

The Darkness



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Two matches in a week, seven matches this month: these certainly aren't the dog days of summer. Four of the Loons' matches this month are away from home, where the team has struggled mightily. And so picking up points at home has to be automatic, particularly against a team like Puerto Rico (Miami will be a tougher nut to crack).

Puerto Rico, in theory, should be one of the easiest home matches of the year. One would expect Carl Craig to rest a couple of legs before Saturday's match. But the NASL being the NASL, something weird could always happen.

Miami, on the other hand, has improved greatly with the big money-signings of Poku, Ryan, Steele, Lahoud, and Farfan. These players cost over \$2M to sign and Poku alone makes probably half of the Ottawa Fury's entire wage budget. After their last meeting, Carl Craig said Miami were the best team they'd faced all season.

The Puerto Rico match, of course, will also be played on what has to be one of the craziest mid-week soccer days in ages. The US Women will kick off against New Zealand in the Olympics at 5PM, the Loons kick off at Nessie at 7PM, then upwards of 60,000 people will fill US Bank Stadium and watch Chelsea v AC Milan at 8:30PM. The overlap with the International Champions Cup is, to say the least, regrettable. To say the most, it's an obnoxiously arrogant bull in a China-shop.

The good news is that even if those fans are watching a pre-season kick-around, they're still watching soccer. There is a vast trove of untapped soccer interest in the Twin Cities. Minnesota United has not tapped that well yet and they will desperately need to once they scale up from suburban minor league team to an urban MLS side.

In other news, as I wrote this week for FiftyFive.One, Christian Ramirez is chasing the modern NASL goal-scoring record and needs nine goals in the last 17 matches to beat out Pablo Campos. So, here's to hoping for a Puerto Rican rout.

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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 Scot-
tish 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 to-
gether
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.

Rosters

Minnesota United FC

Puerto Rico FC

No.	Pos.	Player	No.	Pos.	Player
1	GK	Aaron Perez	1	GK	Austin Pack
2	D	Justin Davis	2	D	Cristiano Dias
3	D	Jeb Brovsky	3	D	Camilo Botero
4	M	Aaron Pitchkolan	4	D	Rudy Dawson
5	D	Tiago Calvano	5	D	Ramón Soria
6	D	Brent Kallman	6	M	Connor Agnew
7	M	Ibson	8	M	Chris Nurse
8	F	Danny Cruz	9	F	Pedro
9	F	Bernardo Añor	10	M	Joseph Marrero
10	F	Ben Speas	11	M	Paulo
11	F	Stefano Pinho	12	D	Ramon Del Campo
12	GK	Steward Ceus	13	D	Kyle Culbertson
13	M	Jamie Watson	14	F	Brian Bement
14	M	Jack Blake	16	F	David Eduardo López
15	F	Ismaila Jome	17	F	Oliver
17	M	Lance Laing	18	GK	Trevor Spangenberg
18	F	Daniel Mendes	19	F	Jorge Rivera
21	F	Christian Ramirez	20	F	Héctor Ramos
22	D	Kevin Venegas	21	M	Michael Kafari
23	M	Greg Jordan	22	M	Evans Frimpong
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	23	F	Sidney Rivera
29	F	J. C. Banks	24	GK	David Meves
31	D	Damion Lowe	26	F	Bljedi Bardic
33	GK	Sammy Ndjock	29	M	Tyler Rudy
77	M	Juliano Vicentini			

HECKLER'S Scouting Report

Miami FC

No.	Pos.	Player
1	GK	David Sierra
2	D	Jonathan Borrajo
3	D	Brad Rusin
4	D	Adaílton
5	D	Mason Trafford
6	F	Ariel Martínez
7	M	Roberto Alterio
8	M	Wilson Palacios
9	F	Jaime Chavez
10	M	Kwadwo Poku
11	F	Aaron Dennis
12	F	Darío Cvitanich
13	M	Conner Rezende
14	M	Robert Kcira
16	D	Hugo Leroux
17	GK	Mario Daniel Vega
18	D	Rhett Bernstein
19	M	Dane Richards
20	M	Richie Ryan
21	M	Calvin Rezende
22	M	Jonny Steele
23	M	Blake Smith
24	D	Joe Franco
26	M	Michael Lahoud
28	M	Gabriel Farfán
33	GK	Lionel Brown
83	F	Pablo Campos

With two opponents this week, a comprehensive heckling report is going to be impossible. So let's just hit the high points.

Puerto Rico FC are owned by **Carmelo Anthony** who, I am told, is a basketball player. I'm gonna let you work on your own heckles for this, because I got nothing on basketball.

The rest of the Puerto Rico squad are kind of unknowns, other than long-time Minnesota player Cristiano Dias.

As for **Miami FC**, well we know many of these jokers. **Pablo Campos**, our old friend, likely won't start. **Richie Ryan** will be bringing his \$750k self to the pitch, this time joined by fellow pricey midfielder **Poku**.

But most importantly is the return of the one true captain, **Jonny Steele**. Captain Steele was recently signed from Ottawa, where the rolling stone had ended up after being ceremoniously dumped overboard by the Loons. Welcome back, Jonny, you terrific bastard.

Upcoming Matches

Home v Puerto Rico FC 8/3

Home v Miami FC 8/6

Away v Edmonton 8/14

Home v Tampa Bay 8/17

Away v Jacksonville 8/20

Away v Miami FC 8/27

Away v Fort Lauderdale 8/31

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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