

Adopted 12/3/76

RESOLUTION 76-44

Encomium for the Indiana University Soccer Team

WHEREAS, the 1976-77 Indiana University Varsity Soccer Team is made up of Cary Feld, John Putna, Steve Wilke, Mark Simanton, Charlie Fajkus, Ray Kean, Steve Kirchner, Dave Shelton, Angelo DiBernardo, Joe Archer, Hudson Fortune, Steve Burks, Rick Spray, Tom Hussey, Steve Desmuke, Rudy Glenn, Mike Freitag, Jim Mercurio, Steve Barg, Tim Walters, David Sagstetter, Joe Andert, George Perry, Steve Jambois, Mark Fortune, and Joe Kelly, and;

WHEREAS, the Team is coached by Midwest Coast of the Year, Jerry Yeagley, with assistance from Don Rawson, Dick Briggs, Tom Redmond and Dennis Grace, and;

WHEREAS, the Soccer Team has compiled numerous records, made more exceptional by the fact that they have only enjoyed varsity status for four years, such records including seventeen wins, no losses and one tie in 1976, being the number one team in the midwest, and eleven shutouts and ninety-two goals this season, and;

WHEREAS, the team is now number two in the nation, and has received national recognition by being the subjects of stories in the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune and Sports Illustrated, thereby making Bloomington, Indiana better known throughout the country,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA THAT:

The Council congratulates the Indiana University Varsity Soccer Team and coaches for their remarkable performance and wishes them continued good luck in the finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Soccer Tournament on December 4 and 5, 1976, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon the 2 day of December, 1976.



Clem J. Blume, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon the 3 day of December, 1976.

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Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington

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This resolution congratulates the Indiana University Varsity Soccer Team and Coaches on the records they have compiled since enjoying Varsity status, and wishes them continued luck as they compete in the finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament.

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Yeagley Midwest coach of year

By KRISTIN HUCKSHORN
H-T Sports Writer

The national championship-bound Indiana soccer team received another bit of bounty for its astounding season Tuesday when Jerry Yeagley was named Midwest Region coach of the year.

Yeagley and five other coaches were selected by their peers in their own regional districts, and following this weekend's National Collegiate Athletic Assn. finals in Philadelphia, one of the group will be named national coach of the year.

THE HOOSIERS (17-0-1) could help Yeagley garner that award by continuing their unbeaten streak to the national title.

A 1-0 triumph over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Sunday moved Indiana into Saturday's NCAA semifinals against Hartwick. The winner of that

match meets either Clemson or defending champ San Francisco in Sunday's 2:30 p.m. championship game.

The trip is IU's first to the national tourney, and Yeagley's nurturing of the team from a club sport to its present stature should put him in good stead with the coach of the year voters.

"Your team has to be ranked in the top 10," said Yeagley. "You have to have good ethical character and work for the general promotion of soccer."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT was released today (Tuesday) by the Midwestern chairman. Of all the major schools we were the only one that was undefeated. I haven't really had much time to think about it but now that I've been notified I've shared it with the four assistant coaches and the team. This is one of the high points of my career."

SIU coach Bob Guelke, the first recipient of the national coaching award

in 1973, Sunday proved his coaching abilities by bringing his Cougars onto the snow-covered Memorial Stadium AstroTurf field in sneakers, giving them better traction on the slippery surface.

"They were prepared," said Yeagley. "They started the game with 10 of their 11 players in tennis shoes. I just thought, 'Why didn't we think of this?'"

JOHN SCHRADER (IU trainer) is the guy who saved the day. He remembered that the football team had some shoes for bad weather. That was the answer. We played them on even ground or better in the second half. Each player will have a pair of those shoes when we go to Philadelphia."

Indiana enters the final four with a No. 3 ranking, just ahead of Hartwick. The East Regional winner has tourney experience behind it as well as four English-born players on the team, but IU assistant coach Dick Briggs, a past

professional English player, has all of his great expectations on the Hoosiers.

"I THINK THEY will win the tournament," said Briggs, the team optimist who also declared IU an early winner against SIU. "I said at the start of the season that we would go unbeaten. I think there is a dynasty being built here and it's going to carry on next year."

Briggs is pitting his hopes on the Indiana attack, but leading scorer Angelo DiBernardo could see limited action because of a pulled groin muscle.

"We do have the advantage of depth," said Yeagley. "We have people that we've used all year because of injuries. Now we have a lot of people with critical tournament experience."

"We've made it to a very elite group that few teams get to but we're not going to be satisfied with that. We're going to enter it with only one purpose in mind — to play the best we can in every game. That's all we can ask from anyone."