



SOCCER BOWL 83 MEDIA RELEASE

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*** SOCCER BOWL '79: The year the Whitecaps won it all ***

Vancouver 2 Tampa Bay 1

The match-up was a classic: Tampa Bay featured the League's leading scorer, Oscar Fabbiani, and Vancouver had the NASL's best 'keeper in Phil Parkes; Vancouver had the League's premiere defensive corps and the Rowdies were the fifth-best goal-producing unit in 1979. Trevor Whymark scored the first goal for the 'Caps, making a virtually untouched run up the right sideline and cutting diagonally to the top of the Rowdies penalty area where he unleashed a very hard left-footed shot. Jan van der Veen of the Rowdies performed a similar manoeuver about ten minutes later, scoring his third playoff goal. The game-winner started with playoff MVP Alan Ball bringing the ball up the right side and shuffling it off to the left for an unmarked Whymark, 18 yards from the goal, who booted it in, this time with his right foot. The Rowdies mounted a patient comeback effort late in the game, but found the Whitecaps defence impenetrable and the city of Vancouver had its first championship in 15 years.

VANCOUVER 2 Whymark (unassisted) 12:37; Whymark (Ball) 59:37
TAMPA BAY 1 van der Veen (Anderson) 22:25

Vancouver.....Parkes, Parsons (Bolitho 69:42), Craven, Kenyon,
Lenarduzzi, Lewington, Ball, Valentine, Hector,
Whymark, Johnston

Tampa Bay.....Bilecki, Andruszewski, Connell, Kitchener, Gorman,
Anderson, van der Veen, Mcleod, Wegerle (Baralic 70:50),
Fabbiani, Marsh (Grnja 78:37)

Attendance: 50,599 Referee: Gino D'Ippolito

Cautions: TPA-Marsh 33:37; Connell 66:24;
van der Veen 78:41; Gorman 85:07;
Fabbiani 86:43

Corners: VCR-7 TPA-8 Saves: Parkes-5; Bilecki-4