ROWDIES NEWS

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A THIRD SELLOUT EXPECTED - AGAINST DALLAS THIS SATURDAY

The Tampa Bay Rowdies will clash with the Dallas Tornado this Saturday, February 18 in what is expected to be the third sellout this season at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Center. The Rowdies go into this match with a 4-1 record, having lost only their opener to the Washington Dips in overtime. The Tornado will come to Tampa off a split series with the Washington Diplomats (a 5-4 loss to the Dips Saturday night and a 12-4 victory Sunday afternoon). Tornado superstar Kyle Rote Jr. and '76 Rookie of the Year Steve Pecher are expected to sign contracts this week. Niether Dallas dynamo played this past weekend against Washington. This indoor game will be the only opportunity for Bay Area fannies to see the Tornado as they don't play in Tampa in the '78 outdoor season.

TORNADO'S INDOOR DEBUT LAST WEEKEND

The Tornado's indoor debut in Washington looked very similar to the Rowdies' at the end of January. Both teams lost their first matches by one point and won their second by an eight (8) point spread. In overall indoor competition the two teams have met only once before - in the '76 indoor semi-finals. The Rowdies took that one 6-2. The Tornado participated in both the '75 and '76 NASL Indoor Soccer Championship tournaments, finishing third in the league finals in 1975 and fourth in 1976.

THE DALLAS STANDOUTS

The Tornado bring with them an impressive roster of professional athletes. Kyle Rote Jr., who is expected to travel to Tampa, was the 10th leading scorer in the NASL last season. He leads the Tornado in all time scoring and is the only American ever to win the scoring title with 30 points. Rote was a guest player with the Rowdies in their international match against the People's Republic of China last October in Tampa Stadium.

Jim Ryan, a forward for the Tornado, scored 5 goals and assisted on two in last weekend's clash with the Dips. Forward Frederico Garcia scored a hat trick in Sunday's game but won't see action like that in Tampa because of a strained ligament in the right ankle that he suffered in a collision with Dips goalie Eric Martin.

Ken Cooper, Dallas' goalkeeper and the leading goalie in the NASL in '77, was the only goalie to hold his foes to less than one goal per game last season. He is the only goalkeeper ever in NASL history to hold an opponent scoreless in an indoor soccer game (1975 vs the Cosmos 2-0)

TICKETS MOVING FAST

The sales office of the Rowdies says there are still some prime seats available for Saturday night's game. However, this game has moved the quickest of any in the '78 indoor season. Fans interested in seeing the Dallas game should purchase tickets at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Center or the Rowdies Bootique on Westshore. They should call any Maas Brothers store to inquire about numbers before making the trip.

ROWDIES ROUT ROUGHNECKS

In what Coach Gordon Jago tagged as "our best performance to date", the Rowdies romped all over the Roughnecks Tuesday, February 14, at the Tulsa Assembly Center. In an extravagant display of the qualities that make indoor soccer so exciting, the Rowdies racked up five goals in the first period, two in the second and four in the final. The game marked the home debut of the Roughnecks in a brand of soccer never played before in Tulsa. Completely dispelling what appeared to be a trend of slow starts for the Tampa team, the Rowdies came out like gangbusters. Only an early goal by Zivorad Stamenkovic and an own goal by Joe Fink, credited to Tibor Molnar at 17:25 kept the Roughnecks in the running. But seven penalties throughout the game (twice the Rowdies had only three men on the field) and some generosity in the back-field created narrower margins several times. The Rowdies outshot the Roughnecks 53 to 39, completely dominating in the third period 24-7. Tibor Molnar scored a hat trick (two in the last period), but the man of the match was Derek Smethurst.

SMETHURST BREAKS TWO INDOOR RECORDS

It was all praise for the lanky striker of the Tampa Bay Rowdies after his stellar performance Tuesday night in Tulsa. His five goals and one assist pushed his scoring tally up to break the record for two years with 11 goals-4 assists and 26 points. Derek's total now reads 28 points (12 goals - 4 assists). Said Coach Jago, "Derek has always been known as a good striker but tonight he showed even more. He displayed superb composure, discipline and skill... and demonstrated a very intelligent use of space. He's got another great season ahead of him."

ROUGHNECKS GOT ROWDY TO START

The 7-3 Rowdie win over the Roughnecks Saturday night came after a slow first period for Tampa which ended with them trailing 3-2. But the scoring was over for Tulsa, as Tampa surged ahead with three goals in the second period and two in the final period. Tampa outshot Tulsa 51 to 17. Fink's unassisted goal in the second period at 6:15 got the rally rolling. It was quickly followed by a boot to the back of the net by Farrukh Quraishi and another goal by Fink less than a minute later. Wes McLeod's two goals (in the first and third periods) were his first ever indoors.

JOE FINK - ROWDIE OF THE WEEK

For the first time, Joe Fink has been named Rowdie of the Week. His two goals Saturday night were only the statistical proof of steady aggressive play throughout the game. The second leading scorer in the indoor season, he sports 15 points (7 goals and 1 assist). His first goal, coming at 6:15 into the second period Saturday night, was critical to the spark the Rowdies needed to pull ahead It was a clean shot from the right into the left of the net. His second ended the quick succession of a three goal scoring burst that settled the game. His quick aggressive style is a plus that wins games in indoor soccer.

"BIG FOOT" BACK FOR TWO YEARS

Charles Serednesky, Jr. announced last week the signing of Arsene Auguste to the Rowdie squad for two years. Augie has always been signed to one year contracts previous to this. However, Coach Jago felt that Augie was an important element in his overall scheme and urged for a longer contract. Serednesky said he felt this signing was a significant accomplishment for the Tampa Bay Rowdies and is most happy that fans will be assured the dominating presence of "Big Foot" for at least two more years. Augnste was one of three Rowdies to make the second team NASL All Stars in 1977.

MANCHESTER UNITED CONFIRMS SECOND U.S. MATCH

Manchester United, the magic team of English Soccer, who will play the Rowdies May 28 in Tampa Stadium, have confirmed their second U.S. match. They will play Tulsa May 30. The Red Devils will bring their international stars, their dramatic history and their excellent skill to Tampa on Friday, May 26 for their match Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m.

INDOOR CAREER SCORING

NAME	YRS	GP	SHOTS	GOALS	ASSISTS	PTS	PM
Derek Smethurst	3	11	119	21	6	48	2
Rodney Marsh	3	10	80	11	13	35	10
Farrukh Quraishi	3	11	88	9	6	24	8
Steve Wegerle	2	7	37	6	7	19	0
Joe Fink	3	8	41	8	1	17	0
Mark Lindsay	3	10	50	7	2	16	2
Adrian Alston	2	5	21	2	3	7	4
Arsene Auguste	3	11	29	2	2	6	10
Tony Crudo	1	5	9	2	2	6	2
Wes McLeod	2	4	15	3	0	6	6
Mike Connell	3	11	27	1	3	5	0
Frantz St-Lot	1	5	19	2	1	5	0
Kevin Eagan	1	4	11	0	4	4	0
Boris Bandov	1	3	4	0	3	3	0
Paul Hammond	2	3	0	0	0	0	2
Winston DuBose	1	4	0	0	0	0	0

ROWDIES INDOOR STATISTICS (Won 4; Lost 1)

(As of February 15, 1978)

	GP	SHOTS	GOALS	ASSISTS	PTS	PM
ALSTON, Adrian	3	12	1	1	3	4
AUGUSTE, Arsene	5	11	1	0	2	8
BANDOV, Boris	3	4	0	3	3	0
CONNELL, Mike	5	6	0	1	1	0
CRUDO, Tony	5	9	2	2	6	2
DUBOSE, Winston	4	0	0	0	0	0
EAGAN, Kevin	4	11	0	4	4	0
FINK, Joe	5	30	7	1	15	0
HAMMOND, Paul	1	0	0	0	0	0
LINDSAY, Mark	3	17	3	2	8	0
MARSH, Rodney	5	39	3	6	12	4
MCLEOD, Wes	2	6	3	0	6	6
QURAISHI, Farrukh	5	34	4	3	11	0
ST-LOT, Frantz	5	19	2	1	5	0
SMETHURST, Derek	5	61	12	4	28	2
WEGERLE, Steve	5	20	3	4	10	0
TOTAL	5	279	41	32	114	26
OPPONENTS TOTAL	5	175	24	16	64	24

GOALKEEPERS	GP	SV	GA	AVG
DUBOSE, Winston	4	73	19	4.69
HAMMOND, Paul	1	11	5	5.00
TOTAL	5	84	24	4.75
OPPONENTS TOTAL	5	117	41	8.12

SCORING BY PERIODS	1	2	3	O.T.	S.O.	TOTAL
ROWDIES	10	17	14	0	-	41
OPPONENTS	9	4	10	1	-	24

ROWDIES RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENTS	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORERS
Sat. 1/28/78	@Washington	6-7 (L-OT)	3,662	Smethurst 4 (Bandov, Marsh, Quraishi Alston (Fink), Fink (Smethurst, Weger
Sun. 1/29/78	@Washington	11-3 (W)	3,111	Quraishi 3 (Crudo), Fink 3 (Smethur Quraishi), Marsh 2 (Eagan), Wegerle St-Lot (Wegerle), Crudo (Marsh)
Fri. 2/3/78	WASHINGTON	6-5 (W)	6,410	Smethurst 2 (Marsh), Lindsay 2 (Quraishi, Marsh), Auguste (Marsh, Smethurst), Crudo (Alston)
Sat. 2/11/78	TULSA	7-3 (W)	6,384	Smethurst (Lindsay), McLeod 2 (Eaga Fink 2 (Eagan), Quraishi (St-Lot), Wegerle
Tue. 2/14/78	@Tulsa	11-6 (W)	3,250	Smethurst 5 (Marsh, Connell, Bandov Lindsay), McLeod (Crudo), Wegerle (Eagan), Fink (Wegerle 2), Lindsay, St-Lot, Marsh (Smethurst)

GAMES TO COME

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
Sat 2/18/78	DALLAS	8 P.M.	Bayfront
Fri 3/10/78	MINNESOTA	8 P.M.	Bayfront

HOME ATTENDANCE
12,794 - 2 Dates
6,397 - Average

DALLAS TORNADO

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	AGE	CITIZENSHIP
1	Ken Cooper	Goalkeeper	5-11	187	32	British
2	Neil Cohen	Defender	6-2	175	22	USA
3	George Ley	Defender	5-11	180	30	British
4	Steve Pecher	Defender	6-1	190	22	USA
6	Roy Turner	Midfielder	5-9	174	34	USA
7	Jim Ryan	Forward	5-9	154	32	British
12	Kyle Rote Jr.	Forward	6-0	183	27	USA
13	Freddie Garcia	Forward	5-8	147	25	USA
14	Kai Haaskivi	Midfielder	5-10	150	22	Finland
15	Glenn Myernick	Defender	5-11	179	23	USA
16	Tom Reynolds	Goalkeeper	5-11	180	22	USA
17	Tony Bellinger	Midfielder	5-11	165	20	USA
18	Chris Collins	Midfielder	5-9	150	21	USA
19	Carl Christensen	Defender	5-11	175	21	USA
21	Steve Newman	Forward	5-11	165	24	USA

Head Coach - Al Miller

General Manager - Fred Hoster