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ONWARD - TO CALIFORNIA

With a disappointing 5-2 loss to the Cosmos just history now, the Rowdies look ahead to a tough two-game road trip to California this week. On Sunday, May 7 they will re-match with the San Jose Earthquakes.. this time in San Jose's Spartan Stadium. When these two meet, the 'Quakes will sport a 3-4 record, with one of those victories in Tampa Stadium. Tampa Bay suffered an early season defeat from the 'Quakes when they battled their way back from a 3-1 trail to edge the Rowdies 4-3 in a shootout. Tampa Bay has only played the 'Quakes in regular season once before that, when they tromped San Jose 4-0 on their own ground in June of '77. After the game Sunday the Rowdies will journey south to Anaheim to meet the California Surf on Tuesday. The Surf now has a 4-2 record but faces Portland and San Diego away before hosting the Rowdies.

'QUAKES KEEP "OT" STRING ALIVE

Next Saturday it's time to turn attention to the overtime kings again - the San Jose Earthquakes. The 'Quakes, after beating Seattle 1-0 yesterday on a Dick Lukic goal at 98:34, have now played all seven of their matches in "OT", but they've won their last three in a row. The 'Quakes used a line-up very similar to the one that beat the Rowdies in Tampa:

Hewitt
Demling Rowlands Davidovic Wood
Lukic Kemp Mitic
Resser Child Kodelja (Spann)

The major change was Kodelja's starting role in place of the injured LeRoy DeLeon, out for the season following a collision with Mike Connell at Tampa Stadium. The 'Quakes are expected to go with the same team on Sunday, unless Parviz, their Iran World Cup star is fit. He could replace Kemp.

TRAVEL ITINERARY

The team will depart Tampa at 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 5 on National flight #33, change to National flight #183 in Houston and arrive in San Francisco at 11:45 a.m. (Pacific time). The Rowdies will stay at the San Jose Hyatt House (408-298-0300). After the game Sunday they will depart San Jose on Air California flight #366 at 7:35 p.m. and lodge at the Anaheim Hyatt Houst (714-772-5900). The return to friendly Tampa Bay will be on Eastern flight #82 out of L.A. International at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10.
An Atlanta connection at 3:10 p.m. will bring the team in on Eastern flight #681 at 5:15 p.m.

GAMES ON RADIO ONLY

The west coach matches - against San Jose and California - will be broadcast on WFLA and other stations on the Rowdies Radio network. Play by play will be by Jack Harris with Francisco Marcos providing color. Broadcasts are at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, May 7 and 10:15 Tuesday, May 9. Rowdies hour will begin immediately after the game Sunday.

CANARIES TOP FOE

In Norwich City the Rowdies will be facing a most formidable opponent. The Canaries are coming off one of their most successful campaigns in England's Division One play. Led by Manager John Bond, Norwich City was in contention for a spot in the prestigious UEFA Cup for 1978-79 right up to the end of the season, when a bad spell placed them in the middle of the standings. Although brand new to indoor, Norwich City will give the Rowdies a run for their money this Wednesday, May 3rd, at 8:00 p.m. at the Bayfront Center in St. Petersburg.

MARTIN PETERS WORLD CUP SURVIVOR

Their best known player (other than Graham Paddon, of course) is Martin Peters, the veteran midfielder who was an instrumental cog of England's World Cup winning squad of 1966. Peters, then at West Ham United, made 21 appearances for England. He also holds the great distinction of being the only player currently in first division soccer to have played on that World Cup team. He has scored around 90 league goals in a first division career of over 600 games at three different clubs - West Ham, Tottenham Hotspurs, and Norwich City.

Other players of note include goalkeeper Roger Hansbury who has taken over from legendary veteran Kevin Keelan, defenders John Ryan and Colin Sullivan, and forwards Jimmy Neighbour and Viv Busby. With Kevin Bond, a regular at right back, the Canaries have the only father-son combination in the English first division

TYPICAL TOURISTS

The English visitors will be in the Tampa Bay Area for two weeks, and although their Wednesday, May 3rd appearance is the only scheduled game so far, it is possible that a second match for them may also be scheduled. While here, they'll be "typical" tourists, with expected visits to Busch Gardens, Disneyworld, Clearwater Beach, etc.

TRAINING TUESDAY

They'll train at Bayfront on Tuesday (p.m.) if the arena is available or at U.S.F. (a.m.) otherwise. They'll probably scrimmage the Rowdies sometime next week before the Rowdies-Philadelpbia game on May 13.

NORWICH CONTACT

Joe Gomes (home - 813/885-3377) will be the tour co-ordinator for Norwich City and requests for visits and other activities should be directed to him in case manager John Bond is not available. Bond may be reached at the team's headquarters - The Bay Harbor Inn - at 885-2541.

IT WAS A COSMIC EXPERIENCE

In an exciting match of skill, rivalry and grudge, the New York Cosmos left Tampa Stadium the victors Sunday. Before 41,888 yellow and green clad fannies the Rowdies attacked and pushed forward with skill and tenacity. They gave the enthusiastic fans an exciting match filled with "goal mouth thrills", but not the victory so coveted. A 23:15 goal by Cosmos Gary Ethrington broke the deadlock and opened the way for a barrage of goals to come. The diminutive American sub for injured Dennis Tueart came out a hero Sunday with one goal and two assists. Giorgio Chinagiia walked away with two goals Sunday. Coach Gordon Jago had nothing but praise for his players' performance against the colossal Cosmos. "We've nothing to be ashamed of. We were turning it around and when we were only down 3-2 it could have been done. Dave Robb's ejection at that time was a cruel blow."

SPEAKING OF DAVID ROBB

Dave Robb's ejection at 61:48 left the Rowdies one man down in possibly their toughest game of the season. Robb's "robust" play earned him his second career ejection ... the first was about twelve years ago. In a shift of league policy from last year, ejected players are now penalized in their next home game rather than next away game. Dave Robb will sit out the Philadelphia game in Tampa Stadium on Saturday, May 13.

MCLEOD TOP '76 ROWDIE

It was a game for forwards, the seven goals scored being the second highest mark ever registered in the eight game series. Certainly the brightes side of the Rowdies offensive efforts came from precocious Wes McLeod, feisty 20-year old Canadian midfield whiz who not only scored the Rowdies second goal to make the score 3-2 and breathe new life into the game, bit generally caused the Cosmos a lot of headaches, especially in the first ha McLeod, voted the game's offensive player award, earned a $1,000.00 check from "Skoal/Happy Days" Tobacco, along with a huge trophy. He's obviously the "Exchange Banks" Rowdie of the week.

WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS HAD TO SAY:

ST.PETERSBURG TIMES

locker room Q&A

Q. For Rowdies' coach Gordon Jago: What was the turning point?

A. *The ejection of Robb. That decision turned the whole game.*

Q. For Cosmos' coach Eddie Firmani: What was the turning point?

A. *I think it was when they went two down (Hunt's goal with 25 seconds left in the first half).*

Q. For Rowdies' goalie Paul Hammond: What's wrong with the defense?

A. *We've got to be more physical.*

Q. For Rowdies' defender Mike Connell: What's wrong with the defense?

A. *Nothing. We were doing the job. Their first two goals were opportunist goals. There are no defensive problems.*

Q. For Rowdies' defender Arsene Auguste: What happened on the play that forced Dennis Tueart to the sidelines when the game was only two minutes old?

A. *I just hit him with my shoulder. It was the first ball he touched. I didn't mean to put him out of the game, but I'm glad I did.*

Q. For 20-year-old Gary Etherington, who replaced Tueart and scored one goal and assisted on two others: Were you ready to play?

A. *This was the first game I hadn't started, because I had been playing for Steve (Hunt) when he was hurt. Dennis has had all kinds of bad luck, and now he gets injured. But I only played 165 minutes last year (as a rookie), so when I get a chance to play I try to make the best of it. Today was my greatest game ever.*

Q. For Etherington again: Were you intimidated by Auguste?

A. *When Augie saw me, he thought I was a midget (5-foot-8, 140 pounds) and figured he could kick me around because he's a big (6-foot-2, 185 pounds), strong guy. But I showed him that any guy can play the game. You don't have to be real strong or real big. I used finesse.*

Q. For Rowdies' midfielder Graham Paddon, who was acquired from Norwich City last week: How was your first game?

A. *I was quite pleased . . . but we never play in heat like this in England.*

Q. For Jago again: What did you think of Paddon's performance?

A. *I thought he did exceptionally well for the first game.*

Q. For Firmani again: Did the Cosmos do anything wrong? Where are your weak links?

A. *The coaching. It must be the coach — it was when I was with Tampa Bay and it is now. That'll give you something to laugh about.*

Q. For Cosmos' forward Steve Hunt: How important do you think your goal at the end of the first half was?

A. *I thought it had sealed it.*

Q. For Hunt again: Did you let up when you got the 3-0 lead at the beginning of the second half?

A. *We didn't relax. The penalty kick (on which Marsh scored the Rowdies' first goal) lifted them.*

Q. For Hammond again: Do you think your rest last week hurt you against the Cosmos?

A. *I can't say that. But I'd rather have played last week.*

Q. For Robb again: What did you do to Alberto to get red-carded?

A. *I don't know. I haven't a clue. Ask Carlos Alberto.*

Q. For Rowdies' midfielder Mike McGuire, who was replaced by Jim Fleeting in the second half: Why did you come out?

A. *I was all right. I wasn't tired. That's all I want to say about it.*

Q. For Jago again: Why did you make the substitution?

A. *I had no forwards. We were losing 3-2. We needed goals.*

Q. For Chinaglia again: How would you compare this team to last year's championship team?

A. *The atmosphere is better this year. Everyone sacrifices for the team. Everyone's friends. Of course, we're 5-0 and we're winning.*

Q. For Chinaglia again: How do the Rowdies compare with the other teams you've played this year?

A. *This is definitely the best team we've played.*

Q. For Rowdies' midfielder Wes McLeod, who was named the game's outstanding offensive player in a losing cause: Does the money ease the pain?

A. *A thousand bucks. I can use it.*

TAMPA TRIBUNE

ROBB'S DEPARTURE DEFUSED ROWDIES

By JOE HENDERSON
Tribune Sports Writer

"It's hard enough," Tampa Bay Rowdies co: Gordon Jago said Sunday, "to play with 11 men."

So when Rowdy striker David Robb was red c ded at 61:48, with the Rowdies down only 3-2 to New York Cosmos, the consequences were quick a predictable. The Cosmos scored two more go against the short-handed Rowdies to romp home 5-

Robb, a fiery Scotsman, was red carded in midst of what seemed an unbelievable comeback the Rowdies, and for 12 cases of Scotland's fin brew, he couldn't tell you what he did that was so rible.

"He (referee Peter Johnson) never said wha did," Robb spat out afterwards in the silent Row locker room. "He just said, 'you, off.' It wasn't a fou never touched anyone. I haven't a clue to what I d All I heard was (Cosmos right back Bobby) Sm coming up and saying 'send him off, send him Next thing I knew, I was off."

The fatal call came when Robb was jockeying Cosmos defender Carlos Alberto. The call proba was for tripping, but Robb isn't sure. In fact, Ro isn't sure why he was yellow carded in the first h after a run-in with goalie Erol Yasin.

"I don't know what I did there either," Robb sa "He (Johnson) never told me. I doubt he told anyone

"All I do know is, two minutes before I got ejecte I about had my leg broke by (Cosmos center halfba Werner) Roth. It was on the other side of the fie though, and I don't guess he (Johnson) saw it. May

the fans did. But that's the way I play, aggressive, bu not dirty. I go after the ball. I guess when you play th New York Cosmos, you're just supposed to sit bac and not play."

Jago said there was no question that Robb's re carding defused the Rowdies.

"That decision turned the whole game," Jago sai "For that offense, (red carding) was a bit harsh. turned the whole game. He (Robb) is a rogueish so of player, but he's not dirty."

Did Robb agree with that?

"Of course it turned the game around," Robb sai "We had them under pressure. We had come bac under an impossible situation. We had them going That took it away from us."

Cosmos Coach Eddie Firmani, not surprisingly disagreed with the Jago/Robb assertion. Firmani fe Steve Hunt's goal at the end of the first half was th key and intimated that Robb's banishment was just fied.

The irony is that Robb was booted for supposedl kicking Alberto, far and away his favorite Cosmo.

"He's my favorite player," Robb said of Alberto. admire him, I really do. If I'd kick anyone on tha team, it wouldn't be him."

Robb must now sit out the Rowdies next roa game, the league rule for red carded players.

"That's only the second time in 14 years that's hap pened to me," Robb said. "The other time was, wel about 12 years ago. I guess this proves what a dirt player I am. This type of thing is always happening t me."

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	165	Yugoslavian
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
13	Dave Kemp	Midfielder	28	5-5	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

CURRENT NASL STANDINGS

May 1, 1978

ATIONAL CONFERENCE	TOTAL							HOME					AWAY				
ASTERN DIVISION	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	W	L	GF	GA	
New York	5	5	0	17	3	11	41	3	0	11	1	7	2	0	6	2	
Washington	6	5	1	11	4	10	40	3	0	6	1	5	2	1	5	3	
Rochester	4	1	3	4	8	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	6	
Toronto	4	0	4	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	7	
ENTRAL DIVISION																	
Dallas	5	4	1	12	6	11	35	3	0	8	3	7	1	1	4	3	
Tulsa	6	3	3	9	6	9	27	2	2	7	5	7	1	1	2	1	
Colorado	6	2	4	6	10	6	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	9	
Minnesota	4	1	3	4	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	6	
ESTERN DIVISION																	
Vancouver	6	4	2	11	6	10	34	3	1	10	5	10	1	1	1	1	
Portland	6	3	3	11	12	11	29	3	1	8	6	8	0	2	3	6	
Seattle	6	3	3	8	7	8	26	3	0	7	0	7	0	3	1	7	
Los Angeles	5	1	4	7	9	6	12	0	3	3	6	3	1	1	4	3	
MERICAN CONFERENCE																	
ASTERN DIVISION																	
ROWDIES	5	3	2	11	12	11	29	1	2	7	10	7	2	0	4	2	
Ft. Lauderdale	5	2	3	6	14	6	18	2	1	5	3	5	0	2	1	11	
Philadelphia	4	2	2	5	7	5	17	1	2	2	5	2	1	0	3	2	
New England	4	2	2	3	3	3	15	0	2	1	3	1	2	0	2	0	
ENTRAL DIVISION																	
Detroit	5	4	1	9	4	9	33	2	1	5	2	5	2	0	4	2	
Houston	6	3	3	8	8	8	26	0	3	1	6	1	3	0	7	2	
Memphis	5	0	5	4	12	4	4	0	3	2	8	2	0	2	2	4	
Chicago	6	0	6	2	11	2	2	0	2	1	3	1	0	4	1	8	
ESTERN DIVISION																	
San Diego	7	5	2	15	10	12	42	3	1	8	6	9	2	1	7	5	
Oakland	5	4	1	7	4	7	31	2	0	3	1	3	2	1	4	3	
California	6	4	2	6	8	6	30	3	1	5	6	5	1	1	1	2	
San Jose	7	3	4	10	11	9	27	1	2	3	4	3	2	2	7	7	

EGEND: GP - Games Played/ W - Won; L - Lost; FG - Goals For; GA - Goals Against;
BP - Bonus Points; TP - Total Points

ATIONAL CONFERENCE: LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Player - Team	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
rol Yasin, NY	450:00	35	3	3	0.60
ill Irwin, Wash	555:00	32	4	3	0.65
ino Lettieri, Minn	345:00	29	3	2	0.78
olin Boulton, Tulsa	540:00	42	6	2	1.00
hil Parkes, Van	540:00	21	6	3	1.00
ony Chursky, Seattle	563:00	46	7	3	1.12

AMERICAN CONFERENCE: LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Player - Team	MP	SV	GA	SO	AV
Keith Von Eron, Hou	390:00	29	2	2	0.
Kevin Keelan, NE	375:00	23	2	3	0.
Shep Messing, Oak	465:00	36	4	1	0.
Steve Hardwick, Det	463:00	37	4	2	0.
Mike Hewitt, San J.	728:00	55	8	3	0.
Dave Jokerst, Cal	555:00	26	7	3	1.

ATIONAL CONFERENCE: LEADING SCORERS

Player - Team	GP	G	A	TP
iorgio Chinaglia, NY	5	7	2	16
eff Bourne, Dallas	5	7	1	15
evin Hector, Van	6	5	2	12
lyde Best, Port	6	3	5	11
teve Hunt, NY	3	4	2	10
ladislav Bogicevic, NY	5	2	6	10

AMERICAN CONFERENCE: LEADING SCORERS

Player - Team	GP	G	A	TP
Peter Anderson, SD	7	6	1	13
RODNEY MARSH, Tpa	4	4	2	10
Keith Furphy, Det	5	3	2	8
Mark Lindsay, Hou	6	3	2	8
Charlie Mrosko, Oak	3	3	1	7
David Bradford, Det	5	3	1	7

AME RESULTS

4/26/78 Seattle 3, Chicago 0
Houston 1, San Diego 0
4/27/78 Washington 2, Tulsa 1
4/29/78 San Diego 5, Portland 3
Dallas 2, Washington 0
Ft. Lauderdale 2, Colorado 1 (OT)
Minnesota 1, Chicago 0
Tulsa 2, Memphis 0
4/30/78 New York 5, Tampa Bay 2
Oakland 2, Los Angeles 1
Vancouver 2, California 0
San Jose 1, Seattle 0

UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, May 2 — Ft. Lauderdale at Phil.
Wednesday, May 3 — Tulsa at Dallas
California at Portland
Saturday, May 6 — California at San Diego
Oakland at Tulsa
Colorado at Washington
Memphis at Ft. Lauderdal
Sunday, May 7 — Seattle at Los Angeles
Portland at Vancouver
TAMPA BAY AT SAN JOSE
Dallas at Minnesota
New England at Chicago
Detroit at New York
Houston at Rochester
Philadelphia at Toronto

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	5	5	0	465:00	11	3	0	0	0	0
BANDOV, Boris	2	1	1	156:20	2	2	0/1	0	0	0
CONNELL, Mike	4	4	0	465:00	4	5	0	0	0	0
CRUDO, Tony	2	2	0	176:53	3	1	0	0	0	0
DUBOSE, Winston	1	1	0	90:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
EAGAN, Kevin	3	1	2	105:58	3	3	0	0	0	0
FINK, Joe	1	1	0	105:00	2	3	1/1	0	0	0
FLEETING, Jim	4	2	2	321:32	5	7	0	2	0	4
HAMMOND, Paul	5	4	1	375:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARSH, Rodney	4	4	0	375:00	10	18	0/1	4	2	10
MCGUIRE, Mike	4	4	0	367:30	7	3	0	0	0	0
MCLEOD, Wes	5	5	0	465:00	9	17	0/1	1	1	3
NEWMAN, Guy	0	0	0	0:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
PADDON, Graham	1	1	0	90:00	1	3	0	0	0	0
PAPANDREA, Luis	5	5	0	465:00	12	3	0	0	0	0
ROBB, David	5	5	0	436:48	18	6	0/1	2	0	4
ST-LOT, Frantz	2	1	1	93:07	1	1	0	0	0	0
SMETHURST, Derek	2	2	0	128:40	2	9	0	0	1	1
WEGERLE, Steve	4	4	0	360:00	0	16	0	0	2	2
TOTAL				4816:48	91	130	1	8	7	27
OPPONENTS TOTAL				4792:12	78	88	2	6	5	29

GOALKEEPERS	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
HAMMOND, Paul	375:00	18	8	1	1.92
DUBOSE, Winston	90:00	4	3	0	3.00
TOTAL	465:00	22	11	1	2.12
OPPONENTS TOTAL	465:00	33	11	1	2.12

SCORING BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	O.T.	T.B.	TOTAL
ROWDIES	5	6	0	0	11
OPPONENTS	4	7	0	1	12

	ROWDIES	OPPONENTS
CORNER KICKS	39	26
OFFSIDES	14	3
CAUTIONS	6	6
EJECTIONS	1	1
PENALTY KICKS	1	0

HOME ATTENDANCE	ROAD ATTENDANCE	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
85,981/3 Games	39,883/2 Games	125,864/5 Games
28,660/Average	19,941/Average	25,173/Average

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)	28,528	Own goal; Fleeting (Wegerle)
4/22/78	SAN JOSE	3-4 (L)	17,860	Marsh 2 (Smethurst, McLeod); Robb (Marsh)
4/30/78	NEW YORK	2-5 (L)	41,888	Marsh, McLeod