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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

SOCCER

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## SECTION I

### Review of the Soccer Season

The school's first varsity squad scored 39 goals and only allowed 11 in a 13 game span, which began when FIU stunned the University of Miami, 1-0, in the season opener. The quick handed saves of goalie Roger Kidder and the talented toe of Colombian Roberto Sabbagh demonstrated that a new team was in the making.

A week later, the Tampa Spartans fell victim to the booters from Florida International, 3-1, as the FIU players prepared to meet Miami-Dade North in the third game of the season. Despite the working of a powerful defense, FIU suffered a 1-0 loss to the Falcons, the first of four beatings they were to receive over the season.

FIU bounced back to top form the following week, when Marcos Blanco kicked two goals for a halftime lead that was never equaled as the young school cruised to its third victory in four games with a 5-0 finish against Miami-Dade Downtown campus.

Yet it was the victory over Miami-Dade South that marked a high point in the school's first year soccer endeavors. Robert Walker, an agile Brazilian, produced the only goal of the game, a 30 yard shot he punched into the corner of the goal for a score.

Coming off their 1-0 victory over the MDJC Jaguars, the FIU booters made goal scoring easy as they trounced the Miami Hurricanes 4-1 in the second meeting of the season. Scrambling



downfield on two unassisted scoring sprees, Julio Alas, a 5'5", 140 pound right wing from Caracas, Venezuela, gave FIU the boost they needed to capture their fifth game out of six.

In the next match, the Rollins Tars, battling their way to a spot in the Florida Intercollegiate Soccer Conference, gave FIU its second one-goal beating. The FIU defensemen turned back 25 shots fired on their home territory and attempted 18 against a rugged Rollins team.

Raul Correa booted in two goals to highlight a 7-0 shutout over Marymount College, which was followed by a 6-1 win in the second FIU encounter with the Miami-Dade Downtown campus, to boost Myer's spirits for a newly formed soccer power. His hopes were shattered only for an evening, as the Miami-Dade forces overcame loose FIU defensive efforts to win 3-1.

Florida International University got back on its feet when the team traveled to Boca Raton, Florida for a rematch with Marymount College. Gustavo Salazar's goal tied the game early in the first period, and started his school's goals producing tactics that accounted for six more goals for an eight victory.

In an effort to promote an international spirit of competition, the FIU soccer team traveled to the Bahama Islands in December for a weekend of fun in the sun as well as a few games of serious soccer. They garnered a 2-2 tie on duel goals by Roberto Sabbagh and Marcos Blanco, and a 1-0 loss in a clash with two island teams, the McAlpine and Red Lion football clubs. It was an appropriate season's end with a flair for attracting top talent.



SECTION II

SOCCER

- Game by Game Scores -

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	1	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	0
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	3	UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA	1
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	5	MIAMI-DADE DOWNTOWN	0
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	0	MIAMI-DADE NORTH	1
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	1	MIAMI-DADE SOUTH	0
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	4	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	1
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	0	ROLLINS COLLEGE	1
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	7	MARYMOUNT COLLEGE	0
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	6	MIAMI-DADE DOWNTOWN	1
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	6	MARYMOUNT COLLEGE	0
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	1	MIAMI-DADE NORTH	3
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	2	MCALPINE FOOTBALL CLUB	2
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	0	RED LION FOOTBALL CLUB	1

TOTAL RECORD: 8 wins  
4 losses  
1 tie

Most Goals Kicked - First Season - Roberto Sabbagh - 9 Goals



## SECTION III

## 1973 Soccer Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>
Wed. Sept. 12	Miami-Dade South (Exib)	Away
Sat. Sept. 22	University of Miami	Miami
Fri. Sept. 28	Tampa University	Home
Sat. Sept. 29	University of South Florida (Exhib)	Away
Thur. Oct. 4	University of Baltimore	Away
Sat. Oct. 6	Howard University	Away
Sat. Oct. 13	Miami-Dade North	Away
Sat. Oct. 20	Marymount College	Home
Mon. Oct. 22	University of Miami	Home
Fri-Sat. Nove. 2-3	West Virginia University Invitational (Howard, WVU, Buffalo State, Florida International)	Away
Thur. Nov. 8	Florida Technological University	Away
Sat. Nov. 10	University of Jacksonville	Away

Games Pending: Inter-American University, Puerto Rico  
Club Nacional de Football of Montevideo

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