

GAME NOTESSOCKERS VS. STINGSEMI-FINAL ROUNDGAME THREESeptember 21, 1981

The San Diego Sockers, winners in game one, 2-1, at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium, and losers in the most recent match at Comiskey Park by the identical score, meet the Chicago Sting tonight in the third and deciding match of the semi-finals at Comiskey Park. The winner of this evening's contest will meet the defending champion Cosmos in Soccer Bowl on Saturday, September 26 at Toronto's Exhibition Stadium.

Last Wednesday, the Sting evened the series with a 2-1 win against the Sockers. San Diego took an early lead at 8:28 of the match on a goal by Jean Willrich. A hustling Steve Nesin picked up a ball heading for the sidelines that was halted by a puddle and sent it back to Kaz Deyna. The Polish International crossed the ball to Willrich who blasted it to the far post past keeper Dieter Ferner. Only four minutes later Karl-Heinz Granitza netted the equalizer off assists from Arno Steffenhagen and Pato Margetic. That play was set up by a poor Volkmar Gross goalkick which went directly to Steffenhagen. The flashy West German headed the ball to Margetic who slipped a pass to an open Karl-Heinz Granitza in front of the Sockers goal. Chicago scored the game winner at 25:04 when Granitza netted his second goal of the evening.

The Sockers will have at least one lineup change this evening with the return of defender Martin Donnelly who was forced to sit out last game because of yellow card penalty points. Donnelly, who did a fine job in game one, will replace Mike Pickering. Mike Stojanovic, who hasn't seen action since the second game of the first round when he suffered a broken jaw, could see some action this evening. He dressed last game but did not see any playing time. Stojanovic, the NASL's North American Player of the Year this season has been fitted with a special face mask to protect his jaw. Newman is also contemplating a number of other lineup changes for tonight, including the incertion of Manu Sanon into the starting lineup, but a final decision won't be made until just prior to game time.

The Sockers will also be trying to break their final playoff jinx. For the past two seasons the Sox have advanced this far only to be turned away in the mini-game (vs. Tampa Bay in 1979 and Ft. Lauderdale in '80.) During those two season, the Sockers first had to eliminate the Sting before advancing that far.

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In the opening game of this round, the Sting and Sockers battled through a tough scoreless first half in which San Diego dominated statistically. The ice was broken at the 69:24 mark when San Diego's Eric Geyer mistakenly volleyed a Karl-Heinz Granitza centered cross past goalkeeper Volkmar Gross into the Sox goal. San Diego then came to life and eventually evened the score at 74:38. Gert Wieczorkowski set up the goal off a pass from a free kick to Kaz Deyna who sent the ball off the under side of the crossbar into the upper corner past Chicago's Dieter Ferner. San Diego put in the game winner eight minutes later when Kaz Deyna connected on a penalty kick. Referee Manuel Ortiz made the call when Frantz Mathieu tripped Sox winger Jean Willrich as he entered the penalty box.

This is the third consecutive round that the Sockers have taken to the rubber match. In round one, the Sockers lost the opening game to the Portland Timbers 2-1. The Sockers came back to win game two 5-1 and the rubber match 2-0. In quarter-final action, the Sockers again dropped the opener, this time 2-1 to the Jacksonville Tea Men on a goal by Bob Newton with just five seconds remaining in the second overtime period. San Diego again reeled off two straight by the score of 2-1 and 3-1 to advance to the semi-finals. San Diego concluded their home season last Saturday with the league's best game log, 19-2 (including playoffs). The Sockers' home record included five straight in the playoffs and 10 consecutive wins overall.

ADDITION TO PLAYOFF GUIDE

Steve Nesin — Appearing in 15 games, mostly as a substitute . . . Scored one goal and assisted on three others for five total points . . . Started the final five games of the season as a replacement for Ty Keough, Julie Vee, and Gordon Dallas . . . Has played defense, midfield and forward for the Sockers . . . Scored the Sox lone goal at Portland in playoff game one and accounted for all the scoring in the Sox 2-0 victory over the Timbers last Sunday night . . . Hard working young talented player.

Sockers Fact Sheet

DIVISION: Western
Coach: Ron Newman (143-104-21, regular season)

1981 RECORD: 21-11
HOME: 14-2
ROAD: 7-9
ASTROTURF: 3-1
GRASS: 4-8 (road)
OVERTIME: 3-0
SHOOTOUT: 4-2

LEADING SCORERS:	G	A	TP
Mike Stojanovic	23	6	52
Kaz Deyna	11	11	33
Lorenz Hilkes	7	11	25
Jean Willrich	4	13	21

SOCKERS YEAR BY YEAR ATTENDANCE

YEAR	HOME	AWAY	TOTALS
1978	79,578	176,690	256,268
1979	169,071	166,729	335,800
1980	204,002	202,914	406,916
1981	236,824	191,335	428,159

PAST SEASONS (Franchise granted 1974 to Baltimore)

1974 Baltimore —	12-8	2nd Place Eastern Division
1975 Baltimore —	9-13	5th Place Eastern Division
1976 San Diego —	9-15	5th Place Eastern Division
1977 Las Vegas —	11-15	5th Place Southern Division
1978 San Diego —	18-15	Western Division Champs
1979 San Diego —	18-12	Western Division Champs
1980 San Diego —	16-16	3rd Place Western Division
1981 San Diego —	21-11	Western Division Champs

SAN DIEGO vs. CHICAGO

(regular season series)

RECORD	W	L	GF	GA	BP	TP	SCORING LEADERS	G	A	TP
HOME	4	3	13	12	12	36	SAN DIEGO			
AWAY	2	2	8	6	7	19	Willrich	2	1	5
	2	1	5	6	5	17	McCall	1	1	3
							Veee	1	1	3

YEAR							CHICAGO	G	A	TP
1981	6/7	(H)	SD 0	CHI 1	ATT:	32,111	Granitza	4	1	9
							Hill	2	0	4
							May	2	0	4

Goals: CHI-Steffenhagen
1980 7/2 (H) SD 3 CHI 2 (OT) ATT: 7,590
Goals: SD-Gersdorff (PK), Willrich, Rohmann CHI-Granitza, Glenn

1979 6/27 (A) SD 2 CHI 1 ATT: 7,672
Goals: SD-Willrich, Veee CHI-Ressel
6/1 (H) SD 2 CHI 3 ATT: 9,527
Goals: SD-Neto, McCall CHI-Granitza (2), Spalding (PK)

1978 5/28 (A) SD 2 CHI 1 ATT: 3,629
Goals: SD-Lechermann, Coker CHI-Granitza

1977 6/4 (H) LV 0 CHI 0 ATT: 7,906
Goals: LV-Dangerfield, Ceric, Own Goal

1975 7/18 (H) BLT 1 CHI 4 ATT: 5,183
Goals: BLT-Renery CHI-Hill (2)

GOALKEEPERS	GP	MIN	SV	SO	GA	GAA	W/L
Gross-SD	1	90	8	0	1	1.00	0/1
Mayer-SD	5	450	48	1	9	1.80	3/2
Putna-SD	1	91	4	0	2	1.98	1/0
Parkes-CHI	1	91	5	0	3	2.97	0/1
Coffee-CHI	2	180	11	1	2	1.00	2/0
Chursky-CHI	1	90	2	0	2	2.00	0/1
Flaschen-CHI	2	135	9	0	3	2.00	0/1
Cawston-CHI	2	135	2	0	3	2.00	1/1

PLAYOFFS

1980 8/30 (A) SD 2 CHI 3 ATT: 12,267
Goals: SD-Sanchez (PK), O'Sullivan
CHI-Peter (2), Granitza

Mini-game SD 2 CHI 1 (SO)
Goals: SD-Wieczorkowski CHI-Ressel
8/27 (H) SD 2 CHI 1 ATT: 12,125
Goals: SD-Veee, Sanchez CHI-Steffenhagen

1979 8/25 (A) SD 1 CHI 0 ATT: 15,379
Goals: SD-Sanchez
8/22 (H) SD 2 CHI 0 ATT: 11,367
Goals: SD-Coker, Orhan

PLAYOFF STATISTICS

NO.	PLAYER	GP	MIN	SH	FL	C/E	PK	SO	G	A	TP
10	Kaz Deyna	8	733	38	6	0	1/1	0	4	6	14
9	Lorenz Hilkes	8	697	24	17	2/0	0	0	3	4	10
15	Jean Willrich	8	711	30	12	1/0	0	0	2	5	9
22	Julie Veee	8	735	28	12	1/0	0	0	2	4	8
26	Gert Wieczorkowski	8	735	12	8	3/0	0	0	1	5	7
17	Steve Nesin	8	654	16	12	0	0	0	3	0	6
18	Manu Sanon	3	38	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
24	Nico Rohmann	8	735	13	10	1/0	0	0	1	0	2
7	Mike Stojanovic	2	171	6	4	0	0	0	0	1	1
14	Gordon Dallas	7	645	4	9	0	0	0	0	1	1
8	Eric Geyer	8	735	10	20	3/0	0	0	0	1	1
2	Martin Donnelly	7	645	3	18	4/0	0	0	0	1	1
11	Mike Pickering	2	112	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	George Telfer	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Peter Skouras	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sockers Totals		8	735	186	131	15/0	1/1	0	17	28	62
Opponents				151	127	17/4	0	0	10*	14	34

*Own Goal

NO.	Goalkeeper	GP	MIN	SH	SV	C/E	PK	SO	G	SH	GAA
1	Volkmar Gross	8	735	151	44	0	0	0	10*	1	1.22
Opponents				186	47	0	1/1	0	17	0	2.08

TEAM STATISTICS	1	2	OT	SO	T	RECORD: 5-3	ATTENDANCE
Sockers	8	9	0	0	17	HOME: 5-0 ROAD: 0-3	Home: 73,918 Avg: 14,784
Opponents	4	5	1	0	10*		Road: 50,678 Avg: 16,893

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	TEAM SCORING
8/22	@ Portland	1-2 L	16,003	Nesin (Wieczorkowski)
8/26	PORTLAND	5-1 W	12,039	Veee (Willrich), Hilkes (Dallas, Stojanovic), Wieczorkowski (Veee, Deyna), Deyna (Willrich), Sanon (Veee, Willrich)
8/30	PORTLAND	2-0 W	15,244	Nesin (Deyna, Hilkes), Nesin (Hilkes, Willrich)
9/2	@ Jacksonville	1-2 OT L	12,252	Rohmann (Wieczorkowski, Hilkes)
9/6	JACKSONVILLE	2-1 W	14,428	Hilkes (Deyna, Geyer), Deyna (Veee, Willrich)
9/9	JACKSONVILLE	3-1 W	14,015	Hilkes (Deyna, Wieczorkowski), Veee (Hilkes, Donnelly), Willrich (Deyna, Wieczorkowski)
9/12	CHICAGO	2-1 W	18,192	Deyna (Wieczorkowski), Deyna (PK)
9/16	@ Chicago	1-2 L	21,760	Willrich (Veee, Deyna)

San Diego Playoff Recap

ROUND ONE

GAME REPORT — GAME ONE

San Diego 1 at Portland 2

August 22, 1981

Civic Stadium

Referee: Manuel Ortiz

Attendance: 16,003

Weather: Clear and Warm

Scoring: SD-Nesin (Wieczorkowski) 41:14

PTL-Brown (Myernick, Bain) 73:10

PTL-Lee (Brown, Bain) 76:52

	PTL	SD
Shots	16	17
Saves	3	7
Corners	8	4
Fouls	13	16
Offsides	3	2
Cautions:	PTL-Collier	65:05
	PTL-Fagan	85:02
	SD-Wieczorkowski	0:03
	SD-Veee	88:59
	SD-Hilkes	67:20
Ejections:	none	
Penalty kicks:	none	

Lineups: PTL-Dragan Radovich, Glenn Myernick, Gary Collier, Young Jeung Cho, Willie Donachie, John Bain, John Pratt (Bernie Fagan 67:20), Barry Powell, Willie Anderson, Ally Brown, Dale Mitchell (Stuart Lee 67:20), Jimmy Kelly for Lee 79:27.
SD-Volkmar Gross, Eric Geyer, Nico Rohmann, Gert Wieczorkowski, Martin Donnelly, Jean Willrich, Julie Veee, Kaz Deyna, Steve Nesin, Lorenz Hilkes, Mike Stojanovic.

THREE STARS OF THE GAME: 1. Brown 2. Bain 3. Gross

GAME REPORT — GAME TWO

Portland 1 at San Diego 5

August 26, 1981

San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium

Referee: Robert Evans

Attendance: 12,039

Weather: Hot and Clear

Scoring: SD-Veee (Willrich) 33:22

SD-Hilkes (Dallas, Stojanovic) 39:36

PTL-Day (Brown, Powell) 56:25

SD-Wieczorkowski (Veee, Deyna) 75:33

SD-Deyna (Willrich) 78:02

SD-Sanon (Veee, Willrich) 86:05

	PTL	SD
Shots	15	30
Saves	13	4
Corners	11	8
Fouls	12	14
Offsides	3	4
Cautions:	PTL-Collier	2:52
	PTL-Donachie	34:54
	PTL-Brown	37:14
	PTL-Day	85:08
	SD-Willrich	1:48
Ejections:	PTL-Collier	25:13
	PTL-Assist. Coach Pat McMahon	90:00
Penalty kicks:	none	

Lineups: SD-Volkmar Gross, Martin Donnelly, Nico Rohmann, Eric Geyer, Gordon Dallas, Julie Veee, Gert Wieczorkowski, Kaz Deyna (Mike Pickering 87:31), Jean Willrich, Lorenz Hilkes (Manu Sanon 80:47), Mike Stojanovic (Steve Nesin 80:47).
PTL-Dragan Radovich, Glenn Myernick, Gary Collier (Ejected at 25:13), Young Jeung Cho, Willie Donachie (Graham Day 45:00), Barry Powell, John Bain, John Pratt (Bernie Fagan 70:54), Willie Anderson (Jimmy Kelly 51:48), Dale Mitchell, Alistair Brown.

THREE STARS OF THE GAME: tied for first, Willrich and Hilkes Dallas

GAME REPORT — GAME THREE

Portland 0 at San Diego 2

August 30, 1981

San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium

Referee: Gino D'ippolito

Attendance: 15,244

Weather: Clear and Warm

Scoring: SD-Nesin (Deyna, Hilkes) 21:41

SD-Nesin (Hilkes, Willrich) 50:11

	PTL	SD
Shots	11	15
Saves	3	4
Corners	6	10
Fouls	21	20
Offsides	4	9
Cautions:	SD-Donnelly	56:36
	PTL-Cho	43:18
	PTL-Brown	68:04
	PTL-Gant	80:46
	PTL-Cho	73:18
Ejections:	none	
Penalty kicks:	none	

Lineups: Dragan Radovich, Glenn Myernick, Gary Collier, Young Jeung Cho (Ejected 73:18), Willie Donachie, Barry Powell, John Bain, John Pratt (Brian Gant 63:27), Willie Anderson (Jimmy Kelly 45:00), Dale Mitchell, Alistair Brown.
SD-Volkmar Gross, Martin Donnelly, Nico Rohmann, Eric Geyer, Gordon Dallas, Julie Veee, Gert Wieczorkowski, Kaz Deyna, Jean Willrich, Lorenz Hilkes (Manu Sanon 80:86), Steve Nesin.

THREE STARS OF THE GAME: tied for first place Hilkes and Nesin tied for next spot Gross and Geyer

ROUND TWO

GAME REPORT — GAME ONE

San Diego 1 at Jacksonville 2 OT

September 2, 1981

Referee: Bill Maxwell

Attendance: 12,252

Weather: Clear and Pleasant

Scoring: JAX-Green (Zec) 6:03

SD-Rohmann (Hilkes, Wieczorkowski) 40:00

JAX-Newton (O'Hara) 104:55

	SD	JAX
Shots	26	31
Saves	12	5
Corners	6	11
Fouls	14	15
Offsides	1	5
Cautions:	SD-Wieczorkowski	28:25
	SD-Donnelly	20:50
Ejections:	none	
Penalty kicks:	none	

Lineups: SD-Volkmar Gross, Eric Geyer, Martin Donnelly, Nico Rohmann, Gordon Dallas, Kaz Deyna, Gert Wieczorkowski, Julie Veee, Steve Nesin, Lorenz Hilkes, Jean Willrich (George Telfer 80:30), Peter Skouras for Telfer at 103:47.

JAX-Arnie Mausser, John Lignos (Michael Gribbon 97:30), Colin Brazier, Jack Carmichael (Jean Pierre Tokoto 97:30), Tommy O'Hara,

Tony Brown, Nino Zec, Jorge Berrio, Dennis Wit, Eduardo Marasco (Bob Newton 28:25), Alan Green.

THREE STARS OF THE GAME: 1. Zec 2. Berrio 3. Green

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GAME REPORT — GAME TWO

Jacksonville 1 at San Diego 2

September 6, 1981

San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium

Referee: Peter T. Johnson

Attendance: 14,428

Weather: Clear and Warm

Scoring: SD-Hilkes (Deyna, Geyer) 5:25

SD-Deyna (Veee, Willrich) 34:53

JAX-Newton (UN) 59:59

Lineups: JAX-Arnie Mausser, John Lignos (Mike Gribbon 78:02), Colin Brazier, Jack Carmichael, Tommy O'Hara, Tony Brown, Nino Zec, Jorge Berrio (Bob Newton 11:37), Alan Green, Eduardo Marasco (Jean Pierre Tokoto 69:37), Dennis Wit.

SD-Volkmar Gross, Gordon Dallas, Eric Geyer, Nico Rohmann, Martin Donnelly, Kaz Deyna, Gert Wieczorkowski, Julie Veee, Jean Willrich, Lorenz Hilkes, Steve Nesin.

THREE STARS OF THE GAME: 1. Deyna 2. Rohmann 3. Hilkes and Dallas

	JAX	SD
Shots	17	24
Saves	7	5
Corners	13	7
Fouls	15	18
Offsides	0	2

Cautions:	JAX-Lignos	38:09
	JAX-Carmichael	27:20
	JAX-O'Hara	89:21
	JAX-Marasco	16:22
	JAX-Tokoto	89:21
	SD-Geyer	35:47
	SD-Donnelly	5:05
Ejections:	JAX-O'Hara	89:21
Penalty kicks:	none	

GAME REPORT — GAME THREE

Jacksonville 1 at San Diego 3

September 9, 1981

San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium

Referee: Heinz Wolmerath

Attendance: 14,015

Weather: Clear and Warm

Scoring: JAX-Marasco (Mausser, Brown) 1:31

SD-Hilkes (Deyna, Wieczorkowski) 59:12

SD-Veee (Hilkes, Donnelly) 65:21

SD-Willrich (Deyna, Wieczorkowski) 89:53

Lineups: JAX-Arnie Mausser, Bob Newton, Colin Brazier, Jack Carmichael, Mike Gribbon, Tony Brown, Nino Zec, Ringo Cantillo, Jean Pierre Tokoto (Dennis Wit 85:49), Alan Green, Eduardo Marasco.

SD-Volkmar Gross, Eric Geyer, Martin Donnelly, Nico Rohmann, Gordon Dallas, Julie Veee, Gert Wieczorkowski, Kaz Deyna, Lorenz Hilkes, Jean Willrich, Steve Nesin.

THREE STARS OF THE GAME: 1. Hilkes 2. Geyer 3. Veee

	JAX	SD
Shots	15	34
Saves	4	3
Corners	4	12
Fouls	11	19
Offsides	3	4
Cautions:	SD-Hilkes	51:11
Ejections:	none	
Penalty kicks:	none	

GAME REPORT-GAME ONE

Chicago 1 at San Diego 2

September 12, 1981

San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium

Referee: Manuel Ortiz

Weather: Clear and Warm

Attendance: 18,192

Scoring: CHI Own Goal 69:24

SD Deyna (Wieczorkowski) 74:38

SD Deyna (PK) 83:54

Lineups: CHI-Dieter Ferner, Greg Ryan, Derek Spalding, Paul Hahn, Frantz Mathieu, Dave Huson (Charile Fajkus 74:38), Rudy Glenn (Ivica Miljkovic 84:23), Ingo Peter, Arno Steffenhagen, Karl-Heinz Granitza, John Tyma (Bret Hall 60:02)

SD-Volkmar Gross, Eric Geyer, Martin Donnelly, Nico Rohmann, Gordon Dallas, Julie Veee, Gert Wieczorkowski, Kaz Deyna, Steve Nesin, Lorenz Hilkes, Jean Willrich.

THREE STARS OF THE GAME: 1. Deyna 2. Wieczorkowski tied for third Willrich, Peter

	CHI	SD
Shots	20	24
Saves	6	4
Corners	6	11
Fouls	19	12
Offsides	5	12
Cautions:	CHI-Huson	32:20
	CHI-Coach Roy	83:54
	SD-Geyer	70:18
	SD-Donnelly	64:14
Ejections:	none	
Penalty kicks:	SD-Deyna	83:54 Goal

GAME REPORT-GAME TWO

San Diego 1 at Chicago 2

September 16, 1981

Comiskey Park

Referee: Gino D'Ippolito

Attendance: 21,760

Weather: Cloudy, Cool

Scoring: SD-Willrich (Veee, Deyna) 8:28

CHI-Granitza (Steffenhagen, Margetic) 10:02

CHI-Granitza (Margetic, Glenn) 25:04

Lineups: SD-Volkmar Gross, Eric Geyer, Mike Pickering, Nico Rohmann, Gordon Dallas, Gert Wieczorkowski, Kaz Deyna, Julie Veee, Jean Willrich, Lorenz Hilkes (Manu Sanon 70:24), Steve Nesin

CHI-Dieter Ferner, Derek Spalding, Paul Hahn, Frantz Mathieu, Dave Huson (Steve Ryan 79:01), Ingo Peter, Charlie Fajkus, Rudy Glenn, Pato Margetic, Karl-Heinz Granitza, Arno Steffenhagen

THREE STARS OF THE GAME: 1. Margetic 2. Granitza 3. Mathieu

	SD	CHI
Shots	14	26
Saves	5	6
Fouls	20	21
Corners	4	12
Offsides	1	4
Penalty Kicks:	None	
Cautions:	CHI-Glenn	38:54
	SD-Geyer	28:12
	SD-Rohmann	63:38
	SD-Wieczorkowski	76:42
Ejections:	None	