1973 LOYOLA WARRIORS MEN'S SOCCER TEAM REUNION
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WARRIOR SOCCER 1974

It wasn't difficult for Loyola soccer coach Harry Hus to pinpoint the key ingredient in the Warriors' successful march to the 1973 Canadian Intercollegiate Soccer Championship.

"Guts", Hus said simply, after Loyola edged the University of Alberta Golden Bears 4 - 3 in a game which was decided by penalty kicks when the teams were tied 1 - 1 after 120 minutes of fast-paced action.

The National Title was one that had eluded the Warriors for several seasons. Now that they've achieved the pinnacle of success on the intercollegiate level, what goals could possibly be ahead for Coach Hus', charges?

"Although we won the National Crown", Hus replied, "we didn't have a complete team last year. There were several weaknesses, especially in the defensive ranks. We hope to improve those areas this year."

Leading the way for the Warriors will be Most Valuable Player and OUA All Star Mark Soenewski, National team member Jim Corsi and goal-keeper Wally Smith. Smith, who will miss part of the 74 campaign while with Canada's National team, is regarded by Hus as the outstanding goalie in college soccer.

Other Loyola stalwarts include sweeper Duncan McFarlane, right wing Tony MacIsaac, mid-fielder Len Ockenden, left-winger Richard Knoopp and last year's Most Improved Player, mid-fielder Brad De Souza. Hus expects improvement from right back Lesli Konyky, left back Robert Duvall and mid-fielder George Streur in hopes of filling the gaps left by the graduation of several regulars. Newcomers expected to help are sweeper Mike Reynolds of the Quebec Elite team and mid-fielders Trevor Murray and Neil McFarlane (brother of Duncan).

One factor in the Warriors' favor is that Loyola has been selected as the site of the 1974 Nationals. On Nov. 8, 9, and 10th of this year, Warrior fans will be treated to the best intercollegiate soccer this nation has to offer.

"No one has ever won the Nationals two years in a row", stated Hus. "If we get past league foes Sir George and Laval, we should have a shot at it." After last season's performance, no one is doubting him.

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double overtime ...

When the regular season ended with the Warriors annihilating Level 7.0 to stretch their regular season winning streak to an unbelievable 50 games, word was out that again they would choke in the clutch as they had done so often before.

However, led by the scoring of Mark Scowinski, Garth Pringle, and Jim Corri and by the goalkeeping antics of Wally Smith, the gritty footbalists hung tough. At the Awards Banquet, Harry Hus was called upon to make a presentation to his team. On the podium, he leaned to the microphone, his voice cracking, his eyes stary, and said to his players, “Guys, I've never said this before, but I love you.” And that is the stuff of which champions are made.

The victory over Alberta did not go unnoticed. The Warriors received congratulatory telegrams from Mayor Jean Drapeau, Quebec’s Premier Robert Bourassa, and Prime Minister Trudeau. Upon their return to Montreal, the triumphant Warriors were feted at City Hall where they signed the Golden Book thus becoming instant VIP’s. Very Important Players. Back at Loyola, the names of the players and coach Harry Hus were submitted in nomination to the Loyola Sports Hall of Fame while at the Athletic Awards Banquet in March, the team was further honored by two standing ovations from their fellow athletes and soccer star Jim Corri being awarded the Athlete of the Year honours.
SOCCER WARRIORS:

At long last, a national championship

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