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Brunswick, Ohio – The Cleveland Pride opens their 2007 – 2008 season campaign this Sunday evening, as they play host to the Winchester Impact, of Winchester Virginia. The Pride comes in with a 0-0-0 overall record. This is the expansion franchise's first ever match. The Impact, of Winchester Virginia, enters the contest at 0-1-0. The impact lost their first game of the season, 18-4 to the Maryland Tigers.

The Pride will rely heavily on scoring threats **Jason Scudamore (Shaker Heights/Massachusetts)**, **Derick Sullivan (Parma/Baldwin-Wallace)** and **Zac Isehour (Columbia Station)**. Leading the Pride in the midfield will be **Joe Starek (Parma/Walsh)**, **Oliver Condell (Kingston, Jamaica/Dayton)** and **Kevin Stack (Cuyahoga Heights/Baldwin-Wallace)**. Finally, key players in the back include team captains **Eddie Holmes (Columbia Station/Baldwin-Wallace)** and **Ben Dotson (Brunswick/Baldwin-Wallace)**. The team's top defender, **Dan Martin (North Olmsted/Baldwin-Wallace)** has been hobbled by a severe ankle injury and is a game-time decision.

In between the pipes, **Jeff Thompson (Parma)** will make his first start of the season.

Leading the Impact in scoring are forward Trey Brown and midfielder Martin Ortiz who both scored one goal in the team's opening game of the season.

Following the match, Cleveland will be on holiday break. The Cleveland Pride is next in action, Saturday, January 5th, when they travel to division-rival, Quantum FC, for a Great Lakes Division match. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

For ticket information please call Northeast Ohio Soccer at (440) 885.1636 or the team's official sponsor, Frontline Soccer Shop at (440) 777.6083. Fans can also email at tickets@theclevelandpride.com.

