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PROFILE ON ZYGMUNT ANCZOK

When Dr. Panos and his aids set about planning the personnel of this year's Chicago Cats team in a determined bid for the American Soccer League championship, they were of one mind:

"Get Anczok!"

Zygmunt Anczok, a great star in his native Poland and highly sought after by top clubs the world over. The Cats executives knew that with him at a defender post they'd have the bulwark of a strong backline.

Getting him wasn't going to be that easy. But land him they did and now both Anczok and the Cats are happy he's here.

Zyggie is everything they said of him and more. His brilliant play has already manifested itself and inspired his Cats teammates. He's without doubt one of the best in the American Soccer League.

Thirty years old and at the peak of his game, strong and fast, Anczok is a six-footer and weighs 180. His pleasing personality makes him a great favorite with all the Cats.

He was a member of the Polish soccer team that won the gold medal in the 1972 Olympic Games at Munich, Germany. A member of the Polonia team in his native city of Bytom, Anczok was a member of the Polish national team for years and also earned a place on the All-Europe All-Star team.

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PROFILE ON JOHN DOLINSKY

The Chicago Cats are most happy they selected John Dolinsky in this year's American Soccer League college draft and were able to sign him.

A three-year collegiate All-American as a midfielder at Lewis University near Chicago, Dolinsky has been converted into a forward because of his speed and dexterity by Coach George Meyer and is responding notably.

He scored his first American Soccer League goal in the Cat's 3 to 1 victory over the Connecticut Yankees at New Haven May 2 afternoon, after playing a fine game in the 1 to 0 win over Rhode Island at Providence the night before.

Johnny was a good all-around athlete at Romeoville (Ill.) High School and has been playing soccer since he was 10 years old. The Cats had a good line on him and knew what they were drafting because, for years, he has been playing with the Schwaben Club in Chicago soccer. He also had a brief turn with the Maroons.

Of Czech and German descent, Dolinsky made the local all-star teams in 1972 and 1973 and the indoor all-stars this past season. All this was capped by his three years of All-American recognition at Lewis University.

Johnny now resides in Chicago, is married and has a baby daughter seven months old as of May. His goal? To play pro soccer as long as he can and then coach.

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PROFILE ON ERNESTO HASBACH

One of the Chicago Cats super finds this season is Ernesto Hasbach, the handsome and skillful defender they acquired in Mexico this past winter. That he has fulfilled all promises made for him is putting it mildly. He has already demonstrated that he's one of the finest prospects.

The blond Mexican, who was born in New York City, helps give the Cats one of the strongest defenses in the American Soccer League. The 23-year-old, six foot, 160-pounder is exceedingly fast, smart and cool under pressure.

Both of Ernesto's parents are Mexicans, but he was born in New York City where his father, a physician, completed his resident term. Back home in Mexico, young Ernesto, from his 11th year through his 18th, played with the University Juniors and the next two years with Mexico's amateur champions.

His ability brought him to the attention of the big clubs and he was signed by first division Atletico Espanol where he was a standout from his 20th year through his 22rd. The Cats heard about him, sent down an emissary who liked what he saw and signed him on the spot.

Hasbach spends a great deal of his spare time studying for a Master's Degree. He is planning to be an accountant and is taking correspondence courses from Advertising Technical School in Mexico City. Single, the handsome and personable lad is the pin-up guy for many a lass.

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PROFILE ON PETE KOURATOS

Big, burly, driving Pete Kouratos, "The Golden Greek", is one of the most feared and respected forwards in the American Soccer League. And he's one of the most popular players with the home fans. Rooters for the opponents also appreciate his power type of play.

Personable Pete led the Cats in scoring last season and ranked high in the league standings. He probably would have been even closer to the top if his unrelenting hard play hadn't drawn him more than his share of oustings.

But that's the only way Pete knows how to play--hard and to win, but clean. Off the field, he's a pleasant, gentle and well-liked person. Single, but, sorry girls, more or less spoken for.

In his native Athens, young Kouratos naturally started playing soccer as a youth and "organized ball" from the age of 15. A year later he was doing well with such clubs as Olympiakos and Ionikos in Pireas. A few years later he put in two big seasons with the Greek National Army Team.

The Chicago Olympics brought him to this city, and, except for a brief stint with the pro Mustangs, he spent seven years with them. It is believed that he along with Willi Roy have scored more goals than any other players in National Soccer League history.

Pete is going on 32, stands an inch over six feet and weighs 200. That's lots of soccer player as opponents will tell you--and his rooting gallery, too.

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PROFILE ON GEORGE L. MEYER

As coach of the Chicago Cats, George L. Meyer adds another chapter to his long and illustrious career as a soccer mentor of major ability.

The former Chicago Mustangs coach considers this one of the biggest challenges of his years in the sport, and is enjoying every minute of it. "Our great city of Chicago needs a major sports champion and I hope we can be the ones to bring a title here," he said when signed by Dr. Ernest Panos.

Meyer is a native Chicago, 53 years and old, married and the father of four. He has been dedicated to soccer for 35 years. He began his playing career as a student at Carl Schurz High School and the Chicago Schwaben Juniors as a fullback.

Starting his coaching career in 1954 for the Schwaben major club, he soon gained the respect of everyone in the league and the prestige carried him to many honors. He coached Schwaben until 1967, and, all those years, also was head coach of the Chicago All-Star Teams.

From 1957 through 1967 he was U.S.A. national coach, responsible for preparing American teams for the Pan-American Games, Olympic Games and World Cup. His ten-year tenure as the nation's head coach also included heading American

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PROFILE ON JORGE RIZO

Jorge Rizo is another of the Mexico contributions that have made the Chicago Cats the colorful and exciting team they are. A forward, He's 21 years old, 5'-6'' and weighs 135.

Those are the bare statistics on him, but they don't reveal the fact that he's real fast, a beautiful dribbler and a good shot. The Cats expect him to come up with his share of goals and assists.

He makes his home in Mexico City, but his brief first division career before the Cats signed him up was with the Laguna Football Club of Turreon Coahuila.

In 1972 he was a member of Mexico's Olympic Games soccer squad that completed in the qualifying round in the Bahamas.

Rizo has come to love Chicago and would love nothing better than to help the Cats bring a championship to his adopted city.

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PROFILE ON STEFAN SZEFER

Stefan Szefer, veteran defender, has made a name for himself in soccer circles with his brilliant play in three countries, but he admits he's having the time of his 33-year young life playing with the Cats. He's just what the Doctor (Panos, the team owner) ordered. His teammates like him, his fans like him and he's already figured prominently in several big victories.

Last year Szefer, dividing his performances between back and forward, was a star with the Chicago Sting, appearing in every regular season game and logging 2,038 minutes. He set a club record scoring a hat trick with three goals against the Philadelphia Atoms.

Szefer was born in Poland, played for Wlokniarz, Slask and LKS in that country and made 18 appearances on the Polish National Team. His career includes starting for two seasons in the Netherlands and in America with the California Clippers and Chicago's Eagles and Lions, besides The Sting. Yes, girls, Stefan is happily married.