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STING TO MEET HOUSTON IN ASTRODOME ON TUESDAY

The Chicago Sting will look for their second consecutive victory this week when they travel to Texas to meet the Houston Hurricane on Tuesday night in the Astrodome. The game can be heard over the Sting radio network WTAQ-AM, WWMM-FM and WVFV-FM at 8 p.m.

Houston, one of six new North American Soccer League teams this season, currently resides in second place in the Central Division of the American Conference with an 8-9 record and 72 points.

Most recently, the Hurricane lost a 3-1 match to the Colorado Caribous in Denver, setting them 12 points behind the Division leaders, Detroit.

Offensively, the Hurricane will rely on Dean Smith, who leads the team with 5 goals and 4 assists in ten games. Joining Smith on the front line will be Bobby Lennox who, in 17 games has notched 2 goals and 5 assists.

The defense is anchored by two former Tampa Bay Rowdies, Radimor Stefanovic and Stewart Jump. In goal will be the American Conference's fifth toughest keeper, Keith Von Eron who sports a 1.37 goals against average.

The Sting, under the direction of interim Coach Willy Roy hopes to make it two in a row for the first time this season.

Karl-Heinz Granitza will lead the Sting attack which has netted 6 goals in their last two outings. Granitza, who was selected by the Professional Soccer Writers Association as the NASL Offensive Player of the Week for his four goals performance in two games, has eleven goals to his credit in nine games. Mervyn Cawston, who posted his first shutout of the year in the Sting's last game with Detroit, will be back in the nets against Houston.

The Sting and Hurricane will be meeting for the first time ever. STINGERS: The Sting will depart from Chicago on Delta flight #363 Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. and will be returning on Wednesday on Delta flight #156 at 1:46 p.m. While in Houston, the team will be staying at the Astro Village Hotel (713/748-3221).

Following the Houston contest, the Sting will travel to Denver to meet the Caribous of Colorado on Sunday.

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1978 CHICAGO STING NUMERICAL ROSTER

HEAD COACH: Willy Roy

TRAINER: Dick Hoover

NO.	NAME	POSITION	HT.	WT.	AGE	CITIZENSHIP	'77 TEAM
1	Mervyn Cawston	GK	6-2	170	26	U.K.	Sting
2	Clive Griffiths	DEF	5-10	160	23	U.K.	Sting
3	Bruce Wilson	DEF	5-10	155	26	Canada	Van. Whitecaps
4	Derek Spalding	DEF	5-10	170	23	U.K.	-----
5	Gary Rensing	DEF	5-10	155	30	U.S.	St. Louis Stars
7	Roberto Gadea	MFD	6-1	175	25	Uruguay	Universidad de Nueva Leon Mexic
8	Gene Strenicer	MFD	5-6	140	32	Canada	Tor. Metros
9	Goran Meskovic	FWD	6-0	185	28	Yugoslavia	F.C. Arles
10	Jorgen Kristensen	FWD/MFD	5-8	160	31	Denmark	Hertha Berlin
11	Richard Kellett	FWD	6-0	170	23	S. Africa	Witwatersrand
12	Karl-Heinz Granitza	FWD	6-0	165	26	W. Germany	Hertha Berlin
13	Doug Wark	MFD	5-10	160	26	U.S.	San Diego
14	Miguel	DEF	5-11	170	28	Brazil	Fluminense
15	Jado Hasanbegovic	FWD	5-10	175	30	Yugoslavia	Conn. Bi's
16	Tom Nevers	FWD	5-8	160	21	U.S.	U. of Conn.
17	Dan McCrudden	FWD	6-3	180	22	U.S.	U. of Rhode Island
18	Bill Drozd		6-0	170	18	U.S.	Schurz H.S.
19	Gerry Ingram	DEF/FWD	6-0	165	30	U.K.	San Diego
20	David Flaschen	GK	6-1	170	22	U.S.	Sting
21	Stefan Szefer	DEF	6-0	170	35	U.S.	Sting
22	Dick Advocaat	MFD	5-9	160	30	Holland	V.V.V. Hague
24	Robert Gadocha	FWD	5-10	154	32	Poland	F.C. Nantes

STING STATS THROUGH 17 GAMES: WON - 3 LOST - 14 - 38 POINTS

NO.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MINUTES	SHOTS	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS	FOULS	TB
2	CLIVE GRIFFITHS	16	15	1380:24	4	0	2	2	26	0-0
3	BRUCE WILSON	17	17	1554:54	6	0	0	0	20	1-1
4	DEREK SPALDING	17	16	1509:54	17	0	1	2	40	0-0
5	GARY RENSING	11	8	740:32	1	0	0	0	20	0-0
7	ROBERTO GADEA	2	2	157:00	2	0	0	0	3	0-0
8	GENE STRENICER	6	4	551:29	7	0	0	0	8	0-1
9	GORAN MESKOVIC	7	6	329:21	11	1	2	4	9	1-1
10	JORGEN KRISTENSEN	6	6	555:00	9	0	3	3	6	0-0
11	RICHARD KELLETT	3	1	80:29	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
12	KARL-HEINZ GRANITZA	9	9	825:00	57	11	0	22	19	0-1
13	DOUG WARK	1	1	168:58	4	0	0	0	4	0-0
14	MIGUEL	2	2	174:29	0	0	0	0	3	0-0
15	JADO HASANBEGOVIC	16	16	1328:77	33	2	5	9	36	0-0
16	TOM NEVERS	2	1	80:40	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
17	DAN MCCRUDDEN	3	0	58:57	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
19	GERRY INGRAM	7	7	645:00	9	1	1	3	14	1-1
21	STEFAN SZEFER	6	3	380:06	6	0	0	0	9	0-0
22	DICK ADVOCAAT	12	12	1188:54	21	1	2	4	23	0-0
24	ROBERT GADOCHA	12	11	1008:37	45	1	2	4	22	0-0
* 6	JIMMY KELLY	11	8	756:06	15	1	0	2	9	0-0
*10	COLIN MCLOCKLAN	7	4	434:33	16	1	0	2	10	0-0
*12	ALEX SKOTAREK	0	0	00:00	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
*14	RICHIE DUDA	1	0	14:50	2	0	0	0	0	0-0
*18	ERNST JEAN-JOSEPH	9	8	694:30	4	0	0	0	10	0-0
*19	ENES MAMELEDZIJA	6	5	387:41	10	0	0	0	9	0-0
*23	EDDY ANTOINE	6	4	266:12	9	1	0	2	7	0-0
	STING TOTALS				289	21	18	57	309	3-5
	OPPONENTS TOTALS				357	37	32	106	296	1-3

*NO LONGER WITH CLUB

GOALKEEPERS		GP	GS	MINUTES	SAVES	GA	SO	GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE
1	MERVYN CAWSTON	11	11	1005:00	66	23	1	2.05
20	DAVID FLASCHEN	6	6	549:54	45	14	0	2.29
	STING TOTALS	16			111	37	1	2.17
	OPPONENTS TOTALS	16			100	20	3	1.15

TEAM TOTALS	SHOTS	GOALS	FOULS	CAUTIONS	CORNER KICKS	OFFSIDES
STING	289	21	309	20	105	57
OPPONENTS	357	37	296	11	142	35

CAUTIONS

STING: HASANBEGOVIC (5), GRIFFITHS (2), SPALDING (4), MESKOVIC, KELLY, MIGUEL, MCLOCKLAN, JEAN-JOSEPH, KRISTENSEN, ADVOCAAT (2), BENCH

OPPONENTS: 8

RESULTS:

DATE	TEAM	SITE	W/L	SCORER	SCORE	ATTENDANCE
4/1	DALLAS	A	L	NONE	0-2	12,987
4/9	WASHINGTON	A	L	NONE	0-1	7,916
4/16	OAKLAND	H	L	HASANBEGOVIC	1-2	5,756
4/21	OAKLAND	A	L	MCLOCKLAN	1-2	13,331
4/25	SEATTLE	A	L	NONE	0-3	18,927
4/29	MINNESOTA	H	L	NONE	0-1	4,521
5/7	NEW ENGLAND	H	L	ANTOINE	1-4	1,538
5/14	LOS ANGELES	H	L	KELLY	1-1 (OT)	2,097
5/17	NEW ENGLAND	A	L	GADOCHA/GRANITZA	2-3	1,837
5/21	MINNESOTA	A	L	GRANITZA	1-3	27,523
5/24	DETROIT	A	W	GRANITZA (2)	2-1	7,259
5/28	SAN DIEGO	H	L	GRANITZA	1-2	3,629
6/3	ROCHESTER	H	L	GRANITZA/HASANBEGOVIC	2-3	2,842
6/7	CALIFORNIA SURF	A	L	ADVOCAAT	1-2	4,963
6/10	SAN JOSE	A	W	GRANITZA	2-1	13,109
6/14	TAMPA BAY	H	L	GRANITZA (2) INGRAM MESKOVIC	4-5	2,113
6/18	DETROIT	H	W	GRANITZA (2)	2-0	2,842

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WILLY ROY

Willy Roy, the Chicago area's most prominent home-grown professional soccer star, takes over the position of Sting head coach today for the balance of the 1978 season. Roy is replacing Malcolm Musgrove whose contract was cancelled Friday.

Willy begins his second stint as Sting head coach today. Last season Willy took over the reigns for Bill Foulkes and guided the team, after a 4-10 start, to a 6-6 record.

Roy, 34 years old, is the eleventh leading scorer in North American Soccer League history with 42 goals and 29 assists. He starred for six seasons in the league before a broken leg, suffered in National Soccer League indoor play, prematurely ended his playing career.

Roy was drafted by the Chicago Spurs in 1967 and proceeded to capture the NASL's Rookie-of-the-Year honors and make the league's All-Star team. In 1968 he moved to Kansas City, followed by three seasons with the St. Louis Stars. Willy returned to Chicago as a member of the first Sting squad in 1975, but the injury suffered early in '76 ended his career.

Roy, a former All-American wrestler at the University of Illinois, was born in Cologne, Germany, but came to Chicago while very young. He resides now in Bensenville, with his wife, Karin and his three children, William, Jr., 8, and twins Mark and Karsten, 6.

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ADDITIONS TO THE STING '78 MEDIA GUIDE

#19
Gerry Ingram
5-10 170 Forward
NASL Yr. 4
Sting Yr. 1

Born August 19, 1947 in Hull England...Purchased from the San Diego Sockers this season for cash ...an English League veteran with Preston North End and Blackpool, scoring over 100 goals before coming to the North American Soccer League... played in '75 and '76 in Washington, totalling 40 points...led the San Diego Sockers last season with 7 goals.

INGRAM'S NASL STATS

YEAR	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
'75 San Diego	22	7	5	19
'76 San Diego	20	8	5	21
'77 San Diego	25	7	4	18
TOTALS	67	22	14	58

#13
Doug Wark
5-10 160 Forward
NASL Yr. 5
Sting Yr. 1

Born December 24, 1951 in Scotland...acquired fro the San Diego Sockers in straight cash deal... purchased one day after Gerry Ingram's purchase ...became an American citizen in 1970...played collegiately at Harwick under present NASL coaches Al Miller and Timo Liekowski...drafted in 1974 by the Rochester Lancers...bought by Tampa in '75 where he set NASL indoor record for scoring six goals in a game against the Cosmos.

WARK'S NASL STATS

YEAR	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
'74 Rochester	6	1	2	4
'75 Tampa	21	0	1	1
'76 TPA-SD	11	4	1	9
'77 San Diego	18	2	3	7
TOTALS	56	7	7	21

Additions to the Sting '78 Media Guide - Continued

#18
Bill Drozd
6-0 170 Defender
NASL Yr. 1
Sting Yr. 1

Bill was the Sting's third round selection this year in the annual NASL draft...was signed by the club on the day of his graduation from high school ...moved to the United States from Poland in 1972. ..became an American citizen on June 13 of this year...Drozd guided his Schurz High School Team to the 1977 Illinois State Championship. Was leading scorer of the tournament with four goals in three games...will attend De Paul University at the conclusion of the season.

#12
Karl-Heinz Granitza
6-0 165 Forward
NASL Yr. 1
Sting Yr. 1

Brought to the United States from his native West Germany, high powered striker is on loan to the Sting from the German First Division Club, Hertha Berlin...scored 17 goals last season in Germany, finishing sixth among the leagues top scorers. In '77 scored 15 goals with Hertha Berlin...brought over by Sting's Willy Roy who scouted both Granitza and Jorgen Kristensen on a televised game in the Chicago area.

#14
Miguel
5-11 170 Defender
NASL Yr. 1
Sting Yr. 1

The latest addition to the Sting roster... arrived in the United States from Brazil where he was playing with the first division club Fluminense...a member of the Brazilian 40 member World Cup squad in 1974, but did not compete due to an injury...has made over twenty appearances with the Brazilian National Team...last played for the National squad in 1976 in the American Bicentennial Tournament which Brazil won...rugged, poised defender who will probably man a centerback spot.

#10
Jorgen Kristensen
5-8 160 Forward
NASL Yr. 1
Sting Yr. 1

Played with Granitza in West Germany for First Division Hertha Berlin. Played double striker with Granitza in Germany...citizen of Denmark ...31-years-old...will return to Denmark followir season and will serve as player/coach for NAESTVI ...scouted on TV by Sting's Willy Roy and brought over from Copenhagen.

#22
Dick Advocaat
5-9 160 Midfield
NASL Yr. 1
Sting Yr. 1

Born September 27, 1947 in Hague, Holland...playe for the Dutch National youth team...began playing professionally in 1967 with the Hague and remaine with them until 1973 when he joined Roda...can be directed to play a defensive or offensive game at midfield.