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COBRAS TAKE ON CHICAGO SATURDAY

This Saturday in an 8:00PM contest at Baldwin Wallace Stadium, the Cleveland Cobras take on their long time rival the Chicago Cats. The Cats are off to a fast start under Coach George Meyer as they currently reside in third place in the A.S.L.'s Eastern Division with a 3-2-1 record. Incidently, the two clubs which lead the Cats, the Connecticut Yankees and the Rhode Island Oceaneers, were both defeated by the team from the Windy City.

The Cat's offensive attack is led by Pete "Golden Greek" Kouratos. He is perhaps the largest forward in the league as he stands at 6'1" and 200 pounds (a conservative estimate). Kouratos used his power and bulk to ram home five goals and pick up 7 assists last season to lead the Cats in scoring. So far, indications are that Kouratos is picking up where he left off last season as he has accounted for three goals in just four contests this year.

Joining Kouratos on the frontline are Jorge Rizo and John Dolinsky. Rizo is a native of Mexico and was a member of that country's 1972 Olympic Team. Dolinsky is a former local amateur star in the Cats backyard. Thus far, these two men have not produced much in the way of offensive firepower.

Veteran Carlos Bonilla anchors the Cats midfield. Bonilla was one of the more offensive-minded midfielders in the league last season as he tapped in five goals and passed off for a pair of assists. Teaming up with Bonilla in the midfield are Manuel Nunez and Eddie Skotarek. Skotarek was nabbed off the Chicago amateur fields and Nunez is a native of South America.

Like the Cobras, defense is Chicago's strongest point as Fred Kovacs is the main

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cog in the Cats backline. Kovacs played on the U.S. Olympic Team and he scored a goal in the Cobras 2-1 opening season win over Chicago earlier this season. Zigmunt Anczok and Diogo DaSilva surround Kovacs in the backfield. Anczok played on the Polish National Team while DaSilva toiled on last year's Cats squad.

Former Cobras goaltender, Chris Swain, now minds the nets in the Windy City. Swain lives in Chicago and works for the Sara Lee Company. Backing up Swain is Gert Langer.

The next Cobras home game is Friday, June 4, as they take on the first place Rhode Island Oceaneers. The Oceaneers are one of the most high powered clubs in the A.S.L. this seaon as they feature the two top scorers in the league last season Jose Neto and Mohammed "the Baby Jet" Attiah. The Cobras play the Irish Cork Hibernians on Tuesday, June 8, at 8:00PM.

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The Cobras are 2-3-1 coming off a 0-0 tie with the Tacoma Tides in their home opener as they prepare to battle the Sacramento Spirits this Wednesday night in an 8:00PM contest at Baldwin Wallace.

Goaltender, Paul Chymovic was outstanding for the Cobras as he held the Tides, who are the second highest scoring team in the A.S.L., at bay, stopping 10 shots. Cobras high scoring forward, Vito Colonna, sustained a cut on the forehead which demanded 12 stitches, and his status for the Sacramento game is questionable.

Speaking of the Spirits, they have been doing quite well for an expansion team as they reside in third place in the A.S.L.'s Western Division with a 2-1-1 record. Sacramento holds victories over New York and the Oakland Bucaneers as they have scored six goals in their last two games.

Leading the Spirits offensive charge is Ottey "Boom-Boom" Cannon who has 3 goals and 1 assist for second place among the A.S.L.'s leading scorers. Joining Cannon on the frontline are David Lynon and Mongo Fajardo. Lynon is an English import and he has picked up one assist thus far this season, and Fajardo is a rookie out of Consumnes River College.

The Spirits midfield features Wolfgang Gartner who is out of the University of the Pacific and is known for his ballhandling attributes. Gartner has knocked home a goal already in this young season. Along with Gartner, the Spirits midfield is held down by Larry Caldwell and Anatole Hulewsky. Caldwell has accounted for a goal this season and he is a graduate of Southern Connecticut University.

Robert Steinberg is the anchor of the Spirits defense as he has a reputation as a physical player and he leads Sacramento in fouls with 11. Interestingly enough, Steinberg lives in Cleveland and the 21 year old played at La Plata University.

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Teaming up with Steinberg on the backline are Miro Odich, Rafael Avila, and Reinhard Seyffertitz.

Gary Allison guards the Sacramento net. Allison has the second best goals against average in the A.S.L. with a 0.95. He also played for the Dallas Tornado of the N.A.S.L.

Sacramento is coached by Dick Ott. Ott, a 40 year old native of Hamilton, Ohio and a University of Cincinnati graduate, believes in the Americanization of soccer, much like the Cobras Coach Herbie Haller. The Americanization policy is reflected in the Spirits roster as 14 of the team's 17 players attend U.S. colleges.

COBRAS STATISTICS

SCORING

PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	TOTAL POINTS
Vito Colonna	2	0	4
Roberto Oliveira	1	1	3
Jimmy McMillan	1	0	2
Roby Stahl	0	1	1
Robert Smith	0	1	1

GOALTENDING

PLAYER	GAMES	MINUTES	GOALS ALLOWED	SHUTOUTS	AVERAGE
Paul Chymovic	6	515	6	2	1.07
Jack Groesser	1	45	1	0	2.00

1976 RECORD

	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
Cleveland	2	3	1	4	7	4	16