Strikers News

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FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS---1977 PLAYOFF FACTS

Head Coach---Ron Newman (NASL Coach of the Year)
1977 Record---19-7 (Eastern Division Champions); 161 points; best record in NASL
Home Record---11-2
Road Record---8-5
Home Attendance---105,923; avg. 8,148
Road Attendance---126,763; avg. 9,751
Total Attendance---232,686; avg. 8,949

Probable Starters:

1 Gordon Banks GK
5 Tim Parkin Right Back
3 Ray Lugg Center Back
6 Tony Whelan Center Back
2 Maurice Whittle Left Back
22 Colin Fowles Midfielder
8 Roberto Aguirre Midfielder
4 Ray Hudson Midfielder
14 Norman Piper Right Wing
12 David Irving Center Forward
17 George Dewsnip Left Wing

Strikers Statistical Leaders:

Goals.....George Nanchoff.....8
Assists.....David Chadwick.....8
Points.....George Nanchoff.....22
Minutes.....Gordon Banks, Tony Whelan.....2329:14
*played every minute of the season
Shots.....Maurice Whittle.....61
Fouls.....Colin Fowles, Bobby Bell.....39

Injuries:

Strikers enter Cosmos game in best physical shape of season; no injuries.

1977 Recap:

Strikers won their first four games (all at home), then slipped to 6-6 over next 12 games for a 10-6 record through June 29.
A 3-2 win over Tampa Bay July 1 began a seven-game winning streak that catapulted Strikers back into first place which they never relinquished. Finished with nine wins in last 10 games, including five road wins in a row.
Led the NASL in defense, allowing 1.12 goals per game (29 on the season).
Fifth in offense with 49 goals (1.89 per game). 49 goals scored set club record.
19 wins tied league record for most victories in a season (Oakland-1971).

STRIKERS-COSMOS IN '77:

May 15 at Cosmos Cosmos 3 Strikers 0
Scoring--- Pele (Hunt) 35:00
Pele (Unass) 52:31
Pele (Hunt) 88:28

	Cosmos	Strikers
Shots	26	14
Saves	7	12

Attendance---21,782

June 8 at Strikers Cosmos 3 Strikers 0
Scoring--- Pele (Unass) 21:15
Chinaglia (Beckenbauer, Pele) 55:11
Beckenbauer (Hunt) 81:49

	Cosmos	Strikers
Shots	15	23
Saves	8	6

Attendance---14,358

FINAL 1977 STRIKERS STATISTICS

(19-7; 161 pts.)

NO.	PLAYER	MINUTES	GAMES	SHOTS	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS	FOULS
2	Maurice Whittle	1864:14	21	61	6	1	13	37
3	Ray Lugg	2084:44	24	13	0	2	2	29
4	Ray Hudson	2162:30	25	51	4	3	11	38
5	Tim Parkin	132:33	4	1	0	0	0	1
6	Tony Whelan	2329:14	26	28	4	3	11	38
7	David Chadwick	1590:13	22	34	2	8	12	11
8	Roberto Aguirre	910:01	13	6	1	1	3	20
11	Gordon Fearnley	1154:00	18	33	2	0	4	26
12	David Irving	1028:03	14	35	3	1	7	21
13	David Proctor	866:32	14	27	3	2	8	23
14	Norman Piper	1549:14	17	25	3	4	10	14
15	Alan Hamlyn	716:51	12	3	0	0	0	6
16	George Dewsnip	851:30	12	25	0	6	6	10
19	George Nanchoff	1659:09	22	56	8	6	22	28
21	Barry Barto	12:37	1	0	0	0	0	0
22	Colin Fowles	2042:50	24	43	5	4	14	39
24	Curtis Leeper	56:32	5	0	0	0	0	0
	Bobby Bell	1228:19	15	7	0	0	0	39
	Nico Bodonczy	21:51	2	3	0	1	1	2
	Sergio Ceballos	322:38	5	9	1	1	3	3
	Fred Pereira	478:25	9	17	3	2	8	7
	Roman Rosul	13:57	2	2	1	0	2	0
	Ronnie Sharp	84:24	1	2	0	1	1	1
	*Own Goals				1		2	
	*Shootout Goals				2		4	
	STRIKERS TOTALS	2329:14	26	481	49	46	144	393
	OPP. TOTALS	2329:14	26	399	29	24	82	426

GOALKEEPING		MINUTES	GAMES	SAVES	SHUTOUTS	GOALS ALLOWED	AVG.
1	Gordon Banks	2329:14	26	146	9	29	1.12
	OPP. TOTALS	2329:14	26	188	4	47	1.82

1977 STRIKERS RESULTS

W	April 9	St. Louis	1	at Ft. Lauderdale	2	(Ceballos/Aguirre)	(6,213)
W	April 17	Toronto	3	at Ft. Lauderdale	4	(Shootout/Pereira 2/Fowles)	(5,832)
W	April 24	Connecticut	1	at Ft. Lauderdale	3	(Whelan 2/Rosul)	(5,172)
W	May 1	Washington	0	at Ft. Lauderdale	1	(Pereira)	(6,753)
L	May 7	Ft. Laud.	0	at Tampa Bay	1		(24,753)
L	May 15	Ft. Laud.	0	at Cosmos	3		(21,782)
W	May 21	Rochester	1	at Ft. Lauderdale	2	(Whittle/Whelan)	(5,890)
W	May 27	Ft. Laud.	2	at Portland	0	(Whittle/Hudson)	(12,900)
L	May 29	Ft. Laud.	1	at Vancouver	2	(Irving)	(7,241)
W	June 4	Ft. Laud.	1	at Washington	0	(Fowles)	(19,216)
L	June 8	Cosmos	3	at Ft. Lauderdale	0		(14,358)
W	June 12	Ft. Laud.	2	at Connecticut	0	(Proctor/Whittle)	(6,213)
L	June 15	Ft. Laud.	0	at St. Louis	1		(6,207)
W	June 18	Hawaii	1	at Ft. Lauderdale	3	(Proctor/Nanchoff/Chadwick)	(5,026)
W	June 25	Dallas	0	at Ft. Lauderdale	3	(Fowles/Nanchoff 2)	(7,119)
L	June 29	Ft. Laud.	1	at Rochester	3	(Whittle)	(3,502)
W	July 1	Tampa Bay	2	at Ft. Lauderdale	3	(Proctor/Fowles/Nanchoff)	(9,325)
W	July 7	Ft. Laud.	2	at Toronto	0	(Nanchoff 2)	(3,826)
W	July 12	San Jose	0	at Ft. Lauderdale	1	(Shootout)	(8,190)
W	July 15	Ft. Laud.	2	at Hawaii	1	(Whelan/Nanchoff)	(4,084)
W	July 17	Ft. Laud.	3	at Los Angeles	1	(Whittle/Hudson/Irving)	(6,616)
W	July 20	Ft. Laud.	2	at Las Vegas	1	(Nanchoff/Irving)	(5,222)
W	July 23	Seattle	0	at Ft. Lauderdale	3	(Hudson/Fearnley/Whittle)	(9,763)
L	July 27	Chicago	2	at Ft. Lauderdale	1	(Chadwick)	(11,150)
W	July 30	Ft. Laud.	3	at Chicago	0	(Fowles/Piper 2)	(5,201)
W	Aug. 5	Minnesota	2	at Ft. Lauderdale	4	(Piper/Hudson/O.G./Fearnley)	(11,132)

FINAL ATTENDANCE FIGURES

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