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SAN JOSE OVERTAKES DALLAS IN SOUTH...L.A. ONE POINT BACK...COSMOS DEFEAT EASTERN DIVISION RIVALS... SEATTLE SETS NEW NASL SEASON ATTENDANCE RECORD...

NEW YORK, July 19---Despite several winning streaks, nothing is absolute in the NASL playoff picture except that the New York Cosmos will be in them.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

The playoff race in the Southern Division is the tightest with three teams bunched within a point of the lead. A five game winning streak by San Jose and a four game winning streak by Los Angeles have brought them from over 20 points behind Dallas into contention.

San Jose and Dallas are tied with 96 points with the Aztecs one behind. Dallas, who have lost five of their last six, have also played one more game than their rivals.

San Jose has scored 20 goals in the course of their win streak--equals NASL record for five games--and have moved three players into the top ten in the scoring race. Paul Child ranks third with Mark Liveric and Ilija Mitic not far behind. Mike Hewitt has also passed Paolo Cimpiel of Toronto as the top goal-keeper in the league during the streak.

Los Angeles has used the talents of George Best to move them into the race. Best has 14 goals which ties the Aztecs club record. Four of the 14 came within the last week. Best ranks second in NASL scoring one point behind Pele.

San Jose visits Los Angeles Sunday in a crucial division game.

San Antonio suffered three losses last week which hurt their chances for the sixth playoff spot in the Pacific Conference.

Seattle defeated San Antonio twice and moved ahead of Vancouver in the Western Division. Minnesota still leads in the West.

The Sounders established a new NASL attendance record in their home win over the Thunder and in the process became the first NASL team to draw over 200,000 fans in regular season. Seattle has attracted 207,177 in nine home games (23,014 average) to break the

league mark set in San Jose last year (197,194).

Minnesota ran their winning streak to four defeating St. Louis and Toronto. The Kicks have a seven point lead over Seattle and a game in hand. Ron Futcher has scored eight goals in the last eight games for Minnesota.

Vancouver held an edge over San Antonio in the race for the sixth Pacific Conference playoff spot despite their fifth straight loss to Portland over the last two years.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

New York edged Tampa Bay and crushed Washington in crucial Eastern Division games and became the first team to clinch a playoff spot. Pele, the NASL player of the week, went over the 1250 goal milestone with two against Tampa Bay and one against Washington. The King also tied the NASL record with his 12th assist of the season.

Teammate Giorgio Chinaglia delighted two 27,000-plus crowds by coming out of his scoring slump with two goals and two assists in the key games.

Washington holds a one point lead over Tampa Bay for second place but the Rowdies have played two less games. Washington defeated Rochester 2-1 and Tampa Bay blasted Toronto 4-1 in other games. Clyde Best had the hat-trick vs. New York and Derek Smethurst scored his 31st goal in 39 regular season games over the last two season.

Chicago held the lead in the North crushing Hartford 7-1 in their only game of the week. Hartford could have taken first place with a win but newly-acquired Geoff Davies' hat-trick gave the Sting their third straight win.

Toronto lost twice but held a narrow lead over Hartford in the battle for second place.

Rochester won their fifth straight at home defeating Dallas 2-1.

NASL NOTES

Roster additions in the NASL are not permitted after"midnight prior to the game designated by the Commissioner to signify that 20% of the scheduled League games remain to be played"---i.e. deadline for player transactions is the day before the 19th game of a team...

Antonio Simoes of San Jose is a member of the National Assembly of Portugal and spent part of last week in Lisbon representing his constituents...he made it back to San Jose in time to be selected to the NASL team-of-the-week...

Six teams have a good chance to break the NASL attendance record established last year by San Jose. Seattle has already gone over it and five others should follow and also break the 200,000 mark...

The 2,000,000th fan to attend NASL regular season games should pass through a turnstile this Sunday...

The NASL games played last week averaged just short of 12,000 fans...

GAMES THIS WEEK

Wed. 7/21	Philadelphia at Tampa Bay	Sat. 7/24	San Antonio at St. Louis
Fri. 7/23	New York at Rochester		Philadelphia at Seattle
	Boston at Washington		Portland at Dallas
	Los Angeles at Vancouver	Sun. 7/25	Chicago at Boston
	Portland at San Antonio		San Jose at Los Angeles
	San Jose at San Diego	Wed. 7/28	Washington at Chicago
Sat. 7/24	Toronto at Hartford		Hartford at Rochester
	Miami at Tampa Bay		Dallas at New York
	San Diego at Minnesota		

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (Home Team is Capitalized)

Mon. 7/12	Seattle 2, SAN ANTONIO 1 OT	Sat. 7/17	Minnesota 2, ST. LOUIS 1 OT
Wed. 7/14	NEW YORK 5, Tampa Bay 4		SEATTLE 1, San Antonio 0
	MINNESOTA 3, Toronto 1		SAN JOSE 6, Boston 1
Thur.7/15	VANCOUVER 3, San Antonio 0	Sun. 7/18	CHICAGO 7, Hartford 1
Fri. 7/16	PHILADELPHIA 3, Hartford 2 TB		ROCHESTER 2, Dallas 0
	WASHINGTON 2, Rochester 1		NEW YORK 5, Washington 0
	Los Angeles 2, SAN DIEGO 1 TB		PORTLAND 2, Vancouver 1
Sat. 7/17	MIAMI 3, Philadelphia 2 TB		LOS ANGELES 8, Boston 0
	TAMPA BAY 4, Toronto 1		

NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS
(as of Monday, July 19)

NORTHERN DIVISION	GAMES PLAYED	WON	LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
Chicago	19	11	8	40	25	31	97
Toronto	19	11	8	21	21	20	86
Hartford	18	9	9	28	41	28	82
Rochester	18	8	10	24	25	24	72
Boston	18	7	11	25	38	23	65
EASTERN DIVISION							
New York	20	14	6	51	28	44	128
Washington	19	12	7	31	24	30	102
Tampa Bay	17	12	5	35	21	29	101
Philadelphia	19	8	11	24	35	24	72
Miami	18	4	14	15	33	15	39
WESTERN DIVISION							
Minnesota	18	10	8	38	28	36	96
Seattle	19	10	9	30	26	29	89
Vancouver	19	10	9	25	25	25	85
Portland	18	7	11	19	27	19	61
St. Louis	19	4	15	24	43	24	48
SOUTHERN DIVISION							
San Jose	18	11	7	38	22	30	96
Dallas	19	11	8	34	31	30	96
Los Angeles	18	11	7	35	31	29	95
San Antonio	19	9	10	28	26	25	79
San Diego	18	6	12	16	31	16	52

(Total points: Win-6 pts., Loss-0 pts.: Bonus Points - one point is awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game.)

LEADING SCORERS	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
Pele-New York	19	11	12	34
George Best-Los Angeles	18	14	5	33
Paul Child-San Jose	18	12	7	31
Giorgio Chinaglia-New York	15	10	9	29
Derek Smethurst-Tampa Bay	17	13	2	28
Mark Liveric-San Jose	18	10	8	28
Alan Willey-Minnesota	18	11	5	27
Ilija Mitic-San Jose	18	9	9	27
Paul Cannell-Washington	18	12	2	26
Mike Stojanovic-Rochester	18	10	6	26

LEADING GOALKEEPERS	Minutes	Saves	Goals	Shutouts	Average
Mike Hewitt-San Jose	1102	101	10	4	0.82
Paolo Cimpiel-Toronto	1653	126	17	8	0.93
Van Taylor-Miami	1185	119	13	3	0.99
Tony Chursky-Seattle	1606	115	18	6	1.01
Bob Rigby-New York	1182	103	15	5	1.14
Mervyn Cawston-Chicago	1692	136	22	1	1.17
Shep Messing-New York	1368	128	18	4	1.18
Arnold Mausser-Tampa Bay	1526	159	20	6	1.18

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (Home Team Listed Last)

MONDAY, JULY 12

SEATTLE	2	Robertson 50:04; Butler (Gabriel) 99:54
SAN ANTONIO	1	(OT) Hood (Martin) 83:36
Seattle		Chursky, Webster, Gillett, England, McLaughlin, Skeels, Wallace, Hurst, Butler, Robertson
San Antonio		Clark, McNab, Carenza, Moore, Stahl, Hood, Zylker (Moreira 59:36), Callaghan, Kodelja (Counce 66:31), Martin, Semple
		Attendance - 4,113 Referee - John Davies

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

TORONTO	1	Ferreira 18:52
MINNESOTA	3	Futcher (Litt) 6:54; Litt (Webster, West) 20:06; Futcher
Toronto		Cimpiel, Sutevski, Blaskovic, Iarusci, Pilas, Strenicer, Marcantonio (Caires 45:00), Rigas (ejected 59:36), Eusebio, Ferreira
Minnesota		Barnett, Webster, Spraggon, Litt (ejected 67:45), Merrick, Brine, West, Bick (Short 68:10), Futcher, Willey, Netsolengue
		Attendance - 20,290 Referee - Larry King

TAMPA BAY	4	Best (Scullion) 6:32; Best (Marsh) 22:26; Smethurst (Marsh) 28:35; Best (Wit) 68:23
NEW YORK	5	Eddy 20:05; Pele (Morais, Aitken) 33:12; Field (Garbett, Pele) 38:09; Mifflin (Chinaglia, Pele) 51:44; Pele (Field, Mifflin) 52:39
Tampa Bay		Mausser, Quraishi, Pringle, Auguste, Smith (Wit 56:00), Cantillo (Fink 74:00), Lindsay, Scullion, Best, Smethurst, Marsh
New York		Messing, Smith, Dillon, Eddy, Aitken, Garbett, Morais (Roth 78:00), Clements (Mifflin 18:00), Field, Chinaglia, Pele
		Attendance - 27,892 Referee - Gordon Hill

THURSDAY, JULY 15

SAN ANTONIO	0	
VANCOUVER	3	Ord (Koeppel, McAndrew) 22:23; Ord (Budd) 43:17; Woof (Wilson) 55:00
San Antonio		Clark, McNab, Moore, Thompson (Carenza 76:31), Moreira (Zylker 79:38), Hood, Callaghan, Kodelja (Stahl 36:32), Counce, Martin, Semple
Vancouver		Parkes, Hetzke, Wilson, S. Lenarduzzi, B. Lenarduzzi, Robinson, McAndrew, Koeppel, Budd (Thompson 82:16), Ord, Woof
		Attendance - 9,105 Referee - John Craggs

FRIDAY, JULY 16

ROCHESTER	1	Escos (I. Silva) 75:25
WASHINGTON	2	Cannell (Ingram) 13:41; Cannell (DeLeon, Macken) 19:17
Rochester		Tamindic, C. Silva, Mijatovic, Fazlic, Pollihan, Pedro, Escos, Odoi, I. Silva, Stojanovic, Archibald
Washington		Martin, Minton, Ellam, Jefferson, Thompson (Darrell 58:27), Kerr, Macken, McCully, Cannell, Ingram, DeLeon
		Attendance - 2,901 Referee - Bob Evans

LOS ANGELES	2	Best (Linton) 00:26
SAN DIEGO	1	(TB) Carlyle (Joy) 38:23
Los Angeles		Mishalow (Linton 56:05), Davies, Smith, M. Lopez, Mason, Cooke, Marsh, McAlinden, Best, Garber, Fagan (Horn 39:14, J. Lopez 88:00)
San Diego		Mayer, Stephens, Napier, Trevis (Minnock 76:20), Hockey (Renery 103:52), Scurti (Wark 88:21), McGill, Joy, Carlyle, Silvester, Roboostoff
		Attendance - 6,700 Referee - George Craggs

HARTFORD	2	McCully (Foggon) 33:30; McCully (Foggon) 49:35
PHILADELPHIA	3	(TB) Marquez 14:00; V. Perez 57:20
Hartford		DuChateau, Chandler, Thomson, L. Coyne, Formoso, Pike, O'Neill, Foggon (Rajski 97:30), Welsh (Abbott 75:50), McCully, J. Coyne
Philadelphia		Vizcaino, Navarro, L. Perez, Gomez, Galati, Medina, Olague (Borozzi 45:00), Lopez, Marquez, Herrada, V. Perez
		Attendance - 3,732 Referee - Tony Nobile

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (Home Team Listed Last)

SATURDAY, JULY 17

TORONTO 1
TAMPA BAY 4
Pilas (Ferreira) 50:42
Own goal 36:42; Lindsay 41:08; Marsh (Cantillo) 66:04; Smethurst (Wit) 76:48
Toronto: Cimpiel (Bilecki 45:00), Sutevski (D'Agostino 45:00), Blaskovic Cukon, Iarusci, Polak, Pilas, Strenicer, Ferreira, Eusebio, Lukacevic (Marcantonio 29:11)
Tampa Bay: Mausser (Stetler 71:41), Smith, Jump, Auguste, Pringle, Lindsay, Marsh (Wit 66:04), Cantillo, Scullion (Fink 68:36), Best, Smethurst
Attendance - 12,869 Referee - Gino D'Ippolito

MINNESOTA 2
ST. LOUIS 1
Willey (Spraggon) 85:50; Willey 90:43
(OT) Fear (McBride, Trost) 80:59
Minnesota: Barnett, Webster, Spraggon, Brine, Litt, Merrick, Bick (Flater 81:39), Futcher, Willey, West, Netsolengue
St. Louis: Jokerst, Matteson, Rensing, Hudson, Verdi, McBride (Clarke 90:00), O'Leary, Trsot, Fear,Bokern (Vaninger 82:14), Humphreys
Attendance - 6,478 Referee - Roger Schott

PHILADELPHIA 2
MIAMI 3
Lopez (Herrada) 72:32; Lopez (Marquez) 78:54
(TB) Aguirre 63:44; Holton (Mulroy) 84:44
Philadelphia: Vizcaino, Gomez, Contreras, Perez, Galati, Medina, Pena (Engerth 61:20, Borozzi 100:00), Lopez, Herrada, O'Neill, Marquez
Miami: Taylor, Hamlyn, Holton, Lawler, Luzarraga (Mulroy 50:32), Evanson, Aguirre, Sharp, David (Rosul 82:50), Fearnley, Bodonczy (Marshall 97:30),
Attendance - 1,200 Referee - Bob Evans

SAN ANTONIO 0
SEATTLE 1
Hurst (Butler) 68:00
San Antonio: Clark, McNab (Kodelja 78:34), Moore, Thonsom, Stahl, Moreira, Berico, Hood, Counce, Martin, Semple
Seattle: Chursky, Webster, Gillett, England, McLaughlan, Wallace, Jenkins, Skeels, Butler, Hurst, Robertson
Attendance - 25,637 Referee - Toros Kibritjian

BOSTON 1
SAN JOSE 6
Walsh (Garcia) 87:57
Child (Simoes, Liveric) 26:07; Moore (Kemp) 29:15; Liveric (Child) 43:58; Liveric (Mitic, Kemp) 54:53; Moore (Child) 63:51; Child (M. Demling) 70:30
Boston: Sularz, Davis, Calado, Wooler, Scanlon, Gomez (Carvalho 56:01), Soroa, Borges, Bowery, Walsh, Garcia
San Jose: Hewitt (Weekes 75:56), B. Demling (M. Demling 54:53), Pavlovic, Rowlands, Calloway, Mitic, Kemp, Simoes, Moore, Child, Liveric (Hernandez 69:35)
Attendance - 18,623 Referee - Bill Miller

SUNDAY, JULY 18

WASHINGTON 0
NEW YORK 5
Chinaglia (Eddy, Pele) 5:22; Pele (Chinaglia) 35:56; Tinnion (Garbett) 65:00, Chinaglia (Field, Tinnion) 72:35; Mifflin (Chinaglia, Tinnion) 83:47
Washington: Martin, Minton, Ellam, Jefferson, Thompson, Spavin, Macken, McCully (Kerr 63:00), DeLeon, Cannell, Ingram
New York: Messing, Smith, Dillon (Roth 83:00), Eddy, Aitken, Garbett, Morais, Mifflin, Field (Siega 74:00), Chinaglia, Pele (Tinnion 45:00)
Attendance - 27,398 Referee - Ray Puricelli

DALLAS 0
ROCHESTER 2
Moia (Stojanovic, I. Silva) 70:40; Odoi (Stojanovic)86:50
Dallas: Cooper, Cohen, Pecher, Hall, Ley (Moffat 72:12), Kewley, McLaughlin (Turner 60:30), Hope, Ryan, Bourne, Tynan
Rochester: Tamindic, C. Silva, Mijatovic, Fazlic, Pollihan, Pedro (Gannon 86:50), Escos, Odoi, Moia (Reynolds 79:10), Stojanovic, I. Silva
Attendance - 4,840 Referee - Roger Schott

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SUNDAY, JULY 18

HARTFORD	1	Own goal 63:13
CHICAGO	7	Davies (Waldron) 10:37; Kowalik (Kelly) 27:58; Waldron (Davies) 40:15; Davies (Webb) 42:32; Davies (Lowey, Kowalik) 65:07; Lowey (Geimer, Rys) 77:31; Geimer (Waldron) 78:29
Hartford		DuChateau, Chandler, Thomson, L. Coyne, Formoso, Pike, O'Neill (Rajski 81:52), Foggon, Welsh (Abbott 45:00), McCully, J. Coyne (Taylor 54:47)
		Attendance - 3,805 Referee - Bill Maxwell
BOSTON	0	
LOS ANGELES	8	Mason 8:13; Best (Cooke) 9:21; Sorgic (Cooke) 23:38; Best (Cooke) 46:00; Best 55:55; Cooke 63:00; Cooke (McAlinden) 78:55; Mason (Best) 81:55
Boston		Sularz, Scanlon, Wooler, Davis, Calado, Soroa, Borges (Carvalho 50:00), Gomez, Bowery, Garcia, Walsh
Los Angeles		Mishalow, Fagan (J. Lopez 33:00), D. Smith, Davies, Linton, Marsh (Garber 45:00), Mason, McAlinden, Best, Sorgic, Cooke
		Attendance - 7,472 Referee - Artie Wachter
VANCOUVER	1	McAndrew (Koeppel) 4:36
PORTLAND	2	Rioch 52:17; Betts (Rogers, Dangerfield) 67:58
Vancouver		Parkes, B. Wilson, Hetske, S. Lenarduzzi, B. Lenarduzzi, McAndrew, Robinson, Koeppel, Ord (Thomson 9:43, Alberts 76:37), Woof (ejected 74:77), Budd (Suhnholz 67:58)
Portland		Cumbes, Martin, Rioch, McMahon, Hoban, Liotart, Betts, Dangerfield (Goldingay 84:32), Smith, Rogers, Kelly
		Attendance - 17,456 Referee - Toros Kibritjian

PELE---NASL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

New York's Pele led the Cosmos to crucial wins over Tampa Bay 5-4 and Washington 5-0 and for his efforts was named NASL Player of the Week. Pele scored three goals and three assists in the two victories, notching his 1250th career goal and tying the NASL record for assists with 12.

Others named to team of the week: forwards Clyde Best-Tampa Bay, George Best-Los Angeles, Geoff Davies-Chicago; midfielders Antonio Simoes-San Jose, Charlie Cooke-Los Angeles, Horst Koeppel-Vancouver; defenders Pat McMahon-Portland, Adrian Webster-Seattle, Jim Holton-Miami, Frank Spraggon-Minnesota; and goalkeeper Tony Chursky-Seattle.