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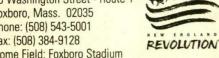
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Eddie Johnson and Santino

Quaranta Set to Carry MLS

Success to World Level

ddie Johnson and Santino Quaranta have only known each other for 21/2 years, but what a 21/2 years they have been. They have gone from playing on local select teams to making the U.S. Under-17 National Team and leading it to a FIFA World Championship berth. If that weren't enough, the two teenaged soccer phenoms are also making an impact in their rookie years with their respective Major League Soccer clubs.

Pride of Baltimore

Quaranta, 16, is the youngest player ever to sign, to play, to score a goal and to become an All-Star in MLS. D.C. United traded their way up to the No. 8 spot in the 2001 MLS SuperDraft in order to pick up the Baltimore native. And Quaranta couldn't be happier living at home and only having to travel 45 minutes to practices and games at RFK Stadium, in the first of what should be many years of playing professional soccer.

"It means a lot because it helps me that my family can still guide me," says

Quaranta about living at home with his dad and three soccer-playing brothers: Mario



(15), Dominic (13) and Tommy Jr. (11). His mother, Lisa, lives nearby and he also enjoys his grandmother's home-cooked meals.

Quaranta, who owns a new SUV that he bought with his signing bonus, still takes part in normal high school activities like going to the movies and parties and just hanging out with his friends in Baltimore. Also part of the routine are the tutoring lessons he's taking in order to attain his GED.

The 6-0, 165-pound forward was raised in the soccer-hotbed of Highlandtown, where he honed his skills in the neighborhood playground affectionately called the 'school lot,' where numerous other players before him have gone on to collegeand pro-soccer careers. But Quaranta is by far the best to come from the rough, working-class Italian neighborhood.

His father, Tommy, played semi-pro soccer, as did his grandfather, Tom Sr., and Uncle Steve, who was a star striker with the indoor Kansas City Comets and Baltimore Blast. Now the whole family and a busload of Highlandtown supporters go down I-95 for each D.C. United home game to watch their neighborhood hero play for their home team. And for United's away games, Tommy and the rest gather at the local watering hole, Calddaugh Pub—an Irish bar that has every television tuned into United games.

"People in Highlandtown now refer to me as Santino's dad," says Tommy, a property manager at Baltimore's Regional Management and former All-America defender at Essex Community College. "As a kid he couldn't step out of that door and not see the 'school lot.' It's not much to look at but you could always find pickup games."

Quaranta was so gifted as a youth, and even more so when selected for the U-17s, that he was courted by the top soccer high school programs in the Baltimore area, but chose to play for his father's alma mater, Archbishop Curley.

"He came into Curley so heralded that he helped us recruiting-wise," says former Curley Coach Pet Pettrella, who coached Quaranta and many other pro soccer players in his 15 years at the high school. "Eight to 10 great players came to Curley because of Santino. Everyone wanted to play alongside him."

From Edward to E.J

Johnson, 17, on the other hand, was not groomed for soccer. In fact, many people living in the projects where he was born and raised in Bunnell, Fla., population 2,122, saw basketball as the way out of the poverty that surrounded them.

His mother, Lewanna, gave birth to Eddie at the age of 14 and had to raise him alone along with his two siblings-now 14-year-old Cecil and 18-year-old Shaunta. Eddie last saw his father, Edward Johnson Sr., during Christmas of 2000—the first time in four years.

Lewanna, a hard-working day-care provider, made sure that her eldest son and his siblings always had enough food on the table and clothes on their backs. She and others in the neighborhood also made sure that Eddie stayed away from the drug dealers and other vices that surrounded him in the projects.

"My mom told me how it was going to be, told me what to expect living in the projects," Johnson says. "I had some friends that tried to get me to do bad things. I was able to stay away from that, carry through and survive.

"The projects aren't what people think they are. There are a lot of nice people there that would tell me, 'You have a bright future ahead of you, don't let your friends bring you down.' The advice they gave me kept pushing me, kept making me want to become the first professional to ever to come out of those projects."

Johnson's first passion was basketball (he also played wide receiver in high school), but at age 9, he discovered soccer to be the most challenging sport and stuck with it. He began playing on a recreational team when he found out that his friends were playing soccer as a way to stay out of trou-

ble. While his friends gave up on the sport after that first season, Eddie continued on, amid the teasing.

"We would be playing basketball and the ball would roll out of bounds and I started to kick the ball and juggle it with my feet," says Johnson, who played for the Flagler Dawgs club team and later for Flagler Palm Coast High, where he was named a two-time All-State selection. "My friends would tell me to go play in the soccer field. But when they started to find out that I was really good at soccer, I got a lot of respect."

Now his friends call Johnson after his initials, E.J., just like a certain basketball great. "I want to be like Mike [Jordan]," says Johnson, who expects to graduate from high school at Bradenton (Fla.) Academy on time next year. "I want to be able to score in soccer the way he scores in basketball."

Lewanna knew E.J. had the chance to leave the projects and soccer was his ticket out of the poverty of Flagler County.

"He's a self-made man," says Lewanna, who moved a few years ago to Palm

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Coast—a retirement-type community six miles from Bunnell in Central Florida. "His goal was to be a soccer player and he put his mind to it. The guys in the neighborhood used to bully him and tried to get him in trouble. But I made sure that nothing stood in the way of his dream of becoming a professional soccer player."

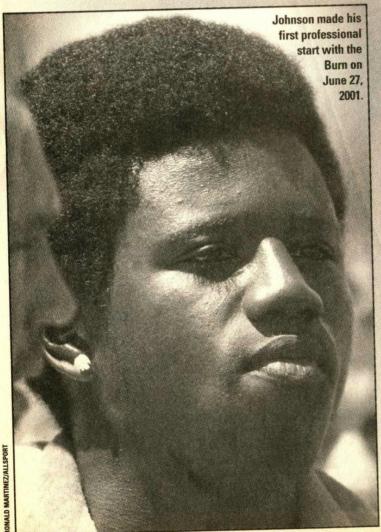
Johnson, described as a shy and polite young man, has been living with Burn assistant coach Brian Haynes and his family in tranquil Frisco, Texas, minutes away from the team's training facility in The Colony.

Dynamic Duo Join Forces
Although the two stars-in-the-making apparently grew up in different backgrounds, the pair is in fact very much the same, having been raised on the streets instead of on lush-green surroundings like many of their suburban-raised U-17 teammates.

Quaranta and Johnson share the same taste in rap music—with Quaranta preferring Jay-Z while Johnson listens to Cash Money Millionaires—to clothes, with both sporting hip-hop-styled clothing from designers Ecco, Phat Farm, Enyce and Sean John.

The only two members of the U-17 team on MLS squads met in San Diego in 1999 when both were trying out for the national team. Up until then, the two had been playing for their respective club teams—Flagler Dawgs (Johnson) and Soccer Club of Baltimore (Quaranta)—and participated in their region's Olympic Development Program.

During that week of tryouts the two were inseparable, hanging out with each other on and off the field. And in the end, they both found themselves making the team. Johnson then knew who his roommate would be for the next two years at the U-17 residency camp in Bradenton.





"We've been really close, really good friends," Johnson says. "He's like my brother, almost."

"He was the first guy I clicked with on the U-17s," Quaranta says. "We acted the same way. We did a lot of the same things together. Now that we're both playing in MLS, we will always be there for each other."

Quaranta got a little bit of a head start with his MLS career since he joined United in April, while Johnson began playing for the Burn in June. Partly because of this, Quaranta saw some of the better success between the two early on, scoring twice in a nationally televised match against Kansas City on June 16.

Johnson did not start in his first game for Dallas until June 27, in a U.S. Open Cup game. E.J. has stiff competition at forward with star strikers Ariel Graziani and Jason Kreis and substitutes Bobby Rhine and Aleksey Korol in an inundated Burn forward rotation.

"We're pretty deep at the forward spot," says Burn Coach Mike Jeffries. "But we drafted Eddie knowing that he has the technical tools to succeed at this high level. He's developing as a pro in our environment and is beginning to get better at staying focused and is making faster decisions out there on the field. But sometimes we forget that he's still a kid. He is very mature for his age and we know we made a wise investment with Eddie."

World Championship on the Horizon

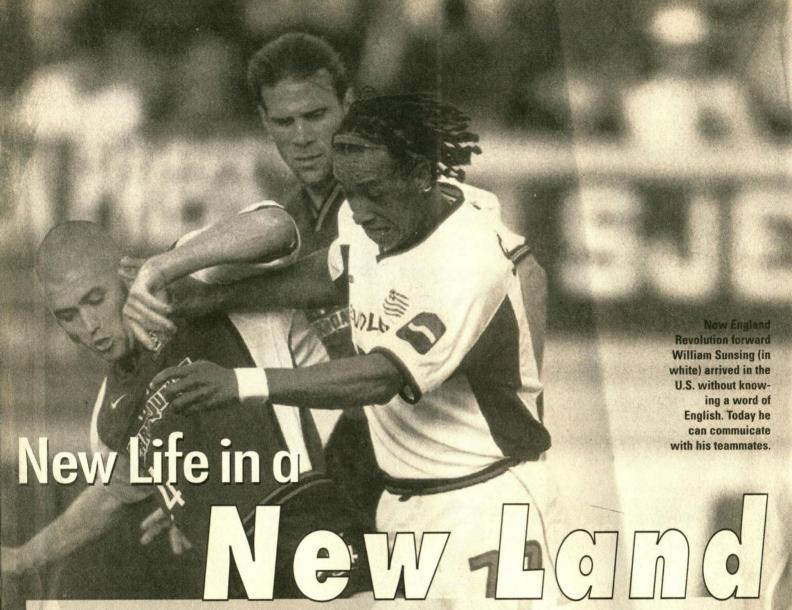
Last April, E.J.'s mom, Lewanna, boarded an airplane and left the state of Florida for the first time in her life to watch her son play in the Under-17 World Cup regional qualifying round in St. Louis, Mo. She promises to make the trip to Trinidad & Tobago in September for the most important international competition E.J. has ever been part of.

In August, Quaranta and E.J. will meet up with their U-17 teammates and Head Coach John Ellinger in Bradenton to begin a residency camp in preparation for the world championship. Together they have scored 50 percent of the goals for the U-17's and will be aiming to bring the first men's world soccer title to the United States.

"There is a natural bond between the two players," Ellinger says. "Off the field they have outgoing, social-type personalities and that led to strong leadership qualities on the field. They really know how to play with one another. Our aim is to win the world championship. It's the kind of attitude you want going in and it's the type of attitude I know Santino and Eddie have when they play."

MLS fans know the attitude well.

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or years, the United States has become the home and shelter for millions of immigrants. Many of the foreign players and coaches who join the MLS ranks every season share those same experiences. The culture shock of moving to different countries, however, is often difficult to bear especially when players have to get used to the high standards of league play.

"There were palm trees right, left and center," says Miami Fusion Head Coach Ray Hudson of his first trip to South Florida as a player in 1977. "It was straight out of the *Beverly Hillbillies* where the family is loaded up on the truck driving down the boulevard. I had landed in paradise. It was heaven's gate in South Florida and I've never left it."

The Rocky Mountains and Colorado are now heaven for former Glasgow Rangers and Chelsea player John Spencer. Before coming to MLS, he had been vacationing on Marco Island off Florida and fell in love with America. Today, he is looking forward to the offseason when he can enjoy Colorado's outdoor life, the hiking and snowshoeing.

"America is like a home away from home for me," says Spencer, whose career highlight is his hat trick in front of a 60,000-strong Independence Day crowd. "The people are warmer compared to the Scottish people."

In Scotland and England, much smaller countries with wetter weather, getting hassled in the streets was common for Spencer. But here in America, fans are less demanding. There is no hate pouring down from the stands in America and his wife and kids can actually attend a game, which they hadn't done in more than two years in Britain.

"The signing of autographs after a game doesn't happen in England," says Spencer, who has also had to get used to reporters coming into the locker room, which never happens in Europe. "Back home, the fans are negative and if you make a mistake the fans are right down your throat. Here, the fans get behind the team and my son can be on the field for warm-ups and even training."

Spencer has also been enjoying time walking the dog and rollerblading with his children, which he never had the chance to do back home. Columbus Crew midfielder Robert Warzycha also relishes what America gives to his kids.

"I want my kids to have a better life than I did when I was young in Poland," says Warzycha, who grew up in the Communist country. "There are more things to do here, better schools and better facilities."

It was also life-saving for the "Polish Rifle" to be in the U.S. with his kids when his family experienced one of the greatest shows of affection. In 1998, his son Bartosz was diagnosed with cancer and Columbus fans chipped in through fundraisers to help defray the costs of the treatment.

"We were shocked and surprised that so many people cared about us," Warzycha says. "It was amazing. One of the reasons I will stay in this country is the children's hospitals and the treatment my son is getting from them. It's probably the biggest reason."

Although things are working out for him, it wasn't always easy in the beginning. He was often homesick and lonely at first and had to quickly adapt to the fact that he

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needed a car to drive 25 miles to practice (now he owns two cars, a luxury unheard of in Poland). But the fact that he learned English during his time in England with Everton helped him adapt rather quickly, although his vocabulary still needed updating.

On his first day in the United States, he flew in to Cincinnati, Ohio. The immigration officer at the airport stopped Warzycha, who was holding his visa and contract. But when the "Polish Rifle" was asked what he was doing in the United States, the former Polish international could not remember the name of the Crew.

"I said, 'I'm going to Columbus to play football," Warzycha says. "He said, 'What?' They thought I was coming to play for the Ohio State football team. I wondered why he was laughing at me. Then I realized later, I'm supposed to say, 'soccer.' What did he think, I was a wide receiver?"

While Warzycha is now a happy man in Ohio, he still can't find the bread, meat and sausages that smell or taste like what he was used to in Poland. New England Revolution forward William Sunsing, a Costa Rican native, had similar food issues when he came to the U.S.

"When I came here by myself I had no idea what to eat," says Sunsing. "So I asked for chicken wings wherever I went. I knew what it was and it was easy for me to order just about anywhere. Chicken wings were all I ate."

Soon enough, Sunsing's wife and child arrived in New England and he was back to eating home-cooked meals. The major obstacle he faced, however, which needed more time to overcome, was the language barrier. Even without formal schooling, Sunsing has learned enough English to communicate with his teammates and even read books. The trick was allowing himself time.

Chicago Fire midfielder Sergi Daniv can attest to that. He came to the U.S. from the Ukraine with a friend, not knowing an iota of the language. He was enrolled in a university in the Ukraine but with mandatory military service looming and looking to achieve the best education he could, Daniv made the trip to the U.S. in 1994.

He started his adventure at a Ukrainian Cultural Center in Philadelphia where the local community helped him get started with an apartment and odd jobs while he studied for the SAT. He passed, and entered Wake Forest, where he experienced a new reality on and off the field.

"In college, I was so busy between school and soccer that it was stressful," says Daniv, who welcomed his offseason move to Chicago, where the weather and the Ukrainian community make the setting more homely. "I was still struggling with the language and it was hard getting used to the way of life. The individualism and the way American people were independent was the hardest thing to get used to. Back home, life revolved more around friends and family but here, it's more everyone on

his own."

Daniv, who thought about going back home in the first days, is now glad he stayed and considers himself lucky. His parents, who won a green-card lottery last year, are now in the U.S. "Chaos" is how Daniv describes the Ukraine. The country's economy is suffering and crime is on the rise. He spends a month there every year and sees first-hand how some of his friends are out of jobs.

Now Daniv, who considers himself an American, is not only a college graduate (he majored in analytical finance) but is one of the up-and-coming midfielders in the league. Like Daniv, there are many other foreign players who make the U.S. their home and become true American success stories.

"It was a new experience for me and I had great motivation to come

to work here," Sunsing says.
"The U.S. is clearly where all of us aspire to come to work. It's a place that offers great things for me and my family."

"The U.S. is my home and I've lived here for 25 years," Hudson says. "This is where I became a man and this is where I will pass away. I haven't taken citizenship but I have long considered it. I'm even more patriotic about the U.S. than I am about England. This is where I'fl always be."

Players Born Overseas

(as of 8/1/01):

Chicago: Sergi Daniv (Ukraine), Diego Gutierrez (Colombia), Dema Kovalenko (Ukraine), Peter Nowak (Poland), Hristo Stoitchkov (Bulgaria)

Sergi Daniv

has earned an

MLS job and a

college degree

since moving

to the U.S.

Colorado: Geoff Aunger (Canada), Chris Dawes (Jamaica), Raul Diaz Arce (El Salvador), John Spencer (Scotland), Carlos Valderrama (Colombia)

Columbus: Kevin Adams (Trinidad & Tobago), Tenywa Bonseu (Uganda), Jeff Cunningham (Jamaica), Ansil Elcock (Trinidad & Tobago), Duncan Oughton (New Zealand), John Wilmar Perez (Colombia), Robert Warzycha (Poland), Ian Woan (England)

Dallas: Richard Farrer (South Africa), Ariel Graziani (Ecuador), Aleksey Korol (Ukraine), Lubos Kubik (Czech Republic), Antonio Martinez (Mexico), Josue Mayard (Canada), Oscar Pareja (Colombia), Jorge Rodriguez (El Salvador), Joselito Vaca (Bolivia)

D.C. United: Jose Alegria (Peru), Stephen Armstrong (England), Abdul Thompson Conteh (Sierra Leone), Marco Etcheverry (Bolivia), Jaime Moreno (Bolivia), Ryan Nelsen (New Zealand), Sergio Salas (Bolivia), Mark Watson (Canada)

Kensas City: Gary Glasgow (Trinidad & Tobago), Mo Johnston (Scotland), Onandi Lowe (Jamaica)

Los Angeles: Mauricio Cienfuegos (El Salvador), Simon Elliott (New Zealand), Ezra Hendrickson (St. Vincent & the Grenadines), Luis Hernandez (Mexico), Marvin Quijano (El Salvador)

MetroStars: Pedro Alvarez (Colombia), Mark Chung (Canada), Rodrigo Faria (Brazil), Martin Klinger (Ecuador), Roy Myers (Costa Rica), Tab Ramos (Uruguay), Adolfo Valencia (Colombia), Petter Villegas (Ecuador)

Miami: Ian Bishop (England), Carlos Llamosa (Colombia), Tyrone Marshall (Jamaica), Pablo Mastroeni (Argentina), Ivan McKinley (South Africa), Ali Ngon (Cameroon), Alex Pineda Chacon (Honduras), Preki (Yugoslavia), Diego Serna (Colombia), Greg Simmonds (Jamaica)

New England: Leonel Alvarez (Colombia), Caté (Brazil), Jose Fernandez (Bolivia), Wolde Harris (Jamaica), Fernando Ortis-Soliz (Bolivia), William Sunsing (Costa Rica), Johnny Torres (Colombia), Andy Williams (Canada), Mauricio Wright (Costa Rica) San Jose: Junior Agogo (Ghana), Jeff Agoos (Switzerland), Ronald Cerritos (El Salvador), Dwayne DeRosario (Canada), Ronnie Ekelund (Denmark)

Tampa Bay: Joe Addo (Ghana), Craig Demmin (Trinidad & Tobago), Mamadou Diallo (Senegal), Jair (Cape Verde)



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t's part and parcel of the soccer season for all major clubs around the world: international cup competitions. And for the first time in MLS history, the 2000 MLS Cup defending champion Kansas Wizards and MetroStars will take part in an intercontinental tournament: The 2001 Merconorte Cup.

"There's always been a question on how our teams will fare against top competition from South America," says MetroStars Head Coach Octavio Zambrano, a native of Guayaguil, Ecuador, "Our guys are good enough and up to the level and we expect to win. What the fans are going to see is that the level of the American player is up to par with the level of South American leagues and that will earn respect for our guys."

The Merconorte Cup, a 16-team annual invitation-only tournament that kicks off in August, features the top teams from MLS. Colombia, Mexico, Ecuador, Venezuela, Bolivia and Peru. (Teams from the southern parts of South America take part in the Mercosur Cup: Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay).

"We have players like Peter Vermes and Tony Meola who have played in World Cups and around the world," Wizards Head Coach Bob Gansler says. "For players like Onandi Lowe [Jamaican international] and Gary Glasgow [Trinidadian international], it's nothing new. They know what it's all about and relish those opportunities. Motivation is automatic."

In fact, the MetroStars and Wizards have already taken on teams from these countries in exhibitions. In 2000, the Wizards traveled to Bolivia for a series of preseason friendlies, including a 5-0 defeat of Oriente Petrolero. The MetroStars, who have faced numerous European teams in their history including a 2-0 victory over Bayern Munich in May, tied Alianza Lima of Peru 1-1 in June of 1997.

Overall, MLS teams have fared very well during their first few years in international competition. D.C. United and the Los Angeles Galaxy captured Football Confederation Champions Cups (1998 and 2000, respectively) while making strong showings in the tournament in other years together with the Chicago Fire (1999 semifinalists) and Colorado Rapids (1998 participants).

The other 10 MLS teams will be closely watching the developments of this Merconorte tournament through the end. In 2002, two other teams will be invited to follow in the MetroStars' and Wizards' trailblazing steps.

"We have to travel to a different environment and play on different surfaces with foreign referees," Zambrano says, "That whole component makes it a great tournament and a learning experience for our guys. We're entering a new phase of international play in this league."



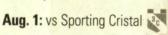
2001 Merconorte Cup Groups:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Aucas (ECU)	Italchacao (VEN)	Santos (MEX)	A. Nacional (COL)
Alianza Lima (PER)	Millonarios (COL)	Kansas City (USA)	Blooming (BOL)
Necaxa (MEX)	MetroStars (USA)	Barcelona (ECU)	Universitario (PER)
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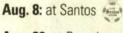
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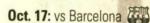




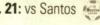


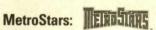






Nov. 21: vs Santos





Group B Matches

Aug. 8: vs Italchacao

Aug. 29: at Millonarios

Oct. 17: vs Chivas

Oct. 24: at Italchacao

Oct. 31: vs Millonarios

Nov. 21: at Chivas



MLS in International Competitions:

1997: D.C. United - F.C. Champions Cup Semifinalists L.A. Galaxy – F.C. Champions Cup Runners-up

1998: D.C. United - F.C. Champions Cup Winners, Inter-American Cup Winners Colorado Rapids – F.C. Champions Cup Qualifiers

1999: D.C. United - F.C. Champions Cup Semifinalists Chicago Fire – F.C. Champions Cup Semifinalists

2000: Los Angeles Galaxy – F.C. Champions Cup Winners D.C. United - F.C. Champions Cup Semifinalists



MLS CUP 2001 COUNTDOWN BEGINS

OCTOBER 21





the do-or-die match. One of them can be gut wrenching. So it is easy to imagine what five or more in a row feel like. That is exactly the taste that eight MLS teams and their fans will experience when the race to MLS Cup 2001 kicks off in September.

You hear it in most every American sport: "The playoffs are a different animal," or "The postseason is a fresh start." It is, in fact, just that: An entire seven months of hard work reduced to one or two matches. The teams which finished in the lower end of the standings can right a whole year gone wrong while the frontrunners can see all their efforts go to waste in one encounter.

"Playoffs are totally different. You have to win a series," MLS Cup 2000 MVP and Kansas City Wizards goalkeeper Tony Meola says. "The key for us last year was home-field advantage. That was especially important when we had to play Los Angeles in the semifinal stage." In fact, teams with home-field advantage have won 23 of 30 series in MLS Cup Playoff history, and the Wizards capitalized in 2000.

With a Kansas City crowd urging them on, the Wizards clinched a spot in the MLS Cup 2000 championship game with a dramatic "golden goal" scored by Miklos Molnar in Game Three of their semifinal series with their Western Division rivals, the Los Angeles Galaxy. In an image that forever will be the lasting picture of the 2000 MLS Cup Playoffs, captain Mo Johnston emerged with a bloody face after sacrificing his head in a challenge to push the ball to Molnar for the game-

winner. Players will do anything for an MLS Cup.

However, the main reason the Wizards won the Alan I. Rothenberg Trophy last year was not because of their offense but because they were the stinglest defensive team in MLS. The phrase, "defense wins championships" is applicable to soccer.

"You have to get to a point where you're not giving up goals during the playoffs," Meola says. "You have to be in the game all the time and give yourself a

chance to win."

That's what happened in MLS Cup 2000, where for every minute the Wizards clawed and fought to defend their 1-0 lead against the onslaught from the Chicago Fire. In that way, the playoffs are a real-life drama where every win and every goal tastes that much sweeter and a loss is that much tougher to shake from your mind. It becomes an experience that sticks, whether you are a player or fan.

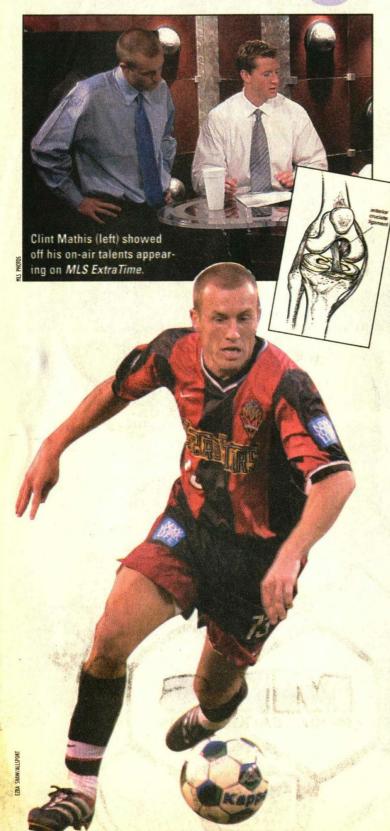
The heart-stopping, roller-coaster ride in 2001 will culminate in the ultimate one-game, winner-takes-all final on October 21 in Columbus, Ohio, where two teams will have 90 minutes to stake a claim to the title of "MLS Cup 2001 Champions." On that day, a packed Columbus Crew Stadium will be the stage. The presence of the knowledgeable and

passionate Columbus fans, arguably the best in the nation, will only heighten the emotion of the event.

And for those who cannot physically be present to soak in the atmosphere in Ohio, it will all be captured live on **Sunday, Oct. 21 on ABC at 1:30 p.m. EST**. The tears will flow and the celebrations will be magical, as one team will be crowned the best professional club team in the nation.



The Long Road Back



hey were three players who were riding the crest of the soccer wave. Their careers were going just the way they wanted. Clint Mathis and Josh Wolff had become soccer heroes with their performances with the U.S. National Team. Tampa Bay Mutiny defender Chad McCarty was looking forward to affirming his stellar Olympics as U.S. captain.

In a matter of seconds, however, the ride abruptly came to an end for all three. McCarty (broken ankle, April 7), Wolff (foot injury, April 28) and Mathis (ACL tear, June 5) all faced long-term layoffs. They would need to undertake a battle and fight just as hard to get back on the field as they did to become stars.

"I know in the long run there's a reason it happened," Mathis says. "I don't know yet and I can't ask why but I have to fight through it. But there's a reason for everything."

Mind Games

"My primary concern is not losing players mentally," says Tampa Bay Mutiny athletic trainer Holly Garlick. "We need to try to make them report to practice for business as usual and be part of team meetings. If you lose them, they get depressed and it's hard to get them back after that."

It was easy for Wolff to lose hope after he found out there were other complications to what initially was a mid-ankle sprain. When he still felt pain after four weeks and couldn't put on a cleat, new tests found a lizfranc injury in a complex area in the arch of the foot where many bones and ligaments congregate.

"When doctors threw out numbers like four months, it was not real comforting, especially when you don't know what the injury is," Wolff says. "The first two months were very frustrating but now I know where I'm at and I know it's going to heal."

Mathis, who tore his left ACL in college, has accepted the fact that he won't be on the field until December and has explored other areas of interest. He has appeared on MLS ExtraTime (espn2) and has worked on MetroStars broadcasts. He is also spending time working on his house in West Patterson, N.J.

"It's given me a chance to sit back and almost relax," Mathis says. "I've had to take that mentality and I don't look at it in any other way or else I'd drive myself insane."

The Game Plan

According to Holly Garlick, after any injury there is a natural progression to the comeback:

- (1) The swelling and pain needs to be decreased for the maximum comfort.
- (2) Then with gentle exercises, range of motion on the joint is restored.
- (3) When good range is back, a strengthening/cardiovascular program is set.
- (4) Having attained strength in the spot of the injury, the next step is balance
- (5) The exercises then keep getting more soccer-specific, because as much cardiovascular training is done, soccer moves are very particular.

Stationary bikes, stairmasters and treadmills are used, but the swimming pool is one of the most important tools for rehabilitation because it's easy on the joints. Work on the soccer field only comes in at the very end, and all the

fitness work often gets players thinking about that facet of their game.

That was the case for McCarty, who hired a personal trainer four weeks after breaking his ankle. The time with the trainer involved bike work and some one-leg squats for "the worst hour and a half of [his] life."

The ultimate test, however, eventually lies in the first game back on the field, where players are often the most tentative.

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easy to do, even on the professional level.

"They're great athletes because they have a great work ethic and want to play," Garlick says. "But on the other side, if they push you too hard it could end up like we're shooting ourselves in the foot."

A trainer looks for obvious signs before a player returns to the field: Is there a limp in their walk or run while in a running shoe or even a cleat? Do they experience pain or swelling when they jog? After that it's trial and error through slow progression, according to Garlick.

McCarty, who suffered a clean break of his left ankle bone and waited six

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weeks for it to heal, wanted a measuring stick and played an exhibition match in June. But he quickly realized he was not able to keep speed at that stage.

"I came out of it kind of sore and it set me back a couple of days," McCarty says of the tenderness around his ankle, which made it

tough to stop, cut and decelerate. "The doctor said eight to 12 weeks. In my mind, it was a four-to five-month injury for me to be back playing at full speed."

Better Than Evere

Although it's hard to believe, Mathis, Wolff and McCarty all believe they can return to the game even better than they were before. For McCarty, he says it made him a better athlete because he worked on his flexibility. Mathis thinks players work twice as hard when they're injured for fear they may not come back.

In fact, after Mathis recovered from his ACL injury in college, a radar gun test actually proved that a shot from his injured leg was stronger than his other leg.

When Wolff suffered an ACL injury and came back in the middle of the 2000 season, he felt rested ahead of the 2000 Summer Olympics but had just enough playing time with the Fire to get back into shape and stand out at the 2000 Summer Olympics.

Chad McCarty credits improved flexibility as a result of his rehabil-

itation program.

"When you come back, that's when you have to prove your doubters again," Wolff says. "It's a fresh start when you come back but it's going to take time to get back to 100 percent. You're going to have to work hard especially in the beginning."

For the likes of these MLS players, the game is their livelihood and they have contracts to live up to. That sometimes means they come back at less than 100 percent. But in the case of youth soccer players who suffer through the same long-term injury experience, the pros stress patience.

It happens to the best of them—even the stars are quickly brought down to earth with a thud and have to work twice as hard to regain the status they earned just months before. But they became champions because of heart and will and those assets never go away.

"At the level we're at, we love the game and have been doing it all our life and in a matter of seconds it's taken away from you," Mathis says. "But something good always comes out of it. Always."



GCOACH'S NOTES

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byiously, this season has been a very unique one in the Galaxy's history because at no time in the Galaxy's past have we begun training as early and accomplished so much, from the F.C. Champions Cup title, to qualifying for the World that we want to be Club Championship, to our runs for the U.S. Open Cup and MLS Cup.

If you really look at us, we began training in December for the F.C. Champions Cup. Since then, we've had some short periods with time off, during which the staff has continued to work. As for the players, they've gotten away for short breaks, but a week after returning to training, they've forgotten the two weeks off just a short time ago. So, in their minds they have been going ever since December to the present.

Not going to the World Club Championship was a huge disap- about winning pointment for the club, for the players and for MLS. However, now that we are faced with the reality that there is no World Club Championship, I am very happy that we were able to get a break.

It is so rare that our players get a chance for a real break in the summer. For the players with families like a Mauricio Cienfuegos and a Paul Caligiuri, who have kids, they probably can't count how long it has been since they have been able to take a family vacation in the summer.

We will all benefit from being able to get this break and recharge the batteries that will regenerate the players' enthusiasm and will give us a passion and a quickness in our step for the playoffs.

A Look to the Playoffs

In the Galaxy's history the team has always done well in the regular season, with the exception of last year's roller coaster due to all of the changes that occurred; but in general, the team has performed well in the regular season.

What I must emphasize now is that we are trying to put together a team that is about winning titles, which we did in January by capturing the F.C. Champions' Cup. We have to be about winning titles.

I would trade a second place in the league or a second place in our division for an MLS Cup Championship. Our emphasis is that we want to be about winning titles, we want to be about winning the games in late September and

"Our emphasis is about winning titles, we want to be the games in late September and

October."

October. That is the time of year when the great teams are at their best and do what is necessary to reach the final.

We must have this edge, this desire to win the important games, even if it means a trade-off of giving a game away in early September to win that game in late September. We'll take that trade-off any day of the week.



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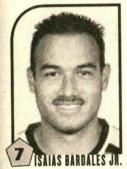


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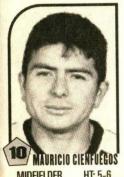
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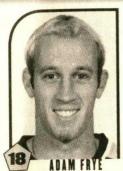
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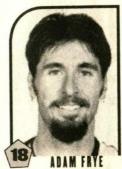
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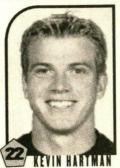
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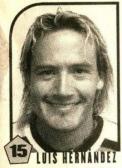
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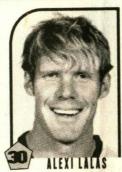
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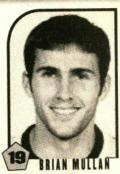
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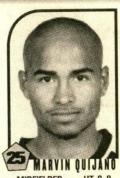
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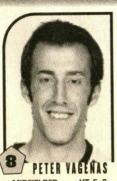
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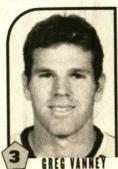
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HT: 6-1 DEFENDER WT: 195 DOB: 8-21-75

ETEAMS IN TOWN

SATURDAY · AUGUST 25 · 1:00 PM · TEL

The Chicago Fire comes off a successful 2000 campaign, which saw the team reach its second MLS Cup final and capture its second Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Championship in three years. Head coach Bob Bradley

guided the team

to a regular season record of 17-9-6 and was crowned as the 2000 MLS Central Division champions.

Once in the playoffs, the highest scoring team of 2000 (67g) earned its second MLS Cup Final trip in team history,

but fell to the defensive Kansas City Wizards, led by MLS Honda MVP Tony Meola.

As it enters its fourth MLS campaign, the Fire is primed for another run towards the MLS Cup and Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup. Led by the international experience of Bulgarian

giant Hristo Stoitchkov and Polish virtuoso Peter Nowak, the Fire will build on the growth of youngsters DaMarcus Beasley, Josh Wolff, and 2000 MLS Rookie of the Year Carlos Bocanegra.

The development of these three talented players has been a direct result of their veteran counterparts, and this year they are the fresh faces at Bruce Arena's training camp, currently using for a spot at the 2002 World Cup.



CHICAGO ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate
2	C.J. Brown	D	6-0	185	6-15-75	13	Henry Ring	GK	6-3	185	3-16-77
3	Evan Whitfield	D	5-11	155	6-23-77	14	Chris Armas	M	5-7	150	8-27-72
4	Carlos Bocanegra	D	6-0	170	5-25-79	15	Jesse Marsch	M	5-11	170	11-8-73
5	Jim Curtin	D	6-4	205	6-23-79	16	Josh Wolff	F	5-8	160	2-25-77
6	Sergi Daniv	М	5-8	150	8-23-75	17	Andrew Lewis	D	6-1	175	9-10-74
7	DaMarcus Beasley	М	5-7	126	5-24-82	18	Zach Thornton	GK	6-3	230	10-10-73
8	Hristo Stoitchkov	F	5-9	165	2-8-66	19	David Vaudreuil	D/M	5-7	155	12-21-66
9	Ante Razov	F	6-1	175	3-2-74	20	Jamar Beasley	F	5-10	160	10-11-79
10	Peter Nowak	М	5-7	145	7-5-64	21	Dema Kovalenko	M	5-8	145	8-28-77
11	Diego Gutierrez	M	5-7	155	11-3-72	22	Eric Wynalda	F	6-1	171	6-9-69

SATURDAY · SEPTEMBER 1 · 7:00 PM

After a disappointing start, the Rapids' season made a dramatic turnaround with the addition of five new players. On June 12, the Rapids acquired high-powered strikers Raul Diaz Arce and Chris Carrieri. Then on June 28, the club made a monumental trade that sent goalkeeper Adin Brown, defender Scott Vermillion and a first-round pick in the 2002 MLS

SuperDraft to the Tampa Bay Mutiny in exchange for Colombian playmaker Carlos Valderrama, All-Star goalie Scott Garlick and defender Ritchie Kotschau.

By early July, the Rapids were suddenly vying for a playoff berth. These new additions have also eased the defensive pressure on Rapids' striker John Spencer.

RAPIDS

Spencer was tied for the top MLS scoring spot (11 goals) and was second in points (26).

The Rapids enter the second half of the season looking to make the playoffs.

"Spenny" scored his first MLS hat trick on July 4th, as he led Colorado to a 3-1 victory over D.C. United. The hat trick (a Rapids first as well) helped the Scottish striker earn his first MLS Player of the Week

honors. In mid-July, Spencer



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1	David Kramer	GK	6-3	185	8-1-72	12	Wes Hart	M/F	5-7	155	9-14-77
2	Chris Dawes	М	5-11	170	5-31-74	14	Chris Martinez	D	6-2	190	12-25-70
3	Lance Key	D	6-0	190	7-27-78	15	Chris Carrieri	F	5-8	150	4-28-80
4	Robin Fraser	D	6-1	175	12-17-77	16	Jason Moore	М	5-11	170	4-4-78
6	Ross Paule	М	5-10	160	4-4-76	17	Marcelo Balboa	D	6-1	175	8-8-67
7	John Spencer	M/F	5-6	160	9-11-70						
8	Seth Trembly	М	5-6	140	3-21-82	18	Steve Herdsman	D	5-11	170	10-6-75
9	Paul Bravo	F	6-0	175	7-19-68	21	Raul Diaz Arce	F	5-9	160	2-1-70
10	Carlos Valderrama	M	5-9	157	9-2-61	24	Scott Garlick	GK	6-2	185	5-29-72
11	Imad Baba	M	5-10	170	3-15-74	33	Ritchie Kotschau	D/M	5-10	170	11-22-75

ETEAMS IN TOWN

WEDNESDAY · SEPTEMBER 12 · 7:00 PM

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.



combination of young talent and solid, experienced players. Look for U.S. National Team defender Jeff Agoos to help anchor the Quakes' defensive posture, and U.S. National Team phenom striker Landon Donovan to add offen-

Yallop made an immediate impact on the team by reloading the team's offensive and defen-

the team's offensive and defensive weapons at the 2001 MLS SuperDraft by adding a powerful sive flair to the Earthquakes' attack.

With San Jose's all-time scoring champion Ronald Cerritos returning at full strength, and the addition of A-League standout forward Dwayne DeRosario and the speedy Junior Agogo, 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	12	Jeff Agoos	D	5-10	175	5-2-68
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5	Ramiro Corrales	D	6-0	160	3-12-77	17	Jimmy Conrad	D	6-2	185	2-22-77
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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						
10	Landon Donovan	F	5-8	148	3-4-82	24	Wade Barrett	М	5-8	150	6-23-76
11	Manny Lagos	М	, 6-0	165	6-1-71	27	Dario Brose	М	5-6	150	1-27-70

The Los Angeles Galaxy say "THANK YOU TO OUR FANS" for your support in 2001





history of U.S. Soccer.

We all remember when Caligiuri struck "The Shot Heard Round the World" against Trinidad and Tobago on November 19, 1989, that would send the U.S. to its first World Cup in over 40 years.

Caligiuri's strike almost single-handedly paved the way for the United States to go the 1990 World Cup and to host the 1994 World Cup, which enabled the formation of Major League Soccer in 1996.

Caligiuri's shot was one of many achievements throughout his tremendous career. He has played in two World Cups ('90 and '94), an Olympics ('88), the German Bundesliga, MLS Cup ('99) and won a National Championship with UCLA ('85). Caligiuri also boasts the longest career span of any player (1984-97) with the U.S. Men's National Team, appearing in 110 matches (third all-time), starting 93 (fourth all-time) and playing 8,272 minutes (third all-time) over 12 seasons (second all-time).

"It's time for the younger kids to show what they have. I have had a great career and it's time to move on."

- Paul Caligiuri

"I have known Paul Caligiuri for 20 years, since he was 17 years old and I first saw him play in high school," says Galaxy Head Coach Sigi Schmid, who also coached Caligiuri at UCLA. "I have seen him go through his growth and maturation as a player and a person. Paul is a very unique individual and a person who is extremely driven and motivated to succeed."

So what does Caligiuri think of the attention? As usual, he just remains humble. "It's time for the younger kids to show what they have," says Caligiuri. "I have had a great career and it's time to move on."

These younger kids that Caligiuri refers to are playing soccer in an era when soccer is on the rise.

You have to wonder if they truly understand what a player like Caligiuri has meant not only to U.S. Soccer, but also to their own personal careers. Santino Quaranta, a 2001 MLS

All-Star, was only 4 years old when Caligiuri scored the game-winning goal against Trinidad and Tobago and was 9 years old when the U.S hosted the 1994 World Cup.

"Paul was one of the first players to go overseas to play in Germany and every American player at the time was looking to do that," says Marcelo Balboa, who was Caligiuri's National Team teammate from 1989-1997. "As time goes on, people forget things like that."

For Caligiuri, there is far more to his retirement than just receiving accolades. Instead, it's the beginning of a new era for him and his family. As Caligiuri announced his retirement earlier



this searson, he was proud to say that there will be life after soccer. In fact, we didn't see tears in his eyes; rather, a joking Caligiuri acknowledging he is looking forward to the challenges that are yet to come. For Cal, his first and foremost priorities are his two beautiful girls, Ashley (9) and Kayla (5). As a professional athlete, there are times when the team must hit the road and, unfortunately, cute little girls are not allowed on the plane.

"I wish I could take them with me everywhere," says Caligiuri, "but it is a part of the job and commitment I made to my teammates and the Galaxy."

The next challenge that Caligiuri will encounter is as head coach of the soccer program at Cal Poly Pomona at the end of the year.

The next challenge that Caligiuri will encounter is as head coach of the soccer program at Cal Poly Pomona at the end of the year. He accepted the position as head coach of the men's and women's soccer teams in early June. The job allows him to stay close to home and spend more time with his family. He feels strongly about doing a good job coaching and will put as much effort into coaching as he did into playing on the field. If that is the case, then Cal Poly Pomona can start making room for their championship trophies that will come in the near future.

With everything Caligiuri has achieved throughout his career, there is one thing that he has never been able to get his hands on—MLS Cup. If the Galaxy were to capture the MLS Cup this year, we can close that chapter of a brilliant career. What a great thought for us to see: Paul Caligiuri on ESPN's 2001 Greatest Moments, kissing the MLS Cup trophy in front of cheering fans as he drifts off into the sunset. But

do not feel sorry for Cal if he doesn't win the title this year. He can always go home and kiss his two most beautiful trophies, his daughters.

As Caligiuri steps off the field, he will continue to be involved in the game of soccer and will always be remembered for his shining contributions to the sport even though he may not have graced the front pages of the sports section.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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.





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 atrisk 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:

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PLEDGE PROGRAMS

Goals and Assists for Kids Scholarships presented by



This season, Rosarita® Refried Beans 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.

Suda La Camiseta - Futbolazo sponsored by



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.

Visit the Community section of the Galaxy website to track all pledge-program donations.

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.

STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

This season, with the support of Los Defensores and the Southern California Toyota Dealers, the Galaxy Foundation will encourage students at participating middle schools to reach for their goals through education. As a reward, each student that receives perfect attendance will receive two tickets to attend a Los Angeles Galaxy home game.

The Galaxy Foundation thanks Los Defensores and the Southern California Toyota Dealers for their support of the Stay in School Program.

AHORRA DINERO Y RECIBE **PREMIOS**

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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Mexsal Sports 13710 E Amar Rd. La Puente, CA 91746 (626) 917-8713

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62001 GALAXY SCHEDULE

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	San Jose			
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

September 1st — Family Night & Galaxy Soccer Ball Giveaway: Major League Soccer fun and excitement continue as your Los Angeles Galaxy take on the Colorado Rapids at 7:00 p.m. This game is the last Family Night of the season where you get four reserved tickets, four hot dogs, four sodas and two limited-edition Paul Caligiuri posters for only \$59! Family games are brought to you courtesy of Mega 92.3 FM, the Los Angeles Times and KLVE 107.5 FM. Galaxy soccer balls will also be given away at the gate courtesy of Verizon Wireless and KSSE 97.5 FM Super Estrella. After the game, fans will be delighted with a special fireworks show.

September 12th — The Galaxy will play their last regular season home game as they battle the San Jose Earthquakes at **7:00 p.m.** Arrive early to receive your free Galaxy t-shirt courtesy of Kern's while supplies last.

For Information and to purchase advance tickets, call toll free: 1-877-3GALAXY.

*Family Packs: Additional tickets with food are available. This offer is only available in advance.

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CONE ON ONE

#15 Luis 'El Matador' Hernandez

By Benjamin Artiaga

Where did the nickname "El Matador" originate?

"It was a name given to me by a Mexican commentator while I was playing in Mexico and the name just sort of stuck with me. I am not sure why he gave me that name.

How has the transition from playing in Mexico to the United States been? How has it differed from the first to the second season?

"Well, the transition was pretty tough because it's a different style of soccer and it takes getting used to. It was a matter of getting to know your teammates and coaches. This year was a lot easier for me because I was more adapted to the team and it was easier to bond with my teammates on and off the field. The results on the field have shown that this year went a lot smoother and hopefully, next year is even better."

What is the biggest difference from living in Mexico and the U.S.?

"For me, it has been the customs and traditions here in the United States that are the most different. When you are used to living a certain way for most of your life, it is tough to all of a sudden make a big change of that nature. However, it has been a pleasurable experience and the fans here in Los Angeles are great."

What are your hobbies?

"I love to skateboard, spend time with my family and listen to music. When I am not playing soccer, I like to do relaxing things. Usually it's listening to music."

What types of music do you listen to? Do you listen to any American music?

"My favorite type of music is Spanish Rock from the '80s. I enjoy listening to most forms of rock and my favorite [English-speaking] band is AC/DC."

What do you think you would have been doing if you were not a professional soccer player?

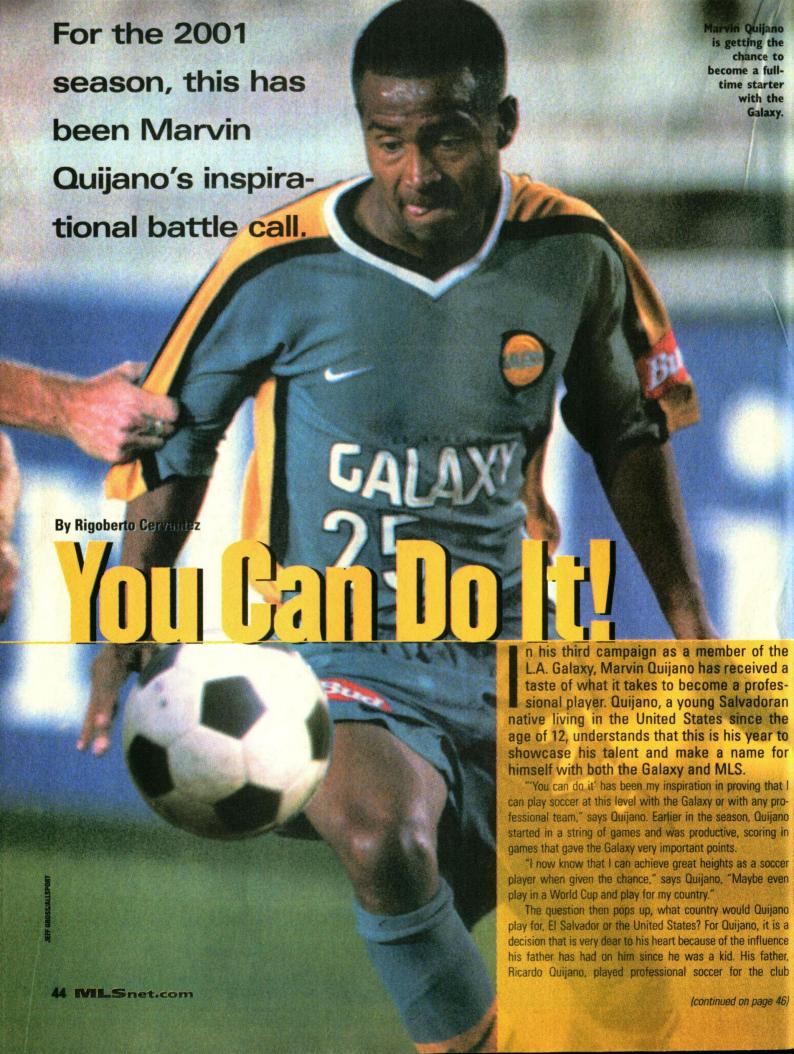
"If I were not playing soccer, I would have been a singer or something to do with music, preferably a rock star. That is my other passion."

What are your favorite foods?

"My favorite food is a dish from Vera Cruz called chaquawil. I also like to eat spaghetti."

Did you have an idol growing up? Who was your favorite team?

"I did not have any idols growing up, but I did watch a lot of soccer. My family liked soccer so it was a part of growing up. When I was young I used to root for Las Chivas Rayadas de Guadalajara."





Municipal Limeno in his native El Salvador. The dream of playing for his national team of El Salvador was never realized, but it is something that is not out of grasp for his son Marvin. At the same time, Quijano realizes that he may one day don the red, white and blue colors for the U.S National Team, his adoptive country. For now, he can only think of playing well for the Galaxy.

He is grateful for another influential figure in Mauricio Cienfuegos, also born in El Salvador. "He has been so helpful in my soccer career that it is hard for me to think what I would have done without him. There were, on many occasions, times that I felt I was ready to explode and leave for another team," Quijano says. "Cien [Cienfuegos] just sat me down and explained that I needed to be patient and wait my turn. 'Your time will come,' he said, and I just took his advice and stuck with it."

Quijano's patience has paid off and this year he received a much-needed boost of confidence from Galaxy Head Coach Sigi Schmid. "He has come on the scene as a starter on many occasions and played well for us," says Schmid. According to Quijano, "When the 2001 season started, I went to Coach Sigi for some feedback and basically he told me that this would be my year and that my time had come. This was something that I needed to hear and gave me the confidence to continue."

Quijano played high school soccer at Reseda High under coaches Terry Davila and Julio Castillo, and then went on to play at Rio Hondo Community College for coach Orlando Brenes. Galaxy assistant coach Ralph Perez spotted Quijano in college. "Ralph came to watch me play on many occasions and even

came to watch me play in the finals," acknowledges Quijano. It was then that Head Coach Octavio Zambrano invited Marvin to try out for the Galaxy in the start of the 1999 season.

He made the team as a discovery player directly from Rio Hondo College and was later designated to the first selection of the Nike U.S. Project-40 team, which allows young players who have not finished college to participate with an MLS team without taking up a roster spot.

Quijano made his professional debut on May 23, 1999, against the New England Revolution after substituting for Welton in the 69th minute. "I was so nervous," recalls Quijano, "I felt as though I could not breathe and in the first run I made, I simply ran out of oxygen. It was quite an experience and one I will never forget."

For the rest of that 1999 season, along with the 2000 season, young Quijano spent most of his time traveling to play with the Project-40 team, which played its games in the A-League. However, that would all change at the start of the 2001 season, as Quijano no longer had to travel with the Project-40 team. He started training regularly with the Galaxy and earned a spot on the first team.

"This year, things have changed for me and it gives me great confidence that I no longer have to be traveling with other teams. I am very optimistic that Coach has plans of playing me more, while giving me an opportunity to prove my worth to the team," says Quijano.

For Quijano, it goes to show that if you stick to your dreams then anything is possible, and he can always use the inspiring words, "You Can Do It," to help him pull through.

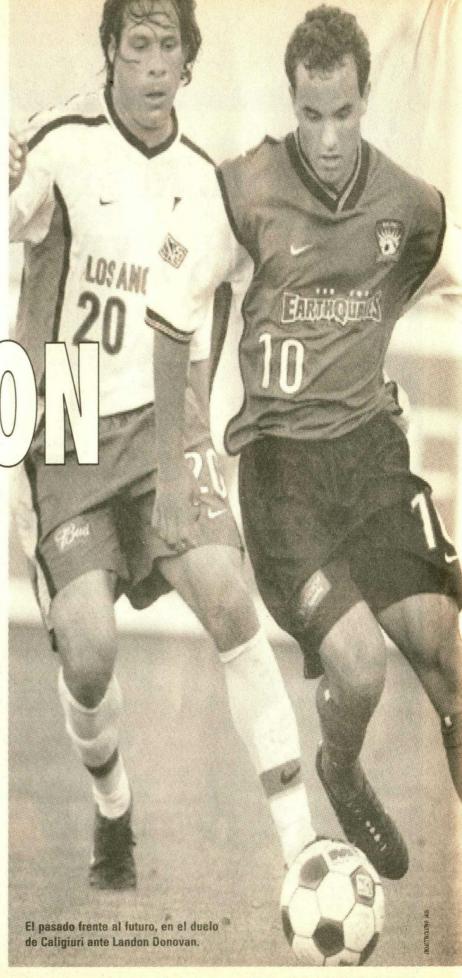
Por Benjamin Artiaga

o fue la historia principal de ESPN ni se publicó en la primera página de las secciones deportivas de los grandes diarios del país. Entre las sombras de los grandes atletas que se retiran éste año, hay uno que pasa casi inadvertido. Se trata del defensa del Galaxy de Los Angeles Paul Caligiuri.

Es difícil argumentar que cualquiera de esos deportistas que se retiran han tenido el impacto que Caligiuri tuvo en el futbol. Paul es uno de los jugadores más respetados de la Major League Soccer (MLS) y es uno de los verdaderos pioneros de éste deporte. En la historia de la U.S. Soccer, su nombre se equipara a los de Rick Davis, Bruce Savage, Kevin Crow y Mark Peterson. Algo impresionante para alguien que tan sólo se dedicó a jugar el deporte de sus amores, pero que logró anotar uno de los goles más memorables en la historia del futbol de Estados Unidos.

Todos sabemos del "Disparo que se escuchó en el mundo entero," aquel tanto frente a Trinidad y Tobago, el 19 de noviembre de 1989, que permitió a Estados Unidos la calificación a una Copa Mundial por primera vez en 40 años. El gol de Paul Caligiuri otorgó la calificación a Estados Unidos para el Mundial de Italia en 1990 y facilitó también la obtención de la sede de la Copa Mundial de 1994, así como a la creación de la Major League Soccer en 1996.

Ese gol de Caligiuri fue sólo uno de muchos logros a través de su ilustre carrera. Paul intervino en dos Copas Mundiales (1990 y 1994), en los Juegos Olímpicos de Seúl en 1988, jugó en varios equipos de la prestigiosa Bundesliga alemana y disputó la Copa MLS en 1999. Obtuvo un campeonato nacional universitario en 1985 como miembro del equipo de UCLA.



Caligiuri cuenta, además, en su historial, con la más dilatada trayectoria como seleccionado nacional, desde 1984 hasta 1997, lapso en el que intervino en 110 encuentros internacionales, ubicándose en el tercer lugar en esa categoría en la historia del seleccionado nacional. Fue titular en 93 juegos (cuarto lugar) y jugó durante 8,272 minutos (tercero).

"Conozco a Paul Caligiuri desde hace 20 años, cuando tenía 17. La primera vez que lo ví, jugaba en su escuela preparatoria," dijo el técnico del Galaxy Sigi Schmid, quien también tuvo bajo sus órdenes a Caligiuri en UCLA.

"Lo he visto crecer y madurar como jugador y como persona. Paul es un individuo con una cualidad única: su extremada motivación para alcanzar el éxito," agregó Schmid.

Sobre su inminente retiro, el siempre humilde Caligiuri comentó: "Es el momento de que los jóvenes muestren de lo que son capaces. He experimentado una gran carrera y es tiempo de decir adiós."

Esos jóvenes a los que Paul se refiere juegan al futbol en una época donde el deporte experimenta su apogeo. Muchos de ellos ni siquiera entienden lo que un jugador como Paul Caligiuri ha significado no sólo para la U.S. Soccer, sinó también para sus incipientes carreras. Santino Quaranta (DC United), participante en el Juego de Estrellas 2001 de la MLS contaba tan sólo con cuatro años de edad cuando Caligiuri anotó el histórico tanto frente a Trinidad y Tobago y apenas había cumplido 9 cuando Estados Unidos fue anfitrión del Mundial de 1994.

"Paul fue uno de los primeros jugadores que cruzaron el oceano para irse a jugar a Alemania en un época en que muchos futbolistas ambicionaban ir al extranjero," comentó Marcelo Balboa, compañero de Paul con la selección nacional, durante 1989 a 1997.

"Con el paso del tiempo, la gente se olvida de esas cosas," agregó Balboa.

Para Caligiuri hay algo más en su retiro del futbol que recibir elogios. Es el inicio de una nueva era para él y para su familia. Al anunciar su retiro como jugador activo a mediados de la temporada, Paul dijo con orgullo que su vida continúa más allá del futbol. Las lágrimas no aparecieron en su rostro y, más bien, con grán sentido del humor, aseguró que encara ansioso los retos que vienen. Y entre sus prioridades está la atención a sus dos hijas, Ashley (de 9 años) y Kayla (de 5). En la vida del atleta profesional hay demasiados viajes y no siempre los hijos tienen oportunidad de acompañar a sus padres.

"Me gustaría poder llevarlas a todas las partes a donde viajo, pero no se puede. Eso es parte del trabajo y del compromiso con los compañeros de equipo y con el Galaxy," apuntó Caligiuri.

El próximo reto para 'Cal,' como casriñosamente lo llaman sus colegas, es fungir como director técnico del programa de futbol de la universidad Cal Poly Pomona a finales de este año, dirigiendo a los equipos masculino y femenino. Este nuevo trabajo le permitirá estar más cerca de casa y pasar más tiempo con sus hijas. Paul, sin embargo, desea hacer un buen trabajo como entrenador y promete que pondrá la misma dedicación y esfuerzo que desplegara en la cancha como jugador. De ser así, Cal Poly Pomona debe empezar a hacer espacio para los trofeos de campeón que llegarán en un futuro no muy lejano.

Y a pesar de todos los logros que Paul Caligiuri ha alcanzado en su carrera, hay algo que no ha podido conseguir: la Copa MLS y si el Galaxy logra

Paul como miembro de la selección estadounidense en el Mundial de 1990 en Italia.

capturar el título de campeón éste año, se podrá así cerrar con broche de oro una brillante carrera.

Sería un momento inolvidable ver a Paul Caligiuri en las imágenes más destacadas del 2001, en ESPN, besando la Copa MLS frente a sus aficionados, para dirigirse hacia el ocaso de su carrera. Pero no hay que sentirse triste por 'Cal' en caso de que no gane el título de campeón, porque él siempre podrá ir a casa y besar a sus más preciados trofeos: sus hijas.

Y mientras Paul Caligiuri se retira como jugador, él seguirá dentro del futbol y siempre será recordado por sus brillantes contribuciones al deporte, a pesar de que nunca sus hazañas hayan ocupado las páginas principales de las secciones deportivas.



#10 MAURICIO CIENFUEGOS





Papá Quijano sueña con ver realizado a traves de su retoño, algo que él no pudo alcanzar: vestir la camiseta de la selección nacional de su país.

Pero al mismo tiempo, Marvin sabe que puede aspirar a llegar algún día a defender los colores del seleccionado estadounidense, su país adoptivo.

En cuanto a su trayectoria como jugador del Galaxy, Marvin reconoce la gran influencia que ha tenido en su avance como jugador su compatriota Mauricio Cienfuegos:

"El me ha ayudado para que yo tenga paciencia y espere mi oportunidad de jugar, porque si no fuese por él, yo ya habría explotado y me hubiese ido a otro equipo."

Pero la paciencia de Marvin ha dado resultado y en ésta temporada finalmente recibió la confianza del técnico Sigi Schmid de jugar como titular.

"Desde el inicio de la temporada 2001, hablé con el técnico y él me dijo que este sería mi año," agregó el graduado de la Reseda High School, donde empezó a destacar como futbolista de futuro promisorio bajo las órdenes de los entrenadores Terry Dávila y Julio Castillo.

Después se fue al Colegio Rio Hondo de Whittier, donde estuvo bajo la batuta del técnico Orlando Brenes.

"Yo había sido observado por varios entrenadores de Colegio, pero el que vino a seguir más de cerca mis actuaciones, fue el profe Ralph Pérez y al final, también vino a verme, en las finales, el entonces técnico del Galaxy, Octavio Zambrano, quien me invitó a hacer la pretemporada de 1999 con el equipo," repasó Quijano sobre sus inicios/y su llegada al equipo angelino y a la MLS.

Quijano se incorporó al Galaxy como jugador de 'descubrimiento,' directamente del Colegio Rio Hondo, para pasar a formar parte del primer selectivo denominado Proyecto 40, que la MLS ofreció a jóvenes jugadores egresados de High School para iniciarse en el profesionalismo.

Marvin debutó en forma oficial el 23 de mayo de 1999, durante un encuentro frente al Revolution de Nueva Inglaterra, ingresando a la cancha del Rose Bowl en sustitución de Welton, en el minuto 69.

"Estaba tan nervioso, que sentí que no podia respirar y en la primera corrida que dí, se me acabó el aire," recordó Quijano, quien tuvo una oportunidad de gol casi al final del duelo, en un encuentro que finalizó empatado 1-1.

En esa temporada, lo mismo que en el torneo 2000 de la MLS, el jóven jugador pasó la mayor parte del tiempo viajando para intervenir con el selectivo Proyecto 40, que tomó parte como un equipo más en el campeonato de la A-League.

Pero en la temporada 2001, todo cambió para Marvin, pues ya no tuvo que viajar casi cada fin de semana para unirse al equipo Proyecto 40 y, por el contrario, estuvo más cerca del técnico galáctico, entrenando con regularidad y presionando hasta abrirse paso en el primer equipo del Galaxy.

"Este año, las cosas han cambiado, porque no he tenido que ir a jugar con el equipo Proyecto 40, lo que indica que el técnico me tiene en cuenta para alinear con el Galaxy," manifestó un optimista e iluisionado Marvin Quijano, quien resumió lo que le han dejado sus actuaciones en la temporada actual:

"Una mayor confianza en mí mismo, en mis posibilidades. Una seguridad de que...sí se puede!"



62001 MLS SCHEDULE





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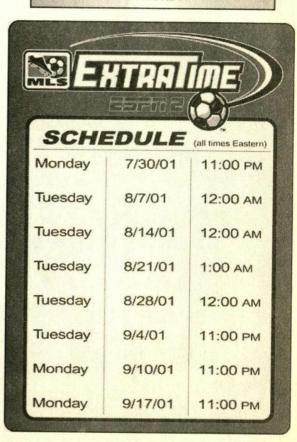
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Sat., Aug. 18	DC at NE	4:00 p.m.	TEL
Sat., Aug. 18	TB at LA	11:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat., Aug. 25	CLB at DC	2:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat., Aug. 25	CHI at LA	4:00 p.m.	TEL
Sat., Sept. 1	CHI at MET	4:00 p.m.	TEL
Sat., Sept. 8	DC at MIA	4:00 p.m.	TEL
Sun., Sept. 9	CLB at TB	5:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sun., Sept. 16	LA at SJ	4:00 p.m.	ESPN2
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MLS STABS Stay in Tune

By David Applegate

ortable CD players are common place around Major League Soccer locker rooms. Occasionally, a guitar will be thrown on the team bus before a long road trip. Either way, music makes its presence felt around the league at many different levels.

"I can't speak for everybody, but I know that
I can put on a type of music before a game, and that
type of music I listen to really sets the mood for how I am going to play,"
says MetroStars defender Mike Petke.

From Petke, who is a big fan of music, to the Galaxy's Alexi Lalas, who produced a solo album in 1998, some MLS players are even more in tune. San Jose Earthquakes forward Dwayne DeRosario had stints as a reggae D.J. while Miami Fusion midfielder lan Bishop is close friends with Iron Maiden's bassist. The musical influences are far reaching.

"I consider myself an entertainer whether I am kicking a ball or playing guitar," Lalas says. "We take our product in front of people. Sometimes it goes off well and sometimes it doesn't, but when it does it is so addictive that you want more of it."

The Pro: Alexi Lalas

One of the league's most recognizable players on and off the field, Lalas also is the first MLS player that most fans would associate with music.

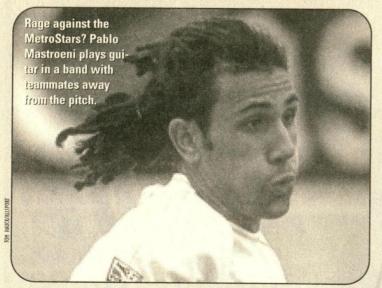
From his band Nectar Drop to his solo album *Ginger*, which was released on the CMC record label, Lalas always has a music project in the works whether it is writing, producing or performing.

His most recent project was for the 2001 MLS All-Star Game—a cover of the Bert Bacharach hit "Do You Know the Way to San Jose?"

"I worked something up in the studio and I think it came out pretty

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well," says Lalas, whose mother had to drag him to piano lessons as a child. "I love those types of challenges where someone comes in and gives you something that they need and gives you parameters."

For the track, Lalas laid down all of the instrumental parts from drums to quitar to back-up vocals in his personal studio inside his Los Angeles-area home.

The Novice: Pablo Mastroeni

People are more likely to confuse Miami Fusion defender Pablo Mastroeni for a current rock star, than guess that the Fusion defender has some musical ventures of his own.

Once he grew out his dreadlocks, people began mistaking the 24-year-old for Zack de la Rocha, former frontman of the popular group Rage Against the Machine. But while Mastroeni is not known for dropping beats, he plays the guitar for his band Chicken Head Killas, while teammate Kyle Beckerman does the rapping and fellow Miami defender Tim Sahaydak plays guitars and bass. This trio have taken their soccer club's name, Fusion, to heart in their style of music.

"Our music is so diverse," says Mastroeni, who was tutored on the guitar by Sahaydak. "We've got a little funk, a little Top-40 and Beckerman is really into rap. That explains his position in the group."

Mastroeni points to a wide variety of groups for his musical inspiration. joking that he may be one of the few people that can say he likes both the Eagles and Tupac Shakur. He admitted that his band has no public appearances planned for the future, but they will still be laying down tracks and mixing effects via personal computer.

"We don't perform publicly," he says. "We don't practice enough to really get out there and make a good name for ourselves. If we went out there right now, we'd be completely off-key, so it's probably best to just stay indoors for now."

The Drummer: Tony Meola

When time permits, Kansas City Wizards goalkeeper Tony Meola is the drummer for the cover band Mushmouth.

Meola got started with the instrument when he was 8. His sister played the bagpipes while he played the drums in a marching band in Kearny, N.J., where there is a strong Scottish heritage. They played at Scottish festivals, parades, special events and grand openings of stores.

Nine years ago, when Meola's wife got him a drum kit, he called a couple of musicians he knew in his hometown and they got together for some jam sessions. Six months later, the band was invited to play at local establishments. The name, "Mushmouth," would come later on.

"We kept going under different dumb names," says Meola. "We used to open up with the theme song from Fat Albert. 'Mushmouth' was one of the characters in Fat Albert and people seemed to like it."

For the most part, Mushmouth can be heard in New Jersey during MLS' offseason, especially between Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays for fundraisers. While the band missed a July 4 appointment in Kansas City because of Meola's recent abdomen injury, there are plans for appearances in August and, possibly, during the MLS Cup Playoffs.

"We play stuff from the '60s through the '90s," says Meola, who has played at MLS All-Star Games and accompanied Hootie and the Blowfish last November in Atlantic City. "We do all the one-hit wonders and the upbeat-type songs. It's a party band."

The Fan: Mike Petke

The MetroStars defender can only play a few Pink Floyd and Dave Matthews Band hits on the guitar, when he sits down and concentrates, but nonetheless he is one of the biggest music fans in the league.

While he was growing up, many kids wanted to be firemen and professional athletes, but Petke wanted to be a rock star.

"I always say that if I wasn't playing soccer and I had half of a voice I'd be a rock star," he says.

He got to spend some time with some of the rock-and-roll legends that he idolized after a concert when Lalas was in New York. He mingled with the likes of Joey Ramone, Kiss guitarist Ace Frehley and Sebastian Bach, the lead singer of Skid Row, his favorite '80s band.

As a fan of music, Petke has gotten to dabble in the industry doing promotional work and interviews for takeoutmusic.com, a website that one of his youth soccer friends works for.

Some of his work with the site includes interviews with various big-name performers, including most recently, Nelly Furtado. He also was lined up to interview one of his favorite bands, Rage Against the Machine, but the backstage interview fell through at the last minute.

When told of Mastroeni's musical ventures, Petke says that he would have to check out the music before offering to get them on takeoutmusic.com. But first, he would have the Miami trio practice more than once a week.





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Hudson was a colo

commentator before

coach of the Fusion.

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built relationships with players as a broadcaster, has done it in much less time.

> "We've imported pure soccer players," says Hudson, who acquired Carlos Llamosa, Preki and Alex Pineda Chacon during the offseason. "I'm a soccer romantic who feels the game should be played in a very stylistic way."

"It's a credit to Ray," says midfielder lan Bishop, another newcomer who came from the English Premier League. "We feel we have a chance to win every game we play."

There was no reason to expect less from a man who was a 17-yearold debutant in the old English First Division in the soccer hotbed known as Newcastle. The hard, middle-class, coalmining town reveres the black-and-white stripes of its soccer team like religion.

Hudson, it turns out, was a schoolboy standout on a team for which other teachers cancelled lessons to watch. At 16, he worked in a nuts-and-bolts factory and then moved on to an apprenticeship at an accounting firm he recalls as 'purgatory.'

But then the dream of all Newcastle youth players came true for Hudson when he was picked to try out for his home team. That night his team won 7-0 with him assisting on six of the goals. The blonde midfielder was given an offer to join the legendary club.

"If they said, 'We want you to work in the pie shop,' I would have made the tea for the team," Hudson says. "You're paid nothing as an apprentice professional and I swept the stands and cleaned the boots. But money was

never a consequence."

The former pen-pusher debuted against Stoke City in 1973, at the age of 17, just a few months after being taken on for the Newcastle United nursery.

That debut was one of his best moments in a Newcastle uniform. With four coaching changes in the next four years, he grew tired of continually proving himself and moved to the United States and South Florida with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers of the NASL in 1977. He became captain and ringleader of the Strikers through 1984. playing to full houses in the stadium he now coaches in. His playing career ended in Fort Lauderdale with the APSL in 1991

"It wasn't a nice experience at all and something I regret," Hudson says. It was a horrible way to end my career but it was too good of an offer to turn down

The man who now revels in the spotlight of American professional soccer faded in anonymity, never living farther than a mile away from Lockhart. He ran his own pool business ("Shells," which he sold last year) until the Fusion came calling in 1998. His rise to the coaching ranks began as a broadcaster,

"Those guys who run around with plates on the sticks and they keep spinning them before they fall off-that's what it's like coaching," Hudson says. "You have to keep pots on the boil and stoke the fire sometimes. A lot of it is psychology, motivation and man management. It's been a tricky ride.

"He's a charismatic figure who tries to infuse the players with a sense of obligation and lets us know that he has high expectations," forward Diego Serna says.

Hudson has proven to be successful in the role thus far. There is a buzz and excitement in South Florida that was only seen decades ago, in Rocky Ray's glory days. The city, the team and the brand of soccer has taken on Ray's personality.

"It could have went horribly wrong, but it's a great endorsement of talent,"

Hudson says. "That's what the game is about. It's not about athleticism or tactical awareness. Until it comes out of the oven, you never know how it's going to smell, but it's smelling pretty good."

RAY HUDSON'S TOP 10 QUOTES:

- 1. "I cannot put lipstick on a pig anymore."
- On telling it like it is as a color analyst.
- 2. "There's an old expression, 'you don't kick a dog when it's down.' But I don't know any better time to kick a dog than when it's down." -On beating an injurydepleted team.
- 3. "The difference is when a fire engine goes by now, my team doesn't stop playing to watch it!" —On the difference between coaching MLS and an Under-6 girls team.
- 4. "There are no drills for maturity. We need some hairy-chested Bulgarians on the team." -On the lack of experience of the 2000 Fusion.
- 5. "Sometimes players are like a pen, If they don't work, shake them, and if they still don't work, you get rid of them." -On players who make mistakes.

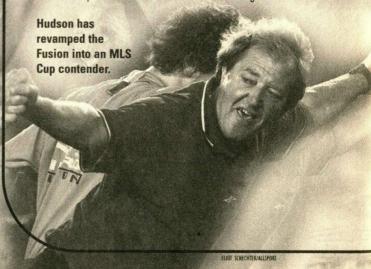
6. "We didn't have the lickings of a dog's chance tonight and the boys turned up with hearts the size of pigs." —On a gutsy performance. 7. "Set pieces — I hate them. They should count as half a goal." — After a game where set

Ray Hudson played

professionally for

Newcastle United.

- pieces hurt his team.
- 8. "He's competitive as a hungry tiger on the field, and yet he's got the sensibility of a village priest in the locker room." —On midfielder Chris Henderson.
- 9. "Losing makes me so sick...like somebody snatched a baby out of my hands." —On the sensation of losing.
- 10. "He is our Trojan horse and our Achilles' heel." —On Diego Serna.



You Think **YOU Know Soccer?**

You Make the Call:



1. A player who is sent off during pregame warmups may be replaced by a named substitute.

A. True

B. False

2. A goal may be scored directly from a kickoff.

A. True

B. False

3. A team wants to play without a goalkeeper. The correct decision from the referee would be:

A. Permit it (a team can play without a goalkeeper).

B. Do not permit it (each team must have a goalkeeper).

4. A field player changes jerseys with the goalkeeper during halftime without informing the referee. When the new goalkeeper touches the ball with his hands during the second half, the referee sees it. The referee should award a penalty kick for handling the ball.

A. True

B. False

5. The referee has awarded a penalty kick. Before the kick can be taken, time runs out for the first half. What does the referee do?

A. Extend time for taking of the PK.

B. Start the second half with a PK.

C. Declare the half over and not allow the PK to be taken.

6. While inspecting player equipment, the referee discovers a player wearing tennis shoes with flat soles. The referee should:

A. Instruct the player to change shoes.

B. Permit the player to play, if the shoes do not present a danger to other players.

7. If thermal shorts are worn, they must be of the same main color as the shorts.

A. True

B. False

8. If a penalty kick is not played forward, the kick must be taken again.

A. True

B. False

9. From a goal kick, a player attempted to pass the ball to a teammate at one side of the penalty area. The ball stopped moving before it left the penalty area. The referee awards:

A. A corner kick for the opposition.

B. A goal kick for the kicking team.

C. A throw-in for the opposition.

10. From a penalty kick, the ball rebounds off the goalkeeper's back to the player who took the PK, who then kicks the ball into the goal. You make the call:

A. A goal kick.

B. A dropped ball.

C. A goal and subsequent kickoff.

11. A spectator ran onto the field and stopped the ball one foot from the goal line, preventing

a goal. You make the call:

A. It's a goal.

B. It's a dropped ball.

C. It's a goal kick.

12. A goalkeeper, while standing in his penalty area, attempted to throw a ball to a teammate. The ball rebounded off of the referee and went across the goal line near the corner flagpost. You make the call:

A. Dropped ball.

B. Goal kick.

C. Corner kick.

13. A goalkeeper, standing in his penalty area, recklessly threw the ball at an opponent who was standing inside the penalty area. You make the call:

A. Penalty kick.

B. Corner kick.

C. Indirect free kick.

14. A corner kick is about to be taken. Before the kick is taken, a defender pushes or strikes an attacking player in

the penalty area. You make the

call: A. Corner

kick

B. Penalty kick.

C. Indirect free kick.



Answers: (1) A, (2) A, (3) B, (4) B, (5) A, (6) B, (7) A, (8) A, (9) B, (10) C, (11) B, (12) C, (13) A, (14) A





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