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The Cobras are 2-3-1 coming off a 0-0 tie with the Tacoma Tides in their home opener as they prepare to battle the Sacramento Spirits this Wednesday night in an 8:00PM contest at Baldwin Wallace.

Goaltender, Paul Chymovic was outstanding for the Cobras as he held the Tides, who are the second highest scoring team in the A.S.L., at bay, stopping 10 shots. Cobras high scoring forward, Vito Colonna, sustained a cut on the forehead which demanded 12 stitches, and his status for the Sacramento game is questionable.

Speaking of the Spirits, they have been doing quite well for an expansion team as they reside in third place in the A.S.L.'s Western Division with a 2-1-1 record. Sacramento holds victories over New York and the Oakland Buccaneers as they have scored six goals in their last two games.

Leading the Spirits offensive charge is Ottey "Boom-Boom" Cannon who has 3 goals and 1 assist for second place among the A.S.L.'s leading scorers. Joining Cannon on the frontline are David Lynon and Mongo Fajardo. Lynon is an English import and he has picked up one assist thus far this season, and Fajardo is a rookie out of Consumnes River College.

The Spirits midfield features Wolfgang Gartner who is out of the University of the Pacific and is known for his ballhandling attributes. Gartner has knocked home a goal already in this young season. Along with Gartner, the Spirits midfield is held down by Larry Caldwell and Anatole Hulewsky. Caldwell has accounted for a goal this season and he is a graduate of Southern Connecticut University.

Robert Steinberg is the anchor of the Spirits defense as he has a reputation as a physical player and he leads Sacramento in fouls with 11. Interestingly enough, Steinberg lives in Cleveland and the 21 year old played at La Plata University.

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Teaming up with Steinberg on the backline are Miro Odich, Rafael Avila, and Reinhard Seyffertitz.

Gary Allison guards the Sacramento net. Allison has the second best goals against average in the A.S.L. with a 0.95. He also played for the Dallas Tornado of the N.A.S.L.

Sacramento is coached by Dick Ott. Ott, a 40 year old native of Hamilton, Ohio and a University of Cincinnati graduate, believes in the Americanization of soccer, much like the Cobras Coach Herbie Haller. The Americanization policy is reflected in the Spirits roster as 14 of the team's 17 players attend U.S. colleges.

COBRAS STATISTICS

SCORING

PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	TOTAL POINTS
Vito Colonna	2	0	4
Roberto Oliveira	1	1	3
Jimmy McMillan	1	0	2
Roby Stahl	0	1	1
Robert Smith	0	1	1

GOALTENDING

PLAYER	GAMES	MINUTES	GOALS ALLOWED	SHUTOUTS	AVERAGE
Paul Chymovic	6	515	6	2	1.07
Jack Groesser	1	45	1	0	2.00

1976 RECORD

	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
Cleveland	2	3	1	4	7	4	16