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CHIEFS BRIMMING WITH TALENT

The Atlanta Chiefs, under the guidance of coach and general manager Vic Rouse, announced the virtual completion of the 1971 roster with the addition of four prominent players.

Leading the returning quartet is veteran Dave Metchick, the Chiefs number three man in scoring last year, his first with Atlanta. The versatile 5-7, 140 pound Englishman is heavily involved with Arsenal, presently in First Division play, and may miss the Chiefs season opener with Montreal on April 17 in Atlanta Stadium.

In 1970 Metchick ranked eighth in NASL scoring with eight goals and six assists for 22 points.

Preceding the veteran to Atlanta will be two youthful faces for Atlanta fans--19-year-old Barry Lynch and 19-year-old Mike Hoban, both from Aston Villa of Birmingham, England, now managed by former Chiefs coach Vic Crowe. Lynch, a midfielder, turned professional two years ago at which time Villa toured the U.S. It was Lynch who registered Villa's first goal in their first match at Atlanta Stadium. The 5-11, 175 pound teenager saw his initial first team action in April, 1969.

Mike Hoban is in his rookie year as a pro, but brings sparkling amateur credentials with him. As a fullback he served as captain of the English Amateur Youth in both 1969 and 1970. He is 5-10, 152 and comes highly recommended by Vic Crowe. Both Lynch and Hoban are expected in Atlanta before the season officially opens.

The fourth member of the quartet is the potent and high scoring Iris de Brito from Brazil. De Brito, 5-9, 174 rings a familiar bell in NASL records. He started the 1967 inaugural season with Chicago, moved to Kansas City in '68, but was traded to Toronto early that year and proceeded to establish himself as their star performer. Iris holds a share of the single game NASL scoring record of four goals in one game--all in the second half of play!

He finished 1968 ranking fourth in the league with 21 goals in only 10 games. De Brito is a former teammate of Pele on the Brazilian National Team and is a close friend of the Chiefs Uriel, who plays fullback. De Brito has not played in the U.S. for the past two years and coach Vic Rouse is pleased to have him on the team after 18 months of persuasion and patience.

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