

LIFE SPORTS SOAR TO GREATNESS

Life Rugby defended their No. 1 national ranking in great style when they defeated Olivos, a touring Argentine team, 10-7.

Life is the only American team to beat the team from Buenos Aires.



Rugby Scores National Victory

Life College has the best rugby team in the nation! The club, crowned the Champion of the National Division, put Eastern (regional) rugby and Life College on the map by winning the Old Mission Bay Athletic Club (OMBAC) Tournament of Champions in San Diego on February 16.

The event, known as the biggest rugby tournament in America, invited top teams from around the country to compete.

Life trounced Denver 32-3 and San Francisco 26-6 to reach the semi-finals. There they met the tournament host, OMBAC, who were national champions in '88, '89 and '91, and defeated them 16-10. In the finals, Life faced Old Blue of California and was victorious 13-9.

"This makes Life the top team in the United States," according to Life's Head Rugby Coach Dr. Terrence Titus, '89. "Western rugby has always been perceived

as the best in the U.S. Life has just disproved that," added Dr. Titus, who is also the wing forward for his team.

Outstanding tournament players for Life include Paul Blomsack, Grant Butterworth, Jimmy Johnson, Ziggy Ringoen, Mike Siano, Dr. Titus and Tommy Vinnick. Siano was awarded Tournament Most Valuable Player.



Life Basketball Reaches Nation's Top 25

In its first year of play, Life College's Running Eagles' basketball team made it to the finals of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' (NAIA) District 25 championships and cracked the nation's top 25 rankings.

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Top Racquetball Player Puts New Spin On Chiropractic in Athletics



Life student Tim Hansen, center, takes a swing at the doubles' competition during the 1990 Olympic Festival in Los Angeles.

In his third quarter at Life College, doctor of chiropractic student Tim Hansen has already hit the pinnacle of his favorite sport. Alternately ranked the number one and number two amateur racquetball player in the country this year, Hansen attributes his success to never giving up. Now, he has set his sights on raising chiropractic to its highest level of acceptance in the world of sports.

"My teammates on the U. S. National Racquetball Team are very receptive to chiropractic, and I've already spoken to the American Amateur Racquetball Association about taking over from the current team doctor when I'm finished," said Hansen, who plans to open a practice in his home state of Florida with his brother, a podiatrist.

Hansen's vision also includes the '96 Olympics in At-

lanta. Racquetball will be introduced as an exhibition sport, and Hansen hopes to be there -- with chiropractic.

"Racquetball is becoming internationally recognized as is chiropractic. Chiropractic is starting to get into the Olympics also. When I competed at the Olympic Festival in Los Angeles, there was a chiropractor for the athletes."

Hansen, who has a finance degree from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla., learned about chiropractic through his chosen sport. He was a stockbroker for four years before entering Life College. After injuring his back playing racquetball seven years ago, Dr. Mark Adducci, a Palmer graduate, adjusted him. "I've never had a back problem since," asserts Hansen. "I was thinking of

going back to school for physical therapy, and my friend, Todd Kohout, talked me into enrolling at Life as he was doing."

"My goal is to excel in chiropractic as I did in racquetball. I want to help people as much as I can and get chiropractic involved in sports at the national racquetball events. The advantage I have is I've already been an athlete. I know how to lose. You get your butt kicked, but you just can't give up. That's why I think I'll be a good chiropractor. I can fight for the profession."

The National Racquetball Team includes the top five women and top five men in the U.S. They travel to tournaments throughout the world which can take a toll on your body. Hansen attributes his good health to chiropractic. "We went to Chile for the International Tour of Americas in Chile last April and four of the team members got sick, but I was fine. Chiropractic provides mainte-

nance. I haven't had any injuries," said Hansen.

Hansen started playing outdoor racquetball nine years ago with his father. After two years, Hansen moved inside and started tournament play. Competing in both doubles and singles, he has captured 15 national and two international titles.

"My biggest moment in sports was winning national doubles last year because so many professionals competed. On the other hand, most heartbreaking was losing national doubles by one point in the finals three years ago. We were up by four points."

Hansen will be competing in April at the Tournament of Americas in Honduras. In May, he will travel to Houston for the Nationals competition.

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SPORT SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Sid Williams congratulates his Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach Roger Kaiser who earned his 400th win this season. The former All-American has led Life's first-year basketball team to a district title.

LIFE BASKETBALL

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Life, the top seed going into the highly competitive tournament, lost 68-65 in the final seconds of a high-intensity game against number two-seed Berry College.

The spectacular squad was ranked as high as 20th place in a NAIA top 25 poll. Coached by former All-American Roger Kaiser, the 29-6 team has accomplished the unthinkable in

its inaugural season.

"It's very unusual for a first-year team to rate so highly. We may be the first team to gain this distinction," said Kaiser who earned his 400th win this season and the District's Coach of the Year award. Kaiser is used to accomplishments. He is the only college coach in Georgia history to win a national championship. The feat was achieved while he coached the West Georgia College Braves in 1974.

Soccer Team Surpasses Goal of First Season



The 1991 Life Soccer team had an outstanding first season as they won their division and nearly went undefeated. Top row from left, Pete Mosher, Rob Gregory, Roland Claes, Jerome Poupel, Paul Sorchy, Steve Parsons, Dave Mancuso, Harold Meinzer, Marco Belizaire, Coach Melvin "Bucky" Reynolds. Kneeling from left, Jeff Rabin, Rick Berthiaume, Fabio Arevalo, Orlando Armas, Scott Duca, Matt Bergtold, Gene Clerkin, Tom Hartey, Rich McIntosh.

In its inaugural season, Life's soccer team has captured first place in the league's third division with an

impressive record of 11 wins, 1 loss and two ties.

The team is now assured of a promotion to the second

division of the Atlanta District Amateur Soccer League.

"Since this was our first season, we were required to start at Division Three," according to Coach Bucky Reynolds. "By winning the division, we will compete at a

higher level next year," said Reynolds, who also serves as admissions services director at Life.

Team captain Jeff Rabin will lead the team into tournament play in March.

International Challenge Expands in Run For Life



Member's of Life's international pilot project try out the new five mile running trail. From left, Nikolai Tchameeu of Cheboksari, Russia, who placed sixth in the 1990 Goodwill Games; Matt Kendall of Cornell, who has a personal record of 4:05 in the mile; Brian Jaeger, defending Run For Life champion and record holder.

Olympic fever is rampant in Marietta, Georgia. As race organizers set the pace for the Ninth Annual Run For Life, several countries have expressed great interest in the international challenge aspect of the Life College road race.

Germany, France and the Commonwealth of Independent States (formerly the Soviet Union) hope to send contingents to participate in the 5K and 10K races on July 25, 1992. These countries will join Mexico, Costa Rica and the U. S. in the Second Annual International Challenge Cup.

The challenge was introduced last year to allow Olympic track hopefuls to train and compete against each other in preparation for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

For the weekend athlete,

the Run For Life offers a gamut of events. A field of 5,000 runners is expected in the 5K and 10K, timed mile run, Tot Trot (ages 1-4) and Woodland Walk. The walk was a new event last year which catered to the leisure athlete.

"We focus this event on the family," said Race Coordinator Joe Kelly. The community Finish-Line Party follows the recipe for fun by serving free barbecue, beer, soft drinks, fruit, popcorn, ice treats, music, face painting, games and caricatures. Race participants receive a colorful T-shirt.

Proceeds from race entry fees are donated to a community project. This year's proceeds will benefit The Open Gate, an emergency children's shelter in Cobb County.

Life to Sport First Man-Made Sand Dunes

Life's cross-country team will climb to new heights this year. The recently formed team of six students in the undergraduate program will have an edge over other competitors in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) with the completion of an Olympic-quality training site.

Already leading the world in chiropractic education, Life is now at the forefront of innovative athletic training facilities. Life

is completing the first phase of its training center with the creation of a five mile cross-country trail; the second phase, construction of the first-ever man-made sand dunes, is expected to be complete in April.

"No one has ever built these before," said Life's Coordinator of International Sports Mike Spino. "The natural sand dunes in Australia are often used for training by the great running coaches of the world and were the models for our dunes."

According to Charles Shirley, architect with Sizemore Floyd Architects, they will be able simulate a natural sand dune by using washed sand as opposed to

beach sand. "The sand-like material is similar to the sand used in a sand trap on a golf course."

Life's cross-country team as well as the rugby and bas-



Cross-country runners and doctor of chiropractic students John Bartlett, left, and Joe Biasillo train on the college's new five-mile cross-country trail. The transfer students have National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) eligibility remaining from their undergraduate days.

ketball teams will use the two sand dunes, reaching heights of 35 feet and 70 feet long, for resistance running. Participants in Life's pilot project for international athletes will also utilize the facilities as they train with Life's cross-country team.

"The idea is that our team will improve by training with the top U. S. and foreign athletes," said Spino. "We hope to win the NAIA championships in a year or so once we recruit some more athletes," he added. Two of the teams top recruits are transfer students Joe Biasillo and John Bartlett. Biasillo qualified for the NAIA national cross-country team last year.

The surface being tested

for the cross-country trail is also a novel concept. The architects are evaluating a lighter and spongier material than is typically used on trails. "The surface is like a light weight cinder track with the advantage of lowering the chance of injury," said Shirley. The disadvantage, he admitted, may be that it is too light to resist erosion.

In addition to the trail and the dunes, which will be located next to the rugby field, Life garnered approval from the city to use two county parks to build a stadium and lap track. The College is currently negotiating with Atlanta-based Coca-Cola to donate the lap track and sponsor the Run For Life road race. The target ground-breaking date is this fall.



Life's Rugby Captains Warren Van Zyl of Durban, South Africa, and Michael Sutula of Trumbull, Connecticut, admire their most recent trophy from the OMBAC Tournament of Champions with Coach/Player Dr. Terrence Titus of Carenage, Trinidad.

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