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GAME NOTES - GAME #6

DETROIT EXPRESS AT EDMONTON DRILLERS

Sunday, May 4, 1980 - 2:30 p.m.

CKLW Radio (800 AM)

FOR THE RECORD:

The Detroit Express come into Edmonton trying to halt their current losing streak at two games, after bowing last Saturday to the Portland Timbers, 2-1. Detroit's record stands at 2-3, good for 17 points and 3rd place in the American Conference's Central Division. They trail division leading Memphis who has 27 points, and second place Chicago with 23 points.

The Edmonton - Detroit series stands even at 1-1 with both games taking place in 1979. Edmonton took the first game 1-0 at home, while Detroit also won at home by a 4-1 score.

THE EXPRESS:

This game marks the first time ever that Keith Furphy will not appear in Detroit Express uniform. The 21-year-old forward was acquired last Friday by the Atlanta Chiefs in exchange for an undisclosed amount of cash and a first round draft pick.

Furphy, who is also the son of Head Coach Ken Furphy has been the object of vocal criticism by some of the Detroit fans ever since he first set foot on the Silverdome carpet, all of this despite being the only Express player to start all 65 games of the club's brief history, along with five playoff games, and finished second in league scoring following the NASL's debut Indoor season this past winter. (See accompanying release)

Hopefully filling Furphy's shoes in the scoring department will be forward Pato Margetic. The 19-year-old Argentinian has three goals and one assist to his credit for seven points. The Express management and coaching staff have high hopes for their blonde wonderkind, as he develops and adjusts to a new style of play.

Goalkeeper Jim Brown continues to be most stingy in the net, giving up only five goals in five games (including one overtime) for a 0.94 GAA, good for fifth in the league.

INJURIES:

Brian Tinnion (F) - Out - Groin
Paul Hunter (D) - Doubtful - Ankle
Steve Seargeant (D) - Doubtful - Groin

Defender Steve Seargeant has been hampered by a pesty groin injury all season long, and has only played twelve minutes last Saturday in Portland. After the game though, the rugged defender left no pain, but caution is still being used.

NEXT GAME:

Detroit fans will not have to wait long for the return of Keith Furphy as his new team, the Atlanta Chiefs come to the Silverdome next Saturday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

BRIEF STAY:

The Express will leave Edmonton shortly after the game at 1:45 a.m. on Air Canada flight #158 and return to Windsor via Toronto on Air Canada flight #303 at 9:03 a.m. Detroit time. The team is staying at the Edmonton Plaza Hotel at (403) 426-3636.

