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FOULS GONE RAMPANT

What's this year's theme song for the American Soccer League? Well, if the rather high numbers of fouls being recorded are any indication, it may be "Let's Get Physical", or, if one is an official, it may be "Whistle While You Work".

Indeed, the 40 or so fouls per game seem to be a hefty total for two teams to accumulate in one sitting. But that is exactly the case thus far in the 1983 campaign. Five of the six ASL clubs were averaging 19 or more fouls each game as the weekend's action got underway. Only Dallas fell below that total, averaging just over 15 fouls a contest.

"I try and tell my players to play a nice, clean game," said Dallas American coach Joe Rausch. "In the long run, you come out ahead playing a clean game."

But while Rausch's Americans have kept their foul totals down, the rest of the league has had its troubles.

"I don't believe that we've been playing rough enough to be receiving all those fouls," insisted Oklahoma City Slicker coach Brian Harvey. "I do believe, however, that the officiating has been unbelievable."

Pennsylvania Stoner head Coach Kalman Csapo agreed that the officiating has a lot be desired.

"I believe that the refs are whistle-happy," said Csapo, whose team is averaging five more fouls a game than last year. "There seems to be too many unnecessary calls. As a result, the games aren't flowing like they should be. There shouldn't be more than 10-12 fouls per team, not 40 or so for an entire game for both teams. I don't believe that the ASL is anymore physical than last year or in prior years. I just think it's the interpretation of the referees."

STONERS: BUSY WEEK

It was a busy and hectic week for the Pennsylvania Stoners as the Bethlehem based club played in two exhibition games last week.

The first one, played on June 27, had the Stoners teaming up with a local rock station, in a benefit for animals who have been abused. The rock station, WZZO, and the Stoners took on the rock group Def Leppard.

Despite goals from Walt Schlothauer and Franco Paonessa, the WZZO-Stoner connection failed to produce a winner, with Def Leppard winning the match, 3-2.

In Pennsylvania's second exhibition of the week, the Stoners defeated the Rockland County All-Stars 4-2 in a benefit for the family of Jimmy Rodish, a youth who died of a serious heart ailment. The game, played in Rodish's hometown of Nanuet, New York, raised quite a bit of money which will be used to help defray the costs incurred while the youth was in the hospital.

"I think this is just great," said Jimmy's mother, Millie. "It's really great that they went through with the game even after Jimmy died," Mrs. Rodish said as tears streamed down her cheeks. Jimmy died in mid-May.

Playing for the Rockland County team were two former Cosmos. Acting as the honorary captain was Werner Roth, while the honorary player-coach was Terry Garbett.

ASL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Should Dallas Americans goalie Billy Phillips chalk up a few more games like he did this past week, the former Long Island resident may find himself the number one net-minder in the ASL. As it stands now, Phillips, who has primarily been the squad's back-up goalie, has a 1.08 goals against average.

Ask Jacksonville's Dennis Viollet his opinion, though, and he'll tell you differently.

"I don't think it's been physical at all," said the Tea Men head coach. "There have been many excellent games this year, particularly when we've played in the Gator Bowl (the Jacksonville home field)."

Beofre the weekend's matches were played, there had been eight encounters where two teams were called for 50 or more fouls between them. The highest total came on May 25 when the Pennsylvania Stoners and the Detroit Express heard the whistle 67 times. Interestingly, the Stoners were involved in six of the eight top-foul games. Still, Pennsylvania did not have the highest average in the league. That distincition belonged to the Carolina Lightnin'. On the other end of the stick, the Lightnin' and the Americans played in the game featuring the least number of fouls, a June 16 match which heard the ref's whistle 20 times.

While the Americans have played rather cleanly so far, Rausch indicated that he may have to change his thinking a bit.

"I would like to see my players play more physical, especially against teams like Carolina and Jacksonville," the Dallas coach said. "Those are teams that play very physical, very tough."

In a check with the North American Soccer League's unofficial statistics service, that each game has between 32-39 fouls called. The difference, therefore, between the two circuits, is somewhat minimal.

Still, there are those in the ASL who will continue to criticize their rival league. This year's ASL Team song:

The former player with the NASL Dallas Tornado and the San Jose Earthquakes brought his GAA down this week with a couple of wins over Oklahoma City. On Thursday, June 30, Phillips collected five saves in shutting out the Slickers, 2-0. Then, on Saturday July 2, he made several dazzling saves, helping the Americans to a 2-1 overtime victory.

A former All-American at Nassau Community College in Long Island, Phillips has also had a stint with the Wichita Wings of the MISL.

Phillips, who is married and is a full time resident of Dallas, is several games short of being in the official league-leaders line-up.

For the season, Phillips has a record of 4-2, with 35 total saves, seven goals against, two shutouts and 580 total minutes of action.

ASL HOTLINE

The Jacksonville Tea Men defeated the Carolina Lightnin' on July 1 by a 2-1 shootout margin. The shootout loss marked the first time Carolina had dropped a shootout this year...The Lightnin' did manage to score a goal with seven minutes gone in regulation. It was only the second goal scored by an opponent in Jacksonville this season. Both goals have been scored by Carolina...In that shootout encounter, it was not Peter Simonini who was in goal for the Tea Men. It was Tom Graham, who replaced the ASL's number one goalie at the end of the second overtime and who earned the win. Graham is 1-0 on the year without the benefit of an official minute played...In the Pennsylvania-Detroit game, July 2, it was recent signee Keith Furphy who emerged the hero for the Express. The Cleveland Force (MISL) star tallied two goals to lead Detroit to a 2-0 win over the Stoners...4,832 fans turned out for the Oklahoma City-Dallas match in Dallas, July 2. At halftime, more than 60 teams from the annual Plano Freedom Invitational Soccer Tournament paraded around the field. The long line of squads included a team from Taiwan and others from all across the United States... July 4th in Charlotte's Memorial Field was an all-night affair. Once the 4 PM match

with Jacksonville ended, the field was taken over by first a popular rock group, Loonis McGlohon, and then, the Charlotte Pops Orchestra. When darkness fell, fireworks were seen from nearby downtown...The Stoners were called for a team-low 10 fouls in their 2-0 loss to Detroit July 2...

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ASL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP
Jacksonville	12	3	34	15	33	93
Pennsylvania	6	9	23	27	27	57
Carolina	6	9	23	22	23	53

WESTERN DIVISION	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP
Dallas	9	7	26	22	26	71
Detroit	9	6	24	22	24	69
Oklahoma City	1	12	13	34	12	35

*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

Thur. June 30 Dallas 2, Oklahoma City 0
Fri. July 1 Jacksonville 2, Carolina 1 (shootout)
Sat. July 2 Detroit 2, Pennsylvania 0
Dallas 2, Oklahoma City 1 (overtime)
Mon. July 4 Jacksonville 2, Carolina 1

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Wed. July 5 Detroit at Pennsylvania
Thur. July 7 Carolina at Oklahoma City
Jacksonville at Dallas
Fri. July 8 Pennsylvania at Jacksonville
Sat. July 9 Oklahoma City at Detroit
Sun. July 10 Detroit at Carolina
Dallas at Pennsylvania

ASL SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	TP
Zivanjevic, Jacksonville		4	24
English, Jacksonville		7	23
Hilton, Pennsylvania		3	17
Boljevic, Detroit		5	17
Lee, Carolina		2	16
Bourne, Dallas	7	2	16
Chapman, Dallas	7	2	16
Wells, Dallas	6	3	15
Greene, Detroit	4	4	12
Sharp, Dallas	3	3	9

GOALKEEPER	MIN	W	GA	SHO	SAVES	AVG
Simmons, Jacksonville	1440	7	4	4	44	.917
Kelso, Detroit	1278	5	7	2	45	.865
Kennedy, Carolina	1321	4	7	1	40	.851
R. Phillips, Dallas	540	2	3	1	20	.870
Wright, Pennsylvania	765	1	5	0	35	.875

SHUTOUT LEADER: Ty Phillips, Dallas, 2 shutouts

TEAM RECORDS			ATTENDANCE	
Carolina	Home	4-3	Carolina	No. Dates 7
	Away	2-6		Total 36,859
	Total	6-9		Avg. 5,265
				Best 16,081
Dallas	Home	6-2	Dallas	No. Dates 8
	Away	3-5		Total 32,214
	Total	9-7		Avg. 4,026
				Best 4,832
Detroit	Home	7-2	Detroit	No. Dates 9
	Away	2-4		Total 34,109
	Total	9-6		Avg. 3,789
				Best 4,780
Jacksonville	Home	7-0	Jacksonville	No. Dates 7
	Away	5-7		Total 26,913
	Total	12-7		Avg. 3,844
				Best 4,850
Oklahoma City	Home	3-5	Oklahoma City	No. Dates 8
	Away	1-7		Total 10,994
	Total	4-12		Avg. 1,374
				Best 2,012
Pennsylvania	Home	4-3	Pennsylvania	No. Dates 7
	Away	2-6		Total 4,724
	Total	6-9		Avg. 675
				Best 1,748

SHOOTOUT RECORDS

Carolina	W-2 L-1	Detroit	W-0 L-0	Oklahoma City	W-2 L-1
Dallas	W-0 L-1	Jacksonville	W-2 L-1	Pennsylvnia	W-0 L-2

FOULS - SEASON AND GAME HIGHS, LOWS

Carolina	Games	15	Dallas	Games	16
	Total	319		Total	260
	Avg.	21.3		Avg.	16.2
	Most	38* (vs. Dallas 6-10)		Most	28* (vs. Pennsylvnia 6-5)
	Least	12* (vs. Detroit 6-4)		Least	5* (vs. Carolina 6-16)
Detroit	Games	15	Jacksonville	Games	15
	Total	298		Total	287
	Avg.	19.8		Avg.	19.1
	Most	37* (vs. Pennsylvania 5-25)		Most	30* (vs. Pennsylvania 5-22)
	Least	12* (vs. Oklahoma City 6-3)		Least	9* (vs. Carolina 5-27)
Oklahoma City	Games	16	Pennsylvania	Games	15
	Total	314		Total	308
	Avg.	19.6		Avg.	20.5
	Most	33* (vs. Jacksonville 6-16)		Most	30* (vs. Detroit 4-25)
	Least	16* (vs. Carolina 6-24)		Least	10* (vs. Detroit 7-2)

HIGH GAME

Oppos. Vio. 3-Detroit 3/25 .07

LOW GAME

C vs. D Dallas .03 .00

Thursday, June 30

Dallas	2
Oklahoma City	0

Attendance: 1,325
Referee: Fred Friend
Scoring: Dallas: Bourne (PK) 49:56; Bourne (Welsch) 86:14
Oklahoma City: None

	D	O
Shots	9	20
Saves	5	2
Corners	2	5
Fouls	20	21
Offsides	4	5

Cautions: Dallas: None
Oklahoma City: Keelin (yellow) 55:18 Khoury (yellow) 66:02

Dallas: B.Phillips, Rudupaki, Dolinsky, Bourne, Cohen, McMonigle, Miller, Hellenkamp, Welsch, Rausch, James

Oklahoma City: Parkes, Alioto, Kaczic, Hollinder, Husband, Ley, Gehling, Kramer (Flops), Pena, Keelin, Khoury (Sautter)

G.F. MVP: Welsch
D.F. MVP: Alioto

Friday, July 1

Carolina	1	
Jacksonville	2	(shootout)

Attendance: 4,125
Referee: Joe Michna
Scoring: Carolina: Avila (Suarez) 7:23
Jacksonville: Zivaljevic (Ralbovsky) 9:30

	C	J
Shots	10	24
Saves	7	4
Corners	3	10
Fouls	20	22

Cautions: Carolina: Poulsen (Y.C., 90:55
Jacksonville: None

Goal MVP: Zivaljevic
Def. MVP: Mann

Carolina: Kennedy, Poulsen, Mann, Berg, Hindes, Lee, Bone, Toner, Ross, Avila (Pena), Suarez (Hilario)

Jacksonville: Westphal (Hall), Meyer, Kapan, Ralbovsky, Zivaljevic, Gjoshi, Reid, Ivo (Stewart), Fernandez, Cantu

Saturday, July 2

Oklahoma City	1	
Dallas	2	(overtime)

Attendance: 4,832
Referee: John Pozadzides
Scoring: Oklahoma City: Kramer (una) 79:55
Dallas: Welsch (una) 18:38; Dolinsky (Rausch) 90:14

	O	D
Shots	15	23
Saves	7	3
Corners	2	5
Fouls	24	22
Offsides	4	8

Cautions: Oklahoma City: Parkes (yellow) 79:55
Dallas: Kadupski (yellow) 46:40; Rausch (yellow) 88:12

Oklahoma City: Parkes, Alioto, Knezic, Millinder, Husband, Ley, Kehling, Kramer, Pena (Tausch), Hudson (Fleps), Sattler

Dallas: E.Phillips, Kadupski, Rausch, Dolinsky, Bourne, Cohen, McMonigle, Miller (Sedlacek), Helenkamp, Welsch, Koentved

Off. MVP: Welsch
Def. MVP: E.Phillips

Saturday, July 2

Pennsylvania	1	
Detroit		

Attendance: 4,111
Referee: Slavo Rausch
Scoring: Pennsylvania: None
Detroit: Murphy (Koljevic) 16:04; Murphy (Powers) 40:50

Shots		18
Saves		13
Corners		8
Fouls		11
Offsides		1

Cautions:

Monday, July 4

Jacksonville	2
Carolina	1

Attendance: 2,490
Referee: Terry Radford
Scoring: Jacksonville: Strecker (Zivaljevic) 21:00; Strecker (English) 23:28
Carolina: Fouser (Avila) 22:00

	J	C
Shots	11	12
Saves	4	4
Corners	6	10
Fouls	13	14
Offsides	3	6

Cautions: Jacksonville: Rosul (yellow) 75:54
Carolina: None

Off. MVP: Strecker

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

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