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Brunswick, Ohio – The Cleveland Pride opens their 2007 – 2008 season campaign this Saturday evening, as they play travel to Quantum FC, of Charleston, West Virginia. The Pride comes in with a 0-0-0 overall record. This is the expansion franchise's first ever match. Quantum also enters the contest at 0-0-0.

The Pride will rely heavily on scoring threats **Derick Sullivan (Parma/Baldwin-Wallace)**, **Zac Isenhour (Columbia Station)** 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) is off the injury list and declared fit to play.

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

Injuries and illness have struck the Pride lately, defender Andy Ciszczon (**Westlake/Ohio State**) has been hobbled with a stress fracture. Backup goalkeeper **Joe Emery (Lakewood)** and midfielder **Joe Starek (Parma/Walsh)** will miss the game due to flu like symptoms.

The Cleveland Pride is next in action, Sunday, January 13th, when they host division-rival and Great Lakes defending champion, Waza 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.

