

GAME NOTES - WICHITA VS. CHICAGO - Wednesday, March 18, 1981 - Kansas Coliseum - 7:35 PM

HOME: 18-2

AWAY: 5-16 (5-15)

PLACE: First in Western Division

QUARTERFINAL SEED: Third

WICHITA RECORD: 23-18 (23-17 in Regular Season) CHICAGO RECORD: 21-20 (20-20 in Regular)

HOME: 14-7 (13-7)

AWAY: 7-13

PLACE: Third in Central Division

QUARTERFINAL SEED: Sixth

PLAYOFF INFO

Chicago 4, Wichita 3 at Chicago 7:35 PM March 18 at Wichita 6:05 PM March 22 at Wichita

WICHITA'S TOP FIVE SCORERS

- 1. Jorgen Kristensen (14 G, 52 A, 66 TP)
- 2. Kevin Kewley (26, 32, 58)
- 3. Jimmy Ryan (27, 25, 52)
- 4. Kim Roentved (28, 14, 42)
- 5. Andy Chapman (29, 12, 41)

WICHITA GOALKEEPERS

- 1. Mike Dowler (4.12 GAA, 16-12)
- 2. Brad Higgs (6.11 GAA, 2-3)

CHICAGO'S TOP FIVE SCORERS

- 1. Paul Kitson (33 G, 18 A, 51 TP)
- 2. Tony Simoes (7, 25, 32)
- 3. Wally Gasior (10, 19, 29)
- 4. Miguel Filardo (18, 10, 28)
- 5. Ben Popoola (20, 8, 28)

CHICAGO GOALKEEPERS

- 1. Enzo DiPede (4.06 GAA, 10-6)
- 2. Gary Allison (4.93 GAA, 10-14)

PAST GAMES

Nov. 22 at Wichita Wichita 5, Chicago 4 (OT)

Dec. 10 at Chicago Wichita 7, Chicago 6

March 12 at Chicago Chicago 4, Wichita 3 Ley (W), Guilliod (C), Piper (W), Piper (W), Guilliod (C), Dudek (W), Reynolds (C), Michia (C), Piper (W) Earle (W), Piper (W), Chapman (W), Simoes (C), Popoola (C), Kitson (C), Ryan (W), Piper (W), Michia (C), Guilliod (C), Kewley (W), Ryan (W), Simoes (C)

Filardo (C), Kitson (C), Chapman (W), Kitson (C), Ogunsuyi (C), Chapman (W), Chapman (W)

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MUST WIN FOR WINGS

Tonight's game is a "must-win" situation for the Wichita Wings. Indeed, the Wings will be eliminated from the MISL playoffs with their very next loss as Chicago holds a 1-0 advantage in the best two-of-three quarterfinal playoffs.

KITSON ONE TO WATCH FOR HORIZONS It was Paul Kitson and the Horizon's blazing team speed which prevailed in Chicago's 4-3 playoff victory at Chicago last Thursday (March 12). Kitson scored two of Chicago's four goals and his speed kept the Wings on guard, and off their offense, through the first three periods.

RETURN OF PIPER COULD BE CRUCIAL FOR WINGS Norman Piper, the Wings hustling forward, missed the first playoff game with a hamstring pull but is expected to return for tonight's game. He had a hat trick in Wichita's 5-4 win over Chicago in the Wings home opener Nov. 22 and had two goals in Wichita's 7-6 win Dec. 10 to become the leading scorer for either team in the series.

TWO TEAMS MEET SUNDAY IF WICHITA WINS TONIGHT Should Wichita win tonight and tie up the series 1-1, the two teams will meet in the deciding contest Sunday, March 22, at 6:05 PM at the Kansas Coliseum. The game was moved from a 2:05 starting time to allow Wings fans to watch the NCAA Basketball starting time to allow since either Kansas University or Regionals on television, since either Kansas University or Wichita State will be playing Sunday afternoon.

TOP TWO 'KEEPERS IN LEAGUE TO MEET Tonight's battle will also be a match between the top two goalkeepers in the Major Indoor Soccer League. Chicago's two DiPede was the winner Thursday at Chicago, holding the Enzo DiPede was the winner Thursday at Chicago, holding the Wings scoreless for three full periods. He finished the season with the best statistics in the MISL with a 4.06 goals against with a 4.06 goals against with a 4.12 goals against average, but earned bragging rights with a 4.12 goals against average, but earned bragging rights with a 4.12 goals against average, but earned bragging rights as the top full-time starter, as DiPede played in only 16 as the top full-time starter, as DiPede played in only 16 games to Dowler's 28. Because of that, Dowler will probably get credit for the MISL season record, previously held by Houston's Paul Hammond (4.16) in 1978-79.

CHAPMAN HOT FOR WINGS

Wichita's Andy Chapman is the hottest player on the Wings squad with 12 goals in his last five games, including a hat trick for all three Wichita goals in the first playoff game trick for all three Wichita goals in the record with 29 goals against Chicago. Chapman set a Wings club record with 29 goals in the regular season and now has 32 counting his playoff goals in the regular season and now has 32 counting his playoff goals. He had four goals March 7 against San Francisco amd a hat trick He had four goals March 7 against San tricks in the past three Feb. 24 against Phoenix for three hat tricks in the past three weeks.

KRISTENSEN CONTINUES AS LEAGUE'S TOP PLAYMAKER Wichita's Jorgen Kristensen, the Danish International star who set MISL records with his 52 regular season assists, continued his fine play with two assists in the first playoff game at Chicago. He is the only player in North American soccer history to record 50 or more assists in a single season.

WICHITA INJURIES

Only two players are injured for the Wings and both are probable for tonight's game. Norman Piper has a pulled hamstring and Kevin Kewley a strained Achilles tendon.

WINGS AT HOME

Wichita is extremely tough at home, where the Wings had the best regular season record in the MISL at 18-2. In Wichita's last six home games, the Wings have defeated their opponents by a combined total of 44 goals to just 16 for the opponents, an average score of 7.3 to 2.7. Mike Dowler has been the winning goalkeeper each time and has a 12-1 mark at home with a 2.64 goals against average.

Through the season, the Wings have outscored their opponents 144-65 at home for a 7.2 - 3.25 average winning score.

Wichita's last loss at home was an 8-6 defeat against St. Louis Jan. 30. The only other loss was in overtime to Cleveland 6-5 Dec. 11.

CHICAGO PLAYS
'EM CLOSE

The Horizons have not been blown out this season, however, losing only three games by more than two goals, and none by more than three goals. The Horizons defeated St. Louis four games out of six, including twice at St. Louis. In three games with New York, Chicago lost twice in overtime and once by one goal at New York.

WHO'S HOT FOR HORIZONS VS. WINGS

WHO'S HOT FOR WINGS VS. CHICAGO

Leading point scorers for Wichita vs. Chicago:

Jorgen Kristensen....0 goals....7 assists.....7 points

Kevin Kewley......1 goal.....5 assists.....6 points

Norman Piper.......5 goals....0 assists.....5 points

Jimmy Ryan......2 goals....2 assists.....4 points

Andy Chapman......4 goals....0 assists.....4 points

CHICAGO TRAVEL PLANS

The Horizons came into town Tuesday evening and are lodging at the Wichita Royale, phone 263-2101. They will remain in Wichita until Sunday's game, if necessary.

STREAKS

Wichita has a six-game winning streak going at home. Andy Chapman has a five game goal scoring streak. Jorgen Kristensen has a 20-game streak scoring a goal or an assist, dating back to Wichita's Jan. 18 game at St. Louis. Kim Roentved has scored a goal in 11 of Wichita's last 14 games.

ALSO AVAILABLE

Wichita Statistics and Game-by-Game Results; Wichita Roster and Player Profiles; Updated Wichita Records; Wichita Statistical Leaders By Categories; MISL Final Stats and Standings; Chicago Game Notes and Statistics

REGULAR SEASON AND PLAYOFFS

WICHITA WINGS AGAINST CHICAGO HORIZONS

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FACTS ABOUT THE WICHITA/CHICAGO SERIES:

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WINNING GOALKEEPERS-

Keith Van Eron and Brad Higgs split time in Wichita's 5-4 OT victory. Since Higgs played the second half and the OT period, he earned the goalkeeper win.

In the only road victory of the series, Keith Van Eron was the winning goalkeeper, as Wichita claimed a 7-6 triumph.

Enzo DiPede shut out the Wings during the first three periods of the playoff game, and ultimately gained the win, with the Horizons taking a 4-3 final tally.

HAT TRICKS-

Norman Piper on 11-22-80 (includes game-winning, OT goal, in 5-4 Wings win) Andy Chapman in playoff game, on

3-12-81 (all three goals came in 4th quarter; were Wichita's only scores)

WICHITA WINGS FINAL STATISTICS 1980-81

OVERALL RECORD: 23-17

HOME RECORD: 18-2

ROAD RECORD: 5-15

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^{* -} Sold to Philadelphia Fever Jan. 16, 1981

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS: NO. - number; P - position (goalkeeper, defender or forward); GP - games played; G - goals; A - assists; TP - total points (one per goal, one per assist); SHTS - shots; PIM - penalties in minutes; MAG - man advantage goals; SHG - short handed goals; GWG - game winning goals; OTG - overtime goals; GTG - game tying goals (to put game into overtime); PKG - penalty kick goals; HT - hat tricks

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DATE		WICHITA RECORD	GOALS BY:	ATT.	LINESCORE
11-16	New York 7, Wichita 2	0-1	Kewley, Dudek	12,230	W-2 0 0 0 - 2 NY-0 2 2 3 - 7
11-22	Wichita 5, Chicago 4 (OT)	1-1	Piper (3), Ley, Dudek	4,886	C-1 1 1 1 (0) - 4 W-2 2 0 0 (1) - 5
11-28	Wichita 10, Denver 5	2-1	Piper (2), Tobin (2), Kewley (2), Chapman, Ryan, Dudek, Custer	3,811	D-1 2 0 2 - 5 W-3 4 1 2 - 10
11-29	Phoenix 5, Wichita 4	2-2	Roentved, Kewley, Earle, Kristensen	12,660	W-1 2 1 0 - 4 P-0 1 1 3 - 5
12-2	Wichita 5, New York 4	3-2	Dudek (2), Ryan, Earle, Kewley	2,828	NY-1 2 0 1 - 4 W-0 0 3 2 - 5
12 - 5	Wichita 4, Philadelphia 3	4-2	Piper (2), Roentved (2) 3,771	P-0 2 0 1 - 3 W-1 2 0 1 - 4
12-7	Wichita 8, San Francisco 4	5 - 2	Piper (2), Ryan (2), Roentved (2), Dudek, L	3 , 178 ey	SF-0 0 2 2 - 4 W-0 3 2 3 - 8
12-10	Wichita 7, Chicago 6	6-2	Piper (2), Ryan (2), Kewley, Earle, Chapman	1,368	W-3 2 2 0 - 7 C-0 4 2 0 - 6
12-11	Cleveland 6, Wichita 5 (OT)	6-3	Chapman (2), Dudek, Ryan, Earle	3,207	C-3 0 0 2 (1) - 6 W-1 2 1 1 (0) - 5
12-13	Wichita 6, Hartford 2	7-3	Piper (2), Earle, Roentved, Kristensen, Chapman	10,195	W-2 2 1 1 - 6 H-1 0 1 0 - 2
12-16	Philadelphia 3, Wichita 0	7-4	NONE	3 , 486	W-0 0 0 0 - 0 P-0 2 1 0 - 3
12-18	Baltimore 8, Wichita 4	7-5	Dudek (2), Roentved, Tobin	3,379	W-0 2 1 1 - 4 B-1 2 1 4 - 8
12-19	Buffalo 9, Wichita 4	7-6	Ley, Kewley, Ryan, Chapman	5,122	W-2 2 0 0 - 4 B-2 1 1 5 - 9
12-26	Wichita 8, Phoenix 6	8-6	Earle (2), Roentved (2 Kewley, Chapman, Dudek Tobin		P-1 1 3 1 - 6 W-2 1 4 1 - 8
12-28	Wichita 8, San Francisco 0	9 - 6	Ryan (3), Dudek, Piper Earle, Howarth, Gehlin		SF-0 0 0 0 - 0 W-2 1 5 0 - 8
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1-4	St. Louis 11, Wichita 2	10-7	Earle (2)	12,622	W-1 0 1 0 - 2 SL-2 2 4 3 - 11

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1-9	Wichita 10, Baltimore 3	11-7	Chapman (3), Dudek (2), 9,63 Ryan, Kewley, Tinnion (2), Earle	B-0 0 2 1 - 3 W-1 2 3 4 - 10
1-12	Wichita 6, Buffalo 2	12-7	Tobin (2), Earle, 7,500 Dudek, Roentved, Kristensen	B-0 1 1 0 -, 2 W-0 3 2 1 - 6
1-15	Phoenix 4, Wichita 3	12-8	Earle (2), Kewley 5,983	W-1 0 0 2 - 3 P-0 0 3 1 - 4
1-18	St. Louis 8, Wichita 5	12-9	Chapman, Roentved, 14,366 Gehling, Kewley, Powers	5 W-3 1 0 1 - 5 SL-2 1 4 1 - 8
1-20	Denver 7, Wichita 6	12-10	Earle (3), Tinnion (2), 4,05 Roentved	W-2 2 1 1 - 6 D-1 1 3 2 - 7
1-21	Wichita 2, Denver 1	13-10	Roentved, Powers 7,55	B D-1 0 0 0 - 1 W-0 1 0 1 - 2
1-23	Wichita 5, San Francisco 2	2 14-10	Ryan, Powers, Piper, 2,37 Kristensen, Chapman	7 W-1 2 1 1 - 5 SF-1 1 0 0 - 2
1-27	Wichita 8, Philadelphia 3	15-10	Ryan (2), Kewley (2), 4,00 Dudek (2), Chapman, Ley	6 P=0 1 2 0 - 3 W-3 2 1 2 - 8
1-28	Cleveland 6, Wichita 5 (07	r) 15 - 11	Piper (2), Chapman, 2,05 Ley, Kewley	5 W-1 3 1 0 (0) - 5 C-1 0 3 1 (1) - 6
1-30	St. Louis 8, Wichita 6	15-12	Roentved, Earle, Kewley, 6,45 Howarth, Kristensen, Chapman	8 SL-2 4 1 1 - 8 W-0 1 4 1 - 6
2-1	Buffalo 5, Wichita 4	15 - 13	Roentved (2), Chapman, 7,30 Kristensen	9 W-2 0 2 0 - 4 B-2 1 1 1 - 5
2-3	Wichita 8, Phoenix 1	16-13	Ley (2), Kristensen, 3,74 Roentved, Kewley, Ryan, Liotart, Chapman	7 P-1 0 0 0 - 1 W-2 0 3 3 - 8
2 - 5	Denver 5, Wichita 4	16-14	Roentved, Kristensen, 7,29 Tobin, Earle	6 W-0 0 3 1 - 4 D-0 0 3 2 - 5
2-6	Wichita 8, Hartford 4	17-14	Dudek, Kewley, Ryan, 6,03 Earle, Roentved, Custer, Kristensen, Chapman	5 H-1 0 2 1 - 4 W-1 2 3 2 - 8
2-14	Phoenix 5, Wichita 4 (OT)	17-15	Kristensen, Kewley, 6,97 Tobin, Ryan	8 W-1 1 0 2 (0) - 4 P-1 1 2 0 (1) - 5
2-18	Wichita 5, <u>Denver</u> 4	18 - 15	Dudek (2), Roentved, 14,79 Kewley, Ryan	3 W-2 2 1 0 - 5 D-1 2 1 0 - 4
2-20	Wichita 8, San Francisco	4 19 - 15	Ryan (2), Kewley (2), 6,66 Kristensen, Earle, Roentved, Chapman	5 SF-2 1 1 0 - 4 W-1 2 2 3 - 8

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2-22	New York 10, Wichita 7	19-16	Kristensen (2), Kewley, Ryan, Earle Gehling, Chapman	•	W-1 1 2 3 - 7 NY-3 3 3 1 -10		
2-24	San Francisco 6, Wichita 5 (OT)	19-17	Kewley (4), Roentved	1,577	W-1 2 0 2 0 - 5 SF-4 1 0 0 1 - 6		
2-27	Wichita 8, Phoenix 3	20-17	Chapman (3), Ryan (2), Piper, Earle, Roentved	9,769	W-1 2 2 3 - 8 P-0 0 2 1 - 3		
3-3	Wichita 6, Denver 2	21-17	Roentved (2), Ley, Tobin, Ryan, Chapman		D-0 1 1 0 - 2 W-1 1 2 2 - 6		
3-7	Wichita 7, San Francisco 3	22-17	Chapman (4), Powers Roentved, Kristenser		W-1 1 4 1 - 7 SF-0 0 0 3 - 3		
3-7	Wichita 6, Baltimore 2	23-17	Roentved (2), Ryan, Dudek, Tobin, Chapma	-	B-0 0 2 0 - 2 W-2 2 0 2 - 6		
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3-12	Chicago 4, Wichita 3	0-1	Chapman (3)	4,313	W-0 0 0 3 - 3 C-1 1 0 2 - 4		

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WICHITA WINGS NUMERICAL ROSTER

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2	HELMUT DUDEK	D	5-10	165	22	Borussia (W. Germany)
3	GEORGE LEY	D	Ŝ - 10	174	34	Wichita (MISL)
4	HANK LIOTART	D	5-11	175	36	Hartford (MISL)
6	DON TOBIN	F	5-8	150	25	California (ASL)
7	NORMAN PIPER	F	5-6	152	32	Wichita (MISL)
8	KEVIN KEWLEY	F	5-10	168	25	Wichita (MISL)
9	JIMMY RYAN	F	5-9	154	35	Wichita (MISL)
10	STEVE EARLE	F	5-9	165	35	Tulsa (NASL)
11	KIM ROENTVED	D	5-11	175	20	Rauders (Denmark)
12	JORGEN KRISTENSEN	F	5-8	160	33	Tulsa (NASL)
14	JOE HOWARTH	D	5-8	140	31	Wichita (MISL)
15	MIKE POWERS	F	5-10	165	22	Rockhurst College (NCAA)
16	MIKE DOWLER	GK	5-9	160	23	Newport Co. (Wales)
17	KEITH GEHLING	D .	6-1	175	23	Wichita (MISL)
18	BRIAN TINNION	F	5-9	155	32	Detroit (MISL)
19	MIKE CUSTER	F	5-6	150	24	Wichita (MISL)
20	ANDY CHAPMAN	F	5-10	160	21	Wichita (MISL)
22	MIKE HOBGOOD	F	5-7	140	20	Wichita (MISL)

WICHITA WINGS PLAYER PROFILES

ANDY CHAPMAN...NO. 20...21 YEARS OLD...5-10...160 POUNDS...FORWARD...LONDON, ENGLAND Led the Wings in goals this season with a new club record of 29... finished with a flurry of nine goals in final four games and a hat trick in first playoff game against Chicago... scored club record four goals against San Francisco March 4... tied club record with three hat tricks in regular season... third youngest player on squad (behind Kim Roentved and Mike Hobgood, also 21)... ranked third in American Soccer League scoring this past summer... voted one of the sexiest players on the team (#2 behind Norman Piper) in English Leather contest earlier this season.

MIKE CUSTER...NO. 19...24 YEARS OLD...5-6...150 POUNDS...FORWARD...OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS Nicknamed "the Munchkin" and "the Kansas Tornado", both in reference to his being the only native Kansan in the MISL and also in reference to his size and hustle... signed by Wings after open tryouts last year out of Ottawa (Kan.) University... very popular with the fans, especially the kids... key member of Wings penalty killing unit... scored a goal in his first minute of play as a pro last year.

MIKE DOWLER...NO. 16...23 YEARS OLD...5-9...160 POUNDS...GOALKEEPER...CALDICOT, WALES One of top 'keepers in the league with 4.12 goals against average, second behind Chicago's Enzo DiPede but the new league season record since DiPede made only 16 appearances to Dowler's 28... recorded back-to-back shutouts this season (8-0 over San Francisco 12-28-80 and 10-0 over Cleveland 1-2-81), the only 'keeper in the league with two shutouts... set another MISL record in the shutouts with 140 minutes, 32 seconds straight without allowing a goal... finished regular season 12-1 at home, with a 2.64 goals against average... has allowed just 14 goals in past five games, just 10 in final four regular season games... had 2 shutouts, 2 1-goal games, 4 2-goal games and 5 3-goal games this season... voted Budweiser Most Valuable Player by the fans in February balloting ... voted one of sexiest players on team (#3 behind Piper, Chapman) in promotion this season... very quiet off the field... wife remained in Wales this winter; he hopes to bring her over for next season... former member of Welsh Cup champion Newport County... last purchase by Wings heading into regular season; brought in to shore up goalkeeping unit when Keith Van Eron was injured, beat Van Eron out for #1 duties.

HELMUT DUDEK...NO. 2...23 YEARS OLD...5-10...165 POUNDS...DEFENDER...MOENCHENGLADBACH, GDR Nicknamed "Thunderfoot" for his powerful left-footed kick... led Wings in scoring through first half of season, finished with 22 goals to earn honors as second highest scoring defender in club history (behind Roentved)... just learning English but very popular with the fans... fled Poland in 1976 to join his childhood sweetheart, Evelyn, now his wife and mother of four-year-old daughter Dorlen... made 34 appearances for Polish National teams.

STEVE EARLE...NO. 10...35 YEARS OLD...5-9...165 POUNDS...FORWARD...FELTHAM, ENGLAND Purchased from the Tulsa Roughnecks of the NASL this season... had hot streak at mid-season with 13 goals in nine games, including a club record goal in seven straight games... finished season with 25 goals, fifth highest on team... scored over 100 goals in career with Fulham (England) and purchased by Leicester City for \$200,000 in 1974... has started most of season as the "striker" for the Wings, playing up front in Wichita's 2-2-1 offense.

KEITH GEHLING...NO. 17...24 YEARS OLD...6-1...175 POUNDS...DEFENDER...GRANITE CITY, ILL. One of most physical of Wings players... product of St. Louis area soccer hotbed... member of Wings penalty killing unit... runner-up for MISL Rookie-of-the-Year last season when he tied league record with three short-handed goals... All American at Kansas City's Rockhurst College.

- BRAD HIGGS...NO. 00...21 YEARS OLD...5-10...160 POUNDS...GOALKEEPER...COQUITLAM, BC
 In his rookie season as goalkeeper... 6.11 goals against average and 2-3 record...
 looked good in holding St. Louis to two goals in second half of 8-6 loss Jan. 30...
 played for soccer power Simon Fraser University in Buraby, British Columbia... member
 of Canadian Olympic team this past summer... has seen action in only 10 games playing
 behind Dowler and earlier Keith Van Eron.
- MIKE HOBGOOD...NO. 22...21 YEARS OLD...5-7...140 POUNDS... FORWARD...DALLAS, TEXAS

 Has suited up for only five games this season, played in only one... has yet
 to score in second year in the MISL... played high school soccer at Richardson, Texas
 and went one semester at Midwestern College, Wichita, Falls, Texas.
- JOE HOWARTH...NO. 14...31 YEARS OLD...5-8...140 POUNDS...DEFENDER...LONDON, ENGLAND Small but scrappy defender...member of penalty killing unit... has lived in U.S. since 1970 and will become U.S. citizen this spring... reached NCAA finals with Oneonta (NY) State College in 1972...two-time All American at Oneonta.
- KEVIN KEWLEY...NO. 8...26 YEARS OLD...5-10...168 POUNDS...FORWARD...LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND Captain and key player for Wings... scored 26 goals and had 32 assists this past season for 58 points, second highest on the team and tied for 15th in league... a team leader who makes things happen and is considered a clutch performer... hampered by strained Achilles tendon heading into playoffs... one of four Wings formerly of the Dallas Tornado... led Wings in penalties with 29 minutes and in shots with 234 during the regular season... missed only one game this season... has two game-tying goals this season, including a header with 1:15 to play for his fourth goal of the game to send Wings into overtime Feb. 24 at San Francisco.
- JORGEN KRISTENSEN...NO. 12...34 YEARS OLD...5-8...160 POUNDS...FORWARD...COPENHAGEN, DEN.
 First and only player to ever record 50 or more assists in a single season with
 52 this year for MISL record and assist crown... premier playmaker in the MISL... a key
 to Wichita's success in playoffs... notched 12 assists in final five games of regular
 season and two more in 4-3 loss at Chicago in playoffs... has set assist records for every
 team he has played for in North America (Chicago Sting, Tulsa Roughnecks, Wings)...
 purchased from Tulsa this fall after the Roughnecks bought him from Chicago following
 argument with Sting Coach Willy Roy... has spectacular ball control... 66 points is
 Wings season record and eighth best in MISL.
- GEORGE LEY...NO. 3...34 YEARS OLD...5-10...174 POUNDS...DEFENDER...EXMINSTER, ENGLAND Assistant Coach for the Wings... MISL All Star selection past two years... a solid consistent defender... member of Wings penalty killing unit, where he has split time with Kim Roentved as the fourth member lately... left-footed...highest scoring defender in Dallas Tornado history, one of four former Dallas stars on team... third on Wings team in penalties with 20.
- HANK LIOTART...NO. 4...36 YEARS OLD...5-11...175 POUNDS...DEFENDER...SAN DIEGO, CAL. A top defender throughout season, hampered somewhat by injuries... former head coach of the Hartford Hellions...just one goal and two assists this season but a mainstay on defense, especially early in the season... member of U.S. National teams in 1975 and 1976... garduate of Romona (Cal.) High in 1962... point of arrival in U.S. was Wichita when his family immigrated to U.S. in late '50's... has relatives in nearby Newton.

- NORMAN PIPER...NO. 7...33 YEARS OLD...5-6...152 POUNDS...FORWARD...N. TAWTON, ENGLAND A fan favorite... named Most Popular Player for Wings and MISL's choice for the English Leather 10½ Award for the "sexiest" player in the league... hampered by injuries in last half of season after a collision against Cleveland led to a fractured shin bone and a month out of action... pulled hamstring a problem heading into playoffs... nicknamed "Stormin' Norman" for his energetic hustle... creates openings for other players even when he is not involved in a score... solid defender... first player signed by Wichita both years of club's existence... has led every North American team he has played for into the playoffs with the exception of Columbus of the ASL, which folded at mid-season this past summer... an MISL All Star pick past two years... missed 10 games this season with injuries, including first playoff game at Chicago, but still managed 19 goals and 16 assists for 35 points, sixth best on the team.
- MIKE POWERS...NO. 15...23 YEARS OLD...5-10...165 POUNDS...FORWARD...ST. LOUIS, MO.

 The top rookie for the Wings with four goals... another product of St. Louis
 and Rockhurst (Kansas City) College, where he teamed with Gehling... first-ever
 draft pick, selected last fall... missed several games with injuries this season but
 has been impressive for a rookie every time he steps on the field.
- KIM ROENTVED...NO. 11...21 YEARS OLD...5-11...176 POUNDS...DEFENDER...COPENHAGEN, DENMARK A gamble that paid off for the Wings, as Roentved came sight unseen solely upon the recommendation of fellow Dane Jorgen Kristensen... scored 28 goals, second best on the team, had 14 assists for 42 points, fourth best on team... only player to appear in all 40 games... highest scoring defender in Wings history... member of both the power play unit and the penalty killing unit... tied Wings record for most game-winning goals with four... number two in shots (216) and penalties (25 minutes)... a young, physical player whose enthusiastic play has made him a fan favorite in Wichita... brother a Danish national star... Kim made six appearances for Danish National youth teams... a diamond in the rough with tremendous promise indoors and out.
- JIM RYAN...NO. 9...35 YEARS OLD...5-9...154 POUNDS...FORWARD...STIRLING, SCOTLAND Led the Wings in total points last season with 55... finished third this season with 52 (27 goals, 25 assists)... an MISL All Star last season and an All-MISL post-season selection... has tremendous finesse and playmaking skills... works well with Kevin Kewley as the "striker"... a member of the Wings' top-ranked power play unit... missed three games with injuries... one of four former Tornado players on the team.
- BRIAN TINNION...NO. 18...33 YEARS OLD...5-8...155 POUNDS...FORWARD...WORKINGTON, ENGLAND Only mid-season addition for Wichita, joined the team Dec. 30... scored three goals and had two assists in first game in a Wings uniform, 10-0 shutout of Cleveland... played for NASL's Detroit Express through December... played in 21 games and scored 7 goals, 8 assists... was the third-highest scorer for the NY Cosmos in 1976, behind a pair of household names Pele and Chinaglia... has not scored since Jan. 21.
- DON TOBIN...NO. 6...25 YEARS OLD...5-8...150 POUNDS...FORWARD...LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND Part of the Liverpool Connection (Tobin, Kewley and Wings Coach Roy Turner)... one of nine players with 10 or more goals for Wichita... strong on defense... a three-time American Soccer League All Star...a former teammate of Chapman, Gehling and Howarth with the California Sunshine... left-footed.