

YEAR IN REVIEW - 1981 PLAYOFF PORTFOLIO

**CHICAGO
STING**



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CHICAGO STING GAME NOTES

GAME: SOCCER BOWL 1981

CHICAGO STING-vs-NEW YORK COSMOS

DATE: September 26

SITE: EXHIBITION STADIUM (TORONTO)

STING ELIMINATE SOCKERS

It was a typical Sting victory; suspense until the final moment. The Chicago Sting beat the San Diego Sockers 1-0 in a shootout before a record Sting crowd of 39,623. It marks the first time in the history of the Sting that they have made it to the Soccer Bowl. Chicago played the maximum number of matches to reach this plateau; they beat Seattle, Montreal, and San Diego in three games. In the final two series, the Sting battled back from a one game deficit to come back and win the series. It's a dream final for the NASL as it pits the two top teams in the league playing for the coveted title.

The goalkeepers were the real story of the final San Diego match. Dieter Ferner and Volkmar Gross were simply outstanding as they continually came up with the big save. The Sting, however, controlled play most of the way. Karl-Heinz Granitza had three tremendous opportunities early in the game, but the closest he came was when his direct free kick hit the crossbar.

Pato Margetic took off on a 50 yard run at 12:47 of the game, dribbled through four men and passed to Arno Steffenhagen who was wide open on the right wing. Arno blasted a shot and Volkmar Gross made a tremendous diving save to end the threat. With 16 minutes to play in the half, Paul Hahn led Karl-Heinz Granitza as he broke through the Sockers defense. Gross made an unbelievable diving save. Nico Rohmann had the best opportunity for the Sockers at 41:50 when he took a centering pass in front of the net. Dieter Ferner made a spectacular diving save and the game remained scoreless at halftime.

The game followed the same pattern in the second half as both goalkeepers continued to play well. With 24 minutes left in regulation time, Nico Rohmann led Julie Veee who moved in on the left wing. Veee's shot hit the post and bounced away. Gross and Ferner held their ground as the game remained scoreless at the end of regulation time.

Chicago dominated the first overtime period and had its best opportunity with 3:38 to go in the period as Charlie Fajkus fired from point blank range. Gross made a brilliant save as Paul Hahn fanned the rebound.

In the second overtime period, Steve Nesin was called for tripping Ingo Peter in the penalty area and Chicago was awarded a penalty kick. Derek Spalding took the penalty kick and Volkmar Gross made a spectacular diving save to his right. On the play, Gert Wieczorkowski received a red card for dissent and the Sockers finished the remaining 5:27 with ten men. They managed to hold off the Sting as the match went into a shootout.

The Sting had been undefeated all season in overtimes and shootouts. (3-0 in OT, and 3-0 in SO). The Sting continued to keep their record intact as they outscored the Sockers 3-2 in the shootout for the victory and a berth in the Soccer Bowl.

Here's how the shootout went:

STING

#10 Pato Margetic - G
#9 Charlie Fajkus - WR
#4 Derek Spalding - WL
#16 David Huson - G
#12 Karl-Heinz Granitza - S
#7 Frantz Mathieu - G

SOCKERS

#22 Julie Vee - G
#10 Kaz Deyna - G
#17 Steve Nesin - S
#18 Manu Sanon - High
#24 Nico Rohmann - WL
#2 Martin Donnelley - S

After falling behind in the shootout, the Sting came back on a goal by Dave Huson to tie and pulled it out when Frantz Mathieu scored on Volkmar Gross and thousands rushed to the field.

After the game, Sting Coach Willy Roy had the following comments regarding the team's first trip to the Soccer Bowl, where the Sting will play the New York Cosmos. "We had a much tougher path to the Soccer Bowl than the Cosmos. We had to play nine games to their five. However, that might be an edge to us because it might make us sharper. The Cosmos are a definite favorite. We are always motivated when we play the Cosmos. We don't feel any differently about playing the Cosmos again. It's just an honor to be in this final match."

STING-vs-COSMOS

The Sting and Cosmos have met twice this year with Chicago coming out on top both times; 3-2 (OT) in New York on May 17 and 6-5 (SO) in Chicago on June 28. Both games were played in the characteristically attacking style of both clubs.

Karl-Heinz Granitza was the culprit in game one in New York when he scored two goals off of free kicks. The first of Granitza's free kick goals gave Chicago a 1-0 lead at 18:18. Pato Margetic and Granitza worked a beautiful give and go and Margetic gave the Sting a 2-0 lead at 33:34. Francois Van der Elst cut the lead to 2-1 with a goal just before halftime. Giorgio Chinaglia scored on a penalty kick just 42 seconds into the second half. Ingo Peter received a red card at 57:36 and the Sting played shorthanded for the remainder of the match until Karl-Heinz Granitza's second free kick goal gave Chicago a 3-2 win at 99:23.

On June 28 in Chicago, the Sting won a real donnybrook 6-5 in a shootout. Ingo Peter and Dave Huson gave Chicago a 2-0 lead, but Giorgio Chinaglia and Cesar Romero tied the score at 2-2. Charlie Fajkus gave the Sting a 3-2 lead just before halftime. Chicago upped their lead to 4-2 when Arno Steffenhagen scored at 49:36 of the second half. However, the Cosmos came back again when Chinaglia and Romero scored again to tie the game. Ingo Peter gave Chicago a 5-4 lead at 76:02, but Ivan Buljan tied it for the Cosmos at 89:19. There was no scoring in the overtime periods, and it led to the shootout. Chicago outscored New York 2-1 in the shootout to pull out a 6-5 win.

Chicago has beaten the Cosmos six out of seven games in the series history. However, this is the first time they have ever met in playoff competition.

Leading Chicago Scorers-vs-New York

	G	A	TP
#12 Karl-Heinz Granitza	2	1	5
#14 Ingo Peter	2	0	4
#10 Pato Margetic	1	1	3
#6 Arno Steffenhagen	1	1	3
#9 Charlie Fajkus	1	1	3
#16 Dave Huson	1	0	2
#2 Ivan Miljkovic	0	1	1
#11 Mark Simanton	0	1	1

Leading New York Scorers-vs-Chicago

	G	A	TP
#9 Giorgio Chinaglia	3	3	9
#7 Julio Cesar Romero	2	2	6
#20 Francois Van der Elst	1	2	4
#2 Ivan Buljan	1	0	1
#19 Roberto Cabanas	0	2	2
#11 Seninho	0	1	1

GAME OFFICIALS

Referee: Dante Maglio

Sr. Linesman: Derek Davis

Jr. Linesman: Robert Donahue

Reserve Referee: Tony Evangelista

4th Official: William Bouwmeester

RADIO

Tonight's Championship match will be heard live on WXFM (106) and WGN (720 AM) with Howard Balson calling the play-by-play and Kenny Stern providing the color commentary.

The match can also be heard in Spanish on WOJO (105.1 FM) with Jorge Ramos calling the play-by-play and Luis Rossi and Leon Martinez handling color commentary.

1981 CHICAGO STING PLAYOFF STATISTICS

NO.	NAME	GP	GS	MINN	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
12	Karl-Heinz Granitza	9	9	825:00	55	22	1/0	0/0	0/1	7	5	19
6	Arno Steffenhagen	8	8	681:02	31	10	1/1	0/0	0/0	3	2	8
14	Ingo Peter	9	9	804:39	32	20	0/0	0/0	0/0	2	4	8
9	Charlie Fajkus	9	8	706:38	10	12	0/0	0/0	0/1	1	2	4
10	Pato Margetic	5	5	410:47	10	7	0/0	0/0	1/1	1	2	4
16	Dave Huson	9	8	685:45	4	15	1/0	0/0	1/1	1	1	3
4	Derek Spalding	9	9	825:00	8	25	1/0	1/2	0/1	1	1	3
5	Paul Hahn	9	8	758:47	4	8	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	3	3
18	John Tyma	6	2	225:52	8	6	0/0	0/0	0/0	1	0	2
7	Frantz Mathieu	9	9	807:13	4	15	2/0	0/0	1/1	1	0	2
8	Rudy Glenn	8	8	579:06	11	17	1/0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
23	Bret Hall	7	0	178:32	1	3	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
3	Greg Ryan	8	5	490:08	1	10	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
2	Ivan Miljkovic	3	1	110:35	1	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
11	Mark Simanton	2	1	94:39	1	3	1/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
13	Tasso Koutsoukos	1	0	20:24	0	1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
17	Steve Long	0	0	0:00	0	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
STING TOTALS				825:00	181	174	9/1*	1/2	3/6	18	21	57
OPPONENTS TOTALS				825:00	131	179	15/1	1/1	2/6	16	25	57

GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

NO.	NAME	GP	GS	MINN	SHS	SVS	G	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SH	GAA
22	Dieter Ferner	9	9	814:05	129	46	15	1/1	2/6	1	1.66
20	Paul Coffee	1	0	10:55	2	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	8.53
STING TOTALS				825:00	131	46	16	1/1	2/6	1	1.75
OPP. TOTALS				825:00	181	53	18	1/2	3/6	1	1.96

* includes one caution to Coach Willy Roy

Total Home Playoff Attendance:	152,243	Total Road Playoff Attendance	91,910
Average Home Playoff Attendance:	25,374	Aver. Road Playoff Attendance	30,637

TEAM STATISTICS

Scoring by Periods

	1	2	OT	SO	T	Own	Corners	Offsides
STING	8	10	0	1	20	0	74	34
Opponents	5	11	0	0	16	1	73	20

1981 CHICAGO STING INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NO.	NAME	GP	GS	MINN.	SHS.	FLS.	C/E	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
12	Karl-Heinz Granitza	31	31	2833:14	137	33	7/1	1/1	19	17	55
6	Arno Steffenhagen	28	28	2550:38	77	24	5/0	0/0	17	10	44
10	Pato Margetic	23	23	2009:36	49	21	2/0	1/2	8	17	33
14	Ingo Peter	26	26	2286:33	68	53	6/2	0/0	8	8	24
9	Charlie Fajkus	26	25	1995:04	24	20	0/0	1/1	7	6	20
8	Rudy Glenn	28	22	1904:33	36	54	4/1	1/2	7	0	14
16	Dave Huson	31	30	2691:54	34	31	1/0	2/3**	4	4	12
4	Derek Spalding	28	24	2190:56	25	54	3/0	1/3	2	7	11
2	Ivan Miljkovic	24	20	1756:29	17	33	4/0	0/0	0	7	7
7	Frantz Mathieu	31	31	2741:05	5	41	3/1	0/0	1	5	7
18	John Tyma	9	4	415:07	14	7	0/0	0/0	3	1	7
11	Mark Simanton	21	11	993:23	15	34	2/0	0/0	1	4	6
17	Steve Long	12	3	444:04	7	6	0/0	0/0	1	3	5
5	Paul Hahn	18	18	1515:35	14	8	0/0	0/1	1	3	5
23	Bret Hall	24	9	1244:47	16	22	1/0	0/0	1	3	5
3	Greg Ryan	19	11	1223:03	3	20	0/0	0/0	1	2	4
13	Tasso Koutsoukos	12	6	648:26	15	13	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
1	Phil Parkes	10	9	788:12	0	1	1/0	0/0	0	0	0

TOTAL				2947:29	556	475	40/6*	7/13	81	98	260
OPPONENTS				2947:29	545	554	38/7	2/14	49	68	166

GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

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1	Phil Parkes	10	9	788:12	151	41	11	2/3	0/0	3	1.26
20	Paul Coffee	12	10	984:10	187	71	18	2/2	0/3	2	1.65
22	Dieter Ferner	13	13	1175:07	207	58	21	1/1	2/11	2	1.61

TOTAL				2947:29	545	170	50	5/6	2/14	7	1.53
OPPONENTS				2947:29	556	173	81	2/4	7/13	3	2.47

TEAM STATISTICS

SCORING BY PERIODS

	1	2	OT	SO	T	OWN	CORNERS	OFFSIDES
STING	30	48	3	3	84	1	215	115
OPPONENTS	23	26	0	0	50	0	208	63

* INCLUDES ONE CAUTION AND ONE EJECTION TO COACH WILLY ROY.** ONE OF HUSON'S GOALS SCORED AFTER BEING FOULED BY BIRKENMEIER (PENALTY KICK).

STING RECORD: 23-9

HOME RECORD: 13-3

AWAY RECORD: 10-6

TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE: 201,228
AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE: 12,577

TOTAL ROAD ATTENDANCE: 254,299
AVERAGE ROAD ATTENDANC: 15,894

1981 CHICAGO STING OUTDOOR ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	BIRTHDATE	HT.	WT.	CITIZENSHIP
20	Paul Coffee	G	Nov. 12, 1956	6-1	174	United States
15	Jorge Espinoza	M	Mar. 11, 1953	6-0	155	Chile
9	Charlie Fajkus	M	Mar. 4, 1957	5-10	158	United States
22	Dieter Ferner	G	Jan. 16, 1949	6-0	160	West Germany
8	Rudy Glenn	M	Oct. 12, 1958	6-2	185	United States
12	Karl-Heinz Granitza	F	Nov. 1, 1951	6-0	182	West Germany
5	Paul Hahn	D	Jan. 16, 1949	6-2	188	West Germany
23	Bret Hall	M	Nov. 16, 1956	5-7	148	United States
16	Dave Huson	F	Jan. 5, 1951	5-9	150	Channel Island
13	Tasso Koutsoukos	F	Apr. 14, 1959	5-10	173	Canada
17	Steve Long	F	Apr. 23, 1957	5-7	148	United States
10	Pato Margetic	F	May 17, 1960	5-11	154	Argentina
7	Frantz Mathieu	D	Dec. 23, 1952	5-11	162	Haiti
2	Ivan Miljkovic	D	Aug. 1, 1949	6-1	175	Yugoslavia
14	Ingo Peter	M	Oct. 23, 1951	6-3	187	West Germany
3	Greg Ryan	D	Jan. 21, 1957	5-9	156	United States
11	Mark Simanton	M	Dec. 8, 1958	5-11	158	United States
4	Derek Spalding	D	Dec. 20, 1954	5-9	179	United States
6	Arno Steffenhagen	M	Sept. 24, 1949	5-9	159	West Germany
18	John Tyma	F	Oct. 13, 1958	6-0	172	United States

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2	Ivan Miljkovic	D	Aug. 1, 1949	6-1	175	Yugoslavia
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Head Coach/Team Manager - Willy Roy
Assistant Coach - Mike Grbic
Trainer - Jerry Carter
Equipment Manager - Willy Steinmiller

ANTICA SOCIETAS SMITZ GRAFICI GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Record:23-9

Home:13-3

Away: 10-6

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORING
4/11	at Tulsa	3-2 W (OT)	26,181	Granitza; Steffenhagen (Margetic, Granitza); Long (Margetic, Tyma)
4/18	MINNESOTA	0-1 L (WF)	18,181	None
4/25	TULSA	1-0 W (CP)	6,574	Granitza
4/28	at Montreal	1-2 L	15,467	Fajkus (Margetic, Peter)
5/3	TAMPA BAY	3-1 W (CP)	5,857	Granitza (Miljkovic); Peter; Fajkus (Margetic)
5/8	at Dallas	2-0 W	3,702	Granitza (Margetic); Margetic (Peter)
5/10	DALLAS	5-0 W (WF)	1,861	Margetic (Huson, Miljkovic); Glenn (Miljkovic, Peter); Granitza (Ryan, Fajkus); Ryan (Peter); Glenn (Margetic)
5/17	at New York	3-2 W (OT)	42,385	Granitza; Margetic (Granitza); Granitza
5/20	at Minnesota	5-2 W	11,857	Peter (Margetic); Peter; Steffenhagen (Margetic, Granitza); Granitza (Margetic, Miljkovic); Steffenhagen (Granitza)
5/23	SEATTLE	3-1 W (CP)	10,929	Steffenhagen (Spalding, Simanton); Steffenhagen (Long); Granitza (Long, Huson)
5/27	at Toronto	1-3 L	3,126	Spalding (PK)
5/31	MONTREAL	2-0 W (WF)	10,729	Granitza; Mathieu (Steffenhagen)
6/7	at San Diego	1-0 W	32,111	Steffenhagen (Simanton)
6/10	at Vancouver	1-3 L	20,875	Hall (Simanton, Steffenhagen)
6/14	WASHINGTON	2-1 L	8,069	Steffenhagen (Margetic, Granitza)
6/17	at Seattle	1-0 L	13,684	None
6/20	at Portland	4-2 W	12,510	Hahn; Margetic (Fajkus, Granitza); Steffenhagen (Peter); Huson (Granitza)
6/23	PORTLAND	1-0 L	9,568	None
6/28	NEW YORK	6-5 W (SO)	30,501	Peter (Steffenhagen, Fajkus); Huson (Margetic); Fajkus; Stefferhagen (Miljkovic); Peter (Simanton)
7/4	CALGARY	3-0 W	14,966	Glenn (Long, Steffenhagen); Glenn (Steffenhagen, Miljkovic); Huson (Steffenhagen, Miljkovic)
7/8	at Dallas	2-1 W	2,914	Fajkus: Fajkus (Spalding)
7/12	VANCOUVER	2-1 W (OT)	16,256	Tyma (Peter); Peter (Steffenhagen, Hall)

7/15	EDMONTON	4-2 W	8,718	Steffenhagen (Spalding, Granitza); Fajkus (Spalding, Huson); Simanton (Spalding, Peter); Granitza (Mathieu)
7/18	at Minnesota	2-0 W	26,265	Tyma (Peter, Mathieu); Granitza
7/26	TORONTO	5-1 W	17,310	Glenn (Hahn); Fajkus (Granitza); Granitza (Fajkus); Granitza (Fajkus); Steffenhagen (Granitza, Hahn)
7/29	at Edmonton	3-2 W	5,121	Margetic (Granitza, Ryan); Steffenhagen (Granitza, Mathieu); Steffenhagen (Spalding, Margetic)
8/2	at Calgary	4-2 L	9,253	Glenn (Mathieu); Huson (Margetic)
8/5	at Washington	3-2 W (SO)	8,659	Peter (Steffenhagen, Koutsoukos); Peter (Margetic)
8/8	at Tulsa	2-1 L	20,189	Granitza (Margetic, Hall)
8/12	DALLAS	3-1 W	11,560	Steffenhagen (Granitza, Margetic); Granitza; Margetic (Steffenhagen, Granitza)
8/15	MINNESOTA	7-2 W	13,254	Granitza; Steffenhagen (Mathieu); Steffenhagen (Granitza); Spalding; Margetic (Huson, Steffenhagen); Granitza (Hahn, Spalding); Steffenhagen (Granitza, Fajkus)
8/19	TULSA	5-4 W (SO)	16,895	Granitza; Margetic; Glenn (Granitza, Margetic); Tyma (Hall)

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8/23	SEATTLE	3-2 W	14,643	Margetic (Fajkus, Granitza); Peter (Fajkus); Granitza (Peter)
8/26	at Seattle	2-0 L	15,176	None
8/30	SEATTLE	3-2 W	24,080	Spalding; Granitza (Spalding); Fajkus (Granitza, Hahn)
9/2	at Montreal	3-2 L	58,542	Granitza; Peter (Granitza)
9/5	MONTREAL	4-2 W	24,648	Huson; Steffenhagen (Peter, Granitza); Steffenhagen (Granitza, Huson); Granitza
9/10	MONTREAL	4-2 W	27,489	Granitza (Steffenhagen); Tyma (Peter, Hahn); Steffenhagen (Peter, Hahn); Mathieu
9/12	at San Diego	2-1 L	18,192	Own Goal
9/16	SAN DIEGO	2-1 W	21,760	Granitza (Steffenhagen, Margetic); Granitza (Margetic, Glenn)
9/21	SAN DIEGO	1-0 W	39,623	Shootout



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THE ROAD TO SOCCER BOWL '81

The Chicago Sting enter into their first Soccer Bowl in team history following their most successful season ever. Chicago tied or broke 13 club records this season:

1. Highest overall finish in NASL - 2ND
2. Most wins in a season - 23
3. Most home wins in a season - 13
4. Most road wins in a season - 10
5. Longest winning streak - 8
6. Longest road winning streak - 4
7. Most overtime games in a season - 6
8. Most overtime games won in a season - 3
9. Most tiebreakers won in a season - 3
10. Most bonus points in a season - 63
11. Most NASL standing points - 195
12. Most goals in a season - 84
13. Most team shutouts in a season - 7

Chicago also had the honor of having Coach Willy Roy named the NASL "Coach of the Year". Five players were also named to the NASL All-Star Team.

1ST TEAM

- #7 Frantz Mathieu - Defender
#6 Arno Steffenhagen - Midfielder

2ND TEAM

- #12 Karl-Heinz Granitza - Forward

HONORABLE MENTION

- #16 Dave Huson, Defender
#10 Pato Margetic - Forward

The Sting had some close calls along the way, but managed to get by Seattle, Montreal and San Diego in the playoffs.

STING-VS-SEATTLE

GAME 1: Ingo Peter and Karl Heinz Granitza scored with less than nine minutes to play as Chicago came from behind to defeat Seattle 3-2. Pato Margetic put Chicago ahead 1-0 at 9:13 when he and Charlie Fajkus worked a beautiful give and go. However, Seattle got second half goals from Steve Daley and Shawn Elliott to take a 2-1 lead. At 81:42 Ingo Peter blasted a 25 yarder past goalkeeper Paul Hammond to tie the game at two. Just 1:27 later, Peter passed to Karl-Heinz Granitza who fired a low shot past Hammond to give Chicago a 3-2 win.

- GAME 2: The teams moved up to Seattle for the second game in the Kingdome. The Sounders dominated the match in the first half, but Chicago was able to come out of it with a scoreless tie. Things changed in the second half, however, as Seattle's Roger Davies scored two goals in just over three minutes as the Sounders beat Chicago 2-0 to even the series at one game each.
- GAME 3: The rubber match in Chicago was a real barn burner as Seattle took a 1-0 lead at halftime on a goal by Mark Peterson. However, the Sting had their backs against the wall when Arno Steffenhagen was red carded with ten seconds left in the first half. Down one man and one goal in the second half, the Sting responded with three goals of their own. Derek Spalding converted a penalty kick after Karl-Heinz Granitza was taken down in the penalty area. Karl-Heinz then converted a pass from Spalding at 54:02 to give Chicago their first lead of the game at 2-1. At 78:26, Charlie Fajkus took a pass from Karl-Heinz Granitza and blasted a shot past Paul Hammond for a 3-1 lead. Kevin Bond wound up the scoring for Seattle at 87:36 but the Sting had won the game 3-2 and the right to meet Montreal in the Quarter final series.

STING-VS-MONTREAL

- GAME 1: The Sting moved into Montreal before a capacity crowd of over 58,000 and quickly jumped out to a 2-0 lead. Karl-Heinz Granitza opened the scoring when he converted a direct kick for the tenth time this season at 5:10. At 25:36, Granitza passed to Ingo Peter who fired a shot from 45 yards out that beat Rigby for a 2-0 Sting lead. Two minutes later, Gordon Hill scored for Montreal and the score remained 2-1 at the half. The play that changed the game took place at 61:41 when Damir Sutevski rolled a shot on goal that bounced on the seam of the astro-turf and into the net to tie the game. Then at 85:37, Tony Towers found Alan Willey open on the right wing for the game winning goal in a 3-2 Montreal victory and a 1-0 series lead.
- GAME 2: Chicago came out strong in this game as they totally dominated play. Dave Huson got his first playoff goal when he trapped a clearing pass at the top of the penalty area and fired a high drive past Rigby for a 1-0 lead at 31:39. Just over three minutes later, Alan Willey converted a cross from Gordon Hill and headed the ball past Ferner to tie the game at one. Arno Steffenhagen gave Chicago a 2-1 lead just before halftime when he converted passes from Ingo Peter and Karl-Heinz Granitza. Chicago continued to attack in the second half as Karl-Heinz Granitza fed Arno Steffenhagen a pass just as Arno broke behind the Montreal defense. Steffenhagen scored his second goal of the game to give the Sting a 3-1 lead at 50:48. Karl-Heinz Granitza converted his eleventh free kick of the season at 56:37 and the Sting led 4-1. Andy Parkinson wound up the scoring for Montreal with a header at 71:58 as the Sting defeated the Manic 4-2 and tied the series at one game each.
- GAME 3: Once again it was Chicago who carried the play and they broke on top when Karl-Heinz Granitza converted an Arno Steffenhagen pass at 20:36 for a 1-0 Sting lead. With under eight minutes to go in the half, Andy Parkinson scored on a header from a Fran O'Brien cross to tie the game at 1-1 at halftime. Montreal took a 2-1 lead early in the second half when Gordon Hill converted a centering pass from Fran O'Brien at 46:43. Bob Rigby was outstanding in goal for

Montreal but Chicago broke through for three goals in the final nine minutes. Ingo Peter centered to John Tyma in the Manic penalty area and Tyma tied the score at 2-2 at 81:00 even. Just over three minutes later, Paul Hahn crossed the ball to Arno Steffenhagen who fired a shot out of mid-air past Rigby to give Chicago a 3-2 lead at 84:34. Then Frantz Mathieu took off on a 60 yard run past the Manic defense and he fired a shot past Rigby at 87:57 for the final goal in a 4-2 Sting win and the right to meet San Diego in the semi-final round.

STING-VS-SAN DIEGO

GAME 1: After one day off to travel, the Sting opened the semi-final round in San Diego's Jack Murphy Stadium. The game was scoreless after the first half, but then came a very controversial second half of play. Chicago took a 1-0 lead at 69:24 when Karl-Heinz Granitza passed to Ingo Peter on the right wing. Peter's centering pass was shot into the net by Sockers' defender Eric Geyer in his attempt to clear the ball for an own goal. At 74:38, San Diego was awarded a free kick at the top of the Sting penalty arc. Gert Wieczorkowski passed the ball to Kaz Deyna who fired a shot high into the net to tie the game at 1-1. Then came the controversial call of the game as Jean Willrich took a pass from Julie Vee. As Willrich broke down field, Frantz Mathieu made what appeared to be a clean steal on a slide tackle. However, Willrich tumbled into the penalty area and the Sockers were awarded a penalty kick. Kaz Deyna converted the kick and the Sockers pulled out a 2-1 win as both teams headed for Chicago and game two.

GAME 2: Chicago, forced with another do-or-die situation, responded with a 2-1 victory over the Sockers in game two. San Diego got on the board first when Jean Willrich took a pass from Julie Vee and beat Dieter Ferner at 8:28 for a 1-0 Sockers' lead. Chicago came right back when Arno Steffenhagen intercepted a goal kick and headed the ball to Pato Margetic. Margetic returned the pass to Steffenhagen deep in the Sockers' penalty area. Arno drew Gross out of the net before centering to a wide open Karl-Heinz Granitza who fired it home for a 1-1 tie at 10:02. It was Pato Margetic who set up the second Sting goal as he picked up the ball at the 30 yard line and dribble into the right side of the Sockers' penalty area. Margetic went around a San Diego defender and drew Volkmar Gross out of the net before centering to Karl-Heinz Granitza. Granitza fired in his second goal of the game and the Sting came away with a 2-1 win to even the series at one game each.

GAME 3: It was a battle of goalkeepers as Dieter Ferner and Volkmar Gross were simply outstanding. The Sting dominated the game as they continually peppered the San Diego keeper. Karl-Heinz Granitza hit the post on a direct free kick in the Sting's best opportunity and the game remained scoreless at the half. Julie Vee had the best opportunity for San Diego when his shot hit the post with 24 minutes to play. Gross and Ferner were infallible as the game went into overtime. With 5:27 to go in the second overtime, Ingo Peter was tripped in the penalty area and Chicago was awarded a penalty kick. Derek Spalding was thwarted by Volkmar Gross and the game entered the shootout. With the Sockers ahead 2-1 after three rounds, Dave Huson tied it for Chicago. After five rounds, it was still tied. Dieter Ferner stopped San Diego in round six while Frantz Mathieu scored for Chicago to send the Sting into their first Soccer Bowl ever.

WILLY ROY
HEAD COACH

MIKE GRBIC
ASSISTANT COACH

Head Coach Willy Roy and his assistant, Mike Grbic, can take the credit for putting together one of the most competitive Sting teams in NASL history. Under Roy's direction the 1981 outdoor squad posted its best win/loss record in the club's seven year history. Uncommon to other NASL teams the two Sting mentors direct a very aggressive, high powered, attacking style of play. For two consecutive seasons, 1980-'81 indoor and 1981 outdoor, this dynamic duo has produced a playoff contender. Prior to the addition of Grbic to the Chicago coaching staff, Willy Roy produced clubs with the following records. In 1977 the team was 6-6 under his direction as an interim coach. Continuing in that interim capacity Coach Roy and his team earned a 10-4 record. In his first year as Head Mentor Roy and the Sting squad went 16-14 for the season and in 1980 posted the team's best record ever (until this season) with a 21-11 slate. Both men must be credited for the tremendous job they have done in creating a winning team for the city of Chicago and its fans. With the Sting's winning ways and style of play, soccer has earned its place among the professional sports franchises in the Windy City.

IVAN MILJKOVIC

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HT 6'1" WT 175

DEFENDER

Ivan left the Sting prior to the 1981 outdoor season as he was involved in the deal that brought Pato Margetic to Chicago. However, the Sting re-signed Miljkovic when Washington could not negotiate a contract with him. Ivan added the dimension of an experience sweeperback to an otherwise very youthful back line. Out of a total of seven assists this season, Miljkovic recorded two assists in a 5-0 decision over division rival Dallas on May 10 and racked up another set of two assists in the 3-0 win over Calgary on July 4th. Ivan is an extremely steady player with the knack of finding the open man and clearing the ball out of his own end. He is one of the dependable veterans on a team with a good mixture of young and old, experienced and inexperienced, but very bright players.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
24	20	1756:29	17	33	4/0	0/0	0/0	0	7	7

GREG RYAN

HT 5'9" WT 156

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DEFENDER

Greg Ryan is one of the steadiest defenders in the Sting back line. Plagued by an ankle injury this season, Ryan has been forced to sit out 13 games of this year's schedule. When Greg is in the lineup he presents an extra problem to the opposition because of his ability to run and attack from the defender position. Perhaps the most spectacular game this season for Greg came against the Dallas Tornado on a cold and rainy Mother's Day, May 10th. In that match Greg scored a goal on a diving header and assisted on another goal by Karl-Heinz Granitza to push the Sting over the top 5-0. Ryan's goal on the 10th of May was nominated by the Sting as one of the entries for the North American Soccer League's "Goal of the Year" award sponsored by Budweiser.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
19	11	1223:03	3	20	0/0	0/0	0/0	1	2	4

DEREK SPALDING

HT 5'9" WT 179

4

DEFENDER

Derek has displayed his versatility this season as he has played at the fullback, sweeper and midfield positions for Coach Roy. Plagued by injuries the early part of the year, "Scotty" has come back to perform steadily for the Sting during the second half of the season. His biggest game of the year came on July 15 in a 4-2 decision over indoor rival Edmonton. In that game, Spalding picked up three assists. Not only has it been a good year for Scotty on the field but off the field as well. On March 19th Derek became a United States citizen and on May 5th he and his wife Heather welcomed a new addition into their family. The Spaldings are now the parents of a baby girl named Sarah Marie. In order to top off the season Derek hopes to capture the Soccer Bowl Championship with his teammates on the Chicago Sting.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
28	24	2190:56	25	54	3/0	2/3	1/3	2	7	11

PAUL HAHN

HT 6'2" WT 188

5

DEFENDER

Paul joined the Sting squad back on June 2 of this year after serving ten years as the captain of Bayer Uerdingen of the German First Division. He is a quiet man both on and off the field and tends to lead by example. Since joining the Sting he has helped to solidify the back line with his consistent performance. He scored his first goal wearing the Sting's black and yellow on June 20 in a 4-2 win over the Portland Timbers. In addition, Paul recorded two assists in a July 26th match against the Toronto Blizzard when the squad posted a 5-1 win. While he is not necessarily a flashy player, he has certainly qualified himself as a consistent player; one who gets the job done and who gets it done well.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
18	18	1515:35	14	8	0/0	0/0	0/1	1	3	5

ARNO STEFFENHAGEN

HT 5'9" WT 159

6

MIDFIELDER

Arno is probably one of the most under-rated midfielders in the NASL. His all-around ability with a soccer ball is second to none. Since overcoming a hamstring pull early in the season Arno has been the most consistent offensive performer on the squad. He has had three two-goal games this season and had three assists in a 3-0 Sting win over Calgary on July 4. Arno recorded two of his two-goal games within a matter of days of one another. His first came in Minnesota on May 20th while the second came just three days later against the Seattle Sounders. Arno was responsible for the lone goal in the 1-0 decision over last year's playoff nemesis, the San Diego Sockers on June 7 while he went on to score two goals on July 29 against indoor playoff rival Edmonton. Steffenhagen finished the season among the top ten scorers in the league and is second on the all-time Sting scoring roster having gone over the 100 point career mark this season. In addition, Steffenhagen posted his best personal record ever in the NASL scoring 17 goals.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
28	28	2550:38	77	24	5/0	0/0	0/0	17	10	44

FRANTZ MATHIEU

HT 5'11" WT 162

7

DEFENDER

Frantz is one of a select few Sting players who has seen almost limitless playing time this season. He is a very daring player who is not afraid to gamble in order to win the ball. His blinding speed and quickness have earned him respect around the NASL and several nicknames including "The Haitian Flash" and "Haitian Hurricane". Mathieu keeps the opposing defense honest by being able to make frequent rushes upfield. An example of this capability was evident on May 31 against Montreal when Frantz raced upfield and fired a shot past a stunned Manic goalkeeper, Bob Rigby, for his first goal of the year. He is a consistent and steady player known for his expert defensive ability and for his ability to set up plays. He recorded four assists in five games starting July 15 and ending August 2. Frantz is consistently called upon to mark the opposing team's top scorer, a job which he performs to perfection. His constant reliability upon being in the Sting lineup has earned him an "Iron Man" status around the league.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
31	31	2741:05	5	41	3/1	0/0	0/0	1	5	7

RUDY GLENN

HT 6'2" WT 185

8

MIDFIELDER

A product of Indiana University, Rudy is a consistent player who has gotten into the habit of scoring in streaks. He is an equally good player defensively and offensively because of his size and tends to intimidate the opposition at times. Rudy recorded his first goal of the season on May 10 as he went on a scoring binge against the Dallas Tornado. He posted two of the goals in that match for the 5-0 Sting win. On yet another scoring binge Glenn scored two more goals against the Calgary Boomers on July 4 for a 3-0 Chicago victory. He rallied for three more goals before the close of the season. One against Toronto in the 5-1 win on July 26, one against Calgary in the 4-2 loss on August 2 and one more in the final match against Tulsa in the August 19 5-4 shootout win. Since his 1979 introduction to the Sting team Rudy has proved himself an equally dangerous player offensively as well as defensively.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
28	22	1904:33	36	54	4/1	0/0	1/2	7	0	14

CHARLIE FAJKUS

9

HT 5'10" WT 158

MIDFIELDER

Fajkus is one of the premier American players in the NASL. Coming off a tremendous indoor season, Fajkus has continued to play outstanding soccer during the 1981 outdoor campaign. Charlie is in the midst of his best outdoor season ever as he surpassed his total points output of a year ago. Fajkus played a major role in the Sting's 6-5 win over the New York Cosmos on June 28 at Wrigley Field when he picked up a goal and an assist. Charlie set a new team record for the fastest two goals scored by a Sting player when he scored twice in 1:17 in a 2-1 Sting win over Dallas at Texas Stadium on July 8. Fajkus had another four point game on July 26 when the Sting crushed Toronto 5-1. In that game, Charlie scored one goal and set up two others to Karl-Heinz Granitza. There is no doubt that Fajkus has a tremendous future ahead of him with the Chicago Sting.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
26	25	1995:04	24	20	0/0	0/0	1/1	7	6	20

PATRICIO "PATO" MARGETIC

10

HT 5'11" WT 154

FORWARD

In his first season with the Sting, Margetic has added speed, color and scoring punch to an already potent scoring machine. Pato has fit perfectly into the Sting's attacking and constantly running style of play. Margetic wasted no time in getting into the swing of things when he picked up two assists in Chicago's opening night 3-2 overtime victory over the Tulsa Rough-necks on April 11. He celebrated his 21st birthday with a tremendous goal off a give and go with Karl-Heinz Granitza in a 3-2 overtime Sting victory against the New York Cosmos on May 17. Pato followed that game with a brilliant three assist performance in Minnesota as the Sting prevailed 5-2 on May 20. Margetic was the league leader in assists before a pulled hamstring forced him to miss nine total games. The acquisition of Margetic has certainly added another dimension to the Sting offense.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
23	23	2009:36	49	21	2/0	0/0	1/2	8	17	33

MARK SIMANTON

HT 5'11" WT 158

11

MIDFIELDER

Simanton is in his second season with the Sting and has emerged as one more bright spot among the young American players. His strongest facet is his defensive ability and he is usually called upon to mark one of the opponent's top offensive threats. However, Mark's offensive talents should not go unnoticed. It was his tremendous through ball to Arno Steffenhagen that accounted for the only goal in a 1-0 Sting win in San Diego on June 7. Mark also displayed a nice bit of ball control before setting up a crucial goal in Chicago's 6-5 shootout win over the Cosmos on June 28 in Chicago. His persistent hard work paid off when he scored his first career goal on a header against Edmonton on July 15. That goal proved to be the game winner in a 4-2 Sting victory. In just over a year, Simanton has become a vital part in the Sting total team effort.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
21	11	993:23	15	34	2/0	0/0	0/0	1	4	6

KARL-HEINZ GRANITZA

HT 6'0" WT 182

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FORWARD

Karl-Heinz continues to be one of the most powerful scoring threats in the entire NASL. He reached another milestone this season when he became only the fifth player in NASL history to score 200 career points as he picked up an assist in a 3-2 Sting win over Edmonton on July 29. Earlier in the season, Granitza set a club record by scoring at least one goal in six consecutive games. He is deadly on direct free kicks from 35 yards or closer as he has scored 9 of his 19 goals in this fashion. Granitza's second free kick goal of the game defeated the Cosmos 3-2 in overtime back on May 17. He also scored an unbelievable free kick goal from about 32 yards out in a 2-0 Sting win in Minnesota on July 18. His ability to control and direct the ball is unsurpassed in the league. His assist total also exemplifies his all-around ability as a team player.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
31	31	2833:14	137	33	7/1	0/1	1/1	19	17	55

TASSO KOUTSOUKOS

HT 5'10" WT 173

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FORWARD

Born in Montreal, qualifying him as one of the Sting's North Americans, Koutsoukos is in his second season with the Sting. While he has seen a limited amount of action this season, Tasso is a very versatile player having played defender, midfielder and forward on the squad this year. His assist on Ingo Peter's goal in Washington against the Diplomats on August 5 helped the Sting fight back from a 2-0 deficit in a match they eventually won 3-2 in a shootout. Following the 1981 outdoor playoffs, Koutsoukos will be returning to Canada where he will have the opportunity to compete with a team he was recently selected for; the Canadian National Team.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
12	6	648:26	15	13	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1

INGO PETER

HT 6'3" WT 187

14

MIDFIELDER

Ingo Peter plays a vital role in the Sting midfield and presents a special threat to opposing defenses because he possesses one of the hardest shots in the North American Soccer League. Peter has had three 2-goal games for the Sting this year and most of his goals have come from a long range shot. He fired in two bullets as the Sting beat Minnesota 5-2 on May 20. He also had a pair of goals against the Cosmos on June 28, the second of which was a left footed blast from about 25 yards out. Ingo brought Chicago back from a 2-0 deficit against Washington on August 5 with a pair of goals in that match which the Sting eventually won 3-2 in a shootout. Peter also scored the important overtime goal to defeat a tough Vancouver team 2-1 on July 12. His ability to take advantage of the slightest opening makes him a threat from anywhere inside the 35 yard line.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
26	26	2286:33	68	53	6/2	0/0	0/0	8	8	24

DAVE HUSON

HT 5'9" WT 150

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FORWARD

Another brilliant off-season acquisition, Dave Huson has done an outstanding job for the Sting since he was put back at fullback early in the season. His ability to rush and support from the back line gives the Sting another offensive weapon. His first Sting goal came on a beautiful give and go with Karl-Heinz Granitza in a 4-2 Sting win over Portland. Huson had an outstanding game against the New York Cosmos on June 28 scoring one goal in regulation time and the winning shootout goal on a penalty kick for a 6-5 Sting win. Dave is perfect on shootout attempts as he converted his only other opportunity in a 3-2 win in Washington. He has scored two of his 4 goals against his old mates, the Calgary Boomers. Huson is a crowd pleaser and has rapidly been accepted by the Chicago fans.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
31	30	2691:54	34	31	1/0	0/0	2/3	4	4	12

STEVE LONG

HT 5'7" WT 148

17

FORWARD

Steve Long is yet another bright light among the young American Sting players. Stevie got off to a fast start this season when he came off the bench to score the game-winning overtime goal against division rival Tulsa Roughnecks in the Sting's 3-2 season opening victory. Long had his most effective game of the season when he replaced the injured Pato Margetic on May 23 against Seattle. In that match he tallied two assists, one of which led to a beautiful goal by Arno Steffenhagen. He also had the assist on the game-winning goal by Rudy Glenn in a 3-0 Sting win over the Calgary Boomers on July 4. Nicknamed the "Supersub" last season, Long has lived up to his reputation and is capable of producing even in the closest situations.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
12	3	444:04	7	6	0/0	0/0	0/0	1	3	5

JOHN TYMA

HT 6'0" WT 172

18

FORWARD

Although John has not seen much playing time, he certainly has made the most of his opportunities to play. He was called upon late in the opening game of the season and had a key assist in the game-winning overtime goal against the Roughnecks. After sitting out fourteen consecutive games, Tyma got his chance against Vancouver on July 12 in a substitute role. Once again he responded by heading in the tying goal with under two minutes to play in regulation time. The Sting went on to win that game in overtime and Tyma earned himself a starting position in the following game. He came through again in Minnesota when he scored the winning goal in a 2-0 Sting victory. John is a very opportunistic player who gives 110% every time he's out on the field.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
9	4	415:07	14	7	0/0	0/0	0/0	3	1	7

BRET HALL

HT 5'7" WT 148

23

MIDFIELDER

Bret is another of the young Americans who displays a lot of heart and drive in his every performance. He is not hesitant in going after a loose ball or in playing tight against an opponent. He has had good luck against the Vancouver Whitecaps this season. In his third year with Chicago, Hall got his first career goal on June 10 of this year in Vancouver in a game the Sting lost 3-1. However, when the Whitecaps played here in Chicago on July 12, Hall had an assist on the winning overtime goal by Ingo Peter. Bret is more of a defensive oriented player and often draws the assignment of marking one of the opponent's top offensive players.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
24	9	1244:47	16	22	1/0	0/0	0/0	1	3	5

PAUL COFFEE

HT 6'1" WT 174

20

GOALKEEPER

Paul made his debut in the goalkeeper's net this season in a central division rivalry which took place on May 20 in Minnesota. He was sent into the game as the relief keeper during the second half of a 2-2 match and was credited for shutting out the Kicks in half number two to give the Sting a 5-2 victory. In his next outing Paul went on to defeat the Seattle Sounders 3-1 and lost credit for a shutout on a second half penalty kick goal by the Sounder squad. From there it was a dream come true as he posted two consecutive shutouts. One of those 2-0 decisions came at home against the Montreal Manic while the second 1-0 final came on the road against the Sting's playoff nemesis of last season, the San Diego Sockers. In his last five games of the regular season Paul recorded a 3-2 win/loss record. An extremely talented young keeper, Paul seems to always come through for the Sting in a clinch. Paul is dependable quick and tremendous in the air.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	SVS	G	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SH	G.A.A.
12	10	984:10	187	71	18	2/2	0/3	2	1.65

DIETER FERNER

HT 6'0" WT 160

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GOALKEEPER

When Dieter joined the Sting in June of this year, he became the third goalkeeper on the Chicago roster. However, being third in line for the job did not stop Ferner. He immediately began proving to Coach Roy that he possesses terrific reflexes and quickness and has the ability to maintain total concentration while on the field. Although his first game for the Sting was a 2-1 defeat to the Washington Diplomats on June 14, Dieter is largely responsible for the squad's positive win/loss record this year. He has the uncanny ability to come up with the big save at a crucial point in the game. On June 28th a crowd of over 30,000 saw Dieter in his first shootout situation ever against the New York Cosmos. In that match he made 4 out of 5 shootout saves. Another fine effort on Ferner's part was the July 18th match against Minnesota when he literally kept the Sting in the game with brilliant first half play which resulted in a 2-0 win. He recorded his first shutout on July 4th as he robbed Calgary's top scoring threat, Franz Gerber on numerous attempts for a 3-0 Sting win. Ferner finished the season in his second shootout where he again displayed his agility, quickness and total concentration to stop 5 of 6 shootout attempts for a 5-4 Chicago victory over Tulsa.

1981 STATISTICS

GP	GS	MINN.	SHS	SVS	G	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SH	G.A.A.
13	13	1175:07	207	58	21	1/1	2/11	2	1.61