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Watch the Chase Mini-Clinic. It's on channel 9, WOR-TV, during half time of the Cosmos away games.

Cosmos Coach Ken Furphy does the teaching. So you may learn more watching the Chase Mini-Clinic than you would playing the second half.

| Cosmos away games: |  |  | Wednesday June 9 |  |  |
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| Sunday | April 18 | $4: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Sunday | June 27 | $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Saturday | May 15 | $8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Saturday | July 10 | $10: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| Saturday | June 5 | $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Friday | July 23 | $10: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ |

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| June 16 Boston___ Wed. $7: 30$ June 18 Toronto ___ Fri. 7:30 | June 30 July 2 | Rochester $\qquad$ Wed. 7:30 <br> St. Louis $\qquad$ Fri. 7:30 | July 14 <br> July 18 | Tampa $\qquad$ Wed. 7:30 Washington $\qquad$ Sun. 2 PM | July 28 <br> Aug. 10 | Dallas Miami | Wed. 7:30 <br> Tues. 7:30 |

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$\qquad$

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The Cosmos will be working with the Neighborhood Cleaners Association and will be presenting a special SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES.

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No purchase is necessary to enter the sweepstakes. Just simply stop by any participating store, and fill out an entry blank.

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There will be weekly drawings for Jungle Habitat passes and Cosmos tickets. A final SWEEPSTAKES GRAND PRIZE Drawing will be held at the Cosmos last home game, August 10th vs. Miami.

While you're at a cleaners, be sure to fill out your entry blank, and also pick up your copy of the Cosmos 1976 home schedule.

## BALLBOY/GIRL CONTEST

Ever thought of being a ballboy or ballgirl for a Cosmos game and seeing the players really close up? The opportunity awaits for 104 youngsters in the metropolitan area through a unique' contest to be sponsored by Morsan Sporting Goods stores.

Morsan, with 11 outlets in the vicinity, will run the contest, starting in April at all 11 of their stores. It will be open to youngsters between the ages of 12 and 17 .

Eight ballpersons will be selected on a permanent basis for the 12 -game home season, and 8 more will win for one game.

Each ballperson will be outfitted by Morsans in standard Cosmos colors-green and gold. In addition, each youngster who wins will receive two tickets to the game he/she is working. The permanent ballpersons receive complimentary season tickets.

It's easy to enter. Just stop in at a Morsan store starting in April and fill out the entry blank. Thirty-two winners will be chosen prior to the season and drawings will continue throughout the season to fill out the total of 104 .

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- Olden \& Princeton-Trenton, New Jersey.
- 1999 Route 110-Farmingdale, New York.
- 3560 Long Beach Road-Oceanside, New York.
- 45 South Central Avenue-Hartsdale, New York.
- 2257 Route 112-Coram, New York.
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## SEVEN AWAY GAMES TO BE TELEVISED

The growing army of New York Cosmos fans in and around the New York City area will have a chance to see their team on television this summer. The Cosmos have worked out a unique arrangement whereby 7 of their away games will be seen simultaneously on WOR-TV (Channel 9) and WNJU (Channel 47). The television agreement covers 7 road games beginning April 18 against Miami plus any Cosmos playoff games away from home. Remaining telecast dates are:
Sun., June 27 $\qquad$ Washington $\qquad$ 5:00 pm
Sat., July 10 $\qquad$ Philadelphia $\qquad$ 10:00 pm
Fri., July 23 $\qquad$
$\qquad$ Rochester $\qquad$ 10:30 pm* Wed., August 7 San Jose $\qquad$ 11:00 pm**
*Same Day Tape Delay
**This game has been recently added to our television schedule.
The play by play announcer will be Jim Karvellas who formerly was president of the Washington Diplomats.

One of the interesting features of the telecasts will be half time "mini clinics" which will be pretaped by Coach Ken Furphy assisted by a different player each week. The Chase Manhattan Bank will sponsor this new feature.

The Cosmos game on June 12 vs. the Portland Timbers will be seen over WPIX-TV (Channel 11) as part of a nationally syndicated show-The Sports Special of the Month. Additional Cosmos games may be telecast nationally on CBS and through Home Box Office.


## JOIN THE COSMOS FAN CLUB

Under the leadership of Charlie Cuttone, the Cosmos Fan club, newly named the Cosmos Headers, has started a major membership drive throughout the metropolitan area.

The organization is planning a bevy of activities for the 1976 season, including possible trips to away games, and has arranged with the team for special ticket discounts for fan club members. By joining the club for a fee of only $\$ 3.00$, members will receive a season ticket discount which allows 12 games for the price of 10 . Additionally, every member will receive a copy of the Cosmos 1976 Media Guide as soon as it is off the presses. The media guide will contain full background on each of the Cosmos players as well as facts and stats about the team. The media guide will not be available to the general public.

A membership contest is also underway. The Header who recruits the most new members will receive an NASL ball autographed by the Cosmos team.


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|  | Won | Lost | GF | GA | Bonus <br> Points | Total <br> Points |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| NORTHERN DIVISION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Boston | 13 | 9 | 41 | 29 | 38 | 116 |
| Toronto | 13 | 9 | 39 | 28 | 36 | 114 |
| New York | 10 | 12 | 39 | 38 | 31 | 91 |
| Rochester | 6 | 16 | 29 | 49 | 28 | 64 |
| Hartford | 6 | 16 | 27 | 51 | 25 | 61 |
| EASTERN DIVISION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tampa Bay | 16 | 6 | 46 | 27 | 39 | 135 |
| Miami | 14 | 8 | 47 | 30 | 39 | 123 |
| Washington | 12 | 10 | 42 | 47 | 40 | 112 |
| Philadelphia | 10 | 12 | 33 | 42 | 30 | 90 |
| Baltimore | 9 | 13 | 34 | 52 | 33 | 87 |
| CENTRAL DIVISION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| St. Louis | 13 | 9 | 38 | 34 | 37 | 115 |
| Chicago | 12 | 10 | 39 | 33 | 34 | 106 |
| Denver | 9 | 13 | 37 | 42 | 31 | 85 |
| Dallas | 9 | 13 | 33 | 38 | 29 | 83 |
| San Antonio | 6 | 16 | 24 | 46 | 23 | 59 |
| WESTERN DIVISION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Portand | 16 | 6 | 43 | 27 | 42 | 138 |
| Seattle | 15 | 7 | 42 | 28 | 39 | 129 |
| Los Angeles | 12 | 10 | 42 | 33 | 35 | 107 |
| Vancouver | 11 | 11 | 38 | 28 | 33 | 99 |
| San Jose | 8 | 14 | 37 | 48 | 35 | 83 |

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NEW YORK COSMOS
INDIVIDUAL SCORING STATISTICS 1975 RECORD: 10-12 PTS: 91

| Player | Gp | Min. | Shot | Goals | Assists | Pts. | P.K. | Fouls |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Barry Mahy | 15 | 1276 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 3 | $0-0$ | 26 |
| Juan Masnik | 6 | 543 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0-0$ | 8 |
| Werner Roth | 22 | 2020 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $1-2$ | 43 |
| Alfredo Lamas | 16 | 1264 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0-0$ | 31 |
| John Kerr | 17 | 1122 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 5 | $0-0$ | 18 |
| Julio Correa | 21 | 1771 | 31 | 4 | 9 | 17 | $1-2$ | 18 |
| Mark Liveric | 21 | 1611 | 63 | 5 | 5 | 15 | $0-0$ | 35 |
| Americo Paredes | 13 | 580 | 27 | 3 | 1 | 7 | $0-0$ | 12 |
| Pele | 9 | 825 | 39 | 5 | 4 | 14 | $1-1$ | 14 |
| Carlos Scott | 2 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0-0$ | 0 |
| Jorge Siega | 13 | 793 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 5 | $0-0$ | 10 |
| Joe Fink | 16 | 899 | 29 | 6 | 2 | 14 | $0-0$ | 9 |
| Gil Mardarescu | 5 | 115 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0-0$ | 0 |
| De | 3 | 202 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0-0$ | 3 |
| Omar Caetano | 6 | 589 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0-1$ | 7 |
| Brian Rowan | 3 | 285 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0-0$ | 4 |
| Tony Donlic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0-0$ | 0 |
| Manoel Maria | 12 | 641 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 3 | $0-1$ | 8 |
| Mike Dillon | 12 | 1073 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | $0-1$ | 5 |
| Mordechai Shpigler | 16 | 1462 | 45 | 6 | 4 | 16 | $1-1$ | 19 |
| David Primo | 11 | 892 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0-0$ | 15 |
| Luis de la Fuente | 12 | 975 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | $0-0$ | 17 |
| Tommy Ord | 4 | 364 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 4 | $0-0$ | 5 |

PENALTY KICKS Mordechai Shpigler 2-2

| Goalkeepers | Gp | Min. | Shot AG | Saves | Goals | Shutouts Avg. |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jerry Sularz | 1 | 90 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 3.00 |
| Kurt Kuykendall | 4 | 375 | 60 | 34 | 9 | 1 | 2.25 |
| Sam Nusum | 17 | 1555 | 276 | 131 | 25 | 3 | 1.47 |

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Not only will Dave Clements be helping the Cosmos this season with his experience as a midfielder but he'll also be busy helping spread the name of his new team in international circles.

Although the roster lists him as a midfielder a better listing would be mid-fielder-goodwill ambassador.

For during the campaign Dave will take leave of his new teammates for a short while and pick up his duties as playercoach of the Northern Ireland National Team-a team he is getting ready to do battle against such world-renowned powerhouses as Holland, Belgium and up and coming Iceland. Those are the teams his Northern Ireland squad are bracketed against in the World Cup qualifying round. And before these games even start Dave will be matching his coaching skills against those leaders of England, Scotland and Wales in the annual British Empire Home Championship series.
"It will be a real busy season for me all around both as a player and as a coach," Clements said with that broad smile filling his face. "And although the work will be difficult I feel I can handle both the playing and coaching ends of it. It's a tremendous challenge but also a great opportunity. I feel that if I do well then all types of coaching opportunities might open up for me. But as far as playing is concerned I feel that I still have at least three years left in me and being conservative by nature maybe even a few years after that."

Clements is now 30 years young as he says and has been around the soccer wars for quite some time.

The five-foot-nine, 180-pound package of muscle was born 20 miles north of Belfast in a village called Larne. Like most other youngsters he was introduced to the game at an early age but for awhile he was undecided if he would pursue a professional career in soccer or in rugby, the sport which many say is one of the roughest in the world.
"I played rugby when I was in grammar school," Dave explains, "and when I was 16 I would play rugby in the morning for my school team and then in the afternoon I would go down to the soccer pitch and play league football in a semiprofessional surrounding with a team called Portadown. It was hectic but also very exciting and I kept pretty busy."

Eventually Clements decided that soccer was his sport and started devoting his full athletic time to building himself

into a top player. He's traveled the full cycle in the world's most popular sport having played international soccer in all levels of the game.
"I have been around quite a bit as far as playing in international competition is concerned," said Clements when we caught him at one of the Cosmos pre-season workouts at Hofstra University. "My first taste of international play was with the Northern Ireland Schoolboy team and from there I played on my nation's International Youth Team. Then I played as an amateur international before going onto the Under 23 National Team. When I was 19 I gained my first full International Cap for Northern Ireland and I've been capped 47 times."

When he was 17 , two years before his first full International Cap, Dave became a member of the English Football Association, one of the most rugged leagues and associations in the world. He was signed by Wolverhampton Wolves where he remained for 18 months before being shifted over to Coventry City. It was during his seven year stay with Coventry that he got the opportunity to come on tour to America. Coventry was one of the many English top teams which often toured foreign nations playing against either local teams or against other touring foreign clubs.

After being one of the mainstays of the Coventry City team, Clements found himself transferred to Sheffield Wednesday which just happens to be the arch rival of new coach Ken Furphy's Scheffield United. He lasted at Wednesday for two seasons, being one of the top halfbacks in the division before moving once again-this time to Everton.

And all the while he was switching from
team to team he was being tapped as a member of the Northern Ireland National Team and so impressed the officials of that nation's soccer federation that a year ago they made him the National Team coach.

Dave, who is married and has two daughters aged six and three, has been getting the needed cooperation of all clubs in Northern Ireland as well as those English clubs which have Irish International Stars on their respective rosters.
"Without the cooperation it wouldn't be possible to build the team into the position where we have a chance for both the Home Championship and a shot at getting into the World Cup," he explained.

How has Dave been molding the Northern Ireland National Team so as to make them a strong challenger against Holland and Belgium, two teams he has tremendous respect for?
"I've been taking the seasoned players with the international background and molding them together with some of our younger boys. In other words I have players like goalie Pat Jennings and Sammy Mcllroy going together with 18-year-olds like Jim Nicholl and Dave McCreey. The older players, and I use that word only because they've been around longer, are guiding the younger players and we have a representative side which is a good one."

Dave, who has also worked as a disc jockey and who says he enjoys modern music best of all, was asked why he came over here to play with the Cosmos.
"I feel even by giving up a couple of playing years in England this is what I want to do. As far as I'm concerned I'm here to play my part in helping build the sport in America as well as helping the Cosmos become a world power."

Although he had never played in Yankee Stadium before joining the Cosmos, Clements says that he has heard of the stadium.
"I don't think there's an athlete in England or for that matter in Northern Ireland who hasn't heard about Yankee Stadium," said Dave. "I know that soccer has been played there before and I understand that some of the crowds for some international games were very good there. Now we are out to spread the word throughout the soccer world that the New York Cosmos play at Yankee Stadium."

That's Dave Clements one of the goodwill ambassadors this season for the Cosmos.


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Souvenir poster; Activities; Pool, Souvenir poster; Activit
beach chaise lounges.



8 days, 7 nights Includes: Air conditioned room; Welcome cocktail; Guide book w/map; Boat trip; Snorkeling lesson; Tennis; Casino gaming guide; Shopper's discount book; Souvenir miniatures; Innkeeper's cocktail party (Sun.); One round mini-golf (18 holes); pool and beach chaise lounges.
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Let's look at what commercialism has done for other sports. In the late 50 's and 60's football was taken out of the doldrums by having its product exposed in the American living room through the TV buying power of many of Americas largest corporations. Hockey, to make its expansion meaningful, enjoyed the benefit of commercial TV sponsorship. Golf had the good fortune of both Arnold Palmer and television. This magnetic combination attracted major firms to become identified not only in name, but also enabled the PGA to push its prize structure to over one quarter of a million dollars in some tournaments. Tennis with Virginia Slims; horse racing with the Marlboro Cup; power boat racing with the Hennessy Cup...you begin to get the message. In every instance, commercial ties to a sport have been beneficial to its growth, awareness and development. Soccer will be no exception.

These benefits accrue to the fans of the sport, as well as to its pro teams and sponsors. Fans have the opportunity to see more -and better-competition, both in person and via TV. More new persons exposed to a sport are stimulated to become involved as players, coaches, officials and administrators. This is especially true of soccer where boys and girls, men and women, can participate with high enjoyment, little injury risk, no outsize physical requirements, and low costs.

It is also interesting to understand why major corporations spend their money in support of various sports. Obviously, there must be value on both sides and indeed there is. Soccer in North America attracts an audience that many manufacturers covet. Our spectators are generally younger, better educated, have higher incomes and are from larger families than many other sports. This demographic profile follows closely that of the prime buyer of consumer products and services.
Soccer has had a unique opportunity to assess the structures of the other major sports and to evaluate their success and failures. With this in mind, NASL Marketing is making major corporations aware of the attractiveness of soccer. Our job is made easier simply because soccer is the fastest growing sport in America on all levelsyouth, high school, college and professional.

As a marketing organization, the assembly and dissemination of statistics are important parts of our story. Youth soccer is growing at the rate of $25 \%$ each year, and high school, NCAA college and junior college participation has increased $1,080 \%$ in the past 10 years. Looking at these facts, two things are quite obvious. First, in the near future, youth soccer on an organized basis will be the largest youth sport in the United States. Secondly, colleges will soon recognize soccer for its net revenue potential in their vast stadia, unused now except for five to seven football games each fall.
As the youth of the United States and Canada become more involved in soccer at an early age and continue to develop through college, North American Soccer League fans will see a new breed of homegrown stars. The major soccer powers of the world are already beginning to sense the stirring of a World Cup giant here.

Professional soccer achievement in the past ten years has paralleled youth and college growth. Unlike some other new leagues which have disappeared, the NASL
is the only professional sports league to go from 17 teams to 5 , and grow back to 20 . It has done so because of the solid, broad and ever-growing foundation of the game in North America.

With all the indicators of success appar-ent-growing number of franchises, greater attendance, more games, better stadiait is easy to see why soccer in the next decade is destined to become the sport which will have the greatest impact on our constantly changing society. An illustration of this was given to me by one of the women involved in the growth and organization of soccer. She received a call one day from a parent who reported two soccer coaches who were in dispute over a young gentleman each wanted on his team. After expressing proper concern, she asked who the young gentleman was-intending to see this extraordinary talent. Upon learning the facts, she was amazed to find he was only $31 / 2$ years old!

Such early and intense involvement is one of the many reasons why soccer has the opportunity to grow faster and attract the benefits of sponsorship from a great assortment of commercial organizations. With more and more firms recognizing this, soccer is well on its way to unlimited popularity in North America.


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... and now it's time for a Cutty.

# Captain Fantastic \& The Los Angeles Aziecs 


by
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The Daily Breeze

## I'd rather be known as a footballer who sings rather than a singer who plays football-Elton John, to an audience at a recent concert appearance.

Elton John
isn't sure how many North American Soccer League games he will be seeing this year.
"It all depends on these," he said, removing a pair of rainbow-colored glasses and squinting into the hazy California sunlight.

The sleek new Cadillac limousine had made its stop near the 50 -yard-line at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Photographers stepped over small puddles of water and approached slowly as the back door opened.
"The Aztecs are going to travel first class this year,' said the man in the back seat, talking to no one in particular but getting a response from most everyone within ear shot.

The Aztecs will be doing a lot of things first class this year, due in part to the presence of Elton John, who several months ago acquired a part ownership in the team and who since has kept a promise to do whatever he can to build it into an NASL championship contender.

When talking of the Aztecs, John says "we" and "our." His involvement, notes John Chaffetz, managing general partner of the Los Angeles franchise, "is beyond anything we ever dreamed of. He is an Aztec."

Those who know of John's interest with soccer are not at all surprised to find him taking an active part in the NASL. He's carried on a lifelong romance with the Watford Football Club, remembering his boyhood when he practiced the piano on week nights and played around with a football on weekends. Not long ago, he was made a director of the Club (the Hornets) and has given concerts to help it.
"Elton John is a tremendously interested owner who is going to do things for us," says Chaffetz. "He believes in soccer in the

United States. His name is magic. The Aztecs have the luxury of having a superstar on the field (George Best) and off the field (Elton John)."
It was a year ago May that Chaffetz began his pursuit of Elton John, an adventure down the yellow brick road that had all sorts of detours. He made several inquiries then and continued his investigation until late September.

Finally, in November, Chaffetz "all of a sudden" got a call from Phil Woosnam, commissioner of the NASL, and was told to be in San Francisco as soon as possible. Elton John, Chaffetz recalls, "wanted to see me."
"You don't know how often I tried to get in touch with Elton myself, rather than go through second and third parties,' says Chaffetz. "I was beginning to think he had a $50-$ foot moat around him. I don't even know to this day if he ever got any of my messages, but what it boils down to is that they came to us.
"It took us a great many meetings and sessions. We had discussions with a dozen very prominent entertainment personalities, people who seemed interested in us, but what we wanted, more than anything, was someone with a real interest. All along, I thought Elton John was the one person who could do for us what we could do for him. And, to him, there is nothing more important than soccer."

Continuing their discussions, John finally came to an agreement with the Aztecs, purchasing a piece of the team and immediately saying he wanted to do his part.
John is five-feet-eight or so and has a slight midsection overlap. His eyes are not good (he was born myopic), his hair is falling out and he's slow afoot. But he carries with him a pair of black soccer boots and
often gets out at local parks to kick around a ball with friends.
On the field, he keeps up a constant chatter, preferring his left foot and showing a reluctance to take the ball himself. He is, noted Aztecs halfback Bernie Fagan, "a born playmaker."
"Nobody knows what is going to happen to soccer in the United States," John said in an interview with this reporter. "But I'm going to do my part to make it number one. In two or three years, or whatever it takes, soccer is going to be THE thing here. I can see it."
In other matters, John said he always desired to play soccer when he was young but was persuaded to play the piano at a very early age. He also said he would not actively seek out players for the Aztecs "unless we start losing" and that he would encourage American youngsters to play soccer.
"I really wanted to play this game when I was a youngster," he said. "I went to a school, though, that played rugby. When they were playing rugby, I was hiding in the showers. Anyway, you don't play rugby when you wear glasses."
John maintains two residencies-one in England and one in the United States. He has a suburban home in London and another in the Malibu area along the Southern California coastline (he may move closer to the Aztecs offices in Redondo Beach, however) and is attempting to coordinate his June and July concert dates with the team's schedule.
"I'm practically on the bread line, how can you ask me about buying this player or that player," he says. "Anyway, the coach (Terry Fisher) has assured me we won't lose. I'm tired of staging benefits to save someone or something. I want to celebrate something for a change."

Prior to the start of the NASL schedule, the leagues board of directors approved a plan to allow John to sit on the bench with the players, unprecedented within the framework of any athletic organization.

And there were reports the team would have new uniforms-consisting of four-inch Adidas platform boots, white and tangerine jersies with silver sequins, and mink warmup jackets. The only mink jackets, it turns out, will be worn by Elton John.
"He has credibility in the game," says Chaffetz. "This is not like Bing Crosby buying a piece of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Elton knows soccer and he loves soccer. He can expose us instantaneously to the youth who never has been exposed to this game. We're absolutely thrilled to have him involved.
"We've had kids say that he will be at every game, some think he is going to play music, some even think hes going to be playing for our team."

It's what Elton John is going to do-not what they think he's going to do-that is important to the Aztecs, says Chaffetz.
"I really believe Elton will be as valuable to us as any player we could sign. Make no mistake about it, he is a member of the team."

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- The Portland Timbers got a big payoff on their Betts last season.

Two "T's" there, please, Mr. Printer, for this is the story of Tony Betts, who has worked overtime to give the North American Soccer League one of its greatest success stories.

It was the first round of the NASL playoffs last season, with Portland and Seattle locked in a 1-1 tie late in the going, that Portland coach Vic Crowe made his move by inserting his 21 -year-old "Mr. Versatile" into the lineup.

Betts played the final $141 \times 2$ minutes of regulation, and then made himself a hero in Portland at 6:31 into the overtime when he headed in a goal off Willy Anderson's pass to push the Portland team past the Sounders, 2-1, and eventually on to soccer bowl.
"It wasn't my best goal ever, but it was my most important;" said Betts after the game.
"I had chewed my nails off on the bench before I got in", said Betts, who said the atmosphere in Portland's Civic Stadium was "like a big Cup match in England:'
That was because the game was one of the climaxes of his team's storybook season. The game drew 31,523 fans, at that moment the biggest non-Pele crowd in NASL history, and nearly twice the crowd that attended the NASL finals two weeks later in San Jose. (Portland broke that NASL playoff crowd record in the semi-finals when 33,503 crammed into Portland's 27,000 seat stadium) Betts was an unlikely candidate to be a late-game substitute in that game, for he was the team's second-leading scorer, totaling 15 points on seven goals and an assist in the regular season, plus the one giant goal in the playoffs.
He was a non-starter only because he had a heavily bandaged thigh, a nagging injury that slowed him much of the season.
The elation of that big moment hasn't dimmed for Betts. During the past winter, Tony and his wife Vivian placed their home in Birmingham's suburb of Sutton-Colfield up for sale, and Betts signed a year-round contract with the Timbers. Their return to America, and Portland, is permanent, as far as the Betts are concerned.

## NASL CLOSEUP

## Tony Betts

PORTLAND TIMBERS
by
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"Tony has a great sense of positional play," says Hoban. "He is in the right spot at the right time, and his very strong shot with the feet makes him dangerous from long range as well as around the goal."


The decision wasn't easy in one respect, because Tony has some fond moments to recall in English soccer. He was a member of England's Football Association (FA) Junior Cup team early in his career, and became a protege of Crowes when the latter was in charge of the Aston Villa Club in the first division. Betts played for AV as as amateur, later as a pro. Betts played for Aston Villas first team briefly, but also spent considerable time with the reserve squad.

However, when Crowe assembled the expansion Timbers in the spring of 1975, he remembered Betts and
made him one or the 13 English league players who came to Portland.

Betts figures to exceed his 1975 pace during the current season, if the appraisal of one of his teammates is accurate.
"Some of Tony's ability went largely unnoticed last season", says Mick Hoban, who sometimes teams up with Betts at midfield. "Tony is a fine header, but we had Peter Withe (NASL's no. 4 scorer in '75) at striker last year, and so Tony's work was mostly from further out:"
"Tony is also left-footed, and this gives him a bit of an advantage because his shot will sometimes come unexpectedly."
"Tony has a great sense of positional play," says Hoban. "He is in the right spot at the right time, and his very strong shot with the feet makes him dangerous from long range as well as around the goal:"
"Tony can play a creditable game at striker, although he didn't do so last year."

With Withe playing every minute of the season, Betts missed out at that position. However, he played as a forward, midfielder and defender.

He missed four of the regular season games entirely and did not start in four others, due largely to the injury of his left thigh.

But, when he went into the games as a substitute in most instances it was because Crowe wanted more firepower, as was the case against Seattle in the playoffs.
"Tony at forward gives us that shot from further out;" explains Crowe. "That puts more pressure on our opponents, because then they must look not only for the crossing passes but the possibility that we will set up Tony, as well as our striker."
The 5-11, 160-pound blond had 49 shots last year, and a high percentage of them (31) were shots on goal. He's also one of the most aggressive players on the team, leading the first-year Timbers in cautions (five) and averaging two fouls per game (35).
The 1976 English season was spent playing with Bolmere in Englands semi-pro ranks, but Betts regards that as an interlude. "I wanted to stay in shape for the Timbers"' he said. "I feel my future in soccer is here:"

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NASL CLOSEUP
BoBBY THOMSOM
HARTFORD BICENTENNIALS
by

J.B. Trecker<br>West Hartford News

If the ball is there to be won, l'll be there. I'm a defender first, but once I get the ball, I like to look to the attack."

II1964, Bobby Thomson sat on the substitutes bench in giant Maracana Stadium and marveled at the way Pele helped Brazil destroy England, 5-1.
"It was a tremendous thrill just to watch Pele in that game," Thomson says. "He does some amazing things."

Now Thomson will get a different look at the Brazilian who made soccer a worldwide property because the man who was an England substitute in Rio de Janeiro will now have the job of stopping Pele and other top strikers in his role as central defender for the Hartford Bicentennials.
Signed by the Bicentennials in March, Thomson brings impressive credentials to the North American Soccer League. An eight-time England selection, a former captain of the England Under-23 side ( 15 caps) and a member of top First Division teams at Wolverhampton, Birmingham City and Luton Town, Thomson is a defender "who likes to score goals."
"I'm a ball-playing defender, I suppose you'd call it;" the 31-year old native of Smethwick, England says. "I like to go forward, find attacking positions. I like scoring goals. All along I've tried to keep my individuality. At times I feel that players have become robots and I don't want that. Terry Cooper (former England and Leeds United defender) is my type of player, although I'm not as adventurous as he is. I tackle hard, as well. If the ball is there to be won, I'll be there. I'm a defender first, but once I get the ball, I like to look to the attack."


Thomson admits to being concerned about a loss of "flair" in the game in his native country, putting the blame on the pressure to get results which has made teams less imaginative than they used to be. It's something he wants to avoid and, being the center of things at the back, he's the kind of player who can help a side to find its character.

Indeed, Hartford purchased his contract from Luton Town for reasons not unlikt those which got him to Luton in the first place.
"Luton wanted an experienced player to guide their younger fellows the right way," Thomson said of his transfer to that club four years ago. Then, a youthful club on the rise, Luton gained promotion to Division One status in England as Thomson, in his role as captain, helped to unify a team without veteran stars. Unfortunately for Thomson and his mates, the youngsters found the life at the top too rigorous and plunged back into Division Two a year ago, but they have solidified their position in the middle of the second echelon and Thomson feels that players like defender Paul Futcher are on the verge of greatness.

So why did Thomson decide to leave Luton?
"I feel that it's a challenge for me, basically. I've had a long career in England and I feel that I have about three or four years left as a player. The opportunity to come out here and help improve soccer in America is a challenge. I enjoy working with young players and youths," he says.
"For my own self, it's a new career. One day I'd like to become a coach, as you call it in the States, and this may be a stepping stone to a managerial job in England. I've played under men like Joe Mercer, Alf Ramsay and Bill McGarry (three of the great British football managers) and, having played for those three, you feel you'd like to stay in the game and put something back into it."
Thomson will have plenty of opportunity to do that in Hartford. His role with the Bicentennials will be playerscout, a full-time task that will see him back in England during the "off season" in America, trying to line up more talent for the Bicentennials.
The change from 100,000 crowds at Wembley and international appearances to the role of teacher, player and builder in Connecticut came about quickly for the man who has captained every team he ever played for, save England.
"I heard about Hartford through Bill Cox", he related", and then met Mr. Darling (Bicentennials' President Bob Darling) and his wife in London. Gordon Jago (Millwall manager and former coach in the U.S.) talked to Mr. Haslam, Luton manager, about it and it all happened in about 10 days. Mr. Haslam has been fantastic to me. He gave me a new career four years ago and he felt this would be a fantastic opportunity for me."

So Hartford has a center back who wants to learn enough about the game of soccer to eventually manage in the pressure cooker of the English First Division. At the same time, he'll play a major role in guiding the development of youthful American backs like Telmo Pires, Tino Domingues and Peter Chandler, all Hartford youngsters with untapped promise.
"I look forward to mixing with different types of players", the Englishman says. "We can probably teach the Spanish or Portuguese players to be more physical and they can teach us to be more skilled"' As for American players, Thomson admits he hasn't seen much of them since playing here in the mid 1960's as a member of the Los Angeles Wolves of the old days. But he knows that the brand of the game is improving and he adds an important word for followers of soccer in America.
"With the players that I know are coming out here this year," he says, "the standard of play will only get better."

Thomson, himself, is one major reason for that.

TORONTO - International intrigue and soccer go hand-in-hand at times and the circuitous routes whereby some eastern Europeans have found their way into the North American Soccer League often have hilarious overtones.

But at times, the vignettes get down to a personal, heart-rending level.

So it is with Toronto Metros-Croatia captain Gene Strenicer, a Hungarian who sometimes is referred to as the heart of the team. He suffers to this day from the political and bureaucratic intransigence that snatched away a good chunk of his life.

Strenicer's tale goes back to 1972, when the tenacious little midfielder managed to acquire a visa from the Hungarian government to visit his brother in Sweden. He stayed longer than the two-week limit, planning to bring his wife, Helen, and daughter, Chilla, out.
"I couldn't go back or they'd put me in jail and I couldn't get them out," said Strenicer. "The police still watch them. I've talked on the telephone to them but the calls are taped. We send letters back and forth but not all her letters reach me. Some are stopped."

Strenicer recently arranged for a divorce, figuring perhaps that could alter the situation. So far, it hasn't.
"It's the same in Czechoslovakia, Poland and other Communist countries," he related. "One member of a family may be able to get a visa but the others must remain. I don't know, I just don't know what will happen."

The gaunt-faced Strenicer had things going well when he was in Budapest. He played with Spartacus and Budapesti Vegyimuvek, as an amateur, of course, in the usual Soviet Bloc manner, but well-rewarded nonetheless.
"I was a salesman with a steel company," he chuckles. "I never sold any steel, just went in to pick up my check. There were bonuses, too".


> "He is quiet and uncomplaining on and off the field and his full-bore attitude towards his work is the perfect instance of leading by example."

Strenicer did a two-year stint in the Hungarian army. Same story. He never picked up a gun, let alone get involved in any other military activity. The only time he ever marched was onto a soccer pitch.

During his seven-month sojourn in Sweden, Strenicer worked as a lathe operator. Under FIFA rules, he was banned from the game for a year after the Hungarian Federation wouldn't give him his release.

The arrival of Strenicer in Toronto was one of those things all coaches dream about. When he walked in on the team's indoor training session in February, 1973, it was as though a bag of money had just strolled in the door.
"What a break for us", says Metros' general manager Aldo Principe. "Gene is a typical 100 percenter; he doesn't survive on class but on hard work."

Other benefits have accrued, too. Strenicer's personality more or less sets the tone for the team. He is quiet and uncomplaining on and off the field and his full-bore attitude towards his work is the perfect instance of leading by example.
"He's not flashy but he covers more ground than most players around the league," offered Principe. "No matter how tough things are, you know Gene will be right in there."

Strenicer's particular tenacity is one borne of basically defensive thinking. Possession is uppermost in his style of play and he rarely pops a dangerous pass.

One of his major strengths is the ability to shield the ball from an opponent when challenged, to recoup when an opening has closed. In a one-on-one situation, the squat Hungarian is not easily circumvented.

An all-star in 1974, Strenicer finds his toughest games against the two Florida teams, Miami Toros and Tampa Bay Rowdies.
"As teams, both are excellent and both have fine individual players, observed Strenicer. "Those are games I have to be really up for."

As for the future, Strenicer perceives a breakthrough on this continent for the game.
"I doubt we can ever reach the level they have in Europe as a major sport but everybody can see the popularity growing", he said. "I'm really hopeful when I see the number of kids getting involved. It seems to me that now, it's merely a matter of good coaching for the youngsters."

So, the doleful Hungarian remains hopeful, both for his game and for his personal life.


## WINNING SOCCER

A comprehensive guide to winning soccer techniques by a top
North American Soccer League coach.

by AI Miller

## On equipment...

Soccer shoes should fit like gloves, which means they must be broken in properly. A common way of breaking in a shoe is to lace the shoe on your foot and soak it in a tub of warm water for a few minutes so that the leather will soften and conform to the shape of your foot. Then, you walk in them for 20 to 30 minutes while they are still wet. (This is a good time to mow your lawn.)

In addition to being broken in carefully, soccer shoes should be polished regularly to keep the leather soft and pliable and to keep them looking good. A dull, unpolished shoe is a dead giveaway that a player is a rookie...

Soccer is an inexpensive sport. But, as I said at the chapter's beginning, don't purchase cheap equipment. Particularly, your shoes must fit well and be of high-quality leather, since your feet are your most important consideration...

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## On conditioning...

If you think about it, soccer itself is played in intervals. You make a run with the ball, have a shot on goal, and then someone else takes over and you have a rest period. So the best possible training method for soccer players is hard physical training soccer-style. The game requires maximum effort in sprinting, changing directions, jumping, and other heavy, physical exercise; so you should run sprints with changes of direction - with and without the ballfor 15 or 30 seconds with a rest interval of the same time between each run. Sometimes in a game your rest period is longer, and sometimes you are required to make a run forward and immediately chase an opponent to try to win the ball back. Therefore, on occasion you should double your rest interval, as well as your work period...

All types of stretching exercises are important in a player's daily training, and they should be an integral part of his warm-up, too. Flexibility exercises are vital when warming up. It is necessary to stretch the large muscles and
get the blood circulating through them. A warmed-up muscle rarely gets injured unless a blow is landed on it directly, and, even then, the injury will be far less acute...

Athletes are judged on the field, but their off-the-field activities play an important part in their performances. Only you can control your life-style. This self-discipline has many positive carry-overs. Your ability to say no at any time makes you tougher than you can possibly imagine.
I cannot emphasize enough the importance of creating for yourself an attitude of total commitment. I have seen a lot of great talents never make it because of their inability to discipline themselves. My advice to young players is always the same. Put everything you have into the game, and the rewards and experience will far exceed all the sacrifices.

## NASL 1975 Official Statistics/Individual

1975 COMPLETE INDIVIDUAL SCORING STATISTICS (TOP 20)

|  | Player (Team) | Games | Goals | Assists | Points |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Steven David (Miami) | 21 | 23 | 6 | 52 |
| 2. | Gordon Hill (Chicago) | 21 | 16 | 7 | 39 |
| 3. | Derek Smethurst (Tampa Bay) | 22 | 18 | 3 | 39 |
| 4. | Peter Withe (Portland) | 22 | 16 | 6 | 38 |
| 5. | Uri Banhoffer (Los Angeles) | 20 | 14 | 9 | 37 |
| 6. | Tommy Ord (New York/Rochester) | 21 | 16 | 3 | 35 |
| 7. | Ilija Mitic (San Jose/ Dallas) | 19 | 15 | 3 | 33 |
| 8. | Ade Coker (Boston) | 15 | 10 | 6 | 26 |
| 9. | Patrick Netsolengue (Denver) | 21 | 10 | 5 | 25 |
|  | John Rowlands (Seattle) | 21 | 10 | 5 | 25 |
|  | John Coyne (Toronto) | 22 | 7 | 11 | 25 |
| 10. | Chris Bahr (Philadelphia) | 22 | 11 | 2 | 24 |
|  | Mike Flater Denver) | 15 | 10 | 4 | 24 |
|  | John Hawley (St. Louis) | 20 | 11 | 2 | 24 |
| 11. | Keith Aqui (Baltimore) | 20 | 10 | 3 | 23 |
|  | Glen Johnson (Vancouver) | 21 | 8 | $7$ | 23 |
| 12. | David Proctor (Miami) | 15 | 9 | 3 | 21 |
|  | Stewart Scullion (Tampa Bay) | 18 | 7 | 7 | 21 |
|  | Mick Barry (Washington) | 22 | 6 | 9 | 21 |
| 13. | Paul Crossley (Seattle) | 20 | 4 | 12 | 20 |
| 14. | Alvin Henderson (Baltimore) | 19 | 9 |  | 19 |
|  | Randy Horton (Washington) | 19 | 7 | 5 | 19 |
|  | Gary Darrell (Washington) | 22 | 9 | 1 | 19 |
|  | Gerry Ingram (Washington) | 22 | 7 | 5 | 19 |
|  | Geoff Davies (Boston) | 17 | 6 | 7 | 19 |
| 15. | John McLaughlin (Philadelphia) | 22 | 7 | 4 | 18 |
|  | John Sissons (Tampa Bay) | 19 | 5 | 8 | 18 |
|  | Ivan Lukacevic (Toronto) | 10 | 8 | 2 | 18 |
| 16. |  | 19 |  |  | 17 |
|  | Clive Best (Tampa Bay) | 19 | 6 | 5 | 17 |
|  | Eddie May (Chicago) | 18 | 7 | 3 | 17 |
|  | Julie Veee (Los Angeles) | 20 | 6 | 5 | 17 |
|  | Steve Melledew (Boston) | 22 | 6 | 5 | 17 |
|  | Wolfgang Suhnholz (Boston) | 21 | 6 | 5 | 17 |
|  | Mordecai Shpigler (New York) | 17 | 6 | 5 | 17 |
| 17. | Sergio Zanatta (Vancouver) | 16 | 6 | 4 | 16 |
|  | Julio Correa (New York) | 21 | 4 | 8 | 16 |
|  | Kyle Rote, Jr. (Dallas) | 21 | 5 | 6 | 16 |
|  | Chaka Ngcobo (Denver) | 20 | 5 | 6 | 16 |
| 18. | Willie Anderson (Portland) | 17 | 3 | 9 | 15 |
|  | Tony Betts (Portland) | 18 | 7 | 1 | 15 |
|  | Antonio Simoes (Boston) | 17 | 3 | 9 | 15 |
|  | Warren Archibald (Miami) | 21 | 4 | 7 | 15 |
|  | Kaizer Motaung (Denver) | 20 | 4 | 7 | 15 |
|  | Al Trost (St. Louis) | 22 | 6 | 3 | 15 |
|  | Paul Child (San Jose) | 21 | 4 | 7 | 15 |
|  | Mark Liveric (New York) | 21 | 5 | 5 | 15 |
|  | Archie Roboostoff (San Jose) | 21 | 4 | 7 | 15 |
| 19. | Ronnie Sharp (Miami) | 18 | 1 | 12 | 14 |
|  | Bob Hope (Philadelphia) | 20 | 4 | 6 | 14 |
|  | Tjeert Van't Land (Seattle) | 19 | 6 | 2 | 14 |
|  | David Butler (Seattle) | 19 | 5 | 4 | 14 |
|  | Barie Mitchell (Vancouver) | 18 | 5 | 4 | 14 |
|  | Joe Fink (New York) | 16 | 6 | 2 | 14 |
|  | Pele (New York) | 9 | 5 | 4 | 14 |
| 20. | Jose Marcio (San Antonio) | 13 | 5 | 3 | 13 |

## GLOSSARY OF SOCCER TERMS

Center-to pass the ball from a wide position on the field into the penalty area.
Charge - pushing the opponent off balance legally by shoulder to shoulder contact.
Clear-a throw or kick by the goalkeeper or a kick by the defender in an attempt to get the ball away from the goal area.
Cross-same type of pass as center.
Defender-primarily a defensive player who assists the goalkeeper in protecting the goal.
Dribble - a way of advancing the ball past defenders by a series of short taps with one or both feet.
Forward-primarily an attacking player whose responsibility is to create and score goals.
Goalkeeper - the last line of defense. The only player who can use his hands within the field of play. He is limited to using his hands only within the penalty area.
Half-Volley-kicking the ball just as it is rebounding off the ground.
Hands-illegal act of intentionally touching the ball with the hands or arms.
Heading - a method of scoring, passing and controlling the ball by making contact with the head.
Linkman - another name for midfielder.
Lob-a high, soft kick taken on the volley, lifting the ball over the heads of the opponents.
Marking - guarding an opponent.
Midfielder-is both an offensive and defensive player who is primarily responsible for linking the forwards and defenders.
Obstructing - preventing the opponent from going around a player by standing in his path.
Overlap - the attacking play of a defender going down the touchline past his own winger.
Pitch-another name for the field of play.
Save - the goalkeeper stopping an attempted goal by catching or deflecting the ball away from the goal.
Screen-retaining possession and protecting the ball by keeping your body between the ball and opponent.
Sliding Tackle-attempting to take the ball away from the opponent by sliding on the ground.
Striker - a central forward position in the team with a major responsibility for scoring goals.
Sweeper-a defender who roams either in front of or behind the defender line to pick up stray passes.
Tackling-attempting or taking the ball away from an opponent when both players are playing the ball with their feet.
Trap-controlling a ball passed close to the player by means of the feet, thighs or chest.
Volley-kicking the ball while it is in flight.
Wall Pass-a pass to a teammate followed by a first time return pass on the other side of the opponent (give and go).
Wing - an area of the field near the touchline.
Winger-name given to the right and left outside forwards.
4-3-3- the player formation most used today (a goalkeeper, four defenders, three midfielders, three forwards).
4-2-4-most used alternative formation to the 4-3-3 (a goalkeeper, four defenders, two midfielders and four forwards).

## CONDENSED RULES OF SOCCER

Rule 1-The Field of Play. (Diagram)
Rule 2-The Ball (NASL approved ball-Adidas) circumference $27^{\prime \prime}-28^{\prime \prime}$, weight $14 \mathrm{oz} .-16 \mathrm{oz}$.
Rule 3-Number of Players. Each team consists of eleven players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper. A maximum of three substitutes may be used.
Rule 4-Player Equipment. Consists of a shirt, shorts, stockings and shoes. Goalkeeper must wear colors which distinguish him from the other players.
Rule 5-Referees. One referee is appointed for each match. He is responsible for control of the game and his decisions are final.
Rule 6 -Linesmen. Two linesmen assist the referee by indicating offside when the ball is out of play, and which team is entitled to the corner kick or throw in.
Rule 7-Duration of the Game. Shall be two equal periods of 45 minutes unless otherwise agreed upon.
Rule 8-The Start of Play. A flip of coin decides which team will kick off. Each team must stay on its own half of the field and the defending players must be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked.
After a goal the team scored upon will kick off. After halftime the teams change ends and the kickoff will be taken by the opposite team to that which started the game. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kickoff.
Rule 9-Ball In and Out of Play. The ball is out of play when (a) it has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline, whether on the ground or in the air, or (b) when the game has been stopped by the referee.
Rule $\mathbf{1 0}$-Method of Scoring. A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the cross bar.
Rule 11-Offside. A player is offside if he is nearer his opponents' goalline than the ball at the moment the ball is played unless, (a) he is in his own half of the field of play, (b) there are two of his opponents nearer to their own goal line than he is, (c) the ball last touched an opponent or was last played by him or (d) he receives the ball direct from a goal kick, a corner kick, a throw in, or when it was dropped by the referee. Note: This is the Traditional Rule. In 1973 the NASL introduced a "Blue Line" Concept with a
line drawn the width of the field 30 yards from each goal (see diagram). Under it, an attacking player is not offside until he is within 35 yards of his opponents' goal rather than midfield, as under the traditional rule.

Rule 12-Fouls and Misconduct. A player who intentionally attempts to or actually: (1) kicks, (2) trips, (3) jumps at, (4) charges violently, (5) charges from behind, (6) strikes, (7) holds or (8) pushes an opponent, or (9) intentionally handles the ball shall be penalized by a direct free kick. Any one of these nine offenses committed in the penalty area by a defender will result in a penalty kick to the offensive team.

A player committing less flagrant violations such as offside, dangerous plays, obstruction or ungentlemanly conduct will be penalized by an indirect free kick.
Rule 13-Free Kicks. Are classified into two categories. "Direct" (from which a goal can be scored directly against the offending side) and "Indirect" (from which a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has been touched by a player other than the kicker before entering the goal).

For all free kicks the offending team must be at least 10 yards from the ball until it is kicked.
Rule 14-Penalty Kick. A direct free kick taken at the penalty mark. All players except the player taking the kick and the goalkeeper must stay outside the penalty area and at least ten yards from the ball (hence the arc at edge of penalty area).
Rule 15-Throw In. When the ball has wholly crossed the touchline it is put back into play by a throw in from the spot where it went out and by a player from the opposite team that last touched it. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.
Rule 16-Goal Kick. When the ball has wholly crossed the goal line after being last touched by a player from the attacking team, it is put back into play by a kick from the goal area by the defending team.
Rule 17-Corner Kick. When the ball has wholly crossed the goal line after being last touched by a player from the defending team, it is put back into play by a kick from the corner on the side the ball went out by the attacking team.

PLAYING FIELD DIAGRAM


## 1976 TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURE

NASL games which are tied at the end of regulation play will be extended by 15 minutes of "sudden death" overtime (two $71 / 2$ minute periods). A flip of the coin will decide which team will kick off. The first team to score a goal, either from the field or by penalty kick, shall be the winner. If no score occurs in the first period, play shall be halted by the referee. The teams will change ends of the field. Play will be restarted with a kick-off by the team opposite that which started the overtime period.

If the game remains tied at the end of the second
period, the outcome will be decided by the kicks from the penalty spot. The referee will first flip the coin with the winner choosing which team will kick first. Each team shall take five penalty kicks in alternating order. When these have been completed, the team which has scored on the most penalty kicks shall be declared the winner. (The kicks shall be ended when one team has achieved an insurmountable advantage, such as scoring on its first three kicks while their opponents miss their first three).

If the teams remain tied after the prescribed five penalty kicks, they shall continue to take alternate penalty kicks until one has scored more than the other after an equal number of attempts. Only players in the game at the end of the overtime period, or players injured during the regular game or overtime period and not replaced, shall be eligible to take such penalty kicks. No player may take a second penalty kick until all other eligible members of his team have done so at which time they shall continue in the original rotation.

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## GORDON BRADLEY

## HEAD COACH

Dedication and professionalism are two words that describe Gordon Bradley, the Cosmos Head Coach and Vice President of Player Personnel. Bradley assumed the head coaching position on June 29. He had previously been coach from 1971 through 1975.

Surely professional is an accurate description for a man who signed his first contract at the tender age of 16 and is still working with soccer 23 years later. Bradley's career in pro soccer began when he signed his first contract with Sunderland in the English First Division. This was quite an auspicious start for a youngster not even out of high school.

Gordon's initiation to pro soccer was not a pleasant one. In only his second year, he suffered a broken knee cap which forced him to the sidelines for the next two seasons.

Yet the backbone of a dedicated soccer player is a strong one. Bradley waited patiently before continuing his career with Carlisle of the English First Division. Six years later Gordon was an All-Star with Toronto City in Canada.

At this time, Bradley's interests drifted toward coaching as well as playing. It was in Canada that he first began doubling as a player-coach. This duality continued until 1975 when Gordon turned his talents strictly toward coaching the New York Cosmos.

Bradley entrenched himself in soccer annals with a brilliant defensive display on the world-renowned Pele from Santos of Brazil. He held Pele scoreless on that memorable 1968 day, and his team the New York Generals went on to handily defeat their South American neighbors 5-2. In 1975 he became Pele's coach on the second team he has ever played for professionally, Santos being the first.

Gordon's love for soccer is clearly evidenced by his continuing dedication to the sport. By 9:00 AM every morning he is in his Rockefeller Center office in New York City setting up various personal appearances and lectures. When the office work is finished, he drives two hours on crowded highways to reach his Long Island home. Then he's off to the soccer fields to scout future prospects, or the Coaches Corner where he teaches adult coaches various phases of soccer.

Gordon was born in England (11-23-33). He and his wife Vera live in Garden City with their two sons, Paul (12-27-63) and Douglas (9-29-65).

## CHARLIE MITCHELL

Defender • $5^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime} 160 \mathrm{lbs} \cdot$-5/18/48 • NASL Yr: 7•Cosmos Yr: 1
PRO: Acquired via trade from Washington Diplomats on February $27 \ldots$ a smart defender with years of experience in the NASL. . . played for Rochester Lancers since 1969... was traded to Diplomats following the ' 75 season, but was unable to come to contract terms with them, opening way for Cosmos to deal... has played on the left side... has been an NASL all-star selection 6 times and also was captain of Rochester for 6 years... has not missed a minute of play for the past 3 seasons... began his professional career with St. Mirren of the Scottish First Division in 1967... moved to Sudbury Italia in Canada in 1969 before moving down to Rochester.

PERSONAL: Married... wife, Paula ... daughter, Heather (4/30/75) $\ldots$ citizen of U.S., having been naturalized on March $9 .$. has two idols-Pele and Dennis Law...enjoys music of Neil Diamond and Elton John... born in Paisley, Scotland.

## JORGE SIEGA

Forward • $5^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime} 165 \mathrm{lbs} .4 / 3 / 47 \cdot$ NASL Yr: $7 \cdot \operatorname{Cosmos}$ Yr: 6
PRO: The first player ever to sign a contract with the Cosmos, Siega begins his 6 th season with the team... from his left wing position he has played in 73 Cosmos games, second only to Barry Mahy's $79 \ldots$ ranks third in goals (15), first in assists (24) and second in scoring points (54) on the Cosmos' all-time lists... co-holder of the Cosmos record for assists in one season with 9 in 1971...has been hampered by injuries throughout his career but has continually shaken them off to become one of the finest forwards in the NASL history...suffered a broken leg in 1972 and has had other leg and knee problems since... had a goal and three assists in 1975 as knee trouble limited him to only 13 games . . .began his professional career in indoor leagues of Brazil and in 1965 led the country in scoring. . .came to the U.S. in 1966 and played in the German American League before joining the Washington Whips of the original NASL in 1968... has also played for the U.S. National Team.

PERSONAL: Married ... wife, Libertad ...two sons, Marcos ( $6 / 8 / 69$ ) and Peter $(5 / 10 / 70) \ldots$ citizen of U.S.... owns a 3 -store chain of supermarkets in Queens... biggest thrill in sports is being able to play with Pele ...enjoys hunting and fishing...born in Cotipora, Brazil.


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| NO. NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. BIRTHDATE | CITIZEN |  |  |
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| 1 | Kuykendall, Kurt | Goal | $6^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$ | 165 | $10 / 30 / 52$ | U.S.A. |
| 1 | Rugby, Bob | Goal | $6^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime}$ | 175 | $7 / 3 / 51$ | U.S.A. |
| 3 | Rowan, Brian | Def. | $5^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$ | 142 | $6 / 28 / 48$ | Scotland |
| 4 | Roth, Werner | Def. | $6^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$ | 185 | $4 / 4 / 48$ | U.S.A. |
| 5 | $\checkmark$ Eddy, Keith | Def. | $5^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$ | 155 | $10 / 23 / 44$ | England |
| 6 | Clements, Dave | Mid. | $5^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$ | 155 | $9 / 16 / 45$ | No. Ireland |
| 7 | $\checkmark$ Field, Tony | Fwd. | $5^{\prime} 7^{\prime \prime}$ | 154 | $6 / 7 / 46$ | England |
| 8 | Garbett, Terry | Mid. | $5^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$ | 166 | $9 / 9 / 45$ | England |
| 9 | Chinaglia, Giorgio | Fwd. | $6^{\prime} 1^{\prime \prime}$ | 190 | $1 / 24 / 47$ | Italy |
| 10 | Pele | Fwd. | $5^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$ | 165 | $10 / 23 / 40$ | Brazil |
| 11 | Siega, Jorge | Fwd. | $5^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$ | 165 | $4 / 3 / 47$ | U.S.A. |
| 12 | Smith, Bob | Def. | $5^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$ | 165 | $9 / 23 / 51$ | U.S.A. |
| 15 | Mifflin, Ramon | Mid. | $5^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$ | 160 | $4 / 5 / 47$ | Peru |
| 17 | Charlie Aitken | Def. | $5^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$ | 165 | $5 / 1 / 44$ | England |
| 18 | Mitchell, Charlie | Def. | $5^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$ | 160 | $5 / 18 / 48$ | U.S.A. |
| 19 | Minion, Brian | Fwd. | $5^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$ | 155 | $6 / 11 / 48$ | England |
| 20 | Dillon, Mike | Def. | $5^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$ | 175 | $9 / 29 / 52$ | England |

1975 TEAM
New York Cosmos
Philadelphia Atoms
Toronto/N.Y. Cosmos
New York Cosmos
Sheffield United
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Sheffield United
Lazio
New York Cosmos
New York Cosmos
Philadelphia Atoms :
Santos/N.Y. Cosmos
Aston Villa
Rochester Wrexham
New York Cosmos

Head Coach: Ken Furphy, Asst. Coach: Professor Julio Mazzei, Trainer: Joel Rosenstein.

TAMPA


Head Coach: EDDIE FIRMANI, Physician: JOHN
W. KAUZLARICH, D.O., Trainer: STAN TAYLOR.

WASHINGTON

NO. NAME
1 Eric Martin
2 Roger Menton
Trevor Thompson
Blain Mack
Tony Macken
Alan Spavin (Asst. Coach)
John Kerr
Leroy Deleon
Paul Cannell
Gary Darrell
Gerry Ingram
Stojan Trickovic
Tom McConville
(Capt.)
Roy Elam
Roy Willner
John Eraser
Don Reiter
20 Mark Lowenstein
Head Coach: Dennis Viollet, Asst. Coach/Trainer:
Pete Mehlert.

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Washington tallied 40 goals in 1975 with Gary Darrell headlining the scoring with 9 goals followed closely by Randy Horton and Gerry Ingram with seven goals a piece. The Diplomats held their opponents to only 45 goals, an average of 1.99 per game. Hot on the playoff trail, Washington was hurt by the loss of then starting goalkeeper, Peter Thomas. Despite the loss, the Diplomats came on strong toward the latter end of the season, winning 5 of their last 8 matches and falling only 2 points away from securing a playoff berth.

The Diplomats feature Eric "Goldfinger" Martin as their keeper. Martin was a key figure in turning the Diplomats' season around after Peter Thomas was injured. The Dips enjoyed a 7 and 3 record with Goldfinger in goal, and beat Tampa 3-1 with Martin leading the way. Indeed, one of the highlights of the 1975 season for the Diplomats was their distinction as the only team to beat the eventual NASL champion Rowdies twice.

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Reserve strength is a-plenty. U.S. National Team strikers Joe Fink (purchased from the New York Cosmos) and Doug Wark should see considerable action in '76. In midfield, Randy Garber, another U.S. National Team choice, could start a lot of games. Eddie Austin, with a full season of experience under his belt, will keep his American rivals on their toes. So will John Bluem, last year's third round draft choice out of Hartwick College.

Indeed, the champions are "going for the double" and the 12,000 plus who watched them at every Tampa Stadium home game in ' 75 are sure to multiply as the Rowdies go for it.

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6. EVER PLAYED SOCCER

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Government or military ( )
Secretarial, clerical,
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Craftsman, mechanic,
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Housewife
Student (High School) ( )
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DEDUCTIONS) IS:
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| Tennis |  |
| Golf |  |
| Boxing |  |
| Wrestling |  |
| Sports car racing |  |
| Rodeo |  |
| Horse shows |  |
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| Track meets |  |
| Bowling |  |
| Skiing (snow) |  |
| Bicycle racing/riding |  |

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12. HAVE YOU BOUGHT THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS IN THE PAST YEAR?

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| Toaster oven | ( ) |
| Men's fragrance | ( ) |
| Women's fragrance | ( ) |
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# NASL 1975 Official Statistics/Individual/Team 

## 1975 SEASON - FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

## INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE RECORDS

Most scoring points, season-52, Steven David (Miami)
*Most scoring points, game-10, Steven David (Miami), $6 / 20$ vs. Washington
Most scoring points, one half-6, Steven David (Miami), $6 / 20$ vs. Washington; 6 , Stefan Szefer (Chicago), 6/20 vs. Philadelphia
Most goals, season-23, Steven David (Miami)
*Most goals, game-5, Steven David (Miami), 6/20 vs. Washington
Most goals, one half-3, Steven David (Miami), 6/20 vs. Washington; Stefan Szefer (Chicago), $6 / 20$ vs. Philadelphia
*Most consecutive games scoring a goal-8, Derek Smethurst (Tampa Bay)
Most games scoring two or more goals-6, Steven David (Miami)
Most games scoring three or more goals-3, Uri Banhoffer (Los Angeles)
Shortest time to score two goals-2:29, George Ley (Dallas), $6 / 6$ vs. St. Louis
Shortest time to score two goals, one half-2:29 George Ley (Dallas), $6 / 6$ vs. St. Louis
Shortest time to score three goals-17:35, Stefan Szefer (Chicago), $6 / 20$ vs. Philadelphia
Shortest time to score three goals, one half-17:35, Stefan Szefer (Chicago), 6/20 vs. Philadelphia
Most goals on penalty kicks, season-3, George Ley (Dallas)
Most goals on penalty kicks, game-2, Gordon Hill (Chicago), $7 / 18$ vs. Baltimore; Renato Costa (San Antonio), 7/4 vs. Chicago
**Most assists, season-12, Paul Crossley (Seattle) Ronnie Sharp (Miami)
Most assists, game-3, Alan Wooler (Boston), $8 / 3$ vs. New York; Paul Crossley (Seattle), 6/21 vs. San Jose
**Most assists, one half-3, Alan Wooler (Boston), $8 / 3$ vs. New York
Most consecutive games with an assist-3, Paul Crossley (Seattle); Ronnie Sharp (Miami)
Most shots, season-144, Derek Smethurst (Tampa Bay)
Most shots, game-12, Clive Best (Tampa Bay), $5 / 14$ vs. Boston; Glen Johnson (Vancouver), $7 / 10$ vs. Seattle; Rick Reynolds (Dallas), $8 / 2$ vs Miami
Most penalty kicks, season-5, Gordon Hill (Chicago)
Most goals on penalty kicks, season-4, Gordon Hil! (Chicago)
Most penalty kicks, game-2, Gordon Hill (Chicago), $7 / 18$ vs. Baltimore; Renato Costa (San Antonio), 7/1 vs. Chicago

## GOALIES RECORDS

(based on 1260 or more minutes played)
Most games played, season-22, Arnold Mausser (Hartford); Barry Watling (Seattle); Ken Cooper (Dallas); Zeljko Bilecki (Toronto)
Most minutes played, season-2032.52, Barry Watling (Seattle)
Fewest goals allowed, season-17, Shep Messing (Boston)
Most shutouts, season-8, Zelijk Bilecki (Toronto)
**Most consecutive shutouts, season-4, Zeljko Bilecki (Toronto)
Most consecutive minutes without allowing goal443.66, Zeljko Bilecki (Toronto)

Most saves, season-193, Mike Ivanow (San Jose)
Most saves, game-20, Graham Brown (Denver), $6 / 6$ vs. Chicago; Ardo Perri (Rochester), 7/30 vs. New York
Most saves, game, without allowing a goal -17 , Bonetti (St. Louis) vs. Denver 6/18; Ardo Perri (Rochester) vs. Boston 5/9

## TEAM GENERAL RECORDS

## Team Offensive Records

Most games won-16, Tampa Bay, Portland
Most consecutive games won-7, Tampa Bay, Portland
Fewest games lost-6, Tampa Bay, Portland
Most scoring points, season-138, Portland
Most goals scored-47, Miami
**Most goals, game-9, New York, 6/29 vs. Washington Most goals, game, both teams-11, New York (9), Washington (2), 6/29
Fewest goals, game, both teams- 0,9 games
Most goals, one half-5, New York, 6/29 vs. Washington; Miami, $6 / 20$ vs. Washington
Most goals, one half, both teams- 6 , New York (5), Washington (1) $6 / 29$
Biggest margin of victory-8, Miami, $6 / 29$ vs. Washington
Most games scoring 5 or more goals-3, Los Angeles
Most games scoring 4 or more goals-4, Los Angeles, Miami, Tampa Bay
Most games scoring 3 or more goals-8, Tampa Bay
Most games scoring 2 or more goals-15, Portland
Most games scoring 1 or more goals-22, Seattle
Most consecutive games scoring 1 or more goals22, Seattle
Most consecutive games scoring 2 or more goals-6, Chicago
Most consecutive games scoring 3 or more goals-3, Chicago, Boston, Miami, San Antonio
Most consecutive games scoring 4 or more goals-2, Chicago, Denver, Philadelphia, Tampa Bay
*Most goals, two consecutive games-12, New York
Most goals, three consecutive games-14, New York
**Most goals, four consecutive games-17, Tampa Bay
**Most goals, five consecutive games-20, Tampa Bay
Most goals, tie game (end of regulation time)- - , Hartford @ San Jose 7/25; St. Louis @ Washington 5/30
Fewest goals, tie game (end of regulation time)- 0 , Twice-Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Philadelphia, Tampa
*Most players scoring one or more goals, game-7, New York, $6 / 20$ vs. Washington
*Most players scoring one or more goals, both teams-9, New York (7), Washington (2), 6/20
**Most players scoring two or more goals, game-2, Baltimore (Silvester 2, Aqui 2), $6 / 14$ vs. Washington; Chicago (Szefer 3, Hill 2), $6 / 20$ vs. Philadelphia; Chicago (Hill 2, May 2), $7 / 18$ vs. Baltimore; Denver (Motaung 2, Ngcobo 2), 7/2 vs. San Antonio; Denver (Flater 2, Netsolengue 2), $7 / 12$ vs. St. Louis; Los Angeles (Banhoffer 2, Douglas 2), 6/7 vs. San Jose; Miami (David 5, Proctor 2), 6/20 vs. Washington; New York (Pele 2, Shpigler 2), $6 / 29$ vs. Washington; Seattle (Rowlands 2, Van't Land 2), 6/21 vs. San Jose; Tampa Bay (Scullion 2, Sissons 2), $6 / 28$ vs. Baltimore; Toronto (Roe 2, Lukacevic 2), 7/16 vs. Hartford
**Most players scoring two or more goals, game, both teams-3, Baltimore (Aqui 2, Silvester 2) vs. Washington (Bain 2) 6/14
Most times two or more goals by one player, game season-6, Steven David (Miami)
Shortest time to score two goals-1:36, Vancouver vs. Seattle $4 / 26$
Shortest time to score three goals-5:21, Boston vs. Philadelphia 7/5
Shortest time to score four goals-17:30, Chicago vs. Philadelphia 6/20
*Shortest time to score four goals, one half-17:30, Chicago vs. Philadelphia 6/20
Most games held scoreless- 9 , San Antonio
*Fewest games held scoreless-0, Seattle
Most consecutive games held scoreless-3, San Antonio

Most consecutive minutes held scoreless-964:37, San Antonio
Most assists, season-52, Boston
Most shots, season-505, Tampa Bay
Most shots, game-39, Vancouver, $5 / 3$ vs. Toronto
Most shots, game, both teams-57, Vancouver (37) vs. Seattle (20), 7/10
**Most penalty kicks, game-2, Dallas, $4 / 18$ vs. San Antonio
Most penalty kicks, game, both teams-3, Dallas (2) vs. San Antonio (1), 4/18
${ }^{* *}$ Most penalty kicks, season- 6 , Chicago
Most tie-breakers, season-6, St. Louis
Most tie-breakers won, season-4, St. Louis
Most tie-breakers lost, season-3, San Jose
Most consecutive tie-breakers won, season-4, St. Louis
Most consecutive tie-breakers lost, season-3, San Jose
Most overtime games, season-6, Portland
Fewest overtime games, season-2, Miami
Most games won in overtime, season-5, Portland
Most games lost in overtime, season-3, Los Angeles
Most consecutive games won in overtime, season5, Portland
Most consecutive games lost in overtime, season-3, Los Angeles

## Team Defensive Records

Most goals allowed, season-52, Baltimore
Fewest goals allowed, season-27, Tampa Bay, Portland
**Most goals allowed, game-9, Washington, 6/29 vs. New York
Most games holding opposition scoreless- 8 , Toronto
*Most consecutive games holding opposition score-less-4, Toronto
Most games holding opposition to one goal or less16, Tampa Bay
Most consecutive games holding opposition to one goal or none-8, Tampa Bay
Most games holding opposition to two goals or less-21, Seattle
Fewest goals allowed, three consecutive games- 0 , Toronto
Fewest goals allowed, four consecutive games- 0 , Toronto
Fewest goals allowed, five consecutive games -1 , Toronto
Fewest shots allowed, season-320, Toronto
Most penalty kicks against, season-6, New York, San Antonio

## ATTENDANCE

*Largest attendance, regular season game-35, 620 , Washington, $6 / 29$ vs. New York (RFK Stadium)
*Largest attendance, playoff game-33,503, Portland, $8 / 17$ vs. St. Louis (semifinal), Civic Stadium
*Largest total attendance, season-197,194, San Jose (11 games)
*Largest average attendance, season-17,927, San Jose
Largest number of sellouts, season-4, Seattle
*Total League attendance, season-1, 695, 651 (221 games)

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Frank Spraggon had barely heard of Minnesota before being asked to join the new Minnesota Kicks Soccer Club there this spring. But the stocky defenseman lost little time in bringing to his new locale the experience of nine years in first-class British soccer competition.
"We picked Frank because he's a hard-tackling type of defenseman", said Kicks coach Freddie Goodwin, himself a veteran of the British soccer wars. "And because he is interested in coaching as well as playing."
"That's not tackling as in your American Football," explained Spraggon (rhymes with Dragon). "In England the defensemen are in the game to win the ball, and we do it with our feet instead of our hands."

Spraggon, who stands five feet, nine inches and weighs " 12 stone plus 5 " (173 pounds), is built like a fireplug and would be hard to get a ball through even if it weren't for his great strength. The fair-haired, 29 -year-old athlete speaks with a rich Scottish Burr, the product of growing up in Newcastle-on-Tyne, a few miles south of the border of Scotland in northeast England.

A professional since leaving school at 15 , he has played nine years for Middlesbrough, England, where he has appeared in more than 400 games with a team that started in the second division and advanced to the first division. "And in Britain, first division soccer is the best in the world-outside of World Cup international competition", he said.

Lately the work of Spraggon and other defensemen has tended to lower the scores and make British soccer contests tighter than before.
"It's exciting for the public, seeing a great many goals scored", he said. "But at the moment the emphasis is on defense in England. They're trying to swing it the other way, getting forwards to attack more and score more. But defense is the name of the game today."

Unlike American Football, where rules are changed from season to season to affect scoring, soccer rules are encrusted with tradition and are seldom altered. One recent change involved restricting goalkeepers to four steps before getting rid of the ball, he said.

Almost as exciting to Spraggon as playing the game is transmitting his skills to younger players. "I have my English full coaching badge and certified to go into schools and teach the sport", he said. "I plan-if Mr. Goodwin will let me - to visit schools in America and work with schoolboys and girls."

# Frank <br> Spraggon 

NASL CLOSEUP

MINNESOTA KICKS

by Ralph Thornton

"I'm looking forward to that because my goal when I'm through playing is to coach. I want to make soccer my life."
"If you've never seen football (soccer) at this level, you're in for a surprise," he addressed fans in the home of the Minnesota Vikings (American Football), Twins (Baseball) and North Stars (Hockey). "Come on out and see a game - you'll like it. With Freddie Goodwin running the new team, it's bound to be a potential winner."
Spraggon, in fact, was wooed by several other existing North American teams and chose Goodwin's because he felt it held great opportunity. Spraggon is on "loan" from Middlesbrough-that is, he plays in the NASL during the British off season while remaining under contract to the English team. American squads are allowed to use such loan players in limited numbers while working to develop a pool of American talent which will eventually fill most of the team roster.

Another Middlesbrough player, 19-year-old Alan Willey, will join Spraggon on Goodwin’s Minnesota Kicks squad. A forward, he came straight out of the school soccer program into the pros. "He's getting married before he comes over," noted Spraggon. "As long as he was coming to America, he decided it would be a nice place to spend a honeymoon."
"Myself, I was overwhelmed to be asked over," Spraggon confided. "I've never been to America before either, and I look forward to it-especially to working with youth in soccer programs."
(NASL players spend a large percentage of their off-the-field time coaching youth and school groups in soccer. It is part of the league's public relations program and is intended to increase inter-
est in the game, not only for attendance purposes, but to provide the pool of talent for future player drafts.)

Spraggon's wife Linda and their daughter Joanne, $4 \frac{1}{2}$, also came with him to Minnesota, where they looked forward to enjoying the many lakes, parks, and recreational opportunities of the Twin Cities.

With such a cornucopia of summer sports to choose from (Minnesota is the birthplace of water skiing, leads in numbers of registered outboard motors and stocks its 10,000 fishing lakes well), Minnesota Kicks players and management face an uphill climb for the kind of attendance that has nurtured other sports-including National Championship Football and Hockey teams at the University of Minnesota and the Basketball (Los Angeles) Lakers, who started in Minnesota, among others.

But since 1954, when the Minnesota Soccer Association was formed to coordinate the play of such neighborhood and ethnic teams as the Northeast Minneapolis Golden Eagles and the Andinos, a Latin American group, there have been an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 soccer players, male and female, in the Twin Cities metropolitan area alone.

Since 1965 soccer has been an official sport of the Minnesota State High School League and its latest soccer championship numbered 43 teams. A crowd estimated at 3,500 persons attended the championship matches, and though below the number required to sustain a professional club, is indicative of the interest that exists in the community.

It may be some time before Minnesotans become as carried away as some of Spraggons British fans, who have rioted, smashed trains and buses and stampeded through towns after a particularly hard-fought soccer match.

But with its easy-to-follow rules, nonstop action and the fact that a good little man stands just as good a chance of succeeding as a good big man, the game has strong selling points with the average citizen.

Starting this season they will have the expertise of Spraggon and other Kicks players to hone their skills into winning-and perhaps future profes-sional-caliber. In bringing such a sports skill across the sea, the Briton has brought an infusion of enthusiasm and interest to a centuries-old sport just budding here.

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# NASL Alignment/1976 

## NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE

## Atlantic Conference

## Northern Division

Boston Minutemen Chicago Sting
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## Eastern Division

Miami Toros
New York Cosmos
Philadelphia Atoms
Tampa Bay Rowdies
Washington Diplomats

Pacific Conference

## Southern Division

Dallas Tornado Los Angeles Aztecs San Antonio Thunder San Diego Jaws San Jose Earthquakes

## Western Division

Minnesota Kicks
Portland Timbers
St. Louis Stars
Seattle Sounders
Vancouver Whitecaps

## TEAM STANDINGS

Each winning team will be awarded six points toward its NASL season standings, whether victory occurs in regulation or overtime play. No points will be granted for a loss. Winners and losers will receive one bonus point for each goal scored in regulation or overtime play up to a maximum of three bonus points per team per game.

## PLAYOFF FORMAT

The NASL's Playoff format has been expanded for the 1976 season with 12 teams reaching the playoffs as compared to eight in 1975. The two top teams in each Division will automatically qualify. In addition, the two teams with the highest total points from the remaining six teams in each conference will qualify. Under this structure, it is possible for four teams to qualify from one division.

## SOCCER BOWL 76

The NASL Championship Game Soccer Bowl-76 will climax the season on Saturday, August 28 at the new Kingdome in Seattle.


Hugh Jones, Tampa Bay Rowdies
1975 NASL Photo Contest Entry

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In the early fifties, in England, Matt Busby had a goal: to put together the best football side ever assembled. He decided to do it with youth.

There are many who have said Matt Busby achieved that goal. The 1958 Man-chester-United team was the finest in the history of club soccer in Europe.
With a keen eye for talent,Busby selected, nurtured and molded a group of relative children into a football power along with a few key young veterans to balance the side.
It was the beginning of a dynasty. A short one.
On the sixth of February, 1958, the reality of that dynasty became a myth as the result of one of the world's most tragic air crashes.

They had become known, appropriately, as "The Busby Babes" because of their ages and the managerial foresight of Matt Busby. After two abortive attempts to get their chartered aircraft airborne from the Munich airport, the passengers, which included the team, managers, trainers and press entourage, nervously chatted and joked about the third try. The joys of a $3-3$ tie with Belgrade, putting them in the semi-finals for the European Cup, were being replaced with serious anxieties about getting home.

As the British European Airways "Elizabethan" gathered speed for the third takeoff try, the small groups of readers, card players and scenery gazers were but seconds away from a happening that they would share with the world but never discuss amongst themselves.
Twenty-three persons died in the ensuing crash. Death for most came quickly and mercifully. The list of victims included eight Manchester-United players; Roger Byrne (captain for England and MU), Geoffrey Bent, Eddie Coleman, Duncan Edwards, Mark Jones, David Pegg, Tommy Taylor and Liam Whelan. Three members of the club staff: secretary Walter Crickmer, trainer Tom Curry and coach Bert Whalley. Eight were newspaper representatives.

There is no need to dwell on the details of this occurrence as they are all contained in a well-written account called, "The Team That Wouldn't Die", by John Roberts. Arthur Barker Limited (Weidenfeld Publishers).
The world of sports was joined by nourners from everywhere who shared in the grief of surviving families as the dead were memorialized and buried.
And then, as they have always done, the survivors went about the business of self-
An additional footnote to this story is that Freddy Goodwin is the coach for the Minnesota Kicks. At the time of the crash, he was a reserve player but nevertheless he was still part of the Manchester system.

## "THE BUSBY BABES"


evaluation and rebuilding. And this is what this story is about.
There were twelve original "Busby Babes." Six were killed in the crash and six survived. Those who lived are: Bill Foulkes, Dennis Violett, Jackie Blanchflower, Albert Scanlon, Bobby Charlton and Ken Morgans.
Of those on the plane, only Foulkes and goalie Harry Gregg (who had been purchased from Doncaster) were healthy enough to play in the first game following the crash. A crowd of 60,000 were startled when they came to the grounds of Old Trafford to watch the match against Sheffield. When they opened their programs, there were eleven blank spaces under the Manchester team listing. New coach James Murphy had been culled from the Welsh International team and made Foulkes captain, brought up five youngsters from the reserves, signed a couple of established clubmen and at the last moment penciled in this makeshift lineup for the official scorer.
Bobby Charlton and Dennis Violett recovered in time for the finals at Wembley against Bolton Wanderers. Feelings ran extremely high for this one. The players found something unique on their jerseys. Someone had sewn on a special crest emblem with the phoenix on it. But it was not to be. History repeated the wrong event. In 1957 goaler Ray Wood had been wiped out by a charging player. Harry Gregg got it this time and M-U lost 3-0. The players broke down and cried when they arrived back in Manchester as they were greeted by virtually the entire village.
The team is still rebuilding but where are the survivors today? Bobby Charlton is a travel agent and has resigned as team manager. Albert Scanlon is working on the docks in Manchester. Jackie Blanchflower owns a pub near Manchester. Harry Gregg is manager of Crewe in the fourth division. Dennis Violett played 12 years, came to America on tour and loved it. He signed as a player and then as a coach with the Baitimore Bays, then the Washington Whips and then in 1974 became the coach of the Washington Diplomats. Bill Foulkes played a total of 18 seasons in competition. Almost unheard of, but as Bill puts it, "The older
you get, the more you realize what your limitations are and you darn well play with them. I had more to offer than muscle. I played best late in my career. Scoring the winning goal against Real Madrid was one of the high points"'
Bill Foulkes is the coach of the Chicago Sting and is experiencing the fulfillment and frustrations of his most fervent desire. Why did he come to the United States? "I had been at the ultimate in England and I think I wanted a real challenge. Soccer will never be a "World game" unless they play here in the States on a national level. I want to take a U.S. team into World competition."

Foulkes and Violett have had almost opposite reactions and changes in their lives following the tragedy. While Dennis found the crash an unsettling and sobering experience, Bill tended to find himself emerging as a changed man.
Foulkes had come out of the mines, joined the team and was a loner. He pinched pennies, stayed to himself, got married and had few outside interests. Post crash, everything seemed to change. "I lived a little bit just for the time. We had our first child right away (the first year after the crash). I took up golf (now a 1 handicap). I became a better, more considerate person, more tolerant of others and more outgoing."

As Manchester-United rebuilt, it was not with the same philosophy of youth. Sir Matt Busby went about restocking with purchased established vets.
Both Foulkes and Violett are building. Both come into the North American Soccer League with a bit of the Busby bravado. Unlike the legendary phoenix and Sir Matt, they are not building on ashes. They have a good foundation of veteran Europeans melded with outstanding American collegians.

A new opportunity awaits them. Both love a challenge. Who knows? Maybe someday we will see Violett's Valiants or Foulkes' Forces. We don't give titles here, but "coach" is all Bill or Dennis want. Their teams are listening. It is amazing what comes out of the mouths of babes.
Sir Mat...you can be justly proud. Your babes have grown into men.


The odyssey of Gyula Visnyei apparently is over.
..Which is not to say that San Jose should be considered the end of the line for the man better known around the North American Soccer League as Julie Veee.

Actually, the 26-year-old Veee views the off-season trade that brought him to the Earthquakes as the belated beginning of a soccer career that has had more false starts and delays than a badly tuned car in a traffic jam.

It's tribute to Veee's courage and persistence, not to mention the faith a number of people had in his abilities, that he has attained his life-long goal of playing professional soccer.
"I had just about given up at one point. From September of 1973 to January of 1975 I didn't, and couldn't, play organized soccer. I was working 10 hours a day in a machine shop and I was almost at the point I didn't care
anymore," Veee recalls.
"Then, after two years of fighting, I finally got my freedom."

Freedom, as you will see, is very important to Julie Veee. So important, in fact, that his attempt to attain it was what initially started him off on his difficult journey that eventually led to San Jose.

Veee's search for freedom began May 29, 1969, when Gyula Visnyei, talented 19 -year-old member of the Budapest Select under-21 team, walked away from his team, and his native Hungary, during an international youth tournament being held on the Italian Riviera.
"By accident, I met this American student who I previously had gotten to know in Budapest during a carnival. If I hadn't met him again, I probably never would have left," Veee says.
"I couldn't speak English and he couldn't speak Hungarian, but we managed to communicate somehow. He asked me if I wanted to defect and I let him know I did. After the last game of the tournament, I walked away with him instead of joining my team."

Veee's defection was widely publicized in the Italian sporting press and the youngster quickly was granted a tryout with AC Roma, but was unable to sign a contract because of his refugee status.
"I had already put in papers to go to A merica because I had an uncle living in Long Beach. He had told me they had a big league team in Los Angeles. After $21 / 2$ months in Italy I arrived in America only to find out the Los Angeles team had folded,' Veee recalls.

Veee found himself a job as a dockhand in San Pedro and had no problem hooking up with one of the many semipro teams in the Greater Los Angeles area.

He returned to Europe during the summer of 1970 and tried out with two German teams, but had to return home before he could sign a contract.
"The German clubs knew I was dealing from weakness because I could only stay in Europe for six weeks. You see, when you first arrive in America you have to stay in the country for two years before you can get permission to leave. I was able to get special permission to leave, but only for six weeks. Staying in America was more important to me than staying in Germany without my affairs in order,' Veee says.

Returning to California, Vee continued playing in the Los Angeles leagues until 1971 when he was issued
his permanent U.S. residence.
"I returned to France that fall and signed what I thought was a one-year contract with the first division team Renne. I didn't know any French, so I just signed the contract and played soccer. At the end of the season, when I went back to negotiate my contract for the next year, the manager told me he wasn't giving me another franc. 'You are ours for three years', was what he told me", Veee says.
"My freedom is too important to me, though. I just sold my stuff and packed what little we had left over and brought my wife and baby back to California. But once I got here, I found out I couldn't play because the French team still had my contract.
"For the next two years I wrote letter after letter to the USSF (United States Soccer Federation) explaining the situation, but still I couldn't play," Veee says.

Then, in January of 1975, Veee finally gained his freedom thanks to help of the president of the Hollywood Kickers, a semi-pro club.
"The president of the Kickers spoke directly to the president of FIFA (soccer's international governing body) and a couple of weeks later I was a free man".

The Los Angeles Aztecs had been following the Veee affair with interest. Once he had been released from his French contract, the NASL club made a successful bid to sign Veee.
"I was 25 years old and had not played for two years, but I had a pretty good season," understates Veee, who scored five goals and added five assists as the Aztecs qualified for the 1975 NASL playoffs.
"But I really wasn't happy in Los Angeles. I either wanted to play in Europe or play in San Jose, which I think is the best soccer city in the league. I received a very good offer from a team in Holland, but the Aztecs wouldn't release or let me buy out my contract.
"I was prepared to not play in 1976, but then I was traded to San Jose and I forgot about Europe and began thinking about a long career in San Jose," says Veee.
"Those years that I missed have hurt", he admits, "but I would do the same things over if I had to."

There are as many definitions to freedom as there are people.
"I believe that I should be the master of my destiny," says Julie Veee.

Gyula Visnyei undoubtedly agrees.

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## WERNER ROTH-COSMOS CONSTANT <br> BY LARRY CARMODY

If there has been one constant factor through numerous turnovers in personnel in the now six-year history of the New York Cosmos, it would have to be defender Werner Roth.

Technically speaking, he's not one of the original Cosmos, though he did sit on the bench for two games during the team's inaugural season of 1971.

Unlike Ed Kranepool of the 1962 Mets, Roth didn't get a chance to play. But from 1972 on, he has been a fixture in the Cosmos backfield. Only Jorge Siega has been with the Cosmos longer. In that time, things have changed.
"It's a much more professional setup now," says Roth. "Things have really improved."

In many ways, one of which Roth is particularly happy with.
"This is the first year I'm a fulltime player," explains Roth. "It's a better situation. As far as I'm concerned, it couldn't have happened at a better time. Right now, there is no meaningful work to be had in New York City. There is very little construction going on and it doesn't look too good for the next few years."

Roth is an architect, with a degree from Pratt Institute of Technology in Brooklyn. He's had to work at that and also be a player in the past.
"When I retire I can go back to it," says Roth. "By then I hope things will have changed. I like it this way, being a fulltime player. We really didn't know the difference say back in 1971 or 1972. If you were able to practice twice a week at night it was fine."

Don't get the idea Werner Roth is pushing middle age. He's a young 28 , who has been involved in soccer for over 20 years. His basic foundation in the sport came in the German-Hungarian organization of the German-American Soccer League.

He played his high school ball at Brooklyn Technical, but wasn't able to play on Pratt's collegiate team though he tried.
"I had signed professionally at 17 , right out of high school," says Roth. This was with the German-Hungarian semipro team. "I was going to play for Pratt, but they found out about my signing and that was that."

So Roth continued in the GermanAmerican League, until he signed with the Cosmos. He has been one of the team's
most consistent players since 1972 and has even been named the Most Valuable Player.

With his years of experience in the North American Soccer League, does he find the going easier in 1976?
"I think the level of competition has gone up," says Roth. "I know l've definitely improved since 1972. That's how I can compare the improvement of the league. I'm still struggling out there as hard as I was in 1972."

Roth is in the minority among NASL players . . . he's a player who happens to be an American citizen, still something of a rarity.
"In 10 years or sooner, the Americans should be catching up on the technical skills still lacking," says Roth. "The game here is a physical one. But there's a difference in that it's much more of a running game than say over in England. In that style of play, there are the technical skills, of course, but the game goes in spurts. Here, it's run, run, run. I think it's a style

that Pele and some others are just getting used to. They're not used to all the continuous running."

But what happens when the Americans do develop the skills?
"I don't think it would overwhelm the European type of game," says Roth, "but I think it would be hard for the South American style to adjust to it. Teams like Mexico play a much slower type of game. I think the hotter climate is one of the main reasons for this."

Which points to another facet of Roth's soccer career . . . the United States Natonal Team, with which he has been affiliated since 1968. It is the team which would represent the USA in the World Cup finals, if the Americans can qualify in their zone.
"It's a good zone for a country like the U.S. to be in," says Roth. "We play teams like Mexico, Haiti, Bermuda and so on. Once we have a team skilled enough, the style of play with the constant running and physicalness will be the difference."

The only other team in the zone playing that type of game is the Canadian National Team. But that squad has had problems in getting truly organized as has the American team.
"What we need is some stability," ventures Roth. "I haven't noticed any stability though. It's a situation where the team is not able to afford a permanent staff or coach. The lines of communication are limited. Sometimes we don't know about a game until two weeks before it. We don't get enough practice together and the players on the team keep changing. Since 1968, I think only myself and one other player have been on the team throughout. These are problems which will have to be solved if the U.S. is going to become a representative soccer power."

Of more immediate concern to the Queens resident is the 1976 NASL season. It's the first under a coach other than Gordon Bradley on the Cosmos. Bradley is now Vice President of the club.
"I think he's worked out great," says Roth of new head coach Ken Furphy. "He's gone further than Gordon in terms of theory and strategy. Gordon was a good coach, Furphy's just carried what he did further. I'm very optimistic about the season."

Without a doubt, the NASL defensive All-Star will be an important cog in any success the Cosmos attain.

## PELE'S NEW WORLD FILM NOW AVAILABLE

The New York Cosmos now have available a half hour film that catches all the drama and excitement of the 1975 seasonhighlighted, of course, by the signing and playing of Pele. The film was produced by Scoreboard Films Ltd.-and was written by Paul Gardner and edited by Larry Solomon. These two men were involved in the same capacities in the production of the award winning film, Pele: The Master and His Method.

Pele's New World contains historic footage of Pele as a 17 year old becoming an overnight star on his first World Cup team for Brazil. We also see Pele score his 1,000 th goal, and finally retire from soccer to the cheers and tears of thousands packed into Pele's home stadium. Then the film switches dramatically to the summer of 1975, with Pele signing with the New York Cosmos, followed by fantastic action footage of the Cosmos games. We see and hear from Werner Roth, Tommy Ord, Kurt Kuykendall and other Cosmos stars. We also see Pele off the field playing the guitar for his teammates, teaching President Ford some of the fine points of soccer, and giving a clinic to kids from the New York area.

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BACK ROW: (L to R)-Head Coach Ken Furphy, (12) Bob Smith-D, (7) Tony Field-F, (20) Mike Dillon-D, (11) Jorge Siega-F, (16) Tony Donlic-F, (1) Bob Rigby-Goal, (1) Kurt Kuykendall-Goal, (9) Giorgio Chinaglia-F, (4) Werner Roth-D, Joel Rosenstein-Trainer, Professor Julio Mazzei-Assistant Coach

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