



# Strikers News

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## GAME NOTES

NEW YORK AT FT. LAUDERDALE

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LAST TIME OUT - Last Saturday night before a home opener crowd of 13,017, the Strikers were shutout by the Seattle Sounders, 2-0. Seattle scoring came from their potent front line (35 goals in '82) of Peter Ward and Mark Peterson at 24:11 and 89:01, respectively. Injured Striker starters Brian Kidd, Bob Bolitho, and Alexander Szatmari helped pave the way for the first-ever NASL appearance for rookie defender Tom Groark.

THE 'MOS - New York started off the 1983 season slowly, dropping a 2-1 road decision to the Toronto Blizzard before storming back to blank Montreal 6-0. In the game against the Manic, New York scored all six tallies in the second half, including three by J.C. Romero and a pair by Giorgio Chinaglia. Last season, the Cosmos posted the best record in the NASL (23-9) and won the league championship with a 1-0 victory over the Seattle Sounders in Soccer Bowl '82.

SERIES HISTORY - The Strikers and the Cosmos have played some exciting games through the years, but New York has usually come out on top. Since 1977, the Cosmos hold a 14-3 edge over their South Florida rivals (9-3 regular season). Included in that slate is a 3-0 victory over the Strikers in Soccer Bowl '80. Last season, the two clubs split a pair with Ft. Lauderdale capturing a 2-1 Lockhart contest and the 'Mos rebounding with a 3-2 win on their Giants Stadium turf. The Strikers won a March 18 pre-season battle with New York, 3-2.

REMATCH ON THE HORIZON - It'll be a quick reunion for these two clubs as they will face off again this Sunday, May 8 at 2:30 PM at Giants Stadium. That game will be broadcast live on WIOD-AM (610, Miami) and WEAT-AM (850, West Palm Beach) with Rick Weaver calling the play-by-play.

JOLLY ROGER - The Strikers yesterday signed 32-year-old forward Roger Davies to a one-year contract. The 6-2, 190 lb. Englishman was the NASL's Most Valuable Player in 1980 when he had 25 goals and 11 assists in helping the Seattle Sounders to a 25-7 record. The four-year NASL veteran is best remembered by Striker Likers for scoring two goals and adding an assist for Seattle in Game Two of the Sounders-Strikers semi-final playoff match last September 8. He will wear uniform #19.

A FAMILIAR STEVE - Former Cosmos winger Steve Wegerle will be facing his old teammates tonight. "Wegs" played for New York for two seasons before being dealt to Ft. Lauderdale in exchange for two first round draft choices and cash last December 13. The 29-year-old South African is the sixth-leading assist man in NASL annals, trailing Cosmo Giorgio Chinaglia by nine for second place.

"THE KAISER" RETURNS - Tonight will probably be the final Lockhart appearance of 37-year-old West German superstar Franz Beckenbauer. The man who revolutionized the sweeper position came back to New York this spring after a two-year absence.

OFFICIALS - The referee for tonight's game is Ulrich Strom. The linesmen are Chris Bayley and Jozseph Michna.

THE COACHES - The Strikers are coached by 39-year-old Englishman David Chadwick. "Chaddy," a former Ft. Lauderdale player and assistant coach (1977-79) was named to the head coaching position last September 29. New York is led by Professor Julio Mazzei. The Professor had previously served two terms as the Cosmos' interim coach before finally taking over on a permanent basis last February 1.

INJURIES - The Strikers' status report lists the following: Brian Kidd-out (strained knee ligaments), Jim Tietjens-out (knee surgery rehab.), Bob Bolitho-doubtful (heel sprain), Steve Wegerle-questionable (rib contusion), and Alexander Szatmari probable (abdominal strain).

SIDELIGHTS - Striker goalkeeper Jan van Beveren has played in every minute of every game since his June, 1980 arrival. His consecutive minutes streak, including regular season and playoffs, currently stands at 9,396...The Cosmos this week released 33-year-old sweeper Ivan Buljan...The Strikers have not scored a goal in 288 minutes, dating back to their September 8 playoff game against Seattle last season...1983 Striker media guides will be available tomorrow. New player profiles and statistics can be found on pages 56-62 of KICK Magazine.

BRICKLEY IN PRESS BOX - The Cosmos' Director of Public Relations Mark Brickley is in the press box tonight and is available for information on the New York team.

TV-RADIO PLANS - Tonight's game is being televised around the country on New York's Superstation, WOR-TV with Jim Karvellas and Seamus Malin calling the action. This evening's match can be heard live in South Florida on WIOD-AM with commentary coming from the quartet of Rick Weaver, Henry Barrow, Joe Zagacki, and Brian Robbie.

NEXT LUNCHEON - The next press/fan luncheon will be held this Tuesday, May 10 at the Pierce Street Annex on Federal Highway in Ft. Lauderdale.

OTHER GAMES - This is the only game in the NASL tonight.

1983 STRIKER STATISTICS

OVERALL:	0-2	ATTENDANCE:	HOME TOTAL:	13,017
HOME:	0-1		HOME AVG.:	13,017
ROAD	0-1		ROAD TOTAL:	16,171
			ROAD AVG.:	16,171

No.	Player	GP	GS	MIN.	SH	FL	C/E	SO/SOA	G	AS	TP
4	Ray Hudson	2	2	180:00	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
6	Thomas Rongen	2	2	180:00	1	9	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
7	Ken Fogarty	2	2	180:00	1	7	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
8	Colin Fowles	2	2	180:00	1	7	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
10	Teofilo Cubillas	2	2	151:21	1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
11	Brian Kidd	1	1	90:00	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
12	Carl Strong	2	0	33:49	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
14	Steve Wegerle	2	2	151:21	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
16	Tom Groark	1	1	90:00	0	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
18	Robert Meschbach	1	0	28:39	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
20	Branko Segota	2	2	180:00	14	6	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
21	Tony Whelan	2	2	180:00	1	5	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
24	Bob Bolitho	1	1	84:50	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
25	Bruce Miller	1	1	90:00	0	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
STRIKER TOTALS		2	2	180:00	23	48	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
OPPONENTS' TOTALS		2	2	180:00	43	42	2/0	0/0	5	8	18

No.	Goalkeeper	GP	GS	MIN.	SH	SVS	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SO	GLS	GAA
1	Jan van Beveren	2	2	180:00	43	20	0/0	0/0	0	5	2.50
STRIKERS TOTALS		2	2	180:00	43	20	0/0	0/0	0	5	2.50
OPPONENTS' TOTALS		2	2	180:00	23	6	0/0	0/0	2	0	0.00

SCORING BY PERIODS				1	2	OT	SHO	T	OWN	GL FOR	CK	OFFSIDES
STRIKERS				0	0	0	0	0	0		10	1
OPPONENTS				2	3	0	0	5	0		21	5

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORING
4/24/83	at Vancouver	0-3 L	16,171	—
4/30/83	SEATTLE	0-2 L	13,017	—

## 1983 FT. LAUDERDALE STRIKERS' ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Citizenship</u>
00	Craig Scarpelli	G	21	5-11	170	U.S.
1	Jan van Beveren	G	35	6-2	170	Holland
2	Alexander Szatmari	D	31	6-2	185	W. Germany
3	Ernst Jean-Baptiste	M	27	5-11	155	U.S.
4	Ray Hudson	M	28	6-1	175	England
6	Thomas Rongen	M	26	6-0	170	Holland
7	Ken Fogarty	D	28	5-8	170	England
8	Colin Fowles	M/D	29	5-11	180	U.S.
9	Keith Weller	M	36	5-10	170	England
10	Teofilo Cubillas	M	34	5-9	165	Peru
11	Brian Kidd	F	33	6-0	180	England
12	Carl Strong	M	24	5-10	170	U.S.
13	Jim Tietjens	G	23	5-11	175	U.S.
14	Steve Wegerle	F	29	5-9	155	S. Africa
16	Tom Groark	D	21	6-0	170	U.S.
18	Robert Meschbach	F	23	5-9	165	U.S.
19	Roger Davies	F	32	6-2	190	England
20	Branko Segota	F	21	5-9	160	Canada
21	Tony Whelan	D	30	6-1	185	England
24	Bob Bolitho	D	30	5-9	165	Canada
25	Bruce Miller	F/M	25	5-10	170	Canada

# NASL STANDINGS AND STATS

	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP
EASTERN DIVISION							
New York	2	1	1	7	2	4	10
Toronto	2	1	1	3	3	3	9
Montreal	2	1	1	3	7	3	9
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION							
Tulsa	2	1	1	4	4	4	10
Tampa Bay	3	1	2	5	7	4	10
Team America	1	1	0	1	0	0	4
Ft. Lauderdale	2	0	2	0	5	0	0

WESTERN DIVISION							
Vancouver	2	2	0	5	1	5	17
Seattle	2	1	1	2	1	2	8
Golden Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LEADING SCORERS:	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	TOTAL POINTS
Julio Cesar Romero, NYK	2	3	2	8
Giorgio Chinaglia, NYK	2	3	0	6
Alan Taylor, VCR	2	2	1	5
Tatu, TPA	3	2	1	5
Manny Rojas, TPA	3	1	3	5
Laurie Abrahams, TUL	2	2	0	4
Jimmy Nicholl, TOR	2	1	2	4
Vladislav Bogicevic, NYK	2	0	4	4
Roberto Cabanas, NYK	2	1	1	3
Ron Fitcher, TUL	2	1	1	3
Gerry Gray, MTL	2	1	1	3
Bob Lenarduzzi, VCR	2	1	1	3
Peter Ward, SEA	2	1	1	3
Mike Connell, TPA	3	1	1	3

LEADING GOALKEEPERS	GAMES	MINS	SVS	GOALS-AGNST	SH	GAA
Joe Corrigan, SEA	2	195	4	0	2	0.00
Paul Hammond, TEA	1	105	5	0	1	0.00
Tino Lettieri, VCR	2	180	6	1	1	0.50
Hubert Birkenmeier, NYK	2	180	8	2	1	1.00
Jan Moller, TOR	2	180	5	3	0	1.50
Winston DuBose, TUL	2	180	5	4	0	2.00
Jurgen Stars, TPA	3	270	7	7	0	2.33
Jan van Beveren, FTL	2	180	20	5	0	2.50
Mike Hewitt, MTL	2	180	18	7	0	3.50