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Special honor has been accorded the Chicago Cats by the Mexican community of Chicago with the selection of the American Soccer Leaguers to provide the the opposition for the strong Mexican National Amateur Team in an international classic Monday, May 31, 7 p.m., at Hanson Stadium, Fullerton and Central Ave.

Dr. Ernest Panos, president of the Cats, accepted the assignment in keeping with his desire "to boost soccer in general and to aid the Latin community." The Cats themselves have several Mexican players on their squad-Ernest Hasbach, Jorge Rizo and Manuel Nunez.

Preceding the game at 5 p.m. will be a Chicago Latin American Soccer Association game between Leon and Ayutla.

The game with the speedy Mexicans, who have just returned from a successful tour of Europe, becomes an added attraction on the Cats' schedule, which next finds them in American Soccer League games May 29 against the Cleveland Cobras at Cleveland and June 5 against the Rhode Island Oceaneers at Hanson Stadium. The Cats' big game with the Cork Hibernians of Ireland takes place at Hanson Stadium June 9.

Battling for the lead in the Eastern Division of the American loop, the Cats have been reinforced by the addition of winger Bobby Ranogajec, a Croation recently with the Sting and in past years a star, in Belgium first division circles, and Bob Konstantinidis from Greece.

Also expected in from Greece to join the team onThursday, May 27, is one of that country's standouts-Elais Loulos, midfielder. Both Dr. Panos and Coach George Meyer feel that with these additions the Cats will really roll.

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