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COSMOS FACE NEAREST FOES THIS WEEK AT YANKEE STADIUM

New York, N.Y. - THIS WEEK: The New York Cosmos have two long-awaited rematches with their nearest pursuers in the North American Soccer League pennant race. Wednesday evening at 7:30 Tampa Bay will provide the opposition and Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm the Washington Diplomats will be at Yankee Stadium. Both contests are intra-divisional (Eastern Division).

THE GAMES: REVENGE!! That's what the Cosmos have in mind as the most important week of the 1976 schedule beckons. Both the Tampa Bay Rowdies and the Washington Diplomats dealt the Cosmos embarrassing defeats and physical punishment earlier in the year, and the New Yorkers would like to repay the favors in their home stadium. But while revenge would be sweet, the Cosmos also have the opportunity to put important breathing room between themselves and their closest pursuers. Entering the game, New York is in first place in the Eastern Division of the North American Soccer League with 110 points. Washington has 94 points and one game in hand, while Tampa Bay is in third place with 89 points and a big three games in hand. So victories by New York could go a long way toward determining who wins the division and draws the important bye in the first round of the August playoffs.

Under head coach Gordon Bradley, the team appears girded for the pressure week. The Cosmos are undefeated since Bradley assumed command June 29 and presently own a 4-game streak, longest in the club's history. The

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eam has come together well as a unit during that span, scoring 10 goals and allowing only two. The offense, which has produced an NASL-high of 41 goals so far, has swarmed through opponents to the tune of 91 shots during the win streak and proof of the team effort concept is the fact that six different players have scored the goals. Defensively the backliners have tightened up considerably after yielding 7 goals in the two games before the winning started. Goalkeeper Shep Messing has recorded two shutouts and has been forced to make only 34 saves since his purchase from Boston on June 29.

PELE ON DOORSTEP: Pele is on the verge of notching another milestone goal--his 1250th. He now has 1249 goals in 1304 games and by his own admission is anxiously awaiting No. 1250. Of his totals, he has scored the last 31 goals in his 49 appearances as a Cosmos.

CORNER KICKS: Pele's goal at Philadelphia gave him a total of 25 scoring points for 1976 and the Cosmos one season record. He eclipsed the 23 that Randy Horton notched in 1973...it was an ecstatic Pele after the win in Philly: "I promised the people that I would try to score a 'Bicentennial Goal' and what better place for it than in Philadelphia. Now I wish I could be around another 200 years to do it again!"...In the first games between this week's opponents and the Cosmos, high scoring was the order. Tampa Bay humiliated New York on national television, 5-1, at Tampa on June 6 as Derek Smethurst scored a hat-trick. Clyde Best and Stewart Scullion added the other Rowdies' goals and Tony Field scored for New York. In Washington on June 27 it was humiliation combined with injury--the Diplomats scored with 6½ minutes to play for a 3-2 victory after the Diplomat's Paul Cannell had sidelined goalie Bob Rigby for the season with a broken left collarbone. Cannell and Rigby collided in the goalmouth area with 13:50 remaining to play...Defender and captain Keith Eddy continues as the only player who has appeared in every minute of action--1648...he also is now the holder of the NASL record for penalty kick conversions with 6 (he's 6-6)...Cosmos are enjoying their winningest season in history and are only 7 points behind the team's all-time record of 117 set in 1971.

SHULTON NIGHT & DAY: Not only is the prospect of two outstanding soccer games incentive enough for fans to visit Yankee Stadium this week, but joint New York Cosmos-Shulton promotion effort will make the games spicier. Wednesday evening's game against Tampa Bay will be "Shulton Men's Night," and the first 5000 men attending the game will receive a sample of Old Spice Cologne. Sunday afternoon will be "Shulton Teens Day," when the first 5000 teen-agers will receive a gift of Blue Jeans Cologne.

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NEW YORK COSMOS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Citizen	1975 Team
1	Messing, Shep	Goal	6-0	170	10/ 9/49	U.S.A.	Boston
1	Kuykendall, Kurt	Goal	6-0	165	10/30/52	U.S.A.	N.Y. 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	Chinaglia, Giorgio	Fwd.	6-1	190	1/24/47	Italy	Lazio
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.
14	Morais, Nelsi	Mid.	5-9	155	10/22/51	Brazil	Santos/Cosmos
15	Mifflin, Ramon	Mid.	5-9	160	4/ 5/47	Peru	Santos/Cosmos
17	Aitken, Charlie	Def.	5-10	155	5/ 1/42	Scotland	Aston Villa
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
17	Aitken, Charlie	Def.	5-10	155	5/ 1/42	Scotland	Aston Villa
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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
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12	Smith, Bob	Def.	5-11	165	9/23/51	U.S.A	Phila.

Head Coach: Gordon Bradley — Captain: Keith Eddy
Ass't. Coach: Prof. Julio Mazzei — Trainer: Joel Rosenstein

DISABLED LIST

1	Rigby, Bob	Goal	6-0	175	7/ 3/51	U.S.A.	Phila.
2	Mahy, Barry	Def.	5-8	150	1/21/43	England	N.Y. Cosmos
22	Twamley, Bruce	Def.	5-9	150	5/23/52	Canada	Vancouver

RESERVE TEAM

3	Rowan, Brian	Def.	5-9	142	6/28/48	Scotland	Toronto/Cosmos
16	Donlic, Tony	Fwd.	6-2	195	3/24/56	Croatia	N.Y. Cosmos
18	Tinnion, Brian	Fwd.	5-9	155	6/11/48	England	Wrexham
21	Russo, John	Mid.	5-8	160	4/28/53	Italy	Lehman College

NEW YORK COSMOS
18-GAME STATISTICS
(WON 12, LOST 6, 110 POINTS)

AYER	GMS.	MIN.	GLS.	ASST.	SHOTS	FOULS	PTS.	P.K.	T.B.
Aitken, Charlie	10	910	0	2	2	19	2	0-0	0-0
Chinaglia, Giorgio	13	1185	8	6	79	8	22	0-0	1-1
Clements, Dave	17	1542	2	3	36	29	7	0-0	1-1
Dillon, Mike	11	985	0	0	7	19	0	0-0	0-0
Donlic, Tony	1	46	0	0	3	1	0	0-0	0-0
Eddy, Keith	18	1648	6	1	10	11	13	6-6	0-1
Field, Tony	17	1507	6	4	64	25	16	0-0	1-1
Garbett, Terry	16	1332	1	4	25	10	6	0-0	0-0
Mifflin, Ramon	11	756	3	3	16	15	9	0-0	0-0
Mitchell, Charlie	4	207	0	0	0	5	0	0-0	0-0
Morais, Nelsi	6	393	0	0	4	5	0	0-0	0-0
Pele	17	1543	8	9	87	33	25	0-1	0-1
Roth, Werner	6	555	0	1	1	14	1	0-0	0-0
Rowan, Brian	10	751	0	0	7	9	0	0-0	0-0
Siega, Jorge	6	64	0	1	2	0	1	0-0	0-0
Smith, Bob	18	1647	0	1	20	54	1	0-0	0-0
Tinnion, Brian	15	1150	7	2	51	5	16	0-0	0-0
Ord, Tom	1	90	0	0	4	4	0	0-0	0-0
TOTALS			41	37	418	266	119	6-7	3-5
OPP. TOTALS			24+	24	328	286	70	0-1	4-5

GOALKEEPERS	GMS.	MIN.	SAVES	GOALS AGST.	SHUTOUTS	AVG.
Rigby, Bob	13	1184	102	15	5	1.14
ssing, Shep	4	360	34	2	2	0.50
Kuykendall, Kurt	2	104	12	6	0	5.19
TOTALS			148	23	7	1.26
OPP. TOTALS			175	41	0	2.24

CORNER KICKS:---------NEW YORK 127---------OPPOSITION 71
CAUTIONS: Eddy, Garbett, Pele(2), Smith (4), Field(2), Morais(2) 8 for opposition
EJECTIONS: Dillon; 2 for opposition

			RESULTS	
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATT.	COSMOS SCORING
4/18	at Miami	1-0 W	9,457	Clements(Pele)
5/2	Chicago	1-2 L(OT)	28,436	Pele(Mifflin)
5/5	Hartford	3-1 W	8,439	Eddy(Penalty);Tinnion(Field,Mifflin);Pele(Mifflin)
5/8	Phila.	1-2 L(OT)	14,287	Pele(Tinnion)
5/15	at Htfd	3-0 W	8,933	Field(Garbett);Field(Pele);Tinnion(Unassisted)
5/17	LA	6-0 W	24,292	Eddy(2 penalties);Chinaglia(Garbett);Pele(Field); Chinaglia(Field,Pele);Pele(Chinaglia)
5/19	at Bos	2-1 W	7,367	Chinaglia(Tinnion);Chinaglia(Pele)
6/6	at Tampa	1-5 L	42,611	Field(Chinaglia)
6/9	at Minn	2-1 W	46,164	Chinaglia(Eddy,Pele);Field(Clements)
6/12	at Ptld	3-0 W	32,247	Eddy(Penalty);Chinaglia(2 unassisted)
6/16	Boston	2-3 L(TB)	15,101	Tinnion(Pele,Field);Pele(Roth)
6/18	Toronto	3-0 W	18,612	Tinnion(Chinaglia);Clements(Pele);Chinaglia(Siega
6/23	at Chi	1-4 L	28,000	Tinnion(Chinaglia)
6/27	at Wash	2-3 L	11,004	Pele(Smith);Tinnion(Pele, Clements)
6/30	Roch	2-0 W	6,917	Field(Aitken);Field(Pele)
2	St.Louis	3-1 W	10,123	Eddy(Penalty);Mifflin(Clem,Garbett);Mifflin(Garb)
7/7	at Tor	3-0 W	12,123	Mifflin(Chinaglia);Eddy(Pen);Tinnion(Aitken)
7/10	at Phila	2-1 W	25,311	Pele(Chinaglia);Garbett(Unassisted)

*No longer with team

+Includes one tiebreaker goal