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CHICAGO STING GAME NOTES

GAME: No. 10 HOME GAME: No. 6
STING RECORD: 6-3, 1st place
OPPONENT: New York Cosmos, 4-2, 2nd pl
DATE: Friday June 22, 1984
SITE: Comiskey Park

FIRST PLACE STING BATTLE THE COSMOS TONIGHT

NASL's GREATEST RIVALRY
CONTINUES TONIGHT:

The Chicago Sting and the New York Cosmos continue one of the top rivalries in professional sports tonight when the Cosmos take on the Sting here at Comiskey Park. Every time these two teams get together it produces an exciting and memorable game. Currently the Sting is in first place in the NASL's Eastern Division with the Cosmos in the second spot.

NASL's EASTERN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	TP
STING	9	6	3	54
Cosmos	6	4	2	34
Toronto	5	4	1	32
Tampa Bay	8	3	5	26

TONIGHT IS THE 2nd OF 3
MEETINGS BETWEEN STING & NY:

This will be the second meeting of the year between the Sting and the Cosmos. The Sting won the first encounter, 5-0, on June 9th in New York. The Cosmos return to Chicago's Comiskey Park on Saturday August 4th at 8 PM.

STING LOOKING FOR 2nd WIN
VS. COSMOS IN 1984:

The Sting will be after their 2nd win over the Cosmos for the 1984 outdoor season as the Sting blasted the Cosmos, 5-0, at Giants Stadium on June 9th. In that contest the Sting offense was in high gear with Pato Margetic leading the way with 2 goals and an assist, and Karl-Heinz Granitza also having a 5 point game with a goal and 3 assists. Seninho, who always seems to have big games vs. the Cosmos, added one goal and one assist, and Robert Meschbach scored his first goal as a member of the Sting. For the Cosmos it marked the first time that they had been shut out at home in a regular season game since 1975, and the first time they had been shutout at Giants Stadium in a regular season home game. The Sting's Victor Nogueira earned the shutout in the nets for the Sting, and even came up with an assist on Pato Margetic's 2nd goal.



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BOX SCORE SUMMARY OF
STING WIN OVER COSMOS:

6/9/84 STING 5 @ Cosmos 0 ATT: 12,134

	1	2	F	SHS	SVS	FLS	CKS	OFF
STING	2	3	5	17	9	15	4	0
Cosmos	0	0	0	28	4	3	11	3

1st Half: (1-0) CHI--Margetic³ (Seninho, Granitza) 34:08
(2-0) CHI--Granitza⁴ (Glenn, Margetic) 38:38

2nd Half: (3-0) CHI--Seninho¹ (unassisted) 62:24
(4-0) CHI--Margetic⁴ (Granitza, Nogueira) 63:59
(5-0) CHI--Meschbach¹ (Granitza, Fajkus) 77:09

GOALKEEPERS: CHI--Nogueira 28 shots, 9 saves
NYK--Brcic 17 shots, 4 saves

3 STARS: 1)Margetic 2)Granitza 3)Glenn

Referee: Dilvo DiPlacido

STING VS. COSMOS
LAST SEASON:

Last outdoor season the Sting won 3 of the 4 games played between the two clubs. On June 22 (one year ago today) at the Meadowlands the Sting beat the Cosmos, 3-2, as Karl-Heinz Granitza knocked in his 100th career goal to win the game. Seninho celebrated a birthday by scoring two goals as the Sting beat the Cosmos, 5-2, on July 1st at Soldier Field. On July 30 again at Soldier Field Dave Huson's game winning goal gave the Sting a 2-1 win, and gave Sting Head Coach Willy Roy his 100th career coaching victory. In New York on August 23 the Cosmos defeated the Sting, 5-3, as Giorgio Chinaglia tallied 2 goals and added an assist in his last appearance vs. the Sting.

STING VS. THE COSMOS
OVER THE YEARS:

STING vs. New York (regular season)

	W	L	GF	GA
Sting Record:	10	6	42	34
Home:	5	3	22	17
Road:	5	3	20	17

1976 5/2 (A) Chicago 2 New York 1 (OT) ATT: 28,436
6/23 (H) Chicago 4 New York 1 ATT: 28,000
1977 5/11 (H) Chicago 1 New York 2 ATT: 21,108
5/22 (A) Chicago 2 New York 1 ATT: 20,407
1979 5/28 (H) Chicago 3 New York 1 ATT: 21,127
1981 5/17 (A) Chicago 3 New York 2 (OT) ATT: 42,385
6/28 (H) Chicago 6 New York 5 (SO) ATT: 30,501
1982 4/24 (H) Chicago 1 New York 3 ATT: 16,149
5/16 (A) Chicago 1 New York 3 ATT: 36,193
7/10 (H) Chicago 1 New York 2 ATT: 18,023
8/15 (A) Chicago 1 New York 3 ATT: 36,241
1983 6/22 (A) Chicago 3 New York 2 ATT: 22,368
7/1 (H) Chicago 5 New York 2 ATT: 16,244
7/30 (H) Chicago 2 New York 1 ATT: 18,546
8/21 (A) Chicago 3 New York 5 ATT: 30,678

1984 6/9 (A) Chicago 5 New York 0 ATT: 12,134

Playoffs 1981 9/26 (A) Chicago 1 New York 0 (SO) ATT: 36,971
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TACC 1982 5/31 (A) Chicago 4 New York 3 ATT: 36,904

RADIO AND TV COVERAGE
OF TONIGHT'S GAME:

Tonight's Sting-Cosmos game will be televised live in the Chicagoland area on selected cable systems on SportsVision with Howard Balson calling the play by play, and Kenny Stern adding game analysis. The game will also be replayed in its entirety on Saturday June 23 (tomorrow) at 2 PM (CDT) on ON-TV in Chicago.

The game tonight will also be broadcast live in Chicago on WIND-AM (560) with Bill Hazen calling the play by play, and Gregg Koeller adding color commentary.

**A BUSY WEEKEND VS. THE
EAST FOR THE STING:**

Tonight starts a busy weekend schedule for the Sting as they play two games in a 48 hour time span, with both games against Eastern Division opponents. Tomorrow the Sting fly out to Toronto as they take on the Blizzard on Sunday at 5:30 (CDT) at Varsity Stadium. From there the Sting will continue the road trip as they will fly out to Vancouver on Monday from Toronto to take on the Vancouver Whitecaps on Wednesday night at 9:30 pm (CDT).

STING STATUS REPORT:

#28 Frantz Mathieu.....right forearm.....out
#8 Rudy Glenn.....one game suspension.....out
#18 Ricardo Alonso....left groin....questionable
#15 Chris Kenny.....left groin...questionable
#20 Elvis Comrie.....left ankle....probable
#3 Seninho.....right knee.....probable

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS:

Referee.....Dante Maglio
Senior Linesman.....Ulrich Strom
Junior Linesman.....Gary Shugarts
4th Official.....Pete Terrell
Assessor.....Dragan Karadzic

**STING HEAD COACH WILLY ROY
BEGINS HIS SUSPENSION TONIGHT:**

Sting Head Coach Willy Roy begins a two game suspension from his coaching duties tonight as a result of an NASL hearing concerning an incident with game officials when the Sting played at Tampa Bay on June 1st. According to the ruling Coach Roy cannot be on the field or its proximity during the course of the game, and is restricted to the press box, TV or radio booths, or private box. He can, however, have a communication link with the sideline via headset, walkie-talkie, etc. He is also permitted to meet with the team in the locker room prior to the game, at halftime, and after the game. Game two of his suspension will take place in Toronto on Sunday.

**GRANITZA NEARS MILESTONE,
ONLY FIVE ASSISTS TO GO:**

Sting captain Karl-Heinz Granitza is approaching a milestone that no one has attained, and perhaps no player will ever achieve in the NASL for many, many years. Granitza currently has 118 career goals and 95 career assists. With five more assists he will become the 1st player in the history of the NASL to attain both 100 goals and 100 assists in a career.

Granitza, who currently leads the NASL in scoring this season with 18 pts. (6 goals, 6 assists), is the NASL's All-Time leading scorer among active players with 331 points, and is the NASL's All-Time leader among active players in both goals (118) and assists (95).

**STING DOING THE JOB
IN ONE GOAL GAMES:**

Of the first 9 games so far this outdoor season the Sting have been involved in 7 one-goal decisions. And the Sting have been coming through in these must games, winning five of the seven. Also, six of the one-goal games have ended up with a final score of 3-2 with the Sting winning four and losing two. Last season the Sting was 10-7 in one-goals games.

WELCOME TO CHICAGO:

Making the trip to Chicago from New York for tonight's include the Cosmos PR Director Drew DiSesa, and reporters Jim Dente of the Herald News, and Ike Kuhns of the Star and Ledger

MARCH OF DIMES POSTER CHILD
TO KICK OUT FIRST BALL:

The Chicago Sting is proud to have Amanda Valerugo, Poster Child for the Chicago Chapter of the March of Dimes, as tonight's special guest as she will be kicking out the ceremonial first ball. Amanda is 4 years old and will enter kindergarten next fall at Lovett Elementary School. She lives on Chicago's northwest side with her father, Ken (a machinist in the Chicago Fire Department), and her mother, Gloria (a flight attendant with TWA). Amanda was born with Spina Bifida which is one of the birth defects targeted for proceeds from the March of Dimes National Telethon scheduled for June 30 and July 1. The Sting's Dave Huson will appear on the March of Dimes Telethon on June 30 live from Six Flags Great America which will be aired on WFLD-TV (Channel 32) in Chicago.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR
TONIGHT'S GAME:

The Ovaltine Hot Shot Youth Soccer Exhibition preliminary games will feature a boys and a girls game. The 1st game will have the Sparta Soccer Club take on the Pele Stars in an under 14 boys match. Game two of the pre-lim games will be a girls under 10 match between the Naperville Blue Streaks and the Schaumburg Soccer Association.

The Sting Ballchasers for tonight's game are the Sparta under 10 boys team from the Berwyn/Cicero area.

Tonight's Sting Youth Team of the Week is the Naperville Blue Streaks coached by Judy Keller and Jim Platte.

God Bless America will be sung by Sting Public Address Announcer and Vocalist Wayne Messmer of WAGO-FM radio accompanied by Nancy Faust at the Comiskey Park organ.

Kicking out the ceremonial first ball will be Amanda Valerugo, Poster Child of the Chicago Chapter of the March of Dimes.

At halftime the popular fan competition "United Airlines Kicks for Trips" will take place where 8 contestants will receive a \$50 gift certificate from United and the Grand Prize Winner receiving a trip for two to any city in the continental USA served by United Airlines.

SPECIAL GUESTS OF THE
CHICAGO STING, ILLINOIS GOLD:

The "Illinois Gold" is a select group of youth soccer players from throughout the state of Illinois that will be travelling to Europe from July 7 to August 8 to represent the area in international matches. The five teams, who were selected in an open tryout last November, will be honored prior to tonight's game. The boys (under-15, under-17, and under-19) and girls (under 17, and under-19) teams will participate in youth cup games in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, and the Soviet Union.

Part of the fundraising for the trip involved a Sting ticket sale by the teams for tonight's game with part of the ticket cost going to the Illinois Gold teams.

STING SHORTS:

.....Seninho has 7 pts. (2 goals, 3 assists) in his last 4 games.....Pato Margetic has scored all of his points (12) on the road (4 goals, 4 assists), as he has had a 5, 4, and 3 point game.....speaking of Pato, he has drawn 3 fouls in the penalty area resulting in penalty kicks, and each of those 3 penalty kicks have been successful on goals by Granitza.....the Sting has won 4 of the last 5 games they have played vs. the Cosmos.....the Sting leads the league in goals scored with 22, and 6 of those goals have come on headers with Alonso and Glenn each knocking in two, with Granitza and Comrie adding one each.....the Sting is 1-3 in night games, and 5-0 during day games.....

CHICAGO STING 1984 OUTDOOR STATISTICS

(as of 6/18/84)

STING RECORD: 6-3

HOME: 4-1

AWAY: 2-2

NO.	NAME	GP	GS	MIN	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/A	SO/A	GWG	G	A	TP
12	Karl-Heinz Granitza	9	9	829:32	42	11	4/1	3/3	1/1	1	6	6	18
10	Pato Margetic	9	9	827:40	17	2	0/0	0/0	1/1	2	4	4	12
3	Seninho	8	3	417:43	4	3	0/0	0/0	0/1	0	2	4	8
8	Rudy Glenn	9	9	816:14	8	13	1/2	0/0	0/0	1	3	1	7
18	Ricardo Alonso	9	9	787:27	15	17	2/0	0/0	0/1	1	3	1	7
20	Elvis Comrie	9	8	633:19	28	12	1/0	0/0	0/0	1	3	1	7
9	Charlie Fajkus	9	9	799:30	8	13	0/0	0/0	1/1	0	0	3	3
16	Robert Meschbach	8	0	221:03	7	2	0/0	0/0	1/2	0	1	0	2
1	Victor Nogueira	8	8	750:00	0	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	1	1
4	Greg Ryan	2	1	105:00	0	1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	1	1
7	Victor Kodelja	8	8	750:00	2	3	0/0	0/0	1/2	0	0	1	1
15	Chris Kenny	4	4	360:00	0	11	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	1	1
6	Dave Huson	8	8	709:30	2	21	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0
11	Mark Simanton	4	3	294:19	2	6	1/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0
19	Pat McGauley	7	5	429:10	3	11	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0
22	Ed Gettemeier	1	1	90:00	0	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0
28	Frantz Mathieu	5	5	394:19	0	11	3/0	0/0	0/1	0	0	0	0
STING TOTALS		9	9	840:00	138	137	12/4*	3/3	5/10	6	22	24	68
TOTALS		9	9	840:00	171	175	13/3	1/3	4/11**	3	16	19	51

* includes on ejection to Head Coach Willy Roy vs. Tampa Bay on 6/1/84;

** opponents Penalty Kick attempt occurred in shootout round vs. Tulsa on 5/25/84

GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

NO.	NAME	GP	GS	MIN	SHS	SVS	PK/A	SO/A	SH	GLS	GAA	W-L
1	Victor Nogueira	8	8	750:00	158	56	1/3	7/11	1	15	1.80	5-3
22	Ed Gettemeier	1	1	90:00	13	5	0/0	0/00	0	1	1.00	1-0
STING TOTALS		9	9	840:00	171	61	1/3	7/11	1	16	1.72	6-3
OPPONENTS		9	9	840:00	138	36	3/3	5/10	1	22	2.36	3-6

TEAM STATISTICS: Scoring by periods

	1	2	10T	20T	SO	T	Own Goals (for)	Corners	Offsides
STING	7	15	0	0	1	22	0	54	54
Opponents	9	7	0	0	1	16	0	73	27

TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE: 34,261

TOTAL ROAD ATTENDANCE: 47,810

AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE: 6,852

AVERAGE ROAD ATTENDANCE: 11,952

	W	L		W	L
When Sting scores first:	3	0	Artificial turf:	1	1
When opponent scores first:	3	3	Grass surface (home):	4	1
When Sting leads at half:	2	0	Comiskey Park:	3	1
When opponent leads at half:	2	2	Wrigley Field:	1	0
When game is tied at half:	2	1	Grass surface (road):	1	1
One goal games:	5	2	Vs. Eastern Division:	2	1
			Vs. Western Division:	4	2

GAME BY GAME RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORING/*Game Winning Goal
5/12	@ Minnesota	2-3	L 15,631	Alonso(Margetic), Margetic(Kodelja)
5/19	MINNESOTA	2-1	W 7,252	Alonso(Seninho, Kenny), Granitza*(PK)
5/25	TULSA	3-2(S-O)	W 3,713	Glenn(Granitza, Fajkus), Granitza(DFK), Margetic*(shootout)
5/27	@ Golden Bay	3-2	W 10,017	Margetic(Alonso), Comrie(Margetic), Alonso*(Margetic, Comrie)
6/1	@ Tampa Bay	0-2	L 10,028	None
6/3	TAMPA BAY	3-2	W 8,374	Glenn(Fajkus), Granitza(Seninho), Glenn*(Granitza)
6/9	@ New York	5-0	W 12,134	Margetic*(Seninho, Granitza), Granitza(Glenn, Margetic), Seninho(un), Margetic(Granitza, Nogueira), Meschbach(Granitza, Fajkus)
6/13	SAN DIEGO	2-3(S-O)	L 8,448	Comrie(Granitza, Seninho), Granitza(PK)
6/17	TULSA	3-2	W 6,474	Seninho(un), Granitza(PK), Comrie*(Ryan)

1984 CHICAGO STING OUTDOOR SEASON
NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POSITION	BIRTHDATE	AGE	HT.	WT.	CITIZENSHIP
1	Victor Nogueira	Goalkeeper	July 17, 1959	24	6-0	180	Portugal
3	Seninho	Forward	July 1, 1949	34	5-9	155	Portugal
4	Greg Ryan	Defender	January 21, 1957	27	5-9	155	United States
6	Dave Huson	Defender	January 5, 1951	33	5-9	150	Channel Islands
7	Victor Kodolja	Defender	November 26, 1951	32	5-9	160	Canada
8	Rudy Glenn	Defender	October 12, 1958	25	6-2	185	United States
9	Charlie Fajkus	Midfielder	March 4, 1957	27	5-10	158	United States
10	Pato Margetic	Forward	May 17, 1960	24	5-11	154	Argentina
11	Mark Simanton	Defender	December 8, 1958	25	5-11	160	United States
12	Karl-Heinz Granitza	Forward	November 1, 1951	32	6-0	180	West Germany
14	Frank Klopas	Midfielder	September 1, 1966	17	5-9	155	Greece
15	Chris Kenny	Defender	May 31, 1962	22	5-10	170	United States
16	Robert Meschbach	Forward	June 17, 1959	24	5-9	165	United States
18	Ricardo Alonso	Forward	March 21, 1957	27	6-3	200	Argentina
19	Pat McGauley	Forward	April 23, 1961	23	6-0	160	United States
20	Elvis Comrie	Forward	August 7, 1959	24	5-11	170	United States
22	Ed Gettemeier	Goalkeeper	November 29, 1959	24	6-0	175	United States
28	Frantz Mathieu	Defender	December 23, 1952	31	5-1	160	Haiti

Head Coach/Team Manager: Willy Roy
Assistant Coach: Mike Grbic
Trainer: Jerry Carter
Equipment Manager: Willy Steinmiller

NASL STANDINGS AND STATISTICS

EASTERN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	(SW)	(SL)	GF	GA	BP	TP
CHICAGO STING	9	6	3	1	1	23	17	20	54
New York Cosmos	6	4	2	0	1	10	11	10	34
Toronto Blizzard	5	4	1	0	0	9	4	8	32
Tampa Bay Rowdies	8	3	5	1	1	12	11	10	26

WESTERN DIVISION

Minnesota Strikers	8	5	3	1	1	14	12	12	40
Vancouver Whitecaps	6	4	2	0	0	13	11	11	35
San Diego Sockers	7	3	4	3	1	12	16	10	22
Golden Bay Earthquakes	6	1	5	1	1	12	18	11	15
Tulsa Roughnecks	7	1	6	0	1	8	14	8	14

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Regular season

6/13 SDG 3, CHI 2 (so)
 NYK 3, GDB 1
 6/15 VCR 1, TUL 0
 6/16 SDG 5, MIN 3 (so)
 6/17 CHI 3, TUL 2
 NYK 2, TOR 1

THIS WEEK'S GAMES-ALL TIMES LOCAL

Regular season

6/22 TOR at TPA, 8 pm
 NYK at CHI, 8 pm Comiskey Park
 GDB at TUL, 8 pm
 VCR at SDG, 7 pm
 6/24 TUL at NYK, 3 pm
 CHI at TOR, 6:30 pm
 MIN at VCR, 7:30 pm

Exhibition

6/21 MIN at F.C. Seattle, 7:30 pm

NASL LEADING SCORERS

Player/Team	GP	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
Karl-Heinz Granitza, CHI	9	6	6	18
Peter Ward, VCR	6	6	2	14
Steve Zungul, GDB	6	6	2	14
Pato Margetic, CHI	9	4	4	12
Brian Kidd, MIN	5	5	1	11
Alan Willey, MIN	8	5	1	11
Ade Coker, SDG	5	5	0	10
Ron Futcher, TUL	7	4	2	10
Fran O'Brian, VCR	6	3	2	8
Manny Rojas, GDB	6	3	2	8
Seninho, CHI	8	2	4	8

NASL LEADING GOALKEEPERS

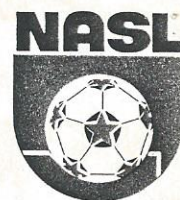
player/Team	GP	MINS	SHS	SVS	GA	SH	GAA	W/L
Hubert Birkenmeier, NYK	4	360	72	29	3	1	0.75	4-0
Paul Hammond, TOR	5	452	39	7	4	2	0.80	4-1
Arnold Mausser, TPA	7	660	110	32	7	1	0.95	3-4
Winston Dubose, TUL	5	388	43	12	6	1	1.30	1-3
Tino Lettieri, MIN	8	751	122	29	11	2	1.32	5-3
Victor Nogueira, CHI	8	750	158	56	15	1	1.81	5-3
Paul Bradshaw, VCR	6	540	85	27	11	2	1.83	4-2
Jim Gorsek, SDG	7	690	130	41	15	0	1.96	3-4
Bill Irwin, GDB	6	571	114	35	17	0	2.68	1-5

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STATISTICS UPDATE

INDIVIDUAL FIELD PLAYERS

VISITOR	New York	HOME	Chicago	Tied
GOALS	vCabanias -3- Tied 9th	Granitza-6-1st/Margetic-4-7th	Glenn -3-	Tied Alonso-9th
ASSISTS	Borja-3-Tied 9th	Granitza-6-1st/Seninho -4-5th/Fajkus-3-	Margetic Tied/	Tied 9th
POINTS	None in top ten	Granitza-18-1st/ Margetic-12-4th/8-T	Seninho-	
MINUTES	None in top ten	Granitza 830-1st/Margetic-828-2nd /800	Glenn-816-3rd/Alonso-803-4th/Fajkus-5th	
SHOTS	None in top ten	Granitza-42-1st/ Comrie-28-Tied 7th		
FOULS	NONE IN TOP TEN	Huson 21-4th		

GOALKEEPERS

MINUTES	Birkenmeier- 360-9th	Nogueira-750-2nd
SHOTS	Birkenmeier-72-7th	Nogueira-158-1st
SAVES	Birkenmeier-29-Tied 5th	Nogueira-56-1st
GOALS AGAINST	Birkenmeier-3-1st	Nogueira-15-Tied 7th
GAA	Birkenmeier-0.75-1st	Nogueira-1.81 6th
WON/LOST	Birkenmeier-4-0-1.000-1st	Nogueira-5-3-.625-Tied 4th

TEAM

GOALS	10-7th	23-1st
ASSISTS	11-Tied-8th	24-1st
SHOTS	87-7th	138-3rd
FOULS	117-6th	137-4th
SHOOTOUTS	0/5 .000-Tied 7th	5/10 .500-3rd
CORNER KICKS	29-9th	54-2nd
OFFSIDES	16-8th	54-1st
OPPONENT OFFSIDES	16-Tied 8th	27-5th

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STING SIGN MATHER HIGH SCHOOL STAR FRANK KLOPAS

The Chicago Sting today announced that they have signed Chicago high school soccer star Frank Klopas to a two year contract. Klopas, who will graduate from Chicago's Mather High School this week, led Mather High School to the Chicago Public League Championship in the fall of 1983, and a berth in the Illinois High School state tournament quarter-finals.

Klopas tallied 70 goals in his four year Mather High School career, including 20 last season. He capped his final year at Mather with numerous awards. He was a First Team selection on the Chicago Tribune All-State High School Soccer Team. He was also a First Team selection to the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association All-State squad. Klopas was also selected to the Chicago Sun-Times All-Area team and was the captain of that Chicago all-area squad.

Sting Head Coach Willy Roy stated, "He has the talent to be an excellent player. Without a doubt he is one of the top players to come out of this area, and we look forward to having him on the Sting."

Klopas, 17, was born in Greece, but will become a United States citizen on September 1, 1984 when he turns 18 years of age. Klopas is a product of the Chicago ethnic soccer league as well as he has played with the Olympics of the National Soccer League, and the Kickers of the Metropolitan Soccer League.

FRANK KLOPAS

Forward

5'9" 155 lbs.

Born: September 1, 1966

Citizenship: Greece



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ROBERT MESCHBACH

Forward

5'9" 165 lbs.

Born: June 17, 1959

Citizenship: United States

HOW ACQUIRED: in trade with Minnesota Strikers for John McGrane 5/7/84.....

.....considered one of the top young American forwards in the NASL.....has been used as a starter and as a "supersub" as he is a sparkplug for the team in coming off the bench...
....his best season was his 2nd, in 1982 with Ft. Lauderdale when he scored 7 goals and added 4 assists.....was the Strikers 5th leading scorer that season despite playing the minutes equivalent to half a season.....of his scoring in the 1983 season, both his goals were against Toronto, while both of his assists came against the Cosmos.....was a 1st Round Draft pick by the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers in 1980 out of Indiana University.....was a 1st Team All-American selection at IU, where he scored 61 goals and 17 assists (139 pts.) 3rd best in Indiana history.....rejoins Hoosier teammates Charlie Fajkus, Mark Simanton, and Rudy Glenn.....a Chicago area product, he starred as an all-stater at Chicago's Gordon Tech High School where he scored 105 goals in 2 years.....played in the Chicago youth and amateur leagues with the Green-White Soccer Club.....was a member of the 1977 US Olympic Team.....follows the stock market constantly.....married, wife Susie.....

REGULAR SEASON

Year	Team	GP	MIN	SHS	G	A	TP
1981	Ft. Lauderdale	27	1160	43	4	5	13
1982	Ft. Lauderdale	23	1475	51	7	4	18
1983	Ft. Lauderdale	14	414	13	2	2	6
TOTALS		64	3049	107	13	11	37

PLAYOFFS

1981	Ft. Lauderdale	3	63	1	0	0	0
1982	Ft. Lauderdale	2	18	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		5	81	1	0	0	0

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FRANTZ MATHIEU RETURNS TO THE STING

The Chicago Sting today announced the acquisition of former Sting all-pro defender Frantz Mathieu from the Tampa Bay Rowdies. For Mathieu it will be a return to Chicago where he starred for the Sting from 1980 to 1982.

One of the most popular players ever to wear a Sting uniform Mathieu has been a NASL All-Star in each of his 4 years in the NASL. He was selected as an Honorable Mention All-Star (1980) and a First Team All-Star (1981) with the Sting. He was a First Team All-Star (1982) and a Second Team All-Star (1983) with the Montreal Manic.

Mathieu is one of the fastest players in all of soccer, and he is known for his excellent defensive abilities, and lightning quick slide tackles to win the ball from the opponent. But it was for his outstanding play in 1981 in leading the Sting to the NASL Soccer Bowl championship that Mathieu is most remembered.

It was Mathieu who electrified a Comiskey Park playoff crowd of 27,489 against Montreal in the closing minutes of the deciding game of the quarter-finals with a spectacular 75 yard effort for the goal that iced the game for the Sting.

In the deciding game of the 1981 semi-finals it was Mathieu's shootout goal against the San Diego Sockers that caused delirium among the record crowd of 40,000 Comiskey Park fans who stormed the field in excitement carrying Mathieu and his teammates off the field in victory.

And it was Mathieu again in Soccer Bowl '81 versus the New York Cosmos, as his excellent defensive play against the Cosmos' Giorgio Chinaglia led the Sting to a 1-0 win. For his efforts Mathieu was named the Most Valuable Player of the Game as the Sting won the title, giving Chicago its first professional championship since 1963.

In April of 1982 Mathieu was traded to the Montreal Manic for Gordon Hill. He played with Montreal in the 1982 and 1983 seasons, and when the Montreal franchise folded, he was signed as a free agent with the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

"We recognized midway through the 1982 season that we made a bad trade, and we have been trying to get Frantz back ever since," stated Sting owner Lee Stern. "Through this deal with Tampa Bay we have accomplished our goal. His popularity with the fans of Chicago is unquestioned as was evidenced at the ovation he received at the Indoor All-Star game at the Chicago Stadium last February."



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Mathieu will be in uniform for the Sting this Saturday May 19th for the Sting Home Opener against the Minnesota Strikers at Comiskey Park at 1:30 pm kicking off the Sting's 10th season of outdoor soccer in Chicago.

According to Sting Head Coach Willy Roy, "I echo Lee Stern's comments. We are delighted to have Frantz back. He is without a doubt a quality player, and one of the best on one defenders in the league. We are fortunate to have him back as a player and a friend."

FRANTZ MATHIEU

Defender

5'10" 160 lbs.

Born: December 23, 1952

Citizenship: Haiti

REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	MIN	SHS	G	A	TP
1980	Chicago	28	2615	20	2	3	7
1981	Chicago	31	2741	5	1	5	7
1982	Chicago	3	216	0	0	0	0
1982	Montreal	23	2108	5	0	1	1
1983	Montreal	27	2272	10	2	3	7
TOTALS		112	9952	40	5	12	22



COSMOS

NO.	POSITION
1-Victor Nogueira	GK
4-Greg Ryan	D
6-Dave Hudson	D
7-Victor Kodeljia	D
11-Mark Simanton	D
9-charley Parkus	M
20-Elvis Comrie	M
19-Pat McGauley	M
10-Pato Marquetic	F
12-karl-Heinz-Granitz	F
3-Seninho	F

SUBS

46 Robert Meschbach (for 11 at 60)
 18-Ricard Alonso
 22 Ed Gettemeier

NO.	POSITION
1-Hubert Birkenmeier	GK
2-Andranik Eskandarian	D
3-Dan Carter	D
4-Jeff Pughan	D
22-pedro De Brito	D
8-Vladislav Bogicevic	M
20-Andrew Parkinson	M
25-Gerry Gray	M
14-stan Terlecki	F
15-Alan Green	F
28-Hernan Borja	F

SUBS

11- Dragan Vujovic (for 20 at 45)
 21-David Brcic
 27-Carmen Marcantonio

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 Ulrich Strom
 Gary Shugarts