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WITH THE BACKS AGAINST THE WALL,  
THE FORCE MUST WIN TONIGHT OR IT'S ADIOS

Their backs have been against the wall on more than one occasion this season and they have managed to escape.

But unless they are able to win tonight in the Chicago Stadium there will be no escaping expulsion from the Major Indoor Soccer League playoffs.

The Force, runner-up to Baltimore during the regular season, must win tonight to even up the quarterfinal series at one victory apiece if they hope to advance to the Eastern Division championship series.

But there were several instances during the regular season when the Force needed to win and they were able to do just that.

With the Sting breathing down their necks all season, Cleveland was able to maintain some distance by capturing big games. There was a 6-5 win over Western Division champion San Diego on February 27, when Charley Greene scored with five minutes to play. There was a 9-3 trouncing of then Western Division front-runner Phoenix in Phoenix and there was the 6-3 win over this very same Sting team at the Richfield Coliseum on March 15.

They continued to pull important wins out of their hip pockets down the stretch, starting with the incredible come-from-behind 10-8 win in Buffalo when they scored seven goals in the final 11 minutes of play. They followed that up by pulling off an April Fool's Day 10-7 win over Eastern Division champion Baltimore and a 5-4 win over on-rushing Pittsburgh that wrapped up a playoff spot on April 6.

Another win over the Sting (7-2 in Chicago on April 9) and a season-ending 6-2 rout over four-time defending champ New York all went in to Cleveland's 29-19 record and its second place finish in the rugged Eastern Division.

But all those triumphs and the 29-19 record won't mean much unless the Force can win tonight and then defeat the Sting back in Cleveland on Saturday.

That's what happens when you find your backs to the wall.

SOME THINGS AREN'T FOR SURE

Because of a number of minor, but preventive, injuries, the Cleveland roster has changed since Tuesday night. Not in uniform tonight are goalie Radmilo Ivancevic (#1), defender Gary Vogel (#3), and forwards Ross Ongaro (#9) and Tony Suarez (#18). Ongaro suffered a sprained knee during the 9-5 loss to the Sting on Tuesday. Coach Timo Liekoski was undecided as to whom would dress between George Nanchoff (#14) or Josef Ilic (#15). We will know more at game time.

SOME PLAYOFF STUFF

The loss to the Sting lowered Cleveland's overall playoff record to 1-3. The Force made their initial playoff appearance in 1980-81 and lost the best two-out-of-three opening series to Baltimore.

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1982-83 CLEVELAND FORCE

MISL PLAYOFF STATISTICS

(After 1st playoff game)

NO.	PLAYER	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	PTS	PIM	MAG	GWG	SHG	HT	BS
25	Keith Furphy	1	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	1
12	Kai Haaskivi	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
16	Craig Allen	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
13	Louie Nanchoff	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
21	Charley Greene	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Vic Davidson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Bernie James	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
6	Trevor Dawkins	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
8	John Victor	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ricardo Rodrigues	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9	Ross Ongaro	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Michael Kaham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Branko Radovic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		1	5	3	8	4	1	0	0	1	8
OPPONENTS		1	9	9	18	8	1	1	0	0	9

SHOTS ON GOAL

FORCE: 7 7 9 7 = 30  
OPP.: 9 9 6 8 = 32

SCORING BY QUARTERS

FORCE: 1 1 2 1 = 5  
OPP.: 0 4 2 3 = 9

PENALTY SITUATIONS

FORCE: 1 goal/3 attempts = 33.3%  
PENALTY KILLING: 1 goal/ 1 TSH = 0

PENALTY SHOTS

FORCE: Furphy, 1-1

GOALIE STATISTICS

NO.	PLAYER	GAMES	MIN.	SHOTS	SAVES	GOALS	RECORD	GOALS AGAINST AVG.
0	Chris Vaccaro	1	58:25	30	14	8	0-1	8.27
	Others	1	1:35	2	1	1		
TOTALS		1	60	32	15	9	0-1	9.00
OPPONENTS		1	60	30	16	5	1-0	5.00

HAT TRICKS FOR

Furphy vs. Chicago, 4-19-83 (4 goals)

1982-83 MISL PLAYOFFS  
DAY BY DAY WITH THE FORCE

RECORD 0-1 HOME 0-1 AWAY            OT            ONE-GOAL           

TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE 8,519 AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE           

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>FORCE SCORERS</u>	<u>LINE SCORE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
4-19	Chicago	5-9 L	Furphy 4, Haaskivi	C: 1-1-2-1 = 5 O: 0-4-2-3 = 9	8,519

1982-83 CLEVELAND FORCE  
REGULAR SEASON FINAL STATISTICS

NO.	PLAYER	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	PTS	PIM	MAG	GWG	SHG	HT	BS
25	Keith Furphy	48	56	28	84	18	4	7	1	5	39
16	Craig Allen	45	53	31	84	35	12	2	0	6	17
12	Kai Haaskivi	46	38	46	84	10	3	4	0	3	17
13	Louie Nanchoff	39	25	24	49	6	0	1	0	1	20
10	Vic Davidson	36	27	15	42	6	5	4	0	1	6
22	Luis Alberto	34	13	22	35	10	2	2	0	1	18
21	Charley Greene	41	15	18	33	17	0	1	1	0	20
20	Bernie James	47	8	11	19	28	0	1	1	0	131
15	Josef Ilic	28	9	10	19	6	1	1	0	0	10
14	George Nanchoff	33	12	6	18	2	7	1	0	0	1
8	John Victor	28	7	9	16	16	0	2	0	1	11
4	Ricardo Rodrigues	34	7	7	14	10	0	1	0	0	26
6	Trevor Dawkins	45	5	8	13	6	1	0	0	0	79
9	Ross Ongaro	16	4	5	9	2	0	0	0	0	5
2	Michael Kaham	30	1	6	7	8	0	0	0	0	36
0	Chris Vaccaro	35	1	5	6	4	0	0	0	0	0
5	Branko Radovic	40	2	3	5	12	0	1	0	0	92
3	Gary Vogel	17	2	2	4	2	0	1	0	0	19
1	Radmilo Ivancevic	17	0	2	2	12	0	0	0	0	0
18	Tony Suarez	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bench					4					
TOTALS		48	285	258	543	214	35	29	3	18	547
OPPONENTS		48	267	236	503	233	36	19	7	10	488

SHOTS ON GOAL

FORCE: 338 372 359 446 13 = 1528  
OPP.: 380 445 380 429 21 = 1655

SCORING BY QUARTERS

FORCE: 61 66 67 87 4 = 285  
OPP.: 58 73 59 74 3 = 267

PENALTY SITUATIONS

FORCE: 35 goals/98 attempts = 35.7%  
PENALTY KILLING: 36 goals/90 TSH = 40.0%

PENALTY SHOTS

FORCE: Furphy, 3-3  
Haaskivi, 0-1  
OPP.: Millar, Phoenix, 1-1  
Orhan, Kansas City, 1-1

GOALIE STATISTICS

NO.	PLAYER	GAMES	MIN.	SHOTS	SAVES	GOALS	RECORD	GOALS AGAINST AVG.
1	Radmilo Ivancevic	17	845	493	243	72	8-6	5.11
0	Chris Vaccaro	35	1937	1103	569	172	21-11	5.32
30	Lou Cioffi	2	108	52	25	19	0-2	10.55
	Others	8	19	7	3	4		
TOTALS		48	2909	1655	840	267	29-19	5.50
OPPONENTS		48	2909	1528	801	285	19-29	5.87

HAT TRICKS FOR

Haaskivi vs. Phoenix, 11-21-82 (4 goals);  
Furphy vs. Buffalo, 12-23-82; Alberto vs.  
Buffalo, 12-23-82; Haaskivi vs. Los Angeles,  
1-7-83 (4 goals); Allen vs. Golden Bay,  
1-14-83; Victor vs. Phoenix, 1-27-83; Allen  
vs. San Diego, 2-5-83; Furphy vs. Los Angeles,  
3-1-83 (4 goals); Allen vs. Los Angeles,  
3-1-83; Haaskivi vs. Phoenix, 3-5-83; Allen vs.  
Golden Bay, 3-13-83; Furphy vs. Golden Bay,  
3-13-83; Davidson vs. Chicago, 3-15-83; Allen  
vs. Buffalo, 3-25-83; Furphy vs. Buffalo, 3-25-83;  
Furphy vs. Baltimore, 4-1-83; L. Nanchoff vs.  
Chicago, 4-9-83; Allen vs. Buffalo, 4-10-83 (4 goals).

HAT TRICKS AGAINST

Coker, San Diego, 11-14-82 (4 goals);  
Terlecki, Pittsburgh, 12-4-82; Orhan,  
Kansas City, 12-27-82; Granitza,  
Chicago, 1-6-83; Goossens, Golden Bay,  
1-14-83; Kitson, New York, 1-17-83  
(5 goals); Stamenkovic, Memphis, 2-15-83;  
Holzenbein, 2-15-83; Chapman, Wichita,  
2-20-83; Guilliod, Buffalo, 4-10-83;  
Salguero, Buffalo, 4-10-83; Dudek,  
Memphis, 4-15-83.

CLEVELAND FORCE 1982-83 ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	RESIDENCE	LAST CLUB
0	CHRIS VACCARO	GK	6-0	175	24	Magnolia, New Jersey	New Jersey (MISL)
1	RADMILLO IVANCEVIC	GK	6-0	175	30	Broadview Hts., OH	Yugoslavia
2	MICHAEL KAHAM	D	6-1	170	29	Broadview Hts., OH	Cameroon
3	GARY VOGEL	D	5-8	165	26	Burnsville, Minnesota	New Jersey (MISL)
4	RICARDO RODRIGUES	F/M	5-9	165	25	Broadview Hts., OH	Brazil
5	BRANKO RADOVIC	D	5-10	165	32	Broadview Hts., OH	New Jersey (MISL)
6	TREVOR DAWKINS	D	5-9	155	37	Broadview Hts., OH	FORCE
8	JOHN VICTOR	D	5-11	160	24	Broadview Hts., OH	FORCE
9	ROSS ONGARO	F/M	5-11	165	23	Edmonton, Canada	Edmonton (NASL)
10	VIC DAVIDSON	F/M	5-9	145	32	Broadview Hts., OH	FORCE
12	KAI HAASKIVI	F/M	5-10	175	27	Richmond Hts., OH	Edmonton (NASL)
13	LOUIE NANCHOFF	F/M	5-10	150	26	Munroe Falls, OH	Philadelphia (MISL)
14	GEORGE NANCHOFF	F/M	6-0	160	28	Broadview Hts., OH	FORCE
15	JOSEF ILIC	F/M	5-8	140	32	Broadview Hts., OH	Yugoslavia
16	CRAIG ALLEN	F/M	6-0	160	23	Broadview Hts., OH	New Jersey (MISL)
18	TONY SUAREZ	F/M	5-11	160	26	Broadview Hts., OH	FORCE
20	BERNIE JAMES	D	6-0	190	23	Bellevue, Washington	Edmonton (NASL)
21	CHARLEY GREENE	F/M	5-9	165	23	Sherborn, Massachusetts	New Jersey (MISL)
22	LUIS ALBERTO	F/M	5-5	155	29	Broadview Hts., OH	FORCE
25	KEITH FURPHY	F/M	6-2	165	24	Stow, OH	FORCE
30	LOU CIOFFI	GK	6-0	170	25	Broadview Hts., OH	FORCE

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