

The Darkness



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NOTES FROM A Jackass

In eight matches all time, Minnesota have never beaten the Green Martinis. It's a painful history and one that makes me afraid to tempt fate. But this is Carl Craig's biggest test (ok, it's only been four matches): can he succeed where Manny Lagos couldn't?

This week's match comes in the shadow of the death of Prince. I don't know what your feelings toward Prince are, whether you loved him or not. But his passing has me really thinking about an aspect of Minnesota that I, as an adopted Minnesotan, appreciate so much. Prince didn't look anything like the Garrison Keillor myth of Scandinavian children of librarians and Lutheran ministers. And yet he seemed so central to the Minnesotan psyche.

I think that's because he represented the weird part of us. He made music his own way with absolute joy. That weirdness is why I came to the Dark Clouds. It's the part of us that wants to make soccer a big, communal, weird-ass party.

And for that reason and many others, join us in the 57th minute as we celebrate one of the most iconic Minnesotans ever. We will sing Purple Rain in the 57th minute. Join us.

Purple Rain

I never meant to cause you any
sorrow
I never meant to cause you any
pain
I only wanted to one time to see
you laughing
I only wanted to see you
Laughing in the purple rain
Purple rain, purple rain
Purple rain, purple rain
Purple rain, purple rain
I only wanted to see you
Underneath the the purple rain

I Would Die 4 U

I'm not your lover
I'm not your friend
I am something that you'll
never comprehend

No need to worry
No need to cry
I'm your messiah and
you're the reason why

'Cause you, I would die for
you, yeah
Darling if you want me to
You, I would die for you

DARK CLOUDS

Hymnal

I Wanna Be NSC

I am, a Nessie Fan
I am, a Minnesotan
I know what I want and I know
how to get it
I wanna drink beer, and eat hot
nuts
Cuz I wanna be NSC

I am, an Nessie Fan
I am, a Minnesotan
I know what I want and I know
how to get it
I wanna destroy [team name]
Cuz I wanna be NSC

Lass from Overseas

In the town where I was born
came a lass from overseas
and she came to Minnesota
and her name was Nessie.

We all believe in a Scottish
Lake Monster,
a Scottish Lake Monster, a
Scottish Lake Monster. (2x)

Nuts of a Warrior

We've got nuts of a warrior,
YEAH! Nuts of a warrior!
We've got nuts of a warrior
and you don't!

At Crappy Old Lockhart

At crappy old Lockhart
we won the cup.
We filled it with Surly
and drank it up.
And if there's no Surly
what will we do then?
We'll get to the finals
and win it again.

The Hamm's Song

From the land of sky blue
waters,
From the land of pines, lofty
balsams,
comes a club united,
Loons: the club united!

Forged where nature works
her wonders,
Out of many clubs, now
together
Loons, the club united!
Loons, the club united!

Goals

All we really want is Goals
And in the morning its Goals
And in the evening its Goals
Two at a time we want Goals
It's time to whip out our
Goals

You Got What I Need

Oh Christian [or Pinho]
you,
you got what I need
the goalkeeper's not your
friend
so go and score a goal
again

I Wanna Be Venegas

20 20 24 hours ago
I wanna be Venegas
Nothing to do nowhere
to go
I wanna be Venegas
So get me airport & put
me on a plain
hurry hurry hurry before I
go insane
I can't control my fingers
I can't control my brains
oh no no no oh oh

***I Just Can't Get You Out
of My Head***

I just can't get you out of
my head,
Loons your goals are all I
think about.
I just can't get you out of
my head,
Loons your goals are all I
think about.
La-la-la la-la-la-la-la x4

If the Kids are United

If the Loons are United
they will never be divided

Score Us a Goal

Score us a goal, Christian
Ramirez
Score us a goal tonight
Because we're all in the mood
for winning
And you've got us feeling alright

Glory Glory Minnesota!

Glory Glory Minnesota!
Glory Glory Minnesota!
The Loons go marching ON! ON!
ON!

Minnesota is the greatest team
that you have ever seen! (3x)
The Loons go marching ON! ON!
ON!

Are You Loony, Too?

Loony Tunes Theme

Hey, Minnesota
Hey, Minnesota
Hey, Minnesota
Are you loony too?

Away in the Manger

Away in the manger
No crib for a bed
The little lord Jesus
Stood up and he said

STAND UP if you love the loons
x4

STAND UP if you hate Milwaukee
x4

Friends in Low Places

Well we beat teams from all
places
We'll be scoring goals
While your squad chases our
loons in grey
Oh we'll win today Feel those
tears roll down your faces
When we win our games we
sing Oasis
Cause we beat teams from all
places

Wonderwall

Today is gonna be the day
That they're gonna throw it back to you
By now you should've somehow
Realized what you gotta do
I don't believe that anybody
Feels the way I do about you now

Back beat, the word is on the street
That the fire in your heart is out
I'm sure you've heard it all before
But you never really had a doubt
I don't believe that anybody feels
The way I do about you now

And all the roads we have to walk are winding
And all the lights that lead us there are blinding
There are many things that I would
Like to say to you
But I don't know how

Because maybe
You're gonna be the one that saves me
And after all
You're my wonderwall

Bird is the Word

A-well-a, everybody's
heard about the bird
Bird, bird, bird, b-bird's
the word
A-well-a, bird, bird, bird,
the bird is the word

United Born

I'm United born,
I'm United bred,
And when I die,
I'm United dead.

PREVIOUS Line-Ups

MINNESOTA UNITED FC	Formation	New York Cosmos	
33 SAMMY NDJOCK	<p>Minnesota United FC 4-2-3-1</p> <p>New York Cosmos 4-2-3-1</p>	NEW YORK COSMOS	
31 DAMION LOWE		12 KYLE ZOBECK	
22 KEVIN VENEGAS		23 JIMMY OCKFORD	
2 JUSTIN DAVIS		2 HUNTER FREEMAN	
6 BRENT KALLMAN		4 CARLOS MENDES	
77 JULIANO		17 AYOZE	
8 DANNY CRUZ		18 JUAN ARANGO	
3 JEB BROVSKY		16 ADAM MOFFAT	
17 LANCE LAING		13 SEBASTIÁN GUENZATTI	
10 BEN SPEAS		8 MICHAEL LAHOUD	
21 CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ		5 NIKO KRANJCAR	
SUBSTITUTES		25 JAIRO ARRIETA	SUBSTITUTES
7 IBSON		19 YOHANDRY OROZCO	19 YOHANDRY OROZCO
24 KRISTIAN NICHT	77 LUCKY MIKOSANA	77 LUCKY MIKOSANA	
13 JAMIE WATSON	24 BRIAN HOLT	24 BRIAN HOLT	
11 STÉFANO PINHO	21 DAVID DIOSA	21 DAVID DIOSA	
15 ISMAILA JOME	3 DAVID OCHIENG	3 DAVID OCHIENG	
18 DANIEL MENDES	11 ANDRES FLORES	11 ANDRES FLORES	
4 AARON PITCHKOLAN	27 GABRIEL FARFÁN	27 GABRIEL FARFÁN	

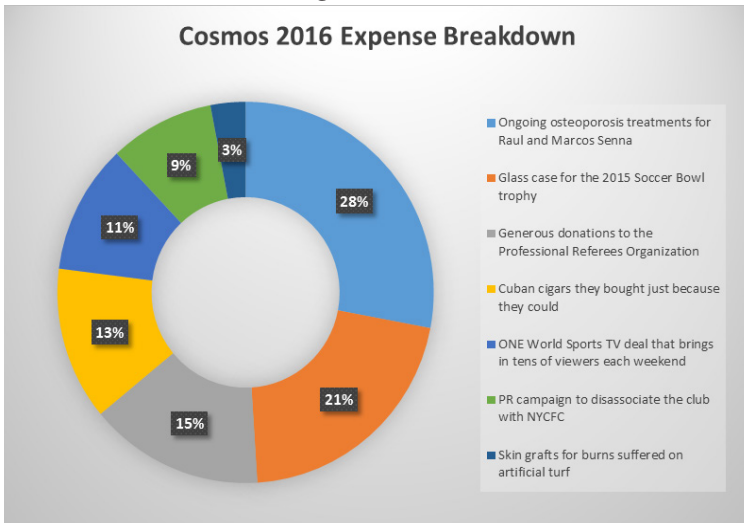
HECKLER'S Scouting Report

New York comes to town only five days removed from inching Donald Trump even closer to a Presidential nomination. Let that sink in for a moment. Let us only hope Trump builds a wall around the city to keep New Yorkers from spilling into civilized society.

On the field, New York and Minnesota sit with exactly identical records – same wins, same losses, same goals for and against. It should be noted, however, that while Minnesota lost a hard-fought battle with league leaders Carolina, New York succumbed to the perennial overflowing septic tank that is Indy Eleven. So what are New York's chances of winning tonight? About as likely as New York getting an MLS bid, or New York getting its own stadium, or New York making a big name signing who doesn't already have grandchildren.

How Do The Cosmos Spend Their Income?

Last year The Heckler's Scouting Report revealed a breakdown of how the big-spending Cosmos part ways with their millions of dollars. Based on new information obtained through our commitment to intrepid journalistic excellence, we present an updated 2016 breakdown of New York's budget allocations.



Keys for the New York Cosmos:

- Don't be afraid to resort to the long ball, but only once you've exhausted all the possibilities with the normal spherical ball that the game usually begins with.
- Avoid building from the back; instead, build from the legs.
- Francesco Totti is watching, so show off the club's wealth by flashing a diamond midfield.
- Confuse the opposing goalkeeper by attempting to pronounce his name to his face.
- Attempt to break down the spine of the opponents' defense, rendering them paralyzed for life.
- The "Cosmos" brand is a major part of your culture. Do not try to join MLS, as your name is too close to "Galaxy" which will be insurmountably confusing for everyone, and you will be forced to change your name to "FC."
- Be prepared to be surrounded by mobs of screaming people. Do not be alarmed; these are called "fans," and in many areas of the country, these "fans" attend live sporting events and boisterously support their local team. They are harmless. Don't let this unusual experience frighten you.

Keys for Minnesota United FC:

- If you plan to fire a lot of crosses in the box, be prepared for an outcry from the conservative Christians among your fan base.
- To streamline pregame routines, have the training staff simply place a goblet of loon's blood in each player's locker before the game rather than requiring each player to sacrifice their own loon while reciting the incantation.
- While it may be tempting to send both fullbacks streaking down the sidelines, remember that public nudity is still illegal in Minnesota.
- Dye a bullseye into each player's hair to give a clearer target to the man taking set pieces.
- At times it can be a distraction to look forward to your next game; fortunately, because your next game involves a trip to Ottawa, that shouldn't be a problem.
- Earn two red cards early in the game. If you win, you look like heroes. If you lose, it's ok, no one would have expected you to win.
- Don't bother trying to score an Olympico - the U.S. didn't qualify for the Olympicos.


Upcoming Matches

Away @ Ottawa Fury 5/7

Home v Jacksonville Armada 5/14

Away @ Indy Eleven 5/21

Home v Tampa Bay Rowdies 5/28



The Dark Clouds are supporters of Minnesota United. You are welcome to join us. Our community is anti-homophobic, anti-sexist, and just generally anti-bigotry altogether. We stand and sing as a group and we're happy to say that our group includes all sorts of awesome people: gay, straight, punk, square accountants, nose-pickers, and everything else. We also don't welcome cursing, not because we're prudes, but because we think it's lame. Anyone can yell abusive crap at a player. Try being clever. That takes work.

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