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N.J. AMERICANS OFF TO WEST COAST

The American Soccer League's N.J. Americans will be leaving their Wall Stadium pitch this week for a 4-game schedule in California and Utah.

The Americans, who carry a 3-1-5 record to the west coast, will start play with the Sacramento Spirits on June 11th, then travel to Oakland for a match with the Buccaneers on June 13th. On Wednesday, June 16th, the New Jersey team will take on the Western division leaders, Los Angeles Skyhawks. The Salt Lake City Golden Spikers is then game number four on Friday, June 18th.

Americans' head coach, Rich Melvin, still apparently disappointed at his team's 0-0 double overtime game against the New York Apollo last Friday at home, had this to say about his club's 4 games in 8 days west coast swing: "This will be an extremely tough test for our players. Whenever you play more than one game in a week, it's always hard." With the exception of Ed Blaney, a starting defender of the Americans, the team is sound physically. Blaney pulled a ham-string during practice last week and sat out the game Friday against the Apollo. It is doubtful Blaney will make the West Coast trip. Melvin went on, "Now that we've plugged some gaps with our three new players, Rymarczuk, Stewart, and Bell, I think we can handle any team in the league, not only the four teams out west."

The Americans return to Wall Stadium on Friday, June 25, against the Rhode Island Oceaneers, current Eastern division leader.

N.J. AMERICANS' SCHEDULE

HOME	April 30	Americans-2, Cleveland-1
AWAY	May 12	Rhode Island-1, Americans-0
AWAY	May 15	Chicago-2, Americans-0
HOME	May 19	Americans-3, Cork Hibernians-1
HOME	May 21	Americans-2, Connecticut-6
AWAY	May 22	Connecticut-5, Americans-2
HOME	May 28	Americans-4, Sacramento-1
AWAY	May 29	New York-2, Americans-0
HOME	June 4	Americans-0, New York-0
AWAY	June 11	Sacramento
AWAY	June 13	Oakland
AWAY	June 16	Los Angeles
AWAY	June 18	Utah
HOME	June 25	Rhode Island
HOME	July 2	International Match
HOME	July 9	Chicago
HOME	July 23	Rhode Island
HOME	July 28	Salt Lake City
HOME	August 4	Connecticut
AWAY	August 11	Connecticut
HOME	August 13	New York
AWAY	August 14	New York

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