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SHOOTOUTS: SO FAR, PLENTY OF EXCITEMENT, PLENTY OF NIGHTMARES

While shootouts are old hat in the North American Soccer League, the concept is brand new to the American Soccer League. So far in 1983, the tie-breaker has been a collage of good times and bad times, depending on who you talk to. Talk to the fans, and they love it. Talk to the coaches, and they cringe.

"For a coach and his players, it's a nightmare," declared Pennsylvania head coach and general manager Kalman Csapo. "You fight for 90 minutes and two overtimes and it comes down to a shootout. All your efforts can go down the drain."

Although his Stoners are 0-2 in shootouts, Csapo realizes that the tie-breaker is well-appreciated by the fans.

"As a general manager, I'm 100% behind the shootout," he said. "It has been demonstrated throughout the league that fans will stay in the park in anticipation of it. When the fans leave, there's no question as to who the winner and the loser are."

Jacksonville Tea Men coach, Dennis Viollet, agrees.

"It's something the fans enjoy," noted Viollet, whose team is 1-1 in shootout competition this year. "I was very dissatisfied with the outcome in Oklahoma, of couse (shootout loss). But other than that, it's a very exciting finish to a game."

Dallas Americans coach Joe Rausch doesn't like the shootout, but he attributes that fact to his European background.

"I think the penalty shots are better," said Rausch,whose team lost their

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shootout encounter (to Carolina). "That's because I come from Europe where penalty shots are used to decide a game. I do wish the league could find some way to make a tie count more."

Thus far, Carolina leads the league in shootout decisions with a 2-0 mark. Oklahoma City has won two but has also lost one.

The season may be halfway over, but you can be sure that there will be plenty more thrills and nightmares coming your shootout way.

OKLAHOMA CITY SLICKERS: COMING ALIVE

Things were certainly looking grim for the Oklahoma City Slickers. The team appeared ready to fold, ready to disappear into the Southwest sunset.

But just when it all looked hopeless, a man wearing a white cowboy hat came charging into town, waving to the townspeople. Thus, the legend of David Frazier was born

From all indications, the Slickers believe in the legend, and with the Oklahoma businessman officially in control, the team has amassed a record of 4-2.

A big reason for the sudden emergence of the once 0-8 Slickers is Ibrahim Khoury, a native of Israel. The forward has scored a team-leading four goals and eight points in a matter of a couple of weeks. Behind Khoury's scoring touch, Oklahoma City fights for what was once considered a lost proposition-the Playoffs.

Yes, behind the legend they call Frazier, the Slickers have come alive.

DETROIT EXPRESS: STREAK ENDS

The Detroit Express were red-hot. The Western Division squad was playing tough, solid soccer and for a while, it appeared that they would vault way ahead of the

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remaining ASL field.

But disaster struck. A 7-1 record turned into a 7-6 mark. Making matters worse was the lack of scoring--to the tune of three consecutive shutout losses. Dallas gradually tied the Express for first.

Finally, the dive toward bottom ended. Detroit clicked for a 3-2 win over Carolina on June 25th, and the losing ways were erased, at least temporarily. The victor combined with an Americans loss, put the Express back in undisputed first place and into second place in overall points (behind Jacksonville).

Can the Express now keep their winning ways going? Only time will tell.

ASL PLAYER OF THE WEEK: MATT ENGLISH

When Jacksonville rookie forward Matt English took the field for the Tea Men this year, the 6'3", 190 pounder began where he left off while attending the University of Akron.

English, an All-American and Senior Bowl participant, tallied 57 career goals at the school, including 21 (and 13 assists) in his senior year.

And now, English is taking the ASL by storm. Last week, he scored two goals, two assist and led the Tea Men to a pair of wins (over Pennsylvania and Dallas). And suddenly, English is the circuit's leading scorer with a whopping eight goals, six assists and 22 points.

"A lot (of my success in the pros) has to do with the great players on our team," English explained. "We're probably the best team in the league. It's an ideal team for any rookie. All theese players have been helping me out. Micky (Zivadjevic) out front has a lot to do with it. He's been very helpful."

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Ironically, English is one point ahead of Zivaljevic in the ASL scoring race. In last weekend's games, English's two goals proved to be the game winners.

"When you have better players around you, the better your're going to do," summed up this week's ASL Player of the Week.

ASL HOTLINE

Phil Parkes of the Oklahoma City Slickers recorded his first shutout of 1983 with a 2-0 win over Detroit, June 23rd. In that game, two apparent Express goals were nullified by offsides calls...In its game on June 24 against Carolina, Oklahoma City was called for fouls 10 times, the lowest total for them in a contest this year...The Slickers lost that match, 5-2...Pennsylvania signed midfielder Ian Martin (formerly with the Rochester Flash) and placed Bob Ramsey (MF) on the 10 day inactive list. The Stoners also added rookie goalie Bill McNell to their active roster...Goalie Peter Simonini of the Tea Men lost a shutout June 26th against Pennsylvania, when defender Matt Meyer inadvertently scored for the Stoners...Matt English's selection as the ASL Player of the Week marked the third consecutive week a Tea Men has garnered the award. The Tea Men remain the only undefeated team at home, showing a 6-0 record. They are also the only team to own a winning mark on the road- 4-3...According to Wendy Corbett, the Dallas PR director, the Americans mascot, an eagle, was given a yellow card during the squad's 3-1 loss to Pennsylvania on June 25th...Tad Delorm picked up an assist in the June 25th Detroit win over Carolina. The goalie assisted on a second half goal by Andy Chapman...Stuart Lee had a fine weekend for Carolina scoring four goals and one assist as the Lightnin' split a pair of games, beating Oklahoma City and losing to Detroit. One of Lee's goals against the Slickers was on a bicycle kick...After being rained out twice, the Slickers finally defeated Pennsylvania 2-1 in a shootout, June 21....

ASL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP
Jacksonville	10	3	31	13	30	80
Pennsylvania	6	8	23	25	27	57
Carolina	6	7	21	19	19	49

WESTERN DIVISION	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP
Detroit	8	6	22	22	22	62
Dallas	7	7	21	21	22	57
Oklahoma City	4	10	12	30	14	34

5 pts. for a win, one bonus point for every goal up tothree 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

Tuesday, June 21	Oklahoma City 2, Pennsylvania 1 (shootout)
Thursday, June 23	Jacksonville 2, Dallas 0
	Oklahoma City 2, Detroit 0
Friday, June 24	Carolina 5, Oklahoma City 2
Saturday, June 25	Pennsylvania 3, Dallas 1
	Detroit 3, Carolina 2
Sunday, June 26	Jacksonville 3, Pennsylvania 1

THIS WEEK's SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 30	Dallas at Oklahoma City
Friday, July 1	Carolina at Jacksonville
Saturday, July 2	Pennsylvania at Detroit
	Oklahoma City at Dallas
Monday, July 4	Jacksonville at Carolina

ASL SCORING LEADERS	G	A	TP
English, Jacksonville	8	6	22
Zivaljevic, Jacksonville	9	3	21
Hilton, Pennsylvania	7	3	17
Boljevic, Detroit	6	4	16
Chapman, Detroit	7	2	16
Lee, Carolina	7	2	16
Welsch, Dallas	5	2	12
Bourne, Dallas	5	2	12
Garcia, Jacksonville	4	4	12
Suarez, Carolina	4	2	10
Bernardi, Pennsylvania	4	0	8
Fouser, Carolina	4	0	8
Khoury, OklahomaCity	4	0	8

GOALTENDING LEADERS	G	MIN	SAVES	GA	SHO	RECORD	GAA
Simonini, Jacksonville	13	1230	76	13	6	10-3	0.95
Kennedy, Carolina	12	1120	82	17	2	6-6	1.36
R. Phillips, Dallas	10	940	40	15	1	5-5	1.43
Deform, Detroit	13	1189	109	19	3	8-5	1.43
Tantatsides, Pennsylvania	8	760	50	15	1	3-5	1.77

ASL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Matt English, Jacksonville

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TEAM RECORDS			ATTENDANCE		
CAROLINA	Home	4-2	CAROLINA	No. dates	6
	Away	2-5		Total	34,369
	Total	6-7		Avg.	5,728
				Best	16,081
DALLAS	Home	5-2	DALLAS	No. dates	7
	Away	2-5		Total	27,382
	Total	7-7		Avg.	3,911
				Best	4,400
DETROIT	Home	6-2	DETROIT	No. dates	8
	Away	2-4		Total	29,993
	Total	8-6		Avg.	3,749
				Best	4,780
JACKSONVILLE	Home	6-0	JACKSONVILLE	No. dates	6
	Away	4-3		Total	22,788
	Total	10-3		Avg.	3,798
				Best	4,850
OKLAHOMA CITY	Home	3-4	OKLAHOMA CITY	No. dates	7
	Away	1-6		Total	9,669
	Total	4-10		Avg.	1,381
				Best	2,012
PENNSYLVANIA	Home	4-3	PENNSYLVANIA	No. dates	7
	Away	2-5		Total	7,724
	Total	6-8		Avg.	1,103
				Best	1,730

SHOOTOUT RECORDS

CAROLINA	DETROIT	OKLAHOMA CITY
W-2	W-0	W-2
L-0	L-0	L-1

DALLAS	JACKSONVILLE	PENNSYLVANIA
W-0	W-1	W-0
L-1	L-1	L-2

FOULS-SEASON AND GAME HIGHS, LOWS

CAROLINA		DETROIT		OKLAHOMA CITY	
games	13	games	14	games	14
total	278	total	282	total	269
avg.	21.3	avg.	20.1	avg.	19.2
most	38	most	37	most	33
least	12	least	12	least	10

DALLAS		JACKSONVILLE		PENNSYLVANIA	
games	14	games	13	games	14
total	218	total	252	total	298
avg.	15.5	avg.	19.3	avg.	21.2
most	28	most	30	most	30
least	5	least	9	least	11

HIGH GAME

Pennsylvania-Detroit	May 25	67

LOW GAME

Carolina-Dallas	June 16	20

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Tuesday, June 21

Oklahoma City	2 (shootout)
Pennsylvania	1

Attendance: 512
Referee: Franz Gaertner
Scoring: Oklahoma City: Millinder (ley) 59:13
Pennsylvania: Davis (Schlothauer) 85:16
(Oklahoma City wins shootout 3-2)

Cautions: Oklahoma City: Millinder (yellow) 50:04; Kramer (yellow) 58:07
Kerlin (yellow) 73:39; Millinder (red) 110:00
Pennsylvania: Smith (yellow) 50:04; Davis (yellow) 73:39;
Paonessa (yellow) 97:11

	O	P
Shots	15	19
Saves	7	8
Corners	5	9
Fouls	30	24
Offsides	1	7

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

Pennsylvania: Barbarick, Smith, Carr, Schlothauer, Davis, McDonald, Gauss (Ye Hilton, Urbanczak (Johnson), Bernardi, Paonessa

Off. MVP: Millinder
Def. MVP: Schlothauer

Thursday, June 23

Detroit	0
Oklahoma City	2

Attendance: 1,475
Referee: Hypolite Sosa
Scoring: Detroit: None
Oklahoma City: Khoury (Ley) 2:00; Husband (Kerlin) 6:30

Cautions: Detroit: Franklin (yellow) 62:17
Oklahoma City: Hudson (yellow) 47:58

	D	O
Shots	13	10
Saves	4	4
Corners	6	8
Fouls	17	18
Offsides	3	4

Detroit: Delorm, St.Westbrook, Franklin, Tinnion (Kittleberger), Watson, Boljevic, Mahailavich (Christensen), Moffat, Powers, Chapman, Wils

Oklahoma City: Parkes, Alioto, Knezic, Husband (Sautter), Ley, Gehling, Hudson (Killingsworth, Pena, Kerlin, Khoury

Off. MVP: Chapman
Def. MVP: Parkes

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Thursday, June 23

Dallas	0
Jacksonville	2

Attendance: 3,012
Referee: Zimmerman Boulos
Scoring: Dallas: None
Jacksonville: English (Fall) 33:18; Bapst (English) 89:47

Cautions: Dallas: Roentved (yellow) 34:41; Dolinsky (yellow) 84:57
Jacksonville: Garcia (yellow) 36:51; Zec (yellow) 40:23; Berrio (yellow) 42:38

	D	J
Shots	17	19
Saves	7	5
Corners	4	4
Fouls	17	24

Dallas: R.Phillips, Rausch, McMonigle (Elder), Cohen, Kadupski, Hellenkamp (James), Roentved, Dolinsky, Sedlacek, Bourne, Miller

Jacksonville: Simonini, Rolbovsky, Bapst, Berrio, Meyer, Novo, Zec, Fall, Garcia, Zivaljevic, English

Off. MVP: English
Def. MVP: Baptst

Friday, June 24

Oklahoma City	2
Carolina	5

Attendance: 3,054
Referee: Derek Davis
Scoring: Oklahoma City: Kramer (Pena) 0:55; Khoury (Ley) 61:25
Carolina: Lee (una) 9:21; Avila (Suarez) 17:36; Suarez (Lee) 24:15; Fouser (Philpotts) 27:30; Lee (Suarez) 68:10

	O	C
Shots	11	14
Saves	2	5
Corners	12	7
Fouls	10	19
Offsides	3	3

Oklahoma City: Rocks, Arioto, Knezic, Millinder, Husband, Ley, Gehling, Kramer, Kerlin, Khoury, Pena (Hudson)

Carolina: Kennedy, Borg, Power, Philpotts, Lee, Avila, Fouser (Payne), Groark, Pierce, Suarez (Fidelia), Moore

Off. MVP: Lee
Def. MVP: Pierce

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Saturday, June 25

Carolina	2
Detroit	3

Attendance: 4,531
Referee: Rod Smithson
Scoring: Carolina: Lee (PK) 17:34; Lee (una) 83:40
Detroit: Chapman (PK) 6:38; Powers (Christensen) 35:42; Chapman (Delorm) 69:55

Cautions: Carolina: Heileman (yellow) 21:56; Philpotts (yellow) 31:50; Avila (yellow) 40:06; Borg (yellow) 65:15
Detroit: Delorm (yellow) 16:45; Boljevic (yellow) 17:52

	C	D
Shots	13	24
Saves	10	5
Corners	8	7
Fouls	20	13
Offsides	3	1

Carolina: Kennedy, Borg, Powe, Philpotts, Lee, Avila, Heileman, Groark, Price (Payne), Simon (Pouser), Moore

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

Off. M/P: Wilson

Saturday, June 25

Pennsylvania	3
Dallas	1

Attendance: 2,150
Referee: Edward Bellion
Scoring: Pennsylvania: Davis (Schlothauer) 10:26; Bernardi (Yepez) 56:33
Dallas: Bourne (Sedlacek) 42:52

	P	D
Shots	8	16
Saves	3	2
Corners	2	7
Fouls	17	11
Offsides	6	2

Pennsylvania: Barbarick, Carr, Davis, Schlothauer, McDonald, Yepez, Nezaj, Martin Hilton (Gauss), Paonessa, Bernardi

Dallas: K.Phillips, McMonigle (Sedlacek), Rausch, Cohen, Kadupski, Hellenkamp Lider, Dolinsky, Rockwell, Bourne, Miller (Welsch)

Off. M/P: Nezaj
Def. MVP: Barbarick

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Sunday, June 26

Jacksonville	3
Pennsylvania	1

Attendance: 1,282
Referee: William Mansmann
Scoring: Jacksonville: Garcia (English) 5:16; English (una) 17:37; Zivaljevic (PK) 79:21
Pennsylvania: Martin (una) 24:12

Cautions: Jacksonville: Garcia (yellow) 68:37
Pennsylvania: Davis (yellow) 14:31; McDonald (yellow) 79:19

	J	P
Shots	15	21
Saves	6	3
Corners	4	2
Fouls	16	20
Offsides	4	5

Jacksonville: Simonini, Meyers, Bryant, Berrio, Talbovsky, Novo (Strecker), Carbognani, Fall, English, Zivaljevic, Garcia

Pennsylvania: Barbarich, Carr, Richardson, Davis, Smith, McDonald, Horvath, Nezaj (Yeaple), Paonessa, Bernardi, Martin

Off. MVP: English
Def. MVP: Simonini