

BYU Receives Honors from USL

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BYU forward Zack DeFrancis
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The United Soccer Leagues named BYU's forward Zack DeFrancis Player of the Week for the 12th week of the PDL season. He was also named for Team of the Week. DeFrancis earned this recognition with three goals and an assist between two consecutive games that helped BYU earn a spot in the playoffs. In response to the recognition, DeFrancis said, "It was just really exciting to hear that. I was a little surprised as well."

BYU started their winning week with a game against the Ogden Outlaws on the Fourth of July. The first goal of the game went to Ogden in the 26th minute. Zack DeFrancis answered back when he took a left-footed shot and put the ball into the back of the net. BYU scored another goal in the 56th minute. 9 minutes later, Ogden came back with a tying goal. The next minute, Zack DeFrancis put BYU back on top after sliding the ball past the goalie and into the net. The Cougars went on to score three more goals, winning the game 6-2.

The Cougars then faced the Spokane Spiders in Washington on July 7th. When BYU was losing 1-0, DeFrancis assisted a goal for Dave Clark in the 62nd minute. DeFrancis added a personal goal with a header in the 80th minute. Two minutes later, Toni Nicoli passed to Daniel McKinley to win the game 3-2 for BYU with only three minutes left on the clock.

DeFrancis leads his team with six personal goals for the season.