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THE "NEW" STING A VERY REAL THREAT

After a split road trip and an eight day period of relaxation and regrouping, the Tampa Bay Rowdies will host the rejuvenated Chicago Sting on Wednesday, July 19 at 8:00 p.m. in Tampa Stadium. Both teams are involved in critical neck to neck division races for playoff berths as the regular season of the NASL winds up. At 14-10 with 127 points, the Rowdies have six games remaining to try taking the American-Eastern from the tough New England Tea Men. The Chicago Sting, who started the season with the most dismal record in the league - 0-10 until late May , have recently undergone a coaching and personnel change that has turned them around. They have won six out of their last nine outings and are seriously threatening Houston for the second place slot in the American-Central. The addition of some vital scoring punch and a new defender has given the Sting a sense of confidence and cohesiveness that they lacked earlier in the season. These two teams met on June 14 in Soldier Field just after the addition of Karl-Heinz Granitza (third in the American Conference scoring race) and Jorgen Kristensen. At that time the Rowdies edged the Sting in a wild and wooly 5-4 scoring spree. Since then both teams have shown winning ways with skill, discipline and depth.

AN YOU KAZOO?

Wednesday is Kazoo Night in Tampa Stadium. The first 5,000 people through the gates will receive a kazoo ... to cheer on the music loving Rowdies, bug the Sting, or just entertain the person sitting next to them. This has been one of the more successful Rowdie promotions in the past. Five thousand kazoos, zooting the Rowdies song in Tampa Stadium, is weird and wonderful. Must hear it - to believe it.

HICAGO SCOUTING EPORT - IN GOAL

Chicago's man in the nets is four year Sting vet Mervyn Cawston. At 6-2 he has been a dominating presence over the years logging a 1.20 goals against average in '76 and a 1.52 in '77. He watched five goals fly past him when the Rowdies edged the Sting 5-4 in Soldier Field in June, but that was before the addition of some reinforcement in front of him. As the team's record improves ... so does Cawston's. He shutout both Detroit and California recently for his first shutouts of the '78 season.

HE DEFENSE - OROUS IN THE PAST- IGHTENING

The most significant change in the back line since these two teams met is the addition of sweeper Horst Blankenburg. Blankenburg is a cool-headed veteran from first division Hamburg in West Germany that Coach Willy Roy counts on to add stability to a young defense. He is joined at right back by Derek Spalding from Hibernian of the Scottish Premier Division; Clive Griffiths, in his fourth year with the Sting after being acquired from Manchester United; and Bruce Wilson at left back. Wilson is considered

one of the toughest defenders in the NASL - named to the All Star Team in '76 and '77. He was the captain of the Canadian World Cup Team when the U.S. National Team was defeated in the World Cup qualifying round. Reserve strength comes from defenders Gary Rensing, formerly of the St. Louis Stars, and Brazilian Miguel, signed from Fluminense, just prior to the last Rowdie-Sting match.

E PLAYMAKERS

Dick Advocaat is the center midfielder for the Sting. An attacking midfield with refined ball handling skills, he joined the Sting this year from Hollar where he played with V.V.V. Hague. He assisted on the first goal against the Rowdies in June. Although he is basically a forward, Arno Steffenhagen has been playing to Advocaat's right and scored a hat trick against Tulsa in that position. He is a 28 year old veteran from West German first division Hamburg. He had to sit out the Sting's recent victory over Colorad and was replaced by Gerry Ingram, who played up front against Tulsa. Gene Strenicar plays left midfield. He joined the Sting this year after five seasons with the Toronto Metros. He is a native of Hungary but is currently a naturalized Canadian.

E SCORERS

This scoring front line is lead by Karl-Heinz Granitza. The third leading scorer in the American Conference, he now posts 13 goals and 4 assists for 30 points in 15 games. He scored two against the Rowdies at Soldier Field. He is an extremely talented striker from Hertha Berlin who scores well off Hertha Berlin teammate Jorgen Kristensen who plays to his left. A smooth handling wing,he currently leads the team in assists with 8 to his credit. Reserve forward strength can be found in Jado Hasanbegovic, a Yugoslavian NASL vet who played for ex-Sting coach Malcolm Musgrove at Connecticut and Dan McCrudden, a young American from the University of Rhode Island.

R. MARSH MAKES E RECORD BOOKS

Rodney Marsh is having a banner season. He's playing beautifully, showing a fine blend of discipline and individual flair to carry the Rowdies with his scoring skill. And he's breaking records ... records held almost exclusively by ex-Rowdie Derek Smethurst for years. In the Philadelphia game Marsh tied Smethurst's record for scoring points in a single season; 45. His assist tied the team record he and Steve Wegerle set last year of 11 assists. With 17 goals and 11 assists, he needs only three goals to tie Smethurst's record of 20 goals in a season that was set in '76. He has beaten his own record set last year of goals on penalty kicks in a season (5 - he has six so far in '78) and in a game (1 - he scored on two against Ft. Lauderdale). He also currently holds the record for game winning goals in a season - 8 (it was previously seven by Smethurst in '76). He is third in the league in scoring behind only Giorgio Chinaglia and Mike Flanagan.

Enough said!

WDIES RUMBLE LSA - DROP IT PHILADELPHIA

Tampa Bay played one of their most disciplined games of the season on Saturday, July 8 in Skelly Stadium against the Tulsa Roughnecks. The 3-0 victory was achieved with skilled methodical team work and left the frustrated Roughneck crew unable to even threaten a comeback. The defense, operating with three man to man markers in front of sweeper Luis Papandrea, allowed only the frailest of attempts on goal. DuBose was credited with two saves and really only had to work hard on one. High school rookies Sandje Ivanchukov and Perry Van Der Beck even got a chance to play in the sweltering Tulsa heat and take part credit for the team's fourth victory on the here-to-fore feared astroturf.

But it was a different story in Philadelphia three days later as the Rowdies dropped a surprising 3-2 loss to the struggling Fury. Fighting back a 2-1 halftime trail, the Fury equalized on an Allan Ball penalty kick and pulled ahead to stay just three minutes later. The fiery little Ball was a curse to the Rowdies, scoring two goals and assisting on the game winner. The Rowdies did pick up two points in the league standings, though, with early goals by Robb at 3:50 and Fink at 9:55.

CLEOD - EXCHANGE NK PLAYER FOR CHESTER/TULSA ME WEEK

Wes McLeod nabbed his second Player of the Week award this season for his performance against Rochester and Tulsa. He gave a steady and mature performance in the first ... showing discipline in a game that demanded a great deal of it,and shone in the second. Although he scored two goals against Tulsa, the first unassisted and the second off a pretty pass from hard working Robb, he also gave support to the effective stifling defense. In fact, the Tulsa media named this hard working young player as both the offensive and defensive player of the match.

NDLER'S TION STILL MAIN

Peter Chandler was scheduled to leave the hospital today after fracturing his right tibia in the second half of the July 4th Rochester-Rowdie game in Tampa Stadium. He is up and around on crutches ... and eager to be going

home but will be detained for a while longer. Surgery and plate insertion is under consideration but doctors hope that the muscles have relaxed enough that the current cast will hold. Peter's recovery is expected to take six to eight weeks.

QURAISHI CO-HOSTING SUNCOAST SCENE

Another injured Rowdie is busy this week co-hosting the Suncoast Scene on WTOG Channel 44 at 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday with Gigi Guthrie. Farrukh Quraishi has also tried his hand lately with color commentary for Mutual Broadcasting. He worked with Jim Karavellas on the Rowdie-Dips game and will work with Jack Harris on the upcoming Striker-Sting game.

RESERVE GAME AT FT. LAUDERDALE

In the first of what Coach Gordon Jago would like to see become a trend, the Rowdies will play the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers this Monday, July 17 in a game designed to allow reserves game experience. The game will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Lockhart Stadium in Ft. Lauderdale.

CENTER CIRCLE

Center Circle, open to the public, will take place on that same night at 7:00 p.m. in the Hawaiian Village - Aloha Room. Those players not participating in the reserve game will be in attendance. Game tapes will be shown on a large screen, courtesy of WTOG TV and Southern Video.

CAMP KIKINTHAGRASS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Tampa Bay Rowdies' four institutional sponsors have generously awarded three area youths each scholarships good for one week at Camp Kikinthagrass Exchange Bank awarded David Babbel, Randy Mueller and Gordon Singleton; McDonald's awarded Nardo Jones, Minh Mai and Grant Smereczynsky; Maas Brothers - Paul Svencak, Chris Nodland and Gary Barrow and Coca Cola - David Macko, David Grossman and Ross Byrne.

NEW HELLO TO ...NE

Steve and Sheryll Wegerle are the proud parents of a 9 lb baby girl - Tamyne Wegerle. Sheryll delivered on July 5th at 2:15 at All Womens Hospital.

CHICAGO'S ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	AGE	CITIZENSHIP
	Mervyn Cawston	Goalkeeper	6-2	170	26	British
	Clive Griffiths	Defender	5-10	160	23	British
	Bruce Wilson	Defender	5-10	155	26	Canadian
	Derek Spalding	Defender	5-10	170	23	British
	Gary Rensing	Defender	5-10	155	30	American
	Arno Steffenhagen	Forward	5-9	150	28	West German
	Roberto Cadea	Midfielder	6-1	175	25	Uruguay
	Gene Strenicer	Midfielder	5-6	140	32	Canadian
10	Jorgen Kristensen	Fwd-Mid	5-8	160	31	Denmark
12	Karl-Heinz Granitza	Forward	6-0	165	26	West German
14	Miguel	Defender	5-11	170	28	Brazil
15	Jado Hasanbegovic	Forward	5-10	175	30	Yugoslavian
	Tom Nevers	Forward	5-8	160	21	American
	Dan McCrudden	Forward	6-3	180	22	American
	Bill Drozd	Mid-Def	6-0	170	18	American
	Gerry Ingram	Defender	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
23	Horst Blankenburg	Defender	6-0	170	31	West Germany
24	Robert Gadocha	Forward	5-10	154	32	Poland

AME	GP	GS	SUB	MP	FOULS	SHOTS	TB	G	A	PTS
LSTON, Adrian	2	2	0	133:53	2	8	0	1	1	3
NDERSON, Peter *	22	21	1	1913:56	35	60	0	8	4	20
UGUSTE, Arsene	19	19	0	1724:03	43	19	0	0	0	0
ANDOV, Boris	3	1	2	168:57	3	2	0/1	0	0	0
HANDLER, Peter	4	2	2	203:35	8	3	0	0	0	0
ONNELL, Mike	23	23	0	2098:39	45	17	0	0	0	0
RUDO, Tony	9	6	3	571:04	11	4	0	0	0	0
AGAN, Kevin	5	2	3	197:18	7	4	0	0	0	0
INK, Joe	6	4	2	409:14	9	17	1/1	3	1	7
LEETING, Jim	22	19	3	1873:41	18	8	0	2	0	4
VANCHUKOV, Sandje	1	0	1	8:33	1	0	0	0	0	0
ARSH, Rodney	21	21	0	1875:17	36	84	0/1	17	11	45
CGUIRE, Mick	19	17	2	1557:32	28	22	0	0	0	0
CLEOD, Wes	23	20	3	1820:33	22	65	0/1	4	4	12
IRANDINHA	11	5	6	651:35	5	34	0	0	2	2
ADDON, Graham	20	20	0	1765:46	19	51	0	3	2	8
APANDREA, Luis	13	11	2	1010:00	22	3	0	0	0	0
OBB, David	22	22	0	1890:32	61	72	0/1	9	5	23
T-LOT, Frantz	17	15	2	1308:01	22	8	0	0	1	1
METHURST, Derek **	4	2	2	173:44	2	11	0	0	1	1
AN DER BECK, Perry	1	0	1	5:12	0	0	0	0	0	0
EGERLE, Steve	20	19	1	1596:56	7	49	0	5	9	19
OTAL				24039:26	383	495	1	45	38	128
PPONENTS TOTAL				24047:35	431	364	2	38	29	81

OALKEEPERS	GP	MP	SV	GA	SO	AVG
OHNS, Nicky	8	720:31	39	14	2	1.75
UBOSE, Winston	9	823:08	32	10	4	1.11
AMMOND, Paul ***	7	645:00	38	13	0	1.81
OTAL	24	2188:39	109	38	6	1.58
PPONENTS	24	2188:39	142	47	4	1.98

CORING BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	TB	PTS
OWDIES	22	23	2	0	47
PPONENTS	18	19	0	1	38

	ROWDIES	OPPONENTS
ORNER KICKS	142	133
FFSIDES	85	28
AUTIONS	18	27
JECTIONS	1	3
ENALTY KICKS	6	3

HOME ATTENDANCE
214,523 / 12 Games
17,877 / Average

ROAD ATTENDANCE
135,143 / 12 Games
11,261 / Average

TOTAL ATTENDANCE
359,666 / 24 Games
14,986 / Average

ATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RESULTS ATTN	SCORERS
/1/78	MEMPHIS	2-1 (W)	26,233	Alston; Marsh (Alston)
/9/78	@ New England	2-1 (W)	11,360	Fleeting (Marsh); Robb (Wegerle)
/16/78	@ Detroit	2-1 (W)	28,528	Own Goal; Fleeting (Wegerle)
/22/78	SAN JOSE	3-4 (L-TB)	17,860	Marsh 2(Smethurst,McLeod); Robb (Marsh)
/30/78	NEW YORK	2-5 (L)	41,888	Marsh (Penalty); McLeod
/7/78	@ San Jose	0-1 (L)	13,593	-
/9/78	@ California	0-3 (L)	9,591	-
/13/78	PHILADELPHIA	4-0 (W)	11,250	Marsh 2(Penalty,Wegerle); Robb(McLeod); Wegerle
/17/78	SAN DIEGO	4-1 (W)	9,603	Marsh 2(Wegerle 2); Paddon (Marsh); Robb (Wegerle)
/20/78	@ Washington	1-2 (L)	15,325	Robb (St-Lot)
/24/78	MINNESOTA	2-3 (L)	10,591	Robb 2 (Marsh, Mirandinha)
/28/78	MANCHESTER U	2-1 (W)	15,235	Connell (Mirandinha); Robb
/1/78	@ Vancouver	0-1 (L)	14,051	-
/4/78	@ San Diego	0-1 (L)	5,289	-
/7/78	OAKLAND	1-0 (W)	9,446	Wegerle (Paddon)
/10/78	HOUSTON	2-0 (W)	12,770	Marsh (Wegerle); Wegerle (Marsh)
/14/78	@ Chicago	5-4 (W)	2,130	Paddon (Marsh-Robb, Marsh); Anderson (Robb-Marsh) Wegerle (Anderson); Marsh (Wegerle)
/17/78	FT LAUDERDALE	3-2 (W-OT)	22,506	Marsh 3 (Penalty - 2, Fink)
/21/78	PORTLAND	2-0 (W)	13,777	McLeod; Robb (Marsh)
/25/78	@ Rochester	1-2 (L)	6,282	Marsh (McLeod)
/28/78	@ Toronto	2-1 (W)	5,399	Wegerle (Paddon); Fink (Wegerle-Anderson)
/1/78	WASHINGTON	3-2 (W)	20,648	Marsh 2 (Penalty,Mirandinha-Robb); Anderson (Marsh)
/4/78	ROCHESTER	1-0 (W-OT)	17,951	Marsh (Penalty)
/8/78	@ Tulsa	3-0 (W)	17,721	McLeod 2 (Robb); Fink (Robb)
/11/78	@ Philadelphia	2-3 (L)	5,874	Robb (Marsh); Fink (McLeod)

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