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FORCING YOUR KEEPER TO BE A FIELD PLAYER IS A TERRIBLE IDEA – SO JUST STOP IT!!

After another howler by a US keeper, we have to ask “Why risk it?” “It” is playing short out of the back from the keeper’s feet – and the answer is DON’T DO IT! All you’re doing is asking for trouble! Two weeks ago it was Zack Steffen for the USMNT in a friendly against Venezuela. Yesterday it was Alyssa Naeher for the USWNT in a knockout round match against Spain. Eerily similar – both just stupid soccer! Now, don’t get us wrong, we love our USNTs and certainly love our Zack Steffen – but this ‘tactic’ must change or there will continue to be disastrous consequences. The insistence to play out of the back and force ill-advised short passes to the top of the dug themselves a hole they couldn’t climb out of, which feet and under pressure. He played a 20 yard pass in white. The only problem was that the US was wearing minute, USWNT keeper Naeher had the ball at her feet whatsoever by the Spaniards. Inexplicably, Naeher to the left of the “D”. Sauerbrunn took a touch and loose. The [now] out-of-position Naeher got what was good! Playing out of the back – especially up the middle 8 or even 9 times out of 10, but unless the name on the 10th time he/she will be making the longest and loneliest



box is just, well, ill-advised! In Cincinnati, the USMNT started with Steffen in the 16th minute and the ball at his straight up the middle on the ground directly to a player red! 1-0. Fast forward to this past Monday: in the 10th near the penalty spot but was not under any pressure passed the ball to Becky Sauerbrunn just above the box turned right into a Spanish player, who shook the ball deserved – a chip for the equalizer 1-1. Really just not – is simply a recipe for disaster! Sure, it may work 7 or back of your keeper’s jersey is Neuer or Ederson, that 3 yard walk back to pick the ball out of his/her own net!!

Anyway, in the First Division, Torres earned a 3-1 win over promoted Duke City to join Columbus City in the top spot, after CCFC blanked Capitals 1-0; while Antrim Ballers were gifted the points by OBFC, which is currently struggling with personnel. Celtic and Hammers A was rescheduled; as was United’s match with Wolves, which was representing the Columbus Premier League at the newly-minted SOASA Conselyea Cup in Dayton.

In the Second Division, Mutiny sits atop after a hard-fought and entertaining 1-1 draw with FC Columbus. H Town grabbed its first win of the Spring, a 5-1 handling of SDC FC, which appears it may be losing the ‘battle of attrition’. Hammers B erased a 2 goal halftime deficit to earn a draw with newcomers Gaucho 2-2; while Tango, using it wily veteran-ness, made an epic comeback with 4 goals in the final 30 minutes to overcome a 1-4 scoreline and defeat Clintonville 5-4.

So, onward and upward for the Columbus Premier League! As always Go Crew! Go USMNT! Go USWNT! And of course Go CPSL!

results from Match Day Four – June 23, 2019:

HOME CLUB	SCORE	AWAY CLUB
FC COLUMBUS	1 - 1	MUTINY FC
COLUMBUS UNITED	<i>rescheduled</i>	WOLVES FC
DUKE CITY FC	1 - 3	TORRES FC
H TOWN	5 - 1	SDC FC
<i>forfeit</i> OBFC	0 - 1	ANTRIM BALLERS
CAPITALS FC	0 - 1	COLUMBUS CITY FC
FC CLINTONVILLE	4 - 5	FC TANGO
GAUCHO FC	2 - 2	COLUMBUS HAMMERS B
CELTIC FC	<i>rescheduled</i>	COLUMBUS HAMMERS A

current tables:

FIRST DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
TORRES FC	3	2	1	0	11	4	7	7
COLUMBUS CITY FC	3	2	1	0	6	1	5	7
COLUMBUS HAMMERS A	2	1	1	0	5	4	1	4
ANTRIM BALLERS	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
DUKE CITY FC	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4
CELTIC FC	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
CAPITALS FC	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	3
COLUMBUS UNITED	2	0	1	1	0	5	-5	1
OBFC	2	0	0	2	0	2	-2	0
WOLVES FC	2	0	0	2	0	9	-9	0

upcoming fixtures for Match Day Five – June 30, 2019:

TIME	FIELD	HOME CLUB	AWAY CLUB
10:00	2	SDC FC	v MUTINY FC
10:00	10	COLUMBUS CITY FC	v DUKE CITY FC
10:00	11	TORRES FC	v CELTIC FC
12:00	4	H TOWN	v FC TANGO
12:00	10	COLUMBUS UNITED	v OBFC
12:00	11	COLUMBUS HAMMERS A	v ANTRIM BALLERS
2:00	2	FC CLINTONVILLE	v COLUMBUS HAMMERS B
2:00	4	GAUCHO FC	v FC COLUMBUS
2:00	11	WOLVES FC	v CAPITALS FC

SECOND DIVISION

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
MUTINY FC	3	2	1	0	8	4	4	7
FC COLUMBUS	3	1	2	0	7	2	5	5
COLUMBUS HAMMERS B	3	1	2	0	10	6	4	5
FC CLINTONVILLE	3	1	1	1	13	6	7	4
FC TANGO	3	1	1	1	9	9	0	4
GAUCHO FC	3	1	1	1	7	9	-2	4
H TOWN	3	1	0	2	7	12	-5	3
SDC FC	3	0	0	3	2	15	-13	0

scoring leaders:

First Division		Second Division			
Name	Team	Goals	Name	Team	Goals
Fabio Patterson	Torres FC	3	Tarcio Ambrosio dos Santos	Gaucho FC	4
Jorge Aldalla	Torres FC	3	Tyler Durbin	FC Clintonville	4
Mark Gibson	Torres FC	3	Michael Munday	FC Columbus	3
Jake Szabo	Celtic FC	2	Sebastian Fabrice	FC Clintonville	3
Kenny Anaba	Columbus Hammers A	2	12 players with		2
Zak Leedom	Celtic FC	2	25 players with		1
15 players with		1			

disciplinary report:

Name	Team	Cautions	Ejections	Suspension
Jonathan Hofinger	Capitals FC		foul/abusive language	1 match
Luis Eduardo Oliveira	Gaucho FC		foul/abusive language	1 match
Collin McMillan	Columbus City FC	2		
Fabio Oliveira	Gaucho FC	2		
Luis Eduardo Oliveira	Gaucho FC	2		
40 players with		1		

4 cautions during the season will result in a 1 match suspension

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