



TACOMA TIDES NEWS

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Tacoma Tides Soccer Club

TIDES RETURN WINLESS FROM ROAD TRIP; ON THE MOVE IN JUNE

Home never looked so good to the Tacoma Tides as they return to Cheney Stadium from a winless 3 game road trip to play 2 league matches. -- June 2 against Utah Golden Spikers and June 4 against Cork Hibernians and an exhibition match June 12 against players from the Canadian Olympic team.

CLEVELAND COBRAS

The Tides opened the trip with a 0-0 tie against the Cleveland Cobras although they outshot the Cobras 25-13. In that game Jamil Canal, Tides starting goalkeeper, ranked fourth in the league in goals against average, damaged cartilage in his left knee seven minutes before the end of the first half. Bruce Arena, rookie goalkeeper from Cornell University who played pro lacrosse last year, kept the Tides' nets clear for the remainder of the game.

UTAH GOLDEN SPIKERS

On to Salt Lake City and a rainy, muddy State Fairgrounds field where the Tides lost to the Utah Golden Spikers 1-0 on a goal by Tony Douglas 15 seconds before the end of the first half. The Tides played evenly with the Spikers except in front of the goal. Again they were unable to finish the scoring opportunities they created.

The game was physical to say the least. Afterwards Coach Dan Wood said, "Utah took some of the cheapest shots I've ever seen in soccer. Charlie Myers went out with a vicious kick. Sure, (Vince) McCarthy was cautioned, but we lost our center forward." The Spikers received two yellow card cautions during the game.

"Utah has a couple of marked men," defender Wayne Cegielski remarked. "It should be interesting when they come to Tacoma (June 2)."

OAKLAND BUCCANEERS

In Oakland it was another case of not enough goals for the Tides. Oakland scored first early in the second half as Franco Chirinos got a pass from Gerard Hylkema in spite of the defensive efforts of Mickey Rooney and Cegielski, and slipped it past Arena as he came out. Windsor Del Llano evened the score minutes later with a 35-yard chip over the head of Bucc's keeper Don Clark and just under the crossbar. One and a half minutes into overtime Bucc's Ron Watson took a 25-yard free kick to Victor Pires who headed the winning goal.

FERNANDEZ ON INJURED LIST

Adding to the Tides forward problems, Pepe Fernandez was placed on the injured list until June 17. According to Dr. Stanley A. Mueller, Jr., team orthopedist, Pepe is suffering from chronic hamstring injuries affecting their strength and flexibility. The biggest problem is in his left hamstring, injured in the Sounders' game with New York on April 9. Since then the leg has not had a chance to heal, and complete rest is the best remedy.

CRYDER SIGNED

To bolster the forward line, General Manager Stan Naccarato announced the signing of Brooks Cryder from the L.A. Skyhawks. Cryder was obtained in a straight trade for Tides defender Alty McKenzie. Cryder, 21, 5'9", 165 is from Philadelphia and attended Philadelphia Textile.

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CRYDER
(cont'd.)

At Philadelphia Textile Cryder played under Walt Chysowych, U.S.S.F. staff coach, and scored 48 goals in 4 years -- 14 in 1975 when he was named All-America. He was starting center forward for the East team in the 1975 Senior Bowl. Cryder was drafted second by the Skyhawks and first by the Philadelphia Atoms of the NASL. He started against the Tides twice at right back but will get the chance to return to his more familiar forward position for the Tides.

Coach Dan Wood commented, "I've seen Brooks play several times in college and he should be able to get some goals for the Tides this year. It was a good trade for both LA and Tacoma since they needed defenders and we need healthy forwards."

UTAH, IRISH, CANADIAN TEAMS VISIT TACOMA

JUNE 2
UTAH GOLDEN
SPIKERS

The Utah Golden Spikers visit Cheney Stadium Wednesday for a "return grudge match" against the Tides. The Spikers changed General Managers and a half dozen players before their last Tides game. They now feature players such as Tony Douglas from the LA Aztecs & San Jose Earthquakes; Peter Thomas from Waterford, Ireland and the Washington Diplomats; Kiriako Fitisilis from the New York Appollo; and Vince McCarthy, also from Waterford.

Waiting to welcome the Spikers, other than the determined Tides, is a spectacular show as only Stan Naccarato can present, with the Clan Gordon Pipes and Drums, a performing chimpanzee, and a fireworks finale.

JUNE 4
CORK
HIBERNIANS

The Tides play the Cork Hibernians Friday in the first international sports event ever in Tacoma. The "Hibs" have played well against ASL teams but travel has taken its toll as they lost 3-1 to New Jersey and Rhode Island and tied New York 1-1. Goals for the Hibs were from Damien Richardson, Carl Humphreys, and Patrick Kirby. The Hibs should have their Irish up by the time they reach Tacoma and the Tides expect a corker of a game. The game will count in ASL standings.

Again in addition to 90 minutes of super soccer there will be a fireworks extravaganza, and Ed Friel and Space featuring Stephanie Phillips, a contemporary band, will perform before the game.

JUNE 8
CANADIAN
NATIONAL
OLYMPICS

Tacoma Mall Night at Cheney Stadium features an exhibition game between the Tides and the Canadian National Olympics, a team made up of the western half of the 1976 Olympic Team. Because of geographics the team is split East and West, and because the entire team won't be participating they cannot be billed as the Canadian Olympic Team. However, about 10 members of the team plus top reserves will be on hand coached by Colin Morris, Canadian Olympic Coach. The team just completed an 11 game tour of English professional sides and finished with a more than respectable record of 6 wins, 3 losses, and 2 ties.

Tickets are available free at all Tacoma Mall stores or at the gate on game night at reduced prices -- \$4.00 for adults, under 16 \$2.00.

ASL
PLAYOFF
DATES

In the ASL meeting May 15, the playoff system was determined. The top three teams from each division will play off, with the number three team playing away to the runner-up team on August 18. The winner of that game will play at the division champion's home field August 21 and the final match between divisions will be held August 28 at a site to be determined. August 1 was set as the date for the East-West All Star game.

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TIDE
LINES

Game times for remaining Tides home games have been changed to 7:45...

The Tides will have an open soccer clinic at 2:00 Saturday, May, 29, at Cheney Stadium. All youth soccer players are welcome... All tickets at Cheney are now one-half price for kids under 16. Previously only \$3 and \$4 tickets were discounted. Tides tickets are now available at the Bon Marche Ticket Office, Tacoma Mall... Speakers and clinics are available for groups from the Tides by calling Len Higgins, 752-7707.... Fred Kraft, long time area soccer supporter has been named Community Relations Director... The Tides will play a practice game against a local amateur team, the Thunderbird Rams at Stadium Bowl, Sunday, May 30 at 2:00. There is no admission charge but a hat will be passed with proceeds going to the Big "S" Stadium Club.

ASL STANDINGS AS OF MAY 27

Western Division	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	BP	TP
LA	78	34	11	33	913	5	912	30 38
Tacoma	8	3	3	2	8	8	8	27
Sacramento	69	2	14	3	78	516	78	23 24
Oakland	56	2	23	1	7	710	7	19
Utah	46	13	33	00	27	6	27	7 22

Eastern Division

Connecticut	68	44	22	0	16	10	11	31
Rhode Island	7	48	35	03	110	64	116	31 14 39
Chicago	67	33	23	11	7	67	7	24
New York	56	23	22	11	810	88	810	2027
New Jersey	68	23	45	00	913	16A	912	19 27
Cleveland	77	23	33	21	56	88	56	19 25

Working press who have not received press passes for the 1976 season should contact David Russ, 752-7707. Please call in advance if you plan to cover a particular game, so that a seat can be reserved for you in the press box. Field passes are issued on a per game basis, can be picked up at the pass gate, and admit the photographer to the game as well as to the field. Please call so that we can have them waiting. Thanks very much for your coverage so far this season. If we can help call any time. Cheney Stadium - 752-7707; home - 527-3927.

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