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The Houston Stars will leave today for their Spring training soccer series with the Chicago Mustangs without two of their top players. Captain and star forward Tibor Vigh and first line goal-keeper Stanko Mrduljas will both miss the plane when the 15-man Stars squad and Coach Geza Henni depart for Sarasota, Florida, and their four-game set with Chicago.

Mrduljas was a practice victim on Tuesday, suffering a severely broken nose in a scramble in front of the goal and will undergo surgery on Thursday, February 8. He will be ready for the regular season opener in early April, but will not accompany the team to Florida. Sandy Feher will replace Mrduljas in the goal for the Stars.

Vigh, the team captain and scoring leader, was hit by another and more permanent "malady," the love bug. The blonde native of Hungary left the Stars training camp on Wednesday to travel to New York where he will marry Miss Eva Juhas of the city on Saturday evening. The Vighs will return to Houston on Sunday morning and Tibor will join his team in Sarasota in time for their first game at 3:45 Monday afternoon.

The personable and articulate Vigh topped the Stars in scoring on their Honduran tour in December with five goals in the three games played by the Houston eleven. The new Mrs. Vigh will remain in Houston during the eight day Florida training session.

The full 1968 schedule for the Houston Stars will be available in a few days along with ticket information.

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