

CLIPPERS PRO SOCCER NEWS



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Santos of Brazil with Pele, the world's No. 1 soccer player and highest paid athlete will be playing the Oakland Clippers on Sunday, August 4, at 2 PM in the Oakland Coliseum, Clippers President Toby Hilliard announced today. The game will not be televised.

Pele, 27, received rave notices during his team's tour of the US this month. All agreed that he was as good as his reputation. Between 1957 and 1967 Pele scored a total of 878 goals, a unique feat in soccer history.

For its game in Oakland Santos will be a still stronger team than the one that won 7 of its 9 games in the US in June. Five top players, who could not make the trip because they were selected to play on the Brazilian National Team, are expected to start on August 4. Best known of these is 19 - year old outside left Edu, by many experts tabbed as the Pele of the future. Goalkeeper Claudio, fullbacks Carlos Alberto and Rildo and center-half Joel will make the fabulous Brazilian team as strong on defense as its spectacular attack.

The Oakland Clippers will have 10 days to prepare for the biggest test in their history. Team Manager Dr. Aleksandar Obradovic feels that the game comes at a good moment for his charges, since the Clippers have found that elusive scoring touch again. "Of course, " he commented, "Santos and Pele are the best in the world, but the Clippers have always risen to the challenge. Nobody gave us a chance against Manchester and we won 3-0. I am not saying we'll beat Santos, but we'll give them a run for their money. And with the money they charge that will have to be quite a run."

The Clippers' conference game against the Los Angeles Wolves, originally scheduled for August 4, has been postponed. No new date has been set as yet.

A uniform ticket price of \$5.00 on game day and \$4.00 for tickets bought in advance has been set for this spectacular international exhibition game. Children 16 and under will be charged half-price.

NOTE: Press passes dated August 4 will be honored.

NOTE: TO SPORTS COLUMNISTS; A special release on Pele will be sent out on Thursday, July 25, 1968.

Following are the ticket agencies where advance tickets for the Santos game can be purchased.