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DALLAS AND THE AMERICANS:
So far, so good

The 1983 season is still very young, but already, a happy marriage seems to have taken place in Dallas, Texas.

Through its first eight games, the ASL Americans had won five games, while losing only three. The fans, in turn, have responded quite well.

"It's (the fan response) been very, very good," said Joe "Wolfgang" Rausch, player-coach of the Americans. "Of course, we're 4-0 at home and that makes a big difference."

Rausch played with the last pro-soccer team in Dallas, the Dallas Tornados of the NASL, and he voiced a reason for that failure.

"They never really gave Americans a chance to play," he said. "Now, they have a chance to see Americans."

"I believe that a city like Dallas, with so many kids playing soccer, professional soccer has got to work."

Thus far, Dallas has drawn just over 4,000 fans per contest, which puts it up there as one of the league's attendance leaders.

Rausch admits that he is surprised at the team's won lost record considering that the squad had little time to prepare for the campaign.

"We had some difficulties getting ready," he said. "We had a really short pre-season, just a few weeks to work with. It surprises me we've played so well. If we can keep doing what we've been doing, we'll have a good club in Dallas."

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And that would make more than just Rausch and his team happy. Certainly, the fans would get a kick out of that, too.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Andy Chapman of the Detroit Express may have gotten off to a somewaht slow start this year, but if last week's action is any indication, watch out!

Chapman, the ASL Player of the Week, scored two goals against Oklahoma City on Friday, June 3, and then, the following evening, assisted in Clyde Watson's game-winning goal in Carolina. The goal came at 88:37, and it was the difference in a 1-0 final.

Last year, Chapman led the ASL in goals with a whopping 23. In just over two seasons with Detroit, the forward has notched 49 goals and 116 total points.

A native of England, the 23 year old Chapman has had stints with the Cleveland Cobras (ASL Rookie of the Year-1976), and the Witchita Wings of the MISL. Chapman began playing in the ASL at the age of 17.

****CORRECTION****

In last weeks' release, under "Statistical Races," Billy Boljevic of the Detroit Express was incorrectly given two assist in the Pennsylvania-Detroit game of May 28. In fact, he actually had only one assist to give him 12 total points through that date.

TEA MEN TO PLAY ROWDIES IN BENEFIT

In every day life, we often take many things for granted. We don't take much time to think of our body's abilities to see, hear, feel, touch, etc. One child, 20 month old Franklin Silcos, Jr. is faced with just the opposite situation, he thinks of his body every day. The Jacksonville resident is in need of a liver transplant to continue a normal life of a child his age.

On Monday, June 13th, the Jacksonville Tea Men will play a benefit game against the North American Soccer League's Tampa Bay Rowdies II team. The game will take place at Jacksonville's Gator Bowl beginning at 8 PM, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Greater Jacksonville Community Foundation to secure little Franklin a new liver.

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FLOOD DESTROYS COLLECTION

"Dear Sir: Please forgive my intrusion of your privacy and busy schedule, but a flood disaster destroyed a sport memorabillia collection that my wife and I had collected since 1945."

"Our problem is that we had promised my five grandchildren that we would divide the collection among them for their pleasure and interest in sports."

"Our collection consisted of gum cards, pictures, schedules, autographs, and many other items. I have prayed to God to give me the means and health to rebuild my collection and to be able to keep my word to my grandchildren. My own children never were into sports and my wife and self felt we would never be able to share our collection., till our grandchildren came along and we started to interest them in Sports."

"I can not imagine a human being on this earth without an interest of love for sports. To me this is where one learns to be competitive, to learn to lose as well as win. It is our heritage."

"I ask with hat in hand for you to honor me by signing my 5 3x5 cards, or if your players will honor us. We are not commerciallists, but grandparents with a love of sports and a promise that we wish to keep."

"We thank you for your kindness, and may the Good Lord bless you and your family with love and health and wishes granted to you. These are my desires--- as well as my wife's. If you do not wish to sign, we will understand and thank you just the same." Signed-Daniel James Deffee, 100 No. Rodeo Gulch Rd. Space #192, Soquel, CA 95073.

The PENNSYLVANIA STONERS answered Mr. Deffee's plea by sending him an assortment of memorabillia. Should any other team or soccer fan wish to do the same, we're sure Mr. Deffee would appreciate it.

ASL HOTLINE

In the league's scoring race, Solomon Hilton of Pennsylvania has a one point advantage over Detroit's Billy Boljevic...Roman Urbanczuk of Pennsylvania scored his first goal since July 23, 1982 when he tallied against the Dallas Americans, June 5, in Pennsylvania...Tad Delorm of Detroit and Simonini of Jacksonville are tied for most shutouts by a goalie, with three each...Billy Phillips, back-up goalie for Dallas, got his first two starts of the seaon last week. He split the two, beating Jacksonville and losing to Pennsylvania...The Carolina Lightnin' are preparing to give away a $36,000 airplane at the end of the Lightnin-Pennsylvania Stoners game on June 18...

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ASL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP
Jacksonville	5	2	13	8	13	38
Pennsylvania	3	5	13	15	15	30
Carolina	3	4	9	9	9	24
WESTERN DIVISION						
Detroit	7	1	15	7	15	50
Dallas	5	3	16	12	15	40
Oklahoma City	0	8	3	18	5	5

Explanation of Point System: 5 pts. for a win, one bonus point for every goa up to three in a game, two points for the losing team in a shootout---listed under bonus points, no points for a loss in regulation. Goals in overtime count under bonus points.

RESULTS LAST WEEK

Thursday, June 2 — Carolina 3, Oklahoma City 0
Friday, June 3 — Dallas 2, Jacksonville 1 (OT)
Saturday, June 4 — Detroit 2, Oklahoma City 0
Detroit 1, Carolina 0
Sunday, June 5 — Jacksonville 2, Pennsylvania 0
Pennsylvania 3, Dallas 2

THIS WEEK's SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 9 — Jacksonville at Detroit
Friday, June 10 — Pennsylvania at Oklahoma City
Saturday, June 11 — Dallas at Carolina
Detroit at Dallas
Sunday, June 12 — Oklahoma City at Jacksonville
Carolina at Pennsylvania

ASL SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	TP
Hilton, Pennsylvania	6	2	14
Boljevic, Detroit	5	3	13
Welsch, Dallas	4	1	9
Chapman, Detroit	4	1	9
Bourne, Dallas	3	1	7
Tinnion, Detroit	2	2	6
Watson, Detroit	3	0	6
Fouser, Carolina	3	0	6
Bernardi, Pennsylvania	3	0	6
Ralbovsky, Jacksonville	3	0	6
Garcia, Jacksonville	2	2	6

GOALTENDING LEADERS

	G	MIN	SAVES	GA	SHO	RECORD	GAA
Delorm, Detroit	8	740	74	7	3	7-1	0.85
Simonini, Jacksonville	7	670	33	8	3	5-2	1.07
Kennedy, Carolina	6	560	47	7	1	3-3	1.12
R.Phillips, Dallas	6	560	26	8	1	4-2	1.28
Taratsides, Pennsylvania	7	670	46	12	1	3-4	1.61

ASL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Andy Chapman, Detroit

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Thursday, June 2

Carolina	3
Oklahoma City	0

Attendance: 910
Referee: Russ Staurovsky
Scoring: Carolina: Borg 34:13; Lee (Groark) 50:48; Borg 78:22
Oklahoma City: None

Cautions: Carolina: Pierce 68:04 (yellow)
Oklahoma City: Allen 65:13 (red; Kramer 80:03 (yellow)

	C	O
Shots	10	11
Saves	4	3
Corners	2	8
Fouls	22	16
Offsides	2	6

Carolina: Kennedy, Borg, Power, Lee Payne, Fouser (Suarez), Tobin, Heileman, Reice (Leeper), Groark, Pierce

Oklahoma City: Parkes, Knezic, Millinder, Husband, Ley, Hudson (Fleps), Kramer, Killingsworth, Sautter, Pena, Savic (James)

Off. MVP Borg

Thursday, June 2

Jacksonville	1
Dallas	2 (OT)

Attendance: 4,212
Referee: Hypolite Sosa
Scoring: Jacksonville: Zivaljevic (Carbognani) 48:55
Dallas: Bourne 16:15; Welsch (Kadupski) 100:48

Cautions: Jacksonville: Lignos 17:58 (yellow)
Dallas: Sedlacek 62:07 (yellow)

	J	D
Shots	12	20
Saves	5	6
Corners	3	3
Fouls	19	16
Offsides	3	3

Jacksonville: Dimonini, Lignos (Meyer), Berria, Bapst, Palbovsky, Zec, Carbognani, Fall, Garcia, Zivaljevic, English

Dallas: B.Phillips, Elder, Cohen, Kadupski, Rausch, Sedlacek, Hellenkamp (Miller), Dolinsky, Welsch, Bourne, Rosentued (easterlir

Off. MVP Welsch
Def. MVP Rausch

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Friday, June 3

Oklahoma City	0
Detroit	2

Attendance: 2,995
Referee: Phil Bryant
Scoring: Oklahoma City: None
Detroit: Chapman (Powers) 19:54; Chapman (Boljevic) 82:14

Cautions: Oklahoma City: Sautter 44:44 (yellow); Alioto 84:33 (yellow); Savic 60:38 (yellow); Savic 61:01 (red)
Detroit: Franklin 60:38 (yellow); Franklin 61:24 (red)

	O	D
Shots	19	20
Saves	13	12
Corners	7	14
Fouls	14	12
Offsides	10	10

Oklahoma City: Parkes, Alioto, Knezic, Millinder (Fleps), Husband, Ley, Kramer, Killingsworth, Sautter (Pena), Kerlin, Savic

Detroit: Delorm, St.Westbrook, Franklin, Tinnion (Christensen), Watson, Sc.Westbrook, Vaughn, Chapman, Boljevic, Moffat (Getman), Powers

Off. MVP Chapman

Saturday, June 4

Pennsylvania	0
Jacksonville	2

Attendance: 3,576
Referee: John Sullivan
Scoring: Pennsylvania: None
Jacksonville: Zec (Garcia); 65:28; Garcia (Fall) 80:37

	P	J
Shots	7	18
Saves	11	2
Corners	6	5
Fouls	21	23

Cautions: Pennsylvania: Nezaj 28:03 (yellow); Hilton 52:50 (yellow); Coach Csapo 53:00 (yellow); Horvath 80:23 (yellow)
Jacksonville: Carbognani 34:46 (yellow); Zec 73:10 (yellow)

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Saturday, June 4

Detroit	1
Carolina	0

Attendance: 3,879
Referee: Woodrow Farrow
Scoring: Detroit: Watson (Chapman) 88:37
Carolina: None

Cautions: Detroit: None
Carolina: None

	D	C
Shots	5	11
Saves	4	3
Corners	1	9
Fouls	19	12
Offsides	6	11

Detroit: Delorm, Vaughn, Watson, St.Westbrook, Sc.Westbrook, Christensen, Powers, Moffatt (Getman), Tinnion, Boljevic, Chapman

Carolina: Kennedy, Heileman, Borg, Powers, Groark, Pierce, Payne, Tobin, Reice, Fouser (Suarez), Lee

Off. MVP: Watson
Def. MVP: Dave Powers

Sunday, June 5

Dallas	2
Pennsylvania	3

Attendance: 1,342
Referee: Julio Salas
Scoring: Dallas: Hellenkamp 44:45; Bourne 68:43
Pennsylvania: Bernardi 27:15; Hilton (Horvath) 38:57; Urbanczuk 52:51

Cautions: Dallas: Rausch 62:26 (yellow)
Pennsylvania: None

	D	P
Shots	13	14
Saves	3	8
Corners	3	5
Fouls	28	27
Offsides	2	10

Dallas: B.Phillips, Elder (Easterling), Rausch, Cohen, Kadupski, Hellenkamp, Roentued, Dolinsky, Welsch, Bourne, Miller (Fazekas)

Pennsylvania: Taratsides, Smith, Nezaj, Schlothauer, Davis, Horvath, Ramsey, Yepez, Hilton Urbanczuk (Paonessa), Bernardi

Off. MVP: Horvath
Def. MVP: Taratsides