



GREEN-WHITE GOALPOST

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The Best of All Time

What is the meaning of life? What happens when an unstoppable force meets an unmovable object? When a tree falls in a forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound? Who are the best Green-White players of all time? These questions have baffled human kind for many centuries. Often believed to be unanswerable, we will tackle one of these eternal queries and provide you with an answer. In this memorable edition of the *Green-White Goalpost*, we will answer one of the most thought about, analyzed and debated questions of all time. Who are the best players that have ever played for Green - White?

Many have worn the Green & White representing our club over the past 40 years. Many have trained long hours, traveled great distances and played this sport with all their heart and soul. Over the years, GW has had

recreational, top level collegiate, and professional players represent our organization. Green-White has had nationally recognized teams and, truthfully, we have been forced to support some poor ones. In our 40 year existence, GW has had approximately 475 different players compete on our men's team.

In looking back, no matter how successful the team was, some extremely talented players have worn the Green-White uniform. The subject of which players

Green-White Dream Team

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were the best ever and which was the best team of all time has been vigorously discussed by loyal long time

fans for many years. Well, the staff at the Green-White Goalpost believed it was time to formally and finally put this question to rest. This is a difficult feat, how can we choose a best of all time Green-White team? How can you possibly compare the worth of a Robert Meschbach to that of a John Woolfe Sr. when they competed in different eras? We turned to the experts. The Green-White Goalpost petitioned fifteen Green-White experts and asked them who they believed deserved the title of Best of All Time. The experts have all been with the club for many years. Twelve of the experts have been involved in the club since its inception. The experts, who will remain anonymous, fall into one of the following categories: former coaches, players, or hard core fans.

They were asked to choose three players in order of importance for each of the fol-

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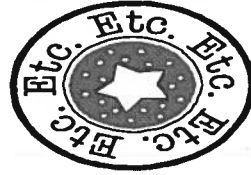
FIRST TEAM

A year ago, the 1996 indoor season ended with our First Team being relegated to the 1st Division. This was a fact that our club had to live with until March of 1997. We would have to wait that long to get the chance to move back up to the Major Division.

Well, the team accomplished that goal, finishing tied for first place with the Chicago Kickers, but taking 2nd because of goal differential. The First team finished with a record of 7-1-1 scoring 48 goals and allowing only 10.

The team played well enough this past indoor season, but they will have a much stronger challenge next year in the Major Division. Congrats to our 1997 team!

Three of our long time players are now playing professionally. After a stint in Emden Germany, Chris Ryan



has now joined David Siers in Milwaukee with the Rampage. Jake Trudy is playing with the Rockford Raptors. We wish all of them the best of luck!

There are also some new players on the team. John Sheldon returns from a brief hiatus to the green machine after moving back from Wisconsin. Damian, Eugenio and Rod make up the new Green-White Canadian connection. These players, who all play at UIC, each scored in their first Metro league game!

Reserve Team

The 1997 Indoor Season for the Reserve Team has been played on Tuesday nights at the Odeum. They ended the season in the top ten of their league.

Over-30 Team

This winter, the Over-30 Team has sat idle on the sidelines.

Unfortunately, there was not enough interest to play indoors, so the men's team has been keeping fit and working out individually during the cold, winter months.

They may be a bit physically rusty, but their spirits were high for their first game of the spring season. They competed against Streamwood Hawks and won 5-3.

Many new players have joined the Over-30 roster including Peter Stadler and Hans Stronck. Two of these players had participated on the reserves and Mr. Stronck is a former Southern Methodist University player. Coach Lukcevic is receiving help from co-managers Hans and Linda Marx this season. We all look forward to a fun and exciting season from this group!!

Remember to Join Us!!!

By now you should all have submitted your membership dues to be a part of the wonderful organization that is Green White Soccer Club. If you have not yet paid, it isn't too late to become an active member for 1997. Just choose from the memberships below. You have a choice of how strong a pledge you would like to make. After you have decided which membership package you are interested in, please send a check payable to "Green White Soccer Club" to *Christine Condon at 534 S. Roosevelt, Arlington Heights, IL 60005*. After you do that, you can sit back and enjoy all the benefits that being a Green White member brings to you. Also, you won't ever miss an exciting issue of this newsletter, either. **Remember, all contributions are tax deductible!!!**

White - Members and their guests are entitled to participate in all scheduled club events, upon payment of fees for that event. Individual \$35 (Retiree \$17.50) Family \$50 (Retiree \$25)

Green - Same as *White* membership, plus free admission to all home games at the Green White facility, the Annual Picnic and the Christmas Party. Individual \$65 Family \$100

Gold - Free admission to all home games and all regularly scheduled events. Individual \$200 Family \$300



YOUTH SOCCER



Green Hornets Triumphant in Indoor League

After a tough Fall outdoor season, the Boys U9 Team triumphed and remained undefeated in ten games to clinch the first session indoor league championship at Soccer Enterprises!! Under the coaching direction of Oleg Vatchev, the Green Hornets have improved steadily and are concentrating on team play.

Lucas Carden, Chris Adrian, Michael Cherwin and Michael Polark led the goal scoring for the Green Hornets. Max Cherwin and Brian Davis displayed fine defense in goal by deflecting many opponents' scoring attempts. Also contributing in assists and goal scoring were Sean Reidy, Matthew Stieve, Jack Murphy, Kevin Dermody, Danny Dolan and Michael Mechnig.

The boys look forward to a challenging Spring outdoor season and hope to further improve their soccer skills, game and team play.

Green Machine's Winning Record

The U-11 boys Green Machine team is on a nine game winning streak in division play at Soccer Enterprises. As of March 22nd, the Green Machine had a strong hold on first place in the division with a more than one game lead over arch rival Arlington Aces.

The Green Machine has had a truly balanced attack over their opponents with many different players contributing to the scoring. Also, extremely strong defense and terrific goal keeping by keepers Peter Goreham and Nathan Haas have resulted in two shutouts.

The Green Machine offensive players have included Rich Allsion, Brian Bell, Adam Bobel, Anthony Capra, Matt Dabrowski, Tom Fryc, Peter Goreham, Nathan Haas, Todd Kulikowski, Brian Winkler, Matt Worsley and Michael Zaino. Green Machine defenders include Peter Garde, Kyle Larson, Matt Piazza, Amir St. Clair and Chris Zaccaro.

The Green Machine finished in second place in outdoor fall play. The U-11 team began slowly in the first indoor session, but finished by winning four of the last five games and they have carried that momentum into this session by winning nine straight. With a defeat of the Aces this weekend, the Green Machine will clinch first place.



New Trainers for Youth Teams



A committee consisting of Gus Bender, Tom Strelka, Hans Metzinger and Horst Melcher will be interviewing prospective coaches and trainers for all the youth teams for the new season.

Head coach Oleg Vatchev will not be working full time for our club after this season. He will most likely be available to continue to work with two or three teams. Oleg has done a great job with all the teams he has been working with and we are faced with a challenge to find replacements of equal caliber.

With the new season ahead of us, we are looking for experienced soccer trainers that will also act as team coach. The same person that trains the teams will also coach the team at game time. A trainer/coach will be compensated \$3000 for the season for each team he/she coaches. With that compensation, the coach is responsible for games and practices starting in August 1997 through the fall season, indoor season and ending with the spring season at the end of June 1998.

In addition to Oleg, the following people presently serve as coaches/trainers this spring season: Frank Pepich, Franco Grando, Hans Marx, Hans Metzinger, Joe Filian and Eddy Voltaire. Most will remain for the next season.

If anyone is interested in serving as a youth coach, they should contact any of the committee members.



Elect the Youth Board!!

The time has come once again for the election of the youth board members. This MPGW Youth Soccer Annual Meeting is to be held on **MAY 14th** at the Clubhouse beginning at 7:30 pm.

Officers for the June '97 - May '98 fiscal year are to be elected. Ballots are being distributed to all travel team participants by your team managers. Be sure to mail your ballot or bring it to the May 14th meeting at the clubhouse.

The following people are slated to run:

President - Horst Melcher
 Vice President - Gus Bender
 Treasurer - Hans Metzinger

Directors - Steve Pastorelli Mark Allison
 (4 to be elected) Linda Marx Tom Strelka
 Tina Kowalski Tom Schreiner

The ballots also permit write-in candidates. In addition to the above slate, there are also four board members appointed from Green White adult program, the Park District House League and the Girls Instructional Teams.

Please make sure your ballots are both completed and returned. This helps to make our organization a truly cohesive and complete one.

Green White Try-Outs

It is already time to start thinking of next season. Players that wish to be on one of Green-White's teams need to come out and "show their stuff". Players and parents will also get the opportunity to meet the coaches and trainers assigned to the teams for the upcoming season. Try outs will be held at Metro Park. Be sure to sign-in at the Clubhouse beginning at 5:30 pm.

The try out dates are as follows:

May 27 & 28 (Tues./Wed.) Boys U9 - U14

May 29 & 30 (Thurs./Fri.) Girls U9 - U15

Age Eligibility Chart 1997/98

Team	Born Between
U 15	8/1/82 - 7/31/83
U 14	8/1/83 - 7/31/84
U 13	8/1/84 - 7/31/85
U 12	8/1/85 - 7/31/86
U 11	8/1/86 - 7/31/87
U 10	8/1/87 - 7/31/88
U 9	8/1/88 - 7/31/89

**Summer
Tournaments
1997**

Summerfest - June 27, 28 & 29th

Boys U 9 to U 18

Girls U 9 to U 16

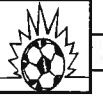
Green White S.C. - July 13 & 14th

Men's First and Over 30 Teams

Soccerfest - August 22, 23, 24th

Boys U 9 to U 14

Girls U 9 to U 18



Player Focus



his issue will focus on two Green White players: J.D. and Matt Worsley. These two boys live in Arlington Heights and have played with Green White for three years. J.D. is in 7th grade at Thomas Middle School and Matt is in 5th grade at Ivy Hill. Other than soccer, they both play baseball and are active Boy Scouts. J.D. plays defense and Matt is a forward.

When or how did you start playing soccer?

J.D. - I was 4 yrs old and began playing with friends in the backyard. Matt - I was 4 1/2 yrs old when I played with brother and friends.

What makes a good forward?

Matt - You need to be fast, have good dribbling skills and a good shot.

What makes a good defender? J.D. - You need to be fast, strong, aggressive and play smart.

When did you join Green-White?

J.D. - I was in 5th grade.
Matt - I was in 3rd grade.

Who was your favorite coach and why?

J.D. - Eddie Voltaire was my favorite because he takes time to get to know the players, he is friendly and lets you know what your are doing wrong.

Matt - I have a tie—Walter Melcher and Eddie Voltaire. Walter really wanted us to try hard and do our best. He made it easy for us to do it. Eddie because he is friendly, nice and doesn't yell a lot.

Can you remember the best game you ever had?

J.D. - They are all fun for me to play. Matt - An indoor game on my birthday versus Arlington Aces. I scored 2 goals.

Who is your favorite professional player?

Matt - I like Cobie Jones. He runs fast and does great things with the ball. (J.D. didn't have a favorite.)

What do you like best about Green/White?

J.D. -The tournaments are fun. The coaches are nicer and push us to be better.

Matt -I've learned a lot playing with the Green White Team.



This Month

30 Years Ago



ere's another glance into the past of Green-White.

↪ In 1967, WEBH (93.9 FM) would have weekly updates on German soccer scores with Wilhelm Franz and Rolf Kunkel on the "Mikrofon".

↪ A large Bummelabend was planned for April 1 with Steve Strumberger and his boys playing the music.

↪ The Stiftungsfest of 1966 program book brought in \$1,771 for GW (102 ads were sold).

↪ Sam Berleth, a one time goal keeper, took on the job of renovating the glass work of Chicago's Davis Theater. The concern of the president at the time was—would he have enough time to still play soccer?

↪ The men's team had a record of 2-2-2 playing in March of 1967. They beat the Kickers and Eagles, lost to Hansa and Schwaben and tied Fortuna and the Maroons. I believe the mood was low after the Hansa loss. A quote from Joe Hertl ("Man kann einem alten Esel keine neuen Tricks mehr beibringen") was reported to have told the whole story.

↪ The women's group was planning an outing in May to see the movie Hawaii and eat at a restaurant. How lovely!



1997 SPRING SCHEDULE

DATE	HOME TEAM		VISITING TEAM	TIME
4/13/97 * Rescheduled	Green-White	vs.	Schwaben	3:00 pm First 1:00 pm Reserve
4/20/97 <u>WIN</u>	Green-White (5)	vs.	Cracovia (1)	3:00 pm First 1:00 pm Reserve
4/27/97 <u>TIE</u>	Maroons (4)	vs.	Green-White (4)	3:00 pm First 1:00 pm Reserve
5/4/97	Pegasus	vs.	Green-White	3:00 pm First 1:00 pm Reserve
5/11/97	Green-White	vs.	Eagles	3:00 pm First 1:00 pm Reserve
5/18/97	Highlanders	vs.	Green-White	3:00 pm First 1:00 pm Reserve
6/1/97	United Serbs	vs.	Green-White	3:00 pm First 1:00 pm Reserve
6/8/97	Panthers	vs.	Green-White	3:00 pm First 1:00 pm Reserve
7/12 & 7/13	SENIOR	MEN'S	TOURNEY	ALL DAY

Green White Soccer Hotline



With the help of modern technology, you are now just a phone call away from important Green White news. Want to know if a game is cancelled? What time does that picnic begin? What is the date of the Christmas party? All your questions can be answered on our new HOTLINE!! Three different extensions! You can also leave messages!

CALL 630-415-1509

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Game
Schedules

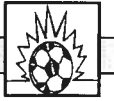
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Social
Activities

Ext. 3
Membership
Information

President's Corner

Tobias Trouts, a 17 year old young man from Pforzheim, Germany, has contacted our club. He expressed an interest of visiting Chicago for a month in August of 1997 and is looking for a family to stay with during his visit. He plays soccer and basketball and wishes to experience the American way of life while perfecting his English speaking skills. If anyone is interested in hosting Tobias, please contact me by May 15th and I will get you in touch with Tobias.

Horst Melcher



Mt. Prospect Green - White Youth Soccer Association 1997 - 1998 Soccer Season

Item	PLAYER FEES	FALL & SPRING		FALL OR SPRING	
	Allocation of costs	Team Cost U9 - U14	% of team cost	Team cost U15 - U19	Percent of team cost
1	League Fees	850	14.24%	750	17.99%
2	Indoor 1	0		0	
3	Indoor 2	0		0	
4	State Cup	120	2.01%	120	2.88%
5	Uniforms	850	14.24%	450	10.79%
6	Equipment and Facilities	300	5.03%	200	4.80%
7	Scholarship	300	5.03%	300	7.19%
8	Administrative	200	3.35%	150	3.60%
9	Team Coach	3000	50.25%	2000	47.96%
10	Coaching Supervisor	200	3.35%	100	2.4%
11	Indoor practice / 20	0		0	
12	Awards	150	2.51%	100	2.4%
	TOTAL	5970		4170	
	COST PER PLAYER	426.43	100%	278	100%

MPPD Player Fee	425		275
2nd / Family	410		265
Non-MPPD Player Fee	435		285
2nd / Family	420		275

D E S C R I P T I O N O F C O S T S

- *Fees paid to League- Fall and/or Spring
- *Fees paid to IYSA and referee fees
- *Nets, corner flags, balls, coaching aids, etc
- *Printing, mailing, advertising, accounting, etc.
- *Cost for coaching administrator/ sub. coach
- *End of season team/Ind. trophies & player gifts

- *Indoor costs are not included in fees
- *One set of quality uniform and alternate jersey
- *Contribution - reduced fees for needy players
- *Payment to team coach/trainer for entire year
- *Indoor practice facility cost is not included
- *U15-U19 receive uniforms every other year