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COBRAS OPEN SEASON SATURDAY

The Cleveland Cobras open their home season with an exhibition contest this Saturday night at 8:00 PM against the American Soccer League Champions, the New York Apollo, at Baldwin Wallace Stadium.

This will be the only Cleveland appearance for the Apollo who downed the Cobras 2-0 earlier this season.

The Cobras record stands at 2-3 as they have completed the rugged five game road trip which opened their season.

"All in all, I was fairly pleased with the way things went on the road trip. I was hoping to come home at .500, but 2-3 isn't that bad," noted Coach Herbie Haller.

Last Friday, the Cobras shut out Connecticut 1-0 as goaltender Paul Chymovic was brilliant in the nets and Vito Colonna scored on a head shot.

The following night, the Rhode Island Oceaneers topped Cleveland 2-0 as the Cobras were unable to generate any offense. They seemed sluggish from playing two games in a row.

The Apollo is led by their high powered forward, Mario Gracia. Gracia played first division soccer in his native Argentina along with kicking for Toronto of the N.A.S.L.

"I believe that Mario is the best left winger in the U.S.," said Apollo Coach, Eugene Chyzowych.

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Gracia is joined on the front line by Mike Paparigas and Barry Small. Paprigas is a native of Greece and popped in three goals for last year's club. Small was the Apollo's first draft choice out of Colgate University where he was the school's leading scorer and MVP.

Midfield is held down by Pete Travers and Louis Speranza. Travers was an All-A.S.L. choice last season and Speranza played for the now defunct Cincinnati Comets before joining the Apollo last season.

The defense is the Apollo strong point. Goalie Norm Wingert spent last season with the Philadelphia Atoms of the N.A.S.L. and is an All-American from Hartwick College.

All-A.S.L. pick, Pete Christoforides solidifies the Apollo backline with his vicious physical play. A former member of the Rochester Lancers of the N.A.S.L., Joseph Janduda, serves as the Apollo captain and he plays along side Christoforides.

The Apollo is off to a slow start this season as their record stands at 2-2 with wins over Cleveland and Sacramento while being defeated by Utah and Tacoma.

The Cobras open their regular season play at Baldwin Wallace on Wednesday May 19 against the Tacoma Tides.

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1976 CLEVELAND COBRAS INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NAME	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
Vito Colonna	2	0	4
Roberto Oliveira	1	2	4
Jimmy McMillan	1	0	2
Robert Smith	0	1	1

GOALTENDING

NAME	MINUTES PLAYED	GOALS ALLOWED	AVERAGE
Paul Chymovic	405	6	1.34
Jack Groesser	45	1	2.00

TEAM RECORD

	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
Cleveland Cobras	2	3	0	4	7	4	14

GAME RESULTS

Cleveland	2	Chicago	1
New Jersey	2	Cleveland	1
New York	2	Cleveland	0
Cleveland	1	Connecticut	0
Rhode Island	2	Cleveland	0

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