



COBRA NEWS

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COBRAS BLANK GOLDEN GATE, RENEW OHIO RIVALRY WITH COLUMBUS MAGIC

The Cleveland Cobras snapped a four-game winless streak and a 300-plus minutes scoreless streak last Friday night with a 2-0 victory over the Golden Gate Gales at Baldwin-Wallace's George Finnie Stadium in Berea. The Snakes return to Finnie Friday night, May 30, to renew their interstate rivalry with the Columbus Magic in the battle for the Ohio Challenge Cup -- and the National Conference playoff spots -- at 8:05 p.m.

In Cleveland's first shutout victory of the season, newcomer Alan Kelley, obtained on release from the California Sunshine just the day before the game, scored the Cobras' first goal since a 1-1 double overtime tie at Miami Apr. 30 after taking a pass from Andy Chapman, another former Sunshine obtained one week earlier. Chapman caught Kelley in full stride and the 5-8 midfielder drilled a 17-yarder into the left corner past Gales keeper Afshin.

Brazilian scoring star Narciso Doval scored Cleveland's second goal on a penalty kick in the second half, after former Cobra John Brooks of Golden Gate pulled down Chapman in the penalty area. Cleveland goalkeeper Marine Cano notched his first whitewash of the season, facing 14 shots and making six saves, only one in the second half.

Game Three in the fight for the Ohio Challenge Cup, which goes to the winner of the season series between Columbus and Cleveland each year, will see both teams heading into the game owners of 2-1 home-field victories over the other. But the game will mean just as much if not more in the National Conference standings; the Magic stand atop the conference with a 6-2-1 record and 48 points while Cleveland is three steps behind at 2-3-1 with 18 points. The Cobras, however, have three games in hand on the Magic, but must win all three to challenge for the National lead.

Tomorrow night's game against Columbus will be the third in a stretch of four consecutive Friday night home games for the Cobras. Next Friday night, June 3, Cleveland will host the Sacramento Gold, and then head out on a four-game road swing that will take the Cobras to Golden Gate (June 8), California (June 14), Sacramento (June 15) and New York (June 18) before Cleveland returns home to Finnie Stadium June 27 to host California.

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SCOUTING REPORT: COLUMBUS MAGIC

Magic coach Paul Taylor brings in a Columbus team that is tied with Golden Gate and Sacramento for the league lead in goals (16), surrendering only nine goals in as many games . . . Columbus is also riding a three-game win streak, the latest in that streak a 2-0 shutout of New York United at Franklin County Stadium in Columbus last weekend. That game at the end of a five-game home stand for Columbus and it avenged an earlier 2-0 loss to New York, also at home . . . Forward George Dewsnip, who played for the Atlanta Chiefs of the NASL last season, has lived up to his billing so far; in nine games he has four goals and four assists to lead the team in scoring and to rank among the top three scorers in the league . . . The other big guns for Columbus are Norman Piper and Neil Hague, each with a pair of goals and an assist, and Steve Newman and Dan Mamana, each with two goals . . . Keeper Graham Tutt has played in all nine Columbus games and has allowed nine goals for a 0.98 goals-against average . . . The Magic have made a habit of fast starts; Columbus has outscored the opposition by an 11-2 margin in the first half, but has been outscored, 7-5, in the second half.

SCOUTING REPORT: CLEVELAND COBRAS

The California Sunshine's loss has apparently been the Cleveland Cobras' gain this season. The acquisition of Alan Kelley last week brings to seven the number of players with the Cobras who played under coach Bob Ridley for last season's record-setting Sunshine team, and Joe Howarth, who played for the Sacramento Gold, played for Ridley two seasons ago . . . The win over Golden Gate last Friday night not only snapped a four-game Cleveland winless skein but also marked the return to form of Doval, who Ridley had hoped to get a lot of scoring from. Narciso scored a goal on a penalty kick but was more involved in the Cobras' attack than in any other game this season. His ballhandling opened things up down the wings . . . The game also marked the return to the starting lineup of defender Alex Rosul, who had not started in a Cleveland game since colliding with Columbus forward Bob Rohrbach in Columbus Apr. 27. Rohrbach was hospitalized for more than a week with a severe head injury as a result . . . The two goals matched Cleveland's best output of the season in the home opener Apr. 18 in a 2-1 win over Columbus . . . The Cobras will be holding a special short ceremony at halftime of the game with the Magic Friday honoring Rohrbach, who was hospitalized after that collision with Rosul in the Cobras' game at Columbus.

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STATISTICAL UPDATE

TEAM:

DATE:

RECORD:

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
9 Narciso Doval	6	491	7	13	1-0	2	0	4
5 Walter Schlothauer	6	438	3	14	0-0	0	2	2
7 Jacob Shanee	5	344	2	7	0-0	1	0	2
8 Alan Kelley	1	90	1	2	0-0	1	0	2
11 Ivair Ferreira	6	537	9	18	1-0	0	1	1
20 Andy Chapman	2	153	8	5	1-0	0	1	1
13 Rildo Menezes	6	560	7	20	2-0	0	0	0
4 Brian Joy	6	504	0	13	1-0	0	0	0
16 Roy Sinclair	6	486	6	12	1-0	0	0	0
2 Joe Howarth	5	453	2	12	1-0	0	0	0
15 Len Renery	3	223	3	18	0-0	0	0	0
Leo Rojas *	3	132	2	3	2-0	0	0	0
12 Zoran Savic	3	61	0	2	0-0	0	0	0
6 Alex Rosul	3	266	1	6	0-0	0	0	0
Cecil Hodges *	2	113	3	5	0-0	0	0	0
3 Jeff Sendobry	2	200	0	2	0-0	0	0	0
17 Frank Towers	2	174	5	4	0-0	0	0	0
14 Juan Yopez	1	23	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	6	5600	74	152	10-0	6	5	17
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	6	5600	80	138	5-0	6	5	17

GOALKEEPERS	GP (S)	MINS	SHOTS	SAVES	GA	SO	G.A.A.
1 Marine Cano	5	470	61	32	4	1	0.76
0 Fred Bass	1	90	19	6	2	0	2.00
TEAM TOTALS	6	560	80	38	6	1	0.96
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	6	560	74	46	6	2	0.96

SCORING BY PERIODS

	1	2	OT	TOTAL
TEAM TOTALS	3	3	0	6
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	4	2	0	6

OWN GOALS: None



GAME ACCOUNT

TEAM:

RECORD:

DATE:

HOME:

AWAY:

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 (Asitgarraga)	2,047
5-2	Pennsylvania	1-0L	None	1,979
5-16	Pennsylvania	1-0L	None	3,814
5-23	Golden Gate	2-0W	Kelley (Chapman); Doval (penalty kick)	2,117



NUMERICAL ROSTER

TEAM:

DATE:

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	Joe Howarth	D	29	5-8	142	U.S.
3	Jeff Sendobry	D	21	5-11	160	U.S.
4	Brian Joy	D	28	5-9	155	English
5	Walter Schlothauer	F	21	5-10	152	U.S.
6	Alex Rosul	D	24	6-3	182	U.S.
7	Jacob Shanee	M	25	5-9	160	English
8	Alan Kelley	M	27	5-8	154	English
9	Narciso Doval	F	31	5-10	170	Brazilian
10	Ruben Astigarraga	F	29	6-0	160	Argentine
11	Ivair Ferreira	M	35	5-9	150	Brazilian
12	Zoran Savic	F	20	5-10	150	Yugoslavian
13	Ridlo Menezes	D	35	5-9	150	Brazilian
14	Juan Yopez	F	20	5-10	150	U.S.
15	Len Renery	D	31	5-11	165	U.S.
16	Roy Sinclair	M	34	5-9	155	U.S.
17	Frank Towers	F	25	6-1	180	English
20	Andy Chapman	F	21	5-10	160	English