

# The Darkness

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# NOTES FROM A Jackass

It has been far too long since we have been out here. Every year the off-season seems to stretch longer. When we were last up at Nessie it was the 2-2 Halloween draw against the now-defunct San Antonio Scorpions. (RIP, Sting.)

Since then, the Loons bid goodbye to players like Brian Kallman (retired), Mitch Hildebrandt, Pablo Campos, and Cristiano Dias, among others; United-gate also earned its full “gate” status; we finally got to see pictures of Cloud City; and, of course, Carl Craig has ascended on high to become the new Loons Gaffer.

Next year (just announce it, already, Loons) will likely be a “new era.” But this year is certainly a new world with Carl at the helm. He’s in a tenuous position, ostensibly charged with taking United to MLS, but also auditioning for the job. This is, after all, Carl’s first major head-coaching position.

However, I don’t think I’m speaking for myself when I say that there is hardly a more beloved manager around. When I interviewed Carl at the release of *The Complete Darkness*, he pulled out a folded sheet of paper from his pocket. On it, was a poem he had read to his players at practice. Then he took the mic and sang the Sex Pistols.

Carl knows that his team has a lot to prove. Last year was disappointing. This year, the screws will only be more ratcheted and no amount of love of fans can divert from the need to get results.

Speaking of *The Complete Darkness*. If you don’t have your copy of the book that covers the entirety of the 2015 season, including long profiles of Miguel Ibarra and Christian Ramirez, do yourself a favor and buy it at [www.bylinepress.com](http://www.bylinepress.com).

# 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

Fort Lauderdale Strikers		Minnesota United FC	
1	BRUNO	33	SAMMY REDOCK
14	JULIUS JAMES	2	JUSTIN DAVIS
24	AURELIO SACO VÉRTIZ	6	BRENT KALLMAN
44	GALE AGROSSI/MONIDE	5	TIAGO CALVANO
5	NANA ATTAKORA	22	KEVIN VIEGAS
16	LUIS FELIPE FERNANDES	3	JEB BROVSKY
10	ADRIANINHO	8	DANNY CRUZ
7	GEISON MOURA	17	LANCE LAING
18	JEAN-MARC ALEXANDRE	77	JULIANO
6	PC	10	BEN SPEAS
20	MAICON SANTOS	21	CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ
Substitutes		Substitutes	
21	LUIS ZAPATA	4	AARON PITCHKOLAN
19	JOSE ANJULO	18	DANIEL MENDES
92	GIUSEPPE GENTILE	11	STÉFANO PINHO
23	MANNY GONZALEZ	29	J.C. BAIKIS
20	CHRISTIAN BLANDON	15	ISMAELA JONE
12	DEGO RESTREPO	24	KRISTIAN NICHT
27	VICTOR PINEDA	31	DAMON LOWIE

# HECKLER'S

## Scouting Report

Fort Lauderdale, our old friends. Sure, they beat us in the semis two years ago, but we gleefully pantsed them to win the final in 2011, so I think we've still got the advantage. There are a few key players I am particularly looking forward to heckling.

**PC (#6):** Now, you may be thinking, "The guy's name is PC," let's just yell John Hodgman jokes at the dude. Well, first, yes, obviously. Second, that's actually all I have. The guy is good and is definitely their most dangerous player, so if you can get under his skin, you win a prize.

**Bruno (#1):** A Brazilian goalkeeper named Bruno? Perfect opportunity for you to work out unresolved anger toward the guy your college girlfriend hooked up with on her study abroad trip. The good news is: he's a Brazilian goalkeeper, so he's got to be terrible. The other good news is: his name is Bruno. Listen, I know at some point this scouting report has to be more than "this guy's name is funny," but for now that's all I've got.

**Gale Agbossoumonde (#44):** Pronounced "Gah-lay," Gale was once touted to be an American defending prodigy. Then he Freddy Adu-d and has been spinning around the NASL the last couple of years.

**Adrianinho (#10):** Along with Kleberson, Adrianinho makes up half the "really old Brazilian" contingent of the Strikers as a way to bring in the always burgeoning retirement home crowd in Fort Lauderdale.



# Upcoming Matches

Home v New York Cosmos 4/23

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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