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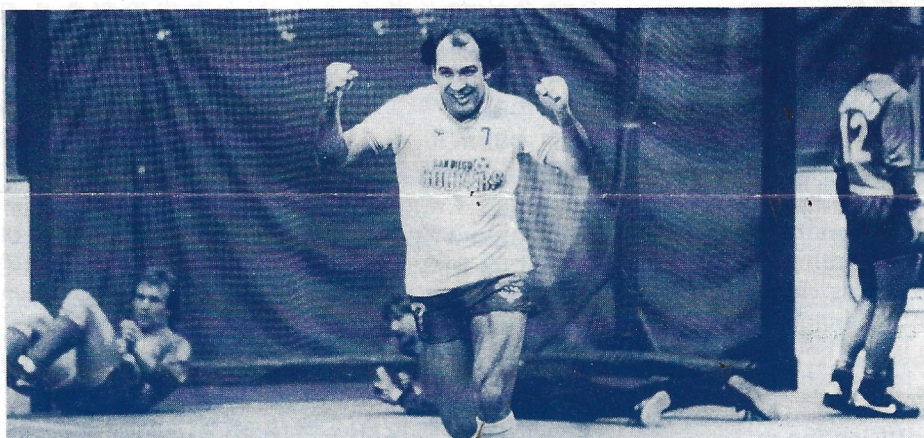
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A Christmas Treat—Tatu And Steve Zungul Visit San Diego



Two of the MISL's most exciting players return to San Diego this month when the Lord of All Indoors—Steve Zungul, and MISL All-Star Tatu invade the Sports Arena.

Tatu, and his Dallas Sidekicks, battle the Sockers Saturday, December 20th in the Sports Arena. Six days later, ex-Socker Zungul returns to the Sports Arena with the Sockers Western Division rivals, the Tacoma Stars. Kickoff for both games is set for 7:35 p.m.

"Zungul and Tatu are two of the league's most exciting players," says Head Coach Ron Newman. "They are both very intelligent and skillful with the ball. Of course, they both possess the 'killer instinct' all natural scorers have."

Zungul's exploits have been well documented. After leaving San Diego to join Tacoma, the MISL's All-Time scoring leader paved the way for Tacoma's first playoff berth in their history. The Stars shot down Wichita in the MISL Western Division Semifinals three games to one before meeting San Diego. With Zungul at the helm, Tacoma gave the Socks all they could handle before falling in four games.

What Zungul has meant to Tacoma, Tatu has been an even

larger find for the Sidekicks. After winning just 12 games in 1984-85, the Dallas franchise shocked MISL followers by completing the '85-'86 campaign with a WINNING RECORD—25-23, good for third place in the Eastern Division. The Sidekicks met eventual Division Champion Minnesota in the Eastern Division Semifinals, giving the Strikers fits before succumbing in four games.

A 24 year old Brazilian, Tatu was the MISL's fourth leading scorer last year with 49 goals and 32 assists for 81 points. In addition to his prowess on the field, Tatu is reknown for his post-scoring ritual: throwing his shirt into the crowd after scoring a goal.

Zungul, now 32, still turns heads with his knack for putting the soccer ball into the back of the net. He led the league in scoring last year with 55 goals and 60 assists for 115 points. Zungul, in fact, has led the league in scoring every year he has participated in the MISL.

"Both games will be very entertaining," continued Newman. "Whenever the likes of Tatu and Zungul go up against Branko Segota and Hugo Perez, you can bet some goals will be scored."

Soccer Centers: San Diego's Newest Recreational Facilities

Tired of going bowling? Have you seen every MASH rerun a human can possibly watch?

The Sockers have a place for you!

Play in one of the many recreational leagues at the Mission Valley Soccer Center, or the Sorrento Valley Soccer Center.

Both facilities are owned by the Sockers, and feature the finest playing conditions in the West. Each field meets the Major Indoor Soccer League's stringent requirements with 200' by 85' playing surfaces, surrounded by dashboards and plexiglas. Both fields are well lit, making the soccer centers ideal for day or evening competition.

If you need equipment, look no further than the soccer centers' well stocked pro shops. Shoes, shirts, and shorts are all available, as well as soccer balls and goalkeeping gear.

The leagues offer the right competition for any level of soccer skill. Men's and Women's teams compete in 'A', 'B', or 'C' divisions. There are coed and children's leagues, too.

Sockers players are available for clinics and demonstrations at either facility.

The Mission Valley Soccer Center is located across from Saks Fifth Avenue in Mission Valley Center. The phone is 260-0280.

The Sorrento Valley Soccer Center is at the junction of El Camino Real and Carmel Valley Road. The number there is 259-6654.

From The Vice President's Desk with Randy Bernstein



Traditionally, the Holiday season has been a time to reflect on the year past, and ponder what the future may bring.

1986 has been an especially good year for the Sockers. We captured our "One For The Thumb", our fifth Championship in a row. Our season ticket sales have increased to a record

number, and we've worked out a deal to have our games televised by PRIME TICKET, the largest cable sports system in the West.

More importantly, however, 1986 has been special for the Sockers in that we have been able to contribute to the community. From the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon in January through the Mother Goose Parade last month, the Sockers have been fortunate to give so much to this city that is home to all of us. San Diego means many things to many people, but the one thing we all share is the belief that we live in the finest, most beautiful city in the world.

Because of this firm belief, the players feel a deep responsibility to the community. The club's participation in the A.D.A.P.T. program, which fights drug and alcohol abuse among the youth of San Diego, and the players' actions with Children's Hospital, Muscular Dystrophy, the Boy Scouts and many other organizations underscores the Sockers commitment to San Diego.

We are also grateful to all our fans. You cannot know how much your support contributed to our victory over Minnesota in the Championship Series. When we stepped off the plane at Lindbergh Field after we won Game 6, we never expected to see so many of you greet us at the airport. It was an electrifying experience, and one that carried over into Game 7.

We're not sure what the future holds, but one thing is certain. The Sockers family has a lot to be thankful for, and we hope to bring a sixth title to San Diego, something we can all celebrate.

Don't Forget To Mark Two Important Dates On Your December Calendar!

Saturday, December 20: The Sockers host the Dallas Sidekicks, with their scoring machine Tatu.

To make the evening complete, the Sockers want you to have a special souvenir. Everyone 18 years of age and under will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with one of the Sockers, courtesy of Swiss Dairies.

Just be at the Sports Arena between 6-7 p.m. to have your own picture taken with a Socker.

Friday, December 26: Steve Zungul returns to San Diego, along with the rest of the Tacoma Stars. Whenever Zungul and Branko Segota get together, there's plenty of fireworks on the field.

If you want to keep notes on this epic match-up, the Sockers can assist, because that will be ExpressTel Note Pad night. 10,000 fans will receive a handsome note pad, compliments of ExpressTel.

Now, aren't you glad you're going to be at the Sports Arena!

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Find the Sockers team name, players names, and coaches names in the puzzle. Look forward, backward, diagonal, up or down!

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The Coach's Corner

By Ron Newman

Pre-season has normally been a time of supreme drudgery. Just a lot of running, calisthenics, and repetition.

However, this year was entirely different.

The team was fortunate enough to play our pre-season matches in new cities, in what has been called "Socks Across America."



Although many of these fans have not seen indoor soccer in quite some time, the response the Sockers received was heartening. These exhibition games drew record crowds in the former MISL towns of Cincinnati and Las Vegas, while strong turnouts were received in Indianapolis, Denver and Salt Lake City. To me, this tour shows just how far the Major Indoor Soccer League has come. Just two years ago, it would have been unthinkable to have a MISL exhibition game in 16,000 seat arenas around America. At first, we thought about playing in 6,000 seat auditoriums in the West. But, Market Square Arena in Indianapolis called, saying they wanted us. Then the Salt Palace said they'd like to host a game. Before we knew it, we were telling people in the SuperDome that we're booked up, but maybe we'll make it to New Orleans next year.

Another surprising aspect of the trip was the excellent media coverage the exhibition games received. The Salt Lake television stations all sent crews to our game with Kansas City for interviews and highlights. This is from a city which has never hosted an indoor soccer game before. Our players were on television in Las Vegas, and I was interviewed by a radio station in Indianapolis.

Although the sport and league are relatively new, it was inspiring to see the reactions of fans not familiar with indoor soccer.

We still may have a bit to go before everyone in America knows the Sockers and indoor soccer, but "Socks Across America" has been a tremendous boost. New Orleans, see ya' next year!

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Meet The Sockers Staff



Have you booed this man? If you've been to a Sockers game, chances are you have. He's Sean O'Connor, the Sockers Director of Group Sales, and the person who orchestrates the Sockers' "Kick on Goal" between the first and second, and third and fourth quarters.

"I don't really mind when the fans start booing me," O'Connor calmly says. "It sort of reminds me of playing football in a hostile stadium."

Not that the fans hold anything personal against Sean. But how does he decide which child can move closer towards the goal for their chance at winning their height in Big Macs, or a \$10 gift certificate from Valley Sport?

"The crowd makes the decision for me. The louder they boo, the closer I'll move the kicker."

O'Connor says some fans complain that girls are

given extra special treatment, while others feel girls should be taking their shots from the same distance as the boys. Almost everyone wants to see the smaller children get as close to the goal as possible.

"The fans really seem to enjoy watching one of the smaller kids take their turn. When they score, it's as if the Sockers won another title," reports O'Connor.

Now beginning his second full year with the Sockers, Sean has been the target of Sockers fans since last season, when he first began to manage the "Kick on Goal." Though he isn't put on the same level of, say, Tino Lettieri, Sports Arena fans will no doubt continue to keep an eye on Sean, making sure each child gets a fair chance.

Follow The Sockers On The Road

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PRIME TICKET	KLZZ
Fri.	Dec. 5	at K.C.		7:25 p.m. PST
Sun.	Dec. 7	at Wichita	4:30 p.m. PST	4:30 p.m. PST
Sat.	Dec. 27	at Tacoma*		7:25 p.m. PST

*ESPN will televise the Sockers-Tacoma game the following day, at 1 p.m. Pacific Time.

Don't forget, if you can't make it to the Sports Arena, follow the action on KLZZ AM 600 and XEXX AM 1420.