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NOTES FROM A Jackass

It has been, shall we say, a frustrating few weeks. Three league losses on the bounce. And tonight, where we could be watching the team hoisting the spring trophy, well, we'll just get a game.

I went mildly (to be completely understated) apoplectic last week as I watched the Loons sputter toward entropic heat death in their 1-0 defeat against Rayo OKC. Taken on their own, none of these losses have been horrific. Rayo bunkered and bunkered and took their one moment. A few different bounces and the game could have changed completely. And that's soccer.

So whether my vitriolic rage was completely warranted, I don't know, but the reason I bring it up here is so that we can let it go. The past is the past and tonight is a new chance to shine. It's a perfect chance to pivot toward the fall and start thinking about all the other trophies.

You can see the frustration on the players' faces (well, most of them) and that's the reason I'll wipe my memory of the frustrations and start fresh today.

It's Miami FC, afterall, a bad, bad soccer team. But they are a bad soccer team who haven't lost in their last three matches, including a pretty important match for Indy Eleven. So, let's hope for a rout, but expect a pretty hard-fought match.

With Jeb Brovsky still likely out, this is also our first time to witness Jumpin' Jack Blake (still workshopping nicknames) in action at home. He made his debut in the St. Louis Open Cup match with a goal (including Sheriff of Nottingham celebration). And so far he has proven a solid, if not spectacular addition.

The real question is about the left wing. Will Lance Laing return? Will Pinho play? And if either of them play, will they be part of the high press?

Finally, we'll see you all back up at Nessie for Wednesday's US Open Cup match against Sporting Kansas City. That should be a game for the ages.

Wes, @MnNiceFC

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

No.	Pos.	Player	No.	Pos.	Player
1	GK	Aaron Perez	1	GK	David Sierra
2	D	Justin Davis	2	D	Jonathan Borrajo
3	D	Jeb Brovsky	3	D	Brad Rusin
4	M	Aaron Pitchkolan	4	D	Adailton
5	D	Tiago Calvano	5	D	Mason Trafford
6	D	Brent Kallman	6	F	Ariel Martínez
7	M	Ibson	7	M	Roberto Alterio
8	F	Danny Cruz	8	M	Wilson Palacios
9	F	Bernardo Añor	9	F	Jaime Chavez
10	F	Ben Speas	11	F	Aaron Dennis
11	F	Stefano Pinho	12	F	Darío Cvitanich
12	GK	Steward Ceus	13	D	Jorge Luis Corrales
13	M	Jamie Watson	14	M	Robert Kcira
15	F	Ismaila Jome	15	M	Sergio van Kanten
17	M	Lance Laing	16	D	Hugo Leroux
18	F	Daniel Mendes	17	GK	Mario Daniel Vega
21	F	Christian Ramirez	18	D	Rhett Bernstein
22	D	Kevin Venegas	19	M	Dane Richards
23	M	Greg Jordan	20	M	Richie Ryan
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	21	M	Calvin Rezende
29	F	J. C. Banks	22	M	Connor Rezende
31	D	Damion Lowe	23	M	Blake Smith
33	GK	Sammy Ndjock	24	D	Joe Franco
77	M	Juliano Vicentini	26	M	Michael Lahoud
			27	M	Bryan Arguez
			33	GK	Lionel Brown
			83	F	Pablo Campos

HECKLER'S Scouting Report

Starting from scratch with a brand new team offers us the exciting opportunity to discover all sorts of new ways to make fun of a city and a team. But it also means that we're starting from scratch. My first suggestion is that we start with Miami.

Miami, a city whose soccer has more failed franchises than Roy Rogers (it's a real fast food restaurant, look it up). This, of course, is not David Beckham's Miami team. However, I do suggest this song:

You're not Beckham over there.

Simple, elegant, and true.

Alessandro Nesta

Remember Nesta, the legendary defender? Well, it turns out he is not a very good manager. His Miami FC have won exactly one match in their existence. I'll be Nesta thinks every day about subbing himself in.

Richie Ryan

Only a few weeks ago Miami broke the intra-league transfer fee record by signing holding midfielder Richie Ryan from Jacksonville for \$750k. It gives me particular joy knowing that our website Fifty-Five.One broke the news.

The Babes

The other bizarre story out of Miami this season was their sexist marketing campaign. That and their lack of fans, but of course the two are related. Earlier in the season, Miami posted a series of videos and photos featuring young women and phrases like "Join these babes on Saturday!" It was icky as all hell.

Upcoming Matches

US Open Cup Sporting KC 6/15

Friendly v Club Leon @ Target Field 6/25

Carolina RailHawks 7/2

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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