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ON THE SLATE IN THE FINISH OF A ROAD TRIP... THE DIPS AT HOME

This week the Rowdies finish off a tough two game road trip in Toronto on Wednesday then host the rejuvenated Washington Diplomats on Saturday, July 1st in Tampa Stadium at 8 P.M. The Toronto game is the second in a series of games that the Rowdies have historically dropped on the road...Rochester and Toronto. This year, as in the past, the Rowdies bowed to Rochester on the Lancers home turf 2-1. They did score however, only the second time in the four year club history that they have done so. The game Wednesday will be telecast on WTOG-TV 44 at 7:30 P.M. and broadcast on WFLA-97 radio at 7:15 P.M. The Rowdies/Metros record is 2-3 in regulation play. Last year the Rowdies lost 4-0 in Toronto and won 2-0 in Tampa Stadium. In pre-season action this year the Rowdies downed Toronto 2-1 in a shootout. The victory was costly though, putting defender Farrukh Quraishi out for the season with a broken leg.

Toronto had a slow start this season but is beginning to get better results as the season progresses. On Saturday night they beat Los Angeles in Toronto 4-0. Toronto, like Rochester, is always strong at home but has not proven as invincible this year as in the past, supporting only a marginal winning record of 5-4 at home.

The Rowdies have been nudged out of first in the American Eastern by a New England victory over Minnesota 5-3 on Saturday night but they are only three points behind the Teamen and a relatively comfortable 10 points ahead of Ft. Lauderdale...in spite of a 5-3 victory over the New York Cosmos at home in Lockhart Stadium. The Rowdies will return to Tampa Thursday afternoon, practice at Tampa Stadium Friday morning, then host the Diplomats Saturday evening.

A DIPLOMATIC GRUDGE MATCH

Saturday the Rowdies look to avenge a defeat earlier this season at the hands (or feet as the case may be) of the Washington Diplomats. The Dips come to Tampa Stadium off a three game home stretch - the Rowdies off a two game road trip to tough Toronto and Rochester. Thus far the Dips have tallied two victories out of three home games beating Los Angeles 4-0 and Portland 1-0. They will host San Diego on Wednesday at the same time the Tampa Bay Rowdies take on Toronto. When the Rowdies and Dips met in RFK Stadium in Washington on May 20t the Dips handed the Rowdies a 2-1 disappointing loss in the final minutes of the game. The Rowdies scored first off a Dave Robb kick ten minutes into the game and held the lead until just after the half Ken Mokogoa, who subbed for injured Paul Cannell, kicked in the equalizer then assisted on the winner at 87:59. The Rowdies will be battling Saturday for a first place slot in the tight Eastern Division race...and for a little vengence.

COKE ADDS LIFE

Saturday is Coca-Cola Night...adding life to soccer in Tampa Stadium. The first 5,000 kids 15 years of age or under will receive a Coke or Mr. PiBB flying saucer at the gate. The Florida Coca-Cola Bottlers are sponsoring the game tonight as another element of their continuing participation in the first year of their Institutional Sponsorship. Halftime entertainment will include several frisbee officiandos...most notably Martha, the Frisbee catching canine. She performed last year in spectacular fashion and has been busy since then breaking frisbee catching records all over the country.

As an added element in the Coke promotion, Li'l General is offering a free quart of coke to any fan who brings a Washington game ticket stub to participating stores until July 4th. Have a coke...on Li'l General, Coke and the Rowdies.

SCOUTING REPORT
IN GOAL

Coach Gordon Bradley recruited current goalie Bill Irwin when Eric Martin broke his leg in an indoor game against Dallas before the '78 season. He purchased the 27 year old pro from Cardiff City, where he played for six seasons. Irwin, like his team, started the season with a bang, posting two shutouts in his first two games. Although his average has dropped some he still maintains a respectable 1.33 goals against average. In the Rowdies-Dip game in Washington he recorded eight saves, several of the spectacular variety.

THE DEFENSE

The Washington defense has experienced some problems of late due largely to the injury of their tough enforcer Jim Steele. Steele is the anchor of the defense and although he's back in action after a groin injury, is still only playing at about 50%. He is joined in the back by right back Ane Mihailovic, recently acquired from the Los Angeles Aztecs; Mike Dillon, and left back Tommy O'Hara. A naturalized American citizen from Yugoslavia, Mihailovich played for the Aztecs in '77 and played his first game for the Dips against New England. He gave a credible performance in that game and is expecte to merge well into the Dips' defense. Mike Dillon is back in action again after a 28 day suspension playing his first game against Minnesota. Dillon played for Bradley at the Cosmos before signing his current three year contract with the Dips. He is a skilled player, known for his ability in the air. Left back Tommy O'Hara, from Queen of the South in the Scottish first division is a speedy defender known for versatility and skill. Defensive reserve strength come from ex-Rowdies Randy Garber and Alex Pringle.

MIDFIELD

The midfield has changed some since these two teams met in late May. The most significant change is expected to come from Cus Hiddink, a loan player who arrived in Washington just two weeks ago from Nec of Holland, where he captained the team from midfield. Before joining Nec, Hiddink played for renowned Eindhoven. Hiddink's addition to the lineup is expected to add scoring punch to the midfield. He scored the only Washington goal in the 6-1 Cosmos romp in New York. The right midfield is manned by Sakib Viteskic, who has been one of the most consistent Dips players this season. Carmine Marcantanio fills out the midfield with action up the center.

UP FRONT

Washington remains one of the scoringest teams in the league counting on points from their top scorer Paul Carnell. Carnell saw little action against the Rowdies in May. He was taken down in a tough tackle by Jim Fleeting at 18:41. But the statistics speak for themselves. He has scored11 goals and 6 assists to rank him third in th National Conference scoring race. Carnell was the Dips' leading scorer in '76 but was unable to return in '77. Washington managed to purchase his contract from English First Division Newcastle Unite this year and has signed him to a two year contract. An agressive goal scorer, he is a very real threat every time he enters the penalty area. He is flanked by Ray Graydon on the right and either Ken Mokogojoa or Bobby Stokes on the left. Graydon, purchased from Firs Division Coventry City in March, scored the winning goal against the Rowdies but Mokogojoe was the real thorn in their side. He came in for Cannell, scored the equalizer at 48:11 then assisted Graydon on the winner. Named the South African Player of the Year in '77, he is a very speedy dribbler. Although Stokes has seen more playing time this season, of late he and Mokogojoa have split roles on the field. Stokes was the Dips' second leading scorer in '77. Graydon recently set a new team record for ten assists raising his point tally to 14 points.

ROWDIES FELL TIMBERS - CUT SHORT NEW LEAGUE RECORD

On Wednesday, June 21, the Rowdies stumped the Portland Timbers 2-0 and clipped their record breaking winning streak. The Timbers buzzed into Tampa Stadium with a brand spanking new NASL record of nine straight victories. But the tenth was not to be found in Tampa. In possibly the most calculated and well executed game for the Rowdies this season, Tampa Bay shutout the Timbers and old Rowdies - Clyde Best and Stewart Scullion. A superb Rowdie defense held Portland to ten shots while the well oiled mechanics of the offense pelted Portland goalie Poole with 22 shots - and two goals. The victory fortified Tampa Bay's first place slot in the Eastern Division with eight more points.

ROWDIES BOW TO ROCHESTER SECOND CHANCE ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Rochester kept its home record against the Rowdies intact Sunday night when the Lancers edged Tampa Bay 2-1 at Holledar Stadium. Tampa Bay has never won a game in Rochester but has always defeated them on home turf. They will have that opportunity soon enough when they host Rochester on Tuesday, July 4th at 6 P.M. The game in Holledar Stadium was marked by numerous fouls, short, eradic plays and heavy Rochester defense. That tough defense kept the Rowdies to an unusual ly low 12 shots throughout the entire game, while pelting them with 23 fouls. Rochester's captain/defender Jim Pollihan played on the right wing Sunday night (a position he played at Quincy State but has not played since turning pro) and gave an outstanding performance, scoring the first Rochester goal and assisting on the second. It is highly probable the Bay area fans will see that (big bloke), as Mike McGuire called him, in the same position in Tampa. Nicky Johns probably turned in his best Rowdies net tending performance against the tough Yugoslavian style team. Although credited with only seven saves, he put away numerous crosses that were extremely dangerous. Two of those saves were very difficult ones that had every right to be in the back of the net. It seems this young goaltender is beginning to get the feel of the American game and work well with his teammates.

CAMP KIKINTHAGRASS KICKS OFF IN TAMPA

The first of three different Camp Kikinthagrass locations opened Sunday, June 25th at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Camp Kikinthagrass is a soccer camp sponsored by the Tampa Bay Rowdies. It merges professional soccer instruction with beautiful locations to give kids the best possible environment in which to learn the skills and good sportsmanship of the world's most popular game. In its second year under the direction of Gordon Hill, Director of Youth and Community Development, the camp's attendance is up 35%. Last year's camp was held in Tampa alone. This year the concept has grown to encampass three different locations - Tampa, North Carolina and England. In Tampa from June 25th through July 15th kids will receive a minimum of six hours of soccer instruction every day from experienced soccer instructors and the Rowdies. A full schedule of recreation in the off hours includes swimming, tennis and a trip to the stadium Saturday to watch the Rowdies and Dips romp. The North Carolina camp runs from July 16th through July 29th and is located near Charlotte on the campus of Belmont Abbey College. This camp offers the more experienced players the opportunity to really sharpen their skills and will include a unique girls soccer training clinic. This instruction will be lead by Wendy Owen, who has coached her women's team to the Quarter-Finals of the F.A. Cup. The London camp will run from Tuesday, August 8th through Wednesday, August 23rd. The Camp Kikinthagrass kids will join soccer students from England at Brunel University in training skills, visits to first division games and behind the scene looks at some of England's most famous stadia. The daily soccer instruction will be aimed at developing natural abilities and improving technique and strategy. This will be accomplished through skills exercises, scrimmages, games and direct contact with different professionals throughout the NASL and the world.

WELCOME ROBB'S NEW ADDITION

On a hurried trip back to Tampa Bay Sunday, David Robb was welcomed with a 9 lb., 11 oz. baby boy. Alison delivered at 1:25 A.M. on June 26th. Mother, son and family are doing fine.

1978 NASL STANDINGS
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	TOTAL							HOME					AWAY				
EASTERN DIVISION	GP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP	W	L	GF	GA	BP	W	L	GF	GA	
New England	18	11	7	35	22	29	95	5	3	15	8	14	6	3	20	14	
ROWDIES	19	10	9	36	32	32	92	7	3	25	16	23	3	6	11	16	
Ft. Lauderdale	19	9	10	30	41	28	82	9	1	33	11	21	0	9	7	30	
Philadelphia	19	7	12	21	37	21	63	4	5	10	14	10	3	7	11	23	
CENTRAL DIVISION																	
Detroit	19	12	7	31	20	30	102	6	4	16	9	16	6	3	16	12	
Houston	19	9	10	30	32	29	83	4	6	16	16	15	5	4	14	16	
Memphis	19	6	13	28	38	28	62	5	4	17	17	15	1	9	11	21	
Chicago	19	4	15	27	42	25	49	1	7	12	19	11	3	8	15	23	
WESTERN DIVISION																	
San Diego	19	12	7	40	33	36	108	8	2	21	14	18	4	5	19	19	
California	20	10	10	25	27	23	83	7	4	15	13	15	3	6	10	14	
Oakland	18	9	9	19	25	19	73	5	4	12	13	12	3	6	7	12	
San Jose	18	5	13	24	38	23	53	2	6	10	15	10	3	7	14	22	
NATIONAL CONFERENCE																	
EASTERN DIVISION																	
New York	18	15	3	59	23	42	132	10	0	31	7	25	7	3	28	16	
Washington	20	11	9	35	29	32	98	8	2	21	9	18	3	7	14	21	
Rochester	19	9	10	30	31	30	84	5	3	15	8	15	4	7	15	23	
Toronto	18	9	9	27	24	25	79	5	4	16	12	15	4	5	11	12	
CENTRAL DIVISION																	
Dallas	19	11	8	33	26	32	98	6	3	20	11	19	6	4	13	15	
Minnesota	18	10	8	32	31	32	92	6	3	21	19	21	4	5	11	15	
Tulsa	19	10	9	28	30	27	87	6	3	18	10	18	4	6	10	20	
Colorado	20	6	14	24	39	23	59	3	6	15	18	14	3	8	9	21	
WESTERN DIVISION																	
Portland	19	13	6	31	24	30	108	10	1	19	10	19	3	5	12	14	
Vancouver	18	12	6	31	20	38	100	8	2	20	26	18	4	4	11	12	
Seattle	20	9	11	28	29	28	82	7	2	18	7	18	2	9	10	22	
Los Angeles	18	7	11	22	33	21	63	2	7	9	16	9	5	4	13	17	

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

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: LEADING SCORERS

Player - Team	GP	G	A	PTS
Giorgio Chinaglia, NY	18	22	11	55
Alan Willey, Minn	16	13	4	30
Paul Cannell, Wash	16	11	6	28
Francisco Bolota	19	12	2	26
Kevin Hector	15	10	5	25
Franz Beckenbauer, NY	17	6	12	24

AMERICAN CONFERENCE: LEADING SCORERS

Player - Team	GP	G	A	PTS
Mike Flanagan, NE	18	19	4	42
RODNEY MARSH, TPA	16	14	9	37
Karl-Heinz Granitza, Chi	11	12	3	27
Keith Furphy, Det	19	9	6	24
Charlie Mrosko, Oak	15	10	2	22
Tony Field, Mem	17	6	7	19

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Player - Team	GP	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
Erol Yasin, NY	14	1232	87	13	5	0.95
Phil Parkes, Van	17	1555	88	19	6	1.10
Mick Poole, Ptl	19	1792	111	24	5	1.21
Ken Cooper, Dal	11	1005	53	14	2	1.25
Bill Irwin, Wash	20	1819	135	27	5	1.335
Colin Boulton, Tul	17	1541	104	23	6	1.34

AMERICAN CONFERENCE: LEADING GOALKEEPERS

Player - Team	GP	MP	SV	GA	SO	A
Steve Hardwick, Det	19	1749	111	20	9	1.
Kevin Keelan, NE	17	1508	89	19	5	1.
Dave Jokerst, Ca	15	1394	68	18	6	1.
Mike Hewitt, SJ	10	923	69	13	4	1.
Shep Messing, Oak	15	1408	129	22	4	1.
Keith Van Eron, Hou	17	1570	107	26	6	1.

GAME RESULTS

6/24/78 Toronto 4, Los Angeles 0
Washington 2, Portland 1
Tulsa 1, Seattle 0
San Diego 3, California 0
Philadelphia 1, Oakland 0
Dallas 3, Memphis 0
New England 5, Minnesota 3
Detroit 3, Houston 2
Ft. Lauderdale 5, New York 3

6/25/78 Rochester 2, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago 4, Colorado 2

UPCOMING GAMES

6/28/78 TAMPA BAY AT TORONTO
Los Angeles at New York
Portland at Rochester
Vancouver at San Jose
California at Chicago
Oakland at Detroit
San Diego at Washington
Houston at Minnesota
Ft. Lauderdale at Memphis
Philadelphia at New England

6/29/78 Colorado at Tulsa

6/30/78 Minnesota at Portland
Oakland at Toronto

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 *	18	17	1	1583:22	34	56	0	7	3	17
AUGUSTE, Arsene	15	15	0	1359:28	33	17	0	0	0	0
BANDOV, Boris	3	1	2	168:57	3	2	0/1	0	0	0
CHANDLER, Peter	1	0	1	17:42	1	0	0	0	0	0
CONNELL, Mike	19	19	0	1725:31	37	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	2	1	1	128:06	2	3	1/1	0	1	1
FLEETING, Jim	18	15	3	1500:33	15	8	0	2	0	4
HAMMOND, Paul	8	7	1	645:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
JOHNS, Nicky	5	5	0	450:31	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARSH, Rodney	17	17	0	1507:21	31	64	0/1	14	9	37
MCGUIRE, Mick	15	14	1	1255:58	22	17	0	0	0	0
MCLEOD, Wes	18	17	1	1501:25	20	56	0/1	2	3	7
MIRANDINHA	8	3	5	432:35	3	25	0	0	1	1
NEWMAN, Guy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PADDON, Graham	15	15	0	1350:31	15	43	0	3	1	7
PAPANDREA, Luis	9	7	2	692:00	18	3	0	0	0	0
ROBB, David	18	18	0	1496:58	54	62	0/1	8	2	18
ST-LOT, Frantz	14	13	1	1121:50	19	6	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	17	17	0	1398:30	7	45	0	4	8	16
TOTAL				18944:58	311	404	1	35	28	99
OPPONENTS TOTAL				18953:07	340	302	2	32	25	85

GOALKEEPERS	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
JOHNS, Nicky	450:31	18	8	2	1.80
DUBOSE, Winston	630:00	27	10	2	1.42
HAMMOND, Paul	645:00	38	13	0	1.81
TOTAL	1725:31	83	32	4	1.68
OPPONENTS	1725:31	115	36	4	1.90

HOME ATTENDANCE
175,924 / 10 Games
17,592 / Average

SCORING BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	TB	TOT
ROWDIES	17	18	1	0	36
OPPONENTS	15	16	0	1	32

ROAD ATTENDANCE
106,144 / 9 Games
12,016 / Average

	ROWDIES	OPPONENTS
CORNER KICKS	117	99
OFFSIDES	68	23
CAUTIONS	15	22
EJECTIONS	1	2
PENALTY KICKS	4	2

TOTAL ATTENDANCE
288,244 / 19 Games
15,171 / 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)	41,688	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 2(Wegerle 2); Paddon (Marsh); Robb(Wegerle
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)
6/14/78	@ Chicago	5-4(W)	2,130	Paddon 2(Marsh-Robb;Marsh); Anderson(Robb-Marsh) Wegerle (Anderson); Marsh (Wegerle)
6/17/78	FT LAUDERDALE	3-2(W)	22,506	Marsh 3 (Penalty - 2; Fink)
6/21/78	PORTLAND	2-0(W)	13,777	McLeod; Robb (Marsh)
6/25/78	@ Rochester	1-2(L)	6,282	Marsh (McLeod)

* Peter Anderson's totals include his 11 games with San Diego
** Derek Smethurst traded to San Diego