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CALABRESE LEADS
YANKS' BIG WEEKEND

NEW YORK, N.Y.--Twenty-five-year-old Vic Calabrese had been expected to be a scoring leader for the Connecticut Yankees this year, picking up the slack left by the departure of Roberto Taylor, who was the American Soccer League's Rookie of the Year in 1975.

Last weekend the Italian-born forward showed Coach Bob Kratzer he was ready to fulfill those expectations.

Calabrese scored three goals on two successive nights as Connecticut earned a share of first place in the Eastern Division, handling New Jersey, 6-2 and 5-2.

The six goals boosted Calabrese's 1976 total to seven, one more than he scored last year during his second season in the ASL.

The two victories gave the Yankees, who are the only team in the League to score more than three goals in any one game thus far, a record of 4-2. This year the League awards one bonus point for each goal a team scores, up to three per game, and the Yankees have accumulated 31 points with their four wins and 11 bonus points.

Calabrese is the league's new scoring leader with 1975 scoring champion Jose Neto high on the leaders' list. Neto has four goals and one assist in a bid for repeat honors. He's tied for second with last week's leader, Jim Hinch of Los Angeles, who was idle last week, at nine points.

Calabrese is one of three Yankees listed among the scoring leaders this week. Jan Klosek and Joe Kawalzxyk, two members of the team's 'Polish Connection' front-line, each have seven points with two goals and three assists.

Rhode Island, paced by near-perfect work in goal by Tony DiCicco, is battling for the Eastern lead and has the same point total as Connecticut, who have one game in hand. The Oceaneers, who lost their first two games, have allowed only three goals in their last five games while improving their record to 4-3.

Although Los Angeles was idle, the Skyhawks remained atop the Western Division as second-place Tacoma was only able to salvage three points while scoring only one goal in three outings. The Tides had a scoreless tie with Cleveland, became the first team to lose to Utah, 1-0; and then became the first League team to lose a game under the sudden-death overtime rule used by League teams this season.

Midfielder Victor Pires brought a quick halt to the Oakland-Tacoma game Sunday with a goal after 1 1/2 minutes of overtime play.

The visiting Cork Hibernians, still seeking their first win over an ASL team continue their 11-game trip from Ireland when they play in Utah this coming Thursday night. The Irishmen have a 1-1 tie with New York and a pair of 3-1 setbacks to show for their trip thus far.

In other action this week, Sacramento continues its trip East with a Wednesday game in Cleveland, a Friday stop at New Jersey and a Saturday game in Rhode Island.

Chicago at Cleveland and New Jersey at New York complete this week's slate with next week's action starting as Utah visits Oakland Sunday. On Memorial Day, the touring Cork Hibernians will be at Sacramento.

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AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	GAMES	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
EASTERN DIV:								
Connecticut	6	4	2	0	16	10	11	31
Rhode Island	7	4	3	0	11	6	11	31
Chicago	6	3	2	1	7	6	7	24
New York	5	2	2	1	8	8	8	20
New Jersey	6	2	4	0	9	16	9	19
Cleveland	6	2	3	1	4	7	4	16
WESTERN DIV:								
Los Angeles	7	3	1	3	9	5	9	30
Tacoma	8	3	3	2	8	8	8	27
Sacramento	5	2	1	2	6	4	6	20
Oakland	5	2	2	1	7	7	7	19
Utah	4	1	3	0	2	6	2	7

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.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Wednesday, May 19 - Rhode Island 3, Chicago 0
Tacoma 0, Cleveland 0
New Jersey 3, Cork Hibernians 1

Friday, May 21 - Connecticut 6, New Jersey 2
New York 1, Cork Hibernians 1
Utah 1, Tacoma 0

Saturday, May 22 - Sacramento 0, Chicago 0
Connecticut 5, New Jersey 2
Rhode Island 3, Cork Hibernians 1

Sunday, May 23 - Oakland 2, Tacoma 1 - overtime

GAME SUMMARIES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS):

Wednesday, May 19

Rhode Island 3, CHICAGO 0
RI: Jose Neto (3) (Leo Ramos) 31:00; Neto (4) (unassisted) 69:00; Gladstone Ofori (1) (unassisted) 89:00. Shots: RI: 10, Chic: 15. Goalies: RI: Tony DiCicco, 3 saves; Chic: Gerd Langer, 2 saves. Attendance: 979.

Tacoma 0, CLEVELAND 0
Shots: Tacoma: 25, Clev: 13. Goalies: Tacoma: Jamil Canal, 1 save; Bruce Arena (45:01) 9 saves; Clev: Paul Chymovic, 10 saves. Attendance: 1,852.

NEW JERSEY 3, Cork Hibernians 1
NJ: John Roselain (1) (Kevin Kiernan) 33:31; NJ: Gerry Holliday (1) (unassisted) 37:10; CH: Damien Richardson (Jerry Lawson) 71:34; NJ: Roselein (2) (Kiernan) 80:01. Shots: NJ: 16, CH 11. Goalies: NJ: Woody Hartman, 13 saves; CH: Peter Gregson, 10 saves. Attendance: 1,790.

Friday, May 21

Connecticut 6, NEW JERSEY 2
Conn: Vic Calabrese (2) (unassisted) 2:46; NJ: Tim Logush (1) (Kiernan) 26:00; Conn: Jan Klosek (1) (Dan Kalmanides) 37:41; Conn: Calabrese (3) (unassisted) 52:26; Conn: Calabrese (4) (unassisted) 57:59; Conn: Jean Paul Verhees (1) (Joe Kawalzcyk) 65:53; Conn: Joe McGuigan (1) (Klosek) 68:14; NJ: DiSalvo (1) (unassisted) 83:50. Shots: Conn: 19, NJ: 12. Goalies: Conn: Jerry Sularz, 5 saves; NJ: Woody Hartman, 10 saves; Rick Hoffman (70:01) 2 saves. Attendance: 2,763.

NEW YORK 1, Cork Hibernians 1
NY: Bill Pirie (1) (Mike Paparigas) 53:00; CH: Carl Humphreys (1) (unassisted) 61:00. Shots: NY: 26, CH: 16. Goalies: NY: Joe Miranda, 11 saves; CH: Gerry Spillane, 16 saves. Attendance: 1,517.

UTAH 1, Tacoma 0
Utah: Tony Douglas (1) (Vince McCarthy) 44:00: Shots: Utah: 17, T: 7. Goalies: Utah: Peter Thomas, 4 saves; T: Bruce Arena, 10 saves. Attendance: 2,200.

Saturday, May 22

Sacramento 0, CHICAGO 0
Shots: Sac: 16, Chic. 17. Goalies: Sac: Gary Allison, 7 saves; Chic: Chris Swain, 5 saves. Attendance: 713.

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Saturday, May 22 (Cont'd)

CONNECTICUT 5, New Jersey 2

Conn: Klosek (2) (Penalty Kick) 14:18; Conn: Calabrese (5) (unassisted) 15:00; Conn: Sal Russo (1) (unassisted) 18:00; NJ: John Roeslein (3) (unassisted) 22:00; Conn: Calabrese (6) (Kawalzcyk) 37:00; Conn: Calabrese (7) (Kawalzcyk) 66:00; NJ: Joe DiSalvo (2) (unassisted) 83:00. Shots: Conn: 11, NJ: 21. Goalies: Conn: Jerry Sularz, 12 saves; NJ: Woody Hartman, 2 saves; Rick Hoffman (50:01) 1 save. Attendance: 355.

RHODE ISLAND 3, Cork Hibernians 1

CH: Patrick Kirby (Bobby Tamling) 14:00; RI: Leo Ramos (1) (Jose Neto) 28:00; Itamar Alves (2) (unassisted) 40:00; Ofori (2) (unassisted) 79:00. Shots: RI: 23, CH: 7. Goalies: RI: DiCicco, 3 saves; CH: Peter Gregson, 7 saves. Attendance: 1,926.

Sunday, May 23

OAKLAND 2, Tacoma 1

Oak: Franco Chirinos (1) (Gerard Hylkema) 60:00; Tac: Windsor Dellano (1) (unassisted) 70:00; Oak: Victor Pires (1) (Ron Watson) 91:30. Shots: Oak: 15; Tac: 13. Goalies: Oak: Don Clark, 6 saves; Guy Oling, 3 saves; Tac: Arena, 6 saves. Attendance: 2,500.

UPCOMING GAMES

Wednesday, May 26	-	Sacramento at Cleveland
		Cork Hibernians at Chicago - rescheduled June 9
Thursday, May 27	-	Cork Hibernians at Utah
Friday, May 28	-	Sacramento at New Jersey
Saturday, May 29	-	Sacramento at Rhode Island
		Chicago at Cleveland
		New Jersey at New York
Sunday, May 30	-	Utah at Oakland
Monday, May 31	-	Cork Hibernians at Sacramento
Wednesday, June 2	-	Sacramento at Oakland - postponed
		Utah at Tacoma
		Connecticut at New York
		Cork Hibernians at Los Angeles
Friday, June 4	-	Rhode Island at Cleveland
		New York at New Jersey
		Cork Hibernians at Tacoma

LEADING SCORERS
(Minimum 5 Points)

	GAMES PLAYED	GOALS	ASSISTS	TOTAL POINTS
Vic Calabrese, Conn.	6	7	0	14
Jim Hinch, L.A.	4	4	1	9
Jose Neto, R.I.	7	4	1	9
Otey Cannon, Sac.	4	3	2	8
Pete Kouratos, Chic.	5	3	1	7
Joe Kawalzcyk, Conn.	3	2	3	7
Kevin Kiernan, N.J.	6	2	3	7
Jan Klosek, Conn.	6	2	3	7
John Roeslein, N.J.	6	3	0	6
Itamar Alves, R.I.	7	2	2	6
Ted Nahorski, N.Y.	5	2	1	5
Jim Rolland, L.A.	6	2	1	5

GOALIE STATISTICS
(450 Minutes Minimum)

	MINUTES PLAYED	SHOTS	GOALS	SAVES	SHUTOUTS	GOAL AVG.	RECORD
Brian Parkinson, L.A.	690	80	5	40	3	0.67	3-1-3
Gary Allison, Sac.	490	67	4	27	2	0.74	2-1-2
Tony DiCicco, R.I.	630	96	6	38	3	0.86	4-3
Jamil Canal, Tac.	512	102	5	31	2	0.88	3-1-1
Joseph Miranda, N.Y.	455	83	8	41	1	1.58	2-2-1
Woody Hartman, N.J.	480	90	15	62	0	2.83	2-4

NOTE: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, statistics will be mailed out Tuesday next week.

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