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LOS ANGELES AZTECS vs. NEW YORK COSMOS

June 21, 1981

New Jersey Meadowlands

AZTEC RECORD: 9-8 (H: 6-3; A: 3-5)

AZTEC NOTES

AZTEC SEASON SUMMARY---The Aztecs have had two patterns this season. The first was alternating loss and win until they were 3-4. Then the pattern changed to win three and lose two, bringing them to their current mark of 9-8. Los Angeles has been in a tight battle with San Diego for the Western Division lead all season.

AZTECS VS. DIVISIONS---Los Angeles is 4-3 vs. its own division, 2-5 vs. the Northwest, 3-0 vs. the Southern and hasn't met any teams from the other two.

AZTECS VS. COSMOS---The Cosmos lead the all-time series with the Aztecs, 8-4, sweeping their meeting in the National Conference finals last year, two games to none, after the teams had split two regular season clashes. During the regular season, Los Angeles blanked New York, 2-0, with Alfredo Anhielo in goal and the Cosmos won in New York, 4-1. In the playoffs New York won 2-1 in Los Angeles and 3-1 at home.

This is the only regular season meeting between the teams in 1981.

AZTEC GOALKEEPING CHORES---Alfredo Anhielo, the starter all last season for the Aztecs, was the regular for the first seven games this year. Then Los Angeles Coach Claudio Coutinho decided to go with 21-year-old Chris Turner because he needed another North American on the field with an injury to defender Eric Reese. Turner was an early sensation, earning NASL Player of the Week honors for back-to-back shutouts of California and Ft. Lauderdale. In his first eight games Chris had four shutouts and a league-leading 0.86 goals against average. But he's allowed four goals in each of the last two games and now is 11th in the league with a 1.47 mark.

AZTEC CHANGEOVER---Los Angeles has just seven of the 14 players back who appeared in the final playoff game against the Cosmos last season. They are goalkeeper Alfredo Anhielo, defenders Mihalj Keri, John McGrane and Dave Shelton, midfielders Dragan Simic and Willem Suurbier and forward Chris Dangerfield.

The Aztecs also have a new coach this season, former Brazilian World Cup coach Claudio Coutinho, replacing Rinus Michels. Coutinho had a 172-26-52 record with Flamengo, taking the Brazilian title his last season in 1980.

NEWEST AZTEC SIGNEE---The Aztecs last Tuesday signed 29-year-old midfielder Antonio De La Torre, who has played for Club America of Mexico City since 1974. De La Torre played for Mexico in the 1978 World Cup and has made 60 national team appearances.

LOS ANGELES AZTECS STATISTICS

Record: 9-8 (H: 6-3; A: 3-5)

| NO. | PLAYER | GP | GS | MIN | SH | FL | C/E | SO/ SOA | G | A | TP |
|-----|----------------------|----|----|---------|----|----|-----|------------|---|---|----|
| 11 | Bill Faria | 14 | 12 | 1089:32 | 39 | 29 | 2/1 | 0/1 | 4 | 4 | 12 |
| 7 | Chris Dangerfield | 16 | 14 | 1272:01 | 45 | 18 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| 21 | Ruben Romano | 11 | 10 | 982:00 | 33 | 24 | 3/1 | 1/1 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| 14 | Poli Garcia | 14 | 7 | 775:00 | 26 | 7 | 1/0 | 0/1 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| 12 | Marcelino DeOliveira | 14 | 14 | 1222:00 | 60 | 30 | 3/0 | 0/0 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| 10 | Dragan Simic | 12 | 12 | 1005:12 | 13 | 20 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| 6 | Gilson De Oliveira | 17 | 17 | 1535:00 | 44 | 29 | 3/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 5 | Mihalj Keri | 17 | 17 | 1545:00 | 7 | 9 | 1/0 | 0/1 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| 19 | Mike McLenaghan | 15 | 15 | 1238:00 | 4 | 25 | 0/0 | 1/1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 18 | John McGrane | 14 | 14 | 1227:00 | 2 | 17 | 1/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | Paulo "Siri" Moura | 13 | 13 | 1185:00 | 3 | 22 | 1/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 9 | Brian Quinn | 7 | 1 | 261:57 | 3 | 9 | 1/0 | 0/1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 25 | Chris Turner | 10 | 10 | 915:00 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | Alfredo Anhielo | 7 | 7 | 630:00 | 0 | 1 | 1/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Eric Reese | 6 | 6 | 540:00 | 1 | 17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | Dave Shelton | 5 | 5 | 387:58 | 0 | 5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Todd Saldana | 5 | 0 | 84:14 | 1 | 1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | Kurt Stierle | 4 | 0 | 150:10 | 1 | 2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | Willem Suurbier | 2 | 2 | 180:00 | 0 | 4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | Luis Rangel | 2 | 2 | 122:32 | 0 | 2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | Roberto DeOliveira | 1 | 0 | 18:56 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| -- | Other | 7 | 7 | 630:00 | 32 | 8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 3 | 2 | 8 |

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| AZTECS TOTALS | 17 | 17 | 17280:00 | 314 | 279 | 17/2 | 2/6 | 22* | 25 | 69 |
| OPPONENTS TOTALS | 17 | 17 | 17280:00 | 291 | 303 | 16/0 | 1/6 | 29 | 36 | 94 |

NOTES: Mihalj Keri has made the only two Aztec penalty kicks while opponents are 2 for 2 in penalty kicks. Aztec goals (*) includes one team goal for a shootout victory.

| NO. | PLAYER | GOALKEEPING STATISTICS | | | | | SO/ | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----|---------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|------|
| | | GP | GS | MIN | SH | SAVES | GOALS | SOA | SHO | GAA |
| 25 | Chris Turner | 10 | 10 | 915:00 | 194 | 56 | 15 | 1/6 | 4 | 1.47 |
| 1 | Alfredo Anhielo | 7 | 7 | 630:00 | 97 | 41 | 14 | 0/0 | 1 | 2.00 |
| AZTEC TOTALS | | 17 | 17 | 1545:00 | 291 | 97 | 29 | 1/6 | 5 | 1.71 |
| OPPONENTS TOTALS | | 17 | 17 | 1545:00 | 314 | 116 | 25 | 2/6 | 5 | 1.45 |

| TEAM STATISTICS | | | | | | SCORING BY PERIODS | | | OWN GOAL | CORNER KICKS | OFFS. |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|----|--------------------|--|--|----------|--------------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | OT | SO | T | | | | | | | |
| AZTECS | 9 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 25 | | | | 2 | 98 | 43 |
| OPPONENTS | 12 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 29 | | | | 0 | 121 | 71 |

AZTECS GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

| GAME NO. | DATE | OPPONENTS | SCORE | RECORD | ATTENDANCE | SCORING (AZTECS) |
|-------------|------|----------------|-------|--------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 3/28 | @ Seattle | 0-3L | 0-1 | 30,328 | None |
| 2 | 4/5 | San Jose | 1-0W | 1-1 | 9,660 | Dangerfield |
| 3 | 4/11 | @ Vancouver | 0-3L | 1-2 | 19,027 | None |
| 4 | 4/18 | California | 3-2W | 2-2 | 7,619 | Fernando-2, Dangerfield |
| 5 | 4/25 | @ San Diego | 0-2L | 2-3 | 10,081 | None |
| 6 | 5/1 | @ Calgary | 2-1W | 3-3 | 8,410 | Fernando, Faria |
| 7 | 5/10 | Portland | 1-3L | 3-4 | 3,306 | Keri (PK) |
| 8 | 5/17 | San Diego | 3-1W | 4-4 | 4,122 | M. DeOliveira, Faria, Simic |
| 9 | 5/20 | @ California | 1-0W | 5-4 | 6,220 | Faria |
| 10 | 5/24 | Ft. Lauderdale | 1-0W | 6-4 | 5,390 | McLenaghan, Romano (SO) |
| 11 | 5/27 | @ San Jose | 2-3L | 6-5 | 9,177 | Own Goal, G. DeOliveira |
| 12 | 5/31 | Vancouver | 0-2L | 6-6 | 4,458 | None |
| 13 | 6/3 | Jacksonville | 2-0W | 7-6 | 2,316 | Garcia, M. DeOliveira |
| 14 | 6/5 | @ Edmonton | 2-1W | 8-6 | 10,122 | Dangerfield, Own Goal |
| 15 | 6/10 | Tampa Bay | 2-0W | 9-6 | 3,065 | Romano (2) |
| 16 | 6/13 | @ San Diego | 2-4L | 9-7 | 8,631 | Garcia, Romano |
| 17 | 6/17 | Calgary | 2-4L | 9-8 | 3,021 | Farias, Keri (PK) |

1981 LOS ANGELES AZTEC ROSTER

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| NO. | PLAYER | POS. | AGE | HGT. | WGT | CITIZENSHIP | YEARS IN NASL |
|-----|----------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-------------|------------------|
| 1 | Alfredo Anhielo | GK | 29 | 6-2 | 170 | Argentina | 2 |
| 26 | Savva Biller | GK | 19 | 5-11 | 170 | USA | 1 |
| 7 | Chris Dangerfield | F | 25 | 5-11 | 165 | England | 7 |
| 6 | Gilson DeOliveira | D/MF | 26 | 5-10 | 156 | Brazil | 1 |
| 17 | Antonio De La Torre | MF | 29 | 5-10 | 155 | Mexico | 1 |
| 12 | Marcelino DeOliveira | F | 19 | 5-6 | 165 | Brazil | 1 |
| 15 | Roberto DeOliveira | F | 25 | 5-9 | 160 | Brazil/USA | 5 |
| 11 | Bill Faria | F | 28 | 5-9 | 178 | Brazil | 1 |
| 14 | Poli Garcia | F | 23 | 5-8 | 155 | USA | 2 |
| 5 | Mihalj Keri | D | 30 | 6-1 | 180 | Yugoslavia | 3 |
| 18 | John McGrane | D | 27 | 5-10 | 160 | Canada | 5 |
| 19 | Mike McLenaghan | D/MF | 26 | 5-11 | 165 | Canada | 3 |
| 8 | Paulo "Siri" Moura | D/MF | 26 | 5-11 | 145 | Brazil | 1 |
| 13 | Luis Rangel | MF/D | 24 | 5-8 | 160 | Brazil | 1 |
| 9 | Brian Quinn | MF | 21 | 5-9 | 152 | Ireland | 1 |
| 3 | Eric Reese | D | 19 | 6-2 | 190 | USA | 1 |
| 21 | Ruben Romano | MF | 23 | 5-8 | 155 | Argentina | 1 |
| 4 | Todd Saldana | MF | 19 | 5-10 | 150 | USA | 2 |
| 16 | Dave Shelton | D | 25 | 5-9 | 155 | USA | 4 |
| 10 | Dragan Simic | MF | 29 | 5-9 | 160 | Yugoslavia | 2 |
| 23 | Kurt Stierle | MF/D | 23 | 5-11 | 165 | USA | 1 |
| 24 | Willem Suurbier | MF/D | 36 | 5-10 | 155 | Holland | 3 |
| 25 | Chris Turner | GK | 21 | 6-1 | 180 | Canada | 3 |

AZTECS NUMERICAL ROSTER

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|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Alfredo Anhielo | 9 Brian Quinn | 17 Antonio De La Torre |
| 3 Eric Reese | 10 Dragan Simic | 18 John McGrane |
| 4 Todd Saldana | 11 Bill Faria | 19 Mike McLenaghan |
| 5 Mihalj Keri | 12 Marcelino DeOliveira | 21 Ruben Romano |
| 6 Gilson DeOliveira | 13 Luis Rangel | 23 Kurt Stierle |
| 7 Chris Dangerfield | 14 Poli Garcia | 24 Willem Suurbier |
| 8 Paulo Moura | 15 Roberto DeOliveira | 25 Chris Turner |
| | 16 Dave Shelton | 26 Savva Biller |

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