



HURRICANE

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Conference: American

Division: Central

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Team Physician	Dr. Eddie Matsu, M.D.
Stadium Coordinator	Steve Wallace

HURRICANE FACTS

Stadium	Astrodome
Soccer Capacity	35,443
Surface	Astroturf - 103 x 75
Game Time	8:00 PM
Team Colors	Red, Orange, White
Radio	KTRH (740 - AM)
Radio Announcer	Terry Leiweke

1978 PRE-SEASON INFORMATION

HOUSTON HURRICANE W-2 L-2

Indoors

3	Tulsa Roughnecks	12 L
5	Washington Diplomats	8 L
10	San Diego Sockers	5 W
4	Los Angeles Aztecs	3 W

1978 PRE-SEASON SCHEDULE

March 4 - 5	SKELLY/RAINBO INVITATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT, TULSA		
March 4	Washington Vs. Minnesota	7:00 PM	Assembly Center
	HURRICANE Vs. Tulsa	9:00 PM	Assembly Center
March 5	HURRICANE Vs. Washington	2:30 PM	Assembly Center
	Minnesota Vs. Tulsa	4:30 PM	Assembly Center
March 14 - 15	SCHLITZ INVITATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT, HOUSTON		
March 14	Dallas Vs. Los Angeles	7:00 PM	The Summit
	HURRICANE Vs. San Diego	9:00 PM	The Summit
March 15	HURRICANE Vs. Los Angeles	7:00 PM	The Summit
	Dallas Vs. San Diego	9:00 PM	The Summit

TIMO LIEKOSKI

Head Coach

Determination and professionalism ... those are the two fundamental qualities that best describe the Houston Hurricane's Head Coach, Timo Liekoski.

Liekoski, 35, joins the Hurricane from the Dallas Tornado, where he served as Assistant Coach during the 1976 and 1977 seasons. In addition to his coaching duties, Liekoski's responsibilities with the Tornado included the development of an American reserve team, the organization of the college draft, and, most importantly, the scouting and recruitment of both North American and international players.

Liekoski became head soccer coach at Hartwick College in 1973 and for three seasons compiled a 30-9-7 record and three consecutive NCAA Division I tournament appearances. His 1974 Hartwick team defeated UCLA 3-1 to earn a third-place finish in the NCAA soccer finals. Liekoski recruited the 1977 Division I NCAA championship team while still at Hartwick.

As an All-American soccer player at Hartwick, Liekoski participated in 4 NCAA tournaments. He was an instrumental player in this teams' reaching the NCAA semi-finals in 1970 and the quarter-finals in 1968 and 1969.

A college soccer coach for five years, Liekoski directed and coached the varsity programs at Whittier College in California and at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Throughout the years, Liekoski was selected as a member of the coaching staff of the United States National Soccer Team. He has also coached the United States Youth National team for the United States Soccer Federation for whom he continues to work as a staff coach in the USSF coaching schools.

Born in Finland, Liekoski has lived in the United States for 18 years with his wife Katie. They have a seven year old son, Erik.

HOUSTON HURRICANE

Pre-Season Roster

#	NAME	AGE	HT.	WT.	POS.	LAST YEAR
2	Anderson, Ian	23	6'0"	165	MID	Tampa Bay, St. Johnstone
24	Benner, David	22	6'4"	185	GK	Amateur (U. of Houston)
18	Charbonneau, Howie	22	5'10"	165	DEF	California Sunshine, ASL
6	Dowie, John	22	6'1"	162	MID	Celtic F.C., Scotland
17	Geerling, Dan	21	5'8"	145	MID	Amateur
13	Jump, Stewart	26	5'9"	155	DEF	Tampa Bay, Crystal Palace
11	Lennox, Bobby	34	5'8"	160	FWD	Celtic F.C., Scotland
15	Lindsay, Mark	23	5'8"	155	MID	Tampa Bay Rowdies, NASL
9	Marasco, Eduardo	25	5'7"	153	FWD	Union de Santa Fe, Argent.
4	May, Larry	19	6'0"	168	DEF	Leicester City F.C., Eng.
26	Megaloudis, Nick	20	6'0"	170	DEF	Amateur (Long Island Univ)
7	Morielli, Gerry	20	5'10"	165	FWD	Amateur
12	Napolitano, Art	22	5'10"	150	FWD	Amateur (Hartwick College)
19	Newstead, Colin	30	5'10"	155	FWD	Amateur
14	Orhan, Yilmaz	23	5'11"	170	FWD	Team Hawaii, West Ham Utd.
20	O'Sullivan, Matt	22	6'0"	180	DEF	Seattle Sounders, NASL
10	Russell, Dale	23	5'10"	165	MID	Amateur (Phila. Textile)
25	Sanchez, Agustin	23	5'8"	159	MID	Atletico Espanol, Mexico
16	Sikinger, Roland	19	6'2"	195	GK	Amateur
	Smith, Dean	19	5'10"	160	FWD	Leicester City F.C., Eng.
3	Stahl, Mark	24	5'9"	155	DEF	Team Hawaii, NASL
23	Stefanovic, Radomir	30	6'0"	154	DEF	Tampa Bay, Rijeka, Yugosl.
8	Stremlau, John	24	5'9"	150	MID	St. Louis Stars, NASL
22	Vaccaro, Tony	21	5'8"	150	MID	Amateur
1	Van Eron, Keith	22	6'1"	180	GK	New York Apollos, ASL
21	Whitmer, Craig	19	5'9"	140	MID	Amateur

HURRICANE PLAYER PROFILES

Anderson, Ian 23; MID; 6'0"; 165 lbs.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland on Sept. 11, 1954; Nicknamed "The Chairman" because he commands such control over the ball; Played with Tampa Bay Rowdies on "loan" in 1977; before that, played with Scottish League First Division St. Johnstone for 3 years and remained top scorer from midfield; one of Scotland's top 22 players in 1977

Benner, David 22; GK, 6'4"; 185 lbs.

Nicknamed "Tex" as he is the sole native Houstonian on the Hurricane roster; Played with University of Houston and was instrumental in the team's winning the league title in '75 and again in '77

Charbonneau, Howie 22; DEF; 5'10"; 165 lbs.

Born in Troy, New York on June 12, 1955; Played with the Calif - ornia Sunshine in the ASL

Dowie, John 22; MID 6'1"; 162 lbs.

Born outside of Glasgow, Scotland on Dec. 12, 1955; Most recently played with first division Celtic Football Club in Scotland; From 1972, when he turned professional, through 1976 played with Fulham in England; As a starter, led Fulham to the Football Cup Finals in 1975; A member of Scotland's National Youth Team in 1973

Geerling, Dan 21; MID 5'8" 145 lbs

Born in San Jose, California on August 17, 1956; Led Florissant Valley Community College to National Jr. College Athletic Association championship in 1975 and named most Valuable Player of NJCAA tournament

Jump, Stewart 26; DEF; 5'9" 155 lbs.

Born in Manchester, England on Jan. 27, 1952; On "loan" with Tampa Bay Rowdies in 1975 and 1976 seasons; Instrumental in leading the Rowdies to the championship game in 1975 against the Portland Timbers, during which he was named Most Valuable Player; One of the NASL's top defenders; Prior, played with Stoke City League team and then with Crystal Palace in England; Nicknamed "The Spring" because he is so supertough in the air

Lennox, Bobby 34; FWD; 5'8" 160 lbs.

Born outside of Glasgow, Scotland on Aug. 30, 1943; A first-team member of world-famous Celtic Football Club in Scotland for 17 years; Has scored over 300 goals in his consistently strong career; Won well-earned honors for his continuous outstanding performance including 9 Scottish championships; 7 Scottish Cup Winners' medals, and 5 Scottish League Cup Medals; A left-footed player

Lindsay, Mark 23; MID; 5'8" 155 lbs.

Born in London on March 6, 1955; Played with Tampa Bay Rowdies since team's inception in 1975; Nicknamed "Jaws" because of his ability to steal the ball away as well as his incessant chatter off the field; Real nonstop runner; Well-known for his experience with the English League side Crystal Palace, where he played prior to joining Tampa Bay

Marasco, Eduardo 25; FWD; 5'7" 153 lbs.

Born in Argentina on Feb. 22, 1953; One of Argentina's premier strikers, with a remarkable goal-scoring record; Scored 14 goals in 1975, 13 in 1976, and 16 in 1977; Has played for the past three seasons with Club Union de Santa Fe, one of Argentina's top professional teams; Combination of super speed and accuracy has led him to a consistent career of goal-scoring; Completed two years of medical school in Argentina before coming to Houston for his first season in the NASL

Megaloudis, Nicky 20; DEF; 5'11" 170 lbs.

Born in New York City on Sept. 24, 1957; Played as an amateur with the New York Astros; Attended Long Island University and was a solid collegiate All-American from 1975 through 1977; Played on the United States Olympic Team in 1977; An active member of the U.S. National Youth Team in 1974-75

Morielli, Gerry 19; FWD; 5'10" 165 lbs.

Born in Italy on Feb. 9, 1958; Citizen of Canada; Played with Montreal Castors as an amateur from 1975 to 1977, when the Castors were League champions

Napolitano, Art 22; FWD; 5'10" 150 lbs.

Born in Trenton, New Jersey on Jan. 7, 1956; First-round draft choice for Hurricane; While at Hartwick College, was selected to the New York State All-Star Team for two years; Outstanding soccer player in the nation in 1973 for Steinert High School

Newstead, Colin 30; FWD; 5'10" 155 lbs.

Born in Rye, Sussex, England on Jan. 31, 1948; Played actively on British Boys' Amateur Team before joining the Hurricane

Orhan, Yilmaz 22; FWD; 5'11" 170 lbs.

Born in Cyprus on March 13, 1955; Retains Cypriot citizenship; Scored two goals and five assists with Team Hawaii in 1977, his first season in the NASL; Played for West Ham United in English League before joining the NASL

O'Sullivan, Matt 22; DEF; 6'0" 180 lbs.

Born in San Francisco, California on July 1, 1955; Drafted in the first round of the 1975 NASL draft by the Seattle Sounders; Played for the United States Olympic Team; While attending Chico State College in 1974 and 1975, he attained All American honors

Russell, Dale 23; MID; 5'10" 165 lbs.

Born in Bermuda on Jan. 19, 1955; Considered to be one of the best young players in the country; Second player selected in the 1977 NASL college draft but elected to play in West Germany; graduate of Philadelphia Textile; Named 1975 College Player of the year by Soccer Monthly while a junior

Sanchez, Agustin 23; MID 5'8"; 159 lbs.

Born in Mexico City on July 20, 1954; In 1976 and 1977, played with Atletico Espanol Futbol Club, a premier division club in Mexico City; Instrumental in this team's climb to second place in its division in 1977; Turned professional in 1974 when he joined the America Futbol Club in Mexico City; Graduated from University of Mexico with a degree in Business Administration; Looks forward to entering the University of Houston in the Fall to begin work on his Master's degree in this field

Sikinger, Roland 19; GK; 6'2"; 195 lbs.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 20, 1959; Played for Bavarian Soccer Club (amateur) before joining the Hurricane

Stahl, Mark 24; DEF; 5'9"; 155 lbs.

Born in San Francisco, California on August 25, 1953; Played with Team Hawaii in 1977; Graduate of Chico State College in California; Returns to Texas after stint with San Antonio Thunder in NASL

Stremlau, John 24; MID; 5'9"; 165 lbs.

Born in St. Louis, MO. on October 23, 1953; Played with St. Louis Stars in 1977 and with Dallas Tornado in 1976; a two-time All-American at Southern Illinois University

Vaccaro, Tony 22; MID; 5'8"; 150 lbs.

Born in Sicily, Italy on March 9, 1956; Citizen of Canada; Played with the Montreal Castors before joining the Hurricane

Van Eron, Keith 22; GK; 6'1"; 180 lbs.

Played with the New York Apollos; Former All-American from Hartwick College

Whitmer, Craig 19; MID; 5'9"; 150 lbs.

Born in Joliet, Illinois on November 5, 1958; Played with the Dallas Pirates Jr. Club as an amateur

1978 HOUSTON HURRICANE SEASON SCHEDULE

Sun.	April 2	4:00 PM	Los Angeles Aztecs
Sat.	April 8	8:00 PM	DALLAS TORNADO
Fri.	April 14	7:30 PM	Memphis Rogues
Wed.	April 19	8:00 PM	SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES
Sun.	April 23	8:00 PM	NEW ENGLAND TEA MEN
Wed.	April 26	9:00 PM	San Diego Sockers
Sun.	May 7	2:00 PM	Rochester Lancers
Sun.	May 14	1:00 PM	New England Tea Men
Fri.	May 19	9:30 PM	California Surf
Tue.	May 23	8:00 PM	COLORADO CARIBOUS
Sun.	May 28	8:00 PM	CALIFORNIA SURF
Thu.	June 1	8:00 PM	TULSA ROUGHNECKS
Sun.	June 4	8:00 PM	OAKLAND STOMPERS
Wed.	June 7	8:00 PM	WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS
Sat.	June 10	7:00 PM	Tampa Bay Rowdies
Wed.	June 14	9:30 PM	Oakland Stompers
Sun.	June 18	4:00 PM	Colorado Caribous
Tue.	June 20	8:00 PM	CHICAGO STING
Sat.	June 24	8:00 PM	DETROIT EXPRESS
Wed.	June 28	8:00 PM	Minnesota Kicks
Sun.	July 2	8:00 PM	SEATTLE SOUNDERS
Thu.	July 6	8:00 PM	MINNESOTA KICKS
Sun.	July 9	8:00 PM	FT. LAUDERDALE STRIKERS
Sun.	July 16	6:30 PM	Detroit Express
Tue.	July 18	7:00 PM	Philadelphia Fury
Sat.	July 22	8:00 PM	MEMPHIS ROGUES
Thu.	July 27	7:30 PM	Tulsa Roughnecks
Sat.	July 29	8:00 PM	Dallas Tornado
Wed.	Aug. 2	7:30 PM	Chicago Sting
Fri.	Aug. 4	8:00 PM	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES

ALL KICKOFF TIMES ARE CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

ALL HOME GAMES ARE UPPER CASE AND ARE TO BE PLAYED IN THE ASTRODOME.

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NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE FINAL 1977 STANDINGS

Pacific Conference

<u>Western Division</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>BP</u>	<u>TP</u>	<u>Southern Division</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>BP</u>	<u>TP</u>
Minnesota	16	10	44	36	41	137	Dallas	18	8	56	37	53	161
Vancouver	14	12	43	46	40	124	Los Angeles	15	11	65	54	57	147
Seattle	14	12	43	34	39	123	San Jose	14	12	37	44	35	119
Portland	10	16	39	42	38	98	Hawaii	11	15	45	59	40	106
							Las Vegas	11	15	38	44	37	103

Atlantic Conference

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>BP</u>	<u>TP</u>	<u>Northern Division</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>BP</u>	<u>TP</u>
Ft. Lauderdale	19	7	49	29	47	161	Toronto	13	13	42	38	37	115
New York	15	11	60	39	50	140	St. Louis	12	14	33	35	32	104
Tampa	14	12	55	45	47	131	Rochester	11	15	34	41	33	99
Washington	10	16	32	49	32	92	Chicago	10	16	31	43	28	83
							Connecticut	7	19	34	65	30	72

NASL RE-ALIGNMENT

National Conference

Western

Vancouver Whitecaps
Los Angeles Aztecs
Portland Timbers
Seattle Sounders

Central

Minnesota Kicks
Tulsa Roughnecks
Dallas Tornado
Colorado Caribous

Eastern

New York Cosmos
Rochester Lancers
Toronto Metros
Washington Diplomats

American Conference

Western

Oakland Stompers
San Jose Earthquakes
California Surf
San Diego Sockers

Central

HOUSTON HURRICANE
Chicago Sting
Memphis Rogues
Detroit Express

Eastern

New England Tea Men
Tampa Bay Rowdies
Philadelphia Fury
Ft Lauderdale Strikers

NEW FRANCHISES: Colorado, Detroit, Memphis, HOUSTON, Philadelphia, New England

FRANCHISE SHIFTS: Hawaii to Tulsa; Connecticut to Oakland; St. Louis to California (Anaheim); Las Vegas to San Diego

PLAY-OFFS: Sixteen teams will qualify for the play-offs. The top two teams in each division plus two wild card teams from each conference, based on the greatest point total.

ADDENDUM TO 1978 HURRICANE ROSTER

Dario Ruzic -- Goalkeeper -- #1

Born in Pula, Yugoslavia

28 years old

6'0" 178 lbs.

10 years professional

Member F.K. Istra, second division team in Pula, Yugoslavia

