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1973 MVP WARREN ARCHIBALD AND ROOKIE-OF-YEAR KYLE ROTE, JR. HEAD ALL-STAR CAST TO FACE MOSCOW RED ARMY TEAM IN TORONTO INDOOR SPECTACULAR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH. RUSSIANS ARRIVE

NEW YORK, N.Y., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1974--Commissioner Phil Woosnam announced today that the 1973 NASL Most Valuable Player, Warren Archibald of Miami and Rookie-of-the-Year Kyle Rote, Jr. of Dallas are among the fifteen players selected to the NASL All-Star team which will meet the Moscow Red Army team in the Toronto Indoor Spectacular at Maple Leaf Gardens Thursday, February 7th.

Rote and Archibald finished one-two in the 1973 NASL scoring race with 30 and 29 points respectively and both have had remarkable off-seasons. Rote this past week gained a berth in the finals of the $122,000 "Superstars" competition in Rotunda, Florida. He accumulated the highest score of all of the competitors including such standouts as O.J. Simpson, of the Buffalo Bills, Franco Harris of the Pittsburg Steelers and Reggie Jackson of the Oakland "A's".

Archibald, a member of the Trinidad National team, became a national hero of Haiti as he led Trinidad to a stunning 3-0 victory over Mexico in a World Cup qualifying game which allowed Haiti to qualify for the World Cup finals in West Germany this summer. The Miami speedster is the third leading scorer in NASL history.

The other All-Star forwards selected are Jorge Siega, New York, Carlos Metidieri of Rochester and Paul Child, formerly of Atlanta.

The midfielders will be Barry Barto and George O'Neill of Philadelphia, Gene Strenicer and Ian MacPhee of Toronto and Al Trost of St. Louis.

Three-time All-NASL defender Dick Hall of Dallas will lead the defense and will share the duties with Werner Roth of New York and Philadelphia's Bobby Smith.

Kenny Cooper, Dallas' two-time All-First team NASL Goalkeeper,will most likely start in goal, with help from St. Louis' Mike Winter, the 1972 NASL Rookie-of-the-Year.

Coach Al Miller feels certain that the All-Stars will keep pace with the Russians in the scoring column. "In addition to Rote and Archibald, Jorge Siega is fifteenth on the All-time NASL scoring list and one of the great indoor players around because of his quickness. Metidieri is the All-time leading scorer in the League and a two-time NASL MVP. Paul Child scored an incredible eight goals in the two indoor games played in Altanta last year. He is really at his best indoors.

"In midfield, Barto and Trost are two of the most promising American players I have ever seen. Both were All-League selections last year in their first and second years in the League respectively. Barto is the captain of the U.S. National team and Trost was the most outstanding player on the U.S. Olympic team which qualified for Munich in 1972. O'Neill is a great playmaker. He was second in the League in assists last season from his midfield position. The talents of Strenicer and McPhee are well known to the Toronto public. They led the Metros to their first division title last season in the clubs three year history.

"Dick Hall is as capable a defender as you will find and will give the Red Army's great Vladimir Fedotov a difficult time. Werner Roth and Bobby Smith, as well as Hall are currently members of the U.S. National team and both are superb indoor players. We feel certain that this will be a tremendous spectacle."

ABOUT MOSCOW CSKA (RED ARMY)

The Red Army team, which finished fourth in the Russian First Division last year, has won the USSR First Division title six times, most recently in 1970, and have been USSR Cup Champions on four occasions since the club was organized in 1923.

The most outstanding player on the present team is midfielder Vladimir Fetodov. He is the schemer who initiates the Russian attack and his quickness and precise passing ability will make him a tremendous threat indoors. Forwards Vladimir Dudarenko and Vilhelm Tellinger are the strength of the Red Army attack.

Centerback Vladimir Kaplichny is also a member of the USSR National team. He is a tenacious and attacking defender whose strength is in the air. He will be teamed with another attacking defender Valentin Utkin. CSKA is solid in the last line of defense with two reliable goalkeepers Vladimir Astopovsky and Leonid Schmuts.

The Russian team will arrive from Moscow on Sunday evening, February 3rd at JFK Airport in New York before going on to Toronto later Sunday night.

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