



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN SOCCER HISTORY



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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

A recent article in *The New Yorker* likened the current global sportscape to “a COVID-19 ghost town.” It was into this realm that the Society for American Soccer History entered the first half of 2020.

Our first major decision of the new year was to cancel the scheduled symposium at Rutgers University Newark in mid-April. We were sad to do so, but it was the right decision. Interestingly, it allowed our Society to pivot to new possibilities and programming.

We moved the entire symposium to a virtual platform – each and every presentation can be viewed on our website at www.ussoccerhistory.org. The move to “zooming” let us reach more Society members than ever, and our current memberships is at historic levels.

The success of the symposium, which took place across two sessions led our executive committee to seek other possibilities. To use David Kilpatrick’s mantra – SASH should be creating content – the Society collaborated with the good folks at “The Scotch Professor Network,” a group based in Glasgow that looks to correct the narrative of the Scottish influence on modern soccer. Many of us who are interested in the beginnings of the game in the United States know all about the often-neglected importance of the Scotch Professors, those who not only brought the game to these shores but also taught it and disseminated it.

That seminal event resulted in what we are calling First Friday SASH Sessions. Say that ten times fast! No matter where you are, know that on the first Friday of every month there will be some sort of SASH programming via our Zoom account. If you have any good ideas for programs, please let us know. Society member Beau Dure will be our guest for the August session when he discusses his new book, *2012: The Year that Save Women’s Soccer*.

Global soccer is just now emerging from that “COVID-19 ghost town.” The Society hopes that in some small way that we were able to provide you with some community and fellowship in these difficult times. It can seem like a ghost town at times, for sure, but we will still look to share a multitude of compelling American soccer stories with our membership and beyond. Take care and be safe.

Tom McCabe
SASH President

NEW CONTENT ON THE SASH WEBSITE



Fifty Years On: Teska and Schellscheidt on the 1970 U.S. Open Cup

Tom McCabe

Heinz Teska and Manfred Schellscheidt, teammates with Elizabeth SC, reminisce about the club's first of two US Open Cup titles. Teska and Schellscheidt take a trip down

memory lane discussing the club and the 1970 cup run in its 50th anniversary year with SASH president Tom McCabe.

Reading your own obituary: Samuel Bustard, the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic, and the evolution of New York Metro Area soccer

Kurt Rausch

During the 1918 Spanish Flu Epidemic midfielder Samuel Bustard was erroneously reported to have succumbed to the virus. SASH member Kurt Rausch examines Bustard's impressive career before and after his reported demise, providing deep insight into soccer developments in the Metro area along the way.



NEW CONTENT ON THE SASH WEBSITE

After the collapse: ALPF vs. ALPF in Baltimore and Fall River, 1894-96

Ed Farnsworth

Continuing earlier research published on the SASH website on the first professional soccer leagues in the US, SASH Director

Ed Farnsworth looks at matches between former American League of Professional Football teams in Baltimore and Fall River after the collapse of the league, including a series of games for the "Championship of America."



Stars and Stripes Soccer on the Silver Screen before 1930

Brian D. Bunk

SASH Treasurer Brian Bunk reviews the growing availability of film footage of American soccer from the 1910s and 1920s; some of which include sound. Hearing the sound of the game, the fans in the stands -- even a vendor hawking peanuts -- is almost as exciting as the visuals.



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SASH ZOOM SESSIONS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SASH shifted our scheduled 2020 Symposium from the Rutgers University-Newark campus to a pair of virtual symposium sessions in May and June. After the success of these first two sessions, the executive board has elected to continue monthly sessions on the first Friday of every month. These Zoom sessions offer a virtual space to gather as a community, showcase new work, and invite questions and comments to help enrich one another's scholarship.

If you are unable to attend the sessions live, recordings are available at the SASH website and through the SASH YouTube channel. If you would like to participate in a future session or have an idea for a subject you would like to see covered, please email newsletter@ussoccerhistory.org.

SYMPOSIUM SESSION 1: May 1, 2020



In this first virtual session of the SASH Symposium, four speakers engaged with early histories of American soccer. David Kilpatrick highlighted New York City's influence on the game's early development. Tom McCabe offered a look at the earliest efforts to incorporate the game in his look at the American Football Association. Brian Bunk elaborated on the professionals of the 1894 season, while Kurt Rausch concluded the presentations with a brief history of the National Association Football League.

Access the recording [via the SASH website](#) or [directly on YouTube](#).

SYMPOSIUM SESSION 2: June 5, 2020

The second session of the SASH Symposium focused on scholarship about more recent histories around American soccer. Kurt Rausch offered a look at Samuel Bustard's life and his impact on a turbulent period of soccer history. Patrick Sullivan detailed the history of several southern soccer trophies and the history of soccer in New Orleans, Birmingham, and Atlanta. Kevin Tallec Marston discussed citizenship claims of the 1950 U.S. World Cup squad. Dan Creel broke down the 1976 American Soccer League season. Steve Holroyd delved into the 1979 NASL players strike, and the session concluded with Zach Bigalke's look at Mexican-American women crossing the border to play for the Mexico women's national team.



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THE SCOTCH PROFESSOR NETWORK: July 3, 2020



As the first of our official First Friday sessions, the July session was conducted in collaboration with key leaders of the Scotch Professor Network, an organization with the mission to illuminate and disseminate history about Scotland and its impact on the early development of soccer.

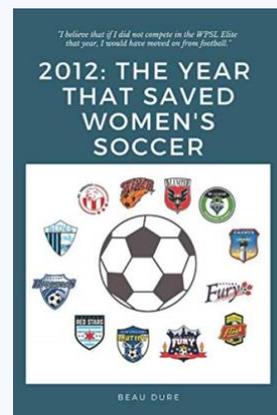
Hosted by David Kilpatrick, this session begins with scholarship on Scotland's soccer history. Graeme Brown broke down the history of the first iterations of Hampden Park in Glasgow and the efforts to resurrect those spaces. Ged O'Brien challenges the popular narrative about soccer as an English game. Jim Mackintosh concluded the first half of the session with a discourse on the importance of poetry and football in our lives.

The second half of the session brings the scholarship back to the United States. Kilpatrick offered a brief look at the cultural exchanges between Scotland and the U.S. Tom McCabe continues the discussion with a look at Kearny, New Jersey from the context of the Brigadoon. Scott Hollander continues the conversation with a look at Scotland's influences on soccer in Western New York. James Brown concludes the session by highlighting the impact of Scotland on the 1930 U.S. World Cup team.

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UPCOMING FIRST FRIDAY SESSION

On August 7, our next session of the SASH First Friday Zoom series will welcome Beau Dure on to discuss his latest book, *2012: The Year that Saved Women's Soccer*. Breaking down the state of women's soccer in the United States after the collapse of the WUSA and WPS, Dure's book looks at 2012 from several angles. Dure examines 2012 through the lens of the U.S. Olympic team, the remnants of teams from the WPS that maintained operations in the WPSL, and the impact of this season on the long-term health of women's soccer in the United States.



Dure will provide some background into his latest work. There will also be opportunities to ask questions and provide comments about a fascinating period in women's soccer history.

ABOUT THE BOARD

The SASH Executive Board meets several times over the year to work on laying the framework to continue building the organization. The board has focused on outlining administrative issues such as incorporation, finance, membership, and communication; member and public engagement through the re-launching of a journal, creating a regular newsletter, and planning future SASH conferences and events; and research-related topics such as collaboration with the National Soccer Hall of Fame and other archives and building an organizational digital repository.

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The Society for American Soccer History was founded in 1993 to promote, facilitate, and disseminate research into the rich history of soccer in the United States.

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