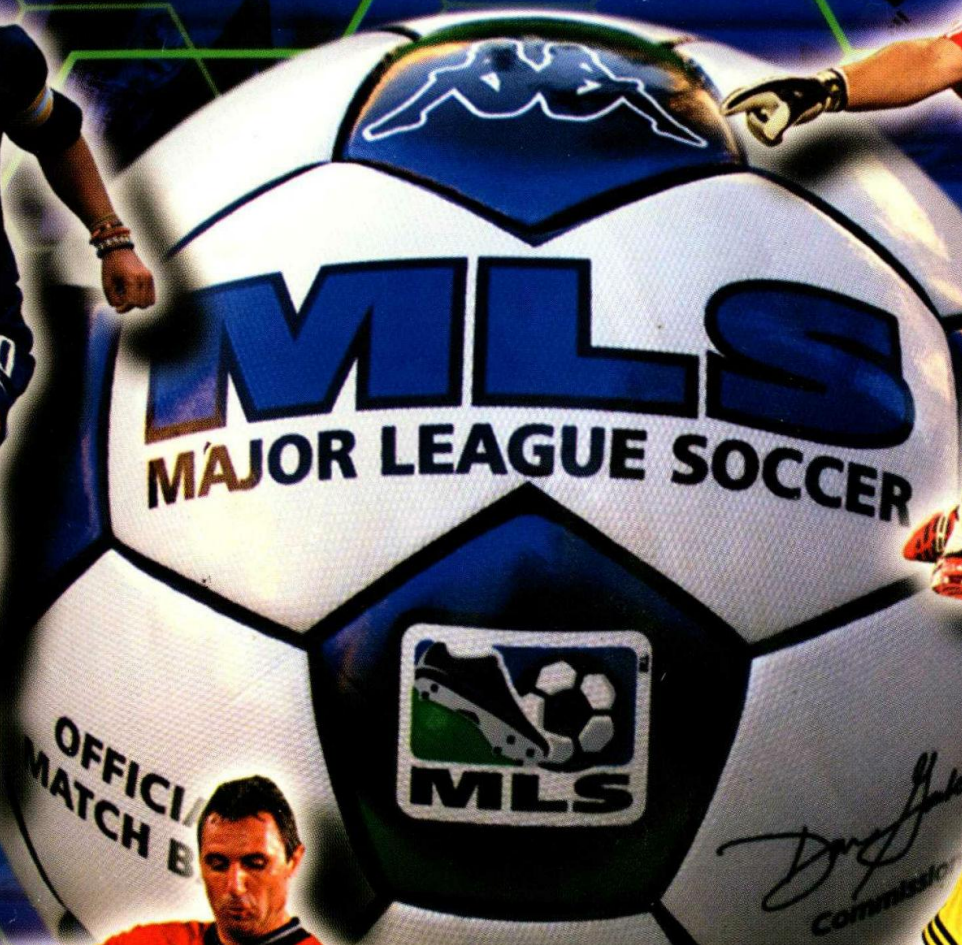




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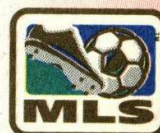
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FROM THE COMMISSIONER

A MEETING PLACE FOR THE NEW AMERICA

Dear Friends,

As Major League Soccer embarks on its sixth season, we are excited about many aspects of the league and our sport. Professional soccer continues to grow in this country thanks to your support. More than 14 million fans representing a true cross-section of America attended MLS matches during our first five seasons, a testament to the popularity of the world's game in the United States.

We believe Major League Soccer is the "Meeting Place for the New America." From our diverse fan base to our unique mix of American and international stars on the field, the league represents the many different cultures that now thrive in our ever-changing society.

With the success of young American stars during the 2000 MLS season and at the Sydney Olympic Games, it's hard to believe that the 2001 rookie crop could eclipse the likes of Carlos Bocanegra, Nick Garcia, Danny Califf, DaMarcus Beasley and Bobby Convey. It might be a little early to tell, but talented youngsters such as San Jose's Chris Carrieri, Tampa Bay's Ali Curtis, D.C. United's Ryan Nelsen and Dallas' Ryan Suarez could all make an impact in their first season.

We're pleased to continue with our *Soccer Saturday*

lineup in 2001, providing a single destination day for soccer fans. Additionally, *MLS ExtraTime* returns Monday evenings this summer, for a second season, with all the highlights and player features that made it a popular addition to our television lineup.

The advent of the new Women's United Soccer Association and MLS' partnership with the WUSA will foster the growth of soccer at all levels in this country. Make sure you check your team schedule for doubleheaders with WUSA clubs in select MLS stadiums.

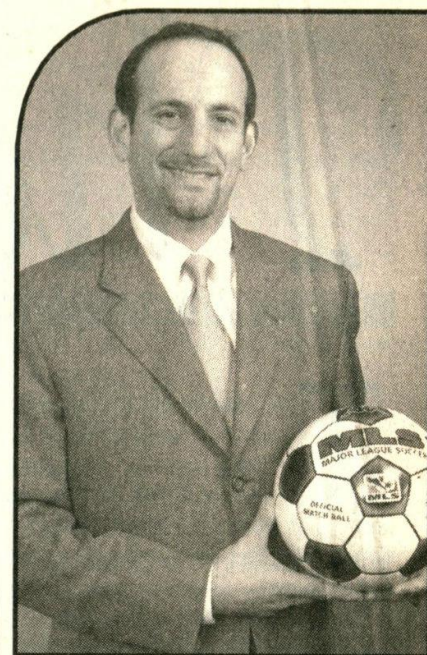
Finally, I'd like to congratulate the Los Angeles Galaxy for winning the Football Confederation Champions' Cup and advancing to the FIFA Club World Championships in Spain. The Galaxy will be competing against renowned clubs such as Real Madrid and Boca Juniors in this prestigious tournament in late July. We wish them the best of luck.

We encourage you to sit back and enjoy today's match. On behalf of our players, coaches and the entire MLS family, I'd like to thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,



Don Garber



Don Garber
Commissioner
Major League Soccer

AQUÍ SE REUNE LA NUEVA AMERICA

Queridos Amigos,

Al comienzo de nuestra sexta temporada, todos en la MLS nos sentimos realmente entusiasmados acerca de muchos aspectos la liga y de nuestro deporte. El fútbol profesional en este país continúa creciendo gracias a su apoyo. Más de 14 millones de aficionados representando un segmento diverso y representativo de la población de los Estados Unidos fueron a nuestros estadios durante nuestras primeras cinco campañas, un verdadero testimonio al poder de convocatoria que el deporte más popular del mundo tiene dentro del territorio estadounidense.

Creemos firmemente que la Major League Soccer es el "Lugar de Encuentro de la Nueva América." Desde nuestra base variada de aficionados a nuestra mezcla singular de estrellas nacionales e internacionales, la liga representa las muchas vertientes culturales que ahora prosperan en nuestra dinámica sociedad.

Con el rotundo éxito logrado por estrellas juveniles estadounidenses en la temporada 2000 de MLS y en los Juegos Olímpicos de Sydney, es difícil creer que la nueva "cosecha" de novatos del 2001 pueda eclipsar los logros de jugadores como Carlos Bocanegra, Nick García, Danny Califf, DaMarcus Beasley y Bobby Convey. Aunque aun es temprano, joven talento como Chris Carrieri de San José, Ali Curtis de Tampa Bay, Ryan Nelsen de DC United y Ryan Suárez de Dallas, también se perfilan como protagonistas en sus respectivos cuadros.

Nos satisface poder continuar con nuestra línea sabatina de partidos

denominada *Sábado de Fútbol* en la temporada 2001, la cual brinda una programación regular y predecible para nuestros aficionados. Adicionalmente, el programa *MLS ExtraTime* regresa todos los lunes, marcando su segunda temporada. El programa presenta todos los momentos culminantes de los partidos disputados la semana anterior, entrevistas y por supuesto, todos los goles.

Con la inauguración de la nueva liga femenina, WUSA, la MLS trabajará en sociedad con la naciente liga para fomentar el continuo crecimiento del fútbol en todos los niveles en este país. Cerciérese de inspeccionar el calendario de partidos de su club cuidadosamente ya que se llevarán a cabo doble tandas con clubes de la WUSA en estadios selectos de la MLS.

Finalmente, quiero felicitar al Galaxy de Los Ángeles por ganar la Copa de Campeones de la ConFut y de esa formar avanzar al II Campeonato de Clubes de la FIFA a celebrarse en España. El equipo galáctico competirá con clubes de la talla del Real Madrid y Boca Juniors en ese prestigioso torneo que arranca al final de julio. Les deseamos la mejor de las suertes.

Ahora, lo invitamos a que se acomode en su asiento y disfrute del partido de hoy. En nombre de nuestros jugadores, entrenadores y de toda la familia de la MLS, le agradecemos profundamente su apoyo de nuestra liga.

Sinceramente,



Don Garber

OFF TO BEAT

The Wizards

Who can dethrone K.C. in 2001?

The Wizards played through 2000 as underdogs and marched all the way to an MLS Cup title. Now they'll know what it feels like to have every team gunning for them. But it won't be easy to wrestle that MLS Cup trophy away from Tony Meola and company.

The formula of flawless goalkeeping, suffocating defense, ruthless finishing and wise coaching that made them the most dominant and consistent MLS team in 2000 should not change much. Meola, the MLS shutout king, will be back and the defense

is still intact. This season, Head Coach Bob Gansler will have a new weapon in the most prolific scorer in MLS history: Roy Lassiter.

So, good luck to all the contenders. There will be the usual popular favorites to reach MLS Cup at Columbus Crew Stadium in October. But the teams that underachieved in 2000 can possibly pull off what the Wizards did when they made a complete turnaround from one of the worst teams in the league in 1999 to being the best last year. The surprises are guaranteed. Here's how the teams shape up:

MetroStars

'00 Finish: 17-12-3 (1st place, Eastern Division, MLS Cup Semifinals)

Coach: Octavio Zambrano (2nd year)

Top Returning Scorer: Adolfo Valencia (16g, 9a = 41pts)

2001 Outlook: One of the most spectacular teams in MLS last year, MetroStars fans should enjoy another attacking showcase this season. With quality players on defense and at goalkeeper, the Metros are as complete a team as there is.

Watch out for: The MetroStars made the decision



Carlos Valderrama

Alexi Lalas

Clint Mathis

to go with the young and talented **Tim Howard** in goal this year. He can make the impossible save and will be capable of winning games single-handedly.

New England Revolution

'00 Finish: 13-13-6 (2nd place, Eastern Division, MLS Cup Quarterfinals)

Coach: Fernando Clavijo (2nd year)

Top Returning Scorer: Wolde Harris (15g, 7a = 37 pts)

2001 Outlook: The Revolution have an interesting balance of experience (John Harkes and Leonel Alvarez) and youth (Rusty Pierce and Joe Franchino). If the team can avoid a bad stretch of games, they will be a force to be

reckoned with.

Watch out for: Costa Rican international **William Sunsing** will be one of the candidates for the second forward spot beside Wolde Harris and can also play the wing. His unpredictability and flashy dribbling have made him a fan favorite.

Miami Fusion

'00 Finish: 12-15-5 (3rd place, Eastern Division)

Coach: Ray Hudson (2nd year)

Top Returning Scorer: Diego Serna (16g, 10a = 42 pts)

2001 Outlook: With key additions of Carlos Llamasa on defense and Chris Henderson, Preki and Ian Bishop at midfield, the Fusion have already made a significant upgrade on last year's team, which just missed the playoffs.

Watch out for: The return of defender **Leo Cullen** from a devastating knee injury will be one of the keys to the Fusion's season. In combination with Llamasa, the '99 All-Star could enjoy his best season in MLS.

D.C. United

'00 Finish: 8-18-6 (4th place, Eastern Division)

Coach: Thomas Rongen (3rd year)

Top Returning Scorer: Jaime Moreno (12g, 7a = 29pts)

2001 Outlook: After a forgettable 2000 campaign, management felt an overhaul was due. A young, new-look and hungry United squad should have a fresh bounce in its step this season.

Watch out for: If fans thought it was fun watching **Bobby Convey** in 2000, it will be even more entertaining in his sophomore season. This 17-year-old prodigy and his skill have lived up to the hype thus far.

Chicago Fire

'00 Finish: 17-9-6

(1st place, Central Division, MLS Cup Finals)

Coach: Bob Bradley (4th year)

Top Returning Scorers: Hristo Stoitchkov (9g, 7a = 25pts), Dema Kovalenko (10g, 5a = 25pts)

2001 Outlook: The Fire will bring back the bulk of the side that made it to the MLS Cup 2000 final. If the team can avoid key injuries, they can easily find themselves back in the same spot.

Watch out for: **Josh Wolff** finally gets his break as the starting forward. With the number of scoring chances Chicago creates, the 2000 Olympian should rack up the goals.

Tampa Bay Mutiny

'00 Finish: 16-12-4 (2nd place, Central Division, MLS Cup Quarterfinals)

Coach: Alfonso Mondelo (1st year)

Top Returning Scorer: Mamadou Diallo (26g, 4a = 56pts)

2001 Outlook: The Mutiny rightly believed they had a productive core of players in 2000. Now with a few touches on defense (Craig Demmin) and attack (Ali Curtis), Tampa Bay may have found the missing pieces to the puzzle.

Watch out for: With new additions to the back-line, Tampa's defense should get more attention. Fans will appreciate the class and quality that a player like **Joe Addo** brings to the defender's spot.

Dallas Burn

'00 Finish: 14-14-4 (3rd place, Central Division, MLS Cup Quarterfinals)

Coach: Mike Jeffries (1st year)

Top Returning Scorer: Jason Kreis (11g, 13a = 35pts)

2001 Outlook: One of only two teams to make the playoffs in each year of MLS competition, the Burn are eager to make the jump to MLS Cup contenders. With arguably the best group of draftees and the addition of Lubos Kubik, Dallas has the depth and experience to make a serious run.

Watch out for: A member of Bolivia's National Team, 18-year-old **Joselito Vaca** has the poise to earn a starter's spot. He will bring order, balance and creativity to the Burn midfield.

Columbus Crew

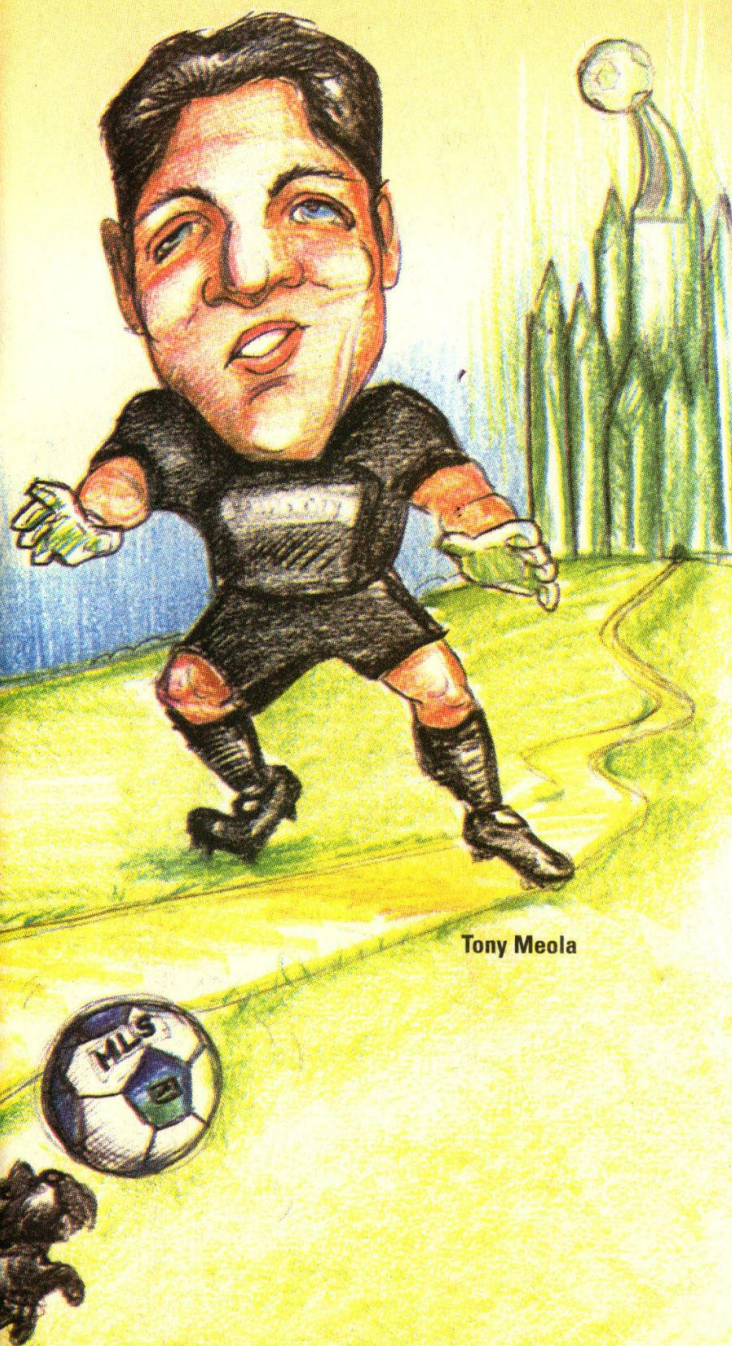
'00 Finish: 11-16-5 (4th place, Central Division)

Coach: Tom Fitzgerald (6th year)

Top Returning Scorer: Dante Washington (15g, 9a = 39pts)

2001 Outlook: With MLS Cup 2001 being played at Columbus Crew Stadium in October, the Crew need little incentive to make a run at the title.

Watch out for: Don't be fooled by **Jeff Cunningham's** two-goal total from last year. One of the most explosive players in MLS, he has the skill and pace to be an impact player.



Tony Meola

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Josh Wolff and the Chicago Fire fell to the Wizards 1-0 in MLS Cup 2000.

National Team—Chris Klein's stock just continues to rise into 2001. Possibly the best right-sided player in the league, Klein will be a key to the Wizards goal-production.

Los Angeles Galaxy

'00 Finish: 14-10-8 (2nd place, Western Division, MLS Cup Semifinals)

Coach: Sigi Schmid (3rd year)

Top Returning Scorer: Simon Elliott (5g, 5a = 15pts)

2001 Outlook: Every year, the Galaxy come close to winning an MLS Cup and fall just short. With the F.C. Champions' Cup now under their belts,

the team proved it can win the big game. With the FIFA Club Championship on the horizon, there will be no need for extra motivation.

Watch out for: Midfielder **Simon Elliott** is the heart of this Galaxy team. You'll find him all over the field and in a busy season for L.A., his determination and grit will be heavily counted on.

Colorado Rapids

'00 Finish: 13-15-4 (3rd place, Western Division, MLS Cup Quarterfinals)

Coach: Tim Hankinson (1st year)

Top Returning Scorer: Junior Agogo (10g, 7a = 27pts)

2001 Outlook: Coach Hankinson has promised that the Rapids will be all about attacking soccer this year. If the starters can avoid the nightmarish rash of injuries that hit the team last year, the new coach will have the tools at his disposal.

Watch out for: **Ross Paule** is itching to regain his starting spot after an injury-plagued 2000 campaign. The dynamic, offensive skills he displayed in his all-star season of '98 will be a key to any Rapids success.


San Jose Earthquakes

'00 Finish: 7-17-8 (4th place, Western Division)

Coach: Frank Yallop (1st year)

Top Returning Scorer: Dario Brose (5g, 4a = 14pts)

2001 Outlook: It all comes down to attitude. With all the new faces on this team, the 2000 season is already long forgotten. There is a new optimism and first-year coach Frank Yallop has them believing. Chris Carrieri, the first overall pick in the MLS SuperDraft has gone out on a limb and guaranteed the 'Quakes a spot in the playoffs.

Watch out for: Between **Ronald Cerritos** (out for most of '00 due to injury), **Dwayne DeRosario** and **Carrieri**, the 'Quakes should not have to worry about goal scoring. 

Kansas City Wizards

'00 Finish: 16-7-9 (1st place, Western Division, MLS Cup Champions)

Coach: Bob Gansler (3rd year)

Top Returning Scorer: Chris Klein (6g, 8a = 20pts)

2001 Outlook: With most of the pieces of last year's dominant squad intact, there is no reason the Wizards cannot repeat. Roy Lassiter, the MLS all-time leading scorer, can only help the squad avoid the occasional scoring drought.

Watch out for: First an MLS Cup and then the

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Here's a list of some of the most important off season player movement in MLS:

MetroStars:

Acquired: Rodrigo Faria, Kerwin Jemmott, Martin Klinger, Richie Williams

Departed: Mike Ammann, Thomas Dooley, Lothar Matthäus, Roy Myers

New England Revolution:

Acquired: Yari Allnutt, Nick Downing, Eric Pogue, Shaun Tsakiris

Departed: Paul Keegan, Jose Luis Morales, Juergen Sommer

Miami Fusion:

Acquired: Chris Henderson, Carlos Llamasa, Antonio Otero, Preki, Greg Simmonds

Departed: Brian Kamler, Roy Lassiter, Martin Machon, Nelson Vargas

D.C. United:

Acquired: Mike Ammann, Abdul Thompson Conteh, Mark Lisi, Ryan Nelsen, Santino Quaranta

Departed: Jeff Agoos, Geoff Aunger, Carlos Llamasa, Tom Presthus, Richie Williams, A.J. Wood

Chicago Fire:

Acquired: Sergi Daniv, Justin Evans, Seth George, Henry Ring

Departed: Sam George, Lubos Kubik, Ante Razov

Tampa Bay Mutiny:

Acquired: Steve Armas, Devin Barclay, Ali Curtis, Craig Demmin

Departed: Kalin Bankov, Manuel "Tico Tico" Buccuane, Dominic Kinnear, Manny Lagos

Dallas Burn:

Acquired: Edward Johnson, Lubos Kubik, Ryan Suarez, Joselito Vaca

Departed: Sergi Daniv, Ricardo Iribarren, Mark Santel

Columbus Crew:

Acquired: Tenywa Bonseu, Edson Buddle, Duncan Oughton, Tom Presthus

Departed: Jason Farrell, Mario Gori, Miroslaw Rzepa

Kansas City Wizards:

Acquired: Jose Burciaga Jr., Roy Lassiter, Mark Santel, A.J. Wood, Mike Burns

Departed: Vicente Figueroa, Chris Henderson, Miklos Molnar, Uche Okafor, Preki

Los Angeles Galaxy:

Acquired: Isaias Bardales Jr., Brian Ching, Alexi Lalas, Brian Mullan

Departed: Seth George, Zak Ibsen, Jorge Salcedo

Colorado Rapids:

Acquired: Geoff Aunger, Neathan Gibson, Steve Herdman, John Spencer

Departed: Jorge Dely Valdes, Paul Dougherty, Anders Limpar

San Jose Earthquakes:

Acquired: Jeff Agoos, Chris Carrieri, Dwayne DeRosario, Zak Ibsen, Manny Lagos

Departed: Khodadad Azizi, Dan Calichman, Abdul Thompson Conteh, John Doyle, Mike Burns

Making the World Believe

By Alexi Lalas

I gotta be honest. The last time I raised a trophy I was probably 11 years old and, come to think of it, I'm pretty sure that they handed them out to everyone just for showing up. So when the Galaxy became CONCACAF Club Champions this past January, I savored every moment of it. There were great performances throughout the tournament. Ezra Hendrickson scoring twice in the final, Kevin Hartman saving multiple penalty kicks in consecutive games and Adam Frye stepping up and playing forward for the first time since high school.

Having been away from the game for over a year, it was an unexpected thrill to be part of the team and also part of American soccer history. With the championship comes the right to compete this summer (July to be exact) in Spain at the FIFA Club World Championship.

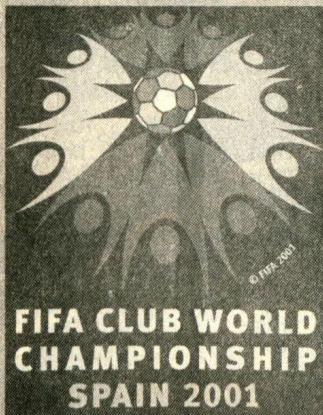
It is also an opportunity to expose Major League Soccer to another part of the soccer world. Even though the uniforms will say Los Angeles Galaxy, what the team really represents is a league that, in a relatively short period of time, is producing clubs that can compete and succeed at the international level. As MLS continues to grow, there will be more and more opportunities like this to showcase the talent of the league. I'm not talking about friendly games or preseason tours, but real competition with real stakes (and big money, kids). The attention, recognition and exposure that can come from international success can only help MLS' global reputation and ultimately spur its growth.

Sometimes we have an inferiority complex when it comes to our soccer. I'm not saying that the MLS experience is always equal to that of leagues around the world, but you have to be able to separate the soccer from the show. I get the feeling that we think that if it doesn't say Premiership, Serie A or Bundesliga, then the soccer must be second-rate. But smoke bombs, rabid fans and multi-million-dollar contracts don't necessarily produce quality soccer. Certainly, we have a way to go, but I think we can be proud of what we have achieved so far. I've played enough soccer to know that success comes from a belief in yourself and your teammates. I know we all believe in American soccer; now it's up to us to make believers of the rest of the world, both on and off the field. 🏠



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Bring On Real Madrid!



The scheduled matches for the Los Angeles Galaxy in Group C the 2001 Club World Championship:

- July 31**—Galaxy vs. Hearts of Oak (Ghana) at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, 4:00 p.m. ET
- Aug. 3**—Galaxy vs. Real Madrid (Spain) at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, 4:00 p.m. ET
- Aug. 6**—Galaxy vs. Jubilo Iwata (Japan) at Vicente Calderon Stadium, 4:00 p.m. ET

Three first-place finishers (from Groups A, B, and C) and the best second-place team in the opening round advance to the semifinals on Aug. 9.



(Above)
Your
humble
author.

(Left)
Paul
Caligiuri
kisses the
CONCACAF
Club
Champion-
ship trophy
after the
Galaxy
defeated
Olimpia CD
of Honduras.

Crew forward Brian West is one of many players who have taken advantage of the Nike Project-40 program and played pro soccer while attending school.

MLS players value their time in the classroom as much as their time on the pitch.

By Anthony Guido

School's In

Every year, many of MLS' promising young players face the challenge of fighting for playing time. But some of them are taking on an additional challenge, and in some ways, a more difficult and important task.

Players around the league continue to pursue their college degree while competing at the highest level of professional soccer in the United States. Athletes such as Brian West (Columbus Crew), Lance Key (Colorado Rapids), Chris Brown (Kansas City Wizards) and 2000 Kellogg's Rookie of the Year Carlos Bocanegra (Chicago Fire) have made the effort to hit the books. Even 34-year-old Tab Ramos (MetroStars) wrapped up his degree

12 years after first leaving college. In addition, high school phenoms DaMarcus Beasley and Bobby Convey have successfully balanced soccer with schoolwork.

West is the prototypical Nike Project-40 player. The speedy attacker was assigned to Columbus as a P-40 player in January of 1998, following two successful seasons at the University of Virginia. After taking some time to adjust to life as a pro, West began working toward a degree in information systems at Ohio State in his second year. He has a full year left to go before earning a degree.

"It's more of a pain than a difficulty," West says. "Being a young soccer player, there are times

where I have to stay late and kick the ball around and do some extra work. That limits your time, because some days I have to shoot right over to school from practice. After a hard practice, some players get to go home and take a nap and unwind. I've got to run straight to class and go through a good four hours of class before I get to go home."

Chicago's Bocanegra is another Nike Project-40 player who has made a commitment to finishing his schooling after leaving college early for a chance to play in MLS. The 2000 Kellogg's Rookie of the Year will head back into the classroom during the 2001 campaign.

"It is pretty important to me, especially since

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Chris Brown will be attending night classes at the University of Kansas City-Missouri this semester.



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both of my parents are teachers. I haven't taken any classes yet, but I think I'm going to register at DePaul for the next quarter coming up," Bocanegra says. "I'd like to chip away at my degree. You never know how long your soccer career is going to last."

Occasionally, players will leave college after spending four years juggling academics and athletics. Kansas City forward Chris Brown had four very successful years at the University of Portland before being selected by the Wizards in the first round of the 1999 MLS College Draft. Brown, like all of the players juggling soccer and studies, has received great encouragement from his team as he takes his final few classes at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

"The coaches have been supportive. They have urged me to finish up," says Brown. "Some of the players have said stuff to me like, 'I wish I could do that' and 'I wish I could finish up school.'"

Colorado Rapids defender Lance Key is someone who has always placed school before soccer. He turned down offers to compete at major college soccer programs to attend Division III Trinity College in San Antonio, Texas, where he could concentrate on his academics.

Key left Trinity for a shot at MLS after the fall semester in 1999, but was quick to return and fin-

ish his degree in physical education. He went back to class this past fall after a solid rookie season.

"I didn't invest the time, the money and the energy at a demanding and grueling institution to just bag it," Key said. "I wanted to be able to feel good about finishing up. I was able to do the two things—first get my college education, and second, play professional soccer."

Future stars DaMarcus Beasley and Bobby Convey left high school early to sign with Nike Project-40, and the move is already paying off. Both have established themselves in MLS and are

"Considering all the accomplishments I've had in soccer, getting my degree is the thing I'm most proud of."

The MetroStars' Tab Ramos on going back to complete his college degree

beginning to earn caps with the full U.S. National Team. Beasley finished his high school courses last year while playing for the Chicago Fire, Convey meanwhile is completing his high school studies as a member of D.C. United.

Graduating from high school or college

been limited to MLS' youngsters. Ramos finished his college degree a remarkable 12 years after leaving North Carolina State. One of the U.S.' greatest all-time players, Ramos began taking classes while on the road in 1995 and finally finished up this past winter.

"After all the time I've spent with soccer, considering all the accomplishments I've had in the sport, getting my degree is the thing I'm most proud of," Ramos said. "I used to think, even up to a couple of years ago, that I would never finish."

The MetroStars midfielder is hoping his example will rub off on his younger teammates and his children. When Ramos left N.C. State 12 years ago, there wasn't a Project-40 program from which to play soccer and study in. He applauds the efforts P-40 makes with its young players.

"I think it's a great opportunity, it's something I definitely would have done," he said. "We are in a profession which allows you time to do these things. Guys should take advantage of it and turn it into a degree."

When a player arrives in MLS, the doors to a college degree do not close shut. With enough dedication, a soccer professional can hold down a starting spot and still pass his exams. Often times the feeling is just as satisfying.

"I think that everyone has to have their own agenda," West says. "For me, Nike Project-40 was the best route to take. I was always a pretty good student, but I also had dreams. I had aspirations of taking my soccer career to the next level. This has proven to be an excellent opportunity for me." ◆

Tab Ramos earned his degree from N.C. State a full 12 years after leaving to play soccer full time.



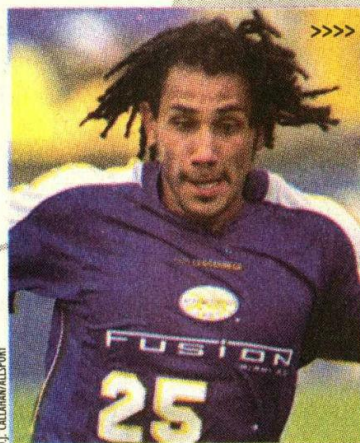
THE NEW HEROES OF MLS

With every MLS season that passes, a new group of soccer heroes emerge to feed fans' championship dreams. **FREEKICK** took a look back at the 2000 campaign and identified the league's top 12 emerging stars who are quickly grabbing the spotlight from the league's long-established performers:



»»» **Clint Mathis - F - MetroStars**

Mathis took a huge bite out of the Big Apple following his move from the Los Angeles Galaxy to the MetroStars in 2000. Not only did he finish the season as the league's second-leading scorer, but the 24-year-old also set a new league record by shredding the Dallas Burn defense for five goals in a single match. The fiery Mathis and his tenacious goal-scoring abilities will require more attention from opposing defenses in 2001.

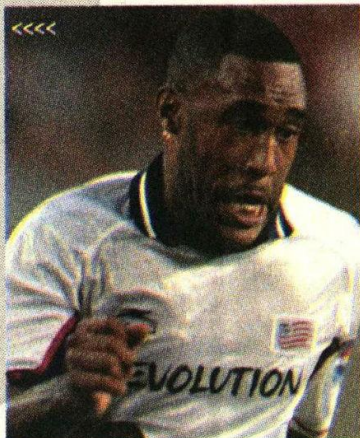


»»» **Pablo Mastroeni - D - Fusion**

Defenders don't come much tougher than the Fusion's dreadlocked warrior, who earned a look from U.S. National Team Head Coach Bruce Arena this off-season after a stellar 2000 campaign. With his rock-hard tackles and well-timed challenges, Mastroeni quickly turned heads around MLS. With a revamped Fusion defense that includes veteran man-marker Carlos Llamosa, Mastroeni's speed and versatility will make him a factor all over the field.

»»» **Wolde Harris - F - Revolution**

The offensive exploits of Harris played a key role in the Revolution's revival last season, leading the club to the postseason for only the second time in team history. The crafty Jamaican with the golden smile used his strength and skill to net 15 goals last year, including a record-tying seven-game goal-scoring streak. Recent call-ups to the Jamaican National Team will make Harris a marked man in 2001.



»»» **Dante Washington - F - Crew**

Injuries hampered Washington's performance following his All-Star '97 season with Dallas, but a change of scenery proved to be just the thing this opportunistic scorer needed. Following an injury to the Crew's key target, Brian McBride, Washington kept the Crew's playoff hopes alive by notching 15 goals and nine assists last season. He will be out to prove in 2001 that he deserves permanent mention among the league's top snipers.



»»» **Bobby Convey - M - D.C. United**

Given the chance to excel in 2000, Convey did just that, logging more than 1600 hundred minutes. As a rookie, the 17-year-old showed skill, composure and creativity with the ball. United's offseason moves have paved the way for Convey to become a major contributor to the team's attack in 2001.



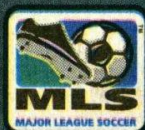
»»» **Carlos Bocanegra - D - Fire**

Although he didn't crack the Fire's starting eleven right away, Bocanegra proved to be irreplaceable for the 2000 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Champions. Playing with a tenacity seen in few first-year players, the former UCLA Bruin often drew the opponent's best attacker last season on his way to earning Kellogg's Rookie of the Year honors. Now with a season under his belt, Bocanegra again figures to be a fixture in Chicago's back line.

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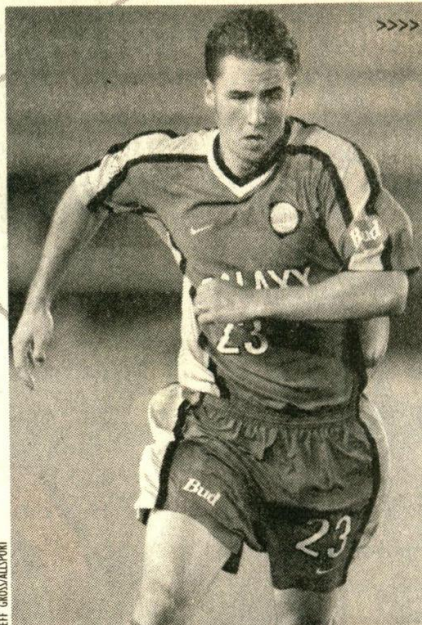
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Mamadou Diallo - F - Mutiny

The 2000 MLS Budweiser Scoring Champion returns to haunt the league's goalkeepers for another year after scorching the competition for 56 points on 26 goals and four assists, the second-largest single-season total in league history. Perhaps only the Mutiny were aware of "Big Mama's" rare combination of skill, size and speed last year, but their secret is no longer safe. Paired with highly touted rookie striker Ali Curtis, Diallo could be even more destructive in 2001.



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Danny Califf - D - Galaxy

The Galaxy's rookie defender quickly gained the confidence of Head Coach Sigi Schmid, as Califf was thrust into a starter's position only two months into the season. He quickly blossomed into one of the premier young defenders in the league. The former Maryland standout also grabbed the spotlight at the Sydney Olympics, where he started every game in central defense. His status as a starter no longer in doubt, look for Califf to lead the Galaxy's stingy defense in 2001 as it prepares for the FIFA Club World Championship in Spain.

Ariel Graziani - F - Burn

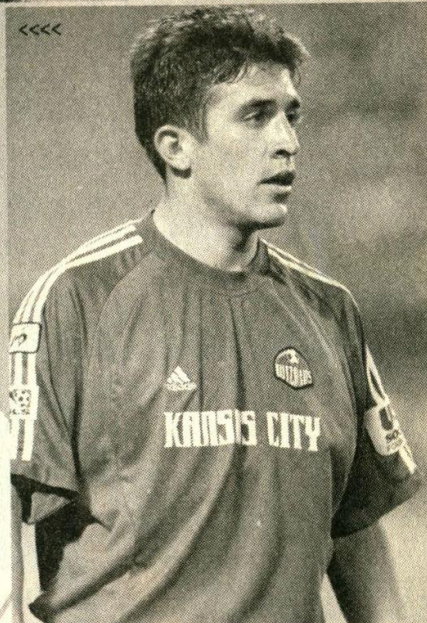
Despite playing only 35 games during two MLS seasons, Graziani clearly ranks among the most deadly finishers in league history. If his five-goal tear in the 1999 playoffs wasn't enough of a warning shot, the long-haired striker pumped in 15 goals in only 24 appearances last season despite extensive travel to join Ecuador's National Team for World Cup Qualifying. With his first full MLS season behind him, this savvy professional will use increased knowledge of his opponents to fuel his ruthless goal-scoring binges.



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Nick Garcia - D - Wizards

Playing with the class, composure and poise usually found in veterans, Garcia started every game at right back for the MLS Cup Champion Kansas City Wizards as a rookie. Playing alongside veterans Tony Meola and Peter Vermes, the all-everything talent from Indiana University left many of the league's top strikers shaking their heads in frustration. Garcia has his sights set on new goals in 2001, including earning a place with the full U.S. National Team. Youth matters little to this determined defender, who enters the 2001 season with the world at his feet.

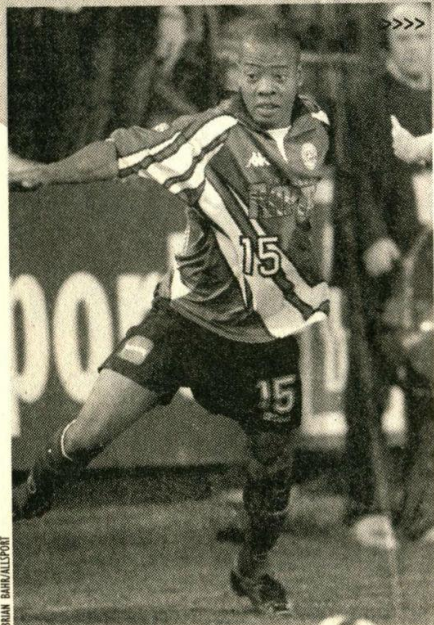


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Junior Agogo - F - Rapids

The pressure to produce is nothing new to Agogo, who started his pro career with English club Sheffield Wednesday. As with many players new to MLS, Agogo needed some time to adjust, but he finished the season with 27 points in only 22 appearances. With Colorado's new head coach Tim Hanksinon promising more attacking soccer to the Mile High faithful this summer, Agogo's dynamic abilities could make him a dark horse for the league's scoring title.

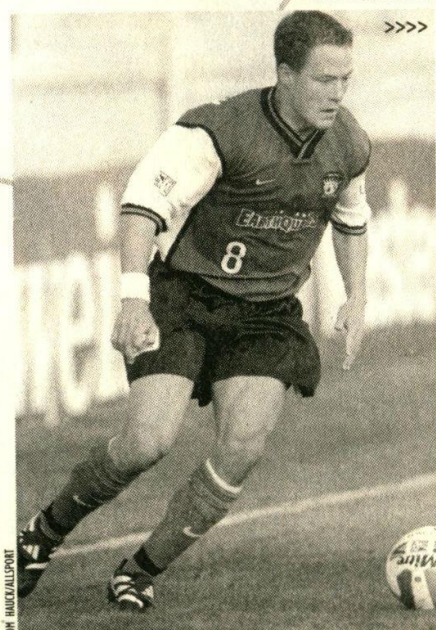


FRANK YALLOP

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Richard Mulrooney - M - Earthquakes

Mulrooney emerged to lead a young San Jose team in assists last season. A healthy Ronald Cerritos and enthusiastic Chris Carrieri will provide much better targets for Mulrooney's vision and skillful play. Despite San Jose's rough 2000 campaign, Mulrooney's play earned him an invite to U.S. National Team camp during the offseason. Although San Jose fans would like to forget much of last season, Mulrooney's fine play is one thing new head coach Frank Yallop would love to see back at Spartan Stadium in 2001.



FRANK YALLOP

COACH'S NOTES

LOOKING TOWARD AN EXCITING SEASON

The Los Angeles Galaxy are poised to take on the world's best at the FIFA Club World Championships in Spain. Winning the F.C. Champions' Cup was a huge step for the Galaxy as an organization, but more importantly for our players and our team because of the tremendous amount of confidence we gained.

In Spain, the Galaxy have an opportunity to measure ourselves against some of the top players in the world. We are looking to prove that we belong and are not party crashers or somebody who got there by a whim or by the luck of the draw. We're somebody that belongs there.

The best part of participating in the Club World Championship is that you're able to compete in it. That's the most exciting part as a player, a coach and an organization—to be sitting at the same table with some of the best clubs and organizations in the world. Playing with teams that have an illustrious history such as Real Madrid and Boca Juniors gives the Galaxy and MLS an opportunity to be recognized on the world stage.

The F.C. Champions' Cup victory blew away any doubts about the Galaxy's ability to win that big game that had eluded us in the past. Especially, the comeback in the championship game after being down 0-1.

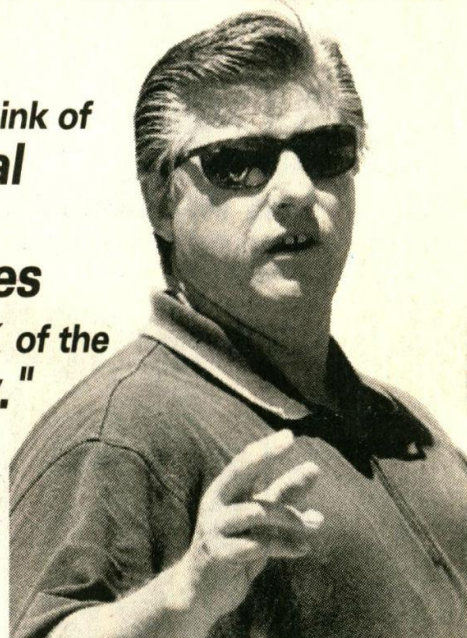
The MLS season is going to be exciting, and it's also a critical one in which the Galaxy must see continued leadership from Greg Vanney, Kevin Hartman, Cobi Jones, Mauricio Cienfuegos and also Simon Elliott, who really stepped up last year. They will be called upon to lead this team and gel both the old and the young players.

Also, we're really looking for the continued development of a number of young players, including our Olympians Peter Vagenas, Sasha Victorine and Dan Califf, as they enter their second year.

We also expect good production from our rookie class of Brian Mullan, Brian Ching and Isaias Bardales Jr. They will need to continue in the footsteps left by last year's rookies.

The level of play in MLS continues to increase and improve each year. We're looking at a higher standard of play and players who are

"When people think of professional soccer in the united states they will think of the L.A. Galaxy."



**HEAD COACH
SIGI SCHMID**

going to compete with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm because all of the players want to win the MLS Cup.

In 2001, when people think of professional soccer in the United States, they will think of the LA Galaxy.

See you at the Rose Bowl.

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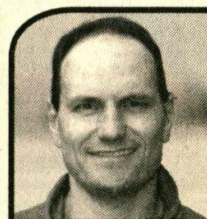
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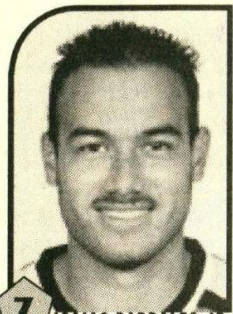


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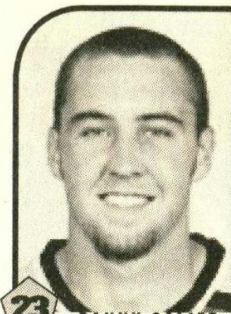
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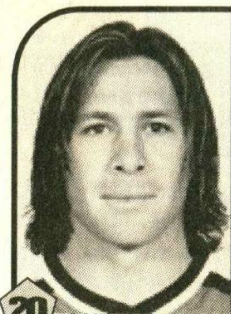
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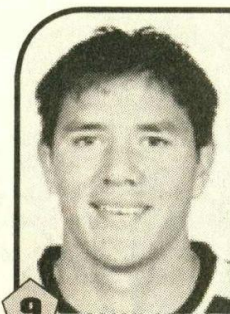
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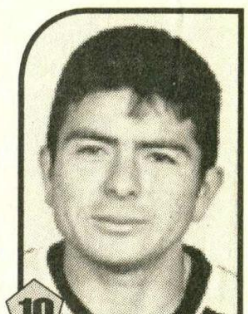
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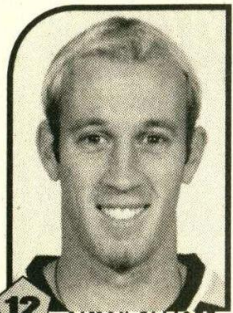
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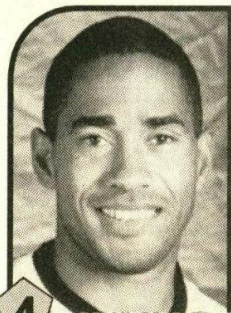
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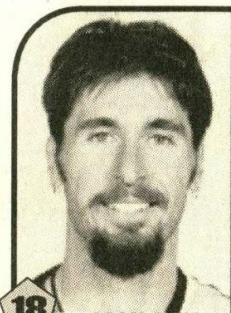
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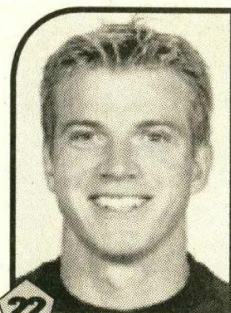
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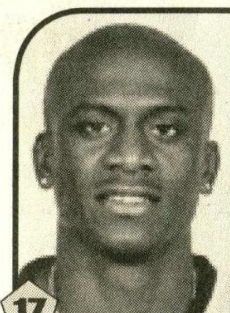
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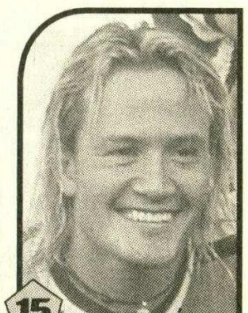
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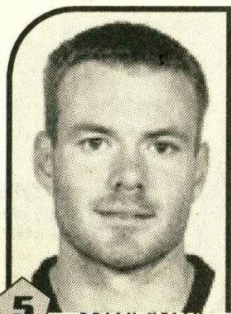
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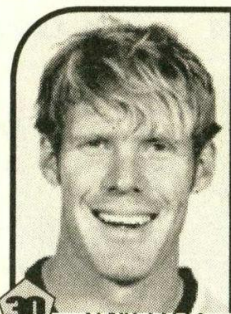
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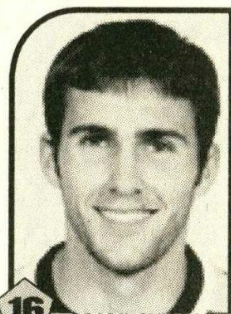
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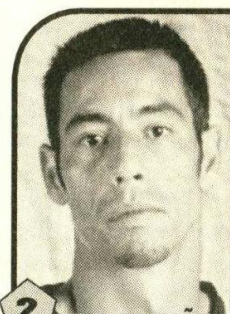
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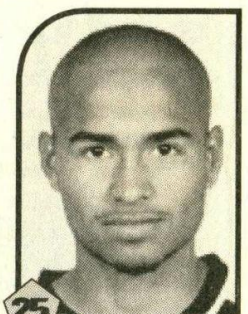
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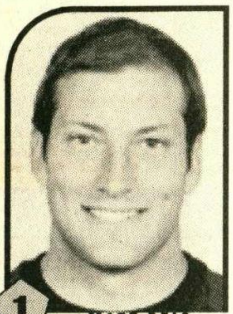
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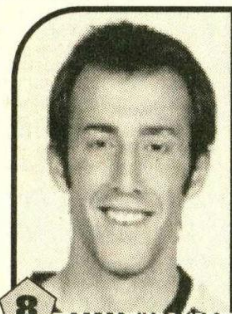
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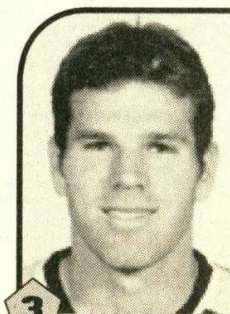
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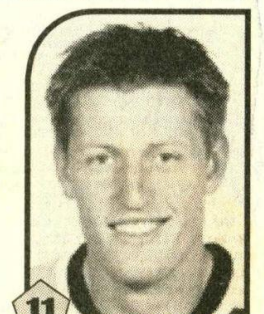
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3 GREG VANNEY
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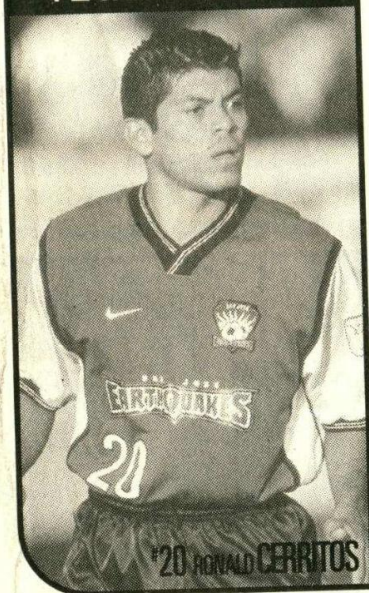
SATURDAY • APRIL 7 • 7:00 PM • TV: FSN2

Heading into his first season as head coach, the San Jose Earthquakes' Frank Yallop looks to guide the team to its first playoff appearance since 1996.



and solid, experienced players. Look for U.S. National Team defender Jeff Agoos to help anchor the 'Quakes defensive posture, and Chris Carrieri, the number one pick overall at the SuperDraft and 2000 collegiate leading scorer, to add offensive flair to the

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Yallop

made an immediate impact on the team by reloading the team's offensive and defensive weapons at the 2001 MLS SuperDraft by adding a powerful combination of young talent

Earthquakes' attack.

With San Jose's all-time scoring champion Ronald Cerritos returning at full strength, and the additions of A-League standout forward Dwayne DeRosario and offensive midfielder Manny Lagos, the 'Quakes have a potent offensive strike force for the 2001 season.

SAN JOSE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.
0	Jon Conway	GK	6-6	205	5-6-77	15	Harut Karapetyan	M	5-9	165	4-7-72
1	Joe Cannon	GK	6-2	190	1-1-75	16	Craig Waibel	D	6-1	170	8-21-75
2	Eddie Robinson	D/M	6-1	180	6-19-78	17	Jimmy Conrad	D	6-2	185	2-22-77
6	Jamie Clark	D	6-1	170	12-13-76	18	Wojtek Krakowiak	M	5-9	165	8-6-76
7	Ian Russell	M/F	5-10	170	8-30-75	20	Ronald Cerritos	F	5-9	155	1-3-75
8	Richard Mulrooney	M	5-9	160	11-3-76	22	Zak Ibsen	D/M	5-11	170	6-2-72
9	Scott Bower	M/F	5-8	160	6-27-78	21	Jorge Martinez	M	5-8	150	5-20-79
11	Manny Lagos	M	6-0	165	6-1-71	23	Corey Woolfolk	F	5-10	165	2-2-79
12	Jeff Agoos	D	5-10	175	5-2-68	24	Wade Barrett	M	5-8	150	6-23-76
13	Chris Carrieri	F	5-8	150	4-28-80	27	Dario Brose	M	5-6	150	1-27-70
14	Dwayne DeRosario	F	5-10	164	5-15-78						

SATURDAY • APRIL 21 • 7:00 PM • TV: FSN

With a new coaching staff and the return of five-year veteran and 2000 MasterCard Goal of the Year recipient, Marcelo Balboa, the Rapids look primed to stake their claim in the 2001 "Quest for the Cup."

New head coach Tim Hankinson and assistant coach Luc Sanders bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Rapids. As colleagues in Tampa Bay, Hankinson and Sanders led the Mutiny to a 16-12-4 mark last season. A former Belgian national goalkeeper, Sanders will be instrumental in developing second-year standout netminder Adin Brown.

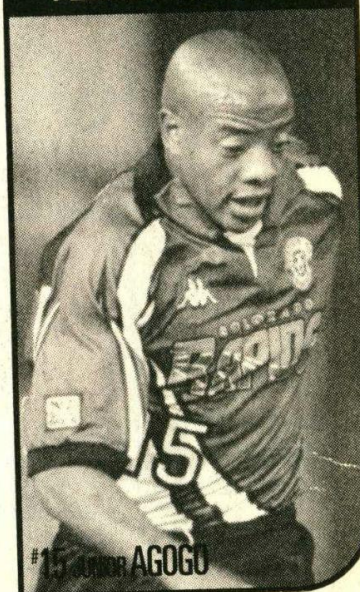
Balboa, the 2000 Honda Team MVP, is the sole member of the inaugural 1996 squad. In 2001, he continues to anchor the Rapids' back line.



Under a new coaching philosophy, the Rapids style of play will be more attack-oriented. With Junior Agogo (10 g, 27 pts in 2000), newly acquired Scottish forward John Spencer

(43 goals in 96 appearances for Chelsea from 1992-96) and playmaker Ross Paule looking to return to top form, the Rapids will be strong contenders in 2001.

PLAYER TO WATCH



COLORADO ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.
1	David Kramer	GK	6-3	185	8-1-72	14	Chris Martinez	D	6-2	190	12-25-70
2	Keyeno Thomas	D/M	6-2	194	12-19-77	15	Junior Agogo	F	6-0	180	8-1-79
3	Lance Key	D	6-0	190	7-27-78	16	Jason Moore	M	5-11	170	4-4-78
4	Scott Vermillion	D	5-11	175	12-23-76	17	Marcelo Balboa	D	6-1	175	8-8-67
5	Geoff Auger	D/M	5-11	170	2-4-68	18	Steve Herdsman	D	5-11	170	10-6-75
6	Ross Paule	M	5-10	160	4-4-76	20	Neathan Gibson	F	6-3	190	5-14-70
7	John Spencer	M/F	5-6	160	9-11-70	22	Ryan Lee	D	6-1	151	12-23-78
8	Seth Trembly	M	5-6	140	3-21-82	24	Adin Brown	GK	6-5	200	5-27-78
9	Paul Bravo	F	6-0	175	7-19-68	--	Carlos Parra	M	6-0	165	2-3-77
12	Wes Hart	M/F	5-7	155	9-14-77						

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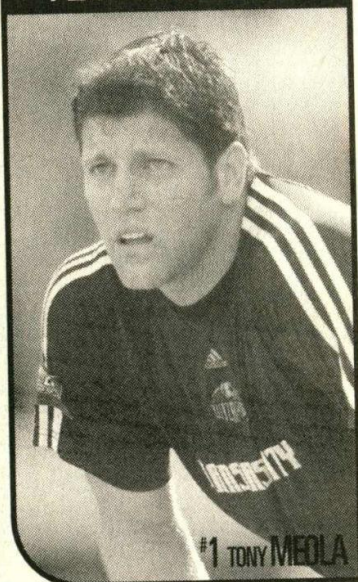
SATURDAY • MAY 5 • 7:00 PM • TV: FSN2

The defending MLS Cup Champion Kansas City Wizards have set their sites on back-to-back titles in 2001. MLS Coach of the Year Bob

KANSAS CITY WIZARDS™

Defender of the Year Peter Vermes and Mo Johnston mixed with rising young stars Nick Garcia, Kerry Zavagnin, Brandon Prideaux and

PLAYER TO WATCH



Gansler has retained the nucleus of last year's team and has added some offensive weapons to the mix.

The veteran leadership of Honda MVP and MLS Cup MVP Tony Meola (21 shutouts in 39 games in 2000), BIC

Francisco Gomez should provide the perfect blend.

Coach Gansler used the offseason to add some offensive firepower to his squad, acquiring MLS all-time leading scorer Roy Lassiter (81 goals, 34 assists, 196 points), former All-Star Mark Santel and drafting U-20 National Team star Jose Burciaga and MLS veteran Andrew Gregor.

The Wizards experience and offseason moves have them geared for 2001.

KANSAS CITY ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.
1	Tony Meola	GK	6-1	205	2/21/69	14	Michael Green	D	6-4	190	7/16/78
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3	Nick Garcia	D	5-10	160	4/9/79	17	Chris Klein	M	6-1	180	1/4/76
4	Brandon Prideaux	D	6-1	180	8/18/76	18	Tahj Jakins	D	6-2	180	11/11/75
5	Brian Johnson	M	5-7	150	3/7/74	19	Ben Stafford	F	6-0	185	12/11/78
6	Peter Vermes	D	6-1	175	11/21/66	20	Jose Burciaga Jr	D	6-1	166	11/16/81
7	Mark Santel	M	5-10	165	7/5/68	21	Francisco Gomez	M	5-11	170	1/25/79
8	Chris Brown	F	5-11	170	3/10/77	22	Gary Glasgow	F	5-10	155	5/13/76
9	Kerry Zavagnin	M	5-10	170	7/2/74	23	A.J. Wood	F	6-2	195	8/17/73
10	Mo Johnston	F	5-9	160	4/13/63	25	Bo Oshoniyi	GK	6-1	190	11/3/71
12	Peter Byaruhanga	F	5-10	160	8/18/79	26	Narciso Fernandes	M/F	6-3	195	9/20/78
13	Andrew Gregor	M	5-11	160	11/22/75	--	Mike Burns	D/M	5-9	165	9/14/70

SATURDAY • MAY 19 • 7:00 PM • TV: FSN

The Dallas Burn begins the 2001 season with a whole new look. From the new uniforms, to the new players and coaching staff, Burn fans have plenty of reason to be excited about this season. In January, Mike Jeffries took the reins as the second head coach in Burn history. Jeffries inherited a team loaded with talent and one of only two teams in MLS history to have qualified for the playoffs all five years.

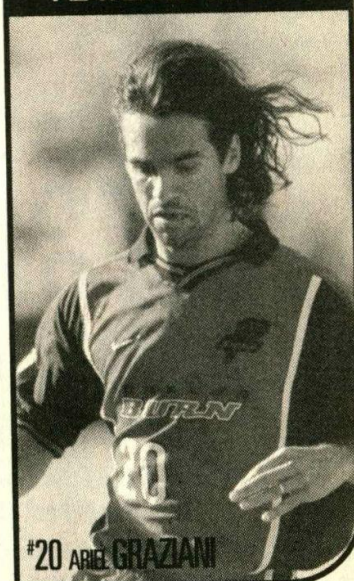
The always-dangerous duo of Ariel Graziani and Jason Kreis up front makes the Burn's attack one of the most potent in the league. The addition of Lubos Kubik, arguably one of the best sweepers in the league, solidified an already formidable

DALLAS BURN™

back-line. The Burn also added several quality players in the draft, including Joselito Vaca, who, at only 18-years-old, has already earned

a starting spot on the Bolivian National Team. Additionally, with the return of several quality veterans such as Chad Deering, Zarco Rodriguez, Oscar Pareja and Matt Jordan, the Burn is sure to be a contender for MLS Cup 2001.

PLAYER TO WATCH



DALLAS ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.
1	Matt Jordan	GK	6-2	185	10-13-75	13	Miguel Saavedra	M	5-11	155	7-3-83
2	Eric Dade	D	6-1	190	1-19-70	14	Ted Eck	M	6-1	185	7-14-66
3	Ryan Suarez	D	6-2	185	7-28-77	15	Chad Deering	M	6-2	175	9-2-70
4	Paul Broome	M	5-9	150	6-6-76	16	Aleksey Korol	F	5-10	160	10-14-77
5	Lubos Kubik	D	6-3	195	1-20-64	17	Jorge Rodriguez	D	5-9	155	5-20-71
6	Lazo Alavanja	M	5-11	165	1-18-77	18	Richard Farrer	D	6-0	175	4-9-71
7	Esmundo Rodriguez	M/F	5-8	140	5-25-77	19	Bobby Rhine	F	5-10	171	4-18-76
8	Oscar Pareja	M	5-8	150	8-10-68	20	Ariel Graziani	F	6-0	165	6-7-71
9	Jason Kreis	F	5-10	155	12-29-72	21	Roberto Najarro	M	5-6	145	1-31-79
10	Joselito Vaca	M	5-6	125	8-12-82	22	Adam Zapala	GK	6-2	170	12-28-77
11	Antonio Martinez	M	5-7	140	7-9-77	24	Angel Rivillo	M	5-7	150	7-12-78
12	Brandon Pollard	D	5-10	165	10-9-73	25	Josue Mayard	D	5-10	170	3-10-80
						--	Eddie Johnson	F	6-2	170	3-31-84

FC CHAMPIONS:

GALAXY *Take on the World This Summer*

By Steve Vanderpool

Imagine going into Yankee Stadium to play the three-time defending champions in the World Series or Boston Garden to battle the Celtics in the NBA Finals during the heyday of Larry Bird. Well, that's nothing compared to what awaits the Los Angeles Galaxy when they travel to Spain this summer to play in the FIFA Club World Championship.

The Galaxy's reward for winning the FC Champions' Cup this past January is a date with Real Madrid, FIFA's "Club of the Century." The August 3 game will be played in the 78,000-seat Santiago Bernabéu, home to the defending Champions League Cup winners and site of the 1982 World Cup Final between Germany and Italy.

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player," says Sigi Schmid, Galaxy head coach. "If you are going to go to Spain, it makes a lot of sense to play Real in Madrid."

In contrast to the Galaxy, who was a charter member of MLS in 1996, Real Madrid will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. Founded in 1902, Real is among the best-known soccer clubs in the world alongside the likes of Manchester United, Bayern Munich and FC Barcelona. Holder

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TONY QUINN/MLS



Cobi Jones and Paul Caligiuri celebrate the Galaxy's F.C. Champions' Cup victory.

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of a record eight European Cup titles. Real currently flaunts the presence of immensely talented midfielder Luis Figo (transferred from Barcelona for \$56.1 million in 2000), prolific striker Raúl and durable Fernando Hierro in its star-filled roster.

The Galaxy earned their trip to compete in the six-confederation, 12-team event with a victory over fellow-MLS member D.C. United in the Champions' Cup semifinals. For the club—and especially original Galaxy players like Mauricio Cienfuegos, Cobi Jones and Greg Vanney—it was doubly sweet. In addition to the FIFA tournament berth, it avenged two bitter defeats at the hands of United in MLS Cup Finals in 1996 and '99.

With the goal of qualifying for the world championships met, the team set their sites on going to Europe as CONCACAF champions, something many in the soccer world thought impossible heading into the tournament. But looming in their way was Olimpia of Honduras, who had also qualified for Spain, but had the same goal of going as confederation champions.

In the championship game played at the Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles, Olimpia jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the 34th minute when Gerson Vázquez sent a long cross into the 18-yard box for teammate Carlos Paes de Oliveria. The Galaxy's Alexi Lalas attempted to head away the ball, but was called for a handball foul, earning Olimpia a penalty kick. Olimpia midfielder Danilo Tosello converted, beating Galaxy goalkeeper Kevin

Hartman to the right.

Only two minutes later, Peter Vagenas sent a swinging corner kick to the far post, where Lalas earned a bit of redemption by heading the ball back across to Ezra Hendrickson, who powered a header past Olimpia goalkeeper Donald González.

Los Angeles kept pressing forward and in the 39th minute, Jones scored his first goal of the tournament on an amazing half-volley through the legs of his defender and past González. Once again, it was Lalas proving that his acquisition by the Galaxy was justified by striking a 30-yard cross to the foot of his old national-team partner, to give the Galaxy a 2-1 advantage.

Olimpia equalized in the 51st minute, when Merlin Membreño fired a sharp cross into the near post. Charging into the box, Robert Lima nodded the pass just inside the near post, tying the match at 2-2.

Hendrickson, a member of the St. Vincent National Team, scored his second goal, the game-winner, in the 78th minute off a beautiful give-and-go with Mauricio Cienfuegos. The Galaxy held off a few more Olimpia challenges to run out the clock and the celebration began.

"We knew it was going to take something special," said Hendrickson. "Mauricio fed me a great ball on the one-two and I saw the opening at the near post and I just went for it. I am just happy

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Luis Figo (left) and Roberto Carlos are only two of the international superstars on the Real Madrid roster.

"My expectation, having coached national teams against Africa, is that Hearts of Oak will be very physical and quick."

Sigi Schmid, Galaxy Head Coach



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that it finally happened for us."

The Galaxy will make their FIFA Club World Championships debut on July 31, when they square off against Accra Hearts of Oak of Ghana. Founded in 1910, Hearts of Oak were the African Super Cup champions in 2001 and claimed the 2000 African Champions League and FA Cup titles this past year. Their two premier offensive players are striker Ishmael Addo, who had 19 goals in 2000, and Charles Allotey, who had six.

The Galaxy will conclude Group Play on August 6 against Jubilo Iwata of Japan. The enterprising J-League club has steadily climbed the ranks of Asian soccer during the last 10 years. Founded in 1972, Iwata won the J-League titles in 1999. The Galaxy lost to a pair of J-League teams on a recent trip to the Far East, but on that journey defeated the national team of China.

"Jubilo is technically a very good team with speed and quickness," says Schmid. "They create chances, but also give chances to an opponent. My expectation, having coached national teams against Africa, is that Hearts of Oak will be very physical and quick."

The winner of each of the three groups, and the best second-place finisher, will advance to the semifinals on August 9, with the Final and Third-Place Match at the Santiago Bernabéu on August 12.

Without an MLS game being played, 2001 has already been a memorable year for the Galaxy. ♦

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Ezra Hendrickson celebrates with Galaxy fans following his second goal of the match against Olimpia.



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GROUP PLAY (JULY 28-AUGUST 6, 2001)

(Group A)

Atlético Boca Juniors (Argentina)
Deportivo La Coruna (Spain)
Wollongong Wolves (Australia)

Zamalek FC (Egypt)

How Qualified

Winner, 2000 Copa Libertadores
Champion, 2000 Spanish League
Winner, 2001 OFC Club
Championships
Winner, 2000 African Cup of Cup

(Group C)

Real Madrid (Spain) Winner, 2000 UEFA Champions League
Jubilo Iwata (Japan) Winner, 1999 Asian Super Cup
Accra Hearts of Oak (Ghana) Winner, 2000 CAF Champions League
Los Angeles Galaxy (USA) Winner, 2001 Champions' Cup

(Group B)

Palmeiras (Brazil)
Olimpia (Honduras)
Galatasaray (Turkey)
Al-Hilal (Saudi Arabia)

Winner, Copa Libertadores
Runner-Up, 2001 Champions' Cup
Winner, 2000 UEFA Cup
Winner, 2000 Asian Super Cup

Winners of each group and the second place team with the best record advance to the semifinals, which will be played on August 9 at Riazor in La Coruña and at Santiago Bernabéu. The Finals and Third Place Match will be held at Santiago Bernabéu on Sunday, August 12.

FAN ZONE



2001 GALAXY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND GALAXY FOUNDATION

The Los Angeles Galaxy and the Galaxy Foundation are committed to giving back to the community. The Galaxy Foundation was established as a vehicle to continue the Galaxy's philanthropic endeavors. Through various events and fundraisers, additional funds will be raised for the Foundation to expand its commitment to children and the community.

The Los Angeles Galaxy and Galaxy Foundation seek to make a positive impact in the lives of children in Southern California through the support and creation of educational and recreational programs. As an organization, the Galaxy believes what we do off the field is just as important as what we do on the field. Through the involvement of our players, coaching and front office staffs, the Galaxy and Galaxy Foundation will continue to be a visible and active community partner.



KICKS 4 KIDS

The Kicks 4 Kids program gives businesses, corporations and individuals the opportunity to provide Los Angeles Galaxy tickets to non-profit organizations and groups that benefit children in the Southern California area. Due to the contributions of our generous sponsors, the 2000 Galaxy and Galaxy Foundation's Kicks 4 Kids and Kicks 4 Education programs brought more than 6,000 underprivileged and at-risk youth to Galaxy home games last season.

For the 2001 Major League Soccer season, the Los Angeles Galaxy, Galaxy Foundation and our many supporters will continue to provide children's charities with the special opportunity to see a Galaxy game at the historic Rose Bowl. This season, through Eddie's Kids Corner, Galaxy supporter Eddie Wedelstedt has generously committed to bring 400 children to each Galaxy home game.

The Los Angeles Galaxy and Galaxy Foundation would like to acknowledge the following for their support of the 2001 Kicks 4 Kids program:

* Five Star Parking-Classic Parking

* Goalie Charitable Foundation - Eddie Wedelstedt

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* KSSE 97.5/103.1 FM

* Mega 92.3 FM

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Goals and Assists for Kids Scholarships presented by



This season, Rosarita has pledged to donate \$200 per Galaxy regular season goal (up to a maximum of \$6000) to the Galaxy Foundation. Half of the proceeds will be utilized for six (6) Goals and Assists for Kids 500 scholarships that will be set-up at local recreation centers.

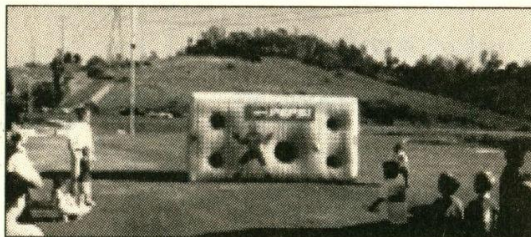
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Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., has pledged to donate \$100 per goal to the Galaxy Foundation. The Galaxy Foundation and Anheuser-Busch will donate half of the proceeds from each regular season goal to the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the proceeds from each playoff goal will be donated to SALEF, the Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund.

SOCCER CITY SHUTTLE



Look out! The Los Angeles Galaxy Soccer City Shuttle may be coming to a soccer field near you! The Soccer City Shuttle appears at all Galaxy home games as well as all over Southern California with our mobile "Soccer Experience."

The Soccer City Shuttle's mission is to increase awareness of the Los Angeles Galaxy through visits at various events, such as soccer tournaments, community festivals and our local schools. Kids can speed through a tunnel, climb a wall and weave through inflatable objects in the Official Obstacle Course! Teams can score against each other in the larger-than-life Human Foosball. Shooters can test their aim and speed of their kick with the Accuracy Shot and Velocity Kick. The Soccer City Shuttle provides a fun and interactive environment for Galaxy fans of all ages!

If you want more information or are interested in scheduling the Galaxy Soccer City Shuttle for a community event, please e-mail James Shilkret at jshilkret@lagalaxy.com or call (626) 535-8326.

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Para ciertos partidos, el Galaxy regala premios en las entradas hasta agotar existencias. Al comprar boletos en las siguientes tiendas, estas garantizado estos premios al entrar por las puertas especiales de "Season Ticket Holders" localizadas a la izquierda de las entradas A y G.

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Liborio Markets
6061 Atlantic Blvd
Maywood CA 90270
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LA CA 90006
(213) 389-4444

La Tapachulteca
6569 Van Nuys Blvd
Van Nuys CA 91401
(818) 787-9969

La Tapachulteca
1500 S Vermont Ave
LA CA 90006
(213) 637-0969

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Pasadena CA 91103
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North Hollywood CA 91605
(818) 764-8091

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Huntington Park CA 90255
(323) 589-1482

United Nations Soccer League
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North Hollywood CA 91605
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2001 GALAXY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PT)	TV
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April

Sat. 7	San Jose	7:00 p.m.	FSN2
Sat. 14	at Kansas City	5:30 p.m.	KCAL
Sat. 21	Colorado	7:00 p.m.	FSN
Sat. 28	at Colorado	1:00 p.m.	TEL

May

Sat. 5	Kansas City	7:00 p.m.	FSN2
Wed. 9	at Tampa Bay	4:00 p.m.	FSN (7 p.m. TD)
Sat. 12	at MetroStars	4:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat. 19	Dallas	7:00 p.m.	FSN
Sat. 26	New England	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. 30	at Chicago	5:30 p.m.	FSN (7 p.m. TD)

June

Sat. 2	at Columbus	1:00 p.m.	TEL
Wed. 6	D.C. United	7:00 p.m.	FSN2 (10 p.m. TD)
Sat. 9	at San Jose	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Wed. 13	Kansas City	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. 16	at Miami	5:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat. 23	MetroStars	1:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat. 30	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.	ESPN

July

Wed. 4	Columbus	7:00 p.m.	FSN
Sat. 7	at D.C. United	5:00 p.m.	FSN2
Sat. 14	Miami	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Tue. 17	at New England	4:30 p.m.	KCAL

August

Wed. 15	at Kansas City	5:30 p.m.	FSN (7 p.m. TD)
Sat. 18	Tampa Bay	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat. 25	Chicago	1:00 p.m.	TEL

September

Sat. 1	Colorado	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. 8	at Colorado	6:00 p.m.	KCAL
Wed. 12	San Jose	7:00 p.m.	
Sun. 16	at San Jose	1:00 p.m.	ESPN2

Dates and times are subject to change.

FSN=Fox Sports Network; FSN2=Fox Sports Network2; KCAL=Ch. 9; TEL=Telemundo
TD=Tape-delayed telecast



"Greetings from Soccer City"

APRIL 21: Major League Soccer fun and excitement continues as your Los Angeles Galaxy take on the Colorado Rapids at 7:00pm. This game is the first of seven Family Games, where you get 4 reserved tickets, 4 hot dogs, 4 sodas and two limited edition Kevin Hartman posters for only \$59! Additional tickets (with food) are available. This great offer is only available in advance. Family games are brought to you courtesy of Mega 92.3 FM, the Los Angeles Times and KLVE 107.5 FM

MAY 5: Come celebrate "Cinco De Mayo" the Galaxy way! Your Los Angeles Galaxy will take on the 2000 MLS Cup Champion Kansas City Wizards @ 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Bowl. To honor the Latino Heritage, we will be giving away a poster of Hispanic MLS Stars, courtesy of Milo (while supplies last). For information and to purchase advance tickets call toll free: 1-877-3GALAXY

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SOCCER CITY SHUTTLE

Look out, the Los Angeles Galaxy Soccer City Shuttle may be coming to a soccer field near you! This mobile Soccer Extravaganza appears all over Southern California at soccer tournaments, community festivals, corporate events and our very own Soccer Fest. The experience features the official Galaxy Obstacle Course, Speedkick, Accuracy Shot and Human Foosball. Check out our activity calendar on www.lagalaxy.com (under Schedules) to see our schedule of visits.

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Brian Mullan

Position: Forward

Ht.: 5-8

Wt.: 150

D.O.B.: 4-23-78

Hometown: Littleton, Colo.

What does it mean to you to be a professional athlete? Is it a dream come true?

Of course, it's every little kid's dream and I'm just glad mine came true and hopefully it will keep getting better.

I understand that you have played hockey growing up. How far did you go?

I made it all the way to the national-team pool as a goalie.

Was it a tough choice between soccer and hockey?

Yeah, I love hockey and I still love playing it, but it was always a dream to become a professional athlete and soccer was going to take me there so I chose soccer.

Did you ever have any nicknames growing up?

Mooney. There was a cartoon strip in the newspaper in New York called "Moon Mullins" and my hockey team pulled it from that. It did not have anything to do with exposing a part of my anatomy.

How long have you been married to your wife Kersten?

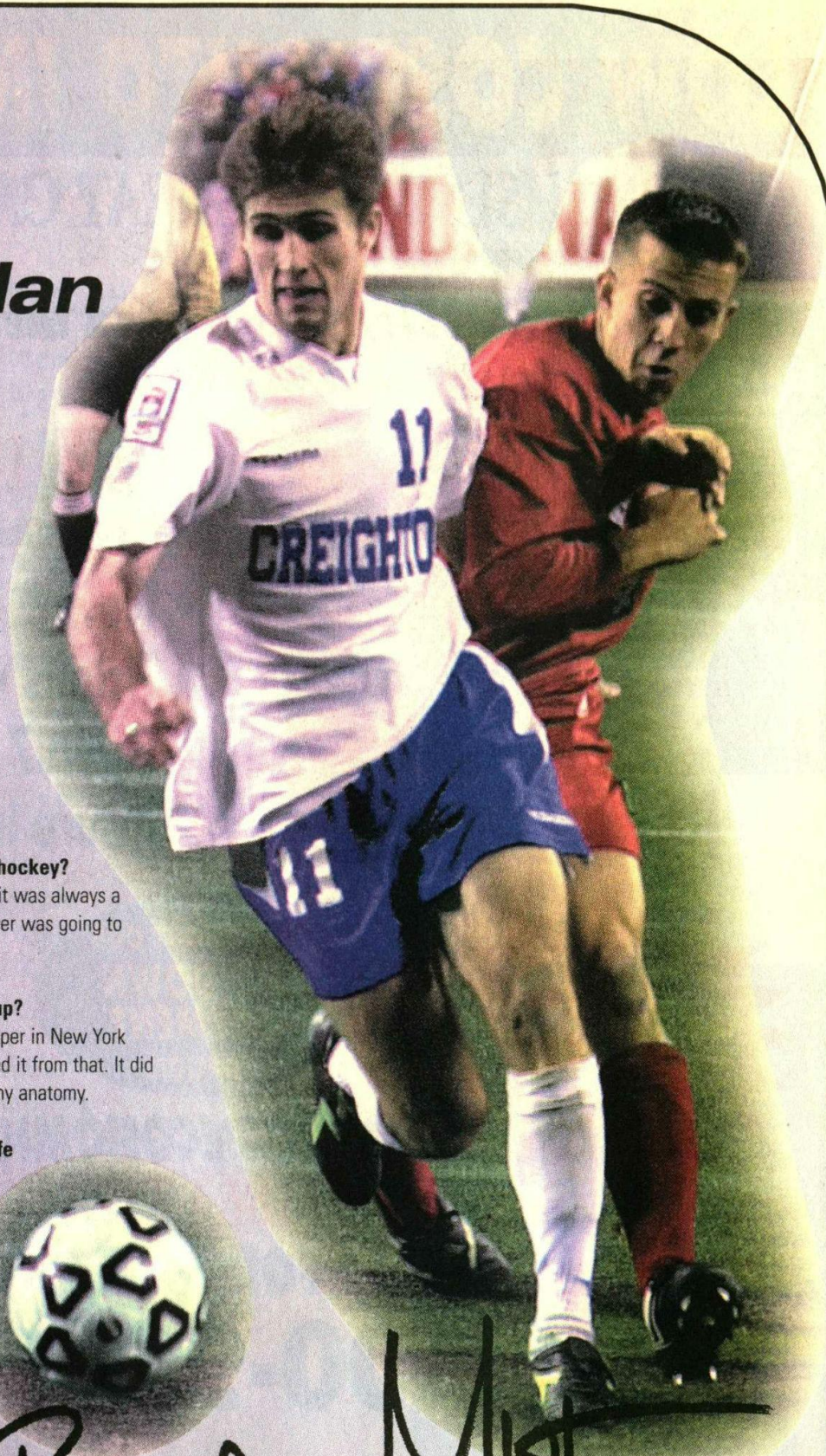
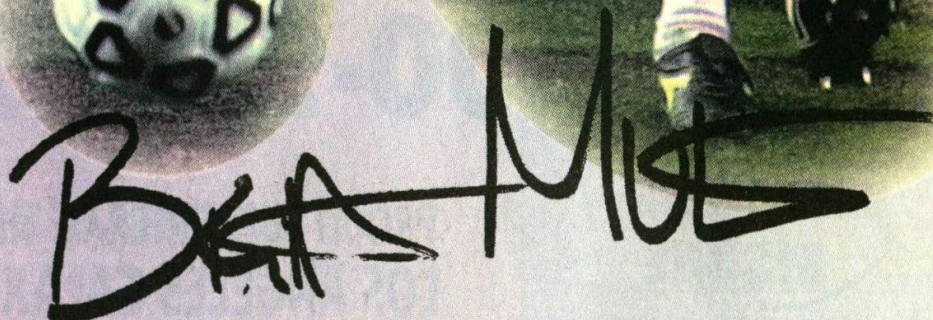
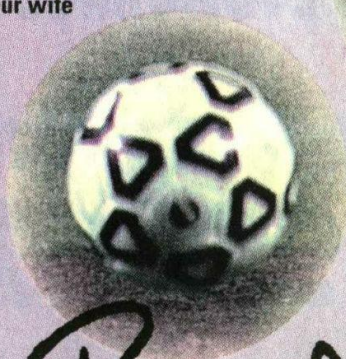
I got married this year on January 6th in Denver, Colo.

What is your favorite movie?

Shawshank Redemption

What is your favorite food?

Seafood (shellfish and crab).



Building of a DYNASTY

Kevin Hartman, 1999 MLS Pepsi Goalkeeper of the Year, is one of the young stars to make a name for himself in the league.

By Patrick Donnelly

Is the Los Angeles Galaxy a dynasty? Maybe not in the traditional sense, but in five years of existence the Galaxy has taken the first steps in building a history in Major League Soccer, the United States and in 2001, the international scene.

Every Major League Soccer club is trying to make its own mark on the field through winning and championships, but also off the field in their home cities, surrounding communities and especially with their fans. The Galaxy continues to build its first generation of fans and the work accomplished thus far is the groundwork for the future.

Ask anyone in sports what qualities does a team have to have to become a dynasty? The answer is simple: a history of marquee players, winning and championships.

In 2001, Los Angeles captured its first-ever championship by winning the 2000 Football Confederations Champions' Cup. Against the top clubs from its region of the world, the Galaxy took center stage and defeated Olimpia of Honduras 3-2 in the final.

With the victory, Los Angeles earned a berth at the FIFA Club World Championship and the opportunity to face off against some of the most storied and oldest clubs in the world.

The Galaxy's credentials comprise of two MLS Cup appearances, two Western Conference Championships, the best all-time record in MLS (93-59-8, .606 pct.) and the

best attendance (1,749,719).

Also, Los Angeles has never finished below second place in its division or conference and is one of two privileged clubs to have earned a playoff berth in all five years of MLS' existence.

"Most teams in the league perceived the Galaxy as a juggernaut, along with D.C. United as one of the top two teams in the league," said Galaxy midfielder Brian Kelly, a 5-year MLS veteran.

Many marquee international players have donned the Galaxy colors, including Mauricio Cienfuegos (El Salvador) and Luis Hernández (Mexico), who lead this year's club.

The Galaxy has grown a great deal over five years and produced solid veterans and young players. Homegrown U.S. players featured on the team include names such as Cobi Jones, Paul Caligiuri, Robin Fraser, Greg Vanney, Kevin Hartman, Danny Califf,

Sasha Victorine and Peter Vagenas. All names that have, or will continue to make their mark as members of the U.S. National Team landscape.

The Champions' Cup winner now awaits its introduction to true international soccer in 2001 at the FIFA Club World Championship in Spain. The potential of the Club World Championship and a new soccer complex at home, firmly place the Galaxy as the new face of U.S. professional soccer and a dynasty in evolution.

In 1996, Salvadoran midfielder Mauricio Cienfuegos hoisted the first of two Western Conference Championships won by the Galaxy.



GALAXY

EN EL MUNDIAL DE CLUBES DE LA FIFA

Paul Caligiuri
conduce el balón
durante la final de la
Copa de Campeones
frente al Olimpia de
Honduras que
finalizó con victoria
de 3-2 a favor
del Galaxy.

Por Steve Vanderpool

Imagínese entrando al estadio de los Yanquis para jugar frente a los tricampeones de la Serie Mundial de béisbol, o al Boston Garden para vérselas ante los Célticos en una final de la NBA, durante la mejor época de Larry Bird. Bueno, pues eso es nada comparado con lo que le espera al Galaxy de Los Angeles cuando viaje éste verano a España para disputar el Mundial de Clubes de la FIFA.

La recompensa para el Galaxy, por haber ganado la Copa de Campeones de la Concacaf, el pasado mes de enero, es una cita con el Real Madrid, elegido por la FIFA como "El Club del Siglo." El juego se disputará el 3 de agosto en el estadio Santiago Bernabeu que tiene una capacidad para 78,000 espectadores. El Bernabeu es la casa del Real, campeón defensor de la Liga de Campeones de la UEFA y sede de la final entre Alemania e

Italia durante el Campeonato Mundial de España en 1982.

"Yo pienso que no existe nada mejor que ir a Madrid y jugar frente al Real. Es toda una aventura y la mejor oportunidad de sus vidas para los futbolistas estadounidenses," dijo Sigi Schmid, director técnico del Galaxy. "Si vamos a jugar en España, tiene sentido que juguemos frente al Real Madrid," agregó.

En contraste con el Galaxy, cuya existencia como miembro de la MLS data de 1996, Real Madrid celebrará su centésimo aniversario el próximo año. Fundado en 1902, Real es uno de los equipos de fútbol más reconocidos en el mundo, junto a clubes de la fama del Manchester United, Bayern Munich y FC Barcelona. Los 'Merengues' poseen la marca de 8 títulos de campeón de Europa y en la actualidad cuentan en sus filas con

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la presencia del talentoso mediocampista portugués Luis Figo, quien llegó procedente del Barcelona, el año pasado, en una transferencia que tuvo un costo de \$56.1 millones de dólares. Además, el Madrid cuenta en su firmamento con estrellas de la clase de los internacionales españoles Raúl y Fernando Hierro, así como el brasileño Roberto Carlos.

El Galaxy obtuvo su pase a esta competencia en la que intervienen 12 equipos representando a seis confederaciones, con una victoria sobre otro equipo de la MLS, el DC United, durante la semifinal de la Copa de Campeones. Para el club, y muy especialmente para jugadores que han vestido la casaca galáctica desde su nacimiento, como Mauricio Cienfuegos, Cobi Jones y Greg Vanney, fue una victoria con doble significado. Porque además de ganar un lugar en el Mundial de Clubes, fue un desquite por aquellas derrotas sufridas frente al equipo de Washington D. C. durante las finales de la MLS en 1996 y 1999.

Ya con la calificación en la bolsa, el equipo angelino se propuso ir al Mundial de Clubes investido como Campeón de la CONCACAF, un título que muchos consideraban como inaccesible para el Galaxy, especialmente el Olimpia de Honduras, que también había asegurado su pase a España, pero aspiraba a coronarse como campeón de la Confederación de Fútbol.

En el juego por el campeonato, celebrado en el Coliseo Memorial de Los Angeles, Olimpia se adelantó en el marcador en el minuto 34, cuando Gerson Vázquez envió un largo pase al área del Galaxy dirigido a su compañero Carlos Paes de Oliveria. Alexi Lalas intentó despejar de cabeza, pero el árbitro decretó un penal, aduciendo que el defensa angelino había tocado el balón con la mano, para que el mediocampista Danilo Tosello convirtiera el gol, superando al portero galáctico Kevin Hartman con remate hacia la derecha.

Dos minutos más tarde, Peter Vagenas cobró desde la punta derecha un tiro de esquina pasado, que Alexi Lalas cruzó de cabeza para Ezra Hendrickson, quien a su vez la colocó, también con la testa, en el ángulo superior derecho de la meta defendida por Donaldo González.

El equipo de Los Angeles siguió presionando al frente y en el minuto 39 Cobi Jones anotó su primer tanto del torneo con un sorpresivo remate de volea que pasó entre las piernas de un defensa y venció nuevamente la meta del Olimpia. En la jugada, Lalas justificó una vez más la valía de su adquisición, con un pase de 30 yardas para su excompañero de selección nacional, colaborando así en el gol que daba al

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Mauricio Cienfuegos integró por muchos años la selección de El Salvador y este verano tendrá otra oportunidad de intervenir en un torneo internacional.



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Galaxy la ventaja de 2-1 en el marcador.

Olimpia igualó la cuenta en el minuto 51 cuando Merlin Membreño lanzó un centro que Robert Lima se encargó de desviar hacia la red, apareciendo en el primer poste, para escribir así el 2-2 en la pizarra.

Ezra Hendrickson, miembro de la selección nacional de San Vicente y las Granadinas, se anotó con su segundo tanto de la tarde, el gol de la victoria, en el minuto 78, concluyendo una triangulación perfecta con Mauricio Cienfuegos. En los minutos finales, el Galaxy nulificó algunos embates del Olimpia, logrando que el marcador prevaleciera hasta el final para dar así paso a la celebración.

"Sabíamos que se requería de algo muy especial," señaló Hendrickson. "Mauricio me sirvió un gran balón en la jugada de pared y yo solo ví una rendija cerca del poste, por lo que decidí disparar. Ahora, me siento muy feliz de que las cosas nos salieron bien."

El Galaxy hará su debut en el II Mundial de Clubes de la FIFA el 31 de julio, cuando se enfrente al Club Accra Hearts of Oak de Ghana.

Este equipo Campeón de Africa fue fundado en 1910.

El Hearts of Oak se adjudicó la Super Copa de campeones de Africa en 2001 y es también poseedor de la Liga de Campeones de Africa del 2000, así como el título

de liga y de copa del año pasado en su país. Dos de sus jugadores más distinguidos son los atacantes Ishmael Addo, quien anotó 19 goles en el 2000, y Charles Allotey, que hizo seis.

Galaxy concluye sus juegos de la primera ronda en el Grup 'C' enfrentando el 6 de agosto al Jubilo Iwata de Japón. Este exitoso equipo de la J-League ha ascendido en forma consistente entre las fuerzas del balompié asiático durante los últimos diez años. Este club fue fundado en 1972 y ganó los títulos de campeón de la J-League, así como la Super Copa de Asia en 1999. El Galaxy perdió dos encuentros frente a equipos de la J-League, durante una gira realizada a principios de este año por el Lejano Oriente, en la que también logró una victoria sobre la Selección Nacional China.

"Jubilo es un equipo técnicamente muy bueno y además cuenta con velocidad y rapidéz," indicó Schmid. "Crean muchas oportunidades de gol, pero también conceden opciones al oponente. Por otra parte, habiendo ya dirigido ante selecciones africanas, espero que el Hearts of Oak sea un rival con gran despliegue físico y rápido," concluyó el técnico.

El ganador de cada uno de los tres grupos y el mejor segundo lugar avanzarán a la ronda de semifinales que se disputará el 9 de agosto. La final y el juego por el tercer lugar se celebrarán el 12 de agosto en el Santiago Bernabeu.

Todavía no se disputa un solo juego de la temporada regular en la MLS, pero el 2001 ya es una año memorable para el Galaxy. ■

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Raúl, delantero del Real Madrid, es una de las estrellas internacionales que enfrentará al Galaxy durante su intervención en el Mundial de Clubes de la FIFA

LA ESQUINA DEL TÉCNICO

Por Sigi Schmid

El Galaxy de Los Angeles está ansioso por enfrentar a los mejores equipos del mundo durante el Mundial de Clubes de la FIFA en España. Ganar la Copa de Campeones de la Concacaf ha sido un logro enorme para la organización del Galaxy, pero aun más importante lo es para nuestros jugadores y para el equipo, por la tremenda confianza que hemos adquirido.

En España, el Galaxy tiene la oportunidad de medir fuerzas ante algunos de los jugadores más importantes del mundo. Nuestro equipo pretende probar que acude a esa fiesta por méritos propios y no como 'colado,' o como alguien que llega por capricho o por el designio de la suerte. Nosotros sentimos que pertenecemos a esa élite.

Lo mejor de esta participación en el Mundial de Clubes, es la posibilidad de competir contra los mejores en ese torneo. Es lo más exitante que le puede ocurrir a los jugadores, al técnico y a la organización: poder sentarnos en la misma mesa junto a los mejores clubes y organizaciones del mundo. Competir con equipos que cuentan con una historia tan ilustre como la del Real Madrid o el Boca Juniors de Argentina, proporciona al Galaxy y a la Major League Soccer la oportunidad de ser reconocidos en el escenario mundialista.

La victoria que obtuvimos en la Copa de Campeones de la Concacaf abatió cualquier duda sobre la capacidad del Galaxy para ganar los juegos decisivos, como le había sucedido al equipo en el pasado. Especialmente, fue gratificante ver al equipo levantarse de una desventaja de 0-1 en la final, para adjudicarse la victoria y el título.

La temporada regular de la MLS será exitante. Un año crítico en el que el Galaxy debe continuar beneficiándose del liderazgo que ofrecen jugadores como Greg Vanney, Kevin Hartman, Cobi Jones y Mauricio Cienfuegos, lo mismo que Simon Elliott, quien verdaderamente se consolidó como titular el año pasado. Ellos están llamados a ser los cabecillas del equipo y a servir como vínculo entre

los jóvenes y los veteranos.

Asimismo, esperamos ansiosos que jugadores jóvenes como los olímpicos Peter Vagenas, Sasha Victorine y Dan Califf continúen su desarrollo al cumplir su segundo año con el equipo.

También esperamos una buena producción de nuestros novatos Brian Mullan, Brian Ching e Isaías Bardales Jr. Ellos deben seguir los pasos de los debutantes del año pasado.

El nivel de juego en la MLS continúa incrementándose y mejorando cada año. Anticipamos una calidad de juego más alta y jugadores que competirán con un enorme entusiasmo, porque todos aspiran a ganar la Copa MLS.

En 2001, cuando la gente piense en el fútbol profesional de Estados Unidos, ellos pensarán el Galaxy de Los Angeles.

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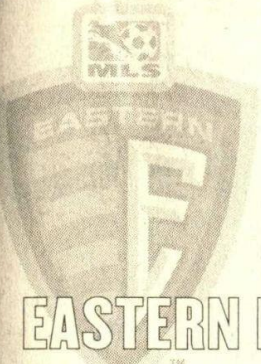
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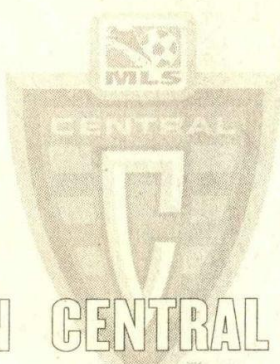
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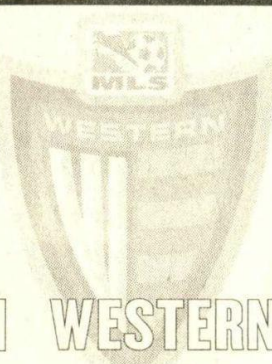
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Mark Your Calendars

By Doug Chapman

2001 should make for one hectic soccer year.

Juggling a ball is an acquired skill. But effectively juggling lineups in the face of a congested league and international calendar will go a long way toward determining the levels of success reached by Major League Soccer teams this season.

MLS senior roster sizes have been trimmed from 20 to 18 players and in combination with a potentially hectic World Cup qualifying campaign and world youth tournaments at the Under-20 and Under-17 levels, there's the potential for more than a few headaches for MLS head coaches.

"What we'll have to go through will make the regular season more stressful than normal," says Los Angeles Galaxy Head Coach Sigi Schmid. "That responsibility falls on me, and comes down to coaching."

Schmid's squad will be the busiest in MLS this summer, with the added responsibility of competing in the FIFA Club World Championships in Spain (July 30-August 12) after capturing the Football Confederation Champions' Cup. But Schmid isn't complaining about the extra fixtures in an already demanding schedule.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to showcase American soccer on the world stage," says Schmid. "But we also know that we will still have a job to do in MLS when it is over."

When Schmid finishes juggling the Club World Championships with the MLS regular season, he can join his colleagues in balancing lineups in the face of international call-ups.

But the "club vs. country" controversy that disrupts so many players and coaches, particularly in Europe, is not considered a negative here in the U.S. MLS coaches are united in the belief that what's best for the United States National Team will be best for American soccer and MLS.

"We want the men's national team to qualify for every major competition, and we all need to help Bruce Arena to accomplish that," says D.C. United Head Coach Thomas Rongen. "MLS will benefit when the American National Team qualifies for the 2002 World Cup in Japan and Korea."

Bob Gansler has been on both sides of the club-and-country situation when it comes to international call-ups. Gansler, the head coach of the Kansas City Wizards, guided the U.S. to the 1990 World Cup in Italy. MLS coaches must figure in the players that they will be losing to international play in



Midfielder Chris Armas will be serving double-duty in 2001 for the U.S. National Team and the Chicago Fire.

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their long- and short-term plans.

"Obviously, the more players that you have that are not participating with your team, the more unpredictable your own situation is," Gansler explains. "But it's a good situation for our league to be in that our players are the major protagonists for the national team and going for the World Cup."

Now in the league's sixth year, coaches have become accustomed to improvising with situations that arise when the country comes knocking.

"Not always having our best players is something that we've become accustomed to," says Rongen. "In D.C., we didn't do a very good job dealing with that last year even though we did the year before. So much comes down to the quality of your depth."

"It is going to be difficult to have rested players and to bring on fresh legs," says Schmid. "It's just another obstacle that we'll all have to overcome and is another part of coaching."

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According to Wizards and U.S. midfielder Chris Klein, playing international matches helps players on their return to their club.



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Coaches understand that all players want to compete at the highest level possible. That kind of participation is encouraged, because it can have a positive effect when those players return to their club teams.

"In the end, it ends up working out for everyone because when you do go with the national team, it gives exposure to the club and you play at a high level, and when you come back

you're more prepared for the MLS season," says Kansas City midfielder Chris Klein, a U.S. international. "The downside is you're not playing with your team sometimes for a couple of weeks at a time. That's difficult from a chemistry standpoint, but that's some of the stuff we have to deal with this year."

Adding potential spice to the World Cup qualifying campaigns is that MLS clubs have players competing against the U.S. for a spot in the 2002 World

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— *Kansas City Head Coach* **Bob Gansler**

for any player and you have to go out there and defend your country's name."

The flip side of so many players coming and going on the world scene is that more reserves will get the chance to show what they can do. This includes MLS' expanded pool of youth international players and those involved in Nike Project-40.

"You have to be ready for the absences," says Gansler. "It makes it tighter for everyone because

Cup. The New England Revolution are hoping for the best from their Costa Rican internationals William Sunsing and Mauricio Wright. All but one of their 10 final-round qualifying matches will be played outside of the U.S., putting a particular strain on them.

"We have to make sure that players such as Sunsing and Wright do not get worn down, physically and mentally," says Revolution Head Coach Fernando Clavijo. "We have to make sure that small things such as traveling times and practices suit their busy schedule so that they can give 100 percent when they perform for both our club and their national team."

"It is always a difficult time because you are devoted to both teams," says Wright. "As a professional player you want to help the club team where you play week after week, but when the national team calls, that's an honor

you have a smaller roster. But one of my grandfather's old sayings is: 'One man's absence is another man's opportunity.' So we, like every team around the league, have individuals who are waiting for their opportunity when some front-runners are gone to the national team."

Let the juggling begin.

These players are frequent call-ups to their national teams:

CHICAGO FIRE: Chris Armas (U.S.), Carlos Bocanegra (U.S.), C.J. Brown (U.S.), Zach Thornton (U.S.), Josh Wolff (U.S.), DaMarcus Beasley (U.S. senior team and U-20).

COLORADO RAPIDS: Keyeno Thomas (Trinidad & Tobago), Seth Tremblay (U.S. U-20).

COLUMBUS CREW: Ansil Elcock (Trinidad & Tobago), Brian McBride (U.S.), Edson Buddle (U.S. U-20), Duncan Oughton (New Zealand).

DALLAS BURN: Ariel Graziani (Ecuador), Jason Kreis (U.S.), Joselito Vaca (Bolivia), Edward Johnson (U.S. U-17).

D.C. UNITED: Jaime Moreno (Bolivia), Ryan Nelsen (New Zealand), Ben Olsen (U.S.), Eddie Pope (U.S.), Bobby Convey (U.S. senior team and U-20), Santino Quaranta (U.S. U-17).

KANSAS CITY WIZARDS: Gary Glasgow (Trinidad & Tobago), Chris Klein (U.S.), Tony Meola (U.S.), Jose Burciaga (U.S. U-20).

LOS ANGELES GALAXY: Simon Elliott (New Zealand), Luis Hernández (Mexico), Greg Vanney (U.S.).

METROSTARS: Mike Petke (U.S.), Clint Mathis (U.S.), Richie Williams (U.S.), Kerwin Jemmott (Trinidad & Tobago).

MIAMI FUSION: Carlos Llamasa (U.S.), Tyrone Marshall (Jamaica), Andy Williams (Jamaica), Kyle Beckerman (U.S. U-20).

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION: Wolde Harris (Jamaica), William Sunsing (Costa Rica).

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES: Jeff Agoos (U.S.).

TAMPA BAY MUTINY: Joseph Addo (Ghana), Craig Demmin (Trinidad & Tobago), Devin Barclay (U.S. U-20).

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MLS Youth Go For Glory First

ELIOT WILCHER/ALLSPORT



Midfielder DaMarcus Beasley splits time between the Chicago Fire, the U.S. U-20s and the U.S. National Team.

Many of Major League Soccer's brightest young prospects will also spend time away from their respective teams this season as the U.S. youth national teams enter the World Championships (U-17s and U-20s) in 2001. But you won't hear too many complaints from their coaches. The "club vs. country" controversy rarely comes into focus when it involves youth internationals.

Los Angeles Galaxy Head Coach Sigi Schmid, a former United States Under-20 National Team coach, analyzes the benefits.

"The most important thing for the development of players is to play games at the highest level possible," says Schmid. "It is a tremendous experience to participate in a world youth championship. The event, the pressure, the hype and the excitement that precedes each game is vital to helping each player's psychological development. In many ways, that element of the experience comes into play more so than improving their skills and physical abilities."

The U.S. Under-20 National Team has a busy first half of the year scheduled, including the 2001 Football Confederation Qualifying Tournament (Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, March 10-18), the Toulon Tourna-

ment (Toulon, France, May 20-June 2) and the FIFA World Youth Championship (Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 17-July 8). The U.S. finished 11th at the 1999 World Youth Championship in Nigeria, losing only to eventual finalists Japan and Spain.

The U-20 player pool includes young MLS stars Bobby Convey (D.C. United) and DaMarcus Beasley (Chicago Fire), as well as five Nike Project-40 players: Jose Burciaga Jr. (Kansas City Wizards), Devin Barclay (Tampa Bay Mutiny), Edson Buddle (Columbus Crew), Seth Tremblay (Colorado Rapids) and Kyle Beckerman (Miami Fusion).

"It's an honor to play for your country at any level," says Convey, 17, a native of Philadelphia, Pa. "It's also an opportunity to make yourself a better player through that experience."

The U.S. Under-17 National Team will host the Football Confederation Qualifying Tournament in St. Louis (April 18-22), hoping to qualify for the 2001 FIFA U-17 World Championship in Trinidad & Tobago (Sept. 14-30). The U-17 program is in its second year of a full-time youth residency program in Bradenton, Fla., where the goal is identifying and nurturing the top youth players in the nation.

The U.S. U-17 team is coming off its most successful World Championship campaign, placing fourth at the 1999 FIFA U-17 World Championships in New Zealand. Last year the U.S. built on their 1999 success by playing 50 matches, racking up a 5-4-3 mark in 12 international games.

The U-17 players to watch are midfielder Santino Quaranta (D.C. United) and forward Eddie Johnson (Dallas Burn). Johnson scored 31 goals last year and netted 14 goals in 15 career international matches.

Quaranta added 23 goals from midfield. Together they form a lethal combination.

But there is only one potential downside for young players in leaving their professional teams for youth competition: missing time with their club team. Convey, who could have an even larger role with D.C. United this season, may have to find a balance between club and country.

"It will be hard to leave D.C. United and go to Trinidad, and then to Argentina if we qualify," says Convey. "I want to make D.C. United a success. But I also have to take the view that I'll be a better player by playing with both teams. The hard part is all the travel, but that is something that the best players in the world have to get used to. I'll just work hard to make it work for both teams."

In the end, splitting loyalties between a club team and a national team can be a good thing for these young players.

"Playing in a world youth championship will help make them better MLS players," says Schmid. "Better MLS players will become better U.S. National Team players down the road. It can be a win-win situation for everyone." ■



The Dallas Burn's Eddie Johnson (l.) and D.C. United's Santino Quaranta (r.) are also members of the U.S. squad looking to qualify for the 2001 FIFA U-17 World Championship.

2001 MLS SCHEDULE



APRIL

Saturday, April 7

New England	at	MetroStars	7:00
Kansas City	at	D.C. United	7:30
Colorado	at	Miami	7:30
Chicago	at	Columbus	7:30
Tampa Bay	at	Dallas	8:30
San Jose	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Saturday, April 14

Columbus	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
Miami	at	New England	7:30
Los Angeles	at	Kansas City	8:30
D.C. United	at	Chicago	9:00
MetroStars	at	Colorado	9:00
Dallas	at	San Jose	10:00

Wednesday, April 18

Miami	at	Kansas City	8:30
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Saturday, April 21

Tampa Bay	at	MetroStars	3:00
Chicago	at	Dallas	4:00
New England	at	D.C. United	7:30
San Jose	at	Miami	7:30
Kansas City	at	Columbus	7:30
Colorado	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Saturday, April 28

Chicago	at	Tampa Bay	4:00
Dallas	at	MetroStars	7:00
San Jose	at	Kansas City	8:30
Los Angeles	at	Colorado	4:00
New England	at	Miami	7:30

MAY

Wednesday, May 2

Kansas City	at	MetroStars	7:30
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Saturday, May 5

Miami	at	Columbus	4:00
D.C. United	at	MetroStars	7:00
Tampa Bay	at	Chicago	8:00
Colorado	at	Dallas	8:30
New England	at	San Jose	9:00
Kansas City	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Wednesday, May 9

Los Angeles	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
New England	at	D.C. United	8:00

Saturday, May 12

Tampa Bay	at	Colorado	4:00
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Los Angeles	at	MetroStars	7:30
Chicago	at	New England	7:30
San Jose	at	D.C. United	7:30
Columbus	at	Dallas	8:30

Wednesday, May 16

Colorado	at	MetroStars	8:00
Columbus	at	New England	8:00

Saturday, May 19

MetroStars	at	San Jose	4:00
Tampa Bay	at	Miami	7:30
D.C. United	at	Columbus	7:30
Kansas City	at	Chicago	9:00
New England	at	Colorado	9:00
Dallas	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Wednesday, May 23

San Jose	at	Dallas	8:30
Miami	at	Colorado	9:00

Thursday, May 24

MetroStars	at	Kansas City	8:30
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Saturday, May 26

San Jose	at	Chicago	4:00
Miami	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
Dallas	at	D.C. United	7:30
Colorado	at	Columbus	7:30
New England	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Wednesday, May 30

Los Angeles	at	Chicago	8:30
Colorado	at	San Jose	10:00
D.C. United	at	Miami	7:30

JUNE

Saturday, June 2

Chicago	at	D.C. United	2:00
Los Angeles	at	Columbus	4:00
Kansas City	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
Miami	at	Dallas	8:30
San Jose	at	Colorado	9:00

Sunday, June 3

MetroStars	at	New England	4:00
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Wednesday, June 6

Dallas	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
D.C. United	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Saturday, June 9

D.C. United	at	Dallas	1:00
Kansas City	at	Miami	4:00

Tampa Bay	at	New England	7:30
Columbus	at	Chicago	8:00
Los Angeles	at	San Jose	10:30

Wednesday, June 13

MetroStars	at	D.C. United	8:00
Kansas City	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Saturday, June 16

Chicago	at	Kansas City	4:00
San Jose	at	MetroStars	7:00
Tampa Bay	at	Columbus	7:30
Los Angeles	at	Miami	8:00
Dallas	at	Colorado	9:00

Wednesday, June 20

Colorado	at	New England	9:30
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Saturday, June 23

MetroStars	at	Los Angeles	4:00
D.C. United	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
New England	at	Chicago	8:00
Columbus	at	Dallas	8:00
Kansas City	at	San Jose	10:00

Saturday, June 30

Los Angeles	at	Dallas	4:00
San Jose	at	New England	7:30
Colorado	at	D.C. United	7:30
Columbus	at	Miami	7:30
MetroStars	at	Chicago	8:00
Tampa Bay	at	Kansas City	8:30

JULY

Wednesday, July 4

MetroStars	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
New England	at	Dallas	8:30
D.C. United	at	Kansas City	8:30
Chicago	at	Colorado	9:00
Columbus	at	Los Angeles	10:00
Miami	at	San Jose	10:00

Saturday, July 7

Dallas	at	Columbus	4:00
Chicago	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
Kansas City	at	New England	7:30
MetroStars	at	Miami	7:30
Los Angeles	at	D.C. United	8:00
San Jose	at	Colorado	9:00

Saturday, July 14

Tampa Bay	at	San Jose	4:00
D.C. United	at	New England	7:30
Colorado	at	Chicago	8:00

Dallas	at	Kansas City	8:30
Miami	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Tuesday, July 17

Los Angeles	at	New England	7:30
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Wednesday, July 18

Chicago	at	Miami	7:30
MetroStars	at	Columbus	7:30
Tampa Bay	at	Dallas	8:30
Kansas City	at	Colorado	9:00
D.C. United	at	San Jose	10:00

Saturday, July 21

D.C. United	at	MetroStars	4:00
Colorado	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
New England	at	Miami	7:30
San Jose	at	Columbus	7:30
Dallas	at	Chicago	8:00

Saturday, July 28

ALL-STAR GAME	San Jose, Calif.	3:30
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AUGUST

Wednesday, August 1

Chicago	at	Columbus	7:30
Miami	at	D.C. United	8:00
New England	at	Kansas City	8:30

Saturday, August 4

San Jose	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
Dallas	at	New England	7:30
Miami	at	MetroStars	8:00
Columbus	at	Kansas City	8:30
D.C. United	at	Colorado	9:00

Wednesday, August 8

MetroStars	at	D.C. United	8:00
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Saturday, August 11

Kansas City	at	Colorado	4:00
Miami	at	New England	7:30
Tampa Bay	at	Chicago	8:00
MetroStars	at	Dallas	8:30
Columbus	at	San Jose	10:00

Wednesday, August 15

Dallas	at	Columbus	7:30
Miami	at	Chicago	8:30
Los Angeles	at	Kansas City	8:30

Saturday, August 18

D.C. United	at	New England	4:00
Dallas	at	Miami	7:30
Chicago	at	San Jose	10:00
Tampa Bay	at	Los Angeles	11:00

Sunday, August 19

Colorado	at	Kansas City	8:30
Columbus	at	MetroStars	3:30

Saturday, August 25

Columbus	at	D.C. United	2:00
Chicago	at	Los Angeles	4:00
New England	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
MetroStars	at	Miami	7:30
Kansas City	at	Dallas	8:30
Colorado	at	San Jose	10:00

Wednesday, August 29

Dallas	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
Columbus	at	Chicago	8:30

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 1

Chicago	at	MetroStars	4:00
Tampa Bay	at	D.C. United	7:30
New England	at	Columbus	7:30
Colorado	at	Los Angeles	10:00
Kansas City	at	San Jose	10:00

Friday, September 7

New England	at	MetroStars	8:00
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Saturday, September 8

D.C. United	at	Miami	4:00
Dallas	at	Chicago	8:00
San Jose	at	Kansas City	8:30
Los Angeles	at	Colorado	9:00

Sunday, September 9

Columbus	at	Tampa Bay	5:00
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Wednesday, September 12

Miami	at	MetroStars	8:00
Columbus	at	Colorado	9:00
San Jose	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Saturday, September 15

Colorado	at	Kansas City	4:00
MetroStars	at	New England	7:30
Miami	at	D.C. United	7:30
Tampa Bay	at	Columbus	7:30
Chicago	at	Dallas	8:30

Sunday, September 16

Los Angeles	at	San Jose	4:00
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Playoffs TBD

Sunday, October 21

MLS Cup in Washington, D.C.	1:30
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MLS 2001 TV Schedule

Day	Date	Teams	Time (ET)	Network
Sat.,	April 7	Chicago at Columbus	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	April 14	D.C. United at Chicago	9:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	April 21	Tampa Bay at MetroStars	3:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	April 21	Chicago at Dallas	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	April 28	Chicago at Tampa Bay	4:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat.,	April 28	Los Angeles at Colorado	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	May 5	Miami at Columbus	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	May 5	New England at San Jose	9:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	May 12	Tampa Bay at Colorado	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	May 12	Los Angeles at MetroStars	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	May 19	MetroStars at San Jose	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	May 19	Kansas City at Chicago	9:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	May 26	San Jose at Chicago	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	June 2	Chicago at D.C. United	2:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat.,	June 2	Los Angeles at Columbus	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	June 2	Kansas City at Tampa Bay	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	June 9	D.C. United at Dallas	1:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat.,	June 9	Kansas City at Miami	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	June 9	Los Angeles at San Jose	10:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	June 16	Chicago at Kansas City	4:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat.,	June 16	Los Angeles at Miami	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	June 23	MetroStars at Los Angeles	4:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat.,	June 23	Columbus at Dallas	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	June 30	Los Angeles at Dallas	4:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat.,	June 30	MetroStars at Chicago	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	July 7	Dallas at Columbus	4:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat.,	July 7	Kansas City at New England	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	July 14	Tampa Bay at San Jose	4:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat.,	July 14	Miami at Los Angeles	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	July 21	D.C. United at MetroStars	4:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat.,	July 21	Dallas at Chicago	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	July 28	MLS 2001 All-Star Game	3:30 p.m.	ABC
Sat.,	Aug. 4	Miami at MetroStars	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	Aug. 11	Kansas City at Colorado	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	Aug. 18	D.C. United at New England	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	Aug. 18	Tampa Bay at Los Angeles	11:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	Aug. 25	Columbus at D.C. United	2:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	Aug. 25	Chicago at Los Angeles	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	Sept. 1	Chicago at MetroStars	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sat.,	Sept. 8	D.C. United at Miami	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sun.,	Sept. 9	Columbus at Tampa Bay	5:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.,	Sept. 15	Colorado at Kansas City	4:00 p.m.	Telemundo
Sun.,	Sept. 16	Los Angeles at San Jose	4:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sun.,	Oct. 21	MLS Cup 2001	1:30 p.m.	ABC

DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Talent Farm Called

USL

A quick look at the resumés of most MLS players and you'll see a common thread—the United Soccer Leagues factor. Many of the best players in Major League Soccer get their start in the USL and find a chance to make names for themselves on the American soccer scene.

MLS Cup 2000 champion Kerry Zavagnin of the Kansas City Wizards is one example of this trend. He played with the Lehigh Valley Steam of the A-League in 1999 and performed well enough to be drafted by Wizards Head Coach Bob Gansler. One year later, he's an untouchable at midfield for Kansas City and has also played with the U.S. National Team.

One of the largest soccer organizations in the country, the United Soccer Leagues is made up of more than 100 teams across the country from the A-League to the D3 Pro League and the Premier Development League. And since its inception in 1996, MLS has been working closely with the USL to help the game grow together.

While MLS functions as the United States' only First Division professional outdoor league, the USL's A-League operates as the nation's Second Division, and the USL's D3 Pro League operates as the third tier of professional soccer in the United States.

Unlike most professional soccer leagues abroad, there is no promotion or relegation between the First and Second Division (MLS and the A-League). Rather, each MLS team has a minimum of two A-League and at least one D3 affiliate team. The agreement between MLS and the USL allows for the MLS club to act as the "parent" team and utilize a system of player movement through USL player call-ups and MLS player loans.

During the course of Major League Soccer's first five seasons, 275 USL players were called up to MLS squads, often giving young, undiscovered talent a valuable chance to prove their ability against America's best. Also during that time, 344 MLS players were loaned to USL squads, offering a chance for professional experience and injury rehabilitation.

Throughout the years, the USL has provided MLS with some outstanding talent. Chicago Fire All-Star defender C.J. Brown played for the Bay Area Seals. The

Seattle Sounders have sent several players to MLS, including Brandon Prideaux (Kansas City) and Henry Gutierrez (Miami). Simon Elliott (Boston Bulldogs) and San Jose's Joe Cannon (San Diego Flash) are also solid MLS starters culled from the A-League.

This year, MLS will see another crop of USL talent with exciting San Jose Earthquake forward Dwayne DeRosario (formerly of the Richmond Kickers), Columbus Crew defender Tenywa Bonseu (ex-Pittsburgh Riverhounds) and speedy Rapids midfielder Stephen Herdsman, who played with the West Michigan Edge in the PDL last year.

For each of these players, MLS may be the final destination but the USL is the place where the soccer dreams start. ■



Kerry Zavagnin played one season with the Lehigh Valley Steam before joining the Wizards.



MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER'S A-LEAGUE AND D3 PRO LEAGUE AFFILIATES

MLS - Eastern Division	A-League (Division II)	D3 Pro League (Division III)
D.C. United	Charlotte Eagles Hershey Wildcats Richmond Kickers	Hampton Roads Mariners Northern Virginia Royals
MetroStars	Connecticut Wolves Hershey Wildcats Long Island Rough Riders	New Jersey Stallions South Jersey Barons
Miami Fusion	Atlanta Silverbacks Charleston Battery Charlotte Eagles	Wilmington Hammerheads
New England Revolution	Connecticut Wolves Hershey Wildcats Long Island Rough Riders	Boston Bulldogs New Hampshire Phantoms Rhode Island Stingrays
MLS - Central Division	A-League (Division II)	D3 Pro League (Division III)
Chicago Fire	Indiana Blast Milwaukee Rampage Minnesota Thunder Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Western Mass. Pioneers
Columbus Crew	Cincinnati Riverhawks Indiana Blast Pittsburgh Riverhounds Rochester Raging Rhinos	Reading Rage
Dallas Burn	Atlanta Silverbacks El Paso Patriots Milwaukee Rampage Nashville Metros	Tucson Fireballs
Tampa Bay Mutiny	Charleston Battery Minnesota Thunder Richmond Kickers	Carolina Dynamo
MLS - Western Division	A-League (Division II)	D3 Pro League (Division III)
Colorado Rapids	Cincinnati Riverhawks Nashville Metros Seattle Sounders	Northern Nevada Aces Utah Blitz
Kansas City Wizards	Atlanta Silverbacks Portland Timbers Rochester Raging Rhinos	Greenville Lions
Los Angeles Galaxy	El Paso Patriots Portland Timbers San Diego Flash Seattle Sounders	Arizona Sahuaros
San Jose Earthquakes	El Paso Patriots Portland Timbers San Diego Flash Seattle Sounders	Bay Area Seals Stanislaus United Cruisers Chico Rooks

PUT THESE FOUR MLS EVENTS IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED BEGINNING WITH THE EARLIEST EVENT

A

D.C. United become first MLS team to win Football Confederation Champions' Cup.

B

Clint Mathis becomes the first player to score five goals in an MLS game.

C

Columbus Crew Stadium opens its doors for the first time.

D

Jason Kreis becomes the first U.S.-born player to win the Honda MVP award.

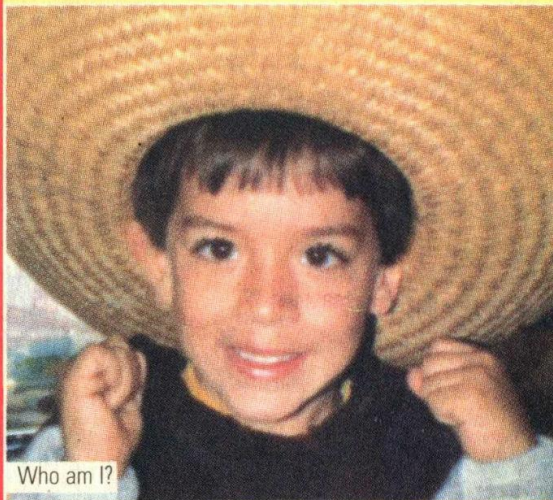
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Clint Mathis

IDENTIFY THIS CURRENT MLS PLAYER WHO:

- Was born in Plano, Texas, in 1979
- Played for the U-17 and U-20 National Teams
- Won two consecutive NCAA titles with the Indiana Hoosiers
- Plays right back, wears No. 3, and is nicknamed "Firefighter"
- Was the second overall pick in the 2000 MLS SuperDraft



Who am I?

Answer:
Nick Garcia,
D - Kansas
City Wizards

WHAT YEAR WAS IT?

- 'El Diablo' was the league's Honda MVP with 10 goals and 19 assists.

- The Columbus Crew and D.C. United had another memorable playoff battle.

- Los Angeles beat Colorado in MLS' highest scoring game ever (7-4).

- It was USA vs. the World in the All-Star Game.

- The Fire captured the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

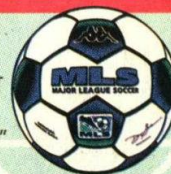
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Answer: 1998



Marco Etcheverry

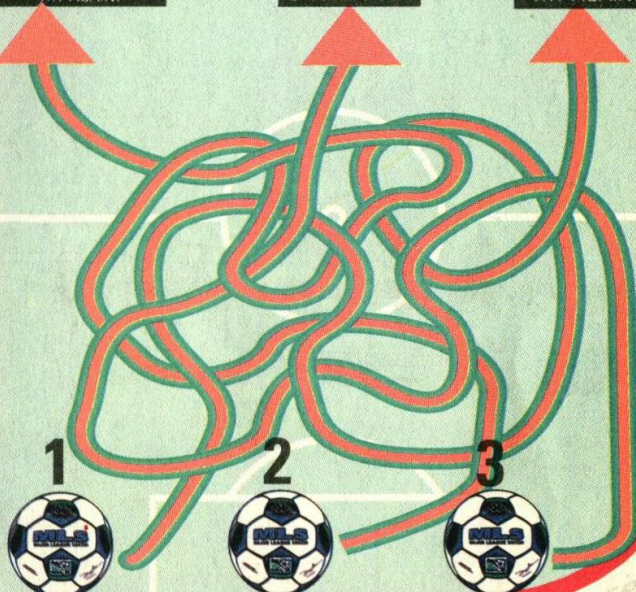
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TRY AGAIN!

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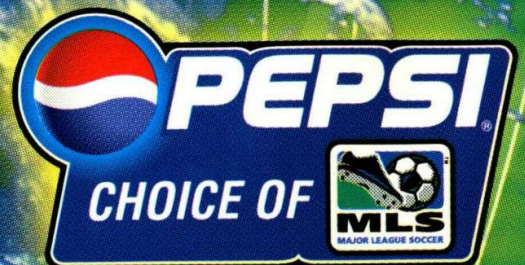
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Answer: Path 2

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