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COSMOS SIGN CANTER

The Cosmos have signed Dan Canter, Team America's most valuable player this past summer, to a contract for the 1983-84 indoor soccer season, it was announced today by Executive Vice-President Rafael de la Sierra. Cosmos coach Eddie Firmani hopes to use the defender in this afternoon's game against the Chicago Sting.

Canter who played with Team America on loan from Ft. Lauderdale, formed an effective center-back tandem there with Cosmos defender Jeff Durgan. The two native Americans built a powerful wall in the defensive middle for the Washington D.C.-based franchise and are likely to be called on for similar duty next fall for the U.S. National Team's World Cup qualifying effort.

Canter was born in North Plainfield, New Jersey and raised in Chatham, New Jersey, 20 minutes from Giants Stadium. After watching Eddie Firmani lead the Cosmos to back-to-back N.A.S.L. championships as a regular Giants Stadium spectator in 1977 and 1978, Canter went on to a brilliant All-American career at Penn State. He was Ft. Lauderdale's first-round choice in the 1982 draft, just one pick ahead of the Cosmos who had him at the top of their priority list. The 6'1", 175-pounder went on to finish as runner-up in the N.A.S.L.'s Rookie-of-the-Year voting in 1982. The thrill of his career came on 8/5/83, when he scored a hat-trick for Team America against the Strikers in Lockhart Stadium.

Canter will wear #18 for the Cosmos.