Soccer Opens 1976 Season

By Nelson Knox

On Sept. 25, the VPI soccer squad opens its season against Virginia Tech at home at 1:00 p.m. and the Bobcats will be the tough, strong squad with hopes for improving last year's 5-4-7 mark.

Head coach Jerry Chewn welcomes back 15 lettermen, including four players who played for the Virginia Intercollegiate All-Star Game and the Bobcats' top two scorers from last season. "Our primary goal is to establish a winning record this year," says Chewn, who adds that the Bobcats will be "shocking" Lynchingburg, which he calls a "soccer power." Tech will probably have to beat Lynchburg to win their first game in the post-season play.

The team will look to generate Wayne Chambers and Jim Johnson for leadership. Chambers was the team's leading scorer last year and was voted as the team's contracting player last season. Johnson, a junior, made all-division.

Front line should become the strongest part of Tech's team for the upcoming season. Besides Chambers and Johnson, seniors Chris Burchett and Dennis Cunningham will also return. Burchett was second team all-state and the Bobcats' leading goal scorer last year. The midfield, like the remainder of the squad, is probably short on depth. Junior Ken Short returns after a fine sophomore season in which he received all-district honors, and is joined by seniors Bill Almand and Craig Davis.

Tech's defense is led by three-year letterman Tom Doyle, who is named with sophomore Jim Green and returning letterman Rich Funk and Greg Will. Green was selected to appear in the Virginia all-star game after a fine freshman season. Sophomore Ken Nelson and Dave McGovern will compete for the starting goal spot, which is an important position for the success of this year's squad.

Cross Country

By Charlie Archibald

The Va Tech cross country team defeated Madison last Tuesday, 20 to 37. The Drake Mile Grant took the individual honors but the next five places went to Hokie.

Coming in first for the Bobcats was Jim Elmhag, a freshman from Kingsport, Tennessee. He was followed by Gene Crane, Alan Crittle, Robb White, and Gene Crane. Rounding out the top seven for Tech were Ken Lilly and Leo Jablonski who finished ninth and tenth respectively.

The times were good despite the cloudy day and the morning's rain. The winning time was 30 minutes, 6 seconds, while the first Tech runner, Elmhag finished in 30 minutes, 24 seconds.

This was a fine performance for the Bobcats considering the fact that they had just met in the Virginia Ten Mile in Lynchburg last Saturday. Lilly finished first for Tech in that race in 54 minutes, 30 seconds.

A couple of former Tech harriers distinguished themselves at Lynchburg, by finishing in the top thirty. They were Tim Crox and Mark Balbinio. John Barnes, a non-student who won the Tech track team award, also was in the top thirty in the ten mile.

Hunting Horses To Be Shown

Hunter Hill Stables, Roanoke, Virginia, will hold its 4th Annual Fall Hunter Show, Saturday, September 24th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The show will feature six divisions and twenty-six classes. Divisions include small/medium hunter pony, large hunter pony, novice equitation, baby green hunter horse, green hunter horse, and working hunter horse.

Mr. John Backer of Greensboro, North Carolina will judge the event. Mr. Backer is an ASA rated judge. Six ribbons will be awarded in each class, and each division will have a trophy and championship reserve ribbon. The show will be conducted according to the rules of the American Horse Show Association.

The Hunting Hill Show will inaugurate the fall outdoor hunter show circuit. As such it will be one of the early proving grounds for the season and should prove exciting for both spectators and exhibitors.

Additional information is available by contacting the show chairman, Carolyn McAfee at Hunting Hill Stable, B.F.D., 8, Roanoke, Virginia. Telephone "June 86."