COSMOS

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EDMONTON DRILLERS VS. COSMOS
GIANTS STADIUM
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RECORDS: The Cosmos are 19-7 after winning their last three NASL matches, all at home. Their 170 points trails Seattle by 27 in the battle for the NASL point championship, but they hold three games in hand after the Sounders 4-1 victory over Tulsa last night. The Cosmos first goal this evening will clinch them their third consecutive Eastern Division championship, and guarantee them no worse that the second seed for the playoffs. They are the league's only unbeaten home team (13-0), and have collected 111 standings points at home out of a maximum possible total of 117. They are 6-7 on the road.

Edmonton is 14-13 with 123 points and now holds a solid grip on second place and a playoff spot in the American Conference West after three consecutive victories. The Drillers have scored road wins over Philadelphia (4-2) and San Diego (2-0) and sandwiched an overtime home win over the powerful Chicago Sting in between. Overall, they are 9-5 at home and 5-8 on the road.

TONIGHT'S RADIO/TV: This evening's match will be broadcast live over WNEW Radio (1130 AM) with Jim Karvellas and Seamus Malin reporting. The Canadian Sports Network will televise the game back to Canada with Al McCann handling play-by-play and Brian Rice color.

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS:

Referee:	Abraham Klein
Linesmen:	Robert Vanderwarker (36)
	William Hausch (86)
4th Official:	Franz Gaertner

THE SERIES: The Cosmos and Edmonton Drillers are meeting for the first time ever tonight, through the Cosmos hold a 6-2 edge over predecessors of their Canadian counterparts, which include the Hartford and Connecticut Bicentennials (1975-77) and the Oakland Stompers (1978).

STATUS REPORT: Carlos Alberto is questionable for tonight's match on his day of honor with a strained thigh. Rick Davis is back at full health

and should see action in place of Johan Neeskens, who will be out for three games with strained ligaments in his left knee. Eskandarian suffered facial and rib contusions in a collision with Jeff Durgan at practice yesterday and will be out for at least tonight.

CARLOS ALBERTO: The Cosmos paid tribute to sweeper Carlos Alberto tonight. Since Carlos arrived toward the end of the 1977 season, the Cosmos have run up an overall NASL record of 85-23, including two championships. He was voted the NASL's 'Best Defender' and a First-Team All-NASL selection each of the last two seasons. Perhaps the greatest testimony to his value to the Cosmos though, was his near-unanimous choice as the club's MVP last season, in a vote of his world-class teammates.

COSMOS SINCE CARLOS ALBERTO

	W	L
1977	3	1
1977 Playoffs	6	0
1978	24	6
1978 Playoffs	5	1
1979	24	6
1979 Playoffs	4	2
1980	19	7
	85	23

Festivities tonight included a presentation to Carlos by his long-time teammate Pele of a replica of the original Jules Rimet World Cup trophy which was retired into Captain Carlos Alberto's hands ten years ago after Brazil's third World Cup championship in Mexico City. A film clip showed both the last goal of Brazil's 4-1 victory over Italy in the Final, which was scored by Carlos on a beautiful feed from Pele, and the historic victory stand trophy presentation.

Boys and girls from the Cosmos Soccer Camp ringed the field during the ceremonies with sixteen getting the special honor of holding the flags of the nations who participated in the 1970 World Cup. Cosmos Executive Vice-President Rafael de la Sierra placed an annual scholarship to Adelphi University in Carlos' name, and Albert Diz of Varig Brazilian Airlines presented the sweeper a giant action painting of himself, done by Robert Nieman. Carlos's wife Terese was presented flowers by the ballpersons.

Other guests and presentations included Senator Joseph Merlino, President of the NJ State Senate who presented Carlos with a proclamation on behalf of Governor Byrne. Proclamations from Governor Carey of New York and Mayor Koch of New York City were given by Rafael de la Sierra. Also on hand for the ceremonies was Romeo Zero, Consul General of the Brazilian Consulate in New York.

NEXT GAME: If the Cosmos do manage to clinch their division tonight, they will have little time to celebrate. Tomorrow morning, they embark

for the West Coast and the second leg of Seattle Showdown against the Sounders on Saturday night. A crowd of over 50,000 is expected to pack the Kingdome for the match, which will go a long way toward determining the NASL's regular-season point champion. Seattle clinched the Western Division title with a 4-1 victory over Tulsa last night. The two teams' combined home record of 27-1 speaks for the importance of the guaranteed home field advantage that comes with the point title, and for the resultant playoff atmosphere that will dominate the Kingdome. Saturday's match will be televised on a one hour delay back to New York on WOR-TV (Channel 9) and around the country on cable, beginning at 11:30 pm (EDT). Jim Karvellas will handle the play-by-play and Seamus Malin will provide color. The match will be joined in progress on WNEW Radio (1130 AM), also beginning at 11:30 pm, with Sam Rosen and Werner Roth doing the commentary.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE PLAYOFF PICTURE

		Games Left	Points
1.	Seattle	3	197
2.	Cosmos	6	170
3.	Dallas	5	120
4.	Los Angeles	5	151
5.	Washingotn	4	134
6.	Tulsa	4	119
7.	Vancouver	4	120
8.	Minnesota	4	118
	Toronto	5	107
	Rochester	5	99

NEW-SIGNED BOGIE SHOOTS FOR RECORD: Cosmos midfielder Vladislav Bogicevic, who signed a brand new three-year contract on Tuesday, will attempt to become the all-time NASL assist leader tonight. Bogie enters the match with 54 assists in 81 games and is dead-even with Tampa Bay's Steve Wegerle, who will play his 106th game this Saturday.

CHINAGLIA VS. CHINAGLIA: Below is an update on Giorgio Chinaglia's pursuit of his own single-season NASL scoring records of 34 goals and 79 points set in 1978:

	GAMES LEFT	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
1980	6	28	10	66
1978	6	27	11	65

CONCACAF YOUTH TOURNEY: The United States can clinch a spot in the quarter-finals of the 19-team youth tournament with a tie or a win in their match against El Salvador tonight in Princeton, New Jersey. The final of the tournament will be played at Giants Stadium on Sunday, August 17th at 4:30 pm, prior to the Cosmos match against Johan Cruyff and the Washington Diplomats.

PRELIMINARIES/TAILGATING: Tonight's first preliminary was a match-up between the Scotch Plains Soccer Club (gold) and the Norwalk Juventus (black). The second match featured the Tenafly Soccer Club (orange) against the Marlboro Soccer Club (white). Tailgaters were in parking lots 9 and 11 with a Dixieland band prior to the game, and prizes were awarded to the winners at halftime.

PROMOTION/HALFTIME: Varig Brazilian Airlines sponsored tonight's 15,000 Carlos Alberto poster giveaway. The Cosmos Girls performed at halftime, and saluted Carlos with their routine "I Go to Rio."

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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	26	26	2395	148	18	3/1	3/4	1/1	28	10	66
7	Julio Cesar Romero	26	26	2325	99	26	1/0		1/4	12	16	40
8	Vladislav Bogicevic	26	25	2318	47	36	1/0		1/3	4	14	22
16	Angelo DiBernardo	23	19	1770	57	25	1/0		1/2	4	12	20
6	Franz Beckenbauer	21	21	1817	22	10			0/2	4	9	17
13	Johan Neeskens	16	16	1388	29	42	3/0			4	7	15
5	Carlos Alberto	22	22	2069	10	7	1/0		0/4	2	7	11
20	Francois Van der Elst	8	8	695	27	5	1/0			4	2	10
17	Rick Davis	11	10	915	12	20				0	7	7
11	Seninho	11	3	448	10	10			2/3	2	2	6
2	Eskandarian	21	21	2010	8	43	1/0		1/3	0	4	4
14	Mark Liveric	12	6	585	14	16	5/0		0/2	1	1	3
15	Wim Rijsbergen	15	15	1327	5	34	2/0			0	3	3
25	Jeff Durgan	22	22	2028	9	55	3/1			0	2	2
19	Roberto Cabanas	9	2	267	20	10				1	0	2
3	Bruce Wilson	14	11	1117	1	24	3/0		1/3	0	0	0
12	Larry Hulcer	9	3	327	2	4				0	0	0
23	Nelsi Morais	2	1	105	0	1			0/1	0	0	0
18	Boris Bandov	1	0	36	0	0				0	0	0
4	Oscar	3	3	285	5	6	1/0			0	0	0
1	Hubert Birkenmeier	26	26	2429		1	1/0					
	TOTALS				525	393	27/3	*3/4	8/28	66	96	228
	OPP. TOTALS				443	387	29/5	5/5	7/26	32	34	98

NO.	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN.	SHOTS	SAVES	GOALS	PK	SO/SOA	SHUT	GAA
1	Hubert Birkenmeier	26	26	2429	443	168	32	5/5	7/26	7	1.19
	TOTALS	26	26	2429	443	168	32	5/5	7/26	7	
	OPP TOTALS			2429	525	187	66	3/4	8/28	2	

TEAM STATISTICS	1	2	OT	OT	SO	OWN GOALS	CORNER KICKS	OFF SIDES
COSMOS	27	34	0	0	3	0	166	64
OPPOSITION	12	19	0	1	2	1	169	105

* Includes one ejection received by coach

1980 COSMOS RESULTS

RECORD: 19-7 (170 pts)
HOME: 13-0
AWAY: 6-7

ATTENDANCE:
HOME: 558,448 AVG: 42,958
AWAY: 351,999 AVG: 27,077

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 kick) 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)
5/26	VANCOUVER (Trans-Atlantic Cup)	1-1 T	60,384	Chinaglia (Davis, Neeskens)
6/1	at Washington	2-1 W (SO)	53,351	Chinaglia (DiBernardo, Carlos Alberto)
6/4	NEW ENGLAND	2-1 W	34,723	Chinaglia (Eskandarian) Neeskens (Bogicevic, Romero)
6/8	ATLANTA	6-0 W	35,007	Romero (Bogicevic, Neeskens) Chinaglia (DiBernardo) Chinaglia (Romero, Carlos Alberto) Carlos Alberto (Chinaglia) Chinaglia (Bogicevic) Neeskens (Eskandarian, Beckenbauer)
6/11	at Rochester	4-2 W	16,110	Romero (Chinaglia) Romero (Beckenbauer) DiBernardo (Chinaglia, Beckenbauer) Seninho (Bogicevic)
6/14	at Tampa Bay	3-4 L	54,247	Chinaglia (penalty kick) Seninho (unassisted) Chinaglia (Eskandarian, DiBernardo)

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DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATT.	TEAM SCORING
6/16	at New England	1-2 L (OT)	28,356	Neeskens (Beckenbauer)
6/22	FT. LAUDERDALE	2-0 W	70,312	Bogicevic (Beckenbauer, Romero) Chinaglia (Romero)
6/25	at Los Angeles	0-2 L	26,325	----------
6/29	at Vancouver	3-0 W	32,280	Van der Elst (unassisted) Beckenbauer (Alberto, Romero) Romero (Van der Elst, Chinaglia)
7/2	TORONTO	3-1 W	33,281	Romero (Rijsbergen, Durgan) Chinaglia (unassisted) Bogicevic (DiBernardo)
7/6	PORTLAND	4-1 W	41,260	Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Rijsbergen) Chinaglia (penalty kick) Chinaglia (Rijsbergen, Bogicevic) Carlos Alberto (Chinaglia)
7/9	PHILADELPHIA	2-1 W	31,783	Chinaglia (Neeskens, DiBernardo) Chinaglia (Van der Elst, Neeskens)
7/12	at Detroit	0-1 L (SO)	27,234	----------
7/16	at Philadelphia	1-2 L	15,213	Own Goal (by Smith-Philadelphia)
7/20	SEATTLE	3-1 W	60,812	Romero (Beckenbauer, Bogicevic) Van der Elst (Neeskens, Chinaglia) Chinaglia (DiBernardo)
7/23	SAN DIEGO	5-0 W	33,008	Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Romero) Chinaglia (DiBernardo, Neeskens) DiBernardo (Romero) Van der Elst (Bogicevic, Romero) Cabanas (Neeskens, Romero)
7/30	RIVER PLATE (International)	1-1 T	47,320	Bogicevic (Chinaglia, Neeskens)
8/3	LOS ANGELES	4-1 W	48,019	Neeskens (Bogicevic) Van der Elst (Bogicevic, Chinaglia) Chinaglia (Eskandarian, Beckenbauer) Chinaglia (penalty kick)

COSMOS 1980 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	DATE OF BIRTH	HT.	WT.	CITIZEN	PREVIOUS TEAM	YR. JOINED COSMOS
1	Hubert Birkenmeier	Goalkeeper	5/24/49	5-9	169	W. Germany	Freiburg	1979
2	Andranik Eskandarian	Defender	12/31/51	5-7	155	Armenia	Tadj	1979
3	Bruce Wilson	Defender	6/20/51	5-10	155	Canada	Chicago Sting	1980
5	Carlos Alberto	Defender	7/17/44	6-0	170	Brazil	Flamengo	1977
6	Franz Beckenbauer	Midfielder	9/11/45	5-11	165	W. Germany	Bayern Munich	1977
7	Julio Cesar Romero	Midfielder	8/28/60	5-7	145	Paraguay	Sportivo Luqueno	1980
8	Vladislav Bogicevic	Midfielder	11/6/50	6-1	180	Yugoslavia	Red Star	1978
9	Giorgio Chinaglia	Forward	1/24/47	6-1	180	USA	Lazio	1976
11	Seninho	Forward	7/1/49	5-9½	154	Portugal	Oporto	1978
12	Larry Hulcer	Midfielder	4/26/57	5-9	160	USA	Los Angeles Aztecs	1980
13	Johan Neeskens	Midfielder	9/15/51	5-9	170	Holland	Barcelona	1979
14	Mark Liveric	Forward	8/16/53	5-11	175	USA	Edmonton	1974, '79
15	Wim Rijsbergen	Defender	1/18/52	6-0	155	Holland	Bastia	1979
16	Angelo DiBernardo	Forward	5/16/56	5-9	154	USA	Los Angeles Aztecs	1980
17	Rick Davis	Midfielder	11/24/58	5-8	155	USA	Santa Clara	1978
18	Boris Bandov	Midfielder	11/23/53	5-10	175	USA	Tampa Bay	1979
19	Roberto Cabanas	Forward	4/11/61	5-9	155	Paraguay	Cerro Porteno	1980
20	Francois Van der Elst	Forward	12/7/54	5-8	155	Belgium	Anderlecht	1980
21	David Brcic	Goalkeeper	1/21/58	6-2½	173	USA	St. Louis Univeristy	1978
23	Nelsi Morais	Defender	10/22/51	5-9	165	Brazil	Santos	1976
24	Darryl Gee	Forward	5/9/62	5-10	165	USA	Oakland Mills H.S.-Columbia, MD	1980
25	Jeff Durgan	Defender	8/29/61	6-1	175	USA	Stadium H.S.-Tacoma, WA	1979
27	Dino Alberti	Goalkeeper	1/20/62	6-1	170	Canada	Vancouver Technical School	1980

HEAD COACH	ASSISTANT COACHES	CAPTAIN	TRAINER	ASSISTANT TRAINER
Hennes Weisweiler	Terry Garbett Miguel De Lima Erol Yasin	Giorgio Chinaglia	Joel Rosenstein	Arnold Trachtenberg