

## GAME NOTES NEW YORK at PHILADELPHIA 16, 1980

Member North American Soccer League
Tonight's referee is Mr. William Maxwell. The senior linesman is Mr. Gaetano Anelli and the junior linesman is Mr. Gerhard Ternette. The fourth official is Mr. Jim Fitzpatrick.

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Mr. Ed DeSeve, Director of Finance for the City of Philadelphia, will be throwing out tonight's game ball. The City issued a proclamation declaring today, July 16th, as "Soccer Day in Philadelphia."

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The Fury will be looking for revenge this evening after dropping a hard fought 2-1 decision to the Cosmos last Wednesday night at the Meadowlands. Giorgio Chinaglia overcame a strong marking effort by Bobby Smith to score both New York goals and retake the NASL scoring leadership. Tony Glavin netted the only Philadelphia goal on a brilliant individual play after taking a pass from Fran O'Brien. The three stars for the game were: 1) Chinaglia, 2) Glavin, and 3) O'Brien.

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Philadelphia is still looking for their first ever victory over the Cosmos. In last year's meeting at Veteran's Stadium on July 21st the Cosmos prevailed by a 1-0 score. Johan neesken's tally at 81:17 provided all the scoring that Hubert Birkenmeier needed in recording the shutout, negating the marvelous performance turned in by Bob Rigby who recorded a club record 14 saves.

The leading scorer in the series is Chinaglia with 7 goals for 14 points. Erol Yasin turned in a pair of shutouts while Birkenmeier has one to his credit.

The results:

6/11/78 @ N.Y. 0-1

4/29/79 @ N.Y. 2-4 7/9/80 . @ N.Y. 1-2

7/15/78 @ Phil 0-3

7/21/79 @ Phil 0-1

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Fury Head Coach Eddie Firmani is 2 victories shy of the magical 100 mark in the NASL. Firmani has recorded 83 regular season victories in less than six full seasons of coaching in addition to 15 playoff wins. In three seasons with New York he turned in a 36-11 mark and was 11-1 in the playoffs.

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8 of Philadelphia's 15 victories this season have been by a one goal margin, including overtime losses to Vancouver and Washington.

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Bob Rigby has spearheaded a tough Fury defense all season, compiling a 1.89 goals against average which belies his outstanding play. Rigby was named the game's second star in a 4-0 loss in New England on June 28th after being called upon to make numerous acrobatic saves. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Andy Lynch has converted all three of his penalty kick attempts this season and now has a consecutive streak of 21. He has scored on 25 of 26 attempts in his professional career. Radi Martinovic is sitting out tonight's game serving the second game of a two game suspension which resulted from an incident in the June 22nd game vs. San Diego. Bobby Smith will begin serving his two game suspension on Saturday evening when the Fury host the California Surf. Smith will also miss the contest next Wednesday against Edmonton.

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Fury forward Pat Fidelia has resumed workouts with the club. Fidelia sustained a fractured left ankle in a game at RFK Stadium in Washington on April 13th. Trainer Bruce Hayne indicates that Fidelia may be ready to see action in two weeks.

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Next Wednesday's game with the Edmonton Drillers has been switched from a 8:05 start to a 7:35 kickoff in order to accommodate the Driller's travel plans.

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The Fury returns to action on Saturday evening when they square off with the California Surf in a 8:05 contest at Veteran's Stadium. The division leading Surf are paced by the high scoring Englishman Laurie Abrahams who is the American Conference's point leader with 44 on 17 goals and 10 assists.

New York's Giorgio Chinaglia is slightly behind the scoring pace which took him to several NASL scoring marks in 1978. To date Chinaglia has 54 points on 23 goals and 8 assists and is chasing his marks of 34 goals and 79 points.

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260 NASL games have been played to date:

104 of the games (40%) have resulted in a shutout with the home team winning 71 times.

53 games have gone into overtime with the visitors taking 11 of the 20 decisions.

33 have been decided in the shootout with the home team capturing 18.

The National Conference holds a 62-56 edge over the American Conference in their meetings.

Applications for press credentials are now available from Bob Wahlquist or Carole Jarden. The Soccer Bowl will be played on Sunday September 21st at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C.

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