

Game Notes and Preview

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THUNDER ROLLS INTO HORIZON...

The expansion Illinois Thunder (2-2) is in town to take on our Chicago Power this evening, and the Power plans to be no gracious host. In the National Professional Soccer League pre-season tournament in October at the Sports Club, Chicago bounced the Thunder 10-2 in the opening game, to begin what should be a heated rivalry for the duration of the season and beyond. The Power surged from there to capture the tournament title, its third in as many seasons.

WITH "POWER-PACKED" LINE-UP ...

Chicago's newest National Division rival knew where to begin shopping for players when it joined the NPSL last spring. Illinois is paced by forwards Paul Kitson (team-leading 12 points), Matt Knowles, and former Power Zoltan Meszaros. Midfielder Oscar Albuquerque, obtained from the Power in the NPSL expansion draft, has established himself as the team's playmaker by registering four assists in as many games. In the goal, Mark Simpson (former Power back-up) has emerged as the starter. David Wolf and Jonathan Hall, both from the Chicago area, anchor the Thunder defense.

POWER READY FOR THUNDER ...

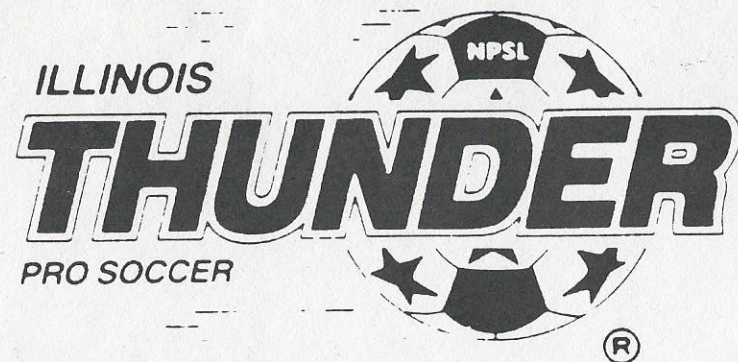
The Power returns to the Horizon this evening after a Friday evening encounter at the Omni in Atlanta, the home opener for the Attack. Chicago looks to even its slate at home tonight after a season-opening 12-9 loss to Dayton at the Horizon last Sunday. In that loss, midfielder Viktor Jakovljevic provided much of the excitement for the Power, netting one two-point goal and adding two assists. Mirko Castillo pumped in two two-pointers, the latter on a beautiful head shot off a feed from Viktor. Player/coach Pato Margetic flashed the brilliant footwork fans grew to love over his many exciting years with the Chicago Sting. Rookie Jay Rensink made his debut in the fourth quarter and came within inches of registering his first professional goal.

NEXT HOME GAME: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 VS. ATLANTA ATTACK

The Power travels to the chocolate city next weekend to meet the Hershey Impact on Sunday, before returning to the Horizon for a rematch with Saeed Bakhtiari, Yaro Dachniwsky, and the rest of the Atlanta Attack on Tuesday, December 4 at 7:35 p.m. Atlanta has done anything but Attack in its first two matches, dropping road decisions 27-13 to Canton and 19-4 to Hershey. For tickets, stop by the Horizon Box Office, or call TicketMaster at (312) 559-1212



NO	PLAYER'S NAME	POS
0	Manny Sanchez	GK
1	Russ Prince	GK
2	Ko Thanadabouth	D
3	Ed Puskarick	D/M
4	Mike Richardson	D
5	Brett Hall	D
6	Toni Carbognani	D
7	Viktor Jakovljevic	M
8	Teddy Krafft	M
9	Manny Rojas	M/F
10	Pato Margetic	M/F
11	Mirko Castillo	F
14	Tom Isirov	D
15	Albert Adade	D
23	Jay Rensink	M/F
30	Mark Berry	GK
77	Batata	F



NO	PLAYER'S NAME	POS
0	Mark Simpson	GK
2	Jonathan Hall	D
3	Keenan Mikal	D
4	Joe Mueller	D
5	Dave Wolf	D
6	Matt Knowles	D
7	Alex Umanski	M
8	Nassim Olabi	M
9	Marcelo Draguicevich	F
10	Paul Kitsom	F
11	John Stone	F
12	Rafeal Amaya	D
13	Oscar Albuquerque	M
14	Zoltan Mezaros	M
31	Frank Arlasky	GK