



COSMOS VS. LOS ANGELES AZTECS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1978...GIANTS STADIUM

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TEAM RECORDS: The Cosmos boast a 15-3 record and 132 points, both the best in the NASL. The defending league champions hold first place in the National Conference East by 34 points over the Washington Diplomats (hosting San Jose tonight).

Los Angeles is 7-11 with 63 points, last in the National Conference West. The Aztecs lost their first seven games of the season at the Rose Bowl before shutting out Rochester 3-0 June 10th; they edged California 2-11 on June 17th to raise their home mark to 2-7. Their road record of 5-4 includes consecutive 4-0 shutout defeats (at Washington June 20th and Toronto June 24th) prior to coming to Giants Stadium to conclude a three-game road trip.

OFFICIALS: Referee--Gianfranco Menegali
Linesmen--Cliff Barcliff
Vic Scarengelli

SERIES RECORD: The Cosmos and Aztecs have divided six previous regular-season meetings dating back to 1974. The Cosmos won the first encounter this season between the two clubs, edging Los Angeles 1-0 at the Rose Bowl on a Giorgio Chinaglia header April 9th.

LAST GAME: With David Irving and former Aztec George Best leading the way, Ft. Lauderdale scored five goals (the largest yield by the Cosmos this season) in a 5-3 decision at Lockhart Stadium. The defeat dropped the Cosmos' road record to 5-3 and snapped a seven-game winning streak.

NEXT GAME: The Cosmos play their second straight game at Giants Stadium Sunday evening, July 2nd (7:30 p.m.) when they entertain the California Surf (formerly the St. Louis Stars). California, coached by John Sewell, has a 10-10 record going into their game tonight at Chicago. The Surf features goalkeeper Dave Jokerst, one of the NASL's best, and 1977 scoring king Steve David, who has already seen action against the Cosmos twice this season in the livery of other clubs (Los Angeles and Detroit). Jim Karvellas and Scott Morrison will be in the WNEW-AM (1130) broadcast booth for the contest... with live radio coverage beginning at 7:25 p.m.

TONIGHT'S RADIO/TV: Jim Karvellas (play-by-play) and Scott Morrison (color) will provide the commentary for WNEW's live radio broadcast throughout the Tri-State Area beginning at 8:55 p.m. Chick Hearn and Norm Jackson are the Aztecs' announcers, describing the action for KIIS Radio and KTTV.

SPECIAL TV NOTE: Seamus Malin, a 37-year-old native of Ireland who has an extensive soccer background in coaching, television commentary, and as a

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newspaper reporter, will join the WOR-TV broadcast team for coverage of the New England game July 5th. Malin will provide color and Jim Karvellas the play-by-play, with Howard David handling the pre-game and halftime activities. Currently serving as Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at Harvard College, Malin has also been involved in coaching varsity soccer at Harvard since 1965. He was soccer correspondent for the Boston Globe from 1967-68 and has done television color for soccer since 1966 (including "PBS Star Soccer" with Mario Machado last fall).

CHECKING THE RECORDS: The Cosmos will be after their 22nd consecutive home victory (regular-season and playoffs) versus Los Angeles...as well as their eleventh win this season at Giants Stadium (where the club's record is currently 10-0). The team mark for home victories in a season--10--was set last year, so a Cosmos win tonight would establish a new standard.

Giorgio Chinaglia has 22 goals and 11 assists to date, good for 55 points and first place in the NASL scoring derby. Runnerup Mike Flanagan of New England has 19 goals and 4 assists (42 points). With 22 goals, Chinaglia has matched the output of the entire Los Angeles team. He needs eight more goals to equal the league mark of 30 held by Chicago's John Kowalik and Pepe Fernandez of San Diego (both 1968)...and 14 more points to tie Kowalik's record of 69 (also 1968).

The Cosmos' three goals in the 5-3 loss to Ft. Lauderdale marked the 12th time this season the club has scored three or more goals in a game; the NASL record is 14 set by Oakland in 1968. The Cosmos already own the league record for most games with five or more goals (six) and share the mark for games with four or more goals (eight).

The Cosmos have attracted a league record 460,864 fans to Giants Stadium so far this season, an average of 46,086. Last year the team drew 443,847 people for 13 regular-season dates in the Meadowlands.

With 15 victories this season, the Cosmos are well within reach of the league mark of 19 set by Oakland in 1967 and equaled by Ft. Lauderdale last year. With 59 goals to date, the Cosmos also have their sights set on the NASL record of 71 scored by Oakland in 1968.

DISCO DANCE CONTEST: The winning couple from among six finalists who competed in the Disco Dance Contest prior to the game received a television video computer system, made by Atari. The competition was judged by Izzi Sanchez, National Director of Disco Promotion for Atlantic Records'. The awards were presented by two of the composers and performers of "The Cosmos Theme," Alan Gorrie and Hamish Stuart of the Average White Band.

MEDIA BRIEFING: There will be no media briefing next week due to the Fourth of July holiday and the fact that the team is on the road (Foxyboro and Rochester). The time, date and place of the Cosmos' next media briefing will be announced at a later date.

PROMOTIONS: Prior to tonight's game, 25,000 two-for-one dinner coupon booklets were given away, courtesy of National Dinner Associates...Sunday, July 2nd, will be "Ball Night" at Giants Stadium; the first 15,000 youngsters entering the stadium will receive soccer balls, courtesy of Progresso Foods.

PLAYER APPEARANCES: Franz Beckenbauer, Werner Roth and Gary Etherington are scheduled to take part in the Easter Seals Celebrity Splash tomorrow (11 a.m.-8 p.m.) at the Americana City Squire Inn, New York City...Gary Etherington will appear at a Summit (N.J.) YMCA gathering at the Summit Junior High School Friday evening (7-9:30 p.m.)...Robert Iarusci will be at Middletown (N.J.) High School Friday at 8:30 p.m. for a meeting of the Middletown Youth Athletic Soccer League.

MISCELLANY: Cosmos Captain Werner Roth will be local chairperson for the Fall 1978 Multiple Sclerosis Read-A-Thon; national co-chairpersons are O.J. Simpson and actress Lindsay Wagner...Seninho, who is expected to make his Cosmos debut tonight, returns to Portugal tomorrow and will be married on Saturday; he will bring his bride to the U.S. next week...the deadline for submitting credential requests for the Wednesday night contests is noon Wednesday; 5 p.m. Thursday continues to be the cutoff for Sunday games.

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1978 COSMOS 18-GAME STATISTICS
 Won 15, Lost 3, 132 Pts.

Player	Gms.	Min.	Goals	Assists	Shots	Fouls	Pts.	P.K.
Atanasio, Ron	4	23	1	0	1	0	2	0-0
Carlos Alberto	15	1338	1	1	10	3	3	0-0
Beckenbauer, Franz	17	1509	6	12	46	6	24	0-0
Bogicevic, Vladislav	18	1562	6	12	36	25	24	0-0
Chinaglia, Giorgio	18	1624	22	11	94	13	55	2-3
Davis, Rick	5	126	0	0	1	1	0	0-0
Dimitrijevic, Vito	11	588	1	1	10	9	3	0-0
Donlic, Tony	1	45	0	0	0	3	0	0-0
Etherington, Gary	14	923	3	10	25	7	16	0-0
Formoso, Santiago	15	1038	1	5	22	18	7	0-0
Garbett, Terry	10	858	2	1	16	11	5	0-0
Grgurev, Fred	7	173	0	1	4	4	1	0-0
Hunt, Steve	14	1207	7	8	31	26	22	0-0
Iarusci, Robert	12	906	0	2	11	11	2	0-0
Morais, Nelsi	9	752	0	1	6	24	1	0-0
Roth, Werner	17	1500	1	1	2	38	3	0-0
Smith, Bob	8	653	0	0	3	21	0	0-0
Tueart, Dennis	13	1009	8	7	33	12	23	0-0
Wilson, Giuseppe	6	489	0	0	1	2	0	0-0
TOTALS.....			59	73	352	234	191	2-3
OPP. TOTALS.....			23*	19	358	281	65	3-3

Goalkeeper	Gms.	Min.	Saves	Goals Agst.	Shutouts	Avg.
Brand, Jack	6	403	26	9	0	2.01
Yasin, Erol	14	1232	88	13	5	0.95
TOTALS.....		1635	114	22	5	1.21
OPP. TOTALS.....		1635	102	59	1	3.25

Scoring	Gms.	Min.	OT	OT	SO
Cosmos.....	25	35	0	0	0
Opposition.....	12	20	0	0	1

Corner Kicks: Cosmos--109 Opp.--108

Cautions: Carlos Alberto, Hunt (3), Formoso (2), Morais, Roth, Iarusci (2), Garbett, Tueart, Chinaglia

Opp.--16

Ejections: Carlos Alberto Opp.--1

*Includes one shootout goal

Attendance: Road--180,497 Home--460,864 Total--641,361
 Average--35,631

1978 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	Cosmos Scoring
4/2	Ft. Lauderdale	7-0 W	44,442	Bogicevic (Hunt, Chinaglia); Hunt (Bogicevic, Beckenbauer); Hunt (Bogicevic, Etherington); Chinaglia (Hunt Bogicevic); Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Beckenbauer); Hunt (Chinaglia, Etherington); Chinaglia (Garbett)
4/9	at Los Angeles	1-0 W	23,681	Chinaglia (Formoso, Roth)
4/16	Tulsa	1-0 W	41,216	Beckenbauer (free kick)
4/23	Dallas	3-1 W	50,127	Tueart (Bogicevic, Morais); Beckenbauer (Etherington); Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Tueart)
4/30	at Tampa	5-2 W	41,888	Etherington (Chinaglia); Hunt (una.); Chinaglia (una.); Bogicevic (Etherington) Chinaglia (Etherington)
5/7	Detroit	2-0 W	45,321	Roth (Bogicevic, Chinaglia); Etherington (Chinaglia, Beckenbauer)
5/14	at Colorado	4-3 W	15,049	Chinaglia (penalty kick); Bogicevic (Hunt); Bogicevic (Beckenbauer); Beckenbauer (una.)
5/17	at Portland	1-2 L (SO)	12,484	Beckenbauer (free kick)
5/21	Seattle	5-1 W	71,219	Bogicevic (Hunt, Chinaglia); Chinaglia (Dimitrijevic, Bogicevic); Tueart (una.) Chinaglia (Tueart); Chinaglia (Formoso, Beckenbauer).
5/24	at Memphis	0-1 L	11,223	--
5/28	Rochester	5-1 W	41,305	Chinaglia (una.); Hunt (Tueart, Iarusci); Chinaglia (Beckenbauer); Tueart (Hunt, Etherington); Tueart (Formoso)
6/1	at Toronto	5-1 W	16,233	Bogicevic (Tueart); Garbett (Tueart); Tueart (una.); Hunt (Chinaglia); Chinaglia (Tueart, Hunt)
6/4	Vancouver	3-2 W	44,673	Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Beckenbauer); Chinaglia (penalty kick); Formoso (Bogicevic, Hunt)
6/11	Philadelphia	1-0 W	42,385	Chinaglia (Beckenbauer)
6/13	at Minnesota	4-2 W	46,370	Hunt (una.); Tueart (Beckenbauer, Formoso) Alberto (Tueart); Beckenbauer (Chinaglia)
6/18	Washington	6-1 W	47,700	Tueart (Beckenbauer); Garbett (Etherington, Alberto); Chinaglia (Iarusci); Beckenbauer (Bogicevic, Etherington); Chinaglia (Formoso); Chinaglia (Beckenbauer, Grgurev)
6/21	Colorado	3-1 W	32,476	Chinaglia (Beckenbauer, Etherington); Tueart (Etherington); Dimitrijevic (Chinaglia)
6/24	at Ft. Lauderdale	5-3 L	13,569	Etherington (Hunt, Chinaglia); Chinaglia (Bogicevic); Atanasio (Chinaglia)

Attendance: Road--180,497 Average--22,562
 Home--460,864 Average--46,086
 Total-641,361 Average--35,631

COSMOS 1978 NUMERICAL ROSTER

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>BIRTHDATE</u>	<u>CITIZEN</u>	<u>PREVIOUS TEAM</u>
0	Jack Brand	Goal	6-1	175	8/4/53	Canada	Rochester
1	Erol Yasin	Goal	6-1	170	10/11/48	Turkey	Galatasaray
2	Bobby Smith	Def.	5-11	165	9/31/51	USA	Phila. Atoms
3	Nelsi Morais	Def.	5-9	165	10/22/51	Brazil	Santos
4	Werner Roth	Def.	6-0	180	4/4/48	USA	Cosmos
5	Carlos Alberto	Def.	6-0	170	7/17/44	Brazil	Flamengo
6	Franz Beckenbauer	Mid.	5-11	165	9/11/45	W. Germany	Bayern Munich
7	Dennis Tueart	Fwd.	5-8	156	11/27/49	England	Manchester City
8	Vladislav Bogicevic	Mid.	6-1	180	11/7/50	Yugoslavia	Red Star
9	Giorgio Chinaglia	Fwd.	6-1	190	1/24/47	Italy	Lazio
11	Steve Hunt	Fwd.	5-8	160	7/8/56	England	Aston Villa
12	Seninho	Fwd.	5-9½	154	7/1/49	Angola	Oporto
14	Terry Garbett	Mid.	5-9	166	9/9/45	England	Sheffield United
15	Vito Dimitrijevic	Mid.	5-10	170	12/11/48	Yugoslavia	Olimpia
16	Tony Donlic	Fwd.	6-2	185	3/24/56	USA	Cosmos
17	Rick Davis	Mid.	5-8	155	11/24/58	USA	Calif./Santa Clara
18	Fred Grgurev	Fwd.	6-1	166	9/14/51	USA	N.Y. Apollo
19	Robert Iarusci	Def.	6-0	180	11/8/54	Canada	Toronto
20	David Brcic	Goal	6-2½	173	1/21/57	USA	St. Louis Univ.
21	Gary Etherington	Fwd.	5-8	140	4/22/58	USA	Cosmos
22	Jim Millinder	Mid.	5-8	150	11/27/58	USA	El Camino J.C.
23	Giuseppe Wilson	Def-Mid.	5-9	170	10/27/45	Italy	Lazio
25	Santiago Formoso	Def.	5-9	140	7/4/53	USA	Conn. Bicentennials
26	Ron Atanasio	Fwd.	5-7½	165	9/10/56	USA	Adelphi Univ.

HEAD COACH: Eddie Firmani

CAPTAIN: Werner Roth

ASSISTANT COACH: Ray Klivecka

TRAINERS: Joel Rosenstein,
Jeff Snedeker

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

June 28, 1978

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	PTS
EASTERN DIVISION							
COSMOS	18	15	3	59	23	42	132
Washington	20	11	9	35	29	32	98
Rochester	19	9	10	30	31	30	84
Toronto	18	9	9	27	24	25	79
CENTRAL DIVISION							
Dallas	19	11	8	33	26	32	98
Minnesota	18	10	8	32	31	32	92
Tulsa	19	9	10	27	31	26	80
Colorado	20	6	14	24	39	23	59
WESTERN DIVISION							
Portland	19	13	6	31	24	30	108
Vancouver	18	12	6	31	20	28	99
Seattle	20	10	10	29	28	29	89
Los Angeles	18	7	11	22	33	21	63

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	PTS
EASTERN DIVISION							
New England	18	11	7	35	22	29	95
Tampa Bay	19	10	9	36	32	32	92
Ft.Lauderdale	19	9	10	30	41	28	81
Philadelphia	19	7	12	21	37	21	63
CENTRAL DIVISION							
Detroit	19	12	7	31	20	30	102
Houston	19	9	10	30	32	29	83
Memphis	19	6	13	28	38	26	62
Chicago	19	4	15	27	42	25	49
WESTERN DIVISION							
San Diego	19	12	7	40	33	36	108
California	20	10	10	25	27	23	83
Oakland	18	9	9	19	25	19	73
San Jose	18	5	13	24	38	23	53

OTHER GAMES TONIGHT:

Philadelphia @ New England 7:00
 Ft.Lauderdale @ Memphis 8:30
 Tampa Bay @ Toronto 7:30
 Oakland @ Detroit 7:30
 San Diego @ Washington 8:00
 Portland @ Rochester 8:00
 California @ Chicago 8:30
 Houston @ Minnesota 9:00
 Vancouver @ San Jose 11:00

Thursday, June 29:

Colorado @ Tulsa 9:30

Friday, June 30:

Oakland @ Toronto 7:30
 Minnesota @ Portland 11:00

Saturday, July 1:

Washington @ Tampa Bay 8:00
 Vancouver @ Los Angeles 10:00
 Ft.Lauderdale @ San Jose 11:00

NOTE: All times New York time.