



TACOMA TIDES NEWS

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Tacoma Tides Soccer Club

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The Tacoma Tides threw down the gauntlet to the Seattle Sounders today as Tides General Manager Stan Naccarato challenged Sounders manager Jack Daley "anyplace, anytime, on any terms" to a State Championship match between the only two pro soccer teams in Washington.

The Tides are an expansion team in the 43-year-old American Soccer League. The Sounders belong to the newer, but more widely publicized, North American Soccer League.

"Until today our relationship with the Sounders might have been characterized as a friendly rivalry," said Naccarato. "But remarks like that are uncalled for." Naccarato was referring to an article in Kick Magazine, the official Sounders game program, in which the Tides are referred to as a "Tacoma team that calls itself professional."

"Besides," Naccarato continued, "the Tides feel that such a match would be healthy for soccer on all levels in the State of Washington. We have suggested that proceeds from the match be donated to the Washington State Junior Soccer Association to help in the development of tomorrow's pro soccer players."

The Tides have two players under contract from the state junior ranks; more than half the Tides were born in the United States, and 12 out of 18 attended U. S. colleges. Twelve of the Tides' pros have played in the NASL.

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2-2-2 Tides challenge cont'd.

At the moment, the Sounders are in third place in the 5-team NASL Western Division. Tacoma is in third place in the 5-team ASL Western Division. Each has played ten games. A comparison of records shows:

	won	lost	tied	goals for	goals against	bonus	total
Tacoma	4	3	3	12	11	12	38
Seattle	4	6		12	14	12	36

The ASL gives 5 points for a win, 2 points for a tie, and one bonus point for each goal scored upto three per game. The NASL gives 5 points for a win, the same bonus point system, but does not allow ties. If the Sounders were ranked with Tacoma by ASL standards the results would be:

	W	L	T	GF	GA	BP	TP
Tacoma	4	3	3	12	11	12	38
Seattle	3	4	3	11	12	11	33

It is possible that both leagues will have their championships in Washington this year. The NASL will play Soccer Bowl '76 in the Kingdome regardless of the Sounder's participation. The ASL will play at the homeground of one of the contenders, possibly Tacoma's Cheney Stadium. And, according to Stan Naccarato, a state championship match would be the perfect finale.

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