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ERICH GEYER: THE PERSON

By Howard Balson

The blue and gold California license plates on the sedan parked outside the Chicago Sting offices last summer read "Wulfman". The car's owner would have wanted the word correctly spelled, but that plate was already taken, perhaps, by famous disc jockey, Wolfman Jack. Nevertheless, to fan and followers of professional soccer, the license plates could have identified only one individual . . . Erich Geyer, player, referee and coach!

The blue and gold California license plates read . . . "Wulfman."

Since Geyer's elevation to head coach of the Sting, a great many words have been written about his coaching and philosophies. There will doubtless, be many more words to come. This article strives to make you more familiar with Erich Geyer, the person.

Geyer took over a struggling 1-7 Sting team and battled back to .500 (13-13) by the All-Star break.

Born 36 years ago in Adelsdorf, near Nurenberg in picturesque Bavaria, Geyer became involved in organized soccer at the age of seven and as he progressed onward and upward as a high-scoring forward, he was considered to be "a talent" by his mentors and the elderly men who watched the daily practices.

As a youth, he dreamed of being a professional soccer player, but always the realist, his main concern was to complete his education.

He studied Sports at Erlangen University, finishing in 1971, just a few hours short of his degree, but fully certified to teach swimming and other sports at all scholastic levels. While at E.U., he was a star soccer player, swam all events and was a standout in track and field, specializing in the long jump and 100 meter sprint.

The sand of the long jump pit must have gotten into Geyer's shoes. because the travel lust hit him. For the next four years he traveled Europe, seeking the precious education of real-life experience. He took on a variety of jobs to pay his way, including two years as a night club disc jockey in Nurenberg. There, he became an expert in pop music and helped better

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his expertise with the English language.

It was during his eight month sojourn in Italy that Geyer, a student of Latin in high school, began to get a grasp of the Italian language.

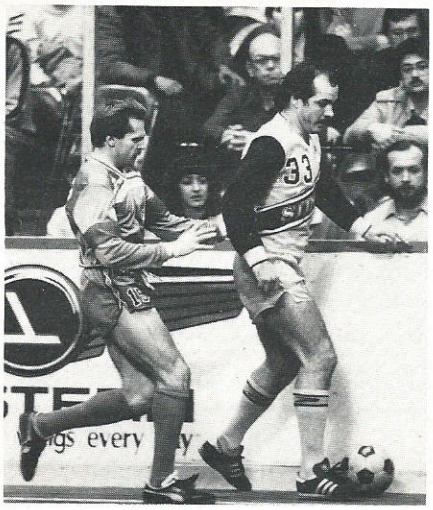
After four years without soccer, Geyer decided to get back into the sport in serious fashion at age 25. After one season scoring goals in Bamberg, he was elevated to Fuerth, where he played four seasons as both a forward and defender. During the 1976-77 season, Geyer played against Karl-Heinz Granitza, then doing his scoring thing for Voelklingen.

In 1980, Geyer left Fuerth, and after try-outs with clubs in Vienna, Austria and Dundee, Scotland, he decided to come to the U.S.A. Upon arrival, he earned a spot on the roster of the Hartford Hellions, one of the early MISL teams. When the Hellions folded two months later, Geyer, looking forward to year-round swimming and sunning, decided to head for the west coast.

He had no contacts, no phone numbers, but he did have an acquaintance in San Francisco who had brought Kaz Deyna from Manchester City and delivered him to Ron Newman, coach of the San Diego Sockers.

Although Geyer still considered himself a forward, he gladly accepted Ron Newman's offer to join the Sockers as a stopper back. At the time, NASL outdoor soccer was the prime sport and Newman quickly saw Geyer's natural abilities at the try-out.

It was in San Diego that he got his nickname, "Wolfman". He was dining on pig knuckles and sauerkraut with German potato dumplings with Brian Tyler, then Sockers assistant coach and now coach at Bournemouth in England. Tyler could eat just one giant pig knuckle. Geyer not only ate his own two, but then asked for *more of everything*! Tyler began calling him "Wolfman" after that!



Geyer, #33, played 18 games for the Sting during the 1984-85 MISL season. During that time the team had a record of 12-6.

Last season Geyer became the first former MISL player to become a referee. He did it because soccer was his first love and he wanted to continue to make a living in the game which had become so important to him. He spoke with referees while he was playing for the Chicago Sting during the 1984-85 MISL season, then spoke to Herb Silva who was directing the MISL officials.

For starters, he had to work as a referee in the amateur leagues five days a week for the next six weeks. This entailed driving 200 miles to his assignment every day, working 6 PM to midnight (3 games), then back home another 200 miles. After the six weeks, he was tested in front of a panel made up of all full-time MISL referees and assesors, then played 5 on 5 with the other referees to further test his knowledge of the rules and "feel" for the job. He was given his whistle for the first time in Wichita, then went on to referee fifteen more games last season, as well as acting numerous times as the third official.

During his year of experience, Geyer learned to appreciate the difficulties referees face. As part-timers they have other jobs, other responsibilities, other concerns. Yet they get the job done. Geyer learned to admire their patience, their coolness under fire, their way of handling all different types of athletes. Geyer maintains the referee who is not noticed on the field is the best referee.

And he'd still be blowing that whistle if he did not get the phone call from the Sting and the offer to come to Chicago as assistant coach. The rest is well known.

What kind of man is Erich Geyer? Some of his qualities are obvious, even to casual observers. He is honest, very straight forward, very hard working. He knows his loyalties and his priorities. He is very interested in proper nutrition, physical fitness and mental health. He hates double-dealing and looks warily at other coaches when they offer player deals "too good to be true."

One of Chicago's most eligible bachelors, Geyer speaks of staying single forever, since he loves the independence of single life. But he admits to be everseeking his ideal girl . . . "strong minded, athletic, with a great personality." He remains a student of psychology and does a great deal of reading on the subject. He has varied tastes in music and often relaxes with the classics. His favorite food is sushi because he considers it light, tasty and very healthy. When he has the opportunity, he likes to walk through his neighboring woods 10-15 miles daily. He is also a fan of cross-country skiing. And, as a gourmet cook, he will stack his roast duck and potato dumplings against anyone's.

He likes to get back to California for the swimming and sailing and biking and running. He also likes to get back to visit his friends in Germany at least once a year.

There's a great deal more to this man than space will allow. But it may well be that even this brief insight into Erich Geyer will make you want to learn more, even as opposing coaches are beginning to feel that they've seen enough!

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KLOPAS ON HIS WAY TO FAME

By Joe Cosentino
The Chicago Post

When Erich Geyer took over as Head Coach of the Chicago Sting on December 23, the first thing he did was put his best foot forward. That foot belonged to center-forward Frank Klopas. Since then the 20 year-old Klopas, a standout soccer player at Mather High School, has been on a scoring tear.

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"Klopas has been scoring goals all his life so why waste him in the back on defense," says Geyer.

The strategy paid off well for the Sting. Klopas was voted MISL Player-of-the-Week during the week of January 12-18 for leading the Sting in two victories over Tacoma and Kansas City with five goals and two assists.

"I'm playing well, scoring and the team is winning," says Klopas, "and to be recognized for it is great.

Klopas has not changed with his recent success. In fact his life has changed very little since he signed his first professional contract with the Sting in 1984 after leading Mather to two consecutive Public League Championships in 1983 and 1984.

Living at home with his parents, Dina and Nick Klopas, on the north side of Chicago, Klopas enjoys company with the same friends from high school.

"My friends don't treat me differencely," says Klopas. "To them I'm just a person like everybody else. Just because I play soccer doesn't make me any better than any other person. We're all human beings and should treat each other the same."

"It's nice to recognized by people . . . but it shouldn't go to someone's head just because he's a professional athlete."

While in high school, Klopas began receiving attention for his ability on the soccer field. Then Sting coach Willy Roy saw Klopas play and invited him to play for the Sting. In 1984, Klopas was offered a contract to play soccer for the Sting at the age of seventeen.

PLAYER OF THE MONTH

FRANK KLOPAS

Frank Klopas, 20-year old forward is already a three-season veteran with the Sting. He played in his first MISL All-Star game this year.

"My first goal was to go to college and pursue a soccer career there," says Klopas. "But you never know when you'll get a chance to play."

Klopas signed on with the Sting and never regretted his decision. However, he attends college classes during the off season.

"I felt nervous," recalls Klopas. "I really didn't know what to expect, I was in a dreamworld. Everything was happening fast, but there's a lot of hard work and time that you have to put into a soccer career."

Klopas and his teammates are putting hard work into their game under new coach Geyer. Since taking over the Sting bench, Geyer has directed the team to (currently) .500 status after the team got off to a 1-7 start.

"I like Erich as a coach and he's a great guy," says Klopas. "He let's you go out to play the game and enjoy yourself. Which is the way soccer should be played."

Klopas also attributes his success to his teammates. Playing with outstanding players like Karl-Heinz Granitza and Manny Rojas has provided Klopas with not only chances to score goals but to learn the game.

"Not only is Karl-Heinz a great player, but he is a great person on and off the field," says Klopas. "He's always willing to talk. I'm very lucky to have the opportunity to be playing with him."

On game days, the team practices at the Horizon. Afterwards Klopas has lunch, goes home to rest and returns to the Horizon for the game. His off time is most often spent at home with his family.

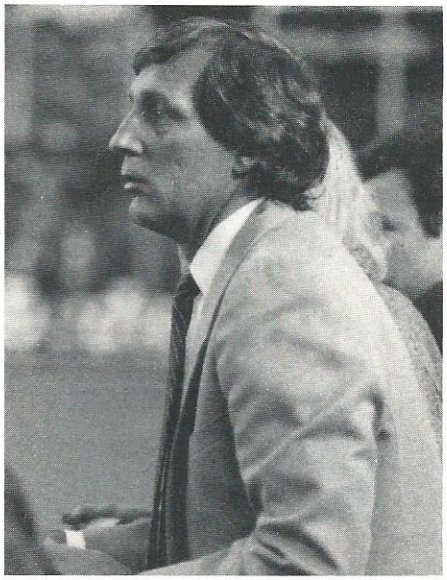
Reports circulated last year that Klopas was being courted to play for his home country, Greece. Klopas says that although he would love to play for his country, he enjoys playing in Chicago and wishes to continue his career here.

CHICAGO STING HIRES GARY HINDLEY AS ASSISTANT COACH

(CHICAGO)—Sting president Kenny Stern on January 16 announced the addition of Gary Hindley to the Sting coaching staff as an assistant to head coach Erich Geyer. Hindley, 39, was with the MISL Los Angeles Lazers as an assistant to Peter Wall during the '84-85 and '85-86 seasons and has held coaching positions with Trenton State College (1974-82), the USL Houston Dynamos (1984-85, outdoor) and the AISA Memphis Storm (1986).

Said Geyer of his new assistant, "Gary gives me a lot of relief because I've had to do two jobs. He will help me greatly to build the Chicago Sting."

Said Hindley of his new job, "I am very excited about being with such a well-known and established franchise as the Chicago Sting. I'm looking forward to working with Erich and the wealth of talent that exists here. I hope that my assistance will aid in building winning ways."



Sting assistant coach Gary Hindley, a former collegiate goalkeeper, has been involved in every level of soccer for most of his life.

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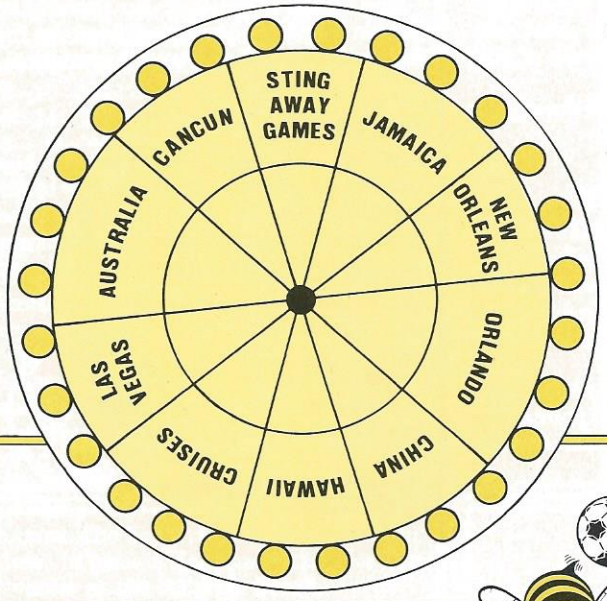

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Notes FROM THE LOCKER ROOM

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Each month this section of your newsletter will contain a nearsighted and far ranging look at the MISL and its member teams. A light-hearted approach should be expected but the insight you will gain will help you to know the League and its players, coaches and support personnel better.

By Mike Zachary

MISL

After spending a very long two weeks abroad Dynamo Moscow went back to its homeland with nothing to show except for a ten-gallon hat, some blue jeans, and assorted other gifts from the six MISL teams Dynamo played on its tour. The Russians finished their six-city tour on February 8 in San Diego where they lost 7-5 making their record 0-6. The other five games looked like this:

Feb. 5—CHICAGO STING 10 Dynamo Moscow 4

Feb. 3—Baltimore Blast 8 Dynamo Moscow 7

Jan. 28—St. Louis Steamers 6 Dynamo Moscow 5 (OT)

Jan. 27—Wichita Wings 7 Dynamo Moscow 6

Jan. 26—Kansas City Comets 11 Dynamo Moscow 3

MET LIFE TROPHY WINNERS

CHICAGO STING GOALKEEPER SCOOP STANISIC and Minnesota Striker forward Steve Kinsey have been named the Met Life Trophy co-winners in the MISL for the month of January.

Stanisic was 4-2 for the month and posted an impressive 4.00 goals-against average. Scoop was also named defensive star of the game in two January contests.

Scoop Stanisic

Kinsey, a native of England and ex-first division player for Manchester City, helped lead the Strikers to a 7-3 record for the month of January and was named offensive star of the game on January 16 when he scored the game winning goal in a 2-1 victory over Kansas City.

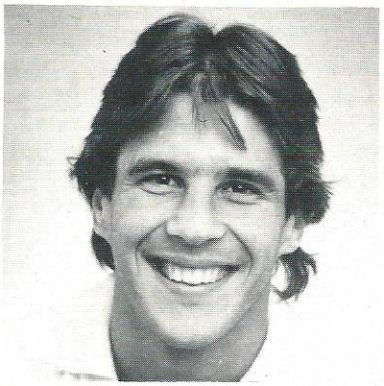
The Met Life Trophy is given each month to the most outstanding first-year player in the MISL. A total of six monthly winners will be selected during the season and at the end of the season a panel of soccer media will choose the most outstanding player in his first year of play in the MISL.

The trophy will be awarded during the MISL Championship Series.

OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

January's offensive star is really no surprise. Dallas Sidekicks' superstar forward Tatu helped lead the team to a 9-2 record for the month while holding on to his MISL leading statistics.

During the month Tatu scored 15 goals and 11 assists for a total of 26 points. The leading vote-getter for this years' All-Star game now has a League-leading 33 goals and 21 assists for 54 MISL leading points.



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January's defensive honors also go to a Sidekick. Dallas' goalkeeper Krys Sobieski played in all eleven games last month posting an impressive 9-2 mark. Included in his accolades for the month are a 2-0 shutout of the Los Angeles Lazers on January 23, four defensive player of the game awards, and MISL Defensive Player of the Week on January 12.

Sobieski currently leads the MISL with a 3.27 goals against average and 15 wins.

The MISL players of the month are chosen regularly by a panel from the Profesional Soccer Reporters' Association.

MILESTONE

While many MISL coaches have been put out to pasture this year one team's mentor appears to have his name etched in stone. Kenny Cooper of the Baltimore Blast is in his eighth year as a head coach

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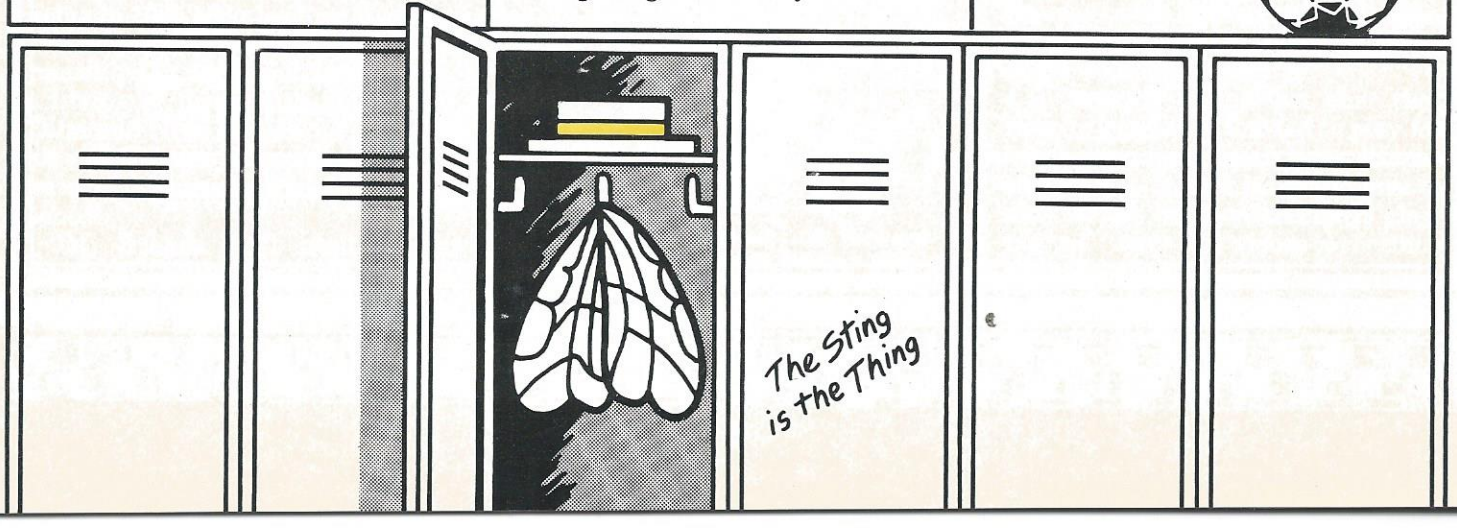

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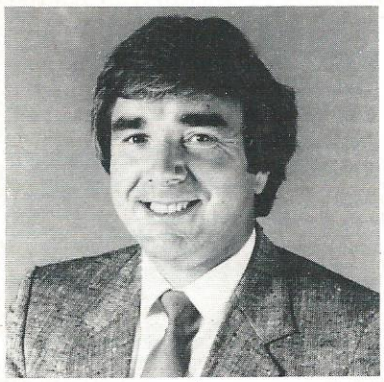
in the MISL and last month he became the first coach to win 200 regular season games.

In his eight years of MISL coaching, seven with Baltimore and one with the old Houston Summit, Cooper has never won less than 20 games in a season, never missed being in the playoffs, and has won a League championship ('83-84). A quick glance at his record is all you need to see Cooper's a winner.



Kenny Cooper

W—L	YEAR	TEAM
20—12—	'79-80—	Houston Summit
21—19—	'80-81—	Baltimore Blast
27—17—	'81-82—	Baltimore Blast
30—18—	'82-83—	Baltimore Blast
34—14—	'83-84—	Baltimore Blast
32—16—	'84-85—	Baltimore Blast
24—24—	'85-86—	Baltimore Blast
16— 9—	'86-87—	Baltimore Blast
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SAN DIEGO SOCKERS

Sockers' forward Fernando Clavijo set two MISL records last month in an 8-2 victory over the Kansas City Comets.

The "Road Runner", as he's known, tied his own record when he scored two shorthanded goals in the victory. He also set a new record when both of the goals were scored in the first quarter.

Clavijo is using his great speed to try and help San Diego repeat as MISL champs. The Sockers were 15-11 and four games in back of Tacoma in the Western Division at the All-Star break.

LOS ANGELES LAZERS

Finally!! After going slightly more than 145 minutes, a league record, without scoring the Lazers finally lit the lamp on February 8 against Kansas City. Jim Kavanaugh got credit for the goal, his first in the MISL, but L.A. still lost the game 4-2.

TACOMA STARS

Steve Zungul, the "Lord of All Indoors", seems to make the highlites every month. Zungul tied a MISL record when he scored two penalty kick goals in one game. He finished the game, a 9-7 win at Kansas City on January 23, with six goals and an assist. This game was the third time the "Lord" had scored six times in one contest.

DALLAS SIDEKICKS

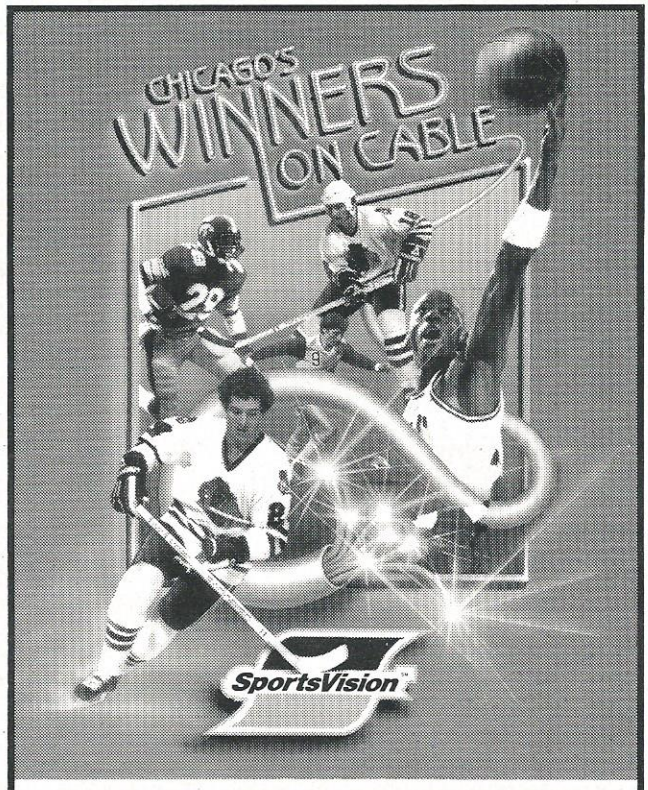
There were two firsts set in Dallas in January and depending on how you look at it some was good and some bad.

First the good, on January 24 Dallas shutout the Los Angeles Lazers 2-0 for the club's first shutout.

The bad news was that Los Angeles suffered its first shutout ever and was about to go on a long scoreless streak.

CLEVELAND FORCE

Chris Vaccaro of the Force picked up his 20th assist on January 30 in a 2-1 loss to St. Louis. Big deal right. Right! Vaccaro is Cleveland's goalkeeper and the assist, the 20th of his CAREER, boosted him to fourth on the all-time MISL goalie assist list.



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Arlington Hts. Pythons	5				
Bolingbrook	0	Arlington Hts. Pythons			
Lincolnway S.C.	4	2/26 6:30p.m.			
Niles Astros	1	Lincolnway S.C.			
Maroons	3		4/12 1:30 p.m.		
Mt. Prospect	0	Maroons			
Addison Arrows	0	3/6 6:00 p.m.			
Team USA/Homewood-Flossmoor	6	Team USA/Homewood-Flossmoor			
Naperville Stingers	2			FINAL 5/3/87 5:30 p.m.	
Park Ridge Orange	1	Naperville Stingers			
Park Ridge White	0	3/17 6:30 p.m.			
Darien Arsenal	7	Darien Arsenal			
Wheeling Wildcats	2		4/15 6:30 p.m.		
Rolling Meadows Rowdies	1	Wheeling Wildcats			
Downers Groves	0	3/21 11:30 a.m.			
Trevian White	7	Trevian White			

BOYS UNDER 12 DIVISION

Club America-Deerfield	3				
Naperville Stingers	0	Club America-Deerfield			
Maroons	6	3/6 5:30p.m.			
Palos Park USA	1	Maroons			
Lincolnway	0		4/12 2:00 p.m.		
Rolling Meadows	5	Rolling Meadows			
Hoffman Estates	2	3/17 6:00 p.m.			
Park Ridge White	(PK) 1	Hoffman Estates			
Portage, Indiana	4			FINAL 5/3/87 6:00 p.m.	
Oak Lawn Flames	0	Portage, Indiana			
Addison Arrows	3	3/21 12:30 p.m.			
Park Ridge Orange	0	Addison Arrows			
Mt. Prospect Lions	0		4/17 6:30 p.m.		
Glen Ellyn Gladiators	2	Glen Ellyn Gladiators			
Portage, Ind. Comets	0	3/25 5:30 p.m.			
Lombard Rowdies	4	Lombard Rowdies			

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BOYS UNDER 14 DIVISION

Chicago Pegasus 3
Wheaton Patriots 1
→ Chicago Pegasus
3/6 6:30p.m.

Ridge Raiders 1
Homewood-Flossmoor 3
→ Homewood-Flossmoor

4/15 6:00 p.m.

St. Demetrios 1
Pegasus Red 0
→ St. Demetrios
3/17 5:30 p.m.

Waukegan Internationals 0
Lincolnway S.C. 3
→ Lincolnway S.C.

FINAL
5/3/87
6:30 p.m.

Sockers F.C. Chicago 0
N.W. Indiana Tigers 1
→ N.W. Indiana Tigers
3/21 12 Noon

Arlington Red Demons 5
Park Ridge White 0
→ Arlington Red Demons

4/17 6:00 p.m.

Crystal Lake Chargers 0
Bartlett Express 4
→ Bartlett Express
3/25 6:00 p.m.

Schwaben, A.C. 0
Hoffman Estates (PK) 1
→ Hoffman Estates

GIRLS UNDER 14 DIVISION

Naperville Rebels
2/21 5:30 p.m.
St. Charles Streak
→ 4/1 6:30p.m.

Palatine Celtic
2/26 5:30 p.m.
Sparta

FINAL
4/17
5:30 p.m.

Buffalo Grove Blazers
4/1 5:30 p.m.
Hoffman Estates Wolverines
→ 4/12 1:00 p.m.

Glen Ellyn Lakers
4/1 6:00 p.m.
Palatine Sweepers

GIRLS UNDER 16 DIVISION

Naperville Jets 3
Schwaben, A.C. (PK) 2
→ Naperville Jets
2/21 6:00 p.m.

Hoffman Estates Hustle
2/8 5:30 p.m.
Glen Ellyn Lakers

FINAL
2/26
6:00 p.m.

Sparta
2/8 6:00 p.m.
Shorewood Strikers
→ 2/21 6:30 p.m.

St. Charles Celtics
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Palatine Celtic Clippers

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CHRYSLER PLYMOUTH IMPORTS PRESENTS

COACHES CORNER

EAT RIGHT AND WIN

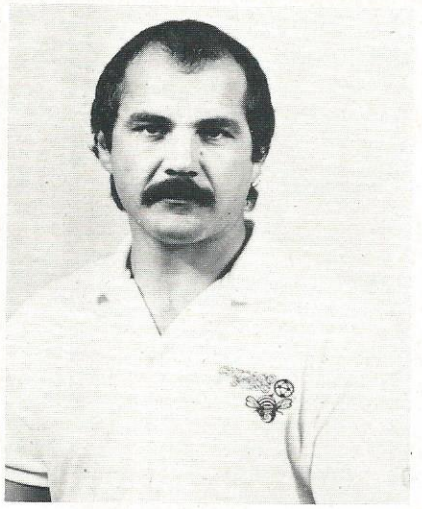
by Howard Balson

It is no secret to anyone that physical fitness goes hand-in-hand with strategy and tactics in building a winning soccer team. But while most casual observers equate physical fitness with exercise and overall conditioning, the successful coaches and trainers also put a high priority on proper nutrition.

For Chicago Sting coach Erich Geyer, there can be no casual approach to nutrition. Geyer has long been a student of the science of nutrition, and, along with assistant coach Gary Hindley, trainer Angelo Moca and team physician, Dr. Karen Gajda, has set up programs for the Chicago Sting players and their families to make certain that the right nutritional rules are being followed.

Recently, Chicago Sting players and their wives attended a seminar on nutrition given by Dr. Gajda and her colleague, Dr. John David Turner, D.C. Drs. Gajda and Turner strongly believe, as does Geyer, that proper nutrition enhances body chemistry to the point of reducing the need for corrective surgery as the season progresses.

While a great many areas of nutrition were discussed during the seminar in great detail, some of the more basic and important points are covered here from information supplied by Dr. Turner.



"Eating the right foods is a way of life and winning," says Geyer.

It is important to note that most of the beneficial guidelines outlined here would apply equally to everyone, not just finely tuned athletes.

To begin with, Sting players were advised strongly to drink plenty of fluids, especially water on game days and practice days. According to Dr. Turner, a player should drink as much water as is comfortable, then one more eight-ounce glass prior to a game or practice. He explained that water stabilizes the electrolyte balance in the system. Without proper fluids, even a three to four per cent change in the electrolyte balance can cause changes in motor function. It will affect how quickly muscles can contract, reflex action function, etc. Water before a game provides an energy boost in the last three quarters.

After a game or practice, a player should drink at least two eight ounce glasses of water to restore the lost fluid. Dr. Turner also notes that players who come into the locker room before the game or at halftime and drink coffee instead of water are making a mistake. He states that while there is water in coffee, coffee acts as a diuretic and will cause dehydration.

On the other hand, water provides the balance the body needs. Dr. Turner says that fruit juices are good, too, but if the juices are made from a concentrate they should be diluted by adding 50% water. He believes that fruit juice concentrates have too high a quantity of sugar and must be diluted.

In terms of food intake, Sting Drs. stress the importance of complex car-

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bohydrates and complex sugars. Refined sugar is definitely taboo.

The types of complex carbohydrates and complex sugars needed for athletic fitness can be found in starches, such as pasta, whole grain bread, fruits and vegetables. Carbohydrates are a vital source of energy. Simply stated, the greater the carbohydrate intake, the greater the reserve of energy stored in the muscles.

When you consider that athletes burn up approximately twice the calories as the average person, energy storage in the muscles is vital. The average soccer player will burn up between 3,000 and 5,000 calories per day. The main source of calories is from carbohydrates, protein and fats.

Sting players were advised to avoid red meat as much as possible. Steaks, for example, are heavy in protein and fat. All systems need some fat in the diet, but excess fat, as in red meat, slows down the body's metabolism, and a higher energy output is needed to burn them up.

This will slow down the body's ability to supply vital oxygen to various parts of the body, and the blood in the system is forced to the digestive system rather than to enhance the muscles.

Rule: Don't eat solid food 1-2 hours prior to a game. Take in only clear water or water-diluted fruit juice.

As you can see, the old traditional pre-game meals of steak and eggs are frowned upon. In fact, the nutritionists believe that greater benefits can be obtained by eating four-to-five meals a day, in smaller quantities, of course.

This will help keep blood sugar at normal levels and keep everything on an even keel.

Nutritionists also advise to stay away from desserts as much as possible, avoid cooking in butter or hydrogenated vegetable oil. Use polyunsaturated oil instead.

As to what should be eaten, the Sting players are advised that pancakes are strong in carbohydrates. But don't use maple syrup. Instead, a spread made of applesauce and cinnamon would be both tasty and beneficial. Also on the approved list are nutrigrain cereals, Grape Nuts, etc, with fresh fruit. If, however, you want milk, keep it 2% milk. Supermarkets also stock milk injected with acidophilus bacteria. The doctors say this also is nutritionally quite beneficial.

Whether you're an athlete or not, a rule of thumb would be to break down your daily intake as follows: 65% carbohydrates, 20% protein and 15% fat. Remember, avoid too much red meat and refined sugars. Stay with fish, fowl, fruits and vegetables. And drink plenty of water.

Of course, when all is said and done, it will help your soccer career, as well, if you can shoot with either foot.

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Chicago Sting Coaches Caravans

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Wed. Feb. 25—Valparaiso Caravan, Valparaiso Boys & Girls Club, 354 Jefferson, Valparaiso, IN, 7:00-9:00 PM.

Coaches Caravans are presented by Sting assistant coach Gary Hindley and former Sting All-Star defender and current Sting community relations director Dave Huson.

Batata and Frank Klopas On "Family Classics" With Roy Leonard

On Sunday, March 1, Roy Leonard will show the movie *A Minor Miracle* on his "Family Classics" program beginning at 3:00 PM on WGN-TV 9. The movie stars legendary soccer player Pele, who plays himself in the film, as he comes to the aid of an orphanage and the aged and dying priest who runs it. The part of the priest is played by John Huston. The boys who live in the orphanage challenge a successful soccer team to a game and need to be coached. The priest taught Pele the game during his youth and now Pele returns to teach the boys of the orphanage how to play winning soccer.

Sting players, Batata (who knows Pele and played for Santos, Brazil, the team of Pele) and Frank Klopas, will talk with Roy during intermissions of the movie.

Batata and Frank Klopas will join Roy Leonard on "Family Classics" on WGN-TV 9 at 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 1st.

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Friday, March 6, it's Multiple Sclerosis Society Night as the Los Angeles Lazers play the Sting at 7:30 p.m.

Park and Recreation Day is Sunday, March 8 as the Sting host Tatu and the Dallas Sidekicks at 1:30 p.m. See your local park district for information on pre-game player clinic and tickets to the game.

Don't miss Burger King Soccer Ball Day, Saturday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m. The first 5,000 youngsters 14 and under will receive a soccer ball courtesy of Burger King.

Saturday, March 28, The Sting salute the Chicago Latin American Soccer Association with a pre-game CLASA All-Star Game Classic just before the Sting battle Tatu and the Dallas Sidekicks at 7:30 p.m.

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And on SportsVision:

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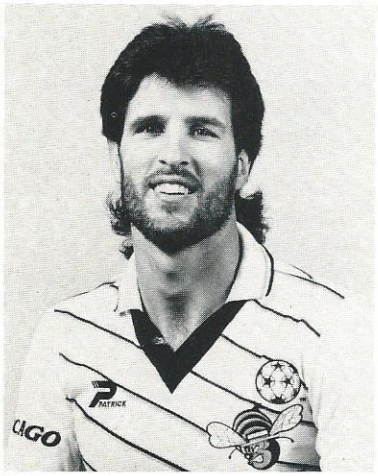

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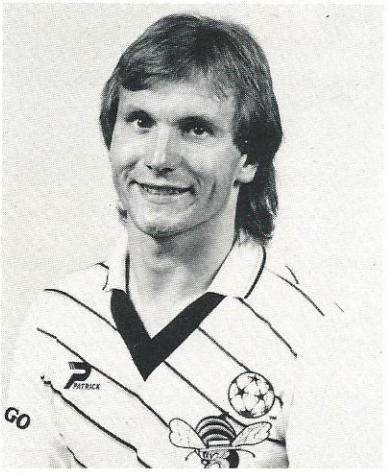

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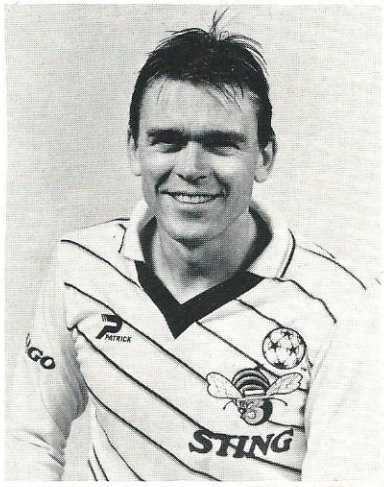

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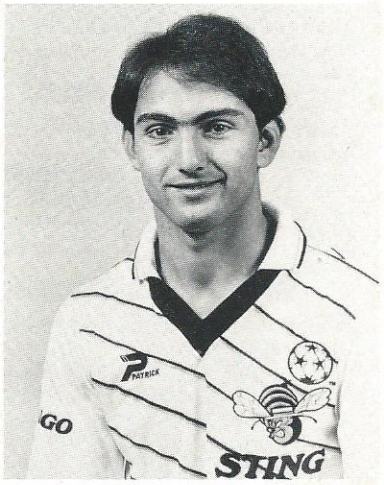

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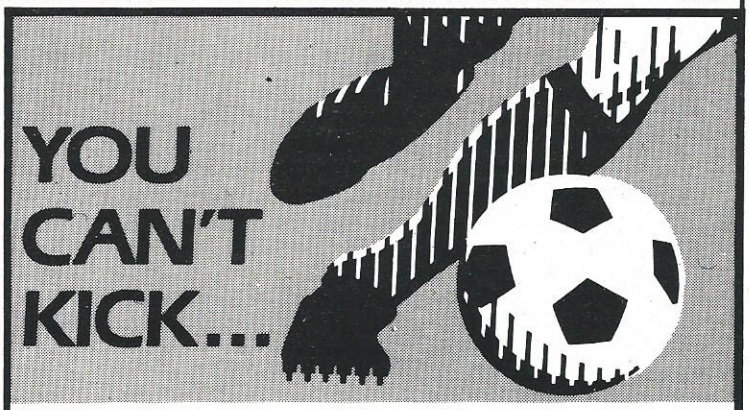

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