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THREE GAMES IN WEEK ON TAP
AS COSMOS REACH SEASON'S MID-POINT

The Cosmos, having reached the midpoint of their season with the best halfway mark in North American Soccer League history (13-2), find the schedule getting tougher as they face the prospect of playing three games within the span of one week beginning with a Giants Stadium clash against the Washington Diplomats Sunday, June 18th. Game time is 2:30 p.m.

The defending NASL champions played one of their best games ever June 13th in a 4-2 victory over the Minnesota Kicks, the club's fifth consecutive triumph and fifth win against two losses on the road. Steve Hunt, Dennis Tueart, Carlos Alberto and Franz Beckenbauer scored the goals as the Cosmos handed the Kicks their first loss of the campaign at Metropolitan Stadium in a contest witnessed by a Minnesota regular-season record crowd of 46,370.

The Cosmos will be going after their 20th straight victory at home in the contest with the Dips, runnersup in the National Conference Eastern Division to the Cosmos, who have scored 47 goals while yielding just 16 in compiling 111 points in the standings. Washington, with a 9-8 record, has accumulated 80 points while playing two more games than the Cosmos.

Gordon Bradley's team got off to a fast start this season, moving out to an 8-2 record before going into a tailspin that reached six straight games prior to their 2-1 win over New England June 14th. The Dips feature striker Paul Cannell and goalkeeper Bill Irwin.

Following the Washington contest, the Cosmos host the Caribous of Colorado Wednesday, June 21st in the rematch of a game played at Denver May 14th (a hard-fought 4-3 victory for the Cosmos). The Colorado match, which is scheduled to begin at 8:45 p.m., marks the Cosmos' first midweek home game of the season.

The third game within the seven-day span takes the Cosmos to Ft. Lauderdale Saturday night, June 24th (8:00 p.m.), for a return engagement with the team they routed 7-0 on opening day as Giorgio Chinaglia and Steve Hunt scored

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hat tricks and Vladislav Bogicevic contributed four assists. WNEW-AM (1130) will have live coverage of all three contests, while WOR-TV (Channel 9) will televise the Ft. Lauderdale game live.

Jim Karvellas and Scott Morrison will handle the radio play-by-play and color for the Washington and Colorado contests, with Karvellas being joined by Howard David for the television and Morrison working with Chip Cipolla on the radio of the Ft. Lauderdale game.

The Washington contest will be preceded by the Cosmopolitan Soccer League's championship game--pitting the Brooklyn Italians against the Pancyprians--starting at noon. The game against the Diplomats also comes on Father's Day, when last year a then-NASL-record crowd of 62,394 turned out at Giants Stadium to watch the Cosmos defeat Tampa Bay 3-1. This year's "Franz Beckenbauer Day" attendance of 71,219 established a new league record.

The first 15,000 youngsters entering the stadium on Father's Day will receive Cosmos buttons, courtesy of Fidelity Union Trust of New Jersey.

COSMOS INJURIES: Bobby Smith (bruised knee), questionable;
Nelsi Morais (sprained ankle), out;
Rick Davis (twisted knee), questionable.

COSMOS NOTES: Officials for the Washington game will be Peter T. Johnson, Referee, and George Jameson and Howard Krollfeifer, Linesmen.

Sunday's first preliminary game (10:45 a.m.) will match the Massapequa (N.Y.) Chargers and the Huntington (N.Y.) Boys Club; Game Two (11:20 a.m.) pits the Massapequa Trailblazers against Clifton Park (N.Y.) Junior Soccer. Halftime entertainment will be provided by the Brentwood (N.Y.) High School Marching Band.

Goalkeeper Erol Yasin's shutout last Sunday (vs. Philadelphia) was the eighth of his Cosmos career, tying (in 20 games) the mark Shep Messing set in 35 games between 1973 and 1977; the blanking was also Yasin's fifth this year, equaling the record held by Jerry Sularz (1973) and Bob Rigby (1976).

Giorgio Chinaglia, with 17 goals so far this season, is just two away from his club record of 19 (established in 1976). With eight assists and 42 points, Chinaglia holds a 13-point lead over New England's Mike Flanagan in the NASL scoring derby. He has scored in 10 of the 15 Cosmos games...and prior to being shut out by Minnesota had put the ball in the net in four consecutive contests.

The Cosmos, with 13 victories to date, are approaching the NASL record for most wins in a season (19) by Ft. Lauderdale in 1977 and Oakland in 1967. The club's current winning percentage is .866; the NASL record (.750) was set by Tampa Bay in 1976, when the Rowdies were 18-6.

The Cosmos' 4-2 win over Minnesota marked the seventh game this season in which the club has scored four goals or more, just one shy of the NASL record of eight held by the Oakland Clippers (1968) and matched by Tampa Bay last

year. This year's edition of the Cosmos already owns the league mark for most games with five or more goals (five).

The next Cosmos media briefing will be Monday, June 19th, at noon in the third floor screening room of the Warner Communications Building. Coach Eddie Firmani and two of his top players from Washington game will attend; Colorado Coach Dave Clements will be the telephone interviewee.

Franz Beckenbauer or Giorgio Chinaglia will be Marv Albert's guest analyst Monday night, June 19th, on "NewsCenter 4" (6:30-7:00 p.m. segment) for a look at World Cup highlights and the Washington-Cosmos game.

Wednesday, June 21st, when the Cosmos entertain the Caribous, is Poster Night at Giants Stadium. The first 15,000 youngsters to enter the stadium will receive a Cosmos poster, courtesy of SportsPhone of New Jersey.

MISCELLANY: The Cosmos have had nine 9-point games to date (six points for a victory plus three bonus points for three or more goals)...Captain Werner Roth is the only player to play every minute of every game this season... Carlos Alberto's goal was his first ever for the Cosmos (excluding one scored in India during last year's post-season tour)...The Cosmos' current total of 47 goals, when projected over the full season, comes out to 94; the current NASL record is 71, set by the Oakland Clippers in 1968...with 57 wins to date, Eddie Firmani ranks fifth among active NASL coaches; Ft. Lauderdale's Ron Newman tops the list with 91 victories...The Cosmos need to attract 63,159 fans to equal last year's total home attendance of 443,847.

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1978 COSMOS 15-GAME STATISTICS
Won 13, Lost 2, 111 Pts.

Player	Gms.	Min.	Goals	Assists	Shots	Fouls	Pts.	P.K.
Atanasio, Ron	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Carlos Alberto	13	1158	1	0	8	3	2	0-0
Beckenbauer, Franz	14	1239	5	9	38	6	19	0-0
Bogicevic, Vladislav	15	1304	6	10	28	23	22	0-0
Chinaglia, Giorgio	15	1354	17	8	74	13	42	2-2
Davis, Rick	4	104	0	0	1	1	0	0-0
Dimitrijevic, Vito	8	466	0	1	6	9	1	0-0
Etherington, Gary	11	653	2	6	17	4	10	0-0
Formoso, Santiago	12	768	1	4	17	15	6	0-0
Garbett, Terry	8	710	1	1	11	10	3	0-0
Grgurev, Fred	4	71	0	0	2	0	0	0-0
Hunt, Steve	13	1123	7	7	31	24	21	0-0
Iarusci, Robert	9	658	0	1	10	8	1	0-0
Morais, Nelsi	9	752	0	1	6	24	1	0-0
Roth, Werner	15	1365	1	1	2	35	3	0-0
Smith, Bob	8	653	0	0	3	21	0	0-0
Tueart, Dennis	11	843	6	7	28	7	19	0-0
Wilson, Giuseppe	5	399	0	0	1	2	0	0-0
TOTALS.....			47	56	283	205	150	2-2
OPP. TOTALS..			16*	13	308	242	45	3-3

Goalkeeper	Gms.	Min.	Saves	Goals Agst.	Shutouts	Avg.
Brand, Jack	4	223	18	3	0	1.21
Yasin, Erol	13	1142	84	12	5	0.95
TOTALS.....		1365	102	15	5	0.99
OPP. TOTALS..		1365	81	47	1	3.10

Scoring

	1	2	OT	OT	SO
Cosmos.....	22	25	0	0	0
Opposition.....	8	7	0	0	1

Corner Kicks: Cosmos -- 83 Opp. -- 96

Cautions: Carlos Alberto, Hunt (3), Formoso (2), Morais, Roth, Iarusci, Garbett
Opp -- 13

Ejections: Carlos Alberto Opp. -- 1

*Includes one shootout goal

COSMOS 1978 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BIRTHDATE	CITIZEN	PREVIOUS TEAM
0	Jack Brand	Goal	6-1	175	8/4/53	Canada	Rochester
1	Erol Yasin	Goal	6-1	170	10/11/48	Turkey	Galatasaray
2	Bobby Smith	Def.	5-11	165	9/31/51	USA	Phila. Atoms
3	Nelsi Morais	Def.	5-9	165	10/22/51	Brazil	Santos
4	Werner Roth	Def.	6-0	180	4/4/48	USA	Cosmos
5	Carlos Alberto	Def.	6-0	170	7/17/44	Brazil	Flamengo
6	Franz Beckenbauer	Mid.	5-11	165	9/11/45	W. Germany	Bayern Munich
7	Dennis Tueart	Fwd.	5-8	156	11/27/49	England	Manchester City
8	Vladislav Bogicevic	Mid.	6-1	180	11/7/50	Yugoslavia	Red Star
9	Giorgio Chinaglia	Fwd.	6-1	190	1/24/47	Italy	Lazio
11	Steve Hunt	Fwd.	5-8	160	7/8/56	England	Aston Villa
14	Terry Garbett	Mid.	5-9	166	9/9/45	England	Sheffield United
15	Vito Dimitrijevic	Mid.	5-10	170	12/11/48	Yugoslavia	Olimpia
16	Tony Donlic	Fwd.	6-2	185	3/24/56	USA	Cosmos
17	Rick Davis	Mid.	5-8	155	11/24/58	USA	Calif./Santa Clara
18	Fred Grgurev	Fwd.	6-1	166	9/14/51	USA	N.Y. Apollo
19	Robert Iarusci	Def.	6-0	180	11/8/54	Canada	Toronto
20	David Brcic	Goal	6-2½	173	1/21/57	USA	St. Louis Univ.
21	Gary Etherington	Fwd.	5-8	140	4/22/58	USA	Cosmos
22	Jim Millinder	Mid.	5-8	150	11/27/58	USA	El Camino J.C.
23	Giuseppe Wilson	Def-Mid.	5-9	170	10/27/45	Italy	Lazio
25	Santiago Formoso	Def.	5-9	140	7/4/53	USA	Conn. Bicentennials
26	Ron Atanasio	Fwd.	5-7½	165	9/10/56	USA	Adelphi Univ.

HEAD COACH: Eddie Firmani

ASSISTANT COACH: Ray Klivecka

CAPTAIN: Werner Roth

TRAINERS: Joel Rosenstein
Jeff Snedeker

1978 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	Cosmos Scoring
4/2	Ft. Lauderdale	7-0 W	44,442	Bogicevic (Hunt, Chinaglia); Hunt (Bogicevic, Beckenbauer); Hunt (Bogicevic, Etherington); Chinaglia (Hunt Bogicevic); Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Beckenbauer); Hunt (Chinaglia, Etherington); Chinaglia (Garbett)
4/9	at Los Angeles	1-0 W	23,681	Chinaglia (Formoso, Roth)
4/16	Tulsa	1-0 W	41,216	Beckenbauer (free kick)
4/23	Dallas	3-1 W	50,127	Tueart (Bogicevic, Morais); Beckenbauer (Etherington); Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Tueart)
4/30	at Tampa	5-2 W	41,888	Etherington (Chinaglia); Hunt (una.); Chinaglia (una.); Bogicevic (Etherington) Chinaglia (Etherington)
5/7	Detroit	2-0 W	45,321	Roth (Bogicevic, Chinaglia); Etherington (Chinaglia, Beckenbauer)
5/14	at Colorado	4-3 W	15,049	Chinaglia (penalty kick); Bogicevic (Hunt); Bogicevic (Beckenbauer); Beckenbauer (una.)
5/17	at Portland	1-2 L (SO)	12,484	Beckenbauer (free kick)
5/21	Seattle	5-1 W	71,219	Bogicevic (Hunt, Chinaglia); Chinaglia (Dimitrijevic, Bogicevic); Tueart (una.) Chinaglia (Tueart); Chinaglia (Formoso, Beckenbauer).
5/24	at Memphis	0-1 L	11,223	--
5/28	Rochester	5-1 W	41,305	Chinaglia (una.); Hunt (Tueart, Iarusci); Chinaglia (Beckenbauer); Tueart (Hunt, Etherington); Tueart (Formoso)
6/1	at Toronto	5-1 W	16,233	Bogicevic (Tueart); Garbett (Tueart); Tueart (una.); Hunt (Chinaglia); Chinaglia (Tueart, Hunt)
6/4	Vancouver	3-2 W	44,673	Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Beckenbauer); Chinaglia (penalty kick); Formoso (Bogicevic, Hunt)
6/11	Philadelphia	1-0 W	42,385	Chinaglia (Beckenbauer)
6/13	at Minnesota	4-2 W	46,370	Hunt (una.); Tueart (Beckenbauer, Formoso) Alberto (Tueart); Beckenbauer (Chinaglia)

Attendance:	Road--166,928	Average--23,847
	Home--380,688	Average--47,586
	Total-547,616	Average--36,508