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ARROWS NAME YEPREMIAN PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

The New York Arrows today named Krikor Yepremian president and general manager of the Major Indoor Soccer League champions. He will assume his new duties immediately.

Yepremian replaces Richard A. Altomare, who was named to the position of executive vice president with J & B Management, the real estate company headed by John Luciani, the owner of the Arrows.

Yepremian, a resident of Northport, L. I., resigned from the Cosmos organization last week after serving as general manager for four years. During that period he brought three NASL championships to the Cosmos.

Yepremian, the older brother of football players Garo and Berj Yepremian, has had an extensive career in soccer. Born in Cyprus of Armenian parents, Yepremian played the sport as a youngster. He starred on the soccer team at Indiana University, where he also attended graduate school. He served as assistant soccer coach for one year at Indiana U.

Yepremian was general manager of the Fort Lauderdale Strikers in 1977 and compiled an NASL-best 19-7 record.

"I'm sure Krikor Yepremian and (Arrows coach) Don Popovic will continue to produce championship soccer as has been the tradition of the Arrows," said Altomare, "and I am turning over an undefeated team to Krikor." The Arrows have a 1-0 record.

The Arrows have been the only champions in the three-year history of the Major Indoor Soccer League.

Popovic had high praise for Yepremian. "I have known Krikor for many years," Popovic said, "and he is one of the better general managers in soccer. He is very professional and his record speaks for itself. He is a person who will help our organization especially at the gate. His experience and knowledge about soccer and about business can't help but be a tremendous asset to the New York Arrows."

