



# MOLSON SOCCER

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TORONTO BLIZZARD at NEW YORK COSMOS

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## BLIZZARD UPDATE

Following a weekend break from league action to host the Toronto International Soccer Tournament, the Blizzard are back in the battle for a wildcard playoff berth tonight against the league-leading New York Cosmos.

Prior to last night's Montreal Manic/Tampa Bay Rowdies game, the Blizzard hold down sixth place overall in the league with a 15-13 win/loss record and 132 points. Only one point back are the Manic and Tulsa Roughnecks, tied for the final two playoff berths, each with 131 points. The Blizzard are second in the Eastern Division behind the Cosmos, who have first place and the divisional championship all locked up with a 21-7 record and 183 points.

With only four games remaining in the Blizzard's regular season schedule, every game in a crucial one as the team attempts to advance to post-season play for only the second time since their inaugural 1979 season. Qualifying for the playoffs on the last day of the 1979 season, the Blizzard went on to meet the Cosmos in the preliminary round, dropping both games by 3-1 and 2-0 scores.

An important come-from-behind 2-1 victory over the Montreal Manic at Olympic Stadium last week kept Toronto ahead of their most dangerous rivals. It was the Blizzard's first win at Olympic Stadium and their first road win since defeating the San Diego Sockers 4-0 way back on June 2nd. The victory extended the Blizzard's current winning streak to three games. A fourth consecutive win tonight over the Cosmos would be Toronto's first-ever at Giant Stadium.

In 1981, the Blizzard managed only 7 wins in 32 games. Last week in Montreal the Blizzard won their 15th game of the season, surpassing the old club record of 14 and more than doubling their entire win output from the '81 season. Although the club has managed only four road victories in 14 games, the Blizzard's home record is an impressive 11-3 mark. Toronto's next home victory will set a new club record. The Blizzard's next goal will tie the club record of 51 goals in a season, set in 1979. The Blizzard need only one point to tie their point record of 133 points which was also set during the 1979 season.

## VS NEW YORK

This is the fourth and final regular season meeting between the two Eastern Division rivals. The Cosmos edged the Blizzard 1-0 last time out to take a two-games-to-one advantage in victories this season. At Exhibition Stadium on July 22, Steve Wegerle broke a scoreless tie when his curving shot from 20 yards out found the top corner behind a diving Jan Moller. As the Cosmos have done so often this season, Wegerle scored with only four minutes remaining in the game.

In two previous meetings this season, both teams managed 2-1 overtime victories on their own turf. First, on May 5th in Toronto, Cliff Calvert was the hero when



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his goal five minutes into overtime caught just underneath the crossbar behind Birkenmeier. On June 6th, in New York, Steve Hunt popped the winner just as the signal went to end the first half of overtime.

#### VS COSMOS LIFETIME

1979	May 4	0-1 (L)	at Toronto	1981	May 10	1-5 (L)	at New York
	June 3	1-3 (L)	at New York		June 14	3-4 (L)	at New York
p/o	Aug. 16	1-3 (L)	at Toronto		July 8	1-2 (L)	at Toronto
p/o	Aug. 19	0-2 (L)	at New York		Aug. 19	2-1 (SOW)	at Toronto
1980	May 8	1-3 (L)	at Toronto	1982	May 5	2-1 (OTW)	at Toronto
	July 2	1-3 (L)	at New York		June 6	1-2 (OTL)	at New York
					July 22	0-1 (L)	at Toronto

#### INJURIES

David Needham will miss tonight's game as a result of a bruised thigh suffered in this past weekend's T.I.S.T. international match against Sporting Cristal of Peru. Neill Roberts also missed the tournament because of a pulled groin but will be in uniform tonight. Alan Merrick is battling the flu but is listed as a probable starter. Jomo Sono played his first game since May last weekend during the tournament after suffering all season with a badly strained knee. Sono is not listed as a starter for tonight's game.

#### PLAYER UPDATES

David Byrne is the club's leading scorer with 7 goals and 21 assists for 35 points. Prior to last night's games, he was seventh overall in the league and second in assists behind Vladislav Bogicevic of New York with 22. Byrne's next point will break the club record for individual points (35) set by Jomo Sono in 1980. He has already shattered the club record for assists (previously 16 set in 1980 by Jim Bone).

Ace Ntsoelengoe is the club's leading goalscorer with 10, adding 10 assists for 30 points on the season. He is the only Blizzard player to have played every minute of every game this year.

The third member of the "South African Connection", Neill Roberts has been a valuable addition since joining the club 12 games ago. He missed the last game against Montreal because of a pulled groin, but in the 11 games he has played, Roberts has scored 8 goals and added 2 assists for 18 points. He has 12 goals and 5 assists for 31 points in total this season. This year marks the first time the Blizzard have ever had three players above the 30-point plateau.

Jan Moller is presently the third best goalkeeper in the league with a 1.32 goals against average and has played all but two games this season. He is tied with Paul Hammond of Seattle in shutouts, each having seven.

The thigh injury to defender David Needham opens the door for young Canadian centre-back, Pasquale to make his Blizzard debut tonight. Deluca was obtained in the same trade that brought Neill Roberts to Toronto from Edmonton and coach Bob Houghton in very high on the 20-year olds ability. His only other game in a Blizzard uniform was in an international exhibition match last weekend against Sporting Cristal of Peru where he was voted "Player of the Game".

# TORONTO INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Blizzard played host to Sporting Cristal of Peru, Aris of Greece and defending champs, Benfica of Portugal this past weekend in the 3rd Annual Toronto International Soccer Tournament.

Benfica triumphed for a third consecutive year, outclassing their opponents, Aris of Greece 1-0 in the opening round and Sporting Cristal 4-1 in the championship round. The Blizzard placed third in the tournament because of an opening round 1-0 loss on penalty kicks to Sporting Cristal but went on to beat Aris 2-1 in the consolation round.

The championship doubleheader on Sunday, August 8th drew 21,175 fans to Exhibition Stadium. Guest of honour for the ceremonial kickoff on Sunday was the coach of Italy's World Cup squad, Enzo Bearzot.

## REMAINING GAMES

Saturday, August 14	JACKSONVILLE TEA MEN	8:00 pm
Wednesday, August 18	at Chicago Sting (Comiskey)	7:30 pm
Sunday, August 22	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	3:00 pm

## BLIZZARD'S LAST LINEUP

Jan Moller (90:00), Victor Kodolja, David Needham, Randy Ragan, Bruce Wilson, Cliff Calvert (David Fairclough 45:00), Alan Merrick, Jimmy Nicholl, Ace Ntsoelengoe, David Byren, Duncan Davidson.

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RECORD

Overall: 15-13  
 Home: 11-3  
 Away: 4-10

BLIZZARD STATSATTENDANCE

Home: 113,561  
 (Avg) 8,112  
 Away: 165,471  
 (Avg) 11,819

INDIVIDUAL STATS

NO.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MINS	SH	FL	C/E	PK	SO	G	A	PTS
19	DAVID BYRNE	28	28	2541:04	62	95	5/0	1/2	1/1	7	21	35
6	NEILL ROBERTS	TOR 11	11	992:08	27	15	0/0	0/0	0/0	8	2	18
		EDM 13	13	1026:00	33	23	3/0	0/0	2/2	5	3	13
8	ACE NTSOELENGOE	28	28	2791:06	65	37	1/0	1/1	1/1	10	10	30
21	JUAN CARLOS MOLINA	21	20	1820:02	41	15	0/0	0/0	0/1	6	5	17
10	CLIFF CALVERT	28	28	2416:16	38	64	0/0	0/0	0/0	3	7	13
23	ALAN MERRICK	26	26	2176:39	42	88	4/0	0/0	0/0	4	3	11
20	DAVID FAIRCLOUGH	16	5	699:16	20	11	2/0	0/0	0/0	3	3	9
18	DUNCAN DAVIDSON	8	7	602:46	13	28	1/0	0/0	0/0	2	3	7
7	VICTOR KODELJA	27	26	2438:46	22	25	2/0	0/0	0/1	1	5	7
5	JIMMY NICHOLL	12	12	1064:58	14	20	2/0	0/0	0/0	1	2	4
11	JOMO SONO	5	4	396:31	16	11	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	3	3
2	BRUCE WILSON	21	21	1912:10	2	32	2/0	0/0	0/0	0	2	2
4	SAM LENARDUZZI	9	4	615:49	1	7	0/0	0/0	0/0	1	0	2
26	DAVID NEEDHAM	12	12	1082:08	11	24	1/0	0/0	0/0	1	0	2
00	JAN MOLLER	26	26	2391:06	0	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	2	2
16	RANDY RAGAN	27	27	2491:06	0	36	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
28	DAVID MCQUEEN	4	3	214:44	0	2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
24	COLIN MILLER	2	1	79:11	1	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
--	COLIN FRANKS (traded)	16	15	1435:06	15	20	1/0	0/0	0/0	2	0	4
--	CLYDE BEST (released)	3	2	154:47	3	4	0/0	0/0	0/0	1	1	3
					393	534	21/0	2/3	2/5	50	70	170

GOALKEEPERS STATISTICS

	GP	GS	MINS	SH	SVS	GA	AVG	PK/A	SO/A	SHUT
00 JAN MOLLER	26	26	2391:06	299	126	35	1.32	2/2	3/5	7
1 TONY CHURSKY	2	2	180:00	20	4	4	2.00	0/0	0/0	0

TEAM STATISTICS

SCORING	1ST HALF	2ND HALF	OT	SO	T	OG	CK'S	FLS	OFF	PK'S
BLIZZARD	19	28	3	0	50	2	155	534	173	2/3
OPPONENTS	7	29*	3	1	40	0	191	443	212	2/2

\*includes 2 Toronto Own Goals

GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORING
April 7	at Vancouver	3-1 (W)	16,084	MERRICK (Ntsoelengoe/Fairclough), NTSOELENGOE (Calvert/Byrne), NTSOELENGOE (Fairclough/Byrne)
April 17	TULSA	1-0 (W)	10,429	MOLINA (Wilson)
April 21	EDMONTON	1-0 (W)	3,251	FRANKS (Ntsoelengoe)
April 24	at Tampa Bay	2-1 (W-OT)	17,761	FRANKS (Calvert), BYRNE (Ntsoelengoe)
May 1	FT. LAUDERDALE	3-4 (L-SO)	6,589	MOLINA (unasst), KODELJA (Ntsoelengoe/Calvert), MOLINA (Byrne/Kodelja)
May 5	NEW YORK	2-1 (W-OT)	10,740	MOLINA (Merrick/Calvert), OWN GOAL (Toronto), CALVERT (Molina/Sono)
May 10	at San Jose	1-2 (L)	7,235	BYRNE (Sono/Molina)
May 12	at Edmonton	1-2 (L-OT)	5,872	NTSOELENGOE (Sono/Byrne)
May 15	MONTREAL	2-1 (W-OT)	7,506	BEST (Calvert/Byrne), FAIRCLOUGH (Molina/Byrne)
May 20	CHICAGO	2-0 (W)	7,313	MOLINA (Wilson/Best), NICHOLL (Fairclough/ Calvert)
May 22	at Chicago	1-3 (L)	7,226	NTSOELENGOE (Byrne)
May 25	SAN DIEGO	3-1 (W)	4,212	DAVIDSON (Ntsoelengoe/Molina), MOLINA (Byrne/ Ntsoelengoe), CALVERT (Byrne/Moller)
May 30	JUVENTUS F.C. (International)	1-0 (W)	35,656	DAVIDSON (Byrne)
June 2	at San Diego	4-0 (W)	5,587	CALVERT (Moller), DAVIDSON (Byrne/Kodelja), BYRNE (penalty kick), FAIRCLOUGH (unasst.)
June 6	at New York	1-2 (L-OT)	18,938	BYRNE (Davidson)
June 12	at Jacksonville	0-2 (L)	7,414	---
June 16	PORTLAND	1-0 (W)	4,366	NTSOELENGOE (Davidson/Kodelja)
June 19	SAN JOSE	7-0 (W)	10,177	ROBERTS (Kodelja/Byrne), MERRICK (Calvert/ Roberts), NTSOELENGOE (unasst.), ROBERTS (Merrick/Byrne), NTSOELENGOE (penalty kick) LENARDUZZI (Byrne), NTSOELENGOE (Byrne/Molina)
June 23	SEATTLE	0-2 (L)	6,297	---
June 26	at Portland	1-2 (L)	6,206	NTSOELENGOE (Roberts/Byrne)
June 30	at Seattle	1-2 (L)	8,695	ROBERTS (Merrick/Davidson)
July 3	at Montreal	1-2 (L)	23,333	ROBERTS (unasst)
July 7	MONTREAL	2-0 (W)	7,345	BYRNE (unasst), ROBERTS (Ntsoelengoe/Byrne)
July 10	at Ft. Lauderdale	2-3 (L-OT)	10,122	MERRICK (unasst), NEEDHAM (unasst.)
July 17	at Tulsa	1-5 (L)	14,751	ROBERTS (Byrne)
July 22	NEW YORK	0-1 (L)	10,856	---
July 25	VANCOUVER	3-1 (W)	16,241	NTSOELENGOE (Wilson/Byrne), ROBERTS (Byrne/ Kodelja), BYRNE (Ntsoelengoe/Nicholl)
July 28	CHICAGO	2-1 (W)	8,239	ROBERTS (Ntsoelengoe/Byrne), MERRICK (Byrne/ Nicholl)

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August 5th	Benfica of Lisbon-1	vs	Aris of Greece-0	
August 6th	Sporting Cristal of Peru-1	vs	Blizzard-0 (PK)	
August 8th	Blizzard-2	vs	Aris of Greece-1	- CONSOLATION FINAL
	Benfica of Lisbon-4	vs	Sporting Cristal of Peru-1	- CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL



# BLIZZARD ROSTER - 1982

NO.	NAME	POSITION	BIRTHDATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CITIZENSHIP	LAST CLUB
00	JAN MOLLER	GK	Sept. 17/53	6-4	209	Sweden	Bristol City
1	TONY CHURSKY	GK	June 13/53	5-11	170	Canada	Blizzard
2	BRUCE WILSON	D	June 20/51	5-10	155	Canada	Blizzard
4	SAM LENARDUZZI	D	Dec. 19/49	5-10	165	Canada	Blizzard
5	JIMMY NICHOLL	M	Dec. 28/56	5-10	165	Canada	Manchester Utd.
6	NEILL ROBERTS	F	Mar. 30/54	6-2	175	S. Africa	Edmonton
7	VICTOR KODELJA	D	Nov. 26/51	5-9	160	Canada	Calgary
8	ACE NTSOELENGOE	M	Feb. 26/52	5-8	155	S. Africa	Minnesota
9	DAVID WOODSFORD	F	Jan. 24/63	5-9	156	Canada	Calgary
10	CLIFF CALVERT	M	Apr. 21/54	5-10	170	England	Blizzard/Dallas
11	JOMO SONO	F	June 28/55	5-8	180	S. Africa	Blizzard
12	PASQUALE DELUCA	D	May 26/62	5-10	150	Canada	Edmonton
14	FRANK CIACCIA	M	Sept. 11/59	5-10	160	Canada	Simon Fraser Un
16	RANDY RAGAN	D	June 7/59	6-0	165	Canada	Blizzard
18	DUNCAN DAVIDSON	F	June 5/54	5-9	160	Scotland	Tulsa/Blizzard
19	DAVID BYRNE	F	Jan. 11/60	5-11	155	England	Atlanta
20	DAVID FAIRCLOUGH	F	Jan. 5/57	5-10	155	England	Liverpool
21	JUAN CARLOS MOLINA	M	Feb. 22/55	6-0	160	Argentina	Calgary
23	ALAN MERRICK	M	June 20/50	5-10	170	United States	Minnesota
24	COLIN MILLER	D	Apr. 10/54	5-9	155	Canada	Cdn. Youth Team
26	DAVID NEEDHAM	D	May 21/49	6-2	182	England	Nottingham Fore
28	DAVID MCQUEEN	M	Jan. 24/62	5-6	145	Canada	Blizzard
30	GARY KRAFT	GK	Feb. 16/62	5-10	160	United States	North Bay

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