finishes in our junior and senior years. In the 1969 championship, Harvard was just two touches behind the winner, out of 150 bouts. Two touches out of approximately 500 touches: that has to be the narrowest margin ever in the NCAA championships.

The most fascinating result, perhaps, belongs to the track and field team. With a squad of only four athletes, Harvard finished third in the 1970 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, behind perennial champions Kansas and Villanova. The cross-country team finished ninth in the 1968 NCAA championships, which I believe is the best finish ever for Harvard in that sport.

Nine times (out of eleven total tries) we came close to an NCAA championship:

Two second place finishes (1969 fencing and 1969 soccer) Two third place finishes (1970 track and 1969 hockey)

Three fourth place finishes (1971 hockey, 1970 and 1971 fencing) Two fifth place finishes (1971 baseball and 1971 soccer)

The two soccer finishes (second and fifth) involve a little math. Trust me: the second place finish in 1969 is accurate, and the fifth place finish in 1970 could be viewed as a third or a fourth. I could show you the mathematical proof but I don't have enough space.

With all of these near misses, one has to ask why did we not achieve just one NCAA championship, which would have been the first ever for Harvard? There is only one rational answer, and

it's quite simple. The Fates intervened. They did so for our own benefit, knowing that mankind needs a patient soul. As Duke Ellington put it, "Fate is being kind to me. Fate doesn't want me to be too famous too young."

2. Eight National Championships

Two of Harvard's best team sports, squash and crew, do not have NCAA championships, but they do have national championships. How did our classmates fare in those competitions?

Our squash team won the national championship all three years. In crew, the lightweight boat won the unofficial national lightweight championship three straight years. The heavyweight boat won the unofficial championship two out of three years.

That's a pretty good record: eight out of nine possible national championships. Still, two of those three teams do not make our Top 10, demonstrating once again the quality, depth and range of the Class of 1971.

There were also several championships in sports that feature individual competition. Our two figure skaters, Allen and Petkevich, won three national championships between them, along with seven second place finishes, a third place and a fourth place. In sailing, Rob Doyle won the North American Sailing Championship along with other competitions that were merely national.

3. Six Olympians, Six Olympics

We had several Olympians in our class--more than you might realize. In all, six Olympians from our class competed in three Winter Olympics ('64, '68, '72) and three Summer Olympics ('68, '72, '76). They participated in four different sports and won two medals. This compares quite favorably with any other Harvard class. I believe it is the greatest number of Olympians for any one Harvard class, after completing a thorough check of the records, but I did not do a precise count.

Scott Allen won a bronze medal in figure skating in 1964, when he was only 14 years old. Misha Petkevich made the Olympics twice in figure skating, in 1968 and then again in

1972--somehow keeping his edge in the sport, which requires constant practice, during our years at Harvard. Petkevich studied a bit as well--enough to win a Rhodes Scholarship in 1972.

In rowing, Bill Hobbs competed twice in the Olympics, in 1968 (pairs with cox), resulting in a fifth place finish and again in 1972 on the eight man boat, which won a silver medal. I believe Bill is still the youngest Harvard rower ever to make the Olympics. Charles Hewitt rowed in the 1972 Olympics as a member of the four man boat, with cox. Geza Tatrallyay, another Rhodes Scholar, made the Canadian Olympic team in fencing and competed in the 1976 Olympics. Rob Doyle made the 1968 Olympics as a member of the U.S. sailing team.

In addition to these Olympians, there's an equally large list of other classmates who could have made Olympic teams in my judgment.

First and foremost is Dave Pottetti. Had tragedy not intervened, he would have been a good candidate for the 1972 Olympic track team and perhaps a medal contender.

Joe Cavanagh was selected for the 1972 Olympic hockey team but he broke his wrist during training. Our entire line of Cavanagh, DeMichele and Owen could have made the 1972 Olympic team. They were the best line in college hockey.

Our soccer players played evenly, head to head, against two of America's best Olympians (Al Trost and Mike Seerey of St. Louis), and had a better record than the University of San Francisco team that had three Olympians. Bill Meyers could have been the American goalie--and his backup, Shep Messing, was the American Olympic goalie.

Solomon Gomez (along with Charlie Thomas, '72) would have played for The Gambia if they had fielded a team.

In fencing, Tom Keller and Larry Cetrulo almost certainly could have joined Geza Tatrallyay at the Olympics, if they had not put their careers first. The US Olympic fencing teams in 1972 and 1976 included nine different fencers who lost matches to Keller in foil or Cetrulo in saber.

Our Other Teams

Even a cursory review of our other five teams discloses hints of greatness. Here I do not rank these teams, other than to say they were all good, as their records confirm.

1. Wrestling: Patrick Coleman

The wrestling team did well, producing an excellent record with contributions from Pat Coleman, Mark Faller, Michael Slutzker, Dean Sheppard, Jim Cain, Bart Harvey, Tony Rayner and Tom Tripp. Coleman and Faller were All-Ivy.

As sophomores, they filled a majority of the varsity slots: six of the ten weight classes were represented by members of our class. In our senior year, they had a truly great record, with 15 wins against only 4 losses. This is arguably Harvard's best wrestling season ever. The 1931-32 team was 6-1-1, but that was in the old days. A couple of teams in the early 80's went 17-4 and 15-4, but their Ivy League records were not distinguished (2-3 and 3-2, respectively). Our guys were 5-1 in Ivy competition, and placed higher in the NCAAs than those teams.

As in other sports, there were interesting accomplishments after our graduation. Mark Faller was a member of the 1976 US Greco-Roman wrestling team. Mark also coached two high school wrestlers who went on to win gold medals in the 1984 Olympics.

But as with cross-country, the focus should be on one of our classmates who is no longer with us.

In his brief life, John Imrie gave Harvard one of its greatest moments ever in a national wrestling competition. For the story, I can do no better than quote from our 25th Anniversary Report:

"A highlight of his two year tenure [at Harvard] was his seventh place in the 1969 NCAA wrestling championships. After hitchhiking to Utah with classmate Mark Faller, Imrie weighed in at eight pounds above his usual 191-pound classification, thereby unexpectedly becoming a heavy-weight. Successively pinning three 235-, 245- and 240-pound conference champions before losing, he earned Harvard's most tournament points since 1953."

To date, John is the only wrestler in Harvard's history to be named an All-American as a heavy-weight. John and Mark Faller went through three snowstorms on that cross-country trip to the NCAA's, thumbs out, huddled on the side of the road. In Laramie, Wyoming, the truck they were riding in skidded off the road and tipped over on its side.

Once there, both participated in the championships. After three victories, Imrie was eliminated from the NCAA tournament by Jeff Smith, who finished second that year. Smith, a wrestling legend at Michigan State, is in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Be sure to see the YouTube video in which Mark describes the trip and Imrie's NCAA results. The video can be found by going to Flowrestling.org (one W in that name) and clicking on "speakers." You will find a page for Mark which includes tabs to his videos, one of which is captioned "hitch hiked to the NCAA's." Don't miss it.

That John Imrie had to hitchhike more than 2,000 miles to the tournament, in the snow, and then wrestle the big guys, thirty and forty pounds above his weight, says a lot about his spirit. It makes me think of those fabulous midnight Tarzan yells in our freshman year, reverberating around the quad, full of life, strength and joy. I still wonder who that was.

2. Lacrosse: Rick Frisbie (Junior and Senior Years)

Ben Zuckerman scored 23 goals in one season for our lacrosse team, one of which was the last minute winning goal in a dramatic 10-9 victory over Yale. In addition to his football career, noted earlier, Rick Frisbie was a star lacrosse player--an All-American in fact, along with Zuckerman. He captained the team (two years) and recently made a major gift to Harvard that has endowed the position of Lacrosse Coach.

He won six varsity letters in two major sports and then went directly into Harvard Law School three months after our graduation.

Don Gogel started on defense for four years. In his spare time he studied enough to earn a summa degree, and he was a Rhodes Scholar to boot. While at Oxford University on the Rhodes, he led their lacrosse team and their basketball team to national championships in the UK. I'm counting those as international victories for Harvard in lacrosse and basketball. (Forget what I said earlier about Harry Calbom winning Harvard's "only" international crown in basketball.)

Cle Landolt, Ted Rumsey, John Cosentino, the late and beloved Bill Bennett, Bucky Hayes, Chris Doyle and others from our class also handled themselves well on the field. In our senior year, the team had eight wins and three losses. They beat Princeton, a perennial lacrosse power, three years in a row.

Before I leave the lacrosse team, I must point out that a number of guys on this team have been particularly generous in their contributions to Harvard over a great many years. Throughout this report I mention some of the many college honors and achievements outside of sports, and the sustained support for Harvard in the forty years since our graduation, not just to give classmates the recognition they deserve, but also to provide a fuller picture of the Class of '71 as a whole.

3. Tennis: Bill Washauer (1971) Chris Nielsen (1972)

The tennis team had only two shots at the New England championships, since the event was cancelled in our junior year. (That was in the wake of the Cambodia invasion and the Kent State tragedy. Our lacrosse team forfeited their final games that year, and honorably so, for the same reason.) So our classmates did the best they could...winning the New England championships both times. Captain Bill Washauer at number one had a good record, including a victory over Princeton's top player. Chris Nielsen was good enough to be co-captain of the team in 1972 with Dave Fish, '72, who went on to

become Harvard's tennis coach.

Joe Cavanagh (who couldn't lift a racket in the winter due to hockey) and Bill Brock (who couldn't lift a racket in the fall due to soccer) were important members of the team-- Cavanagh had at least one undefeated season high up on the ladder, and played as high as number two. In their three varsity years, our classmates produced records of 11-4, 10-2 and 12-6, even including losses during their early spring practice trip down south, where they played top teams such as Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Clemson. Needless to say, those southern teams were at the peak of their game in the early spring, and did not have to struggle through the New England winter in the preceding months.

4. Swimming and Diving: Michael Cahalan (Junior and Senior Years)

In swimming and diving, our classmates put together a solid three year record of 21-11 over their varsity career. Michael Cahalan (captain twice over) was first team All- Ivy in the 50 meter free, and so was Steve Krause in the 1650 meter free.

5. Golf: Fred Sherman

Fred Sherman and Steve Owen helped produce very strong records for our golf team in our sophomore and junior years (11-3 and 11-3), although I have to note that there were some good players in the two classes ahead of us. In our senior year, the record declined to 7 wins, 6 losses, but four losses (Princeton, Yale, Brown and Penn) were by close margins--an average of just 6 or 7 strokes, meaning about one stroke per player over 18 holes.

Fred still plays the game well. These days his handicap index hovers around 4, even though he does not have much free time for the game.

6. Rugby: Phil Ordway Greg Sandomirsky

As an unofficial sport, the rugby team is a special case. Phil Ordway, Greg Sandomirsky, Dick Barrett, Ben Zuckerman and Bucky Hayes were regulars, along with Hal Clark, Jeremy Platt, Jamie Plunkett and others named below in this report. They had one or two great seasons,

including the fall of our senior year, when they were undefeated: seven wins, no losses, and one tie (against Yale), with the highlight being a late season victory over undefeated Brown.

The Yale game was an interesting story. Coming into the game, Harvard was undefeated, while Yale had lost a game or two. Yale decided to fortify its team, for that one game only, with a couple of big, fast guys who had played serious rugby in Europe and were in top shape. They had absolutely no connection with Yale. Despite these highly skilled ringers, the best that Yale could manage was a tie. So, for the second time in our college years, a tie with Yale was clearly an outright victory for Harvard. Somehow, the Yalies have managed to identify themselves as the Ivy League Rugby champions for our senior year, on the recently created Ivy Rugby website. Not so....Harvard was the champion that year.

In some respects, our rugby classmates may have had the best overall sports experience. Hal Clark enjoyed it so much he played on the team for about six years. Various lacrosse and football players were spotted joining the team (fall for the lacrosse guys, spring for the football players), to get in a few more hits. Bezo Cutler played in a few rugby matches after soccer season, and despite two surgeries, he says he still has great memories. International players from Harvard's various grad schools played as well. In most years, our classmates dominated the back line, while the international guys played forward positions (though mostly for home games...oddly, the international grad students didn't travel well). Roy Hope, Tony Farrell, John O'Grady and John Perkins also played on the team.

The team would occasionally find rooms, or provide sleeping bags, for visiting players who stayed overnight. They did everything themselves--scheduling, travel arrangements, rooms on the road. Sandomirsky, who was the President for a couple of years, remembers that they even had to beg for socks and towels from the Athletic Department.

Despite their unofficial status, they were allowed to use the Harvard stadium for their international

match against a renowned French team, the Racing Club.

Then there was Sione Tupounuia, '69, from Tonga (by way of Putney) who was captain in our sophomore year. He added pig roasts and some sort of post-game dance to the mix, before going to Cambridge University in England on a Marshall Scholarship. That resulted in the entire team rejoining him via a spring trip to England and Scotland in our senior year. They played university teams, including Edinburgh and Aberdeen. The Aberdeen match, which ended in a 3-3 tie, took place at Richmond Stadium outside London and was well covered by the London Times, among other newspapers. (One observer said of Jamie Plunkett, then sporting long hair, that he "looked like Jesus but ran like the Devil").

Spring trips were a tradition: they also made spring trips to Jamaica and Nassau, where they trained with matches against opponents such as the Jamaican Army team.

Sione was in the news last year (2010) when he ran for Prime Minister of Tonga. A victory in that race would, I am sure, have caused all of our rugby classmates to pack for another spring trip, to Tonga.

Rugby is a tough and demanding sport. There were broken bones and other injuries along the way. I'm surprised our rugby classmates are still standing, and for that matter I'm surprised Claverly 19 is still standing after all those rugby parties. Since it is designated as a club sport I cannot give it official weight in this report, but if it were part of Harvard's official records, I'm sure our guys would rank as the best.

Note to Greg, Phil and the rest of our ruggers: You guys get a little extra ink in this report to give all of you the credit that you have long deserved, for doing it all by yourselves and doing it well. You may not have had Harvard's official support, but you have mine.

Conclusion: The Greatest Class Ever

The tale is now told. The evidence is overwhelming. Our class has the finest athletic record in a century and a half of Harvard athletics. And the greatness of our classmates was of epic quality. They were showered with national honors and successful in international combat.

Scores of years later, even as our own memories fade, their story has only grown in national importance.

I start with the 29-29 victory over Yale. Nothing will ever surpass that, and our classmates delivered that historic triumph.

Then I take the first ten teams on my list (soccer at number one all the way through cross-country at number ten). I highlight these ten not for any arbitrary numerical reason but rather because these teams are among the greatest Harvard teams ever in their sport, right up to this very moment in time. Seven or eight of the ten are Harvard's best ever in that sport, and the others are all at least in the top three all-time for Harvard, with a good claim to best-ever status. I yield only to the 1989 NCAA champion hockey team, and, nominally, to the 2011 basketball team.

These ten include all of the major national sports: football, baseball, soccer, hockey, and basketball. Mathematically, these ten great teams represent at least half of the total number of men's athletic teams that Harvard typically assembles for intercollegiate competition, and more than half if you allow me to count figure skating. That's truly extraordinary. No other Harvard class has ever been close to this record.

Emotionally these ten teams carry far greater historical weight than any simple mathematical exercise would imply. They encompass all of the sports that are at the core of Harvard's athletic history.

Even that perspective excludes the unique and overwhelming glory of that Yale game, which defies any measurement. Who with crimson blood in his veins would exclude a triumph that relegates 140 years of Yale football to the dustbin of history? How could anyone ignore a game in which Harvard's defense shut down Calvin Hill, thus outperforming the entire NFL,

and showed that Yale's god, Brian Dowling, was a mere mortal?

The next three teams after those first ten (squash, heavyweight rowing and sailing) were also great, producing five national champions, one North American champion, and important individual honors including an Olympic silver medal. As compared with my top ten, the only difference is that I cannot say that they were clearly one of Harvard's top three teams in their sport, despite their national success. At almost any other college in the country, they would stand at Homeric levels. Finally, the remaining five teams were much better than the customary levels of Harvard quality, so there is not the slightest opening for a critic. One of them, our wrestling team, may still be Harvard's greatest ever.

These classmates accomplished a great deal off the field as well. Three were Rhodes Scholars; many graduated with honors and high honors; most obtained graduate degrees after college. In our senior year some gave up the sport they loved in order to concentrate on their academic work with the same intensity that they previously devoted to sport. Like the rest of our classmates, they pursued their careers with intensity, and in the forty years since our graduation, they have supported Harvard in many ways.

Mark my words: President Pusey was wrong about our class. On the field, through these many battles and triumphs, and off the field, in battles far more important that will always remain in our memory, we brought fair Harvard honor and glory and raised the university to heights that were truly Olympian.

In our years at college, Harvard's paradise was not lost, but rather regained.

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Nesto Scrapbook

Dick Nesto, '71, precociously understood he was participating in Harvard's golden soccer era and kept his own scrapbook, elements of which are shared here, including the work of Boston Globe momentary reporter Zero Hero Bill Meyers.

1967 FRESHMEN SQUAD



Crimson Soccer Team Roms Over B.U., 6-0; Five Players Score; Entire Squad Shines

BY MARTIN R. GARAY

The varsity soccer team put on its most dazzling performance of the season last night, as it romped over Boston University, 6-0, at the Terrier's Dickinson Field.

The Crimson scored its six goals in the first half, proving that neither the dim night conditions nor quick slippery Astro-turf could deter a potent offense. Harvard sophomore Charlie Thomas led in scoring with two goals.

After seeing the wet Astro-turf, Coach Bruce Munro was scared that Harvard might have a difficult time with the Terriers. "But they showed awesome power; they started passing and it happened," he said.

Coach Munro provided a possible catalyst when he started the second team. "I wanted to show the first team how B.U. looked. I wanted to let them see what they were up against," he said.

The second team jumped on the field, and aggressively challenged the Terriers. They started a sizzling pace that the crack Terrier defense could not contain. Second string inside Left Dick Nesto

drove in the first goal at 7:45. The next five goals were knocked in by an angry first team.

Twenty-three seconds after Nesto's goal, Charlie Thomas drove in his first of two. His long shot from the corner fooled the Terrier goalie.

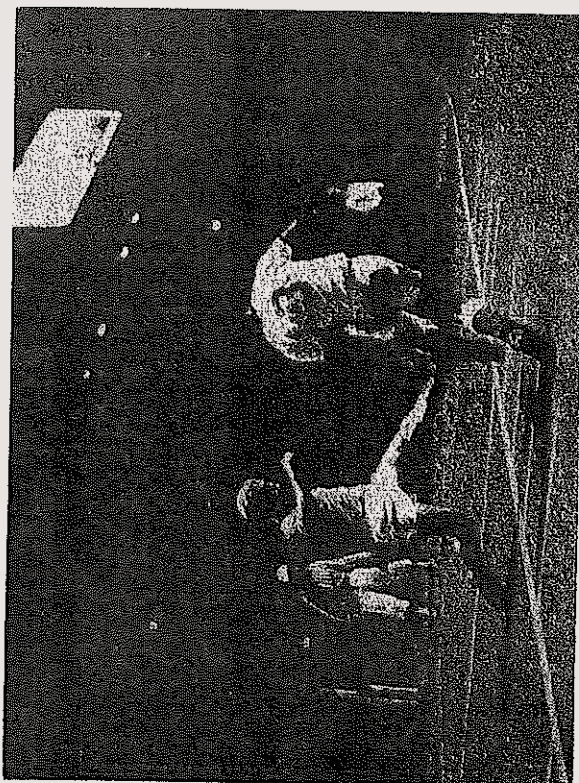
Even though the pace was quick, the Crimson kept control of the ball. Their hustle kept them ahead of the skidding, wet ball and they put so much pressure on the starting Terrier goalie that he had to be replaced.

Phil Kydes scored the next goal for Harvard, taking a long pass from Charlie Thomas. It made the score 3-0 and the first period still had two minutes to go.

The final three goals were scored in the second period by the Crimson's talented three—Solomon Gomez, Pete Bogovich and Charlie Thomas.

With such a comfortable margin, Coach Munro was able to substitute liberally, and he did. Everybody but one goalie saw action and he was waiting to go in when time ran out.

Looking ahead to Ivy competition, Munro smiled and said, "We're better than this."



A frustrated Terrier tries to take the ball away from the Crimson's nimble-footed SOLOMON GOMEZ. The Terriers tried all night to steal the ball away from the Crimson, but they didn't even get a bone.

SPORTS

BUD COLLINS

Harvard Key: 'Zero Hero'

By international standards, the world's favorite sport — soccer — is a letdown at Harvard. Nobody burns down the grandstand or threatens the officials' lives. No riots or bloodshed. Of course Harvard has other outlets and locations for such exuberant activities, but the soccer field isn't one of them.

Before you get the idea that soccer is dull and unappreciated by the Cambridge sporting crowd, you should know that the Harvard footsy team is among the country's best (No. 3 to be currently exact) and has the aficionados extremely excited. "They've got me very uptight and smoking more than



BRUCE MUNRO

I should when I'm trying to quit," said a man named Bruce Munro, who fidgets through all their games. "As much as I'd like to see the boys go unbeaten (they are 7-0), I think it would be better if somebody scored against them. The pressure is building up; it really is."

What he means is that Harvard's shutout streak now stretches six games — over nine hours — and the line of zeroes looks like the tailend of an Onassis bank statement.

No One Asks Soccer Coach

Seldom is Munro asked for his views on the subject, because he's only the coach, and when does anybody ever quote a soccer coach in the United States? "Well," smiled Munro, "I think it was seven years ago. We get a story about once every seven years. The last time was 1962 when our All-American from Nigeria, Chris Ohiri, was setting scoring records." In virtual anonymity during his 22 seasons, Munro has totted up a 147-72 record, but the possibilities of this team are beyond anything of the past.

With four games to go, they could be Harvard's first undefeated soccer team and national champion. The Harvards will enter the National Intercollegiate playoffs and have a good shot at reaching the title round in San Jose, Calif., in December. Only St. Louis and San Francisco rank above Munro's people. Harvard will never make the Rose Bowl in football again, but San Jose in soccer isn't bad.

The sun shines there, too. That's what Bill Meyers, the Crimson's oppressive goalkeeper, was thinking yesterday at lunch. "December in San Jose is a very nice thought," he said, "but we can't let ourselves think about it much right now. We've got Penn Saturday, the No. 4 team in the country, then Princeton, Brown and Yale. Then we'd have to win three tournament games to qualify for the trip to California."

The way Meyers is going, Munro may as well make the reservations.

Breaking Scorers' Hearts

Ohiri broke scoring records in his day, but Meyers a big kid from Andover with long sideburns and even longer arms, is breaking scorers' hearts more methodically. Getting the ball by Meyers, who is 6-3 and weighs 195, is tougher than sliding a beer past a thirsty Australian.

The wide mouth of a soccer goal — 24 feet — has lockjaw when Meyers is on duty. He lunges, dives, soars after balls headed for the nets and has missed only three of them — all in the same game, the opener against Tufts.

Dick Locksley, the captain, was supposed to be the goalie this year, but the day before the Tufts game he was ruled off with low blood pressure. "I immediately developed a case of high blood pressure," says coach Munro.

"But we were lucky. Bill Meyers was ready to step in and he's done a marvelous job. You have to have luck to do what he's done — as well as skill, and a good defense in front of him. Everything has gone well for him."

It didn't at first. Meyers, a junior who learned to play soccer in the fifth grade at Pike School in Andover, found himself behind Tufts, 3-2. "Frankly we didn't look for them to be that tough," he says, "but we rallied to win, 5-3."

No Goals in 10 Hours

And following the Tufts' third goal, everything went blank for the opposition and has stayed that way for nearly 10 hours.

"Tufts last score was at 17:10 of the third period," says B. B. Pittenge, Harvard's admirable propagandist, "and it's been a blitz for Meyers the rest of the way — six 88-minute games following Tufts and a total of 55 minutes and 50 seconds. Or nine hours, 14 minutes and 50 seconds if you prefer."

Meyers has no preference. The zero hero, a pre-med student who is currently engrossed in a book with "a marvelous plot" (Morrison & Boyd's "Organic Chemistry"), says, "I really don't give it much thought. I know I've got six straight shutouts, but I don't have it figured to the second. Without the defense — Phil Axten, Bill Brock and Bobby Gray — I'd be getting bombed."

Munro thinks, "one goal soon would reduce a lot of the pressure — but one is enough."

But Meyers says he feels no pressure. At Lawrence General Hospital, during the Summer, he worked as a scrub technician in the operating room. "You know, you hand the instruments to the surgeon. He says 'scalpel' and you hand it over. You've seen it in the movies," Meyers has great hands. Since he didn't drop a scalpel or suture all Summer, why should he have trouble handling every soccer ball that comes his way? But one day he will, and nobody is sure how the Harvard crowd will react to that. It seems like years since anybody scored on Meyers. When it does happen the faithful may catch up with the rest of the soccer world by going berserk.

SOCCER TEAM BEATS PENN, 3-1, TO TAKE IVY LEAGUE LEAD

IVY STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Harvard	4	0	0	8	14	1
Pennsylvania	3	1	0	6	11	7
Brown	2	1	1	5	10	8
Cornell	2	1	1	5	5	8
Columbia	1	2	1	3	6	6
Dartmouth	1	3	0	2	6	13
Yale	0	2	2	2	5	9
Princeton	0	3	1	1	6	11

Exploding for three goals within six minutes, Harvard's undefeated soccer team went on to record its eighth consecutive victory, and its most important of the season, over previously unbeaten Pennsylvania, 3-1, before a partisan crowd of 6,000 at Franklin Field last Saturday.

Eying its first Ivy title since 1963, the Crimson boosted its league record to 4-0 to remain atop the standings, and dissolve a first-place tie with Penn.

To set the stage for what Harvard coach Bruce Munro labeled as "the game of the year in the Ivies," Harvard was ranked third in the nation and Penn fourth in the UPI's weekly poll.

Sophomore Phil Kydes (S. Norwalk, Conn.) connected for Harvard's first goal, but it was the talented foot of All-Ivy forward Solomon Gomez (Bathurst, Gambia) that sparked the Crimson's victory.

During the opening minutes of the game it was all Penn, as the Red and Blue repeatedly pressured goalie Bill Meyers (Andover). But the Crimson defense, led by Bill Broch (Grosse Pointe, Mich.), was equal to the test, thwarting three potential Red and Blue scoring opportunities.

After some minor adjustments between periods, Harvard's attack put it all together in the second quarter, coming up with its three tallies, the most scored against Penn this season.

The Crimson applied the pressure from the outset, and after two shots were blocked by Penn goalie Dan Beigel, Kydes finally hit the nets at 3:52. Sophomore Charlie Thomas (Bathurst, Gambia) took a corner kick from the right of the Penn goal, Kydes, perfectly placed just past the goal mouth, leaped and scored with a tremendous head shot. Beigel didn't have a chance.

Gomez scored what proved to be the winner at 7:18 in a direct kick from 20-yards out. He blasted the free kick high off the finger tips of Beigel, it hit the cross bar, and dropped into the net.

Less than two minutes later Gomez, the leading scorer in the Ivies, came right back

with another goal at 9:03, as he broke through Penn's defensive wall with some fancy footwork, then beat the goal tender on a 10 yard shot into the left corner.

"That third goal was really the turning point of the game," comments Munro, "it came so quickly, it just destroyed Penn's momentum."

The Red and Blue, however, would not quit. It fought back in the third period, and at 3:14, Bruno Vogt ended the amazing shutout streak of goalie Meyers. It was the first goal scored against Harvard since its opener, and the first against Meyers in 624 minutes and three seconds.

"It happened so fast," says the personable net-minder, "I just wasn't able to position myself in time." Munro looked at it differently. "I'm glad we finally got it out of the way; the pressure was just too much."

Just when it looked as if the Red and Blue was about to notch its second goal of the period, sophomore Phil Axten (Wellesley) made the play of the day. Meyers left the net to chase the ball, but before he could reach it, a Penn forward kicked it toward the goal. Axten raced back into the net, and headed out a sure score.

Harvard again took charge late in the last period, and controlled the ball for the final five minutes, putting an end to Penn's hopes for a comeback victory.

Princeton, led by Steve Davidson with 17 goals, will provide the next hurdle for the Crimson, Saturday morning in a home encounter, and the Tigers don't figure to play dead. They were beaten by Penn only 2-1, and tied defending champion Brown, 1-1, in their most recent outings. Harvard took a big step toward a title by beating Penn, but the Crimson isn't "in" yet.

SOCCER SUMMARY

Nov. 1 Harvard 3, Pennsylvania 1
Score by periods: First Period: No Score. Second Period: Harvard — Kydes, 3:52 (Thomas); Harvard — Gomez, 7:18 (unassisted); Harvard — Gomez, 9:03 (unassisted). Third Period: Penn — Vogt, 3:14 (unassisted). Fourth Period: No Score. Saves: Harvard — Meyers, 9; Penn — Beigel, 9.

SOCCER SCORING

Gomez	10	Bell	1
Thomas	8	Nesto	1
Bogovich	6	Sawhill	1
Kydes	5	Runyan	1

Assists: Kydes 10, Thomas 5, Gomez 4, Bogovich 3, Detora 2, Hardy 1, Brock 1, Ferner 1, Gordon 1, Runyan 1.

Powers of the Press

By JOHN L. POWERS

The signs were all over the place. You couldn't walk past a bookstore or an eating place near Chestnut Street without seeing one.

PENN, ranked fourth in the nation, versus HARVARD, ranked third in the nation. They were placards, painted red and blue, advertising what was not only going to be the showdown for the Ivy soccer title, but a preview of the NCAA tournament later this month.

It has become customary for Penn to go wild over any sport in which it is currently doing well, and soccer is no exception this fall. In Franklin Field last Saturday morning, almost 7000 spectators watched Harvard and Penn, two superb soccer teams, fight it out on the the Quakers' Astroturf. They were watching collegiate soccer at its best, and they knew it.

The Crimson is almost shamefully talented. Coach Bruce Munro has several reserves that would be welcome starters on most other Ivy teams. And until Saturday, Harvard had shut out six consecutive opponents. A partial reason may have been the 4-3-3 alignment which Harvard has installed as its system. Even when the versatile formation puts an emphasis on defense, the Crimson forward line of Pete Bogovich, Solomon Gomez, Charlie Thomas and Phil Kydes scores anyway.

Harvard's halfbacks can move like forwards. Its fullback unit is impregnable. And goalie Bill Meyers is a sure All-Ivy performer, if not All-American.

So Harvard brought its unbeaten team to Philadelphia last Saturday for its first real test of the season. And Penn was the opponent Harvard needed.

The shutout string dissolved in the third period, when Meyers was beaten on a long free kick. And although after the second period Harvard was never in any real danger of losing, Penn was bringing out the best in the Crimson with an aggressive, long-kicking game that gave the fullbacks plenty of business. Long kicks will rarely defeat a strong opponent, especially if he is playing a 4-3-3 defense. But Penn was almost forced into that strategy by the Harvard front line, with Gomez and Thomas continually threatening to break loose on the wing.

It would have been foolish to experiment with Harvard's prowess in the forward unit, but it was equally as futile to attempt to beat the defense. Gomez put two goals past and Kydes headed in a third during a 1:48 period in the second quarter. Penn never recovered.

So now only three Ivy teams stand between the Crimson and its first Ivy title since the days of Chris Ohiri in the early '60's. Princeton will be tough. The Tigers fought Penn with determination before losing 2-1 two weeks ago. Brown is weaker than usual, but it has never been an easy match. Yale has been decimated by injuries, but may be able to put something together.

So the road is by no means clear. A loss to any one lets Penn into the Ivy race again, and will hurt the Crimson's third-place ranking in national polls.

And even after the Ivy title is won, if it is won, there will be the regional matches to decide entrants for the NCAA tournament in San Jose. Vermont, Springfield and Brown will most likely be the New England competitors. Penn will be one of the four representatives from the Middle Atlantic region.

And if Harvard makes it to San Jose, San Francisco State and St. Louis, two perennial soccer powerhouses, will be waiting there. The Crimson clearly has a long way to go.

But there is a loose cohesiveness, not unlike the mood of the Crimson cross-country squad, that surrounds the team. Last year, a writer for the *Daily Pennsylvanian* remarked that Harvard had the only forward line in college soccer that was not on speaking terms with each other. Such is not the case this year.

Saturday evening, when the squad had an extra hour before catching the flight to Boston, it headed for the electric soccer game in Philadelphia International Airport. Within moments, Kydes was scoring on Richie Locksley with shocking regularity. The boys take the game seriously.

Harvard, Penn to Meet For Ivy Soccer Lead

Harvard's undefeated soccer team jumped into third place with 262 points in the national UPI standings this week, behind St. Louis University (7-0) with 304 points and San Francisco (10-0) with 262 points. The University of Pennsylvania (7-0) is in fourth place, five points behind Harvard.

Harvard and Pennsylvania, tied for first place in the Ivy League, clash Saturday in a match that could decide the Ivy championship. Harvard's de-

fense blanked Dartmouth, 4-0, last Saturday to remain unscored upon in the last 26 periods.

Obviously looking ahead to the match against Harvard, Penn barely edged Princeton, 2-1.

Solomon Gomez of Harvard picked a goal and two assists to take over the Ivy scoring lead. Peter Bogovich and Phil Kydes, also of Harvard, are tied for fourth place with four points apiece.

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Cornell		1	1	1	4	5	
Yale		0	2	0	2	10	
Princeton		0	3	0	2	12	
Dartmouth		0	3	0	2	12	



Happiness is



... Phil Kydes (7) after scoring the Crimson's first goal against Penn ... "Zero Hero" Bill Meyers, bottom left, keeper of the Crimson nets ... coach Bruce Munro and Dick Nesto, top, counting off the seconds to victory ... and All-Ivy forward Solomon Gomez, bottom, sparking the Crimson with two goals.

(Photos by Raphael)



November 12, 1969

NCAA tourney booters have the horses



HARVARD SOCCER SQUAD—From left, front, John Gorfner, Solomon Gomez, Charles Thomas, Robert Gray; third row, Bruce DeFera, Dick Nesto, Phil Kydes; second row, Don Ferner, Dick Axten, Jim Sawhill, Norman Harrower, Bill Meyers; manager John Tomford, coach Bruce Munro.

Wilmot is the sweeper back—playing closest to the goal tender—and he recently returned to the starting lineup after overcoming an injury. He took the place of sophomore Phil Axten from Wellesley.

The goal tender is junior Billy Meyers, a 6-2, 190-pounder from Andover, who registered six straight shutouts during the Crimson surge.

Team captain is Dick Locksley from Alma, Mich. Dick has been suffering from a low blood pressure problem all season and hasn't played.

Munro said, "Locksley still makes a major contribution to the team. He makes just about every game and practice and has been very helpful."

How does a team get so much talent at once?

"We were just lucky," said Munro.

"We don't recruit players, but they keep coming to Harvard. We just happen to have a great group."

"What has happened in recent years is that former players who have been graduated have been selling Harvard soccer all around the world."

"Years ago Harvard was among the first colleges to go along with the foreign exchange student plan. Students from different countries came here and liked it. And I know for a fact that they are talking others into attending Harvard."

Munro's career record is 149 wins, 72 losses and 22 ties. Hard to beat. His soccer philosophy is simple.

"We believe in the short pass, team play and ball control. This club does all those things well."

"We have a basic defense where one

fullback (sweeper back) plays just a bit in back of the other two fullbacks. No matter what the other team tries to do against us, we believe we have something to check it. Our defense has been very sharp this year, and Meyers has been just great. Sum it all up, and it's a combination of talent and team play."

Munro never scouts an opponent. He trains his club so it can adjust quickly to just about anything.

"Once in a while if we know an opponent has a great scorer we may put a man on him," said Munro. "Just like in basketball, we can play a zone or man-to-man defense. Once in a great while we'll try man-to-man on certain players."

"Basically, we just go out on the field to play our game. As soon as we see the other guys doing something different we adjust. That's all there is to it."

The Crimson team seeks its 10th in a row at Brown Saturday. Then it plays Southern Connecticut at Harvard Monday in the opening round of the District One N.C.A.A. playoffs. After that it plays at Yale a week from Friday.

The team is taking everything one game at a time. Its objectives, in this order: the Ivy League title; qualification to represent the East in the N.C.A.A.'s at San Jose, Calif.; and . . . who knows . . . maybe a national championship.

Harvard's soccer record

5	Tufts	3	3	Penn	1
3	Williams	0	3	Princeton	2
5	UConn	0	0	Nov. 16 at Brown	
6	Boston U.	0	0	Nov. 17 So. Ct. at	
2	Columbia	0	0	Harvard (1st Rd	
5	Cornell	0	0	NCAA)	
4	Dartmouth	0	0	Nov. 21 at Yale	

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THE HARVARD CRIMSON

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Undeclared Harvard Soccer Team Tromces Yale, 3-0, at New Haven

By ANDREW JAMISON
(Special to the CRIMSON)

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Nov. 21—The undeclared Harvard soccer team picked up a cheap goal midway through the first quarter and waltzed in from there to overwhelm an outclassed Yale squad, 3-0, today in icy New Haven.

Inside right Phil Kydes took a pass in front of the Yale goal and bounced it through the hands of Eli goalie George Love to put the Crimson booters on the scoreboard with a bit over 13 minutes to play in the opening period. After that, the game was out of Yale's reach.

One Yale fan, grinning after the first goal, said that Steve Greenberg, Yale's regular goalie, "would have stopped Kydes' shot."

All-American

Greenberg, a second-team All-American last season, has been injured twice this year, breaking a wrist and, most recently, a rib, and Love has been filling in for him. But even Greenberg wouldn't have been able to stop the other two Harvard goals, which broke the game wide open in the third quarter.

The first one was again Kydes' doing. The stocky sophomore took a beautiful centering pass from Charlie Thomas, who had brought the goalie out to guard a shot from him, and headed the ball into an open net.

Blew Them Both

Yale kept trying to make it up, and had two good opportunities in the third quarter, one off a corner kick and the other off a penalty kick, but the Elis blew them both. A fine play by Crimson goalie Bill Meyers off the penalty kick preserved the shutout, Harvard's eighth of the season.

Fullbacks Chris Wilmot and Bob Gray did a great job on defense throughout the game, keeping the pressure off Meyers, who seemed to be having trouble warming

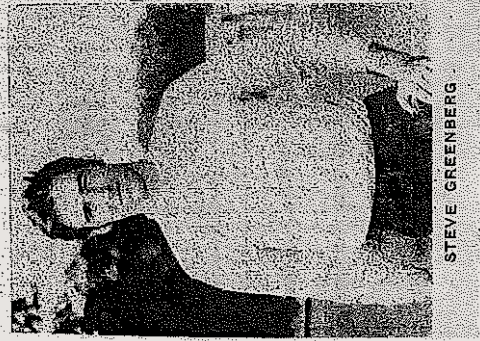
Gomez, was ample testimony to the skill of the Harvard forwards.

Gomez appeared to be in trouble about 15 feet in front of the Yale goal, but managed to dribble free, hit Thomas with a short pass, and then watched his teammate fake out a couple of Elis before booming the ball into the right side of the net. That one came late in the third quarter, and, from then on, the Crimson merely toyed with Yale.

Slow Fourth Quarter

The fourth quarter, with both teams getting colder and the sky getting progressively darker, was not of the highest quality. Thomas narrowly missed a goal late in the period, losing out on a good save by Love, and Gomez had two fairly clear head shots that he missed a bit before that.

The real excitement in the final period, however, came when Gomez was thrown out of the game for disputing a call by the referee.



STEVE GREENBERG

his hands on the cold day.

Superb Forwards

But today's game, as has the entire Crimson season, belonged to the superb forward line. It's been the sophomores—Kydes and Thomas—who have made this team a success, and they put on quite a show this afternoon. The final goal of the game, scored by Thomas with assist from junior inside Solomon

As described to this reporter by a drunk Harvard alumnus on the sidelines, a Yale player fell and put on a big act, claiming he had been tripped by Gomez. The alumnus claimed that Gomez never touched the Yale, and understandably disagreed with the ref. Some pushing ensued, and Gomez was thrown out.

Harvard had already clinched the Ivy League title before today's game, but it's



In sophomore center forward CHARLIE THOMAS advances the ball during Yale's 3-0 Harvard victory in New Haven as two Yale defenders and teammate BELL look on. Thomas banged home the Crimson's third goal, and the varsity completed a perfect 12-0-0 regular season on Yale turf.

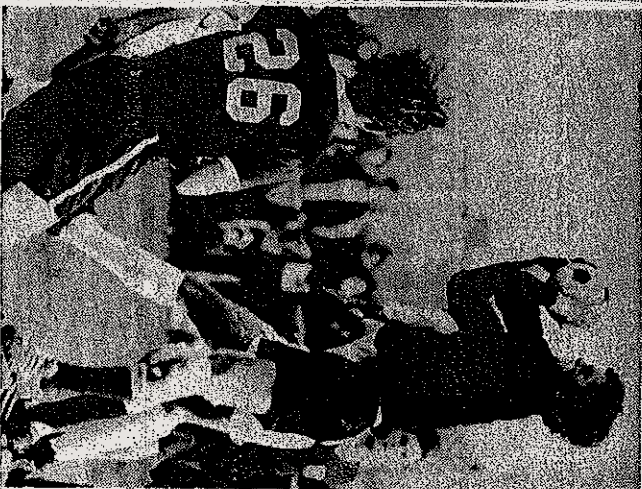
Crimson—Mark W. Oberle

Harvard Nips Hartwick to Gain NCAA Soccer Semifinals -- Page 91

MAIN IN THE MIDDLE — Phil Kydes and Chris Whitmot sandwich Hartwick's Rick Clair in NCAA soccer play.

ANOTHER SHUTOUT — Bill Meyers makes a save with Whitmot in front. This was Meyers' 10th shutout.

THREE IN A ROW — Lined up are Clair, Kydes and Whitmot. Harvard (1140) won in double overtime. (Danny Goshigan)



Harvard inside PHIL KYDES passes around a bewildered Yale defenceman while PETE BOGOW the Yale goal keeper as well yesterday with two goals, one a spectacular head shot in the second. Brown in a rematch Monday afternoon on the Business School field, only this time the prize is of the NCAA national championship tournament. Harvard unseated the Bruins this year after Bre League Titles.

H trails. Kydes bewildered half. The Crimson meets berth in the eastern finale had won five straight by (Crimson)—Mark W. Oberle



Eastern soccer till

By Bob Monahan
Globe Staff

John Gordon scored from eight yards out to give Harvard's soccer team a spine twinging, 1-0 double sudden death overtime victory over Hartwick before 4000 at Harvard yesterday.

It was Harvard's 14th straight victory and lifted the Crimson to the NCAA Eastern Regional championship, and a berth in the national semifinals.

Harvard will play St. Louis University, the country's top-ranked team, Thursday night at San Jose, Calif. St. Louis defeated Cleveland State, 2-1, yesterday in the Midwest Regional final. The national semifinals will be played as a doubleheader Thursday night and the championship game will be played Saturday afternoon at 4:30 EST.

Once again Harvard goal tender Billy "Zero Hero" Meyers was tremendous. He made eight saves while recording his 10th shutout.

Meyers' biggest test came in the first period. Hartwick's Al. America

Alec Papadakis dribbled behind the Crimson defense. Alec cut loose with a point blank bomb from 10 yards out and Billy, moving like a cat, gathered the ball in. That one brought hundred of "Oh's" and "Ah's" from the spectators.

Gordon's goal, his first of the season, came at 4:37 of the second five minute overtime session.

The African boys, Solomon Gomez and Charlie Thomas from Gambia, set it up with speed and sensation. Gomez took possession at midfield and dribbled down the left sidelines. He hustled two defenders and went deep into Hartwick territory.

Gomez fed Thomas to the right of the Hartwick cage, but he was covered quickly. Thomas kept possession for about 12 seconds. His feet were like magic. Then, after faking one man deep and forcing Hartwick goal tender

Frank van der Sommen to commit himself, he passed to Gordon. Gordon caught the far left corner with a well drilled shot.

Gordon, a junior from New York City, explained, "That was the deepest I had gone into the Hartwick zone all game. I was playing back, after than usual most of the time because their wings were so fast."

"I know I kicked it in, but I can't remember much except a quick feeling of relief. Charlie did the work forcing one man deep and getting their goalie out of position. He did everything I just kicked it in."

After the game, the players hustled to Dillon field house. Thomas went to his locker and pulled out a tape recorder. He took it into the lounge and it played, "Do You Know the Way to San Jose?"

Players jumped with elation and the "pop pop" pop of champagne bottles echoed off the walls. They had reason to celebrate. 14 games, 14 wins and a trip to California.

Coach Bruce Munro gave a sigh of relief. "That Hartwick club was tough. real tough. And once again we played well, but we still didn't play our

best. Our front line should have been better.

"For weeks I've been saying we haven't hit our peak. Maybe we'll do it out West."

HARVARD GOALS: 1. John Gordon, 1. Alec Papadakis, 1. Charlie Thomas, 1. Solomon Gomez, 1. Billy "Zero Hero" Meyers, 1. Frank van der Sommen, 1. Gordon. HARTWICK GOALS: 1. Alec Papadakis, 1. Charlie Thomas, 1. Solomon Gomez, 1. Billy "Zero Hero" Meyers, 1. Frank van der Sommen, 1. Gordon.

Harvard wins



JOHN GORDON SCORED THE ONLY GOAL (Danny Gottigian Photo)

Harvard Now 2d
In Soccer Ratings
United Press International
NEW YORK—St. Louis University retained the No. 1 rating yesterday for the third consecutive week in the latest intercollegiate soccer poll conducted by the National Soccer Coaches Association.

St. Louis, unbeaten in eight games, received 315 points for runnerup Harvard, also unbeaten in eight games.

The weekly ratings: (with won-loss records and poll points):

1	St. Louis (8-0-0)	315
2	Harvard (6-0-0)	288
3	San Jose State (8-1-0)	267
4	Michigan State (7-1-1)	252
5	Hartwick College (7-0-1)	231
6	Southern Illinois (9-0-1)	221
7	Montclair State (11-0-0)	189
8	Pennsylvania (7-1-1)	173

HARVARD SOCCER DIARY

The Crimson arrives, but nobody notices

By Bill Meyers
Globe Correspondent

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Center halfback Richie Hardy was on time for the first time this season as the Harvard soccer team waited for the bus to Logan Airport at 6:45 yesterday morning.

But the bus was late. The result was that manager Walt Tomford had to run into Harvard sq. to chase down several cabs so we could catch a plane to San Jose where the NCAA soccer championships are being held this week.

The trip West was quite an experience for a number of our players, especially the foreign ones, who were having their first opportunity to see some of the U.S. Sweeper fullback Chris Wilmot, an Englishman, remarked, after we had arrived in California, "It was not until when we were flying the Badlands and the Rockies that we realized how vast the U.S. really is."

We arrived in San Jose about noon. It was warm, about 70 degrees. No one noticed us, but we did our after a brief team meeting at the hotel, Capt. Richie Locksley led a few of us through the San Jose State campus, we wandered about, trying to look conspicuous, but to no avail.

In the back of everyone's mind has been the game Thursday against St. Louis (10 p.m. EST). In the second half of Thursday's doubleheader San Francisco will play

Maryland. The winners will battle Saturday at 4:30 p.m. EST for the national title.

We are definite dogs in the game Louis. As inside Phil Kydes said, "not make the same as against Hartwic ing long kicks up t die. St. Louis wi just as big and cleve backs."

Some on the team over to the stadium field is much ne than we are used t on a corner kick t only a yard betwe corner and the stan

We have our first tice today at 10:30 i may take until th someone to notice u

Thursday, December 4, 1969

SPARTAN DAILY—J

Nation's Best Soccer Squads Open Quest for NCAA Title

By KEN LUTHY
Daily Sports Writer

Soccer buffs from Northern California and competitors from across the nation will converge on Spartan Stadium this evening when the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championships get underway beginning at 7 p.m.

The "Spartan-less" semi-finals match-up as duels between a perennial champ, St. Louis, a never-champ, Harvard, and 1968 co-champ Maryland against former-champion USF.

The winners will meet Saturday at 1:30 in the title match. No consolation game will be played.

Tournament Director Julie Menendez, whose SJS booters fell one game short of a tourney berth, forecasts a possible NCAA tournament record crowd based on pre-tourney ticket sales.

St. Louis Billikens will be in quest of their sixth NCAA crown when they face-off with the East's top team, Harvard, in the 7 o'clock opener. SLU also shared a national title, tying Michigan State in 1957. The Crimson has never won.

The Billikens, 11-0, feature a well-balanced scoring attack and stingy defense. The Mid-West booters have blanked five opponents over the season, primarily on the strength of goalie Don Copple's efforts, along with All-American halfback candidates Steve Frank and Gary Rensing.

Leading the offense for SLU is forward Al Trost with nine goals and four assists. Outsider Jim Leeker is the next most proficient Billiken with eight goals and five assists. Senior

out-side left Gene Gelmer has contributed seven assists for the team leadership in that category.

The Harvard Crimson will be seeking its first NCAA crown

Tickets

Tickets for tonight's NCAA soccer semifinal matches between St. Louis University and Harvard (7 p.m.) and USF and Maryland (8 p.m.) are \$1.50.

Ducats for Saturday's final (1:30) are \$2.00. High school students will be admitted both days for \$1.00. The Daily Incorporated reported admission prices yesterday.

when it puts its 14-0 mark on the line against the Billikens. Coach Bruce Munro will rely on high-scoring forwards Solomon Gomez (16 goals) and sophomores Charlie Thomas (14 goals) and Phil Kydes (7 goals, 13 assists) to bring the national title to the Ivy League.

The second semi-final matches two SJS nemeses, USF and Maryland. The Terrapins' Rosco Morelli dashed Spartan hopes of a

title in a 1968 semi-final by netting a record four goals, while USF wiped out similar SJS aspirations of a '69 crown with a 3-1 quarterfinal victory last week.

The 12-0-2 Maryland contingent is another national power, having nabbed 17 straight conference crowns and flashes a 23-year winning percentage of .822. Coach Doyle Royal's crew was co-champ last year and finished with a 14-0-1 mark.

Leading Terrapin scorer is Rasim Tugberk with 18 goals.

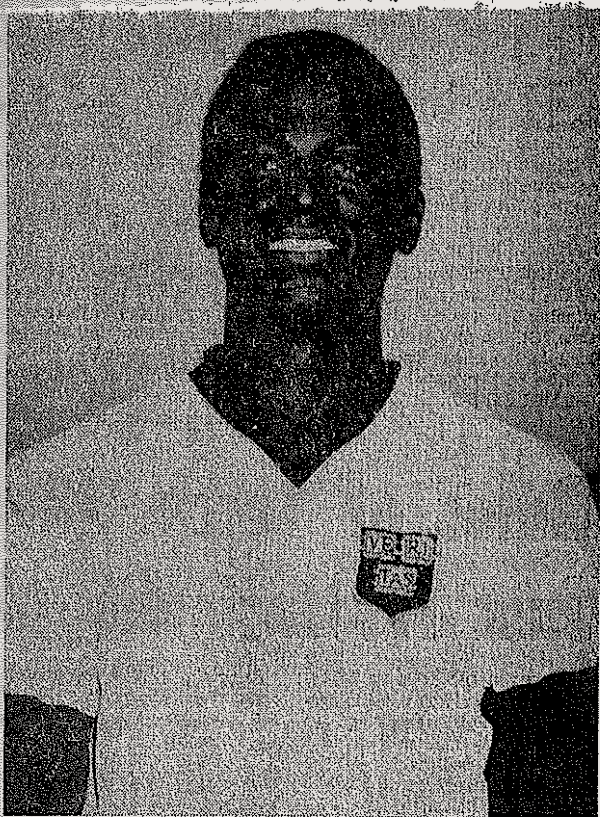
USF's Dons will be meeting Maryland for the first time in their illustrious soccer history. Coach Steve Negroesco has two serious All-American candidates in sophomores Hans Friessen and Alex Robustoff, the squad's top scorers.

In addition, the Dons have tremendous defensive talent in Carlos San Martin and Connie Robustoff, older brother of Alex, plus the superlative efforts of goalkeeper John Camacho to rely on.

The combination of an explosive offense and grudging defense has netted a 93-28 goal advantage for USF, including nine shutouts in its 16-1-3 record.



Harvard University: The Champions From The East



SCORING THREAT Solomon Gomez, a junior from Gambia, West Africa, is the leading scorer on the outstanding Harvard soccer team which has compiled a 14-0-0 record enroute to the NCAA championships. Gomez tops his teammates with 21 goals.

USF

No.	Name	Pos.	Year
1	John Camacho	G	Sr.
2	Carlos San Martin	CHB	Jr.
3	Mario Sagastume	FB	Fr.
4	Fernando Rosales	LHB	Soph.
5	Sylvanus Madu	RFB	Jr.
6	Edgar Sagastume	RW	Soph.
7	Constantine Robustoff	CHB	Sr.
8	Salvador Ochoa	RW	Soph.
9	Hans Friessen	CF	Soph.
10	Ted Pharas	CF	Jr.
11	Emilio Ugarte	LW	Sr.
12	Albert Verner	HB	Soph.
13	George Colaizzo	HB	Jr.
14	Ken Alonso	CHB	Sr.
15	Shaw Deghan	FB	Jr.
16	Jim Parienello	FB	Jr.
17	Larry Dineen	FB	Jr.
18	Victor Duran	LW	Fr.
19	Felician Hernandez	HB	Fr.
20	Leon Heitman	RW	Fr.
21	Alex Robustoff	RHB	Soph.
22	Anibal Tabares	CHB	Soph.

Season Results

USF 7, Naval Post Grad. 3
 USF 7, Menlo College 3
 USF 8, Merritt College 0
 USF 12, C.C.S.F. 0
 USF 12, St. Marys 0
 USF 8, Pacific 0
 USF 7, San Francisco State 0
 USF 5, Santa Clara 1
 USF 4, San Jose State 3
 USF 1, British Columbia 1
 USF 4, Santa Clara 0
 USF 2, Stanford 0
 USF 3, Chico State 3
 USF 1, California 0
 USF 1, San Jose State 3
 USF 2, Chico State 0
 USF 2, San Diego State 2
 USF 3, San Jose State 1
RECORD: 14-1-3

St. Louis 2, Alumni 0
 St. Louis 3, Berlin University 1
 St. Louis 2, Florissant Valley 0
 St. Louis 8, Northern Illinois 0
 St. Louis 6, Rockhurst 1
 St. Louis 2, Quincy 1
 St. Louis 2, Michigan State 0
 St. Louis 8, Washington Univ. 0
 St. Louis 3, South Florida 0
 St. Louis 4, Southern Illinois 0
 St. Louis 2, Cleveland 1
RECORD: 11-0-0

Maryland 3, Geo. Washington 0
 Maryland 6, Clemson 1
 Maryland 5, N. Carolina St. 0
 Maryland 4, Howard 0
 Maryland 4, Catholic U. 1
 Maryland 1, Navy 1
 Maryland 2, Virginia 2
 Maryland 6, Penn State 0
 Maryland 5, Georgetown 0
 Maryland 4, Duke 0
 Maryland 3, North Carolina 2
 Maryland 5, Virginia 0
 Maryland 4, South Florida 1
 Maryland 1, Pennsylvania 0
RECORD: 12-0-2

Harvard 5, Tufts 3
 Harvard 3, Williams 0
 Harvard 3, Connecticut 0
 Harvard 6, Boston University 0
 Harvard 2, Columbia 0
 Harvard 5, Cornell 0
 Harvard 4, Dartmouth 0
 Harvard 3, Pennsylvania 1
 Harvard 3, Princeton 2
 Harvard 2, Brown 1
 Harvard 5, Starn. Connecticut 0
 Harvard 3, Yale 0
 Harvard 3, Brown 0
 Harvard 1, Hartwick 0
RECORD: 14-0-0

Team Rosters

Maryland

No.	Name	Pos.	Year
2	Les Barnard	FB	Jr.
3	William Walker	LF	Jr.
4	Jerry Chareczko	RHB	Jr.
5	James Solarski	FB	Jr.
6	Melih Sensoy	HB	Soph.
7	Pete Milhado	HB	Soph.
8	Rasim Tugberk	IR	Jr.
9	Nick Skirka	LH	Fr.
10	Rocco Morelli	IL	Sr.
12	Larry Ruhs	OL	Sr.
14	Karl Ashlock	LH	Soph.
15	Mike Katynsky	FB	Fr.
16	Alex Nacinovich	LH	Jr.
17	Jack Gordon	OL	Sr.
18	Steve Salfesty	HB	Jr.
19	William McKay	IR	Fr.
20	Sefa Ocak	IL	Jr.
21	Manuel Romero	IR	Sr.
22	Joseph Kaliyoda	HB	Soph.
23	Jerome Schiavino	OL	Fr.
24	Charles Sturges	HB	Soph.
25	Gary Wallace	FB	Sr.
0	Emerson Trefer	G	Soph.
0	Frank Kolodziey	G	Soph.

Harvard

No.	Name	Pos.	Year
1	Russell Bell	OR	Soph.
2	Bruce Detora	IR	Sr.
3	Solomon Gomez	HB	Jr.
4	John Gordon	HB	Jr.
7	Phil Kydes	IR	Soph.
8	Phil Axten	FB	Soph.
9	Bill Brock	FB	Jr.
17	Richard Nesto	IL	Jr.
19	Hichard Hardy	HB	Sr.
20	Peter Bosovich	IL	Jr.
21	Christian Ferner	HB	Soph.
22	James Sawhill	OR	Jr.
25	Norman Harrower	HB	Soph.
26	Chris Wilmot	FB	Soph.
27	Robert Woods	FB	Sr.
28	Robert Gray	FB	Sr.
G	Richard Lockley	G	Sr.
G	William Meyer	G	Jr.

St. Louis

No.	Name	Pos.	Year
19	Jim Draude	OR	Soph.
6	Steve Frank	HB	Sr.
23	Jack Galmiche	CF	Sr.
11	Gene Geimer	OL	Sr.
3	Joe Hamm	HB	Fr.
22	Pat Leahy	HB	Fr.
5	Jim Leeker	CF	Sr.
24	Bill McDermott	HB	Sr.
2	Ed Neusel	FB	Jr.
18	Jim Niehoff	HB	Jr.
7	John Pisani	F	Sr.
9	Gary Rensing	CH	Sr.
8	Mike Searey	F	Fr.
12	Al. Trost	CF	Jr.
10	Charles Zoeller	CF	Sr.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY 3A											
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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PULL OUT											
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LIFT											
TURN IN											
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7	"										
8	"										
9	P.M.										

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY 4B											
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71. HAIGHT-NORIEGA											
72. HAIGHT-SUNSET											
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1970											
PULL OUT											
TURN IN											
PRIVILEGES COVERED BY ZONE IN WHICH PASSENGER BOARDS.											
Limited Stop EXPRESS											
TURN BACK FOLLOWING CAR OR COACH											
LIFT											
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9	AM										0 15 30 45
10	"										0 15 30 45
11	"										0 15 30 45
12	NOON										0 15 30 45
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4	"										0 15 30 45
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6	"										0 15 30 45
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Harvard Booters Face St. Louis Tonight

Unbeatens

Vie in NCAA

Semifinal

(Special to Herald Traveler)
SAN JOSE, Calif. —
Harvard goes against the
soccer iron tonight.

The Crimson booters with
their shiny 14-0 record launch
the NCAA championships
semifinal games tonight at
10 p.m. EST against St. Louis
University which shows a per-
fect slate of 11-0.

IN THE NIGHTCAP of the
travails, Maryland (11-1-2) will
tangle with San Francisco, 16-
4, at midnight, Boston time.
The winner will meet for the
championship Saturday after-
noon.

Harvard is new to the com-
petition whereas the Billikens
of St. Louis have been in the
NCAA semifinals eight times.
San Francisco seven and
Maryland four.

St. Louis, moreover has won
the championship five times
and tied for it another time
while the crown went to San
Francisco in 1966. Maryland
shared the honor with Michi-
gan State just last year.

Defense looms the name of
the game in the Harvard-St.
Louis match.

Over the past 14 games, the
Crimson have yielded only sev-
en goals. St. Louis has per-
mitted only six markers in 11
games and its goalie has made
only 39 saves over that stretch.

The St. Louis player Har-
vard must watch is Al Frost,
who leads in scoring with nine
goals and four assists from
his right halfback slot. Pro-
viding a 1-2 punch, however,
is inside Jim Leeker with

Soccer to 'em! By Vic Johnson



'H' Booters Toppled, 2-1

Special to the Herald Traveler

SAN JOSE, Calif.—St. Louis University scored its winning goal with one minute and 58 seconds left to defeat Harvard, 2-1, last night and move into the finals of the 1969 NCAA Soccer Championships.

St. Louis thus qualified for

the final tomorrow afternoon against the winner of the Maryland-San Francisco game which provided the nightcap to the Harvard-Billiken game last night.

THE BILLIKENS, perennial NCAA contenders, had a difficult time breaking through the Harvard defense in the second half but tallied their winning goal when the ball bounced off

St. Louis outside left, Gene Gelmer chest and landed in front of the goal.

Center-forward Al Trost, five yards out, punched the ball in beyond the outstretched arms of goalie Bill Meyers.

Harvard, trailing 1-0 in the second quarter, came roaring back when inside right Solomon Gomez shot a pass from

the right side of the net towards outside left Charlie Thomas, who sliced the ball in from eight yards out beyond the reach of goalie Don Copple.

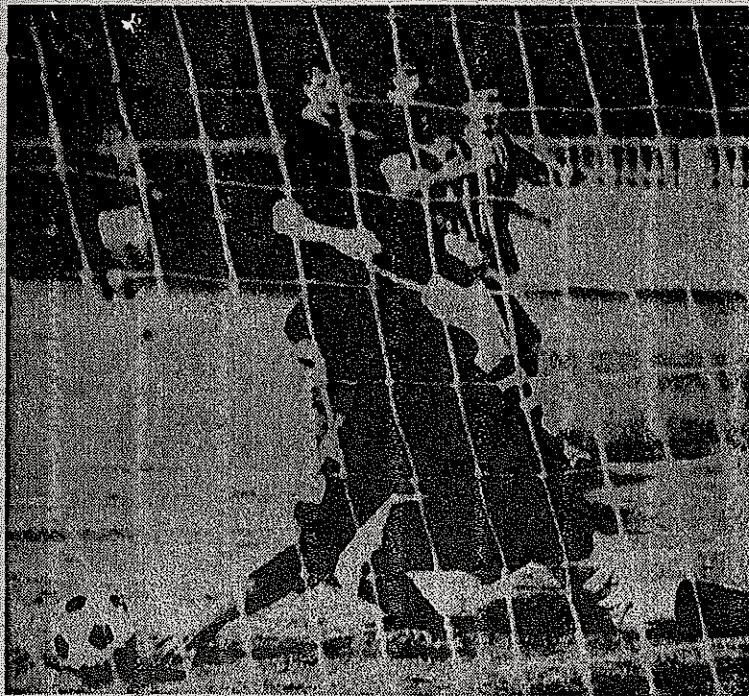
Both Thomas and Gomez proved to be the major offensive threats for the Eastern champions.

St. Louis opened the scoring

before the fans knew what was happening when only 1:22 into the first quarter, inside left Mike Serrey scored eight yards out to put the Midwestern champs ahead, 1-0.

In the statistical department, the winners had 27 shots at the Harvard goal compared to 11 for the Crimson. Goalie

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IN THE NET—Harvard goalkeeper Bill Meyers lunges in vain as ball goes past him for first St. Louis goal in NCAA soccer championships. The first period marker by Mike Serrey broke Meyers' four-game shutout streak. (AP)

'H' Booters Bow, 2-1

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Meyers was credited with five saves to Copple's two.

Meyers had a four-game shutout streak going into this game and allowed only nine goals throughout the season. No team has scored more than three goals against him.

Thus Harvard's perfect season mark of 14-0 finally was smirched in its first venture in the semifinals.

St. Louis is no stranger to the competition, however, having made the semis eight times while going on to win five championships and tying for the honor once.

The Billikens were winning their 12th consecutive game.

"Their first goal, so early in the game, gave them confidence and kind of scared us," said Harvard coach Bruce Munro. "Our defense made St. Louis hurry its shots, and though they took 27, they didn't get many good ones."

St. Louis coach Harry Kephugh noted, "We're usually able to wear down our opponents by the third period, but Harvard stayed right with us. It's the best team we've ever played."

Copple had only 11 goals scored against him this season.

St. Louis	0	0	0	1-2
Harvard	1	0	0	1-1

St. L.—Serrey, 1:22; H.—Thomas (Gomez), 7:20. St. L. 2/Goal, 126.



From left, front row: Bill Meyers, Dick Nesto, Solomon Gomez, Peter Kertes, Richie Locksley (Captain), Bob Gray, Bill Brock, Coach Bruce Munro. Second row: Chris Wilnot, Ron McClain, Bob Woods, Phil Kydes, George Makohin, Skip Marotta, Bezo Cutler. Back row: Norrie Harrower, Bruce Detora, Chris Ferner, John Gordon, Pete Bogovich, Phil Axten, M. Walton Tomford (Manager). Missing from picture: Russ Bell, Richie Hardy, Jim Sawhill, Charlie Thomas.

HARVARD VARSITY SOCCER SQUAD

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Age	Ht.	Wt.	School	Hometown
1	Bell, Russell A.	OR	Soph.	19	5:3	119	St. George's	Kingston, Jamaica
2	Detora, Bruce A.	IR	Sr.	21	5:4	140	Stafford H. S.	Stafford Springs, Conn.
3	Gomez, Solomon	HB	Jr.	22	5:6	155	Suffield Academy	Bathurst, Gambia
4	Gordon, John R.	HB	Jr.	21	5:11	152	St. Paul's	New York, N. Y.
5	Abbott, Andrew D.	FB	Soph.	18	5:11	155	Choate	Montclair, N. J.
7	Kydes, Philip S.	IR	Soph.	19	5:7	160	Brien McMahon H. S.	S. Norwalk, Conn.
8	Axten, Phillips	FB	Soph.	19	6:1	160	Noble and Greenough	Wellesley, Mass.
9	Brock, William J.	FB	Jr.	19	6:0	180	Choate	Grosse Pointe, Mich.
13	Kertes, Peter G.	HB	Jr.	20	5:10	165	Brookline H. S.	Brookline, Mass.
15	Thomas, Charles W.	OL	Soph.	20	5:10	150	Suffield Academy	Bathurst, Gambia
16	Cutler, Leslie B.	HB	Jr.	21	5:8	150	Noble and Greenough	Manchester, Mas.
17	Nesto, Richard W.	IL	Jr.	20	5:11	173	Milton	Milton, Mass.
19	Hardy, Richard E.	HB	Sr.	22	6:0	155	St. Paul's (London)	Tunis, Tunisia
20	Bogovich, Peter M.	IL	Jr.	22	6:1	185	Deerfield	Astoria, N. Y.
21	Ferner, Christian D.	HB	Soph.	19	5:10	165	Ulfem Høyve Skole	Oslo, Norway
22	Sawhill, James A.	OR	Jr.	22	6:1	175	Exeter	New Canaan, Conn.
24	McClain, Rollin C.	FB	Jr.	20	6:3	185	Hicksville H. S.	Hicksville, N. Y.
25	Harrower, Norman III	HB	Soph.	19	5:10	165	Choate	New Haven, Conn.
26	Wilnot, Christopher A.	FB	Soph.	20	6:0	186	Harrow	Middlesex, England
27	Woods, Robert S.	FB	Soph.	19	6:0	158	Noble and Greenough	Wellesley Hills, Mass.
28	Gray, Robert F.	FB	Sr.	20	5:11	155	Noble and Greenough	Dedham, Mass.
G	Locksley, Richard M.	G	Sr.	20	5:9	150	Kent	Alma, Mich.
G	Meyers, William C.	G	Jr.	20	6:2	190	Choate	Andover, Mass.

Coach: BRUCE MUNRO

Captain: RICHARD M. LOCKSLEY

Manager: WALTON TOMFORD

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St. Louis Wins, 2-1, on Last Minute Goal

Crimson Booters Eliminated in NCAA Thomas, Gomez Combine for Only Goal

By MARTIN R. GARAY

(Special to the CRIMSON)

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 4—After a shaky start, the varsity soccer team fought back from an early 1-0 deficit, only to be eliminated tonight from the NCAA national tournament by a last-minute St. Louis University goal.

Harvard looked dazzled by the importance of the game in the opening minutes, and the Billikens capitalized on their experience in national competition by scoring at 1:28 of the first period. Mike Seery found a partial hole in the Crimson defense and fired a low shot into the corner that goalie Bill Meyers had no chance to block.

Rather than folding, Harvard played much better after the St. Louis score and dominated the game at the start of the second period. Seven minutes into the session, Solomon Gomez fired a perfect pass to sophomore Charlie Thomas on the left wing. Thomas blasted a hard shot into the far corner to even the match.

Through the third period the play was evenly matched with neither team able to gain a clear advantage. But the signs of a St. Louis victory slowly appeared. Harvard played the entire game with only 12 players, and as the game progressed, the Crimson showed signs of fatigue.

If St. Louis had an advantage, it was the aggressive play of its fullback line. The tough defense wore down an under-par Harvard forward line. Right wing Russ Bell left the game early in the first period when he re-aggravated the groin injury that has been bothering him all year. John Gordon, injured in yesterday's afternoon practice, was visibly slowed.

Crimson booters began hoping for a rebound of the Hartwick game last Saturday, when Harvard lasted through regulation play and, after a rest, dominated the overtime sessions.

But St. Louis threatened with a 3-on-2 break and the Crimson was forced to relinquish a corner kick. The ensuing dangerous kick landed right in front of the net and Bill Meyers made a save on a quick shot from out of the crowd.

The rebound came directly out to Al Trost, St. Louis' leading scorer this season, and the halfback star won the play with a five-yard drive that gave no time to react.

For whatever consolation it is, St. Louis players generally agreed after the game that Harvard was the best team they met this year. "A very nice team," Harry Keough said. "It took a break to win."

The heartbreaking loss ended Harvard's finest soccer season in 54 years. Crimson finished with a 14-1 record, including 10 shutouts.



Harvard's soccer team huddles during last weekend's 1-0 victory over Hartwick, a win which enabled the Crimson to advance to the semifinals of the NCAA championships. The narrow loss last night was a disappointment, but since only two starters on this year's team are graduating, Harvard may well return to the tournament in 1970.

CRIMSON—Martin R. Garay

Soccer Team Loses, 2-1

Louis' first-ranked soccer team eliminated Harvard from the NCAA championships with an exciting 2-1 win in the semifinals last night in San Jose.

With 1:52 left in the game, halfback Al Trost kicked in the decisive goal to end the hopes of the Harvard team, ranked second in the nation before the loss.

Harvard's only tally came on a shot by Charlie Thomas.

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St. Louis began to mount a sustained attack in the fourth period. Harvard center fullback Chris Whitton played an outstanding game and individually turned aside many Billiken threats. But statistics indicate the trend of action—St. Louis took 27 shots on goal while Harvard fired only 11 times. Meyers made five saves and the Billikens' Dan Cyprie was called into action only twice.

With just two minutes left in the game.

Soccer '69 A Product Of Team Spirit

The Harvard Soccer team lost to perennial champ St. Louis 2-1 in the NCAA semi-finals in San Jose last week. It is difficult to decide which was the more surprising, that the team was in San Jose or that we lost. Against last year's 6-4-3 record, a 14-1 season looks amazing, but to the members of the team, it seemed inconceivable that this team could lose.

Back in August, coach Bruce Munro first addressed the soccer team with the words, "I know a trip to San Jose is in the back of everybody's mind, but..." The 'but' was a bigger 'but' than people care to remember. The problem was to shake the personal and physical problems that dogged the team the year before. That a bumper crop of sophomores helped out would be an understatement. But it was a team effort, everybody from the coach right to the manager worked hard to make this year's team what it was. Last year we had some great ballplayers; this year we had a great team.

Each member of the team typified the new spirit. Phil Axten played the important sweeper position on defense through a record 6 straight shutouts, and then sat down without a whimper for the good of the team when Chris Wilnot recovered from an injury. Axten never quit, filled in whenever one of the backs needed a rest, and was our staunchest rooter from the bench. Nobody quit on this team. I'm sure nobody would rather forget the first goal of the season more than Billy Meyers, but he came back to be one of Harvard's greats in the goal, breaking shutout records over 30 years old. Bruce DeTora and Dick Nesto never made any headlines, but they came to practice every day, and hustled the first team right to an Ivy League title. And Peter Bogovich never ceased to amaze me. Peter scored goals at a record pace his first two years at Harvard. This year Peter passed up the headlines for the sake of the team. He played behind the line, passing off to the talent in front of him, and played a hustling defense all too strange to past Harvard soccer teams. Bogo still got 15 points, and was tremendous against St.

Louis. I cannot say enough about Iron-man Bill Brock, or the unselfish play of Phil Kydes. The list extends throughout the entire team, including our coach, Bruce Munro.

It is easy for everybody to blame a bad season on the coach, particularly a season like we had last year. Bruce had the unenviable job of pulling everything together and making it click. That he had the horses was undeniable, but that he could get them to play for him remained to be

By RICHARD M. LOCKSLEY

further cemented the team into a unit. San Francisco gained lifetime friends in Solomon Gomez and Chris Ferner, and Russ Bell learned how to hustle West Coast chicks. Phil Kydes learned that all the world is not like the freeway between Bridgeport, Conn. and Cambridge, Mass. But beneath all the fun was the more serious task of getting ready for St. Louis. Bob Gray and John Gordon managed to keep the team loose off the field, and by Thursday we were set.

But lose we did. Gomez and Thomas were brilliant - they had the crowd "ooing" and "ahing" at some of their moves, but it was not enough. It was no disgrace to lose to a team like St. Louis that has years of tournament experience. The St. Louis Team went on to blow University of San Francisco, the other finalist, right off the field, 4-0. But everybody on this team knows we could have beaten them on another day. We got a taste of it this time around, and perhaps that was for the best. Behind captain-elect Solomon Gomez, the Harvard soccer team is going to be mean and hungry next year, and that 'other' day may be in the wind.



Rich Locksley, senior goalie and captain of the soccer team, was unable to play this year because of low blood pressure. This past Monday, he became perhaps the first non-player in Harvard history to be voted "Most Valuable Player" by his teammates.

seen. Bruce came through like the rest of the team. He installed a new system, moved Charlie Thomas out to the wing, and then set about establishing a new rapport with his players. Throughout the season Bruce stayed on top of everything, never letting himself become detached from his players. Problems were aired instantly, in front of the entire team, and gradually a deep respect developed between members of the team, and their coach. He was constantly open to advice from his players, and who can count the number of times he accepted the soccer knowledge of seasoned players like Solomon Gomez or Richie Hardy. I speak for the whole team when I say it was a pleasure playing for Bruce Munro this year.

The thrill of this season lay not only in seeing a tremendous soccer team develop on the field, but also in seeing the many fast friendships formed off the field. There were no cliques, and friendships developed quickly between the sophomores and the rest of the team. The trip to San Jose was a well-deserved honor, and

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Bill Meyers repels a Brown attack earlier this fall.

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HARRIERS FINISH UNDEFEATED;
SOCCER TEAM WINS TWICE

CROSS COUNTRY

Rival cross country coaches who have been waiting for Harvard varsity teams to return from orbit better have a soft cushion to sit on.

"That freshman team is without question our finest group ever," praised varsity coach Bill McCurdy.

In fact, Yardling cross country contingent ranks as a top contender in the freshman IC4A's in New York Nov. 17, having finished the third consecutive undefeated dual meet season by a Harvard freshman team by trouncing Princeton and Yale, 15-49 and 15-50, respectively, in the Big Three meet at Yale.

The Crimson, which earlier in the week had swept the Greater Boston meet in convincing fashion, finished with an 11-0 record.

In the Big Three affair, three Harvard runners broke the 15:13.6 three-mile course record set in 1966 by Princeton's Eamon Downey.

George Barker (Vincennes, Ind.) won the race in 14:58.2, barely nipping Tom New (Greenfields, Ind.) who had the same time after an intense fight at the finish. Perhaps most intense of all was ace John Quirk, (Dorchester) who was undefeated through the Crimson's

first nine meets but then strained his Achilles tendon and was held out from the Greater Boston Meet. Quirk ran the Big Three race cautiously, but let it all out at the finish and came in third at a sprinter's pace. With 200 yards left in the race, he wasn't in sight of Barker and New, but his spurt carried him across the finish line in 14:59.2, one second behind.

Mark Connolly (New London, Conn.) came in fourth seventeen seconds later, and teammates David Elliott (Braintree) and Marshall Jones (Troy, Ohio) also finished ahead of the first non-Harvard runner.

It was Harvard's seventh straight freshman Big Three title: The only weak performance of the weekend was debited to celebrating coach Pappy Hunt, who, upon being tossed into the pond by his jubilant charges, failed to pull even one single man in with him.

Harvard's Greater Boston victory, which is becoming an annual foregone conclusion, was marred only by the fact that Northeastern's Tony Frontiero won individual honors. With Quirk on the sidelines, New, Jones, Barker, and Connolly finished second through fifth and Harvard had 21 points for the race, while Northeastern had 64, Boston University 95, M.I.T. 112, Brandeis 127, Boston College 129, and Tufts 135.

Henry Sideropoulos (Boston), Papagianis, and Bob Auritt (Merion Station, Pa.), tallied the goals.

A balanced scoring attack, plus good defense, were the keys to the victory over Connecticut at Storrs.

Papagianis did his scoring in the first and second period, and had his teammates a 2-0 advantage at the half time.

The Yardlings broke the contest open in the third period on goals by Al Martinez (San Francisco, Calif.) and two by Sideropoulos.

The final goals were scored by Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani (Ossing, N.Y.) and Martinez.

Coach Dana Getchell's team returns to action Saturday against Princeton at 10:30 a.m.

SOCCER

Harvard's freshman soccer team, after suffering its first loss in 26 games to Dartmouth, bounced back for two victories last week. The Yardlings registered a 4-1 decision over Andover Wednesday, and a 7-0 shutout of Connecticut Saturday.

Chris Papagianis (St. Louis, Mo.) raised his season mark to 17 goals, scoring once against Andover and twice on UConn.

Against Andover, neither team could take control during the first half, resulting in a 1-1 deadlock at intermission.

The Crimson took command in the final period with a three goal barrage, however.

Sailors Have Fine Fall Season

Four major class victories, more than any other New England institution, and a third place finish in the 42nd McMillan Cup Regatta at Annapolis highlighted a successful fall season for the Harvard sailing team.

The Crimson sailors turned in championship performances in the Big Three Meet, the Wood Trophy at Brown, the Oberg Trophy at MIT, and the Hoyt Trophy, again at Brown.

A third place finish in the McMillan Cup gives indication that the Crimson will be in prime contention for the coveted Kennedy Cup next spring. Skippering the eight-man crew on the 44-foot yawl at Annapolis, was All American Robbie Doyle (Marblehead, Mass.).

The Crimson dominated the Big Three meet easily over Yale and Princeton in early October.

It came back to gain the Wood Trophy at Providence before being stopped in the Danmark Trophy race at New London, Conn. The Danmark has always been a touch event for the Crimson, which finished sixth out of 12 entries this year. Harvard has not won the event since the early 1940's.

Harvard rebounded from the Danmark to win the Greater Boston Dinghy Championship, gaining the Oberg Trophy.

The Crimson returned to Brown Oct. 26 to claim the Hoyt Trophy event. Last weekend the Crimson were third in the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association Four-Crew Team-Racing Championship, after leading at the end of the first day.

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY FOOTBALL (3-3)			
13	Holy Cross	0	
10	Boston University	13	
51	Columbia	0	
24	Cornell	41	
10	Dartmouth	24	
20	Pennsylvania	6	
Nov. 8	Princeton	1:30 p.m.	
Nov. 15	at Brown	1:30 p.m.	
Nov. 22	at Yale	1:30 p.m.	

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL (3-1)			
39	Northeastern	7	
28	Boston University	6	
12	Boston College	27	
3	Dartmouth	0	
Nov. 8	Princeton	10:30 a.m.	
Nov. 21	at Yale	2:00 p.m.	

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL (1-2)			
34	Columbia	7	
13	Boston College	29	
6	Dartmouth	15	
Nov. 8	Princeton	10:30 a.m.	
Nov. 14	at Brown	2:00 p.m.	
Nov. 21	at Yale	2:00 p.m.	

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY (10-0)			
15	Northeastern	47	
25	Providence College	32	
19	Massachusetts	44	
15	Columbia	50	
21	Pennsylvania	34	
15	Brown	50	
15	Cornell	48	
17	Dartmouth	44	
	Greater Boston Champion		
15	Yale	50	
22	Princeton	35	

Nov. 7	Heptagonals (New York)		
Nov. 17	IC4A's (New York)		

FRESHMAN CROSS COUNTRY (11-0)			
15	Northeastern	48	
15	Providence College	50	
17	Massachusetts	45	
15	Columbia	50	
21	Pennsylvania	35	
15	Brown	49	
15	Andover	50	
17	Cornell	44	
18	Dartmouth	42	
	Greater Boston Champion		
15	Yale	50	
15	Princeton	49	

Nov. 17	IC4A's (New York)		
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VARSITY SOCCER (8-0)			
5	Tufts	3	
3	Williams	0	
5	Connecticut	0	
6	Boston University	0	
2	Columbia	0	
5	Cornell	0	
4	Dartmouth	0	
4	Harvard Alumni (Ex'n)	0	
3	Pennsylvania	1	

Nov. 8	Princeton	10:30 a.m.	
Nov. 15	at Brown	10:45 a.m.	
Nov. 21	at Yale	2:00 p.m.	

JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER (4-1-1)			
7	Merrimack	0	
5	M.I.T.	1	
4	Amherst	0	
2	Brown	2	
1	S.M.U.	2	
1	Providence	0	

Nov. 7	Princeton	3:00 p.m.	
Nov. 14	Brown	2:00 p.m.	
Nov. 21	at Yale	1:30 p.m.	

FRESHMAN SOCCER (6-1)			
7	Tufts	1	
8	Boston University	0	
11	M.I.T.	1	
4	Exeter	0	
0	Dartmouth	1	
4	Andover	1	
7	Connecticut	0	

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This weekend, Harvard will compete in its final event, the NEISA Fall Intersectional, with the Schell Trophy as the target.

In addition to Doyle, who was named to the All America sailing team last spring, three other men have had a fine season in roles as skippers. They are Abbott Reeve (Mt. Desert, Maine), Jeff Storer (Dedham), and Joe Worth (Huntington, N.Y.).

1969 SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP



HOST
SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

SEMI-FINALS
THURSDAY
DECEMBER 4, 1969
7:00 P.M.
9:00 P.M.

FINALS
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6, 1969
1:30 P.M.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY



From Left, Front Row: Charlie Thomas, Russ Bell, Bruce Detora, Dick Nesto, Captain Richie Locksley, Phil Kydes, Peter Bogovich, Solomon Gomez. Second Row: Bill Meyers, Richie Hardy, Norrie Harrower, John Gordon, Chris Ferner, Bezo Cutler, Coach Bruce Munro. Back Row: Asst. Managers Bob Ash and Jim Law, Phil Axten, Bob Gray, Chris Wilmot, Bill Brock, Head Manager Walt Tomford.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Home Town
1	Bell, Russell A.	OR	5-3	119	Sophomore	Kingston, Jamaica
2	Detora, Bruce A.	IR	5-4	140	Senior	Stafford Springs, Conn.
3	Gomez, Solomon	HB	5-6	155	Junior	Bathurst, Gambia
4	Gordon, John R.	HB	5-11	152	Junior	New York, N. Y.
7	Kydes, Phillip S.	IR	5-7	160	Sophomore	S. Norwalk, Conn.
8	Axten, Phillips	FB	6-1	160	Sophomore	Wellesley, Mass.
9	Brock, William J.	FB	6-0	180	Junior	Grosse Pointe, Mich.
17	Nesto, Richard W.	IL	5-11	173	Junior	Milton, Mass.
19	Hardy, Richard E.	HB	6-0	155	Senior	Tunis, Tunisia
20	Bogovich, Peter M.	IL	6-1	185	Junior	Astoria, N. Y.
21	Ferner, Christian D.	HB	5-10	165	Sophomore	Oslo, Norway
22	Sawhill, James A.	OR	6-1	175	Junior	New Canaan, Conn.
25	Harrower, Norman III	HB	5-10	165	Sophomore	New Haven, Conn.
26	Wilmot, Christopher A.	FB	6-0	186	Sophomore	Middlesex, Eng.
27	Woods, Robert S.	FB	6-0	158	Sophomore	Wellesley Hills, Mass.
28	Gray, Robert F.	FB	5-11	155	Senior	Dedham, Mass.
G	Locksley, Richard M.	G	5-9	150	Senior	Alma, Mich.
G	Meyers, William C.	G	6-2	190	Junior	Andover, Mass.
15	Thomas, Charles W.	OL	5-10	150	Sophomore	Bathurst, Gambia



J. BRUCE MUNRO
Harvard Coach

1969 SCORING

Player	Goals
Solomon Gomez	16
Charlie Thomas	14
Phil Kydes	7
Pete Bogovich	8
Russ Bell	2
Bruce Detora	0
John Runyan	1
Dick Nesto	1
Jim Sawhill	1

1969 RECORD

Harvard	Opp.
5 Tufts	3
3 Williams	0
5 Connecticut	0
6 Boston University	0
2 Columbia	0
5 Cornell	0
4 Dartmouth	0
3 Pennsylvania	1
3 Princeton	2
2 Brown	1
5 Southern Connecticut	0
3 Yale	0
4 *Brown	0
4 *Hartwick	3

*NCAA Playoffs

Gordon Scrapbook

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This 50 year old scrapbook was carefully taken apart, photographed, and reconstructed by Vin Steponaitis who has had a career-long experience handling delicate artifacts. Albert Gordon created the scrapbook while he was running Kidder, Peabody and heading the Harvard Fund. He was The Friend of Harvard Soccer before there was an organization doing the same work and among other things was responsible for the Training Camp opportunity before the '71 semifinal in Miami, and the St. Paul's pre-season training in the summer of '70 under Gordon Bradley.

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