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ASL OPENS SEASON

The Oklahoma City Slickers invade the Georgia Generals on Friday, May 7th as the American Soccer League kicks off its 48th season.

The Generals buoyed by last Saturday's 1-0 exhibition victory over the defending league champion Carolina Lighnin' are out to get a fast start in the 1982 race.

The Generals, coached by David Chadwick, feature three players who formerly played with the NASL Atlanta Chiefs. The trio includes goalkeeper Graham Tutt midfielder Danny Payne and defender Mark MacKain.

Julio Bernardi, who has scored two goals in the Generals pre-season play including the decider in the 1-0 win over Carolina, is expected to provide offense along with Sonny Askew and Charley Greene.

Oklahoma City, likewise a first year ASL team, starts with strong goal-keeping in the person of Phil Parkes.

The Slickers roster includes veterans Wolfgang Rausch, Hank Liotart, Jimmy Husband and Bill Sautter. Jeff Bourne will not join the team until after his Wichita team completes its MISL play-off schedule.

The game will be played at 8 P.M. at the DeKalb Memorial Stadium in the Atlanta soccer hotbed suburb.

Because of schedule committments at their stadium the Generals will be home for five home games during the course of May. They will not take to the road until May 30th.

On the other hand the Slickers will be on the road for three games before opening their home schedule on May 28th with Pennsylvania.

Four games will be played next week in the ASL. On Friday May 14th Carolina opens its league defense playing at Georgia. Saturday May 15th finds Carolina visiting the league's other new entry the Nashville Diamonds and Oklahoma City travelling to the Silverdome to face the Detroit Express. Finally on Sunday May 16th Pennsylvania unvails its new home in Bethleham against the Nashville Diamonds.

The league's seventh active member Rochester opens its league play on Sunday May 23rd hosting Detroit.

Besides unvailing ASL soccer this Friday Generals officials are excited about their halftime promotion --The Great American Kiss Off --that will find 1000 couples embracing at halftime to find their way into the World Book of Records.

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HALL OF FAME GAME

The Oklahoma City Slickers and the Rochester Flash will meet in the second annual ASL contest to benefit the National Soccer Hall of Fame located at Oneonta, N.Y.

The game will be played on Sunday, May 16th at 4 P.M. at Damaschke Field in Oneonta.

The game along with the Hall of Fame Dinner, which will be held at 7:30 P. on May 16th, cap an entire week's activity.

Scheduled events include both clinics for youth players and coaches; a radio auction, and an adult dance.

Before the ASL exhibition contest the first annual State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Collegiate All-Star Game will be played at 1:30 P.M.

The National Soccer Hall of Fame has been open since 1979 and this will mark the second ASL exhibition game. In the inaugural event last year the New York United team defeated the Pennsylvania Stoners 1-0.

New York State Governor Hugh L. Carey has proclaimed the week of May 9-16 Soccer Week in New York State.

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SCHEDULE CHANGES

Game number 51 Rochester at Georgia originally scheduled for Sunday, July 11th has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 31st at 8 P.M.

Game number 72 Rochester at Nashville originally scheduled to begin at 3:30 P.M. on Sunday, August 1st will now begin at 6:35 P.M.

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PRE-SEASON PLAY

The Detroit Express will make their initial pre-season appearance of the year this Friday, May 7th when they tangle with the Nashville Diamonds at Kings Island, O.

The Diamonds earlier opened their pre-season slate by dropping a 3-0 decision to the Georgia Generals.

The game is scheduled for Galbreath Field, a 12,000 seat stadium located near the Collegiate Football Hall of Fame.

Kings Island, O. is located about 20 miles north of Cincinnati and could be the home of a future ASL franchise.

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EXPRESS MOVES OFFICE

The Detroit Express has finally moved its office to the Pontiac Silverdome which will be the team's home stadium this season.

The new address is 1200 Featherstone Street, Pontiac, Michigan 48057. Their phone number is 313-335-4170.

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ROCHESTER ADDS P.R. DIRECTOR

Rochester native Orrie Capone, a 1978 graduate of St. John Fisher College, has been named the Director of Public Relations for the Rochester Flash.

Capone formerly worked in professional soccer with the NASL's Rochester Lancers.

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