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COSMOS DEBUT AT YANKEE STADIUM ON SUNDAY;
PLAY 3 GAMES IN ONE WEEK

New York, N.Y. - THIS WEEK: The New York Cosmos open their home season this Sunday, May 2, with a 2 p.m. game against the Chicago Sting at Yankee Stadium. The game is the first of three Yankee Stadium dates for the Cosmos in one week. The Cosmos will play host to the Hartford Bicentennials Wednesday, May 5 (7:30 p.m.) and on Saturday, May 8, will meet the Philadelphia Atoms (7:30 p.m.).

THE GAMES: Just like a theatrical production, the Cosmos have experienced successful openings throughout the country, and now the show comes home to Broadway. The Cosmos enter their first busy week of the regular season after a two-week layoff and with a 4-game winning streak. The team, under head coach Ken Furphy, won its North American Soccer League opener, 1-0, over Miami on April 18 and also won the final three pre-season contests. Furphy feels that the layoff was good for the squad since "we had a difficult and long pre-season tour and then the game in Miami.

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A rest of this long doesn't concern me that much." Defensively, the Cosmos have been extremely strong, allowing only 3 goals in the 8 games to date, and the offensive movement has come together nicely. Midfielders Ramon Mifflin, Dave Clements and Terry Garbett have linked nicely with the defenders in moving the ball to Pele and his front line partners. Clements himself scored the goal against Miami, converting a header pass from Pele. Goalie Bob Rigby has proven strong as have defenders Keith Eddy, Brian Rowan, Mike Dillon and Bob Smith. Smith was the media's choice as player of the game against Miami.

CAPSULE LOOKS AT THE COSMOS OPPONENTS:

CHICAGO STING (May 2, 2:00 p.m.)--The Sting will come in with two league games under their belts. Chicago lost to Tampa Bay (2-1) last Saturday and played Toronto Friday before departing for New York. In their second year of NASL competition, the Sting are noted for an aggressive style of play, a characteristic imparted by head coach Bill Foulkes. Foulkes, a legendary player with Manchester United, took the 1975 Sting to within one point of the playoffs and this year has added some new faces to the team. One is John Kowalik, a former league MVP and scoring champion, who has returned to the NASL this season after playing in Europe. In his 1976 Sting debut, Kowalik fired 12 shots on goal against Minnesota. Other newcomers are Manchester United loan players John Lowey and Jimmy Kelly. Captain of the Sting is U.S. national teamer Alex Skotarek.

HARTFORD BICENTENNIALS (May 5, 7:30 p.m.)--A totally revamped team, Hartford has only 4 players remaining from the 1975 squad, a new president, a new general manager and new uniforms. The nucleus of the team is English first and second division players, complimented by talented Americans. The Bi's "English Connection" consists of Bobby Thomson, 8 times an English national player on defense, midfielder Gordon Hindson (Luton Town), forwards Larry Coyne (Luton Town) and Peter Abbott (Swansea City) and goalkeeper Steve Sherwood (Chelsea). Bi's coach Manfred Schellscheidt not only has the responsibility for turning around the Hartford soccer scene, but also is an assistant coach of Team America in the upcoming Bicentennial Cup Tournament.

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PHILADELPHIA ATOMS (May 8, 7:30 p.m.)--If Hartford has its English Connection, then the Atoms must be the Mexican Connection. A quick and skillful unit, the Atoms are composed mainly of players from Mexico, the country which is also the home of the team's ownership. Notable among the Philly athletes are forward Belisario Lopez (nicknamed Pancho Villa), a speedy product of the Mexican club, Universidad de Guadalajara. Midfielder Pedro Herrada directs the traffic in that area of the field and is the Atoms chief link to the forwards. Along the defense line is American Tom Galati, who is in his third year as an Atom after playing for Southern Illinois University. Goalkeeper is a 7-year veteran of Universidad de Guadalajara, Rene Vizcaino. Under head coach Jesus Ponce, the Atoms are a bit of a 'mystery' team in the NASL.

CORNER KICKS: The game against the Sting will be the first soccer game in the "new" Yankee Stadium and the first soccer game at that famous facility since 1971, when the Cosmos played there...the last game was August 29, 1971 when the Cosmos beat Atlanta, 2-1...The Cosmos come home with a host of faces who have never played in New York, but Ramon Mifflin stands out--he has been with the Cosmos since August, 1975 and has played with the team throughout Europe, the Caribbean and the U.S., but never in New York!...all the Cosmos in top physical condition, including Pele, who has recovered from a sprained left ankle, suffered in Miami...Updated Pele figures--1240 goals in 1286 games.

Tickets for all Cosmos home games are available at the team offices, 75 Rockefeller Plaza and at Ticketron outlets throughout the metropolitan area. Prices range from $8 to $4 with group, senior citizen and youth discounts available. Season plans can also be arranged.

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April 26, 1976

NEW YORK COSMOS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Citizen	1975 Team
1	Kuykendall, Kurt	Goal	6-0	165	10/30/52	U.S.A.	N.Y. Cosmos
1	Rigby, Bob	Goal	6-0	175	7/ 3/51	U.S.A.	Phila. Atoms
3	Rowan, Brian	Def.	5-9	142	6/28/48	Scotland	Toronto/Cosmos
4	Roth, Werner	Def.	6-1	185	4/ 4/48	U.S.A.	N.Y. Cosmos
5	Eddy, Keith	Def.	5-11	155	10/23/44	England	Sheffield United
6	Clements, Dave	Mid.	5-10	155	9/16/45	No. Ireland	Everton
7	Field, Tony	Fwd.	5-7	154	6/ 7/46	England	Sheffield United
8	Garbett, Terry	Mid.	5-9	166	9/ 9/45	England	Sheffield United
9	Ord, Tommy	Fwd.	5-10	170	10/15/52	England	Rochester/Cosmos
10	Pele	Fwd.	5-9	165	10/23/40	Brazil	N.Y. Cosmos
11	Siega, Jorge	Fwd.	5-10	165	4/ 3/47	U.S.A.	N.Y. Cosmos
12	Smith, Bob	Def.	5-11	165	9/23/51	U.S.A.	Phila. Atoms
15	Mifflin, Ramon	Mid.	5-9	160	4/ 5/47	Peru	Santos/Cosmos
19	Mitchell, Charlie	Def.	5-10	160	5/18/48	U.S.A.	Rochester
20	Dillon, Mike	Def.	5-11	175	9/29/52	England	N.Y.Cosmos

NEW YORK COSMOS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Citizen	1975 Team
6	Clements, Dave	Mid.	5-10	155	9/16/45	No. Ireland	Everton
20	Dillon, Mike	Def.	5-11	175	9/29/52	England	N.Y. Cosmos
5	Eddy, Keith	Def.	5-11	155	10/23/44	England	Sheffield United
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12	Smith, Bob	Def.	5-11	165	9/23/51	U.S.A.	Phila. Atoms

Head Coach: Ken Furphy
Ass't. Coach: Prof. Julio Mazzei

Captain: Keith Eddy

DISABLED LIST

2	Mahy, Barry	Def.	5-8	150	1/21/43	England	N.Y. Cosmos
14	Morais, Nelsi	Mid.	5-9	155	10/22/51	Brazil	Santos/Cosmos

FARM TEAM

	Russo, John	Mid.	5-8	160	4/28/53	Italy	Lehman College