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Le Manic Drives For Higher Rung

Montréal, August 20, 1982 - Edition Eight of the great Le Manic-Cosmos rivalry moves to the Olympic Stadium pitch tonight but with the two clubs in entirely different situations.

New York has clinched both the East Division and overall first place in the North American Soccer League. Montréal, on the other hand, has tucked away a playoff berth but probably won't know (a) its final playoff ranking or (b) its playoff opponent until sometime Sunday night.

Le Manic is still in the wild scramble for positions and retains the possibility of being the best wild card which would mean fourth place in playoff ranking. The club can master some of its own destiny with nine point wins against New York tonight and Chicago on Sunday but it also needs a little outside help to climb the two notches to fourth.

Montréal comes into this match riding a three game win streak, a run which has resulted in as many nine-pointers. The team is also showing its most explosive attack of the season with a dozen goals in the past three starts while allowing only two.

Within that assault on opposing goalkeepers, Alan Willey has been a big shooter with three goals in the last two games.

At the moment, Montréal's 18-12 record represents three more wins than last year. To match last season's Olympic Stadium record of 12-4, they need a win this evening.

The previous seven meetings between Cosmos and Le Manic proved to be classics and the oddity emerging from them is that every game was decided by a single goal.

Le Manic swings into the crucial weekend and then playoffs without one of its mainstays. Carmine Marcantonio has been sidelined with a fractured cheekbone and is lost for the rest of the year. He suffered that in Tuesday's game against Jacksonville and underwent surgery the following day.

Aside from being a strong and steady performer on defence, Carmine had been the team's Iron Man this year. Tonight marks his first missed game of the campaign after playing in 30 in a row.

Regardless of where Le Manic finishes and which team comes up the opponent, there will be a playoff game in the Big O on Wednesday, August 25 at 8 p.m.

Last lineup between teams, Giants Stadium, August 1, 1982

Mtl: Rigby (90:00), Marcantonio, McGrane, Decaire, Mathieu, Vosmaer, Towers, O'Brien, Usiyan, Willey (82:22), Vujovic (73:57), Parkinson (16:03), Quinn (7:38); Nyk Birkenmeier (90:00), Gee, Durgan, Alberto, Buljan, Romero, Bogicevic, Borja (64:18), Cabanas (64:18), Chinaglia, Hunt, Neeskens (25:42), Moyers (25:42).

Last lineups:

Montréal vs Jacksonville, Olympic Stadium, August 17, 1982

Mtl: Nogueira (90:00), Marcantonio (80:30), McGrane, Decaire, Knight, Quinn, Towers, O'Brien (76:39), Usiyan, Parkinson, Vujovic (73:00), Vosmaer (13:21), Willey (27:00).

New York vs Tulsa, Giants Stadium, August 18, 1982

Birkenmeier (90:00), Davis, Buljan, Rijsbergen, Bandov (Borja 45:00), Cabanas, Bogicevic, Neeskens (Chinapoo 80:55), Moyers, Chinaglia, Wegerle

One Year Ago

After 30 games last year Le Manic held down second place in the East and ninth overall with a 14-16 record and 136 points. Cosmos were on top with 191 followed by Montréal with Washington a divisional third at 126.

Tight Defences

Montréal remains the league's defensive leader with 40 goals against in 30 games. Portland, which had been tops in that department through most of the schedule, ranks second at 43. Toronto and Vancouver are tied at 46 and tonight's opponents, New York, are next with 49.

Usiyan The Quick

A review of records confirms that Thompson Usiyan's goal in 39 seconds of Tuesday's match against Jacksonville is the earliest ever scored by Le Manic. The old mark had been 1.13, set by Chris Chueden against Edmonton on April 18, 1982.

By Divisions In '82Le Manic vs.

East (5-5): Chicago 3-0, New York 1-2, Toronto 1-3.

South (4-4, series finished): Jacksonville 2-0, Fort Lauderdale 1-1, Tampa Bay 1-1, Tulsa 0-2.

West (9-3, series finished): Seattle 2-0, San Diego 2-0, Portland 2-0, Edmonton 2-0, San José 1-1, Vancouver 0-2.

Monthly Comparison

After a sluggish 0-2 and three points start in August, Le Manic now shows a 3-2 mark and 30 points for the month. Following is the comparison with 1981.

<u>1981</u>			<u>1982</u>	
April	3-1	17 pts	2-2	17 pts
May	2-5	23 pts	3-3	25 pts
June	3-4	23 pts	6-2	46 pts
July	5-3	48 pts	4-3	31 pts
August	2-4	19 pts	3-2	30 pts and counting

Awards Time

A reminder to Montréal media that two awards luncheons will lead off next week. On Monday, it's the Laurentide Cup gathering at Molson Breweries at noon. Tuesday it's the Player's Super Play gathering which will be held at Pub Chez Alexandre, 1454 Peel (upstairs), also at noon.

Record Time

When Brian Quinn and Andrew Parkinson picked up three assists each on Tuesday, they set a record in that department. No Manic player before them had registered three assists in a match so they now share a record.

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Clubs 4,000 and 3,000

Following are members of Le Manic who have played the most minutes with Montréal since the club's birth. Games played in parenthesis.

Club 4000: Fran O'Brien (54) 4,697:59, Carmine Marcantonio (56) 4,680:06, Thompson Usiyan (56) 4,632:34, Tony Towers (53) 4,470:50, Bob Rigby (45) 4,112:08, Alan Willey (49) 4,117:46.

Club 3000: Andrew Parkinson (48) 3,856:10, Bob Vosmaer (44) 3,451:51.

Individual Highs

Thompson Usiyan picked up two points for his goal on Tuesday and that allowed him to eclipse his rookie season points high of 29. Last year he had 11 goals and seven assists for 29 points. This year he's 10-10-30.

Brian Quinn's three points boosted him to 13, three more than in his rookie season with Los Angeles last year. For the fun-with-figures people, Fran O'Brien has doubled across the board...goals (6), assists (12) and points (24). Each category is exactly double what Fran picked up in '81.

Nine Pointers

The run of three straight nine point games coming into this one represents the second time in its history that the club has feasted so well. They did it last year in a string beginning on July 12, a 3-1 win over Dallas. It continued with a 4-0 victory over San José and a 4-2 count at the expense of Washington.

Laurentide Three Star standings

<u>July-August segment</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Fran O'Brien	3	1	1	25
Dragan Vujovic	2	2	1	25
Bob Rigby	3	0	1	20
Frantz Mathieu	0	2	1	15
Thompson Usiyan	0	1	1	10
Andrew Parkinson	1	1	0	10
Victor Nogueira	0	1	0	5
Carmine Marcantonio	0	0	1	5
John McGrane	0	0	1	5
Tony Towers	0	0	1	5
Alan Willey	1	0	0	5
Brian Quinn	0	0	1	5

Overall

Fran O'Brien	6	4	2	60
Thompson Usiyan	3	1	3	35
Frantz Mathieu	0	4	2	30
Dragan Vujovic	2	3	1	30
Victor Nogueira	1	2	2	25
Bob Rigby	3	0	1	20
Carmine Marcantonio	0	2	1	15
Alan Willey	2	1	0	15
Andrew Parkinson	2	1	0	15
Chris Chueden	0	1	1	10
Tony Towers	0	1	1	10
John McGrane	0	0	1	5
Brian Quinn	0	0	1	5

New York-Montréal Crowds

Seven games between Montréal and New York have attracted 241,418 fans in almost two years of play. That's an average of 34,488. Three games in Olympic Stadium drew 111,439 (37,146 average) and four in Giants Stadium 129,979 (32,495 average). Following is the profile:

<u>At Montréal</u>		<u>At New York</u>	
<u>1981</u>		<u>1981</u>	
June 2	38,667	July 22	27,331
July 25	40,118	August 16	38,123
<u>1982</u>		<u>1982</u>	
June 18	32,654	July 14	25,634
		August 1	38,891
<u>TOTALS:</u>	<u>111,439</u>		<u>129,979</u>

Scouts On Hand

Le Manic's North American scouting troika of Graham Mitchell, Vancouver, Colin Byron, Toronto and Dr. John McKeon, East Stroudsburg, PA., is in the city for meetings and attending tonight's game. Among the 'finds' of the three men are Chris Chueden (Mitchell), Charlie Falzon and Greg Kern (Byron) and Thompson Usiyan and Elvis Comrie (McKeon). Head scout for North America 'Doc' McKeon, by the way, was Bob Rigby's college coach.

Feature Treatment

Le Manic and the Ultra Etoile Fan Club get feature treatment in tomorrow's edition of Today Magazine (a Montréal Gazette insert). John Doig is the writer and Arne Glassburg the photographer. Today circulates 2,963,000 copies each Saturday in 18 daily newspapers regularly with six others optional.

<u>Le Manic comparison</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>Overall record</u>	14-16	18-12
<u>Home</u>	11-4	11-4
<u>Away</u>	3-12	7-8
<u>Overall scoring</u>	61-55	56-40
<u>Home</u>	30-17	35-17
<u>Away</u>	31-38	21-23

Tie-breaker time

For your information and convenience, following is the rule from league regulations covering breaking ties for positions in standings:

An eight-step procedure is used to determined the order of finish in regular season play if there are any ties that exist in the point totals. The order of finish is determined as follows:

- greatest number of points determined by the NASL point system;
- greatest number of points; accrued by results only (i.e., no bonus points);
- the greater goal difference (goals for minus goals against);
- the most outright wins (i.e., no overtime, no shootout wins);
- the greater number of goals scored;
- procedures a thru c applied to road games only;
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- coin toss.

Previous games:

<u>DATE</u>		<u>RESULT</u>	<u>SCORERS</u>
April 10	(L)	Montréal 0 at Tulsa 1	
April 18	(W)	Edmonton 0 at Montréal 2	Chueden, Hill
April 24	(L)	Montréal 0 at Ft. Lauderdale 1	
April 28	(W)	Chicago 2 at Montréal 4	Willey (2), Usiyan, Hill
May 2	(L)	Tampa Bay 2 at Montréal 1 (OT)	O'Brien
May 8	(W)	Montréal 1 at Portland 0	Parkinson
May 12	(L)	Montréal 1 at Vancouver 2 (SO)	Willey
May 15	(L)	Montréal 1 at Toronto 2 (OT)	Willey
May 22	(W)	San Diego 0 at Montréal 2	Usiyan, Willey
May 26	(W)	Seattle 1 at Montréal 2 (OT)	Willey (2)
June 5	(L)	Montréal 1 at San José 4	Usiyan
June 9	(W)	Montréal 2 at Seattle 1 (SO)	Willey
June 12	(W)	Montréal 1 at Edmonton 0	Usiyan
June 15	(W)	Ft. Lauderdale 2 at Montréal 6	Usiyan (2), Willey, Vujovic, Quinn, Knight
June 18	(W)	New York 2 at Montréal 3	Usiyan (2), Willey
June 23	(L)	Tulsa 1 at Montréal 0 (SO)	
June 26	(W)	Montréal 3 at Chicago 2	Knight, Parkinson, Marcantonio
June 30	(W)	Montréal 3 at San Diego 2 (SO)	O'Brien, Willey
July 3	(W)	Toronto 1 at Montréal 2	Vujovic, Knight
July 7	(L)	Montréal 0 at Toronto 2	
July 14	(L)	Montréal 2 at New York 3	O'Brien (2)
July 17	(L)	Vancouver 1 at Montréal 0	
July 21	(W)	Portland 0 at Montréal 1	Vujovic
July 24	(W)	San José 1 at Montréal 2 (OT)	O'Brien, Vosmaer
July 30	(W)	Montréal 1 at Jacksonville 0	Parkinson
August 1	(L)	Montréal 2 at New York 3	Willey, Vujovic
August 4	(L)	Toronto 2 at Montréal 1	Usiyan
August 7	(W)	Chicago 1 at Montréal 4	Knight, Parkinson, O'Brien, Vujovic
August 10	(W)	Montréal 3 at Tampa Bay 0	Parkinson, Willey (2)
August 17	(W)	Jacksonville 1 at Montréal 5	Usiyan, Towers, Vujovic, Parkinson, Willey

Rigby Update

Bob Rigby, only goalkeeper in NASL history with more than 19,000 minutes played in regular season, is listed as 'probable' tonight after a freak accident earlier in the week. He stepped on glass at the beach and suffered a painful gash. Dr. Terry O'Farrell reported it was deep, painful and slightly inflamed at the time but didn't require any needlework.

Le Manic II

Charlie Faizon scored twice and Simon Ireland once when Le Manic II defeated Les Colts de Tracy at Sorel on Wednesday. That leaves the reserve team with a 19-0 record for coach Andy Lynch.

Carmine Mobile

Carmine Marcantonio underwent surgery on Wednesday to repair the cheekbone fractured the previous night. While he's out of soccer, he is out of the hospital and mobile. The injury is similar to the one suffered by Greg Kern against Seattle on May 26.

100 goal club

Alan Willey scored twice against Tampa Bay on Tuesday, August 10 and became only the fifth player in NASL history to reach the 100 goal level for regular season play during a career. Following are the club members with up to date figures:

Giorgio Chinaglia, New York	175
*Steve David, San José	110
*Paul Child, Atlanta	102
*Ilija Mitic, San José	101
Alan Willey, Montréal	101

* No longer playing in NASL

Willey career

The discrepancy between the following figures and the NASL Guide are created by league statistics omitting Willey's 1981 play in Minnesota.

	REGULAR SEASON				PLAYOFFS			
	GP	G	A	PTS	GP	G	A	PTS
1982 Montréal	28	15	7	37	-	-	-	-
1981 Montréal	21	6	2	14	6	3	4	10
Minnesota	6	1	0	2	-	-	-	-
1980 Minnesota	26	7	5	19	2	0	0	0
a) 1979 Minnesota	29	21	7	49	2	0	0	0
b) 1978 Minnesota	30	21	3	45	4	7	0	14
c) 1977 Minnesota	20	14	1	29	2	0	0	0
d) 1976 Minnesota	23	16	7	39	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	183	101	32	235	18	10	4	24

a-b: eighth in league scoring; c: seventh in league scoring; d: fifth in league scoring

Biggest performance: Five goals against New York in 9-2 playoff win, 1978;

NASL career three goal games: 7

NASL career two goal games: 14 (three with Montréal: April 28, 1982 vs Chicago; May 26, 1982 vs Seattle; August 10, 1982 vs Tampa Bay.)

On April 28, 1982, scored twice against Chicago and became only sixth player in NASL history to achieve 200 regular season points. That gave him 201 at the time. When he reached the milestone, the only others to have done it were Giorgio Chinaglia, Paul Child, Ilija Mitic, Steve David and Karl-Heinz Granitza. Since then, Toronto's Ace Ntsoelengoe, San Diego's Steve Stojanovic and Portland's Ron Futch have moved into the exclusive group.