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COBRAS TO TANGLE WITH THE A.S.L.'S HIGH SCORERS

The Cleveland Cobras will have their hands full this Friday night at 8:00PM as they take on the A.S.L.'s highest scoring team, the Connecticut Yankees, at Baldwin Wallace Stadium.

Cleveland is coming off a 0-0 deadlock with the Tacoma Tides last Saturday night. In that contest, the 2,311 fans were treated to excellent defensive play from Cleveland's netminder, Paul Chymovic who recorded 11 saves enroute to his fourth shutout of the season. Team captain, Dave Leckie, and first round draft choice, Billy Polack, turned in commendable performances on the Cobras backline. Forward Jimmy McMillan sustained a sprained right knee which will probably keep him out of action for two weeks.

Connecticut comes into town with three of the league's top ten scorers, and they lead the A.S.L. in team scoring with 22 goals in nine games.

The Yankees are led by the league's leading scorer, forward Vic Calbrese who has rolled up 8 goals and 1 assist in just nine games. The 5'10", 160 pound forward is a graduate of Middlesex Junior College. The 24 year old dribbling specialist scored 6 goals last season. Teaming up with Calbrese on the Yankees frontline are Joe Kowalczyk and rookie Esteban Sebourne. Kowalczyk is the seventh leading scorer in the league with 3 goals and 4 assists while Sebourne played at the University of Bridgeport last season.

Connecticut's midfield is held down by three "class" professionals, Jan Klosek is eighth on the A.S.L.'s scoring list with 3 goals and 4 assists. He played first division soccer at the age of 17 in Poland. Joining Klosek are Oliver Acquah who was the second leading scorer on the Rhode Island Oceaneers last season with 4 goals and 5 assists, and Dieter Zajdel who, along with Klosek, compose Connecticut's "Polish Connection." Zajdel is an ex-member of the N.A.S.L.'s New York Cosmos and San Jose Earthquakes. He also played first division soccer in Poland.

Mickey Cohen guards the Yankee's nets. Cohen is a native of Brooklyn, New York and is a graduate of Long Island University. This is his third

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season in the A.S.L.

In front of Cohen on the Yankees backline are team captain Joe McGuigan, Danny Kalmanides, and Jimmy Lorde. McGuigan played on the U.S. Olympic team in 1972, Kalmanides is in his second year with Connecticut, and Lorde played with the Rhode Island Oceaneers for the last few seasons.

The Yankees are in second place in the A.S.L.'s Eastern Division with a 5-4-0 record while Cleveland stands at 4-4-3. The Cobras topped Connecticut earlier this season 1-0 on the road with Vito Colonna scoring the game's only goal. This game is considered to be quite crucial to Cleveland in their quest for the playoffs.

"It just may be the most important game of the season for us. We need a win here in order to gain the necessary momentum needed to make the playoffs," noted Cobras general manager, Dr. John Gyekenyesi.

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The Cobras will take part in Cleveland Cobras day at Geauga Lake on Wednesday, June 30. Cobras players will be their to meet the fans, give soccer demonstrations, and show soccer movies. Tickets for this special event are $4.50 which is a discount of $1.00 off the normal ticket price of $5.50. Tickets are available at the Cobras office (771-KICK) and on sale during the game at the consession stand.