

PRESS NOTES

CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE VS. COLUMBUS MAGIC

JULY 21, 1979

SUNSHINE-MAGIC SERIES-Tonight's game marks the first time the two teams have ever faced one another. The Magic, an expansion team in its first season of play in the American Soccer League, currently leads the ASL's Eastern Division with a 14-5-2 record for 109 points. In its last 12 games, Columbus is 10-1-1, and has taken a commanding 24 point lead in the East over the New York Eagles. The Magic is the only team other than the Sunshine to pile up as many as 100 points.

MAGIC'S LAST GAME-In Columbus' first game of a three game swing through the West, the Magic defeated the Las Vegas Seagulls 2-1 Tuesday (July 17) at the Silver Bowl. Ron Wigg scored the first goal of the match in the 35th minute with an assist from Phil Hubbard. After the Gulls got the equalizer in the 52nd minute, Hubbard came back to score the game winner 11 minutes later with an assist from Alan Wilson.

MAGIC FACTS-Wigg's goal in the Las Vegas game gives him eight goals and two assists for 18 points and a spot among the ASL's top ten scorers...Just out of the top ten are Emilio Romero and Norman Piper. Both men have 14 points; Romero on seven goals and Piper with six goals and a pair of assists... Magic goalkeeper Van Taylor, the ASL Defensive Player of the Week last week, holds down the number three position among ASL netminders. His record is 13-5-2 with a goals-against average of 1.12. Van Taylor leads the loop with seven shutouts and his 13 victories ties him with Sanchez keeper Tom Reynolds for most wins by a goalie.

SUNSHINE'S LAST GAME-On Tuesday, July 10, the Sunshine broke out of a mild offensive slump by crushing the Indy Daredevils 4-0 at El Camino College. All the goals were scored in the first half. Andy Chapman, with an assist from Don Tobin, scored the first goal for the Sunshine less than one minute into the game. Paul Renkert, Tobin and Poli Garcia each scored one goal, with Joe Fink notching two assists and Chapman assisting on Garcia's goal, the last of the match at the 38 minute mark. Marine Cano, making his third start of the season in the nets, recorded his first ASL shutout.

SUNSHINE'S NEXT GAME-The Sunshine plays its next game against the Sacramento Gold next Friday, July 27 in Sacramento. The suddenly rejuvenated Gold won four of its five games on its recent road trip, gaining maximum points in all the wins, losing only to the Columbus Magic 1-0. Sacramento blitzed the Indy Daredevils in the Golds' last game 8-1. Ian Filby, the new leader in the ASL scoring derby, scored two goals and an incredible five assists in the Daredevils' match. In his last five games, Filby has scored five goals and nine assists to take over the league lead from the Sunshine's Joe Fink.

SUNSHINE'S NEXT HOME GAME-The Sunshine return home immediately following the Sacramento game to host the Los Angeles Skyhawks at El Camino's Murdock Stadium on Saturday, July 28 at 8 pm. The Skyhawks, the defending division champs, are battling to stay in this year's playoff picture. The Sunshine and the Skyhawks played to a 1-1 tie in the last meeting between the two cross town rivals on July 4 at El Camino. The Sunshine holds a 3-0-1 advantage in head-to-head competition with the Skyhawks this year... The July 28 game will feature a special celebrity game at half time with many stars from the entertainment field scheduled to appear... The pre-game of the July 28 contest will highlight a clash between the South Bay Sunshine and the Skyhawks of the new U.S.A. League. The two ASL teams provide coaching for the USA League, comprised of 17-21 year old players in this amateur, developmental league.

1979 CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE SCORING

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>POS.</u> | <u>GP</u> | <u>GOALS</u> | <u>ASSISTS</u> | <u>POINTS</u> |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2 | Joe Howarth | D | 20 | - | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | Ramon Moraldo | D | 17 | 1 | - | 2 |
| 4 | Dean Wurzberger | D | | - | - | - |
| 5 | Alan Kelley | D | 20 | - | - | - |
| 6 | Keith Walley | MF | 19 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| 7 | Don Tobin | MF | 20 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| 8 | Gary Evans | MF | 20 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 10 | Andy Chapman | F | 18 | 5 | 6 | 16 |
| 11 | Poli Garcia | F | 20 | 11 | 8 | 30 |
| 12 | Joe Fink | F | 18 | 15 | 6 | 36 |
| 13 | Rildo | D | 18 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 14 | Jay Johnstone | D | 8 | - | - | - |
| 15 | Ismael Moreira | D | 13 | - | - | - |
| 16 | Paul Renkert | F | 14 | 5 | - | 10 |
| 17 | Frank Towers | F | 7 | 1 | - | 2 |

CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE GOAL KEEPING

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>GP</u> | <u>MIN</u> | <u>SHOTS</u> | <u>SAVES</u> | <u>GA</u> | <u>SO</u> | <u>AVG</u> | <u>RECORD</u> |
|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Tom Reynolds | 17 | 1546 | 188 | 82 | 14 | 6 | 0.81 | 13-2-2 |
| Marine Cano | 4 | 315 | 60 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 1.14 | 3-0-0 |

Through 7/21/79