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LOS ANGELES -- Head Coach Ron Newman says he'll be working on riddles this week in practice as his first place Skyhawks travel to the Bay Area on Friday to face the Golden Bay Buccaneers.

So far this season, the Bucs have been a thorn in Newman's side. Even though his Skyhawks have totally dominated the Bucs, Newman's team has been unable to salvage a single victory in three outings, twice frustrated with ties and losing in Golden Bay.

In the latest riddle between the clubs, the Skyhawks fired 27 shots at Bucs' goalie Apolinor Jiminez, but only Ken Fogarty's penalty kick found the mark. On the other hand, the Bucs managed just one shot in 110 minutes of soccer, but as the riddle would have it, that one shot slipped by goalie Marine Cano and was good for the 1-1 deadlock.

"I can't understand what we have to do against Golden Bay," said Newman. "All a coach can do is get his team to shoot. And we're getting the shots. It's up to the players to put the shots in the net."

Newman was upset with the Bucs tactics in that June 19th game at Birmingham. Golden Bay had ten players on defense, and kept one player up front hoping for a breakaway.

"Those lucky buggers got it too," Newman said shaking his head.

The Skyhawks are expected to be without the league's leading goalie, Brian Parkinson, who is still hobbled with a twisted knee. Parkinson is making progress and the team doctors hope he'll be ready for Los Angeles' game with the Mexican Olympic Team on July 9th at the Coliseum.

After the Golden Bay game, the Skyhawks meet the Sacramento Spirits on Wed., July 3 in the state capital. Both games are extremely important to the Skyhawks whose hold on first place faces a late season challenge from the Utah Golden Spikers.

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