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In what may be a preview of the ASL Western Division finals between the division leading Los Angeles Skyhawks and second-place Utah Golden Spikers takes place at Birmingham Stadium Wednesday night at 8 PM.

With a 9-2-5 mark, the Skyhawks have a 13 point edge on the second place Spikers. But, the Utah team has played three fewer games, and under the new ASL scoring system could gain as many as 24 points with three victories.

The ASL will take the top three teams from both divisions for the play-offs, so the Skyhawks have little worry about being included in post-season play. However, coach Ron Newman would like to finish on top and benefit from the home field advantage in the play-offs.

Los Angeles and Utah were scheduled to meet this past Saturday night in Salt Lake City, but heavy afternoon rains postponed the contest.

"I really wasn't unhappy that we didn't play," Newman admitted. "We had a few people who weren't 100 per cent fit and the extra four days should give those players enough time to get ready."

Newman was referring to Jimmy Hinch and Micky Cave who both have sore ankles, and Ane Mihailovich who didn't make the trip to Salt Lake because of a knee injury.

A healthy Hinch, the Skyhawks' leading scorer, is particularly important because at 6-3 and 185 pounds he is the only Skyhawk forward who has the size to match Utah's domineering centerback Daniel Mammana (6-4 195). Hinch was