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SPORTING NEWS REVEALS 1973 NASL ALL-STAR TEAM; DALLAS AND PHILADELPHIA DOMINATE VOTING WITH NINE SELECTIONS EACH; DALLAS' BEST SELECTED TO FIRST TEAM FOR RECORD FIFTH STRAIGHT YEAR. RECORD EIGHT AMERICANS NAMED.

NEW YORK, N.Y., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1973--The Champion Philadelphia Atoms and the losing finalist Dallas Tornado each placed nine players on the 1973 NASL All-Star teams. Dallas Captain and consistent defender John Best became the first player to be named to the First Team five consecutive years. These selections were revealed today in a joint announcement by the Sporting News and NASL Commissioner Phil Woosnam.

For the second consecutive season Dallas' goalkeeper Ken Cooper was selected as the League's best by his fellow players and the coaches. Cooper did not finish with the lowest goals-per-game average as last year, but his often spectactular goaltending was a major reason why Dallas reached the Final. Other than Cooper and Best, the First Team consisted of new faces.

Miami's talented David Sadler led all defenders in the balloting. He and Best were joined by Philadelphia's Chris Dunleavy and Toronto's Brian Rowan. Rowan was a second team selection last year and led the Metro's defense which allowed only 18 goals in 19 games, the second best in the League. Dunleavy was a valuable asset to the NASL's best defense. The Atoms allowed only 14 goals in 18 games plus back-to-back shutouts in the playoffs against Toronto and Dallas. The remaining four players in the Philadelphia defense, rookie goalkeeper Bob Rigby and defenders Derek Trevis, rookie Bobby Smith and Roy Evans were all named to the Second Team.

Toronto's midfield generals Ian McPhee and Fernando Pinto were selected along with Dallas' high-scoring Ilija Mitic to the First Team. Pinto and McPhee gave the Metros the midfield domination they have lacked their first two years. The result was Toronto's first Northern Division title. Mitic laced the Dallas midfield together. His ability to attack made him the League's most potent midfield threat. He tied Miami's Warren Archibald for the League lead in goals with 12.

Archibald was selected by his fellow players as the NASL's Most Valuable Player. His explosive speed and dazzling runs made him the League's most exciting and respected forward. The remarkable Philadelphia scoring duo of Jim Fryatt and Andy Provan joined Archibald in the First Team forward line. The radar-like understanding between the two helped to generate the

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expansion club's attack and lead it to the NASL Championship in the first season.

In addition to the four Philadelphia defenders, the All-Star Second Team was composed of Dallas' Dick Hall in the remaining defense position; Miami's Roberto Aguirre, Rochester's Francisco Escos and St. Louis' Pat McBride in midfield; and New York's Rookie sensation Joe Fink, teammate Randy Horton and Dallas' Rick Reynolds in attack.

Since the balloting was done prior to Rookie-of-the-Year, Kyle Rote's sensational end of season scoring spree, he only received an Honorable Mention selection.

The impact that the North American players have had on the League became readily apparent as a record number of eight were named to the three teams. This doubled the previous record of four set last year.

Despite the close competition for the playoffs, with eight of the nine teams still capable of a playoff berth going into the final week, the distribution of selections was not as even as last years. All teams were represented. After Philadelphia and Dallas at nine each, came New York, Toronto, Miami and St. Louis with three; and Montreal, Atlanta and Rochester with one.

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE 1973 ALL-STAR SELECTIONS

1st TEAM	POSITION	2nd TEAM
Ken Cooper (Dallas)	Goalkeeper	Bob Rigby (Philadelphia)
John Best (Dallas)	Defender	Bob Smith (Philadelphia)
David Sadler (Miami)	Defender	Derek Trevis (Philadelphia)
Chris Dunleavy (Philadelphia)	Defender	Dick Hall (Dallas)
Brian Rowan (Toronto)	Defender	Roy Evans (Philadelphia)
Ilija Mitic (Dallas)	Midfielder	Pat McBride (St. Louis)
Fernando Pinto (Toronto)	Midfielder	Francisco Escos (Rochester)
Ian McPhee (Toronto)	Midfielder	Roberto Aguirre (Miami)
Andy Provan (Philadelphia)	Forward	Joe Fink (New York)
Jim Fryatt (Philadelphia)	Forward	Rick Reynolds (Dallas)
Warren Archibald (Miami)	Forward	Randy Horton (New York)

HONORABLE MENTION

Goalkeeper	Sam Nusum	Montreal
Defender	John Sewell	St. Louis
Defender	Barry Barto	Philadelphia
Defender	Werner Roth	New York
Defender	John Collins	Dallas
Midfielder	Al Trost	St. Louis
Midfielder	Roy Turner	Dallas
Midfielder	George O'Neill	Philadelphia
Forward	Paul Child	Atlanta
Forward	Kyle Rote	Dallas
Forward	Nick Jennings	Dallas