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STRIKERS DROP PAIR AT HOME;
THE SUNSHINE INTERNATIONAL SERIES---IT'S HERE!

FT. LAUDERDALE (July 20, 1982)---The Ft. Lauderdale Strikers endured one of their toughest weeks ever, dropping a 3-2 overtime decision to the Vancouver Whitecaps, and being routed, 7-1 by the San Diego Sockers in the past seven days. Despite the losses, the Strikers maintained their firm grip on first place in the NASL's Southern Division. Ft. Lauderdale's 15-11 record and 136 points gives them a 23 point lead over second place Tulsa, a 37 point cushion over third place Tampa Bay, and a 54 point spread over fourth place Jacksonville.

The Vancouver game was a real heartbreaker. The Strikers led 2-0 with only 12 minutes remaining, but were unable to hang on. Ft. Lauderdale goals by Robert Meschbach and Teofilo Cubillas staked the Strikers to their lead, but a Bob Lenarduzzi score (78:48) plus one by Gerry Gray (83:57) sent the match into overtime before Gray's second tally won it at 97:55. Two apparent Striker goals, including what appeared to be an OT game-winner by Brian Kidd, were nullified by offsides.

Against San Diego, the Strikers were, to put it simply, blown out. The Sockers took a 3-1 halftime lead (only Striker goal by Keith Weller), then added four more scores in the second half. Included in the onslaught was an "in your face" gesture of having Sox goalkeeper Volkmar Gross take a penalty kick when the score was 5-1. The primary star of the match for San Diego was recent U.S. citizen Ade Coker, with two goals and an assist. The Strikers had entered the week with a dazzling 10-1 record at Lockhart Stadium, but finished up at 10-3.

In individual league statistics, Striker forward Brian Kidd is currently ninth in the NASL scoring derby with 11 goals and six assists for 28 points, despite missing nine games with an injury. The new league leader is a man who's been there a few times before, New York's Giorgio Chinaglia (16 goals, nine assists, 41 points). The top goalkeeper statistically is Portland's Bill Irwin with a 1.22 goals-against-average and six shutouts.

IT'S FINALLY HERE! The Sunshine International Series, that is. Billed as a "World Class Kick In the Grass," it truly is, as World Cup players will abound. The best international soccer to ever hit the State of Florida will include the following teams:

FT. LAUDERDALE STRIKERS - One of the powers of the North American Soccer League ...Five times in the NASL playoffs in as many years...Made it to the Soccer Bowl in 1980...Currently with a commanding lead in the league's Southern Division... Squad includes Teofilo Cubillas, just back from the World Cup and fifth leading scorer in World Cup history...Club boasts 11 players with national team experience for their respective countries: Bob Bolitho-Canada, Teofilo Cubillas-Peru, Colin Fowles-United States, Bernd Holzenbein-West Germany, Brian Kidd-England, Bruce Miller-Canada, Ruben Morales-Uruguay, Branko Segota-Canada, Alexander Szatmari-Romania, Jan van Beveren-Holland, and Keith Weller-England...Striker Coach Eckhard Krautzun is former Canadian National Team coach.

TAMPA BAY ROWDIES - Perhaps the model franchise in the North American Soccer League ...A perennial playoff participant, the team has been to three Soccer Bowls, winning in 1975...Roster includes eight players with various national team experience including Carlos Babington-Argentina, Jack Brand-Canada, Refic Kozic-Yugoslavia, Wes McLeod-Canada, Terry Moore-Canada, Peter Nogly-West Germany, Perry Van Der Beck-United States, and Zequinha-Brazil...Tampa Bay Coach Al Miller is former United States National Team coach.

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SAO PAULO - Long regarded as the top team in Brazil and one of the strongest in all of South America...In the past 20 months, club has won two league titles (22 teams competing) and was the runner-up for the National Brazilian Cup (98 teams competing)...Sao Paulo will represent Brazil in the South American Champions Cup later this year...Club features six members of Brazil's National Team that was the favorite to win the World Cup. The six are goalkeeper Waldir Peres, super-scorer Serginho, former New York Cosmo Oscar, winger Ze Sergio, Renato, and Mario Zergio. Dario Pereyra is a member of Uruguay's National Team...Team's roster also includes former Striker (1980) and Cosmo Francisco Marinho.

IPSWICH - Finished second in the extremely tough English First Division last season...One of the powers of English football, club honors include F.A. Cup titles in 1977 and '78, UEFA Cup in 1981, and First Division championships in 1961 and '62...Team manager (coach) is Bobby Robson, who has been at Ipswich for 13 years. Earlier this month, he was selected to replace Ron Greenwood as the Coach of England's National Team...Travelling roster includes five players from the recent World Cup in Paul Mariner (England), who scored two goals during the competition; Mick Mills (England), the National Team captain and defensive leader; Terry Butcher (England); Alan Brazil (Scotland), a forward who played the 1978 season for the NASL's Detroit Express, and George Burley (Scotland)...John Wark (Scotland), who led all of Great Britain in scoring last year with 36 goals, underwent knee surgery following Scotland's elimination from the World Cup...Ipswich team also includes midfielder Frans Thijssen, who last year became only the second non-Englishman to ever win the soccer writers "Footballer of the Year" award.

The S.I.S. will be the first international tournament played in the United States that will be decided by the North American Soccer League point system. Thus, overtimes and shootouts will be utilized, if necessary. All totaled, ten players from the recently-completed World Cup will participate in this tournament. The schedule for the S.I.S. follows:

Saturday, July 24

Strikers vs. Sao Paulo, Lockhart Stadium, 8:00 PM
Rowdies vs. Ipswich Town, Tampa Stadium, 8:00 PM

Wednesday, July 28

Strikers vs. Ipswich Town, Lockhart Stadium, 8:00 PM
Rowdies vs. Sao Paulo, Tampa Stadium, 8:00 PM

Saturday, July 31

Sao Paulo vs. Ipswich Town, Tampa Stadium, 6:00 PM
Strikers vs. Rowdies, Tampa Stadium, 8:00 PM

Tickets for the Strikers' two home games in the S.I.S. are available at the Striker Ticket Office, Gate 14 at the Orange Bowl, and at all BASS outlets. In addition, tickets for the big Tampa Stadium doubleheader are on sale at the Striker Ticket Office only (1350 N.E. 56 Street) and are priced at $7.00 for adults and $4.00 for kids (15 and under) and senior citizens (55 and over). In addition to the doubleheader, a post-game concert starring Crystal Gayle("Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue") is included in the game admission price.

STRIKER STUFF---The long, long awaited Sports Illustrated piece on Striker goalkeeper Jan van Beveren is finally a reality. The article is in this week's issue (dated July 26). Since 1978, only four players (active in U.S. professional leagues) have had an SI story dedicated to just that player. The four include Mike Flanagan, Giorgio Chinaglia, Steve Zungul, and Julie Veee. Quite an honor for Ft. Lauderdale's "Dutch Master"!... Sao Paulo's three matches in the S.I.S. will be televised by Brazil's second largest television network, with an audience reach of 45 million people...A reception for the Striker and Ipswich Town players will be held on Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30 PM at the Pierce Street Annex in Ft. Lauderdale. The public and press are cordially invited... A happy 30th birthday today (July 20) to Striker defender Bob Bolitho...Striker Head Coach Eckhard Krautzun and midfielder Ray Hudson will be the guests on WIOD's Sportsline on Thursday, July 22 from 6:30-8:00 PM...Sao Paulo, who is arriving in Miami on Friday morning, will hold a workout that afternoon at 5:00 PM at the Striker practice field. The Strikers, meanwhile, will train at 5:00 on Friday in Lockhart Stadium.....

...Thursday, July 29 will be "Striker Night" at Pompano Park Raceway. Ft. Lauderdale players will attend and give a skills demonstration. The track has designated the sixth race as the "Striker Derby"...July 29 will also be the date the Strikers are honored by Ft. Lauderdale's highly successful "People To People" program. The group's monthly International Happy Hour will salute "The Strikers--Ft. Lauderdale's International Team." The time is 5:30 PM, the place is the top floor of City Hall...The S.I.S. will mark the return to the Striker lineup of Dutch defender Jon Pot. The 24-year-old Pot, the club's 1981 Defender of the Year, has been sidelined since pre-season training camp with a severe groin injury and subsequent surgery.

1982 FT. LAUDERDALE STRIKERS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Citizenship
1	Jan van Beveren	G	34	6-2	170	Holland
2	Alexander Szatmari	D	30	6-2	185	W. Germany
3	Jon Pot	D	24	5-11	165	Holland
4	Ray Hudson	M	27	6-1	175	England
5	Bruce Savage	D	21	5-9	155	U.S.
6	Thomas Rongen	M	25	6-0	170	Holland
7	Ken Fogarty	D	27	5-8	170	England
8	Colin Fowles	M/D	28	5-11	175	U.S.
9	Bernd Holzenbein	M	35	5-9	165	W. Germany
10	Teofilo Cubillas	M	33	5-9	165	Peru
11	Brian Kidd	F	33	6-0	180	England
12	Ruben Morales	F	28	5-7	165	Uruguay
13	Jim Tietjens	G	22	5-11	175	U.S.
14	Keith Weller	M	36	5-10	170	England
16	Dan Canter	D	21	6-1	175	U.S.
17	Edi Kirschner	F/M	28	6-2	185	W. Germany
18	Robert Meschbach	F	23	5-9	165	U.S.
20	Branko Segota	F	21	5-9	160	Canada
22	Tedd Hamilton	M	21	5-10	165	Canada
24	Bob Bolitho	D	30	5-9	165	Canada
25	Bruce Miller	F/M	25	5-10	170	Canada

Head Coach: Eckhard Krautzun
Assistant Coach: Bill Nuttall
Trainer: Rey Jaffet

1982 STRIKER STATISTICS

Overall: 15-11
Home: 10-3
Road: 5-8

Attendance:
Home Total: 168,305
Home Avg.: 12,947
Road Total: 155,840
Road Avg.: 11,988

No.	Player	GP	GS	MIN.	SH	FL	C/E	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	G	AS	TP
11	Brian Kidd	17	17	1479:26	67	24	0/1	2/2	1/1	11	6	28
20	Branko Segota	23	23	1955:25	120	33	5/0	0/0	1/1	10	7	27
4	Ray Hudson	20	20	1695:12	36	26	1/0	0/0	1/1	6	8	20
9	Bernd Holzenbein	22	22	1880:24	30	30	0/0	1/1	1/2	5	8	18
17	Edi Kirschner	20	15	1455:49	40	26	1/0	0/0	0/2	4	8	16
18	Robert Meschbach	19	11	1222:34	37	9	0/0	0/0	0/0	6	4	16
10	Teofilo Cubillas	9	9	751:49	16	11	1/0	0/0	0/0	2	6	10
24	Bob Bolitho	17	17	1463:15	14	21	1/0	0/0	0/0	3	2	8
16	Dan Canter	21	21	1866:09	2	45	1/0	0/0	0/0	1	4	6
6	Thomas Rongen	21	14	1410:48	11	36	3/0	0/0	0/2	1	3	5
12	Ruben Morales	9	6	598:00	9	8	1/0	0/0	0/0	1	3	5
14	Keith Weller	17	14	1243:31	20	23	3/1	0/0	0/0	1	3	5
7	Ken Fogarty	20	20	1774:58	8	43	4/1	0/0	0/1	0	4	4
2	Alexander Szatmari	19	19	1670:10	15	23	2/0	0/0	0/0	0	3	3
1	Jan van Beveren	26	26	2382:30	0	1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	2	2
5	Bruce Savage	24	22	1949:16	5	33	2/0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
8	Colin Fowles	11	8	776:10	1	11	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
22	Tedd Hamilton	9	0	266:01	2	10	1/0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
25	Bruce Miller	5	3	310:33	1	6	1/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
STRIKER TOTALS		26	26	2382:30	434	420	28/3*	3/3	4/10	51	74	176
OPPONENT'S TOTALS		26	26	2382:30	468	432	37/2	5/6	4/9	58	76	192

*Includes caution to Coach Krautzun

No.	Goalkeeper	GP	GS	MIN.	SH	SVS	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SO	GLS	GAA
1	Jan van Beveren	26	26	2382:30	468	146	5/6	4/9	3	58	2.19
STRIKER TOTALS		26	26	2382:30	468	146	5/6	4/9	3	58	2.19
OPPONENT'S TOTALS		26	26	2382:30	432	130	3/3	4/10	2	52	1.96

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STRIKERS	24	26	2	1	53	1	139	131
OPPONENTS	27	30	1	1	59	1	183	101

DATE	OPPONENT		ATTENDANCE	SCORING
4/3/82	at Jacksonville	1-3 L	8,925	Segota (unassisted)
4/10/82	at Tampa Bay	3-2 W	25,390	Own Goal, Kidd (Savage, Fogarty), Kidd (Cubillas)
4/17/82	JACKSONVILLE	4-2 W	19,020	Kidd (Weller), Kidd (Penalty kick), Kidd (Hudson, Segota), Holzenbein (Cubillas)
4/24/82	MONTREAL	1-0 W	11,908	Bolitho (van Beveren, Cubillas)
4/28/82	NEW YORK	2-1 W	17,951	Segota (van Beveren, Holzenbein), Cubillas (unassisted)
5/1/82	at Toronto	4-3 W (SO)	6,589	Bolitho (Kidd, Hudson), Hudson (Kidd, Holzenbein) Kirschner (Rongen, Hudson)
5/5/82	TAMPA BAY	2-3 L	15,205	Kidd (Hudson, Szatmari), Holzenbein (Penalty kick)
5/9/82	SEATTLE	2-1 W	11,166	Kirschner (Segota), Kidd (Meschbach)
5/15/82	at San Jose	2-0 W	12,520	Segota (unassisted), Holzenbein (Segota, Kirschner)
5/19/82	at Edmonton	1-2 L (SO)	5,067	Holzenbein (Segota, Kidd)
5/23/82	at New York	2-3 L	18,710	Meschbach (Hudson, Segota), Morales (Fogarty)
5/26/82	EDMONTON	2-1 W	10,145	Meschbach (Canter, Morales), Hudson (Morales, Weller)
5/29/82	at Tulsa	4-2 W	14,182	Hudson (Kirschner), Canter (Kirschner), Meschbach (Szatmari, Fogarty) Bolitho (Meschbach)
6/2/82	at Portland	0-3 L	5,888	---
6/5/82	PORTLAND	1-0 W	10,276	Kirschner (Canter, Bolitho)
6/9/82	at Tampa Bay	2-4 L	15,211	Hudson (Holzenbein, Kirschner) Meschbach (Kirschner, Holzenbein)
6/12/82	CHICAGO	2-1 W	11,237	Meschbach (Segota, Rongen), Segota (unassisted)
6/15/82	at Montreal	2-6 L	15,243	Segota (Kirschner, Hamilton), Segota (Morales, Holzenbein)
6/19/82	at San Diego	3-1 W	6,247	Segota (Hudson), Segota (Rongen, Hudson), Segota (Fogarty)
6/26/82	SAN JOSE	3-2 W	12,276	Hudson (Canter, Holzenbein), Hudson (Kidd, Fowles) Rongen (Kirschner, Szatmari)
6/30/82	at Chicago	0-2 L	6,392	---
7/4/82	TULSA	3-2 W (OT)	18,124	Kidd (Penalty kick), Segota (Cubillas, Holzenbein) Holzenbein (Kidd, Bolitho)
7/8/82	at Tulsa	1-3 L	15,476	Kidd (Cubillas, Segota)
7/10/82	TORONTO	3-2 W (OT)	10,122	Kidd (Cubillas, Meschbach), Kidd (Canter, Kirschner) Kirschner (Weller, Meschbach)
7/14/82	VANCOUVER	2-3 L (OT)	9,826	Meschbach (unass.), Cubillas (Kidd, Holzenbein)
7/17/82	SAN DIEGO	1-7 L	11,049	Weller (Hudson)