

# THE HALL OF FAMER

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## A Brilliant Weekend!

It was a glorious day for the inductions. The weather was crisp, the sun was shining and the fields were a sparkling emerald green. The hills were alive with fall colors providing a beautiful backdrop to this historic occasion. And it was another standing-room-only crowd which gathered to witness the enshrinement of Adolph Bachmeier, Shannon Higgins-Cirovski and Vladislav "Bogie" Bogicevic into the National Soccer Hall of Fame.

The weekend kicked off on Saturday with the unveiling of the brand new "Why Oneonta" exhibit which memorializes the people and events leading to Oneonta becoming the site of the National Soccer Hall of Fame. And that evening Hartwick College celebrated the 25th anniversary of its 1977 NCAA championship with a 3-1 defeat of Princeton. On Sunday morning there was a touching memorial service, held at the Walk of Fame Plaza, dedicated to Hall of Famers John "Frenchy" Boulos, Werner Fricker, Millard Lang and others in the soccer world who passed away recently.

Sunday afternoon featured a symposium on "Soccer in American Culture" with a powerful lineup of distinguished authors, media people and leaders from US Soccer, WUSA, and MLS. The Liars' Retreat, the annual reunion of Hall of Famers, was also held on Sunday afternoon.

The get-together was attended by some 40 guests including nine returning Hall of Famers who welcomed Shannon, "Bogie," and Adolph into the club. Sunday afternoon also featured well-attended Team Clinics held by WUSA players. The day wrapped up with a reception at the Hall, followed by a banquet at Ianelli's Restaurant at which Hall of Famers and players from the two WUSA teams mingled and dined with the other guests.

But Induction Day was clearly the highlight of the weekend and the atrium was packed to capacity as the new Hall of Famers were officially enshrined. Among the dignitaries were Oneonta Mayor Kim Muller, Congressman Sherwood Boehlert, Francisco Marcos, President of

the USL, Don Garber, Commissioner of the MLS, Thom Meredith, VP of Operations for WUSA, Joe Cummings, President/GM of the Boston Breakers, and David Tyahla, Assoc. Director of the US Soccer Foundation.

As has become the tradition the Hall of Famers disembarked from the Oneonta turn-of-the-century trolley to be greeted with standing applause as they were introduced and entered the Hall one by one.

Brief welcoming remarks were made by Doug Willies, Chairman of the NSHOF Board, Congressman Sherwood Boehlert, Peter Wilt, GM of the MLS's Chicago Fire, Kevin Crow, Chief Operating Officer of WUSA, and Sunil Gulati, Exec. V.P. of US Soccer. Then the official inductions began with Hans Bachmeier doing the honors for his father Adolph Bachmeier. He was followed by Hall of Famer Werner Roth who introduced "Bogie" Bogicevic, his former teammate. Shannon Higgins-Cirovski was introduced by Anson Dorrance, her 1991 World Cup coach, as well as her coach at North Carolina. The honor of presenting the Hall of Fame rings fell to Gene Olaff, the legendary goalie from the 40's who was inducted back in 1971. Acceptance speeches by the new inductees were brief but clearly heartfelt as each thanked the Hall for the honor and paid tribute to those who had supported them in their careers.



Left to right: Bachmeier, Bogicevic, and Higgins-Cirovski

Induction Weekend 2002 was capped off by a hard-fought game between the Philadelphia Charge and the Boston Breakers. Boston won narrowly by the score of 2-1.

It was a long and exhausting weekend for the Hall of Fame staff, but according to NSHOF President Will Lunn, "It was well worth the effort. This is the time and the place when each year we honor the past, and showcase the present and the future of American soccer. On Induction Day the eyes of US soccer are focused on Oneonta and the National Soccer Hall of Fame as we honor its heroes."



DEDICATED TO THE SPORT OF SOCCER IN AMERICA...

## Boston Defeats Philadelphia 2-1



Above:  
Kristine Lilly,  
Boston Breakers



Right:  
Lorrie Fair #2  
of the  
Philadelphia  
Charge is  
challenged by  
Yobe of the  
Boston Breakers

The 2002 Hall of Fame Game, which was watched by an enthusiastic crowd of 2,300, pitted the Boston Breakers against the Philadelphia Charge. It was a star-studded game which featured ten players from the inaugural WUSA All-Star Game, including Boston's Kristine Lilly who, with 236 national team appearances, is the most capped player in US history. Opposing her was Philadelphia's Lorrie Fair, who just earned her 100th U.S. cap.

It was an evenly-balanced match, but with the score tied at 1-1, Lilly came through for her fans by scoring the winning goal in the 88th minute. Even though it was billed as an exhibition game both teams went all out to win, demonstrating why WUSA continues to grow in fan support throughout the country. Said Will Lunn, "We are very excited about the quality of players who participate in the Hall of Fame game each year. It's a rare opportunity for local soccer fans to witness some of the world's best in action."

## The 3rd Annual Liars' Retreat

The 3rd Annual Liars' Retreat was held at the home of George and Peggy Brown the day before inductions. This is the traditional reunion of Hall of Famers plus a few special guests such as the Boulos family who were in Oneonta to honor recently deceased Hall of Famer "Frenchy" Boulos. St. Louis was well represented by special guests "Goose" Gilliam, President of the St. Louis Old Timers Club and his friend, Treasurer Jack Lyons. Guests are forbidden to interrupt or correct any Hall of Famer who is telling a story, under penalty of permanent revocation of guest privileges.

Returning Hall of Famers included LLOYD MONSEN '94, WALTER BAHR '76, GENE OLAFF '71, 'CHICO' CHACURIAN '92, ALEX ELY '97, HARRY KEOUGH '76, LEN OLIVER '96, PHIL WOOS-NAM '97, and WILLY SCHALLER '95. Also present were new Hall of Famers "BOGIE" BOGICEVIC, SHANNON HIGGINS-CIROVSKI and ADOLPH BACHMEIER as well as their families. They represented over 70 years of soccer

history and they came from as far afield as Georgia, Missouri, Florida, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Washington DC, Illinois and Maryland. Gene Olaff, who at 82 was the oldest returning Hall of Famer, said "I wouldn't miss it for the world. But as each year goes by these guys seem to score more and more goals, and as a goalie I object to that. No one seems to let the facts stand in the way of a good story." Of the returning Hall of Famers the farthest traveled was Willy Schaller who flew in from Colorado. This was the first time he has seen the new Hall, and according to Willy, "It was well worth the trip. I have fond memories of the old Hall on Ford Avenue but this far exceeded my expectations." The consensus among returning Hall of Famers was that, based on the stories they heard from the new inductees, they will be worthy additions to the Liars' Retreat. And it was also concluded that with the induction of Shannon Cirovski the average I.Q. in the group went up by about 30 points and the average age went down by about 17 years.



Left to right: Mirjana Bogicevic, Walter Bahr, son Casey Bahr, "Bogie", Harry Keough, 'Chico' Chacurian

## Gotcha!

Gene Bettiol, Sr. showed up at the Hall of Fame on the morning of August 24th expecting to hear his granddaughter Carleigh sing the National Anthem at the "Big 3" opening ceremonies. To his complete surprise it turned out to be a rendition of Happy Birthday in celebration of his 70th. A large group showed up, not only to help him celebrate his birthday but to witness the dedication of the Bettiol Field named in honor of the Bettiol family. His son Gene, Jr. serves on the Board of Directors.



In a simple ceremony before the unveiling of the scoreboard, President Will Lunn described Gene as one who stepped forward and spoke passionately in support of the Hall when it was most needed. "He is a strong, committed leader and is a special friend of the Hall." Chairman Doug Willies said of Gene that he helped shape Oneonta, and inspired others to do the same. Bettiol's response was typically low-key and modest when he responded by saying, "No one person does it. It takes partnership, and belief in people."

# The U.S. Open Cup

by Roger Allaway

The U.S. Open Cup has seen a revival in recent years since Major League Soccer (MLS) teams have gotten involved. In seven of MLS' first eight years, MLS teams have won the Open Cup, and the cup has become a topic of interest to many American soccer fans who previously hadn't realized that it existed. Actually from the 1920s to the 1950s it occupied as prominent a place in American soccer as the F.A. Cup does in English soccer.

The U.S. Open Cup, originally called the National Challenge Cup, was established in the 1913-1914 season. It has gone by several different titles over the years. For many years the trophy presented to the winners was the Dewar Cup, originally presented to the U.S. Amateur Football Association by Scottish sportsman, distiller and philanthropist Sir Thomas R. Dewar in 1912. The Dewar Cup, one of the finest sports trophies in the world, has been retired and is now permanently on display at the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Nevertheless Open Cup winners still have their names engraved on the trophy and it was on display in Giants Stadium for the 2003 Open Cup Final.



Chicago Fire's Ante Razov embraces the Dewar Cup at Giants Stadium

In 1998, the competition was named the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup in honor of his contributions to the sport. It has often been referred to in the media as the soccer championship of the United States but it is only in the last 35 years or so that leagues with coast-to-coast membership actually existed. Before that the best leagues in the USA were regional ones, and the U.S. Open Cup provided the main chance for teams from different parts of the country to compete against each other. Today the opportunity that it provides, that would not otherwise exist, is for teams from different levels of American soccer to compete against each other

for a real national championship. In 1958, for the first time since its inception a team from the West Coast won the cup when the Los Angeles Kickers beat Baltimore Pompei in the final. Over the last eight years the tournament has been dominated by top-rung teams from MLS but teams from lower rungs have gotten deep into the later rounds of the tournament and one, the Rochester Raging Rhinos, won the title in 1999.



Bethlehem Steel, Open Cup winners 1917-1918

The first great team of the U.S. Open Cup was Bethlehem Steel from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania which won the cup five different times between 1915 and 1926. In the 1920s the Fall River Marksmen dominated, winning the cup five times between 1924 and 1931. One St. Louis team, Stix, Baer & Fuller (named after a department store sponsor) won the cup in 1933 and '34 and that same team, now known by their new sponsor's name, Central Breweries, won it in 1935. That same team actually reached the finals in 1936 and '37 but by then it was known as the St. Louis Shamrocks. It was one of the best teams ever in American soccer, combining many of the best St. Louis players with the best from recently-folded New England teams.

In the 1940's, two New York teams, Brooklyn Hispano and Brookhattan, won the "double" capturing both the country's top professional league title (then still the American Soccer League) and the U.S. Open Cup in the same season. The New York Americans also won the double in 1954. In the late 1950s, one of the most dominant teams in the U.S. Open Cup emerged. It was the Philadelphia Ukrainian Nationals, who won the cup in 1960, '61, '63 and '66. They won the double in 1961 and '63. The reign of the Ukrainian Nationals was the last era for a while in which the U.S. Open Cup featured the best teams

in the country. Teams from the North American Soccer League (NASL) chose not to compete in the U.S. Open Cup, and throughout the '70s and '80s the cup was dominated by amateur teams. When MLS teams joined the competition in 1996 it re-established the U.S. Open Cup as a major event in U.S. soccer.

When D.C. United won the first MLS championship in 1996 and the U.S. Open Cup in the same year, it became the first winner of the double since the Philadelphia Ukrainian Nationals 33 years before. Since then, there has been another, the Chicago Fire, which won the cup in 1998 and 2000, completing the double in 1998. Overall, Chicago teams have won the cup seven times in 15 final appearances.

The U.S. Open Cup has regained its former standing as an important part of the American soccer landscape. It now stands as perhaps the most significant competitive link to American soccer of decades ago.

## Passings



**Nicholas DiOrio**  
1921 - 2003  
Hall of Fame - 1974

Nick DiOrio, who passed away on September 12, 2003, was a member of the U.S. squad that participated in the 1950 World Cup in Brazil. He played most of his soccer in the Pittsburgh area, winning three U.S. Open Cup medals, two with Harmarville and one with Morgan Strasser. He also won a U.S. Amateur Cup medal with Morgan Strasser.



**Eugene Ringsdorf**  
1912 - 2003  
Hall of Fame - 1979

Gene Ringsdorf, who passed away on October 30, 2003, was a leading figure in American soccer for decades. He served as President of the USSFA from 1961 to 1963 and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Ringsdorf was a driving force behind Oneonta's successful bid to be officially sanctioned as the National Soccer Hall of Fame. He served on the USSFA's Hall of Fame Advisory Committee for over a decade. As a mark of his love for the game, at his request, Gene was laid to rest in his Hall of Fame blazer with his USSFA pin in the lapel.

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"Today is a special day... I was lucky to be in the right place at the right time." – Alan Willey  
(Editor's note: As the 2nd highest goalscorer in NASL history he was always in the right place at the right time.)



Rick and Tina Davis in the NASL Gallery. Alan Willey in background.



Ridge Mahoney, Sr. Editor, Soccer America (L) and Harry Keough at Pub Night

"What an incredible honor this is... It is overwhelming."  
– Paul Child



Granitza promotes 'Underberg' during his acceptance speech



Floodlit entrance to the Hall on Induction Night



Hall of Famer Gene Olaff hasn't missed an Induction in 20 years



Carlos Alberto and wife Maria DeGraca Bandeira Garbacio. "There is nothing to compare with the five years I played in the NASL. This is one of the greatest moments in my life, not my career, my life!"



Ntsoelengoe is still as graceful on the ball as ever



The Canadian contingent. L to R Tracey David (Canadian Hall of Famer), Bruce Wilson, and the Lenarduzzi's



The Marcos' wedding [Editor's note: this has nothing to do with the inductions. It's just too good to pass up. See Snapshots article.]



The Ntsoelengoes in their traditional dress. "I am very proud to represent a free South Africa... I am humbled to be the first black South African to be inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame."

"The Hall of Fame is a cathedral dedicated to the sport's great moments and the people who made them great." – Will Lunn



Ahmet Ertegun with Nesuhi's son and daughter, Rustem and Leyla. "Soccer is one of my passions."



Phil Woosnam looks on as Ace Ntsoelengoe (L) and Bogie meet up for the first time in 20 years



Clive Toye with grandson Cameron. "This superb museum and Hall of Fame is the spiritual home of soccer in America."



Bogie greets his fans



1950 World Cup teammates Keough, Souza and Bahr (L to R) in front of "The Game of Their Lives" exhibit



"I'm an incredibly lucky guy... deeply honored... no greater feeling than to be told by your peers that you have made a difference... Thank you for saluting the NASL." – Ted Howard



# THE NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME NASL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Lee Stern "This beautiful sport is now as American as apple pie and baseball."

# Entering a New Era

by Roger Allaway



In large part this is the result of changes passed in 2002 by the Hall of Fame's board of directors. Previously, to be on the regular eligibility list for the Hall of Fame, a player had to have been retired for at least five years but no more than 25 years (This is, of course, in addition to meeting the other eligibility criteria). After 25 years a player moved on to the Veterans Committee eligibility list. That window has now been changed. Instead of 5 to 25 years, it is now 3 to 10 years. Thus the eligibility list for the regular election has grown smaller and the eligibility list for the Veterans Committee has grown larger.

The ballot for the 2004 regular elections will consist of players who retired no earlier than 1994 and no later than 2001. The 38 candidates on the ballot will include some of the most recognizable icons in contemporary American soccer history. The Hall of Fame maintains a "future" list of players who have met the eligibility criteria as far as their playing accomplishments, but have not yet retired or have been

Starting with Induction 2004, soccer fans will see more and more contemporary players on the induction ballot. There will be 38 players on the 2004 ballot, of whom 23 are men who have played in Major League Soccer (MLS). The ballot includes 12 men who played in either the 1990, 1994 or 1998 World Cup, and seven women who played in either the 1991, 1995 or 1999 World Cup.



Eric Wynalda – eligible in 2004



Michelle Akers – eligible in 2004

retired for less than three years. Of the more than 100 individuals currently on that list, about 90% have played in either the MLS or the Women's United Soccer Association.

Those who will be on the 2004 eligibility list are Michelle Akers, Desmond Armstrong, Geoff Auger, Brian Bliss, Chico Borja, Paul Bravo, Paul Caligiuri, Jeff Causey, Fernando Clavijo, Thomas Dooley, John Doyle, Eric Eichmann, Wendy Gebauer, Linda Hamilton, Mary Harvey, Mo Johnston, Debbie Keller, John Kerr Jr, Frank Klopas, John Maessner, Holly Manthei, Pato Margetic, Megan McCarthy, Bruce Murray, Uche Okafor, Francis Okaroh, Hugo Perez, Brandon Pollard, Sarah Rafanelli, Mark Santel, Mark Semioli, Mark Simpson, Diego Sonora, Mike Sorber, Steve Trittschuh, Perry Van der Beck, Roy Wegerle and Eric Wynalda.

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## Selection Policies and Procedures

### Effective with Induction 2004



#### Players

A player must have been retired for at least 3 years but no more than 10 years. Eligibility commences in the third calendar year after the calendar year in which he/she played their last professional game.

A player can become eligible via play on the U.S. national team or play in a first-division U.S. professional league. If qualifying via national team play, the player must have appeared in at least 20 full international games for the USA, of which at least one must have been in a World Cup or World Cup Qualifying match. This is reduced to 10 games if they were played prior to 1990, because fewer international matches were played pre-1990.

If qualifying via professional league play, he/she must have played at least 5 seasons in a first-division U.S. professional league and won either the league championship, the U.S. Open Cup or have been a first-team all-star.

The Selection Committee consists of all past and present full National Team coaches and all active first-division US professional league coaches with a minimum of four years as head coach. It also includes owner's representative, league commissioners, plus the U.S. Soccer Secretary General, and all of those designated on the official media lists of the leagues and U.S. Soccer.

Up to three players may be elected annually. The two players who receive the highest number of votes are elected (a minimum of 50% is required), plus the next highest vote-getter providing he/she receives at least 80% of the vote.

#### Veterans

A veteran must have been retired for at least eleven years. The criteria are similar to those in the Player category but with the number of full international games required for qualifying reduced to five games if the games were played before 1960.

A Screening Committee, which consists of sixteen Hall of Famers, votes for those who will go on the Final Ballot. The Selection Committee, which consists of all Hall of Famers, votes for those to be inducted.

Up to two veterans may be elected annually. The veteran who receives the most votes is elected (a minimum of 50% is required), plus the next highest vote-getter providing he or she receives at least 80% of the vote.

#### Builders

This category consists of all non-players who have had a major, sustained and positive impact on American soccer at the national or first division professional level.

The Selection Committee consists of the U.S. Soccer Director of Officials, USA first division owners' representative, league commissioners, the U.S. Soccer Secretary General and all Hall of Fame Builders. The builder who receives the most votes is elected (with a minimum of 50% required). One builder may be elected annually.

# The "Other" Triple-Edged Sword

by Roger Allaway

That title has been applied most famously to three great goalscorers from the 1991 US women's team - Akers, Heinrichs and Jennings. But the other, and earlier Triple-Edged Sword was the lethal trio of Looby, Zerhusen and



Zerhusen

Murphy, all now Hall of Famers, who played for the US in the '50's and '60's. They played together in the '56 Olympic Games in Australia as well as the Asian tour preceding those games, the '59 Pan-Am Games in Chicago, and in the qualifying round of the '60 Olympic Games. The 1959 Pan-American Games were the pinnacle, both for the Looby-Murphy-Zerhusen combine and for American soccer in that era. The US team won the bronze medal in that competition, which was the first medal won by the US in international competition since winning the World Cup bronze in 1930. Other Hall of Famers who were members of that team are Alex Ely (who is profiled in this issue), George Brown and Willy Schaller.

In the '59 Pan-Am Games the US won four of its six games in the round robin format, playing against Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica and Haiti. They lost only to Argentina and Costa Rica. During the competition the trio combined for 24 goals in those six games, with Zerhusen scoring 10, Murphy 8, and Looby 6. Akers, Heinrichs and Jennings combined for 20 goals in six games in the 1991 World Cup finals.



Looby

The highlight of those Pan-Am Games was a 5-3 victory over Brazil on August 31, 1959. In that game Murphy scored three goals and Zerhusen had two. Zerhusen's biggest outburst was four goals against Haiti, with Looby scoring two goals against both Cuba and Haiti.

The trio began its attacking partnership three years before, during the Far Eastern tour prior to the '56 Olympics. The US played nine games, in Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines. In those nine games, Zerhusen scored 17 goals. The highlight probably was a pair of games against Japanese all-star teams. In those two games Zerhusen and Looby each scored four goals and Murphy had two. The last time the three stepped on the field together, in US uniforms, was on Nov. 22, 1959, in an Olympic qualifying game against Mexico in Los Angeles. Murphy scored the only American goal in a 1-1 tie. Looby played his last game for the full National Team in 1959, Zerhusen in 1965 and Murphy in 1969.



Murphy

There have been plenty of great goalscorers in American men's soccer, such as Archie Stark, Billy Gonsalves, Hugo Perez and Eric Wynalda. But there probably has never been another trio, all at the same time, to match that of Bill Looby, Ed Murphy and Al Zerhusen.

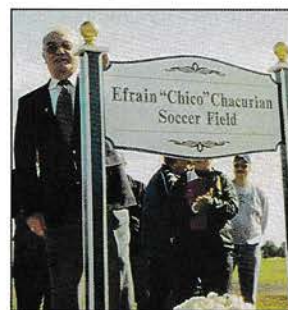
*(Editor's note: Ed Murphy has vanished. He may not even know that he is in the Hall of Fame. We are anxious to track him down. He played his club career in Chicago with the Norwegian Americans and Maroons, and in 1968 for the Mustangs of the NASL. If you have any photos, press clippings or info as to his whereabouts please contact me.)*

## Snapshots...

and other news from around the Hall

**LEN OLIVER HF '96** ... diagnosed with prostate cancer... treated successfully... never missed a beat in his coaching, speaking and consulting activities... according to Len "It was a wake-up call. Everyone should get regular PSA tests"... Best line of the week - Len received a written invitation to my bouillabaisse dinner the night before the Liars' Retreat... bouillabaisse was misspelled... responded by saying "I'm not eating anything you can't spell!"... **RAY BERNABEI HF '78**... big reunion of Harmarville Hurricanes... celebrating winning '52 and '56 National Open Cups... more in next issue... **BILL LOOBY HF '55**... "Bill Looby Night" held in his honor on Oct. 19th... many old friends and Kutis... **TRACEY BATES HF '88**... captured another gold for the US team to the first World Championship... beat Canada, in Canada with a thrilling golden goal in overtime... 50,000 spectators...

**LLOYD MONSEN HF '94**... just received the prestigious Leif Ericksen Award from the Sons of Norway Lodge #3 (all Eastern states) for his accomplishments... spent two hours in the archives helping to identify ASL players from his era... **"BOGIE" HF '02**... now coaching in Saudi Arabia... **'CHICO' CHACURIAN HF '92**... honored in his home town of Stratford by the dedication of a field in his name... still coaching at age 78... **Marcelo Balboa**... Metro Stars... almost recovered from his knee injury... visited the Hall with his family in September... **'CLARKIE' SOUZA HF '76**... wife Anita passed away quietly on October 19th after a long struggle with Parkinsons... **Kathy Dailey**, Operations Director... kudos to her staff for their great work on Induction 2002... reports that the mailing list for "The Hall of Famer" is growing steadily... know anyone who would like to be on the



Chacurian Field Dedication

mailing list?... subscription info on back page... **Peg Brown**, volunteer... presented Hall with check for \$2,000 received annually from ExxonMobil Foundation for her volunteer

work... another \$1,000 matching grant coming... money goes to support the archival work... **JACKIE HYNES HF '77**... holding his own after his stroke but wheelchair-bound... would love to hear from his old friends and teammates... telephone number is (718) 667-2118... **ARNOLD RAMSDEN HF '57**... been trying to get info on him for years... great grandson Robert Ramsden now in contact with us to help fill in blanks... **HARRY KEOUGH HF '76**... stayed with me over Induction Weekend... up every morning at 6:30am for two mile walk... still competes in Senior Olympics, mostly swimming... took 5 medals last time out... not bad for a 76 yr old.

MH = Medal of Honor/Yr awarded  
HF = Hall of Famer/Yr inducted

## PROFILE: ALEX ELY – MIDFIELDER

**A**lex, who was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 1997, was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil on February 9, 1938 and emigrated to the U.S. in 1956.

Keep in mind when you read about his career that he won a Pan-Am bronze, three U.S. Open Cups, four ASL Championships and one Canadian League Championship in the span of six years. Pretty remarkable!

Alex began his soccer career in the amateur Philadelphia United Soccer League, then in 1959 began his first division career with the Ukrainian Nationals of the American Soccer League (ASL). In the ASL off-season he had stints with the New York Americans of the International Soccer League in 1960, Toronto Roma, League Champions ('61-'62) and Toronto City ('64-'65) in the Eastern Canada Professional Soccer League. With Toronto City he played alongside the legendary Kubala from Barcelona. While with the Philadelphia Ukrainians in the 60's he won three U.S. Open Cups as well as four ASL championships. Alex played in four World Cup qualifying round games all against Mexico, two



Now

in 1960 and two in 1965. He also played twice for the Olympic team in 1959 and was a key member of the 1959 bronze medal-winning Pan American team which defeated Brazil 5-3 in the tournament. *(Editor's note: I was a member of that Pan Am team and since I saw little playing time due to an injury I had lots of time to watch Alex in action. He was silky smooth, made everything look effortless, had a deceptively angelic appearance and couldn't have weighed more than 150 pounds soaking wet, but heaven help anyone who tried to get past him.)* In addition to his U.S. National Team appearances Alex also played on a

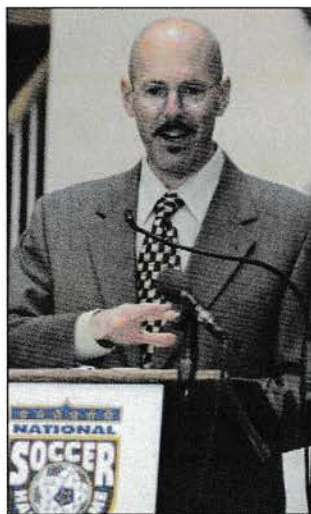
number of All Star teams against opponents such as Kaiserslautern F.C., Stuttgart F.C., Manchester City and Manchester United, to name just a few.

In 1965, after graduating from the University of Maryland and receiving his Masters degree from Temple University, he returned to Brazil where from '65-'72 he was with Metropolitan and then Santos. With Santos he also taught English to some of the players prior to their joining the Cosmos. During that same period he authored a successful book on English as a second language. He returned to the US in 1972 and was player/coach for the Philadelphia Spartans and Ukrainian Nationals. Although he retired in 1976 after a season with the Delaware Wings, he played in old timers tournaments until 1985. His coaching career spans over 40 years, beginning as Assistant Coach at the University of Maryland from '60-'65. He headed Monsignor Bonner from '72-'76, Archbishop Carroll from '81-'94 and was Women's Head Coach at Swarthmore College from 1995-1997. Presently he coaches at Penn State Abington where he won the conference in the 2001/2002 season.

Alex currently teaches at Archbishop Prendergast H.S. in Philadelphia; coaches three teams including America Kolping S.C. which he founded in 1975; is President of the United Soccer League of Pa; and has just opened Ely's Bar and Grill at 5262 Roosevelt Blvd in Philadelphia. He has two sons, two daughters and five grandchildren.



Mexico 1960



Lunn announces launch of Hall of Fame Society

## Special Program In The Works

President Will Lunn announced work on a new plan to build support for the Hall's future programs.

According to Lunn, "The history of US Soccer in many ways mirrors that which has made America great. It sprung from immigrant roots and has now become woven into the fabric of our society. That history, reflected in our exhibits, memorializes the rich diversity of our sport, and honors the men and women whose passion and excellence are the cornerstone of the Hall of Fame. It is important that these stories be told and we need help doing it."

"The Hall has evolved from a one-room soccer exhibit to our present-day 30,000 square foot museum," said Lunn. "We are proud of what we have accomplished but to fulfill our mission and truly help build the sport in America, we need broad-based support. This new program will enable a special group of visionaries to provide exactly that."

Details of this new program will be announced shortly but in essence it will provide opportunities for individuals and businesses to join a special arm of the organization by providing tax-deductible contributions at various levels. Contributors will receive special benefits and perquisites based on the level of their support.

For more information about the program please contact Ellen Selig-Nader, Development Manager, at 607-432-3351 ext. 203, or email [ellen@soccerhall.org](mailto:ellen@soccerhall.org).

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