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CHICAGO STING GAME NOTES

GAME: No. 7 ROAD GAME: No. 4
STING RECORD: 4-2 Home: 3-0 Road: 1-2
OPPONENT: New York Cosmos, 2-1
DATE: Saturday June 9, 1984
SITE: Giants Stadium/Meadowlands

FIRST PLACE STING TRAVEL TO NEW YORK TO TAKE ON THE COSMOS SATURDAY

FIRST MEETING OF SEASON
BETWEEN STING AND COSMOS:

The Chicago Sting, still atop the Eastern Division of the NASL, take to the road this weekend as they take on their arch rivals, the New York Cosmos on Saturday June 9 at 2 PM (CDT) at Giants Stadium. This will be the first of three games between the Sting and the Cosmos as the New Yorkers will come to Chicago on Friday June 22 (Comiskey Park, 8 PM), and Saturday August 4 (Comiskey Park, 8 PM).

STING VS. THE COSMOS
LAST SEASON:

Last year the Sting won three of the four games played between the two clubs. The '83 series produced many thrills that have continued to make this one of the greatest rivalries in the NASL. Last season vs. the Cosmos Karl-Heinz Granitza tallied his 100th career goal to beat the Cosmos, 3-2, on June 22nd. Seninho celebrated a birthday by scoring two goals as the Sting beat the Cosmos, 5-2, on July 1. Dave Huson's game winning goal on July 30 gave the Sting a 2-1 win and sent Davey blowing kisses to the crowd.

STING VS. COSMOS
OVER THE YEARS:

Chicago vs. New York

	W	L	GF	GA
Record	9	6	37	34
Home	5	3	22	17
Road	4	3	15	17

Year

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

Playoffs

1981 9/26 (A) Chicago 1 New York 0 (SO) ATT: 36,971
(SOCCER BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP AT TORONTO)



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RADIO AND TV COVERAGE
OF TODAY'S STING-NY GAME:

This afternoon's Sting-Cosmos game will be televised live in the Chicago area on selected cable systems on Sports-Vision with Howard Balson calling the play by play, and Kerny Stern adding game analysis. The game will also be broadcast live in Chicago on WIND-AM (560) with Bill Hazen calling the play by play.

THE STING ARE USING
THEIR HEADS:

So far this season the Sting has tallied 12 goals in the first six games. Of those 12 goals five have been headers. Ricardo Alonso and Rudy Glenn each have 2 header goals, and Karl-Heinz Granitza has one. Last season Alonso, who led the Sting in goals scored with 16, had 7 goals as a result of header goals.

GRANITZA MILESTONE COUNTDOWN,
NINE ASSISTS TO GO:

Sting captain Karl-Heinz Granitza currently is the NASL's #1 All-Time leading scorer among active players with 321 pts. He is the NASL's #2 All-Time leading goal scorer among active players with 115 goals, and is the NASL's #2 All-Time leader in assists with 91. When Granitza gains his 100th career assist he will become the only player in the history of the NASL to attain both 100 goals and 100 assists in a career.

STING DOING THE JOB IN
ONE-GOAL GAMES:

Of the first six games so far this season for the Sting, five have been decided by a one goal margin. And the Sting has been coming through in these important games winning 4 of those 5. Four of the six games have been decided by a final score of 3-2 with the Sting winning 3 of those 4. Last season the Sting was 10-7 in one-goal games.

THE STING ON ARTIFICIAL
AND NATURAL SURFACES:

Today's contest will be the second time the Sting has artificial surface this season. The only other time the Sting played on astroturf in 1984 was on May 12 at the Minnesota MetroDome when they lost to the Strikers, 3-2. The Sting is 4-1 on natural grass, 3-0 at home (Comiskey 2-0, Wrigley 1-0), and 1-1 on the road.

STING STATUS REPORT:

#28 Frantz Mathieu.....broken rt. forearm.....out
#15 Chris Kenny.....left groin/rt. calf...Questionable
#25 Mike Flood.....right thigh.....probable
#7 Victor Kodolja....left wrist.....probable
#3 Seninho.....right knee.....probable

STING ITINERARY:

Right after today's game the Sting head to Newark International Airport as they will leave at 7:30 pm (EDT) on United #237 arriving at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport at 8:42 pm (CDT).

STING START A THREE GAME
HOMESTAND NEXT WEDNESDAY:

The next Sting game will be next Wednesday June 13 when the Sting play host to the San Diego Sockers at Comiskey Park at 8 PM. This will be the only Chicago visit for San Diego, the defending NASL indoor champions. This game will kick off a three game homestand for the Sting as they then play the Tulsa Roughnecks on Sun. June 17 (Comiskey Park 1:30 PM), and then battle the New York Cosmos on Friday June 22 (Comiskey Park 8 PM).

STING SHORTS:

.....the 10th annual Sting Summer Soccer Camps open up this Monday at Knoch Park in Naperville; this is the first of 21 sites in the Chicago area to host a Sting camp.....Wednesday's game vs. San Diego is Half Price Night co-sponsored by the Chicago Sun-Times, and the 1st 5,000 fans will also receive a free WINGO game card.....

CHICAGO STING 1984 OUTDOOR STATISTICS

STING RECORD: 4-2

HOME: 3-0

ROAD: 1-2

NO.	NAME	GP	GS	MIN	SHS	FLS	C/E	PK/A	SO/A	GWG	G	A	TP
12	Karl-Heinz Granitza	6	6	555:00	31	7	2/0	1/1	1/1	1	3	2	8
18	Ricardo Alonso	6	6	502:27	15	7	1/0	0/0	0/1	1	3	1	7
10	Pato Margetic	6	6	542:40	10	2	0/0	0/0	1/1	1	2	3	7
8	Rudy Glenn	6	6	541:42	7	10	0/1	0/0	0/0	1	3	0	6
20	Elvis Comrie	6	5	381:07	16	7	1/0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1	3
3	Seninho	5	1	207:56	1	2	0/0	0/0	0/1	0	0	2	2
9	Charlie Fajkus	6	6	514:30	5	7	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	2	2
7	Victor Kodolja	5	5	465:00	2	2	0/0	0/0	0/0	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	5	5	424:30	2	14	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0
11	Mark Simanton	3	3	285:00	2	6	1/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0
19	Pat McGauley	4	2	217:49	2	6	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0
16	Robert Meschbach	5	0	144:42	4	0	0/0	0/0	1/1	0	0	0	0
28	Frantz Mathieu	5	5	394:19	0	11	3/0	0/0	0/1	0	0	0	0
1	Victor Nogueira	5	5	465:00	0	0	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
STING TOTALS		6	6	555:00	97	92	9/2*	1/1	4/7	4	12	13	37
TOTALS		6	6	555:00	107	140	10/1	0/0	0/1**	2	12	16	40

*includes one 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	5	5	465:00	94	33	0/1**	3/7	0	11	2.13	3-2
22	Ed Gettemeier	1	1	90:00	13	5	0/0	0/0	0	1	1.00	1-0
STING TOTALS		6	6	555:00	107	38	0/1	3/7	0	12	1.97	4-2
OPPONENTS		6	6	555:00	97	26	1/1	4/7	1	12	1.97	2-4

TEAM STATISTICS: Scoring by periods

	1	2	LOT	2OT	SO	T	Own Goals (for)	Corners	Offsides
STING	4	8	0	0	1	12	0	38	38
Opponents	7	5	0	0	0	12	0	44	20

TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE: 19,339

AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE: 6,446

TOTAL ROAD ATTENDANCE: 35,676

AVERAGE ROAD ATTENDANCE: 11,892

	W	L
When Sting scores first:	2	0
When opponent scores first:	2	2
When Sting leads at half:	1	0
When opponent leads at half:	1	2
When game is tied at half:	2	0
One goal games:	4	1

	W	L
Artificial turf:	0	1
Grass Surface (home):	3	0
Comiskey Park:	2	0
Wrigley Field:	1	0
Grass surface (road):	1	1
Vs. Eastern Division:	1	1
Vs. Western Division:	3	1

GAME BY GAME RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORING/*Game Winning Goal
5/12	@ Minnesota	2-3 L	15,631	Alonso (Margetic), Margetic (Kodolja)
5/19	MINNESOTA	2-1 W	7,252	Alonso (Seninho, Kenny), Granitza* (PK)
5/25	TULSA	3-2 (SO) 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)

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
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
25	Mike Flood	Midfielder	December 24, 1962	21	6-2	190	United States
28	Frantz Mathieu	Defender	December 23, 1952	31	5-10	160	Haiti

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

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STING ADD DEFENDER GREG RYAN TO ROSTER FOR 15 DAYS

The Chicago Sting today announced that they have added defender Greg Ryan to the active roster as Ryan has signed a 15 day Temporary Injury Contract with the Sting.

NASL clubs are now permitted to sign a player to two 15 day contracts to help fill the roster when injuries occur. Last Sunday All-Star defender Frantz Mathieu suffered a multiple fracture of the right forearm and will be out of the Sting lineup for 8-12 weeks. Last Friday defender Victor Kodolja suffered a fractured left wrist and his status remains doubtful.

Ryan has been a member of the Sting since 1980 when he was acquired from the New York Cosmos for defender Bruce Wilson. An All-American and team captain at SMU, Ryan has been one of the top defenders for the Sting both outdoors and indoors. In 1983 Ryan took a personal leave of absence from the Sting to pursue a degree in biology and become an assistant soccer coach at Colorado College. He plans to return to Colorado College for the summer later this month, and will return to the Sting for the 1984-85 indoor season in the fall.

#4 GREG RYAN
Defender
5'9" 155 lbs.
Born: January 21, 1957
Citizenship: United States

REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	MIN	SHS	G	A	TP
1979	Tulsa	14	1292	6	0	1	1
1979	New York	4	148	0	0	1	1
1980	Chicago	24	1731	10	1	1	3
1981	Chicago	19	1223	3	1	2	4
1982	Chicago	1	55	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		62	4449	19	2	5	9

PLAYOFF STATISTICS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	MIN	SHS	G	A	TP
1979	New York	2	43	0	0	0	0
1980	Chicago	1	2	0	0	0	0
1981	Chicago	9	500	1	0	0	0
TOTALS		12	545	1	0	0	0



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KARL-HEINZ GRANITZA NAMED "PLAYER OF THE WEEK"

Sting forward Karl-Heinz Granitza was named today as the North American Soccer League's (NASL) Player of the Week for his excellent play in the Sting's two games last week.

The Sting captain had an outstanding game last Friday night at Tampa even though the Sting lost to the Rowdies, 2-0. But on Sunday Granitza led the Sting to a come from behind 3-2 win over the Rowdies at Wrigley Field. Granitza tallied the game tying goal to even the score at 2-2, and then came up with the game winning assist to Rudy Glenn for the game winning goal with 5 minutes to go in the game, and give the Sting a 3-2 win at Wrigley Field.

Granitza is currently the NASL's #1 All-Time leading scorer among active players with 321 points. He is the NASL's #2 All-Time leading goal scorer among active players with 115, and is the NASL's #2 All-Time leader in assists with 91. When he attains his 100th assist, he will become the only player in the history of the NASL to tally both 100 goals and 100 assists in a career.

Granitza is the first Sting player to receive the Player of the Week award this season.

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STING STAR FRANTZ MATHIEU UNDERGOES SURGERY

Sting defender Frantz Mathieu, injured in last Sunday's Sting 3-2 win over the Tampa Bay Rowdies at Wrigley Field, underwent successful surgery today at Highland Park Hospital to repair two broken bones in his right forearm sustained in a collision with Tatu of Tampa Bay.

Mathieu broke the ulna bone in one place, and the radius bone in three places, and each bone required a plate to set it properly. The operation was performed by Sting team physician Dr. Robert Rosenzweig who was assisted by Dr. Arnold Cohn and the surgery took four hours.

Mathieu is expected to be out of the Sting lineup from 8-12 weeks. Upon being acquired from the Tampa Bay Rowdies on May 15, Mathieu had played in 5 Sting games and solidified the Sting backline with outstanding defensive performances. On May 19th in the Sting home opener versus the Minnesota Strikers, he was voted the #1 Star of the Game by the media for his role in the Sting 2-1 win. He is in his 5th season in the NASL, and was an NASL All-Star the previous four seasons.



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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 one 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