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**Erie Face Blaze in First of Two Weekend Double Headers
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The New Jersey Blaze will be looking to improve on their 1-5-1 record when a strong, playoff-contending Erie Admirals team (5-1) comes to New Jersey to test the home team for the second time this season.

The Blaze will undoubtedly be looking to restore pride after a 4-1 defeat at Gannon University Field in Erie on June 5th, the day after the Jersey boys traveled to Buffalo in a busy weekend comparable to this Friday and Sunday. This time, however, the two home games will see Erie playing first, followed by an FC Buffalo team (2-2-2) that has seen mixed success in their inaugural season.

Blaze players have rested since June 12th, following the narrow 4-3 defeat to FC Reading Revolution in Pennsylvania. Despite a spirited fightback, the guys were unable to get the fourth and final goal to tie things up.

After the game, Blaze head coach Rob Napier said: “We started through self-inflicted wounds and it was tough to battle back, particularly with them getting the goal on half-time too. We spoke a lot about getting a positive start and the first goal, and it didn’t work out as hoped.”

He added: “You could say that we deserved a point through what we showed at the end of the game, but we gave ourselves a mountain to climb. Things will have to change against Erie.”

The Admirals, however, are just three points behind top-of-the-table FC Sonic with a game in hand, making the playoff battle in the Keystone Conference a very interesting one in the closing stages of the season. However, momentum is seemingly with the Sonic, who beat Erie on the road 1-0 to ensure places weren’t swapped.

It also signals Erie’s first loss of the season - a base the Blaze will be hoping to build on.

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