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ZIVALJEVIC SPURS JACKSONVILLE TO TITLE

The man had been silent for weeks, but when Micky Zivaljevic woke up, he woke with a vengeance. Zivaljevic, out of action for weeks due to a nagging leg injury, inspired his Jacksonville teammates emotionally and physically last weekend as the Tea Men wiped out a 1-0 Pennsylvania Stoner lead in the best of three championship series.

Zivaljevic, voted by the media as the playoff's No. 1 most valuable player, hadn't scored a goal since July 31 (ironically, against the Stoners). But August 19, in the second game of the series, the Hungarian star drilled in a goal and added two assists as Jacksonville whipped Pennsylvania, 4-1, evening the set.

Then, two nights later, Micky "Z" scored the game's only goal off an assist from Matt English in a 1-0 triumph over the Stoners, giving the Tea Men the ASL title in their first season in the league.

"Considering all the goals he scored for us during the season, we had to miss him," said Tea Men coach Dennis Viollet. "With his scoring ways, that's extra pressure on the defense."

Zivaljevic's return to his scoring ways were especially needed after line-mate Poli Garcia was felled by an injury during the Carolina-Jacksonville semi-final series.

"It was particularly important to have Micky back with Garcia out," said Viollet.

"We needed Micky or Poli desparately. If we were without both, we would have been struggling."

While Viollet is enjoying the championship limelight, he also found time to commend his young American players.





CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Wednesday, August 17	GAME I
Jacksonville Pennsylvania	0 3
Attendance: Refereee: Scoring:	3,028 Julio Salas Jacksonville: None Pennsylvania: Martin (Johnson) 49:22; Davis (Horvath) 60:59; Hilton (Johnson) 62:42
Cautions:	Jacksonville: None Pennsylvania: None
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Jacksonville:	Simonini, Lignos, Bapst, Berrio (Rosul), Meyer, Carbognani, Zec, Fall, Zivaljevic, English, Strecker
Pennsylvania:	Barbarick, McDonald, Davis, Carr (Gauss), Smith, Yepez, Martin, Horvath (Paonessa), Hilton, Johnson, Bernardi
Game Stars:	1) Johnson 2) Horvath 3) Davis
Friday, August 19	GAME II
Pennsylvania Jacksonville	1 4
Attendance: Referee: Scoring:	7,130 Zim Boulos Pennsylvania: Hilton (una) 70:20 Jacksonville: Zivaljevic (Carbognani) 26:09; Zec (Zivaljevic) 41:34; Carbognani (Zec) 71:25; Fall (Zivaljevic) 86:17
Cautions:	Pennsylvania: McDonald (yellow) 20:56; Yepez (yellow) 24:57; Paonessa (yellow) 62:41 Jacksonville: Fall (yellow) 19:52; Viollet (yellow) 24:37; Lignos (yellow) 63:21; Lignos (red) 63:21; Ralbovsky (yellow) 85:10
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Pennsylvania:	Barbarick, Smith, Davis, McDonald, Carr, Horvath (Gauss), Yepez, Martin (Paonessa), Hilton, Bernardi, Johnson
Jacksonville:	Simonini, Lignos, Bapst, Ralbovsky, Meyer, Carbognani, Zec, Fall, Zivaljevic, English, Strecker
Game Star:	1) Zec 2) Zivaljevic 3) Carbognani