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NEW YORK CAPTURES NORTHERN DIVISION CROWN, HOSTS DALLAS SATURDAY IN PLAYOFF SEMI-FINAL; MIAMI UPSETS ST. LOUIS IN SEASON FINALE; NASL & RUSSIAN DEFENDING CHAMPIONS MEET IN DALLAS THURSDAY

NEW YORK, N.Y., AUGUST 14, 1972--The Northern Division Champion New York Cosmos will host the defending NASL Champion Dallas Tornado at Hofstra Stadium Saturday night in an NASL Playoff Semi-Final. The winner will meet the winner of the St. Louis-Rochester Semi-Final, played in St. Louis Tuesday night, in the NASL Championship Game.

Both St. Louis and Rochester suffered defeats in their final regular season games. The Stars were upset by the Miami Gatos 2-0. The Cosmos ended Rochester's two-year reign over the Northern Division with a 4-1 victory over the Lancers, Saturday night in New York. With the victory and nine points the Cosmos surpassed the St. Louis Stars in total points, which could be a vital factor in determining the site of the NASL Championship Game. The Cosmos garnered 77 points, while St. Louis finished with 69, Rochester with 64 and Dallas with 60. The finalist having earned the most total points during the regular season will have the home advantage for the NASL Final. A Cosmo victory will bring the final to New York Saturday, August 26th whereas a Dallas victory over New York and a St. Louis victory over Rochester will put the Championship Game in Busch Stadium, St. Louis Wednesday night August 23rd. The third alternative would be the defeat of the Division Champions by Rocheste and Dallas, which would give Rochester the Final Game, Sunday, August 27th.

In addition to their crucial playoff encounter, the DallasTornado will host the defending and ten-time champions of Russia, Moscow Dynamo on Thursday, August 17th, which has been proclaimed as "Summit Day" in Dallas by Mayor Wes Wise. On the line will be the Tornado's brilliant eight game unbeaten string against international competition. Dallas has not yielded a goal to its last five international opponents. Moscow Dynamo will then move on to Atlanta where they will meet the Chiefs on Wednesday, August 23rd.

The New York Cosmos, who will meet the Russian eleven, on Wednesday, August 30th, will entertain Maccabi Tel Aviv of Israel this Wednesday, August 16th.

The Cosmos' Randy Horton captured the NASL Goalgetter Cup, garnering his ninth goal of the season against Rochester. His nine goals and four assists for 22 points were four better than Montreal's Michael Dillon. Dallas goalkeeper Ken Cooper has followed in the footsteps of former teammate Mirko Stojanovic who was the NASL leading goalkeeper in 1971. Coope and the Dallas defense, which led the league with six shutouts, allowed a league best of less a goal per game, 0.86, to enter the Dallas nets.

GAMES THIS WEEK:

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Wednesday, August 9th	Toronto	- 1	Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel)	- 0	(Exhibition)
Saturday, August 12th	New York	- 4	Rochester	- 1	
Sunday, August 13th	Montreal	- 0	Dallas	- 0	
	Miami	- 2	St. Louis	- 0	

FINAL NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS***
(as of August 13, 1972)

Northern Division

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Pts.	Total Pts.
*New York	14	7	3	4	28	16	23	77
**Rochester	14	6	5	3	20	22	19	64
Montreal	14	4	5	5	19	20	18	57
Toronto	14	4	6	4	18	22	17	53

Southern Division

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Pts.	Total Pts.
*St. Louis	14	7	4	3	20	14	18	69
**Dallas	14	6	5	3	15	12	15	60
Atlanta	14	5	6	3	19	18	17	56
Miami	14	3	8	3	17	32	17	44

*Clinched Playoff Berth and Divisional Championship
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***Point Totals: Win=6pts., Tie-3pts., Loss-Opts.; Bonus Pts.--One point is awarded for ev goal scored up to and including three per game (win, lose or draw).

TOP FIFTEEN GOALSCORERS

Player (Team)	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
Randy Horton (New York)	13	9	4	22
Michael Dillon (Montreal)	10	8	2	18
Paul Child (Atlanta)	12	8	1	17
Warren Archibald (Miami)	14	6	5	17
Willie Roy (St. Louis)	11	7	2	16
Everald Cummings (New York)	13	5	3	13
Casey Frankiewicz (St. Louis)	12	5	3	13
Mike Renshaw (Dallas)	13	5	3	13
Leroy Deleon (Miami)	14	5	3	13
Art Welch (Atlanta)	13	4	4	12
Carlos Metidieri (Rochester)	12	5	1	11
Willie Mfum (New York)	10	5	1	11
John Sewell (St. Louis)	14	3	4	10
Carlo Dell'Omodarme (Rochester)	14	1	8	10
Johnny Kerr (New York)	14	3	4	10

GOALKEEPER (940 MINUTES OR MORE PLAYED

Goalkeeper (Team)	Minutes	Saves	Goals	Shutouts	Average
Ken Cooper (Dallas)	1260	107	12	6	0.86
Mike Winter (St. Louis)	1170	111	12	3	0.92
Manfred Kammerer (Atlanta)	945	76	12	4	1.14
Richard Blackmore (New York)	1260	129	16	3	1.14
Dick Howard (Toronto)	1170	73	17	2	1.31
Claude Campos (Rochester)	1133	64	18	4	1.43
Sam Nusum (Montreal)	1260	113	20	4	1.43
Paulo Dias (Miami)	1033	124	22	3	1.92

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Wednesday, August 9th -

TORONTO - 1 — Burns (unassisted) - 33:00.

MACCABI TEL AVIV (Israel) - 0

Toronto: Howard; Brian Rowan, Lecce, Averell, Medeiros, Burns, Thomson, Moraes, Fahy, McHattie (Donlavey - 73:00), Moffat.

Maccabi: Kodosh (Shuger - 45:00); Shtamberg, Bello, Rosen, Mizrachi, Sherer, Verzi, Talbi; Asis (Jacob - 75:00), Bar-Nur (Heiman - 80:00), Gazlan.

Saturday, August 12th -

NEW YORK - 4 — Jelinek (Mahy) - 13:00; Horton (Young) - 15:00; Mfum (Jelinek, Young) - 57:00; Kerr (unassisted) - 80:00.

ROCHESTER - 1 — Dell'Omodarme (unassisted) - 74:00.

New York: Blackmore; Mahy, Roth, Neubauer (Kapcinski - 65:00), Kerr, Zajdel, Stritzl, Jelinek, Horton (Startzell - 84:00), Mfum, Young.

Rochester: Mella; Barone, Short, Mitchell, Escos, Durante, Gori, Dell'Omodarme, Seissier, Odoi (Brecon - 45:00), DeBrit

Sunday, August 13th -

MONTREAL - 0

DALLAS - 0

Montreal: Nusum; Tyer, Duerden, Barto, Decaria, Darrell, Adams, (Miranda - 26:00), Selmo, Verdi, El Mostafa (Wheeler - 36:00), Simmons.

Dallas: Cooper; Moffat, Hall, Best, Tinney, Turner, Bloomfield, Renshaw, Juracy, Poole, Ferguson (Benedek - 85:00).

MIAMI - 2 — Archibald (Aguirre - 63:00); Deleon (Penalty) - 79:00.

ST. LOUIS - 0

Miami: Dias; Arguelles, Diogo, Maca, Evans, Fraser, Aguirre, Tavera, Archibald, Deleon, Metchick.

St. Louis: Uhlaender; Sewell, Tranter, Frank, Puls, McBride (Leeker - 63:00), Kankam, Rensing, Hausman (Draude - 60:00), Geimer, Roy.

GAMES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, August 15th	PLAYOFF SEMI-FINAL Rochester at St. Louis 8:00pm
Wednesday, August 16th	Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel) at New York 8:00 pm
Thursday, August 17th	Moscow Dynamo (Russia) at Dallas 8:00pm
Saturday, August 19th	PLAYOFF SEMI-FINAL Dallas at New York 8:00 pm
Wednesday, August 23rd	Moscow Dynamo (Russia) at Atlanta 7:30 pm