



SASH Newsletter, Spring 2025

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 email newsletter@ussoccerhistory.org



Kevin Tallec Marston

A Message from the President

Dear SASH members,

As spring blooms, your Board is preparing the 2025 SASH program with a new lineup of zoom sessions and opportunities to engage and progress in all things soccer history. In the coming months we will be hosting additional Research Happy Hour and Write4Ninety sessions to help the society's membership build community. At Board level, we have met twice so far in 2025.

Your Treasurer is taking care of the tax filing and admin paperwork (thank you George Kioussis!) and your Secretary (Zach Bigalke) is progressing with a Policy Manual.

In additional news, your Board is proud to announce that SASH has an official Communications Director. Longtime member Ed Farnsworth, who stepped away from the Board last year, has agreed to continue with all his website and communications work for SASH with a more formal title. This will allow SASH to reply to external requests through a dedicated "Comms Director" role. Thank you Ed!

Thanks to the Membership Research Directory we continue to service incoming requests. In parallel, SASH members continue to be active with projects online, conferences, publications, and much more! If you've been up to some great soccer history stuff, let us know so we can feature this in the next newsletter. Let us know what you are up to (speaking, writing, events, research...) and include an image if you have one.

As we all know, SASH is its membership, so please connect and share!

Best regards,

Kevin Tallec Marston

SASH at the United Soccer Coaches Convention in Chicago

Whether it's a club, a college, a supporter's group or a professional team, history is an essential element for building strong, long-term soccer communities.

On January 9, 2025, at the United Soccer Coaches Convention in Chicago, David Kilpatrick and Chuck Carson led a discussion titled, "Implementing an Historical Initiative for Your Club, League, or Community." Video of the session is available on the SASH YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/P3LBfRWR3e8>. A podcast version of the discussion is available at <https://www.podbean.com/eas/pb-wdycx-17bbb40>



Opportunity to Become Involved

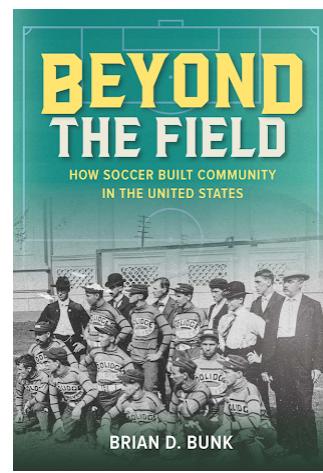
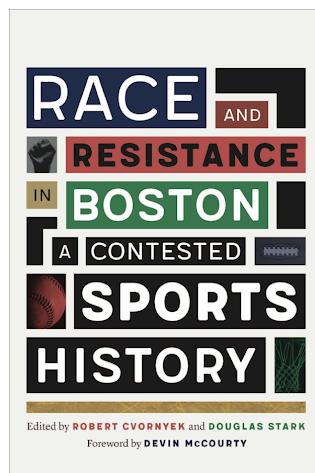
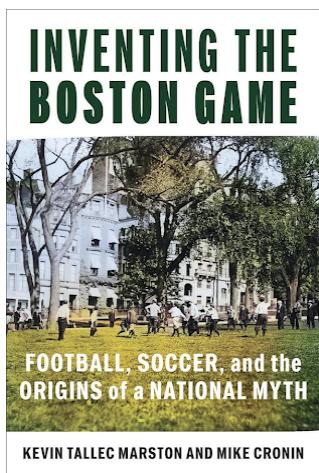
The SASH Board of Directors has authorized the formation of a SASH Archive Subcommittee to explore SASH archives options (virtual and physical). If you are interested in joining this subcommittee, please email Chuck Carlson at chuck.carlsonwi@gmail.com.

Recent Publications by SASH Members

On the [homepage of the SASH website](#) are more than thirty books on soccer history written by, edited by, or featuring chapters by SASH members. Three titles are new in 2025.

- SASH president Kevin Tallec Marston is co-author of *Inventing the Boston Game*, published in January
- Former SASH board members Ed Farnsworth and Brian D. Bunk contributed the chapter "Gentlemen of Color: Oliver and Fred Watson and New England Black Soccer" to the edited collection *Race and Resistance in Boston*, published in February
- Former SASH board member and treasurer Brian D. Bunk is the author of the forthcoming *Beyond the Field*

Click on the cover images below to learn more about each title.



SASH Members in Action



In January, Kevin Tallec Marston organized a launch event at Boston College for his new book (coauthored with Mike Cronin) *Inventing the Boston Game*. Thank you to former SASH board member and treasurer Brian D. Bunk who joined for a panel discussion.

The event included an exhibition featuring documents and artifacts from the FIFA Museum, Massachusetts Historical Society, Revolutionary Spaces, Noble and Greenough School, Historic New England, and the National Soccer Hall Of Fame.

Video of the discussion is available on YouTube courtesy of The Irish Studies program at Boston College.

James Brown worked with the family of SASH founder Sam Foulds and helped broker an agreement to transfer 17 boxes of material collected by Foulds to the National Soccer Hall of Fame (NSHOF) archive in North Carolina.

Brown also helped broker the transfer of an extensive collection of *Soccer America* issues from a private donor to the NSHOF archive in North Carolina.

SASH board member Chuck Carlson, along with Brown, worked with relatives of former USFA official Herb Choice to secure a box of box of memorabilia that includes USSF documents, photos, clippings and letters for transfer to the NSHOF archive in North Carolina.



In late January Carlson presented at the Independent Supporters Council conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. Over 200 committed soccer fans attended the conference, and Chuck's talk "Incorporating History Into Your Supporter Community: Thinking Globally Acting Locally" emphasized the importance of documenting community work done by supporter groups. He also recommended strategies for preserving and organizing records as well as using soccer to connect to wider community history.



Carlson has partnered with the Chicago Public Library Logan Square branch on the Back of the Net book club, a bi-monthly soccer themed book discussion group. Carlson also participated in a workshop organized by the CJ Foundation and Soccer Without Borders (photo above) focused on soccer coaching and violence prevention in Chicago.

With USL-side Rhode Island FC about to open its new stadium, [The Providence Journal](#) interviewed former SASH board member and treasurer Brian D. Bunk in February about the Watson Brothers, the first African American soccer players in the US, and soccer's long history in Rhode Island. Following former SASH board member Ed Farnsworth's discovery of the brothers, Farnsworth and Bunk were the first to write about the Watsons in an essay [published on the SASH website in 2020](#). In 2023, Farnsworth and Bunk made a presentation to representatives of Rhode Island FC about the Watson Brothers and Pawtucket soccer history that was adapted for use on social media to help promote the new club, which made its USL debut in 2024.

Former SASH board member Jen Cooper was interviewed for an article about the Women's United Soccer Association's (WUSA) Carolina Courage and North Carolina's deep legacy with women's soccer in the United States. The article, "The Place to Make History: The Triangle's deep legacy in women's soccer," [was published on the NWSL's North Carolina Courage website](#).

Recent Research Inquiries Addressed by SASH

SASH regularly fields research questions from people around the world through the SASH website and social media channels. Here's a list of recent queries:

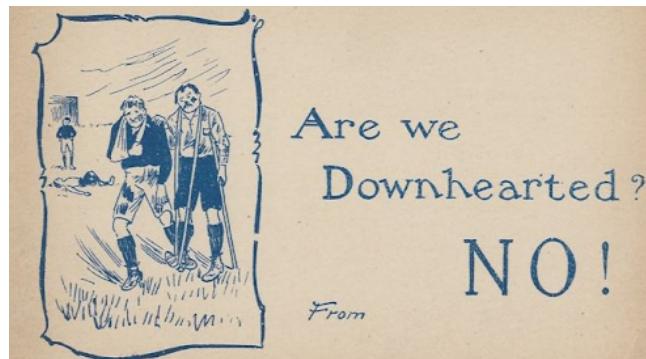
- A university student in the UK looking for information about Liverpool's 1946 US tour for a podcast
- A high school student from New Hampshire who needed to interview a soccer historian for her senior project
- Someone looking for information about soccer in Detroit in the 1930s and 1940s in connection with his great grandfather, who played for the Bavarian Sports Club in the Detroit Amateur League
- A researcher interested in information about team colors in the first ASL
- Someone looking for information about a National Soccer League medal she inherited
- A university student from Maryland looking to interview someone about soccer in the US for their senior project
- A journalist working for NYC Tourism + Conventions preparing an article ahead of the 2026 World Cup highlighting the important role the AFA and the New York Metro Area had on the early history of soccer in the US
- A documentary filmmaker in North Carolina working on a film about a supporters group for the NC Courage and the history of women's soccer in North Carolina
- Following a request from the NSHOF, assisted family members of Walter Dick, a member of the US team at the 1934 World Cup, with information about Dick's career
- Following a request from the NSHOF, SASH is providing ongoing assistance to the National WWI Museum and Memorial in preparation for a forthcoming exhibit to be staged during the 2026 World Cup about soccer in the military during that conflict
- A public relations firm working on a landing page for the Go Providence website to help support the 2026 World Cup matches that will be played at Gillette Stadium contacted SASH for information and photographs related to early Rhode Island soccer history
- Someone looking for information about New Rochelle FC following the discovery of a photograph of the team from 1892
- A historian from Barcelona looking for information about the FC Barcelona match against the Jewish All-Star team selected from the Hakoah and Hatikvoh clubs during the Catalonian's 1937 US tour



LA84 Foundation expands Soccer America collection

With support and encouragement from SASH, the LA84 Foundation has expanded its digital archive of *Soccer America* back issues. More issues will be added to the collection as they are scanned. You can view the current holdings [on the LA84 Foundation website](#).

Recent New Essays on the SASH site



DSV Germania: The 1930 Deutschamerikaner Tour

1930 was a busy year for US soccer internationally. In addition to the USMNT participating in the first World Cup, the Fall River Marksmen embarked on a tour of Central Europe. In between, a German American team, DSV Germania, toured Germany. Robert Gansler recounts the Germania tour's origins in Milwaukee and matches in Germany.

Formation and First Season of the National Association Football League, Part 1: Setting the Stage

Kurt Rausch's three-part examination of the the first National Association Football League season begins with a look at associations and leagues in the New York Metropolitan Area that preceded the league's formation in 1895. Part Two looks at the buildup to the first season and Part Three recounts the results of the first season."

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