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It's the international soccer big time for the Chicago Cats with the announcement of their signing two great overseas teams as their opponents on the home turf at Hanson Stadium-the Cork Hibernians from Ireland on Wednesday, June 9, and the Olympic Games-bound Israeli National Team on Tuesday, July 6.

Signing of these outstanding clubs indicates the tremendous strides the Cats have made in their one year of existence. Already they are a decided title contender in the 44-year-old pro American Soccer League. Helped by their signing of star players from a number of countries, their name is spreading around the globe.

"We are most happy to bring these international games to our fans," Cats' owner Dr. Panos declared, "and we'll continue to do so whenever possible. It is also gratifying to learn of how we've become known in soccer circles throughout the world. We are constantly hearing from foreign teams wanting to play us both here and in their countries and from good players who would like to join us."

Preparations are under way for gala receptions for the Irish and Israeli contingents when they come to Chicago. Organizations have indicated a desire to join in with the Cats in welcoming the squads.

Meanwhile, the happy Cats must concentrate on their American Soccer League schedule if they are to continue in the titular running. They play another Eastern Division rival, the Rhode Island Oceaneers, on Wednesday night, May 19, and one of the teams in the new Western Division--the Sacramento Spirits--Saturday night, May 22, both at Hanson Stadium.

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(Note to weeklies-- The Cats are at home to the New Jersey Americans on May 15. Perhaps you may be able to pick up the result of this game in the Sunday papers for inclusion).

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