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WASHINGTON -- One of the nation's largest corporate supporters of special events activities will be the major sponsor of a series of outdoor soccer games played by Team America, a Washington, D.C.-based team formed to develop a solid entry for the United States in the 1986 World Cup.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. will sponsor the Winston Team America Series, a schedule of matches for Team America in the North American Soccer League as well as games against foreign clubs, through its Winston cigarette brand.

Winston is also funding a Most Valuable Player point fund leading up to a \$10,000 cash award at the end of the 1983 season for Team America's most valuable player, \$5,000 for the player ranked second and \$2,500 for the player ranked third.

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Team America will play its home games at RFK Stadium in Washington. Team America's first home game is May 8 against the Tulsa Roughnecks.

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