COSMOS PREVIEW

The Cosmos go into the 1978 season with an even stronger lineup than the club which won the 1977 NASL Championship.

Naturally, Pele will be sorely missed in 1978, but Cosmos President Ahmet Ertegun and Coach Eddie Firmani have acquired some players with whom they hope to fill the gap left by the retired legend. English goal scoring great Denis Tueart was acquired from Manchester City. He is a speedy winger with tremendous goal scoring ability.

Vladislav Bogicevic, one of Yugoslavia's premier players, was signed, and it is hoped that he will shore up the mid-field area.

The Cosmos also continued their hopes for Americanization with the signings of forward Ricky Davis and goalkeeper David Brcic. These players, coupled with the 7 players picked in the draft, should give the Cosmos a healthy complement of native-born talent.

In addition to the new signees, the Cosmos look forward to the return of many of 1977 stellar performers, including Steve Hunt, Franz Beckenbauer, Giorgio Chinaglia, Carlos Alberto, Erol Yasin, and American defenders Bobby Smith and Werner Roth.

All in all, the Cosmos look like a much improved team and look forward to repeating as NASL Champions.

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