

# The Big 3 Hall of Fame Class of 2004

On August 14, 2004 the Fifth Annual Big 3 Banquet will be held at the National Soccer Hall of Fame. At this banquet the American Youth Soccer Association (AYSO), the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA) will gather to officially enshrine their organizations' 2004 inductees.

## AYSO

American Youth Soccer Association



**John Enroth** spearheaded development of AYSO's referee assessment program. He joined the National Referee Commission in 1987. In Arizona he was Section Director of referee assessment. In 1994, after a brief hiatus, he rejoined the National Referee Commission and served on its Technical Committee from 1994-2003 while he was National Director of Referee Assessment.



**Carin Jennings-Gabarra** began her career playing AYSO soccer in Region 10-Palos Verdes. She was a four-time All-American both in high school and at the University of California-Santa Barbara. On the US National Team she won a FIFA Women's World Championship in 1991 and was named MVP, and then won an Olympic gold medal in 1996. Carin was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2000 and in 2001 she received the Hall's prestigious Medal of Honor along with her 1991 teammates.



**Bill McLean** organized Region 79 in 1975, the first AYSO region in New England. A year later he influenced the National Board to create Section 3, which covered all areas outside of California. In 1977 he became its first Director. McLean was elected to the National Board in 1977 and served as Vice President.

## NISOA

National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Ass'n



**Brian Hall** began his soccer career on AYSO fields at age 14. A NISOA member since 1979, he earned his National Referee badge in 1988. Hall has refereed a total of 11 college national championship matches, including three Division I College Cup Finals. In 2002 he reached the pinnacle of his career officiating at the FIFA World Cup Final in Korea/Japan. He was named MLS Referee of the Year in 2003.



**Joseph Manfre** has been a member of NISOA since 1975, earning his National Referee badge in 1984. He has officiated in 19 consecutive NCAA Division I tournaments and has also refereed NCAA Division I and NJCAA finals. Manfre has served in executive positions in both the Maryland ISOA chapter and NISOA Executive Board. Among his honors he has received Maryland's Ray Kraft Referee Award and is a member of the Maryland Hall of Fame.



**Paul Tamberino** served at the National Referee level from 1990-2002. He earned the MLS Referee of the Year award for four consecutive years, and officiated at numerous international matches. At the collegiate level he officiated for all the leading conferences on the Atlantic Seaboard including a NCAA Division III final as well as two NCAA Division I championship matches. His final match was in 2001 when he officiated at the final of the U.S. Open Cup.



**Donald Wilbur** served NISOA at the highest level in a variety of capacities including National Referee, National Clinician and National Assessor. He has officiated the NCAA Division I men's and women's tournaments, the NCAA men's national finals, and NAIA men's and women's national finals. Wilbur is the recipient of the Robert Sumpter Excellence in Teaching Award and is a member of the South Carolina Hall of Fame.

## NSCAA

National Soccer Coaches Ass'n of America



**John McKeon** coached at Montclair (NJ) State College, the University of Bridgeport and East Stroudsburg State College. During his 29-year coaching career he amassed a 214-139-30 record. Highlights of his coaching career included guiding the University of Bridgeport to the first-ever NCAA national championship match and winning 6 PSAC championships with East Stroudsburg. During his 12 years as Executive Director of the NSCAA, he laid the foundation that now supports the world's largest single-sport coaching organization. In 1987 he received the NSCAA Honor Award and was inducted into the NISOA Hall of Fame in 1995. McKeon passed away in December 2003.



**Tim Schum** served as NSCAA president from 1982-83 and for 22 years was editor of the association's magazine "Soccer Journal". As coach at Binghamton (NY) University for 29 years he compiled a career record of 259-126-43, winning six SUNYAC titles and two ECAC crowns. He edited "The Soccer Coaching Bible" and "Coaching Soccer" and co-authored "The First 50 Years" with Joe Beam. Schum received the NSCAA Honor Award in 1994.

## D-Day *Roger Allaway*

Nearly every professional sports event in the U.S.A. was canceled or postponed on June 6, 1944, D-Day, while the nation held its breath over the fate of the invasion of France.

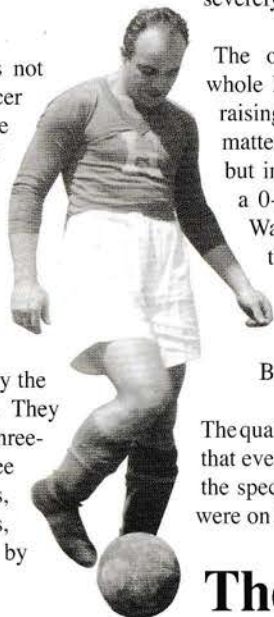
One of the few events that was not called off was a one-day pro soccer tournament in New York. The decision was made to go ahead and play, after consultation with the Army and Navy, because the event was a benefit for the Red Cross supporting the American war effort. *Bill Gonsalves*

In 1944 in New York, benefits for war-related causes, particularly the sale of War Bonds, were frequent. They included such varied events as a three-cornered baseball game at Yankee Stadium among the NY Yankees, NY Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers, and a concert at Carnegie Hall by pianist Vladimir Horowitz.

One of soccer's contributions was the June 6 tournament from which all proceeds went to the Greater New York Red Cross 1944 War Fund. With millions of Americans clinging to their radios that evening for news coming from across the Atlantic (the invasion landed on the beaches of Normandy about 19 hours before the soccer games at the Polo Grounds in New York began), the crowd was only about 2,500. However, perhaps no one in New York that evening was more concerned with the invasion news than the British Consul General, and he was at the Polo Grounds.

The field for this tournament consisted of the four New York teams in the American Soccer League (ASL); Brookhattan, NY Americans, Brooklyn Wanderers and Brooklyn Hispano. Three of them had completed their seasons. Brooklyn Wanderers still had one game to go in the ASL's Lewis Cup playoffs. (The ASL was a very patriotic sounding league that year, as was much of wartime America. The 10-team league included the NY Americans, Kearny Americans, Philadelphia Americans and the Baltimore Americans). In the semi-finals early in the evening Brookhattan played Wanderers and NY Americans played Hispano. After a game between all-star teams from several New York amateur leagues, the winners of the two semi-finals played for the championship. All the games were 50 minutes long. The final went to a 15-minute overtime period, so the fans at the Polo Grounds saw 215 minutes of soccer that night.

Three future Hall of Famers played that night, Billy Gonsalves of Brooklyn Hispano, Rudy Kuntner of NY Americans and Alex Weir of Brooklyn Wanderers. Two other future Hall of Famers, stars of their teams, would have played but they were unavailable that night. Gene Olaff of Brooklyn



Hispano was in the Navy ready to embark on the USS Escape for duty in the Atlantic and Jackie Hynes of the NY Americans was getting ready to ship out to Europe with the rest of the 80th Division. On Christmas Day, 1944 Jackie was severely wounded at the Battle of the Bulge.

The outcome on the field didn't matter a whole lot. The outcome in Normandy and the raising of money in New York were what mattered. For the record, Brookhattan won, but in less than overwhelming fashion. After a 0-0 tie in its semi-final against Brooklyn Wanderers, the Bronx team was declared the winner on the basis of corner kicks. In the final against Brooklyn Hispano, both the score (1-1) and the corner kicks were still tied after overtime, so Brookhattan won the trophy on a coin-toss.

The quality of the soccer played at the Polo Grounds that evening was probably less than inspiring, but the spectators may not have noticed. Their eyes were on the field, but their minds were on France.

## The George Rogers Collection

George Rogers, the long-time Kearny, NJ area soccer buff, has donated a significant portion of his collection of soccer memorabilia, which dates back to the 1800s, to the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Rogers, who played for the Kearny Scots, among other teams, back in the '30s and 40s, has amassed an impressive collection which ranges over one hundred years of the history of the game in this hotbed of soccer. Peg Brown, Manager of the Archives made a special trip to Kearny, NJ to review Roger's collection. "It was wonderful", she said "There were some marvelous and unique old photographs as well as press clippings which



*Peg Brown and George Rogers inventory the collection*



*Shamus O'Brien circa 1924*

will help us fill in gaps in our records particularly with respect to lineups and descriptions of games played back in the '20s thru the '40s."

Among the hundreds of items that Rogers has donated are original publications such as 1927 and 1929 issues of Soccer Weekly as well as 1930s issues of the Soccer Star. Among the many photos are those of the US team, which played Canada in 1925, as well as one of the 1916 US team on its Scandinavian trip.

In 1960 Rogers helped organize the Kearny Soccer Alumni Association, serving as Secretary/Treasurer for over 40 years. Said Jack Huckel, the Hall's Director of Communications, "The value of his dedication to capturing the history of the game cannot be overestimated. He has documented both an era and an area of soccer that is significant in the history of American soccer. Kearny, NJ was the breeding ground for players such as John Harkes, Tab Ramos, and Tony Meola who got the US back into the World Cup in 1990." New Jersey soccer also launched the career of National Team captain Claudio Reyna.

One of the items in Rogers' collection was a photograph of Hall of Famer Shamus O'Brien ... a teenager. Said Hall of Famer George Brown, "I remember meeting him as an older man well past his playing days and I was excited to see his photo as a young player. O'Brien actually played with my father on the NY Giants team in the late 20s and early 30s." The elder Brown was a member of the very successful 1930 U.S. World Cup squad who went on to a professional career with clubs such as Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur following the first FIFA World Cup. James Brown was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1986, and O'Brien in 1990.



*THE 1916 US TEAM IN SCANDINAVIA*

**Our apologies. When mailing the Spring issue the mailing house had a computer glitch which resulted in names being coupled with the wrong addresses. The issue was re-mailed.**