

Red Booters Prepare For Powerful LIU

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The Cornell men's soccer team, coming off a 4-0 win over Vanderbilt in the consolation game of the Loyola Tournament, faces a crucial test this weekend when it takes on Adelphi and national power L.I.U. in the Big Four Tournament at Adelphi.

Hartwick, ranked in the national top ten along with L.I.U., will also play in the tournament, but will not face the Red.

Cornell played host to the tournament last year, edging Adelphi 2-1 in the opener and then playing a 1-1 tie with L.I.U. Noteworthy in the latter match was the outstanding marking job done on the Blackbirds' All-American, Richard Chinapoo, by the Red's Peter Pakeman, who won the classic's outstanding defensive player award. Chinapoo went on to become a member of the 1982 NASL champion New York Cosmos.

Cornell goes into the tournament sporting just a 1-3 record, despite dominating the action offensively in every contest it has played. But Red

head coach Jack Writer feels last Sunday's victory over Vanderbilt will help turn the season around.

"The first win is always the toughest, and the players may have been pressing," Writer said. "Maybe now the players won't second-guess themselves about the bad luck they've been getting."

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Hopefully, it will be a turning point."

A significant change Writer made over the weekend was to move Pakeman to sweeper from the forward spot and junior captain Michael "Klaus" Fisher from sweeper to forward.

"Both players are happy with the move," Writer said. "On a large field, we'll use Pakeman as a sweeper, as he can utilize his quickness and speed as a defender."

Writer also said that on a smaller field, Fisher would probably be used as a sweeper because of the impact Fisher makes with his ball control.

While most eyes are focused on L.I.U., currently 5-0 and ranked third in the nation, Writer warns that Adelphi cannot be overlooked, despite its 2-6-1 record.

"They've probably played the toughest schedule in New York State," Writer said. "It certainly won't be an easy game."

The Adelphi squad features two freshmen, goalie Jack Badzim and forward Paul Riley, the Panthers' leading scorer. Writer is also im-

pressed with the play of midfielder-back Gerry Reardon, whom he calls "a very good team player."

Against L.I.U. on Sunday, the Red will be faced with a multitude of weapons, including freshman center / forward Albert Nah from Liberia, who already has scored nine goals in five games. Seymour Alleynea, a sophomore striker from Barbados, has added five goals to the Blackbird attack.

Despite L.I.U.'s impressive credentials, Writer feels the Red will be up to the challenge. "I don't think we're in awe of anyone, yet I can't speak for the players," he said. "We've got to go out with the idea we can win."

"Let's put it this way: I wouldn't be flabbergasted if we won," Writer added.

In assessing the importance of the tournament to the rest of the season, Writer said, "It's key. We've already lost a New York state game [to Colgate] and we've got to play all the people ahead of us [in the state rankings]."

"These are two key downstate rivals, and we've got to play our best to win," he said.