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STONERS MAKE THEIR MOVE

Not too long ago, the Pennsylvania Stoners were struggling to keep their heads above water. But now, with only a few weeks remaining in the ASL season, the Bethlehem-based club is on the move.

The Stoners have pushed their record to 10-10, but more importantly, have amassed 90 points, good for second place in the overall point picture.

"Up to this time, we've been inconsistant," admitted General Manager and Head Coach, Kalman Csapo, whose team has now won three games in a row. "But we're a young team. Many people have dubbed us the Kiddie Corps. We have many rookies who are now finally beginning to believe in themselves. And under the guidance of the veterans, they're settling down."

"Plus, we have many new players from other teams," added the coach. "It takes time to mold a team"

Indeed, Pennsylvania lists five rookies on the regular roster. They include forward Tony Johnson (last week's player of the week), defensemen Bill McDonald and Glenn Davis, midfielder Ed Gauss, and goalie Bill McNeel.

"The Rookies are believing in themselves," Csapo emphasized again. "They believe that they can play and compete on a professional level. Now, we have to see whether or not they can keep it up mentally. On the whole, they have been playing much more consistant."

Without question, the leader of the Kiddie Corps crew, is Tony Johnson. The hard-working Olympic hopeful, once barely a substitute, has suddenly emerged as a major scoring threat. In 10 games of action (five starts), he has tallied four goals and five asists, totalling 13 points.

Despite the recent good times in Stoner Land, Csapo remains cautious.

"We're still not out of the hole," insisted the coach. "The next two games will be very important on seeing how consistant we can be."

Csapo was referring to upcoming games against the Carolina Lightnin' (July 22) and the Oklahoma City Slickers (July 24).

If the Kiddie Corps have anything to say about it, Csapo has little to worry about.

STREAKS: SOME GOING, SOME GONE

If nothing else, this has been a year of streaks in the ASL.

Not surprisingly, Jacksonville has accumulated the longest winning streak of the campaign, an eight gamer, which abruptly ended with a 2-0 loss to Detroit on July 16. At home, though, Jacksonville remains undefeated with nine wins in a row.

Meanwhile the Pennsylvania Stoners 4-2 win over Carolina July 17 gave them three wins in a row, while the Lightnin's three game winning streak died.

The longest losing streak of the year is owned by Oklahoma City, which dropped its first eight games of the season. Detroit's July 16 victory over the Tea Men ended their second longest losing streak of 1983 at four in a row. The Express dropped five in a row earlier this year.

The question is, "Who will streak into the ASL championship?"

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

A year ago, the Detroit Express was one of the most feared scoring machines in the ASL. This season, however, Detroit is barely in fifth place in total goals. The one Express player who has inadvertently taken a beating as a result, is goalie Tad Delorm, now in his third year with Detroit.

Last year, Delorm was the league's leading goalie for the defending ASL champs, with a goals against average of 1.24. But this year, he has been struggling--that is, until last week. In his two games last week, Delorm played brilliantly, despite a 1-0 loss to Dallas on July 14. In that game, Delorm made 10 saves, with the only goal coming on a penalty kick by Jeff Bourne.

It was on July 16, however, that Delorm really shined. The 28 year old veteran foiled the high-scoring Jacksonville Tea Men for 110 minutes as Detroit defeated them 2-0 in overtime. The 6 foot 4, 200 pounder collected nine saves enroute to his fifth shutout of the year. The white-washing lowered his GAA to 1.37 and vaulted him back into second place in the goaltender's leadership department.

You can be sure that Delorm is hoping for a few more weeks like the last one---and so are his teammates.

TEAMS FACE PAN-AM SQUAD

The Dallas Americans and the Oklahoma City Slickers are set to take on the U. S. Pan American Soccer team this week and next. As part of a 4-game southwest tour, the Pan Am squad played the Mexican Olympic team July 17 and the Americans on July 19 in Dallas. The Americans will then play the Pan Am team again, on July 23 in Abilene, Texas. The Slickers host the touring team July 26...

PLAYER MOVEMENT

The Pennsylvania Stoners released goalie George Taratsides...Carolina activated goalie Scott Manning who has been out with an injury he suffered in the MISL playoffs, while with Baltimore...Carolina also deactivated defender Bobby Moore...Jacksonville signed midfielder Tony Constanza to an amateur contract...Oklahoma City has signed goalie Mark White and midfielder Burio Susavic...

ASL HOTLINE

The Pennsylvania Stoners four goals against Carolina July 17, marked the first time a team had scored more than three goals in one match versus the Lightnin'...The July 16 Jacksonville-Detroit game in Detroit, was played on a 85 yard field (instead of the usual 100 yards) due to construction on the Silverdome carpet...Carolina was called for a team low nine fouls against Dallas July 16, in a 3-2 win over the Americans...Oklahoma City and Jacksonville were missing a total of nine players for their July 15 match as a result of excessive yellow or red cards...In the Pennsylvania-Oklahoma City game July 14, 10 cards were issued by the officials, including four reds...Bob Ramsey of Pennsylvania returned from a severe leg injury on July 14, collected two goals and was named the offensive MVP of the game as he led the Stoners to a 6-0 win over the Slickers...The Stoners' six goals were the most tallied by one team in a game this year...Gary Hindley, Pennsylvania's assistant coach, is currently assisting in the selection of the U.S. Women's U-19 soccer team. Presently, he is working with the Eastern Regional selections...

FOULS - SEASON AND GAME HIGHS, LOWS

CAROLINA	Games	19	DALLAS	Games	20
	Total	398		Total	319
	Avg.	20.9		Avg.	15.9
	Most	38		Most	28
		(vs. Dal. 6/10)			(vs. Pa. 6/5)
	Least	9		Least	5
		(vs. Dal. 7/16)			(vs. Car. 6/16)
DETROIT	Games	20	JACKSONVILLE	Games	19
	Total	405		Total	358
	Avg.	20.2		Avg.	18.8
	Most	37		Most	30
		(vs. Pa. 5/25)			(vs. PA. 5/22)
					(vs. Dal. 7/7)
	Least	12		Least	9
		(vs. Ok. 6/3)			(vs. Car. 5/27)
OKLAHOMA CITY	Games	20	PENNSYLVANIA	Games	20
	Total	378		Total	414
	Avg.	18.9		Avg.	20.7
	Most	33		Most	30
		(vs. Ja. 6/16)			(vs. Det. 5/25)
	Least	10		Least	10
		(vs. Car. 6/24)			(vs. Det. 7/2)

HIGH GAME:
Pennsylvania - Detroit (5/25) 67

LOW GAME:
Carolina - Dallas (6/16) 20

Thursday, July 14

Detroit	0
Dallas	1

Attendance: 3,872
Referee: Manuel Ortiz
Scoring: Detroit: None
Dallas: Bourne (PK) 62:16

Cautions: Detroit: Sc.Westbrook (yellow) 78:46
Dallas: None

	Dt	Dl
Shots	12	21
Saves	10	4
Corners	3	11
Fouls	22	12
Offsides	3	10

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

Dallas: B.Phillips, Easterling (McMonigle), Rausch, James, Kadupski, Bourne, Dolinsky, Roentved, Hellenkamp, Sedlacek, Miller

Off. MVP Dolinsky
Def. MVP Delorm

Thursday, July 14

Pennsylvania	6
Oklahoma City	0

Attendance: 1,020
Referee: Bob Evans
Scoring: Pennsylvania: Ramsey (Johnson) 18:58; Ramsey (PK) 25:46; Davis (Johnson) 53:12; Bernardi (Paonessa) 73:25; Schlothauer (PK) 79:48; Nezaj (Martin) 87:00
Oklahoma City: None

Thursday, July 14 (Pennsylvania-Oklahoma City cont'd)

Cautions: Pennsylvania: Yepez (yellow) 23:09; Carr (yellow) 65:00; Davis (red) 81:38
Oklahoma City: Aliota (yellow) 9:45; Sautter (red) 13:58; Kerlin (yellow) 24:12; Gehling (yellow) 25:46; Allen (yellow) 25:46; Allen (red) 79:15; Millinder (red) 81:38

	P	O
Shots	17	15
Saves	3	4
Corners	4	4
Fouls	14	13
Offsides	3	1

Pennsylvania: Barbarick, Smith (Nezaj), McDonald, Davis, Schlothauer, Bernardi, Martin, Yepez, Johnson, Ramsey (Paonessa), Carr

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

Off. MVP Ramsey

Friday, July 15

Oklahoma City	0
Jacksvonille	2

Attendance: 5,140
Referee: Don Wilbur
Scoring: Oklahoma City: None
Jacksonville: Zivaljevic (Garcia) 27:43; Ralbovsky (PK) 62:08

Cautions: Oklahoma City: Kramer (yellow) 15:39; Fleps (yellow) 87:36
Jacksonville: None

	O	J
Shots	8	24
Saves	10	5
Corners	6	9
Fouls	17	10

Oklahoma City: White, Knezic, Ley, Kramer, Pena (Susavich), Kerlin, Fleps, Killingsworth, Peterson, Hudson, Tausch

Jacksonville: Simonini, Bapst, Zec, English, Zivaljevic, Garcia, Ralbovsky, Meyer, Fall, Strecker, Novo

Off. MVP Zivalievic
Def. MVP Bapst

Saturday, July 16

Dallas	2
Carolina	3

Attendance: 3,588
Referee Derek Davis
Scoring: Dallas: Bourne (una) 55:58; Roentved (una) 80:30
Carolina: Power (una) 14:00; Borg (PK) 39:58; Groark (una) 87:50

Cautions: Dallas: Kadupski (yellow) 53:06; B.Phillips (yellow) 87:55
Carolina: None

	D	C
Shots	10	17
Saves	7	5
Corners	7	4
Fouls	15	9
Offsides	3	6

Dallas: B.Phillips, Easterling, Rausch, James, Kadupski, Roentved, Hellenkamp, Dolinsky, Bourne, Miller (Sedlacek), Fazekas

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

Saturday, July 16 (Dallas - Carolina cont'd.)

Off. MVP: Power
Def. MVP: Gcoark

Saturday, July 16

Jacksonville	0
Detroit	2 (OT)

Attendance: 4,130
Referee: Phil Bryan
Scoring: Jacksonville: None
Detroit: Furphy (una) 94:44; Furphy (Boljevic) 100:23

Cautions: Jacksonville: Fall (yellow) 9:55; Zivaljevic (yellow) 19:43; Rosul (yellow) 44:39
Detroit: Furphy (yellow) 58:18

	J	D
Shots	23	28
Saves	9	9
Corners	9	4
Fouls	20	27
Offsides	7	1

Jacksonville: Simonini, Bapst, Meyer, Rallovsky, Zivaljevic, English, Garcia, Rosul (Novo), Fall, Strecker (Costanza), Zed

Detroit: Delorm, St.Westbrook, Franklin, Christensen (Mihailovich-Gabarra), Watson, Sc.Westbrook, Boljevic, Furphy, Moffat, Powers, Chapman

Off. MVP: Furphy
Def. MVP: Sc.Westbrook

Sunday, July 17

Carolina	2
Pennsylvania	4

Attendance: 1,279
Referee: Joe-Rudy
Scoring: Carolina: Lee (Tobin) 48:46; Fouser (una) 67:15
Pennsylvania: Schlothauer (PK) 9:27; Johnson (Schlothauer) 13:56; Nezaj (Schlothauer) 50:32; Paonessa (Bernardi) 85:59

Cautions: Carolina: None
Pennsylvania: Nezaj (yellow) 58:17

	C	P
Shots	10	14
Saves	5	5
Corners	6	5
Fouls	30	23
Offsides	4	6

Carolina: Kennedy, Power, Pierce (Dolan), Doyle (Rose), Philpott, Heileman, Murphy, Borg, Fouser, Lee, Gcoark

Pennsylvania: Barbarick, Smith, Schlothauer, McDonald, Cyr, Nezaj, Kenney, Yepez, Martin, Johnson (Paonessa), Bernardi

Off. MVP: Schlothauer
Def. MVP: Barbarick