



# BLAST BULLETIN



Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Baltimore Arena for tonight's game between the Baltimore Blast and the St. Louis Steamers. Baltimore, currently 20-28 on the season, will be looking to snap a 6-game losing skid tonight against the Steamers, who temporarily halted the Blast's playoff bid last Friday night with a 4-2 win in St. Louis. Kenny Cooper's club currently trails 4th place Chicago by 1½ games in the battle for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Division, and the Sting will be hosting Kansas City tonight at 8:35 PM EST. Following tonight's game, the Blast will play host to the Kansas City Comets this Saturday night, marking Baltimore's final meeting with a Western Division opponent this season. Plenty of tickets are still available for Saturday night's game against Kansas City.

**BLAST/STEAMERS HISTORY:** Baltimore lost their last game against St. Louis last Friday night in St. Louis, 4-2. St. Louis is one of just two MISL teams (Minnesota is the other) to have a winning record in regular season play against the Blast, with a 14-12 mark, including a 2-1 edge this season. Lifetime here in Baltimore, (including a 1-2 record in the '83-84 title series), the Steamers have a 5-10 mark, having last won here on November 8, 1984, 5-4 in overtime.

**A LOOK AT BALTIMORE:** This evening's contest is the 24th of 28 regular season home games for the Blast, who presently sport a 14-9 mark in home games so far in '87-88. Those nine losses here at the Arena are the most the club has ever endured in one season, as are the team's current 19 road defeats. Tonight, the Blast will be looking to put the brakes to a 6-game losing streak, and in the meantime, prevent themselves from tying the club record for most consecutive losses (7), which, ironically, was set earlier this season when the team dropped seven straight games from December 12 to January 6. The current losing streak began in Cleveland on March 10 with a 10-5 loss to the Force, and continued two nights later at home, as the Sting edged the Blast in overtime, 5-4. Three losses out west (Tacoma, Los Angeles, and San Diego) and last Friday's 4-2 defeat in St. Louis make up the remainder of the ill-timed losing streak. Despite the sub-par record, Baltimore continues to remain in the hunt for a playoff spot in the Eastern Division. Not only does the Blast play 5 of its last 8 games at home, but Baltimore still has two games remaining with Chicago, including a key meeting next Tuesday night in the Windy City. The Sting will make its final regular season visit on April 13. The following is a look at the Blast's scoring leaders.

<u>POINTS</u>	<u>GOALS</u>	<u>ASSISTS</u>
Stamenkovic - 51	Wittman - 31	Stamenkovic - 34
Chapman - 47	Drago - 22	Chapman - 28
Wittman - 41	Furphy - 21	MacKenzie - 20
Drago - 34	Chapman - 19	Chinapoo - 16

**A LOOK AT ST. LOUIS:** St. Louis lost their last game as they were defeated by Dallas, 5-3, last Sunday. St. Louis is led by Poli Garcia, who is the leagues 10th leading scorer with 42 goals and 26 assists, Jerry Gray, 17 goals and 25 assists, and Daryl Doran, 16 goals and 17 assists.

**TONIGHT'S STARTING 'KEEPERS:** The likely starter for Baltimore is Scott Manning who has a 5-7 lifetime record against St. Louis. Currently this season, Manning is 14-19 with a 4.60 GAA. The probable starter for St. Louis is Sloba Ilijevski who has a 4.55 GAA and a 10-22 record.

**INJURY REPORT:** For Baltimore, Mike Reynolds, ankle sprain, Michael Brady, ankle sprain, and Franklin McIntosh, toe sprain, are out for tonight's contest. St. Louis will be without Nebo, knee injury, and Tony Bellinger, broken foot.



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MARCH 31, 1988  
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS/RANKINGS  
(INCLUDES GAMES PLAYED MARCH 30, 1988)

EASTERN DIVISION

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	GF	GA	STREAK	DIV	GR (H)
MINNESOTA	27	21	.563	--	245	217	LOST 2	16-10	8 (4)
DALLAS	26	23	.530	1.5	178	174	WON 2	12-14	7 (2)
CLEVELAND	26	25	.510	2.5	218	201	LOST 1	17-11	5 (3)
CHICAGO	21	26	.447	5.5	184	206	LOST 4	12-14	9 (6)
BALTIMORE	20	28	.417	7.0	199	223	LOST 6	9-17	8 (5)

WESTERN DIVISION

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	GF	GA	STREAK	DIV	GR (H)
XY SAN DIEGO	37	12	.755	--	241	160	LOST 2	20-10	7 (4)
KANSAS CITY	24	23	.511	12.0	242	238	WON 1	17-13	8 (3)
LOS ANGELES	25	24	.510	12.0	237	238	WON 1	13-17	7 (5)
TACOMA	24	25	.490	13.0	227	243	WON 1	16-14	7 (3)
WICHITA	22	27	.449	15.0	210	221	WON 1	13-17	7 (3)
ST. LOUIS	15	33	.312	21.5	181	241	LOST 1	11-19	8 (3)

X - CLINCHED DIVISION TITLE  
Y - CLINCHED PLAYOFF SPOT

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

TODAY'S GAMES (W/LOCAL START TIME)

SAN DIEGO 4 AT TACOMA 6  
DALLAS 5 AT CLEVELAND 4

ST. LOUIS AT BALTIMORE 7:35 P.M.  
KANSAS CITY AT CHICAGO 7:35 P.M.

DR PEPPER MISL SCORING LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
1.	PREKI	TAC	49	47	51	98
2.	ERIK RASMUSSEN	WIC	45	51	45	96
3.	DALE MITCHELL	KC	45	43	45	88
4.	JAN GOOSSENS	KC	46	40	47	87
	CHICO BORJA	LA	47	41	46	87
6.	BRANKO SEGOTA	SD	41	53	30	83
7.	STEVE ZUNGUL	TAC	46	44	35	79
8.	DAVID BYRNE	MIN	41	33	39	72
9.	CRAIG ALLEN *	CLE	43	40	30	70
	HECTOR MARINARO	MIN	48	50	20	70
10.	POLI GARCIA	STL	48	42	26	68
12.	THOMPSON USIYAN	LA	45	38	26	64
13.	GODFREY INGRAM *	DAL	44	35	23	58
14.	ALAN WILLEY	MIN	48	39	18	57
15.	DAVE HOGGAN	WIC	49	37	18	55
	PAUL DOUGHERTY *	SD	49	33	22	55
	GARY HEALE *	TAC	49	37	18	55
18.	KAI HAASKIVI	CLE	38	16	37	53
19.	STAN STAMENKOVIC	BAL	39	17	34	51
	WAAD HIRMEZ *	SD	48	28	23	51

GATORADE MISL GOALKEEPING LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GM	MINUTES	SHOTS	SAVES	GA	GAA	W	L
1.	ZOLTAN TOTI	SD	24	1409:47	538	297	66	2.81	18	5
2.	KRYS SOBIESKI	DAL	26	1592:29	841	310	85	3.20	15	11
3.	JOE PAPALED *	DAL	23	1390:57	707	296	79	3.41	11	12
4.	JIM GORSEK	SD	26	1547:50	575	287	89	3.45	19	7
5.	VIC. NOGUEIRA	CLE	20	1155:12	527	225	71	3.69	11	8
6.	P.J. JOHNS	CLE	31	1862:46	898	403	119	3.83	15	16
7.	CHRIS VACCARO	CHI	42	2408:20	1043	472	156	3.89	20	19
8.	TINO LETTIERI	MIN	38	2240:25	919	392	152	4.00	21	16
9.	NENAD ZIGANTE	WIC	32	1887:17	754	347	134	4.26	17	12
10.	SLOBO ILIJEVSKI	STL	34	1963:15	818	374	149	4.55	10	22

\* - DENOTES INCREASE IN RANKING NUMBER FROM 3-30-88 LEADERS

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