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GAME NOTES

MINNESOTA STRIKERS AT COSMOS

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The Minnesota Strikers enter tonight's match with a 10-7 record for 83 points in the Western Division, 13 points behind division leader Vancouver. They are currently in fourth place of the nine team race for four post-season tournament bids. It is by no means a comfortable position, as two clubs, Toronto (79 points) and San Diego (75 points) are breathing down the necks of the eight year franchise.

The Strikers created a tighter playoff race with their 2-1 loss to the Toronto Blizzard in the Metrodome two nights ago. After two Toronto first half goals, Striker Ray Hudson scored at the 59:43 mark to bring the Strikers to within one goal, but the Blizzard shut the storm windows to ice the eight point victory. The Strikers picked up only one bonus point in the defeat. The loss broke a four game winning streak at the Metrodome for the Strikers.

The Strikers are in the midst of the most grueling part of their 24 game schedule. They have had but one day rest before tonight's contest and after tonight they will play two more games in just four days. In all, the Strikers will have played four games in nine days. If the past is any indication of the future, the Strikers are in for a rough road. They have never beaten the Cosmos in Cosmoland in 10 attempts and they have not beaten their next opponent, Tulsa, in nine straight matches.

IT'S NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE

Although the Strikers have never beaten the Cosmos on the road, they accomplished one thing they have never done before earlier in the year against the Cosmos, winning two straight. A victory tonight would give the Strikers an unprecedented regular season series sweep of the Cosmos.

The Strikers first defeated the Cosmos on June 30th at the Dome, 1-0 on a first half goal by Brian Kidd. Long Branch, New Jersey native Craig Scarpelli recorded the shutout in his first regular season NASL match. Goalkeeper Tino Lettieri got the win in Round Two when the Strikers edged the Cosmos in the Dome, 3-2 on August 10th. Alan Willey had two goals, his third multiple goal game of the season and fourth game winning goal, to lead the Strikers attack. Former Striker Godfrey Ingram scored the other Striker goal. In that game, midfielder John Bain tied a Strikers all-time record with three assists.

Here's a statistical breakdown of the first two games:

	June 30th Strikers 1 Cosmos 0		August 10th Strikers 3 Cosmos 2	
	MINN	NY	MINN	NY
Shots	15	15	14	12
Fouls	18	17	14	14
Saves	5	4	3	6
Corners	6	5	5	10
Offsides	3	4	0	3
C/E	2/0	1/0	0/0	1/0

SCORING:	June 30th	Minnesota	Kidd (Bain, Hudson)	38:15
	August 10th	Minnesota	Willey (Daniel, Bain)	19:31
		Minnesota	Ingram (Bain, McGrane)	20:49
		New York	DeBrito (Bogie, DiBernardo)	57:47
		New York	Green (Bogie, Gray)	68:44
		Minnesota	Willey (Bain)	79:06

OVER THE YEARS

The Cosmos still have the series edge, despite the Strikers' two game winning streak. Since 1977, the Cosmos have won 15 of 21 games. The Strikers, however, have won four of the last six since 1983.

HUDSON BREAKS ALL-TIME SCORING RECORD

It could have come at a better time, but the magnificence of the record-breaking goal was representative of the great career Ray Hudson has had with Strikers. The two points moved Hudson ahead of former Striker Teofilo Cubillas in the club's all-time scoring list. Hudson now has 181 points on 44 goals and 93 assists in his eight year career. Hudson, who is the Strikers' only remaining original from the 1977 season, took a pass from Peter Daniel, trapped in on his chest and with his back to the goal, lofted a full-volley over his shoulder into the upper left hand corner of the net, past the outstretched hands of Blizzard goalkeeper Paul Hammond.

ETHERINGTON RETURNS TO NEW YORK

He owns two Soccer Bowl rings, and they both say New York Cosmos on them. Etherington, who the Strikers purchased from the New York Arrows of the Major Indoor Soccer League mid-season, was a first round draft choice of the Cosmos in 1977 right out of high school. Etherington was awarded the NASL's Rookie-of-the-Year honor in 1978, playing in 21 games. That year marked the second consecutive season that the Cosmos won the NASL championship. Etherington has since played for the LA Aztecs (1980) and San Jose Earthquakes (1981-82). He did not play outdoor last year.

INJURIES

John McGrane...bruised calf...out
 Barry Wallace...thigh strain...out
 Brian Kidd...hamstring strain...out
 Ray Hudson...ankle sprain...probable
 Alan Willey...back strain...probable

RADIO

Tonight's game is being broadcast back to the Twin Cities in KRSI-AM with Paul Johnson calling the play-by-play and Brian Robbie providing the color commentary.

STRIKER NOTES

The Strikers acquired forward Ricardo Alonso from the Golden Bay Earthquakes in a trade that sent Godfrey Ingram to the 'Quakes just moments before the trading deadline last Tuesday...John Bain has a goal or assist in eight of the Strikers last nine games...Dwight Lodeweges has played every minute of every game this year, the only Striker to do so...Alan Willey needs just four more points to be the third player in NASL history to pass the 300 point mark...he trails Chicago's Granitza on the all-time active scoring list by two goals...he is second with 124 tallies...John Bain has assisted on the Strikers' last five goals...the Strikers have allowed the Western Division's second fewest goals with 32...

1984 STRIKER STATISTICS

Overall record: 10-7
 Home record: 7-2
 Road record: 3-5

Attendance: Home total: 146,847
 Home ave.: 16,316
 Road total: 82,638
 Road ave.: 10,330

No.	Name	GP	GS	MIN	SH	FL	C/E	SO/SOA	G	A	TP
9	Alan Willey	17	17	1584:35	63	44	2/0	3/3	10	4	24
11	Brian Kidd	9	9	846:46	40	14	0/0	0/0	8	3	19
8	John Bain	15	10	1015:21	13	7	0/0	1/1	2	11	15
4	Ray Hudson	14	14	1180:17	21	9	0/1	0/0	2	9	13
24	Ricardo Alonso	14	13	1145:30	25	24	2/0	0/1	5	2	12
24	Ricardo Alonso	1	1	90:00	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
19	Peter Daniel	13	13	1236:46	13	18	0/0	0/1	0	6	6
2	Dwight Lodeweges	17	17	1596:46	17	36	4/0	0/1	0	4	4
12	Carl Strong	14	10	920:22	12	14	2/0	0/0	1	1	3
25	Bruce Miller	9	8	758:31	16	10	1/0	1/2	0	3	3
14	Gary Etherington	10	5	572:47	9	5	0/0	0/0	1	1	3
7	Ken Fogarty	16	14	1328:57	3	32	2/0	0/0	0	2	2
16	Mike Jeffries	5	3	245:22	3	3	0/0	0/0	1	0	2
3	John McGrane	13	13	1072:40	0	33	2/1	0/0	0	1	1
5	Paul Price	4	4	294:00	2	9	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
22	Bill Crook	14	11	1024:15	1	20	1/0	0/0	0	0	0
1	Tino Lettieri	11	11	980:36	0	2	2/1	0/0	0	0	0
00	Craig Scarpelli	6	6	568:29	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
6	Thomas Rongen	5	4	310:52	4	6	0/1	0/0	0	0	0
23	Ben Collins	1	0	45:00	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Other	25	16	1659:21	28	30	1/0	2/4	3	2	8
STRIKERS TOTALS		17	17	1596:46	247	294	17/4	7/12	28	48	104
OPPONENT TOTALS		17	17	1596:46	298	235	15/1	5/13	30	37	97

*Stats with Chicago/Golden Bay

No.	Goalkeeper	GP	GS	MIN	SH	SVS	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SHU	GLS	GAA
1	Tino Lettieri	11	11	980:36	162	42	2/2	4/8	2	16	1.47
00	Craig Scarpelli	6	6	568:29	123	35	3/4	1/5	1	13	2.06
25	Bruce Miller	1	0	47:41	13	3	0/0	0/0	0	2	3.75
STRIKER TOTALS		17	17	1596:46	298	80	5/6	5/13	3	31	1.75
OPPONENT TOTALS		17	17	1596:46	247	64	0/0	7/12	2	29	1.63

SCORING BY PERIODS	1	2	OT	SO	T	OWN	GOAL	FOR	CK	OFFSIDES
STRIKERS	11	16	2	2	31		1		101	73
OPPONENTS	10	20	1	1	32		1		115	54

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORING
5/5	at Tampa Bay	2-1 W (SO)	13,829	OWN GOAL
5/12	CHICAGO	3-2 W	15,631	Hudson (Miller, Ingram) 30:12 Willey (Hudson) 33:56 Willey (Daniel) 54:54
5/19	at Chicago	1-2 L	7,252	Bolitho (Miller, Hudson) 23:36
5/26	at San Diego	2-0 W	7,923	Willey (Hudson, Strong) 84:03 Kidd (Lodeweges, Bain) 86:10
5/28	TAMPA BAY	1-0 W	52,621	Kidd (Hudson, Fogarty) 82:15
6/3	at Toronto	0-2 L	10,066	---
6/8	GOLDEN BAY	2-1 W (OT)	6,334	Kidd (Daniel, Lodeweges) 71:03 Willey (Bain) 90:51
6/16	SAN DIEGO	3-4 L (SO)	12,332	Willey (Kidd, Fogarty) 54:27 Kidd (Bolitho, Miller) 84:16 Kidd (Willey, Hudson) 87:22
6/24	at Vancouver	2-3 L (OT)	17,608	Kidd (Lodeweges, Bain) 59:32 Etherington (Kidd, Willey) 86:18
6/30	NEW YORK	1-0 W	11,572	Kidd (Bain, Hudson) 38:15
7/11	CHICAGO	3-2 W	8,317	Willey (Hudson, Bain) 8:24 Willey (Lodeweges, Bain) 40:37 Kidd (Willey, Daniel) 69:57
7/14	at Golden Bay	3-2 W (OT)	11,196	Bain (Kidd, Hudson) 6:37 Strong (Hudson) 37:53 Ingram (Willey) 103:29
7/18	at Tampa Bay	0-3 L	7,816	---
7/21	VANCOUVER	3-2 W (SO)	21,634	Bain (unassisted) 5:20 Willey (Daniel, Etherington) 72:33
7/28	at Tulsa	1-4 L	6,948	Jeffries (Bain, Price) 83:15
8/10	NEW YORK	3-2 W	10,575	Willey (Daniel, Bain) 19:31 Ingram (Bain, McGrane) 20:49 Willey (Bain) 79:06
8/17	TORONTO	1-2 L	7,831	Hudson (Daniel, Bain) 59:43

1984 MINNESOTA STRIKERS ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Citizenship</u>
00	Craig Scarpelli	Goalkeeper	22	5-11	170	USA
1	Tino Lettieri	Goalkeeper	26	5-8	165	Canada
2	Dwight Lodeweges	Defender	26	6-1	175	Canada
3	John McGrane	Defender	30	5-9	160	Canada
4	Ray Hudson	Midfielder	29	6-1	175	England
5	Paul Price	Defender	30	6-0	180	England
6	Thomas Rongen	Midfielder	27	6-0	170	Holland
7	Ken Fogarty	Defender	29	5-8	170	England
8	John Bain	Midfielder	26	5-7	164	Scotland
9	Alan Willey	Forward	27	5-11	163	England
11	Brian Kidd	Forward	35	6-0	180	England
12	Carl Strong	Midfielder	26	5-10	170	USA
13	Terry Leiendecker	Goalkeeper	21	6-4	170	USA
14	Gary Etherington	Defender	26	5-8	140	USA
15	Barry Wallace	Defender	25	5-10	155	England
16	Mike Jeffries	Defender	22	5-9	155	USA
19	Peter Daniel	Midfielder	28	5-9	158	England
22	Bill Crook	Defender	19	6-0	170	USA
23	Ben Collins	Midfielder	23	5-8	140	Liberia
24	Ricardo Alonso	Forward	27	6-3	192	Argentina
25	Bruce Miller	Midfielder	27	5-10	170	Canada

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#24 RICARDO ALONSO

Position: Forward
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 192 lbs.
Date of Birth: 3/21/57
Birthplace: Tansil, Argentina
Citizenship: Argentina

BACKGROUND: Acquired by the Strikers in trade that sent forward Godfrey Ingram to the Golden Bay Earthquakes...transaction took place just minutes before trading deadline Tuesday evening...Strikers assume his contract which runs through April of 1988...played in Argentina's First Division before coming to States in 1979...saw action in 59 Minnesota Kicks games from 1979-'81...scored 25 goals and 11 assists...led club in goal scoring in 1980 with 17 tallies...led entire league in goal scoring in 1982 with 21 goals for Jacksonville Tea Men...improved stats with Chicago following year (purchased from JAX) scoring 16 goals and 15 assists for 47 points...was First Team All-Star in '82 and Second Team in '83...has scored 65 goals in 60 indoor games...reunited with former fellow Kick Alan Willey creating one of league's most feared scoring machines...

NASL STATISTICS:

Year	Team	Games	Goals	Assists	Total Points
1979	Minnesota	12	2	2	6
1980	Minnesota	25	17	5	39
1981	Minnesota	22	6	4	16
1982	Jacksonville	30	21	4	46
1983	Chicago	27	16	15	47
1984	Chicago/Golden Bay	14	5	2	12
	TOTALS	130	67	32	166



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#5 PAUL PRICE

Position: Defender
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 180 lbs.
Date of Birth: 3/23/54
Birthplace: St. Albans, England
Citizenship: England

BACKGROUND: Strikers acquired Price on July 9, 1984...began professional career with Luton Town in England where he played 260 games in 10 seasons... missed 14 months of playing when he broke his leg twice, once in 1974 then again in 1975...played 24 games as a loan player with the Minnesota Kicks in 1977 and '78...last two seasons he saw action in 60 games in the English First Division with Tottenham Hotspur...has made 27 appearances for the Welsh National Team and served as the team's captain from 1982-83...in 1981 representing Wales, his team won the F.A. Cup and took the second place medal in the League Cup Final.

PERSONAL: married to Cheryl...began playing soccer at the age of three... lists biggest soccer thrills as making his debut for Wales in a 4-1 victory over England and winning F.A. Cup Winners Medal in 1981 against Queens Park Rangers...soccer career has allowed him to travel to numerous parts of the world...enjoys playing golf.

NASL Statistics:	Year	Club	GP	G	A	TP
	1977	Minnesota Kicks	3	0	0	0
	1978	Minnesota Kicks	21	2	4	8
		TOTALS	24	2	4	8

#24 BEN COLLINS

Position: Midfielder
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 140 lbs.
Date of Birth: 6/12/61
Birthplace: Monrovia, Liberia
Citizenship: Liberia

BACKGROUND: the Strikers signed the 23 year old midfielder to a 15 day injury contract on July 25th replacing Bruce Miller on the active roster... selected First Team All-American at Florida International University...scored nine goals and nine assists in 21 games with FIU...was a two year All-American at Morrisville (N.Y.) Junior College from 1980-81 and then transferred to FIU the following season...won the offensive MVP Award in Senior Bowl in Las Vegas last December...also drafted by the Buffalo Stallions of the Major Indoor Soccer League.

1983 Statistics:	Club	Goals	Assists	Total Points
	FIU	9	9	27