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FEATURE

Like a guy in the middle of the line in football, Telmo Pires and Altino Dominigues of the R.I. Oceaneers have not been getting too many headlines but they are playing extremely well.

Both young men, who play on defense, were born in Portugal but now live in the United States. They are young and quick and have been very instrumental in the amazing 6-0 record of the expansionist Oceaneers.

Manfred Schellscheidt, head coach of the O's, feels that the 21 year old Pires could very well become one of the top stars in the American Soccer League. "Telmo is big and strong," Manny was saying recently, "but at 185 pounds and six feet tall, he is still quick enough to halt enemy wingers who try to turn his corner."

A resident now of New Jersey, Telmo was a standout amateur player when he was discovered by Schellscheidt. "Our club really has togetherness and I'm sure that is one of the big reasons for our success," Telmo was saying recently.

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"Nobody expected us to do anything in our first year. Now I think we are a pennant threat and it is sure great to be with a winner."

Dominigues, only 22 and 5-10, has come into his own in recent games which is no surprise to Manfred. "I feel Tino is improving each time he plays. The experience is going to make him a better player and increase his value to the team," says the O's field boss.

Using his quickness to thwart enemy forwards, Dominigues, who like Pires lives in the Newark, N.J. area, has been a strong aid to Goalie Arnold Mausser. The latter has an amazing 0.66 goals against average, having allowed but four goals in 540 minutes of the ASL action.

Pires and Dominigues will be counted upon heavily on Sunday (June 23) when the unbeaten Oceansers go on the road again, playing the Delaware Wings in Wilmington.

Leading the Midwest Division of the ASL, and the only team unbeaten in the league, the Oceansers are currently going through the toughest part of their 1974 schedule.

The team played last Saturday at Indiana. Following the tilt at Delaware, the Oceansers have a home game against the Connecticut Wildcats, June 28. That one will be followed by two more successive road games at Boston and Cincinnati.

"Playing four out of six games on the road is not easy," Manfred pointed out, "but we are simply forgetting the tough slate and taking each game as it comes along. We have won three on the road already."