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COLUMBUS TOPPLES CLEVELAND, EXTENDS LEAD

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Columbus Magic extended its lead in the National Conference this past week with a 4-0 rout of neighboring Cleveland Cobras, and gained ground on all its conference rivals as New York United split a pair of home matches, and Pennsylvania garnered a tie in its only game. Sacramento Gold, the American Conference frontrunners, also stepped further ahead in their division, producing a win, tie, and loss in the first three games of their extended East Coast road trip.

Sacramento began their tour with a 1-0 loss to the Miami Americans on Wednesday night at Tropical Park, as a goal in the 74th minute by midfielder Tony Donlic was all the help goalie Brian Parkinson needed in registering his first shutout of the 1980 campaign. The Gold then moved on to Pennsylvania on Friday night and played to a 1-1 tie with the Stoners. The match featured two of the top young keepers in America in Pennsylvania's Scott Manning and Sacramento's Tom Reynolds, who both shone throughout the overtime match, conceding but one goal apiece. The Gold grabbed a first half lead on a shot by striker Anselmo Vicioso, assisted by Mickey Brown, but the Stoners' John McDermott, who has come on as a substitute in the second half, salvaged a tie for his club when he rammed home a feed from Adrian Brooks with eleven minutes remaining. The defense-oriented Stoners slipped to third place in the National Conference despite the draw, one point behind New York United.

New York was the third team to face Sacramento this past week, taking on the defending ASL Champs following a 3-1 victory on Wednesday over the Golden Gate Gales in New York's home opener at Shea Stadium. Against the Gales, New York jumped out to a quick 1-0 advantage on a goal by Paul Kitson in the fifth minute. They battled on even terms for much of the rest of the match, but with the Gales pressing furiously for a late equaliser, New York's Carmelo D'Anzi and Alejandro Cabrera both scored on quick-countering breakaways in the final three minutes to give United a successful home debut.

Sacramento spoiled any chance of a string of victories at Shea for United on Sunday, as Reynolds rang up his fourth shutout of the year, and Ian Filby scored the only goal of the match and gave the Gold a narrow, 1-0 win. New York's goalkeeper Jamil Canal was named Defensive Player of the game, but there was nothing he could do to prevent Filby from pushing home a pass from winger Willie Munguia in the 69th minute. The Gold's 55 points now gives tham a 23 point bulge over second place Golden Gate in the American Conference, and leaves Sacramento but one point behind Columbus in the ASL total points race.

Columbus fattened their lead in the National Conference on the strength of two goals by midfielder Norman Piper in defeating Cleveland on Friday night at the Cobras' Finnie Stadium. Columbus took a 2-0 lead into halftime by virtue of scores by John O'Hara, in the 32nd minute, and George Dewsnip in the 39th, both on unassisted efforts. In the final half,

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it was strictly Piper's show, as the 1979 ASL All Star drilled in a feed from Mike Barry at the 55th minute mark end nine minutes later successfully converted a penalty kick after he had been fouled in the area. Piper's two goals moved him into fifth place on the ASL scoring list, while Dewsnip's tally secured his second place spot behind leader Mal Roche of Golden Gate, who has failed to produce a point in his last three matches.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - NORMAN PIPER, COLUMBUS

Piper is this past week's selection for offensive honors by virtue of his sparkling, two goal performance versus Cleveland, which kept Columbus atop the ASL in points in 1980. An ASL first team All Star last season, Piper has been instrumental in stabilizing the Magic from his midfield position, while still finding time to move forward and score goals, as his four tallies this year attest. A former English Under -23 internationl, Piper has been one of the chief reasons for the remarkable success of the second-year franchise, having led them to the Eastern Division title in their expansion season, while this year keeping them at the top of the National Conference.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - REDMOND LANE, NEW YORK UNITED

Lane has been named Defensive star of the week for his efforts during United's two matches versus Golden Gate, which New York won, 3-0, and in his club's 1-0 loss to Sacramento. The speedy left back played an important role in stifling the Gales' powerful attack, and his overlapping run and cross from the left flank allowed Carmelo D'Anzi to ice the win versus Golden Gate. His play this season in the defense has led to New York's record of having conceded less than one goal per game. Lane comes to United after a spell with Manchester United in England in 1979, after previously having been named Defensive Player of the Game while with the then-New York Apollo in the 1978 Championship match versus Los Angeles, which New York won, 1-0.

LAST WEEK'S MATCHES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)

Wednesday, May 28th

NEW YORK UNITED 3 Golden Gate Gales 0 (1:0) (at New York)

NY: Canal; Tyson, McCrudden, Philpotts, Lane; Power, Mardarescu, (Collins, 87); Clavijo, Fink (Cabrera, 66), Papoulias (D'Anzi, 59).

GG: Spurgeon; Igwe, Dahl, Hauser, Cornwell; Brooks (Anton,64), Sproates, Atuegbu (Basso, 46); Gray, Hylkema, Roche.

Scoring: NY: Paul Kitson (1) (Gil Mardarescu) 5; Carmelo D'Anzi (1) (Redmond Lane) 87; Alejandro Cabrera (1) (Paul Kitson) 88; Goalies -Saves; Jamil Canal (NY) 7; John Spurgeon (GG) 7; Shots: NY-16, GG-17; Offensive MVP - Paul Kitson, NY; Defensive MVP - Redmond Lane NY; Referee H. Krollfeifer.

MIAMI AMERICANS 1 Sacramento Gold 0 (0:0) (at Miami)

MIA: Parkinson; Buriano, Nickeas, Delgado, Vallejos; Vigliotti, Kewley, Mena; Donlic, Vaninger (Greene, 72), Sanon (Newman, 82).

SAC: Reynolds; Brown, Stanton, Arber, Denkers; Dawkins, Payne, McKeown (Carrizo, 73) Munguia (Mancini, 46), I. Filby, Vicioso.

Scoring: MIA; Tony Donlic (1) (Kevin Kewley) 74; Goalies - Saves; Brian Parkinson (MIA) 4; Tom Reynolds (SAC) 3; Shots; MIA - 9; SAC - 6; Offensive MVP - Manu Sanon, MIA, Devensive MVP - Brian Parkinso, MIA; Referee: F. Usher

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Friday, May 30th

Columbus Magic 4 CLEVELAND COBRAS 0 (2:0) (at Cleveland)

CLE: Cano; Howarth, Rosul, Sendobry (Pisano, 78), Renery; Ferreira (Yepez, 45), Kelley, Sinclair; Doval, Towers (Schlothauer, 55), Chapman.

COL: Tutt (V. Taylor, 82), Schnettgoecke, Mammana, Jentas; Barry (Tesan, 82), Harman, Piper (Wigg, 66), Newman, Hague, Dewsnip.

Scoring: COL: John O'Hara (2) (unasst'd) 32; George Dewsnip (5) (unasst'd) 39; Norman Piper (3) (Mike Barry) 55; Piper (4) (penalty kick) 64; Goalies - Saves: Marine Cano (CLE) 8; Graham Tutt (COL) 4; Van Taylor (COL- 0; Shots; CLE - 12; COL - 22; Offensive MVP, Mike Barry, COL; Defensive MVP - Graham Tutt, COL; Referee: B. Sosa.

PENNSYLVANIA STONERS 1 Sacramento Gold 1 (OT) (at Allentown)

PA: Manning; Gorleku, Tipping, Smith, Kancke; Brooks, DaSilva (Ehrlich, 60), McDonald (McDermott, 60); Urbanczuk (Watson, 60), Nwokocha, Reice (Hundelt, 75)

SAC: Reynolds; Brown, Arber, Stanton, Denkers; Dewkins (McKeown, 78), Payne, Munguia; I. Filby (Carrizo, 91), Mancini, Vicioso.

Scoring: PA; John McDermott (2) (Adrian Brooks) 79; SAC: Anselmo Vicioso (2) (Mickey Brown) 34; Goalies - Saves: Scott Manning (PA) 7; Tom Reynolds (SAC) 13; Shots; PA - 25; SAC - 11; Offensive MVE - John McDermott, PA; Defensive MVP - Tome Reynolds, SAC; Referee; J. Parera.

Sunday, June 1st

Sacramento Gold 1 NEW YORK UNITED 0 (0:0) (at New York)

NY: Canal; Tyson, McCrudden, Philpotts, Lane; Power, Clavijo, Karavitis (Mardarescu, 80); Cabrera, Kitson (Collins, 80), D'Anzi (Abbondanza, 80).

SAC: Reynolds; Brown, Arber, Stanton, Denders; M. Avila (McKeown, 73), Payne, Dawkisn (Carrizo, 73); I. Filby (Fearnley, 83), Munguia, Vicioso.

Scoring: SAC: I. Filby (2) (Willie Munguia) 69; Goalies - Saves; Jamil Canal (NY) 12; Tom Reynolds (SAC) 10; Shots : NY - 17; SAC - 19; Offensive MVP - Ian Filby, Sac: Defensive MVP - Jamil Canal, NY; Referee: S. Starobin.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES — HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Wednesday, May 28th	NEW YORK	3	Golden Gate	0	
	MIAMI	1	Sacramento	0	
Friday, May 30th	Columbus	4	CLEVELAND	0	
	PENNSYLVANIA	1	Sacramento	1	(OT)
Sunday, June 1st	Sacramento	1	NEW YORK	0	

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total* Points
AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
Sacramento	12	7	3	2	18	14	16	55
Golden Gate	13	2	8	3	16	27	16	32
California	8	3	5	0	11	16	10	25
Miami	7	2	3	2	9	8	8	22
NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
Columbus	10	7	2	1	20	9	19	56
New York	8	4	4	0	9	7	9	29
Pennsylvania	7	4	2	1	6	4	6	28
Cleveland	7	2	4	1	6	10	6	18

(*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 Gales	13	9	1	19
George Dewsnip, Columbus Magic	10	5	4	14
Malcolm Filby, Sacramento Gold	7	5	1	11
Gerard Hylkema, Golden Gate Gales	12	4	1	9
Norman Piper, Columbus Magic	10	4	1	9
Willie Munguia, Sacramento Gold	10	3	3	9
Frank Towers, Cleveland Cobras	7	3	2	8
Anselmo Vicioso, Sacramento Gold	10	2	4	8

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE LEADING GOALKEEPERS
(Minimum 450 Minutes Played)

	Minutes	Shots	Saves	Goals Allowed	S.O.	Record	G.A. Ave.
Scott Manning, Penn.	677	99	50	4	4	4-2-1	0.53
Tom Reynolds, Sac.	1030	128	47	10	4	7-2-2	0.87
Jamil Canal, N.Y.	720	143	54	7	4	4-4-0	0.88
Graham Tutt, Col.	912	93	48	9	3	7-2-1	0.89
Brian Parkinson, Miami	687	69	25	8	1	2-3-2	1.05
Marine Cano, Clev.	560	83	40	8	1	2-3-1	1.29
John Spurgeon, G.G.G.	870	166	65	20	0	1-5-3	2.07
Greg Schell, Calif.	450	67	24	11	0	1-4-0	2.20

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

Friday, June 6th	Pennsylvania at Miami	8:05
	Sacramento at Cleveland	8:05
	Golden Gate at California	7:35
Sunday, June 8th	New York at Pennsylvania	6:35
	Cleveland at Golden Gate	7:35