

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	2	2	0	0	4	1	3	6
Minnesota Thunder	3	1	1	2	3	2	1	4
Vancouver Whitecaps	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	3
Edmonton Aviators	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	2
Seattle Sounders	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
Calgary Mustangs	3	0	2	1	1	4	-3	1
Milwaukee Wave Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Eastern Conference

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

*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 www.soundercentral.com. Be sure and check it out!

Saturday, May 15, 2004

Sounder News

A fan-produced Match Day program

Today's Match:



VS



Bitter rivals Portland Timbers visit for the second leg of their US Open Cup qualifying series, having won the first leg 2-1 in Portland two weeks ago. The Sounders need to win by two goals or more to assure themselves a place in the Open Cup; a win by one goal would result in a penalty-kick tie breaker following tonight's match.

Tonight also sees the Cascadia Cup visit Seattle. The Cascadia Cup is a new fan-sponsored competition between Northwest rivals Seattle, Vancouver, and Portland, with the Cup being decided by best season record among regular season matches between the 3 teams.

Notes:

Ryan Edwards returns from a red-card suspension from the season opener against Portland.

Brazilian forward **Welton Melo** may see his first action of the season tonight.

Jason Farrell was named to the A-League team of the week. He was also selected as the fan's Man of the Match for his performance in last weeks match against the Edmonton Aviators.

Next Match:

vs Calgary Mustangs
Saturday, May 23rd 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!



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SOUNDER NEWS

Last Week: The Sounders opened their 2004 home campaign with a 1-1 draw v. Edmonton. Seattle looked in control for most of the match, having outshot the Aviators 9-0 in the first half and taking a 1-0 lead into the locker room through a Jason Farrell free-kick strike in the 38th minute. Despite having Sean-Michael Callahan sent off in the 58th minute for a harsh tackle, the Sounders were not seriously troubled until 2nd half extra time, when Zach Scott took down Jaime Lopresti in the penalty area. Sounders goalkeeper Preston Burpo saved Lopresti's penalty kick, but the Edmonton forward got to the rebound first and put it home. Neither team could come up with a quality chance in overtime.



Next Week: The Sounders return to Seahawks Stadium on Sunday May 23 for a 5:00pm match v. Calgary Mustangs. Calgary lost in Portland two nights ago 2-1. This will be the teams' first meeting this season, with the Sounders having won last season's series with 4 wins, 1 draw, and 1 loss.

Sounder Women News: This afternoon's game marks the first of five double-headers with the Sounder Women, once again coached by Dick McCormick. Although the official roster was incomplete as of press time, it looks as if many of the 2004 players are returning from last year's team, which made it to the playoffs after a 9-3-2 season. Among the returning players are forwards **Brenda Mueller** and **Hillary Heath**, midfielders **Nikki Gamble** and **Sophie Spickard**, and defenders **Shannon Forslund**, **Dana Kimble**, **Joanie Gerpheide**, along with goalkeeper **Meghan Miller**. After today's game, the Women will play all their road games for the season, before returning home for another double-header at Seahawk's Stadium on June 19th.

Sounder's Women Remaining Home Games:

6/19 - Vancouver Whitecaps - 4pm	7/7 - Edmonton Aviators - 4pm
6/25 - Denver Lady Cougars - TBD	7/17 - Fort Collins Force - 4pm
7/2 - Arizona Heatwave - TBD	7/25 - Mile High Mustangs - 7pm