

ROCHESTER LANCERS

GAME NOTES

LANCERS vs. COSMOS

July 15, 1977

THE LANCERS, WITH A 17-4 RECORD AT HOME OVER THE PAST TWO SEASON, HOPE TO PULL WITHIN TWO POINTS OF THE NORTHERN DIVISION LEADERS, THE ST. LOUIS STARS, THIS EVENING. ROCHESTER, WITH 75 POINTS AND TWO GAMES IN HAND OVER THE 10-11 STARS, COULD MOVE WITHIN TWO POINTS OF THE TOP SPOT WITH A MAXIMUM-POINT VICTORY TONIGHT. TORONTO WITH A 2-1 OVERTIME VICTORY AGAINST PORTLAND LAST NIGHT, MOVED INTO SECOND AND THREE POINTS AHEAD OF THE LANCERS.....THE LANCERS HAVE NOT LOST A REGULATION-TIME CAME AT HOLLEDER IN THE PAST TWO SEASONS. HOME LOSSES HAVE BEEN DEALT BY DALLAS (SHOOTOUT), PORTLAND (OVERTIME), TORONTO (TIEBREAKERS), AND VANCOUVER (OVERTIME).....MIKE STOJANOVIC, CURRENTLY THE LEAGUE'S THIRD-LEADING SCORER WITH 12 GOALS AND FIVE ASSISTS, IS TWO GOALS AHEAD OF LAST YEAR'S PACE. IN ALL, STOJANOVIC NETTED 17 GOALS LAST SEASON.....LANCER INJURIES: ART JORGE - PULLED LIGAMENTS IN ANKLE - OUT THE COSMOS, HARD-PRESSED BY SECOND-PLACE FT. LAUDERDALE, LOOK TO SNAP A FOUR-GAME LOSING STREAK ON THE ROAD (VS. SEATTLE, LOS ANGELES, VANCOUVER, AND ST. LOUIS). WITH A 12-9 RECORD, THE COSMOS CURRENTLY STAND ATOP THE EASTERN DIVISION WITH 113 POINTS. FT. LAUDERDALE'S VICTORY OVER SAN JOSE LAST WEDNESDAY, PUT THEM WITHIN SIX POINTS OF THE EASTERN DIVISION LEAD. THE STRIKERS, WHO HAVE TWO GAMES IN HAND OVER THE COSMOS, WILL BE IN ACTION LATER TONIGHT IN HAWAII..... HAVING BEEN QUESTIONABLE, DOUBTFUL, OR OUT, FOR THEIR LAST FEW GAMES, COSMOS' PELE, FRANZ BECKENBAUER, VITO DIMITRIJEVIC, AND SHEP MESSING ARE READY FOR ACTION TONIGHT. THE COSMOS RECENTLY SIGNED CARLOS ALBERTO (6'0", 170 LBS.), WHO CAPTAINED THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL TEAM IN THE 1970 WORLD CUP. ALBERTO DID NOT MAKE THE TRIP..... THE LANCERS RECENTLY SIGNED YUGOSLAVIAN BOB VESELINOVIC. VESELINOVIC, A 6'0", 170 LB. FORWARD, WILL

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ROCHESTER LANCERS - 812 WILDER BUILDING - ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14614 - (716) 232-2420 - TLX 978-335 1970 CHAMPIONS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE

PROBABLY NOT SEE ACTION TONIGHT, BUT COULD BE USED IN THE LANCERS' NEXT GAME......

BOTH THE COSMOS AND THE LANCERS WILL BE ON ACTION AGAIN ON SUNDAY: PORTLAND AT THE COSMOS, LANCERS AT LAS VEGAS......IN 14 MEETINGS BETWEEN THE LANCERS AND THE COSMOS, EACH TEAM HAS COME AWAY WITH SEVEN VICTORIES. EARLIER THIS SEASON, THE COSMOS DOWNED THE LANCERS 2-0 AT GIANTS STADIUM. PELE AND CHINAGLIA HAD GOALS.

LAST YEAR, THE COSMOS CAPTURED A 2-0 DECISION AT YANKEE STADIUM, BUT FELL IN HOLLEDER 2-1. IN THEIR EIGHT VISITS TO ROCHESTER, THE COSMOS HAVE WON ONLY ONCE (1975).

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE:						
NORTHERN DIVISION	W	L	GF	GA	BP	PTS.
ST. LOUIS	10	11	26	28	26	86
TORONTO	9	12	27 28	35	24	79
CHICAGO	8	13	26	32 35	27 23	75 71
CONNECTICUT	4	15	23	50	20	44
EASTERN DIVISION;						
COSMOS	12	9	46	33	41	113
FT. LAUDERDALE	13	16	31	22	30	108
TAMPA BAY WASHINGTON	11	,9 11	46	35 2 6	38	104
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PACIFIC CONFERENCE:						
WESTERN DIVISION:						
MINNESOTA	13	7	35	21	33	111
VANCOUVER	11	8	34	31	31	97
SEATTLE	9	10	23	25	23	77
PORTLAND	0	12	29	31	29	77
SOUTHERN DIVISION:						
DALLAS	14	6	43	29	40	124
LOS ANGELES	13	7	50	36	144	122
LAS VEGAS	10	10	29	30	28	88
SAN JOSE HAWAII	10 9	11	28 34	36 44	27 33	87 87
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LEADING SCORERS:	67			TB		
PLAYER/TEAM	GP	GA	Α .			
STEVE DAVID/LA	20	22	4	48		
DEREK SMETHURST/TPB STOJANOVIC/LANCERS	16 18	18 12	2 5	38 29		
GEORGE BEST/LA	14	6	14	26		
GIORGIO CHINAGLIA/COS	20	10	6	26		
PELE/COS	20	11	3	25		
KYLE ROTE/DALLAS	, 20	11	3	25		
RON FUTCHER/MINN RODNEY MARSH/TMB	15 19	10 6	3	23 22		
PAUL CHILD/SJ	20	10	2	22		
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VANCOUVER AT SEATTLE

ROCHESTER LANCERS

1977 ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POSITION	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	NATIVE COUNTRY	1976 TEAM	CITIZEN- SHIP
1	JACK BRAND	GOALKEEPER	23	6-1	175	W GERMANY	TORONTO ITALIA	CANADIAN
2	DON DROEGE	DEFENDER	22	6-0	180	USA	STLOUIS U	AMERICAN
3	CRAIG REYNOLDS	DEFENDER	23	5-10	165	USA	LANCERS	AMERICAN
4	MIRALEM FAZLIC	DEFENDER	30	6-1	180	YUGOSLAVIA	METROS/ LANCERS	YUGOSLAVIAN
5	NICK MIJATOVIC	DEFENDER	28	6-0	180	YUGOSLAVIA	LANCERS	YUGOSLAVIAN
6	MESSIAS TIMULA	DEFENDER	27	6-1	180	PORTUGAL	BENFICA	PORTUGUESE
7	MIKE STOJANOVIC	FORWARD	27	6-1	175	YUGOSLAVIA	LANCERS	YUGOSLAVIAN
8	GEORGE KOLONIC	MIDFIELD	24	5-11	165	YUGOSLAVIA	VARTEKS	YUGOSLAVIAN
9	MIKE BAKIC	FORWARD	24	6-0	175	YUGOSLAVIA	WHITE EAGLES	CANADIAN
10	JOHN PEDRO	MIDFIELD	25	5-9	145	PORTUGAL	LANCERS	PORTUGUESE
11	IBRAIM SILVA	MIDFIELD	23	6-0	150	PORTUGAL	LANCERS	PORTUGUESE
12	JIM POLLIHAN	DEFENDER	23	6-1	185	USA	LANCERS	AMERICAN
14	ART JORGE	FORWARD	29	6-0	160	PORTUGAL	BELENENSES	PORTUGUESE
15	KIP JORDAN	DEFENDER	25	6-0	160	USA	LANCERS	AMERICAN
16	FRANCISCO ESCOS	MIDFIELD	34	5-6	145	ARGENTINA	LANCERS	ARGENTINE
17	FRANK ODOI	MIDFIELD	32	5-6	155	GHANA	LANCERS	GHANIAN
18	NELSON CUPELLO	DEFENDER	24	6-0	160	BRAZIL	LANCERS	AMERICAN
20	BOB VESELINOVIC	FORWARD	25	6-0	170	YUGOSLAVIA	SLOBODA	YUGOSLAVIAN
21	DAVID SARACHAN	FORWARD	23	5-5	135	USA	LANCERS	AMERICAN
22	JOSE COSTA	FORWARD	25	5-10	165	PORTUGAL	ACADEMICO	PORTUGUESE
25	JIM MAY	GOALKEEPER	25	6-1	165	USA	LANCERS	AMERICAN

HEAD COACH: Dragan "Don" Popovic ASSISTANT COACH: Manfred Seissler

TRAINER & EQUIPMENT MANAGER: Joe Sirianni

TEAM CAPTAIN: Jim Pollihan

PLAYER	GP	MINUTES	GOALS	ASSISTS	SHOTS	FOULS	S=0	POINTS
MIKE BAKIC	19	1526:14	3	4	40	13	1-1	10
JOSE COSTA	1	60:00	0	1	0	1	0-0	1
NELSON CUPELLO	7.	367:24	0	0	1	14	0-0	0
DON DROEGE	14	1347:35	0	1	14	33	0-0	1
FRANCISCO ESCOS	11	643:45	0	1	8	2 3	0-0	1.5
MIRALEM FAZLIC	17	1527:24	0	1	2	38	1-2	1
KIP JORDAN	0	00:00	0	0	0	0	0-0	0
ART JORGE	7	597:15	2 ,	1	13	8	0-1	5
GEORGE KOLONIC	1	70:40	0	0	0	2	0-0	0
**TONY MANAFA	12	819:58	0	1	10	28	0-0	1
NICK MIJATOVIC	10	862:50	0	1	3	5	0-0	1
FRANK ODOI	13	1109:57	0	3	8	19	0-0	3
JOHN PEDRO	19	1719:50	1	4	22	49	0-1	6
JIM POLLIHAN	19	1752:25	1	3	13	37	0-2	5
CRAIG REYNOLDS	11	371:15	2	1	10	5	0-0	5
DAVID SARACHAN	1	10:54	0	0	0	0	0-0	0
IBRAIM SILVA	19	1734:25	6	3	40	36	0-1	15
MIKE STOJANOVIC	19	1752:25	12	5	86	31	0-1	29.
MESSIAS TIMULA	15	1302:39	0	1	7	37	0-0	1
**Released from Lancers TOTALS OPPONENTS TOTALS	ncers		28* 32*	31 28	277 357	379 332	2-10 2-10	87 92
	GP	MINUTES	SAVES	GOALS AGA		SHUTOUTS		AGAINST AVE.
GOALKEEPERS JACK BRAND	19	1698:09	135	30		4		1.59
	9	39:16	3	1		0		2.29
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TEAM TOTALS: Corner Kicks: Offsides:	LANCERS 89 35	OPPONENTS 90 100			PEN	NALTY KICKS Jorge Stojanovic	: <u>MAD</u>	

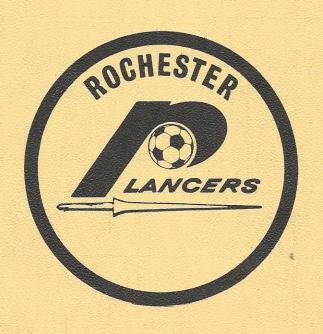
^{*} Includes one shootout goal.

LANCERS 1977 RESULTS

DATE	TEAM	SITE	W/L	SCORE	SCORERS	ATTEND.
4-17	Cosmos	A	L	2-0	None	26,852
4-24	St. Louis	A	L	1-0 OT	None	6,128
4-30	Tampa Bay	A	L	3-1	Jorge (Silva)	21,426
5-8	Toronto	Н	W	1-0 SO	Team Goal	4,033
5-15	Chicago	Н	W	2-0	Jorge (Manafa, Bakic)	4,813
					Stojanovic (Silva, Mijatovic)	
5-21	Ft. Lauderdale	A	L	2-1	Stojanovic	5,890
5-29	Washington	H	W	2-1	Jorge	4,942
					Silva (Reynolds, Stojanovic)	
6-1	Chicago	A	L	3-2	Stojanovic (Bakic)	3,037
					Stojanovic	
6-5	Tampa Bay	H	W.	2-0	Bakic (Esces)	5,247
					Silva (Stojanovic)	
6-8	Hawaii	A	L	4-1	Stojanovic	1,896
6-11	San Jose	A	W	3-1	Bakic (Pollihan)	17,741
				*	Reynolds	
					Reynolds (Pedro, Bakic)	
6-14	Vancouver	A	L	2-0 *		7,872
6-17	Portland	H	L	3-2 OT	Pollihan (Stojanovic)	4,120
					Silva (Stojanovic, Timula)	
6-22	Los Angeles	H	W	4-3	Stojanovic (Odoi, Bakic)	7,133
					Pedro (Stojanovic, Silva)	
					Silva (Odoi, Pollihan)	
					Stojanovic (Fazlic, Silva)	
6-26	Connecticut	A	L	2-1	Stojanovic	2,832
6-29	Ft. Lauderdale	H	W	3-1	Stojanovic (Droege, Pedro)	3,502
					Stojanovic (PK)	
		*			Bakic (Pedro)	经价格的 物质
7-4	Washington	Α	L	1-0	None	3,962
7-6	St. Louis	H	W	1-0	Silva (Odoi, Pollihan)	4,392
7-10	Dallas	H	L	3-2 SO	Stojanovic (PK)	7,291
					Stojanovic (Pedro, Costa)	

AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE: 5,052 AVERAGE AWAY ATTENDANCE: 9,763

TOTAL HOME ATTENBANCE: 45,473



1977 COSMOS 21 GAME STATISTICS Won 12, Lost 9, 113 Pts.

PLAYER	GP	MINUTES	GOALS	ASSISTS	SHOTS	FOULS	POINTS	PENALTY KICKS
AGOLIATI, CHRIS	1	19	0	0	1	1	0	0-0
ETHERINGTON, GARY	1	28	0	0	1	. 0	0	0-0
AITKEN, CHARLIE	8	715	0	1	1	15	16	0-0
BECKENBAUER, FRANZ	11	965	2	2	17	10		0-0
CHINAGLIA, GIORGIO	20	1842	10	6	111	13	26	2-2
DE OLIVERA, ROBERTO	1	8	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
DILLON, MIKE	11	975	1	0	12	10	2	0-0
DIMITRIJEVIC, VITO	20	1756	4	7	59	26	15	0-0
EDDY, KEITH	6	558	1	0	4	3	2	1-1
FIELD. TONY	16	1460	4	6	46	16	14	0-0
GARBETT, TERRY	10	755	0	0	19	13	0	0-0
HUNT, STEVE	19	1640	5	8	91	13	18	0-0
HUNTER, PAUL	2	59	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
MIFFLIN, RAMON	20	1544	1	1 0	34	21	2	0-0
MORAIS, NELSI	17	1655	1	. 3	24	26	5	0-0
PELE	20	1807	11	3	89	25	25	1-1
RILDO	11	910	0	1	9	22	1	0-0
ROTH, WERNER	18	1491	1	1	10	29	3	0-0
SMITH, BOB	5	396	1	0	4	5	2	0-0
SONO, JOMO	8	287	1	0	14	4	2	0-0
TOPIC, JADRANKO	5	420	1	2	11	4	4	0-0
TWAMLEY, BRUCE	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
COSMOS TOTALS	21	21,340	46**	40	557	261	128	4-/4
OPPONENTS TOTALS	21	21,340	33*	28	385	327	94	1-1
GOALKEEPERS	GP	MINUTES	SAVES	GOALS AG	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY O	SHUTOU		
MESSING, SHEP	16	1456	131	25		3	1.5	
YASIN, EROL	6	484	36	6		2	1.1	
COSMOS TOTALS	21	1940	167	31		5	1.4	
OPPONENTS TOTALS	21	1940	223	45		3	2.1	9

SCORING:	FIRST HALF	SECOND HALF	OVERTIME	OVERTIME	SHOOTOUT
COSMOS OPPOSITION	19 19	25 12	1 0	0	6 8
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CORNER KICKS:	cosmos 163	OPPOSITION 115	
CAUTIONS	AITKEN 1 MIFFLIN 2 PELE 2 ROTH 2 FIELD 1 FILDO 1	OPPOSITION 7	

^{*} Includes two shootout goals and one own goal.

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COSMOS 1977 RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENTS	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	COSMOS SCORING
4-9	at Las Vegas	0-1 L	11,896	None
4-13	at Team Hawaii	2-1 W	12,877	Topic
4-17	Rochester	2-0 W	26,752	Chinaglia (Topic)
				Pele (Aitken)
4-24	Dallas Dallas	1-2 L-SO	13,527	Smith (Hunt)
5-1	St. Louis	2-3 L SO	20,112	Dillon (Chinaglia)
				Morais
5-8	at Connecticut	3-2 W	17,302	Chinaglia (Pele, Hunt)
				Dimitrijevic
				Eddy (PK)
5-11	at Chicago	2-1 W	21,108	Own Goal
				Dimitrijevic (Topic)
5-15	Ft. Lauderdale	3-0 W	,21,782	Pele (Hunt)
				Pele
F 00		1 0 -	00 107	Pele (Hunt)
5-22	Chicago	1-2 L	20,407	Chinaglia (PK)
5-29	at Tampa	2-4 L	45,288	Field (Chinaglia)
6 E	Manager to a	6.0 11	21 200	Beckenbauer Hunt (Dimitrijevic)
6-5	Toronto	6-0 W	31,208	Hunt (Dimitrijevic)
				Chinaglia (Dimitrijevic)
				Hunt (Chinaglia, Dimitrijevic)
				Chinaglia (Rildo)
				Sono (Beckenbauer)
6-8	at Ft. Lauderdale	3-0 W	14,358	Pele
0-0	at It. Laudeldale	3-0 W	14,550	Chinaglia (Beckenbauer, Pele)
				Beckenbauer (Hunt, Field)
6-12	Minnesota	2-1 W-SO	36,816	Chinaglia (Field)
6-16	at Toronto	2-1 W-OT		Chinaglia (Morais)
0 10	at foronto		,.,,	Field (Chinaglia)
6-19	Tampa Bay	3-1 W	62,394	Pele (Dimitrijevic, Morais)
				Pele
				Pele (Hunt)
6-23	at St. Louis	0-2 L	32,605	None
	Los Angeles	5-2 W	57,191	Dimitrijevic
				Pele (Field)
				Pele (Dimitrijevic)
				Pele (PK)
				Mifflin (Pele)
6-30	at Vancouver	3-5 L	30,277	Chinaglia (Roth, Field)
				Field (Chinaglia, Morais)
		E 45		Roth (Hunt)
7-2	at Los Angeles	1-4 L	32,165	Chinaglia (PK)
7-6	San Jose 3-0	3-0 W	31,875	Hunt (Field, Chinaglia)
				Dimitrijevic (Field)
				Field (Hunt)
7-10	at Seattle	0-1. L	41,270	None
	AVERAGE ROAD ATTENDANCE:	312-814	AVERAGE	ROAD ATTENCANCE: 28,437

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COSMOS 1977 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Citizen	1976 Team
0	Hladkyj, Bill	Goal	6-0	185	1/15/54	U.S.A.	N.Y. Ukranians
0		Goal	6-0	180	10/9/49	U.S.A.	Boston/Cosmos
1	Messing, Shep	Def.	5-9	150	5/23/52		Cosmos
2	Twamley, Bruce		5-10	170	12/11/48		Olympia
3	Dimitrijevic, Vito		6-0	180	4/4/48		Cosmos
4	Roth, Werner	Def.	5-11	180	10/23/44	England	Cosmos
5	Eddy, Keith	Def.	5-11	165	9/11/45	W. Germany	Bayern Munich
6	Beckenbauer, Franz				6/7/46	England	Cosmos
7	Field, Tony	Fwd.	5-8	154	9/9/45	England	Cosmos
8	Garbett, Terry	Mid.	5-9	166	1/24/47	Italy	Cosmos
9	Chinaglia, Giorgio	Fwd.	6-1	190		Brazil	Cosmos
10	Pele	Fwd.	5-9	165	10/23/40		Aston Villa
11	Hunt, Steve	Fwd.	5-8	160	7/8/56	England	Cosmos
12	Smith, Bob	Def.	5-11	165	9/23/51	U.S.A.	
14	Morais, Nelsi	Mid.	5-9	165	10/22/51	Brazil	Cosmos
15	Mifflin, Ramon	Mid.	5-9	160	4/5/47	Peru	Cosmos
18	Topic, Jadranko '	Fwd.	5-11	163	4/20/49	Yugoslavia	
19	Yasin, Erol	Goal	6-1	170	10/11/48	Turkey	Galatasaray
20	Dillon, Mike	Def.	5-11	175	9/29/52	England	Cosmos
21	Etherington, Gary	Fwd.	5-8	140	4/22/58	U.S.A.	Annandale
22	Sono, Jomo	Fwd.	5-8	165	6/28/55	S. Africa	Orlando SA
23	Rildo	Def.	5-9	155	1/23/42	Brazil	Santos
24	Bradley, Gordon	Def.	5-10	170	11/23/33	U.S.A.	Cosmos
26	Hunter, Paul	Def.	5-11	150	1/18/56	Canada	U. of Conn.
27	Kourtesis, Greg	Mid.	6-0	165	10/11/54	U.S.A.	St. Francis, N.Y.
28	Lang, Tom	Mid.	5-9	155	7/14/56	U.S.A.	Adelphi
29	Rohrbach, Bob	Fwd.	6-1	170	4/2/55	U.S.A.	Dayton U.
30	Strasburg, Scott	Fwd.	5-11	165	7/12/55	U.S.A.	Bucknell
32	Kevill, Tim	Mid.	5-10	155	11/12/54	U.S.A.	Hartwick
		Mid.	5-9	158	11/3/51	U.S.A.	Tacoma
33	Agoliati, Chris DeOlivera, Roberto		5-9	165	9/11/55	U.S.A.	Santos
34	Deutivera, Roberto	I WU.	-				

Head Coach: Eddie Firmani Assistant Coaches: Prof. Julio Mazzei

& Joe Mallett

Captain: Keith Eddy

Acting Captain: Werner Roth

Trainer: Jeff Snedeker



James Trecker, Director of Public Relations

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COSMOS CONTINUE FIGHT FOR DIVISIONAL TITLE

With the playoff picture still scrambled in the North American Soccer League's Eastern Division, the Cosmos continue their quest for the title and its playoff advantages this week.

Under newly-named head coach Eddie Firmani, the Cosmos move into their final five regular season games this weekend with a pair of inter-divisional matches. Friday night the Cosmos will be in Rochester for a game against the traditionally difficult Lancers. Sunday night at Giants Stadium, the Cosmos will take on the Portland Timbers in a 7:05 p.m. kickoff.

The Cosmos will enter Friday night's game with a slim lead over second place Ft. Lauderdale, but the pursuit of the Strikers has been relentless. Ft. Lauderdale currently has two games in hand on the Cosmos, so victories and maximum points for the Cosmos are desperately needed if the race is to remain in the control of Pele and his teammates.

Victories and points won't be easily forthcoming in Rochester, however. Holleder Stadium, the site for the 8 p.m. game and the Lancers' home field, has proven a nemesis for the Cosmos. In eight visits to Rochester the Cosmos have come away winners only once, that in 1975. In fact, over the past two years, the Lancers have run up an amazing 17-4 mark at home.

A plus factor for the Cosmos is the injury situation, which has caused havoc over the past few games. Pele, Franz Beckenbauer, Vito Dimitrijevic and Shep Messing have all missed recent games due to injuries, but all are healthy and available for duty this week. Team scoring leader Giorgio Chinaglia, who was bothered by back problems earlier this year, is also ready to go.

Both games this week will be vital to the participants' hopes for playoff position. Rochester is currently in second place in the Northern Division, while Portland is fighting hard for a secure spot in the Western Division. This is no room for mistakes by any of the teams this week as only 23 days remain in the regular season schedule.

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LAST WEEK: A strong victory, a frustrating defeat, and a coaching change marked a frenetic week of activity for the Cosmos. Wednesday evening (July 6) at Giants Stadium, Tony Field, Steve Hunt and Vito Dimitrijevic took up the slack for the idle Pele (groin injury) and powered the Cosmos to a 3-0 win over San Jose. In one of the most impressive wins of the Cosmos season, the team was dominant throughout, outshooting the Earthquakes, 30-14.

Sunday (July 10), the jinx of national television struck again and the Cosmos dropped a 1-0 game to Seattle at the Kingdome. Jocky Scott headed in a perfect crossed ball 12 minutes into the game and then Tony Chursky protected the margin brilliantly to drop the Cosmos record to 12-9.

July 7 it was announced that Eddie Firmani would take over the coaching duties immediately, succeeding Gordon Bradley. Bradley, the original coach of the Cosmos, resumed his role as Vice President of Development and Player Personnel.

TEAM DENTISTS: Drs. Peter S. Dorenter and Robert J. Harris have been named team dentists of the Cosmos, it was announced by Cosmos trainer Jeff Snedeker. Both members of the Academy of General Dentistry, Dorenter and Harris are attending dentists at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City and Bergen Pines Hospital in Paramus, N.J. Dr. Harris graduated from Tufts Dental School while Dr. Dorenter is a product of the Howard University Dental program. They have been practicing together for nearly five years at 141 Terrace Street in Haworth, N.J.