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ZIVALJEVIC SPURS JACKSONVILLE TO TITLE

The man had been silent for weeks, but when Micky Zivaljevic woke up, he woke with a vengeance. Zivaljevic, out of action for weeks due to a nagging leg injury, inspired his Jacksonville teammates emotionally and physically last weekend as the Tea Men wiped out a 1-0 Pennsylvania Stoner lead in the best of three championship series.

Zivaljevic, voted by the media as the playoff's No. 1 most valuable player, hadn't scored a goal since July 31 (ironically, against the Stoners). But August 19, in the second game of the series, the Hungarian star drilled in a goal and added two assists as Jacksonville whipped Pennsylvania, 4-1, evening the set.

Then, two nights later, Micky "Z" scored the game's only goal off an assist from Matt English in a 1-0 triumph over the Stoners, giving the Tea Men the ASL title in their first season in the league.

"Considering all the goals he scored for us during the season, we had to miss him," said Tea Men coach Dennis Viollet. "With his scoring ways, that's extra pressure on the defense."

Zivaljevic's return to his scoring ways were especially needed after line-mate Poli Garcia was felled by an injury during the Carolina-Jacksonville semi-final series.

"It was particularly important to have Micky back with Garcia out," said Viollet. 'We needed Micky or Poli desparately. If we were without both, we would have been struggling."

While Viollet is enjoying the championship limelight, he also found time to commend is young American players.

"My biggest pleasure this year has been the young American players," said the coach. "Fall, Simonini, Bapst, English, Strecker, Meyer. They all played important roles. We're strong in that department, plus with veterans like Ralbovsky and Garcia, it all blended quite well."

And it all blended well last weekend.

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AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE PLAYOFF RESULTS

FINALS

Wednesday, August 17	PENNSYLVANIA 3, Jacksonville 0
Friday, August 19	JACKSONVILLE 4, Pennsylvania 1
Sunday, August 21	JACKSONVILLE 1, Pennsylvania 0

SEMI-FINALS

Wednesday, August 10	JACKSONVILLE 2, Carolina 0 (regular game)
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	DALLAS 3, Pennsylvania 1 (regular game)
	Pennsylvania 1, DALLAS 0 (mini game)

PLAYOFF SCORING

	G	A	TP
Johnson, Pennsylvania	2	3	7
Bernardi, Pennsylvania	3	1	7
Zivaljevic, Jacksonville	2	2	6
Horvath, Pennsylvania	1	3	5
Fall, Jacksonville	2	1	5
Garcia, Jacksonville	2	0	4
Fazekas, Dallas	2	0	4
Hilton, Pennsylvania	2	0	4
English, Jacksonville	1	1	3
Zec, Jacksonville	1	1	3
Carbognani, Jacksonville	1	1	3
Davis, Pennsylvania	1	0	2
Martin, Pennsylvania	1	0	2
Strecker, Jacksonville	0	2	2
Rausch, Dallas	1	0	2
Nezaj, Pennsylvania	1	0	2
Schlothauer, Pennsylvania	0	1	1
Bourne, Dallas	0	1	1
Miller, Dallas	0	1	1

GOALTENDING

	G	MIN	SAV	GA	SHO	REC	GAA
Simonini, Jacksonville	6	500	24	4	4	4-2	0.72
Barbarick, Pennsylvania	6	480	22	8	3	3-3	1.50
R.Phillips, Dallas	2	120	4	2	1	1-1	1.50
Manning, Carolina	3	230	15	4	1	1-2	1.57
B.Phillips, Dallas	1	90	7	5	0	0-1	5.00

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Wednesday, August 17 — GAME I

Jacksonville	0
Pennsylvania	3

Attendance: 3,028
Refereee: Julio Salas
Scoring: Jacksonville: None
Pennsylvania: Martin (Johnson) 49:22; Davis (Horvath) 60:59; Hilton (Johnson) 62:42

Cautions: Jacksonville: None
Pennsylvania: None

	J	P
Shots	7	24
Saves	4	1
Corners	4	10
Fouls	25	23
Offsides	1	4

Jacksonville: Simonini, Lignos, Bapst, Berrio (Rosul), Meyer, Carbognani, Zec, Fall, Zivaljevic, English, Strecker

Pennsylvania: Barbarick, McDonald, Davis, Carr (Gauss), Smith, Yepez, Martin, Horvath (Paonessa), Hilton, Johnson, Bernardi

Game Stars: 1) Johnson 2) Horvath 3) Davis

Friday, August 19 — GAME II

Pennsylvania	1
Jacksonville	4

Attendance: 7,130
Referee: Zim Boulos
Scoring: Pennsylvania: Hilton (una) 70:20
Jacksonville: Zivaljevic (Carbognani) 26:09; Zec (Zivaljevic) 41:34; Carbognani (Zec) 71:25; Fall (Zivaljevic) 86:17

Cautions: Pennsylvania: McDonald (yellow) 20:56; Yepez (yellow) 24:57; Paonessa (yellow) 62:41
Jacksonville: Fall (yellow) 19:52; Viollet (yellow) 24:37; Lignos (yellow) 63:21; Lignos (red) 63:21; Ralbovsky (yellow) 85:10

	P	J
Shots	12	12
Saves	4	5
Corners	4	2
Fouls	24	21
Offsides	5	0

Pennsylvania: Barbarick, Smith, Davis, McDonald, Carr, Horvath (Gauss), Yepez, Martin (Paonessa), Hilton, Bernardi, Johnson

Jacksonville: Simonini, Lignos, Bapst, Ralbovsky, Meyer, Carbognani, Zec, Fall, Zivaljevic, English, Strecker

Game Star: 1) Zec 2) Zivaljevic 3) Carbognani

Sunday, August 21 — GAME III

Pennsylvania	0
Jacksonville	1

Attendance: 7,326
Referee: Zim Boulos
Scoring: Pennsylvania: None
Jacksonville: Zivaljevic (English) 13:57

Cautions: Pennsylvania: Nezaj (yellow) 18:17; Johnson (yellow) 57:16; Paonessa (yellow) 80:51
Jacksonville: Carbognani (yellow) 40:24; Meyer (yellow) 64:12; Zec (yellow) 83:00; Garcia (yellow) 88:40

	P	J
Shots	10	14
Saves	5	6
Corners	4	6
Fouls	34	21

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

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

Game Stars: 1) Zivaljevic 2) Simonini 3) Ralbovsky

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