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SACRAMENTO TO REPRESENT U.S. IN CONCACAF TOURNEY

New York, N.Y. - Sacramento Gold, the 1979 American Soccer League Champions, have been nominated by the United States Soccer Federation to represent the United States in the upcoming CONCACAF tournament, featuring teams from countries in North and Central America and the Caribbean. CONCACAF is the affiliate of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the world governing body of soccer, and has 23 member nations in the Caribbean, Central and North American region.

Sacramento Gold captured the 1979 ASL crown with a story book comeback after being in the Western Division cellar at midseason. They defeated Columbus Magic, the Eastern champs, 1-0, in an exciting title match before a packed house in Columbus this past September, on a goal by Ian Filby, the ASL's top scorer. They have since acquired the top goalkeeper in the League during 1979 in the person of Tom Reynolds, who came to the Gold from California Sunshine via the free agent route, and they should prove strong competition for the other foreign clubs.

The CONCACAF tournament is a home-and-home format at all stages, including the final round. The Gold are the first U.S. team to test the international waters of the tourney in many years, as last year's title was won by Fas of El Salvador, who defeated Jome of Colombia in the two leg championship round.

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