TEAM HAWAII NEWS™

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DOWN, BUT NOT OUT...

Monday night's heartbreaking 1-0 defeat in San Jose leaves TEAM HAWAII four points away from a playoff spot with one game left to play. The hard-hitting match with the Earthquakes resulted in 54 fouls and numerous injuries- including severe injuries to T.H. fullbacks' Keith Coleman and Mark Stahl. Both Coleman and Stahl had to be replaced, and their status remains questionnable for Thursday's regular season finale in Seattle. With the burden of two injured defenders resting on their shoulders, the TEAM HAWAII defense rose to the occasion, as goalie Peter Fox and center fullback C.J. Carenza were outstanding in preventing numerous near tallies. San Jose managed to get just one of their 33 shots past Fox, but it proved to be all they needed in nipping the visiting Aloha Booters.

SEATTLE OR SETTLE

Thursday night TEAM HAWAII travels to the Kingdome for their biggest confrontation of the season (and perhaps their last). The Paradise People have put themselves in a "must win" situation as they meet the Sounders. Seattle has a virtual lock on third-place in the Western Division- needing only three points in their last two games to assure themselves of post-season play. However, the Sounders need a pair of wins (coupled with Vancouver losses) if they are to move into second place in the West, thus securing the home field advantage in the first round of Championship play. If TEAM HAWAII can get by the Sounders, then it all comes down to the San Jose/Dallas matchup on Saturday night. A Dallas win in San Jose would push HAWAII back into the third spot, IF San Jose scores less than three goals in losing. And, of course, IF Las Vegas gets three goals AND beats Dallas on Wednesday, then they might sneak into the playoffs if San Jose gets shutout on Saturday and HAWAII loses on Thursday!!! So... nothing is final yet in the wild South- as L.A. still has a shot at passing Dallas for the Number One slot, which keeps pressure on the torrid Tornado...

(MORE ON BACK SIDE...)

NATIONAL NOTES

With one week to go in the season, only Chicago, Connectiut, and Washington are eliminated from possible post-season action. Races are still on for the top three spots in the North; the second and third slots in the East; second, third, and fourth place in the West; and EVERY slot in the South... Steve David's season-ending knee injury will prevent him from setting any scoring marks this season, but his position on the top of the scorer's heap is secure... George Best has two games left to pick up a pair of assists and break Pele's year-old assist record of 18... Dallas' Ken Cooper (.90 ave.) should be severely tested in his final two games against contending clubs- Las Vegas and San Jose... The Southern Division is the only division with all clubs over 100 points... Nobody in the North will finish above .500.

TEAM HAWAII FOOTNOTES

TEAM HAWAII has played in 17 one-goal decisions- winning eight and losing nine... Peter Nover has played in every minute of every game for TEAM HAWAII so far; Nover had his four game (five goals) scoring streak stopped in San Jose... Yilmaz Orhan and Jim Henry will be forced to watch the Seattle game, as they must serve their "suspended" sentences in the final game of the year; Henry was ejected in a July 1st loss to Portland, while Orhan picked up his fifth yellow card against Los Angeles on July 22nd...

TEAM HAWAII SCORING

Tinnion	25 GAMES	7 GOALS	9 ASSISTS	23 POINTS
Henry	24	5	5	15
Nover	25	7	0	14
Kodelja	22	4	3	11
Robson	10	4	3	11
Holland	15	4	2	10
Orhan	24	2	5	9
Carlyle	11	3	1	7
Counce	20	2	1	5
Taylor,T.	17	0	5	5
Coleman	16	0	5	5
Bowery	10	1	1	3
Costa	10	1	0	2
Mitchell	23	0	1	1
Neumann	11	0	1	1

GOALIES STATS

Fox	24 GAMES	189 SAVES	51 GOALS ALLOWED	2 SHUTOUTS	2.05 AVE.
Joerg	1	6	0	1	0.00
TEAM TOTALS---------		195	51	3	1.96

TEAM HAWAII

STATISTICS THROUGH 25 GAMES (WON 11; LOST 14; 106 POINTS)

NO.	PLAYER	MINUTES	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS	SHOTS	FOULS
16	Tinnion	2137:43	25	7	9	23	78	35
9	Henry	2196:06	24	5	5	15	34	66
6	Nover	2341:53	25	7	0	14	50	31
14	Kodelja	1197:37	22	4	3	11	23	25
10	Robson	737:20	10	4	3	11	41	15
--	Holland	1422:54	15	4	2	10	15	25
18	Orhan	1639:10	24	2	5	9	55	45
20	Carlyle	668:21	11	3	1	7	16	24
15	Counce	1197:58	20	2	1	5	28	37
7	Taylor,T.	1576:53	17	0	5	5	21	32
8	Coleman	1371:02	16	0	5	5	14	10
--	Bowery	621:43	10	1	1	3	25	17
--	Costa	907:10	10	1	0	2	24	37
5	Mitchell	1782:02	23	0	1	1	9	46
--	Neumann	769:19	11	0	1	1	8	19
4	Stahl,M.	805:37	15	0	0	0	3	23
2	Carenza	1020:00	13	0	0	0	1	26
11	Dangerfield	348:23	5	0	0	0	17	11
3	Stahl,D.	00:00	0	0	0	0	0	0
--	Moreira	497:13	6	0	0	0	2	4
--	Pitney	27:47	1	0	0	0	0	0
--	Taylor,P.	29:53	1	0	0	0	1	2
TOTALS FOR 25 GAMES				40 (+5*)	42	132	465	521

players without numbers are no longer with TEAM HAWAII; *= 2 own goals; 3 Shootouts

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Fox	2236:53	24	189	51	2	2.05
Joerg	105:00	1	6	0	1	0.00
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