

S O U N D E R N E W S

A-League Standings

Western Conference

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts
Portland Timbers	4	4	0	0	8	3	5	12
Minnesota Thunder	6	3	1	2	6	2	4	11
Vancouver Whitecaps	5	3	1	1	8	6	4	10
Seattle Sounders	4	1	2	1	7	4	3	4
Edmonton Aviators	3	0	1	2	1	3	-2	2
Milwaukee Wave Utd	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
Calgary Mustangs	6	0	5	1	3	14	-11	1

Eastern Conference

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts
Rochester Rhinos	6	4	1	1	11	3	8	11
Richmond Kickers	8	3	2	3	10	6	4	12
Syracuse Salty Dogs	6	3	1	2	10	6	4	11
Montreal Impact	4	3	0	1	5	0	5	10
Charlston Battery	7	2	2	3	9	9	0	9
Virginia Beach Mariners	6	2	2	2	9	10	-1	8
Atlanta Silverbacks	6	2	3	1	6	7	-1	7
Toronto Lynx	5	2	3	0	6	11	-5	6
Puerto Rico Islanders	10	0	7	3	4	18	-14	3

*P = games played, W = games won, L = games lost,
D = games drawn, F = goals for, A = goals against,
GD = goal differential (goals for minus goals against),
Pts = points (3 per win, 1 per draw)*

Sounders fans have also created a website with team and fan information, discussion boards, a "virtual" Seattle professional soccer museum (with pictures, video clips of NASL and A-League Sounders action, and more!) at SounderCentral.com. Be sure and check it out!

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Sounder News

A fan-produced Match Day program

Today's Match:



VS



The Sounders meet Milwaukee Wave United for the first time this season. The teams split 1-0 wins at home last season, with **Darren Sawatzky** getting the Sounder goal.

Milwaukee are off to a slow start, with a loss and a draw against rivals Minnesota. The Wave join Seattle as the only eligible A-League clubs not to qualify for the US Open Cup. Sounder fans may recognize a familiar face in ex-Sounder forward (and Tacoma native) **Greg Howes**. Howes played for the Sounders in 2000 and led the team in goals with 18, before moving on to the Portland Timbers the following season.

Milwaukee, who also compete in the Major Indoor Soccer League, placed 5 players on the US national futsal team that defeated Honduras 7-1 on aggregate to qualify for the CONCACAF championships July 23 through 31. In addition to Howes, defenders **Lovelace Ackah** and **Pat White**, forward **Johnny Torres**, and goalkeeper **Nick Vorberg** represented the Wave.

With 4 of the next 5 matches on the road, getting a win tonight is vital for the Sounders to keep pace with the A-League Western Conference leaders.

Next Home Match:

vs Calgary Mustangs
Sunday, June 6th - 5pm



Read more about next week's match inside!

SOUNDER NEWS

The 2004 Sounders bear a striking resemblance to those who took first place in their division last year: still coached by **Brian Schmetzer**, key players return in every position. Goalkeeper **Preston Burpo** and defender **Danny Jackson** have recovered from injuries to reclaim their spots, captain **Jason Farrell** returns to anchor the midfield, and **Kyle Smith**, the leading goal-scorer from 2003, returns at forward. This core is surrounded by strong players at every turn. Jackson is joined by veterans **Scott Jenkins**, **Ryan Edwards**, **Kevin Sakuda**, **Zach Scott**, and **Marco Velez**. Farrell is flanked once more by **Viet Nguyen**, **Sean-Michael Callahan**, **Chad Brown**, **Sean Henderson**, and **Ben Somoza**. Returning alongside Smith are **Darren Sawatzky** and **Craig Tomlinson**, along with **Roger Levesque**, who joined the team on loan late last season. Adding to these are newcomers **Robbie Aristodemo**, **Billy Sleeth**, **Jake Vaughn**, and **Welton Melo**, all of whom are likely to make a big impact on the team. Aristodemo, 2001 A-League Rookie of the Year, comes to the team via the Toronto Lynx, and UW graduate Sleeth has recovered from an injury suffered last year with the MLS Colorado Rapids. Welton Melo, the MLS 10th all-time scorer, may add some extra firepower. **Kei Kinoshita** is both a familiar face and a new face, returning to the Sounders after two years away from the club. **Shawn Percell**, who was on roster but did not play last year, may well see action this year.



The key to the team would seem to be the strength of their defense and the flexibility of the roster. Although normally a defender, Velez played forward for much of last year, and was the team's third leading scorer, Callahan can play up as easily as he can play back, Vaughn has played all over with his previous teams, and Sleeth can play at either defense or midfield. Heck, rookie goalkeeper **Danny Waltman** even made an appearance as a field player during the preseason!

Next Week: The Sounders take an Alberta road trip to Calgary (June 2) and Edmonton (June 3) before returning home on Sunday June 6th to face the Calgary Mustangs at 5:00pm. The Sounders defeated Calgary 5-0 last week, so the Mustangs will be looking to redeem themselves. Sounders fans can listen to the away matches on KKNW 1150 AM as well as via webcast at <http://www.newschannel1150.com>.

SOUNDER NEWS

Last Week: The Sounders had a field day in the Hawk against the Calgary Mustangs, beating them 5-0 for first win of the season.



Kyle Smith scored a pair midway in the first half, **Roger Levesque** added a goal in each half, and **Welton Melo** scored his first as a Sounder to finish the evening. Every goal was a result of well-paced passes and accurate, rather than powerful, shots. Levesque made the A-League Team of the Week for his play, which included an assist on Smith's first goal.

Man of the Match: Roger Levesque

In his first full season with the Sounders, forward **Roger Levesque** is making quite an impression. His two-goal, one-assist performance in last Sunday's game against the Calgary Mustangs earned him his second consecutive Pod Man-of-the-Match award. But Pod-ites aren't the only ones Levesque has impressed: he also earned A-League Team-of-the-Week honors for his play in the Calgary game.

Levesque came to the Sounders late in the 2003 season on loan from the MLS San Jose Earthquakes as he recovered from a knee injury. The arrangement worked so well, the Sounders arranged to obtain him on loan once again this season.

Standing in 113: Supporters around the world stand for their clubs. At any given point of any given day, if 'football' is in season, then you can count on millions of fans around the world to take to their home stadiums, or hit the road...only to NOT take a seat to see the match. It's no different in Seattle, where Sounders supporters use section 113 of Seahawks Stadium to stand, bang drums, clap hands, sing, cheer, rattle the occasional cowbell and generally have a great time in the name of the Sounders.



Section 113 in Seahawks Stadium has a few rows near the pitch that are kept just for fans who would like a more "world feel" to this world game. It's a free and easy atmosphere that takes supporting the team seriously. Join The Pod at the Hawk for the next home match!