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ARROWS AT NASSAU COLISEUM THIS FRIDAY, NOV. 20

The New York Arrows host the New Jersey Rockets this Friday, Nov. 20 at Nassau Coliseum in the home opener for the defending MISL champions. The Arrows are expected to top last season's opening day crowd of 12,230.

The Arrows' 7-6 victory over the Rockets in the season opener at the Meadowlands on Nov. 13 received mixed notices from Arrows' coach Don Popovic, Major Indoor Soccer League Coach of the Year.

"We scored nine goals that game," Popovic said, "seven of our own and two for them." The "two for them" was a reference by Popovic to two defensive lapses by the Arrows which led to a pair of New Jersey goals.

The Arrows held a 5-1 lead in the third period but the Rockets rallied to tie the score at 6-6 midway through the fourth quarter before Omar Gomez scored the game-winner on an assist from Paul Kitson.

"At 5-1 the game should have been over," Popovic said. "New Jersey came back because we made mistakes. We learned a lot from this game, but I am not disappointed. Any team not playing to its potential that wins is a sign of a good team. There are 43 games to go. We learn from our mistakes. We should be happy and satisfied."

Steve Zungul, who scored four goals against the Rockets, echoed his coach's sentiments. "We have so much talent that our timing and anticipation is not in mid-season form yet," Zungul said. "We've got to get used to playing with each other. It's the mark of a good team when we can win like we did."

Goaltender Shep Messing took a dim view of the proceedings and shaved off his mustache. "Anytime I give up more than five goals," the Long Islander said, "I have to change something."

General manager Rich Altomare looks forward to an exciting season as the Arrows seek an unprecedented fourth straight MISL championship. "Obviously I am apprehensive," Altomare said, "but with a coach like Don Popovic to guide this talented team, I feel that we are the team to beat. After all we are the only champions the league has ever known."



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8:00 PM

Nassau Coliseum

GAME NOTES



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SRO CROWDS HIGHLIGHT MISL SEASON OPENING

Philadelphia (Nov. 16) -- With a pair of standing room only crowds and four other near-sellouts, the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) enjoyed its finest weekend of attendance as the 1981/82 season kicked off last Friday evening.

The seven matches attracted an average of 12,390 excited fans -- for a total weekend attendance of 86,733. By comparison, the average crowd last winter for a MISL game was 7,110 -- the league's highest mark and a 17% per game increase from the previous season.

The weekend games filled MISL arenas to 90% of their capacity.

MISL's newest club, New Jersey Rockets, opened the season at the Meadowlands Arena before 17,625 new indoor soccer fans, who saw the Rockets' exciting comeback wiped out by a fourth quarter Omar Gomez goal and a 7-6 New York Arrows victory. The crowd of 17,625 was the eighth largest in MISL history and second largest home opening crowd in the league's four years.

In Baltimore, added seats in the Civic Center stage expanded it's capacity (from 10,400), but it's 11,100 seats were not enough as over 300 Blast fans were turned away at the gates. The official SRO attendance was 11,119.

Those who managed to find a seat saw a spectacular pre-game audio visual presentation that included an introduction of Blast players from a rocket ship to earth. Baltimore forwards Rob Prentice, Joe Fink and Lou Nagy each scored a pair of goals to lead the Blast to a 7-3 win over Philadelphia in Walt Chyzowych's first game behind the Fever bench.

A standing room only crowd of 15,151 (capacity 15,000) in the Buffalo Aud. and local television watched a pair of MISL newcomers -- Stan Terlecki and Paul Child -- knock off the Stallions. Terlecki's three goals and two assists, and Child's goal and assist, helped the returning Pittsburgh Spirit to an 8-6 win over Buffalo. The SRO crowd was the fourth largest opening night crowd in the MISL.

The Avalanche in Denver showed a near-capacity crowd of 13,399 and a local T.V. audience how much a season's experience is worth when a pair of Charles Carey goals lifted Denver to a 5-3 win over transplanted Kansas City.

St. Louis also showed its experience when the Steamers disappointed 8,353 new MISL fans in Memphis (capacity at Mid-South is 9,500) with an 8-5 win over the Americans.

From a team standpoint, Cleveland enjoyed its weekend on the road with a pair of victories during its only western swing of the season. The Force ruined a good time for 11,340 Pheonix fans with a 6-5 win Friday night, and then used an excellent performance in goal by John Houska to stop the running Avalanche 6-1 in Denver Sunday night.

The MISL's longest season resumes with three contests Friday night, including home openers for three-time defending champion New York Arrows and 1981 runner-up St. Louis Steamers. Coach John Kowalski and the Spirit will bring indoor soccer to Pittsburgh for the first time since March, 1980 with a Saturday night match in the Civic Arena against Philadelphia. e

MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

(as of 11/19/81)

<u>EASTERN DIVISION</u>	<u>WIN</u>	<u>LOSS</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>GAMES BEHIND</u>
Cleveland Force	2	0	1.000	12	6	---
NEW YORK ARROWS	1	0	1.000	7	6	$\frac{1}{2}$
Baltimore Blast	1	0	1.000	7	3	$\frac{1}{2}$
Pittsburgh Spirit	1	0	1.000	8	6	$\frac{1}{2}$
Buffalo Stallions	0	1	.000	6	8	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
New Jersey Rockets	0	1	.000	6	7	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia Fever	0	1	.000	3	7	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

WESTERN DIVISION

St. Louis Steamers	1	0	1.000	8	5	---
Denver Avalanche	1	1	.500	6	9	$\frac{1}{2}$
Wichita Wings	0	0	.000	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas City Comets	0	1	.000	3	5	1
Memphis Americans	0	1	.000	5	8	1
Pheonix Inferno	0	1	.000	5	6	1

<u>Tonight's games:</u>	New Jersey	@	New York	8:05 PM
	Denver	@	Memphis	8:30 PM*
	Kansas City	@	St. Louis	8:35 PM

<u>Saturday's games:</u>	Philadelphia	@	Pittsburgh	8:05 PM
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<u>Sunday's games:</u>	Cleveland	@	Memphis	4:05 PM
	Pheonix	@	Denver	7:35 PM

(all times are EST)

* USA Cable Network MISL Friday night game of the week.

Last weekend's results:

Friday	Nov. 13	New York 7	New Jersey 6
		Baltimore 7	Philadelphia 3
		St. Louis 8	Memphis 5
		Denver 5	Kansas City 3
Saturday	Nov. 14	Pittsburgh 8	Buffalo 6
Sunday	Nov. 15	Cleveland 6	Denver 1

ARROWS FACTS - Game 2

HOME SWEET HOME:

Tonight's game is the first of 22 home games for the Major Indoor Soccer League champion New York Arrows. Prior to the rematch with the New Jersey Rockets, the 1980-81 MISL championship flags will be unfurled from the Nassau Coliseum rafters.

In their first three seasons, the Arrows were 42-7 on home turf.

The Arrows have won all three of their previous home openers defeating Cincinnati 7-2 in 1978, Pittsburgh 13-8 in 1979 and Wichita 7-2 in 1980.

TELEVISION:

This evening's match is the first of 15 to be televised by super-station WOR-TV in New York. Spencer Ross will call the play-by-play alongside Nick Zlatar and Roy Messing, who will provide the color. The telecast will be directed by Stan Epstein.

TOYS FOR TOTS:

The United States Marine Corps Reserve and the Arrows are conducting a Toys for Tots program at tonight's game. Fans attending the game have been asked to donate new toys for distribution to local charities.

THIS BUD'S FOR ZUNGUL:

The Arrows - Budweiser Most Valuable Player award for 1980-81 is being presented this evening to Steve Zungul. The Scoring Machine led the MISL in scoring with 108 goals and 44 assists for 152 points.

PRELIMINARY MATCHES:

Two games involving teams from East Islip will begin at 6:30 PM.

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Ms. Bonni Gershenfeld of Plainview, N.Y. will sing the Star Spangled Banner.

FIRST BALL:

Josh Chapin, 9-year-old son of the late singer Harry Chapin, will kick out the honorary first ball.

CLOWNING AROUND:

Arrows fans will be entertained throughout the season by the silent comedy of Rick O' Shey. When off the field, Rick goes by the name of Mark Stolzenberg. Among his many theatrical credits, is Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus.

HALFTIME:

Teams from the Huntington Boys Club will participate in a short exhibition contest.

THE RIVALRY:

This is the second of six meetings with the expansion New Jersey Rockets in 1981-82. Last Friday night at the Meadowlands Arena, the Arrows held off a late surge by the Rockets and won 7-6. It marked the fourth straight season that the Arrows scored seven goals and won on opening day.

Steve Zungul scored four goals and added two assists before Omar Gomez knocked in the game winner for the Arrows with 8:40 remaining in the match.

LINING UP:

Suiting up for the Arrows tonight will be;

Messing (GK); D'Errico, Michia, Megaloudis, Gazonas, Zungul, Alberto, Gomez, Tarnoczi, Tuksa, Liveric, Strenicer, Clavijo, Kitson, Hegyi, Toth (GK).

Renato Cila will serve the second of his five game suspension.

The Arrows report a healthy squad going into tonight's action.



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ZUNGUL RECEIVES BUDWEISER MVP AWARD

Garden City, N.Y. -- Forward Steve Zungul received the Budweiser Most Valuable Player award for his performance for the New York Arrows during the 1980-81 Major Indoor Soccer League season. The award was presented by Jim Barnicle, Anheuser-Busch district manager, as part of the Arrows' home opener against the New Jersey Rockets at the Nassau Coliseum.

Zungul, who scored 108 goals and added 44 assists for a league-leading 152 points in the team's third straight championship season a year ago, was the overwhelming choice for the Budweiser - Arrows MVP honors in fan balloting.

Budweiser, the world's best-selling beer and the flagship brand of Anheuser Busch, Inc., sponsors each MISL team's selection for most valuable player. The overall Budweiser/MISL Most Valuable Player is then chosen by the news media from among the individual clubs' choices. Zungul was the unanimous selection for the league's Budweiser MVP award last year. The league-wide Budweiser award was presented to Zungul prior to last season's championship game in St. Louis.

Budweiser has long been a leader in support for soccer at all levels throughout the United States, from its sponsorship of teams, leagues and instructional clinics on the youth level to its sponsorship of the MISL All-Star game, the league championship series and the MVP awards.

NEW YORK ARROWS 1981-82 NUMERICAL ROSTER

<u>NO</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>CIT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>LAST MISL CLUB</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
1	Shep Messing	GK	6-0	175	31	USA	4th	New York	Manhasset, NY
2	David D'Errico	D	5-11	165	29	USA	4th	New York	East Meadow, NY
3	Juan Carlos Michia	D	5-7	150	25	GC	3rd	Chicago	Westbury, NY
4	Renato Cila	D	5-10	155	29	GC	4th	New York	Jericho, NY
5	Nicky Megaloudis	D	6-1	180	24	USA	4th	New York	Astoria, NY
6	Billy Gazonas	F	5-5	135	25	USA	1st	-----	Trenton, NJ
7	Steve Zungul	F	6-0	175	27	GC	4th	New York	New York, NY
8	Luis Alberto	F	5-5	155	28	GC	4th	New York	Huntington, NY
9	Omar Gomez	F	5-10	158	26	Arg.	2nd	Wichita	Westbury, NY
10	Mark Liveric	F	5-11	165	28	USA	2nd	Baltimore	Old Bethpage, NY
11	Zoltan Toth	GK	6-3	190	25	GC	2nd	New York	New York, NY
13	Gene Strenicer	D	5-6	148	36	GC	3rd	New York	Westbury, NY
14	Fernando Clavijo	D	5-10	148	25	GC	1st	-----	Great Neck, NY
15	Peter Jianette	F	5-11	155	18	USA	1st	-----	Hicksville, NY
16	Paul Kitson	F	5-8	155	25	GC	2nd	Chicago	Englewood, NJ
18	Michael Collins	D	5-9	150	19	USA	1st	-----	Hicksville, NY
19	George Katakaidis	D	5-9	160	19	Can.	2nd	New York	Uniondale, NY
20	Alex Tarnoczi	F	5-6	159	22	GC	2nd	Hartford	Bethpage, NY
21	Val Tuksa	D	5-11	176	30	GC	3rd	New York	Bellerose, NY
22	Julie Hegyi	F	6-1	168	26	GC	2nd	Hartford	Bethpage, NY

Head Coach: Don Popovic Trainers: Bob Baldwin, Alex Inotay

NEW YORK ARROWS 1981-82 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

<u>NO</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>CIT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>LAST MISL CLUB</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
8	Luis Alberto	F	5-5	155	28	GC	4th	New York	Huntington, NY
4	Renato Cila	D	5-10	155	29	GC	4th	New York	Jericho, NY
14	Fernando Clavijo	D	5-10	148	25	GC	1st	-----	Great Neck, NY
18	Michael Collins	D	5-9	150	19	USA	1st	-----	Hicksville, NY
2	David D'Errico	D	5-11	165	29	USA	4th	New York	East Meadow, NY
6	Billy Gazonas	F	5-5	135	25	USA	1st	-----	Trenton, NJ
9	Omar Gomez	F	5-10	158	26	Arg.	2nd	Wichita	Westbury, NY
22	Julie Hegyi	F	6-1	168	26	GC	2nd	Hartford	Bethpage, NY
15	Peter Jianette	F	5-11	155	18	USA	1st	-----	Hicksville, NY
19	George Katakaidis	D	5-9	160	19	Can.	2nd	New York	Uniondale, NY
16	Paul Kitson	F	5-8	155	25	GC	2nd	Chicago	Englewood, NJ
10	Mark Liveric	F	5-11	165	28	USA	2nd	Baltimore	Old Bethpage, NY
5	Nicky Megaloudis	D	6-1	180	24	USA	4th	New York	Astoria, NY
1	Shep Messing	GK	6-0	175	31	USA	4th	New York	Manhasset, NY
3	Juan Carlos Michia	D	5-7	150	25	GC	3rd	Chicago	Westbury, NY
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NEW YORK ARROWS 1981-82 STATISTICS (Thru Nov. 19, 1981)

RECORD: 1-0

#	PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	SHTS	EFF	PIM	MAG	SH	GW	HT	OT	P-K
7	Steve Zungul	1	4	2	6	13	31%		1			1		
9	Omar Gomez	1	1	2	3	3	33%		1		1			
6	Billy Gazonas	1	1	0	1	1	100%							
22	Julie Hegyi	1	1	0	1	4	25%							
16	Paul Kitson	1	0	1	1	5	0%							
8	Luis Alberto	1	0	0	0			4						
14	Fernando Clavijo	1	0	0	0	1	0%	2						
2	David D'Errico	1	0	0	0	4	0%	2						
10	Mark Liveric	1	0	0	0	4	0%							
5	Nicky Megaloudis	1	0	0	0	4	0%							
3	Juan Carlos Michia	1	0	0	0	2	0%							
13	Gene Strenicer	1	0	0	0									
20	Alex Tarnoczi	1	0	0	0									
21	Val Tuksa	1	0	0	0	2	0%							
ARROWS' TOTALS		1	7	5	12	43	16%	10	2	0	1	1	0	0-0
OPPONENT'S TOTALS		1	6	4	10	46	13%	10	0	0	0	1	0	0-0

#	GOALKEEPERS	GP	MIN	SHTS	AVG.	SAVES	AVG.	GOALS	AVG.	W-L
1	Shep Messing	1	60	46	46.0	18	18.0	6	6.00	1-0
ARROWS' TOTALS		1	60	46	46.0	18	18.0	6	6.00	1-0
OPPONENT'S TOTALS		1	60	43	43.0	20	20.0	7	7.00	0-1

GOALS BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	TOTAL
ARROWS	3	1	1	2	--	7
OPPONENTS	1	0	3	2	--	6

MAN ADVANTAGE	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	PCT.
ARROWS	2	5	40%
OPPONENTS	0	5	0%

FIRST GOAL OF GAME
 ARROWS 0 TIMES
 OPPONENTS 1 TIME (1 LOSS)

CAUTIONS (yellow cards):
 Alberto

GAME SUMMARY

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	RECORD	ARROWS' SCORERS
Nov. 13	@ New Jersey	W	7-6	1-0	Zungul (4), Hegyi, Gazonas, Gomez



NEW YORK ARROWS
1981-82 WOR TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Game Time (EST)	Air Time (EST)
11/20/81	New Jersey @ New York	8:00 PM	LIVE
12/20/81	Buffalo @ New York	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
12/27/81	Pittsburgh @ New York	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
1/8/82	Philadelphia @ New York	8:00 PM	LIVE
1/10/82	New Jersey @ New York	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
1/23/82	New York @ Buffalo	8:00 PM	LIVE
2/14/82	Memphis @ New York	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
2/19/82	New York @ Cleveland	8:00 PM	LIVE
2/21/82	Pheonix @ New York	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
2/26/82	Wichita @ New York	8:00 PM	LIVE
2/27/82	New York @ Baltimore	7:30 PM	8:00 PM
3/7/82	Denver @ New York	2:00 PM	Follows telethon
3/12/82	New York @ St. Louis	8:30 PM	9:00 PM
4/2/82	Baltimore @ New York	8:00 PM	LIVE

SPORTSCHANNEL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Game Time (EST)	Air Time (EST)
11/13/81	New York @ New Jersey	8:00 PM	LIVE
12/3/81	New York @ Denver	9:30 PM	LIVE
12/4/81	New York @ Pheonix	9:30 PM	LIVE
12/13/81	New York @ Memphis	9:30 PM	LIVE
12/18/81	New York @ Pittsburgh	7:30 PM	LIVE
1/3/82	Kansas City @ New York	2:00 PM	LIVE
1/13/82	New York @ New Jersey	7:30 PM	LIVE
1/22/82	Pittsburgh @ New York	8:00 PM	LIVE
1/29/82	Philadelphia @ New York	8:00 PM	LIVE
3/19/82	Cleveland @ New York	8:00 PM	LIVE
4/9/82	New York @ Baltimore	7:30 PM	LIVE
4/10/82	Baltimore @ New York	3:00 PM	LIVE