



Match Preview: FC Edmonton @ Fort Lauderdale Strikers – April 7, 2012 – Game 1

Opening Kick Off Sees FC Edmonton Facing a Familiar Foe

Eddies battle Strikers on Saturday

Fort Lauderdale, FL. – It's probably fitting that FC Edmonton is kicking the 2012 NASL Season off in Fort Lauderdale against the Strikers. The Eddies opened Lockhart Stadium last year and came away with a victory but the South Florida-based squad had the last laugh, beating FC Edmonton in the quarter-finals and ending its inaugural season prematurely.

FC Edmonton has a completely different look this season however. Only 12 players remain on the roster that lost 5-0 to the Strikers on Oct. 1, 2011.

The Eddies have added goalkeepers Michal Misiewicz and John Smits to the lineup. They've added defenders Kévin Hatchi, Jonathan Joseph-Augustin, Fabrice Lassonde, Fabien Vorbe and Adam West; midfielders Kenny Caceros, Matt Lam and Sérisay Barthélémy; and forwards Yashir Pinto and Elvir Gigolaj, as well.

“We will be stronger this year,” said FCE general manager Tom Leip. “We've added depth in all positions from the back to front and we've still maintained our Canadian identity with 17 of our 25 players coming from the Great White North.”

In preparation for the season, FC Edmonton held a training camp in Arizona where they played friendlies against FC Tucson (1-1) and two games against the University of New Mexico Lobos (0-0 and 3-1). From Arizona, the team travelled to Vancouver to face the Vancouver Metro League All-Stars and came away with another 3-1 victory.

After returning home for a week, the team travelled to Manitoba for a two-game set against WSA Winnipeg. FC Edmonton came home with a sweep of the series (7-0 and 3-1).

It wasn't until an April 2 trip to Minnesota that the Eddies recorded their first loss of the pre-season (2-0) against the Stars.

While the team looks to secure a victory in the season opener, fans in Edmonton will be heading out to the Pint off Whyte to take in the game, which will be streamed live on www.fcedmonton.com.

Other Facts:



- FC Edmonton Record: 0-0-0, 0 Points, N/A Place, W-N/A
- Fort Lauderdale Strikers Record: 0-0-0, 0 Points, N/A Place, W-N/A
- Kick Off @ 5:30 p.m. (MDT) @ Lockhart Stadium
- Last Time Out: Fort Lauderdale Strikers beat FC Edmonton 5-0 on Oct. 1, 2011 @ Lockhart Stadium (QF)
- Lifetime Series Record: Fort Lauderdale Strikers lead 1-1-3

Up Next:

FC Edmonton @ Tampa Bay Rowdies – 5:30 p.m. (MDT) @ Al Lang Stadium

NASL Standings:

TEAM	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Atlanta Silverbacks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carolina RailHawks	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Edmonton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Lauderdale Strikers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota Stars FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico Islanders	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Antonio Scorpions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay Rowdies	0	0	0	0	0	0



2012 FC Edmonton Statistics:

PLAYER	PLAYED	GOALS	ASSISTS	YELOWS	REDS
1-Lance Parker	0	0	0	0	0
3-Adam West	0	0	0	0	0
4-Sérisay Barthélémy	0	0	0	0	0
5-Kévin Hatchi	0	0	0	0	0
6-Shaun Saiko	0	0	0	0	0
7-Alex Semenets	0	0	0	0	0
8-Ilja van Leerdam	0	0	0	0	0
9-Michael Cox	0	0	0	0	0
10-Kyle Yamada	0	0	0	0	0
11-Matt Lam	0	0	0	0	0
13-Jonathan Joseph-Augustin	0	0	0	0	0
14-Paul Craig	0	0	0	0	0
16-Kenny Caceros	0	0	0	0	0
17-Elvir Gigolaj	0	0	0	0	0
18-Paul Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0
19-Kyle Porter	0	0	0	0	0
20-Chris Kooy (c)	0	0	0	0	0
21-Dominic Oppong	0	0	0	0	0
22-David Monsalve	0	0	0	0	0
23-John Smits	0	0	0	0	0
24-Antonio Rago	0	0	0	0	0
25-Michal Misiewicz	0	0	0	0	0
26-Fabrice Lassonde	0	0	0	0	0
27-Fabien Vorbe	0	0	0	0	0
29-Yashir Pinto	0	0	0	0	0



FC Edmonton Roster:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Born</u>
1	GK	Lance Parker	6'4"	200lbs	Aug. 19, 1985
3	D	Adam West	6'0"	175lbs	May 7, 1986
4	F	Sérisay Barthélémy	5'6"	147lbs	Jan. 6, 1984
5	D	Kévin Hatchi	5'11"	172lbs	Aug. 6, 1981
6	M	Shaun Saiko	5'10"	160lbs	Nov. 13, 1989
7	F	Alex Semenets	5'7"	155lbs	Mar. 10, 1990
8	D	Ilja Van Leerdam	5'7"	165lbs	Aug. 8, 1978
9	F	Michael Cox	6'2"	180lbs	Aug. 2, 1992
10	M/F	Kyle Yamada	6'1"	175lbs	April 12, 1983
11	F	Matt Lam	5'11"	167lbs	Sept. 10, 1989
13	D	Jonathan Joseph-Augustin	6'0"	178lbs	May 13, 1981
14	F	Paul Craig	6'0"	182lbs	Mar. 14, 1988
16	M	Kenny Caceros	5'11"	170lbs	April. 6, 1988
17	F	Elvir Gigolaj	6'1"	166lbs	June 30, 1992
18	D	Paul Hamilton	6'1"	175lbs	Mar. 23, 1988
19	F	Kyle Porter	6'0"	160lbs	Jan. 19, 1990
20	M	Chris Kooy	6'0"	176lbs	June 11, 1982
21	M	Dominic Oppong	6'0"	178lbs	Jan. 21, 1986
22	GK	David Monsalve	6'2"	180lbs	Dec. 21, 1988
23	GK	John Smits	6'4"	185lbs	Sept. 7, 1988
24	D	Antonio Rago	5'8"	165lbs	Nov. 5, 1990
25	GK	Michal Misiewicz	6'1"	170lbs	Oct. 11, 1990
26	D	Fabrice Lassonde	5'10"	162lbs	Feb. 18, 1989
27	D	Fabien Vorbe	6'0"	182lbs	Jan. 4, 1990
29	F	Yashir Pinto	5'9"	168lbs	Feb. 6, 1991

Owners, Coaches & Staff:

Owners: Tom Fath and Dave Fath
General Manager: Thomas Leip
Head Coach: Harry Sinkgraven
Assistant Coach: Hans Schrijver
Assistant Coach: Jeff Paulus
Technical Director: Joe Petrone



Player Highlight:



LANCE PARKER #1

Parker, a native of Oklahoma

City, already has NASL experience with Miami FC (now Fort Lauderdale Strikers), as well as a two-year stint with Chivas USA in the MLS. Before signing with Miami, Parker played for the University of Missouri for four years where he was named First Team Academic All American.

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