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LET THE PLAYOFFS BEGIN

THE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, August 10	Jacksonville at Carolina Dallas at Pennsylvania
Saturday, August 13	Carolina at Jacksonville Pennsylvania at Dallas

The semi-final series is a best of two game affair. Should either series end in a split, a mini-game (two 15 minute periods and a shootout, if need be) will immediately follow the second game. The championship series, a best of three, will be played on August 16 or 17 at the lower seeded team and on August 19,20,21 at the higher seeded club's home field.

JACKSONVILLE-CAROLINA

The Tea Men finished with the top record in the ASL and claimed first place in the Eastern Division via a 18-7 mark. Carolina finished third in the East with a record of 12-13.

In head-to-head competition, Jacksonville has defeated Carolina four times, while losing twice.

TEA MEN NOTES

Jacksonville claims the largest winning streak of an ASL team this year, eight in a row...The Tea Men scored more goals (62) than any other club, and also finished first in the following categories: least goals given up (36), most total points (144), best home record (11-1), best road record (7-6), most shutouts (8) and most shootout wins (tied with Oklahoma City-3)...Leading scorer for Jacksonville is Mickey Zivaljevic (37 points)...Tea Men and the league's number one goalie, Peter Simonini (1.24)...

LIGHTNIN' NOTES

Carolina has a 9-4 home record and a 3-9 road mark...At home, the Lightnin' drew a league leading 59,730 fans...Carolina has shutout its opponents six times, while losing by a shutout only once (tying Jacksonville for the league best)...The Lightnin' are 2-1 in shootouts... Carolina leads the league in foul average, hearing the whistle 21 times per game...The Lightnin's leading scorer is Stuart Lee with 24 points...Their number one goalie heading into the playoffs is Scott Manning (1.56 GAA).

DALLAS - PENNSYLVANIA

The Dallas Americans are the lone Western Division squad to garner a playoff spot. The Americans finished in first with a respectable 13-12 record. The Pennsylvania Stoners finished second in the Eastern Division via a 12-13 record. In head-to-head competition, the Stoners have beaten the Americans three of five times.

AMERICANS NOTES

The Americans have a home record of 9-3, but are only 4-9 on the road...Dallas did not win a shootout this year. It lost three times under those circumstances...The Americans committe the least number of fouls this year, averaging 15.7 per game...The team and the league's leading scorer is Jeff Bourne, who finished with 38 points...Randy Phillips and Billy Phillips have been pretty much sharing the goaltending chores. Billy has a 1.23 GAA, while Randy's GAA stands at 1.70...

STONER NOTES

The Stoners featured a 8-4 home record, while posting a 4-9 road mark...In shootout competition, Pennsylvania is 1-2...The Stoners finished second in fouls, hearing the whistle an average of 20.4 times per game...Solomon Hilton and Giulio Bernardi are the leading scorers for the Stoners, each tallying 19 points...Mike Barbarick has been the squad's top goalie, with a GAA of 1.68...Pennsylvania has been shut out five times in 1983. It has shut out their opponents only twice...

ASL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

With their backs against the wall, the Carolina Lightnin' turned to an old friend last week in an effort to capture an ASL playoff spot. And old friend Scott Manning didn't let them down.

Up until his three appearances last week, Manning had not played an ASL minute this year. In fact, the goaltender had not played in any game since he suffered an injury during the MISL playoffs.

Manning signed on with the Lightnin' several weeks back, but it wasn't until the important Detroit game (August 1), that coach Rodney Marsh turned to the Baltimore Blast star.

"This particular game, as critical as it was, we needed someone with the aggressive style of play and the emotional style of play involved with someone like Scott," said Marsh.

Indeed, Manning came through. The talented goalie, who played with Carolina in 1981 and 1982, rejected four shots and was named the game's defensive MVP as the Lightnin' shut out Detroit, 2-0. In the following match (August 5), Manning collected 12 saves against powerful Jacksonville. Although the Lightnin' were in the game through regulation (2-2 tie), the Tea Men tallied two overtime goals to garner the win. Despite four goals going aginst him, Manning played superbly and was named the defensive MVP.

On Saturday night, August 6, Carolina gained revenge by defeating the Tea Men in a

re-match, 3-1. Once again, Manning was a key ingredient to the victory. And that victory propelled Carolina into the playoffs.

There's nothing like old friends, for some good old times.

ASL HOTLINE

The August 6 Jacksonville-Carolina match was billed as Todd Armstrong Night down in Charlotte. The game helped to raise more than $3,000.00 for the nine year old youth who suffers from a rare disease, which has caused him to weigh only 45 pounds...Carolina's final goal in that game came by Tony Suarez, who managed to take the ball on his own, go 45 yards downfield, and score...The Dallas-Oklahoma City match August 6 drew 5,113 fans, a regular season high for the Americans. That game also marked the first time Dallas went head-to-head with the Dallas Cowboys, which had an NFL exhibition that same night...Four teams finished the season with an attendance average of more than 4,000 per game. They are Carolina, Detroit, Jacksonville and Dallas...Jeff Bourne of Dallas edged Jacksonville's Mickey Zivaljevic for the league's scoring title...Slicker Jim Millinder was the lone shootout participant to score in the Oklahoma City-Dallas game August 4, won by Oklahoma 3-2...Detroit had two apparent goals called back in its 2-0 loss to Carolina August 1...Poli Garcia of Jacksonville has signed a new contract to return to MISL's LA Lazers this fall. Garcia was the Lazer's leading scorer last year...Tea Men Tony Carbognani and Mike Fall will return to the Memphis Americans of the MISL.Billy Phillips of Dallas has signed with the MISL's St. Louis Steamers...Oklahoma City lost to the U.S. Olympic team in a match a couple of weeks back by a score of 1-0. Mike Fox, who is listed on the NASL's Cosmos roster, scored the game's only goal. The match drew 3,564 fans...Rumor has it that Carolina assistant coach Bobby Moore is interested in purchasing an English soccer team currently in financial straits...

ASL FINAL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP
*Jacksonville	18	7	62	36	54	144
*Pennsylvania	12	13	46	48	46	106
*Carolina	12	13	43	37	43	103

WESTERN DIVISION	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP
*Dallas	13	12	48	40	50	115
Detroit	12	13	36	44	38	98
Oklahoma City	8	17	27	57	26	66

*Denotes playoff spot

5 points for a win, 1 bonus point for every goal up to three in a game, 2 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

Monday, August 1	CAROLINA 2, Detroit 0
Thursday, August 4	OKLAHOMA CITY 3, Dallas 2 (shootout)
Friday, August 5	JACKSONVILLE 4, Carolina 2 (overtime)
Saturday, August 6	CAROLINA 3, Jacksonville 1
	DALLAS 4, Oklahoma City 2

THIS WEEK's SCHEDULE-PLAYOFFS: SEMI-FINAL SERIES (BEST OF TWO)

Wednesday, August 10	(1)	Jacksonville at Carolina	(4)
	(2)	Dallas at Pennsylvania	(3)
Saturday, August 13		Carolina at Jacksonville	
		Pennsylvania at Dallas	

ASL SCORING LEADERS	G	A	TP
Bourne, Dallas	17	4	38
Zivaljevic, Jacksonville	16	5	37
English, Jacksonville	11	8	30
Garcia, Jacksonville	9	11	29
Lee, Carolina	11	2	24
Boljevic, Detroit	9	6	24
Chapman, Detroit	9	3	21
Hilton, Pennsylvania	8	3	19
Bernardi, Pennsylvania	9	1	19
Johnson, Pennsylvania	6	6	18
Welsch, Dallas	7	4	18
Suarez, Carolina	7	4	18
Zec, Jacksonville	6	4	16
Fouser, Carolina	8	0	16

GOALTENDING LEADERS	G	MIN	SAV	GA	SHO	REC	GAA
Simonini, Jacksonville	24	2320	130	33	8	17-6	1.28
Kennedy, Carolina	21	1950	126	30	5	10-11	1.39
Delorm, Detroit	24	2219	207	41	5	12-12	1.66
Barbarick, Pennsylvania	16	1500	94	28	1	8-7	1.68
R.Phillips, Dallas	15	1430	68	27	1	7-8	1.70

ASL PLAYER OF THE WEEK:
Scott Manning, Carolina

Monday, August 1

Detroit	0
Carolina	2

Attendance: 3,553
Referee: Woody Farrow
Scoring: Detroit: None
Carolina: Tobin (Suarez) 16:37; Fouser (Groark) 65:20

Cautions: Detroit: Franklin (yellow) 52:40
Carolina: Fouser (yellow) 52:40; Pierce (yellow) 66:05

	D	C
Shots	10	15
Saves	6	4
Corners	6	5
Fouls	19	25
Offsides	6	7

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

Carolina: Manning, Power, Murphy, Philpotts, Avila, Payne, Fouser, Tobin (Heileman), Groark, Pierce, Suarez

Off. MVP: Fouser
Def. MVP: Manning

Thursday, August 4

Dallas	2
Oklahoma City	3 (SH) (Oklahoma City wins shootout, 1-0)

Attendance: 2,103
Referee: John Pozadzides
Scoring: Dallas: Bourne (PK) 67:42; Bourne (PK) 86:34
Oklahoma City: Hudson (Ley) 44:05; Kerlin (Pena) 54:33

Cautions: Dallas: None
Oklahoma City: Gehling (yellow) 42:38; Kerlin (Red) 89:46

	D	O
Shots	25	20
Saves	7	5
Corners	6	6
Fouls	17	14
Offsides	1	5

Thursday, August 4 (Dallas-Oklahoma City) cont'd.

Dallas:	B.Phillips, Kadupski, Dolinsky, Roentved, McMonigle, Hellenkamp (Sedlacek), Welsch, Fazekas (Miller), James, Rausch, Bourne
Oklahoma City:	Allen, Knezic, Millinder, Ley, Gehling, Peterson, Kramer, Pena, Hudson (Husband), Killingsworth (Fleps), Kerlin
Off. MVP	Kerlin
Def. MVP	Allen

Friday, August 5

Carolina	2
Jacksonville	4 (OT)

Attendance:	5,747
Referee:	John Sullivan
Scoring:	Carolina: Lee (Philpotts) 21:50; Power (Tobin) 26:24 Jacksonville: Zec (Rosul) 53:32, Zec (Garcia) 60:58, Zec (Fall) 93:18, Ralbovsky (PK) 108:49
Cautions:	Carolina: Tobin (yellow) 51:48; Payne (yellow) 65:14; Murphy (yellow) 68:10 Jacksonville: Carbognani (yellow) 72:01; Fall (yellow) 76:37; Garcia (yellow) 99:57

	C	J
Shots	8	26
Saves	12	1
Corners	9	15
Fouls	33	22
Offsides	6	3

Carolina:	Manning, Borg, Power (Heileman) Philpotts, Lee, Avila (Pierce) Payne, Tobin, Groark,Suarez, Murphy
Jacksonville:	Simonini, Lignos (Strecker), Berrio, Meyer, Ralbovsky, Zec, Carbognani, Fall, Garcia, English, Rosul
Off. MVP	Zec
Def. MVP	Manning

Saturday, August 6

Jacksonville	1
Carolina	3

Attendance:	5,164
Referee:	Woody Farrow
Scoring:	Jacksonville: Rosul (una) 74:45 Carolina: Fouser (Avila) 7:40; Groark (Borg) 34:55; Suarez (una) 85:30
Cautions:	Jacksonville: Carbognani (yellow) 46:09 Carolina: None

	J	C
Shots	11	11
Saves	2	4
Corners	7	3
Fouls	19	19
Offsides	0	8

Jacksonville:	Graham, Meyer, Ralbovsky, Berrio, English, Lignos, Zec, Carbognani, Novo, Rosul, Strecker
Carolina:	Manning, Philpotts, Murphy, Groark, Pierce, Avila, Payne, Borg, Reice, Lee, Fouser (Suarez)
Off. MVP	Fouser
Def. MVP	Groark

Saturday, August 6

Oklahoma City	2
Dallas	4

Attendance: 5,113
Referee: Pete Garza
Scoring: Oklahoma City: Fleps (Knezic) 41:50; Fleps (una) 62:25
Dallas: Miller (Roentved) 18:30; Bourne (Rausch) 69:40; Miller (Bourne) 76:45; Welsch (una) 80:45

Cautions: Oklahoma City: Fleps (yellow) 68:50
Dallas: None

	O	D
Shots	15	16
Saves	6	6
Corners	5	9
Fouls	16	15
Offsides	3	5

Oklahoma City: Allen, Knezic, Alioto, Peterson, Gehling, Pena, Millinder, Kramer (Suecves), Hudson, Tausch, Fleps

Dallas: R.Phillips, Easterling, Roentved, Elder, Kadupski (James), Cervin, (Sedlacek), Rausch, Miller, Welsch, Bourne, Fazekas

Off. MVP Fleps
Def. MVP Roentved