



# BEE LINES

Chicago's Complete Soccer Monthly



"Look dear, down there on the Sting bench. There's a blonde woman. I wonder why she's there?"

And for that matter who are the other civilians on the Sting bench, the ones in street clothing? Who is that fellow that dictates line changes and confers with coach Geyer on strategy and tactics? Who's the guy who jumps onto the field each time a Sting player is down?

Who, indeed? These inquiries have, no doubt, been voiced at Sting home games a thousand times this season. There's a small army of behind-the-scenes personnel who organize and, therefore, ensure that coaches and players can concentrate on winning.

The answer to the first question above is that it's Dr. Karen Gadjia, D.O., Chicago's first female sports team physician. Gadjia gripping the dasherboard railing results in high visibility for "Dr.

G", as she is affectionately known in her suburban Hillside clinic, but that is not the reason she's at the players' sides. Gadjia, a former national champion power lifter, social worker and school teacher, shuns the spotlight and, instead focuses her expertise on preventing or treating

## UNSUNG HEROES

By Jeremiah Enright

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injuries that would harm the team's chances for success.

Sting Assistant coach Gary Hindley is Erich Geyer's right hand. Boasting his own bag of tricks to win games, Hindley, 39, runs practices, while offering his special attention to the goalkeepers, and assists Geyer on the bench during games. A former pro goalkeeper himself, he has held head coaching positions at the collegiate level (Trenton State, 1974-82) and the pro level (USL Houston Dynamos, 1984-85; AISA Memphis Storm, 1986). Hindley was the assistant coach for the MISL West Los Angeles Lazers in 1984-85 and has experience in team operations, player personnel and physical education. A

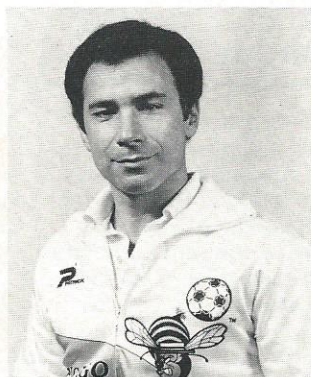
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hero in the ranks of the unsung, Gary Hindley is truly a man for all reasons, and a winner.

A vigorous trip, a hearty shin kick, a belligerent boarding infraction against Sting players signals the opening of the bench gate and the emergence of the Sting's trainer, Angelo Moca.



**(Angelo Moca):** On call 25 hours-a-day Sting trainer Angelo Moca has worked with athletes at all levels of competition.

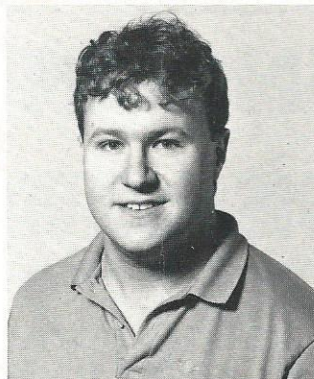
Seldom does Moca, 33 and the owner of degrees from both Chicago State and Illinois State, not have the boardside manner to get a player to his feet and back into the contest.

On call 25 hours-a-day, Moca has worked with athletes at all levels of competition and, as a result, has gained great insight into what makes an athlete kick. "Successful athletic training pivots on honesty," says Moca. "Honesty between the injured player who alone knows his pain and the medical staff whose duty it is to get the player in game—shape as soon as possible. The two must rely on each other's capabilities and work together."

Moca, a rookie with the Sting this season, is a Certified Athletic Trainer

(ATC) and was selected an American Softball Association All-American leftfielder in 1983. He also thinks he can take anybody at racquetball. Call him.

There is a man on the Sting staff, another unsung hero, who may very well know individual player's muscles better than the muscles' owners themselves. That would be the Sting's "main squeeze" masseur John Louis, the team's massage therapist for the past five seasons. Louis assists in the overall conditioning and rehabilitation process so essential in keeping a team competitive.

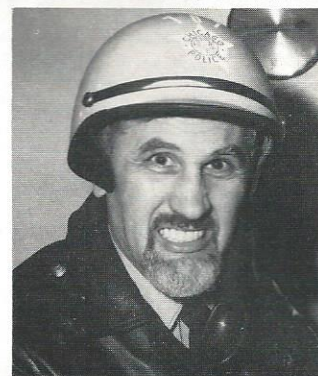


**(John Louis):** Masseur John Louis has been the Sting's "main squeeze" for the past five seasons.

Louis, who squeezed the K.C. Comets during the '81-82 season, attends all practice sessions and games besides operating a private massage practice throughout the Chicagoland area.

"Sarge," a voice amidst the lockers or under the showers shouts. "Hey, Sarge, can you get it done"? You can be sure that whatever the request Sarge can be relied upon.

The "Sarge" is Frank Kracher, a 30-year vet of the Chicago Police Department, now retired, and the Sting's Director of Player Relations and for all intents and purposes the exchequer of equipment and special projects.



**(Frank Kracher):** "Sarge" has worked with the Sting since the first years in the mid-70's and is enshrined in the USSF Hall of Fame.

Sarge researches and files all player immigration and Social Security requirements besides offering assistance with housing, transportation and general information when a new player arrives. What better resource for a new Chicagoan than an ole Chicago cop.

Sarge has worked with the Sting since the first years in the mid-70's and is enshrined in the United States Soccer Federation Hall of Fame because of his various contributions to the "game".

## Who brings the balls?

But that's not all. There are support people who assist the Sting in every facet of the Sport and its presentation. Who are those young men carrying water and towels? Who operates the scoreboard and the goal lights and puts up the dashers and smooths the carpet? Who brings the balls?

You know who you are and so do we. Thank you from everyone who has ever enjoyed a Sting game. You are truly heroes and this is your song.

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## "THE DOCTOR IS ALWAYS IN" ... THE GAME, THAT IS!

By Howard Balson

Just when the opposition least expects it, and when the Sting needs it most, No. 16 will flick the ball away from an enemy attacker, throw two or three feints that leaves his man frozen, then streak down the floor, flying past defenders as if they are standing still, and, more often than not, either smash the ball into the back of the net or dish off to an unmarked teammate for a tap in behind a stunned goalkeeper.

That's Ben Collins, the quick-as-a-cat Sting forward who creates electricity whenever he touches the ball. Collins' talents were never more in evidence than in February, when he made several key contributions to the five Sting victories.

Born in Monroeville, Liberia 26 years ago, Collins first started playing soccer at age 4 and joined an organized league at age 10. For the next three seasons he starred at three different positions. His versatility was developed for somewhat unusual reasons. As he tells it ...

"When I played with boys of my own age, I played forward. When I played against older boys, I played defender, and when I played against younger boys, they made me the goalkeeper."

While playing in high school he was recruited by a first division team in Monroeville. But since there is no actual professional soccer in Liberia he was able to continue playing with his high school, as well. He explains that while first division players in Liberia aren't paid salaries, it is common for most of the players to get free housing, living expenses etc. But since Ben lived at home, he played for no compensation at all.

Upon graduation from high school, Ben planned to continue his education and soccer playing in England. Why not the U.S.A.?

**"Growing up in Liberia is like growing up in the U.S.," says Collins.**

"Growing up in Liberia is like growing up in the U.S.," he said. "The cities will have a great many American tourists, everyone speaks English and the country is heavily influenced by American culture. Even the name of our city, Monroeville, comes from American President James Monroe and our flag is just like the

American flag except it has just one star instead of 50. I felt, therefore, that I should broaden my experience in another country."

But it was not to be. A close friend who had emigrated to the U.S., convinced Ben's mother that far greater opportunities awaited Collins in America. Therefore, after high school graduation, Ben joined his friend in Morrisville, New York, where he played junior college soccer for two years.

**It was in Miami that Ben got his nickname, "The Doctor."**

Ben then followed his friend to Florida International University in Miami, Florida, where he began working for a degree in criminology. It was in Miami that Ben got his nickname,

"The Doctor." According to Collins his friends watched him play basketball and considered him another "Doctor J."

While at Florida International, Ben was asked to try out with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, but green card problems prevented his being offered a contract. Meanwhile, he was drafted by the Buffalo Stallions of the MISL. When the Strikers moved to Minnesota, however, Ben was able to obtain a green card and was immediately offered a Minnesota contract.

Knee problems prevented Ben from playing much for coach David Chadwick but by September of 1984 Ben's knee improved to the point that new Striker coach Alan Merrick gave him significant playing time.

That indoor season, Ben got his first hat-trick against ... you guessed it ... the Sting!

Ben made a great many friends in Minnesota and that same year, 1984, married Carmen, a coed he had dated in Florida International. He was surprised, therefore, when he learned he had been traded to the Sting for Dan Canter. But relying on his mother's advice that things always work out for the best, Ben came to Chicago full of optimism.

He hasn't been disappointed. He loves the area, and has made many new friends and is devoted to his Sting teammates.

He credits his abilities to the coaches he has played for ... Chadwick, Merrick, Willy Roy and now, of course, Erich Geyer. He credits Erich Geyer's decision to use him essentially as an attacker, Geyer's system, and Geyer's ability to make the players feel relaxed, even when under great pressure, for his blossoming success.

When asked why some people feel he is more effective coming off the bench than starting, Ben answered openly and honestly.

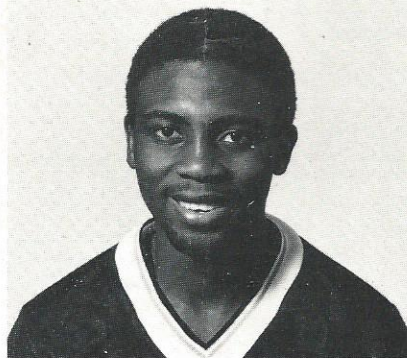
"When I am on the bench, I am inspired by my teammates as they run hard and fight hard. So when I do get in the game, I am all fired up to contribute to the team."

After soccer, Ben would like to pursue a career in criminology, not in law enforcement but in social work, dealing with young people who have had problems in growing up. He wants to remain in America and become a citizen.

And for all this, the Sting is very happy they made that deal in 1984. There are very few ills in the Sting game plan that can't be cured by some big help from the "Doctor."

# PLAYER OF THE MONTH

## BEN COLLINS



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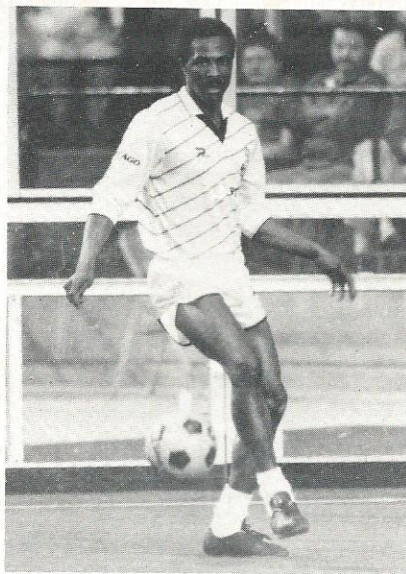


## FRANTZ MATHIEU OUT FOR SEASON AS A RESULT OF TACOMA GAME INJURY

Chicago Sting fortunes were dealt a blow when it was announced that the Achilles tendon injury suffered against Tacoma at the Rosemont Horizon on February 26 will sideline Frantz Mathieu for the remainder of the season.

The popular and powerful Sting defender went down in a mishap as he was racing up the field to try and score a short-handed goal against the Stars.

Mathieu, a Sting hero of the 1981 and 1984 Soccer Bowl championship teams, had made major contributions to the Sting since being reacquired by the Sting, along with Ernie Buriano, in a deal that sent Drago to the Baltimore Blast.



Defender Frantz Mathieu returned to the Sting for the third time on January 12 in a trade that sent Drago to the Blast.

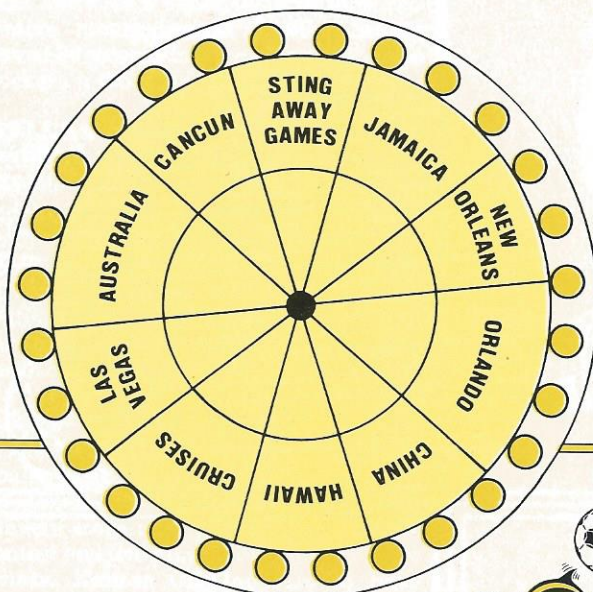
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Brought to the Sting in 1980 from the West German First Division, the Haitian-born Mathieu quickly established himself as a star. He was voted Soccer Bowl MVP in 1981 and NASL Defender of the Year in 1982. His career later took him to Montreal, Tampa Bay and Baltimore where he was selected to the 1985 MISL Eastern Division All-Star team.

No stranger to injury, Mathieu's soccer career has been marked by a broken arm, broken cheek bone and now the injured tendon. But, as before, Frantz Mathieu is determined to come back better than ever!



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# Notes FROM THE LOCKER ROOM

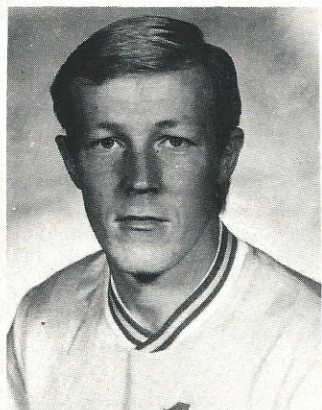


*Each month this section of your newsletter will contain a nearsighted and far ranging look at the MISL and its member teams. A light-hearted approach should be expected but the insight you will gain will help you to know the League and its players, coaches and support personnel better.*

By Mike Zachary

## MISL

On February 11, 1987 thirty-two of the League's best players got together in Inglewood, California and competed in the Eighth Annual MISL All-Star Game. And what a great game it was. Just under 16,000 fans at the Forum saw the lead change four times before the Eastern All-Stars pulled out a thrilling 6-5 overtime win.



**Kai Haaskivi**

Cleveland's Kai Haaskivi earned Most Valuable Player honors as he had a goal

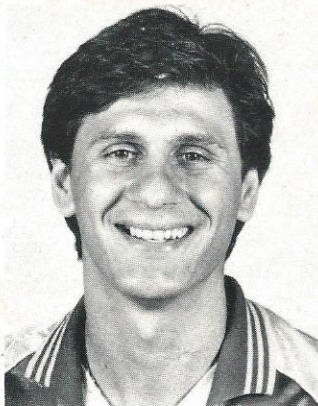
and an assist, including the gamewinning goal 32 seconds into the overtime. It was the Eastern Division's first win since an 8-6 victory in 1984 and only their second win overall. The series now stands at 6-2 in favor of the West. One of the West's triumphs came in 1980 when the two teams were called Atlantic (East) and Central (West).

Tacoma's Steve Zungul lead the way for the Western All-Stars accounting for one goal and two assists. The three points brought Zungul's All-Star total to 16 breaking Stan Stamenkovic's all-time All-Star scoring record.

Baltimore's Richard Chinapoo added two goals for the East While Branko Segota of San Diego pumped in two for the West.

## MISL OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

This month's offensive honors go to San Diego's All-Star Midfielder Branko Segota. Segota moved into second place on the MISL scoring list last month by adding eight goals and 12 assists to his total. On the year Segota has 29 goals and 35 assists for 64 points. And as of press time he trailed Dallas' Tatu by a slim five points.

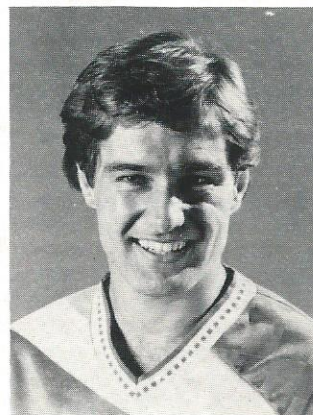


**Branko Segota**

During the month Segota had two gamewinning goals and tied a Sockers' record with five assists in an 8-0 win over Los Angeles on February 6.

February's Defensive Player of the Month was probably an easy choice for the panel from the Professional Soccer Reporters' Association. Baltimore Blast Goalkeeper Scott Manning recorded a perfect 5-0 mark for the month which included a goals-against average of 3.29.

Both Baltimore goalkeepers have been awarded Player of the Month honors. Keith Van Eron was the recipient of November's award.



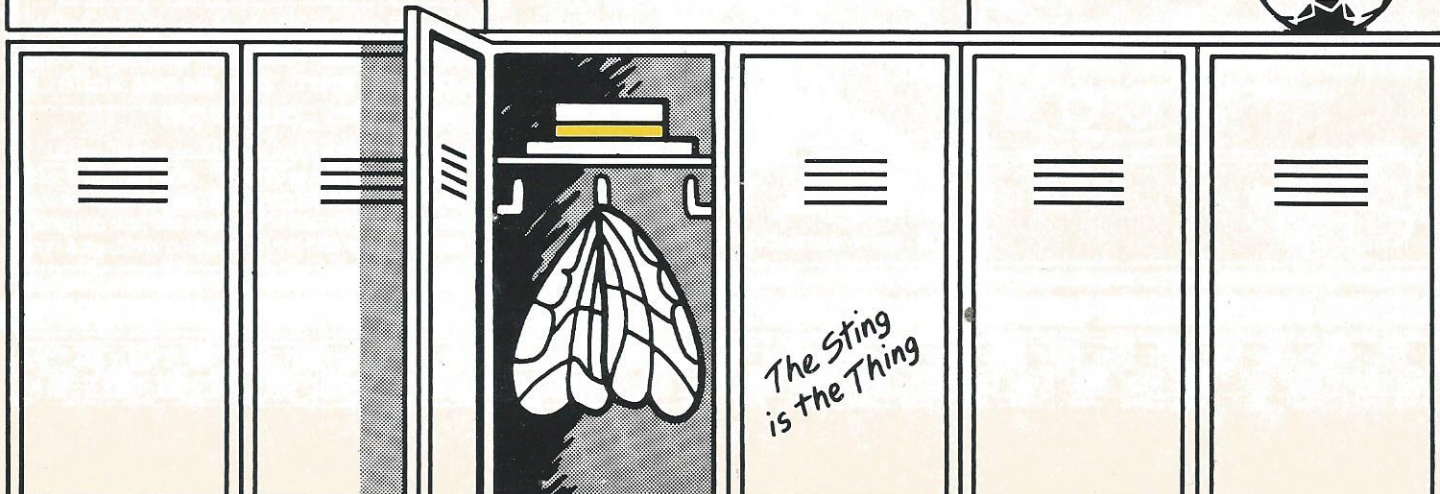
**Scott Manning**

## MILESTONE

After being held pointless in his first two games **Chicago's Nilton DaSilva**, better known to soccer fans as **Batata** has been on a scoring tear.

The 5'6, 145 lb. Brazilian, has scored a point in a Sting single-season record 32

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## FROM THE LOCKER ROOM

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straight games and is quickly closing in on Karl-Heinz Granitz's all-time mark of 35 consecutive games which spanned three seasons.

If you're wondering what the all-time MISL record for consecutive games with a point is it's 76 by who else, Tacoma's Steve Zungul. The record was set over three seasons from 1978-1981 when Zungul played for the New York Arrows.

### BALTIMORE BLAST

The Baltimore Blast, who are currently leading the MISL Eastern Division, had an unbelievable February. The team went 8-0 and set a club record on February 28 when Baltimore beat Chicago 7-6 in overtime to win their tenth game in a row.

### SAN DIEGO SOCKERS

Last year's MISL Champs set a new League-low on February 28 against Wichita when they took only twelve shots on goal. San Diego made the most of their chances however, as they scored on five of those 12 shots and beat the Wings 5-4.

### CLEVELAND FORCE

The Richfield (OH) Coliseum held the largest MISL crowd of the year on February 21 when the Cleveland/San Diego game drew 18,674 fans. But Force fans left with a bitter taste in their collective mouths when Branko Segota scored 36 seconds into overtime to give the Sockers a 6-5 victory.

### DALLAS SIDEKICKS

All-Star forward Tatu set two club records on February 15 as he led the Sidekicks to a 6-1 win over Kansas City at the Reunion Arena in Dallas. Tatu set records by collecting his fourth hat trick of the season, the most in a season in Dallas history, and by scoring the teams fastest goal ever as he opened the scoring just 18 seconds into the contest.

### KANSAS CITY COMETS

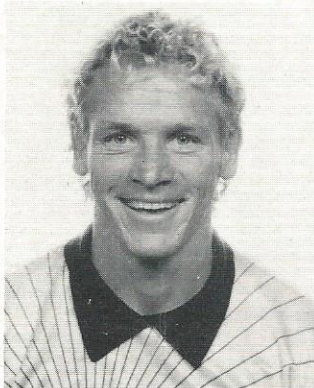
The Comets set a club record with 12 goals in a 12-2 trouncing of Los Angeles on March 3. Kansas City had seven players score two or more points in the contest and five players had three or more points. Kansas City appears to have turned things around as the team has gone 7-4 since Dave Clements took over as head coach on February 5.

### ST. LOUIS STEAMERS

Another team trying to turn its season around is St. Louis. New Head Coach

Tony "Motor Man" Glavin, who replaced Pat McBride on February 9, may be just the man to do it. The Steamers came up with two big wins to close out February and Open March. On February 5 St. Louis pounced on Wichita 9-2 and then on March 3 the Steamers surprised the first place Baltimore Blast with a 2-1 overtime victory. Both games were played in Missouri.

### MINNESOTA STRIKERS

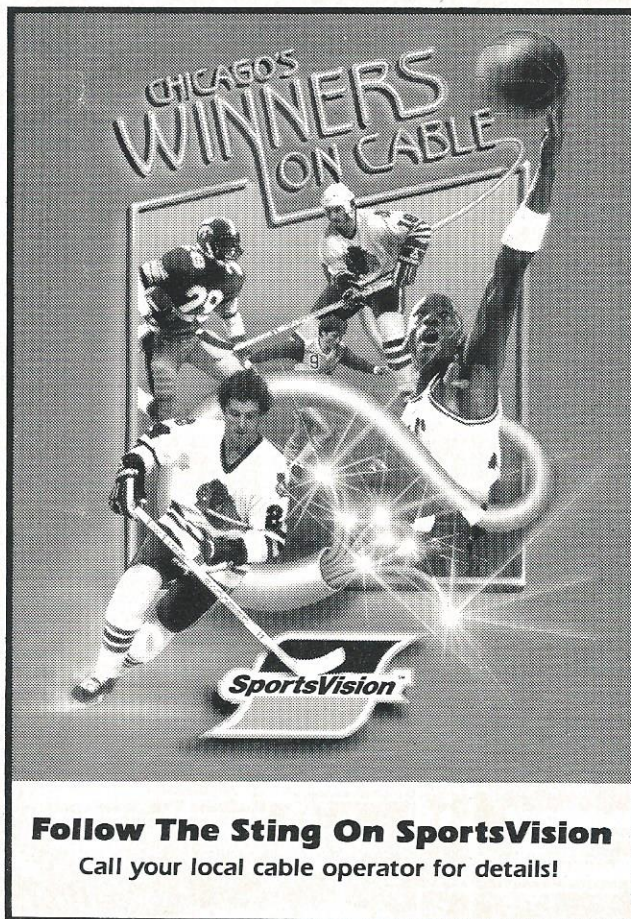


Matt Kennedy

When you think of Minnesota goalkeepers Tino Lettieri is the one who usually comes to mind. But the Strikers have a back-up keeper who's making waves. Through the first week in March Matt Kennedy has posted an 8-2 record with a 3.72 goals against average. Not bad for a second stringer.

### CHICAGO STING

After playing most of the season with someone injured things were looking up when the Sting hosted Tacoma on February 26 and the team was listed as 100% healthy. But luck wasn't smiling on Chicago that night as the Sting lost 4-3 in overtime and had four players injured to boot. Frantz Mathieu suffered a ruptured left achilles tendon and is gone for the season, Ricardo Alonso pulled a groin muscle, Chico Moreira injured his hamstring, and Manny Rojas suffered a deep cut to his hand. So much for 100% healthy. Since the beginning of March Moreira and Rojas have returned to the lineup.



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BOYS UNDER 10 DIVISION

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

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

BOYS UNDER 12 DIVISION

Club America-Deerfield	3	Club America-Deerfield	5	Club America Deerfield	
Naperville Stingers	0				
Maroons	6	Maroons	1		
Palos Park USA	1				
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	Hoffmann Estates			
Portage, Indiana	4	Portage, Indiana			
Oak Lawn Flames	0				
Addison Arrows	3	3/21 2:00 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			

FINAL  
5/3/87  
6:00 p.m.



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## BOYS UNDER 14 DIVISION

Chicago Pegasus	3	Chicago Pegasus	5	
Wheaton Patriots	1	(PK)	Chicago Pegasus	
Ridge Raiders	1	Homewood-Flossmoor	4	
Homewood-Flossmoor	3			
St. Demetrios	1	St. Demetrios		4/12 6:00 p.m.
Pegasus Red	0			
Waukegan Internationalss	0	3/17 5:30 p.m.		
Lincolnway S.C.	3	Lincolnway S.C.		
Sockers F.C. Chicago	0			
N.W. Indiana Tigers	1	N.W. Indiana Tigers		
Arlington Red Demons		3/21 1:30 p.m.		
Park Ridge White		Arlington Red Demons		
Crystal Lake Chargers	0			
Bartlett Express	4	Bartlett Express		4/17 6:00 p.m.
Schwaben, A.C.	0	3/25 6:00 p.m.		
Hoffman Estates	(PK) 1	Hoffman Estates		
				FINAL 5/3/87 6:30 p.m.

## GIRLS UNDER 14 DIVISION

Naperville Rebels	0	St. Charles Streak		
St. Charles Streak	1			
Palatine Celtic	4	4/1 6:30p.m.		
Glen Ellyn Lakers	1	Palatine Celtic		
Buffalo Grove Blazers				
	4/1 5:30 p.m.			FINAL 4/17 5:30 p.m.
Hoffman Estates Wolverines				
Sparta		4/12 1:00 p.m.		
Palatine Sweepers	4/1 6:00 p.m.			

## GIRLS UNDER 16 DIVISION

Naperville Jets	3	Naperville Jets	1	
Schwaben, A.C.	(PK) 2	Hoffman Estates Hustle	0	
Hoffman Estates Hustle				
Glen Ellyn Lakers		Hoffman Estates Hustle	3	
Sparta				ST. CHARLES CELTICS CHAMPIONS
Shorewood Strikers		Sparta	1	
St. Charles Celtics				
Palatine Celtic Clippers		St. Charles Celtics	2	
				St. Charles Celtics 1

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# COACHES CORNER

## THE SPECIAL TEAMS

By Erich Geyer with Howard Balson

Coaches, players and fans alike would most probably agree that there are few indoor soccer game results unaffected by the play of the special teams—the power play unit and the penalty killers.

The same influence that power plays and penalty-killing have on ice hockey come into play on the indoor soccer field. Practically everyone reading this column can remember vividly several games where a power play goal or a successfully killed two minutes would swing a game from the loss column to the win column.

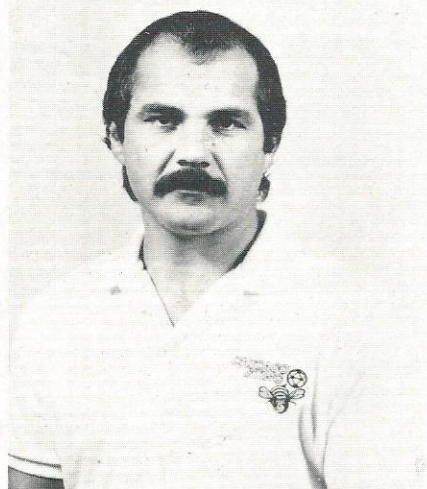
Because of the importance of the special teams, we went to Sting Head Coach Erich Geyer for his insights on the strategies and types of players needed to have effective special teams. Geyer, who served on special teams as a player has successfully translated his experiences into the building of the Sting special units, and today both the power play unit (The Stingers) and the penalty killers (The Killer Bees) rank among the best in the Major Indoor Soccer League.

Here's the way Erich Geyer makes the Sting special teams something special:

### THE KILLER BEES

If you were to look at Coach Geyer's penalty-killing formation from a Goodyear Blimp high above the soccer field, you would see the Sting defenders lined up in what amounts to football's old T-formation.

The one man in front is called the "Chaser", while the three remaining defenders are lined up at the top of the penalty area. Coach Geyer refers to these players as "stabilizers." Behind



**Erich Geyer agrees that very few game results are unaffected by the play of the special teams.**

this "last line of defense", of course, is the goalkeeper.

With the opposition power play usually taking the tactic of a "quarterback" directing the attack from the middle, two point men on his flanks and two men posted "low" in the box, the Killer Bee with the most physically demanding responsibility is the chaser. He must cover the quarterback, then move quickly from side to side to rush the point man when the pass is made to the wings. Although he is helped by one of the stabilizers on the side the pass is made, the chaser may well begin to tire after a minute and, if possible, be substituted for. If that cannot be done because there's no stop in the action, then the chaser and one of the wing

stabilizers change places for the balance of the shift.

The prime responsibility of the wing stabilizers is to protect against the men posted low by the goal and help the chaser out when the action comes his way.

The center stabilizer directs the defense. He must cover his position against an attack up the middle and cover for his teammates if they are drawn out of position by sharp offensive tactics. The chaser and the wing stabilizers are also charged with the opportunity of initiating counter attacks and creating short-handed goal opportunities.

According to Coach Geyer, the penalty killers must constantly be looking for the opportunity to seize control of the ball and create a scoring chance. "After all", he says, "the power play unit, in their anxiety to score, will often make a bad pass or commit themselves too deeply inside. A creative penalty killing unit will be quick to see the chance and capitalize on it."

One of the things the penalty killers must always try to do is keep the attackers back as far as possible, away from the goal. Geyer points out that the further back the attackers are kept, the better chance the goalkeeper has to see the ball and make the save.

"When you allow the power play to get in close, the goalkeeper will have little or no chance", Geyer stated.

Coach Geyer also discussed the individuals who make up the highly effective Killer Bees.

"The experience, soccer smarts and strength of Heinz Wirtz makes him the ideal center stabilizer", Geyer said. "He immediately reacts to the opposition's tactics and can direct all traffic from his spot in the back. He knows when to provide cover for a teammate and when to stay in place."

"On Wirtz's right, we generally have Mark

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## COACHES CORNER

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Simanton, another smart, savvy defender. Mark can read an attack quickly and if he does have to commit to the outside, he always has an open eye on his man by the goal and has the knack of getting back quickly."

Geyer also points out that to Wirtz's left he generally installs either Pat McGauley or Ben Collins. Both men are quick and can strip an attacker from the ball and have the skills and speed to race upfield on a counter attack.

"The ideal chaser has been Frantz Mathieu", Geyer continued. "But with Frantz's injury, the Sting is fortunate to have other players who can do the chaser's job very effectively. I can go to Frank Klopas, Teddy Krafft or Paul Krumpe, depending on who is fresh or who just came off a shift."

Coach Geyer also points out that Sting defender Chico Moreira would also be a terrific penalty killer, but because he subs with Heinz Wirtz on regular shifts, it is essential to keep Chico rested while Wirtz is on the floor.

### THE STINGERS

Of equal importance, of course, is the power play unit. So often their goals can make the difference in the game.

Coach Geyer's system involves pretty much

the same positioning as used by the opposition, but feels that the Stinger's high rate of goal-scoring success is attributable to the quality personnel on the unit, and their ability to create scoring chances.

"Our power play unit knows the importance of (1) moving closer to the net, never letting themselves be pushed back to the point where they are no longer highly dangerous, and (2) moving the ball around quickly. When the power play unit is too patient, too deliberate, it allows the penalty killers to catch a breath and reposition themselves. But when the ball is moved quickly, the penalty killers will tire. Even if no good scoring chances develop in the first minute, constant ball movement will wear a defensive unit down. That's why so many goals are scored in the later stages of a two-minute power play or shortly after the penalty ends, the same, tired defenders are still on the floor."

Posted in the penalty area for the Stingers is usually Karl-Heinz Granitza and Pat McGauley. Teddy Krafft could be used there, as well. Geyer explained that Granitza will roam from a high post to a low post, looking for a pass and the chance to whirl and shoot or pass off. He is also constantly on the alert for rebounds coming off shots from the points.

McGauley fills the roll of "garbage man". He swings from one goal post to the other. When the right point man has the ball, Pat goes to the far post and vice versa. He can either take a pass and shoot, deflect a shot goalward or immediately slip a rebound to an oncoming teammate.

The Stingers' point men are usually Batata and Frank Klopas. They flank the center man, normally Manny Rojas. "Batata and Klopas are both ideal for their positions," Geyer states, because they can shoot well with either foot, and have the ability to find an open man and create turmoil in the defense."

"Perhaps the hardest job on the power play belongs to Manny Rojas," Geyer said. He must constantly be looking for the right set-up, he must direct the traffic, he must keep the defense guessing which way he will pass the ball. He must not telegraph his passes, yet his passes must be sharp and accurate.

"That's why you'll see him go to Batata, for example, maybe three times in a row, and just when the chaser thinks he has discovered a pattern, Manny will swing it over to Frankie or to Karl moving up to the top of the box. Fortunately for the Sting, not only does Manny have the experienced ball skills for this job, but if Manny is unable to play or has just come off a particularly tiring shift, we can use Batata in that position as well."

Coaching the special teams is a most complex task. Executing is even tougher. It would be difficult indeed to teach it all on these pages. But perhaps, you now have a little more insight into the tactics and what to look for when the Killer Bees and the Stingers buzz into action.



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Last summer 24 camps were scheduled between mid-June and mid-August. The camps are open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 16. The sessions last from Monday to Friday and participants are grouped according to age and ability.

Instruction is provided in the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, kicking, heading, tackling and ball control. Special instruction is also given in the areas of strategy and tactics, positional play, the art of defending and attacking, the rules of the game and goalkeeping. Video tapes are also used.

The aim of the soccer camps is to provide a sound foundation for beginners, refine the skills of the intermediate and perfect the techniques of the advanced player.

**For More Information Contact:**  
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## Upcoming Chrysler Plymouth Sting Player Appearances

Sting All-Star Batata will be appearing at Star Chrysler Plymouth in Naperville on Tuesday March 24 from 6-8 p.m. Sting fans can meet Batata and register to compete in the Plymouth Colt Shoot-Out where they have a chance to win a new 1987 Plymouth Colt or a \$5,000 college scholarship.

The Shoot-Out is held between the first and second quarters of all Sting home games. Contestants try to shoot a ball through a target placed in the goal. All contestants will receive Sting souvenirs.

Next Sting Player Appearance:

Tue. March 24—6-8 PM—Batata: Star Chrysler Plymouth, 1550 W. Ogden, Naperville.



All-Star midfielder Batata will appear at Star Chrysler Plymouth in Naperville on Tuesday, March 24 from 6 to 8 PM.

## Chicago Sting Coaches Caravans

Mon. March 30—Orchard Place Grade School, 2727 Maple Street, Des Plaines, IL, 7-9 PM.

Mon. April 13—Skokie Park District, 4400 Grove Street, Skokie, IL, 7-9 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. Proud sponsors of the Coaches Caravans are: Coca Cola, Chrysler Plymouth and World's Finest Chocolates.

For more information on the Coaches Caravans contact Dave Huson at 245-5444.



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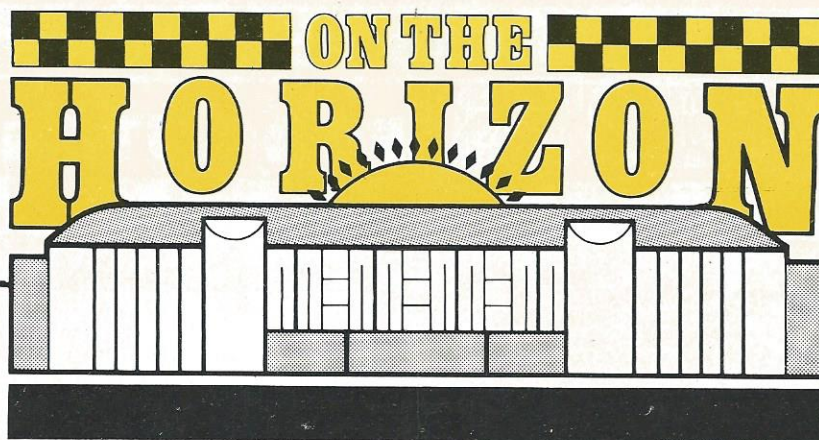
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Sting vs. Cleveland Force. The first 5,000 fans 14 and under receive a regulation size soccer ball courtesy of Burger King. Game time is now 3:00, not 1:30 as was originally scheduled. It's also Indian Guide Day, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters Day.

**C.L.A.S.A. DAY**, Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

The Chicago Latin American Soccer Association All-Star game begins at 5:30 prior to the Sting vs. Dallas game. It's also Illinois Youth Soccer Association Night.

**SUN-TIMES FAMILY NIGHT**, Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.

Watch the Chicago Sun-Times for special discount family packages as the Sting host the San Diego Sockers.

**AYSO DAY**, Sunday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.

The Sting salute the American Youth Soccer Organization as the Sting play the Baltimore Blast.

**BUDWEISER TEAM POSTER DAY**, Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

All Fans receive a full color Chicago Sting team poster courtesy of Budweiser when the Sting host the San Diego Sockers.

**FAN APPRECIATION DAY**, Sunday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.

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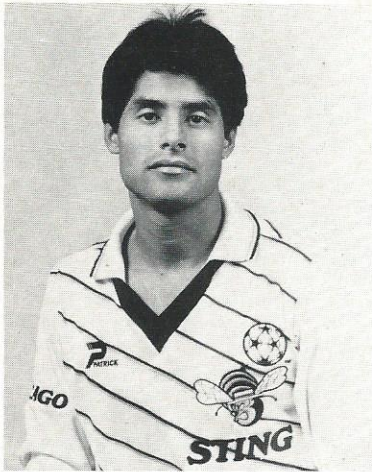
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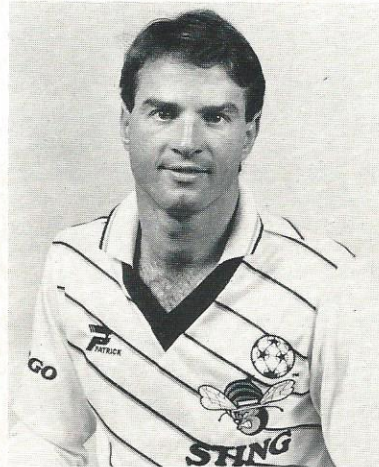
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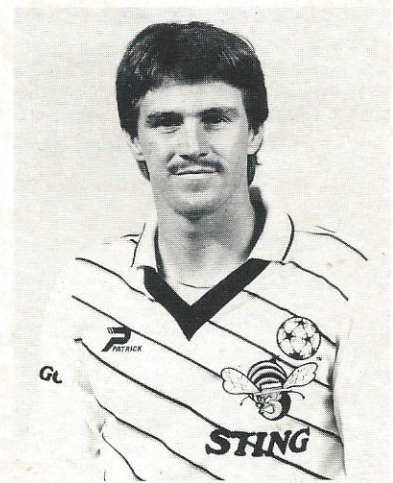
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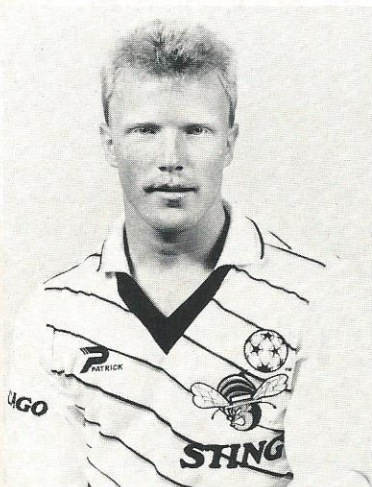
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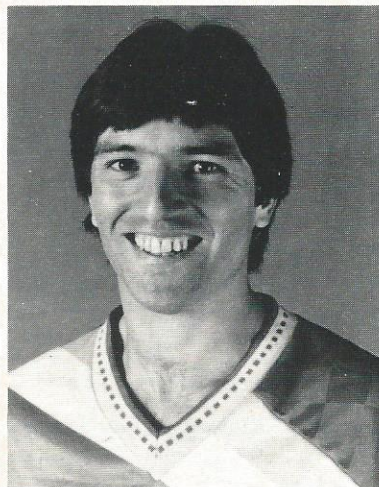
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