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UNITED TO OPEN AT SHEA ON SUNDAY!

The New York United, formerly the Apollo, will start a new era when the club moves into Shea Stadium for its 1980 home opener against the Pennsylvania Stoners this Sunday, May 18th at 2:05 PM.

The game marks the first time a professional soccer team will be making a major New York City facility its home since the Cosmos played in Yankee Stadium in 1976. The United (3-2-0), currently in second place in the American Soccer League's National Conference, will play a total of 14 games at Shea Stadium this season.

Sunday's match against Pennsylvania (2-2-0) will be the second meeting of this young season between the United and the Stoners. On May 4th, the United blanked Penn 1-0 in the Lehigh Valley, as second year midfielder Fernando Clavijo of Uruguay scored the lone goal and Brazilian All-Star goalkeeper Jamil Canal picked up his third shutout in five games.

The United and Stoners have always played close defensive battles against each other. Since the Stoners entered the league last year, the teams have met six times with Pennsylvania winning three matches and tying a fourth.

In their first season of play, the Stoners went all the way to the Eastern division finals where they were defeated by Columbus. Pennsylvania is lead by scoring threat Christian Nwokocha, the Nigerian forward named Stoners' MVP in 1979.

The 1980 New York United is coached by two world-class soccer personalities. Entering the coaching ranks this year are England's Rodney Marsh and Vintila Mardarescu of Rumania.

Marsh joins the United after playing for the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the NASL from 1976 through 1979. Marsh is best known for his distinguished playing career with Manchester City and England's National Team. Mardarescu has coached many clubs in his brilliant career, including the Rumanian National Team and most recently, the Moroccan National Team.

Both coaches are very pleased with the way the United has played so far this season.

"Considering all our games have been on the road so far, we've gotten to work together as a team very well. I'm just waiting for our strong front line to explode," Marsh said.

Mardarescu offers the same thoughts, but was quick to add, "There is still a lot of nervousness looking towards our first game in the big city. Give us five minutes in Shea and we will be very strong."

Quickly becoming a solid foundation in Queens, the United has started using the athletic field at Queens College as its practice facility. The United will practice there each weekday of this week from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM.

The United will make up its previously postponed home matches until later in the season. No dates have been officially set at this time.

Various city officials are expected to be on hand at Shea this Sunday to help kick off the festivities celebrating the arrival of New York City's newest franchise.

The United will be offering its fans special discount coupons for Sunday's game to help welcome soccer back to the Big Apple.



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NEW YORK UNITED STATISTICS

REC: 3-2-0

MAY 17, 1980

	<u>GP</u>	<u>MIN</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>SHTS</u>	<u>FLS</u>	<u>P.K.</u>	<u>GWG</u>	<u>GTG</u>
Clavijo, Fernando	5	434	1	0	2	3	10	0-0	1	0
Collins, Mike	5	405	0	0	0	3	9	0-0	0	0
Concha, Mario	5	423	0	0	0	2	4	0-0	0	0
Dabramo, James	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0
Eden, Ron	3	117	0	0	0	0	5	0-0	0	0
Fink, Joe	5	405	3	0	6	11	8	0-0	1	0
Kitson, Paul	5	450	0	0	0	10	13	0-0	0	0
Lane, Redmond	5	450	0	0	0	1	8	0-0	0	0
McCrudden, Dan	5	450	1	1	3	3	6	0-0	1	0
Mardarescu, Gil	4	360	0	2	2	6	5	0-0	0	0
Papoulias, Andreas	3	106	0	1	1	1	1	0-0	0	0
Pfeffer, Tom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0
Philpotts, Dave	4	360	0	0	0	0	3	0-0	0	0
Power, Dave	5	450	1	1	3	5	7	0-0	0	0
Tyson, Chris	4	360	0	0	0	0	8	0-0	0	0
am Totals	5	450	6	5	17	45	87	0-0	3	0

<u>Goalkeeping</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Shts</u>	<u>Svs</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>Rec</u>
Auletta, Bob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0-0-0
Canal, Jamil	5	450	76	21	4	3	0.80	3-2-0

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>United Scoring</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
4-4	Sacramento	2-1L	Fink (McCrudden)	2,057
4-9	California	1-OW	Fink (unassisted)	1,095
4-13	Golden Gate	2-1L	Fink (unassisted)	700
5-2	Columbus	2-OW	McCrudden (Power) Power (Mardarescu)	1,823
5-4	Pennsylvania	1-OW	Clavijo (Papoulias)	5,200