

# The Darkness

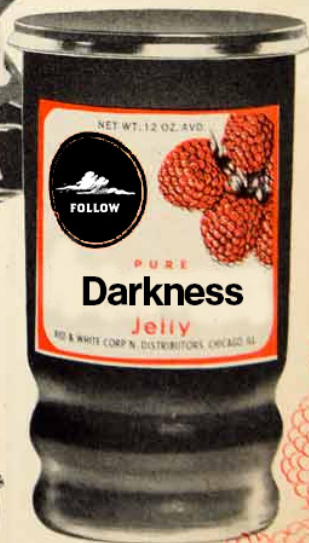
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*Jams & Jellies*



# NOTES FROM A Jackass

What a week. An absolute whirlwind. We went from a routine 2-0 win over Indy Eleven to a midweek international friendly and now we're back for another home match against Fort Lauderdale.

Oh, and there was THAT goal. The own goal heard round the world. As I sat in a bar on Thursday, I watched Sammy Ndjock's howler replayed on two different channels. Britain, Turkey, Australia: it was a gaffe on an epic level.

My first thought was: there is no way that Ndjock plays on Saturday. Steward Ceus will get the nod and we may not see Sammy much at all.

But after the United PR team put out their hilarious self-deprecating #BlameTheJelly video I started to notice things changing—at least from a fan perspective. There was a real sense of rallying around Ndjock that we haven't really seen before. It was a friendly after all and just the week before he had put on a goalkeeping clinic.

I don't know if he'll be starting tonight or if Carl Craig will be feeling the way I initially felt after watching the goal. But I personally felt a bit chastened, imagining the demise of a player from one terrible moment. What's the point of being a supporter if you don't rally behind your players when they're down?

Today isn't just about Sammy, though, as the Loons turn their attentions back to the league. The last time the Strikers came to town, a 21st minute red card from former Loon Geison Moura gave United a man-advantage for most of the match. The Loons handily beat the Strikers 3-0.

This time around may not be such an easy walk in the park. The Strikers have rebounded from a poor run (that coincided with their last visit) and even made a brave run in the Open Cup.

For Minnesota, it's a matter of picking up where the team left off with Indy Eleven. Can they continue to string together their attack? And how will they fare without Kevin Venegas, who is sidelined with a meniscus injury?

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

### ***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!***

#### ***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

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\*

#### ***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

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

#### ***If the Kids are United***

If the Loons are United  
they will never be divided

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, 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

## Indy Eleven

No.	Pos.	Player	No.	Pos.	Player
1	GK	Aaron Perez	1	GK	Bruno Cardoso
2	D	Justin Davis	2	D	Dalton
3	D	Jeb Brovsky	3	M	Neil Hlavaty
4	M	Aaron Pitchkolan	5	D	Nana Attakora
5	D	Tiago Calvano	6	M	PC
6	D	Brent Kallman	7	F	Geison Moura
7	M	Ibson	8	M	Kléberson
8	F	Danny Cruz	9	M	Ramón Núñez
9	F	Bernardo Añor	11	F	Paulo Jr.
10	F	Ben Speas	12	GK	Diego Restrepo
11	F	Stefano Pinho	13	D	Jorge Luis Corrales
12	GK	Steward Ceus	14	D	Julius James
13	M	Jamie Watson	16	M	Luis Felipe Fernandes
14	M	Jack Blake	17	M	Bryan Arguez
15	F	Ismaila Jome	18	M	Jean-Marc Alexandre
17	M	Lance Laing	19	F	José Angulo
18	F	Daniel Mendes	20	M	Christian Blandon
21	F	Christian Ramirez	21	D	Luis Zapata
22	D	Kevin Venegas	23	M	Manny Gonzalez
23	M	Greg Jordan	24	D	Aurelio Saco Vértiz
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	27	M	Victor Pineda
29	F	J. C. Banks	29	F	Maicon Santos
31	D	Damion Lowe	44	D	Gale Agbossoumonde
33	GK	Sammy Ndjock	77	D	Gabriel
77	M	Juliano Vicentini	98	GK	Matias Reynares

# HECKLER'S

## Scouting Report

A certain news website, FiftyFive.One, recently reported on the Fort Lauderdale Strikers failing to pay their players on time. As in, they are asking players to wait a week before cashing their checks as if they are a college student waiting for mom to refill the checking account so they can pay rent. An opposition fan said recently that they were heckling Strikers keeper Diego Restrepo and he said, "well we're not getting paid." Yowza.

In light of this, I would suggest the following ditty:

"Have you cashed your checks this week?  
Checks this week, checks this week?  
Have you cashed your checks this week,  
poor old Strikers?"

### **Diego Restrepo**

Speaking of Diego, the fact that he has been, at times, supplanted by Bruno Cardoso, who is literally the worst goalkeeper in the league, makes this one easy. Just remind him that he is behind an absolutely terrible keeper in the pecking order.

### **Julius James**

Not only is James a walking red card, I have it on good authority that he loves Ninja Turtles. Or, that people call him a ninja turtle? I don't know, but I do know that ninja turtles are involved and I'm supposed to mock him with that knowledge.

### **Geison Moura**

During the Manny Lagos era, Geison would be signed 3 months into every season. And 3 1/2 months into every season, we would ask, "why the hell did we resign him?" Moura did, however, gift us the last match by getting a red card early into our match. I guess he missed the showers at NSC.



# Upcoming Matches

Away v Rayo OKC 7/30  
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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