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SOCKERS WIN INDOOR CROWN; NASL PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE MARK SET; VEEE CHAMPIONSHIP MVP

They're bridesmaids no more! The San Diego Sockers, after reaching the semi-finals of the NASL outdoor playoffs in the last three years, now can finally fly a championship banner, thanks to their 10-5 victory over the Tampa Bay Rowdies this past Monday night. The win gave them a two-game sweep of the championship series, and, thus, the 1981-82 NASL Indoor title.

The attendance at the Bayfront Center in St. Petersburg, Florida that night was a 6,325 SRO crowd that boosted the League's total attendance for the '81-'82 playoffs to 120,179, or an average of 8,584 for the 14 playoff games, adding all up to a 26% increase in total NASL playoff attendance over last year. Couple this with the 23% increase in regular-season Indoor attendance and it was a "big crowd" indoor year for the NASL.

Finally...who else? He won every other offensive award for the season (Top Scorer, the PSRA Indoor "Star of the Year"), so it was no big surprise that Julie Veee, the scoring powerhouse of the Champion San Diego Sockers, should also win on Monday night the Most Valuable Player trophy for the Championship Series. Veee, who led the Sox with three goals and two assists in the game, thereby duplicating his performance in San Diego's first-game 9-7 win over the Rowdies on March 3, beat out teammate Jean Willrich, 39 points to 33, in voting by media which had seen both championship games. Julie also beat out another teammate, Kaz Deyna, for the overall scoring title in the playoffs, with his 11 G, 8 A for 30 TP, edging Deyna's 8 G, 10 A and 26 TP.

1982 NASL OUTDOOR TRAINING CAMPS/EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

TEAM	TRAINING CAMP SITE	START DATE
Chicago	Cal State University, Bakersfield, CA	3/18
Edmonton	U of Victoria & Athletic Park, Victoria, B.C.	3/22
Ft. Lauderdale	Biscayne College, Miami, FL	2/22
Jacksonville	University North Florida, Jacksonville, FL	3/8
Montreal	City Island Park, Daytona Beach, FL	3/17
New York	Princess Hotel Grounds, Bahamas	2/26
Portland	Oregon Episopal School, Beaverton, OR	3/22
San Diego	Chargers Field, San Diego, CA	3/15
San Jose	Spartan Stadium, San Jose, CA	2/8
Seattle	Renton Stadium, Renton, WA	3/1
Tampa Bay	University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	3/15
Toronto	Tangerine Bowl, Orlando, FL	3/7
Tulsa	TBA	3/19
Vancouver	Empire Stadium, Vancouver, B.C.	3/2

1982 NASL SPRING EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME	LOCATION	TIME
3/13	Seattle/Canadian Olympic Team	Memorial Field, Seattle	2:30 PM
3/17	Toronto/Tampa Bay	Tangerine Bowl, Orlando	7:30 PM
	New York/Seattle	Memorial Field, Seattle	7:30 PM
3/20	Toronto/Jacksonville	Citizens Field, Gnsv'lle, FL	7:30 PM
	Chicago/San Diego	Memorial Field, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA	7:00 PM
3/21	Tampa Bay/Montreal	Tangerine Bowl, Orlando	2:00 PM
	New York/San Jose	Spartan Stadium, San Jose	2:30 PM
	Seattle/Borussia Monchengladbach	Memorial Stadium, Seattle	3:00 PM
	New York/San Jose	Spartan Stadium, San Jose	2:30 PM
	Seattle/Borussia Monchengladbach	Memorial Stadium, Seattle	3:00 PM

1982 NASL SPRING EXHIBITION SCHEDULE (Cont'd.)

3/23	New York/Communicacciones	L.A. Coliseum, L.A. Classic	6:50 PM
	Club America/Honduras National Team	L.A. Coliseum, L.A. Classic	8:50 PM
	Vancouver/Borussia Monchengladbach	Empire Stadium, Vancouver	8:00 PM
3/24	Edmonton/University of Victoria	University Field, Victoria B.C.	2:30 PM
	Toronto/Montreal	City Island Park, Daytona Beach, FL	2:00 PM
	Tampa Bay/Jacksonville	Tangerine Bowl, Orlando	7:30 PM
3/25	L.A. Classic Final:		
	Consolation Game	L.A. Coliseum, L.A. Classic	6:50 PM
	Championship Game	L.A. Coliseum, L.A. Classic	8:50 PM
	Seattle/Malmo F/C	Kingdome, Seattle	7:30 PM
3/26	Edmonton/Canadian Olympic Team	Athletic Park, Victoria, BC	7:30 PM
3/27	Jacksonville/Montreal	City Island Park, Daytona Beach, FL	2:00 PM
	New York/Chicago	Spring Cup, Empire Stadium, Vancouver, BC	8:00 PM
3/28	Edmonton/Portland	Athletic Park, Victoria, BC	7:00 PM
	Vancouver/Malmo F/C	Empire Stadium, Vancouver	8:00 PM
	San Diego/San Jose	Cabrillo Jr. College, Santa Cruz, CA	2:30 PM
3/30	Vancouver Spring Cup Doubleheader	Empire Stadium, Vancouver	6:00 PM
	Vancouver Spring Cup Doubleheader	Empire Stadium, Vancouver	8:00 PM
	Edmonton/Vancouver Island Select	Athletic Park, Victoria, BC	7:30 PM
4/2	Chicago/Indiana University	Indiana University	7:30 PM

NASL OUTDOOR INSTRUCTIONAL CLINIC FOR REFEREES COMPLETED

The refs are ready! While most NASL teams are, or will be, involved in training for the upcoming 1982 NASL outdoor season, the League's referees--all 44 of them--have already completed their preparatory training and testing. NASL Director of Officials Keith Walker and his instructional staff put his charges through three days of physical and written tests this past February 26 through the 28th at the American Airlines Learning Center at the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport. Guest speakers to the assembled referees were Phil Woosnam, Commissioner of the NASL, Gordon Jago, Head Coach of the Tampa Bay Rowdies, and Al Miller, former NASL coach. Walker announced that, as in the past, the League will have "guest" referees this year with international credentials: Keith Hackett, who refereed the English F.A. Cup Final this year between Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspur; and Gwyn Owen, from Wales, who has officiated in numerous European Cup matches.

FINAL 16 PLAYERS NAMED FOR U.S. NATIONAL TEAM

The final 16 United States players who will represent their country in friendlies in Trinidad this coming March 19th and 21st have been announced, with 15 being NASL players. The U.S. National Team will face Trinidad's professional ASL Sport Club on the 19th and the Trinidad and Tobago National Team on March 21st. The U.S. Squad: goalkeepers Winston DuBose (Tampa Bay Rowdies) and Arnold Mausser (Jacksonville Tea Men); defenders Tony Crudo (Seattle Sounders), John O'Hara (Pittsburgh Spirit), John Lignos (Jacksonville Tea Men), Derek Spalding (Chicago Sting) and Bernie James (Edmonton Drillers); midfielders Boris Bandov (New York Cosmos), Ringo Cantillo (Jacksonville Tea Men), Ricky Davis (New York Cosmos), Charlie Fajkus (Chicago Sting) and Tim Twellman (Tulsa Roughnecks); and forwards Hernan Borja (New York Cosmos), Steve Moyers (New York Cosmos), Njego Pesa (Tampa Bay Rowdies) and Julie Veee (San Diego Sockers).

HEARD AROUND THE LEAGUE

San Diego Sockers owner Bob Bell, hoisting a glass of champagne after his club's Indoor championship and remembering all the years it took to get to that point: "This is the most expensive champagne in the world. It cost me seven million dollars."

OUTDOOR NASLeads

THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY strangers, because the same people, namely the Robbies, own both clubs, but the NASL Ft. Lauderdale Strikers have struck up an interesting relationship with their "brethren" at Biscayne College, the Miami Dolphins of the NFL. The Dolphins use the facility year-round, so were not used to seeing guys without shoulder pads running around. And observers of the goings-on the first few days the Strikers opened camp there came away with some memorable scenes between the behemoths of the NFL and the swifties of the NASL, like: Dolphin wide receiver Duriel Harris and Striker forward Thomas Rongen exchanging "high fives"...mammoth Dolphin offensive guard Ed Newman holding court with writers on the Strikers chances of going all the way to Soccer Bowl-82..."Mr. Defense" himself, Dolphin assistant coach Bill Arnsparger, creator of the famous "53" defense, sitting there on the sidelines analyzing the Strikers defensive alignments...and, most unbelievable of all, the Dolphins playing a little "six-a-side" with the Strikers, with guys like Harris and Newman being joined by the likes of QB Jim Jensen, LB A.J. Duhe, LB Kim Bokamper, S Lyle Blackwood, OT Eric Laaksl and S Mike Kozlowski, with all of them "tip-toeing" around (through?) the Strikers. A bunch of the Dolphins attended the Strikers exhibition game against Maimi Date North. Better than scrimmaging in pads, eh, fellas?.....AND A FINAL Striker note---this year the team's motto in advertising/promotions will be "Lightnin' Srikers" with the tag line pushing fans to come out to a "hot-streakin', hard-kickin', head-boppin' summertime bash." Sounds like fun.

TEAMS 'N THINGS

COMINGS AND GOINGS during the playoffs. There've been a lot of them, like, coaching-wise, Professor Julio Mazzei replacing Hennes Weisweiller as head man of the Cosmos; and in San Jose, Peter Short, assistant and head coach in Dallas last year, takes over for Jimmy Gabriel, who has retired to enter private business in Seattle. As for NASL front offices: Kevin Leep, who had been Controller and Business Manager of the Portland Timbers since 1980, has been appointed Operations Manager of the team. Two long-time NASLers have regretfully left the League to pursue attractive areas. Amy Rankin, PR Director of the Jacksonville Tea Men will now do PR for Amelia Island Plantation in Florida, and Jerry Epstein, the Director of Marketing for the Champion San Diego Sockers, will now be a partner in a San Diego-based marketing, promotions and entertainment company. Jim Patterson, PR Director of the Edmonton Drillers, has resigned also, to pursue private business interests. And, finally, Jeanne Neilon has joined the League office in New York as secretary in the Operations Department, replacing Bonnie Murman, who has moved on to the Cosmos as a PR assistant. In turn, Rachel Thibodeaux moves to Director of Special Projects for the Cosmos.....LATE BREAKING TRADE/SIGNING: On March 10, Edmonton traded defender Peter Nogly to the Tampa Bay Rowdies for forward Neill Roberts, cash, and the rights to striker Frank Worthington; and the Jacksonville Tea Men announced the same day the acquisition of former Scottish World Cup captain Archie Gemmill, a midfielder who has made 48 appearances for Scotland and has played 14 years of English first division football..... TRANS-ATLANTIC CHALLENGE CUP note: Napoli of Italy, one of the clubs to participate in the 1982 TACC, drew against Cesena last weekend, with striker Claudio Pellegrini getting both goals to give him five in the last two games. The tie moved Napoli to within a point of fourth-place Roma, a participant in the first TACC, in 1980.

FINAL 1981-82 NASL INDOOR PLAYOFF STATISTICS

LEADING SCORERS	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
Julie Veee, San Diego	5	11	8	30
Kaz Deyna, San Diego	6	8	10	26
Jan Goossens, Edmonton	4	7	7	21
Lorenz Hilkes, San Diego	6	7	7	21
Tatu, Tampa Bay	5	9	2	20
Wes McLeod, Tampa Bay	4	5	7	17
Ade Coker, San Diego	6	6	4	16
Mike Sweeney, Edmonton	4	5	5	15
Gert Wieczorkowski, San Diego	6	3	9	15
Vidal Fernandez, San Diego	6	4	6	14

LEADING GOALKEEPERS	GAMES	MINS	SVS	GOALS-AGAINST	GAA
Volkmar Gross, San Diego	6	360	117	24	4.00
Delroy Allen, Tulsa	4	273	88	20	4.40
John Vanoostveen, Montreal	2	152	39	12	4.74
Jurgen Stars, Tampa Bay	5	344	117	31	5.41
Tino Lettieri, Vancouver	2	120	44	12	6.00
Dieter Ferner, Chicago	2	138	32	14	6.09
Winston DuBose, Tampa Bay	1	60	17	7	7.00
John Baretta, Edmonton	4	217	69	27	7.47
Paul Hammond, Seattle	2	113	18	16	8.50

NASL 1981/82 FINAL INDOOR SERIES
(Home Team Listed First)

Wednesday, March 3, 1982

SAN DIEGO	3-3-1-2--9	San Diego leads series 1-0
TAMPA BAY	2-3-1-1--7	
ATTENDANCE	12,840 Capacity Crowd	

First Period: 1. SDG-Veee (Nesin) 2:50, 2. SDG-Veee (Nesin, Rohmann) 3:52, 3. Tpa-Zequinha (Peter Roe, Kozic) 11:04, 4. Tpa-Peter Roe (Zequinha) 13:03, 5. SDG-Coker (Wieczorkowski, Donnelly) 14:00
Second Period: 6. SDG-Hilkes (Willrich) :42, 7. SDG-Veee PPG (Penalty Kick) 4:04, 8. Tpa-Perez (McLeod, Stars) 4:44, 9. Tpa-McLeod (Connell, Stars) 7:26, 10. SDG-Deyna (Veee, Gross) 14:17, 11. Tpa-Perez (Peter Roe) 14:45
Third Period: 12. SDG-Coker (Willrich) 12:32, 13. Tpa-Gruber (McLeod) 14:03
Fourth Period: 14. SDG-Willrich PPG (Wieczorkowski, Deyna) 1:22, 15. SDG-Willrich (Veee, Geyer) 7:04, 16. Tpa-Gruber (McLeod, Stars) 11:33
PPG/ATT: SDG-2/2; TPA-0/2

Monday, March 8

TAMPA BAY	0-1-3-1--5	San Diego wins Championship
SAN DIEGO	3-2-3-2--10	
ATTENDANCE	6,325 Standing Room Only	

First Period: 1. SDG-Veee 8:34, 2. SDG-Veee 12:13, 3. SDG-Deyna PPG (Hilkes, Wieczorkowski) 13:31
Second Period: 4. SDG-Deyna (Fernandez, Rohmann) 4:43, 5. SDG-Fernandez (Veee, Deyna) 9:49, 6. Tpa-Tatu (McLeod) 12:43
Third Period: 7. Tpa-McLeod PPG (Gorman, Zequinha) :53, 8. Tpa-Tatu (Peter Roe) 4:08, 9. Tpa-Zequinha (Gorman) 5:56, 10. SDG-Hilkes (Willrich) 6:47, 11. SDG-Willrich 13:02, 12. SDG-Coker PPG (Hilkes, Wieczorkowski) 14:27
Fourth Period: 13. Tpa-Roberts (McLeod) 3:17, 14. SDG-Willrich (Fernandez, Veee) 10:51, 15. SDG-Veee (Gross) 14:18
PPG/ATT: TPA-1/2; SDG-2/3