



COBRA NEWS

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NEWCOMERS SHOW WELL BUT STONERS BLANK COBRAS AGAIN, 1-0

High-scoring additions to the Cleveland Cobras' lineup from the California Sunshine, forwards Frank Towers and Andy Chapman, showed well in their first start for the Snakes after only one practice with the team, but their presence and a 24-9 advantage in shots was not enough to stave off a 1-0 loss to the Pennsylvania Stoners Friday night, May 16, at Baldwin-Wallace College's George Finnie Stadium.

A season-high crowd of 3,814, attracted by the game and several Cobras promotions, saw coach Bob Ridley's crew dip to 1-3-1 on the season and stretch its winless streak to four games (0-3-1) since the Cobras beat the Columbus Magic, 2-1, in their season opener at Finnie Apr. 18. If nothing else the game proved that a pair of 1-0 losses to the Stoners could be anything but identical.

The Cobras started strong and held Pennsylvania without a shot on goalkeeper Marine Cano for the first 20 minutes, completely dominating the first 30 minutes of play. Only another strong showing by the league's leading goalkeeper -- P.A.'s Scott Manning, who earned defensive player of the game honors for his 11-save, shutout performance -- kept the Cobras off the board in the early going.

Towers was a true "tower of power" in the middle, especially during Cleveland corner kicks, in which Cleveland again dominated, 6-2. The 6-1 forward, picked up on waivers the day before the game, had several opportunities early, once sending a header inches over the crossbar.

Pennsylvania got the game's only goal seconds after Cano made a spectacular save on Stoner newcomer Adrian Brooks, brother of former Cleveland Cobra John Brooks, who is now with the Golden Gate Gales. Rich Reice sent in a crossing pass off the ensuing corner kick and PA forward Christian Nwokocha, last season's leading scorer for the Stoners, got enough of the ball to glance it off Cano and trickle it into the lower right-hand corner of the net at the 35:00 mark.

That was all the scoring for the night but the Cobras did not surrender easily. Strong second-half pressure by Cleveland culminated in a prime scoring opportunity for Argentine star Narciso Doval, who took a pass unmarked 10 yards in front of the Stoner goal. Doval fired a hard half-volley but it was directly into the chest of Manning, who held on for the save of the game with under 10 minutes to play.

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Cleveland was whistled for 28 of the 48 fouls called in a somewhat physical contest and pelted Manning with 24 shots. Cano faced nine PA drives and was called on to make eight saves in the game.

The Stoners, who upped their record to 3-2-0 with the win, traveled to New York Sunday to help New York United open its Shea Stadium home season. Cleveland, 1-3-1, is idle until Friday night, May 23, when the Cobras host the surging Golden Gate Gales of the American Soccer League American Conference.

Golden Gate, an expansion team for the 1980 season, started slow but has picked up in recent weeks and the Gales were 2-4-2 on the season and had the highest goals-for total (12) in the league heading into last weekend's action.

SCOUTING REPORT: GOLDEN GATE GALES

The Gales' coach, Lee Attack, has some top-flight talent coming with him to Cleveland Friday night. ASL All-star forward Mal Roche, who already led the league with eight goals in eight games heading into last weekend's action, leads the Gales' attack, with help from former Cleveland Cobra and former Cleveland Force player John Brooks and winger Scot Talbot. . . anchoring the defense are goalkeeper Mansour Afshin and defenders Tony Houser and Bjorn Dahl, with Mike Fegan and Lee Cornwell at midfield spots.

SCOUTING REPORT: CLEVELAND COBRAS

Injuries may force several changes in the Cobras' lineup Friday night. Forward's Rubern Astigarraga, the club's leading scorer, and Zoran Savic are both nursing sprained ankles. Astigarraga aggravated his ankle sprain severely enough to warrant a cast being placed on it following last week's loss to the Stoners . . . Midfielder Jacob Shanee has been placed on the Cobras' inactive list for "disciplinary reasons," according to coach Bob Ridley. Shanee apparently has some attitude problems that are beginning to effect the team . . . Newcomers Frank Towers and Andy Chapman lived up to their billing of being where the action is in last week's loss. Each took four shots in the game, second only to Ivair Ferreira, who took five . . . Ridley was not altogether displeased with the improved effort last week, and for the post-game party at the Middleburg Heights Holiday Inn, sent the team over together, rather than in separate cars. He's trying to instill more team feeling into the squad and most of the players are happy with that.



NUMERICAL ROSTER

TEAM: CLEVELAND COBRAS

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NO	NAME	POS.	AGE	HT	WT	CITIZENSHIP
0	Fred Bass	G	22	5-9	155	U.S.
1	Marine Cano	G	25	6-1	173	U.S.
2	Jeff Sendobry	D	21	5-11	160	U.S.
3	Joe Howarth	D	29	5-8	142	U.S.
4	Brian Joy	D	28	5-9	155	English
5	Alex Rosul	D	24	6-3	182	U.S.
6	Walter Schlothauer	F	21	5-10	152	U.S.
7	Jacob Shanee	M	25	5-9	160	English
8	Leo Rojas	D	27	5-10	160	U.S.
9	Narciso Doval	F	31	5-10	170	Brazilian
10	Ruben Astigarraga	M	29	6-0	160	Argentine
11	Ivair Ferreira	M	35	5-9	150	Brazilian
12	Zoran Savic	F	20	5-10	150	Yugoslavian
13	Rildo Menesez	D	35	5-9	250	Brazilian
14	Juan Yopez	F	20	5-10	150	U.S.
15	Len Renery	D	31	5-11	165	U.S.
16	Roy Sinclair	D	34	5-9	155	U.S.
17	Frank Towers	F	25	6-1	180	English
20	Andy Chapman	F	21	5-10	160	English



STATISTICAL UPDATE

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DATE: 5-17-80

RECORD: 1-3-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PLAYER	GP (S)	MINS.	SHOTS	FOULS	C/E	GOALS	ASSTS	POINTS
10 Ruben Astigarraga	5	361	12	7	0-0	2	1	5
6 Walter Schlothauer	5	415	3	13	0-0	0	2	2
9 Narciso Doval	5	401	5	13	1-0	1	0	2
7 Jacob Shanee	5	344	2	7	0-0	1	0	2
11 Ivair Ferreira	5	470	9	18	1-0	0	1	1
13 Rildo Menezes	5	470	5	17	2-0	0	0	0
4 Brian Joy	5	470	0	13	1-0	0	0	0
16 Roy Sinclair	5	430	5	9	1-0	0	0	0
3 Joe Howarth	4	363	1	10	1-0	0	0	0
15 Len Renery	3	223	3	18	0-0	0	0	0
8 Leo Rojas	3	132	2	3	2-0	0	0	0
12 Zoran Savic	3	61	0	2	0-0	0	0	0
5 Alex Rosul	2	176	1	4	0-0	0	0	0
Cecil Hodges *	2	113	3	5	0-0	0	0	0
Jeff Sendobry	1	110	0	1	0-0	0	0	0
17 Frank Towers	1	90	4	1	0-0	0	0	0
20 Andy Chapman	1	63	4	1	0-0	0	0	0
14 Juan Yepez	1	17	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Bob McKenzie *	1	6	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tony Prescott *	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
* departed								
TEAM TOTALS	5	4700	62	131	9-0	4	4	12
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	5	4700	66	107	3-0	6	5	17

GOALKEEPERS	GP (S)	MINS	SHOTS	SAVES	GA	SO	G.A.A.
1 Marine Cano	4	380	47	26	4	0	0.95
0 Fred Bass	1	90	19	6	2	0	2.00
TEAM TOTALS	5	470	66	32	6	0	1.13
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	5	470	62	38	4	2	0.77

SCORING BY PERIODS

	1	2	OT	TOTAL
TEAM TOTALS	2	2	0	4
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	4	2	0	6

OWN GOALS: None



GAME ACCOUNT

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HOME: 1-2-0 AWAY: 0-1-1

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	SCORING	ATTENDANCE
4-18	Columbus	2-1W	Shanee (Schlothauer); Astigarraga (Ferreira)	2,843
4-27	@ Columbus	2-1L	Astigarraga (Schlothauer)	2,466
4-30	@ Miami	1-1T (OT)	Doval (Astigarraga)	2,047
5-2	Pennsylvania	1-0L	none	1,979
5-16	Pennsylvania	1-0L	none	3,814