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### GAME NOTES

DATE 1/12/85 TIME 8:00 PM OPPONENT New York Cosmos AT Brendan Byrne Arena

RECORD 8-9 HOME 5-3 ROAD 3-6

OVERTIME --- ONE-GOAL GAMES 4-2

RECORD VS. Cosmos THIS SEASON 0-0

LIFETIME SERIES 0-0 indoor RECORD AT (SITE) 0-0

PREVIOUS MEETINGS THIS SEASON this is the first time these two clubs have met in the indoor, either in the MISL or NASL.

RECORD SINCE TEAMS LAST MET 0-0

FUTURE MEETINGS THIS SEASON 1/25 and 2/21 in Minnesota and 4/4 in New York

LAST GAME/RESULT 2-1 loss at home last evening to the Pittsburgh Spirit

WINNING/LOSING STREAK lost one

NEXT GAME Tuesday, Jan. 15th in Minnesota vs the Wichita Wings

### TEAM LEADERS (Include rank among league leaders if applicable)

GOALS	1. <u>Goossens 20</u>	ASSISTS	1. <u>Bain 11</u>	POINTS	1. <u>Goossens 25</u>
	2. <u>Alonso 6</u>		2. <u>Usiyan 7</u>		2. <u>Bain 16</u>
	3. <u>4 tied with 5</u>		3. <u>Hudson 6</u>		3. <u>Usiyan 12</u>

GAME NOTES (continued)

TEAM LEADERS (continued):

SHOTS 1. Goossens 91      BLOCKS 1. McGrane 26      PIM 1. Lodeweges 8  
2. Alonso 44                      2. Fogarty 22                      2. 3 with 6  
3. Usiyan/Lodeweges 39              3. Bain 17                              3. ---

GAME WINNERS Goossens 3                      OVERTIME GOALS none

POWER PLAY GOALS 3 with 1      SHORT HANDED GOALS Jeffries 1      HAT TRICKS Goossens 2

GOALKEEPERS:

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (TEAM/INDIVIDUALS) Strikers - 4.71; Lettieri 4.26; Scarpelli 12.0

GOALKEEPERS' WON-LOST RECORD Lettieri - 8-8; Scarpelli 0-1

TEAM STATS:

POWER PLAY 3 for 18 17%      PENALTY KILLING 9 for 31 71%      PENALTIES/PIM 31/62

INJURIES (Include date of injury and expected return) \_\_\_\_\_

Matt Kennedy...knee surgery rehab...out

RECENT ROSTER CHANGES none

COACH'S RECORD (MISL/CURRENT TEAM) In his first head coaching position, Alan Merrick has an 8-9 record

RECORDS/MILESTONES WITHIN REACH see attached sheet



MINNESOTA STRIKERS  
1984-85 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	AGE	HT.	WT.	CITIZENSHIP
00	Craig Scarpelli	Goalkeeper	23	5-11	170	USA
0	Matt Kennedy	Goalkeeper	26	5-11	172	USA
1	Tino Lettieri	Goalkeeper	27	5-8	165	Canada
2	Dwight Lodeweges	Defender	27	6-1	175	Canada
3	John McGrane	Defender	31	5-9	160	Canada
4	Ray Hudson	Midfielder	29	6-0	175	England
5	Steve Litt	Defender	30	6-1	192	England
6	Thomas Rongen	Midfielder	28	6-0	170	Holland
7	Ken Fogarty	Defender	29	5-8	170	England
8	John Bain	Midfielder	27	5-7	164	Scotland
9	Alan Willey	Forward	28	5-11	163	England
10	Gregg Thompson	Defender	24	5-9	165	USA
11	Jan Goossens	Forward	26	6-0	170	Holland
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	Ben Collins	Midfielder	23	5-8	140	Liberia
20	Thompson Usiyan	Forward	28	6-0	165	Nigeria
22	Bill Crook	Defender	20	6-0	170	USA
24	Ricardo Alonso	Forward	27	6-3	192	Argentina
25	Bruce Miller	Midfielder	27	5-10	170	Canada

HEAD COACH  
Alan Merrick

HEAD TRAINER  
Gary Smith

ASSISTANT TRAINER  
Dan Quintavalle

Date	Opponent	Score	Attendance	Scoring
11/3	at San Diego	2-10 L	9,243	Willey, Alonso
11/9	TACOMA -	6-3 W	7,754	Goossens (3), Etherington Alonso, Willey
11/16	at Dallas -	5-2 W	4,721	Goossens (2), Bain, Usiyan Wallace
11/18	CHICAGO	5-4 W	5,178	Goossens, Miller, Bain, Willey, Fogarty
11/24	ST. LOUIS	2-1 W	4,923	Lodeweges, Goossens
11/28	at Baltimore	2-8 L	8,103	Hudson, Bain
12/2	LAS VEGAS	6-4 W	4,196	Alonso, Bain, Fogarty, Wallace, Goossens, Lodeweges
12/9	at Chicago	5-7 L	8,601	Miller (2), Wallace, Jeffries Usiyan
12/14	DALLAS -	4-5 L	4,633	Goossens (2), Thompson, Wallace
12/16	at Wichita	5-4 W	8,162	Goossens (2), Miller (2), Etherington
12/22	BALTIMORE	2-4 L	4,313	Goossens (2)
12/26	at Kansas City	1-5 L	11,847	Goossens
12/28	at Tacoma -	3-6 L	7,579	Collins, Usiyan, Lodeweges
12/29	at Las Vegas	5-4 W	7,276	Usiyan (2), Bain, Goossens, Alonso
1/4	at Pittsburgh -	5-9 L	8,321	Goossens(3), Wallace, Alonso
1/5	CLEVELAND	4-2 W	5,452	Goossens, Hudson, Lodeweges, Alonso
1/11	PITTSBURGH	1-2 L	4,857	Jeffries



1984/85 MINNESOTA STRIKERS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS: CURRENT THROUGH Jan 12, 1985

Record: 8-9 Home: 5-3 Away: 3-6 Overtime: - Shootout: -

NO.	NAME	+/-	GP	G	A	PTS	SHOTS	PIM	C/E	BL	SO/A	PPG	GW
11	Jan Goossens	(0)	17	20	5	25	91	0	0/0	3	0/0	0	3
8	John Bain	(+2)	17	5	11	16	35	2	0/0	17	0/0	0	0
20	Thompson Usiyan	(-6)	16	5	7	12	39	2	0/0	4	0/0	0	1
2	Dwight Lodeweges	(-4)	17	4	5	9	39	8	0/0	16	0/0	1	1
15	Barry Wallace	(-5)	16	5	3	8	33	2	0/0	5	0/0	1	0
25	Bruce Miller	(0)	16	5	3	8	20	4	0/0	11	0/0	0	1
4	Ray Hudson	(-6)	15	2	6	8	33	6	0/0	5	0/0	0	0
24	Ricardo Alonso	(-7)	17	6	0	6	44	2	0/0	5	0/0	1	1
7	Ken Fogarty	(+3)	15	2	3	5	14	4	0/0	22	0/0	0	1
19	Ben Collins	(+3)	8	1	4	5	6	0	0/0	1	0/0	0	0
14	Gary Etherington	(-7)	13	2	3	5	22	2	0/0	5	0/0	0	0
9	Alan Willey	(-2)	7	3	0	3	24	0	0/0	2	0/0	0	0
10	Gregg Thompson	(-7)	10	1	2	3	13	0	0/0	4	0/0	0	0
16	Mike Jeffries	(-6)	16	2	1	3	7	0	0/0	4	0/0	0	0
3	John McGrane	(-16)	17	0	2	2	9	6	0/0	26	0/0	0	0
6	Thomas Røngen	(-4)	10	0	0	0	2	6	1/0	3	0/0	0	0
5	Steve Litt	(-1)	5	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	1	0/0	0	0
22	Bill Crook	(-2)	3	0	0	0	2	0	0/0	4	0/0	0	0
1	Tino Lettieri		16					2					
*	Bench penalty							18					
<b>Striker TOTALS</b>			17	63	55	118	433	62	1/0	138	0/0	3	8
<b>Opponent TOTALS</b>			17	80	74	154	446	40	1/0	152	0/0	9	9

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS:

HAT TRICKS: Jan Goossens (11/9, 1/4)

OVERTIME GOALS:

SHORTHANDED GOALS: Mike Jeffries (12/9)

PENALTY KICK GOALS: John Bain (11/28)

SIXTH ATTACKER GOALS:

ATTENDANCE: HOME: 41,306

ROAD: 73,853

AVERAGE: 5,163

AVERAGE: 8,206

NO.	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	AVG	SV	AVG	GA	AVG	PK/A	SO/A	W-L
1	Tino Lettieri	16	16	943:55	401	24.4	207	12.9	67	4.26	0/0	0/0	8-8
00	Craig Scarpelli	1	1	30:00	25	25	12	12	6	12	0/0	0/0	0-1
0	Matt Kennedy	1	0	30:00	16	16	8	8	4	8	0/0	0/0	0-0
*	6th attacker	6	0	15:25	4		1		3	12	0/0	0/0	0-0
<b>Striker TOTALS</b>		17	17	1020:00	446	26.2	227	13.3	80	4.71	0/0	0/0	8-9
<b>Opponent TOTALS</b>		17	17	1020:00	433	25.5	208	12.2	63	3.71	0/0	0/0	9-8

SCORE BY QUARTERS:							1	2	3	4	OT	SO	T	SHOTS BY QUARTERS:							1	2	3	4	OT	T	
Strikers							11	12	18	22	-	-	63	Strikers							88	98	126	121	-	-	433
Opponent							24	14	18	24	-	-	80	Opponent							118	104	106	118	-	-	446

POWER PLAY SITUATIONS:			G	ATT	EFF%	PENALTY KILLING SITUATIONS:			GA	TS	EFF%
Strikers			3	18	17%	Strikers			9	31	71%
Opponent			9	31	29%	Opponent			3	18	83%

KEY: GP-Games Played; G-Goals; A-Assists; PTS-Points; PIM-Penalties in Minutes; BL-Blocked Shots; PPG-Power Play Goals; GW-Game-winning Goals; GS-Games Started; MIN-Minutes; SHTS-Shots on Goal; SV-Saves; GA-Goals Against; OT-Overtime; ATT-Attempts; EFF%-Efficiency Percentage; TS-Times Short SO/A-Shootout Goals Made/Attempts; PK/A-Penalty Kicks Made/Attempts



The Strikers put their 3-6 road record on the line this evening against the New York Cosmos in their third back-to-back game series this evening. Curiously enough, the Strikers have lost both first night games, and with but 24 hours rest, have won both second night games. This is the third consecutive weekend that the Strikers have had to play back-to-back games. Their second night victories have come against Las Vegas and Cleveland.

The Strikers have an 8-9 record, the fourth time they have fallen behind the .500 mark. Every other time of the season that they have slipped below the .500 mark, they have won to even their won-lost record. They have not had a worse record than one game behind the .500 mark all season.

#### MERRICK'S MOMENT

"There has always been a great rivalry outdoors between the Cosmos and Strikers, and I expect that intense rivalry to continue indoors as well. The Cosmos are coming off a great win against a red-hot Chicago team. With a win like that, they now have the potential to put together a nice winning streak. The new coaching patterns have been established under Ray Klivecka, and the club is obviously adjusting well to his style of coaching. I expect these two teams to begin tonight great encounters of the second league."

GARY ETHERINGTON....his next goal will be his 50th career indoor tally. Gary was a member of the Cosmos for two championship seasons, and was the NASL's Rookie-of-the-Year for the Cosmos in 1978.

MIKE JEFFRIES....drafted in the First Round of the NCAA draft by the Cosmos, the third player selected overall. Winner of the Hermann Trophy Award, Mike was traded to the Strikers for Dan Canter last spring.

CRAIG SCARPELLI....born in Long Branch, New Jersey. "Scarps" shut out the Cosmos in his first NASL outdoor match last June 30th 1-0 at the HHH Metrodome in Minnesota.

JAN GOOSSENS....Mr. Offense....the Strikers' leading scorer has 12 goals in his last nine games, has scored a goal in 12 of the Strikers' 17 games, has scored at least a point in all but two games, has two hat tricks and leads the team with six multiple goal games.

MISLANEOUS...the Strikers have a 3-5 record in the Eastern Division...John Bain continues to impress. The club's smallest player leads the team in assists, is second in points, +/- ratio, and is third in blocked shots and goals, and has scored a point in 12 of the Strikers' 17 games this year...Thompson Usiyan's five goals this year have all come in the road...Ricardo Alonso has scored a goal in three of his last four games...the Strikers are 4-2 in one goal games, and 4-1 in games in which they have scored first...John McGrane leads the club with 26 blocked shots...Jan Goossens has scored a goal in every Striker win this year...the Strikers have averaged 3.66 goals on the road and have allowed 6.11 in the same stretch...New York's Dan Canter received the third most votes in the Strikers' recent all-star balloting for defenders...



DEFENDERS STEVE LITT AND GREGG THOMPSON  
JOIN STRIKER FORCES

#5 Steve Litt Defender

Born: 5/21/54 6'1" 192 lbs. Citizen: England

The Strikers signed 30 year old defender and former Minnesota Kick favorite Steve Litt to an indoor contract on December 7th. Litt holds the distinction as having played the most games in a Minnesota Kick uniform in the six year history of the franchise. He played 165 outdoor matches (1976-1981) and 18 indoor games (1979/80 and 1980/81). He also played 38 indoor games for the San Jose Earthquakes in 1982/83. The original Kick played the last three outdoor seasons with the San Jose Earthquakes and became a free agent last fall.

Litt's Indoor Stats

Year	Club	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
1979/80	Minnesota (NASL)	12	2	5	7
1980/81	Minnesota (NASL)	6	2	0	2
1982/83	San Jose (MISL)	38	4	4	8
3 Year Totals		56	8	9	17

#10 Gregg Thompson Defender

Born: 8/4/60 5'9" 165 lbs. Citizen: USA

November 30th marked the Twin Cities return of former Stillwater High School (Minnesota) football standout Gregg Thompson. The 24 year old Thompson signed a multi-year contract. After winning the 1978 Minnesota High School Athlete of the Year Award, Thompson passed up full football scholarships to such prestigious schools as Harvard and Yale and all but two Big-10 schools, to attend Indiana University to play soccer. Thompson led the Hoosiers to an NCAA National Championship in 1982 and was named an All-American.

Drafted in the first round of the NASL draft in 1983, Thompson went on to notoriety as the club's Most Valuable Player and Most Popular Player, and won the NASL Rookie-of-the-Year Award the same year. He played all three preliminary games for the United States Olympic team in Los Angeles last summer. He has played two outdoor seasons with the Rowdies plus their 1983/84 indoor season.

Thompson's Indoor Stats

Year	Club	Games	Blocks	Goals	Assists	Points
1983/84	Tampa Bay (NASL)	30	36	9	9	18