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NEW YORK GOES WEST

The New York Apollo, a power in the American Soccer League the past few years and one of last season's co-champions, travels West this week to test its abilities against three of the 44-year-old league's new teams.

The trip begins in Tacoma Wednesday when Jamil Canal, the league's first-team all-star goalie the past three seasons, faces his old New York teammates. Friday, New York will be in Sacramento and the trip concludes against the Utah Golden Spikers the following night.

New York takes a 1-0 record to the West after opening its season with a 2-0 verdict over the Cleveland Cobras last Saturday.

New Jersey also opened with a triumph, edging the Cobras, 2-1, Friday. Officials of the Americans were as delighted with the attendance as the victory. The debut of the Americans in their new South Jersey location of Wall Township drew an estimated crowd of 5,300 -- more than the combined home attendance the New Jersey Brewers, who played in the Newark area last season, drew for their entire season. The reception pleased ASL Commissioner Bob Cousy, who was on hand for the opening game of the Americans.

Elsewhere last week, Chicago moved to the top of the Eastern Division with a 1-0 decision in Rhode Island and a 3-1 road victory over Connecticut. Los Angeles had its third straight tie, 1-1 with Tacoma, at home Friday and then spoiled the league opener of Utah, 1-0, on the road.

Earlier in the week on Wednesday, Utah had its scheduled opener delayed by rain and wet grounds.

The week's action concluded with Sacramento downing Oakland, 3-2, as Otey Cannon had a goal and assist for the victorious Spirits.

AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	GAMES	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
EASTERN DIV:								
1 Chicago	3	2	1	0	5	3	5	15
3 Connecticut	2	1	1	0	3	4	3	8
4 Cleveland	3	1	2	0	3	5	3	8
2 New York	2	1	1	0	4	3	4	9
5 New Jersey	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	7
6 Rhode Island	2	0	2	0	1	3	1	1
WESTERN DIV:								
2 Los Angeles	4	1	0	3	3	2	3	14
3 Sacramento	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	10
1 Tacoma	3	2	0	1	5	3	5	17
4 Oakland	2	0	1	1	3	4	3	5
5 Utah	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

NOTE: The new ASL scoring system awards five points for each victory, two for each tie and one bonus point for each goal up to three scored in any game.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Wednesday, April 28 - Tacoma at Utah, ppd., wet grounds.

Friday, April 30 - Tacoma 1, Los Angeles 1
New Jersey 2, Cleveland 1

Saturday, May 1 - New York 2, Cleveland 0
Chicago 1, Rhode Island 0
Los Angeles 1, Utah 0

Sunday, May 2 - Chicago 3, Connecticut 1
Sacramento 3, Oakland 2

GAME SUMMARIES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS):

Friday, April 30

LOS ANGELES 1, Tacoma 1
LA: Steve Ralbovsky (1) (unassisted) 18:00; TAC: Charlie Myers (1) (unassisted). Shots: LA: 35; TAC: 12. Goalies: LA: Brian Parkinson, 5 saves; TAC: Jamil Canal, 11 saves. Attendance: 3,729.

NEW JERSEY 2, Cleveland 1
NJ: Kevin Kiernan (1) (Tim Logush) 13:44; CLEV: Jim McMillan (1) (Roberto Olivera) 35:22; NJ:Kiernan (2) (Tim Logush) 61:27. Shots: NJ: 12; CLEV: 16. Goalies: NJ: Woody Hartman, 12 saves; CLEV: Paul Chymovic, 8 saves; Jack Groesser (45:01), 4 saves. Attendance: 5,300 estimated.

Saturday, May 1

NEW YORK 2, Cleveland 0
NY: Fred Grgurev (Peter Christofordis) 14:00; Mario Garcia (1) (Theo Nahorski) 67:00. Shots: NY: 15, CLEV: 9. Goalies: NY: Joseph Miranda, 6 saves; CLEV: Paul Chymovic, 9 saves. Attendance: 200.

Chicago 1, RHODE ISLAND 0
Carlos Bonilla (1) (Roberto Abrussezzi) 51:00. Shots: CHIC: 17; RI: 25. Goalies: CHIC: Chris Swain, 16 saves; RI: Tony DiCicco, 10 saves. Attendance: 600

Los Angeles 1, UTAH 0
LA: Jim Rolland (1) (Steve Ralbovsky) 22:00. Shots: LA: 22; UTAH 17. Goalies: LA: Brian Parkinson, 15 saves; UTAH: Peter Thomas, 10 saves. Attendance: 8,335.

Sunday, May 2

SACRAMENTO 3, Oakland 2
SAC: Otey Cannon (1) (Anatole Hulewsky) 19:00; SAC: Wolfgang Gartner (1) (Dave Lyon) 41:00; OAK: Jerard Hylkdema (1) (Eric Ahrendt) 48:00; OAK: Alberto Onofre (2) (Unassisted) 50:00. SAC: Larry Caldwell (1) (Cannon) 52:00. Shots: SAC: 23; OAK: 10. Goalies: SAC: Gary Allison, 6 saves; OAK: Apolinor Giminez, 13 saves. Attendance: 3,660

Chicago 3, CONNECTICUT 1
CHIC: Diogo DeSilva (1) (Unassisted) 15:36; CHIC: John Dolinski (1) (Pete Kouratos) 17:45; CONN: Victor Calabrese (1) (Dieter Vaydel) 31:47; CHIC: Kouratos (1) (Unassisted) 39:09. Shots: CHIC: 15, CONN: 18. Goalies: CHIC: Gerd Langer, 8 saves; CONN: Mickey Cohen, 5 saves. Attendance: 1,000.

~~FRIDAY~~ WEDNESDAY MAY 5
TACOMA 3 NEW YORK 2 @ TACOMA: Fernandez (1) (Sinclair) (35:00)
NY: PAPARGAS (1) (UNASSISTED) 31:00 ; Hartje (1) (Cegielski, Sinclair) (37:00)
(2) (unassisted) (67:00)
Shots: TAC: 14
NY: 9
Goalies; TAC: Jamil Canal, 7 saves;
NY: Joseph Maranda 5 saves
Attendance: 3429

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, May 5 - New York at Tacoma
Friday, May 7 - New York at Sacramento
Los Angeles at Tacoma
Cleveland at Connecticut
Saturday, May 8 - New York at Utah
Cleveland at Rhode Island
Wednesday, May 12 - Oakland at Tacoma
New Jersey at Rhode Island
Utah at Los Angeles
Friday, May 14 - Los Angeles at Sacramento
Saturday, May 15 - Connecticut at Rhode Island
New Jersey at Chicago