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GAME #30
SEATTLE

GAME NOTES

DIVISION CHAMPIONS: For the second straight season, the Vancouver Whitecaps have captured the Western Division Championship in the National Conference. The title was clinched last Wednesday night with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over the San Jose Earthquakes at Empire Stadium. Forward Trevor Whymark, with his 10th goal of the year, gave Vancouver the win in the second overtime period.

VS. SEATTLE: Earlier this year in Vancouver, the Whitecaps took a 3-1 decision from the Sounders on the strength of two goals from Alan Ball and one from Trevor Whymark. That was the third straight win over the Sounders in the last two seasons, and overall Vancouver now holds a 6-5 advantage in this the sixth season of play between them.

THE PLAYOFFS: With the Division Title and a playoff spot locked up, the Whitecaps now wait to find out who they will face in the first round. It will be either the Dallas Tornado or the Los Angeles Aztecs. At this moment, Dallas would be the team, but a Tornado win combined with an Aztec loss on Sunday would send the Whitecaps to Pasadena on Wednesday to face Los Angeles. Which ever team it is, it will not be easy, as the Whitecaps have lost to both of them during the regular season.

LEADING SCORER: For the second year in a row, the "King", Kevin Hector will finish the season as the top scorer on the team. Despite missing five of the last six games with an ankle injury, he has a total of 15 goals and 6 assists for 36 points. He is followed by Alan Ball, who in just 14 games as a Whitecap has counted 7 goals and 10 assists for 24 points. Indicative of the balance of attack for Vancouver is the fact that six players have hit double figures in points, while four more are very close to the double-figure mark.

PARKES LEADS: Goalkeeper Phil Parkes once again leads the entire NASL in goalkeeping, with a 0.96 average and 7 shutouts. The winner of the Goalkeepers Cup in 1978, with an average of 0.95, Parkes has allowed only 57 goals and recorded 17 shutouts in the past two seasons with Vancouver. Last weekend in Los Angeles, he missed only the second game of his NASL career when he came down with an attack of food poisoning.

LENARDUZZI OUT: Canadian Bob Lenarduzzi, who moved back to the fullback spot this season from midfield where he played last season, will miss the game tonight with a suspension, the result of accumulated yellow and red card points.

INJURIES: Jon Sammels with a hamstring, Roger Kenyon with a hamstring, and Ray Lewington with a knee are all doubtful for tonight, while Kevin Hector with an ankle and Trevor Whymark with a groin are still questionable. The incredible rash of injuries that has plagued Vancouver of late has meant a different lineup for almost every game this season.

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS STATISTICS TO AUG.11/79

National Conference West Division CHAMPIONS with 19 wins, 10 losses

TOTAL POINTS-164

NO.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MINUTES	SHOTS	FOULS	C/E	PK/PKA	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
11	Kevin Hector	24	24	2188:33	97	40	3/0	0/0	15	6	36
23	Alan Ball	14	14	1222:32	25	24	1/0	4/6	7	10 (3)	24 (27)
9	Trevor Whymark	26	25	2401:21	72	45	0/0	0/1	10	2	22
21	Carl Valentine	28	29	2134:30	32	27	0/0	0/0	4	7	15
20	Willie Johnston	27	26	2461:52	50	59	9/1	0/0	1	11	13
8	Jon Sammels	29	29	2541:04	48	38	0/0	0/1	3	7	13
10	Bob Bolitho	27	21	2055:47	34	26	1/0	0/0	0	9	9
5	Bob Lenarduzzi	28	27	2468:58	40	40	4/1	0/0	3	3	9
2	Ray Lewington	28	28	2538:59	26	68	4/0	0/0	2	4	8
24	Derek Possee	17	12	958:54	24	18	0/0	0/0	3	2	8
7	Buzz Parsons	21	17	1555:44	17	36	0/0	0/0	0	5	5
17	Peter Daniel	26	26	2320:38	8	67	2/0	0/0	1	0	2
4	John Craven	9	9	769:38	10	10	0/2	0/0	1	0	2
6	Roger Kenyon	10	10	825:54	10	31	2/1	0/0	0	1	1
18	Dan Lenarduzzi	6	6	188:51	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
28	Steve Mesin	1	0	8:59	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
29	Carl Shearer	1	0	11:21	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
1	Phil Parkes	28	28	2614:58			2/0		0	1	1
	OTHERS	2	2	136:38	0	6	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
WHITECAPS' TOTALS					493	564	28/5	4/8	50	67	167
OPPONENTS' TOTALS					339	578	32/6	2/2	30	43	104

GOALKEEPERS	GP	GS	MINUTES	SHOTS	SAVES	PK/PKA	SO/SOA	SHUTOUTS	GOALS/AGNST.	AVE.
Phil Parkes	28	28	2614:58	324	96	2/2	12/21	7	28	0.96
Bruce Grobbelaar	1	1	90:00	15	6	0/0	0/0	0	2	2.00
OPPONENTS	29	29	2704:58	493	161	4/8	10/21	5	51	1.70

GAME BY GAME RESULTS..... HOME RECORD: 12-3 AWAY RECORD: 7-7

HOME ATTENDENCE: 344,436 Average:22,964 AWAY ATTENDENCE: 157,026 Average: 11,216

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTEND.	SCORING
3/30	Dallas	2-1 L(SO)	24,850	Hector (Lewington)
4/6	Edmonton	2-0 W	19,097	Craven (Bolitho), Hector (Lewington)
4/14	at Chicago	3-2 W(SO)	10,130	Sammels (Parsons), Hector (Sammels, Bolitho)
4/21	Portland	2-1 W	23,137	Whymark (Valentine, Bolitho) Whymark (Hector, Sammels)
4/27	at San Diego	1-0 L	10,514	No scoring.....
5/2	San Diego	3-1 W	16,985	Whymark (Hector, Johnston), Hector two goals
5/5	at San Jose	2-1 W	14,107	Hector (Johnston, Bolitho), Daniel (Johnston)
5/11	Rochester	1-0 W(OT)	22,073	Valentine (Bolitho)
5/18	Philadelphia	2-0 W	18,293	Hector (Johnston), Whymark (Johnston)
5/30	at Edmonton	3-1 W	10,529	Hector (Johnston, Sammels) Hector (Johnston, Kenyon), Hector (Valentine)
6/2	Houston	1-0 L	26,013	No scoring.....
6/7	at Tulsa	2-1 W	10,102	Lewington (Valentine), Valentine
6/10	at Minnesota	1-0 L	24,061	No scoring.....
6/13	at California	3-2 L(SO)	7,182	Possee (Johnston, Hector), Hector (Sammels)
6/6	New York	4-1 W	32,372	Hector (Valentine), Sammels (Hector), Valentine (Johnston, B. Lenarduzzi) Possee (Johnston, B. Lenarduzzi)
6/24	California	2-1 W(OT)	20,814	Johnston (Ball), Ball PK
6/27	at Atlanta	3-1 W	5,152	Hector (Johnston), Ball PK, Hector(Ball, Bolitho
6/30	at Fort Lauderdale	3-2 L(SO)	15,259	Whymark, Possee (Sammels, Ball)
7/4	at Toronto	2-1 L	13,754	Valentine (Ball, Possee)
7/7	Seattle	3-1 W	20,041	Ball PK, Whymark (Lewington, Hector) Ball (B. Lenarduzzi, Hector)
7/11	Los Angeles	1-0 L	28,764	No scoring.....
7/15	at New York	4-2 W	48,753	Own goal, Hector (Whymark, Ball) Lewington, B. Lenarduzzi (Valentine, Ball)
7/18	at Washington	2-1 L	12,321	Ball PK
7/21	Toronto	3-0 W	21,409	Ball (Sammels, Parsons), Sammels(Ball, Bolitho) Whymark (Valentine, Lewington)
7/25	Tulsa	1-0 W	21,196	Whymark (Bolitho, Valentine)
7/28	at Portland	3-2 W(OT)	12,727	Whymark (Ball), B. Lenarduzzi (Parsons, Ball)
8/10	Minnesota	1-0 W	24,656	B. Lenarduzzi (Sammels, Ball)
8/4	at Los Angeles	2-0 L	11,157	No scoring.....
8/8	San Jose	1-0 W(OT)	25,731	Whymark (Parsons, Possee)

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS - 1979 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POSITION	AGE	HT	WT	CITIZEN/PREVIOUS TEAM
1	Phil Parkes	G	31	6-3	190	England/Wolverhampton
2	Ray Lewington	M	22	5-6	150	England/Chelsea
4	John Craven	D	30	6-0	180	England/Plymouth Argyle
5	Bob Lenarduzzi	M/D	23	6-1	165	Canada/Reading
6	Roger Kenyon	D	28	6-0	180	England/Everton
7	Buzz Parsons	F	28	5-9	160	Canada/Whitecaps
8	Jon Sammels	M	32	5-10	160	England/Leicester City
9	Trevor Whymark	F	28	5-11	160	England/Ipswich Town
10	Bob Bolitho	D	26	5-9	170	Canada/Whitecaps
11	Kevin Hector	F	33	5-8	150	England/Derby County
12	Paul Nelson	D	20	5-8	160	Canada/Whitecaps
15	Tony Waiters	G		6-3	180	England/Plymouth
17	Peter Daniel	D	32	5-10	160	England/Derby County
18	Dan Lenarduzzi	D	19	6-1	175	Canada/Whitecaps
20	Willie Johnston	F	32	5-7	155	Scotland/West Bromwich
21	Carl Valentine	F	21	5-9	160	England/Oldham Athletic
22	Bruce Grobbelaar	G	21	6-1	175	South Africa/Durban City
23	Alan Ball	M	34	5-8	142	England/Southampton
24	Derek Possee	F	33	5-5	135	England/Leyton Orient
26	David McGill	M	18	5-8	150	Canada/Whitecaps
27	Gerry Gray	M	18	5-7	145	Canada/Whitecaps
28	Stevan Nesin	F	18	5-9	160	Canada/Whitecaps
29	Carl Shearer	D	18	6-3	200	Canada/Whitecaps
30	Alan Soundraal	D	18	5-11	165	Canada/Whitecaps
31	Ralston Dunlop	F	19	5-9	155	Canada/Whitecaps
32	Brent Barling	F	18	5-10	160	Canada/Whitecaps

TEAM MANAGER & HEAD COACH: Tony Waiters

TEAM COACH: Bob McNab

ASSISTANT COACH & TRAINER: Dennis Loze

TEAM CAPTAIN: Jon Sammels

TEAM COLOURS: Cyan Blue & Royal Blue

HOME COLOURS: White, Blue, White

AWAY COLOURS: Blue, White, Blue