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October 28, 1975

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BRUIN SOCCER CLUB DOWNS PACIFIC IN SEASON OPENER

George Fox College's Soccer club made fire in the rain Thursday night as it smothered visiting Pacific University, 5-1 in their premier performance.

Bruin player-coach John Koroma assessed the victory as 'satisfactory, but I know that we could do even better.'

"I'm nappy, we let everybody play and they all did a fine job," said Koroma, a Sierra Leone senior.

Jim Jackson, a 1974 graduate of George Fox and now manager of Newberg's A & W Drive-In, scored three goals for the Bruins, the first via an assist from David Rustrum, a freshman from Lake Oswego.

Koroma added one of the other two Bruin goals and Robby Armstrong, a senior from Lake Oswego put through the other.

Tony White, a GFC alumnus and bus driver for the Newberg School District, was tagged as one of the most valuable players of the game by his coach. Although White's practice time has been limited he was goalie in the first half and made four saves, holding Pacific scoreless in that opening half.

After the game, Koroma partially credited the enthusiasm fo the fans and supporters braving the rain as soccer continues to catch on in Oregon. "We really appreciate the backers of our soccer program," he said.

This is he second year for a Bruin soccer club, with the college planning to make the growing sport a full college team even next year with district competition.

Koroma's coaching philisophy includes an emphasis on aggressive soccer.

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"We want to see 70 per cent of the time spent on offense," he says, "with an emphasis on passing and ball control."

Next outing for the Bruins is Oct. 14 with Concordia College at 4 p.m. in Newberg.



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November 10, 1975

George Fox College's soccer club is just one game away from a perfect season.

A second match with Linfield College is all that stands in the way of an unblemished record in scheduled play as the Bruin club boasts a 9-0 mark. They stopped Linfield last Thursday, 3-1.

Most of the games have not been close, with the Bruins more than tripling their opponents scoring by a 34-11 goal margin.

High scorer for the Bruins is Jim Jackson, Newberg, with 13 goals, senior Robbie Armstrong is next with 7, followed by sophomore Amadu Koroma 6, freshman Darrell Rustrum 4, and John Koroma 2. Junior Mike Ellison and freshman Rod Williams scored one goal apiece.

After taking a week's rest from Thursday's drubbing of the Linfield team, the GFC Club will travel to Linfield, Tuesday to play their last scheduled game.

A club status enables the team to use players not attending George Fox. But it also has its disadvantages, especially scheduling and finances. Next year, however, soccer will be a full college sport and the team will compete in the NAIA competition.