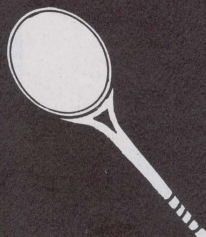
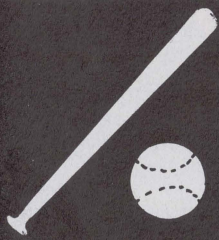


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SUNBLAZERS



1977



SOCCER

Florida International University

Miami, Florida

Captains Les Peterson and Neville Prince



When choosing co-captains, Coach Nuttall looks for the qualities of leadership and ability. Nuttall believes he has found them in Peterson and Prince.

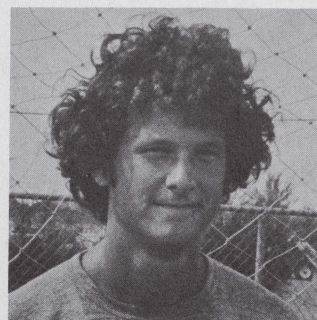
Prince, is a graduate from Queensborough Community College in New York. He was Junior College All-American and big things are expected of him this year.

Peterson, is a local product of Miami-Dade Community College South. Peterson did a fine job last year at the point fullback position and another good season would make him a prime pro prospect.

Both are seniors this year and their primary goal is to help direct the Sunblazers to its first post-season play-off bid.

Assistant Coach

Don Buslinger



Graduate assistant Don Buslinger is one man who can provide an effective combination of offensive and defensive knowledge.

Coach Nuttall feels Don is one of the most versatile players he has ever coached. As a junior, Don was instrumental in stabilizing the Sunblazers defense; as a senior, he moved up to midfield and tied for total points and assists.

Don will prove to be a valuable coaching asset and Coach Nuttall is looking forward to working with him.



1977 SOCCER ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Year	School	Name	Pos.	Year	School
Bofill, George Miami, Florida	Def.	Sr.	MDCC - North	Cordoba, Luis San Salvador	Mid.	Jr.	Broward Comm. College
Guthrie, Wayne Miami, Florida	Fwd.	Sr.	MDCC - North	Solozabal, Miguel Miami, Florida	Mid.	Jr.	MDCC - South
Lezaca, George New York, N. Y.	GK	Sr.	Queensborough	Njie, Aliou Miami, Florida	Fwd.	Jr.	MDCC - South
Lora, Raul Miami, Florida	Def.	Sr.	MDCC - South	Avilez, Julio Lima, Peru	Fwd.	Jr.	MDCC - South
Nagy, Laslo Miami, Florida	GK	Sr.	MDCC - South	Preston, Greg Miami, Florida	Mid.	Jr.	MDCC - North
Peterson, Les Miami, Florida	Def.	Sr.	MDCC - South	Kerzner, James Valley Stream, N. Y.	Mid.	Jr.	Nassau Comm. College
Prince, Neville New York, N. Y.	Mid.	Sr.	Queensborough	Carlos, Wright Miami, Florida	Def.	Sr.	MDCC - South
Robayo, Mauricio Miami, Florida	Def.	Sr.	MDCC - South	Hodges, Russ Miami, Florida	Def.	Jr.	MDCC - North
Pollack, Gary Johannesburg, S. Africa	Fwd.	Jr.	U. of Witwatersrand	Aspinall, Bob Miami, Florida	Def.	Jr.	MDCC - North
				Player-Manager Peter Van Voorst Vader			

Soccer Sunblazer Statistics

Overall Record

40-17-2

1976 Season Record

8-4

1976 Facts

Leading Scorer - Curtis Leeper (5)
Leading Points - Don Buslinger and Ed
Mausser (13)

1976 Captains

Neville Prince - Les Peterson

1976 MVP

Curtis Leeper

1976 Most Improved Player

George Bofill

1976 All-South Selections

Curtis Leeper - Ricky Rivas

1976 Pro Draft Choice

Curtis Leeper, 2nd Round, Ft. Lauderdale
Strikers

1976 Florida Intercollegiate Soccer Coaches All-State Team

1st Team - Curtis Leeper and Ricky Rivas
2nd Team - Neville Prince -
Les Peterson
Honorable Mention - Besteiro Palome-
que, Maurice Taylor, Ed Mausser

Professional Signees

Trakoon Jirasuradet, Steve Lee, Raul
Luzarraga, and Curtis Leeper; all have
been drafted and signed professional
contracts. Curtis Leeper is the most re-
cent selection seeing action this year
with the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers.

FIU Facts

Name: Florida International University
Founded: 1965
Location: Tamiami Trail
Miami, Florida 33199
Classification: Florida State University System
Affiliation: NCAA, Division II, District III
Conference: Independent
Nickname: Sunblazers
Colors: Blue and Gold
Athletic Director: Tom H. Wonderling

FIU In Review

Florida International University opened its Tamiami Campus in the fall of 1972 with 5,667 students — the largest first-year enrollment of any college or university in the history of the United States. Enrollment is expected to grow to 30,000 by the early 1980's, when the North Miami Campus is in full operation.

An accredited member of the State University System, FIU serves juniors, seniors and graduate students. Admission is open without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin.

Academically, FIU offers the benefits of higher education's proven features blended with the innovations of progressive ideals. The University has developed individualized study programs including off-campus, real-life career experiences.

Academic divisions include the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Organizational Sciences, School of Education, School of Health and Social Services, School of Hotel, Food and Travel Services and the School of Technology.

The University has three main goals: to provide action-oriented education for students so they can live more personally satisfying and socially useful lives; to serve the greater Miami and South Florida region in meeting the ecological, cultural, social and urban challenges which it faces; and to become a major international center with emphasis on helping achieve greater mutual understanding among the Americas and throughout the world.

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SUNBLAZERS



SOCCER

Florida International University

Miami, Florida

Highlights of 1976

Once again, the FIU Sunblazers achieved ranking in the Southern Region.

The Sunblazers finished 8 - 4 with all of the losses by one goal to nationally and regionally ranked teams.

Goalkeeper Besteiro Palomeque had a great season allowing less than one goal per game.

Seniors Rick Rivas and Curtis Leeper achieved all-South honors for the second straight year.

Coach Nuttall will lose graduating seniors Don Buslinger, Curtis Leeper and Ed Mausser—all leading scorers. But he feels this season's recruiting has good potential.

FIU Soccer Outlook

Once again, home-grown talent make up the majority of the soccer team roster. This year's schedule includes nationally ranked Quincy College, University of South Florida and Rollins College.

Coach Bill Nuttall has several pre-season tournaments in the Bahamas and the U.S. Naval Academy in order to prep his young club for their tough schedule.

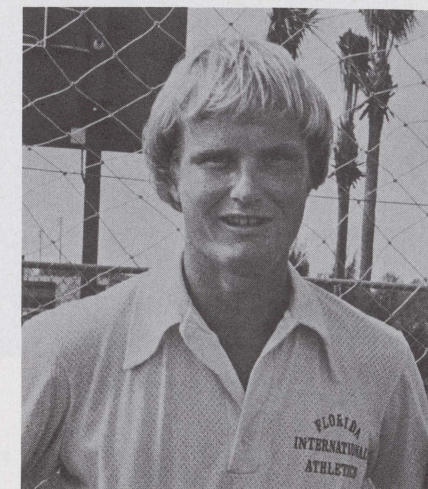
All-South selections Ricky Rivas and Curtis Leeper, goalkeeper standout Besteiro Palomeque, total point leaders Don Buslinger and Ed Mausser, 1975 leading scorer Maurice Taylor, and team stalwarts Mark Pro and Rodrigo Correa have all graduated.

Returning co-captains Neville Prince and Les Peterson, along with fullbacks Charlie and Mauricio Robayo and George Bofill, will make up the Sunblazers backbone. Wayne Guthrie, the only returning forward, will be counted on to help the Sunblazers' attack.

Coach Nuttall was pleased with his recruiting year. Miami-Dade North standouts include Greg Preston and Alieu Njie. Miami-Dade South players include Miguel Solozabal and Julio Avilez. Watch forward Gary Pollack from Johannesburg, South Africa for some extra scoring punch.

Bill Nuttall

Head Coach



Bill Nuttall is one of the youngest and most dynamic young men coaching college soccer today. As Head Soccer Coach at Florida International University for the past three seasons, Bill has been successful in having his former athletes drafted and playing in both the American and North American Soccer Leagues.

His long list of credentials include 1st team NJCAA and NSCAA All-American goalkeeper in 1967 and 1970. As well as earning individual honors, he was named Most Valuable Player of the NAIA tournament in 1970 and helped lead his Davis and Elkins College (West Virginia) Teams to two NAIA National Champions in 1968 and 1970.

Upon graduating from Davis and Elkins, Bill played for the Delaware Wings of the ASL and was named the eastern division mvp in his rookie year. After two years with Delaware, he signed with the Miami Toros of the NASL and played for three years. He also earned his M.A. in Education Administration at Florida International while playing for the Toros.

Recently Nuttall retired from playing in order to devote full-time to coaching and directing soccer camps. He is a highly sought after and respected goalkeeper clinician and travels around the United States presenting clinics. Although goalkeeping is his speciality, Bill is regarded as an excellent tactician and skill builder.

In addition, Bill is founding President of the Florida Intercollegiate Soccer Coaches Association. On the national level, he is Chairman of the Intercollegiate Soccer Coaches Association's Records Committee.

1977 SUNBLAZERS SOCCER

September – November

Florida International University

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

U.S. Naval Academy Invitational
Tournament
FIU vs. Navy 9 am
Howard University vs. Middlebury
College 11 am
Annapolis, Maryland

U.S. Naval Academy Invitational
Tournament
FIU vs. Middlebury
College 1pm
Navy vs. Howard
University 3pm
Annapolis, Maryland

September **9**

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

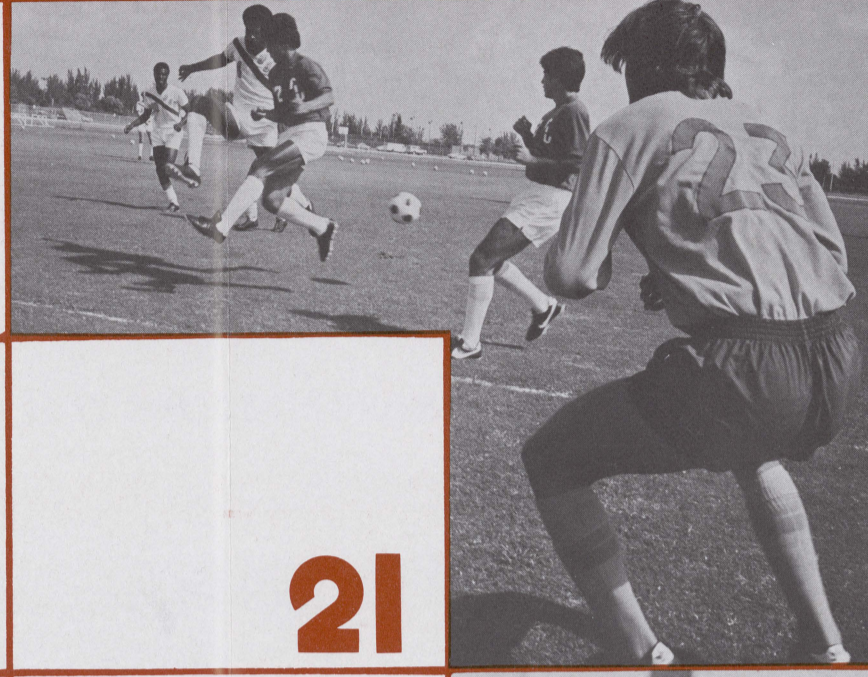
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY



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International Soccer Match
FIU vs. University of Dublin,
Ireland
FIU Varsity Soccer Field 1 pm



FIU vs. Jacksonville University
Dolphins
Jacksonville University Varsity
Stadium 5:30 pm

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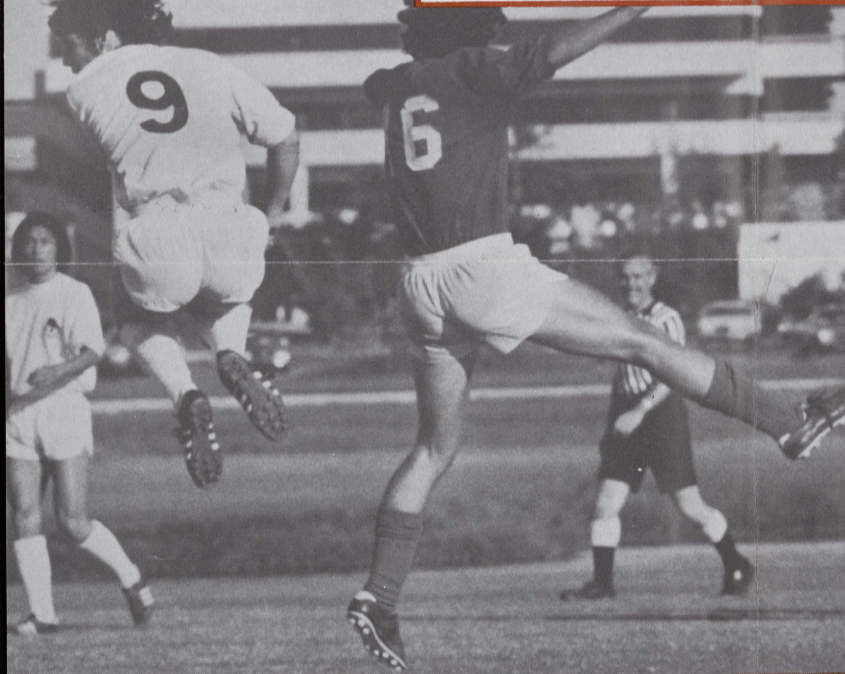


Jacksonville University Invitational
Tournament
FIU vs. Tennessee
Wesleyan 1 pm
Jacksonville University vs.
Lynchburg College 3 pm
Jacksonville, Florida

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Jacksonville University Invitational
Tournament
FIU vs. Lynchburg
College 1 pm
Jacksonville University vs.
Tennessee Wesleyan 3 pm
Jacksonville, Florida

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FIU vs. nationally ranked NAIA
powerhouse Quincy college
Rollins College Sandspur
Stadium 1:30 pm

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Fall Festival Special
FIU vs. nationally ranked
University of South Florida
FIU Varsity Soccer Field 1 pm

October **1**

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Cross Town Rivals!!
FIU Sunblazers vs. the Biscayne
College Bobcats
Biscayne College
3:30 pm kickoff

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FIU vs. Florida Institute of
Technology Melbourne Campus
Melbourne, Florida 3:30 pm

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University of Miami Tournament
FIU vs. Warren Wilson
College 7 pm
University of Miami vs. Campbell
College 9 pm
Mark Light Field Miami, Florida

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University of Miami Tournament
University of Miami vs. Warren
Wilson College 7 pm
FIU vs. Campbell
College 9 pm
Mark Light Field Miami, Florida

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FIU vs. the Biscayne
College Bobcats
FIU Varsity Soccer
Field 3:30 pm

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FIU travels to Orlando to meet
the famous Air Force Academy
1 pm kickoff

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FIU vs. interstate rival and
nationally ranked Rollins
College Tars
Rollins College Sandspur
Stadium 2 pm

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FIU hosts the Jensen Beach
Campus of Florida Institute of
Technology. FIT Jensen Beach
always give the Sunblazers a
tough time.
FIU Varsity Soccer Field
3:30pm

November **2**

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FIU vs. Stetson University
Stetson has built a strong team
over the last four seasons.
FIU Varsity Soccer Field
3:30 pm

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Florida Technological University
challenges FIU in what has
always been a great match. FTU
was 15 and 2 last year with
several All-Americans on the
team.
FIU Varsity Soccer Field 1 pm

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FIU vs. University of Miami Hurricanes
A must match to see...the
Hurricanes never lose at Mark
Light Field...watch the Sunblazers
turn it around.
Mark Light Field Miami, Florida
kickoff 7:30 pm

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