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ASL OPENS 44th SEASON

NEW YORK, N.Y.--The 44-year-old American Soccer League has a new look this season with its 11 teams spread from New York to Los Angeles, but the early action indicates the strong balance which has been a feature of the competition for years is still present.

Five games have been played thus far. Two ended in ties despite the league's new rule for two 10-minute sudden death overtime periods if the score is tied when the 90 minutes of regulation play has been completed. The other three games were all decided by one goal in regulation time.

Cleveland, which won its first divisional title last season, opened its campaign defeating the Chicago Cats, 2-1, with veteran Vito Colomma contributing a vital goal. In Connecticut, Jan Klosek had two assists as the Connecticut Yankees edged the Rhode Island Oceaneers, 2-1. Mohammed (Baby Jet) Attiah, the 1974 scoring king in the A.S.L., had Rhode Island's goal.

Former New York Apollo star Jamil Canal enjoyed a successful debut with the new Tacoma Tides by making five saves to record a 1-0 verdict over Sacramento. The home debut of the Sacramento Spirits was played before 3,390 fans. The shutout was the second in a row for Sacramento, which opened the season playing a scoreless tie in Los Angeles on April 17.

Los Angeles, one of the five new teams which make up the Western Division, has drawn the top attendance thus far with 4,139 watching the season opened and 4,823 seeing a 1-1 tie with Oakland last Saturday.

Tacoma is the early leader in the Western Division with six points under the new scoring system being used by the League. The Tides received five points for their victory and one bonus point for their goal.

The rest of the League gets into action this week with eight games scheduled between Wednesday and Sunday.

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AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

EASTERN DIV:

	GAMES	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
Cleveland	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	7
Connecticut	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	7
Rhode Island	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	1
Chicago	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	1
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WESTERN DIV:								
Tacoma	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	6
Los Angeles	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	5
Oakland	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	3
Sacramento	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: The new ASL scoring system awards five points for each victory, two for each tie and one bonus point for each goal up to three scored in any game.

SCORES:

Saturday, April 17 - Los Angeles 0, Sacramento 0

Saturday, April 24 - Los Angeles 1, Oakland 1
Cleveland 2, Chicago 1
Connecticut 2, Rhode Island 1
Tacoma 1, Sacramento 0

GAME SUMMARIES (HOME TEAM IN CAPS):

Saturday, April 17

Sacramento 0, LOS ANGELES 0
Shots: Sac. 10; LA.19. Goalies: Sac. Gary Allison, 5 saves; LA.Brian Parkinson, 5 saves. Attendance 4,139.

Saturday, April 24

CONNECTICUT 2, Rhode Island 1
RI. Mohammed Attiah (1) (Armelo D'Anzi) 21:00; Conn. Dean Rosow (1) (Jan Klosek) 26:00; Conn. Jan Kajzerek (1) (Klosek) 79:00. Shots: Conn. 14, RI. 14. Goalies: Conn. Mickey Cohen, 4 saves; RI. Tony DiCicco, 4 saves. Attendance: 1,500.

Tacoma 1, SACRAMENTO 0
T. Roy Sinclair (1) (Winser Dellano) 74:00. Shots: T.9; Sac. 12. Goalies: T. Jamil Canal, 5 saves; Sac. Allison, 6 saves. Attendance: 3,390.

LOS ANGELES 1, Oakland 1
O. Alberto Onofre (1) (unassisted) 3:00; LA. Leif Werneid (1) (Tony Whelan) 66:00. Shots: LA. 29; O. 6. Goalies: LA. Parkinson, 5 saves; O. Apolinor Jimenez, 4 saves. Attendance: 4,823.

Cleveland 2, CHICAGO 1
Clev. Vito Colonna (1) (free kick) 18:00; Clev. Roberto Olivera (1) (Robert Smith) 20:00; Chic. Fred Kovacs (1) (Zygmunt Anczok) 89:00. Shots: Clev. 21; Chic. 13. Goalies: Clev. Paul Chymovic, 8 saves; Chic. Chris Swain, 11 saves. Attendance: 100. (heavy rain).

UPCOMING GAMES:

Wednesday, April 28:	Tacoma at Utah
Friday, April 30:	Tacoma at Los Angeles; Cleveland at New Jersey
Saturday, May 1:	Cleveland at New York; Chicago at Rhode Island, Los Angeles at Utah
Sunday, May 2:	Chicago at Connecticut; Oakland at Sacramento
Wednesday, May 5:	New York at Tacoma
Friday, May 7:	New York at Sacramento; Los Angeles at Tacoma; Cleveland at Connecticut