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COLUMBUS AND SACRAMENTO WIN, MAINTAIN LEADS

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Columbus Magic and Sacramento Gold both captured one-goal wins over the past weekend, enabling both teams to hold on to first place in their respective conferences. Columbus fought off a late comeback by the offensive-minded Golden Gate Gales, 3-2, in Ohio on Sunday, while Sacramento travelled to California on Saturday night and sneaked past the Sunshine, 1-0. Columbus now holds a formidable 20 point lead over New York in the National Conference, and Sacramento remains six points clear of Golden Gate in the American Conference.

In other action around the ASL, Golden Gate began its East Coast swing and played to a 2-2 tie with the Miami Americans on Friday night at Tropical Park, and the Pennsylvania Stoners defeated their host, Cleveland Cobras, 1-0, also on Friday night. The scheduled Pennsylvania at New York United match of Sunday at Shea Stadium, was postponed due to wet grounds, at the option of the the New York Mets, who felt that the field could not be readied in time for their game on Tuesday should the match have been played.

Golden Gate began an extended road trip in the East with Miami in a match that featured an explosive first half of action. Miami burst on top after only 55 seconds on a superb solo effort by Ricardo Mena, and only five minutes later the Americans Haitian star Manu Sanon gave the home club a 2-0 lead when he rammed home a cross from Mena. Despite the early deficit, the Galesroared back on goals by Mal Roche in the fifteenth minute, his ninth in nine games, and John Brooks at 36 minutes, both coming unassisted. Only outstanding work in the nets by Miami's Brian Parkinson and the Gales' John Spurgeon prevented either team from running away with the game, as the final score ended a 2-2 draw after overtime.

Golden Gate were unable to pull off another comeback after being down two goals on Sunday in Columbus, but still managed to throw a scare into the Magic before losing, 3-2. After Neil Hague and Steve Newman had scored first half goals to give Columbus a 2-0 lead that they carried in to the 70th minute of play, Gerard Hylkema scored for the Gales in the 71st minute to narrow the gap to one goal. Five minutes later, George Dewsnip of the

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Magic again put his team up by two, but Hylkema tallied again at 78 minutes, and Columbus were forced to hold on to grab the victory. Columbus managed a team record 30 shots during the wide-open match, while the Gales now lead the ASL in goals scored with 16 tallies on the year.

In contrast to the Golden Gate contests, the weekend's other two matches were decided on the strength of two goals, total. On Friday, Pennsylvania nipped the Cobras in Cleveland, 1-0, with Christian Nwokocha, the Stoners leading scorer in 1979, notching the winner for Pennsylvania, as keeper Scott Manning rang up the shutout, his third, as he continues to lead ASL goalies with a nifty 0.58 goals against average. On Saturday in California, Sacramento rode to victory on a goal by American midfielder Greg McKeown, who drove home a shot in the 23rd minute, as Gold goalkeeper Tom Reynolds joined the Stoners' Manning with his third whitewash of the season. Sacramento's point total of 38 now ranks second overall in the ASL to Columbus Magic's leading 41 points.

ASL NOTES - Three major moves were made in the ASL last week by California, as they sold 1979 MVP Poli Garcia to the NASL's L.A. Aztecs for in excess of $50,000, and transferred strikers Frank Towers and Andy Chapman to Cleveland Cobras...Golden Gate Gales announced that they would play the remainder of their home matches at Fudema Stadium in Fremont, and all of those matches will kick off at 7:35 (PDT). SPECIAL NOTE: DUE TO THE UPCOMING MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, NEXT WEEK'S NEWS RELEASE WILL BE ISSUED ON TUESDAY, MAY 27TH.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - GERARD HYLKEMA, GOLDEN GATE GALES

Hylkema has been named this week's recipient of offensive honors for outstanding performances in Golden Gates two matches on the East Coast with Miami and Columbus. His inspired work in midfield versus Miami led the Gales back from a shock two goal deficit after only six minutes, finally gaining a tie for Golden Gate, while on Sunday against Columbus, Hylkema tallied two goals in an unsuccessful attempt to again make up an early two goal lead by the opponent. Despite playing in a losing cause, Columbus sportswriters voted Hylkema the Offensive MVP of the match. An ASL veteran of five years, Gerard climbed into fourth place in the ASL scoring parade with nine points, from four goals and one assist for the season.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - SCOTT MANNING, PENNSYLVANIA STONERS

Manning has been named Defensive Player of the week for his work versus Cleveland on Friday night, in a match in which he registered his third shutout of the season, in only five matches played. His strong performances in goal have allowed the Stoners to compile a 3-2-0 record, despite having scored only four goals on the year. Manning, who played in the MISL during the off season after having compiled a 1.27 average in the ASL in 1979, now tops all ASL keepers in 1980 with a glittering 0.58 average, having conceded only three goals all year. A second year pro out of Cortland State, Manning has developed into one of the top American keepers in the game today .

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES — HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Friday, May 16th	Pennsylvania 1	CLEVELAND 0	
	Golden Gate 2	MIAMI 2	OT
Saturday, May 17th	Sacramento 1	CALIFORNIA 0	
Sunday, May 18th	Golden Gate 2	COLUMBUS 3	
	Pennsylvania at New York - postponed (wet grounds)		

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total* Points
AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
Sacramento	8	5	2	1	11	11	11	38
Golden Gate	10	2	5	3	16	21	16	32
California	7	3	4	0	10	11	9	24
Miami	6	1	3	2	8	8	7	16
NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
Columbus	8	5	2	1	14	9	14	41
New York	5	3	2	0	6	4	6	21
Pennsylvania	5	3	2	0	4	3	4	19
Cleveland	5	1	3	1	4	6	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	10	9	1	19
Malcolm Filby, Sac.	7	5	1	11
George Dewsnip, Col	8	4	2	10
Gerard Hylkema,Gold.Gate	9	4	1	9
Frank Towers, Cleveland	5	3	2	8
Manu Sanon, Miami	5	3	1	7
John Brooks, Gold.Gate	9	2	3	7

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE LEADING GOALKEEPERS
(Minimum 360 Minutes Played)

	Minutes	Shots	Saves	Goals Allowed	S.O.	Record	G.A. Ave.
Scott Manning, Penn	467	81	39	3	3	3-2-0	0.58
Jamil Canal, New York	450	79	29	4	3	3-2-0	0.80
Marine Cano, Cleveland	380	47	26	4	0	1-2-1	0.95
Tom Reynolds,Sacramento	650	67	20	7	3	5-1-1	0.97
Graham Tutt, Columbus	740	72	39	9	2	5-2-1	1.09
Brian Parkinson, Miami	597	63	21	8	0	1-3-2	1.21
Greg Schell, California	360	44	22	6	0	1-3-0	1.50
John Spurgeon, Gold.Gate	690	136	50	16	0	1-3-3	2.09

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

(All Starting Times Are Local Times)

Wednesday, May 21	New York at Columbus	7:35
Friday, May 23	Pennsylvania at Miami	8:05
	Golden Gate at Cleveland	8:05
Saturday, May 24	California at Sacramento	8:05
Sunday, May 25	Golden Gate at Pennsylvania	6:35

LAST WEEK'S MATCHES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)

Friday, May 16th

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

CLE: Cano; Howarth, Renery, Joy, Rildo; Ferreira, Sinclair, Savic (Astigarraga, 15; Shanee,81); Towers, Chapman(Doval,63), Schlothauer.

PA: Manning; Smith, Tipping, Gorleku, Mancke; Brooks, McDonald,Watson (McDermott,56); Long(Urbanczuk,56;Hundelt,80), Nwokocha, Reice.

SCORING: PA: Christian Nwokocha (1)(Rich Reice) 35 ; Goalies - Saves: Marine Cano (CLE) 8 ; Scott Manning (PA) 11 ; Shots: CLE - 24 ; PA - 9 ; Offensive MVP - Christian Nwokocha, PA ; Defensive MVP - Scott Manning, PA ; Referee: J. Kovach.

MIAMI AMERICANS 2 Golden Gate Gales 2 (OT) (2:2; 2:2) (at Miami)

MIA: Parkinson; Viqliotti, Buriano, Nickeas, Vallejos ; Donlic, Kewley, Baptiste(Newman,90); Sanon(Greene,62), Mena(Butler,81), Vaninger.

GG: Spurgeon; Igwe, Dahl, Sproates(Anton,77), Cornwell; Gray, Hauser, Brooks; Atuegbu, Roche, Hylkema(Basso,90).

SCORING: MIA: Ricardo Mena (2)(unasst'd) 0:55 ; Manu Sanon (3)(Mena) 6 ; GG: Mal Roche (9)(unasst'd) 15 ; John Brooks (2)(unasst'd) 36 ; Goalies - Saves: Brian Parkinson (MIA) 2 ; John Spurgeon (GG) 4 ; Shots: MIA - 17 ; GG - 12 ; Offensive MVP - Manu Sanon, MIA ; Defensive MVP - John Spurgeon, GG ; Referee: J. Usher.

Saturday, May 17th

Sacramento Gold 1 CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE 0 (1:0) (at Santa Ana)

CAL: Schell; Burke, Moraldo, Gehling(Red card,85), Johnstone; Tobin, Walley(Skouras,38), Harding, Stierle; Romero(Richter,75), Koldo.

SAC: Reynolds; Brown, Stanton, Denkers, Bryant; McKeown, Payne, Munguia; I. Filby, Vicioso, M. Avila.

SCORING: SAC: Greg McKeown (1)(Miguel Avila) 23 ; Goalies - Saves: Greg Schell (CAL) 4 ; Tom Reynolds (SAC) 2 ; Shots: CAL - 15 ; SAC - 10 ; Offensive MVP - Greg McKeown, SAC ; Defensive MVP - Ramon Moraldo, CAL ; Referee: D. Goldman.

Sunday, May 18th

COLUMBUS MAGIC 3 Golden Gate Gales 2 (2:0) (at Columbus)

COL: Tutt; O'Hara, Schnettgoecke, Hague, Jentas; Piper, Barry, Harman; Hickey(Tesan,73), Dewsnip(Graham,77), Newman.

GG: Spurgeon; Igwe, Dahl, Cornwell(Hauser,31; Bass0,45), Sproates; Gray, Atuegbu, Brooks; Anton, Roche, Hylkema.

SCORING: COL: Neil Hague (2)(unasst'd) 2 ; Steve Newman (2)(Mike Barry) 17; George Dewsnip (4)(Bryan Harman) 76 ; GG: Gerard Hylkema (3)(Albert Basso) 71 ; Hylkema (4)(Mal Roche) 78 ; Goalies - Saves: Graham Tutt (COL) 6 ; John Spurgeon (GG) 8 ; Shots: COL - 30 ; GG - 11 ; Offensive MVP - Gerard Hylkema, GG ; Defensive MVP - Ray Schnettgoecke, COL ; Referee: T. Campbell