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PENNSYLVANIA WINS PAIR: MIAMI SPLITS BUT MAINTAINS LEAD

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The Pennsylvania Stoners enjoyed the most profitable week among ASL teams, winning a pair of matches versus National Conference rivals, while the Miami Americans split two games, but still remained atop the American Conference standings.

Pennsylvania opened the week's activity on the circuit by beating New York United, 4-2, at Shea Stadium, in a match that was abandoned by the referee after 73 minutes due to excessive misconduct by the players. Five players were ejected, including three United players, before the match was halted. The Stoners took a quick 3-0 lead in the contest on goals by Ken McDonald, Ian Filby, and Clyde Watson within the first fifteen minutes, but New York pulled back to 3-2 on a pair of goals by Alejandro Cabrera in the 25th and 30th minutes. Fifteen minutes into the second half, Filby scored his second goal for the Stoners, and after persistent fouling by both teams, the match was abandoned by referee Juan Pereira in the 73rd minute.

In Pennsylvania's other game, the Stoners edged the Cleveland Cobras 1-0, on a second half tally by striker Christian Nwokocha, on Sunday night in Allentown. Marine Cano, the Cobras' goalkeeper, turned in a splendid performance in facing 21 shots from the Stoners, and was named defensive star of the game. The second victory by Pennsylvania moved them into first place in the National Conference with 98 points, Cleveland now stands in fourth place with 78 total points.

The Cobras suffered another narrow defeat during the week, when they were edged by New York in overtime, 2-1 on Friday night in Cleveland. Once again Alejandro Cabrera was the outstanding offensive performer for United, as he scored the first New York goal in the 17th minute, and assisted on Ron Eden's game winner eights minutes into the first overtime session. United had been forced to stage a comeback in the match, as Joe Fink had given Cleveland an early 1-0 lead with a shock goal in the second minute of play.

In American Conference action on the West Coast, Sacramento suffered a pair of losses, falling to both California Sunshine and Miami. In the game versus California on Sunday, the visiting Gold fell 5-2 to a potent California attack led by Jim Rolland, who rang up two goals and two assists, while teammate Gerry O'Kane also slotted home two goals, and Victor Arbalaez registered a pair of assists. Sacramento's woes had begun on Friday night when they hosted the Miami Americans, and dropped a 1-0 verdict to the American Conference leaders, with Miami's Dennis Vaninger supplying the lone goal of the match after only four minutes of play. Vaninger's goal versus the Gold was to be the Americans' only score of the week, as Miami fell to Golden Gate on Sunday, 4-0.

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Miami now leads the American Conference with 76 points, while Golden Gate, with two consecutive wins, continues to try to move out of the American Conference cellar.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - JIM ROLLAND, CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE

Rolland has been tabbed for his second Offensive Player of the Week award in three weeks for his two goal, two assist effort versus Sacramento Gold, in California's 5-2 victory over the definding ASL champs on Sunday. Rolland, the ASL's 1978 MVP, has now jumped up to second place in the ASL scoring parade, with a season total of seven goals and nine assists, for 23 total points. The clever Scottish winger has led California to two straight wins, as the Sunshine push up their total in pursuit of Miami at the top of the American Conference standings.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - MARINE CANO, CLEVELAND COBRAS

Despite being on the wrong end of two one-goal defeats suffered by the Cobras, Cleveland keeper Cano has been selected this week's defensive star for his performance versus New York and Pennsylvania. In Friday's 2-1 overtime loss to New York, Cano faced 17 New York shots and recorded six saves, while versus Pennsylvania, the Cobras' netminder was tested 21 times, responding with nine saves, as Cleveland fell 1-0. Cano's display versus the Stoners led to his being selected Defensive MVP for the match by the Stoners' hometown press. The young American keeper, who is in his third ASL season, now has a 1.76 average in the Cobras' goal this year having played every minute of every game thus far, with the exception of one match, which he missed due to a car accident en route to the stadium.

LAST WEEK'S MATCHES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)

Wednesday, July 23rd

Pennsylvania Stoners 4 NEW YORK UNITED 2 (3:2) (at New York)

NY: Canal; Tyson, Lane, McCrudden(Enea,24), Eden(Collins,72); Concha, Clodoaldo (red card, 70) Clavijo(red card,73), Mardarescu(Barthou,60); Cabrera, Doval(red card,42)

PA: Finneyfrock(Manning,30); Tipping, Smith, McDonald, Gorleku, DaSilva, Brooks, Watson; Nwokocha (McDermott,42; red card,70), Urbanczuk(red card,42) Filby(Long,70)

SCORING: NY: Alejandro Cabrera (3) (unasst'd) 25; Cabrera (4) (Mario Concha) 30; PA: Ken McDonald (6) (Adrian Brooks) 6; Ian Filby (6)(Christian Nwokocha) 13; Clyde Watson (6) (Paulo DaSilva) 17; Filby (7) (unasst'd) 60; Goalies: Saves: Jamil Canal (NY) 9: Bill Finneyfrock (PA) 3; Scott Manning (PA) 6; Shots: NY-17; PA-18; Offensive MVP - Ian Filby, PA: Defensive MVP - Redmond Lane, NY: Referee: J. Pereira.

Friday, July 25th

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

SAC: Reynolds; Arber, Brown, Denkers, Bryant; Dawkins, Carrizo(Vicioso,79), McKeown (R. Avila,72); Munguia, Mancini, M. Avila.

MIA: Ramsbottom; Roberts, Vallejos, Delgado, Newman; Tavares, Baptiste, Vigliotti; Njie, Vaninger(red card,54), Greene.

SCORING: MIA: Dennis Vaninger (2)(unasst'd) 4; Goalies - Saves: Tom Reynolds (SAC) 1; Neil Ramsbottom (MIA) 4; Shots: SAC-15; MIA-6; Offensive MVP - Dennis Vaninger, MIA Defensive MVP - Bob Arber, SAC; Referee: C. Castle.

New York United 2 CLEVELAND COBRAS 1 OT(1:1) (1:1) (at Cleveland)

CLE: Cano: Kelley, Renery, Joy, Rildo, Savic, Yepez, Shanee(Sendobry,98): Schlothauer, Fink(Rosul,87), Astigarraga.

NY: Canal;Enea(Fillo, 36) Lane , Tyson, Concha, Clavijo, Coldoaldo, D'Anzi(Papoulias,52) Barthou, Cabrera, Doval(Eden,32)

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New York @ Cleveland (continued)

SCORING: CLE: Joe Fink (8)(Ruben Astigarraga) 2; NY: Alejandro Cabrera (5)(unasst'd) 17: Ron Eden (2)(Cabrera) 98; Goalies- Saves: Marine Cano(CLE) 6; Jamil Canal(NY) 8; Shots: CLE-28; NY-17; Offensive MVP - Alejandro Cabrera, NY; Defensive MVP- Wilson Filho NY, Referee: B. Sosa.

Sunday, July 27th

CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE 5 Sacramento Gold 2 (2:1) (at Santo Ana)

CAL: Parkinson: Moraldo(Burke,80), Gehling, Nickeas, Harding, Harding; Tobin, Walley, O'Kane; Stierle, Rolland, Richter(Arbalaez,18).

SAC: Reynolds(Amos,46); Brown, R. Avila, Arber, Dawkins, Carrizo(Vicioso,76), Munguia, Mancini, Denkers, McKeown, M. Avila.

SCORING: CAL: Gerry O'Kane (4)(Victor Arbalaez) 23; Arbalaez (1)(Jim Rolland,45); O'Kane (5) (Rolland) 77; Rolland (7)(Arvalaez) 80; Rolland (8)(D.J. Harding,83) SAC: Bob Arber (1)(unasst'd) 23; Miguel Avila (1) (R. Avila,83); Goalies - Saves: Brian Parkinson (CAL) 15; Tom Reynolds (SAC) 2; Jim Amos (SAC) 2; Shots: CAL -11 SAC-17; Offensive MVP-Jim Rolland, CAL Defensive MVP-Brian Parkinson. Referee: J. Gonzalez.

PENNSYLVANIA STONERS 1 Cleveland Cobras 0 (0:0) (at Allentown)

PA: Lamallen; Smith, Gorleku, Mancke, Tipping; DaSilva(Brooks,46) Watson, McDonald, Filby(Ost,84) Nwokocha, Reice(Ehrlich,46).

CLE: Cano; Sendobry, Rildo, Renery(Rosul, 53) Kelley, Joy, Astigarra(Schlothauer,46); Fink, Shanee, Savic(Yepez,30), Ferreira.

SCORING: PA: Christian Nwokocha (3)(Ken McDonald) 54: Goalies - Saves: Lanallen (PA) 4; Marine Cano (CLE) 9; Shots: PA - 21, CLE - 10; Offensive MVP - Christian Nwokocha, PA; Defensive MVP - Marine Cano, CLE Referee: W. Mansmann.

GOLDEN GATE GALES 4 Miami Americans 0 (1:0) (at Freemont)

GG: Afshin (Spurgoen, 33); Steinberg, Berico, Rowlands(Roche, 80), Hauser, Brooks (Dahl, 72), Cornwell, Gray, Volpini, Basso (Trelles, 76)

MIA: Ramsbottom; Vallejos, Delgado, Newman, Blum, Roberts, Njie, Vigliotti, Mena, Vaninger (Buriano, 40, Poole, 47)

SCORING: GG: Tony Gray (1) (Lee Cornwell) 38; Jim Rowlands (1) (unasst'd) 67; Carlos Volpini (1) (Tony Gray) 73; Carlos Volpini (2) (unasst'd) 78: Goalies - Saves: Afshin (GG) 3; Spurgeon (GG) 7; Ramsbottom (MI) 4; Shots: GG - 19; MI - 12; Offensive MVP - Carlos Volpini, GGG; Defensive MVP - Joe Berrico, GGG. Referee: L. Mohacsy.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES — HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Wednesday, July 23rd	Pennsylvania	4	NEW YORK	2	
Friday, July 25th	Miami	1	SACRAMENTO	0	
	NEW YORK	2	Cleveland	1	(OT)
Sunday, July 27th	CALIFORNIA	5	Sacramento	2	
	PENNSYLVANIA	1	Cleveland		
	GOLDEN GATE	4	Miami	0	

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total* Points
AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
Miami	21	8	10	3	32	37	30	76
Sacramento	24	8	14	2	27	35	25	69
California	18	8	9	1	29	35	26	68
Golden Gate	19	4	10	5	27	36	26	56
NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
Pennsylvania	20	12	4	4	35	24	30	98
Columbus	20	11	6	3	34	23	32	93
New York	21	12	9	0	37	28	33	93
Cleveland	21	9	10	2	31	34	29	78

(*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	20	14	2	30
Jim Rolland, California	14	7	9	23
Andy Chapman, Cleveland	16	9	2	20
Walter Schlothauer, Cleveland	17	6	7	19
George Dewsnip, Columbus	19	5	8	18
Joe Fink, Cleveland	17	8	1	17
Ruben Astigarraga, Cleveland	17	5	5	15
Narciso Doval, New York	14	7	1	15
Ian Filby, Pennsylvania	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	1655	198	79	20	5	10-5-3	1.09
Scott Manning. Pennsylvania	1693	264	123	22	6	10-4-4	1.17
Tom Reynolds, Sacramento	1590	219	74	24	5	8-7-2	1.36
Jamil Canal, New York	1823	351	144	28	4	11-9-0	1.38
Marine Cano, Cleveland	1810	293	130	32	3	8-9-2	1.59
Brian Parkinson, California	1490	203	91	27	1	5-7-4	1.63
Afshin, Golden Gate	751	109	56	14	0	1-5-2	1.68
John Spurgeon, Golden Gate	963	179	73	20	0	2-5-3	1.87
Neil Ramsbottom, Miami	1075	183	52	25	2	5-7-0	2.09

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

Friday, August 1st	Cleveland at Golden Gate	7:05
	Columbus at California	7:35
	Pennsylvania at Miami	8:05
Sunday, August 3rd	Cleveland at Sacramento	6:05
	Miami at Pennsylvania	7:35
	Columbus at Golden Gate	7:05