



COLUMBUS PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE

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“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.”

-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

So, as everyone knows, we here at Premier League Central do our best to keep politics out of our soccer; however, this whole anthem/flag stuff with the professional athletes kneeling vs. standing, etc. [which, by the way, started with Colin Kaepernick taking a knee to protest what he viewed as the oppression of people of color in this country] and now the President has stuck his nose in the fray [hey, Mr. President, you have more important matters to attend to – like NOT getting us into a nuclear war with North Korea!] has, in our humble opinion, gotten a bit out of hand.

Soccer is quite probably the most diverse sport in the world – with players of different nationalities, different religions, etc. And that’s what makes our ‘beautiful game’ so beautiful! The Columbus Premier League doesn’t play the National Anthem before its games – not because we’re against it or anything like that, there just really isn’t the occasion to do so – and as such, we don’t have to deal with this issue, which we are grateful for. All we do ask and expect is for all Premier League participants to compete with dignity and respect for their fellow man. {Steps down from soapbox.} Now on to the reason why you came here in the first place: all the action from Match Day Five on Sunday September 24 at the Soccer Fields at Easton.

In the First Division, Wolves have vaulted to the top of the table after defeating former first place side Celtic 2-1. Columbus City got a late goal to break a 3-3 deadlock for a 4-3 triumph over Capitals; while Torres also finished a late comeback to rally for a 3-2 victory from United. Antrim Ballers kept a first half goal to shut out Hammers A, 1-0; and, in a battle of promoted clubs, Mutiny doubled-up on Clintonville 2-1.

In the Second Division, FC Columbus scored three unanswered goals in the second half for a 4-1 triumph over Hammers B. OBFC outscored Tango in a 5-4 goal-fest, to keep pace at the top. Also, AuFC beat up on Lancaster City 10-0; while Ideal was idle [we enjoy employing alliteration always when possible!].

So, as we round the corner for the home stretch, there are many intriguing questions yet to be answered: Can FC Columbus finally earn promotion that they have come close to but has eluded them for the past few seasons? Will Capitals or United reach safety or will one or even both suffer relegation for the first time in years [decades]? Can Wolves stay on such a lofty perch or will the rarified air escape from their sails before the end of this Fall campaign? Stay tuned for answers to these questions and more from the Columbus Premier League – standing, kneeling, sitting, whatever – but always with respect regardless!!

results from Match Day Five – Sunday September 24, 2017:

HOME CLUB	SCORE	AWAY CLUB
OBFC	5 - 4	FC TANGO
WOLVES FC	2 - 1	CELTIC FC
COLUMBUS UNITED	2 - 3	TORRES FC
AuFC	10 - 0	LANCASTER CITY FC
CAPITALS FC	3 - 4	COLUMBUS CITY FC
COLUMBUS HAMMERS A	0 - 1	ANTRIM BALLERS
COLUMBUS HAMMERS B	1 - 4	FC COLUMBUS
FC CLINTONVILLE	1 - 2	MUTINY FC
	bye	IDEAL FC

current tables:

FIRST DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+	PTS
WOLVES FC	5	3	2	0	12	4	8	11
CELTIC FC	5	3	1	1	12	5	7	10
COLUMBUS CITY FC	5	3	0	2	12	12	0	9
ANTRIM BALLERS	5	2	2	1	7	5	2	8
COLUMBUS HAMMERS A	5	2	1	2	9	6	3	7
MUTINY FC	5	2	1	2	5	9	-4	7
TORRES FC	5	2	0	3	7	12	-5	6
COLUMBUS UNITED	5	1	2	2	6	7	-1	5
CAPITALS FC	5	1	2	2	8	9	-1	5
FC CLINTONVILLE	5	0	1	4	6	15	-9	1
SECOND DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+	PTS
FC COLUMBUS	4	4	0	0	23	2	21	12
OBFC	4	4	0	0	25	7	18	12
FC TANGO	4	3	0	1	24	9	15	9
AuFC	4	2	0	2	13	8	5	6
IDEAL FC	4	1	0	3	4	21	-17	3
LANCASTER CITY FC	5	1	0	4	8	39	-31	3
COLUMBUS HAMMERS B	5	0	0	5	5	16	-11	0

upcoming fixtures for Match Day Six – Sunday October 1, 2017:

TIME	FIELD	HOME CLUB	AWAY CLUB
10:00	2	AuFC	IDEAL FC
10:00	10	CELTIC FC	COLUMBUS UNITED
10:00	11	TORRES FC	FC CLINTONVILLE
12:00	4	OBFC	COLUMBUS HAMMERS B
12:00	10	COLUMBUS CITY FC	COLUMBUS HAMMERS A
12:00	11	MUTINY FC	CAPITALS FC
2:00	8	FC TANGO	FC COLUMBUS
2:00	11	ANTRIM BALLERS	WOLVES FC
		bye	LANCASTER CITY FC

scoring leaders:

Name	Goals
Steve McCarthy	6
Guilherme Karaoglan	4
Ryan Burton	4
Sebastian Fabrice	4
Camilo Colotto	3
Dave Blamo	3
Frank Asare-Bediako	3
Limamou Sow	3
Michael Juart	3
10 players with	2
34 players with	1

Second Division

Name	Goals
Taylor Roteff	10
Niko Popovich	8
Gunnar Bloecher	6
Nathan Libertowski	6
Austin Hill	5
Timothy Reiser	5
Alpha Barry	4
Cory Dobkins	4
Keegan Ross	4
2 players with	3
9 players with	2
26 players with	1

disciplinary report:

Name	Team	Ejections	Yellow Cards	Suspension
Alioune Tandiang	Lancaster City FC	foul/abusive language		1 match
Mamadou Barry	AuFC	foul/abusive language		1 match
Justin Jenkins	Wolves		3	
Aaron Nauman	Columbus Hammers B		2	
Andrew Purser	Columbus Hammers A		2	
Cheikh Tandiang	Lancaster City FC		2	
Daniel Albeit	Capitals FC		2	
Heriberto Lopez	Torres FC		2	
Jacob Reventlow	Columbus Hammers A		2	
Joel Theissen	Wolves		2	
Jorge Aldalla	Torres FC		2	
Kevin Stalter	FC Clintonville		2	
Mark Gibson	Torres FC		2	
Nilton Illidge	Torres FC		2	
Rob Smith	Lancaster City FC		2	
50 players with			1	

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