



NEWS RELEASE

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WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS vs. NEW YORK COSMOS

Wednesday 12, 1981 - 7:30 pm

Giants Stadium - WTTG-TV, Metromedia 5; WWDC Radio (1260 AM)

THE RECORD: The Diplomats return to the Meadowlands for the second time this season with a **14-15 record for third place** of the Eastern Division. With **124 total points** Washington trails the second place Montreal Manic by nine points with both teams having played 29 games. Both teams have identical remaining schedules as well, each playing the Cosmos and Toronto before facing off in the season finale on Aug. 18 in Montreal.

LAST GAME: Washington is coming off a 2-0 win over the Atlanta Chiefs at RFK Stadium last Sunday afternoon. It was the second straight win over Atlanta this season (The first saw goalie **Jim Brown** score his historic goal.) with goals coming from 20-year-old **Clive Haywood**, and 22-year-old **Trevor Heberd**.

STREAKS: The last time Washington visited E. Rutherford they carried a 5-1 record before bowing to the Cosmos 1-0 on a goal by Francois Van der Elst. Washington went on to an **8-3 start** which was the best in the current franchise's history before hitting a tailspin **losing 12 of their last 18 games**. However turning things around the team has now **won two of its last three** in this final stretch drive to the playoffs.

PLAYOFF PIC: If the playoffs were held today Washington would play Vancouver as a wildcard candidate. With 124 total points **the Diplomats rank 14th among the top 15 teams qualifying** for post-season play. With Jacksonville's win last night they tie Washington in total points with 124 but would place 15th because the Diplomats have a better goal differential. Washington will have a chance to lengthen its lead tonight giving both teams the same number of games remaining.

THE LEADER: Leading the Diplomats' scoring, as he has practically all season is defender **Malcolm Waldron**. The 25-year-old sweeper from Southampton has **14 goals and 29 total points** ranking just behind the League leaders. He notched his first assist only last Sunday against Atlanta after being the only member of the League leaders without one. On the other hand, of his 14 goals, 11 have come unassisted. "The Rocket" has scored on six free kicks this season along with five penalty kicks. Sunday he missed his first PK which was against Atlanta's Graham Tutt.

BROWN'S SO'S: By holding the Chiefs scoreless Sunday Diplomats goalkeeper **Jim Brown** registered his **seventh shutout of the season**, placing third in the NASL in that category behind Ft. lauderdale's Jan Van Beveren, and Los Angeles' Chris Turner, both of whom have eight.

NEXT GAME: Washington hosts **Toronto Sunday, August 16 at 2:30 pm at RFK. Stadium.**

FIRST BLOOD: Washington has scored the first goal in 13 out of their 14 victories this year, while allowing the first goal in 10 of their 15 defeats.

MONTH BY MONTH: March: 0-1 April: 4-0 May: 4-3 June: 1-5 July: 3-5 August: 2-1

SERIES HISTORY: 2-3 (Regular Season); 1-0 (Exhibition)

5/07/78	0-2	L	Away	5/23/81	3-2	W	Home
7/12/80	1-0	W-SO	Home	6/17/81	1-2	L	Loss
5/03/81	0-1	L	Away	(Ex)*3/20/79	8-2	W	Home

STATUS REPORT: Benny Dargle (D)	- Pulled Stomach Muscle	- Probable
Dale Baxter (G)	- Hit By Car	- Doubtful
Kenny Murphy (D)	- Torn Right Knee Ligaments	- Doubtful
Johan Cruyff (M)	- Groin Injury	- Doubtful
Eddie Colquhoun (D)	- Shoulder Separation	- Doubtful
Paul Cannell (F)	- Pulled Groin Muscle	- Out



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1981 NASL Record: 14-15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

No.	Player	GP	GS	Min.	Shots	Fls	C/E	PK/A	SO/A	G	A	TP
6	Malcolm Waldron	29	29	2751:40	59	58	5/0	5/6	3/6	14	1	29
11	Trevor Heberd	26	26	2441:13	90	55	8/0	0	0/1	7	6	20
8	Ross Jenkins	27	24	2062:20	60	51	1/0	0	0/1	6	6	18
10	David Bradford	27	27	2528:48	46	24	3/0	0	3/5	4	7	15
15	Peter Baralic	25	22	2067:15	51	51	1/0	0	1/3	4	5	13
13	David McGill	28	28	2546:12	37	52	7/0	0	1/1	4	3	11
5	Heinz Wirtz	24	22	2022:20	34	30	1/0	0	0/3	2	4	8
19	Clive Haywood	9	5	577:50	20	17	0	0	0	2	4	8
18	Willi Kiefer	14	3	571:55	22	15	0	0	0/1	1	3	5
3	Ivan Belfiore	17	9	942:23	6	19	0	0	0/1	0	4	4
1	Jim Brown	28	27	2586:54	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
4	Peter Carr	26	26	2335:03	8	48	3/0	0	0/1	1	1	3
7	Don Nardiello	15	9	981:45	30	17	0	0	0	0	3	3
14	Johan Cruyff	3	2	160:15	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
17	Ole Mikkelsen	14	11	801:23	22	34	2/0	0	0	1	0	2
9	Paul Cannell	13	6	670:54	15	23	2/0	0	0	1	0	2
2	Benny Dargle	28	28	2646:45	8	63	1/0	0	0/1	0	1	1
20	Trevor Franklin	14	7	840:48	2	17	3/0	0	1/3	0	0	0
22	Eddie Colquhoun	6	4	274:36	0	5	1/0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Ken Murphy	4	1	192:55	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
*	Angus Moffat	3	1	139:03	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Dale Baxter	1	1	90:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Jim Messemer	1	1	74:46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DIPLOMATS' TOTALS		29	29	2751:40	517	586	38/0	5/6	9/27	49	50	148
OPPONENTS' TOTALS		29	29	2751:40	471	539	33/1	2/3	12/29	49	64	162

No.	Goalkeeper	GP	GS	Min.	Shots	Saves	Goals	PK/A	SO/A	SH	GAA
1	Jim Brown	28	27	2586:54	447	145	44	2/3	12/29	7	1.53
30	Jim Messemer	1	1	74:46	10	1	2	0	0	0	2.40
21	Dale Baxter	1	1	90:00	14	3	3	0	0	0	3.00
DIPLOMATS' TOTALS		29	29	2751:40	471	149	49	2/3	12/29	7	1.60
OPPONENTS' TOTALS		29	29	2751:40	517	170	49	5/5	9/27	4	1.60

TEAM STATISTICS

	Scoring by periods					Own Goals	Corner	
							Kicks	Offsides
	1	2	OT	SO	T			
DIPLOMATS	24	24	1	3	52	--	187	105
OPPONENTS	21	24	4	3	52	--	193	91

* Released 6/4/81

1981 WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS NUMERICAL ROSTER

NUMBER	NAME	POSITION	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CITIZENSHIP
1	Jim Brown	G	29	5-11	172	Scotland
2	Benny Dargle	D	24	5-11	160	United States
3	Ivan Belfiore	D	20	5-11	175	Canada
4	Peter Carr	D	29	5-10	163	England
5	Heinz Wirtz	M/D	27	5-9	174	W. Germany
6	Malcolm Waldron	D	24	6-0	172	England
7	Don Nardiello	F	24	5-9	150	Wales
8	Ross Jenkins	F	29	6-6	185	England
9	Paul Cannell	F	27	5-11	165	England
10	David Bradford	M	27	5-5	138	England
11	Trevor Heberd	M	23	6-0	160	England
13	David McGill	M/D	21	5-9	155	Canada
14	Johan Cruyff	M/F	34	5-9	150	The Netherlands
15	Peter Baralic	M	30	5-10	170	Yugoslavia
16	Ken Murphy	D	23	5-8	165	United States
17	Ole Mikkelsen	F	22	5-11	160	United States
18	Willi Kiefer	F	25	6-0	172	W. Germany
19	Clive Haywood	F	20	5-10	165	England
20	Trevor Franklin	D	24	5-10	160	United States
21	Dale Baxter	G	19	6-0	175	Canada
22	Eddie Colquhoun	D	36	6-0	170	Scotland
23	Robert Zipp	D	17	5-11	165	United States
30	Jim Messemer	G	22	6-5	200	United States

Head Coach: Ken Furphy
Assistant Coach: Eddie Colquhoun

Captain: Peter Baralic
Trainer: John Lally

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ATTENDANCE: Home Total -184,475 Average - 12,298

1981 Game Account: 14-15(Home 8-7; Road 6-8) Road Total -172,862 Average - 12,347

Date	Opponent	Score	Attendance	Team Scoring
3/18	at Ft. Lauderdale	1-2 L-OT	14,560	Waldron 1 (unassisted)
4/5	at Atlanta	3-2 W	7,194	Hebberd 1 (Jenkins) Brown 1 (unassisted) Waldron 2 (unassisted)
4/11	MONTREAL	1-0 W	12,533	Waldron 3 (unassisted)
4/18	FT. LAUDERDALE	1-0 W	9,212	McGill 1 (Hebberd, Belfiore)
4/26	at Toronto	4-2 W	8,213	Hebberd 2 (Bradford, Wirtz) Wirtz 1 (Bradford) Jenkins 1 (Brown) Baralic 1 (unassisted)
5/1	TAMPA BAY	4-1 W	5,825	Hebberd 3 (Baralic, Belfiore) Waldron 4 (unassisted) Jenkins 2 (Hebberd, Wirtz) Baralic 2 (Jenkins, McGill)
5/3	at Cosmos	0-1 L	34,189	None
5/9	at Tampa Bay	1-3 L	16,302	Cannell 1 (Dargle, Hebberd)
5/17	DALLAS	1-0 W-SO	7,515	Team Goal
5/23	COSMOS	3-2 W	27,676	Jenkins 3 (Bradford) Mikkelsen 1 (Baralic) Baralic 3 (unassisted)
5/25	at Tulsa	2-1 W-SO	14,897	Waldron 5 (unassisted) Team Goal
5/31	TULSA	2-3 L-OT	8,484	Jenkins 4 (Wirtz) Jenkins 5 (Kiefer)
6/6	at Minnesota	3-4 L-OT	17,034	Waldron 6 (Jenkins) Hebberd 4 (Jenkins, Kiefer) Hebberd 5 (Kiefer, Bradford)
6/12	at Jacksonville	0-1 L-SO	5,416	None
6/14	at Chicago	2-1 W	8,069	Waldron 7 (penalty kick) Kiefer 1 (Baralic)
6/17	COSMOS	1-2 L	36,875	Waldron 8 (penalty Kick)
6/20	at Montreal	0-2 L	23,664	None
6/24	JACKSONVILLE	1-2 L-SO	9,540	Waldron 9 (penalty kick)
7/1	SAN DIEGO	3-2 W-SO	10,651	Baralic 4 (Bradford) Carr 1 (unassisted)
7/4	SEATTLE	2-3 L-OT	8,571	Waldron 10 (unassisted) Waldron 11 (Wirtz, Jenkins)
7/8	at Portland	1-2 L	8,155	McGill 2 (Haywood, Belfiore)
7/11	at California	4-3 W-OT	7,409	Waldron 12 (penalty kick) Jenkins 6 (Hebberd, Carr) Hebberd 6 (unassisted) Wirtz 2 (Haywood)
7/15	TORONTO	2-0 W	10,559	Cruyff 1 (Bradford, Belfiore) Bradford 1 (Nardiello)
7/19	MONTREAL	2-4 L	14,601	Bradford 2 (Cruyff, Baralic) Bradford 3 (McGill, Baralic)
7/25	MINNESOTA	1-3 L	7,771	Waldron 13 (penalty kick)
7/31	at Dallas	1-3 L	2,697	Bradford 4 (Haywood, McGill)
8/2	at Toronto	2-0 W	5,063	Waldron 14 (unassisted) McGill 3 (Bradford)
8/5	CHICAGO	2-3 L-SO	8,659	McGill 4 (Hebberd, Nardiello) Haywood 1 (Jenkins)
8/9	ATLANTA	2-0 W	6,003	Haywood 2 (Hebberd, Waldron) Hebberd 7 (Nardiello, Haywood)

UPCOMING GAMES

8/12 at New York 7:00 pm (WTTG-TV)

8/16 TORONTO 2:30

* All KO times are EDT