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TACOMA TIDES DAMPEN SACRAMENTO'S SPIRITS;

WIN FIRST ASL GAME 1-0

The Tacoma Tides, their franchise in the American Soccer League just 60 days old, defeated the Sacramento Spirits Saturday, 1-0 on a goal from Roy Sinclair to win their first ever game and take an early lead in the ASL'S Western Division.

Sinclair's historic first Tides' goal came 29 minutes into the second half. Bernard "Dancing Shoes" Hartzel sent a long ball from midfield on the right wing to Windsor Del Llano in the left corner. Del Llano, under pressure, crossed the ball to Sinclair on the near post who did a quick turn and pushed it on the ground past the outstretched fingers of Spirits goalkeeper Gary Allison into the lower right corner of the net.

It was the first score of the season against Allison, who shut out the L.A. Skyhawks in a 0-0 tie in Los Angeles to open the Spirits season.

The Spirits, who for most of the game had been thwarted at midfield by the Tides defense, mounted a spirited offense in the final few minutes. Tides goalkeeper Jamil Canal, playing behind a back-four of Alty McKenzie, Wayne Cegielski, Bill Wilkinson, and Mickey Rooney that had been solid the entire game, made two fine saves on shots from Mingo Fajardo to preserve his shutout.

Tides Coach Dan Wood was pleased with the game's result, but only mildly pleased with his team's play. "While our defense was strong throughout, I wasn't happy with our attack in the first half at all. The Spirits played a very good "offsides trap", and we haven't had time to work on that yet. We will before we play Utah on Wednesday."

The Tides offense was called offsides 14 times in the game as the Spirits' defensive back four moved up past the Tides forwards just

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as the Tides passed the ball, putting Charlie Myers and Chris Agoliati offsidess time after time.

In soccer the offensive player is offsidess if he doesn't have two opposing players between him and the goal line when the ball is passed.

Coach Wood noted that all the Tides have been together for less than a week. In fact Bernard Hartze arrived in Sacramento Friday night after a 36-hour flight from Capetown, South Africa. Hartze had been held up while waiting for his visa.

The Tides will practice in Salt Lake City and play there Wednesday night, 7:30, at the Utah State Fairgrounds in the Utah Golden Spikers opening game.

The Spikers came into the league after the Tides and very little is known about what their roster will be. One player who is known because Tides General Manager Stan Naccarato attempted to sign him for Tacoma is Peter Thomas from Waterford F.C. in Ireland and the Washington Diplomats of the NASL. Thomas signed with Utah after League Commissioner Bob Cousy ruled that the Golden Spikers held the negotiating rights to him.

The Golden Spikers are coached by Nick Kambolis, who led the New York Apollos to the ASL championship last year.

Friday, April 30, the Tides take on a very strong L.S. Skyhawks team coached by Ron Newman, former coach of the NASL Dallas Tornado. The Skyhawks lean heavily on British imports Brian Parkinson in goal, former Liverpool captain Ron Yeats, Jimmy Rolland and Tony Whelan. Midfielder Steve Ralbovsky from Brown University was the first college draft choice for both the ASL and NASL and signed with the L.A. Skyhawks rather than the L.A. Aztecs of the NASL.

The Skyhawks have tied twice 0-0 in their opener against Sacramento and 1-1 with the Oakland Buccaneers on Saturday.

The Tides hope to bring three wins back to Tacoma for their home opener against the New York Apollos, May 5, 7:30, Cheney Stadium.

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GAME STATISTICS 4/24

	Goals	Shots	Saves	Fouls	Corner Kicks
TACOMA TIDES	1	9	9	16	7
SACRAMENTO SPIRITS	0	12	7	8	7
1st half: no goals					
2nd half: Tides, 74 minutes				-- Sinclair	(Del Llano)

Lineups: SACRAMENTO: Allison, Avila, Lyons, Attley, Fajardo, Gartner, Steinberg, Rojas, Seyffertitz, Caceres, Odich
 Subs: Suarez, Julewsky, Cannon
 TACOMA: Canal, Rooney, McKenzie, Brewster, Cegielski, Wilkinson, Hartze, Sinclair, Meyers, Chadwick, Agoliati, Reinecke
 Subs: Del Llano, Whitworth, Arena

TIDE LINES: General Manager Stan Naccarato announced today that Tides season tickets had reached 575 and were beginning to climb rapidly. "Good seats are still available, however, and priced at \$60, \$48 and \$36 for 12 games are a sports entertainment value that's hard to beat," he said.

RESULTS AROUND THE ASL

Sat. April 17	LA Skyhawks	0	Sacramento Spirits	0
Sat. April 24	Tacoma Tides	1	Sacramento Spirits	0
	LA Skyhawks	1	Oakland Buccaneers	1
	Cleveland Cobras	2	Chicago Cats	1
	Connecticut Yankees	2	Rhode Island Oceaneers	1

ASL STANDINGS APRIL 26, 1976

<u>Western Division</u>	G	W	L	T	GF	GA	BP	TP
Tacoma Tides	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	6
LA Skyhawks	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	5
Oakland Buccaneers	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	3
Sacramento Spirits	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Utah Golden Spikers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Eastern Division</u>								
Cleveland Cobras	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	7
Conn. Yankees	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	7
R.I. Oceaneers	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	1
Chicago Cats	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	1
New York Apollos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey Americans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(Headings: games, won, lost, tied, goals for, goals against, bonus points, total points)