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MIAMI AMERICANS GRAB FIRST VICTORY

SACRAMENTO RETAINS LEAD IN AMERICAN CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The Miami Americans recorded their first victory of the 1980 ASL campaign, defeating the Golden Gate Gales, 4-1, on Sunday in California, which enabled the Sacramento Gold to maintain a slim lead in the American Conference. The emphatic win over the Gales was Miami's only victory on their three game West Coast road trip, having previously fallen to California Sunshine, 2-1, on Wednesday night, and been nipped, 1-0, by Sacramento on Friday. In the only National Conference action of the week, Columbus Magic stayed on top in their conference with a 2-1 win over the visiting Pennsylvania Stoners. Columbus now holds a solid 12 point lead over the second place New York United, whose match on Sunday versus Magic was re-scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th, 8:05 PM, at Shea Stadium.

Miami's tour began on the wrong note at California on Wednesday, as they were undone by the midfield work of Sunshine's Don Tobin. The 1979 ASL All Star assisted on both California goals, the first coming on an 18-yard shot by Jim Polland in the 31st minute, with defender Ramon Moraldo moving forward to lob home the winner in the 53rd minute of play. Miami rookie Ray Vigliotti's bullet from 20 yards had drawn the Americans even two minutes after Rolland's goal, but missed chances in the second half again plagued Miami.

The Americans continued to struggle offensively versus Sacramento on Friday night, and a goal from the ASL's second leading scorer Malcolm Filby after 62 minutes provided all the scoring necessary for the Gold, as goalie Tom Reynolds notched his second shutout of the year. The contest also marked the return from injury of Malcolm's brother, Ian Filby, who led the ASL in scoring in 1979. Miami finally found the goal-scoring touch in impressive fashion on Sunday against Golden Gate, as Manu Sanon, the Americans' Haitian superstar, crashed home two goals and added an assist as Miami trounced the Gales, 4-1. Denny Vaninger and Ricardo Mena also tallied for the Americans, while Golden Gate's Mal Roche continued his goal-a-game

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pace, as he drove home a pass from John Brooks just before halftime for his eighth score of the season.

In a battle between last year's Eastern Division playoff finalists, Columbus once again came away on top, as a goal from Magic newcomer Steve Newman in the 73rd minute broke a 1-1 tie, and gave Columbus the win. Magic's John O'Hara had given his team an early lead after 30 minutes, before the Stoners' Steve Long pulled back a goal on an unassisted effort nine minutes into the second half. O'Hara had played for the Stoners in 1979, prior to his off-season transfer to Columbus, while Newman made a successful return to ASL action, having scored 14 goals while with the Indy Daredevils in 1978.

ASL NOTES - Columbus Magic's Bob Rohrbach, who suffered head injuries in a match with Cleveland two weeks ago, has returned home from the hospital, and is recovering satisfactorily... New York United now has two rescheduled matches, versus Miami on Sunday, June 22nd (from 4/27); and versus Columbus Magic on Wednesday, August 27th (from 5/11). Both matches will be played at Shea Stadium.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - MANU SANON, MIAMI AMERICANS

Sanon has been awarded this week's offensive honor for his brilliant all-around play for the Americans on the West Coast, including a two goal, one assist effort versus Golden Gate. His play against the Gales led Bay Area writers to award him both the Offensive and Defensive MVP awards, in an unprecedented selection. The Haitian star, who recently signed a three-year contract worth nearly one-half million dollars, came to the Americans from Beerschot in the Belgian First Division, and is beginning to prove his worth, as he drove Miami to their first victory of the 1980 season. The 27-year old striker has represented Haiti in international competition on numerous occasions, and was responsible for ending Italian goalkeeper Dino Zoff's unscored-upon streak in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - RAMON MORALDO, CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE

Moraldo has been selected Defensive Player of the Week for his play in leading California over Miami, 2-1, in a game in which he found time off from his defensive duties to move upfield and send a lobbed shot over Miami goalkeeper Brian Parkinson for the game winner. A first team ASL All Star for the past two seasons, Moraldo has been the heart of the California defense this season, with his rugged tackling and superiority in the air. A native of Trinidad, the tall, elegant sweeper is regarded as one of the premier defenders in the ASL, and is being relied upon by Sunshine coach Derek Lawther to stabilize the young California side with his proven ability and wide experience.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES — HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Wednesday, May 7th	CALIFORNIA	2	Miami	1
Friday, May 9th	SACRAMENTO	1	Miami	0
	COLUMBUS	2	Pennsylvania	1
Sunday, May 11th	Miami	4	GOLDEN GATE	1
	Columbus at New York - postponed			

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total* Points
AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
Sacramento	7	4	2	1	10	11	10	32
Golden Gate	8	2	4	2	12	16	12	26
California	6	3	3	0	10	10	9	24
Miami	5	1	3	1	6	6	5	12
NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
Columbus	7	4	2	1	11	7	11	33
New York	5	3	2	0	6	4	6	21
Pennsylvania	4	2	2	0	3	3	3	13
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 1 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	8	8	0	16
Malcolm Filby, Sac.	7	5	1	11
George Dewsnip, Col.	7	3	2	8
Frank Towers, Cal.	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	377	57	28	3	0	2-2-0	0.72
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	650	61	33	7	2	4-2-1	0.97
Brian Parkinson, Miami	487	51	19	6	0	1-3-1	1.11
Tom Reynolds, Sacramento	560	52	18	7	2	4-1-1	1.13
Afshin, Golden Gate	273	35	14	5	0	1-2-1	1.65
Greg Schell, California	270	34	18	5	0	1-2-0	1.67
John Spurgeon, Golden Gate	490	89	38	11	0	1-2-2	2.02

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

(All Starting Times Are Local Times)

Friday, May 16th	Pennsylvania at Cleveland	8:05
	Golden Gate at Miami	8:05
Saturday, May 17th	Sacramento at California	7:35
Sunday, May 18th	Golden Gate at Columbus	6:35
	Pennsylvania at New York	2:05

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LAST WEEK'S MATCHES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)

Wednesday, May 7th

CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE 2 Miami Americans 1 (1:1) (at Santa Ana)

CAL: Schell: Gehling, Moraldo, Johnstone, Stierle(Skouras,45); Walley, Tobin, Harding(Renkert,10), Wurzberger; Burke(Richter,81), Rolland(Red card,89).

MIA: Parkinson; Roberts, Newman, Nickeas, Vallejos; Donlic, Vigliotti, Kewley; Mena(Butler,53), Sanon, Greene(Vaninger,53).

SCORING: CAL: Jim Rolland (2)(Don Tobin) 31 ; Ramon Moraldo (1)(Tobin) 53 ; MIA: Ray Vigliotti (1)(unasst'd) 33 ; Goalies - Saves: Greg Schell (CAL) 5 ; Brian Parkinson (MIA) 4 ; Shots: CAL - 11 ; MIA - 14 ; Offensive MVP - Ramon Moraldo, CAL ; Defensive MVP - Keith Gehling, CAL; Referee: J. Gonzalez.

Friday, May 9th

SACRAMENTO GOLD 1 Miami Americans 0 (0:0) (at Sacramento)

SAC: Reynolds; Brown, Stanton, Bryant, Denkers; Dawkins(I. Filby,76), Payne, McKeown, Munguia; Vicioso, M. Filby(Mancini,70).

MIA: Parkinson; Roberts, Newman, Nickeas, Buriano(Vallejos,80); Donlic, Vigliotti(Baptiste,70), Kewley; Greene(Butler,70), Sanon, Vaninger.

SCORING: SAC: Malcolm Filby (5)(Anselmo Vicioso) 62 ; Goalies - Saves: Tom Reynolds (SAC) 2 ; Brian Parkinson (MIA) 7 ; Shots: SAC - 15 ; MIA - 10 ; Offensive MVP - Malcolm Filby, SAC ; Defensive MVP - Brian Parkinson, MIA ; Referee: L. Mohacsy.

COLUMBUS MAGIC 2 Pennsylvania Stoners 1 (1:0) (at Columbus)

COL: Tutt; O'Hara, Schnettgoecke, Mammana, Tesan(Jentas,63); Piper, Barry, Graham; Harman, Dewsnip, Newman.

PA: Manning; Smith, Gorleku, Tipping, Nigh; Watson(Mancke,77), Long, DaSilva; McDermott(McDonald,45), Codrea(Urbanczuk,30), Reice.

SCORING: COL: John O'Hara (1)(Norman Piper) 30 ; Steve Newman (1)(Mike Barry) 73 : PA: Steve Long (1)(unasst'd) 54 ; Goalies - Saves: Graham Tutt (COL) 5 ; Scott Manning (PA) 6 ; Shots: COL - 19 ; PA - 9 ; Offensive MVP - George Dewsnip, COL ; Defensive MVP - John O'Hara, COL ; Referee: J. Salas.

Sunday, May 11th

Miami Americans 4 GOLDEN GATE GALES 1 (3:1) (at Hayward)

GG: Spurgeon; Igwe, Berico(Basso,45), Dahl, Hauser(Cornwell,45); Gray, Brooks, Sproates; Atuegbu, Roche, Hylkema(Moore,45).

MIA: Parkinson; Buriano, Nickeas, Donlic, Vallejos; Vigliotti, Kewley, Baptiste; Mena, Sanon, Vaninger(Greene,69).

SCORING: GG: Mal Roche (8)(John Brooks) 43 ; MIA: Dennis Vaninger (1) (unasst'd) 4 ; Ricardo Mena (1)(Manu Sanon) 5 ; Sanon (1)(Jean Baptiste) 15 ; Sanon (2)(Vaninger) 69 ; Goalies - Saves: John Spurgeon (GG) 8 ; Brian Parkinson (MIA) 2 ; Shots: GG - 10 ; MIA - 22 ; Offensive/Defensive MVP - Manu Sanon, MIA ; Referee: P. Nikol.