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COLUMBUS TOPS SACRAMENTO, 2-0, IN '79 TITLE REMATCH

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Columbus Magic avenged their 1-0 loss to the Sacramento Gold in last year's ASL Championship Game, by trouncing the Gold, 2-0, in a Friday night match at Hughes Stadium in Sacramento. The game marked the finale of a successful 2-0-1 West Coast swing by the Magic, last year's Eastern Division champions. New York United also concluded their Western trip, as they defeated the California Sunshine, 1-0, on Wednesday night, but fell to the Golden Gate Gales, 2-1, on Sunday, as the expansion Gales celebrated their first-ever ASL victory.

Columbus was led by George Dewsnip in their key contest with the Gold, as the Magic newcomer chipped in with a goal and an assist. Dewsnip slipped home a pass from Bob Rohrbach to give Columbus a 1-0 lead in the 59th minute, and 22 minutes later, crossed for 6'6" Magic defender Dan Mammana to rise above the Sacramento defense to head home the clinching goal. Goalkeeper Graham Tutt of Columbus recorded the shutout, his second in three games, and now tops the list of ASL keepers with a neat 0.31 goals against average.

New York nailed down its first win of the new season on Wednesday, as a goal from Joe Fink provided the necessary margin as goalie Jamil Canal rang up the shutout over the struggling Sunshine. Fink also found the range again versus Golden Gate on Sunday, giving him three goals in three games in 1980. But his efforts were duplicated by the Gales' Mal Roche, who scored his third goal of the year in the third minute of play on an assist from John Brooks. After Fink pulled United level three minutes later, the teams battled on even terms until Brooks drove home a pass from Tony Hauser in the 66th minute for the game-winner. Brooks' heroics earned him the Offensive Player of the Game honors, while his former teammate at the University of San Francisco, Bjorn Dahl, picked up the defensive award for his work in the Golden Gate defense.

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ASL NOTES - Pennsylvania Stoners midfielder Clyde Watson, a 1979 ASL All Star, recently was chosen for the Guyana National Team, and participated in their World Cup qualifying matches in his homeland... The Cleveland Cobras have just come to terms with Argentine midfielder Narciso Doval, a former international who represented his country on over 20 occasions. Doval played during the past Brazilian championship with the prestigious Fluminense club...Miami Americans are negotiating with Haiti's top player, Manu Sanon, most recently with Beerschott in the Belgian First Division. Sanon, a national hero in Haiti, was responsible for breaking the shutout streak of famed Italian goalie Dino Zoff during the 1974 World Cup, as Sanon scored Haiti's only goal in their 3-1 loss to Italy in West Germany. NOTE: Columbus' first goal vs California on 4/4 was incorrectly credited to George Dewsnip, assisted by Neil Hague. The correct scorer was Hague, assisted by Tony Graham.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - JOE FINK, NEW YORK UNITED

Fink has been selected Offensive Player of the Week for his goal-a-game performances this season, including two during the past week versus California and Golden Gate. Fink, a native New Yorker who joined United as a free agent, tallied fifteen goals for the California Sunshine in 1979, tying him for top honors as the League's best marksman. The former All American at NYU now has three goals on the year, tying for the lead in the 1980 scoring parade, after finishing third in the '79 scoring race at 15 goals, 9 assists, good for 34 points. Long recognized as one of the top American players in the game, Fink has assumed his place as the spearhead of the United attack.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - GRAHAM TUTT, COLUMBUS MAGIC

Tutt, Columbus Magic's big 6'4", 200-lb. goalkeeper, has earned this week's defensive award for his shutout performance versus Sacramento in the rematch of last year's ASL title match. The blanking was Tutt's second in three games for Columbus, and Tutt lowered his goals against average to 0.31, tops in the ASL. Tutt joined Columbus during the off season from Arcadia Shepherds in South Africa, after having previously been with Charlton Athletic in the English League. While with Charlton, Tutt was kicked in the face while making a save, and the injury was so serious that he was told he would never play soccer again. But Graham fought back from his injury to earn his place with Arcadia, before coming to the States to begin his American career with Magic.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES	(HOME TEAM IN CAPS)			
Wednesday, April 9th	New York	1	CALIFORNIA	0
Friday, April 11th	Columbus	2	SACRAMENTO	0
Sunday, April 13th	GOLDEN GATE	2	New York	1

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total* Points
AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
Sacramento	3	2	1	0	4	4	4	14
Golden Gate	3	1	1	1	4	4	4	11
Miami	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
California	2	0	2	0	0	4	0	0
NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
Columbus	3	2	0	1	6	1	6	18
New York	3	1	2	0	3	4	3	8
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*(The ASL scoring system awards 5 points for a win, 2 points for a tie, and one bonus point for each goal scored up to a maximum of 3 per team, per game)

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE SCORING LEADERS

	Games	Goals	Assists	Total Points
Joe Fink, New York	3	3	0	6
Mal Roche , Golden Gate	3	3	0	6
George Dewsnip, Columbus	3	2	1	5
John Brooks, Golden Gate	2	1	1	3
Ian Filby, Sacramento	3	1	1	3

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE LEADING GOALKEEPERS
(Minimum 180 Minutes Played)

	Minutes	Shots	Saves	Goals Allowed	S.O.	Record	G.A. Ave.
Graham Tutt, Columbus	290	27	11	1	2	2-0-1	0.31
John Spurgeon, Golden	200	30	19	2	0	1-0-1	0.90
Jamil Canal, New York	270	41	10	4	1	1-2-0	1.33
Tom Reynolds, Sac.	270	23	9	4	0	2-1-0	1.33
Greg Schell, California	180	20	13	4	0	0-2-0	2.00

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES
(All Starting Times Are Local Times)

Wednesday, April 16th	Golden Gate at Sacramento	8:05
Friday, April 18th	Columbus at Cleveland	8:05
Sunday, April 20th	Miami at Pennsylvania	6:35
	California at Golden Gate	2:05

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LAST WEEK'S MATCHES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)

Wednesday, April 9

New York United 1 CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE 0 (0:0) (at Santa Ana)

CAL: Schell; Stierle, Moraldo, Kelley, Johnstone; Walley, Tobin, Harding; Douglas, Towers, Chapman.

NY: Canal; Tyson, Lane, McCrudden, Power; Kitson, Mardarescu, Collins(Papoulias, 45); Clavijo, Fink, Eden.

SCORING: NY: Joe Fink (2)(unasst'd) 63 ; Goalies - Saves: Greg Schell, (CAL) 9 ; Jamil Canal (NY) 6 ; Shots: CAL - 16 ; NY - 13 ; Offensive MVP - Joe Fink, NY ; Defensive MVP - Jamil Canal, NY ; Referee: M. Gonzales.

Friday, April 11

Columbus Magic 2 SACRAMENTO GOLD 0 (0:0) (at Sacramento)

SAC: Reynolds; Brown, Arber, Stanton(Red card, 86), Bryant; Dawkins, Carrizo(McKeown, 45; M. Filby, 81), Payne; Vicioso, Munguia, Mancini.

COL: Tutt; O'Hara, Jentas, Mammana, Hague; Barry, Hickey, Piper; Dewsnip, Wigg, Rohrbach(Red card, 86).

SCORING: COL: George Dewsnip (2)(Bob Rohrbach) 59 ; Dan Mammana (1)(Dewsnip) 81 ; Goalies - Saves: Tom Reynolds (SAC) 1 ; Graham Tutt (COL) 4 ; Shots: SAC - 12 ; COL - 11 ; Offensive MVP - George Dewsnip, COL ; Defensive MVP - Dan Mammana, COL ; Referee: D. Goldman.

Sunday, April 13

GOLDEN GATE GALES 2 New York United 1 (1:1) (at Hayward)

GG: Spurgeon; Igwe, Dahl, Sheridan(Hauser, 45), Brooks; Sproates, Lockett, Talbot (Hulewsky, 45); Roche, Hylkema, Berico.

NY: Canal; Tyson, Philpotts, McCrudden, Concha; Mardarescu, Power, Clavijo (Papoulias, 74); Kitson, Fink, Lane.

SCORING: GG: Mal Roche (3)(John Brooks) 3 ; Brooks (1)(Tony Hauser) 66 ; NY: Joe Fink (3)(Gil Mardarescu) 6 ; Goalies - Saves: John Spurgeon (GG) 9 ; Jamil Canal (NY) 2 ; Shots: GG - 12 ; NY - 8 ; Offensive MVP - John Brooks, GG ; Defensive MVP - Bjorn Dahl, GG ; Referee: L. Mohacsy.