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BARRY SMALL TO MISS APOLLO OPENER

ANKLE INJURY SIDELINES LOCAL STAR

Apollo rookie Barry Small has injured his right ankle and will miss the team's Saturday night home opener. The former Colgate All-American suffered stretched ligaments while taking part in a practice session at Hofstra, and will be lost to the team for two weeks.

Apollo trainer Art Hecht also advised Small not to make the club's west coast swing next week. "Barry is very disappointed," said Hecht. "One of the reasons Barry signed with the Apollo and not the NASL's Dallas Tornado (second round pick) was because he wanted to play in front of his home-town fans. Missing the opener has him down."

Small is from Northport, L.I., and one of the top players ever to be produced on the Island. He was slated to start at right forward for the defending ASL champs, and was being touted as pre-season favorite for the ASL's rookie of the year.



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