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TORONTO BLIZZARD at NEW YORK COSMOS

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#### INTO THE HOME STRETCH FOR PLAYOFF CONTENTION

The Blizzard boosted their chances to advance to post-season play this week picking up two important victories in a 2-game home stand against Le Manic de Montreal and the Jacksonville Tea Men.

With four of their remaining five games on the road, beginning with tonight's match, the Blizzard gained valuable ground on division-leading Montreal defeating them 7-4 last Thursday and downing the Tea Men 6-4 on Superbowl Sunday. Although 6-2 at home, Toronto continues to have bad luck on the road, sporting a 1-5 record. Toronto has now moved within a  $\frac{1}{2}$  game of Le Manic and a game and a half ahead of Jacksonville, although that could change with the result of the Tea's game against Tulsa tonight. The Blizzard are now 5-2 against Eastern Division opponents and 2-4 against Central Division opponents.

The Blizzard do not play another home game until Sunday, February 14 when they host the Manic in the final game of the regular season schedule. Depending on the outcome of this four-game road swing, that game stacks up to be the most important game of the season for both teams.

Last Sunday, the Blizzard cruised to an easy 5-goal lead and began looking for the shutout. However, four consecutive penalties and two great power-play goals by RICARDO ALONSO rejuvenated the Tea Men and created havoc in the fourth quarter as Toronto fought to retain the lead. A shorthanded effort by COLIN FRANKS stifled the Tea's comeback and delighted 8,133 fans (a season high even with competition from the 49'ers and the Bengals).

#### TONIGHT'S GAME

Tonight's match is the third and final meeting of the year between the Cosmos and the Blizzard. Toronto has come away victorious in two previous meetings at Maple Leaf Gardens, winning 8-2 on December 17 and a closely fought 6-5 on January 4th.

Blizzard leading scorer DAVID BYRNE has scored 3 goals and picked up four assists against the Cosmos. He now has 13 goals and 19 assists for 45 points on the season.

In Toronto's last game against the Cosmos, BYRNE was ejected from the game along with Cosmo 'keeper DAVID BRCIC for fighting. Blizzard management protested the suspension arguing that BYRNE was only trying to break up an altercation between BRCIC and JUAN CARLOS MOLINA after MOLINA accidentally kicked a Cosmos player in the face. The league upheld Toronto's protest rejecting the suspension and downgrading BYRNE'S red card to a yellow card.

#### ADDITIONS TO THE LINEUP

FRANK CIACCIA, Toronto's #1 pick in the 1982 NASL draft and second in the league overall, will be starting his third game for the Blizzard tonight. A graduate of



Vancouver's Simon Fraser University and the only amateur player to compete with Canada's national team in World Cup qualifications in Honduras, CIACCIA has adjusted quickly to the indoor style of play.

CIACCIA set up Toronto's opening goal against Jacksonville Sunday, then scored his first professional goal in the third period on a header chipped into the box by DAVID BYRNE. CIACCIA will wear #14.

Also in tonight's lineup is defender RANDY RAGAN. Considered lost for the entire indoor season because of a pelvic muscle strain, RAGAN felt he could begin training again after Christmas and rejoined the team four games ago. On January 10 against Tampa Bay, his first game since July 12 of the outdoor season, he set up the Blizzard's first goal.

Another surprise refuge from the injury list is forward JIMMY KELLY. He was believed to be finished for the indoor season having undergone knee surgery to correct cartilage damage on New Year's Day. KELLY has made a remarkably fast recovery and after missing only eight games may see some action tonight. KELLY has been one of the Blizzard's best indoor players and picked up two goals against the Cosmos back on December 17.

BLIZZARD BITS ..... Former Cosmos defender BRUCE WILSON and DAVID BYRNE are slightly poorer today for being Bengal's boosters..... in contrast, JIMMY KELLY is smiling quick a bit these days .... obviously reaping the benefits of being a Frisco fan ..... The Blizzard's South African connection, JOMO SONO and ACE NTSOELENGOE continue to wallow in red tape in their native country ..... both are still awaiting visa clearance although they were originally scheduled to rejoin the team on January 14th..... while Toronto's power-play is regarded as more of a power-less play with only 4 goals on 37 attempts, they have been fairly successful in the penalty-killing department allowing only 12 goals in 41 attempts and notching 2 shorthanded goals.....Blizzard management expect to announce the team's new head coach for the 1982 season within the next week ..... DAVE MCQUEEN, DAVID WOODSFORD, ED MCNALLY and GORDON WALLACE did not make this trip with the team.

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#### TORONTO'S LAST LINEUP vs Jacksonville, Jan. 24/82

Blaggy Tamindzic (60:00), Bruce Wilson, Sam Lenarduzzi, Colin Franks, Victor Kodelja, Cliff Calvert, Frank Ciaccia, Randy Ragan, Clyde Best, Duncan Davidson, David Byrne, Juan Carlos Molina, Danny Lenarduzzi.

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BLIZZARD INDOOR STATISTICS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORING
Saturday, December 5	at Jacksonville	4-3 (W)	6,988	Wilson, Molina, Best, Byrne
Friday, December 11	at Montreal	1-2 (L)	7,579	Wallace
Sunday, December 13	TAMPA BAY	9-3 (W)	5,325	Byrne(2), Molina(2), Kelly(2), Franks, Calvert, Wilson
Thursday, December 17	NEW YORK	8-2 (W)	3,908	Byrne(2), Kelly(2), Molina, Franks, Calvert, Wallace
Saturday, December 19	at Tulsa	3-10 (L)	5,012	Franks, Molina, Best
Sunday, January 3	NEW YORK	6-5 (W)	7,429	Calvert(2), McQueen(2), Byrne, Wilson
Wednesday, January 6	CHICAGO	3-6 (L)	3,086	Byrne(2), Calvert
Friday, January 8	at Montreal	2-8 (L)	9,223	Molina, Wallace
Sunday, January 10	TAMPA BAY	2-4 (L)	3,492	Byrne, Kodelja
Thursday, January 14	TULSA	9-5 (W)	2,513	Byrne(2), Calvert(2), Wallace(2), Davidson(2), Best
Saturday, January 16	at Tulsa	2-11 (L)	5,383	Davidson, Kodelja
Thursday, January 21	MONTREAL	7-4 (W)	2,967	Molina(3), Davidson(2), Byrne, Calvert
Sunday, January 24	JACKSONVILLE	6-4 (W)	8,133	Molina(2), Byrne, Kodelja, Ciaccia, Franks

PLAYER	GP	SHOTS	PIM	C/E	PPG	G	A	PTS
#19 DAVID BYRNE	13	76	15	1/0	2	13	19	45
21 JUAN CARLOS MOLINA	13	61	8	0/0	0	11	16	38
10 CLIFF CALVERT	13	51	22	2/0	0	8	8	24
2 BRUCE WILSON	12	20	6	0/0	0	3	13	19
17 CLYDE BEST	13	35	0	0/0	0	3	11	17
27 GORDON WALLACE	11	35	2	0/0	0	5	6	16
6 COLIN FRANKS	13	27	8	0/0	0	4	7	15
7 VICTOR KODELJA	13	43	6	0/0	2	3	7	13
18 DUNCAN DAVIDSON	8	26	2	0/0	0	5	1	11
5 JIMMY KELLY	4	10	0	0/0	0	4	1	9
28 DAVE MCQUEEN	10	11	0	0/0	0	2	1	5
22 BLAGGY TAMINDZIC	13	0	8	0/0	0	0	5	5
14 FRANK CIACCIA	2	3	0	0/0	0	1	1	3
16 RANDY RAGAN	4	7	0	0/0	0	0	2	2
4 SAM LENARDUZZI	13	16	2	0/0	0	0	1	1
24 DANNY LENARDUZZI	13	2	0	0/0	0	0	1	1
12 MALCOLM ROBERTSON	1	2	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
BENCH			4	1/0				
BLIZZARD TOTALS		425	87	4/0	4	62	100	224
OPPONENTS TOTALS		418	79	4/1	12	67	68	202

GOALKEEPERS	GP	MINS	SHOTS	SAVES	GA	GA. AVG.	EMPTY NET
22 BLAGOJE TAMINDZIC	13	746	408	207	61	4.91	2
1 TONY CHURSKY	1	31:46	9	5	4	7.50	0
OPPONENTS TOTALS	13	780	421	221	61	4.69	1

TEAM STATISTICS	SCORING BY PERIODS						FOULS	OG	CK	PPG/ATT
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BLIZZARD TOTALS	8	20	16	18	0	62	215	0	26	4/37
OPPONENTS TOTALS	8	21	7	31	0	67	183	0	19	12/41

Penalty Kicks - David Byrne (2 for 2)      Shorthanded Goals - Byrne(1), Franks(1)  
 Penalty Kicks Against - Tamindzic (1 for 2)      Shorthanded Goals Against - 1 (Greg Ryan)



# 1981/82 BLIZZARD INDOOR ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	BIRTHDATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CITIZENSHIP	1981 CLUB
1	TONY CHURSKY	GK	June 13/52	5-11	170	Canada	Blizzard
2	BRUCE WILSON, Cpt.	D	June 20/51	5-10	155	Canada	Blizzard
4	SAM LENARDUZZI	D	December 19/49	5-10	165	Canada	Blizzard
5	JIMMY KELLY	F	May 2/57	5-8	145	England	Tulsa/Blizzard
6	COLIN FRANKS	D	April 16/51	6-0	180	England	Blizzard
7	VICTOR KODELJA	D	November 26/51	5-10	160	Canada	Calgary
9	DAVID WOODSFORD	F	January 24/63	5-9	156	Canada	Calgary
10	CLIFF CALVERT	D	April 24/54	5-10	170	England	Blizzard/Dallas
11	JOMO SONO	F	June 28/55	5-8	180	S.Africa	Blizzard
16	RANDY RAGAN	D	June 7/59	6-0	165	Canada	Blizzard
17	CLYDE BEST	F	February 24/51	6-2	190	Bermuda	Portland/Blizzard
18	DUNCAN DAVIDSON	F	June 5/54	5-9	160	Scotland	Tulsa/Blizzard
19	DAVID BYRNE	F	January 11/60	5-11	155	England	Atlanta
21	JUAN CARLOS MOLINA	F	February 22/55	6-0	160	Argentina	Calgary
22	BLAGOE TAMINDICZ	GK	April 8/52	6-0	175	Canada	Blizzard
24	DANNY LENARDUZZI	D	August 31/59	6-1	162	Canada	Vancouver
25	ED McNALLY	F	October 7/62	5-8	155	Canada	Blizzard
27	GORDON WALLACE	F	January 6/55	5-9	142	Canada	Blizzard
28	DAVE McQUEEN	D	January 24/62	5-6	145	Canada	Blizzard
8	ACE NISOELENGOF	F	February 26/52	5-8	155	S.Africa	Minnesota
14	FRANK CIACCIA	M	September 11/59	5-10	160	Canada	Simon Fraser Univ

Head Coach - Dave Turner

Trainer - Pat Quinn

Asst. Trainer/Equipment Manager - Jimmy Panno