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COBRAS CHANGE SCHEDULE

The Cleveland Cobras will NOT be playing the Utah Golden Spikers this Saturday, rather they WILL take on the Chicago Cats Friday night in an 8:00PM match at Baldwin Wallace Stadium.

Chicago is currently in fourth place in the A.S.L. Eastern Division with a 7-5-3 record while Cleveland resides in the cellar with a 5-5-4 mark. Cleveland's record is not indicative of the distance between themselves and a playoff spot (the top three teams in each division make the playoffs) as the Cobras have played less games than the rest of the teams in their division.

Cleveland is coming off a 4-1 defeat at the hands of the G.K.S. Tychy club from Poland last weekend. Willie Carrasco accounted for the Cobras only score, and Billy Polack turned in an excellent performance on Cleveland's backline.

The Cats are led by big, burly Pete "the Golden Greek" Kouratos, a 6'0", 200 pound (a conservative estimate) forward who has led the Cats in scoring for the last few years. He picked up five goals and seven assists in A.S.L. competition last year, and Pete is believed to be the all-time leading scorer in A.S.L. play as he is now in his seventh year.

Joining Kouratos on the Chicago frontline are John Dolinsky and Jorge Rizo. Dolinsky was an All-American at Lewis University (near Chicago), and Rizo was a member of the 1972 Mexican Olympic squad. He is known as

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a flashy dribbler and pinpoint passer.

Veteran Carlos Bonilla anchors the Cats midfield. He was one of the most offensive-minded midfielders in the league last season as he rammed home five goals and passed off for a pair of assists. Manuel Nunez, a South American import, and Eddie Skotarek, who earned his fame on the local amateur fields of the Windy City are the other two midfielders.

The Cats stingy defense is led by Zygmunt Anczok, a former member of the 1972 Polish Olympic team that copped a gold medal. A former Chicago Sting player (of the N.A.S.L.) has switched leagues and now plays for the Cats. Stefan Szefer, is a 33 year old defender who has played with the Polish National team. He scored three goals in a single contest last season with the Sting. An incredible feat for a defender!

An old friend to Cleveland fans, Chris Swain, is the Cats netminder. Chris is having the best season of his career as he has recorded five shutouts to go along with a sparkling 0.86 goals against average. The 31 year old goaltender holds a master's degree in industrial engineering and he works for the Sara Lee Company in Chicago.

Jimmy McMillan put in an appearance in the Cobras exhibition loss last weekend and he is expected to see some action against the Cats as his knee is healing more quickly than originally expected.

The Cobras have switched their office location to:

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