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TWENTY-TWO PLAYERS SELECTED FOR U.S. NATIONAL TEAM

NEW YORK, N.Y., September 15, 1980 -- Twenty-two players have been selected by National Coach Walt Chyzowych to play for the United States National Team in the upcoming five-game, 26-day European tour, the training venture for the crucial preliminary qualification matches with Canada and Mexico for the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

From this elite squad of 22 American players, Chyzowych is expected to name his final selections for the CONCACAF (North, Central America, and the Caribbean) Northern Zone preliminaries with Canada and Mexico, which will get underway Oct. 25 vs. Canada in Ft. Lauderdale. The U.S. team will depart for Europe Sept. 19 to begin training for the World Cup qualifying matches.

"After extensive scouting and cross checking with coaches from around the country," said Chyzowych, "I feel we have chosen the outstanding American players that are available. This group will take part in an extensive training period in Europe, enabling me to better identify our best squad to play against Canada and Mexico."

In keeping with the rules laid out by FIFA, soccer's world governing body, final rosters for all World Cup matches must be submitted no later than 10 days prior to each match and the opposition must be notified at that time as well. The final 22-player roster will be announced Oct. 15.

"Some of the players that will be going to Europe -- like Mark Peterson and Steve Moyers -- have not yet played for our World Cup team," noted Chyzowych. "We'll be taking a close look at the team in Europe, and maybe even have some new faces when we choose the final team for the World Cup games."

Included among the five opponents in Europe are "full" internationals against Portugal and Luxembourg, and a game with England's National "B" Team. The team will train at the Adidas Sporthotel in West Germany beginning Sept. 20.

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