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"CLASH OF THE EASTERNERS"

Pennsylvania versus Jacksonville

It will be a clash of Eastern Division rivals this week as the high-powered Jacksonville Tea Men seek a championship in their first ASL "go-round". Their opponents, the scratching, pawing Pennsylvania Stoners, meanwhile, have high hopes as they seek their second ASL title in four years.

The action opens up Wednesday night in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at the Stoners' BSD Stadium. The best of of three series continues at the Gator Bowl on Friday night, and if necessary, Sunday night, as well.

The Tea Men are hoping that scoring ace Micky Zivaljevic is healthy for the series. Zivaljevic, who seemed to have the ASL scoring title wrapped up, fell victim to an injury in the last few weeks, and lost out to Dallas' Jeff Bourne. He did play for half a game August 13, and played fairly well, although Micky "Z" did not score. Taking up the slack for Zivaljevic has been forward Poli Garcia. Garcia finished the 1983 regular season with 29 points, good for fourth place in the league's scoring race behind Bourne, Zivaljevic, and Jacksonville teammate Matt English. Still, without Zivaljevic's presence, the going could be rough for Jacksonville.

The Stoners on the other hand, will need a premier performance from any one of the following standouts: Tony Johnson, Giulio Bernardi and Solomon Hilton, if they expect to have a chance. When that threesome has been held socreless in a game, Pennsylvania's chances for victory quickly diminished.

No matter how you toss the dice, however, there will be plenty of excitement in the "Clash of the Easterners".

PLAYOFF EXTRAS - GAMES OF AUGUST 10

Walt Schlothauer of Pennsylvania suffered a severe "charley horse" in the match against Dallas, and had to be removed from the game. Up until that moment, the defender had played in every Stoner minute this year...Dan Hirshberg, the ASL PR Director, acted as the stadium announcer in the Stoners-Americans game. The regular announcer was unable to attend the game...The Americans were forced to wear 1982 Stoner "white" game shirts, as both teams came prepared to play in "blue" game shirts. As the home team, Pennsylvania was entitled by the rules to wear its regular home jerseys...In the Carolina-Jacksonville game, the Lightnin' managed just eight shots on goal for the entire match, while the Tea Men hammered 17...Despite being shutout, Jacksonville's Tony Carbognani was selected the game's offensive MVP...During the regular season, Carolina was 2-1 in shootouts, while Jacksonville was 3-1...At the Carolina-Jacksonville game, the Lightnin' announced that assistant coach Bobby Moore has returned to England for good, following his appointment as Managing Director of the South End United Soccer Club...Mike Barbarick's shutout was the first one posted by a Stoner goalie in their playoff history...Former Stoner Jeff Tipping had played in every playoff game before this season...In one game, Giulio Bernardi wiped out two Stoner playoff records held since 1980 by Christian Nwokocha. They are: most career goals and total points. Nwokocha had two goals and six points. Bernardi collected three goals and seven points... The five Stoner goals were the most they ever scored in a playoff game...

PLAY-OFFS: SEMI-FINAL SERIES

Wednesday, August 10

Dallas	0
Pennsylvania	5

Attendance: 1,807
Referee: Joe Rudy
Scoring: Dallas: None
Pennsylvania: Bernardi (Schlothauer) 18:43; Johnson (Bernardi) 39:21;

Saturday, August 13 (Carolina-Jacksonville con't.)

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

Saturday, August 13 - Mini-Game

Carolina	0
Jacksonville	2

Referee:	Zim Boulos
Scoring:	Carolina: None Jacksonville: English (una) 10:12; Fall (Strecker) 25:36
Cautions:	Carolina: Suarez (yellow) 27:33 Jacksonville: Rosul (yellow) 17:40; Carbognani (yellow) 24:32

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Shots	4	7
Saves	1	2
Corners	5	8
Fuls	6	12
Offsides	0	1

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

Saturday, August 13

Pennsylvania	1
Dallas	3

Attendance:	5,437
Referee:	Pete Garza
Scoring:	Pennsylvania: Nezaj (una) 46:06 Dallas: Fazekas (Miller) 5:10; Rausch (una) 10:40; Fazekas (Bourne) 52:50
Cautions:	Pennsylvania: Horvath (yellow) 74:15 Dallas: None

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Shots	11	12
Saves	5	3
Corners	5	2
Fouls	13	10
Offsides	3	3

Pennsylvania:	Barbarick, Carr, Horvath, Smith, Davis, Nezaj (Martin), Yepez, Bernardi, Johnson, McDonald, Hilton (Paonessa)
Dallas:	R.Phillips, Roentved (Easterling), Kadupski, Rausch, Dolinsky (James), Miller, Bourne, Fazekas, McMonigle, Cohen, Hellenkamp
Off. MVP	Fazekas
Def. MVP	Dolinsky