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BLIZZARD at New York

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Only one player-- Ivan Lukacevic (Lou catch a vich)-- has been added to the Blizzard roster since the Cosmos beat the Blizzard 1-0 in Toronto May 4.

But what a difference he has made.

The fabulous striker, from the Osijek club in Yugoslavia, has scored five goals since joining the team three games ago.

Lukacevic, who has signed a two-year contract with the Blizzard, made his 1979 debut at Dallas May 19. He scored the game's only goal.

In Boston May 26 he potted the game winner against New England as the Blizzard registered a 3-1 victory.

Friday night in Toronto he blew out Atlanta with three first-half goals. The final score: Blizzard 3, Chiefs 1.

The Blizzard, which lost seven of its first eight games, is now 5-7.

The team has won its last four games.

Blagoje Tamindzic has been in goal for all four wins. The volatile 'keeper, who has a superb .96 goals against average, became a Canadian citizen last week.

The Blizzard, which plays the Washington Diplomats in Toronto Wednesday, heads for a three-game west coast road trip on Friday.

IVAN LUKACEVIC No. 21

Position: Forward

Height: 6-2 Weight: 175

Birthdate: October 10, 1946

Birthplace: Osijek, Yugoslavia

Citizen: Yugoslavia

Season	Club	NASL Record			
		Games Played	Goals	Assists	Total Points
1975	Toronto	10	8	2	18
1976	Toronto	8	3	1	7
1978	Toronto	17	16	5	37
1979	BLIZZARD	3	5	0	10
		38	32	8	72

INJURIES: Brian Budd has a left groin strain and will be out of the Blizzard lineup for two weeks.

Drew Busby has a broken nose but is scheduled to start today.

BLIZZARD ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS	AGE	HT	WT	CITIZEN
00	Vasilios Konstantinou	G	31	5-11	180	Greece
1	David Henderson	G	18	6-2	175	Ireland
22	Blagoje Tamindzic	G	27	6-0	175	Canada
2	Peter Roe	D	23	5-8	150	Canada
3	Charlie Mitchell	D	31	5-10	160	U.S.A.
5	Willie McVie	D	29	6-2	188	Scotland
6	Colin Franks, Capt.	D	28	5-11	170	England
7	Peter Lorimer	F	32	5-10	170	Scotland
8	George Gibbs	M	25	5-11	170	England
9	Brian Budd	F	27	6-1	185	Canada
10	Cliff Calvert	M	25	5-10	168	England
11	Ivair	M	34	5-9	150	Brazil
12	Jim Bone	F	29	5-10	175	Scotland
14	Paul Roe	M	19	5-8	150	Canada
15	Drew Busby	M	31	5-9	175	Scotland
16	Robin Megraw	D	28	5-11	150	Canada
17	Aldo D'Alfonso	F	22	5-9	165	Canada
18	John Stavropoulos	D	22	5-8	160	Canada
20	Rob Prentice	M	25	5-9	161	Scotland
21	Ivan Lukacevic	F	32	6-2	175	Yugoslavia
23	Dan Counce	F	27	5-11	178	U.S.A.

BLIZZARD PLAYER PROFILES

JIM BONE

No.12

Position: Forward
Height: 5-10 Weight: 175
Birthdate: September 22, 1949
Birthplace: Bridge of Allan, Scotland
Citizen: Scotland

Jim Bone enjoys "laying on chances" for his teammates. Although he has scored over 200 goals in his professional career, Bone takes his defensive responsibilities seriously.

A hard worker who relishes rough going, Bone turned pro at 17 with Partick Thistle, where he spent five years. He then had a succession of one-season stints at Norwich City (1972-73), Sheffield United (1973-74) and Celtic (1974-75), before joining Arbroath for three campaigns.

Bone comes to the Blizzard on loan from St.Mirren of the Scottish Premier Division. He is a two-time Scottish international and a three-time under-23 international.

DREW BUSBY

No.15

Position: Midfielder
Height: 5-9 Weight: 175
Birthdate: December 8, 1947
Birthplace: Glasgow, Scotland
Citizen: Scotland

In late April the Blizzard purchased the contract of Drew Busby, the best and most popular player on the Heart of Midlothian club of the Scottish Premier Division.

"He's a very strong player," lauds Blizzard general manager Norman Sutherland. "His work rate is very good. He's the type of solid performer we are looking for."

Busby, who turned professional at 17 with Coventry City, was transferred from Airdrie of the Scottish Premier Division to Hearts in 1973 for \$80,000. Originally a striker, he switched to the midfield three years ago.

In six seasons with Hearts Busby has scored over 80 goals.

ROB PRENTICE

No. 20

Position: Midfielder
Height: 5-9 Weight: 161
Birthdate: September 27, 1953
Birthplace: Lanark, Scotland
Citizen: Scotland

An expert playmaker, Prentice assisted on many of the goals scored by teammate Drew Busby at Hearts. Now both are with the Blizzard.

Prentice loves to 'cross' the ball.

He spent two seasons with Celtic before his six-year stint at Hearts. Only 25, Prentice is a six-time under-23 Scottish international.

BLAGOJE TAMINDZIC

No. 22

Position: Goalkeeper
Height: 6-0 Weight: 175
Birthdate: April 8, 1952
Birthplace: Bileca, Yugoslavia
Citizen: Canada

Volatile 'keeper Blaggy spent the last two soccer seasons with Montreal Castors of the semi-professional National Soccer League.

Yet he definitely can handle NASL competition.

With Rochester in 1976, Tamindzic played 2193 minutes (over 24 games), made 157 saves, recorded four shutouts, and established a 1.28 goals against average for 10th best in the league.

DAN COUNCE

No. 23

Position: Forward
Height: 5-11 Weight: 178
Birthdate: October 22, 1951
Birthplace: St. Louis, Missouri
Citizen: USA

Counce has scored 15 goals in five seasons with four NASL clubs. At 27, he can play either as a forward or midfielder.

Blizzard head coach Keith Eddy describes Counce as "an extremely hard worker."

Counce's NASL Record

Season	Club	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
1974.....	Boston	8	1	0	2
1975.....	San Antonio	10	2	0	4
1976.....	San Antonio	20	6	1	13
1977.....	Hawaii	22	2	1	5
1978.....	California	<u>23</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>
		83	15	5	35

BLIZZARD INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NO.	PLAYER	GP	MIN	SH	G	A	PTS	FOULS	CAUTIONS/ EJECTIONS
2	Peter Roe	12	1095:00	9	0	1	1	30	2/
3	Charlie Mitchell	12	1095:00	1	0	2	2	19	-
5	Willie McVie	9	825:00	5	0	0	0	40	3/
6	Colin Franks	11	960:00	9	1	1	3	7	-
7	Peter Lorimer	12	1095:00	44	1	5	7	10	1/
8	George Gibbs	12	1095:00	26	1	3	5	29	2/
9	Brian Budd	5	225:53	7	1	0	2	2	-
10	Cliff Calvert	12	1071:25	23	4	2	10	26	1/
11	Ivair	7	547:09	15	0	1	1	8	1/
12	Jim Bone	7	585:00	11	0	5	5	13	-
15	Drew Busby	6	540:00	15	1	0	2	16	-
16	Robin Megraw	1	45:00	0	0	0	0	2	-
17	Aldo D'Alfonso	1	15:00	1	0	0	0	0	-
20	Rob Prentice	3	195:09	4	0	0	0	3	-
21	Ivan Lukacevic	3	267:26	16	5	0	10	2	-
23	Dan Counce	5	231:23	3	0	1	1	9	-
x	Alec Lindsay	4	360:00	0	0	0	0	1	-
x	John MacKay	3	203:34	2	0	0	0	4	-
x	Damian Ogunsuyi	2	50:40	0	0	0	0	0	-
x	Robert Godoka	1	60:05	2	1	0	2	0	-
x	Mario Silva Mateus	3	144:25	5	0	0	0	0	-
x	Paulo Mata	3	168:00	4	1	0	2	2	-

x Released		SHOOTOUT			PLAYER		ATT.	GOALS	CAUTIONS/ EJECTIONS
					Calvert		1	0	
					Ivair		1	0	
					Gibbs		1	0	
					Lorimer		1	0	
NO.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SAVES	GA	SO	AVG.	FOULS	EJECTIONS
1	David Henderson	6	540:00	21	17	0	2.83	0	-
22	Blagoje Tamindzic	6	555:00	45	6	2	.96	2	1/

	SHOTS	GOALS	SAVES	CORNERS	FOULS	OFFSIDES
BLIZZARD	203	16	66	69	225	25
Opponents	195	23	72	48	176	46

SCORE BY HALVES		FIRST	SECOND	OVERTIME	SHOOTOUT
		BLIZZARD	9	7	0
		Opponents	13	10	0

DATE	RESULT	ATT.	SCORERS
Saturday, March 31	at Houston 2, BLIZZARD 1*	8,589	Mata
Sunday, April 8	Fort Lauderdale 2, at BLIZZARD 1	18,522	Lorimer
Saturday, April 14	at Tampa Bay 7, BLIZZARD 1	23,675	Budd
Sunday, April 22	Minnesota 3, at BLIZZARD 2	10,218	Godoka, Calvert
Wednesday, April 25	at BLIZZARD 2, Tampa Bay 1	4,139	Gibbs, Franks
Friday, May 4	New York 1, at BLIZZARD 0	29,483	-
Sunday, May 6	Chicago 2, at BLIZZARD 1	5,206	Calvert
Saturday, May 12	at Fort Lauderdale 4, BLIZZARD 0	11,161	-
Wednesday, May 16	at BLIZZARD 1, Tulsa 0	3,312	Busby
Saturday, May 19	BLIZZARD 1, at Dallas 0	7,232	Lukacevic
Saturday, May 26	BLIZZARD 3, at New England 1	6,141	Calvert 2 Lukacevic
Friday, June 1	at BLIZZARD 3, Atlanta 1	6,512	Lukacevic 3

* SHOOTOUT