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NEW YORK WINS PAIR ON WEST COAST
GOLDEN GATE SURGES IN AMERICAN CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, NY - New York United won a pair of crucial games on the West Coast, to remain in pursuit of the Pennsylvania Stoners for the National Conference title, while the Golden Gate Gales joined the nip and tuck race for playoff spots in the American Conference following last week's action around the League.

New York and Golden Gate locked up in a free-scoring tilt on Wednesday in California, and United finally scraped through with a 4-3 decision over the Gales. New York took a commanding 3-0 lead after only 31 minutes, on goals by Doval (22nd minute), Carmelo D'Anzi (28th), and Olivier Barthou (31st). After Golden Gate replaced starting keeper Afshin with rookie John Spurgeon following Barthou's tally, Golden Gate's defense tightened, and the Gales cut New York's advantage to one goal after Carlos Trelles scored in the 54th minute, and John Brooks followed suit seven minutes later. Doval drove home his second goal of the evening in the 72nd minutes to put United up, 4-2, but Carlos Volpini again cut the lead to a single goal with an unassisted effort with six minutes to play. New York was able to hold on for the last few minutes despite constant pressure from the Gales, and gained maximum points for their efforts.

New York then travelled to Sacramento on Friday night, and eked out a 1-0 win over the Spirit, the lone goal of the match coming in the 40th minute from the boot of Olivier Barthou, who rocketed home a pass from midfielder Fernando Clavijo. Gerard Joseph, making his first start in goal for United, picked up the shutout, as New York pushed their point total to 113 for the season, 19 points back to the front-running Pennsylvania Stoners.

Golden Gate, meanwhile, rebounded from their tough loss to New York, and ran roughshod over the California Sunshine on Sunday in Santa Ana, as they grabbed a 6-2 victory. Led by a hat trick by Carlos Volpini and 2 goals by the ASL's leading scorer, Mal Roche, the Gales took a 6-0 lead before California slipped in two late scores when the outcome was decided. The Gales win, coupled with their bonus points from the New York match, moved them into third place in the tightly-bunched American Conference race, just two points out of first place. The Miami Americans currently hold down the #1 spot with 91 total points, with Sacramento in second with 90 points, followed by the Gales, and the Sunshine, who have 84 points. Games in hand could be the vital factor in the American Conference struggle, as California has five games remaining to play, Sacramento and Golden Gate, two each, and Miami has but one match remaining.

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Miami missed a good chance to increase their lead in the American Conference when they fell to the Cleveland Cobras, 4-1, on Friday night in Ohio. The Cobras, despite seeing their playoff hopes vanish due to New York's successes, were shot in to an early lead on goals by Walter Schlothauer, in the 10th minute, and Joe Fink's score five minutes later. Two second half tallies by Andy Chapman in the 50th and 82nd minutes, were more than Cleveland needed en route to victory. Marine Cano was outstanding in goals for the Cobras, making twelve saves, several of the acrobatic variety.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - CARLOS VOLPINI, GOLDEN GATE GALES

Volpini has been named for this week's honors due to his four goal output in the Gales' two matches last week, including a hat trick performance versus California. The 26-year old striker added the final Gales' goal in their unsuccessful comeback try against New York on Wednesday, and continued to find the range versus the Sunshine, scoring three consecutive goals in the midst of the Gales' 6-2 romp. A native of Italy, Volpini's recent scoring touch has been an added addition to the offensive power of Mal Roche, the ASL's leading scorer, and the Golden Gate attack has been responsible for bringing the Gales out of the American Conference cellar to challenge for the title in the past month. Volpini now has amassed 8 goals and 0 assists for the year,2nd on the Gales in scoring.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK - MARINE CANO, CLEVELAND COBRAS

Cano gained this week's defensive kudos for his play in the Cleveland goal versus Miami which the Cobras won by a 4-1 margin. Cano's bid for a shutout falling short by only seven minutes, when the outcome had already been decided. Marine was forced to make twelve saves, many of them extremely difficult, versus Miami, and his effort in staving off the Americans at the beginning of the match gave the Cleveland attack a chance to open up a commanding lead. The California-born Cano is in his third year in the ASL, his first with Cleveland, and is currently working with a 1.71 average, with three shutouts on the year.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES — HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Wednesday, August 20th	New York	4	GOLDEN GATE	3
Friday, August 22nd	CLEVELAND	4	Miami	1
	New York	1	SACRAMENTO	0
Sunday, August 24th	Golden Gate	6	CALIFORNIA	2

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total* Points
AMERICAN CONFERENCE								
Miami**	27	10	14	3	37	51	35	91
Sacramento	26	11	13	2	34	34	31	90
Golden Gate	26	8	13	5	43	47	39	89
California	23	10	12	1	35	46	32	84
NATIONAL CONFERENCE								
Pennsylvania	25	17	4	4	46	25	39	132
New York	25	15	10	0	43	32	38	113
Cleveland**	27	11	14	2	38	45	35	94
Columbus	25	11	11	3	34	28	32	93

(*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 by Columbus)

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE SCORING LEADERS

	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
Mal Roche, Golden Gate Gales	25	17	7	41
Jim Rolland, California	18	8	11	27
Andy Chapman, Cleveland	18	11	2	24
Walter Schlothauer, Cleveland	21	7	8	22
Joe Fink, Cleveland	21	10	1	21
Malcolm Filby, Sacramento	14	9	2	20
Narciso Doval, New York United	15	9	2	20
Ian Filby, Pennsylvania	21	8	3	19
George Dewsnip, Columbus	19	5	8	18
Ruben Astigarraga, Cleveland	22	6	6	18

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE LEADING GOALKEEPERS
(Minimum 1170 Minutes Played)

	Minutes	Shots	Saves	Goals Allowed	S.O.	Record	G.A. Ave.
Scott Manning, PA	2143	313	141	23	10	15-4-4	0.97
Tom Reynolds, Sac.	1905	258	87	22	8	11-8-2	1.04
Graham Tutt, Col.	1655	198	79	20	5	10-5-3	1.09
Jamil Canal, New York	2093	396	162	32	5	13-10-0	1.38
Marine Cano, Cleveland	2260	397	168	43	3	9-13-2	1.71
John Spurgeon, GGG	1291	235	93	26	0	4-7-3	1.81
Brian Parkonson, CA	1850	250	105	38	2	6-10-4	1.85
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 29th	Pennsylvania at New York	8:05
	Golden Gate at Sacramento	8:05
	Cleveland at Miami	8:05
Sunday, August 31st	California at New York	2:05
	Sacramento at Golden Gate	7:05

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LAST WEEK'S MATCHES HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Wednesday, August 20th

New York United 4 GOLDEN GATE GALES 3 (3:0) (at Freemont)

GG: Afshin (Spurgeon, 32); Steinberg, Berico, Rowlands, Hauser, Brooks, Cornwell, Volpini, Hijlkema, Roche, Basso (Trelles, 45)

NY: Canal; Lane, McCrudden, Enea, Mardarescu, Clavijo, Barthou (Kitson, 66), D'Anzi (Collins, 61, Papoulias 87), Concha, Filho (Cabrera, 61), Doval.

SOCRING: GG: Trelles (2) (unasst'd) 54, Brooks (4) (Roche) 61, Volpini (5) (unasst'd) 84; NY: Doval (8) (McCrudden) 22, D'Anzi (2) (Doval) 28, Barthou (3) (unasst'd) 31, Doval (9) (Cabrera) 72; Goalies - Saves: Afshin (GGG) 7; Canal (NYU) 3; Shots: GGG - 14, NY - 16; Offensive MVP - Narciso Doval, NYU; Defensive MVP - Mario Concha, NYU. Referee: L. Para.

Friday, August 22nd

CLEVELAND COBRAS 4 Miami Americans 1 (2:0) (at Cleveland)

CLE: Cano; Pisano, Mammana, Rosul, Kelley, Sendobry, Barry, Savic (Astigarraga, 35), Ferreira, Fink (Chapman, 45), Schlothauer.

MIA: Cordoba (Mordas, 82); Roberts, Demers, Gaston, Vallejos, Cogan Tavares, Greene, Mescia, Njie, Mena.

SCORING: CLE: Schlothauer (7) (Ferreira) 10, Fink (10) (Schlothauer) 15, Chapman (10) (Kelley) 50, Chapman (11) (Pisano) 82; MIA: Mescia (1) (Roberts) 83. Goalies - Saves: Cano (CLE) 12; Cordoba (MIA) 12; Shots: CLE - 23; MIA - 27; Offensive MVP - Chapman, CLE; Defensive MVP - Cano, CLE. Referee: J. Kovach.

New York United 1 SACRAMENTO SPIRIT 0 (1:0) (at Sacramento)

SAC: Reynolds; Brown, R. Avila (Mancini, 67), Arber, Stanton, Denkers, Dawkins, McKeown (Carrizo, 45), Filby, Munguia, M. Avila.

NYU: Joseph; Tyson, Lane, Eden, Concha (Kitson, 75), Clodoaldo, Mardarescu (Filho, 67), Clavijo, Barthou, Doval, McCrudden.

SCORING: NY: Barthou (4) (Clavijo) 40. Goalies - Saves: Reynolds (SAC) 6; Joseph (NYU) 3; Shots: SAC - 12; NYU - 9; Offensive MVP - Barthou, NYU; Defensive MVP - Arber, SAC. Referee: Kretchmer.

Sunday, August 24th

Golden Gate Gales 6 CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE 2 (4:0) (at Santa Ana)

CAL: Parkinson, Moraldo, Gehling, Nickeas, Tobin, Walley (Stierle, 72), Arbalaez (Zavaleta, 45), Harding (Towers, 57), Johnstone, Rolland, O'Kane.

GGG: Spurgeon, Steinberg, Berico (Hague, 58), Rowlands, Hijlkema (Gray, 46), Volpini, Roche, Hauser, Cornwell, Brooks, Trelles.

SCORING: CAL: Stierle (1) (Nickeas) 76; O'Kane (8) (Rolland) 86; GGG: Trelles (2) (unasst'd) 3; Roche (16) (Trelles) 22; Volpini (5) (Roche) 28; Volpini (6) (unasst'd) 41; Volpini (7) (unasst'd) 51; Roche (17) (unasst'd) 72. Goalies - Saves: Parkinson (CAL) 3; Spurgeon (GGG) 2. Shots: CAL - 11; GGG - 13. Offensive MVP - Volpini, GGG; Defensive MVP - Spurgeon, GGG. Referee: Morgan.

ASL NOTE - Due to the Labor Day holiday next Monday, the weekly release will be issued on Tuesday, September 2, 1980.