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WASHINGTON TAKES INTERNATIONAL CUP:
TWO TEAM FIGHT CONTINUES IN NORTHERN DIVISION

Atlanta, Georgia, July 27 - Washington Darts tuck the giant silver International Cup under one arm and go seeking the championship of the North American Soccer League's Southern Division this week. The International Cup, for valorous and successful performance against the NASL's 1970 foreign major league touring teams, was presented Sunday by NASL Excutive Director, Phil Woosnam.

Washington won it by two wins and two losses against overseas teams for a 20 point total, and although Rochester and Dallas have foreign games still to come, nobody can catch the Darts.

Now only 4 points separate the Darts from the mathematical certainty of entering the September play-offs as the Southern Division title holder and this week's games could provide the necessary arithmetic.

The intriguing battle is in the Northern Division where Kansas City Spurs, the reigning NASL champions, and Rochester Lancers remain in close contention. Rochester, home against Washington on Saturday night, has overhauled the team for the run-in; releasing four players and bringing Frank Odoi, Gladstone Ofori, Yao Kankam and Winston Earle from ASL team Syracuse. All four played in the major league in 1968.

Rochester or Dallas - in the shape of Carlos Metidieri or Kirk Apostolidis - seem to have the best chance of breaking Washington's stranglehold on NASL individual honors. Goalkeeper Lincoln Phillips of Washington appears to be untouchable in his category but Apostolidis and Metidieri are pressing hard in the hope of catching Leroy DeLeon, Washington's League-leading goalscorer.

"NASL INTERNATIONAL CUP" (For games against four foreign opponents)

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Goals For	Against	Bonus Pts.	Points
Washington	4	2	0	2	10	7	5	20
Atlanta	4	1	1	2	5	6	5	14
St. Louis	4	1	0	3	6	9	6	12
Dallas	3	1	0	2	4	7	4	10
Rochester	3	0	1	2	2	5	2	5
Kansas City	4	0	1	3	2	7	2	5

(Games to come: Rochester versus Varzim of Portugal; Dallas versus Monterrey of Mexico)

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RESULTS:
Tuesday: Dallas Tornado 1 - Varzim of Portugal 0
Thursday: St. Louis Stars 1 - Varzim of Portugal 2
Saturday: Atlanta Chiefs 6 - St. Louis Stars 1
Dallas Tornado 3 - Kansas City Spurs 3
Sunday: Kansas City Spurs 0 - Varzim of Portugal 0
Washington Darts 2 - Rochester Lancers 0

GAMES THIS WEEK:
Wednesday: Varzim of Portugal at Rochester
Saturday: Washington Darts at Rochester
St. Louis Stars at Dallas
Sunday: Atlanta Chiefs at Kansas City
Tuesday: Monterrey of Mexico at Dallas

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS
(As of July 27)

Northern Division

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Goals For	Against	Bonus Pts.	Points
Kansas City	19	6	6	7	29	30	24	78
Rochester	17	5	5	7	26	31	24	69
St. Louis	19	3	2	14	22	57	20	44

Southern Division

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Goals For	Against	Bonus Pts.	Points
Washington	19	13	3	3	42	17	33	120
Atlanta	19	6	5	8	31	27	27	78
Dallas	19	6	4	9	27	27	24	72

GOALSCORERS

	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
Leroy DeLeon (Washington)	16	13	1	27
Kirk Apostolidis (Dallas)	14	10	3	23
Carlos Metidieri (Rochester)	17	8	6	22
Warren Archibald (Washington)	15	7	6	20
Manfred Seissler (Kansas City)	18	7	5	19
Dave Metchick (Atlanta)	15	7	5	19
Mike Renshaw (Dallas)	18	6	4	16
Pat McBride (St. Louis)	19	7	1	15
Gerry Browne (Washington)	15	6	2	14
Art Welch (Atlanta)	16	4	5	13
Graham Newton (Atlanta)	13	6	0	12
Jim Leeker (St. Louis)	19	5	2	12
Tibor Szalay (Kansas City)	19	6	0	12
Nick Papadakis (Atlanta)	17	5	2	12
Raul Herrera (Rochester)	12	5	1	11
Jim Lefkos (Rochester)	8	5	1	11
Flash Oliveira (Kansas City)	19	4	3	11

GOALKEEPERS

	Games	Starts	Saves	Goals	Shut Out	Average
Lincoln Phillips (Washington)	17	17	78	9	11	0.52
Vic Rouse (Atlanta)	12	12	52	12	4	1.00
Kenny Cooper (Dallas)	19	19	64	27	6	1.42
Leonel Conde (Kansas City)	18	18	107	26	7	1.44
Dick Howard (Rochester)	15	15	81	27	2	1.80
Joe Right (St. Louis)	8	6	52	16	1	2.00
Miguel DeLima (St. Louis)	12	12	59	33	0	2.75

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