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COSMOS VS. WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS
RFK STADIUM
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RECORD: Cosmos are 7-2 with 62 points, and have a 28 point lead over the Dips in the National Conference East. They've won four straight NASL games and have outscored their opposition by a 13-2 count over that span. The club is 3-2 away from home and 4-0 at Giants Stadium.

TODAY'S RADIO/TV: ABC-TV will broadcast today's match nationwide. Jim McKay will provide play-by-play coverage with Paul Gardner supplying color commentary and Verne Lundquist down on the sidelines. The contest will also be broadcast live back to New York over WNEW Radio (1130 AM) with Jim Karvellas and Seamus Malin reporting.

INJURY UPDATE: Johan Neeskens has been added to the injury list with a left thigh contusion, but is still probable. Seninho, who's been out with a thigh strain, is almost fully recovered. Jose 'Oscar' Bernardi and Vidal Fernandez, recovering from long-term injuries have been working out, but will not play. New Belgian sensation Francois Van der Elst has returned to Europe to prepare for his National Team's European Nations Cup effort. He will return to New York June 22nd.

IRON-MAN WILSON: Cosmos defender Bruce Wilson has started 161 consecutive NASL matches, one short of an entire baseball season. His streak began in 1974 when he was with Vancouver and has extended through four full seasons with the Whitecaps, two more with the Chicago Sting and the current campaign with the Cosmos. In his entire seven season career, he has missed but 23 minutes of action. He broke the all-time record for consecutive games started last June. His streak is also a record for consecutive games played.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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COSMOS CAPTURE FIRST CHALLENGE CUP BEFORE 60,384
COMPLETE THREE GAME SWEEP OF EUROPEAN FIRST DIVISION CLUBS
HEAD TO WASHINGTON FOR ABC GAME

The Cosmos, after completing a one month sweep of First Division teams from West Germany, England and Italy, went on to win the first annual Trans-Atlantic Challenge Cup Monday by virtue of a 1-1 tie with defending NASL champion Vancouver before a huge Memorial Day Giants Stadium throng of 60,384. The club, which did not lose a game of any kind during May, resumes NASL play on Sunday June 1st at RFK Stadium in Washington against Johan Cruyff and the Washington Diplomats on the ABC 'Game of the Week.'

Washington, a distant second to the Cosmos in the National Conference East has been plagued by injuries all season, and has been playing in tough luck away from home, dropping all five road matches by one goal, two in shootout. They lost at Ft. Lauderdale 2-1 in a match that they dominated on May 17th, and last Saturday night, played the entire second half and overtime with ten men before bowing in an Atlanta shootout 2-1. The Dips are 3-1 at RFK though, and were 12-3 there last season despite losing a 3-2 shootout to the Cosmos in April. The other 1979 meeting between the clubs was also a Cosmos shootout victory, this time by a 5-4 count in a Giants Stadium monsoon last August. The Cosmos lead the overall series 8-3. Kick-off for the National TV match is slated for 2:00 pm. WNEW (1130 AM) will also air the game live with Jim Karvellas and Seamus Malin reporting.

The Cosmos, still unbeaten under Hennes Weisweiler (6-0-1), encored their first-round Challenge Cup victory over Manchester City of the English First Division with an impressive 5-3 victory over Italian Cup champion Roma in round two of the round-robin tourney Saturday. Combined with a 3-1 victory over F.C. Cologne of the West German Bundesliga on April 29th, the club has accomplished an international first for the NASL with consecutive victories over teams from what are generally considered Europe's

three most competitive leagues. Vancouver captured second place in the Cup competition with a 5-0 victory over Manchester City and two ties, while the English side nosed out Roma for third with a 3-2 victory in the first game of yesterday's doubleheader.

Giorgio Chinaglia, who led Challenge Cup scorers with six goals in three games, had half his total against his former intra-city rival Roma on Saturday. In the 16th minute, a top of the box battle between Julio Cesar Romero and Roma defender Sergio Santarini sent the ball left to Chinaglia, who feinted a defender inside, gained a step with the ball towards the endline, and drilled a low hard drive to the back of the net. Five minutes later, a pinpoint pass from Vladislav Bogicevic to Chinaglia gave the Cosmos a 2-0 edge but Roma came halfway back in quick fashion when striker Guido Ugolotti connected at the 23 minute mark past Hubert Birkenmeier, who took the second half of his birthday off in favor of David Brcic. Carlo Ancelotti headed in a corner kick in the 59th minute to tie the match at two, but an own goal by Roma defender Franco Peccenini while battling Chinaglia for a header, sent the Cosmos back into a short-lived lead at 69:52. Roma drew even again at three on a long range rocket by former Italian international Francesco Rocca a minute later. Roberto Cabanas, making an impressive Giants Stadium debut, served Carlos Alberto a perfect chip cross for a lunging, game-winning header at the 76 minute mark, and a Chinaglia penalty kick at 80:08 iced it.

Needing only a tie against Vancouver on Monday, the Cosmos played cautious soccer for seventy minutes, before a Ray Hankin goal gave Vancouver a 1-0 edge. With the large holiday crowd spurring them on, the Cosmos pressed forward and within five minutes got the equalizer. Chinaglia collected a pass from Johan Neeskens seven yards from the left post and made order out of a chaotic scramble in front of the net, with a low shot through three strewn defenders. Several dangerous Cosmos thrusts in the last ten minutes were turned aside by Vancouver's new sweeper, Dutch international Rudi Krol, who was great all day, but the first Trans-Atlantic Cup belonged to the Cosmos.

The international tournament was a rousing success for both NASL teams, not only on the field but at the gate. 124,658 attended the three dates at the Meadowlands, while an additional 50,080 saw the two matches in Vancouver.

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The Cosmos return to Giants Stadium for a pair of games next week. On Wednesday night, June 4th, Kevin "Cat" Keelan leads the New England Tea Men in for a 9:00 pm match. New England, the club that halted the Cosmos league record 23-game home winning streak in 1978, will attempt to derail a current

Cosmos Country regular season string of eight in a row. On Sunday afternoon June 8th, Dan Wood's Atlanta Chiefs, with Keith Furphy, Jeff Bourne and Tony Whelan, will invade the Meadowlands for the first time ever.

Two of the most attractive giveaways of the home season will be handed out at these contests. On Wednesday, beautiful team picture mugs will be distributed to the first 10,000 fans, courtesy of Minolta and on Sunday, 15,000 20 by 30 four-color posters will be given away free, compliments of Tuscan Dairy. Tailgate contests with a television set and an Atari Video game awarded at each game, will take place in parking lots 9 and 11 with a Dixieland band entertaining.

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Chinaglia's six goals in the tournament left him with a total of 499 for his 18-year career, with the strong possibility of #500 on national television Sunday.

Chinaglia began his career in 1962 for Swansea of Wales at the age of 15. 209 of his goals have come in a Cosmos uniform.

CHINAGLIA GOAL BREAKDOWN

Professional Career Prior to Cosmos	Goals	
Swansea (Wales - 1962-66)	29	
Massesse (Italy, Division C - 1966-67)	5	
Internapoli (Italy, Division C - 1967-69)	25	
Lazio (Italy, Division A - 1969-76)	98	
Italian National Team	11	
UEFA Cup	11	
Italian Cup	11	
International Cups	20	
International Friendly Matches	80	
		290
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NASL Regular Season	103*	
NASL Playoffs	20*	
International Friendly Matches	80*	
Trans-Atlantic Challenge Cup	6*	
		209
	TOTAL:	499

NOTES: Before departing for Washington on Saturday May 31st, the entire Cosmos team will participate in the kick-off of the Sports Stars vs. Starvation program at Terrace on the Park in Flushing Meadow, Queens.... A contingent of some 2000 Cosmos fans is expected to caravan its way down to Washington for Sunday's match....One fanatical Cosmos supporter, Pat Pinkham, who was six months pregnant at last year's Tampa Bay game, vowed to name her child-to-be after her favorite player if the Cosmos won that night. Jonathan Bogie Pinkham is now 5½ months old....Jeff Durgan is quickly emerging as leading candidate for NASL "Rookie of the Year" honors. ....If Bruce Wilson starts against Diplomats, it will be his 162nd consecutive NASL start, an entire baseball season....Cosmos started three teenagers against Vancouver....Other upcoming personal appearances by the Cosmos include a clinic on Saturday June 7th for families of Fidelity Union Trust Company at the Stadium. Werner Roth will appear at Glen Rock High School on June 3rd, Ricky Davis at North Warren Regional High on June 6th.

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1980 COSMOS INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NO.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN.	SHOTS	FLS	C/E	PK	SO/SOA	GLS	AS	TP
9	Giorgio Chinaglia	9	9	840	50	9		1/2	1/1	9	3	21
2	Julio Cesar Romero	9	9	831	42	7	1/0		1/2	6	7	19
16	Angelo DiBernardo	6	3	306	13	6			1/1	2	5	9
6	Franz Beckenbauer	8	8	690	9	4			0/1	3	2	8
8	Vladislav Bogicevic	9	8	729	24	14				2	3	7
17	Rick Davis	9	8	720	12	12				0	7	7
5	Carlos Alberto	9	9	840	3	4			0/1	0	4	4
14	Mark Liveric	8	5	495	13	13	4/0		0/1	1	1	3
11	Seninho	4	2	199	2	2			2/2	0	2	2
25	Jeff Durgan	6	6	540	2	14				0	1	1
13	Johan Neeskens	4	4	341	4	12	1/0			0	1	1
3	Bruce Wilson	9	9	840	0	17	3/0		1/2	0	0	0
2	Eskandarian	6	6	570	3	14			1/2	0	0	0
4	Oscar	3	3	285	5	6	1/0			0	0	0
23	Nelsi Morais	2	1	105	0	1			0/1	0	0	0
12	Larry Hulcer	2	0	50	1	2				0	0	0
19	Roberto Cabanas	1	0	9	2	0				0	0	0
1	Hubert Birkenmeier	9	9				1/0					
	TOTALS.....				185	137	12/1*	1/2	7/14	23	36	82
	OPP TOTALS.....				137	165	13/1	2/2	4/14	14	16	44

NO.	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN.	SHOTS	SAVES	GOALS	PK	SO/SOA	SHUT	GAA
1	Hubert Birkenmeier	9	9	840	137	59	14	2/2	4/14	2	1.50
	TOTALS.....	9	9	840	137	59	14	2/2	4/14	2	
	OPP TOTALS.....			840	185	67	23	1/2	7/14	0	

TEAM STATISTICS	1	2	OT	OT	SO	OWN GOALS	CORNER KICKS	OFF SIDES
COSMOS	10	13	0	0	2	0	62	23
OPPOSITION	5	9	0	0	0	0	50	46

*Includes one ejection received by coach

1980 COSMOS RESULTS

RECORD: 7-2 (62 pts)
HOME: 4-0
AWAY: 3-2

ATTENDANCE:
HOME: 170,243 AVG: 42,561
AWAY: 98,883 AVG: 19,777

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATT.	TEAM SCORING
4/5	at Houston	4-3 W (SO)	15,916	Beckenbauer (Alberto, Davis); Romero (Alberto); Romero (Alberto, Davis)
4/9	at Ft. Lauderdale	1-4 L	18,572	Chinaglia (Seninho, Beckenbauer)
4/13	MINNESOTA	2-1 W (SO)	51,225	Chinaglia (Davis, Romero)
4/20	TAMPA BAY	4-2 W	46,182	Romero (Alberto, Seninho); Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Liveric); Liveric (Bogicevic, Davis); Chinaglia (Romero, DiBernardo
4/26	at Tulsa	1-2 L	30,822	Chinaglia (Romero, Davis)
4/29	F.C. COLOGNE (International)	3-1 W	24,784	Chinaglia (Eskandarian, Romero); Romero (Chinaglia, Bogicevic); Chinaglia (Liveric, Wilson)
5/4	DALLAS	2-0 W	41,378	Chinaglia (penalty); Bogicevic (Chinaglia, Romero)
5/8	at Toronto	3-1 W	24,913	Beckenbauer (Chinaglia) Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Romero) DiBernardo (Chinaglia, Romero
5/11	MEMPHIS	4-0 W	31,458	Bogicevic (Romero, Beckenbauer); Romero (DiBernardo); DiBernardo (Davis); Romero (DiBernardo)
5/16	at California	4-1 W	8,660	Chinaglia (DiBernardo); Romero (Durgan); Beckenbauer (DiBernardo); Chinaglia (Neeskens, Davis)
5/21	MANCHESTER CITY (Trans-Atlantic Cup)	3-2 W	31,480	Chinaglia (Beckenbauer, Wilson); Bogicevic (Unassisted); Chinaglia (Davis, DiBernardo)
5/24	A.S. ROMA (Trans-Atlantic Cup)	5-3 W	32,794	Chinaglia (Unassisted); Chinaglia (Beckenbauer, Bogicevic); Own Goal (by Peccenini-Roma) Carlos Alberto (Bogicevic, Cabanas); Chinaglia (Penalty kick)
		(OVER)		

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATT.	TEAM SCORING
5/26	VANCOUVER (Trans-Atlantic Cup)	1-1 T	60,384	Chinaglia (Davis, Neeskens)