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DAYTON, Ohio, U.S.A., November 7, 1966 --- The University of Dayton, in this American city, can thank the St. Patrick's College in Asaba, Nigeria, for its contribution toward a winning soccer season this fall. St. Patrick's gifts to the UD picture are Patrick (Chukwuma) Obiaya and Charles (Okay) Ezendu, the key factors in the Flyers' best soccer campaign since 1957. The University booters are 6-1-1 with only Ohio State University left on the schedule November 16.

But the two young men's athletic talents aren't the only presents St. Patrick's has given UD in the persons of Obiaya and Ezendu. Both students are sophomores in the school's pre-med department and both are carrying 3.5 averages out of a possible 4.0. The accumulative academic averages places both men on the Dean's list for highest honors.

They, too, fit into the social structure at the University of Dayton. Pat, who is 21 years old and soccer's record scorer with 23 goals, and Ezendu, 22, the clever offensive halfback who is a pivotal individual on defense, are active members of the International Club. They also are important in the pre-med honor society.

But it has been the soccer season which has raised these young Nigerians from obscurity at UD to well known figures in the city of Dayton. Obiaya has already broken two UD scoring records and is on the verge of cracking a third. His 23 goals is 11 over the seasonal scoring mark which has stood since 1958 and his seven goals against the University of Notre Dame is a one-game record.

The 23 goals ties the UD career record by Franco Giraudi through three seasons, 1956-1958. Pat should break this against Ohio State and then in the 1967 season, his last, should add to the mark.

Ezendu isn't in a front line position to score but, according to his coach, Shaw Emmons, he's as much an All-American (college soccer's highest honor) as Pat.

"Ezendu does a great job of getting the ball down to Pat. His timing is so good that Pat doesn't have to fake when he is shooting," says Emmons. "They really work well together. I feel, too, that Charley's defense has been a wonderful asset to our defensive record. He's so quick and so knowledgeable that he compensates for any mistakes in our back lines."

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Obiaya and Ezendu will be here through April, 1968, and then they plan to go to medical school. Neither has decided where he is going. Charley wants to enter anesthesics while Pat hopes to be an obstetrician.

Obiaya spent five years at St. Patrick's and lives in Asaba while Ezendu, who attended the Asaba school six years including a year of teaching, is from Onitsha.