



NEW JERSEY ROCKETS

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ROCKETS MEDIA NOTES

Cleveland Force at NEW JERSEY ROCKETS
Friday, February 5, 1982

The Rockets try to snap a 5 game losing streak tonight as the club opens a 3 game home stand with All-Star defender Ian Anderson making his debut as interim coach for New Jersey.

TEAM FACTS

RECORD: 4-13 HOME: 1-5 AWAY: 3-8 VS EAST: 1-11 VS WEST 3-2
OT: 1-1 ONE GOAL: 1-5 NOVEMBER: 1-2 HOME: 0-1 AWAY: 1-1
DECEMBER: 2-5 HOME: 1-3 AWAY: 1-2 JANUARY: 1-6 HOME: 1-2
AWAY: 0-4 FEBRUARY: _____ HOME: _____ AWAY: _____ MARCH: _____
HOME: _____ AWAY: _____ APRIL: _____ HOME: _____ AWAY: _____
TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE: 50,756 TOTAL AWAY ATTENDANCE: 97,446
AVG. HOME ATTENDANCE: 8,459 AVG. AWAY ATTENDANCE: 8,859
AVG. COMBINED ATTENDANCE: 8,718 TOTAL COMBINED ATTENDANCE: 148,202

SEASON SERIES: ROCKETS-Force

Tonight's game is the second of 5 scheduled meetings between the 2 clubs during the 1981-82 season. On January 22, the Rockets lost to the Force 8-5. New Jersey fell behind 3-0 only 6 minutes into the first quarter and trailed until 5:35 of the third period when Joe Horvath tied it at 5-5 with his second goal of the night. Force defender John Victor then scored twice within a 5 minute span to ice it for Cleveland.

SERIES SCORING:

ROCKETS

	G	A	TP
Grgurev	1	2	3
Horvath	2	0	2
Anderson	1	0	1
Alderson	1	0	1
Rausch	0	1	1
Vogel	0	1	1

TOTAL 5 4 9

FORCE

	G	A	TP
Look	1	3	4
Cohen	1	1	2
Davidson	2	0	2
Nanchoff	2	0	2
Victor	2	0	2
Barry	0	1	1
Condric	0	1	1
Dewsnip	0	1	1
Furphy	0	1	1

TOTAL 8 8 16



LAST GAME:

The Rockets managed only 21 shots, including a team record low of 1 shot in the third quarter, as New Jersey fell to the Buffalo Stallions 5-1 at Memorial Auditorium on Sunday, January 31. Buffalo scored three times in the opening period and twice in the final stanza to improve their record to 9-11. Joe Horvath netted the only goal for the Rockets in a game which saw both teams employ a slow down offense.

NEXT GAME:

The Rockets continue their three game home stand when they host the hot Baltimore Blast on Sunday, February 7 at 7:05 P.M. Baltimore holds a 2-0 lead in the series, including a 9-2 win in Baltimore last Friday when Joe Fink tied an MISL record with 7 goals in one game.

INJURY REPORT:

*Disabled list

*Ilan Ben-Dror	Knee rehabilitation	Out
Craig Allen	Knee rehabilitation	Question.
*Danny McNevin	Knee rehabilitation	Question.
Ian Anderson	Inflamed knee	Probable

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES:

Billy Boljevic is 2nd on the Rockets in goals(10) and points(15)...Fred Grgurev leads the team in goals(17), points(21), MAG(4), and penalty minutes(10). The MISL's 2nd All-Time scorer has yet to record a Hat Trick this season, but has 4- 2 goal games...Niels Guldbjerg is 4th on the club in goals(5) and 5th in points(8), despite not playing in 4 of the last 5 games...Joe Horvath has scored 3 goals in 4 games since joining the Rockets...Stewart Jump has notched 5 assists in only 6 games since joining the Rockets, tying him for 3rd place on the team in that department. He has 3 assists in his last 2 games...Joe Rausch is 3rd on the Rockets in goals(6) and points(14), and 1st in assists(8). He has 1 of the club's 2 hat tricks... Steve Ryan is second on the Rockets in assists-6 and 4th in total points(9).

ROCKET SHOTS:

- The club is 3-3 when they've scored 5 or more goals in a game; 1-10 when they've scored 4 or less.
- 5 of the teams 13 losses were by 1 goal; of the 5 home losses, 4 were by 1 goal.
- New Jersey has scored 6 goals in the last 3 games; 17 in the last 6 ; 22 in the last 9 games.
- Longest winning streak: 2 games
Longest losing streak: 3 games
- Largest margin of victory: 3 goals
Largest margin of defeat: 7 goals
- Average age of current roster: 27
- The Rockets extended the contract of defender Gary Vogel through the end of the current season.

- Rockets have been outscored 48-24 in the first half of games, but only 45-35 in the second half.
- Rockets have been outshot by an average of 6 shots/game and outscored by an average of 2 goals/game.

OPENING CEREMONY:

The first ball will be kicked out by Bob Stanton, son of Tom Stanton, Chairman of the board of First Jersey National Bank.

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Markel a/k

NEW JERSEY ROCKETS 1981-82 STATS

SEASON RECORD: 4-13

#	PLAYER	GP	G	A	TP	SHTS	PIM	MAG	SH	GW	HT	OT	GT	PK
18	FRED GRGUREV	17	17	4	21	161	10	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
6	BILLY BOLJEVIC	13	10	5	15	57	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
19	JOE RAUSCH	17	6	8	14	102	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
15	STEVE RYAN	15	3	6	9	40	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	NIELS GULDBJERG	13	5	3	8	49	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	BRIAN ALDERSON	10	3	2	5	53	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	CHARLEY GREENE	17	2	3	5	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	STEWART JUMP	6	0	5	5	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	GARY VOGEL	17	1	3	4	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	CRAIG REYNOLDS	14	2	2	4	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	IAN ANDERSON	5	2	2	4	22	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	CRAIG ALLEN	2	3	0	3	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	JOE HORVATH	4	3	0	3	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	HOWIE CHARBONNEAU	13	0	1	1	20	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	TOMMY GRIPPO	6	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	*ILAN BEN-DROR	3	0	1	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	ALAN MAYER	13	0	1	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	BRANKO RADOVIC	17	0	0	0	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	MARK MACKAIN	11	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	CHRIS VACCARO	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	*DANNY MCNEVIN	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	LOU CIOFFI	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	OTHERS		2	6	8	47	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS-ROCKETS		17	60	52	112	698	62	6	0	4	2	1	0	1
TOTALS-OPPONENTS		17	94	80	174	795	58	10	0	13	5	1	2	1

GOALKEEPERS	GP	MIN.	SHTS	AVG.	SAVES	AVG.	GA	AVG.	W-L
ALAN MAYER	13	755	545	43.3	229	18.2	63	5.01	3-9
LOU CIOFFI	2	80	66	49.6	27	20.3	7	5.26	0-1
BRANKO RADOVIC	6	12	7	38.9	4	22.2	1	5.56	0-0
CHRIS VACCARO	4	194	177	54.8	78	24.1	23	7.12	1-3
TOTALS-ROCKETS	17	1041	795	45.8	338	19.5	94	5.42	4-13
TOTALS-OPPONENTS	17	1041	698	40.2	296	17.1	60	3.46	13-4

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT	MAN ADVANTAGE SITUATIONS			
							MAG	ATT	PCT	PK EFF.
ROCKETS	10	14	20	15	1	60	6	27	22.2	65.5
OPPONENTS	22	26	25	20	1	94	10	29	34.5	77.8

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT	MAG BY PERIOD					
							1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
ROCKETS	168	158	175	188	9	698	1	0	3	2	0	6
OPPONENTS	180	193	193	215	14	795	2	2	2	4	0	10

CAUTIONS: (2)- GRGUREV, OTHERS

*NOTE-CURRENTLY ON DISABLED LIST

GP-GAMES PLAYED; G-GOALS; A-ASSISTS; TP-TOTAL POINTS; SHTS-SHOTS; PIM-PENALTIES IN MINUTES; MAG-MAN ADVANTAGE GOALS; SH-SHORT HANDED GOALS; GW-GAME WINNING GOALS HT-HAT TRICKS; GT-GAME TYING GOALS; PK-PENALTY KICKS; GA-GOALS AGAINST;

NEW JERSEY ROCKETS NUMERICAL ROSTER AS OF 1/19/82

<u>NO</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>PCS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>CITIZEN</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>LAST CLUB</u>
0	Chris VACCARO	GK	6-0	175	23	U.S.	Camden, N.J.	Baltimore (MISL)
1	Alan MAYER	GK	6-0	185	29	U.S.	Northvale, N.J.	California (NASL)
2	Craig REYNOLDS	D	5-10	165	28	U.S.	Spring Valley, N.Y.	Chicago (MISL)
3	Gary VOGEL	D	5-8	155	25	U.S.	Hawthorne, N.J.	Minnesota (NASL)
4	Tommy GRIPPO	F	5-7	155	25	U.S.	Nyack, N.Y.	Buffalo (MISL)
5	Branko RADOVIC	D	5-10	165	31	Yugoslavia	Spring Valley, N.Y.	Atlanta (NASL)
6	Billy BOLJEVIC	F	6-0	195	29	Yugoslavia	New York, N.Y.	N.Y. Eagles (ASL)
7	Joe HORVATH	F	6-1	175	32	U.S.	Rochester, N.Y.	San Jose (NASL)
8	Brian ALDERSON	F	5-7	160	31	Scotland	New City, N.Y.	Atlanta (NASL)
9	Lou CIOFFI	GK	6-0	170	24	U.S.	Nyack, N.Y.	Atlanta (NASL)
10	Niels GULDBJERG	F	5-8	150	23	Denmark	Nyack, N.Y.	Detroit (ASL)
11	Howie CHARBONNEAU	D	5-9	165	26	U.S.	Hawthorne, N.J.	N.Y. Eagles (ASL)
13	Stewart JUMP	F	5-9	155	29	Gr. Brit.	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Minnesota (NASL)
14	Mark MacKAIN	D	5-9	160	20	U.S.	Monsey, N.Y.	Atlanta (NASL)
15	Steve RYAN	F	5-10	175	25	U.S.	Spring Valley, N.Y.	California (NASL)
16	Craig ALLEN	F	6-0	160	22	Gr. Brit.	Spring Valley, N.Y.	California (NASL)
18	Fred GRGUREV	F	6-0	165	30	U.S.	Alpine, N.J.	New York (MISL)
19	Joe RAUSCH	F	5-9	170	34	W. Germany	New City, N.Y.	Dallas (NASL)
20	*Danny McNEVIN	F	5-9	155	22	U.S.	Monsey, N.Y.	U.S. Olympic Team
21	Charley GREENE	F	5-10	165	22	U.S.	Monsey, N.Y.	Ft. Lauderdale (NASL)
22	Ian ANDERSON	D	6-0	165	27	Scotland	Cleveland, Ohio	Cleveland (MISL)
28	*Ilan BEN-DROR	F	5-10	165	22	Israel	Monsey, N.Y.	Maccabi, L.A.

HEAD COACH: Ian Anderson (Interim)
ASST. COACH: Jay "Dusty" Hoffman
HEAD TRAINER: Todd Snyder

EQUIPMENT MGR./ASST. TRAINER: Jim Ross
MASSEUR: Italo Torchiani

NEW JERSEY ROCKETS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER AS OF 1/19/82

<u>NO</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>CITIZEN</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>LAST CLUB</u>
8	ALDERSON, Brian	F	5-7	160	31	Scotland	New City, N.Y.	Atlanta (NASL)
16	ALLEN, Craig	F	6-0	160	22	Gr. Brit.	Spring Valley, N.Y.	California (NASL)
22	ANDERSON, Ian	D	6-0	165	27	Scotland	Cleveland, Ohio	Cleveland (MISL)
28	*BEN-DROR, Ilan	F	5-10	165	22	Israel	Monsey, N.Y.	Maccabi, L.A.
6	BOLJEVIC, Billy	F	6-0	195	29	Yugoslavia	New York, N.Y.	N.Y. Eagles (ASL)
11	CHARBONNEAU, Howie	D	5-9	165	26	U.S.	Hawthorne, N.J.	N.Y. Eagles (ASL)
9	CIOFFI, Lou	GK	6-0	170	24	U.S.	Nyack, N.Y.	Atlanta (NASL)
21	GREENE, Charley	F	5-10	165	22	U.S.	Monsey, N.Y.	Ft. Lauderdale (NASL)
4	GRIPPO, Tommy	F	5-7	155	25	U.S.	Nyack, N.Y.	Buffalo (MISL)
18	GRGUREV, Fred	F	6-0	165	30	U.S.	Alpine, N.J.	New York (MISL)
10	GULDBJERG, Niels	F	5-8	150	23	Denmark	Nyack, N.J.	Detroit (ASL)
7	HORVATH, Joe	F	6-1	175	32	U.S.	Rochester, N.Y.	San Jose (NASL)
13	JUMP, Stewart	F	5-9	155	29	Gr. Brit.	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Minnesota (NASL)
14	MacKAIN, Mark	D	5-9	160	20	U.S.	Monsey, N.Y.	Atlanta (NASL)
1	MAYER, Alan	GK	6-0	185	29	U.S.	Northvale, N.J.	California (NASL)
20	*McNEVIN, Danny	F	5-9	155	22	U.S.	Monsey, N.Y.	U.S. Olympic Team
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15	RYAN, Steve	F	5-10	175	25	U.S.	Spring Valley, N.Y.	California (NASL)
0	VACCARO, Chris	GK	6-0	175	23	U.S.	Camden, N.J.	Baltimore (MISL)
3	VOGEL, Gary	D	5-8	155	25	U.S.	Hawthorne, N.J.	Minnesota (NASL)

* Disabled List

MISL STANDINGS(AS OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH- A.M.)

<u>EASTERN DIVISION</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>
New York	13	3	.813	-	129	82
Pittsburgh	15	4	.789	-	115	93
Baltimore	14	6	.700	1	99	90
Buffalo	9	11	.450	6	130	121
Cleveland	8	11	.421	6 1/2	102	107
Philadelphia	7	14	.333	8 1/2	92	116
ROCKETS	4	13	.235	9 1/2	60	94

<u>WESTERN DIVISION</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>
St. Louis	17	3	.850	-	110	67
Wichita	11	9	.550	6	100	89
Denver	9	10	.474	7 1/2	84	89
Memphis	10	13	.435	8 1/2	125	139
Phoenix	7	15	.318	11	113	142
Kansas City	5	17	.227	13	82	114

LAST NIGHT'S RESULT

Kansas City 6 Wichita 5

TODAY'S GAMES

Cleveland at ROCKETS, 7:35
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7:35
New York at Buffalo, 8:05
Wichita at Memphis, 7:35
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 7:35

SATURDAY'S GAMES

New York at Baltimore, 7:35
Denver at Kansas City, 7:35

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Baltimore at ROCKETS, 7:05
Buffalo at Cleveland, 1:05
Kansas City at St. Louis, 2:05
Phoenix at Wichita, 6:05
Philadelphia at Denver, 5:35

ALL TIMES LOCAL

ROCKETS 1981-82 GAME SUMMARY

#	DATE	OPPONENT	W-L	SCORE	RECORD	GOALSCORERS	ATTEND.
1	11/13/81	NEW YORK	L	7-6	0-1	ALLEN(3), ALDERSON GULDBJERG, RAUSCH	17,625
2	11/20/81	@New York	L	9-2	0-2	GRIPPO, GRGUREV	12,118
3	11/28/81	@Philadelphia	W	5-3	1-2	BOLJEVIC(2), GRGUREV REYNOLDS, RYAN	11,273
4	12/4/81	@Buffalo	L	9-3	1-3	GRGUREV(2), REYNOLDS	10,755
5	12/9/81	BALTIMORE	L	4-3 OT	1-4	GRGUREV, GULDBJERG RYAN	7,349
6	12/11/81	@Memphis	L	7-6	1-5	GRGUREV(2), GULDBJERG BOLJEVIC, MORIELLI, RYAN	4,495
7	12/12/81	@St. Louis	W	5-2	2-5	BOLJEVIC(2), GREENE, GRGUREV, GULDBJERG	17,314
8	12/18/81	@Phoenix	W	8-5	3-5	GRGUREV(2), BOLJEVIC, GREENE, GULDBJERG, MORIELLI, RAUSCH, VOGEL	7,212
9	12/20/81	@Denver	L	4-1	3-6	GRGUREV	8,412
10	12/27/81	PHILADELPHIA	L	4-3	3-7	GRGUREV(2), BOLJEVIC	8,279
11	1/2/82	PITTSBURGH	L	4-1	3-8	GRGUREV	6,741
12	1/7/82	KANSAS CITY	W	4-3 OT	4-8	RAUSCH(3), BOLJEVIC	4,814
13	1/10/82	@New York	L	7-2	4-9	ALDERSON, GRGUREV	6,518
14	1/22/82	@Cleveland	L	8-5	4-10	HORVATH(2), ALDERSON GRGUREV, ANDERSON	4,098
15	1/28/82	PHILADELPHIA	L	4-3	4-11	BOLJEVIC(2), RAUSCH	5,948
16	1/29/82	@Baltimore	L	9-2	4-12	ANDERSON, GRGUREV	8,160
17	1/31/82	@Buffalo	L	5-1	4-13	HORVATH	7,091