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THIS WEEK'S GAME
Sunday, June 18 vs Orlando Lions, 5:00pm Hinchliffe Stadium,
Paterson, NJ

EAGLES HOST HOT ORLANDO LIONS SUNDAY

The New Jersey Eagles will play host to one of the American Soccer League's surprising clubs of 1989, the Orlando Lions this Sunday, June 18 in a 5pm contest at Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson.

Led by goalkeeper, Frank Arlasky, the Lions have posted a 7-2 record this season, and are battling with the defending league Champion Washington Diplomats for Southern Division supremacy.

New Jersey native Gary Hindley, has assembled a strong young team, which broke out of the starting gate winning six straight, while going 515:26 without giving up a goal.

In addition to one of the stingiest defenses in the league, the Lions boast two of the ASL's leading scorers, Rod Castro and Frank McIntosh.

The Eagles, winners of last year's Northern Division title, come into the game struggling with a 3-9 record, and a completely revamped lineup from the one that started the season.

Former Cosmos goalkeeper Hubert Birkenmeir has continually displayed the ability that made him of the top goalkeepers in North America. Birkenmeier, despite a 2-3 record, has kept the Eagles in all of the contests they have played with him in the nets.

The faltering Eagles offense, should get a boost with the addition of Jorge Acosta, the ASL Leading Scorer in 1988, who is expected in the lineup this week.

Last Sunday, the Eagles dropped a 1-0 heart-breaker to the Fort Lauderdale Strikers. With a scoreless game appeared headed to a shootout in the final seconds, the Strikers Ricardo Alonso scored a questionable goal with :16 remaining on the clock, giving the Strikers a 1-0 win.



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EAGLES TO HOST POLAND'S NATIONAL TEAM, JULY 15

The New Jersey Eagles will host Poland's National Team in an international soccer match at Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson on Saturday, July 15 at 5:00pm.

Coming off a 3-0 loss to England in World Cup Qualifications, Poland will be playing the Eagles as part of an extensive tour of the United States, which includes the Marlboro Cup of Chicago.

For the past 20 years, Poland's National team has been among the leaders in Europe, winning the Olympic Championship in 1972, and twice finishing third in the World Cup, in 1978 and 1982.

The team the Eagles will be playing includes many of Poland's top stars, among them forward Ryszard Tarasiewicz who has appeared 40 times in international competition, midfielder Jan Urban (46 caps) and goalkeeper Jozef Wandzik.

One of the team's top stars, forward, Dariusz Dziekanowski who has played internationally 50 times, is under suspension by the Polish Federation and his status for the tour remains unclear.

Poland's tour of the United States is expected to be a major portion of the preparation for the team's remaining World Cup qualifiers, which resume in October.

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Thus far in European Group Two, Poland has won only one game, beating Albania 1-0 on October 19, 1988. They lost to Sweden 2-1 on May 7 and to England 3-0 on June 3.

The return matches in their group are October 11 against England, October 25 against Sweden and November 15 in Albania.

New Jersey, Northern Division Champions in the American Soccer League last season with a 15-5 record, are struggling in league play this year with a 3-9 record.

The club has shown signs of improvement since the signing of former Cosmos stars Hubert Birkenmeier and Andranik Eskandarian, and should receive some offensive help with the addition this week of Jorge Acosta, the league's leading scorer of a year ago.

All tickets for the Poland game are priced at \$10.00. They are available at Eagles ticket outlets throughout New Jersey, at the Eagles SoccerPlex in Carlstadt and at Hinchliffe Stadium on game days.

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NEW JERSEY EAGLES GAME-BY GAME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Attn	Keeper	Scorers
4/16	Boston	2-5	1,914	Alhoary	Riley (Muscadin, Aly) DeMatthaeis (Wrona, Gjonbalaj)
4/23	Wash. Stars	0-1pk's	1,214	Mulqueen	PK's: Aly, Riley
4/29	at Tampa Bay	1-2	6,410	Mulqueen	Gjonbalaj (unassisted)
4/30	at Orlando	0-2	1,748	Mulqueen	---
5/7	Tampa Bay	1-0	1,143	Mulqueen	Walsh (Maher)
5/14	Albany	1-2	633	Fava	Gjonbalaj (Gojcevic, Riley)
5/21	Maryland	0-1pk's	716	Fava	PK's: Gill, Riley, Bakun
5/27	at Miami	4-2	---	Birkenmeier	Gill (unas.), Gjonbalaj (unas) Smarth (unas.), Gjonbalaj (Smarth)
5/28	at Ft. Laud.	0-3	3,878	Birkenmeier	---
6/3	at Boston	1-0	2,612	Birkenmeier	Gill (unas.)
6/10	at Wash.Stars	0-2	2,756	Birkenmeier	---
6/11	Ft. Laud.	0-1	1,047	Birkenmeier	---

NEW JERSEY EAGLES SCORING STATISTICS

Player	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	C/E	PK/A	G	A	PTS
*Martin Alvarez	1	1	90	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
*Amr Aly	4	4	210:15	4	0/0	1/1	0	1	1
Andy Bakun	11	10	891:43	4	1/0	1/1	0	0	0
Ferdinando DeMatthaeis	12	12	983:07	16	0/0	0/0	1	0	2
Andranik Eskandarian	6	6	540	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Peter Gill	7	7	630	8	1/0	1/1	2	0	4
Tomma Gojcevic	5	5	441:15	2	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
Sadri Gjonbalaj	11	9	819:48	21	0/1	0/2	4	1	10
Richard Maher	12	12	1080	3	1/0	0/0	0	1	1
Dave Masur	12	9	1023:16	6	1/0	0/1	0	0	0
*Tim McClements	3	1	104:03	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
*Darius Montvila	2	2	180	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
*Josh Muscadin	7	4	345:44	4	0/0	0/1	0	1	1
Franco Paonessa	8	8	720	9	2/0	0/2	0	0	0
Paul Riley	12	12	1080	16	1/0	2/2	1	1	3
Harry Smarth	5	5	427:25	15	1/0	0/0	1	1	3
Patrick Walsh	11	7	727:14	8	1/0	0/0	1	0	2
*Leszek Wrona	5	5	405	9	0/0	0/0	0	1	1

Eagles Totals	1080	129	11/1	5/10	10	8	18
Opponents Totals	1080	186	17/1	7/10	16	24	66

Goalkeeper Statistics	GP	MINS	SV	GA	PK/A	GAA	SHO	W-L
*Ali Alhoary	1	90	8	5	0/0	5.00	0	0-1
Hubert Birkenmeier	5	450	38	9	0/0	1.80	1	2-3
Mario Fava	2	180	14	2	4/5	1.00	1	0-2
Tim Mulqueen	4	360	7	4	3/5	1.00	2	1-3
Eagles Totals	12	1080	67	19	7/10	1.58	4	3-9
Opponents Totals	12	1080	60	9	5/10	0.75	6	9-3

* Indicates no longer with team

NEW JERSEY EAGLES ROSTER

(June 6, 1989)

No.	PLAYER	Pos.	HT	WT	LAST TEAM
1	Hubert Birkenmeier	GK	5-10	170	Los Angeles (MISL)
2	Richard Maher	D	5-7	140	EAGLES
3	Tomma Gojcevic	D			
4	Kenny Hill	D	6-1	175	Eintracht Frankfort
5	Andranik Eskandarian	D	5-7	155	NY Express (MISL)
6	Sadri Gjonbalaj	F	5-10	170	North Carolina St.
7	Paul Riley	M-F	5-7	142	Albany Capitals
8	Harry Smarth	M	5-9	150	Brooklyn College
9	Ferdinando DeMatthaeis	F	5-11	170	Cosmos (MISL-NASL)
11	Jorge Acosta	F	5-7	135	EAGLES/Dallas(MISL)
12	Dave Masur	M-D	5-9	160	EAGLES
13	Andy Bakun	M-D	5-10	175	NJIT
14	Gus Megaloudis	D	6-0	180	AEK Athens
15	Pat Walsh	D	5-11	190	U. South Carolina
17	Franco Paonessa	F			Memphis Storm (AISA)
24	Peter Gill	D	6-1	155	EAGLES
GK	Tim Mulqueen	GK	5-10	160	St. Joseph's Univ.
GK	Mario Fava	GK	5-9	155	St. Francis College

HEAD COACH: Bob McNulty

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