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ROCHESTER WINS NASL TITLE:
NOW PELE TAKES OVER THE SCENE

Atlanta, Georgia, September 14, 1970 - Pele moves to the center of soccer's stage this week as Rochester Lancers exit left, bearing the North American Soccer League's Championship trophy.

The World's greatest forward and his Santos Club play against the NASL All Stars, the Washington Darts and England's West Ham on this short American tour.

So the exhibition elegance of Brazil's finest product replaces the competitive punch of the end of the NASL season; competition which ended Sunday, 30 minutes before Pele, with masterly timing, strode into the land.

The NASL's final game ended a goal short of sending Rochester and Washington into overtime in 90° of heat at Washington's Catholic University Stadium after a tremendous fight back by the Southern Division guards.

The second game of the two game total goals series began with Rochester leading 3 - 0. Raul Herrera, scorer of two goals in the first game at Rochester a week earlier, scored again in 42 minutes to make the aggregate score 4 - 0. Washington's Leroy DeLeon scored on a penalty kick a minute later to make it 1 - 1 on the day; 4 - 1 on aggregate. Goals by Joseph 'Nana' Gyau and Gerry Browne in the second half put the Darts 3 - 1 up on the day; 4 - 3 down on the series and that's how the game ended.

One more goal and even Pele's entrance would have taken second place for a while in tribute to the Dart's comeback against a Lancer's team which ranks as true champions.

With the championship, Rochester won the right to test some of its' strength against Santos. Coach Sal DeRosa was given charge of the NASL All Star team against Santos in Chicago, Tuesday, and Lancers' players names to the squad were Charlie Mitchell, Galdstone Ofori, Luis Marotti

and Raul Herrera. Top scorer, Carlos Metidieri is injured and was not taken into consideration.

DeRosa's squad was completed by: Vic Rouse, John Cocking, Art Welch (Atlanta); Kirk Apostolidis, Richard Hall (Dallas); Manfred Seissler, Joe Vrankovic (Kansas City); Dragan Popovic, Pat McBride (St. Louis); and three of the defeated Darts - Lincoln Phillips, Willie Evans and Warren Archibald.

Washington has its' own complete consulation Friday night when Santos plays at RFK Stadium.

Pele completes his command performance at New York, Tuesday, September 22 and then major soccer action moves indoors for a round of NASL expansion talks.

NASL Executive Director, Phil Woosnam, after praising the determination of the Darts and the skill of champions Rochester, said, "We have had a good season and now we are looking at 1971 with a target of an 8 or 10 team League".

NASL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY OFFS - 1970

September 5 — Rochester 3 - Washington 0 at Rochester
Goals by Raul Herrera - 2
Luis Marotti - 1
Assists by Yao Kankam and Gladstone Ofori
Attendance - 9,321

September 13 — Washington 3 - Rochester 1 at Washington
Goals by Leroy DeLeon
Joseph 'Nana' Gyau
Gerry Browne (Washington
Raul Herrera (Rochester)
Assists by Warren Archibald (Washington)
Attendance - 5,543

Rochester won NASL Championship by 4 - 3 on aggregate.

Starting Lineups and Substitutes:

Washington Darts	Rochester Lancers
Phillips	Campos
Donlavey	Davis
Gamaldo	Earle
Evans	Short
Crispin	Mitchell
Fraser	Kankam
Grell	Marotti
'Nana'	Ofori
DeLeon	Metidieri
Archibald	Herrera
Browne	Odoi
Substitute:	Substitute:
Paton for Grell	Miranda for Metidieri

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