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N.Y. UNITED SWEEPS TWO GAMES;
CONFERENCE RACES TIGHTEN UP

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The home field advantage became a forgotten notion this past week in the ASL, as visiting teams captured four of five matches played around the circuit, and Miami was only able to salvage a draw in the friendly surroundings of Tropical Park. New York United paced the touring teams with two victories, upending Columbus Magic, 2-0, on Friday night, before moving on to Pennsylvania, where they nipped the Stoners, 1-0, on Sunday. Cleveland journeyed to Miami on Wednesday night, where they fought the Americans to a 1-1 draw in Miami's home debut, but the Cobras found less luck at home on Friday, as Pennsylvania began the weekend with a 1-0 win over their hosts. In the week's only West Coast match, the Sacramento Gold recaptured first place in the American Conference with a 1-0 victory over the Golden Gate Gales.

New York used its weekend victories to leap into second place in the National Conference, only 5 points behind Columbus Magic. The Magic lost a chance to keep New York down the table when they lost to United on Friday night, as Dave Power produced an assist for Dan McCrudden to head home a goal in the 52nd minute, and drove home a breakaway goal on his own for the clincher with three minutes remaining. United continued to show excellent defense in Pennsylvania two days later, as goalie Jamil Canal notched his second consecutive shutout, and midfielder Fernando Clavijo rammed home the game's only goal on a close range shot in the 50th minute of play.

Pennsylvania had started its weekend on the right foot, as the Stoners squeezed by the Cobras, 1-0, on Friday night in Cleveland. The two teams battled evenly for 87 minutes and looked ready to head into overtime, but Pennsylvania's star midfielder Paulo DaSilva rocketed

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home an unstoppable 25-yard volley for a spectacular winner. Cleveland also fell victim to a second half recovery in Miami on Wednesday, as the Americans' Charlie Greene saved a tie for Miami with a goal in the 72nd minute, after Cleveland's Narciso Doval had given the Cobras an early lead with a header after only five minutes of play. Miami lost a golden opportunity to win their home opener, but a penalty kick by Kevin Kewley flew wide late in the second half.

Sacramento took over first place in the American Conference by defeating the Golden Gate Gales, 1-0, on Saturday, and climbed one point ahead of the surprising expansion Gales. The Gold's Malcolm Filby provided all the scoring necessary for Sacramento, as he slotted a shot past Gales' keeper Afshin in the 35th minute, and Tom Reynolds proved unbeatable in the Gold's net to give the defending ASL champs the win.

ASL NOTES - Columbus Magic forward Bob Rohrbach, who suffered a serious head injury in last week's match versus Cleveland is recovering well, but will be lost to Columbus for an indefinite period of time...Scoring Notes - Upon review of referee's reports, the following official scoring changes have been made: Frank Towers has been credited with an assist on Paul Renkert's goal for California vs Golden Gate on 4/20 ; Gerard Hylkema has been credited with the first goal of the Golden Gate vs California game of 4/27. Please update and revise all files.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - PAULO DaSILVA, PA. STONERS

DaSilva has been selected for this week's honor due to his two outstanding performances in midfield this past week, including his sensational goal on a 25 yard volley to beat Cleveland, 1-0. The goal was termed one of the finest efforts ever seen in ASL play, and highlighted two excellent matches by the former Santos and Sao Paulo(Brazil) player.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - JAMIL CANAL, NEW YORK UNITED

The ASL's longest serving active player, Canal used his proven talents to lead United in a pair of victories, as he shut out both Columbus and Pennsylvania this past weekend. The twin blankings dropped Canal's goals-against average to 0.80 for the season, and gave the veteran from Brazil his second and third clean sheets of the year. Second among ASL keepers in 1979 with a 1.03 average, Canal has helped to stabilize a young United defense with his outstanding efforts in goal this year.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Wednesday, April 30th	MIAMI	1	Cleveland	1 (OT)
Friday, May 2nd	Pennsylvania	1	CLEVELAND	0
	New York	2	COLUMBUS	0
Saturday, May 3rd	Sacramento	1	GOLDEN GATE	0
Sunday, May 4th	New York	1	PENNSYLVANIA	0

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total* Points
AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
Sacramento	6	3	2	1	9	11	9	26
Golden Gate	7	2	3	2	11	12	11	25
California	5	2	3	0	8	9	7	17
Miami	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	3
NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
Columbus	6	3	2	1	9	6	9	26
New York	5	3	2	0	6	4	6	21
Pennsylvania	3	2	1	0	2	1	2	12
Cleveland	4	1	2	1	4	5	4	11

(*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
Mal Roche, Golden Gate	7	7	0	14
Malcolm Filby, Sacramento	6	4	1	9
George Dewsnip, Columbus	6	3	2	8
Frank Towers, California	4	3	2	8
Joe Fink, New York	5	3	0	6

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE LEADING GOALKEEPERS

(Minimum 270 Minutes Played)

	Minutes	Shots	Saves	Goals Allowed	S.O.	Record	G.A. Ave.
Scott Manning, Pennsylvania	287	38	22	1	2	2-1-0	0.31
Jamil Canal, New York	450	79	29	4	3	3-2-0	0.80
Marine Cano, Cleveland	290	38	18	3	0	1-1-1	0.93
Graham Tutt, Columbus	560	52	28	6	2	3-2-1	0.96
Tom Reynolds, Sacramento	470	42	16	7	1	3-1-1	1.34
John Spurgeon, Golden Gate	400	67	30	7	0	1-1-2	1.58
Afshin, Golden Gate	273	35	14	5	0	1-2-0	1.65

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

(All Starting Times Are Local Times)

Wednesday, May 7th	Miami at California	7:35
Friday, May 9th	Miami at Sacramento	8:05
	Pennsylvania at Columbus	7:35
Sunday, May 11th	Miami at Golden Gate	5:35
	Columbus at New York	2:05

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LAST WEEK'S MATCHES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)

Wednesday, April 30th

MIAMI AMERICANS 1 Cleveland Cobras 1 (OT) (0:1)(1:1) (at Miami)

MIA: Parkinson; Roberts, Newman, Nickeas, Vallejos; Baptiste(Vigliotti, 45), Donlic, Kewley; Butler(Mena, 45), Sanon, Greene.

CLE: Cano, Howarth(Rojas, 93), Renery(Hodges, 84), Joy, Sendobry(Savic, 70); Shanee, Sinclair, Ferreira; Rildo, Doval, Astigarraga.

SCORING: MIA: Charlie Greene (1)(Tony Donlic) 72 ; CLE: Narciso Doval (1) (Ruben Astigarraga) 5 ; Goalies - Saves: Brian Parkinson(MIA) 4; Marine Cano(CLE) 5 ; Shots: MIA - 15 ; CLE - 8 ; Offensive MVP - Manu Sanon, MIA ; Defensive MVP - Marine Cano, CLE ; Referee: J. Kovach.

Friday, May 2nd

New York United 2 COLUMBUS MAGIC 0 (0:0) (at Columbus)

COL: Tutt; O'Hara, Schnettgoecke, Tesan(Jentas,75), Hague(Red card,70); Piper, Barry, Hickey(Graham,75); Wigg, Dewsnip, Harman.

NY: Canal; Concha, McCrudden, Philpotts, Lane; Power, Collins, Clavijo; Kitson, Fink, Mardarescu.

SCORING: NY: Dan McCrudden (1)(Dave Power) 52 ; Power (1)(Gil Mardarescu)87; Goalies - Saves: Graham Tutt (COL) 4 ; Jamil Canal (NY) 12 ; Shots: COL- 27 ; NY - 8 ; Offensive MVP - Dave Power, NY ; Defensive MVP - Jamil Canal, NY ; Referee: J. Kovach.

Pennsylvania Stoners 1 CLEVELAND COBRAS 0 (0:0) (at Cleveland)

CLE: Cano; Howarth, Joy, Renery, Rildo; Hodges(Yepez,73), Sinclair, Savic (Rojas,20 ; Shanee,45); Ferreira, Doval, Astgarraga(Schlothauer,45).

PA: Manning; Smith(Long,69), Gorleku, Tipping, Nigh; Walton, Codrea(McDonald, 69), DaSilva; McDermott(Hummert,82), Nwokocha(Urbanczuk,52),Reice.

SCORING: PA: Paulo DaSilva (1)(Steve Long) 87 ; Goalies - Saves: Marine Cano (CLE) 6 ; Scott Manning (PA) 11; Shots: CLE - 14 ; PA - 15 ; Offensive MVP - Paulo DaSilva (PA) ; Defensive MVP - Scott Manning, PA; Referee: T. Campbell.

Saturday, May 3rd

Sacramento Gold 1 GOLDEN GATE GALES 0 (1:0) (at Hayward)

GG: Afshin; Dahl, Berico(Basso,82), Hauser, Cornwell; Sproates, Brooks, Hylkema; Moore(Anton,45), Roche, Todorovski.

SAC: Reynolds; Brown, Stanton, Denkers, McKeown; Dawkins, Munguia(M. Avila, 82), Payne; Bryant, Vicioso, M. Filby.

SCORING: SAC: M. Filby (4)(unasst'd) 35 ;Goalies - Saves: Afshin (GG) 4 ; Tom Reynolds (SAC) 2 ; Shots: GG -9 ; SAC - 8 : Offensive MVP - Malcolm Filby, SAC ; Defensive MVP - Afshin, GG ; Referee: K. Kretschmer.

Sunday, May 4th

New York United 1 PENNSYLVANIA STONERS 0 (0:0) (at Allentown)

PA: Manning; Smith(Long,45), Gorleku, Nigh, Hundelt; Watson, Codrea, DaSilva; McDermott(McDonald,65), Nwokocha(Urbanczuk,60), Reice.

NY: Canal; Tyson, McCrudden, Philpotts, Lane; Power, Clavijo, Concha(Eden,82) Collins, Fink(Papoulias,45), Kitson.

SCORING: NY: Fernando Clavijo (1)(Andreas Papoulias) 50 ; Goalies - Saves: Scott Manning (PA) 4 ; Jamil Canal (NY) 7 ; Shots: PA - 11 ; NY - 11 ; Offensive MVP - Fernando Clavijo, NY ; Defensive MVP - Dan McCrudden, NY ; Referee: J. Varas.