

S O U N D E R N E W S

A-League Standings

Western Conference

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Portland Timbers	10	7	0	3	23	13	10	21
Minnesota Thunder	10	6	3	1	11	3	8	21
Seattle Sounders	10	5	1	4	16	11	5	16
Vancouver Whitecaps	9	5	1	3	11	11	0	16
Edmonton Aviators	8	0	5	3	3	12	-9	5
Calgary Mustangs	10	1	2	7	7	20	-13	5
Milwaukee Wave Utd	7	1	1	5	6	10	-4	4

Eastern Conference

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Montreal Impact	10	8	2	0	19	2	17	26
Rochester Rhinos	11	8	1	2	19	7	12	25
Atlanta Silverbacks	11	7	1	3	18	13	5	22
Richmond Kickers	12	6	3	3	16	10	6	21
Syracuse Salty Dogs	10	4	2	4	12	11	1	14
Toronto Lynx	11	4	0	7	15	23	-8	12
Charleston Battery	11	2	3	6	12	17	-5	9
Virginia Beach Mariners	10	2	2	6	12	18	-6	8
Puerto Rico Islanders	14	1	3	19	9	28	-19	6

*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!

Saturday, June 19, 2004

Sounder News

A fan-produced Match Day program

Today's Match:



VS



The Sounders face arguably the A-League's flagship club, Rochester Rhinos. The Rhinos have led the league by far in average attendance for the past several seasons, drawing around 10,000 per match. Rochester also have had designs for years on joining Major League Soccer, including building a new soccer specific stadium (Paetec Park) which is currently under construction. The Rhinos remain the only A-League club to win the US Open Cup since the inception of MLS in 1996, lifting the trophy in 1999 by defeating the Colorado Rapids in the final.

Rochester and Seattle haven't met since August 11, 2001 when the Rhinos beat the Sounders 2-1 in Rochester. The clubs haven't met in Seattle since July 8, 2000 when the Sounders shut out the Rhinos 1-0. The Sounders also defeated Rochester 2-0 in the 1996 A-League Championship to win their second league title in a row.

Rochester currently sits second in the Eastern Conference, but within striking distance of leaders Montreal Impact.

Next Home Match:

vs Edmonton Aviators
Wednesday, July 7th - 7pm



Read more about next week's match inside!

SOUNDER NEWS

The Sounder Women are on a roll! In less than three weeks, they played seven games, all on the road, and came away with 5 wins, 1 tie, and 1 loss, bringing their overall record to 6-1-1, first place in the W-League's (USL) Western Division, second overall in the League. Not only did forward **Brenda Mueller** earn W-League Team of the Week honors for her 3-goal performance against the Fort Collins Force, but midfielder **Michelle French** now leads the league with seven assists.



The Women tied Vancouver 2-2 on May 28, with goals from Mueller and **Rachel Rodrick**, before heading to Alberta, Canada for back-to-back games on June 3rd and 4th, against Edmonton and Calgary, respectively. Although it was a 2-1 win against Edmonton, Mueller was the only Sounder goal-scorer, as their first goal came from an Edmonton own goal. The next night, they defeated Calgary 3-2, with goals from Mueller, **Shannon Forslund**, and **Michelle French**. Assistant coach **Shawn Percell**, who also plays for the Sounder Men, served as coach of the team for the Alberta games. After a brief respite, the team had four more games in six days. After a rocky start with a 3-2 OT loss to the Arizona Heatwave (Sounder goals from **Erin Redwine** and French), the team came back to assert their dominance with three victories in a row: a 5-1 win over the Fort Collins Force (in which Mueller scored a hat trick, with additional goals from French and Redwine), a 2-0 win over the Denver Lady Cougars (goals by Rodrick and **Chalise Baysa**), and a 6-0 drubbing of the Mile High Mustangs (featuring another hat trick, this time from Redwine, a pair of goals from Baysa, and **Nikki Gamble's** first goal of the year).

The Women play the Vancouver Whitecaps Women at Qwest Field today at 4 pm, before the Sounder Men take on the Rochester Raging Rhinos. Their next two home games will be held at the Starfire Sports Complex in Tukwila against the Denver Lady Cougars on June 25 at 7pm, and against the Arizona Heatwave on July 7 at 7 pm.

Danny Jackson was the first defender to be awarded the Pod's Man of the Match award for his strong play in the Sounders 2-1 victory on June 6 over the Calgary Mustangs. It was a hard-fought, largely defensive match, and Jackson's play helped keep the defense intact and up to the challenge.

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Recent Results: In the last home match (June 6), the Sounders fell behind the Calgary Mustangs 1-0 just after intermission, setting up a thrilling finish. **Kyle Smith** equalized in the 73rd minute courtesy of a PK awarded when **Welton** was knocked over in the penalty box from behind. Welton scored the golden goal, pinball style,



11 minutes into extra time. Final 2-1 Seattle. Last weekend the Sounders played a pair on consecutive nights in the Midwest. **Danny Jackson** gave the lads a 1-0 lead over the Minnesota Thunder in the 58th when he put in a rebound on a corner kick play. The hosts came back to win it 2-1 as Melvin Tarley, reigning A-League



Player of the Week, scored the equalizer and assisted on the match winner. The Sounders had better luck against the Milwaukee Wave United, winning 2-1. In the first half, **Sean Henderson's** shot was inadvertently knocked past the 'keeper by Milwaukee defender Steve Lawrence for an own goal. Near the end of the half, Milwaukee could have equalized on a PK, but Johnny Torres hit the wrong side of the crossbar. Welton's insurance goal was set up by a Marco Velez cross and a flick-on header by **Roger Levesque**. Ex-Sounder Greg Howes put Milwaukee on the scoreboard in the 62nd, but the Sounders hung on for a half hour to claim the road win. Welton's goal was his fourth match winner in the past 6 matches, making him worth whatever the Sounders are paying him and then some.



Next week: The Sounders take to the road again to face Eastern Conference clubs Atlanta Silverbacks (June 25) and Charleston Battery (June 26), followed by another trip to Milwaukee (July 2) and Minnesota (July 4). The Silverbacks are the surprise team in the East this year, while perennial contenders and defending league champion Battery are struggling so far with a losing record. Sounders fans will get a rare chance to see the club on TV at Milwaukee as Fox Sports World will be televising the match live (5:00pm Pacific Time). Sounders fans can listen to the away matches on KKNW 1150 AM as well as via webcast at <http://www.newschannel1150.com>.