



COBRA NEWS

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COBRAS SEEK TO SHUT DOWN HIGH-SCORING GALES

The Cleveland Cobras will have their work cut out for them Friday night, May 23, at Baldwin-Wallace's George Finnie Stadium in Berea when they try to snap a four-game winless streak by hosting the high-scoring Golden Gate Gales at 8:05 p.m.

The Gales, an expansion team in the American Soccer League American Conference, have had a tough time on the road, posting a 2-5-3 record to date, but are the highest-scoring team in the entire ASL with 16 goals in 10 games, a 1.6-per game average. The Cobras, on the other hand, have had their troubles putting the ball in the net, scoring only four goals in five games and begin shut out twice by the Pennsylvania Stoners, 1-0, in their last two starts.

Coach Lee Atack's Golden Gate squad features three of the top 10 scorers in the league this season, including the number-one scorer in the league, forward Mal Roche. The 6-2, 185-pound team captain has nine goals and one assist for 19 points, including a hat trick in a 4-3 loss to the California Sunshine.

The Gales, who are coming off a 2-2 double-overtime tie in Miami last Friday night and a 3-2 loss to the Columbus Magic Sunday, also feature 6-0, 160-pound forward Gerry Hijlkema, fourth-leading scorer in the league with four goals and an assist (nine points) and former Cleveland Cobra John Brooks, a 6-4, 190-pound midfielder who is tied for seventh in the league in scoring with two goals and three assists (seven points). Hijlkema had both goals in the 3-2 loss at Columbus Sunday.

Cleveland, 1-3-1 on the season, is hoping to get some point production from high-scoring newcomers Andy Chapman and Frank Towers, a pair of forwards obtained from the California Sunshine by the Cobras last week. Both saw considerable action against the Stoners despite arriving in Cleveland the day before the game; Chapman was fifth in the league in scoring last season (12 goals, six assists) while Towers is fifth in the league this season with three goals and two assists for eight points.

Friday night's game is Banner Night, where all fans bringing in a banner supporting the Cobras will be admitted for half price. The Cobras are also hosting the high school soccer teams from around the area for Interscholastic Soccer Night.

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STATISTICAL UPDATE

TEAM: CLEVELAND COBRAS

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 Yopez	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