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NEW YORK COSMOS at TORONTO BLIZZARD

Tonight's game will wrap up the 1981 regular season for the Blizzard and the Cosmos.

While the Blizzard finish out of the playoffs with a current record of 6 wins and 24 losses, expectations are high for a better season next year under new ownership. Mr. Karsten Von Wersebe of York-Hannover Corporation, new owners of the Toronto Blizzard will be available to speak to the press in the Dressing Room following the game.

Meanwhile, the Cosmos, regardless of tonight's score, finish on top of the league standings once again and advance automatically to the second round of the playoffs with a first-round bye.

In three previous meetings this season, the Cosmos have come out the victors over the Blizzard. The series results are as follows:

May 14	at New York	1-5 (L)	Sono (TOR), Chinaglia (NYK), Chinaglia (NYK) Borja (NYK), Chinaglia (NYK), Van Der Elst (NYK)
June 14	at New York	3-4 (L)	Borja (NYK), Own Goal by NYK (TOR), Boniperti (TOR), Cabanas (NYK), Van Der Elst (NYK), Sono (TOR), Cabanas (NYK)
July 8	at Toronto	1-2 (L)	Cabanas (NYK), Van Der Elst (NYK), Davidson (TOR)

INJURIES

Out of the lineup for the New York Cosmos are JULIO ROMERO (left knee sprain), WIM RIJSBERGEN (back spasms), VLADISLAV BOGICEVIC (bruised heel) and SENINHO (strained thigh).

Goalkeeper HUBERT BIRKENMEIER is expected to sit out his first game in two years tonight in favour of backup 'keeper DAVID BRCIC.

Also sitting out for the Cosmos is ROBERTO CABANAS serving a one-game league suspension for surpassing the 20 penalty point limit in yellow card cautions.

Out of the lineup for the Toronto Blizzard tonight are RANDY RAGAN (pelvic muscle strain), LUIGI MARTINI (pulled calf muscle) and GORDON WALLACE (torn knee ligaments). JIMMY GREENHOFF (groin pull) and ALEX CROPLEY (hamstring) are listed as doubtful starters but their status will be determined closer to game time.

GIANPAOLO BONIPERTI will sit out this game on a league-suspension for surpassing the 20-point penalty mark for yellow card cautions.

MOLSON PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

COLIN FRANKS and RANDY RAGAN have been voted co-winners of the 1981 Molson "Player of the Year" Award.

The trophy, along with a cash award, is given to the Blizzard player receiving the most "Player of the Game" votes over the season and this year's tally has resulted in a tie.

The presentation will be made at half-time by Rod Brophy, Regional Marketing Manager for Molson's Brewery (Ontario) Ltd.

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Referee: William Maxwell
Sr. Linesman: Patrick McKerry
Jr. Linesman: Glen Blue

13,367

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLINIC

This afternoon at Exhibition Stadium, a Special Olympics Clinic was held for these exceptional children through the efforts of the Blizzard Soccer Club and the Blizzard Soccer Camp under the direction of Dick Howard and Brian Budd.

BLIZZARD SCORING

NO.	NAME	GP	MINS	SH	G	A	PTS	FOULS	C/E	SO
2	BRUCE WILSON	29	2608:11	18	0	4	4	52	1/0	0/1
4	SAM LENARDUZZI	27	2778:23	14	0	3	3	19	4/0	0/0
5	JIMMY KELLY	7	422:30	3	0	1	1	3	0/0	0/0
6	COLIN FRANKS	30	2729:27	31	1	1	3	28	2/1	0/0
7	TORE CERVIN	10	512:49	22	2	1	5	7	1/0	0/0
8	JIMMY GREENHOFF	23	1913:54	27	6	3	15	13	0/0	0/0
9	ALEX CROPLEY	14	1210:38	36	2	4	8	31	3/1	0/0
10	TIBOR GEMERI	8	374:49	7	2	0	4	6	2/0	0/0
11	JOMO SONO	20	1757:07	69	8	6	22	31	2/0	0/1
12	MALCOLM ROBERTSON	18	988:24	15	2	4	8	25	2/0	0/0
14	GORDON SWEETZER	19	988:38	24	4	1	9	30	3/0	0/0
15	LUIGI MARTINI	14	954:09	6	0	3	3	30	1/0	0/0
16	RANDY RAGAN	22	1999:08	15	1	1	3	48	3/0	0/0
17	CLYDE BEST	17	1602:59	45	1	4	6	28	1/0	0/0
18	DUNCAN DAVIDSON	11	888:01	19	1	2	4	8	0/0	0/0
19	GRAHAM HATLEY	20	1014:46	17	0	1	1	9	0/0	0/0
21	GIANPAOLO BONIPERTI	18	1294:07	7	1	1	3	31	5/0	0/0
24	JULIUS SONO	11	922:31	9	1	0	2	8	0/0	0/0
26	JOSE VELASQUEZ	18	1458:33	11	0	6	6	48	8/0	0/0
27	GORDON WALLACE	6	331:15	4	1	0	2	8	0/0	0/0
28	DAVE MCQUEEN	5	179:31	1	0	0	0	44	0/0	0/0
	CLIFF CALVERT (traded)	7	633:56	11	0	1	1	17	0/0	0/1
	GUNGOR TEKIN (released)	15	1290:18	12	2	1	5	61	10/1	0/0
* Includes 2 Own Goals				423	37*	48	122*	585	48/3	0/3

GOALKEEPERS STATISTICS		GP	MINS	SVS	GA	SHUTOUTS	AVG.	FOULS	C/E
1	TONY CHURSKY	27	2449:08	154	66	3	2.42	0	0/0
22	BLAGOJE TAMINDZIC	4	372:58	27	14	0	3,38	0	0/0

SEASON STATISTICS	1ST HALF	2ND HALF	OT	TOTAL	SHOOTOUT	CORNERS	OFFSIDE	PK'S
BLIZZARD	14*	22	1	37*	0	171	108	3/4
OPPONENTS	38	41	1	80	1	187	117	7/8

PLAYOFFS - FIRST ROUND

POSSIBLE PAIRINGS AS OF AUG. 19/81

FIRST PLACE

1. New York - BYE
2. Chicago
3. Vancouver
4. San Diego or Los Angeles
5. Atlanta

SECOND PLACE

6. San Diego, Los Angeles, Minnesota or Tulsa
7. Los Angeles, Minnesota, Tulsa
8. Calgary Seattle, Ft. Lauderdale
9. Calgary, Seattle, Ft. Lauderdale, Montreal, Jacksonville
10. Seattle, Montreal, Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa, Jacksonville

WILDCARDS

11. Minnesota or Tulsa
12. Calgary, Tampa, Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale, Seattle, Portland
13. Tampa, Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale, Seattle, Portland
14. Tampa, Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale, Seattle, Portland, Washington
15. Tampa, Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale, Seattle, Portland, Washington

PAIRINGS

2 vs 15
3 vs 14
4 vs 13
5 vs 12
6 vs 11
7 vs 10
8 vs 9

As a result of Montreal's Shootout win last night:

a) Montreal, Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa and Seattle have qualified for Playoffs since Wasington cannot surpass them
b) Washington, Jacksonville, Portland fighting for final playoff spots

In the first three rounds, all best-of-three series, the team with the most points will have the second and (if necessary) third games at its home stadium.

PLAYOFF DATES

First Round	August 20-31
Quarter-Finals	September 1-10
Semi-Finals	September 11-21
SOCCERBOWL '81	September 26 - Exhibition Stadium

OTHER MATCHES TONIGHT

Atlanta	at	Ft. Lauderdale	8:00 pm
Dallas	at	Minnesota	8:00 pm
Tulsa	at	Chicago	7:30 pm
Jacksonville	at	Edmonton	7:30 pm
Seattle	at	Calgary	7:30 pm
San Jose	at	Vancouver	8:00 pm
Los Angeles	at	Portland	7:30 pm
California	at	San Diego	7:30 pm

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

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BLIZZARD RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORERS
Saturday, March 28	at Jacksonville	0-1 (L)	17,128	---
Saturday, April 4	at Tampa	3-4 (L)	21,414	Malcolm Robertson (penalty), Jomo Sono, Julius Sono
Sunday, April 12	DALLAS	0-1 (L-SO)	9,327	---
Saturday, April 18	at Montreal	1-2 (L)	27,161	Gungor Tekin
Sunday, April 26	WASHINGTON	2-4 (L)	8,213	Jimmy Greenhoff, Gord Wallace
Sunday, May 3	FT. LAUDERDALE	3-1 (W)	5,407	Jimmy Greenhoff, Jomo Sono, Tore Cervin
Sunday, May 10	at New York	1-5 (L)	27,003	Jomo Sono
Sunday, May 17	EDMONTON	2-1 (W)	4,226	Jomo Sono, Clyde Best
Friday, May 22	at Dallas	1-0 (W)	3,119	Jimmy Greenhoff
Sunday, May 24	MONTREAL	0-5 (L)	8,816	---
Wednesday, May 27	CHICAGO	3-1 (W)	3,126	Gordon Sweetzer(2), Gungor Tekin
Saturday, May 30	at Ft. Lauderdale	1-2 (L)	10,782	Jomo Sono
Tuesday, June 2	at Atlanta	2-6 (L)	3,150	Jomo Sono, Randy Ragan
Sunday, June 6	at Montreal	0-1 (L-OT)	17,541	---
Sunday, June 14	at New York	3-4 (L)	31,210	Own Goal, Gianpaolo Boniperti, Jomo Sono
Sunday, June 17	TAMPA	0-1 (L)	5,571	---
Sunday, June 21	TULSA	0-2 (L)	11,123	---
Wednesday, June 24	MINNESOTA	1-3 (L)	4,204	Jimmy Greenhoff
Friday, July 3	at Tulsa	0-3 (L)	16,332	---
Sunday, July 5	JACKSONVILLE	3-0 (W)	5,967	Tore Cervin, Tibor Gemeri, Gordon Sweetzer
Wednesday, July 8	NEW YORK	1-2 (L)	17,642	Duncan Davidson (penalty)
Sunday, July 12	CALGARY	2-3 (L)	8,439	Own Goal, Jimmy Greenhoff
Wednesday, July 15	at Washington	0-2 (L)	10,559	---
Saturday, July 18	at Vancouver	0-2 (L)	20,839	---
Wednesday, July 22	at Los Angeles	2-4 (L)	3,277	Gordon Sweetzer, Malcolm Robertson (penalty)
Sunday, July 26	at Chicago	1-5 (L)	17,310	Tibor Gemeri
Wednesday, July 29	ATLANTA	0-3 (L)	3,391	---
Sunday, August 2	WASHINGTON	0-2 (L)	5,063	---
Sunday, August 9	at Minnesota	0-3 (L)	10,307	---
Wednesday, August 12	MONTREAL	4-3 (W-OT)	3,708	Alex Cropley(2), Jimmy Greenhoff
Sunday, August 16	at Washington	1-5 (L)	9,226	Colin Franks

NASL CURRENT STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	PTS
EASTERN DIVISION							
New York Cosmos	31	23	8	79	47	63	199
Montreal Manic	32	15	17	62	57	56	142
Washington Diplomats	32	15	17	59	57	51	135
Toronto Blizzard	31	6	25	37	81	36	72
SOUTHERN DIVISION							
Atlanta Chiefs	31	17	14	62	58	53	151
Tampa Bay Rowdies	32	15	17	63	64	53	139
Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	31	17	14	52	46	42	136
Jacksonville Tea Men	31	17	14	46	46	38	132
CENTRAL DIVISION							
Chicago Sting	31	22	9	79	46	60	188
Minnesota Kicks	31	18	13	61	56	53	155
Tulsa Roughnecks	31	17	14	56	44	51	151
Dallas Tornado	31	5	26	26	69	25	53
WESTERN DIVISION							
San Diego Sockers	31	20	11	63	47	52	164
Los Angeles Aztecs	31	19	12	52	53	47	159
California Surf	31	11	20	58	72	49	115
San Jose Earthquakes	31	11	20	43	75	41	107
NORTHWEST DIVISION							
Vancouver Whitecaps	31	20	11	71	42	59	177
Calgary Boomers	31	16	15	56	52	49	143
Seattle Sounders	31	15	16	58	59	49	135
Portland Timbers	31	16	15	50	48	43	133
Edmonton Drillers	31	12	19	60	74	51	123

LEADING SCORERS	GP	G	A	PTS
Giorgio Chinaglia, NYK	31	29	16	74
Brian Kidd, ATL	26	22	8	52
Karl-Heinz Granitza, CHI	30	18	16	52
Mike Stojanovic, SND	31	23	4	50
Franz Gerber, CGY	24	18	9	45
Teofilo Cubillas, FTL	27	17	10	44
Arno Steffenhagen, CHI	27	17	10	44
Gordon Hill, MTL	30	16	12	44
Edi Kirschner, EDM	30	17	9	43
Roberto Cabanas, NYK	22	16	9	41

LEADING GOALKEEPERS	GP	MINS	GA	AVG.
Arnie Mausser, JAX	30	2836	39	1.24
Zeljko Bilecki, TLS	28	2526	35	1.25
Barry Siddall, VCR	23	2127	31	1.31
Jan Van Beveren, FTL	31	2912	43	1.33
Volkmar Gross, SND	31	2889	44	1.37
Hubert Birkenmeier, NYK	31	2874	45	1.41
Keith MacRae, PTL	20	1714	29	1.52
Jim Brown, WSH	31	2872	49	1.53
Mike Hewitt, SNJ	15	1352	24	1.60
Chris Turner, LSA	24	2192	39	1.60

BLIZZARD ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	DATE OF BIRTH	HGT.	WGT.	CITIZEN	LAST CLUB
1	Tony Chursky	GK	June 13/53	5-11	170	Canada	Blizzard
2	Bruce Wilson, Cpt.	Def	June 20/51	5-10	155	Canada	New York
4	Sam Lenarduzzi	Def	Dec. 19/49	5-10	165	Canada	Blizzard
5	Jimmy Kelly	Mid	May 2/57	5-6	145	England	Tulsa
6	Colin Franks	Def	Apr. 16/51	5-11	180	England	Blizzard
7	Tore Cervin	For	Aug. 2/50	5-9	155	Sweden	Malmo
8	Jimmy Greenhoff	For	June 19/46	5-9	168	England	Manchester Utd.
9	Alex Cropley	Mid	Jan. 16/51	5-7	145	Scotland	Aston Villa
10	Tibor Gemeri	Mid	Apr. 29/51	5-8	160	Canada	Ft.Lauderdale
11	Jomo Sono	Mid	June 28/55	5-8	180	S.Africa	Blizzard
12	Malcolm Robertson	For	July 7/55	5-7	145	Scotland	Hearts
14	Gordon Sweetzer	For	Jan. 27/57	5-11	170	Canada	Blizzard
15	Luigi Martini	Def	June 15/49	5-9	150	Italy	Lazio
16	Randy Ragan	M/D	June 7/59	6-0	175	Canada	Blizzard
17	Clyde Best	For	Feb. 24/51	6-2	190	Bermuda	Portland
18	Duncan Davidson	For	June 5/54	5-9	160	Scotland	Tulsa
19	Graham Hatley	For	Oct. 26/60	5-10	155	Canada	Blizzard
21	Gianpaolo Boniperti	M/D	June 26/61	5-11	157	Italy	Juventus
22	Blagoje Tamindzic	GK	Apr. 8/52	6-0	175	Canada	Blizzard
23	Jimmy Kussy	Mid	Aug. 2/60	5-11	175	Canada	Oliveirenses
24	Julius Sono	Mid	June 26/59	5-8	142	S.Africa	Orlando Pirates
25	Ed McNally	For	Oct. 7/62	5-8	184	Canada	Richmond Hill
27	Gordon Wallace	Mid	Jan. 6/55	5-8	142	Canada	Blizzard
28	David McQueen	Mid	Jan. 24/62	5-6	145	Canada	Wexford

Head Coach: Dave Turner
Trainer: Pat Quinn
Asst. Trainer: Jimmy Panno

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MOLSON SOCCER

TONIGHT'S STARTING LINEUPS

TORONTO BLIZZARD			NEW YORK COSMOS		
1.	Tony Chursky	G	21.	David Brcic	G
10.	Tibor Gemeri	D	17.	Rick Davis	D
4.	Sam Lenarduzzi	D	4.	Jeff Durgen	D
6.	Colin Franks	D	22.	Ivan Buljan	D
2.	Bruce Wilson	D	3.	Bob Iarusci	D
19.	Graham Hatley	M	13.	Johann Neeskens	M
11.	Jomo Sono	M	20.	Francois Van Der Elst	M
9.	Alex Cropley	M	16.	Angelo DiBernardo	M
8.	Jimmy Greenhoff	F	14.	Steve Wegerle	F
17.	Clyde Best	F	9.	Giorgio Chinaglia	F
18.	Duncan Davidson	F	28.	Chico Borja	F

Subs			Subs		
Blagoje Tamindzic	(22)		1.	Hubert Birkenmeier	G
Jimmy Kelly	(5)		12.	Larry Hulcer	
Malcolm Robertson	(12)	(19 at 42)	2.	Eskandarian	(for 20 at 95)
Gordon Sweetzer	(14)		26.	Erhardt Kapp	

Wm Maxwell