



NEW JERSEY ROCKETS

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ROCKETS MEDIA NOTES

NEW JERSEY ROCKETS AT NEW YORK ARROWS
Friday November 20th, 1981

The Rockets try to even their season record(0-1) when they take on the three time MISL champion New York Arrows tonight at the Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, New York...Game time is slated for 8:05 P.M...

TELEVISION: The game will be televised live on WOR TV(channel 9) beginning at 8:00 P.M.(EST)...Spencer Ross will handle the play-by-play with Nick Zlataar and Roy Messing handling the color.

OPENING GAME RECAP: Last Friday, in the first ever indoor soccer game at the new Byrne Meadowlands Arena, the Arrows edged the Rockets 7-6 on a goal by Omar Gomez at 6:20 of the fourth period. Brian Alderson got New Jersey on the board first at 3:24 of the opening period with an assist from John Nusum. The Arrows came back with a rush, scoring the next 5 goals. A score by Niels Guldbjerg and 2 by Craig Allen made it 5-4 after three quarters. Steve Zungul, who notched 4 goals on the day, gave New York a 2 goal cushion :19 seconds into the final period. The Rockets battled back again, as Allen and Rausch tied the game at 6 with 10:15 left in the contest. Only 1:35 later, Gomez slipped the gamer past goalkeeper Lou Cioffi, who was filling in for the injured Alan Mayer.

SEASON SERIES: Tonight's game is the second of 6 meetings scheduled between the cross river rivals. The two clubs will meet at the Meadowlands on Wednesday, January 13th and Saturday, March 6th. The other two meetings

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will be at the Nassau Coliseum on Sunday, January 10th and Sunday, April 4th.

SCORING LEADERS: Craig Allen leads the Rockets with 3 points after netting his first 3 goals and the Rockets' first ever hat trick last Friday...Joe Rausch is second on the club with 1 goal and 1 assist.

Steve Zungul leads the Arrows with 4 goals and 2 assists for 6 points...Omar Gomez is second with 1-2-3.

ROCKETS LINEUP: Cioffi(GK), Alderson, Allen, Charbonneau, Greene, Grippo, Grgurev, Guldbjerg, MacKain, Morielli, Nusum, Radovic, Rausch, Reynolds, Vogel, Vaccaro(GK).

INJURY STATUS:

Alan Mayer(GK)	Lacerated finger	out
Hermes Kouropoulos(F)	Knee rehabilitation	out
Steve Ryan(F)	Quad strain	out
John Nusum(D)	Hamstring strain	probable

UPCOMING GAMES: The Rockets travel to Philadelphia for a 1:35 game with the Fever on Saturday, November 28th...Timo Liekoski's club moves up to Buffalo to face the Stallions on Friday, December 4th(8:05 P.M.), before returning to the Meadowlands on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:35 against the Baltimore Blast.

** PLEASE NOTE: The Rockets will be playing an exhibition game on Monday, November 23rd in Baltimore against the Blast. The team bus will be leaving from the Marriott in Saddlebrook, N.J. Any members of the media that would like to join us please let us know sometime tonight. The bus will be departing at 9 A.M. Monday morning.

NEW JERSEY ROCKETS 1981-82 STATISTICS

RECORD: 0-1

#	NAME	GP	G	A	TP	SHTS	PIM	MAG	SH	GW	HT	OT	GT
16	CRAIG ALLEN	1	3	0	3	6	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
19	JOE RAUSCH	1	1	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	BRIAN ALDERSON	1	1	0	1	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	NIELS GULDBJERG	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	HOWIE CHARBONNEAU	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	GERRY MORIELLI	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	JOHN NUSUM	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	CRAIG REYNOLDS	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	GARY VOGEL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	BRANKO RADOVIC	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	MARK MACKAIN	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	STEVE RYAN	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	FRED GRGUREV	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	CHARLEY GREENE	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	HERMES KOUROPOULOS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	TOMMY GRIPPO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	DANNY MCNEVIN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	LOU CIOFFI	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	ALAN MAYER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0	CHRIS VACCARO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTALS-ROCKETS	1	6	4	10	46	10	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS-OPPONENTS	1	7	5	12	43	10	2	0	1	1	0	0

GOALKEEPERS	GP	MIN.	SHOTS FACED	AVG. GAME	SAVES	AVG. GAME	GA	GA AVG.	W-L
LOU CIOFFI	1	60	43	43.0	20	20.0	7	7.00	0-1
ALAN MAYER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHRIS VACCARO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTALS-ROCKETS	1	60	43	43.0	20	20.0	7	7.00	0-1
TOTALS-OPPONENTS	1	60	46	46.0	18	18.0	6	6.00	1-0

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	4	OT	SO	TOTAL
ROCKETS	1	0	3	2	-	-	6
OPPONENTS	3	1	1	2	-	-	7

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	4	OT	SO	TOTAL
ROCKETS	14	11	12	9	-	-	46
OPPONENTS	11	7	10	15	-	-	43

MAN ADVANTAGE	MAG	ATT	PCT
ROCKETS	0	5	00.0
OPPONENTS	2	5	40.0

CAUTIONS: NONE

NEW JERSEY ROCKETS - NUMERICAL ROSTER as of 11/13/81

<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Citizen</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Last Club</u>
0	VACCARO, Chris	GK	6'0"	175	23	U.S.	Camden, N.J.	Baltimore (MISL)
1	MAYER, Alan	GK	6'0"	185	29	U.S.	Northvale, N.J.	California (NASL)
2	REYNOLDS, Craig	D	5'10"	165	28	U.S.	Webster, N.Y.	Chicago (MISL)
3	VOGEL, Gary	D	5'8"	155	25	U.S.	Burnsville, Minn.	Minnesota (NASL)
4	KOUROPOULOS, Hermes	F	5'9"	160	21	Greece	Rutherford, N.J.	Panathinaikos (GR)
5	RADOVIC, Branko	D	5'10"	165	31	Yugoslavia	Spring Valley, N.Y.	Atlanta (NASL)
7	MORIELLI, Gerry	F	5'10"	165	23	Canada	Spring Valley, N.Y.	Baltimore (MISL)
8	ALDERSON, Brian	F	5'7"	160	31	Scotland	Conyers, Ga.	Atlanta (NASL)
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14	MacKAIN, Mark	D	5'9"	160	20	U.S.	Winter Park, Fla.	Atlanta (NASL)
15	RYAN, Steve	F	5'10"	175	25	U.S.	San Jose, Calif.	California (NASL)
16	ALLEN, Craig	F	6'0"	160	22	Gr. Britain	Irvine, Calif.	California (NASL)
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NEW JERSEY ROCKETS GAME SUMMARY

<u>#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>GOALSCORERS</u>	<u>ATT.</u>
1	11/13/81	NEW YORK	L	7-6	1-0	ALLEN(3), ALDERSON, GULDBJERG, RAUSCH	17,625
2	11/20/81	at New York					

N.J. ROCKETS HOME/AWAY GAMES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Time</u>
Nov. 13	Friday	New York		8:05pm
Nov. 20	Friday		New York	
Nov. 28	Saturday		Philadelphia	
Dec. 4	Friday		Buffalo	
Dec. 9	Wednesday	Baltimore		7:35
Dec. 11	Friday		Memphis	
Dec. 12	Saturday		St. Louis	
Dec. 18	Friday		Phoenix	
Dec. 20	Saturday		Denver	
Dec. 27	Sunday	Philadelphia		7:05
Jan. 2	Saturday	Pittsburgh		7:35
Jan. 7	Thursday	Kansas City		7:35
Jan. 10	Sunday		New York	
Jan. 13	Wednesday	New York		7:35
Jan. 22	Friday		Cleveland	
Jan. 23	Saturday		Pittsburgh	
Jan. 28	Thursday	Philadelphia		7:35
Jan. 29	Friday		Baltimore	
Jan. 31	Sunday		Buffalo	
Feb. 5	Friday	Cleveland		7:35
Feb. 7	Sunday	Baltimore		7:05
Feb. 11	Thursday	Pittsburgh		7:35
Feb. 12	Friday		Cleveland	
Feb. 15	Monday	Memphis		7:35
Feb. 19	Friday		Pittsburgh	
Feb. 20	Saturday	Buffalo		1:05
Feb. 25	Thursday	Wichita		7:35
Mar. 6	Saturday	New York		7:35
Mar. 13	Saturday	Denver		7:35
Mar. 16	Tuesday	Phoenix		7:35
Mar. 19	Friday		Wichita	
Mar. 20	Saturday		Kansas City	
Mar. 23	Tuesday	St. Louis		7:35
Mar. 26	Friday	Buffalo		7:35
Mar. 27	Saturday		Philadelphia	
Mar. 28	Sunday		Buffalo	
Apr. 1	Thursday	Philadelphia		7:35
Apr. 3	Saturday	Cleveland		8:05
Apr. 4	Sunday		New York	
Apr. 9	Friday	Pittsburgh		7:35
Apr. 14	Wednesday		Baltimore	
Apr. 17	Saturday		Cleveland	
Apr. 23	Friday	Baltimore		7:35
Apr. 24	Saturday		Philadelphia	