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TONIGHT'S OPPONENT: TACOMA TIDES

The Tacoma Tides will supply the opposition for the Cleveland Cobras in their American Soccer League opener on Wednesday at 8:00 PM at Baldwin Wallace Stadium.

The Tides are members of the newly formed A.S.L. Western Division in which their record stands at 3-1-1 which places them in second place. The Cobras will be hoping to improve on their 2-3 mark as they embark on an eight game homestand starting tonight.

Defense is the Tides key asset as they are led by All-A.S.L. goaltender, Jamil Canal who played for the New York Apollo last season. Canal is a native of Brazil and he recorded a 1.88 goal average last season.

Surrounding Canal on the Tides backline are Bill Wilkson and Alty McKenzie. Wilkson played first division soccer in England and McKenzie played for the Dallas Tornado of the N.A.S.L. for the last two seasons.

Also on defense are Mickey Rooney, who is a former All-American from Keene State College in New Hampshire, and Wayne Cegielski who is the youngest member of the Tides at 20.

David Chadwick, the Tides captain and assistant coach, anchors the midfield. The 32 year old native of India is an ex-Dallas Tornado where he recorded 5 goals and 12 assists over the last two seasons. The other midfielder is Dan Brewster who is a former member of the Connecticut Wildcats and a collegiate star at Brown University.

The Tides rely on high scoring forward Bernard Hartze to carry most of their offensive load. Hartze is a superb dribbler and has been tabbed "Dancing Shoes"

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by his teammates. He totaled 54 goals in 30 games to lead the South African Soccer League in scoring for the last three seasons.

Roy Sinclair, a former member of the Seattle Sounders of the N.A.S.L., joins Hartze on the front line along with Charlie "Mongo" Myers from the University of Baltimore and Chris Agoliati who also toiled with the Connecticut Wildcats at one time.

The Tides are coached by Dan Wood who commanded Cornell University's soccer team to a 52-20-6 record and five NCAA tournament berths in five seasons. Wood plays par golf when not on the soccer field and he is completing work on his doctorate in Educational Sociology.

Key substitutes for the Tides are Bruce Arena who played under Wood at Cornell. He now backs up Canal. Frank Gallo is a forward from Dartmouth where he was named to the All-Ivy Soccer League team. Andy Rymarczuk, a forward, played for the U.S. National team in 1973 after graduating from Pennsylvania State. Lastly, Rich Reinecke is a former All-American at San Diego State University where he starred at midfield.

So the Tides present an impressive cast for the Cobras to conquer in tonight's A.S.L. opener. The Cobras next home game is Wednesday, May 27, against the Sacramento Spirits at 8:00 PM.

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