

NASL MEDIA RELEASE

North American Soccer League

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SOCCKER BOWL-81 PRESS INFORMATION

EVENTS SCHEDULE

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| Tues, Sept.22 | SOCCKER BOWL-81 PRESS CONFERENCE
12:00 Noon. At Molson Breweries, John Molson Room. Present: NASL Commissioner Phil Woosnam, NASL Executives, Coaches, Players from Soccer Bowl-81 teams. |
| Wed, Sept.23 | TEAM WORKOUTS BEGIN
Soccer Bowl-81 teams start practice sessions throughout rest of week. Open to media. Media bus transportation provided round-trip to workouts. Workout times and bus schedules attached. |
| Thurs, Sept.24 | NASL AWARDS DINNER
6:30 PM. At Sheraton Centre, Sheraton Ballroom. 1981 NASL Award Winners will be present. Honored Guest of NASL: Pele. Proceeds donated to Variety Club of Ontario, to raise funds for the Variety Village Sports Training and Fitness Center. Special donation to Ontario Special Olympics. |
| Fri, Sept.25 | COMMISSIONER'S RECEPTION
6:30 PM. At Toronto City Hall. All executives from all NASL clubs present |
| Sat, Sept.26 | SOCCKER BOWL-81
8:00 PM Kickoff. Exhibition Stadium |

PRESS HEADQUARTERS

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| Tues, Sept.22
-Sat, Sept.26 | Sheraton Centre Hotel. Media Registration & Hospitality: Dufferin Room. Media Work Room: Simcoe Room. All credentials may be picked up at Press Headquarters during week. Telecopy service available for filing. NASL PR Staff present to assist media. |
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PRESS HEADQUARTERS HOURS

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| Tues, Sept. 22 | 9:00 AM-10:00 PM |
| Wed, Sept. 23 | 9:00 AM-10:00 PM |
| Thurs, Sept. 24 | 9:00 AM-6:00 PM |
| Fri, Sept. 25 | 9:00 AM-6:00 PM |
| Sat, Sept. 26 | 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon |

Press Headquarters available post-game for filing.

SOCCKER BOWL-81 MEDIA GUIDE

Available at Press Headquarters towards end of week.

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SOCCKER BOWL-81 MEDIA GAME-DAY INFORMATION

PRESS BOXES

Both Exhibition Stadium press boxes will be utilized. Credentials will be for either the soccer press box or the baseball press box.

MEDIA BUSSES

Two busses will depart from Sheraton Centre day of game. First will depart at 5:30 PM. Second bus will depart at 6:30 PM. Post-game: First bus will depart one hour after game. Second bus will depart two hours after game. FYI: Toronto Taxi Service: "Co-op"- 364-7111; "Diamond"-366-6868

MEDIA DINNER

At Stoodleigh's Restaurant at Exhibition Stadium. Media busses will drop media off at that location. Served from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Snacks will be served in press boxes at half-time, photographers will be served at half-time at Gate A tunnel.

PRESS GATES

Press Will-Call is Gate 3. Access to Soccer Press Box at this location. Photographers' Entrance: Gate A. Baseball Press Box Entrance: Gate 9.

GAME INFORMATION

Following information will be distributed during/post game. Statistical sheets; play-by-play descriptions; goal diagrams; post-game quotes; game-notes.

POST-GAME PROCEDURE

Due to the single elevator offering exit from soccer press box, media is requested at end of game to walk down stairs adjacent to elevator (Aisle 44) to field level, turn right at field, and continue down into Stairwell #4.

Media Interview Room marked as you enter runway. (Between Home Locker Room, Stairwell #4, and Visitors Locker Room, Stairwell #5.) Winning/Losing Coaches will be brought to Media Interview Room, as well as key winning players. Media Interview Room Opens: Ten minutes after teams leave field. Locker Rooms Open: 20 minutes after teams leave field.

PRACTICE TIMES/ BUS SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Tues., 9/22	New York	3:30-5:00	Lamport Stadium
Wed., 9/23	New York	3:00-4:30	Lamport Stadium
	Chicago	4:00-6:00	Lamport Stadium
Thurs., 9/24	New York	10:00-12:00	Exhibition Stad.
	Chicago	12:00- 2:00	Exhibition Stad.
Fri., 9/25	Chicago	10:30-12:30	Exhibition Stad.
	New York	3:00-5:00	Exhibition Stad.

Media busses leave Sheraton Centre one half hour before practice.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 3, 1981

PELE--"SPORTSMAN OF THE CENTURY"--TO BE NASL'S HONORED GUEST AT SOCCER BOWL-81 IN TORONTO

TORONTO--Sept. 3--Pele, named this past July in an international poll of the world's most influential newspapers as the "Sportsman of the Century," will be the Honored Guest at the North American Soccer League's Soccer Bowl-81 festivities in Toronto, it was announced today by NASL Commissioner Phil Woosnam.

The 40-year old Brazilian-born soccer superstar, will also receive the Variety Club of Ontario's first-annual "Heart of Show Business" Award at the NASL Awards Dinner on Thursday, September 24.

Pele, recognized throughout the world as the greatest soccer player of all time, retired from the New York Cosmos in 1977, after creating instant credibility for the sport in North America by signing with the NASL Cosmos in 1975, and generating increased attendance and media coverage.

He is now an international consultant for Warner Communications, the owners of the Cosmos, appearing world-wide in promoting the game, and recently received the critic's acclaim for his acting performance in the hit movie, "Victory."

In the voting for the world's top athlete, sponsored by "L'Equipe," the French daily sports newspaper which initiated the European Cup, the annual championship for the soccer club champions of each European nation, Pele was ranked above such soccer luminaries as Alfredo di Stefano (Argentina), Sir Stanley Matthews (England), and Johan Cruyff (Holland), the four soccer players to receive votes. In addition, such outstanding athletes as Jesse Owens (track), Eddy Merckx (cycling), Paavo Nurmi (track), Mark Spitz (swimming), Bjorn Borg (tennis), Muhammed Ali (boxing), and Emil Zatopek (track) were ranked below the soccer superstar, who holds the all-time world record for goals with a total of 1,279.

Zatopek, the great Czech long-distance runner, said of Pele's selection as the "Sportsman of the Century:" "Pele's dominance over other footballers is striking. In the No. 1 sport, he is No. 1 without any arguing."

Pele will be the Honored Guest at the League's Gala Awards Dinner held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, the proceeds of which will go to the Variety Club of Ontario to raise funds for the Variety Village Sports Training and Fitness Center. A special donation will also be made to the Ontario Special Olympics.

Along with Pele, as other guests of the NASL, will be Sir Stanley Matthews, considered to be one of the greatest players in the English First Division, who played till the age of 44, and now resides in Canada; Bill Sterling, President of the Canadian Soccer Association; Gene Edwards, President of the United States Soccer Federation; and J. W. van Marle, President of the Royal Dutch Soccer Federation.

Pele will present the trophies to the finalists and medals to the players at Soccer Bowl-81 on Saturday, September 26, and in so doing, follows in the footsteps of such NASL Honored Guests from previous years as Dr. Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State of the United States, Sir Stanley Rous from England, Past-President of FIFA, the world governing body of soccer, and Herman Neuberger from West Germany, FIFA Vice President and Chairman of the FIFA World Cup Organizing Committee.

CHICAGO STING - NUMERICAL ROSTER



No.	Name	Position	Age	Height	Weight	Citizenship
2	Ivan Miljkovic	D	32	6-1	175	Yugoslavia
3	Greg Ryan	D	24	5-9	156	USA
4	Derek Spalding	D	26	5-9	179	USA
5	Paul Hahn	D	32	6-2	188	W. Germany
6	**Arno Steffenhagen	M	32	5-9	159	W. Germany
7	**Frantz Mathieu	D	28	5-11	162	Haiti
8	Rudy Glenn	M	22	6-2	185	USA
9	Charlie Fajkus	M	24	5-10	158	USA
10	+Pato Margetic	F	21	5-11	154	Argentina
11	Mark Simanton	M	22	5-11	158	USA
12	#Karl-Heinz Granitza	F	29	6-0	182	W. Germany
13	Tasso Koutsoukos	F	22	5-10	173	Canada
14	Ingo Peter	M	29	6-3	187	W. Germany
15	Jorge Espinoza	M	27	6-0	155	Chile
16	+Dave Huson	F	30	5-9	150	Channel Isl.
17	Steve Long	F	24	5-7	148	USA
18	John Tyma	F	22	6-0	172	USA
20	Paul Coffee	G	24	6-1	174	USA
22	Dieter Ferner	G	32	6-0	160	W. Germany
23	Bret Hall	M	24	5-7	148	USA

Head Coach - Willy Roy

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Coffee, Paul-20	Hall, Bret-23	Miljkovic, Ivan-2
Espinoza, Jorge-15	Huson, Dave-16	Peter, Ingo-14
Fajkus, Charlie-9	Koutsoukos, Tasso-13	Ryan, Greg-3
Ferner, Dieter-22	Long, Steve-17	Simanton, Mark-11
Glenn, Rudy-8	Margetic, Pato-10	Spalding, Derek-4
Granitza, Karl-Heinz-12	Mathieu, Frantz-7	Steffenhagen, Arno-6
Hahn, Paul-5		Tyma, John-18

** 1981 NASL All-Star, First Team

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+ 1981 NASL All-Star, Honorable Mention

CHICAGO STING 1981 REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

No.	Player	GP	GS	MIN	SHOTS	FOULS	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
12	Karl-Heinz Granitza	31	31	2833	137	33	7/1	0/1	1/1	19	17	55
6	Arno Steffenhagen	28	28	2551	77	24	5/0			17	10	44
10	Pato Margetic	23	23	2010	49	21	2/0		1/2	8	17	33
14	Ingo Peter	26	26	2287	68	53	6/2			8	8	24
9	Charlie Fajkus	26	25	1995	24	20			1/1	7	6	20
8	Rudy Glenn	28	22	1905	36	54	4/1		1/2	7	0	14
16	Dave Huson	31	30	2692	34	31	1/0		2/3	4	4	12
4	Derek Spalding	28	24	2191	25	54	3/0	2/3	1/3	2	7	11
2	Ivan Miljkovic	24	20	1756	17	33	4/0			0	7	7
7	Frantz Mathieu	31	31	2741	5	41	3/1			1	5	7
18	John Tyma	9	4	415	14	7				3	1	7
11	Mark Simanton	21	11	993	15	34	2/0			1	4	6
17	Steve Long	12	3	444	7	6				1	3	5
5	Paul Hahn	18	18	1516	14	8			0/1	1	3	5
23	Bret Hall	24	9	1245	16	22	1/0			1	3	5
3	Greg Ryan	19	11	1223	3	20				1	2	4
13	Tasso Koutsoukos	12	6	648	15	13				0	1	1
1	Phil Parkes	10	9	788	0	1	1/0			0	0	0

Totals.....556 475 40/6 2/4 7/13 81 98 260
Opponents' Totals.....545 554 38/7 5/6 2/14 49 68 166

Goalkeepers	GP	GS	MIN	SHOTS	SAVES	GA	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SH	GAA
1 Phil Parkes	10	9	788	151	41	11	2/3	0/0	3	1.26
20 Paul Coffee	12	10	984	187	71	18	2/2	0/3	2	1.65
22 Dieter Ferner	13	13	1175	207	58	21	1/1	2/11	2	1.61

Totals.....2947 545 170 50 5/6 2/14 7 1.53
Opponents' Totals.....2947 556 173 81 2/4 7/13 3 2.47

Team Statistics	Scoring by Periods	1	2	OT	SO	Totals	Own Goals	Corners	Offside
Chicago		30	48	3	3	84	1	215	115
Opponents		23	26	0	0	50	0	208	63

NEW YORK COSMOS - NUMERICAL ROSTER



No.	Name	Position	Age	Height	Weight	Citizenship
1	#Hubert Birkenmeier	G	32	5-10	169	W. Germany
2	Andranik Askandarian	D	29	5-7	155	Armenian
3	+Robert Iarusci	D	26	6-0	180	Canada
4	Jeff Durgan	D	20	6-1	175	USA
7	Julio Cesar Romero	M	21	5-8	145	Paraguay
8	**Vladislav Bogicevic	M	30	6-1	180	Yugoslavia
9	**Giorgio Chinaglia (C)	F	34	6-1	180	USA
11	Seninho	F	32	5-9	154	Portugal
12	Larry Hulcer	M	24	5-9	160	USA
13	Johan Neeskens	M	30	5-9	170	Holland
14	+Steve Wegerle	F	28	5-9	152	S. Africa
15	**Wim Rijsbergen	D	29	6-0	155	Holland
16	Angelo DiBernardo	M	25	5-9	154	USA
17	Rick Davis	M	22	5-8	155	USA
18	Boris Bandov	M	27	5-10	175	USA
19	#Roberto Cabanas	F	20	5-9	155	Paraguay
20	Francois Van der Elst	M	26	5-8	155	Belgium
21	David Brcic	G	23	6-2	173	USA
22	Ivan Buljan	D	31	6-1	180	Yugoslavia
24	Darryl Gee	F	19	5-10	155	USA
25	Dominic Barczewski	D	22	6-2	180	USA
26	Erhardt Kapp	D	22	5-11	167	USA
27	Dino Alberti	G	19	6-1	170	Canada
28	Hernan 'Chico' Borja	F	22	5-11	155	Ecuador

Head Coach - Hennes Weisweiler (C) - captain

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Alberti, Dino-27	Cabanas, Roberto-19	Iarusci, Robert-3
Bandov, Boris-18	Chinaglia, Giorgio-9	Kapp, Erhardt-26
Barczewski, Dominic-25	Davis, Rick-17	Neeskens, Johan-13
Birkenmeier, Hubert-1	DiBernardo, Angelo-16	Rijsbergen, Wim-15
Bogicevic, Vladislav-8	Durga, Jeff-4	Romero, Julio Cesar-7
Borja, Chico-28	Eskandarian, Andranik-2	Seninho-11
Brcic, David-21	Gee, Darryl-24	Van der Elst, Francois-20
Buljan, Ivan-22	Hulcer, Larry-12	Wegerle, Steve-14

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9	Giorgio Chinaglia	32	32	2985	177	13		5/5	2/3	29	16	74
19	Roberto Cabanas	23	18	1683	73	42	4/1			16	9	41
20	Francois Van der Elst	30	30	2736	74	38	4/0		1/1	6	14	26
8	Vladislav Bogicevic	31	31	2880	41	47	2/0		0/1	1	22	24
28	Chico Borja	24	19	1527	37	30	2/0		0/2	7	8	22
7	Julio Cesar Romero	21	16	1454	81	20			0/1	4	13	21
11	Seninho	19	11	1217	22	12			2/3	6	5	17
15	Wim Rijsbergen	26	25	2103	4	70	6/0			2	8	12
3	Bob Iarusci	28	28	2580	9	24			1/2	2	4	8
22	Ivan Buljan	11	10	966	15	6			0/1	2	1	5
16	Angelo DiBernardo	17	16	1450	13	19	1/0		0/1	0	4	4
13	Johan Neeskens	6	6	465	12	18	1/0		0/1	2	0	4
14	Steve Wegerle	8	6	545	10	4			0/1	0	4	4
17	Rick Davis	17	15	1415	12	27	2/0		1/1	1	1	3
4	Jeff Durgan	28	28	2468	5	55	2/0			0	2	2
2	Andranik Eskandarian	29	28	2279	5	55	2/0			0	1	1
1	Hubert Birkenmeier	31	31	2880	0	0				0	1	1
18	Boris Bandov	4	1	117	1	3				0	1	1
12	Larry Hulcer	6	3	247	1	7			0/1	0	0	0
25	Dominic Barczewski	1	0	31	0	1	1/0			0	0	0

Totals.....	592	491	27/1	5/5	7/19	78	114	270
Opponent's Totals.....	558	497	38/6	3/3	8/18	44	51	139

Goalkeepers	GP	GS	MIN	SHOTS	SAVES	GA	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SH	GAA
1 Hubert Birkenmeier	31	31	2880	536	180	45	3/3	5/12	6	1.41
21 David Brcic	1	1	105	22	8	1		3/6	0	0.86

Totals.....	2985	558	188	46	3/3	8/18	6	1.39
Opponent's Totals.....	2985	585	198	79	5/5	7/19	1	2.38

Team Statistics	Scoring by Periods	1	2	OT	SO	Totals	Own Goals	Corners	Offside
New York		28	46	5	1	80	1	217	89
Opponents		25	19	2	3	49	2	168	93