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SACRAMENTO & CALIFORNIA TIED FOR LEAD IN AMERICAN CONFERENCE
NEW YORK UNITED NIPPED BY ECUADOR IN EXHIBITION

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The Sacramento Spirit stormed back into a tie for 1st place in the American Conference this past weekend with a 4-0 rout of California Sunshine in a crucial West Coach match, while the Pennsylvania Stoners and New York United both defeated the touring Golden Gate Gales, 1-0, to maintain their respective 1-2 ranking in the National circuit. New York also dropped a narrow 1-0 decision to the National Team of Ecuador in a featured International exhibition match played before over 11,000 fans at Shea Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Sacramento, which opened the week having scored the least number of goals of any ASL side, explodes for four goals vs. the visiting Sunshine on Sunday night, paced by the efforts of Malcolm Filby and Willie Munguia. Filby scored the Spirit's first two goals, in the 34th and 42nd minutes, while Munguia notched a score in the 61st minute before Bobby Arber wrapped up the onslaught with a penalty kick conversion 6 minutes later. Munguia, who also had an assist on Filby's second tally, was named the Offensive Star of the game, while Tom Reynolds registered his 7th shut-out of the season. The win moved the Spirit into a tie with California for 1st place in the American Conference with both teams having 84 points, 7 points ahead of 3rd place Miami Americans. Sacramento had led their conference for the entire season before being deposed by Miami two weeks ago.

California had moved into 1st place earlier in the week, when they rang up an impressive 3-0 win over the Cleveland Cobras on Wednesday night in Santa Ana. Gerry O'Kane was the big gun for the Sunshine up front, as he assisted on Jim Rolland's goal in the 35th minute, before ramming home a pair himself in the 62nd and 81st minutes to give Cal maximum points for the match, and 7 point advantage atop the American Conference. Cleveland's loss leaves them mired in the cellar of the National Conference with 80 points, while California's win put them into first place in the American Conference for the first time all season for what proved to be a brief period alone at the top.

Pennsylvania continued their winning ways by nipping the Golden Gate Gales on an unassisted score by striker Roman Urbanczuk with less than 3 minutes to play in regulation time, the lone goal of the match. Urbanczuk's game winner capped a fine performance in goal by the Stoners keeper, Scott Manning, who nailed his 8th shut-out of the 1980 campaign, tops in the ASL in that category. Pennsylvania ran their record to a glittering 15-4-4 good for 119 points and the first place position in the National Conference

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20 points clear of 2nd place New York United who have 99 points.

New York also took advantage of Golden Gate's lack of firepower as they also set back the Gales, 1-0, on Wednesday night at Shea. Jamil Canal of United took credit for his fifth shut-out of the year, as Ron Eden's header in the 67th minute provided all the scoring necessary for the New York club's 13th win. United has the ASL's second best record at 13-9-0, and presents an outside chance of overtaking Pennsylvania for the first spot in their Conference.

New York also treated their fans to a special International exhibition match on Sunday vs. the Ecuadorian National Team, falling to their visitors, 1-0. Ecuador striker Jorge Valdez notched the only goal in the contest 6 minutes into the second half on an assist Rupo Quinonez, before New York's top crowd of the year at Shea Stadium.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK, GERRY O'KANE, CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE

O'Kane has captured this week's offensive honors by virtue of his performance vs. Cleveland on Wednesday night as he had a hand in all of California's scores in their 3-0 victory over the Cobras which pushed the Sunshine into first place in the American Conference. The 25 year-old striker assisted on Jim Rolland's opening tally in the 1st half, before adding two goals of his own in the final half to give the Sunshine the victory. The Irish born frontrunner has now totaled 7 goals and 2 assists on the year and has been a major force on the improved play of the Sunshine in recent weeks which have pushed them to the top of their circuit.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK, CHRIS TYSON, NEW YORK UNITED

Tyson has been tabbed as this week's defensive star for his play vs. Golden Gate on Wednesday in a match which New York captured a 1-0 victory as Tyson was voted Defensive MVP by the attending media. A second team ASL All-Star in 1979, the Long Island native has overcome a number of nagging injuries to play a vital role in United's climb into second place in the National Conference and their fashioning of a 13-9-0 record, second best in the entire ASL. The American defender has proved to one of the top young players in the ASL and one of the League's longest serving acting player, having begun his career with New York in 1976.

ASL NOTES: The American Soccer League has commenced proceedings, pursuant to its by-laws, against the Columbus Magic for the latter's failure to play scheduled League games on the West Coast. These proceedings may result in the termination of the Columbus Membership.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES — HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Wednesday, August 6th	NEW YORK	1	Golden Gate	0
	CALIFORNIA	3	Cleveland	0
Sunday, August 10th	SACRAMENTO	4	California	0
	PENNSYLVANIa	1	Golden Gate	0
National Team of Ecuador 1	NEW YORK	0		

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total* Points
AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
California	21	10	10	1	33	39	30	84
Sacramento	26	10	14	2	33	35	30	84
Miami	23	8	12	3	33	44	31	77
Golden Gate	23	6	12	5	31	40	30	70
NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
Pennsylvania	23	15	4	4	43	25	36	119
New York	22	13	9	0	38	28	34	99
Columbus**	22	11	8	3	34	25	32	93
Cleveland	24	9	13	2	33	42	31	80

(*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.)

(** Includes games forfeited against California Sunshine and Golden Gate Gales)

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE SCORING LEADERS

	Games	Goals	Assists	Total Points
Mal Roche, Golden Gate Gales	22	14	3	31
Jim Rolland, California	16	8	10	26
Andy Chapman, Cleveland	17	9	2	20
Walter Schlothauer, Cleveland	19	6	7	19
Joe Fink, Cleveland	19	9	1	19
Ian Filby, Pennsylvania	19	8	3	19
George Dewsnip, Columbus	19	5	8	18
Ruben Astigarrage, Cleveland	20	6	6	18
Adrian Brooks, Pennsylvania	18	5	7	17
Malcolm Filby, Sacramento	12	8	2	17

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE LEADING GOALKEEPERS
(Minimum 810 Minutes Played)

	Minutes	Shots	Saves	Goals Allowed	S.O.	Record	G.A. Ave.
Scott Manning, PA	1963	287	133	23	8	13-4-4	1.05
Graham Tutt, Colubmus	1655	198	79	20	5	10-5-3	1.09
Tom Reynolds, Sacramento	1725	236	77	21	7	10-7-2	1.10
Jamil Canal, New York	1913	361	152	28	5	12-9-0	1.32
Brian Parkinson, CA	1670	229	98	31	2	6-8-4	1.67
Marine Cano, Cleveland	2080	352	149	40	3	8-12-2	1.73
John Spurgeon, GGG	1143	214	86	23	0	3-6-3	1.81
Neil Ramsbottom, Miami	1255	217	62	32	2	5-9-0	2.29

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

Friday, August 15th	Pennsylvania at Cleveland	8:05
Saturday, August 16th	Columbus at Miami	8:05
	Sacramento at California	7:35
Sunday, August 17th	New York at Pennsylvania	8:05
Tuesday, August 19th	Cleveland at Columbus	7:35

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LAST WEEK'S MATCHES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)

Wednesday, August 6th

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

NY: Canal; Tyson, Lane, Clodoaldo, Mardarescu (Papoulias, 45), Cabrera, Barthou, Eden, D'Anzi (McCrudden, 81), Concha, Wilson.

GGG: Spurgeon; Steinberg, Atack, Berrico, Hauser, Cornwell, Brooks, Trelles, Anton, Roche, Hijlkema.

SCORING: NY: Eden (3) (Barthou) 67; Goalies: Saves: Canal (NY) 8; Spurgeon (GGG) 7; Shots: NY - 20; GGG - 10; Offensive MVP - D'Anzi, NY; Defensive MVP - Tyson, NY. Referee: Starobin.

CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE 3 Cleveland Cobras 0 (1:0) (at Santa Ana)

CA: Parkinson; Moraldo (Stierle, 82), Gehling, Nickeas, Tobin, O'Kane, Walley, Arbaleaz, Harding (Burke, 82), Johnstone, Rolland.

CLE: Canal; Howarth, Sendobry, Schlothauer, Kelley, Astigarraga (Savic, 40), Ferreira, Rildo, Yepez, Fink, Renery.

SCORING: CA: Rolland (8) (O'Kane) 35; O'Kane (6) (Walley) 62; O'Kane (7) (Rolland) 81. Goalies: Saves; Parkinson (CA) 5; Cano (CLE) 9; Shots: CA - 15; CLE - 11; Offensive MVP - O'Kane, CA, Defensive MVP - Nickeas, CA. Referee: Wolmerath.

Sunday, August 10th

SACRAMENTO SPIRIT 4 California Sunshine 0 (2:0) (at Sacramento)

SAC: Reynolds; R. Avila, Stanton, Arber, Brown, Denkers (Bryant, 76), McKeown (Carrizo, 45), Dawkins (Salcedo, 76), Munguia, M. Avila, Filby (Mancini, 76)

CA: Parkinson; Moraldo, Gehling, Nickeas, Zavaleta, Tobin, O'Kane, Walley (Harding, 65), Johnstone, Rolland, Arbelaez (Stierle, 81)

SCORING: SAC: Filby (7) (unasst'd) 34, Filby (8) (Munguia) 42, Munguia (4) (Carrizo) 61, Arber (2) (penalty kick) 67. Goalies: Saves: Reynolds (SAC) 4; Parkinson (CA) 2; Shots: SAC - 15; CA - 11; Offensive MVP - Munguia, SAC; Defensive MVP - Stanton, SAC. Referee: Gatt.

PENNSYLVANIA STONERS 1 Golden Gate Gales 0 (0:0) (at Allentown)

PA: Manning; Smith, Tipping, MacDonald, Gorleku, Mancke (Ehrlich, 45), Watson, Brooks, Long (Urbanczuk, 45), McDermott, Filby (Ost, 85).

GGG: Afshin, Steinberg, Berico, Hauser, ATack, Brooks, Trelles, Gray, Basso (Spurgeon, 68), Anton, Cornwell.

SCORING: PA: Urbanczuk (5) (unasst'd) 88. Goalies: Saves: Manning (PA) 2; Afshin (GGG) 10; Shots: PA - 16; GGG - 2; Offensive MVP - Urbanczuk, PA; Defensive MVP - Gorleku, PA. Referee: Kleinstauber.