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Society for American Soccer History Newsletter April 2022

The SASH newsletter is a quarterly review of happenings in the field with quick access to content of interest to the members. If you have questions or wish to contribute to the newsletter, please contact the editor Brian D. Bunk, newsletter@ussoccerhistory.org

A Message from the President



Dear SASH Members,

BELIEVE!

If you follow the hit soccer sitcom, *Ted Lasso*, then you've seen the yellow and blue sign that hangs in AFC Richmond's locker-room.

I've been thinking about such belief lately, specifically in the face of British doubt in all things American soccer. I see and hear this doubt all the time in London, where I currently live. There is doubt (and blame) when American team owners disappoint their supporters (Manchester United), when our top players don't score (Christian Pulisic in the Champions League) or make a blunder (Zach Steffen in the FA Cup), and when our managers lose a match (Jesse Marsch).

Yet season by season, year by year, the American influence in British soccer grows. Another area where doubt and disbelief still remain is the history of the game, but our Society looks to tell the doubters and disbelievers a different story.

Whenever I encounter people here in England, I like to take on a little of Ted Lasso — the upbeat, fun-loving coach that not everyone respects. They say he's out of his depth. When I remind them that the USMNT hasn't yet been out of its depth against England in the World Cup with one victory (1950) and a draw (2010), they wave it off and add, "Wait until Qatar." "We'll see," I respond. "We've been here just as long as anyone else, and we have a rich history and heritage, too."

I've found belief, and validation, in my travels outside London. The American story is inextricably linked to the Scottish story and when I travelled to Glasgow to meet our friends from the Hampden Collection that became all too apparent. Graeme Brown and Lindsay Hamilton toured me around some of the world's most significant soccer sites. The Scotch Professors first left places like Glasgow to bring the game to our shores in the 1870s and 1880s, and they came again during the 1920s, when owners stocked American Soccer League teams with Scottish professionals.

At the City of Paris Museum I stumbled on a beautiful commemorative jug from the 1924 Olympic Games. The U.S. team featured goalkeeper Jimmie Douglas. Mickey and Ken Yaeger, both SASH members, are related to Douglas, who went on to secure the first shut-out in World Cup history in 1930.

I most recently visited London's Design Museum, which is now featuring an exhibit titled "Designing the Beautiful Game." The American influence is there, too, whether it's the iconic denim jersey from the 1994 World Cup, NIKE cleat technology, or Brandi Chastain's sports bra.

Next season's Ted Lasso will feature some scenes in Notting Hill, the posh central London neighborhood. I've seen social media posts of the shoot location, a mile or so away. I plan on walking by today, and shouting, "BELIEVE!"

But I'll keep the real meaning behind such belief to myself. I've never been a fan of the American Outlaw's chant, "I believe that we will win!" But, like Ted, "I believe in believe." I believe in our Society and the story that we are all telling together.

Tom

SASH joins Football Square Mile Alliance



SASH has lent its support to the campaign led by the the Football Square Mile Alliance to have key locations in Glasgow, Scotland, recognized as crucial to the formation of modern soccer.

The area was home to foundational clubs such as Queens's Park, Celtic and Third Lanark as well as the location of the 1st Hampden Park where Scotland famously defeated England 5-1 on March 11, 1882. Currently the headquarters of Hampden Bowling Club, the Football Square Mile Alliance hopes to have it granted UNESCO World Heritage Status.

SASH President Tom McCabe spoke to [The Scotsman newspaper](#) about the significant role that Scottish immigrants played in launching the game in the United States.

For information about the Alliance and its work, please click [here](#).

Image courtesy of the The Scotsman

New Articles Posted to the SASH Website



Two new essays have been added to the SASH website. Click the titles below to read the articles.

[The Rise and Fall: Fall River and Pawtucket Soccer, 1883-1896](#)

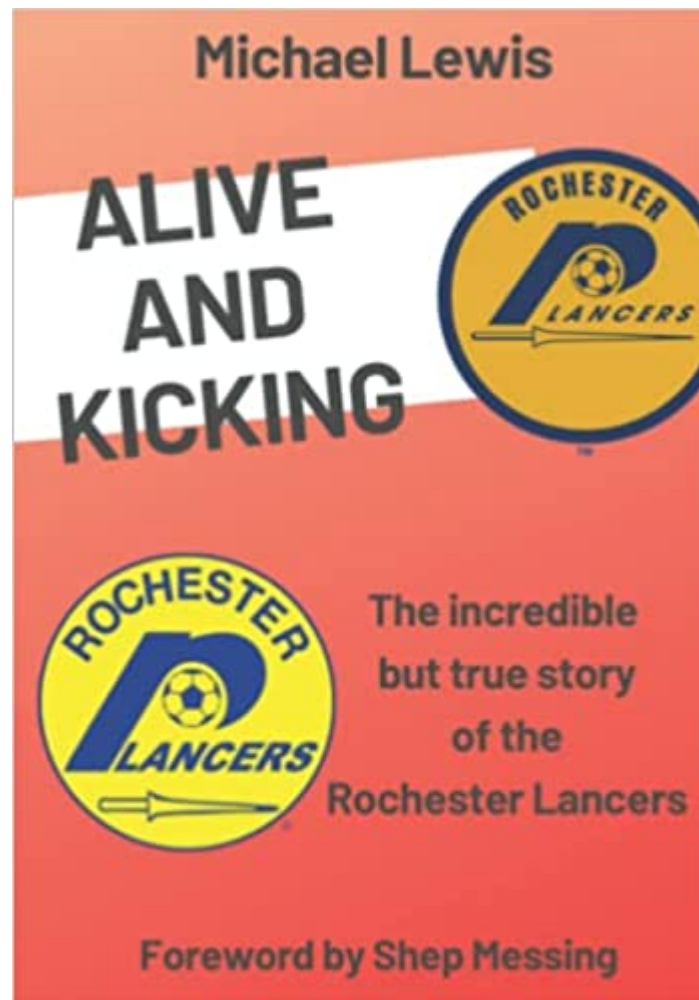
In the decade after the founding of the Fall River's East End team, Fall River and Pawtucket rose to be perhaps the preeminent center of soccer in the United States. Then, over the course of three seasons, organized soccer in the cities collapsed. Ed Farnsworth looks at the rise and fall.

["The Noxious Scottish Weed": Early North American Soccer and the Laws of the Game](#)

Ed Farnsworth, Tom McCabe, and Kurt Rausch consider why the first soccer associations in North America favored the Scottish FA over the English FA as the source for their Laws of the Game.

Image of the Pawtucket Free Wanderers, American Cup winners of 1893 courtesy of Brian D. Bunk.

SASH Members Publish Books



SASH members have recently published two new books.

Michael Lewis is author of [*Alive and Kicking: The Incredible but True Story of the Rochester Lancers*](#). The Lancers helped save the North American Soccer League from extinction. During their existence, they won a championship and became the first US pro soccer team to participate in the CONCACAF Champions Cup (with surprising

results).

Michael will be holding a SASH book session on June 3, 2002. More information will be sent closer to the event.

Kevin Tallec-Marston is a co-author of the *The AFC Women's Asian Cup™ History Book* published in January 2022. According to the press release the book "spans over 180 pages filled with rich and detailed research that chronicles every edition of the competition. The history book also carries inspiring interviews with former players and honours former officials, whose tireless dedication is now memorialised within the pages." The text chronicles the entire history of the tournament from its inception in 1975 up to 2018.



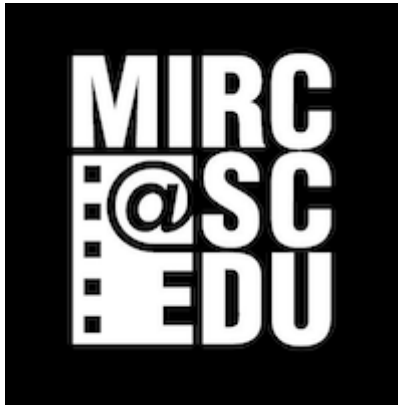
The book is available as a free download, click [HERE](#) to read the text.

Book by SASH Member Named to Award Long List



The book [*From Football to Soccer: The Early History of the Beautiful Game in the United States*](#) by SASH member Brian D. Bunk has been named to the long list for the Sunday Times Football Book of the Year. The award is chosen by the Football Writers Association (FWA), an organization founded to serve the interests of professional football writers in England.

Historical Soccer Films Added to SASH Website



SASH has partnered with the University of South Carolina's Moving Image Research Collections (MIRC) to make available some important early US soccer film footage.

Originally outtakes from Fox newsreels, the footage is now in the collection of the MIRC. The videos include portions of the 1924 US Open Cup final and the US-Canada international friendly played on November 8, 1925. Footage from several American Soccer League matches during the 1927-28 season can also be viewed on the page.

To see the videos click [here](#).

For more on early US soccer films, read the post [Stars and Stripes Soccer on the Silver Screen before 1930](#) on the SASH website.

Upcoming SASH Events

May 6, 2022: ASL 100th Anniversary SASH Session

- Dan Creel on the Fall River Rovers and Fall River United situation in the inaugural 1921-22 season
- Gabe Logan on the “overlooked” 1924-25 National Challenge Cup Championship
- James Brown presents a spotlight on Ernő Schwarcz

June 3, 2022: Book Talk

- With Michael Lewis, author of *Alive and Kicking: The Incredible but True Story of the Rochester Lancers*
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July 8, 2022: Illustrated Guide to Anglo-American Football History Before 1850 SASH Session

- Presented by Tom Langton
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August 12, 2022: 20th Anniversary of First Women's U-19 World Cup SASH Session

- Presented by Jen Cooper
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September 9, 2022: Soccer in the Great Lakes Area from the 1880s through the 1929-30 Midwest Professional League in Chicago, Cleveland, and Detroit SASH Session

- Presented by Craig Tower
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October 7, 2022: Research Round table SASH Session

- James Brown, Hakoah All-Stars' 1930 South American tour and family cultural heritage
 - Other presenters to be confirmed
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More information about each event, including the start times, will be emailed closer to the scheduled date.

Call For Presenters

Do you have research you would like to share with SASH? Presentation space is available for the October 7 research round table.

Plans are also being made to hold two special SASH sessions dealing

with the United States at the World Cup. The events will be held on November 4 and December 2.

If you wish to participate in the round table or the World Cup sessions please email: newsletter@ussoccerhistory.org



In case you missed it, a story from the archives:

[Steve Moyers: American-born goalscorer](#)

Steve Moyers (L) with the California Surf in 1980. Photo courtesy of NASLjerseys.com.

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