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NEW YORK COSMOS vs TORONTO BLIZZARD

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BLIZZARD UPDATE

Tonight's game is the third of a four-game series slated between the Blizzard and Eastern Division opponents, the New York Cosmos. Toronto will wind up its regular season schedule in New York against the Cosmos on Friday, September 2nd.

This is the first NASL home game in over three weeks for the Blizzard following a recently completed three-game road stand and a two-game international series against Benfica of Portugal and Juventus of Italy. The Blizzard's last home game was on Sunday, July 24, a 2-1 victory over the Seattle Sounders.

The Blizzard dropped their third consecutive game of the three-game road stand by a 1-0 score to the Tulsa Roughnecks last Saturday night. Once again, Toronto failed to cash in on some early scoring chances and were the victims of a Tulsa goal by Iraj Danifard in the 57th minute. The Blizzard were forced to finish the game with only 10 men after Jimmy Nicholl was ejected at 67:18 for disputing a yellow-card issued to Randy Ragan.

The loss left Toronto at 13-11 on the season and 112 points, third in the Eastern Division and fifth overall. This is the first time this season the Blizzard have dipped lower than second in the East and third in the league.

Over the past ten games the Blizzard have scored only nine goals. Five of those ten games have gone to extra time with Toronto winning two of three Shootout decisions and losing both overtime decisions.

With six games remaining in the regular season schedule, the Blizzard will face Eastern Division opponents five times. The Blizzard trail the Chicago Sting by 14 points for second place in the Eastern Division and trail Golden Bay Earthquakes by 19 points for fourth place overall and the final home-advantage playoff position. If the playoffs started today, the Blizzard would face current Southern Division leaders, the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers.

LINEUP SHUFFLE

Blizzard leading scorer, David Byrne will miss his first start since joining the Blizzard tonight as he sits out a one-game suspension for accumulating too many yellow-card violations. Byrne played all 18 games of the 1981/82 indoor season, started all 32 games in 1982 and every game so far this season. His absence on the forward line will leave room for Coach Bob Houghton to juggle his lineup. Either Geoff Wegerle or Neill Roberts could be reinstated alongside Roberto Bettega, or both could start with Bettega moving into an offensive midfield role.

Roberts has started 16 games this season but lost his regular position to Roberto Bettega. Roberts' last game was in Seattle on July 30th. He was relegated to the bench for both games in Golden Bay and Tulsa. As a late substitute in the international match against Benfica of Lisbon, Roberts played 53 seconds before setting up Randy Ragan's overtime winner.

Geoff Wegerle has seen only limited action this season in seven games this season. Used mainly as a late substitute he has yet to be selected as a starter. Wegerle has come off the bench to score one goal and an assist plus scoring the winner against Nottingham Forest.



## INJURIES

Victor Kodelja will miss tonight's game because of a broken toe suffered during the Golden Bay game. Cliff Calvert will replace Kodelja at right-back.

Ace Ntsoelengoe, who has missed all but one game this season because of surgery required to repair damaged knee cartilage, will be on the bench tonight. Ace is still not completely match fit but has played a few games with the Blizzard II reserve team in preparation for his return to the lineup and may see some action tonight. The only other game Ace has played in this year was back on May 11 against Tampa Bay, in which he assisted on the first goal. Ironically, Ace played every minute of every game in 1982.

## VS NEW YORK COSMOS

The Blizzard have experienced the highs and the lows against the NASL's defending Soccer Bowl champions this season. A 2-1 victory in front of over 25,000 fans was a perfect season opener for the Blizzard on April 24th but the return visit to New York on June 19th proved to be a nightmare. The Cosmos avenged a 4-1 loss suffered at the hands of the Blizzard in 1982 by beating Toronto 5-1, the club's worst defeat this season.

The scoring and lineups are as follows:

### April 24 New York-1 at Toronto-2

1. Tor - Calvert (Byrne, Nicholl) 56:36
2. Nyk - Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Kapp) 75:40
3. Tor - Roberts (Nicholl, Byrne) 80:02

TOR - Moller, Kodelja, Spalding, Karlsson, Wilson, Nicholl, Deluca, Ragan, Calvert, Byrne, Roberts  
 NYK - Birkenmeier, Iarusci, Eskandarian, Davis, Chinapoo (Kapp 51:55), Neeskens, Bogicevic, Romero, Moyers Chinaglia

### June 19 Toronto-1 at New York-5

1. Nyk - Cabanas (Davis, Bogicevic) 9:26
2. Nyk - Beckenbauer (Cabanas, Bogicevic) 14:02
3. Nyk - Cabanas (Davis) 48:45
4. Nyk - Chinaglia (Gee, Beckenbauer) 54:02
5. Tor - Byrne (Steffenhagen, Bettega) 65:30
6. Nyk - Chinaglia (Bogicevic, Moyers) 80:23

TOR - Moller, Nicholl, Karlsson, Spalding, Kodelja, Byrne, Ragan, Deluca, Calvert, Bettega, Roberts (Steffenhagen 45:00)  
 NYK - Birkenmeier, Gee, Iarusci (Dibbernardo 45:00), Beckenbauer, Rijsbergen, Neeskens, Davis (Chinapoo 77:53), Bogicevic, Moyers, Chinaglia, Cabanas

## VS NEW YORK - LIFETIME

The Cosmos hold a 10-4 win/loss advantage over the Blizzard since 1979 plus two consecutive victories in playoff action in 1979. The Blizzard lost nine straight games to the Cosmos (including playoffs) until the final game of the 1981 regular season schedule, a 3-2 Shootout victory at Exhibition Stadium. Since then the Blizzard have improved their record against the Cosmos to four victories in their last seven meetings, including a 4-1 win at Giants Stadium in 1982, the Blizzard's only victory in New York and the Cosmos only home defeat in '82

1979 May 4 at Tor 0-1 (L)  
 June 3 at Nyk 1-3 (L)  
 p.o. Aug. 16 at Tor 1-3 (L)  
 p.o. Aug. 19 at Nyk 0-2 (L)  
 1980 May 8 at Tor 1-3 (L)  
 July 2 at Nyk 1-3 (L)

1981 May 10 at Nyk 1-5 (L)  
 June 14 at Nyk 3-4 (L)  
 July 8 at Tor 1-2 (L)  
 Aug. 19 at Tor 2-1 (WSO)  
 1982 May 5 at Tor 2-1 (WOT)  
 June 6 at Nyk 1-2 (LOT)  
 July 22 at Tor 0-1 (L)  
 Aug. 11 at Nyk 4-1 (W)

## TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Referee: AL KLEINAITIS  
 Sr. Linesman: HELDER DIAS  
 Jr. Linesman: STEVE SZABO  
 4th Official: BRIAN SUMMERSBY

## BLIZZARD'S LAST LINEUP (vs Tulsa Aug. 13)

Jan Moller (90:00), Cliff Calvert, Conny Karlsson, Derek Spalding, Bruce Wilson, Jimmy Nicholl (ejected 67:18), Randy Ragan, Pasquale Deluca, Charlie Falzon, David Byrne, Roberto Bettega (Geoff Wegerle 73:31)



Record: Overall 13-11 (112)  
 Home 8-4 ( 67)  
 Away 5-7 ( 45)

# CURRENT BLIZZARD STATISTICS

Attendance: Home 141,412  
 avg. 11,784  
 Away 134,686  
 avg. 11,224

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NO.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MINS	SH	FL	C/E	PK	SO	G	A	PTS
19	DAVID BYRNE	24	24	2225	83	67	7/0	1/3	0/2	11	15	37
5	JIMMY NICHOLL	22	22	1996	48	43	1/1	0/0	1/2	7	5	19
6	NEILL ROBERTS	16	15	1193	31	31	1/1	0/0	0/1	5	7	17
2	BRUCE WILSON	22	22	2067	10	33	1/0	0/0	2/4	2	8	12
11	ROBERTO BETTEGA	13	13	1214	49	19	1/0	0/0	0/0	2	8	12
10	CLIFF CALVERT	19	19	1687	35	28	0/0	0/0	0/1	4	2	10
12	PASQUALE DELUCA	23	23	2129	21	20	1/0	0/0	0/2	3	4	10
16	RANDY RAGAN	23	23	2157	32	48	1/0	0/0	1/2	3	1	7
24	COLIN MILLER	10	6	610	18	5	1/0	0/0	0/0	2	2	6
7	VICTOR KODELJA	22	21	2052	21	26	2/0	0/0	3/4	1	1	3
14	GEOFF WEGERLE	7	0	136	5	5	0/0	0/0	0/0	1	1	3
8	ACE NTSOELENGOE	1	1	90	5	1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
17	DEREK SPALDING	19	19	1961	5	55	6/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
4	CONNY KARLSSON	24	24	2247	1	34	3/0	0/0	1/1	0	0	0
21	TREVOR MCCALLUM	1	1	90	1	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
20	CHARLIE FALZON	1	1	90	0	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
15	PAUL JAMES	1	0	3	0	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
--	ARNO STEFFENHAGEN (traded)	14	6	805	18	3	0/0	0/0	0/1	0	7	7
BLIZZARD TOTALS					383	418	28/2*	1/3	8/20	41	62	144
OPPONENTS TOTALS					230	433	15/2	2/2	10/22	36**	55	127

\*includes 3 bench cautions \*\*includes Own Goal

## GOALKEEPERS STATISTICS

	GP	GS	MINS	SH	SVS	GA	AVG.	PKA/GA	SOA/GA	SHU
1 JAN MOLLER	20	20	1877	192	72	29	1.39	2/2	22/10	3
00 SVEN HABERMANN	4	4	370	38	10	7	1.70	0/0	0/0	0
BLIZZARD TOTALS	24	24	2247	230	82	36	1.44	2/2	22/10	3
OPPONENTS TOTALS	24	24	2247	383	140	41	1.64	3/1	18/8	4

## TEAM STATISTICS

SCORING	1ST HALF	2ND HALF	OT	SO*	T	OG	CKS	FLS	OFFS	PKS
BLIZZARD	15	25	1	2	43	1	181	418	242	1/3
OPPONENTS	13	20	3	2	38	0	129	433	250	2/2

\*Shootout goals do not count against goalkeeper

## BLIZZARD'S NEXT HOME GAME #14

Sunday, August 21 vs MONTREAL MANIC, 3:00 pm

## BLIZZARD'S NEXT ROAD GAME #13

Wednesday, August 24 at MONTREAL MANIC, 8:00 pm

## GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORING
Apr. 24	NEW YORK COSMOS	2-1 (W)	25,375	CALVERT (Byrne/Nicholl), ROBERTS (Nicholl/Byrne)
May 1	at Vancouver Whitecaps	1-2 (L)	17,702	NICHOLL (Byrne/Steffenhagen)
May 11	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	3-1 (W)	5,214	CALVERT (Roberts/Ntsoelengoe), ROBERTS (Wilson), BYRNE (Steffenhagen/Roberts)
May 14	at Seattle Sounders	2-1 (W)	6,496	DELUCA (Nicholl), BYRNE (unasst)
May 18	CHICAGO STING	1-2 (L-OT)	5,217	WEGERLE (Steffenhagen/Wilson)
May 20	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	3-0 (W)	8,506	ROBERTS (Byrne/Calvert), BYRNE (Calvert/Roberts), CALVERT (Steffenhagen/Nicholl)
May 25	at San Diego Sockers	3-0 (W)	3,079	BYRNE (pk), BYRNE (Roberts/Miller), BYRNE (Steffenhagen/Roberts)
May 29	at Chicago Sting	3-2 (W-OT)	7,852	CALVERT (unasst), MILLER (unasst), MILLER (Steffenhagen/Wilson)
May 31	NOTTINGHAM FOREST (International)	2-1 (W)	7,852	KODELJA (unasst), WEGERLE (Steffenhagen/Byrne)
June 5	VANCOUVER WHITECAPS	2-3 (L-SO)	13,540	BYRNE (Ragan/Bettega), BYRNE (Bettega/DelUCA)
June 8	MONTREAL MANIC	2-1 (W)	5,743	NICHOLL (Byrne/Kodelja), ROBERTS (Miller/Bettega)
June 12	CHICAGO STING	1-3 (L)	14,763	NICHOLL (Roberts/DelUCA)
June 19	at New York Cosmos	1-5 (L)	25,247	BYRNE (Bettega/Steffenhagen)
June 23	FT. LAUDERDALE STRIKERS	3-2 (W)	4,924	BETTEGA (Wilson/DelUCA), WILSON (Byrne) BYRNE (Bettega/Wilson)
June 26	GOLDEN BAY EARTHQUAKES	5-1 (W)	11,449	KODELJA (unasst), RAGAN (Byrne/Bettega), RAGAN (Byrne/Wilson), WILSON (Bettega) NICHOLL (Byrne/Wilson)
June 30	at Montreal Manic	0-2 (L)	6,063	---
July 4	at Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	1-2 (L-OT)	15,789	ROBERTS (Byrne)
July 6	TULSA ROUGHNECKS	2-1 (W)	8,099	NICHOLL (DelUCA/Byrne), NICHOLL (unasst)
July 8	at Team America	2-1 (W-SO)	16,513	BYRNE (unasst)
July 13	VANCOUVER WHITECAPS	1-0 (W-SO)	22,054	---
July 17	SAN DIEGO SOCKERS	0-1 (L)	13,319	---
July 24	SEATTLE SOUNDERS	2-1 (W)	11,715	NICHOLL (Byrne/Wilson), RAGAN (Byrne/Robert)
July 30	at Seattle Sounders	1-2 (L)	5,028	DELUCA (Wegerle/Byrne)
Aug. 3	at Golden Bay Earthquakes	2-3 (L-SO)	10,748	DELUCA (Bettega), BETTEGA (Nicholl/Byrne)
Aug. 7	BENFICA OF LISBON (Int'l)	1-0 (W-OT)	20,749	RAGAN (Roberts)
Aug. 10	JUVENTUS OF ITALY (Int'l)	0-0 (T)	41,035	---
Aug. 13	at Tulsa Roughnecks	0-1 (L)	11,663	---



# CURRENT NASL STATISTICS

## EASTERN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP
NEW YORK COSMOS	26	18	8	72	42	55	161
CHICAGO STING	24	13	11	57	58	48	126
TORONTO BLIZZARD	24	13	11	43	38	38	112
MONTREAL MANIC	25	9	16	48	66	44	98

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

FT. LAUDERDALE STRIKERS	24	11	13	46	50	42	106
TULSA ROUGHNECKS	25	12	13	41	43	34	102
TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	25	7	18	44	70	37	79
TEAM AMERICA	24	9	15	26	40	20	68

## WESTERN DIVISION

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS	25	20	5	50	24	41	155
GOLDEN BAY EARTHQUAKES	24	16	8	54	43	41	131
SEATTLE SOUNDERS	24	10	14	50	47	39	95
SAN DIEGO SOCKERS	24	9	15	38	47	30	82

## NASL LEADING SCORERS

	GP	G	A	PTS
ROBERTO CABANAS, NYK	25	21	15	57
RICARDO ALONSO, CHI	22	15	14	44
KARL-HEINZ GRANITZA, CHI	23	13	13	39
VLADISLAV BOGICEVIC, NYK	26	6	27	39
DAVID BYRNE, TOR	24	11	15	37
JULIO CESAR ROMERO, NYK	21	9	18	36
STEVE ZUNGUL, GDB	17	12	11	35
DAVID CROSS, VCR	24	15	4	34
GIORGIO CHINAGLIA, NYK	15	16	1	33
GODFREY INGRAM, GDB	20	12	9	33
ALAN WILLEY, MTL	23	12	9	33

## NASL LEADING GOALKEEPERS

	GP	MINS	SVS	GA	SH	AVG.
TINO LETTIERI, VCR	24	2225	136	19	10	0.77
JAN MOLLER, TOR	20	1877	72	29	3	1.39
HUBERT BIRKENMEIER, NYK	22	1911	118	32	6	1.51
PAUL HAMMOND, TEA	14	1290	94	23	3	1.60
WINSTON DUBOSE, TUL	25	2333	109	42	4	1.62
BILL IRWIN, GDB	24	2255	141	42	3	1.68
JOE CORRIGAN, SEA	23	2174	118	41	4	1.70
VOLKMAR GROSS, SDG	19	1855	108	35	5	1.70
JAN VAN BEVEREN, FTL	24	2220	151	48	1	1.95

## SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Montreal 0 at New York 3  
 Ft. Lauderdale 3 at San Diego 2 SO

## NO OTHER GAMES TONIGHT

## TOMORROW'S GAMES

Seattle at Montreal  
 Tampa at Tulsa  
 Ft. Lauderdale at Golden Bay

# 1983 BLIZZARD ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	BIRTHDATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CITIZENSHIP	1982 CLUB
00	SVEN HABERMANN	GK	November 3/61	6-3	204	Canada	Vancouver
1	JAN MOLLER	GK	September 17/53	6-4	209	Sweden	Blizzard
2	BRUCE WILSON	D	June 20/51	5-10	155	Canada	Blizzard
4	CONNY KARLSSON	D	November 21/53	6-1	190	Sweden	IFK Gothenburg
5	JIMMY NICHOLL	M	December 28/56	5-10	165	Canada	Blizzard
6	NEILL ROBERTS	F	March 30/54	6-3	175	S.Africa	Blizzard/Edmonton
7	VICTOR KODELJA	D	November 26/51	5-9	160	Canada	Blizzard
8	ACE NTSOELENGOE	M	February 26/52	5-9	155	S.Africa	Blizzard
10	CLIFF CALVERT	M	April 12/54	5-10	170	Canada	Blizzard
11	ROBERTO BETTEGA	F	December 27/50	6-1	172	Italy	Juventus
12	PASQUALE DELUCA	M	May 26/62	5-9	150	Canada	Blizzard/Edmonton
14	GEOFF WEGERLE	F	June 9/54	5-8	153	S.Africa	Dion Cosmos
15	PAUL JAMES	M	November 11/63	5-10	153	Wales	Blizzard
16	RANDY RAGAN	M	June 7/59	5-11	163	Canada	Blizzard
17	DEREK SPALDING	D	December 20/54	5-9	179	United States	Chicago
18	COSIMO COMMISSO	F	November 28/65	5-11	150	Canada	Toronto Italia
19	DAVID BYRNE	F	January 11/60	5-11	170	England	Blizzard
20	CHARLIE FALZON	M	November 14/61	5-9	150	Canada	Montreal
21	TREVOR MCCALLUM	D	February 26/64	6-0	180	England	Toronto Italia
22	PHIL PARKES	GK	July 14/47	6-4	205	England	Oklahoma City
24	COLIN MILLER	M	October 4/64	5-8	165	Canada	Blizzard

Head Coach: BOB HOUGHTON

Asst. Coach: DAVID TURNER

Trainer: JIM PANNO

Asst. Trainer: MARCEL CHARLAND

