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News Release

Tampa Bay Rowdies vs New York Cosmos  
Sunday, May 13 - 3 p.m.  
Giants Stadium

Team Record: Rowdies - 0-1 Total (0-1 Home) (0-0 Away) (0-1 SO)  
Cosmos - Today's game opens the Cosmos '84 season.

Last Game: Rowdies - Minnesota 2 @ Tampa Bay 1 (SO) 5/5/84  
Cosmos - Cosmos All Stars 2 @ '84 Cosmos 6 5/5/84

Next Game: Rowdies - Vancouver @ Tampa Bay 5/18/84  
Cosmos - Vancouver @ New York 5/20/84

Coaching: Rowdies - Rodney Marsh/Mike Connell  
Cosmos - Eddie Firmani

Scoring: Rowdies - Steve Wegerle (1g-0a-2pts)  
Cosmos - Steve Moyers scored 3 goals in the Cosmos  
Reunion game but no one has any NASL stats  
for '84.

Goalkeeping: Rowdies - Arnie Mausser  
Cosmos - Hubert Birkenmeier and Dave Brcic both play-  
ed in the Reunion game.

The Rowdies Last Time Out

The Rowdies opened their season last week against Minnesota with a 2-1 shootout loss in Tampa Stadium. Tampa Bay got on the score board early when Steve Wegerle put one away at 20:18. The Rowdies had as many as eight additional clear cut opportunities to build on that score but failed to do so until 88:50 when Refik Kozic booted home a Bob Bolitho cross for an own-goal equalizer. Minnesota mustered three shots in overtime while the tired Rowdies simply held on. The resulting shoot-out was Tampa Bay's first since 1982. The Strikers notched four straight (Willey, Ingram, Miller and Meschbach) while Lettieri made saves on Myernick and Roy Wegerle, finally allowing one goal by Wes McLeod. Final score --- Minnesota 2 - Tampa Bay 1.

Today's Rowdie Lineup

Today's lineup is the same except for one position. Youngster Roy Wegerle will start in the absence of big brother Steve, who's out with a strained hamstring suffered before the season opener and aggravated this week. The lineup follows ----

# 1 Arnie Mausser - gk

Gave a solid performance last week, making five saves, all of them in the second half after the Rowdies seemed to lose some of their attacking power.

# 3 Glenn Myernick - right back

Enjoyed an excellent pre-season, playing center back role. Took the first shootout attempt vs Minnesota.

# 4 Refik Kozic - center back

Own goal against Minnesota must have been devastating for returning Rowdie debut. Looking forward to playing against indoor teammates.

# 6 Mike Connell - sweeper

Captain and assistant coach back in the role he prefers after two years of relief work in a need midfield.

# 2 Gregg Thompson - left back

1983 Mr. Everything --- Rookie of the Year; NASL All-Star Honorable Mention; team MVP and Most Valuable. Assisted on Wegerle's goal last week.

#12 Perry Van Der Beck - right mfd

Back with Rowdies after a year with Team America.

#11 Tony Towers - central mfd

Signed the week of the Rowdies' season opener, Towers was able to go 60 minutes before sitting down with leg cramps. Flow of the game altered considerably by his absence. Marsh expects his midfield general to go the full game today.

# 8 Wes McLeod - left mfd

First game back since groin surgery in January to cure a long term injury that held him to seven games in '83.

#17 Roy Wegerle - fwd

#1 draft choice making his first NASL start today in his brother's place. Subbed for Steve last week at 69:37. Debut was not the stuff dreams are made of ---- but competent. Made second shootout-- --wide right.

#19 Neill Roberts - fwd

Named PSRA first star for usual all-out hustle and work rate. Created a number of good scoring chances.

#10 Tatu - fwd

A solid performance from a player still struggling to get complete match fitness after ankle injury in late March.

Eligible Subs

# 5 - Frantz Mathieu - def

#15 - Peter Roe - def

#16 - Don McAllister - mfd

Status Report

Steve Wegerle - fwd - strain left hamstring - out

Mark Karpun - fwd - right achilles tendon sprain - out

Don McAllister - mfd - strain right hamstring - probable

# 1984 ROWDIES STATISTICS

## INDIVIDUAL

NO	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	SH	FLS	C/E	PK	SO/A	G	A	TP
7	Steve Wegerle	1	1	69:37	2	0	0/0	0	0/0	1	0	2
6	Mike Connell	1	1	105:00	1	0	0/0	0	0/0	0	1	1
2	Gregg Thompson	1	1	105:00	2	3	0/0	0	0/0	0	1	1
17	Roy Wegerle	1	0	35:23	1	1	1/0	0	0/1	0	0	0
16	Don McAllister	1	0	41:14	0	3	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
11	Tony Towers	1	1	63:46	2	1	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
4	Refik Kozic	1	1	105:00	1	2	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
8	Wes McLeod	1	1	105:00	3	2	0/0	0	1/1	0	0	0
3	Glenn Myernick	1	1	105:00	0	1	0/0	0	0/1	0	0	0
19	Neill Roberts	1	1	105:00	1	2	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
10	Tatu	1	1	105:00	8	0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
12	Perry Van Der Beck	1	1	105:00	1	1	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals		1	1	105:00	22	16	1/0	0	1/3	1	2	4
Opponents Totals		1	1	105:00	18	14	0/0	0	4/4	1	0	2

Opponent's goal total includes one own goal.

## GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

NO	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	SH	SVS	GA	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SH	GAA
1	Arnie Mausser	1	1	105:00	18	5	1	0/0	4/4	0	1
Totals		1	1	105:00	18	5	1	0/0	4/4	0	1
Opponents Totals		1	1	105:00	22	5	1	0/0	1/3	0	1

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Scoring	1	2	OT	SO	T	OG	CKS	OFF
Rowdies	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	3
Opponents	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	5	3

## Game by Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Attendance	Scoring
5/5	Minnesota	1-2 (L)	13,829	Wegerle (Connell, Thompson)

## TEAM RECORD

	GP	W	L	S W/L	GF	GA	BP	TP
Total	1	0	1	0/1	1	2	1	1
Home	1	0	1	0/1	1	2	1	1
Away	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## ATTENDANCE

Total	13,829/1 game - 13,829 Average
Home	13,829/1 game - 13,829 Average
Away	0

## Tampa Bay Rowdies 1984 Roster

NÖ.	Player	Position	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Citizenship
0	Tom Boric	GK	23	6-0	172	Canadian
1	Arnie Mausser	GK	29	6-1	197	United States
2	Gregg Thompson	D	23	5-9	165	United States
3	Glenn Myernick	D	28	5-10	183	United States
4	Refik Kozic	D	32	6-0	177	Yugoslavia
5	Frantz Mathieu	D	30	5-10	160	Haitian
6	Mike Connell	D	27	6-0	160	South African
7	Steve Wegerle	F	30	5-9	152	South African
8	Wes McLeod	M	26	5-9	149	Canadian
10	Tatu	F	21	5-7	158	Brazilian
11	Tony Towers	M	32	5-10	154	English
12	Perry Van Der Beck	M	24	6-0	152	United States
15	Peter Roe	D	28	5-8	150	Canadian
16	Don McAllister	M	30	5-11	168	English
17	Roy Wegerle	F	20	5-11	170	South African
18	Mark Karpun	F	20	6-1	165	Canadian
19	Neill Roberts	F	30	6-2	175	South African
24	Dave Power	M	30	5-8	170	United States

Head Coach - Rodney Marsh

Assistant Coach - Mike Connell

Trainer - Steve Horne

	# 0	Boric	
G	# 1	Mausser	
LB	# 2	Thompson	
RB	# 3	Myernick	
CB	# 4	Kozic	
	# 5	Mathieu	
CB	# 6	Connell	
*RW	# 7	S. Wegerle	
LM	# 8	McLeod	
S	#10	Tatu	
CM	#11	Towers	
RM	#12	Van Der Beck	
	#15	Roe	
S/41	#16	McAllister	
S/35	#17	R. Wegerle	
	#18	Karpun	
S	#19	Roberts	
	#24	Power	
5/5	MINNESOTA STRIKERS	Legend: G - goalkeeper; R/C/L - B - right, center and left backs; R/C/L - M - midfield; W - winger; S - striker; * goal scored; S/time - time played as a substitute.	
5/13	New York Cosmos		
5/18	VANCOUVER WHITECAPS		
5/26	NEW YORK COSMOS		
5/28	Minnesota Strikers		
6/1	CHICAGO STING		
6/3	Chicago sting		
6/9	Tulsa Roughnecks		
6/22	TORONTO BLIZZARD		
6/30	Golden Bay Earthquakes		
7/4	GOLDEN BAY EARTHQUAKES		
7/8	Toronto Blizzard		
7/11	New York Cosmos		
7/14	San Diego Sockers		
7/18	MINNESOTA STRIKERS		
7/21	TULSA ROUGHNECKS		
7/28	SAN DIEGO SOCKERS		
8/12	San Diego Sockers		