CHARLOTTE GOLD PREVIEW

The Charlotte Gold come into tonight's game with the same objective as the Rochester Flash, to move out of the basement of their division.

The Gold are in last place in the Southern Division, 19 points behind leading Ft. Lauderdale and 12 points behind second place Jacksonville.

Charlotte (5-7, 50 points) has been going in the opposite direction of the Flash. While Rochester has won three of its last four games, the Gold has lost its last five consecutive games. After starting the season with a four game winning streak, Charlotte has a 1-7 mark in its last eight games.

Player Coach David D'Errico makes his first appearance at Holleder Stadium since playing for the Rochester Lancers in 1979 and the San Diego Sockers (N.A.S.L.) in 1980. He was a standout defender for the Lancers and always a crowd favorite.

The leading scorer for the Gold is former Carolina Lightnin' (A.S.L.) Tony Suarez. He has nine goals for Charlotte and is the team's main offensive threat.

In additional N.A.S.L. experience, besides D'Errico's seven years, the Gold also call on Santiago Formoso, who played for the New York Cosmos. Formoso adds stability to the midfield.

Charlotte is well stocked in goal as they have two veteran keepers in Matt Kennedy and Weislaw Surlit. Kennedy is a five-year pro who last played for the Carolina Lightnin'. He comes into the game with a 1.80 goals against average. Surlit started the season with the Buffalo Storm. He was released by the team and signed with the Gold. He is a veteran of Poland's First Division. He also played for the Buffalo Stallions (M.I.S.L.) during the 1983-84 season. In his first appearance against the Flash on June 10, Surlit and the Storm dropped a 3-1 decision to Rochester.

The Gold defeated Rochester in their first meeting on June 1 in Charlotte. Tony Suarez did all the damage as the Gold struck the Flash 3-0. Suarez' hat trick supplemented Matt Kennedy's four saves as the Gold outshot the Flash 17-14.

Chris Ogu, who has three goals and seven assists for the Gold, will not play tonight after he received a red card in Charlotte's 4-0 loss to Oklahoma City last Friday night.

"Six of our last seven games have been against Ft. Lauderdale and Jacksonville," Charlotte spokesman Ed Young said. "Both of those teams have been coming on strong. They have been constantly improving and we hope to start joining them."

NO. PLAYER	POS.	GOALS	ASST.	POINTS
12 Chris Ogu	F	3	7	10
18 Tony Suarez	F	9	0	9
8 David Moya	D	1	2	3
14 David Jordan	F	2	0	2
9 Steve McLean	D	1	1	2
4 Tommy Gardiner	D	1	1	2
10 Santiago Formos		0	2	2
3 Pat Fidelia	F	1	0	1
NO. PLAYER	SAVI	SAVES		GAA
00 Matt Kennedy	68		18	1.80
1 Weislaw Surlit	0		4	4.00



Roster

Charlotte Gold Shots Goals Assists Fouls No. Player David D'Errico Pat Fidelia Tommy Gardiner Joe Filla Ken Lolla David Mayo Steve McLean Santiago Formoso 12 Chris Ogu David Jordan Gerry McKeown 16 Miguel Kulisic Tony Suarez Dan D'Angelo Saves Goals Allowed Goalkeepers 1 Weislaw Surlit Matt Kennedy

PLAYER-COACH: DAVID D'ERRICO