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APOLLOS PLAY HOST TO HIBS TONIGHT

IRISH TEAM COMES TO HOFSTRA

Arousing Irish sea chanty begins:

In the year of our Lord
Eighteen hundred and six
We set sail from the coal quay of Cork,
We were sailing away
With a cargo of bricks
For the grand city hall in New York.

The song concerns a ship called the Irish Rover, and while tonight's visitors to Hofstra came via Shannon Airport rather than Cork's coal docks, and Boss Tweed has since built a new city hall in the city, these Irish rovers, the Cork Hibernians, will be carrying some symbolic bricks with them against the Apollo. The "Hibs" have a fierce pride in their play, a rock--hard defense, and a couple of players from other teams in the Irish First Division.

As an innovation in this year's ASL championship play, these rovers will play each ASL team, and the result will count in the ASL's official ranking.

Leading the Hibs will be Shay Brennan, a veteran half-back who has played 19 times for Ireland's international side. Gerry Spillane, in goal, finishes this past season wiht the best defensive record in the

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league- 24 goals against in 26 matches. And John Brohan, 27, who was recently voted "Player of the Year" by the Hibs fan club, will be at fullback.

All Apollos should be healthy for the contest. Mario Garcia's left thigh is responding to treatment, and Barry Small's ankle is finally ready for a full game test.

Billy Pirre, the recent acquisition from Aberdeen in Scotland's Premier Divison, will be on show for the first time for the Apollo. Pirre arived yesterday (May 20), and is counted on to add to the Apollo's already potent scoring punch.

Kicking out the first ball will be Patrick Collins, the Deputy Consul General of the Irish Republic. Representing local politicos will be Alfonse D'Amato, Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead.

In preliminary action, Glen Cove will meet Garden City in an Under 12 match starting at 5:45; and Massapequa will meet Deer Park in an Under 16 game starting at 6:45.

Halftime entertainment will be provided by the Long Island Sunrisers Marching Band.

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