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MIAMI TIED FOR LEAD IN AMERICAN CONFERENCE
COLUMBUS GAINS IN TIGHT NATIONAL RACE

NEW YORK, NY - Despite a loss on Wednesday night to the Cleveland Cobras, the Miami Americans moved into a tie for the lead in the ASL's American Conference with a pair of victories during last week's action, and are now knotted with Sacramento Gold at the top, with 67 points. In the National Conference, Columbus Magic combined a 3-1 win over the Cleveland Cobras with losses by the Pennsylvania Stoners and New York United to pull further in front of their rivals, and now maintain a 12 point advantage over the second place Stoners in what remains a closely bunched division.

Cleveland moved in to third place in the National Conference on Wednesday, when they defeated the visiting Americans, 4-1, as both Andy Chapman and rookie Walter Schlothauer collected a pair of goals for the Cobras. Cleveland now stands 3 points in front of the fourth place New York United, who suffered their second straight blanking on Saturday night in Miami. In that match, newcomer Al Njie and high-scoring Manu Sanon provided the fireworks for the Americans, with each player collecting a goal and an assist in the second half. The New York match was played due to the failure of Sacramento Gold to appear for the regularly scheduled game on Saturday, and Miami was awarded a 1-0 forfeit victory, which, coupled with the subsequent victory over United, moved the Americans in a first place tie with the Gold.

In action on the West Coast on Saturday night, California Sunshine hosted the touring Pennsylvania Stoners, and handed them a 3-2 defeat in a dramatic overtime victory. The Sunshine took an early lead through a goal by Ken Richter in the 15th minute, but Pennsylvania equalized on a goal by midfielder Ken McDonald twenty minutes later. In the second half, Stoners' captain Jeff Tipping tallied on a fine solo effort in 70th minute, and Pennsylvania appeared to be heading for victory until Cal's Don Burke pushed home a pass from Ramon Moraldo with less than a minute remaining in regulation time to send the match into overtime. In the extra session, California again received some last minute heroics, this time from John O'Kane, as the Sunshine striker rams in the game winner with only seconds remaining in the final overtime period.

The victory by California was their second in a row, and they now stand in third place in the American Conference with 54 points, trailing Miami and Sacramento by 13 points, and pulling 14 points clear of the last place Golden Gate Gales, who were idle during the past week. Pennsylvania now trails Columbus by 12 points in the National Conference race, and are five points ahead of Cleveland and 8 in front of New York, with all three teams holding a game in hand on the first place Magic.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES — HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Wednesday, July 9th	CLEVELAND	4	Miami	1	
Saturday, July 12th	CALIFORNIA	3	Pennsylvania	2	(OT)
	MIAMI	1	Sacramento	0*	
	MIAMI	2	New York	0	
Sunday, July 13th	COLUMBUS	3	Cleveland	1	

*Forfeiture

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total* Points
AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
Sacramento	18	8	8	2	25	25	23	67
Miami	16	7	6	3	28	26	26	67
California	16	6	9	1	23	33	22	54
Golden Gate	17	2	10	5	20	34	20	40
NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
Columbus	17	10	5	2	29	17	28	82
Pennsylvania	16	8	4	4	24	20	22	70
Cleveland	16	8	7	1	25	24	23	65
New York	16	8	8	0	25	20	22	62

(*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	17	12	1	25
Andy Chapman, Cleveland	15	9	2	20
George Dewsnip, Columbus	17	5	8	18
Jim Rolland, California	13	5	6	16
Manu Sanon, Miami	13	7	2	16
Anselmo Vicioso, Sacramento	17	5	4	14
Norman Piper, Columbus	17	6	2	14
Ian Filby, Sacramento	13	5	3	13
Walter Schlothauer, Cleveland	13	4	5	13
Ruben Astigarraga, Cleveland	13	5	3	13

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE LEADING GOALKEEPERS
(Minimum 720 Minutes Played)

	Minutes	Shots	Saves	Goals Allowed	S.O.	Record	G.A. Ave.
Graham Tutt, Columbus	1472	165	71	15	5	10-4-2	0.92
Scott Manning, PA	1560	244	112	20	6	8-4-4	1.15
Tom Reynolds, Sac.	1500	208	70	20	5	8-6-2	1.20
Jamil Canal, New York	1460	277	111	20	4	8-8-0	1.23
Marine Cano, Cleveland	1400	200	92	22	3	8-6-1	1.41
Afshin, Golden Gate	751	109	56	14	0	1-5-2	1.68
Brian Parkinson, Cal.	1310	177	70	25	0	3-7-4	1.72
John Spurgeon, GGG	878	168	65	20	0	1-5-3	2.05

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

Wednesday, July 16th	Sacramento at New York	8:05
Friday, July 18th	Miami at California	7:35
	Sacramento at Cleveland	8:05
Sunday, July 20th	Miami at Golden Gate	7:05
	Sacramento at Pennsylvania	7:35
	Columbus at New York	2:05
Tuesday, July 22nd	Sacramento at Columbus	7:35

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OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - GEORGE DEWSNIP, COLUMBUS MAGIC

Dewsnip, a newcomer to Magic this season, has been tabbed as Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in Columbus' 3-1 victory over the Cleveland Cobras in which he was named Offensive MVP versus the Cobras. His cross to defender Daniel Mammana resulted in the eventual match-winning goal, and his all around work as the spearhead of the Columbus attack was the major force in Magic's victory, which further tightened the hold in the National Conference lead. The native Englishman has now totalled five goals and eight assists for the season to lead Columbus in scoring, and he remains among the top five scorers in the ASL, a position he has held since the beginning of the season.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK RAMON MORALDO, CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE

Moraldo has been named this week's defensive star for his play against Pennsylvania on Saturday, a game in which he assisted on the goal which tied the score with less than a minute to play, and enabled California to win the match in overtime. In addition to his work on offense, his play at the heart of the California defense led to Sunshine's second straight victory, and gained the tall central defender Defensive Player of the Game honors. A 3-time ASL All Star, Moraldo is regarded as possibly the premier center back in the ASL.

LAST WEEK'S MATCHES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)

Wednesday, July 9th

CLEVELAND COBRAS 4 Miami Americans 1 (1:0) (at Cleveland)

CLE: Cano; Howarth, Kelley, Renery, Menezes, Joy, Sendobry (Ferreira, 53), Shanee (Schlothauer, 53) Fine (Yepez, 84), Chapman, Astigarraga.

MIA: Ramsbottom; Blum, Newman, Delgado, Buriano, Tavares, Baptiste, Vigliotti, Mena, Njie, Sanon.

SCORING: CLE: Chapman (8) (Sendobry) 19; Schlothauer (4) (Howarth) 56; Astigarraga (5) (Schlothauer) 79; Chapman (9) (Schlothauer) 89; MIA: Sanon (7) (Njie) 85. Goalies - Saves: Marine Cano (CLE) 5; Neil Ramsbottom (MIA) 8; Shots: CLE - 22; MIA - 10. Offensive MVP - Walter Schlothauer, CLE; Devensive MVP - Len Renery, CLE; Referee: B. Sosa.

Saturday, July 12th

CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE 3 Pennsylvania Stoners 2 (OT) (1:1) (2:2) (at Santa Ana)

CAL: Lythgoe; Moraldo, Gehling, Nickeas, Zavaleta, Tobin, O'Kane, Walley, Johnstone, Rolland, Richter(Burke,57).

PA: Manning; Smith, Tipping, McDonald(Mancke,105), Ost, Watson, Long, McDermott, Reice (DaSilva, 56), Brooks, Gorleku (red card, 68).

SOCRING: CAL: Ken Richter (1) (Jim Rolland) 15; Don Burke (1) (Ramon Moraldo) 89; John O'Kane (2) (Keith Walley) 109; PA: Ken McDonald (5)(Adrian Brooks) 35; Jeff Tipping (1) (unasst'd) 70; Goalies - Saves: John Lythgoe (CAL) 4; Scott Manning (PA) 6; Shots: CAL - 19; PA - 10; Offensive MVP - John O'Kane; Defensive MVP - Ramon Moraldo, Cal; Referee: H. Wolmerath.

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Saturday, July 12th

MIAMI AMERICANS 2 New York United 0 (0:0) (at Miami)

MIA: Ramsbottom; Blum, Newman, Delgado, Vallejos, Vigliotti, Baptiste, Tavares, Mena (Njie, 46), Greene, Sanon.

NY: Canal; McCrudden (Collins, 67), Concha, Eden, Clavijo, Mardarescu, Lane, Kitson, Cabrera, Doval.

SCORING: MIA: Al Njie (1) (Manu Sanon) 61; Sanon (7) (Njie) 88; Goalies - Saves: Neil Ramsbottom (MIA) 1; Jamil Canal (NY) 7; Shots: MIA - 22; NY - 9; Offensive MVP - Al Njie, MIA; Defensive MVP - Ernie Vallejos, MIA; Referee: J. Sander.

Sunday, July 13th

COLUMBUS MAGIC 3 Cleveland Cobras 1 (1:0) (at Columbus)

COL: Tutt; O'Hara, Jentas (Tesan, 69), Schnettgoecke, Mammana, Cave, Piper, Harman, Dewsnip, Bolevic, Hickey.

CLE: Cano; Howarth, Kelley, Renery, Rildo (Yepez, 87), Joy, Shanee (Sendobry, 53), Schlothauer, (Astigarraga, 46), Ferreira, Fink, Chapman.

SOCRING: COL: Terry Hickey (1) (unasst'd) 39; Dan Mammana (3) (George Dewsnip) 76; John O'Hara (3) (Norman Piper) 84; CLE: Ray Schnettgoecke (own goal) 89; Goalies: Saves: Graham Tutt (COL) 1; Marine Cano (CLE) 11; Shtos: COL - 25; CLE - 11; Offensive MVP - George Dewsnip, COL; Defensive MVP - Dan Mammana, COL; Referee: F. Fuksman.