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GAME #2 - WINGS HOST CHICAGO IN HOME OPENER

PREVIEW IN A NUTSHELL

A new rivalry begins Saturday night when the Wichita Wings host the newest addition to the Major Indoor Soccer League, the Chicago Horizons, in Wichita's home opener at the Kansas Coliseum.

Chicago, featuring goalkeeper Gary Allison and defender Clive Griffiths, spent the past two weeks in an intensive training camp in an indoor facility in St. Louis. Horizons Coach Luis Dabo (loo-EES DAH-boh) feels confident his troops are ready to enter into battle.

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Wichita, league semifinalists in their first season ever last year, will be out for win number one after a 7-2 loss to league champion New York last Saturday. Goalkeeper Keith Van Eron, out since October 31 surgery to his knee, will be back with the Wings for the first time Saturday night.

Game time is 7:35. Tickets are on sale at all Wings ticket outlets and at the gate prior to the game.

GAME FACTS

KICKOFF: 7:35 PM CST, Kansas Coliseum, Saturday, Nov. 22
WICHITA RECORD: 0-1 (16-16 in 1979-80)
CHICAGO RECORD: 0-0 (Game Friday vs. New York in Chicago)
SERIES RECORD: None, Chicago is new franchise
CHICAGO CONTACT: Patty Weber, PR Director (312) 296-9616
Tom Considine, Media Relations, same #
CHICAGO TRAVEL PLANS: Depart Chicago 9:45 AM Nov. 22
Arrive Wichita 11:30 AM Nov. 22
Lodge at Diamond Inn Motel
6815 W. Highway 54, Wichita
(316) 942-2281
Depart Wichita 10:25 AM Nov. 23

RADIO: Wichita's KFH Radio will cut into regular broadcasting with game reports at least once each period, starting at 7:30. Bruce Haertl will conduct post-game show with Wings Coach Roy Turner.

QUOTES

WINGS COACH ROY TURNER ON CHICAGO: "They're an unknown quantity. We haven't been able to prepare for them as we would most teams because we know nothing about them at all. I do know Gary Allison is a fine goalkeeper. He always played well against us last year (when he was with Cleveland)."

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PLAYERS TO WATCH

FOR CHICAGO: The Horizons are heavily weighted on defense, as most of their top players are defensive specialists.

Goalkeeper Gary Allison played with the Cleveland Force last season, posting a won-loss record of 4-10 and a goals against average of 6.34.

Newly acquired defender Clive Griffiths could be the key leader for the Horizons defensive unit. A 25-year-old veteran of North American Soccer League teams in Chicago (The Sting) and Tulsa (the Roughnecks), Griffiths holds the Sting record for most games played (126) and most minutes played (11,357). He was purchased by the Horizons from Tulsa just this past week.

Forward and Assistant Coach Tony Simoes played with the Detroit Lightning last season and could be the mainstay of Chicago's offensive power.

Defender Craig Reynolds is also a former Detroit player and the only Chicago athlete with three seasons in the MISL. He played on the league champion New York Arrows team of 1978-79 and was that team's sixth leading scorer as a defender.

FOR WICHITA: The Wings are known for a balanced scoring attack, but team captain Kevin Kewley has the hottest shot on the team so far, with two goals in the Wings exhibition win over St. Louis and Wichita's first goal against New York.

Last year's leading scorer, Jimmy Ryan, also had two goals vs. St. Louis and had the assist in Kewley's goal against New York.

On defense, veteran George Ley and newcomer Helmut Dudek have both had their impact. Ley scored the winning goal against St. Louis and Dudek rocketed in a penalty shot vs. New York.

In the goal, the home opener marks the return of last year's all-league 'keeper Keith van Eron, who missed last week's game after knee surgery Oct. 31. Mike Dowler, the winning 'keeper against St. Louis and the starter vs. New York, will probably not suit up because of league regulations on number of non-North American residents. More on this later. Rookie Brad Higgs has been impressive and could see considerable playing time depending on Van Eron's recovery.

LAST WEEK

Wichita opened the season against New York, losing 7-2 to the Arrows, who have not lost at home in 23 straight games. Wichita's goals were in the first period, by Kevin Kewley and Helmut Dudek. New York came back from a 2-0 deficit with seven straight tallies for the win. Chicago's regular season begins Friday, Nov. 21 at home against New York.

ROSTERS AND WINGS STATS

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CHICAGO ROSTER

1	Gary Allison	GK	6-0	175
2	Gino Schiraldi	D	5-8	170
3	Juan Carlos Michia	D	5-7	150
4	Craig Reynolds	D	5-9	165
5	Clive Griffiths	D	5-10	160
7	Milan Dovedan	D	6-0	160
9	Warren Green	D	5-4	130
10	Tony Simoes	F	5-8	145
12	Wally Gasior	F	5-9	170
13	Malenkow Jean-Michel	F	5-7	145
14	Giotis Papademetriou	FF	6-0	170
16	Paul Kitson	F	5-8	155
17	Gordon Fearnley	F	5-10	165
18	Horst Fleps	F	5-9	155
19	Herve Guilliod	F	6-0	150
21	Tony Dallas	GK	5-11	160
22	Neal Rickmers	GK	6-0	165
23	Enzo Dipede	GK	5-10	160

Head Coach: Luis Dabo
Assistant Coach: Tony Simoes
Trainer: Dr. John Heffron

WICHITA ROSTER

00	Brad Higgs	GK	5-10	160
1	Keith Van Eron	GK	6-1	180
2	Helmut Dudek	D	5-10	165
3	George Ley	D	5-10	174
4	Hank Liotart	D	5-11	175
6	Don Tobin	F	5-8	150
7	Norman Piper	F	5-6	152
8	Kevin Kewley	F	5-10	168
9	Jimmy Ryan	F	5-9	154
10	Steve Earle	F	5-9	165
11	Kim Roentved	F	5-11	175
12	Jorgen Kristensen	F	5-8	160
14	Joe Howarth	D	5-8	140
15	Mike Powers	F	5-10	165
16	Mike Dowler	GK	5-9	160
17	Keith Gehling	D	6-1	175
19	Mike Custer	F	5-6	150
20	Andy Chapman	F	5-10	160
22	Mike Hobgood	F	5-7	160

Head Coach: Roy Turner
Assistant Coach: George Ley
Trainer: Al Green

NEXT GAME FOR WINGS

WICHITA VS. DENVER AVALANCHE
Friday, Nov. 28, 7:35 PM
Kansas Coliseum

WINGS STATS (After 1 Game)

GAME RESULTS

DATE	RESULTS (home team)	RECORD	GOALS BY	LINE SCORE	ATT.
11-16	New York 7, Wichita 2	0-1	Kewley, Dudek	W-2/0/0/0//2 NY-0/2/2/3//7	12,230

TEAM STATS

NO.	NAME	GP	G	A	TP	SHOTS	PIM	MAG	SH	GW	GT	OT	PK
2	Dudek	1	1	0	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3	Ley	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Liotart	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Tobin	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Piper	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Kewley	1	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Ryan	1	0	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Earle	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Roentved	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Kristensen	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Howarth	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Powers	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Dowler	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Gehling	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Custer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals - Wings		1	2	1	3	42	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals - Opp.		1	7	7	14	49	6	0	0	1	0	0	0

GOALKEEPERS	GP	Minutes	Shots	Avg.	Saves	Avg.	Goals	Avg.	Rec.
16 Dowler	1	60	49	49.0	13	13.0	7	7.0	0-1

KEY TO TEAM STATS: GP - Games Played; G - Goals; A - Assists; TP - Total Points (Goals + Assists); PIM - Penalties in Minutes; MAG - Man Advantage Goals; SH - Short Handed Goals; GW - Game Winning Goals; GT - Game Tying Goals; OT - Overtime Goals; PK - Penalty Kick Goals

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MISL FACTSHEET

SEASON #3 begins Nov. 7, 1980 when Buffalo hosts Cleveland; 1st of 240 games
MISL inaugural game Dec. 22, 1978 when New York hosted Cincinnati at
Nassau Coliseum. Attendance: 10,386

MISL CHAMPIONS : 1979/80 NEW YORK ARROWS, Don Popovic, coach (Def. Houston)
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1978/79 SEASON: 6 teams (N.Y., Phila., Cinn., Pitts., Houston, Cleveland)

1979/80 SEASON: 10 teams (N.Y., Phila., Pitts., Houston, Cleveland, Buffalo,
St. Louis, Detroit, Hartford, Wichita)

1980/81 SEASON: 12 teams:

ATLANTIC

Baltimore Blast
Hartford Hellions
New York Arrows
Philadelphia Fever

CENTRAL

Buffalo Stallions
Chicago Horizons
Cleveland Force
St. Louis Steamers

WESTERN

Denver Avalanche
Phoenix Inferno
San Francisco Fog
Wichita Wings

THIS SEASON:

Each club plays 40 games (6 vs. each division opponent; 2-3 vs. others)
(an increase of 8 from last year; increase of 16 from 78/79)

20-22 players on active list

16 dress for games; 13 must be North American citizens

PLAYOFFS: 8 teams qualify (Top 2 each division; next 2 best records)

Quarterfinals: Best-of-3 (full games). Team with better record
gains home field advantage

Semifinals: 1 game series. 4 teams playing doubleheader at
St. Louis Checkerdome March 27, 1981

Championship Final '81: 1 game at Checkerdome March 29, 1981

TELEVISION: USA Network carries MISL Game-of-the-Week every Friday night
thru season into over 5 million homes in 48 states and
Puerto Rico. Jim Karvellas & Kyle Rote Jr. call the action.

ALL STAR MATCH '81: at Madison Square Garden Feb. 11
2nd Annual Game - Stars picked by MISL players
Last year: Central Division upset Atlantic, 9-4 in
St. Louis before 16,892

COACHES: 5 of 12 are first-time MISL coaches (Dabo in Chic; Clements in
Denver; Kowalski in Hartford; Sutherland in Phoenix;
Moore in S.F.)

Top coaching record: Don Popovic, N.Y. Arrows 43-13 .768

MISL AWARD WINNERS: MVP: Steve Zungul, NY 79/80 Steve Zungul, NY 78/79
Coach-of-Year: Pat McBride, StL; Len Bilous, Pitt 79/80
Timo Liekoski, Houston 78/79

Rookie-of-Year: Jim Sinclair, Buffalo 79/80

Scoring Champion: Steve Zungul, NY (90 goals, 46 asst = 136 pts) 79/80
Fred Grgurev, Phila. (46-28=74) 78/79

ATTENDANCE: MISL surpassed 1 million in its second season with a
37 % per game increase. A similar increase this winter will
put attendance over the 2 million mark.

TOP CROWDS: The St. Louis Steamers at the Checkerdome were the sports
phenomenon of America last year. The Steamers -- a last place
team -- averaged 14,060 fans per game. 11 of MISL's top 15
crowds were recorded in St. Louis.
Top 4: 19,229 vs. Phila. 2/22/80; 19,108 vs. Det. 1/5/80; 18,005
vs. Hartford 12/14/79; 17,180 vs. Cleve 3/7/80.

MISL HEADQUARTERS: EARL FOREMAN, Commissioner

ED TEPPER, Deputy Commissioner

DR. JOE MACHNIK, Referee-In-Chief