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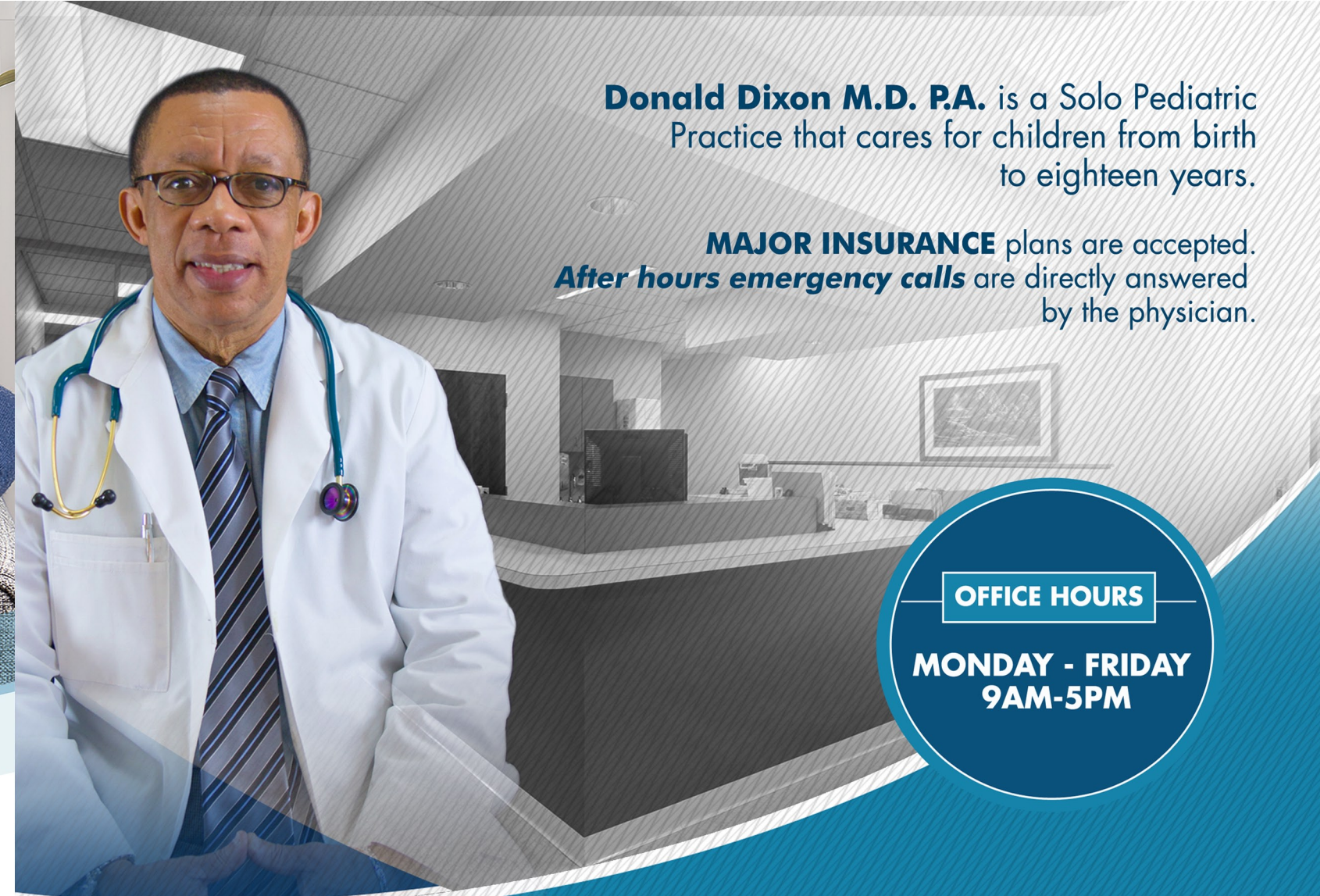
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The Consulate General of Jamaica at Miami Message

TRUE BLUE WEEKEND 2019



On behalf of the Consulate General of Jamaica, I extend congratulations to both the Jamaica College Old Boys Association of Florida and the St. George's College Old Boys Association of Florida for another year of the staging of True Blue Weekend activities.

The camaraderie and team spirit of brotherhood among our alumni family exemplifies that even in competition, we demonstrate that strength of unity and love as we strive for similar goals to community building, especially to better our alma mater in our island home.

Sports is an integral part of community development and cohesiveness in Jamaica. And we have seen the success of our outstanding performances as Jamaica continues to advance in the global sporting arena. So we must continue to use every opportunity to build on other areas to support and initiate programmes dedicated to helping our youth both here in the Diaspora and in Jamaica.

I commend the organizers of the True Blue weekend again showcasing your love of country and school through friendly competition between both alumni associations. Your enjoyment at today's event and others undoubtedly demonstrates your selfless mission in partnership, to aid in advancing educational and social development at your alma maters.

I wish for the participants and patrons, another memorable and joyous occasion as you celebrate the activities commemorating True Blue Weekend.

Sincerely,

R. Oliver Mair Consul General
Southern United States, Bahamas, Cayman Islands



Mr. Wayne Robinson
Principal of Jamaica College



Champions Through the Years

To: The Jamaica College Old Boys' Association of Florida

College Men of the JCOB of Florida, I again greet you on behalf of the team at 189 Old Hope Road and all other stake holders of the College.

Jamaica College is blessed to have loyal and vibrant Old Boys in Florida, New York and Canada who dutifully and consistently support the college by supplying a number of needs and assisting a significant amount of current boys.

We have progressed incrementally since last year with a population of 1787 boys as we continue reducing the size of the school and the student-teacher ratio. Had we not increased the size of 6th form we would have had a more significant overall reduction. Our target is just over 1600 boys.

Our work on the academic improvement of the school continues and is showing progress. We have moved from 60 to 72% the number of boys passing 5 or more subjects including English and Mathematics at the CSEC examinations. This is not yet anywhere near the 90% target we have set but we are headed in the correct direction. Notably, 12 boys placed in top ten in the country in various subjects, with 2 boys placing in the top 10 in the Caribbean. In an effort to highlight and glorify academic performance, we allowed 37 boys in 3rd form to sit CSEC Human Biology. All 37 passed with 12 obtaining distinctions, 21 getting credits and 4 with passes. One 3rd former, Jhevaun Blake, came 9th in the Caribbean! Of note, Jhevaun is also a top performing athlete and consistently has an average of over 80%

Our task is to fix the foundation from 1st to 3rd form while preparing the upper school for exams. We have been placing some of our best teachers at the foundation and emphasizing the engagement of the boys in our delivery. We have also increased the contact frequency of the lower school classes and adjusted the curriculum to achieve more depth.

We continue the work on our infrastructure, systems and equipment. We have refurbished third and fourth form bathrooms. We have also reroofed the administrative block, 4th form, the science lab and the 6th form block. We have just completed a new robotics lab, refurbished the Foundation Building and built a monument recognizing our war heroes. The Jamaica College-Ashenheim Stadium was just opened with the Honourable Prime Minister Andrew Holness and Mr. Michael Ashenheim cutting the ribbon. It has an eight lane synthetic track with throwing and jumping facilities as well as a full sized football field.

We are grateful to a number of Old Boys for their significant contributions and especially Mr. Gary "Butch" Hendrickson and recently Mr. Michael Ashenheim. We have received an increased amount of scholarships from the Florida Old Boys especially with the recent addition of the Griffin Awards. We have received over 140 computers from the Old Boys in New York plus servers, hardware and accessories from the Old Boys in Canada. These have significantly aided our effort to improve our management of data, access to computers and ability to deliver engaging lessons. We are very grateful to the JCOB of Florida, JCOBONY and the JCOBACA.

Our Robotics Team continued to lead the way, reaching the World Championships after winning the inaugural FTC National Robotics Championships. In fact this is our fifth World Championships in five years. We now have 17 trophies on our shelves which are unique to Jamaica College as a Caribbean school. We must thank the Old Boys of New York for their vision and guidance as they were primarily responsible for initiating our robotics experience and achievements. JCOBONY has also been the catalyst for the first FTC National Robotics Championships to be held in the Caribbean. Texas here we come!!

Our United Nations Club recently returned from debates in New York where they performed creditably receiving an award for one of our speakers, Fabian Morris. Fabian also won the prestigious Rita Marley Foundation Public Speaking competition for high schools in Jamaica. Another student, Jordan Samuels won the National Human Rights Essay Competition and we are very pleased about this.

Our Schools Challenge Team lost in the 3rd round and we have begun preparation for next year.

Our junior basketball team reached the semis. Our golf, lacrosse, volleyball and table tennis teams all performed creditably and our Track and Field team is now competing at Boys and Girls Champs with great anticipation for improvement all round.

In football, we lost in the semi-final of the Manning Cup and in the final of the new Champions Cup. At the U-16, we lost in the semis but at the U-14 we won both the urban and all island trophies beating Garvey Maceo in the finals. We have learnt lessons and will be back.

We again express our thanks to the Jamaica College Old Boys' Association of Florida as your consistent contributions have been critical to our boys' development. Your support has been lauded by our boys and they speak in glowing terms of your assistance in providing gear and scholarship opportunities. We really appreciate you.

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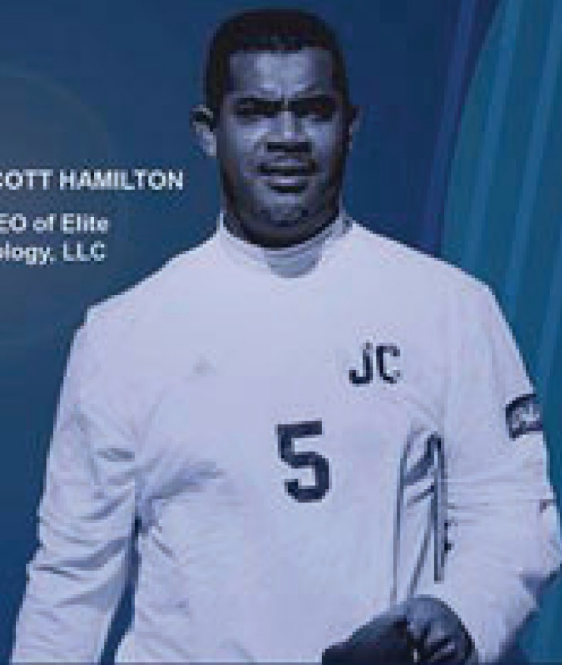
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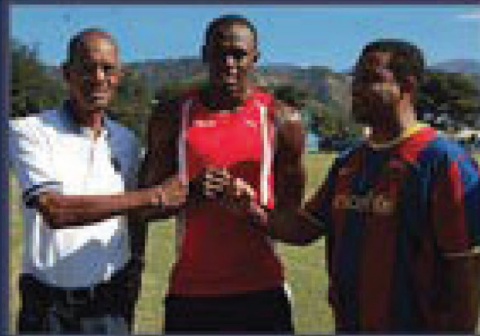
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Mrs. Margaret Campbell
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Dear STGC and JC Old Boys, and Friends,

How exciting! Another True Blue/Dennis Zadie weekend! Congratulations to the old boys of both colleges on the organization of this wonderful event, and the message of unity that it conveys.

Though you all know where my loyalties lay, the achievements of both schools and the outstanding alumni that have come forth from them, make collaboration between their alumni a positive and powerful force in promoting ongoing success.

I remember Dennis Ziadie fondly, as a positive influence in my teenage years. This event is a fitting tribute to him and his love for the sport.

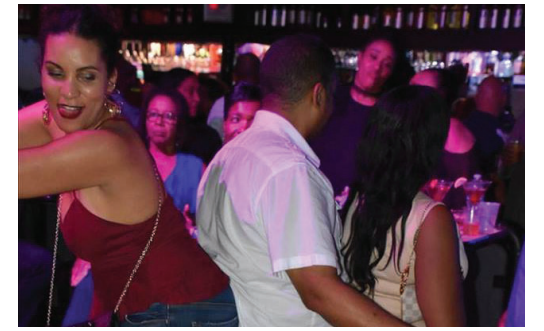
Jamaica College and St. George's College continue to stand for excellence in education in the face of a very difficult social landscape, producing outstanding young leaders. You are a part of the reason for this and I encourage you to continue to support your Alma Maters in this mission of providing a high standard of education for Jamaican Youth.

True Blues one and all, have a wonderful and fun filled weekend!

Kind regards,

Margaret Campbell

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2018 True Blue Girls Alumni Penalty Kick-off winner was Anchovy High School. They defeated Merl Grove High School in a 4-round final to emerge as the winner in the 2018 JN Bank All Schools Alumnae Penalty Kick-off.



Manchester High won last years True Blue Boys Alumni Penalty Kick-off defeating Vere Tech in the final round.

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Leo Gilling

The pride displayed by alumni for their school at competitions like Boys and Girls Champs in the North East and True Blue in Florida is truly inspiring. It's a pleasure to observe how deeply immersed Alums are during True Blue weekend in the spring or the walk-a-thon in December.

Being the Chairman of the Jamaica Diaspora Education Task Force for the past 6 years, and moving various types of education initiatives to Jamaica; I can affirm that Alumni Associations, spread across the Diaspora, form one of the greatest support systems for schools in Jamaica. Whether for love of school, competition or reminiscing, the Diaspora converges in alumni groups to connect and raise funds to better the conditions of their Alma mater. It doesn't matter what the political climate is in Jamaica or what political party is in power Alumni Associations tick on driving physical, financial and intellectual initiatives to their schools.



Last year, the third Jamaica Diaspora Advancement in Education Summit included a day for Alumni Organizations in South Florida and other Diaspora regions to meet. There are over a hundred Alumni Associations registered with the Coalition of Jamaica Alumni Association (CJAS) in Florida, the Union of Jamaica Alumni Association (UJAA) in New York and the Alliance Of Jamaican Alumni Associations (AJAA) in Canada. Alumni Associations got a chance to look at the status of their schools through a report from the National Education Inspectorate (NEI.) The NEI was created to address performance and accountability in schools, these Associations could see the tangible impact of their contributions and where more help was needed. It's important to remain in touch not just with the school but with other stakeholders like the NEI and the Ministry of Education to

understand how the contributions of Alumni Associations fit into the development plans for our Homeland.

This year, the 2019 Education Summit will be held at the Broward College North Campus in Coconut Creek from April 7 – 10. Alumni Associations are invited to meet some of the Teachers and Educators from Jamaica for discussions about their students and their schools as well as new approaches to STEM and problem solving in education and how they can contribute to advancing these learning areas. Initiatives like the Summit create an opportunity for virtual brain gain from the Diaspora.

I'm looking forward to all the activities planned for Alumni associations in April. Starting with True Blue Weekend on April 5th and 6th at Vizcaya park in Miramar where Alumni Associations can show their school pride in a fun day of competition, food and music. Followed by the Advancement in Education Summit April 7th through 10th, where Alumni associations can look forward to sharing content and engaging with enriching stakeholders. Both are a great reflection of Jamaicans in the Diaspora and in Jamaica working together to achieve Vision 2030 making Jamaica "the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business"



DENNIS ZIADIE

FOOTBALLING ENIGMA



Dennis Ziadie is a puzzle. He is generally accepted as one of our best footballers of recent years but his last local appearance against Cuba was not a good one and George Thompson justifiably had to replace him. He was getting the ball, but somehow his passes were not going quite right.

— Boored —

When Ziadie came off the field he was booed in what was perhaps the worst display of crowd ingratitude shown in Jamaica since George Kerr was hooted during the 1966 Commonwealth Games.

It was a disgraceful demonstration of lack of support for one of "our own." This action must have not only shocked the Cuban rivals, but encouraged them in their struggle against us.

— Sacrifice —

The display is even worse than it appears for Ziadie had, for the second consecutive occasion, voluntarily given up his professional match fee, thus enabling the other members of the team to get some more. He obviously can afford to do this type of thing.

— Unhappy Birthday —

Also, it was not generally known, but it was Ziadie's birthday and some people had been trying to get the "Happy Birthday" record played at the Stadium for him. This, of course, might have made the whole difference to his game, but in view of what did happen, perhaps it was just as well that it was not done.

— Painfully Ironic —

What is even more painfully ironic is that it is demonstrably obvious that Ziadie only plays the game out of a combination of love and duty. Due to his style of play he has always attracted heavy fouling and, in addition to this, he has never played on an important trophy-winning side.

Until he joined Santos, he had in fact for years been "carrying" weak and unfit sides. He and Cornell Marshall appear, for now at any rate, to be the last standard-bearers of the great St. George's tradition which includes his own father back in the '30's.

— Ziadie Tradition —

The name Ziadie has also had significant connotations in sport of one sort or another in Jamaica for a long time.

— Racial Prejudice —

But one would not be accurate to omit that Ziadie has had racial slurs thrown at him by crowds at football matches from time to time, although he has voluntarily chosen to play the game beside, and to associate with, people of a different social and income group.

— As brilliant as Cole —

Yet Ziadie has not always been appreciated. Indeed, when he last played for St. George's Old Boys he earned the nickname, "The World" for some of his brilliant moves. Yet, he has not had the almost constant following of Allan Cole, which I believe that he probably deserves, since in my own view he is just as brilliant a player, if in a different way.

He seems to be either very "on" or right "off," along a line best exemplified in sport perhaps by the brilliant Dutch tennis star Tom Okker.

— Okker Type —

Incidentally, Okker performed at the Arena a few seasons back. He has since beaten everybody but has yet to win a major tournament. He came nearest in the first U.S. Open in 1968 when he lost the final to the "in-and-outer supreme," Arthur Ashe. Ziadie seems to have had the same problems of geometry in his football that Okker has in his tennis.

— Jamaican Footballers —

Before going any further, I had better give my own views on Jamaican football and footballers generally.

While our administrators have in the past committed grave follies like giving away our World Cup home games, I do not think that we can get very much better without large infusions of money and a corollary professionalism.

In over 20 years of watching our senior and international football in various quantities, I cannot think of two players with more class, talent and ability than Allan Cole and Ziadie, although I have seen more effective ones, noticeably Lascelles Dunkley.

In my view Dunkley has been our most effective forward for the last two decades.

On the present Jamaica squad Errol Barrett and Calvin Stewart are normally far more effective players in their positions than either Cole or Ziadie, while Owen Stewart of Cavalier on the evidence of only two matches I have seen this season, looks to be the kind of "Dunkley-like" forward we need.

— Might yet bring Greatness —

All this notwithstanding, Ziadie and Cole are the players who have given us moments of the highest art. They, or successors to them, are the players who might yet bring greatness to our football.

The 1-1 result of the Cavalier Invitational vs Santos match earlier this year should not be taken seriously, but the performances of both Ziadie and Cole then, indicated something I had long felt was true; that is, given normal, clean play against them, they can play in any company at any level.

Indeed it would be nice if they could be translated into the present English season where Manchester United have once again come to the top, because Best Law and Charlton know that they



DENNIS ZIADIE IN ACTION

will not be automatically "bitten" to the ground once they have the ball.

One would like to see Jamaica's football in a position too where one of these boys could play behind the other "feeding" him. We probably cannot afford this in our present goal famine although Cole in particular has seemed somewhat goal-shy lately. When we find real strikers too, Ziadie could probably play the kind of left-wing half back position that Rivelin did for Brazil last year.

— "Class" Evident —

Ziadie's great weakness has been not getting "stuck in" as the English used to say, although as time has gone on he has been more and more willing to do so. What, though, have been his great virtues?

Once he touches the ball his class is evident. Seeing Pele out here this year my view is that Pele combines the great virtues of Cole and Ziadie. For Cole, the fantastic perception and conceptions and the supremely accurate passing. For Ziadie, the amazing fluidity of movement, the rapid ability to move from one place to the other and the ability to let go a received ball with equal speed.

— Two Brilliant Goals —

Ziadie has also scored some brilliant goals although they have not always been on the big occasions. Two goals scored by Ziadie stick in my mind: both scored, funnily enough, from the centre

of the field and not from his usual position on the left-wing, although he has always been a roamer.

The first was when St. George's was playing J.C. in a Manning Cup match some years ago. I think that it was just after the second half kick-off. Ziadie had collected the ball from the centre pass while the field was "retreating" normally prior to a tackle.

Suddenly, he saw an almost diagonal gap through the whole defence, while the goalie was more to the right watching the play, and he sent a hard crashing left footer smashing into the right "rathole."

Everybody was stunned because no one could possibly have expected such a shot although one gathers it is the type of thing that the Charltons and Eusebios do all the time.

On the second occasion Ziadie was playing for one of the weakest George's senior sides, against Regiment. After vainly trying to go it alone almost for the whole night he found himself in the middle of the Regiment's half, surrounded literally by a ring of opponents. Suddenly, almost as if he despaired of ever getting out, he just slammed the ball with his left foot straight into the left pigeon hole.

I admit to being a Ziadie fan, but it is difficult to think of two other goals, scored from similar "adverse" positions by any one player.

— Better than Best? —

For one reason or another neither Cole nor Ziadie now seems likely to venture overseas again in search of professional achievement. In a way this is a pity, particularly when one considers the success that the Bermudian Clyde Best is now having with West Ham in England, considering that Best has less native talent, though a great deal more power, than our boys.

— Local Professional Football —

Since there is no guarantee that we will produce in the near future boys as talented as these, it seems obvious that now is the time to embark on local professional ventures. "Skill" may go on for a longer time than Ziadie. He is somewhat younger and has a larger following. But the "World," not such a bad name, will not be spinning forever and, if the truth be told, Why should he?

The abominable performance of that section of the crowd in the Cuban match gives no encouragement. Any player deserves better than that, much more such a classy one who has denied himself reward for the sake of the game.

— Amazing Production —

For one reason or another, somehow, we manage to keep producing the Rowses, Quarries and Ziadies but unless we learn to treat them decently, our general sporting performances just will not improve.

This article written by the great KC Old Boy, Sydney "Foggy" Burrowes, was taken from the 1972 "Sports Life" Magazine.