ROWDIES NEWS

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ROWDIES HOST SAN JOSE... FIRST TIME EVER

With their best starting record ever, the Tampa Bay Rowdies will return home to host the San Jose Earthquakes this Saturday, April 22, at 8:00 p.m. for the first time in Tampa Stadium. The Rowdies sport a 3-0 undefeated record, along with only one other club in the American conference - the San Diego Sockers. The 'Quakes bring with them a shaky 0-4 season start, losing all by one point margins and three of them by the shootout. In fact, until Sunday when San Jose lost to Colorado 3-2, ex-Rowdy Mike Hewitt had played three shutouts with an impressive 0.00 goals against average... but lost all three. Although the 'Quakes scoring machine has not shifted into gear yet this season it has been awesome in the past. It presently fields three on the top ten NASL all-time leading scorers list. But... the Rowdies are ready.

ROWDIES OFF TO FASTEST START EVER

1975	1976	1977	1978
2-1 (W)	2-1 (W)	1-2 (L)	2-1 (W)
1-0 (W)	1-0 (W)	4-0 (W)	2-1 (W)
0-3 (L)	0-2 (L)	1-0 (W)	2-1 (W)
goals 3-4	3-3	6-2	6-3
record (2-1)	(2-1)	(2-1)	(3-0)

The facts don't lie. Despite the narrowest of winning margins, Gordon Jago's Rowdies are off to their fastest start in the history of the club. They've won three straight games at the beginning of the season for the first time ever. And their six goals scored, equal the previous high, set last year. This year they have shown a more consistent style, as last year four of those six were scored in a single game - the 4-0 rout of Chicago. Additionally, this excellent start was made without the aid of Rowdies' leading scorer Derek Smethurst in two games and scorers Adrian Alston and Rodney Marsh in one.

INJURY PLAGUED ROWDIES DERAIL THE EXPRESS

With the ominous omission of three key starters the Rowdies faced the undefeated Express in the confines of the Silverdome, on astroturf, before 28,523 spectators who came to see Detroit's home opener. The fact that Detroit is an expansion team was little solace.

But the Rowdies came through with flying colors, defeating the Express 2-1 on a winning goal by Jim Fleeting at 47:43. The first goal of the game was Detroit's, coming at 19:15 by David Bradford. The Rowdies equalized about five minutes later when Paul Hunter scored an own goal, allowing Tampa Bay to go into the dressing room at half time with some

confidence. The second half belonged to the men in green and gold. And defender Fleeting's second goal of the new season was the epitome of the calmer and more controlled play. As Steve Wegerle crossed the ball across the goal mouth, Dave Robb distracted the Express goalie by running to the near post and Jim Fleeting obligingly booted it in near the far post.

TWO IN A ROW - ON THE ROAD

Last week's 2-1 defeat of the New England Tea Men and Sunday's defeat of Detroit mark the first two-game road victories since '76. On July 30 and August 1, the Rowdies beat Hartford 7-0 and Boston 4-2. They had never before won two straight on astroturf. Although it's doubtful they'll ever prefer it, it seems the lads are getting the feel of playing on "plastic grass."

MCGUIRE - ROWDIE OF THE WEEK

Mick McGuire, one of the Rowdies' new loan players from Norwich City, has been named the Exchange Bank Player of the Week for his steady play Sunday against the Express. Although there were many good performances, McGuire acted as the steadying force in a game of high tension and raw nerves. McGuire showed his experience and knowledge of the game with a high but controlled level of hustle that moved the flow of play with purpose. His influence on younger players was especially obvious in the second half, when under his direction they seemed to calm and play better. This talented midfielder is a welcome addition to the Rowdies.

"YOU CAN QUOTE ME" - GORDON JAGO

"When one considers the problems regarding injuries... and having to play a defender in the front line, our victories have been superb. The players have worked hard and their will to win and team spirit are simply excellent. We know we can and will perfect our all round play. But we have our priorities right in these early days - and that is to learn a winning habit."

AND YOU THOUGHT THE INDOOR SEASON WAS OVER

The Rowdies have announced an additional indoor game to be played Wednesday , May 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the St. Petersburg Bayfront Center against English First Division Norwich City. The team that loaned the Rowdies Jim Fleeting, Mick McGuire and still to come Graham Paddon will arrive in Tampa April 30. The purpose of the game is two-fold. Gordon Jago is seeking to establish a training center for the Rowdies in off-season and considers Norwich a good site. The good relations already established between the two teams favor such an arrangement. The Rowdies are also helping defray costs of the tour by playing the match and helping them find another game in the States. Tickets for this match should be available by Friday, April 21 at the same price as during indoor season. Indoor season ticket holders will have first crack at prime seats and should contact the Rowdies ticket office as soon as possible.

MARSH INKS TWO YEAR CONTRACT

Ending any speculation that he might not be with the Rowdies next season, Rodney Marsh signed a two year contract this past weekend. Quipped Marsh, "The way it looks, I might not leave Tampa until I'm 100."

"KICK IN THE GRASS" THIS SATURDAY

The Rowdies are sponsoring an art exhibition this Saturday, Aprill 22, from 9:00 a.m. to noon inside Tampa Stadium for all high and junior high school students of Hillsborough County. The theme is "Soccer Is A Kick In The Grass" and all medium are eligible. Prizes will be awarded for excellence and effort. Rowdy Derek Smethurst will be among the judges.

[illegible] SALUTE AREA YOUTH SOCCER COACHES

At the game this Saturday the Tampa Bay Rowdies will salute the fine soccer coaches of the area for their voluntary services at the youth level. Growth of youth soccer in this area is among the most rapid and well organized in the country. Any youth coach from District 8 or 9 and a designated assistant will be admitted free Saturday and honored at half time. All arrangements for free admission should be made through the district commissioners. Mr PiBB/Rowdie Rooters members wishing to honor their coaches should remember their discount admission.

DAY CAMPS - OLD ENOUGH FOR SOCCER, BUT NOT TO LEAVE HOME

Young soccer enthusiasts not quite ready to leave home for it, are invited to participate in the Rowdies' alternative to Camp Kikinthagrass this summer. Gordon Hill, Director of Youth and Development, announced this week that the Rowdies will sponsor a week of soccer camps from Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14, at the University of South Florida in Tampa and Shorecrest School in St. Petersburg. This program is aimed at children aged six through ten, who may not be old enough to stay away from home as those children attending Camp Kikinthagrass do. The emphasis will be on learning by doing. Says Hill, "We will use soccer techniques without the children really being aware that they're being taught. Mainly it will be fun!" Anyone interested in attending

should contact the Rowdies office (St. Petersburg 585-1119 and Tampa 870-1122) as soon as possible for registration forms.

TRAINING SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Monday - April 17	All Players day of rest
Tuesday - April 18	U.S.F. Practice 10:00 a.m.
	Fla Medical Center 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday - April 19	Recreational Day - Details TBA
Thursday - April 20	U.S.F. Practice 10:00 a.m.
Friday - April 21	Tampa Stadium 10:00 a.m.

WOWDIE NAMED MISS ST. PETE

Molly Copeland, a member of the 1978 Wowdies squad, was named Miss St. Pete Saturday night at Williams Park. This is Molly's first year on the Wowdies squad.

SAN JOSE SCOUTING REPORT

THEIR RECORD

The San Jose Earthquakes have never played the Rowdies in Tampa Stadium before, but they have hosted Tampa Bay in Spartan Stadium. In an exhibition match in '76 they beat Tampa 2-1. Last year in June the Rowdies wholloped San Jose 4-1, in their official meeting to date. In the '75 Indoor Championship they edged the Rowdies 8-5 to take the final. This year San Jose comes to Tampa with a 0-4 record that belies the experienced team they field. The Rowdies are home ... in friendly Tampa Stadium, where they play their best, hopefully, with a few less injuries.

IN GOAL

Ex-Rowdy Mike Hewitt will guard the goal for San Jose, and he'll do it well. Acquired from Dundee Football Club in Scotland's First Division by the Rowdies in '75, he moved to San Jose in '76. He was the second leading goalie in the league that year and ninth last year. This season he's posted three shutouts, losing them all by the shootout to Oakland, California and San Diego. He ranks currently as the leading goalie in the American conference with a 0.63 average.

TOUGH DEFENDERS

The defense is dominated by the tough Demling brothers - Buzz and Mark. Buzz has been with San Jose since '72, Mark since '74 and they're tough to beat. They'll be joined by John Rowlands, a big defender and vital member of San Jose's "No Goal Patrol". Filling in the other spot will be either Ian Wood, Dave Davidovic or Roger Verdi, from St. Louis, all new to San Jose this season. All three have had a go at it in the last two games.

MIDFIELD MARSHALL-ALL TIME SCORER

Ilija Mitic heads up a scoring midfield, bringing the best credentials with him. He is the current NASL All-Time leading scorer with 96 goals and 34 assists totaling 226 points. He is looking for his 100th goal soon. Davie Kemp, a native of Scotland and original Quake, and Dick Lukic of OFK Belgrade, will probably join this scoring power house in midfield. Parviz, the captain of the Iranian National Team, could also see action in this part of the field if he recovers from an ankle sprain.

SCORERS UP FRONT TOO

Paul Child and LeRoy DeLeon lead the attack. Child, DeLeon and Mitic scored over half of San Jose's scoring last year - of 33, this trio knocked in 22. Child is fourth in NASL - All-Time scoring with 61 goals and 26 assists. DeLeon is fifth with 56 goals and 32 assists. Coach [illegible] and Dick Lukic up front this season.

ROWDIES OUTLOOK

Adrian Alston will sit out this Saturday's match, but Rodney Marsh and Derek Smethurst are listed as possible.

But the real change in the lineup will be in goal. Rookie Winston DuBose will start against San Jose, one of two teams he started against in '77. Says Jago, "I have two excellent goalkeepers and want to keep them both match fit. Paul is doing a fine job, but the Rowdies can only benefit by having two fine goalkeepers instead of one."

ROWDIES ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	AGE	HT	WT	CITIZENSHIP
1	Paul Hammond	Goalkeeper	24	6-1	190	British
3	Jim Fleeting	Defender	22	6-1	159	British
4	Arsene Auguste	Defender	27	6-2	185	Haitian
5	Dave Robb	Forward	30	5-11	172	British
6	Mike Connell	Defender	21	6-0	150	South African
7	Steve Wegerle	Forward	24	5-10	155	South African
8	Wes McLeod	Midfielder	20	5-8	149	Canadian
9	Adrian Alston	Forward	29	6-0	170	Australian
10	Rodney Marsh	Midfielder	33	6-1	180	British
11	Graham Paddon	Midfielder	27	6-9	161	British
12	Derek Smethurst	Forward	30	6-1	175	South African
13	Mick McGuire	Midfielder	25	5-8	140	British
14	Joe Fink	Midfielder	26	6-0	160	American
15	Luis Papandrea	Defender	25	5-8	160	Argentinian
17	Kevin Eagan	Defender	22	6-3	175	American
18	Winston DuBose	Goalkeeper	22	6-2	180	American
19	Frantz St-Lot	Defender	24	5-8	155	American
20	Boris Bandov	Mid-Fwd	24	5-10	175	American
23	Tony Crudo	Defender	19	6-0	160	American

EARTHQUAKES ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	AGE	HT	WT	CITIZENSHIP
1	Paul Gizzi	Goalkeeper	24	6-1	180	American
2	Buzz Demling	Defender	28	5-10	170	American
4	Mark Demling	Defender	26	6-0	175	American
5	Parviz	Mid-Def	29	5-10	170	Iranian
6	Ian Wood	Defender	30	5-9	160	British
7	Dick Lukic	Midfielder	29	5-10	165	Yugoslavian
10	Paul Child	Forward	25	5-10	165	British
11	Victor Kodelja	Forward	26	5-9	157	Canadian
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	160	Trinidadian
[illegible]	[illegible]	Midfielder	[illegible]	[illegible]	155	American
14	John Rowlands	Defender	31	6-1	175	British
15	Ilija Mitic	Midfielder	36	5-10	165	American
16	Peter Ressel	Forward	30	6-0	175	Dutch
17	Jerry Bevans	Defender	21	5-8	160	American
18	Dave Davidovic	Defender	32	5-11	165	Yugoslavian
20	John Smillie	Midfielder	24	5-6	150	American
22	Roger Verdi	Defender	25	5-8	150	British
23	Leroy Spann	Forward	24	5-11	165	Trinidadian
24	Mike Hewitt	Goalkeeper	27	5-11	165	British

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	TOTAL							HOME					AWAY				
EASTERN DIVISION	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	W	L	GF	GA	B
Washington	3	3	0	8	1	7	25	2	0	5	1	4	1	0	3	0	3
New York	3	3	0	9	0	5	23	2	0	8	0	4	1	0	1	0	1
Rochester	2	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	1
Toronto	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
CENTRAL DIVISION																	
Dallas	3	3	0	9	3	8	26	2	0	6	3	5	1	0	3	0	3
Colorado	3	2	1	4	5	4	16	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	5	3
Tulsa	3	1	2	3	3	3	9	1	1	3	2	3	0	1	0	1	0
Minnesota	2	0	2	3	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	3
WESTERN DIVISION																	
Vancouver	3	2	1	6	5	6	18	2	1	6	5	6	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	3	2	1	4	3	4	16	2	0	4	0	4	0	1	0	3	0
Los Angeles	3	1	2	6	5	5	11	0	2	2	4	2	1	0	4	1	3
Portland	3	1	2	3	4	3	9	1	1	3	3	3	0	1	0	1	0
AMERICAN CONFERENCE																	
EASTERN DIVISION																	
ROWDIES	3	3	0	6	3	6	24	1	0	2	1	2	2	0	4	2	4
Philadelphia	3	1	2	3	6	3	9	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	3	2	3
New England	2	1	1	2	2	2	8	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1
Ft. Lauderdale	3	0	3	2	13	2	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	11	1
CENTRAL DIVISION																	
Houston	3	2	1	6	5	6	18	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	6	2	6
Detroit	3	2	1	5	4	5	17	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	4	2	4
Memphis	3	0	3	3	8	3	3	0	2	2	6	2	0	1	1	2	1
Chicago	3	0	3	1	5	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	3	0
WESTERN DIVISION																	
San Diego	4	4	0	10	5	9	33	2	0	3	2	3	2	0	7	3	6
Oakland	3	2	1	3	2	3	15	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	2
California	3	2	1	3	5	3	15	1	1	2	5	2	1	0	1	0	1
San Jose	4	0	4	3	7	3	3	0	2	2	4	2	0	2	1	3	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	270:00	25	0	3	0.00
Bill Irwin, Wash	270:00	13	1	2	0.33
Zeljko Bilecki, Tor	195:00	13	2	1	0.92
Tony Chursky, Sea	285:00	18	3	2	0.95
Peter McDonnell, Dal	285:00	13	3	2	0.95
Colin Boulton, Tul	270:00	23	3	1	1.00

AMERICAN CONFERENCE: LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Player - Team	MP	SV	GA	SO	AV
Mike Hewitt, SJ	420:00	31	3	2	0.
Shep Messing, Oak	285:00	24	2	1	0.
Alan Mayer, SD	390:00	36	4	1	0.
PAUL HAMMOND, TPA	270:00	13	3	0	1.
Kevin Keelan, NE	180:00	13	2	1	1.
Dave Jokerst, Cal	285:00	12	4	2	1.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: LEADING SCORERS

Player - Team	GP	G	A	TP
Giorgio Chinaglia, NY	3	4	2	10
Wolfgang Suhnholz, LA	3	4	1	9
Jeff Tourna, Dal	3	4	1	9
Steve [illegible], NY	2	3	2	8
Kevin Nelson, Van	3	3	2	8
Paul Cannell, Wash	3	3	1	7

AMERICAN CONFERENCE: LEADING SCORERS

Player - Team	GP	G	A	TP
Peter Anderson, SD	4	3	0	6
Mark Lindsay, Hou	3	2	2	6
Keith Furphy, Det	3	2	2	6
Gerry Ingram, SD	4	2	0	4
Charlie Mosele, Oak	1	2	0	4
JIM FLEETING, TPA	2	2	0	4

GAME RESULTS

4/12 San Diego 2, San Jose 1 (SO)
Colorado 1, Minnesota 0
4/14 Houston 3, Memphis 0
4/15 San Diego 3, Portland 2
Seattle 1, Toronto 0
Los Angeles 4, California 1
Dallas 4, Minnesota 3 (OT)
New England 1, Phildelphia 0
4/16 Vancouver 2, Rochester 1
Colorado 3, San Jose 2
Oakland 2, Chicago 1
ROWDIES 2, DETROIT 1
New York 1, Tulsa 0
Washington 4, Ft.Lauderdale 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, April 18
Vancouver at California
Wednesday, April 19
Colorado at Portland
San Jose at Houston
Friday, April 21
Toronto at California
Chicago at Oakland
Saturday, April 22
Rochester at Portland
Los Angeles at Ft. Laud
Seattle at Tulsa
San Jose at TAMPA BAY
Memphis at Philadelphia
Sunday, April 23
Vancouver at Colorado
San Diego at Detroit
Dallas at New York
Minnesota at Washington
New England at Houston

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	3	3	0	270:00	8	0	0	0	0	0
BANDOV, Boris	1	1	0	90:00	1	0	0	0	0	0
CONNELL, Mike	3	3	0	270:00	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	1	0	1	8:28	0	1	0	0	0	0
FINK, Joe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLEETING, Jim	2	1	1	126:32	3	5	0	2	0	4
HAMMOND, Paul	3	3	0	270:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARSH, Rodney	2	2	0	180:00	8	9	0	1	1	3
MCGUIRE, Mike	2	2	0	180:00	4	2	0	0	0	0
MCLEOD, Wes	3	3	0	270:00	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	3	3	0	270:00	8	1	0	0	0	0
ROBB, David	3	3	0	270:00	10	11	0	1	0	2
ST-LOT, Frantz	2	1	1	93:07	1	1	0	0	0	0
SMETHURST, Derek	1	1	0	90:00	1	6	0	0	0	0
WEGERLE, Steve	3	3	0	270:00	0	11	0	0	2	2
TOTAL				2700:00	54	62	0	6	4	14
OPPONENTS TOTAL				2700:00	41	59	0	3	3	9

GOALKEEPERS	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
HAMMOND, Paul	270:00	14	3	0	1.00
DUBOSE, Winston	0	0	0	0	-
TOTAL	270:00	14	3	0	1.00
OPPONENTS TOTAL	270:00	14	6	0	2.00

SCORING BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	TB	TOTAL
ROWDIES	2	4	0	0	6
OPPONENTS	1	2	0	0	3

	ROWDIES	OPPONENTS
CORNER KICKS	21	19
OFFSIDES	12	3
CAUTIONS	3	2
EJECTIONS	0	0
PENALTY KICKS	0	0

HOME ATTENDANCE	ROAD ATTENDANCE	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
26,233/ 1 Game	40,883 / 2 Games	66,116 / 3 Games
26,233/ Average	22,442 / Average	22,038 / Average

RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	SCORERS
4/1/78	MEMPHIS	2-1 (W)	26,233	Alston; Marsh (Alston)
4/9/78	@ New England	2-1 (W)	11,360	Fleeting (Marsh); Robb (Wegerle)
4/16/78	@ Detroit	2-1 (W)	28,523	Own goal; Fleeting (Wegerle)