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NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
COSMOS vs. TAMPA BAY ROWDIES
Aug. 10, 1977...Giants Stadium

TEAM RECORDS: Cosmos finished the season with a 15-10 record and second place in the Eastern Division...10-3 at home...5-8 on the road...lost last...won 3 of last 4. Tampa finished with a 14-12 record and third place in the Eastern Division...11-2 at home...3-10 on the road...lost last...won 3 of last 5.

OFFICIALS: Referee--Jim Highet
Linesmen--Jim Ross, Cliff Barcliff

SERIES RECORD: The Cosmos and Tampa have met a total of 7 times in the past, including once in the playoffs. In regular season play, Tampa holds a 3-2 edge...in playoffs Tampa won the only meeting a year ago...in pre-season games, the Cosmos hold a 1-0 edge, having defeated Tampa in this year's Tournament of Champions at Giants Stadium.

THIS YEAR vs. TAMPA BAY:
April 3...Giants Stadium...11,098...in the title game of the Tournament of Champions, Cosmos defeated Tampa, 2-1. A first half goal by Giorgio Chinaglia and a second half strike by Vito Dimitrijevic provided the winning margin. Wes McLeod scored for Tampa as both teams used the game to examine players under pre-season conditions.
May 29...Tampa Stadium...45,288...Franz Beckenbauer's debut for the Cosmos was spoiled by a fierce Rowdies barrage which resulted in a 4-1 Tampa victory on national television... Steve Wegerle scored a pair while Ian Anderson and Rodney Marsh also scored to power the victory. Beckenbauer gave the Cosmos their goal on a rebound effort with 2:14 left to play.
June 19...Giants Stadium...62,394...Before the largest crowd in American soccer history, Pele and the Cosmos avenged their earlier defeat, 3-0. Pele notched his 2nd NASL hat trick in his career. Wes McLeod scored for Tampa.

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PLAYOFF DATES: If the Cosmos win tonight and advance to the home and home Divisional Championships against Ft. Lauderdale, the dates will be as follows:
Aug. 14...Ft. Lauderdale @ Giants Stadium, 7:05 p.m.
Aug. 17...Cosmos @ Ft. Lauderdale, 8:05 p.m.

COSMOS IN THE
PLAYOFFS:

This marks the Cosmos 5th appearance in the NASL post-season playoffs. The team won the title in 1972. The full Cosmos playoff results follow:

1971--0 at Atlanta	1 L	1973--0 at Dallas	1 L
0 Atlanta	2 L		
1972--1 Dallas	0 W	1976--2 Washington	0 W
2 St. Louis	1 W	1 at Tampa Bay	3 L
(NASL Champions)			

OTHER GAMES
TONIGHT:

Rochester at St. Louis	8:30 p.m. EDT
Seattle at Vancouver	11:00 p.m. EDT
San Jose at Los Angeles	11:00 p.m. EDT

MISCELLANY:

Tonight marks Pele's 1350th game...he has scored 1273 goals... It is also his 93rd appearance in a Cosmos uniform...he has scored 56 goals for the Cosmos, 2 of them in the playoffs... Cosmos are second highest scoring team in the NASL this year with 60 goals...only L.A. with 65 surpassed them... Giorgio Chinaglia finished the campaign in 4th place among the NASL scoring leaders with 15 goals, 8 assists, 38 points... Pele was 8th with 13-3-29...Tampa's Derek Smethurst was second to Steve David with 19-4-42...Cosmos have won their last 8 in a row at home, dating back to May 22...Neither Tampa nor Cosmos have managed a victory away from home... largest playoff attendance in league history is 49,572 for San Jose at Minnesota, 8/25/76.



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COSMOS

0	Bill Hladkyj	Goal
1	Shep Messing	Goal
2	Robert Iarusci	Def.
3	Vito Dimitrijevic	Mid.
4	Werner Roth	Def.
6	Franz Beckenbauer	Mid.
7	Tony Field	Fwd.
8	Terry Garbett	Mid.
9	Giorgio Chinaglia	Fwd.
10	Pele	Fwd.
11	Steve Hunt	Fwd.
12	Bob Smith	Def.
14	Nelsi Morais	Mid.
15	Ramon Mifflin	Mid.
18	Jadranko Topic	Fwd.
19	Erol Yasin	Goal
20	Mike Dillon	Def.
21	Gary Etherington	Fwd.
22	Jomo Sono	Fwd.
23	Rildo	Def.
25	Carlos Alberto	Def.
26	Paul Hunter	Def.
27	Greg Kourtesis	Mid.
28	Tom Lang	Mid.
29	Bob Rohrbach	Fwd.
30	Scott Strasburg	Fwd.
32	Tim Kevill	Mid.
33	Chris Agoliati	Mid.
34	Roberto DeOlivera	Fwd.

Head Coach: Eddie Firmani

ROWDIES

1	Paul Hammond	Goal
2	Farrukh Quraishi	Mid.
3	Ian Anderson	Fwd.
4	Arsene Auguste	Def.
5	David Robb	Fwd.
6	Mike Connell	Mid.
7	Steve Wegerle	Fwd.
8	Wes McLeod	Mid.
9	Adrian Alston	Fwd.
10	Rodney Marsh	Mid.
11	Lenny Glover	Mid.
12	Derek Smethurst	Fwd.
13	Stewart Jump	Def.
14	Joe Fink	Fwd.
15	Mark Lindsay	Mid.
16	Dennis Wit	Mid.
17	Kevin Eagan	Def.
18	Winston DuBose	Goal
19	Franz St. Lot	Def.
20	Boris Bandov	Mid.-Fwd.
21	John Boyle	Mid.
22	Radomir Stefanovick	Def.
23	Anthony Crudo	Mid.
25	Joseph Gomes	Mid.
27	Norbert Muller	Def.

Head Coach: John Boyle

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PLAYOFF RECORDS OF COSMOS PERSONNEL

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Chinaglia, Giorgio	2	0	0	0
Dillon, Mike	2	0	0	0
Field, Tony	2	0	2	2
Garbett, Terry	2	1	0	2
Iarusci, Robert (Tor.)	0	0	0	0
Mifflin, Ramon	2	0	1	1
Pele	2	2	1	5
Roth, Werner	5	0	1	1
Smith, Bob (Phil-N.Y.)	4	0	0	0

	<u>Games</u>	<u>Mins.</u>	<u>Saves</u>	<u>G.A.</u>	<u>S.O.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Messing, Shep (Bos.-N.Y.)	3	278	57	5	1	1.62

Eddie Firmani... (Tampa Bay, 1975-76)... Won 4, Lost 1
 (1975 NASL Champions)



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Final Standings

Atlantic Conference

Northern Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts.
Toronto	13	13	42	38	37	115
St. Louis	12	14	33	35	32	104
Rochester	11	15	34	41	33	99
Chicago	10	16	31	43	28	88
Connecticut	7	19	34	65	30	72

Eastern Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts.
Ft. Laud.	19	7	49	29	47	161
COSMOS	15	11	60	39	50	140
Tampa Bay	14	12	55	45	47	131
Washington	10	16	32	49	32	92

Pacific Conference

Western Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts.
Minnesota	16	10	44	36	41	137
Vancouver	14	12	43	46	40	124
Seattle	14	12	43	34	39	123
Portland	10	16	39	42	38	98

Southern Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts.
Dallas	18	8	56	37	53	161
Los Angeles	15	11	65	54	57	147
San Jose	14	12	37	44	35	119
Hawaii	11	15	45	59	40	106
Las Vegas	11	15	38	44	37	103

Leading Scorers

Player/Team	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
Steve David, Los Angeles	24	26	6	58
Derek Smethurst, Tampa Bay	21	19	4	42
George Best, Los Angeles	20	11	18	40
Giorgio Chinaglia, Cosmos	24	15	8	38
Mike Stojanovic, Rochester	24	14	5	33
Mickey Cave, Seattle	22	12	6	30
Alan Willey, Minnesota	20	14	1	29
Pele, Cosmos	25	13	3	29
Paul Child, San Jose	26	13	3	29
Kyle Rote, Dallas	24	11	6	28
Rodney Marsh, Tampa Bay	24	8	11	27

Leading Goalkeepers

Player/Team	Mins.	Saves	Goals Agst.	Shutouts	Avg.
Ken Cooper, Dallas	2100	120	21	8	0.90
Gordon Banks, Ft. Lauderdale	2329	147	29	9	1.12
John Jackson, St. Louis	1526	103	20	7	1.18
Zeljko Bilecki, Toronto	2239	185	30	10	1.21
Geoff Barnett, Minnesota	2165	117	30	8	1.25
Tony Chursky, Seattle	2220	133	31	7	1.26
Alan Mayer, Las Vegas	1997	152	31	7	1.40
Mick Poole, Portland	1932	132	30	3	1.40
Mike Hewitt, San Jose	2225	135	35	8	1.42
Shep Messing, Cosmos	1737	155	28	4	1.45

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STARTING LINEUPS

G COSMOS

Goal...1 Shep Messing
RB....12 Bob Smith
CB.... 4 Werner Roth
CB....25 Carlos Alberto
LB....14 Nelsi Morais
RMF... 8 Terry Garbett
CMF... 6 Franz Beckenbauer
LMF...11 Steve Hunt
RW..... 7 Tony Field
Stk....9 Giorgio Chinaglia
LW.....10 Pele

Substitutes

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18 Winston DuBose
✓ 2 Farrukh Quraishi (for 12 at 79)
✓ 20 Boris Bandov (for 15 at 64)
~~✓ 8 Wes McLeod (for 12 at 79)~~
✓ 17 Kevin Egan (for St Lot at 34:00)