

# COSMOS

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COSMOS OPEN '82 SEASON ON TV FROM GATOR BOWL  
'OPENING DAY WITH PELE' SET FOR APRIL 18TH AT HOME  
ATTRACT WORLD ATTENTION WITH 5-1 PASTING OF PERU

The Cosmos ride the upbeat wave of an overpowering 5-1 international victory over the World Cup-bound National Team of Peru into the opening game of their twelfth North American Soccer League season Saturday night in Jacksonville's Gator Bowl against the Tea Men. The game will be televised back to the metropolitan area on WPIX-TV (Channel 11) at 8:30p.m.\*, with Jim Karvellas and Seamus Malin reporting. The league's most successful - and now oldest - franchise officially opens its sixth Giants Stadium season the following Sunday afternoon, April 18th at 2:30 p.m., against the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

The Cosmos, who had trouble enough with the Tea Men when New England was their home (a 3-3 record), fell victim to a rare two-game sweep by the inaugural Jacksonville version a year ago. The Teas took a 2-1 Gator Bowl shootout on April 4th, and then shocked the Cosmos 2-1 in a Meadowlands regulation match August 2nd. Four straight indoor soccer victories this past winter lent further fuel to a 'Jacksonville jinx' tag and left Cosmos players shaking their heads.

"It's one of those crazy things that's unique to sports" according to Cosmos captain Giorgio Chinaglia. "We can't seem to beat that team. Every game against them goes right to the wire, but something strange always happens against us. They just seem to have our number up until now".

The Tea Men, who improved themselves significantly over the winter, opened their season on a successful note last Saturday night, knocking off cross-state rival Ft. Lauderdale 3-1 in the Gator Bowl behind a pair of goals by newcomer Ricardo Alonso. The lanky Argentine striker, picked up from the Minnesota Kicks in December, now combines with Cosmos-killer Alan Green to form a dangerous one-two punch for the Teas. The addition of

\* PLEASE MAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF THIS CHANGE IN TELEVISION PLANS.

former Scottish World Cup captain and English First Division legend Archie Gemmill, the #2 star in their opening-night win, supplies new experience and fight to Jacksonville's midfield. Goalkeeper Arnie Mauser's defense, bolstered by another quality addition, All-NASL center back Mihalj Keri, is stingier than ever.

Jacksonville's Last Lineup (vs Ft. Lauderdale): Arnie Mausser, Jack Carmichael, Mihalj Keri, Jorge Berrio, John Lignos, Mark Lindsay, Ringo Cantillo, Archie Gemmill, Poli Garcia, Alan Green (Ninoslav Zec 82:32), Ricardo Alonso (Eduardo Marasco 67:33).

Cosmos Last Lineup (vs Peru): Hubert Birkenmeier, Andranik Eskandarian, Jeff Durgan (ejected 68:17), Carlos Alberto, Boris Bandov (Erhardt Kapp 82:04), Julio Cesar Romero, Johan Neeskens (ejected 43:56), Rick Davis, Steve Wegerle (Richard Chinapoo 78:20), Giorgio Chinaglia, Chico Borja (Steve Moyers 64:14).

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COMSOS INJURY REPORT: Vladislav Bogicevic is questionable for Jacksonville, still ailing from sprained right knee. Ivan Buljan has recovered from an intestinal virus and is probable. Wim Rijsbergen (Achilles Heel), Angelo DiBernardo (knee), David Brcic are all recuperating from long-term injuries, and the status of Roberto Cabanas (back) remains in doubt.

CHINAGLIA SHOOTS FOR #200: Giorgio Chinaglia enters Saturday night's opener looking for his 200th N.A.S.L. goal. The league's all-time leading scorer has racked up 155 goals in 164 regular-season games and 44 more in 33 playoff games for a total of 199 goals in 197 N.A.S.L. appearances. The runner-up Ilija Mitic with a total of 104 career goals.

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'OPENING DAY WITH PELE' is the theme of the 1982 Meadowlands kick-off game against the Rowdies on April 18th. The 'Sportsman of The Century', who helped open Giants Stadium's soccer era as a player five years ago this month, will fly to the United States specifically to participate in his sixth straight Opening Day ceremonies. He will officially open the 12th year of Cosmos soccer by kicking out the ceremonial first ball, and by booting a dozen originally-autographed Pele soccer balls into the stands.

Opening Day is also Jacket Day. The first 20,000 youngsters attending the match against the Rowdies will receive Cosmos windbreakers courtesy of Schick/Listermint.

The day begins at 11:30 a.m. outside the stadium with tailgate contests in parking lots 9&11 and 10&12, accompanying Dixieland bands, and special demonstrations of Malibu Grand Prix racing in parking lot #6. The winner of the tailgate contest, which will be held before every 1982 home game, will receive a Minolta camera, with several additional prizes going to runners-up. At 12:20 p.m. the first North-South New Jersey All-Star Soccer Game kicks off. Top graduating seniors from the northern half of the Garden State will take on a similar group of scholastic talent from the southern part of the state. Then it's Pele's stage, and finally, at 2:36.30, the Cosmos take on the Rowdies and their new 'Latin Offense-German Defense' look. Brazilians Luis Fernando, the first 'N.A.S.L. Player-of-the-Week' of the new season and Zequinha, along with additional help on the way from partner-club Sao Paulo of Brazil lead a potent front-line, while fullback Peter Gruber, sweeper Peter Nogly and goalkeeper Jurgen Stars highlight a revamped Bundesliga defense.

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Down a man for the final forty-six minutes, the 1982 Cosmos raised eyebrows around the world Sunday with a resounding 5-1 pounding of the National Team of Peru in an international preview match at Giants Stadium. A crowd of 37,408, undaunted by 34° weather and gusting winds of 40 m.p.h., whipped up a Latin atmosphere of flags and chants, decidedly pro-Peru at kick-off, but singing a different tune by the half. Julio Cesar Romero got the Cosmos on the board first, curling a 25-yarder inside the right post at the mid-point of the initial half, but Peru drew level in five minutes, on a penalty-kick by Uribe. Romero did well to get loose on the endline at 31:53, and whistled a low drive across the goal-mouth, which Chinaglia met with a lunging spear, and headed to net for 2-1. A minute before halftime, a physical fracas ended with the ejection of Johan Neeskens, and the one-goal lead, with ten men and a second-half wind disadvantage looming, looked precarious at best. But twelve seconds after the red-card and fifty-two before the half, Chinaglia poked Andranik Eskandarian's thru-ball on to the left corner of the goal, providing the Cosmos both breathing-room and second-half impetus at the break.

Chinaglia, who roamed the field all day withdrew to midfield for most of the second-half, and wound up maestro to the final two goals. At 61:11, he drove a right-side cross through sprawling defenders and penalty box to an unmarked Romero for a routine tap-in, and then at 79:12, he ran onto Richard Chinapoo's first touch as a Cosmos, established a two-on-one break, and released a perfectly-timed feed to Steve Moyers, who converted his first Cosmos goal to complete the scoring.

Ricky Davis, Chico Borja and Hubert Birkenmeier also turned in standout performances in the convincing victory.

NOTES: Hubert Birkenmeier, Carlos Alberto and Cosmos Girls featured guests at Bridgeport Jai Alai next Tuesday April 13th at 7:00p.m. . . . Cosmos will hold free-agent tryouts all next week, April 12th - 16th with coaching and scouting staffs on hand every day from 4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. at Giants Stadium. . . . 1981 highlight film and Giorgio Chinaglia highlight package will be aired on Channel 47 this Sunday at 5:00p.m. in lieu of Italian League game.

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COSMOS 1982 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	DATE OF BIRTH	HT.	WT.	CITIZEN	PREVIOUS TEAM	YR. JOINED COSMOS
1	Hubert Birkenmeier	Goalkeeper	5/24/49	5-10	169	W. Germany	Freiburg	1979
2	Andranik Eskandarian	Defender	12/31/51	5-7	155	Iran	Tadj	1979
3	Robert Iarusci	Defender	11/8/54	6-0	180	Canada	Washington Diplomats	1977, '81
4	Jeff Durgan	Defender	8/29/61	6-1	175	USA	Stadium H.S. - Tacoma, Washington	1979
5	Carlos Alberto	Defender	7/17/44	6-0	170	Brazil	California Surf	1977, '81
6	Rick Davis	Forward	11/24/58	5-8	155	USA	University of Calif. - Santa Clara	1978
7	Julio Cesar Romero	Midfielder	8/28/60	5-8	145	Paraguay	Sportivo Luqueno	1980
8	Vladislav Bogicevic	Midfielder	11/6/50	6-1	180	Yugoslavia	Red Star	1978
9	Giorgio Chinaglia	Forward	1/24/47	6-1	180	USA	Lazio (Italy)	1976
11	Seninho	Forward	7/1/49	5-9½	154	Portugal	Oporto	1978
12	Steve Moyers	Forward	9/23/56	5-10	158	USA	California Surf	1981
13	Johan Neeskens	Midfielder	9/15/51	5-9	170	Holland	Barcelona (Spain)	1979
14	Steve Wegerle	Forward	5/15/53	5-9	152	S. Africa	Tampa Bay Rowdies	1981
15	Wim Rijsbergen	Defender	1/18/52	6-0	155	Holland	Bastia (France)	1979
16	Angelo DiBernardo	Midfielder	5/16/56	5-9	154	USA	Los Angeles Aztecs	1980
18	Boris Bandov	Midfielder	11/23/53	5-10	175	USA	Tampa Bay Rowdies	1979
19	Roberto Cabanas	Forward	4/11/61	5-9	155	Paraguay	Cerro Porteno	1980
21	David Brcic	Goalkeeper	1/21/58	6-2½	173	USA	St. Louis University	1978
22	Ivan Buljan	Defender	12/11/49	6-1	180	Yugoslavia	Hamburg (West Germany)	1981
23	David Norris	Forward	9/10/63	5-11	151	Canada	Winston Churchill HS - Vancouver	1981
24	Darryl Gee	Forward	5/9/62	5-10	155	USA	Oakland Mills H.S. - Columbia, MD	1980
25	Dominick Barczewski	Defender	8/15/59	6-2	180	USA	University of Missouri - St. Louis	1981
26	Erhardt Kapp	Defender	6/16/59	5-11	167	USA	University of Connecticut	1981
27	Dino Alberti	Goalkeeper	1/20/62	6-1	170	Canada	Vancouver Technical School	1980
28	Hernan 'Chico' Borja	Forward	8/24/59	5-11	155	USA	New Jersey Institute of Technology	1981
29	Ferdinando DeMatthaeis	Forward	5/29/61	5-9	153	Italy	U.S. Lucera	1981
30	Richard Chinapoo	Midfielder	1/18/57	6-1	176	Trinidad	Long Island University	1982
55	Carlos Carlos	Midfielder	12/5/59	5-8	150	USA	University of Connecticut	1982

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