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COBRAS TANGLE WITH SKYHAWKS

In a special exhibition contest this Saturday at 8:00 PM, the Cleveland Cobras take on the the Los Angeles Skyhawks at Baldwin Wallace Stadium.

The Cobras are smarting from the effects of a 3-2 overtime loss to the Irish Cork Hibernians last Tuesday before a season high crowd of 5,684. In the Irish game, Vito Colonna notched his fourth goal of the season on a bicycle kick shot off a pass from Jimmy McMillan. Earlier in the game, four year pro, Dennis Almeida, recorded his first professional goal on a head shot. North Olmsted resident, Jack Groesser, started his first game in the nets for the Cobras and turned in a credible performance.

Julio Servin picked up his first assist as a Cobra. The midfielder had previously played for the now defunct Cincinnati Comets of the American Soccer League where he copped All-A.S.L. Honors for the past three seasons. He joined the Cobras just before their 2-1 win over Rhode Island last Saturday.

Concerning the Skyhawks, the Cobras will have to be at the top of their game as Los Angeles lead the A.S.L.'s Western Division with 4-2-3 record.

Leading the Skyhawks is their illustrious Coach Ron Newman. Newman has the reputation of being the finest soccer mentor in America, and he is credited with refining the talents of Kyle Roto, Jr. when he held the reins of the Dallas Tornados of the N.A.S.L.

Newman's squad has a distinct English flavor with a member of Britain's First Division players dotting their lineup.

A trio of high powered forwards hold down the Skyhawks frontline. The A.S.L.'s

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third leading scorer, Jim Hinch, an English import, is the key to the offense. Thus far, he has rammed home 4 goals and collected 4 assists in just six games. Teaming up with Hinch are Brooks Cryder and Jim Rolland. Cryder is a rookie out of Philadelphia Textile College where he copped All-American Honors. Rolland also comes from foggy England and he is sixth in the A.S.L. in scoring with 4 goals and 1 assist. Former Cleveland forward, Ane Mihailovich, is also on the Los Angeles roster and he is expected to see some action.

The American College player of the year is the key player in the Skyhawks midfield. Steve Ralbovsky picked up this honor while at Brown University last season and he has quickly adjusted to professional play.

The stingiest defense in the A.S.L. is owned by the Skyhawks. English goaltender, Brian Parkinson leads the A.S.L. with a minute 0.63 goals against average. He also has recorded 4 shutouts.

"I really believe that Parkinson may be the finest goalie in all of American soccer," noted Coach Ron Newman.

The two key defenders in front of Parkinson are Ron Yates and Ken Fogarty. Yates is yet another English import and the 34 year old back is a mountain of strength as he stands 6'2" and weighs 210 pounds. Fogarty is considered to be one of the finest young defenders in the A.S.L.

It's easy to see that the Cobras will have to be at the top of their game against Los Angeles.

Injured defender, Tom Nowicki(of Garfield Hts. and Cleveland State) will return to action.

The Cobras next home game is an 8:00 PM contest next Saturday (June 19) as the Tacoma Tides supply the opposition.