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QUAKES SOLD TO LOCAL ADVERTISING EXEC;
CALLOWAY NAMED HEAD COACH; HUNTER FROM
SANTA CLARA U. TABBED IN 1st ROUND OF DRAFT...12-11-79

The San Jose Earthquakes, preparing for a seventh North American Soccer League campaign, have been sold to a group of out-of-state investors, headed by San Jose advertising executive Joel Chasen. Terms of the sale, which still is pending league approval, were not disclosed.

In making the announcement, Chasen, who celebrated his 41st birthday Monday, noted, "The club will remain in San Jose and will be under the control of local people." Chasen is in Tampa Bay for the eighth annual NASL player draft with Tony Kovac, who has had control of the Earthquakes since before the start of the 1978 season.

"Since the first game the Earthquakes played in San Jose, I have been in love with the team," commented Chasen. "I have been in love with them since and, like the rest of their fans, I've suffered through the past two seasons," he added, referring to back-to-back 8-22 seasons. "Laurie Calloway caught my eye as a player who came to the stadium to work. He was a fighter on the field and always a true gentleman off the field. This is a truely unique characteristic, but one which typifies the spirit of the San Jose Earthquakes. Our goal is to get this team off and running as in the past. Laurie is the man who can do just that."

Calloway, a 34-year-old veteran of 12 seasons in the English League and a member of the original 1974 Quakes' squad, is excited about his first coaching stint in the North American Soccer League.

"I feel very ecstatic that the new potential owners have considered me for this position," noted the former Quakes' defender who led the fledgling Southern California Lazers (American Soccer League) to a playoff berth in 1978, their initial ASL season. "For the last several years I have always held an ambition to reach this situation. It would be premature to talk about priorities and what will come about

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in the coming season. I can guarantee everyone in the Bay Area that I will do my best to put this team together in a winning fashion."

Meanwhile, Kovac, who purchased the Earthquakes in September of 1978 from Milan Mandaric, reported he is pleased the sale of the club to Chasen's group.

"After a review of the Earthquakes' situation at the end of the 1979 season, we were convinced that our financial resources were not enough to give the fans a competitive team, a team which could provide them with championship-calibre play," commented the Saratoga resident. "We are happy the franchise is going to Joel's group because they have all the tools required to make the club competitive in this league by today's standards.

"Laurie has an excellent opportunity to start clean as a head coach with strong financial support from the new ownership. I realize he has been disappointed in the past when he was overlooked in our coaching selections. But, I think this has worked out best for him."

QUAKES TAB DEFENDER HUNTER IN FIRST ROUND; THREE PLAYERS CHOSEN BY SAN JOSE IN EIGHTH ANNUAL NASL DRAFT

The San Jose Earthquakes, choosing in the second slot in the second stanza of the eighth annual North American Soccer League draft, came away with Santa Clara University defender Mike Hunter, and used their third and fourth round picks to cull college talent from nearby Stanford University and Westmont College in Southern California.

Westmont's Casey Roberts (goalkeeper) was San Jose's third round choice, followed by Stanford's Greg DelGado, a forward who is the first Stanford player to be selected to play in the Senior Bowl in January. Laurie Calloway, named earlier in the day as the Quakes' head coach in 1980, was in Tampa Bay with current club GM Ben Reichmuth to oversee the selection of college and high school talent.

"In retrospect, I am very pleased with the way we came out of this draft," commented Calloway. "The three players we picked all have a future in this league and are tremendous people. I'm particularly excited about working with Mike Hunter again," added the Quakes' mentor who worked with Hunter as the assistant soccer coach at SCU over the past three seasons.

Hunter, 21 and a second team All-American as well as a Senior Bowl choice this year, is currently playing with the Detroit Lightning of

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the Major Indoor Soccer League. His MISL contract will allow him to play in the North American Soccer League, and the former Damien High School teammate of Ricky Davis (New York Cosmos) is excited about playing in San Jose.

"I was hoping to play in San Jose professionally, and I was in hopes that Laurie would be the coach," commented the SCU senior. "My play indoors will help me improve my outdoor skills, so I'm looking forward to playing outdoors with the Earthquakes. It's all a little unbelievable, really."

Meanwhile, Calloway expressed his pleasure with his picks of Roberts, who will celebrate his 22nd birthday on Wednesday, and DelGado, a 21-year-old senior.

"I've been watching Casey for the three years I have been associated with Santa Clara soccer," noted Calloway. "He has always impressed me as a brave player with fantastic reflexes. I feel comfortable with his selection because I think he has potential to play in this league."

"Greg DelGado was, in my opinion, Stanford's most outstanding player this past season. He is strong and he is quick. I definitely think he can do a job professionally and I'm looking forward to working with him."

Mike Hunter, D, Santa Clara U., 21, 5-8, 160 lbs.

Casey Roberts, G, Westmont College, 21, 6-1, 170 lbs.

Greg DelGado, F, Stanford U., 21, 6-0, 165 lbs.

RUMBLINGS ON THE SALE: Joel Chasen, Tony Kovac, and Ben Reichmuth will return to San Jose from Tampa Tuesday night...Chasen worked with the Earthquakes in 1974 and 1975 as the publications director...Reichmuth has agreed to remain with the club through January to help in the transition period...The sale of the club to Chasen was announced just before the start of the NASL draft...

RUMBLINGS ON THE DRAFT: The first player chosen in the draft was forward Don Ebert from Southern Illinois, Edwardsville, this year's NCAA soccer champs. Ebert was selected by the Cosmos...SIU placed the most college picks with six players drafted. Indiana U. landed five players, Simon Fraser placed four players...David James, a defender from Richardson High in Dallas, became the youngest player to be selected in an NASL draft (16) when he was picked by the Dallas Tornado in the second round...20 of the 29 players who petitioned for inclusion in this year's draft were selected by NASL clubs...Hunter becomes the fourth player to be selected by the Quakes out of SCU. DelGado becomes the second player from Stanford to be picked by the Quakes...Roberts was an All-American selection two years ago as a sophomore...San Jose State, which shared honors with Simon Fraser in last year's draft for the most players selected by NASL teams, struck out in this year's version...

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