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TWO UNDEFEATED TEAMS TO TUSSLE THIS TIME

When the Tampa Bay Rowdies travel to the Pontiac Silverdome this Sunday, April 16, to face the Detroit Express at 6:00 p.m., both teams will start undefeated. The match, played on the enclosed astroturf of the Silverdome, will mark the home debut of the Express, and the second away game for the Rowdies. Both the Rowdies and Express are 2-0 for the 1978 season. The Rowdies have learned a healthy respect for expansion teams with hard fought victories over the Memphis Rogues 2-1 in the season opener and the New England Tea Men 2-1 this past weekend. Detroit, an expansion team itself, has turned heads with a 2-1 defeat of the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers, last year's league leader in total points. The two teams have met before in pre-season play at Lakeland when the Rowdies edged the Express in a shootout 3-2. Detroit plays a different style of soccer than the Rowdies... hard hitting, hustling with a tight compact defense once they've scored. This style of Coach Ken Furphy's has proven effective, but the Rowdies, for the first time this season, will know exactly what to expect. Each team is the only side in their respective division of the American Conference to remain undefeated thus far.

LIVE FROM THE SILVERDOME

The game this Sunday will be telecast on WTOG-TV (Channel 44) at 6:00 p.m. with play by play supplied by Tom Keene and Gordon Hill. The radio broadcast, starting at 5:45 will be done by Jack Harris and Francisco Marcos.

TRAVEL ITINERARY

The team will leave Tampa for Detroit Saturday, April 15 at 12:35 p.m. on Eastern flight 340 and arrive in Detroit at 2:35 p.m. While in Detroit they will stay at the Northfield Hilton in Troy, Michigan. The phone number there is (313) 879-2100. They will depart Detroit after the game Sunday at 10:00 p.m. on Eastern flight 463 and arrive at Tampa International at 12:12 a.m. Francisco Marcos, advancing the game, will be in Detroit Friday about noon.

DETROIT SCOUTING REPORT

In two victories this season, Ken Furphy has established the Express as a competitive side that is out to win. The line up they employed to beat Ft. Lauderdale is no doubt similar to the one that will face the Rowdies in Detroit:

Steve Hardwick
Paul Hunter, Graham Oates, Eddie Colquhoun, Ian Davies
Steve Seargeant, Dave Bradford, Angus Moffat
Dave Shelton, Mick Leach, Keith Furphy

HARDWICK IN GOAL

A 21 year old veteran of nearly 50 English league appearances, this ex-first division Newcastle United goalie has seen some fierce competition His first division debut in England was against Liverpool on their first home game after winning the European Cup. Has posted 17 saves in two NASL matches.

DEFENSE TIGHT

The Detroit defense is anchored by ex-Cosmos Paul Hunter, Graham Oates from Newcastle United, and Ian Davies from Norwich City, where three of the Rowdies' loan players hail from. Eddie Colquhoun, a big British defender has filled in the defense, freeing renowned defender Steve Seargeant to move to midfield

DEFENSIVE MINDED MIDFIELD

An obviously strong defensive midfield is anchored by Steve Seargeant from first division Everton. He has made 100 first team appearances as both full back and sweeper. But Furphy likes his skills in midfield, where he has played both NASL matches. He is joined by David Bradford from first division W. Bromwich Albion, who scored a penalty against the Rowdies in pre-season action and the first goal against the Strikers this past weekend. Canadian Angus Moffat, who played for the old Detroit Cougars in '68 and the Toronto Metros in '71 and '72 is the final cog. He has been playing for the Canadian first division the last two years.

INJURY PLAGUED FRONT LINE COULD CHANGE THIS WEEK

The Express has been plagued with injuries in their front line for the first two games. Forwards Steve Earle from Leicester City and Danny Vaugn, from the University of Washington, both missed the Ft. Lauderdale match. They are listed as probable for Sunday's game, but in the meantime the slack has been taken up by Dave Shelton, the Express' first round draft choice from the University of Indiana; Mick Leach, a midfielder who played with Rodney Marsh at Queen's Park Rangers and Keith Furphy. Furphy is the coach's son but has earned his status aside from that distinction. He has scored in both games this season... and shot one past Rowdies' Paul Hammond in the pre-season.

TAMPA BAY WINS FIRST ROAD GAME

The Tampa Bay Rowdies won their first road game Sunday over the New England Tea Men with an exciting 2-1 comeback with less than two minutes of regulation time left in the game. A first half without Derek Smethurst and the enventual injury of Adrian Alston took the Rowdies to a scoreless deadlock at the half. Jim Fleeting, the Rowdies' new loan player from Norwich City and a defender, filled in up front for the injured Alston. The first goal of the match came at 69:48 when Fleeting headed in a goal from a Rodney Marsh cross. New England tied it up at 84:53 with a little help from ex-Rowdie Dennis Wit. Wit's well placed corner kick ended in a goal by Roger Gibbons. However, the Rowdies weren't finished. In what was nearly an exact replica of the first goal, Steve Wegerle manuevered past New England's Peter Carr and shot a cross just over goalie Kevin Keelan's head. Dave Robb was there to head in the winner just past the right post to the back of the net at 88:26.

THE COACH SAYS

Gordon Jago was obviously pleased to win the season's first away game. But found especially worth note the significance of the victory. "This victory says three very important things. First - the lads can win on the road. It's good to break this thing right in the beginning. It's a fallacy that these lads are at a decided disadvantage just because they're away from home. Secondly - they can win on astroturf. And third - they can bounce back after an equalizer. With so little time left to play, it would have been very easy to sit back and wait for the overtime. But they chose not to. Without two main goal scorers, Smethurst and Alston, they still moved up and took it. When we can beat a strong team such as New England under all these supposed disadvantages, we're well on our way."

"PAPA" - PLAYER OF THE MATCH

The quiet Rowdie of the Pampas displayed his refinad skills Sunday against the Tea Men to such a degree that he earned his first Exchange Bank Player of the Week Award. The quiet Argentenian is honored for his composed play throughout the game. He was the unanimous choice of media for his steadying influence in the back. When asked why he never clears the ball with long erratic kicks, Papandrea replied with a translator, "First, that is not my style. Secondly, it is not what Coach Jago wants from me. He wants controlled soccer and I feel I am getting better every time I play,at giving him what he wants." Papandrea's English tutoring is under way and Luis says he is very satisfied with his circumstances, although he is eager to have his family here. Although communication in the back line may be less detailed because of the language barrier, the language of soccer is being spoken effectively.

ROWDIES HOUR

Rowdies Hour on WFLA - 97 Radio is scheduled for Mondays, April 10th and April 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 and 6:30 to 8:00 respectively. Beginning Sunday, April 23, the show will run from 7:05 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This will generally be the format with the following exceptions:

May 7 - The show will begin about 7:20 p.m. following the San Jose broadcast.
June 4 - The show will follow the San Diego broadcast - about 7:20 p.m.
June 25 - The show will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at which time the Rochester broadcast will begin.
July 30 - The show will run from 6:05 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at which time the Cosmos broadcast will begin.

LAST LOAN PLAYER EXPECTED THIS WEEK

Graham Paddon, the final of the Norwich City trio, is expected to arrive in Tampa some time this week. Paddon is a midfielder known for flamboyant play and expert swerving free kicks. He started his career with Coventry City, but has played the majority of his career with Norwich City.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

The Rowdies' training schedule will be made available as soon as possible. Plans are being made for another trip to Gainesville. Please call the office for further information in the next few days.

Fleeting has good news for his folks

Related story, 7-C

By RICHARD MUDRY
Times Sports Writer

FOXBORO, Mass. — Today or perhaps tomorrow Jim Fleeting will make a transatlantic telephone call to his home in Glasgow, Scotland.

He'll call his father to tell him of his safe journey from Norwich City to Tampa Bay.

Fleeting will also give his father the results of his first North American Soccer League match Sunday against the New England Tea Men at Schaefer Stadium here.

"I don't think he'll believe me when I tell him," said the defender-turned-goal-scorer in Tampa Bay's 2-1 win over New England.

"But I wish my dad could have seen that goal. I've never had a desire to be a forward. It was just a flash in the pan. My heart was pounding before the game. I always get nervous. I'm settling down now but I've never had that kind of thrill playing defender."

Fleeting, who arrived only Thursday from Norwich, was forced into the forward position in the second half of the contest when Adrian Alston went down with stretched ligaments in his leg.

And despite his lack of experience at the center forward slot, the 23-year-old got the club going with a header goal off the foot of Rod Marsh at 69:48. Fellow Scotsman David Robb headed home the winner at 86:38 to give Tampa Bay its second win in as many tries.

New England, playing its home opener as an expansion team, is 0-1.

The win left the Rowdies in first place in the American Conference's Eastern Division with 16 points. Philadelphia (1-1) has nine points.

Fleeting was the man who made the Rowdies move on a day when Tampa Bay got the lead, lost it to an equalizer by Roger Gibbins — on a cross from ex-Rowdy Dennis Wit at 84:53 — and won it back again on Robb's shot less than two minutes later.

Fleeting replaced Alston by choice.

The Rowdies, with striker Derek Smethurst out with a groin pull, had no center forward substitute to put in in place of Alston when he went down shortly before the first half ended.

They had taken Fleeting, defender Kevin Eagan and goalkeeper Winston DuBose as substitutes.

"I didn't want to juggle about three positions with a change," coach Gordon Jago said.

"I could have moved Rodney up front from his midfield position, put Mike Connell in midfield and put Eagan on defense. But that was three changes. It was easier to make only one. I considered bringing someone up from Tampa but I couldn't considering what I had here. When we talked about the change at halftime, Fleeting said he'd have a go at it. He did an excellent job."

The loan player believes his usual defensive position may have helped him open up the scoring gates for his summer club.

"Actually I know most of the way defenders play," said the black-haired, 6-foot-1 player, "and I think this helped me.

"It's easier playing up front and you can push up with them. I had no problem. I don't know how two Scots did it."

While Fleeting was gaining attention, Robb, who put in the header on a nearly identical cross from Steve Wegerle, was happily singing the praises of Scotland.

The header was something Tampa Bay worked on and got it to happen twice in the game, said Marsh.

"We've been working the ball that way for the last six weeks," Marsh said of the move which has the winger draw two or three defenders with him, leaving open the far post for a cross.

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"We needed a good, quality header and it is coincidental the same play resulted in both goals in one game."

Marsh said he and Fleeting even joked about it before the latter moved to forward for the final 45 minutes.

"If the world would just be like Scotland when they win the World Cup, things would be fine," said Marsh.

"Before we went out, he said he'd be Kenny Dalglish and I'd be Joe Jordan. I said, 'Go on Joe, 'ave a go' on his first goal. You'll never hear the end of this."

"And I said, 'Go ahead Kenny, 'ave a go' on his second goal," joked Fleeting, who celebrated his birthday Saturday.

New England made a strong showing under coach Noel Cantwell.

The squad, brought together only within the past week, will be one to be reckoned with in the NASL's Eastern Division.

But Marsh said the Rowdies have the force with them.

"My initial statement before the season began," said the captain, "was that if we could win two games with good results, we'd be right on course.

"That's what we've done."

The Rowdies have the week to prepare for another road game Sunday when they meet Detroit in Pontiac's Silverdome.

They return home April 22 against San Jose.

ROWDIES ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	CITIZENSHIP
1	Paul Hammond	Goalkeeper	6-1	190	British
3	Jim Fleeting	Defender	6-1	159	British
4	Arsene Auguste	Defender	6-2	185	Haitian
5	Dave Robb	Forward	5-11	172	British
6	Mike Connell	Defender	6-0	150	South African
7	Steve Wegerle	Forward	5-10	145	South African
8	Wes McLeod	Midfielder	5-8	149	Canadian
9	Adrian Alston	Forward	6-0	170	Australian
10	Rodney Marsh	Midfielder	6-1	180	British
11	Graham Paddon	Midfielder	6-9	161	British
12	Derek Smethurst	Forward	6-1	175	South African
13	Mick McGuire	Midfielder	5-8	140	British
14	Joe Fink	Midfielder	6-0	160	American
15	Luis Papandrea	Defender	5-8	160	Argentinian
17	Kevin Eagan	Defender	6-3	175	American
18	Winston DuBose	Goalkeeper	6-2	180	American
19	Frantz St-Lot	Defender	5-8	155	American
20	Boris Bandov	Mid-Fwd	5-10	175	American
23	Tony Crudo	Defender	6-0	160	American

EXPRESS ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	CITIZENSHIP
1	Steve Hardwick	Goalkeeper	5-11	174	British
2	Paul Hunter	Defender	5-11	155	Canadian
3	Ian Davies	Defender	5-10	146	British
4	Eddie Colquhoun	Defender	6-0	170	British
5	Graham Oates	Defender	6-2	172	British
6	Steve Seargeant	Defender	5-8	154	British
7	Mick Leach	Midfielder	5-7	168	British
8	Keith Furphy	Forward	6-2	168	British
9	Alan Brazil	Forward	5-10	157	British
10	David Bradford	Midfielder	5-5	138	British
11	Steve Earle	Forward	5-9	153	British
12	Angus Moffat	Midfielder	5-7	145	Canadian
14	Dave Hoffmeyer	Midfielder	5-9	160	American
15	Dave Shelton	Midfielder	5-9	155	American
16	Roberto Arciniega	Midfielder	5-6	140	American
17	Roberte De Oliveira	Forward	5-9	155	American/Brazilian
18	Roy Sinclair	Midfielder	5-8	147	British
19	Danny Vaughn	Forward	6-1	180	American
21	Slobodan Ilijevski	Goalkeeper	5-11	175	Yugoslavian
23	Chuck Carey	Defender	5-10	165	American
	Dave Dolthus	Goalkeeper	6-4	195	American

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	TOTAL							HOME					AWAY				
EASTERN DIVISION	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	W	L	GF	GA	
New York	2	2	0	8	0	4	16	1	0	7	0	3	1	0	1	0	
Washington	2	2	0	4	0	4	16	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	
Rochester	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	(
Toronto	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	(
CENTRAL DIVISION																	
Dallas	2	2	0	5	0	5	17	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	3	0	
Tulsa	2	1	1	3	2	3	9	1	1	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	(
Colorado	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	(
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
WESTERN DIVISION																	
Vancouver	2	1	1	4	4	4	10	1	1	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	(
Seattle	2	1	1	3	3	3	9	1	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	3	(
Portland	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	(
Los Angeles	2	0	2	2	4	2	2	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	(
AMERICAN CONFERENCE																	
EASTERN DIVISION																	
ROWDIES	2	2	0	4	2	4	16	1	0	2	1	2	1	0	2	1	2
Philadelphia	2	1	1	3	5	3	9	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	3	2	3
Fort Lauderdale	2	0	2	1	9	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	7	(
New England	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	(
CENTRAL DIVISION																	
Detroit	2	2	0	4	2	4	16	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	4
Houston	2	1	1	3	5	3	9	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	3	2	3
Memphis	2	0	2	3	5	3	3	0	1	2	3	2	0	1	1	2	1
Chicago	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	(
WESTERN DIVISION																	
San Diego	2	2	0	5	1	4	16	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	3
California	2	2	0	2	0	2	14	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
Oakland	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	(
San Jose	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	(

LEGEND: GP - Games Played; W - Won; L - Lost; GF - Goals For; GA - Goals Against;
BP - Bonus Points; TP - Total Points

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Player - Team	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
Erol Yasin, NY	180:00	14	0	2	0.00
Bill Irwin, Wsh	180:00	10	0	2	0.00
Peter McDonnell,Dal	180:00	10	0	2	0.00
Jim May, Roch	105:00	10	0	1	0.00
Mick Poole, Port	180:00	8	1	1	.50
Colin Boulton, Tul	180:00	16	2	1	1.00

AMERICAN CONFERENCE: LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Player-Team	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
Mike Hewitt, SJ	210:00	12	0	2	0.0
Dave Jokerst, Cal	195:00	12	0	2	0.0
Alan Mayer, SD	195:00	15	1	1	.4
Shep Messing, Oak	195:00	15	1	1	.4
Steve Hardwick, Det	193:00	17	2	0	.9
PAUL HAMMOND, TPA	180:00	11	2	0	1.0

NATIONAL CONFERENCD: LEADING SCORERS

Player - Team	GP	G	A	TP
Giorgio Chinaglia, NY	2	4	2	10
Steve Hunt, NY	2	3	2	8
Kyle Rote, Dal	2	2	2	6
Vladislav Bogicevic, NY	2	1	4	6
Ninoslav Zec, Tul	2	2	1	5
Kevin Hector, Van	2	2	1	5

AMERICAN CONFERENCE: LEADING SCORERS

Player - Team	GP	G	A	TP
Peter Anderson, SD	2	3	0	6
Keith Furphy, Det	2	2	1	5
ADRIAN ALSTON, TPA	2	1	1	3
Pay Byrne, Phil	2	1	1	3
RODNEY MARSH, TPA	2	1	1	3

GAME RESULTS

4/8 Portland 1, Oakland 0
San Diego 1, Rochester 0
Tulsa 2, Toronto 0
Dallas 3, Houston 0
Philadelphia 3, Memphis 2 OT

4/9 New York 1, Los Angeles 0
Washington 1, Chicago 0
ROWDIES 2, New England 1
Detroit 2, Fort Lauderdale 1 OT
California 1, San Jose 0
Minnesota at Colorado postponed due to snow

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday April 12
San Jose at San Diego
Minnesota at Colorado

Friday, April 14
Houston at Memphis

Saturday, April 15
San Diego at Portland
Toronto at Seattle
Los Angeles at Californi
Minnesota at Dallas
New England at Philadelp

Sunday April 16
Rochester at Vancouver
Colorado at San Jose
Oakland at Chicago (S)
ROWDIES at Detroit
Tulsa at New York
Ft. Lauderdale at Washin

1978 ROWDIE STATISTICS

NAME	GP	GS	SUB	MP	FOULS	SHOTS	TB	G	A	PTS
ALSTON, Adrian	2	2	0	135:00	1	8	0	1	1	3
AUGUSTE, Arsene	2	2	0	180:00	7	0	0	0	0	0
BANDOV, Boris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONNELL, Mike	2	2	0	180:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRUDO, Tony	2	2	0	176:53	3	1	0	0	0	0
DUBOSE, Winston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EAGAN, Kevin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FINK, Joe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLEETING, Jim	1	0	1	45:00	2	1	0	1	0	2
HAMMOND, Paul	2	2	0	180:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARSH, Rodney	2	2	0	180:00	8	9	0	1	1	3
MCGUIRE, Mike	1	1	0	90:00	2	2	0	0	0	0
MCLEOD, Wes	2	2	0	180:00	6	6	0	0	0	0
NEWMAN, Guy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PADDON, Graham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PAPANDREA, Luis	2	2	0	180:00	4	0	0	0	0	0
ROBB, David	2	2	0	180:00	6	7	0	1	0	2
ST-LOT, Frantz	1	0	1	3:07	0	0	0	0	0	0
SMETHURST, Derek	1	1	0	90:00	1	6	0	0	0	0
WEGERLE, Steve	2	2	0	180:00	0	6	0	0	1	1
TOTAL				1980:00	40	46	0	4	3	11
OPPONENTS TOTAL				1980:00	21	38	0	2	2	6

GOALKEEPERS	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
HAMMOND, Paul	180:00	12	2	0	1.00
DUBOSE, Winston	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	180:00	12	2	0	1.00
OPPONENTS TOTAL	180:00	10	4	0	2.00

SCORING BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	TB	TOTAL
ROWDIES	1	3	0	0	4
OPPONENTS	0	2	0	0	2

	ROWDIES	OPPONENTS
CORNER KICKS	16	14
OFFSIDES	4	1
CAUTIONS	2	2
EJECTIONS	0	0
PENALTY KICKS	0	0

HOME ATTENDANCE	ROAD ATTENDANCE	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
26,233/ 1 Game	11,360/ 1 Game	37,593/ 2 Games
26,233/ Avg	11,360/ Avg	18,796 / Avg

RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORERS
Sat. 4/1/78	MEMPHIS	2-1 (W)	26,233	Alston, Marsh (Alston)
Sun. 4/9/78	@ New England	2-1 (W)	11,360	Fleeting (Marsh), Robb (Wegerle)