MINNESOTA Kicks

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KICKS AT WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, JULY 25,6:30 CDT . . .

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KICKS' RECORD:	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP	
OVERALL	13	11	45	44	39	111	(second place Central Division)
HOME	7	5	26	25	21	59	
AWAY	6	6	19	19	18	52	

NEXT GAME(S): The Minnesota Kicks (13-11) travel to the nation's capital this week to take on the Washington Diplomats (12-12) at RFK Stadium, Saturday, July 25, 6:30 CDT. Following the Washington game, the Kicks will continue on the road with a match against the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers in Ft. Lauderdale, Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 CDT. The Kicks do not play at home until opening a three-game homestand against the Edmonton Drillers Saturday, August 1.

TV AND RADIO: Saturday's game in Washington will be televised by WCCO-TV, channel 4 with Ralph Jon Fritz calling the play-by-play and Trevor Isaaman adding the color commentary. Doug McLeod will handle the radio play-by-play on WAYL AM, 980.

LAST WEEK: The Kicks split a pair of games last week against central division rivals the Tulsa Roughnecks and Chicago Sting. The Kicks came back from a 1-0 deficit to defeat the Roughnecks 2-1 in overtime on a goal by Chico Hamilton. But three days later, the Sting stymied the Kicks, winning 2-0 before the largest crowd of the year at Met Stadium, 26,265. In the first half, the Kicks outshot Chicago 18-3 but the Sting held on an eventually scored twice in the second half.

KICKS STATUS REPORT: Ace Ntsoelengoe, the Kicks leading scorer with 12 goals, 7 assists for 31 points, is out for an indefinite period following surgery last week for removal of a cartilage in his right knee. Prior to the arthroscope surgery, Ntsoelengoe was on a six-game scoring streak in which he tallied seven goals during this period. His streak of starting in 72 consecutive games came to a halt against Tulsa on July 15. RICARDO ALONSO missed the last two games with a pulled hamstring he suffered in practice. His status for Saturday night is questionable. RUBEN PAGNANINI, who started in his first game against Chicago since May 3, has a pulled calf muscle and is questionable.

KICKS NOTES: Don Masson is five assists shy of tying Ace Ntsoelengoe's season record of 17, set in 1980...The Kicks have lost four of their last five games...The Kicks have outscored their opponents 22-14 in the first half and have been outscored in the second half 29-18. In post-regulation play, the Kicks have a 5-1 record. Their 3-1 in the shootout and 2-0 in overtime...In 12 home games the Kicks have drawn 191,821 for a 15,985 average.

ABOUT WASHINGTON: The Diplomats, who are in third place in the Eastern Division with a 12-12 record for 104 points, have lost 9 of their last 12 games. The Dips' top scorer is Malcolm Waldron who has 12 goals for 24 points. Five of those goals have come on free kicks and four have come on penalties. Waldron is the top scorer among defenders in the NASL. Ross Jenkins is second in scoring with 6 goals and 5 assists for 17 points. Goalkeeper Jim Brown has a 1.56 average and has recorded five shutouts this season. The Diplomats are 7-5 at home (RFK) and 5-7 on the road. In series play, the Kicks hold a 5-2 advantage over the Diplomats who were known as the Detroit Express from 1978-1980. Earlier this season, the Kicks defeated the Diplomats 4-3 in overtime at Met Stadium.

KICKS REMAINING SCHEDULE:

July 25, (Saturday) at Washington	6:30 pm CDT
July 29, (Wednesday) at Ft. Lauderdale	6:00 pm CDT
August 1, (Saturday) vs EDMONTON	8:00 pm CDT
August 5, (Wednesday) vs NEW YORK	8:00 pm CDT
August 9, (Sunday) vs TORONTO	8:00 pm CDT
August 13, (Thursday) at Tulsa	8:00 pm CDT
August 15, (Saturday) at Chicago (C)	7:30 pm CDT
August 19, (Wednesday) vs DALLAS	8:00 pm CDT

MINNESOTA KICKS INFORMATION

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	KICKS SCORERS
4/12	At New York	1-3 L	40,378	Twellman
4/18	At Chicago	1-0 W	18,181	Futcher
4/25	At Vancouver	0-1 L	22,459	--
5/3	MONTREAL	4-3 W (SO)	22,095	Ntsoelengoe, Willey, Futcher
5/6	CALGARY	0-2 L	10,176	--
5/9	At Tulsa	1-0 W (SO)	12,137	--
5/15	At Dallas	3-1 W	4,229	Peszneker (2), Futcher
5/17	At Calgary	2-1 W	9,861	Masson, Stride
5/20	CHICAGO	2-5 L	11,857	Hamilton, Futcher
5/27	SEATTLE	3-2 W (SO)	9,451	Stride, Ntsoelengoe
5/30	At Seattle	2-3 L	30,058	Ntsoelengoe, Alonso
6/3	At Portland	0-1 L	8,318	--
6/6	WASHINGTON	4-3 W (OT)	17,034	Ntsoelengoe (2), Peszneker, Hamilton
6/13	At Dallas	2-1 W	3,084	Futcher (2)
6/17	VANCOUVER	0-2 L	13,103	--
6/20	ATLANTA	3-2 W	15,225	Stride, Hamilton, Alonso
6/24	At Toronto	3-1 W	4,204	Ntsoelengoe, Stride, Futcher
6/27	DALLAS	4-0 W	18,321	Peszneker (2), Ntsoelengoe, Heighway
7/1	TULSA	2-0 W	23,689	Ntsoelengoe, Futcher
7/5	At Montreal	1-3 L	18,451	Ntsoelengoe
7/8	At Edmonton	3-4 L	9,112	Ntsoelengoe (2), Futcher
7/11	PORTLAND	2-3 L (SO)	15,302	Ntsoelengoe, Alonso
7/15	TULSA	2-1 W (OT)	13,303	Twellman, Hamilton
7/18	CHICAGO	0-2 L	26,265	--

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NO.	NAME	GP	GS	MIN	SH	FL	C/E	SO/SOA		G	A	TP
11	Ace Ntsoelengoe	22	22	2051	70	29	1/0	3/4		12	7	31
18	Ron Futcher	22	22	1938	74	70	8/0	1/2		9	6	24
3	David Stride	24	24	2235	26	43	5/0	0/1		4	7	15
10	Don Masson	18	18	1665	25	31	0/0	0/1		1	12	14
15	Chico Hamilton	22	20	1788	45	24	2/0	1/3		4	6	14
14	Tony Peszneker	20	16	1426	17	9	0/0	0/0		5	1	11
12	Ricardo Alonso	16	6	878	25	27	5/0	1/2		3	4	10
7	Steve Heighway	18	18	1416	28	11	0/1	0/0		1	5	7
20	Tim Twellman	24	23	2140	18	42	1/0	0/3		2	3	7
13	Stewart Jump	24	24	2235	7	17	1/0	4/4		0	5	5
8	Mark Moran	9	5	491	2	10	0/0	0/0		0	2	2
23	Tony Want	8	6	607	3	9	1/0	0/0		0	1	1
** 2	Alan Merrick	18	18	1600	5	30	3/0	0/0		0	1	1
	(with Kicks)	7	7	629	2	17	1/0	0/0		0	0	0
17	Tim Clark	3	2	241	0	6	0/0	0/0		0	1	1
5	Steve Litt	17	15	1393	7	26	1/0	0/1		0	0	0
6	Ruben Pagnanini	6	4	330	2	7	0/0	0/0		0	0	0
	Departed				10	7	0/0	0/1		1	1	3
	KICKS TOTALS				362	396	29/1	10/22	*	45	61	151
	OPP TOTALS				414	384	15/2	8/23		43	52	138

GOALKEEPERS		GP	GS	MIN	W-L	SV	SO	GA	PK/PKA	GAA	C/E
1	Tino Lettieri	17	16	1513	7-8	87	3	30	3/3	1.79	2/0
16	Randy Phillips	11	8	722	6-3	47	2	13	1/1	1.63	0/0

SCORING BY PERIOD	1	2	OT	TB	TOT
KICKS	22	18	2	3	45
OPP	14	29	0	1	44

*includes 3 shootout victories
**Acquired from San Jose 6/25

MINNESOTA KICKS NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	AGE	CITIZNESHIP	PREVIOUS CLUB
1	Tino Lettieri	G	5-8	170	23	Canada	Minnesota
2	Alan Merrick	D	5-10	170	31	England	San Jose
3	David Stride	D	5-8	165	23	England	Memphis
5	Steve Litt	D	6-2	200	27	England	Minnesota
6	Ruben Pagnanini	M/D	5-10	170	32	Argentina	Argentino Jrs.
7	Steve Heighway	F	5-10	165	33	Ireland	Liverpool
8	Mark Moran	M	5-11	165	26	U.S.A.	Minnesota
10	Don Masson	M	5-8	160	34	Scotland	Notts County
11	Ace Ntsoelengoe	M	5-8	155	29	So. Africa	Minnesota
12	Ricardo Alonso	F	6-3	192	24	Argentina	Minnesota
13	Stewart Jump	D	5-9	155	29	England	Houston/Minnesota
14	Tony Peszneker	D/M	5-10	160	23	Canada	Minnesota
15	Chico Hamilton	F	5-9	165	30	England	Minnesota
16	Randy Phillips	G	6-0	175	21	U.S.A.	So. Methodist Univ.
17	Tim Clark	D	5-10	160	22	U.S.A.	Minnesota
18	Ron Futcher	F	5-10	180	24	England	Minnesota
20	Tim Twellman	D/M	5-11	175	26	U.S.A.	Minnesota
23	Tony Want	D/M	5-8	166	32	England	Minnesota

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