

THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT PITTSBURGH MINERS

Since the last time Scotty Foley's soldiers of fortune visited George Finnie Stadium, the Pittsburgh Miners have shown considerable improvement. True, the Miners still play that "rock-'em sock-'em" brand of soccer, but they're doing it these days with added style.

Ever since Boston clobbered Pittsburgh on June 28, the Miners have ceased being league push-overs and started throwing scares into their opponents. Since losing to the Astros, Pittsburgh has played the best in the league with no disgrace.

And although they haven't been able to turn their improved field presence into a win, there have been several close calls. First to experience Miner improvement was Cleveland. The Cobras followed Boston into the mine shaft and narrowly escaped with a 2-1 decision.

Pittsburgh then traveled to New York and battled the always tough Apollos, eventually suffering a 1-0 defeat. "That," says Foley, "was an awful close game, a very hard game to lose."

Despite the heartbreaking defeat, Pittsburgh regrouped before their home fans and put up quite a fight last Saturday against Rhode Island, A.S.L. defending champs, before succumbing to Mohammad Attiah's goal.

Foley, the boisterous coach and general manager of the team, presents an interesting contrast to Cobra coach Herb Haller. While Haller may be the quietest A.S.L. coach, there is no doubt that Foley is the most vocal.

Seven new players sport the Miner red-white-and blue tonight. On the forward line Foley signed veteran Charlie Duccilli from Philadelphia Atom-fame and John Fitzgerald, another veteran performer. Penn All-American Stan Startzell is a new face at midfield joining former Atom-teammate Lew Meehl and Galo Aguirre. Another Atom, Skip Roderick, has added cohesion in the Miner defense along with Tom Fitzgerald, John's brother.

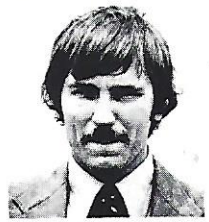
Interesting enough, the Miners have four former Atoms on their roster. Along with Roderick, Meehl, and Startzell, midfielder Joe Luxbacher completes the contingent. All were part of Philadelphia's "Americanization program" which was scrapped after last season's losing record.

Eddie Yohman, who had a try-out with the Cobras, is Pittsburgh's starting goalkeeper and has played extremely well in his rookie season. Yohman's performances have, of course, been strengthened with the additions of Fitzgerald and Roderick on defense. Young Mike Angelotti has also played well. On offense, little Sammy Viececi supplies most of the Miners scoring punch. So far the Miner's right wing has scored four goals and added one assist.

Without question the Miners have made great steps forward in their first A.S.L. season. Foley secretly believes they have made enough progress to tackle and defeat the Cobras. Game time is just minutes away.....



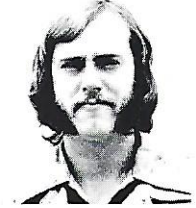
CHARLIE DUCCILLI



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SAMMY VIECECI



MIKE ANGELOTTI



Cleveland's Danny Budimir, the "Dobra Cobra", breezes by Boston's Ernie Gomez in Sunday's Cobra victory. The 2:1 win put Cleveland in sole possession of first place in the A.S.L. Midwestern Division. (Pat Surrena photo)

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No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Age
3	Mike Angelotti	Back	5-9	165	22
4	Robert Kohlmyer	Back	5-11	170	21
5	Dennis Kohlmyer	Back	6-0	170	22
6	Ron Nentwig	Midfield	5-10	155	23
7	Charles Duccilli	Forward	5-9	160	29
9	Joe Luxbacher	Forward	6-2	175	23
11	Billy Rex	Forward	5-10	150	22
12	Stan Startzel	Midfield	5-9	160	25
13	Skip Roderick	Back	5-11	175	23
14	Sammy Vieceli	Forward	5-7	160	23
15	Tom Fitzgerald	Back	5-9	155	21
16	Galo Agguirre	Midfield	5-7	160	28
17	Lew Meehl	Midfield	6-0	170	24
18	John Fitzgerald	Forward	5-11	180	26
19	Eddie Yohman	Goal	5-10	180	22

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