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ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS MEDIA GUIDE 1977

DELETIONS:

- # 2 - Graham Oakey
- # 8 - LeRoy Deleon (traded to San Jose for Mark Liveric)
- #12 - Stojan Trickovic (released)
- #18 - Don Reiter (released)
- #21 - Tom Galati (traded to Las Vegas for Art Welch)

ADDITIONS:

- # 1 - Bob Stetler GK, 6'0 185 lbs. 10-2-52, Native of USA, Last Club - Tampa
NASL Year: 3, Diplomats Year: 1.

PRO: Spent the '75 and '76 seasons with the Tampa Bay Rowdies as backup Keeper to Arnold Mausser and became expendable when Rowdies signed Paul Hammond... Joined the Diplomats in April on trial and made his debut with the club in goal vs. Las Vegas at Penn State University...he was signed shortly thereafter.

PERSONAL: Graduate of East Stroudsburg State College in Pennsylvania where he starred in wrestling as well as soccer...Single...likes all sports... enjoys teaching and working with kids.

- # 2 - Alex Pringle DEF, 5'9 160 lbs. 11-8-48, Native of Scotland, Last Club - Tampa
NASL Year: 3, Diplomats Year: 1.

PRO: Acquired by the Diplomats for cash on April 9, 1977 and played 77 minutes in April 10th game vs. Toronto after playing whole game for Tampa the night before in Dallas...One of the top defenders in the league...was stalwart of Rowdies defense in 1975 and 1976...On nationally televised June 6, 1976 game, Pele' awarded him his game jersey for excellent defensive job in marking Pele'.

PERSONAL: Enjoys horseback riding as a hobby...Person he would most like to meet is Brigitte Bardot...Married to Mary with son Steve.

- # 5 - Tony Macken MID, 5'5 160 lbs. 7-30-50, Native of Ireland, Last Club -
NASL Year: 2, Diplomats Year: 2. Derby County

PRO: Was a guiding force in the Diplomats reaching the playoffs in 1976... scored 5 goals and 6 assists in '76 for 16 points...presently member of Derby County of English First Division...has played for Glentoran and Waterford, both Irish clubs.

PERSONAL: Native of Ireland that is known for his tough play and daring at both ends of the field...enjoys sports of all kinds...is married to Helen with daughters Fiona and Sinead.



8 - Jim Steele DEF, 6'11 190 lbs. 3-11-50, Native of Scotland, Last Club -
NASL Year: 1, Diplomats Year: 1. Southampton

PRO: Acquired from Southampton of the English Second Division...In last year's F. A. Cup Final he was chosen as "Player of the Game" for his defensive play in Southampton's 1-0 victory over Manchester United...Played for Dundee of Scotland from '66 through '71 and then Southampton ever since.

PERSONAL: Loves to golf and attend horse races...he is single, which he terms either lucky or unlucky...says best friend used to be Eric Martin and could be again.

#12 - Mark Liveric FWD, 5'11 175 lbs. 8-16-53, Native of Yugoslavia, Last Club -
NASL Year: 4, Diplomats Year: 1. San Jose

PRO: Member of the Cosmos in '74 and '75...sold to San Jose in '76...acquired on April 25th by the Diplomats in exchange for LeRoy DeLeon...Tallied 29 points for San Jose in 1976 on 10 goals and 9 assists...he is an aggressive forward who should notch his share of goals.

PERSONAL: Native of Yugoslavia who moved to this country in 1970 at the age of 17...Single...says he really enjoys sleeping when not playing soccer...will become a US Citizen in the fall.

#13 - Art Welch MID, 5'8 160 lbs. 4-16-44, Native of Jamaica, Last Club - Las Vegas
NASL Year: 9, Diplomats Year: 1.

PRO: Began his career in 1967 with Baltimore and was a teammate of Diplomats coach Dennis Violette...has also played for Atlanta, San Jose, Vancouver, San Diego and Las Vegas...acquired by the Diplomats from Las Vegas on May 6th in exchange for defender Tom Galati...is currently ranked 9th on the NASL All-time scoring list with 35 goals and 41 assists for 111 points...he has played in 167 league games up to the start of the 1977 season.

PERSONAL: Became a US Citizen on May 10, 1977...Native of Jamaica...Single...hobbies include golf and listening to music...likes to watch television.

#25 - Bobby Stokes FWD, 5'9 160 lbs. 1-30-51, Native of England, Last Club -
NASL Year: 1, Diplomats Year: 1. Southampton

PRO: Acquired by the Diplomats from Southampton and joined the club in time for the Chicago game on May 7th...made his debut with winning goal in 2-1 win...in '76 F.A. Cup Final scored the lone goal in Southampton's 1-0 victory over Manchester United...Southampton is the only club he has ever known joining them at the age of 15.

PERSONAL: Hobbies include music and horseracing...will be married to Janet Williams on June 18, 1977 and will miss Dallas game for wedding but will immediately return to the US with his new bride.

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