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PENNSYLVANIA STONERS CAPTURE AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE TITLE

NEW YORK, NY - The Pennsylvania Stoners, making their first-ever appearance in the American Soccer League Championship game, defeated the Sacramento Spirit 2-1 in front of 7,773 fans in Allentown's ASD Stadium to capture the ASL title, last Thursday night.

The Stoners dominated the early portion of the game, and finally got on the scoreboard at 38:20 on an unassisted goal by George Gorleku, the ASL's regular season Most Valuable Player. Gorleku picked up a loose ball following a scramble off a throw-in and rocketed a 35-yard shot into the upper left hand corner of the net, past Spirit goaltender Tom Reynolds.

The Spirit mounted their only offensive efforts immediately following that goal but turned away each time, with the half ending with the Stoners leading by that 1-0 count.

Pennsylvania stretched their lead to 2-0 at 69:03 on a goal by Rich Reice from an assist by John McDermott. McDermott hit Reice with a pass on the right side about 45 yards from the goal. Reice dribbled down the right to within 20 yards of the goal and let go a low shot that caught the left side of the net behind Reynolds.

The Spirit pulled to within one goal late in the game when Malcolm Filby converted a penalty kick at 86:20, resulting from a Stoner hand ball in the penalty area. But the Stoners were able to hold off two more Sacramento threats to capture their first ASL crown.

Thursday, September 18th

PENNSYLVANIA STONERS 2 Sacramento Spirit 1 (1:0) (at Allentown)

PA: Scott Manning; Smith, Gorleku, Tipping, McDonald, DsSilva, Watson, McDermott, Filby(Bolevic 38, Brooks, 65), Reice (Ehrlich, 73), Nwokocha (Ost, 73)

SAC: Tom Reynolds; R. Avila(Carrizo, 45), Brown, Stanton, Denkers, Dawkins, McKeown (Salcedo, 64), M. Avila, Filby, Munguia, Mancini.

SCORING: PA: Gorleku (unasst'd) 38, Reice (McDermott) 69; SAC: Filby (penalty kick) 86. Goalies - Saves: Manning (PA) 5; Reynolds (SAC) 6; Shots: PA - 14; SAC - 10; Offensive MVP - John McDermott, PA; Defensive MVP - Jeff Tipping, PA. Referee - S. Starobin.