

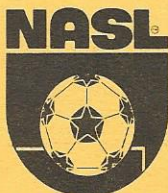
SAN DIEGO SOCKERS

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Media Release

Game Notes

San Diego Sockers vs. New York Cosmos

July 23, 1980

Giants Stadium

SERIES RECORD

<u>SOCKERS 3</u>	<u>COSMOS 2</u>
1979 March 31 at San Diego	Sockers 1 Cosmos 2 OT
1977 April 9 at Las Vegas	Quicksilvers 1 Cosmos 0
1975 May 7 at New York	Comets 1 Cosmos 5
1974 July 12 at Baltimore	Comets 3 Cosmos 2 TB
May 5 at New York	Comets 3 Cosmos 2

RECORDS AND STANDINGS

The San Diego Sockers shoot for their third consecutive win under Coach Ron Newman tonight when they meet the Cosmos...This evening's game is the first of a three game road swing which takes the Sockers to New England (July 26) and finally Rochester (July 30)...The Socks, under Newman's guidance, enter tonight's game in second place in the Western Division of the American Conference with a 12-11 record and 101 points...San Diego has won five of its last six games including its two most recent outings against the Atlanta Chiefs and the Tampa Bay Rowdies...Newman took over the club for the Atlanta game and the Sockers responded with their biggest win of the season, 4-0. In that contest, Manu Sanon, who was brought to San Diego and signed by Newman just prior to the trading deadline, netted two goals to pace the Socks. Most recently, San Diego downed the Rowdies, 3-0, led by another two goal performance from Sanon. The other goalscorer in the Rowdies contest was Hugo Sanchez, Mexican's Golden Boy, who received his clearance to play at 11 AM on the morning of the contest...The Sockers, who have a 3-8 road record, have lost eight of their last nine games away from home.

... The Sockers have already tied their record for consecutive road losses, five, and would break that record with a loss tonight. Their last road victory was against Vancouver 1-0 in a shootout on June 4.

READING THE FUTURE

Upon Ron Newman signing as Sockers Vice-President/Head Coach, he was quoted as saying that we will play all-out attacking soccer and that Manu Sanon would solve the Sockers scoring problems.

A Hollywood script writer could not have come up with a better opening for Newman's first week in San Diego. The Socks, winner of two straight under Newman, scored a total of seven goals in the two games. Up until Newman's and Sanon's arrival, San Diego had only scored 23 goals in regulation time in 21 matches. The Socks recent success can be directly attributed to Sanon, who came through with two consecutive two goal games.

DEFENSE NUMBER ONE IN ASC

Anchored by the American Conference's number one goalkeeper, Volkmar Gross, the Sockers have allowed fewer goals than any other team in the American Conference. Gross, who is in his second season in San Diego, currently sports a 1.13 goals against average with seven shutouts. He will enter the game on Wednesday against the Cosmos with 255:49 consecutive shutout minutes to his credit. Gross is now only one shutout shy of the club record of eight, which was set in 1977 (seven by Alan Mayer - one by Peter Thomas).

SANCHEZ DEBUTS - CUELLAR TIES ASSIST MARK

Hugo Sanchez, who had been waiting in the wings for the past two weeks for clearance from the Mexican Federation and the North American Soccer League, made his debut against the Tampa Bay Rowdies last Saturday and responded with the Socks third goal of the night.

Sanchez, the NASL's leading scorer in the playoffs last season (6 goals, 3 assists, 7 games), coupled with Sanon, gives the Sockers one of the most potent offensive lines in the league says Ron Newman.

Leonardo Cuellar, who currently leads the club with six goals and 13 assists, set up two of the Sockers' goals against Tampa Bay. Those assists, his 12 and 13 of the season, tied the club record which was set in 1978 by Julie Vee and Jean Willrich.

SANON SELECTED NASL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Manu Sanon, who was signed by the Sockers just prior to the July 13 trading deadline, has been named the North American Soccer League Player of the Week by the Professional Soccer Reporters Association.

The Haitian International made his NASL debut last Wednesday against the Atlanta Chiefs in spectacular fashion. He netted two goals including the game winner to pace the Sockers to a 4-0 victory over the Chiefs.

Sanon duplicated his two goal performance in the Sockers' next outing against Tampa Bay. The former Belgium First Division player scored his third and fourth goals for the Socks in their 3-0 win over the Rowdies.

Sanon was brought to the United States by Newman to play for the Miami Americans of the ASL before joining the Socks new mentor in San Diego.

SOCKER SIDELINES

Status report: Defender Martin Donnelly-lower back strain-questionable...

If the season ended today, the Sockers would meet the Tampa Bay Rowdies in the first round of playoffs...San Diego returns home on August 3 to host the Edmonton Drillers in what surely will be a crucial divisional match...

Leonardo Cuellar is the only player on the Sockers who has played in every minute of every game this season...Here's a look at the remaining games for the Sockers and their opponents in battle for the Western Division crown:

California (12-13, 116 points) 7/30 Philadelphia, 8/2 Dallas, 8/6 at Ft. Lauderdale, 8/9 at Detroit, 8/13 New England, 8/17 Vancouver, 8/24 at Edmonton (four home, three away)

San Diego (12-11, 101 points) 7/23 at New York, 7/26 at New England, 7/30 at Rochester, 8/2 Edmonton, 8/6 New England, 8/9 Detroit, 8/13 at LA, 8/15 at Houston, 8/20 San Jose (four home, five away)

Edmonton (11-13, 99 points) 7/23 at Philadelphia, 7/27 Chicago, 8/2 at San Diego, 8/6 at New York, 8/10 at Rochester, 8/13 at Portland, 8/22 Seattle, 8/24 California, (three home, five away)

SOCKERS ROSTER

No.	PLAYER	POS	AGE	HT.	WT.	CITIZEN	LAST TEAM
0	John Putna	GK	21	6-2	180	USA	Indiana U.
1	Volkmar Gross	GK	32	6-3	210	Germany	San Diego
2	Martin Donnelly	DEF	29	5-11	155	N. Irenand	San Diego
3	Terry Moore	DEF	21	6-0	170	Canada	Glentoran
5	Rodney Bush	DEF	24	6-0	180	S. Africa	Arcadia Pretoria
6	Jim Stamatis	MID	22	6-0	175	USA	Penn State
7	Hugo Sanchez	FOR	21	5-7	150	Mexico	U.N.A.M.
8	Doc Lawson	DEF	21	6-0	180	USA	San Diego
9	Yilmaz Orhan	FOR	25	5-11	165	Cyprus	San Diego
11	Jose Neto	FOR	24	6-1	175	Brazil	San Diego
12	Leonardo Cuellar	MID	28	5-8	160	Mexico	San Diego
14	Peter O'Sullivan	MID	29	5-6	155	Wales	Brighton
15	Jean Willrich	FOR	26	6-1	180	Germany	San Diego
16	Ty Keough	MID	22	5-11	165	USA	San Diego
17	Dieter Suchanek	DEF	27	5-10	160	Germany	Sollingen
18	Manu Sanon	FOR	28	5-10	170	Haitian	Americans
19	Eddie Krueger	MID	20	6-1	170	USA	Seattle
20	Hank Liotart	MID	36	5-11	175	USA	San Diego
21	David D'Errico	DEF	27	5-11	165	USA	Rochester
22	Julie Veee	MID	30	6-1	180	USA	San Diego
23	Jim Daniels	DEF	19	6-1	175	USA	Mesa College
24	Nick Rohmann	DEF	27	6-1	190	Luxembourg	Charleroi
26	Gert Wieczorkowski	MID	31	6-1	175	Germany	U.N.A.M.

HEAD COACH - RON NEWMAN

Assistant Coaches - Hank Liotart, Pete Nover
Trainer - Gus Sarianides

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	TEAM SCORING
4/5	Vancouver	3-2 W OT	15,321	Cuellar-2, McCall (Cuellar)
4/12	at Memphis	2-1 W	8,742	Cuellar(Veee,Donnelly),David(Cuellar,Veee)
4/19	Los Angeles	2-0 W	12,230	Veee(Rohmann,Willrich),David(Cuellar)
4/26	Ft. Lauderdale	0-1 L	11,018	
4/30	at San Jose	3-2 W	10,233	Bush(Cuellar), Orhan (Cuellar) Cuellar (David, Orhan)
5/3	Memphis	0-1 L	11,221	
5/10	at Dallas	0-2 L	6,860	
5/17	at Seattle	2-3 L OT	27,049	Gersdorff (Veee), Gersdorff
5/24	California	2-1 W SO	10,815	Gersdorff (PK)
6/1	at Edmonton	0-1 L	9,478	
6/4	at Vancouver	1-0 W SO	22,885	
6/8	Seattle	2-3 L OT	11,089	Veee (Cuellar), Neto (Willrich,Cuellar)
6/11	Portland	1-0 W	7,958	Willrich (Cuellar)
6/18	at California	1-5 L	8,762	Neto (O'Sullivan, Keough)
6/22	at Philadelphia	2-4 L	2,370	Willrich (Cuellar), Gersdorff (PK)
6/25	at Tampa Bay	0-2 L	23,911	
6/28	at Detroit	0-1 L SO	9,159	
7/2	Chicago	3-2 W OT	7,590	Gersdorff (PK), Willrich (Veee) Rohmann (Orhan, Cuellar)
7/4	Tulsa	2-1 W SO	39,102	Willrich (Donnelly)
7/9	Washington	2-0 W	10,251	Cuellar (PK), Willrich (Neto, Keough)
7/12	at Portland	0-1 L	8,395	
7/16	Atlanta	4-0 W	8,215	Rohmann (Veee, Willrich), Sanon (Bush), Sanon (Cuellar), Cuellar (PK)
7/19	Tampa Bay	3-0 W	13,599	Sanon (Cuellar, Willrich), Sanchez(Cuellar) Sanon (Bush, Veee)

SOCKERS TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR THREE GAME ROAD TRIP

Tuesday, July 22, 1980

Leave San Diego: 12:05 pm

Arrive Newark: 9:19 pm

Hotel: The Meadowlands Hilton (201) 348-6900

Thursday, July 24, 1980

Leave Newark: 8:45 am

Arrive Boston: 9:36 am

Hotel: Boston Marriott - Newton (617) 969-1000

Tuesday, July 29, 1980

Leave Boston: 1:19 pm

Arrive Rochester: 2:26 pm

Hotel: Americana of Rochester (716) 546-3300

Thursday, July 31, 1980

Leave Rochester: 10:21 am American 183

Arrive San Diego: 1:39 pm American 89

PLAYER STATISTICS

No.	Player	Gms	Min	Sh	Fl	C/E	PK	SO	Gls	As	TP
12	Leonardo Cuellar	23	2157	47	39	1/0	3/3	1/4	6	13	25
15	Jean Willrich	21	1531	29	28	0	0	2/4	5	4	14
22	Julie Veee	19	1721	41	37	0	0	4/4	2	6	10
18	Manu Sanon	2	180	15	1	0	0	0	4	0	8
11	Jose Neto	10	556	16	5	0	0	0	2	1	5
24	Nick Rohmann	19	1748	16	29	3/0	0	0/1	2	1	5
8	Yilmaz Orhan	16	780	29	17	1/0	0	0/2	1	2	4
5	Rodney Bush	23	1948	28	47	2/0	0	0/1	1	2	4
7	Hugo Sanchez	1	90	4	4	1/0	0	0	1	0	2
2	Martin Donnelly	14	1259	2	44	2/1	0	0/1	0	2	2
16	Ty Keough	19	1609	12	20	1/0	0	0/1	0	2	2
14	Peter O'Sullivan	14	1219	28	12	0	0	0/1	0	1	1
17	Dieter Suchanek	10	893	9	18	2/0	0	0/1	0	0	0
8	Doc Lawson	18	1621	27	45	3/0	0	1/1	0	0	0
21	David D'Errico	16	1082	4	29	3/0	0	1/2	0	0	0
6	Jim Stamatis	5	248	6	8	0	0	1/1	0	0	0
20	Hank Liotart	4	206	1	3	1/0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Terry Moore	2	24	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Eddie Krueger	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Gert Wieczorkowski	1	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*	Bernie Gersdorff	11	669	20	18	2/0	3/3	1/3	5	0	10
*	Steve David	6	352	13	5	0	0	0	2	1	5
*	Walker McCall	11	680	20	8	1/0	0	1/2	1	0	2
*	Peter Lechermann	2	109	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
*	Pete Nover	12	813	7	8	0	0	0/1	0	0	0
*	Hubert Vogelsinger					1/0					

Totals: San Diego	23	2157	379	430	24/1	6/6	12/30	32	35	99
Opponents			393	349	15/1	4/6	10/30	32	37	101

No.	Goalkeeper	Gms	Min	Sh	Sv	C/E	PK	Gls	SO	SH	GAA
1	Volkmar Gross	22	2000	362	123	1/1	4/6	25	10/30	7	1.13
0	John Putna	4	157	31	9	0	0	7	0	0	4.01

Totals: San Diego	23	2157	393	132	1/1	4/6	32	10/30	7	1.34
Opponents			379	108	0	5/5	32	12/30	8	1.34

TEAM STATISTICS:

Scoring By Periods	1	2	OT	SO	T	OG	CK	OS
San Diego	11	19	2	3	35	0	163	80
Opponents	14	16	2	1	33	0	153	149

GAME BY GAME:

Record: 12-11 Home: 9-3 Away: 3-8

ATTENDANCE:

Home: 158,369 Avg: 13,197
Away: 137,844 Avg: 12,531

STAT SHEET ABBREVIATIONS

Fl - Fouls	OT - Overtime	GAA - Goals Against Average
OS - Offsides	CK - Corner Kicks	Gls - Goals
As - Assists	SH - Shutouts	PK - Penalty Kicks
TP - Total Points	SO - Shootouts	Sv - Saves