



# MEDIA RELEASE

HOUSTON HURRICANE

VS.

NEW YORK COSMOS

Sunday, May 6, 2:30 p.m. - Giants Stadium

## TAKING ON THE GIANT AT GIANTS STADIUM

Houston plays David to New York's Goliath today as the Hurricane, the surprise team of the young NASL season, takes on the international galaxy of stars that reportedly make the Cosmos the most expensive team in any sport anywhere in the world.

The match marks the first time that the NASL's newest franchise has battled the three-time league champion Cosmos and is the only meeting this year between the two teams.

## RADIO COVERAGE BUT NO TV

Televising the Cosmos game back to Houston was one of the Hurricane's priorities this season, but no day-of-game air time could be obtained on any of the city's commercial stations. The game will be broadcast live over KTRH radio, however, with announcers Bill Hazen on play by play and Jay Hoffman on color.

## MATCHUP OF DIVISION LEADERS

As records go, the Hurricane and the Cosmos are fairly evenly matched. The Cosmos, as expected, leads the National Conference Eastern Division. The Hurricane, which has tallied 16 goals and allowed nine in building its record to 5-1, leads the American Conference Central Division with 43 points.

However overpowering the Cosmos' starting lineup (and second string, for that matter) appears, Hurricane Head Coach Timo Liekoski has psyched his team up to go into the game with a winning attitude.

And the Hurricane has much to be optimistic about. It has scored more goals in six games than almost every other team in the league and until April 28's 5-2 beating by Chicago possessed one of the stingiest defenses in the NASL. The team's phenomenal 5-1 start gives it a strong edge in the standings and contrasts favorably with last year's 3-3 record at this point in the season. Incidentally, a year ago the Hurricane had both tallied and given up eight goals in the first six games.

## HOUSTON LEADERS

The Hurricane midfield is considered one of the strongest in the league, and that's reflected in the league scoring race, where two of the team's link men rank in the top 10. Finnish international Kai Haaskivi (four goals) and West German powerhouse Walter Schuberth (three goals and two assists) are tied for seventh on the American Conference leaders list with eight points each.

Houston's loss to Chicago cost the team points not only in the standings but also in the goalkeepers' race. Five goals in the back of his net (three more in that one game than in his previous four starts combined) dropped goalie Paul Hammond's average from 0.47 to 1.34. That's still good for seventh on the American Conference list, however.

## INJURY REPORT

The entire Hurricane squad is healthy for today's game.

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MISCELLANY

Kyle Rote Jr. broke out of a four-game scoring slump April 28 to pick up his first point as a Hurricane. He assisted on Houston's second goal against Chicago, feeding a pass to forward Juan Carlos Michia, who bounced the ball in off of goalkeeper Paul Coffee.

Defender Stewart Jump, who is to make his first start since April 7 today after a bout with mononucleosis, played as a member of the Cosmos team last summer. He was one of a handful of "outsiders" selected to join the championship team on a month-long tour of Europe.

TRAVELING  
ROSTER

Goalkeepers - Paul Hammond, Roland Sikinger  
Defenders - Ian Anderson, Stewart Jump, Nicky Megaloudis, Matt O'Sullivan, Howie Charbonneau  
Midfielders - Kai Haaskivi, Walter Schubert, John Stremmlau, Manuel Manzo  
Forwards - Eduardo Marasco, Juan Carlos Michia, Kyle Rote Jr., Dale Russell

ITINERARY

The Hurricane arrived in New York Saturday morning and returns to Houston at 9 tonight on Delta flight 487. Team hotel is the Quality Inn, (201) 288-9600. Hurricane President and General Manager Hans von Mende and Media Director Diane Olson are traveling with the team.

THREE-GAME  
HOMESTAND  
IN OFFING

After three games on the road, the Hurricane will get a little rest from the rigors of traveling with three at home. The home schedule, which takes the Hurricane through May, is: Sunday, May 13, 8 p.m. against the Portland Timbers; Sunday, May 20, 8 p.m. grudge match against the Chicago Sting; Saturday, May 26, 8 p.m. against the Minnesota Kicks.

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ADDITIONS TO  
MEDIA GUIDE

MANUEL MANZO: Midfielder, 6-0, 172, 26, Mexico

First gained national prominence in his country as a member of the 1972 Olympic Team that participated in the Munich games. Became one of Mexico's most revered soccer heroes as a member of the National Team from 1973 through 1976. Averaged a dozen goals per season over his six-year professional career with three top first division Mexican clubs - Atletico Espanol, Guadalajara, and Universidad Autonoma de Mexico - all of which became co-champions of Mexico. Joined the Hurricane for his first season in the NASL.

RUBEN MORALES: Forward, 5-7, 150, 27, Uruguay

Joined the Hurricane following five seasons with his country's top team, Club Nacional de Montevideo, where he averaged 15 goals a year. Turned professional in 1972 with Sud America and spent two seasons with that leading second division team before transferring to Club Nacional. Broke into the Hurricane starting lineup during the NASLPA strike, having been in tryout camp for a week, and scored two goals (one in an exhibition game) in his first three matches for Houston.

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HOUSTON HURRICANE  
NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Age	Height	Weight	Citizenship
1	Paul Hammond	G	25	6-1	190	England
2	Ian Anderson	D	24	6-0	165	Scotland
3	Mark Stahl	D	24	5-9	155	U.S.A.
4	Oscar Paez	D	25	6-0	170	Argentina
5	Nicky Megaloudis	DM	21	6-0	170	U.S.A.
6	Kai Haaskivi	M	24	5-10	175	Finland
7	Walter Schuberth	M	28	5-8	163	West Germany
8	John Stremmlau	F	25	5-9	165	U.S.A.
9	Eduardo Marasco	F	26	5-7	153	Argentina
10	Dale Russell	F	24	5-10	165	Bermuda
11	Juan Carlos Michia	F	23	5-7	150	Argentina
12	Kyle Rote, Jr.	F	28	6-0	180	U.S.A.
13	Stewart Jump	D	27	5-9	155	England
14	Hermes Kouropoulos	F	18	5-7	150	Greece
15	Ruben Morales	F	26	5-7	150	Uruguay
16	Roland Sikinger	G	20	6-2	200	U.S.A.
17	Dan Geerling	M	22	5-8	145	U.S.A.
18	Howie Charbonneau	D	23	5-10	165	U.S.A.
19	Gerry Morielli	M	21	5-10	165	Canada
20	Matt O'Sullivan	D	23	6-0	180	U.S.A.
21	Manuel Manzo	M	26	6-0	172	Mexico
22	Tony Vaccaro	F	23	5-8	150	Canada

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS  
Current Record:

No.	Name	GP	GS	Min.	Shots	Fl.	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	Goals	As.	TP
6	Kai Haaskivi	6	5	528	23	6	1/0	0/0	1/1	4	0	8
7	Walter Schuberth	6	6	562	13	6	0/0	0/0	1/1	3	2	8
14	Hermes Kouropoulos	1	1	90	4	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2	2	6
21	Manuel Manzo	4	3	336	12	12	0/0	0/0	0/0	2	1	5
9	Eduardo Marasco	3	3	225	6	7	0/0	0/0	0/0	1	2	4
5	Nicky Megaloudis	5	5	472	4	9	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	3	3
15	Ruben Morales	4	4	337	5	1	0/0	0/0	0/0	1	0	2
18	Howie Charbonneau	4	4	311	2	4	0/0	0/0	0/0	1	0	2
11	Juan Carlos Michia	5	5	396	7	10	2/0	0/0	0/0	1	0	2
2	Ian Anderson	6	6	562	6	10	0/0	0/0	0/1	0	1	1
10	Dale Russell	5	2	290	10	6	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
12	Kyle Rote Jr.	5	4	427	10	5	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
13	Stewart Jump	2	2	195	0	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
20	Matt O'Sullivan	5	5	472	0	3	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
4	Oscar Paez	1	1	90	0	2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
8	John Stremmlau	4	2	114	1	1	0/0	0/0	0/1	0	0	0
3	Mark Stahl	2	0	10	0	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
*	Mark Lindsay	2	2	195	6	6	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
Team Goals										1		1
HOUSTON TOTALS		6			109	88	3/0	0/0	2/4	16	13	44
OPPONENTS TOTALS		6						0/0	0/4	9	9	27

No.	Goalkeeper	GP	GS	Min.	Shots	Saves	Goals	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SH	GAA
1	Paul Hammond	5	5	472	79	29	7	0/0	0/4	2	1.34
16	Roland Sikinger	1	1	90	17	7	2	0/0	0/0	0	2.00
HOUSTON TOTALS		6		562	96	36	9	0/0	0/4	2	1.44
OPPONENTS TOTALS		6		562	109	38	15	0/0	2/4	0	2.40

TEAM STATISTICS

	Scoring by Period:					OG	CK	OF
	1	2	OT	SO	T			
HOUSTON TOTALS	9	5	1	1	16	0	31	10
OPPONENTS TOTALS	5	4	0	0	9	0	31	37

Legend: GP - Games Played; GS - Games Started; Min. - Minutes; Fl. - Fouls; C/E - Cautions/Ejections; PK/PKA - Penalty Kicks Made/Penalty Kicks Attempted; SO/SOA - Shootout Goals Made/Shootout Goals Attempted; As. - Assists; TP - Total Points; SH - Shutouts; GAA - Goals-Against Average; OG - Own Goals; CK - Corner Kicks; OF - Offsides

\*Traded to California Surf

HOUSTON HURRICANE  
GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS  
Game Account: 5-1

Record:	Home	3-0	Road	2-1
Attendance:	Home Total	15,708	Average	5,236
	Road Total	21,107	Average	7,006

Date	Opponent	Score	Attendance	Team Scoring
3/31/79	Toronto	2-1W-SO	8,589	Haaskivi (Schuberth) 40:33, Shootout
4/7/79	@ Dallas	1-0W	8,564	Haaskivi (Lindsay, Megaloudis) 25:49
4/14/79	San Diego	6-2W	6,466	Marasco (Kouropoulos) 4:42, Kouropoulos (Marasco) 12:15, Kouropoulos (Manzo) 27:28, Schuberth (Marasco) 39:28, Manzo 57:08, Manzo (Schuberth, Kouropoulos) 67:39
4/19/79	New England	3-0W	653(Flood)	Morales (Megaloudis) 27:35, Schuberth 31:05, Haaskivi (Anderson, Russell) 37:05
4/21/79	@ Memphis	2-1W-OT	7,023	Charbonneau (Megaloudis) 89:49, Schuberth 97:29
4/28/79	@ Chicago	5-2L	5,430	Haaskivi 69:46, Michia (Rote) 78:09