

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	6	6	0	0	13	6	7	18
Minnesota Thunder	8	4	1	3	7	2	5	15
Vancouver Whitecaps	7	4	2	1	10	8	2	13
Seattle Sounders	7	3	3	1	11	7	4	10
Calgary Mustangs	8	1	5	2	6	16	-10	6
Edmonton Aviators	6	0	2	4	2	5	-3	4
Milwaukee Wave Utd	5	0	4	1	4	8	-4	1

Eastern Conference

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	GD	Pts
Rochester Rhinos	8	6	1	1	15	4	11	19
Richmond Kickers	10	5	2	3	15	8	7	18
Montreal Impact	6	5	0	1	11	1	10	16
Syracuse Salty Dogs	6	3	1	2	10	6	4	11
Atlanta Silverbacks	7	3	3	1	10	9	1	10
Charleston Battery	9	2	4	3	12	15	-3	9
Virginia Beach Mariners	8	2	4	2	11	15	-4	8
Toronto Lynx	8	2	6	0	7	19	-12	6
Puerto Rico Islanders	11	0	8	3	5	20	-15	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!

Sunday, June 6, 2004

Sounder News

A fan-produced Match Day program

Today's Match:



The Sounders face the Calgary Mustangs for the third time this season, having split two previous contests. The Sounders routed the Mustangs 5-0 at home on May 23rd thanks to two goals each from **Kyle Smith** and **Roger Levesque**, with **Welton Melo** adding the final tally. Calgary got some revenge at home last Wednesday June 2nd with their first win of the season, 2-1. A Roger Levesque goal in the 83rd minute was not enough to complete a comeback from two goals down.

Calgary should be the better rested of the two sides, as the Sounders played again the next night in Edmonton. The Mustangs currently sit in fifth place in the Western Conference with five points from 8 matches, five points behind Seattle for the fourth and final playoff position in the West.

The Mustangs have lost all four road matches played so far this season, and have only scored twice while conceding twelve goals in those four matches.

A win is vital for Seattle tonight to keep pace with the other Western Conference contenders, as the Sounders will face a tough road trip next week to Minnesota and Milwaukee.

Next Home Match:

vs Rochester Rhinos
Saturday, June 19th - 7pm



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!

As the Sounders record has improved, so has the recognition the players receive: for the second week in a row, at least one Sounder has been named to the A-League Team-of-the-Week. This time, it was **Jason Farrell** and defender **Danny Jackson**, for their efforts in the Sounders' 2-1 victory over Milwaukee. Farrell earned his spot for his unstoppable rocket shot early in the second half. Jackson, in turn, seems to have returned to his pre-injury form, and did a truly notable job of anchoring the defense.

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Last Week: The Sounders played three matches in five days. Last Sunday was a treat in Seahawks Stadium, check that, Qwest Field, as **Welton Melo** scored a magical 90th-minute goal to beat Milwaukee Wave United 2-1. After Milwaukee's Giuliano Oliviero stung with a goal seconds before intermission, the Sounders came back next half with a spectacular 25-yarder from **Jason Farrell** over keeper Larkin and under the bar, setting the stage for Welton's heroics. Then the Sounders Men and Women were Alberta bound midweek. On Wednesday at the Calgary Mustangs' rough pitch, the Sounders played a poor match, falling behind 2-0 on goals from Holdt and Jesic. **Roger Levesque** scored in the 83rd minute to put the outcome in doubt at the end, but yet another red card, this time to **Billy Sleeth** for elbowing Zuniga in the nose while the ball was out of play, hurt the Sounders' chances during five minutes of added time. The next night against the Edmonton Aviators, Welton was a hero again, scoring a lone goal in the 16th. **Preston Burpo** weathered a fierce attack over a 20-minute period in the second half en route to a shutout he can be proud of.



Next Week: The Sounders take to the road to face nemesis Minnesota Thunder on Saturday June 12th, and a rematch with Milwaukee Wave United the following evening, whom the Sounders defeated 2-1 last weekend. The Thunder defeated the Sounders in last season's Western Conference playoff finals 2-0 on aggregate to advance to the 2003 A-League final. The Sounders, however, did defeat the Thunder 1-0 in last year's US Open Cup run.

Sounders fans can listen to the away matches on KKNW 1150 AM as well as via webcast at <http://www.newschannel1150.com>.

The next home match is Saturday June 19th at 7:00pm v. perennial A-League powerhouse Rochester Rhinos. The Rhinos currently lead the Eastern Conference and are the only A-League club to win the US Open Cup (in 1999) since MLS clubs started competing in 1996. The Sounders defeated the Rhinos 2-0 in the A-League championship in 1996 to win their second straight league championship.