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Their July 4 international game with the Israel national Olympic team here cancelled, the Chicago Cats are applying full concentration on winning an Eastern Division playoff berth in the American Soccer League championship race. Next up for them at home is Hanson Stadium on Wednesday night, July 14, are the New York Apollos, defending co-champions.

In fact, the New Yorkers are sole title defendants because the Boston Astros, with whom they shared the crown last season, have dropped out of the league. Prior to playing the champs here, the Cats go east to meet the New Jersey Americans July 9 and the Apollos at their home July 10.

Dr. Ernest Panos, principal owner of the Cats, is not through trying to put together the strongest team possible, not only in a determined effort to win the championship this season but to be sure the fans will have a great aggregation to watch next year.

He has hired Iris DeBrito, famous international player and a member of the old Chicago Spurs, as a full-time scout and liaison man with the Latinos on the Cats' squad.

DeBrito is already in communication with several highly-rated South American players. At this time, Dr. Panos himself is in Europe looking over possible available talent there. The coaching staff of George Meyer and Mike Grbic is keeping an eye on the American scene.

The American Soccer League permits signing of new players until Aug. 1. It is quite likely one or more topnotchers will be signed by the Cats before then.

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