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OKLAHOMA CITY REBOUNDS

With the hatchet of death hanging above the heads of the Oklahoma City Slickers, David Frazier, an Oklahoma businessman, pulled the American Soccer League team out of sure death last week, becoming the club's new owner.

Frazier's first move as the new man was to re-instate a local favorite, Jim Walker, as the team's general manager.

"I'm just happy to be back in the position," said Walker. "I was here at the beginning and it was Brian (coach Harvey) and I who put together this operation."

Since Walker's firing by former owner Ralph Penn, the team's fortunes have fallen. After a sensational first-season, Oklahoma City dropped its first eight games of 1983.

"Actually, I think the attitude of the players was pretty good throughout this whole mess," Walker noted. "Brian kept things together and so did the veterans. They didn't panic. My goal right now is to stabilize the team and help Brian out any way I can."

Maybe it was a vote of confidence, but whatever, the Slickers responded to their new management with an overwhelming win over the Pennsylvania Stoners Thursday night, June 9th. In their first game under Frazier, Oklahoma City clicked for a 3-1 verdict.

"It was really great the other night," Walker said of the win. "They had played some competitive games before, but..."

For now, Walker will be picking up the pieces from where he left off back in the Fall.

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"When I left, things weren't followed up," he said. "I want to make sure everyone gets what they're supposed to. I'm also going to try and put together a promotional line-up that we can incorporate into the July schedule."

It may take a while, but one gets the impression that if anyone can glue the Slickers back together, Walker is the one.

CAROLINA AND THE BEACH BOYS MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

Taking on the atmosphere of a gala fairgrounds, Carolina's Memorial Stadium played host Friday night, to an exciting soccer match between the Lightnin' and the Dallas Americans, and afterwards, a concert, featuring the Beach Boys.

"It was well executed and well run," said Carolina's Director of Public Relations, Jim Wilde. "It was a real exciting game and the Beach Boys were just great."

In the game, Carolina defeated Dallas 2-1 via their second shootout victory of the year. As far as the concert went, well...

"It was really a great concert," said Wilde. "People were dancing in the aisles and even the press box was shaking."

More than 16,000 fans turned out for the double-billed show and according to Wilde, nearly 3/4 of the crowd arrived at game-time.

"We had TV coverage all over the place," reported Wilde. "The whole thing was well-covered by the media----the game and the concert both."

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Carolina's promotional efforts don't end with this concert. In fact, this Saturday it will be giving away a $36,000 airplane as a door prize. The Stoners of Pennsylvania are the opponents on that evening, June 18th. Fans will be given a short quiz at the gate and those who answer them all corrrectly (the questions), will have a chance to fling a frisbee at the nose of the plane. The one who comes closest to the nose, wins it.

JACKSONVILLE SOCCER WEEK

Thousands of youngsters in more than 200 soccer leagues from the Jacksonville area were expected to participate in the 3rd Annual Youth Soccer Week, June 12-18, cosponsored by Sun Bank/North Florida, N.A. and the Jacksonville Tea Men Soccer Club.

Recognizing the city's most popular sport, Jacksonville Mayor Jake Bodbold and Mayors Ish Brant, Bob O'Neil and Robert Persons of Neptune, Jacksonville and Atlantic Beaches, respectively, proclaimed the week of soccer activities and competition an official community event.

Sun Bank President Robert J. Tanner said, "The Sun Bank-sponsored clinics are an opportunity to challenge area youngsters and help them develop good character to foster the quality of life in our city. The cosponsorship of Youth Soccer Week gives us the opportunity to show our support of the Tea Men. They are important and excellent role models for the youth in our area."

Soccer leagues competed throughout the week. At a special awards ceremonty by Sun Bank, all participants will receive a certificate from Sun Bank and the Jacksonville Tea Men and medals will be presented to outstanding athletes.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

How could it be anyone but Jacksonville's Micky Zivaljevic. He simply went wild this past week. On Thursday night, June 9th, the Tea Men forward scored a hat-trick and added an assit as Jacksonville defeated Detroit 5-3 in Detroit. Then, on Saturday night, in Jacksonville, Zivaljevic scored a goal and added two assists as the Tea Men shut out Oklahoma City 4-0. Before his awesome week, Zivaljevic had been rather quiet, but now, he suddenly finds himself with five goals and three assists, good for 13 total points. It also puts him in the top five in the ASL scoring race.

Zivaljevic is from Yugoslavia, where he began playing professional soccer at the age of 17. "Micky Zee" is 6 foot 1 and weighs 175 pounds. As a traveler, the deceptively quick Zivaljevic learned five different languages.

ASL HOTLINE

Tony Suarez of Carolina got his first start since his Rookie of the Year (1981) campaign and responded in fine fashion with a big goal in the Lightnin' 2-1 win over Dallas on June 10th...On the strength of their 2-1 victory over Detroit June 11, the Dallas Americans now own a 5-0 home record...The Oklahoma City Slickers, who had scored only three goals for the whole season, exploded for a 3-1 win over Pennsylvania on June 9th... Zoran Savic has been released by Oklahoma City. In his place, the Slickers have signed Ibrahim Khoury of Israel. Khoury proceeded to score his first goal of his ASL career June 9th in the win over the Stoners. For his efforts, he was named the Offensive MVP of the game... Brian Mears, the PR Director, has left his position at the Detroit Express for a career in car sales...Lou Michaels of SportsView America has a show which highlights ASL action for cable viewers. Anyone interested in further information or wishes to contact Michaels, should write to Lou Michaels, SportsView America, 791 Industrial Court, Bloomfield Hills, Michgian 48013...The Pennsylvania Stoners will take on the Tampa Bay Rowdies in a pair of exhibitions August 9 and 11. The Stoners will host the Rowdies at their home field, BSD Stadium, on the 9th and then meet the NASL club on the New Jersey shore two days later, in Wall, NJ...On June 29th, the Stoners clash with the Rockland (NY) County All-Stars in a benefit for a local youth's family, who are in need of medical reimbursement after the boy died of a rare disease...

Thursday, June 9

Jacksonville	5
Detroit	3

Attendance: 2,010
Referee: Michael Rado
Scoring: Jacksonville: Zivaljevic (English) 8:31; Zivaljevic (Carbognani) 23:28: English (Zivaljevic) 29:35; Zivaljevic (Carbognani) 59:49; Garcia (Fall) 66:14
Detroit: Gabarra (Watson) 4:04; Chapman (una) 51:33; Gabarra (Boljevic) 54:03

Cautions: Jacksonville: None
Detroit: Watson (yellow) 52:21; Chapman (yellow) 80:21

	J	D
Shots	23	21
Saves	10	10
Corners	5	7
Fouls	13	24
Offsides	8	1

Jacksonville: Simonini, Meyer, Bapst, Ralbovsky, Fall, Zivaljevic, Carbognani, English (Rosul), Berrio, Garcia, Zec

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

Off. MVP Zivaljevic

Thursday, June 9

Pennsylvania	1
Oklahoma City	3

Attendance: 1,116
Referee: William Scofield
Scoring: Pennsylvania: Hilton (una) 11:21
Oklahoma City: Kramer (una) 13:44; Khoury (Killingsworth) 27:53; Kerlin (Ley) 87:27

Cautions: Pennsylvania: Smith (yellow) 39:41; Hilton (yellow) 68:58; Csapo (yellow-red) 73:55
Oklahoma City: Kramer (yellow) 30:21; Kerlin (yellow) 39:41

	P	O
Shots	11	15
Saves	4	3
Corners	3	7
Fouls	28	27
Offsides	2	0

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

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

Off. MVP Khoury
Def. MVP Smith

Friday, June 10

Dallas	1
Carolina	2 (SH)

(Carolina wins shootout 3-2)

Attendance: 16,108
Referee: Don Wilbur
Scoring: Dallas: Kadupski (Welsch) 2:25; Shootout goals - Bourne, Sedlacek
Carolina: Suarez (Tobin) 23:20; Shootout goals - Lee, Fouser, Avila

Cautions: Dallas: Roenbued (yellow) 28:27; Sedlacek (yellow) 71:41
Carolina: Lee (yellow) 21:53; Pierce (yellow) 24:28; Pierce (red) 73:29

	D	C
Shots	15	10
Saves	4	7
Corners	6	6
Fouls	26	38
Offsides	11	7

Dallas: R.Phillips, Kadupski, Cohen, Dolinsky, Roentued, Hellenkamp (Sedlacek), Welsch, Easterling, Rausch, Bourne, Elder

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

Off. MVP Suarez
Def. MVP Kennedy

Saturday, June 11

Detroit	1
Dallas	2

Attendance: 4,350
Referee: Robert Evans
Scoring: Detroit: Boljevic (Chapman) 18:16
Dallas: Bourne (PK) 28:50; Welsch (Dolinsky) 82:50

Cautions: Detroit: Franklin (yellow) 48:11; St.Westbrook (yellow) 63:35;Delorm (red)89:
Dallas: Rausch (yellow) 44:35; Borne (yellow) 72:15

	DT	DL
Shots	9	17
Saves	4	1
Corners	2	7
Fouls	22	17
Offsides	4	6

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

Dallas: R.Phillips, Kadupski, Rausch, Cohen, Roentued, Hellenkamp, Welsch, Dolinsky, Sedlacek (Elder), Bourne, Miller

Off. MVP Welsch

Saturday, June 11

Oklahoma City	0
Jacksonville	4

Attendance: 3,076
Referee: Christopher Bayley
Scoring: Oklahoma City: None
Jacksonville: English (Zivaljevic) 18:56; English (Zivaljevic) 71:22; Zivaljevic (English) 83:38; Carbognani (Garcia) 89:05

Cautions: Oklahoma City: None
Jacksonville: None

	O	J
Shots	9	19
Saves	6	4
Corners	3	3
Fouls	18	10

Oklahoma City: Parkes, Knezic, Gehling, James, Ley, Alioto, Kramer, Millinder, Pena (Killingsworth), Kerlin, Khoury (Fleps)

Jacksonville: Simonini, Zivaljevic, English, Carbognani, Garcia, Meyer, Berrio, Bapst, Ralbovsky (Rosul), Zec, Fall

Sunday, June 12

Carolina	1
Pennsylvania	2

Attendance: 1,540
Referee: Joe Kovach-Anta
Scoring: Carolina: Lee (Avila) 58:33
Pennsylvania: Paonessa (una) 27:31; Ramsey (Gauss) 28:58

Cautions: Carolina: Tobin (yellow) 13:31; Borg (yellow) 55:12
Pennsylvania: Carr (yellow) 24:53

	C	P
Shots	11	11
Saves	3	8
Corners	8	11
Fouls	27	23
Offsides	1	8

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

Pennsylvania: Barbarick, Smith, Davis, Schlothauer, Carr, Ramsey (Bernardi), Horvath, Gauss, Paonessa, Urbaczuk, Hilton (Johnson)

Off. MVP Paonessa
Def. MVP Barbarick

ASL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP
Jacksonville	7	2	22	11	19	54
Pennsylvania	4	6	16	19	18	38
Carolina	4	5	11	12	11	31
WESTERN DIVISION						
Detroit	7	3	19	14	19	54
Dallas	6	4	19	14	20	50
Oklahoma City	1	9	6	23	8	13

Explanation of Point System: 5 pts. for a win, one bonus point for every goal 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 9	Jacksonville 5, Detroit 3
	Oklahoma City 3, Pennsylvania 1
Friday, June 10	Carolina 2, Dallas 1 (shootout)
Saturday, June 11	Dallas 2, Detroit 1
	Jacksonville 4, Oklahoma City 0
Sunday, June 12	Pennsylvania 2, Carolina 1

THIS WEEK's SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 16	Carolina at Dallas
	Jacksonville at Oklahoma City
Saturday, June 18	Pennsylvania at Carolina
	Detroit at Jacksonville
Sunday, June 19	Dallas at Detroit
	Oklahoma City at Pennsylvania

ASL SCORING LEADERS	G	A	TP
Hilton, Pennsylvania	7	2	16
Boljevic, Detroit	6	4	16
Zivaljevic, Jacksonville	5	3	13
English, Jacksonville	5	3	13
Welsch, Dallas	5	2	12
Chapman, Detroit	5	2	12
Bourne, Dallas	4	1	9
Garcia, Jacksonville	3	3	9
Watson, Detroit	3	1	7

GOALTENDING LEADERS	G	MIN	SAVES	GA	SHO	RECORD	GAA
Simonini, Jacksonville	9	850	53	11	4	7-2	1.16
Kenedy, Carolina	8	760	57	10	1	4-4	1.18
R.Phillips, Dallas	8	760	31	10	1	5-3	1.18
Delorm, Detroit	10	919	88	14	3	7-3	1.37
Taratsides, Pennsylvania	8	760	50	15	1	3-5	1.78

ASL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Micky Zivaljevic, Jacksonville

TEAM RECORDS

CAROLINA	Home	3-1
	Away	1-3
	Total	4-4
DALLAS	Home	5-1
	Away	1-4
	Total	6-4
DETROIT	Home	5-1
	Away	2-2
	Total	7-3
JACKSONVILLE	Home	4-0
	Away	3-2
	Total	7-2
OKLAHOMA CITY	Home	1-4
	Away	0-4
	Total	1-8
PENNSYLVANIA	Home	4-1
	Away	0-5
	Total	4-6

ATTENDANCE

CAROLINA	NO. DATES	4
	Total	28,051
	Avg.	7,012
	Best	16,081
DALLAS	No. Dates	5
	Total	21,212
	Avg.	4,252
	Best	4,400
DETROIT	No. Dates	6
	Total	21,326
	Avg.	3,554
	Best	4,780
JACKSONVILLE	No. Dates	4
	Total	15,652
	Avg.	3,913
	Best	4,850
OKLAHOMA CITY	No. Dates	5
	Total	7,016
	Avg.	1,403
	Best	2,012
PENNSYLVANIA	No. Dates	5
	Total	5,930
	Avg.	1,186
	Best	1,730