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PENNSYLVANIA GAINS ON COLUMBUS IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, NY - Two fierce, head-to-head clashes between the Pennsylvania Stoners and Columbus Magic highlighted last week's ASL action, as the Stoners fought to a 0-0 tie in Columbus on Friday, before returning home to nip the Magic, 1-0, on Sunday, thus gaining valuable points on the National Conference leaders.

The Cleveland Cobras and New York United also made it a very successful week, as the two National Conference rivals knocked off Western Division foes, Cleveland beating California Sunshine, 2-0, and Sacramento Gold, 4-3, on their West Coast tour, while United travelled to Miami, where they edged the Americans, 4-3, in an action packed contest, on Saturday night.

The week's action was kicked off at Franklin County Stadium on Tuesday, in Columbus, where the Columbus Magic and Sacramento Gold met in a rematch of the 1979 ASL Championship Game, with Columbus reversing last year's verdict by capturing a 1-0 win over the Gold. Two players who were not members of Magic's finalists last season accounted for the scoring, as Columbus midfielder Bryan Harman slipped home a pass from George Dewsnip in the 51st minute to provide the final margin.

The Columbus versus Pennsylvania home-and-home meetings also conjured up last year's playoffs, in which the Magic defeated the Stoners on penalty kicks in the Eastern Division final, and also featured the ASL's top two keepers in Columbus' Graham Tutt and the Stoners' Scott Manning. Both goalies were in superb form in both matches, allowing but one goal between them, on a shot by Christian Nwokocha of the Stoners in the 76th minute of Sunday's match in Pennsylvania, enough to give the Stoners the edge in the weekend meetings. Pennsylvania has now pulled to only sixteen points back of Columbus in the National Conference, but still have two games in hand on the Magic, who lead the ASL in total points with 64.

Cleveland found its form in the West, as they defeated California 2-0 on Friday night through goals by Ruben Astigarraga and Jeff Sendobry, and on Sunday in Sacramento, Astigarraga contributed a goal and assist to Andy Chapman's two-goal performance, as the Cobras defeated the Gold, 4-3, on Chapman's tally with only five minutes remaining in the match. Anselmo Vicioso notched a pair of goals for Sacramento, who still lead the American Conference with 60 points, 24 points clear of the Golden Gate Gales, who were idle this past week.

Miami and New York also provided the fans with an offensive explosion at Tropical Park on Saturday night, with United ending up on top, 4-3. Paul Kitson chipped in a goal and assist for New York, who also received goals from Joe Fink, Alejandro Cabrera, and Dave Philpotts, while No-No Baptiste converted two penalty kicks for the Americans, and

Robert Delgado also connected for Miami. Despite their win, New York fell to fourth in the National Conference as Cleveland's dual victories pushed them into third place in what looks to be a hotly contested race for the remainder of the season.

ASL NOTES - The Second Annual ASL All Star Game will be played this Saturday, June 21st, in Memorial Stadium in Charlotte, N.C., as the elite of the ASL take on Yehud Hapoel of the Israeli First Division. The game is being promoted by Carolina Professional Soccer, the ASL's newest franchise, set to begin on-field operation in 1981...Despite a busy weekend schedule, the Pennsylvania Stoners hosted Sporting Lisbon, Champions of the Portuguese First Division, on Saturday night, and fell to the powerful European club, 4-1, before a crowd of over 8,000 in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - RUBEN ASTIGARRAGA, CLEVELAND COBRAS

Astigarraga has gained this week's offensive honors for his two-goal, one-assist performance for the Cobras in their two West Coast victories over California and Sacramento. After scoring once in the 2-0 defeat of the Sunshine, Astigarraga started off Cleveland's scoring versus Sacramento with a seventh minute goal, and slipped a beautiful pass to teammate Andy Chapman with only five munutes to play for Chapman to notch the game-winner over the defending ASL champions. The clever Argentine winger now has four goals and three assists on the year, and is tied for sixth in the ASL scoring parade.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - SCOTT MANNING, PENNSYLVANIA STONERS

Manning has been selected for the second time this year due to his outstanding performance versus Columbus Magic in the Stoners home-and-home tussle with the National Conference leaders, in which Scott registered two shutouts. The second year player from Cortland State now leads the ASL in shutouts with six, and has a 0.76 average allowing only 9 goals in his eleven games.

LAST WEEK'S MATCHES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)

Tuesday, June 10th

COLUMBUS MAGIC 1 Sacramento Gold 0 (0:0) (at Columbus)

COL: Tutt; O'Hara, Schnettgoecke, Jentas, Rosul; Piper, Barry, Hague, Harman, Dewsnip (Tesan, 83), Wigg.

SAC: Reynolds; Brown, Dewkins, Carrizo (Fearnley,78), Denkers; Payne, McKeown, Bryant; Munguia, Vicioso, I. Filby.

SCORING: COL: Bryan Harman (1) (George Dewsnip) 51; Goalies - Saves: Graham Tutt (COL) 5; Tom Reynolds (SAC) 7; Shots: COL - 20; SAC - 13; Offensive MVP - Bryan Harman, COL; Defensive MVP - Graham Tutt, COL; Referee: T. Campbell.

Friday, June 13th

Cleveland Cobras 2 CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE 0 (1:0) (at Santa Ana)

CAL: Lythgoe; Moraldo, Gehling, Johnstone, Zavaleta; Tobin (red card,23), Walley, O'Kane (Burke,62); Rolland, Harding, Romero(Richter,75)

CLE: Cano; Howarth, Sendobry, Joy, Shanee, Kelley, Astigarraga, Rildo, Yepez, Renery,Chapman.

SCORING: CLE: Jeff Sendobry(1)(unasst'd) 35; Ruben Astigarraga (3)(Juan Yepez)68; Goalies - Saves: John Lythgoe (CAL) 4; Marine Cano (CLE) 2; Shots: CAL - 10; CLE - 9; Offensive MVP - Ruben Astigarraga, CLE; Defensive MVP - Joe Howarth, CLE; Referee: R. Morgan.

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Friday, June 13th

COLUMBUS MAGIC 0 Pennsylvania 0 (OT) (at Columbus)

COL: Tutt; O'Hara, Schnettgoecke, Mammana, Jentas; Piper, Wigg, Graham; Harman(Hickey,104), Dewsnip(Barry,60; Rosul, 64), Tesan.

PA: Manning; Smith, Gorleku, Mancke(Hundelt,47), Tipping; Watson, McDonald(Ehrlich, 104), Brooks; McDermott(DaSilva, 29), Nwokocha, Reice (Urbanczuk, 74).

SCORING: None: Goalies - Saves: Graham Tutt(COL) 5; Scott Manning (PA) 14; Shots: COL - 26; PA - 13; Offensive MVP - Wayne Jentas, COL; Defensive MVP - Ray Schnettgoecke, COL Referee: B. Sosa.

Saturday, June 14th

New York United 4 MIAMI AMERICANS 3 (2:2) (at Miami)

MIA: Ramsbottom; Roberts (Blum,36), Donlic (red card, 28), Delgado, Buriano; Vallejos, Baptiste, Vigliotti; Mena, Greene, Sanon.

NY: Canal; Eden(Tyson,55), Lane, Philpotts, McCrudden(Collins,46); Power, Mardarescu (Concha,46), Clavijo; Fink, Kitson, Cabrera(red card, 80).

SCORING: MIA: No-No Baptiste (2)(penalty kick)29; Robert Delgado (1) (Charley Greene) 36, Baptiste (3)(penalty kick)87; NY: Alejandro Cabrera(2)(Paul Kitson) 5; Dave Philpotts (1) (unasst'd) 15; Joe Fink (4)(Fernando Clavijo) 60; Kitson (3)(penalty kick) 52; Goalies - Saves: Neil Ramsbottom (MIA) 2; Jamil Canal (NY) 4; Shots: MIA - 14; NY - 13; Offensive MVP - Paul Kitson (NY); Defensive MVP - Robert Delgado, MIA; Referee: J. Kovach.

Sunday, June 15th

PENNSYLVANIA STONERS 1 Columbus Magic 0 (0:0) (at Allentown)

PA: Manning; Smith, Gorleku, Tipping, McDonald; DaSilva(McDermott,62), Watson (Ehrlich,64), Brooks; Long, Nwokocha, Urbanczuk(Reice,81).

COL: Tutt; O'Hara, Jentas(Rosul,83), Schnettgoecke, Mammana; Piper, Barry(Hickey,83), Wigg; Hague, Dewsnip, Graham (Tesan,83).

SCORING: PA: Christian Nwokocha(2)(Roman Urbanczuk) 76; Goalies-Saves: Scott Manning(PA) 5; Graham Tutt (COL) 5; Shots: PA - 14; COL - 11; Offensive MVP - Christian Nwokocha, PA; Defensive MVP - Eric Smith, PA; Referee: S. Starobin.

Cleveland Cobras 4 SACRAMENTO GOLD 3 (2:1) (at Sacramento)

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

CLE: Cano; Rildo, Sendobry, Joy, Howarth, Kelley, Schlothauer, Yepez; Astigirraga, Chapman, Shanee.

SCORING: SAC: I. Filby (4)(unasst'd) 35; Anselmo Vicioso(4)(unasst'd)64, Vicioso(5) (M. Filby) 77; CLE: Ruben Astigarraga (4)(Jeff Sendobry)7; Andy Chapman(5)(unasst'd)44; Walter Schlothauer (1)(unasst'd)47; Chapman(6)(Astigarraga)85; Goalies-Saves: Tom Reynolds (SAC) 5; Marine Cano (CLE) 5; Defensive MVP - Mickey Brown, SAC - 11; CLE - 12; Offensive MVP - Andy Chapman, CLE; Defensive MVP - Mickey Brown, SAC. Referee: L. Mohacsy.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES	HOME TEAM IN CAPS				
Tuesday, June 10th	COLUMBUS	1	Sacramento	0	
Friday, June 13th	COLUMBUS	0	Pennsylvania	0	(OT)
Saturday, June 14th	Cleveland	2	CALIFORNIA	0	
	New York	4	MIAMI	3	
Sunday, June 15th	Cleveland	4	SACRAMENTO	3	
	PENNSYLVANIA	1	Columbus	0	

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total* Points
AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
Sacramento	15	7	6	2	23	22	21	60
Golden Gate	15	2	9	4	18	31	18	36
California	10	4	5	1	14	18	13	35
Miami	9	1	4	4	16	17	14	27
NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
Columbus	13	8	3	2	21	10	20	64
Pennsylvania	11	6	2	3	13	9	12	48
Cleveland	11	5	5	1	16	17	15	42
New York	10	5	5	0	14	12	13	38

(*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	15	9	1	19
George Dewsnip, Columbus	13	5	5	15
Anselmo Vicioso, Sacramento	15	5	4	14
Andy Chapman, California	11	6	1	13
Malcolm Filby, Sacramento	8	5	2	12
Gerard Hylkema, Golden Gate	14	5	1	11
Manu Sanon, Miami	8	5	1	11
Ruben Astigarraga, Cleveland	9	4	3	11
Ian Filby, Sacramento	11	4	3	11

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE LEADING GOALKEEPERS
(Minimum 630 Minutes Played)

	Minutes	Shots	Saves	Goals Allowed	S.O.	Record	G.A. Ave.
Graham Tutt, Columbus	1202	130	63	10	5	8-3-2	0.75
Scott Manning, PA	1070	171	78	9	6	6-2-3	0.76
Jamil Canal, N.Y.	900	170	64	12	4	5-5-0	1.20
Tom Reynolds, Sac.	1320	177	61	18	4	7-4-2	1.23
Brian Parkinson, Miami	820	90	32	13	0	1-3-4	1.43
Marine Cano, Clev.	840	113	57	15	1	5-4-1	1.61
John Spurgeon, GGG	870	166	65	20	0	1-5-3	2.07

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

Wednesday, June 18th	Cleveland at New York	8:05
Saturday, June 21st	ASL All-Stars vs. Yehud Hapoel of Israel Charlotte, North Carolina	8:15
Sunday, June 22nd	Miami at New York	2:05
Tuesday, June 24th	California at Pennsylvania	7:35