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ON THE ROAD AGAIN - THEN HOME FOR SPECIAL GAME SATURDAY

This Wednesday the Rowdies take to the road again trying to extend two wins and break a bit of previous bad luck on the road. The Rowdies' away record is a disappointing 2-5, but they hope to improve it this Wednesday with a victory over the troubled Chicago Sting at 7:30 Central time. The game will be telecast from Soldier Field at 8:30 P.M. E.S.T. with play by play from Tom Keene and color by Francisco Marcos. The radio broadcast will start at 8:15 P.M. on WFLA (97). Jack Harris will do play by play; color provided by Gordon Hill.

When the Rowdies return to Tampa it will be to play their interstate rivals, the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers in a game that will benefit the Florida Special Olympics. The game starts at 8 P.M. Saturday and is the culmination of a weekend of varied special events.

SCOUTING REPORT THE STING

The Sting is hot off a surprising victory at San Jose in which they took the decision in a 2-1 shootout. It is only the second victory of the year for the unfortunate Chicago team. They now post a 2-13 record and 27 points. Chicago's other victory was a 2-1 defeat of Detroit in the Silverdome, so they have yet to win a game at home. Although Chicago has been short on scoring punch (only 15 goals in 15 games), the real problem seems to lie in defense. They have allowed the most goals in the league at 32.

IN GOAL

In goal is Mervyn Cawston, a Chicago veteran starting his fourth season. In '77 he posted a 1.52 goals against average - his career averaging a stingy 1.35. Before coming to the NASL, Cawston played with Norwich City, a team most familiar to Bay Area fans for their appearance here and the three '78 loan players, Fleeting, McGuire and Paddon.

DEFENDERS

Chicago's defense is marked by experience and skill and presents many questions as to why they've had such a tough season so far. Bruce Wilson, acquired from Vancouver in a draft trade, plays at right back. Wilson was named to the NASL All Star first team in '76 and '77 and captained the Canadian World Cup team. He is joined by Gary Rensing, a tough defender from the St. Louis Stars, Derek Spalding from Hibernian of Scotland and Miguel, a new acquisition from Fluminense.

THE LINK MEN

The Sting's midfield is a new one...composed of Jorgen Kristensen from Hertha Berlin; Gerry Ingram, recently acquired from San Diego and Dick Advocatt from Holland. It is a midfield of skill and experience, but most of it new to the NASL. Ingram has played in the league since '75 (two years with Washington - then to Las Vegas and San Diego).

UP FRONT

The forward line against San Jose saw Goran Meskovic at right wing, Karl-Heinz Granitzain the center and Jado Hasanbegovic on the left. Meskovic joined the Sting from F.C. Arles in France and Granitza from Hertha Berlin. Hasanbegovic is the only NASL veteran. He was obtained in a trade with the relocated Oakland Stompers before the '78 season by Coach Musgrove who liked his play in Connecticut.

STRIKERS SCOUTING REPORT

The Ft. Lauderdale Strikers will come to Tampa this Saturday after a game in Toronto on Thursday evening. Before journeying up north the Strikers had an 8-8 record with 71 points, good for second in the American-Eastern. After a relatively slow start Ft. Lauderdale has come alive and is proving itself a tough contender.

IN GOAL

In goal the legendary Gordon Banks. No introductions necessary for this renowned goalie. NASL first team goalie last year, a 1.12 goals against averag in '77 and England's Footballer of the year in '72. He's been plagued with injuries this season, but played against Oakland Saturday night. Marine Canc of the Los Angeles Skyhawks (ASL) has been backing him up in goal.

THE DEFENSE

The defense against Oakland consisted of Andy Rolland, John Ridley, Tony Whelan and Les Peterson. Roberto Aguirre (the only original left from the Toros) came in as a sub. Whelan is the anchor of the defense, playing every minute of every game last season. He has played for Manchester City, Manchester United and the L.A. Skyhawks, where Newman spotted him and brought him to Ft. Lauderdale. Peterson, the left back, hails from F.I.U. and is playing his first year for the Strikers.

THE LINK MEN

Ray Hudson is the man in the "middle of the middle". He is flanked by Ian Callaghan on the right and Tibor Gemeri on the right. Hudson is the Striker veteran of the three - in his second year. Last year he played with the Strikers on loan from first division Newcastle United. He is only 23 but is a veteran of over 40 first division matches. He directs the attack from midfield and has scored a goal and two assists this year. Gemeri has played in the Yugoslavian first and second division for four years. He caught Newman's attention with playmaking ability at training camp in England. Callaghan hails from English first division Liverpool. Other midfield strength can be found in Colin Fowles, who scored 5 goals and 4 assists last year and Curtis Leeper, in his second year as a Striker.

THE FORWARD LINE

The Striker's leading scorer is David Irving with 14 points - 6 goals and 2 assists. The Strikers purchased his contract this year after his first year in '77 as a loan player from Oldham Athletic. Although he is their leading scorer, Irving is considered a playmaker above all. He is flanked by George Dewsnip on the right and Norman Piper on the left. Both are second year veterans. Forward reserves include George Nanchoff, named NASL Rookie of the Year in '77 by the Associated Press; Dennis Vaninger from the St. Louis Stars, and third year Gordon Fearnley.

TAMPA BAY HANGS HOUSTON

The Rowdies' second shutout victory in a row was even more decisive than the 2-0 score would indicate. In fact, new Rowdie goalie Nicky Johns didn't have to make even one save in his NASL debut. His name immediately goes into the record books as the first Rowdie goalie to ever record a shutout without making one single save. The defense that played in front of him performed one of the most impressive defensive games ever in Tampa Stadium, never allowing Houston to even look dangerous. The Rowdies tallied 19 shots to Houstin's 7 and banged in two goals. Rodney Marsh raised his tally to 23 points with a goal at 22:38 and an assist on Wegerle's goal at 51:10. This victory raised the Rowdies record to 6-8 and 65 points, still six points behind secon place Ft. Lauderdale.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

In a unanimous vote, Steve Wegerle was voted the Exchange Bank Player of the Week for his performance against Oakland and Houston. His goal against the Stompers early in the game was the deciding factor and an example of the individual brillance that Wegerle can display when he's hot. Off a short pass from Paddon, Wegerle out maneuvered several defenders as though they weren't there then plummetted the ball into the back of the net from about 22 yards out. His goal Saturday night was equally brillant. But not to be ignored is his usual consistent playmaking. The assist on Marsh's goal was classic and beautifully placed -- a long pass (20 yd.) from the right side of the penalty area to the far post and Marsh's waiting head...an extremely attractive bit of team work.

CHICAGO STING ROSTER

NO	NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	AGE	CITIZENSHIP
1	Mervyn Cawston	Goalkeeper	6-2	170	26	British
2	Clive Giffiths	Defender	5-10	160	23	Britihs
3	Bruce Wilson	Defender	5-10	155	26	Canadian
4	Derek Spalding	Defender	5-9	170	23	British
5	Gary Rensing	Defender	5-10	155	30	American
7	Roberto Gadea	Midfielder	6-1	175	25	Uruguay
8	Gene Strenicer	Midfielder	5-6	140	32	Canadian
9	Goran Meskovic	Forward	6-0	185	28	Yugoslavian
10	Jorgan Kristensen	Forward	5-8	160	31	Denmark
11	Richard Kellett	Forward	6-0	170	23	South African
12	Karl-Heinz Granitza	Forward	6-0	165	26	West German
13	Doug Wark	Midfielder	5-10	160	26	American
14	Miguel	Defender	5-11	170	28	Brazilian
15	Jado Hasanbegovic	Forward	5-10	175	30	Yugoslavian
16	Tom Nevers	Forward	5-8	160	21	American
17	Dan McCrudden	Forward	6-3	180	22	American
19	Gerry Ingram	Forward	6-0	165	30	British
20	David Flaschen	Goalkeeper	6-1	170	22	American
21	Stefan Szefer	Defender	6-0	170	35	American
22	Dick Advocaat	Midfielder	5-9	160	30	Holland
24	Robert Godocha	Forward	5-10	154	32	Poland

HEAD COACH: Malcolm Musgrove

FT. LAUDERDALE STRIKERS ROSTER

NO	NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	AGE	CITIZENSHIP
1	Gordon Banks	Goalkeeper	5-11	170	38	British
2	Maurice Whittle	Defender	5-8	150	29	British
4	Ray Hudson	Midfielder	5-11	157	23	British
5	John Ridley	Defender	6-1	166	25	British
6	Tony Whelan	Defender	6-1	170	25	British
7	Bill Ronson	Forward	5-4	140	21	British
8	Roberto Aguirre	Defender	5-11	183	32	Argentina
9	Dennis Vaninger	Forward	6-2	190	26	American
10	David Irving	Forward	5-9	170	26	British
11	Ian Callaghan	Midfielder	5-7	155	36	British
12	Andy Rolland	Defender	5-9	170	33	Scotland
13	Gary Jones	Forward	5-9	161	27	British
14	Norman Piper	Forward	5-7	145	30	British
15	Alan Hamlyn	Defender	5-10	170	31	American
16	Mike Oriz-Velez	Midfielder	5-8	150	20	American
17	George Dewsnip	Forward	5-7	140	21	British
18	Marine Cano	Goalkeeper	6-1	175	23	American
19	Geroge Nanchoff	Forward	5-11	160	23	American
20	Tibor Gemeri	Midfielder	5-8	160	26	Canadian
21	Les Peterson	Defender	5-10	155	23	American
22	Colin Fowles	Midfielder	5-10	170	24	American
23	Kevin McClinton	Forward	5-11	160	20	American
24	Curtis Leeper	Midfielder	5-11	160	22	American
25	Jan Kapstad	Forward	5-11	163	22	American

HEAD COACH: Ron Newman

PETER CHANDLER REJOINS TEAM

Peter Chandler, a former Connecticut Bicentennials star who made the Rowdies team as a free agent earlier this year has joined the team permanently. Chandler, a left sided defender, played in the pre-season match against Toronto - a 2-1 win - and then went back to Ohio to complete his school teaching job. Chandler signed a two-year pact with the Rowdies, and is eligible to play immediately. He'll wear number 24.

NEW ROWDIE PLAYING FOR COUNTRY

New Rowdie Perry Van Der Beck took off today to join the Olympic B team for a series of three games in Puerto Rico. The U.S. team will play the Puerto Rican National team. The young midfielder will return to the Rowdies on the 26th.

WORLD CUP SCHEDULE

The games for the first day of World Cup games at the Tampa Jai Alai Frontor have been decided. The first game of the double header will start at 3:45 P on Sunday, May 18th. It will be between Italy and Austria. The second game starting at 6:15 P.M. will be between Argentina and Brazil.

Johns Shows Savvy In Rowdies' Win

By GEORGE NADER
Tribune Sports Writer

Passing judgment on the first performance of Nicky Johns is difficult, considering the new Tampa Bay Rowdies goalkeeper had only to devour one crossing pass Saturday night.

Still, Rowdies coach Gordon Jago, after a 2-0 victory over the Houston Hurricane at Tampa Stadium, visualized some fine points that may keep Johns the starting keeper for quite a while.

Distribution, the manner in which Johns disperses the ball, is his selling point.

"This turns defense into offense and it leaves the red shirts (Houston players) stranded," said Jago. "He (Johns) doesn't like to kick it. He should throw it, you achieve more accuracy with your hands."

Although Johns didn't make one save, he seemed enthusiastic tending the nets, clapping his hands when the ball was in his domain to signal to his teammates he was in control, barking out orders to the defenders in front of him and aggressively going out after the ball, not waiting for it to come to him.

Now it remains to be seen how long it will be before American goalie Winston DuBose, who has played well all year except for the first San Jose game but still has distribution troubles, and original starter Paul Hammond, who may be soon traded or sold, get back into the lineup.

While Johns was the magistrate of the Rowdies defense, showing the kind of leadership Jago has been begging for, the Tampa Bay's defensive front of Frantz St. Lot, Mike Connell, Jim Fleeting and Arsene Auguste were air tight, allowing Houston a woeful seven shots on goal, at least five of which were feeble.

In the last four Rowdies game — losses to Vancouver and San Diego and wins over Oakland and Houston — the defense has allowed only two goals.

The offensive problems are also beginning to subside. Rodney Marsh and Steve Wegerle scored goals Saturday night in the Houston win and the Rowdies passed the ball at will. Still, forwards Mirandinha, Peter Anderson and Graham Paddon remain cursed, and came up bankrupt on several genuine scoring opportunities.

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—Gordon Jago

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Said Paddon, "Getting in position is the important thing. The law of averages says you'll stick it in the post sooner or later. I still say there's only one side better than us and that's the Cosmos. We've got a lot of individual talent and you always have a problem of getting framework. Minnesota lacks personalities but has the team work. We're organized now."

The Rowdies are now 7-8 and trail first-place New England by 10 points in the North American Soccer League's Eastern Division of the American Conference.

Wednesday Tampa Bay travels to Chicago for a game with the lowly Sting and then will be back at Tampa Stadium next Saturday for a critical game with the Strikers on Special Olympics night.

CURRENT NASL STANDINGS
12 June 1978

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	TOTAL							HOME					AWAY				
EASTERN DIVISION	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	W	L	GF	GA	BP
New England	14	9	5	23	13	21	75	5	2	14	6	13	4	3	9	7	8
Ft. Lauderdale	16	8	8	23	33	23	71	8	1	18	8	18	0	7	5	25	5
ROWDIES	15	7	8	25	24	23	65	5	3	20	14	18	2	5	5	10	5
Philadelphia	15	6	9	20	31	20	56	4	3	10	10	10	2	6	10	21	10
CENTRAL DIVISION																	
Detroit	15	9	6	22	15	22	76	6	4	16	9	16	3	2	6	6	6
Houston	15	7	8	21	22	20	62	3	5	11	11	10	4	3	10	11	10
Memphis	15	4	11	19	27	19	43	3	3	8	9	8	1	8	11	18	11
Chicago	15	2	13	15	32	15	27	0	6	6	14	6	2	7	9	18	9
WESTERN DIVISION																	
San Diego	16	11	5	32	26	28	94	8	2	21	14	18	3	3	11	12	10
California	16	8	8	19	22	17	65	5	3	10	10	10	3	5	9	12	7
Oakland	15	8	7	16	21	16	64	5	2	10	9	10	2	6	6	12	6
San Jose	15	5	10	20	26	19	49	2	5	7	10	8	3	5	12	15	11
NATIONAL CONFERENCE																	
EASTERN DIVISION																	
New York	14	12	2	43	14	30	102	8	0	22	5	19	6	2	21	9	17
Washington	16	8	8	26	21	24	72	6	2	15	7	13	2	6	11	14	1
Rochester	15	7	8	22	25	22	64	4	2	12	5	12	3	6	10	20	10
Toronto	14	5	9	18	23	17	47	3	4	10	12	10	2	5	8	11	7
CENTRAL DIVISION																	
Minnesota	14	10	4	27	20	27	87	6	1	16	10	16	4	3	11	10	11
Dallas	16	8	8	26	25	25	73	4	3	14	10	13	5	4	12	15	12
Tulsa	15	8	7	23	20	22	70	5	3	15	8	15	3	4	8	12	7
Colorado	16	5	11	18	29	17	47	2	4	10	11	9	3	7	8	18	8
WESTERN DIVISION																	
Portland	16	12	4	28	19	27	99	9	1	17	9	17	3	3	11	10	10
Vancouver	16	11	5	26	18	25	91	7	1	15	6	15	4	4	11	12	10
Seattle	17	7	10	24	26	24	66	5	1	14	4	14	2	9	10	22	10
Los Angeles	15	6	9	20	24	19	55	1	7	7	15	7	5	2	13	9	12

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

NATIONAL CONFERENCE - LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Player - Team	GP	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
Errol Yasin - NY	13	1142	84	12	5	.95
Phil Parkes, Van	15	1365	78	17	6	1.12
Colin Boulton, Tul	13	1190	86	15	5	1.1344
Dick Poole, Ptl	16	1507	90	19	5	1.1347
Bill Irwin, Wash	16	1485	105	19	5	1.15
Bob Rigby, LA	13	1229	79	18	1	1.32

NATIONAL CONFERENCE - LEADING SCORERS

Player - Team	GP	G	A	PTS
Giorgio Chinaglia, NY	14	17	7	41
Alan Willey, Minn	14	14	0	28
Jeff Bourne, Dal	16	10	3	23
Vladislav Bogicevic, NY	14	6	10	22
Francisco Bolota, Roc	15	10	1	21
Kevin Hector, Van	15	9	3	21

AMERICAN CONFERENCE - LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Player - Team	GP	MP	SV	GA	SO	AV
Mike Hewitt, SJ	9	833	64	8	4	.8
Kevin Keelan, NE	13	1133	71	11	5	.8
Steve Hardwick, Det	15	1388	93	15	5	.9
Dave Jokerst, Cal	11	1034	53	13	4	1.1
Keith Van Eron, Hou	13	1200	82	16	6	1.2
John Houska, Mem	8	716	39	11	3	1.3

AMERICAN CONFERENCE - LEADING SCORERS

Player - Team	GP	G	A	PTS
Mike Flanagan, NE	14	13	3	29
RODNEY MARSH, TPA	13	9	5	23
Charlie Mrosko, Oak	13	9	2	20
Keith Furphy, Det	15	7	3	17
Jean Willrich, SD	16	6	4	16
Tony Field, Mem	14	6	4	16

GAME RESULTS

6/10
- Tampa Bay 2, Houston 0
- Los Angeles 3, Rochester 0
- Portland 1, Seattle 0
- Vancouver 2, Washington 1
- Minnesota 1, California 0
- Ft. Lauderdale 2, Oakland 0
- San Diego 4, Memphis 3
- Chicago 2, San Jose 1

6/11
- Detroit 2, Dallas 0
- New England 1, Toronto 0
- New York 1, Philadelphia 0

UPCOMING GAMES

6/13
- Tulsa at California
- Dallas at Philadelphia
- New York at Minnesota

6/14
- San Diego at Seattle
- Houston at Oakland
- San Jose at Memphis
- Detroit at Colorado
- TAMPA BAY AT CHICAGO
- Washington at New England

6/15
- Rochester at Tulsa
- Ft. Lauderdale at Toronto

6/16
- New England at Portland

1978 ROWDIE STATISTICS
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NAME	GP	GS	SUB	MP	FOULS	SHOTS	TB	G	A	PTS
ALSTON, Adrian	2	2	0	133:53	2	8	0	1	1	3
ANDERSON, Peter *	15	14	1	1313:22	29	54	0	6	2	14
AUGUSTE, Arsene	11	11	0	998:57	30	14	0	0	0	0
BANDOV, Boris	3	1	2	168:57	3	2	0/1	0	0	0
CHANDLER, Peter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONNELL, Mike	15	15	0	1365:00	28	14	0	0	0	0
CRUDO, Tony	8	6	2	528:00	9	4	0	0	0	0
DUBOSE, Winston	7	7	0	630:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
EAGAN, Kevin	5	2	3	197:18	7	4	0	0	0	0
FINK, Joe	1	1	0	105:00	2	3	1/1	0	0	0
FLEETING, Jim	14	11	3	1140:02	13	8	0	2	0	4
HAMMOND, Paul	8	7	1	645:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNS, Nicky	1	1	0	90:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARSH, Rodney	13	13	0	1146:50	27	46	0/1	9	5	23
MCGUIRE, Mick	13	12	1	1075:27	20	16	0	0	0	0
MCLEOD, Wes	14	13	1	1164:05	15	41	0/1	1	2	4
MIRANDINHA	5	2	3	264:23	1	16	0	0	1	1
NEWMAN, Guy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PADDON, Graham	11	11	0	990:00	9	28	0	1	1	3
PAPANDREA, Luis	9	7	2	692:00	18	3	0	0	0	0
ROBB, David	15	15	0	1259:39	45	50	0/1	7	0	14
ST-LOT, Frantz	10	9	1	779:01	16	4	0	0	1	1
SMETHURST, Derek **	4	2	2	173:44	2	11	0	0	1	1
VAN DER BECK, Perry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEGERLE, Steve	14	14	0	1172:59	6	37	0	3	7	13
TOTAL				14981:17	259	319	1	24	18	67
OPPONENTS TOTAL				14989:26	262	239	2	24	16	58

GOALKEEPERS	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
JOHNS, Nicky	90:00	0	0	1	0.00
DUBOSE, Winston	630:00	27	10	2	1.42
HAMMOND, Paul	645:00	38	14	0	1.95
TOTAL	1365:00	65	24	3	1.60
OPPONENTS TOTAL	1365:00	99	25	4	1.66

SCORING BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	TB	TOTAL
ROWDIES	14	11	0	0	25
OPPONENTS	10	13	0	1	24

	ROWDIES	OPPONENTS
CORNER KICKS	103	75
OFFSIDES	54	18
CAUTIONS	14	15
EJECTIONS	1	1
PENALTY KICKS	2	2

HOME ATTENDANCE
139,641 / 8 Games
17,455 / Average

ROAD ATTENDANCE
97,732 / 7 Games
13,962 / Average

TOTAL ATTENDANCE
243,549 / 15 Games
16,237 / Average

		RESULTS		
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTN	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
5/7/78	@San Jose	0-1 (L)	13,593	-
5/9/78	@California	0-3 (L)	9,591	-
5/13/78	PHILADELPHIA	4-0 (W)	11,250	Marsh 2(Wegerle), Robb(McLeod); Wegerle
5/17/78	SAN DIEGO	4-1 (W)	9,603	Marsh ((Wegerle 2); Paddon(Marsh); Robb(Wegerl
5/20/78	@Washington	1-2 (L)	15,325	Robb (St-Lot)
5/24/78	MINNESOTA	2-3 (L)	10,591	Robb 2 (Marsh, Mirandinha)
5/28/78	MANCHESTER U.	2-1 (W)	15,235	Connell (Mirandinha); Robb
6/1/78	@Vancouver	0-1 (L)	14,051	-
6/4/78	@San Diego	0-1 (L)	5,289	-
6/7/78	OAKLAND	1-0 (W)	9,446	Wegerle (Paddon)
6/10/78	HOUSTON	2-0 (W)	12,770	Marsh (Wegerle); Wegerle (Marsh)

* 11 Games, 1049:00 minutes of P.Anderson's time is with San Diego

** Traded to San Diego