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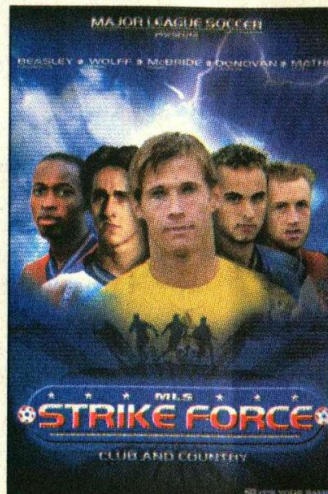
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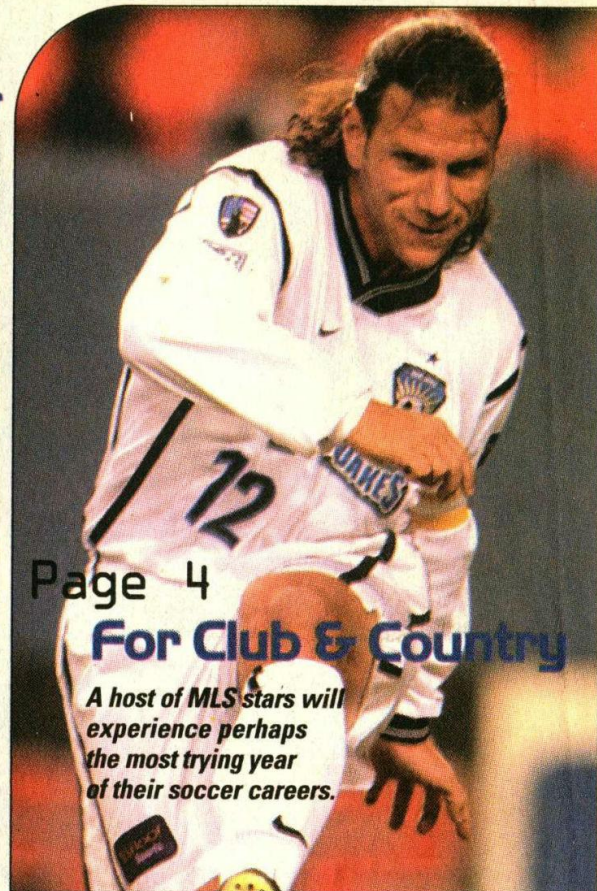
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THE WAYS Of The PROS

Thursday, March 28

United's coaching staff believes the best way to learn is by getting on the field, not through "chalk-talk" and film sessions.

"We are fully committed to putting the players in game situations, with at least 70 percent of the working week involving players making split-second decisions and having freedom of expression," Hudson said.

But even United needs to watch tape every now and then, so the team starts with a 15-minute film session. "If it were any more than that they'd fall asleep," Hudson joked.

10:50 a.m.: Film session

11:05 a.m.: Fifteen minutes jogging, stretching and running.

11:20 a.m.: Water break, then 3-on-2 drills with keepers, focusing on today's sub-theme: attacking toward goal.

11:55 a.m.: Water break, followed by a three-team game (six players per side). One team attacks toward goal, one team defends, the other team helps the offense but can't score.

12:15 p.m.: Water break, then a half-hour, all-inclusive scrimmage.

12:45 p.m.: Practice ends.

Throughout the week, it's easy to notice that Trask and Onalfo are more like associates rather

than assistants. They are the ones that usually explain the drills and correct mistakes on the field.

"I don't want them to just be the guys that put the cones out," Hudson said. "I have immovable faith in John and Curt, and I feel that they are equally as responsible for the game day performance as I am."

Friday, March 29th

10:45 a.m.: Video session focusing on tendencies of the Chicago Fire.

11:00 a.m.: 5-on-2 keep-away, alternated with running and stretching every four minutes.

11:30 a.m.: Half-field 7-on-7 scrimmage: 10 minutes free-touch, 10 minutes two-touch, separated by a water break.

11:55 a.m.: Now 8-on-8, as Hudson and Onalfo join in.

12:10 p.m.: Practice ends.

Hudson knows the pulse of his team and adjusts accordingly. He knows when to take his foot off the gas and give a lighter mood to the practice.

"A lot of it comes down to feeling the tempo of the players," he said. "This morning we gave a few veterans a chance to just take it easy and prepare for tomorrow (Saturday) and let everyone else have some fun with the scrimmage."

Now, all that's left is Saturday. The instructions are simple: Report to the locker room no later than 2:30 p.m., 90 minutes before game time.

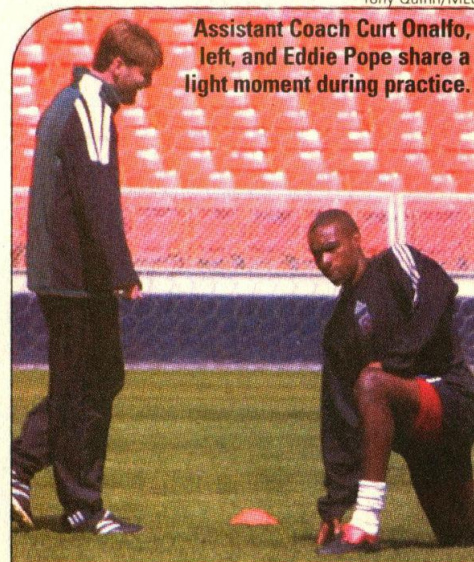
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Even with his laid-back approach, one can see how much stock Hudson puts into what the team does Monday through Friday.

"We've got to put a lot of forethought into it. It's not just showing up, putting your boots on and going out and kicking a ball around," Hudson said. "This is the nuts and bolts of what the fans see on Saturday."

The result of this workweek is a favorable one — a 2-0 win over Chicago.

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Assistant Coach Curt Onalfo, left, and Eddie Pope share a light moment during practice.

Time to relax after a rough week? Hardly. Two road games this week means twice the preparation for the coaches, making each practice twice as important for the players.

Just another workweek in Major League Soccer.

Practice Guests

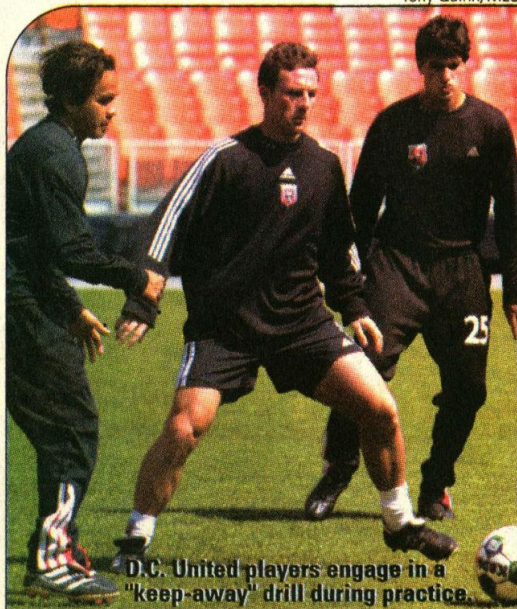
Sometimes, in order to have a full scrimmage, an MLS team has to reach outside the regular 22-man MLS roster. During this particular week, D.C. United brought in a few "outsiders" to train with the squad:

Gary McSwegan: The Scottish forward, who enjoyed success in the Scottish Premier League, is looking to jump-start to his career after bouncing around with three teams in 2001.

Beckett Hollenbach: The former University of Maryland star, who had been training while in Europe, attends a workout to test his game. An A-League try-out may lie in his future.

Freddy Adu: The 12-year-old member of the U.S. Under-17 National Team and a Potomac, Md. native, Adu decided to travel home from the residency camp in Florida and get some training with the big guys. He showed flashes of brilliance and won some new friends, which is tough to do with guys more than twice your age.

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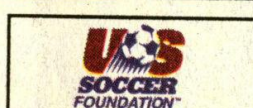


D.C. United players engage in a "keep-away" drill during practice.

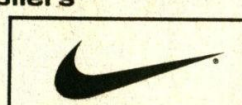


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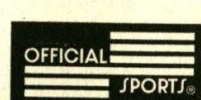
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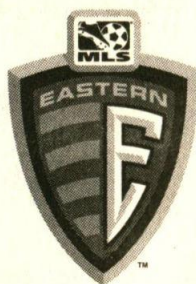
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A host of MLS Stars
will experience perhaps
the most trying year
of their soccer careers.

Watching the April 3 match between the United States and Mexico on television provided defender Jeff Agoos with a rare role reversal. For the first time in 19 international matches, U.S. Head Coach Bruce Arena decided to give Agoos a rest and let him remain with his club team in San Jose. Thus, while Agoos has grown accustomed to seeing his team play without him, that team is usually the Earthquakes, not the national team.

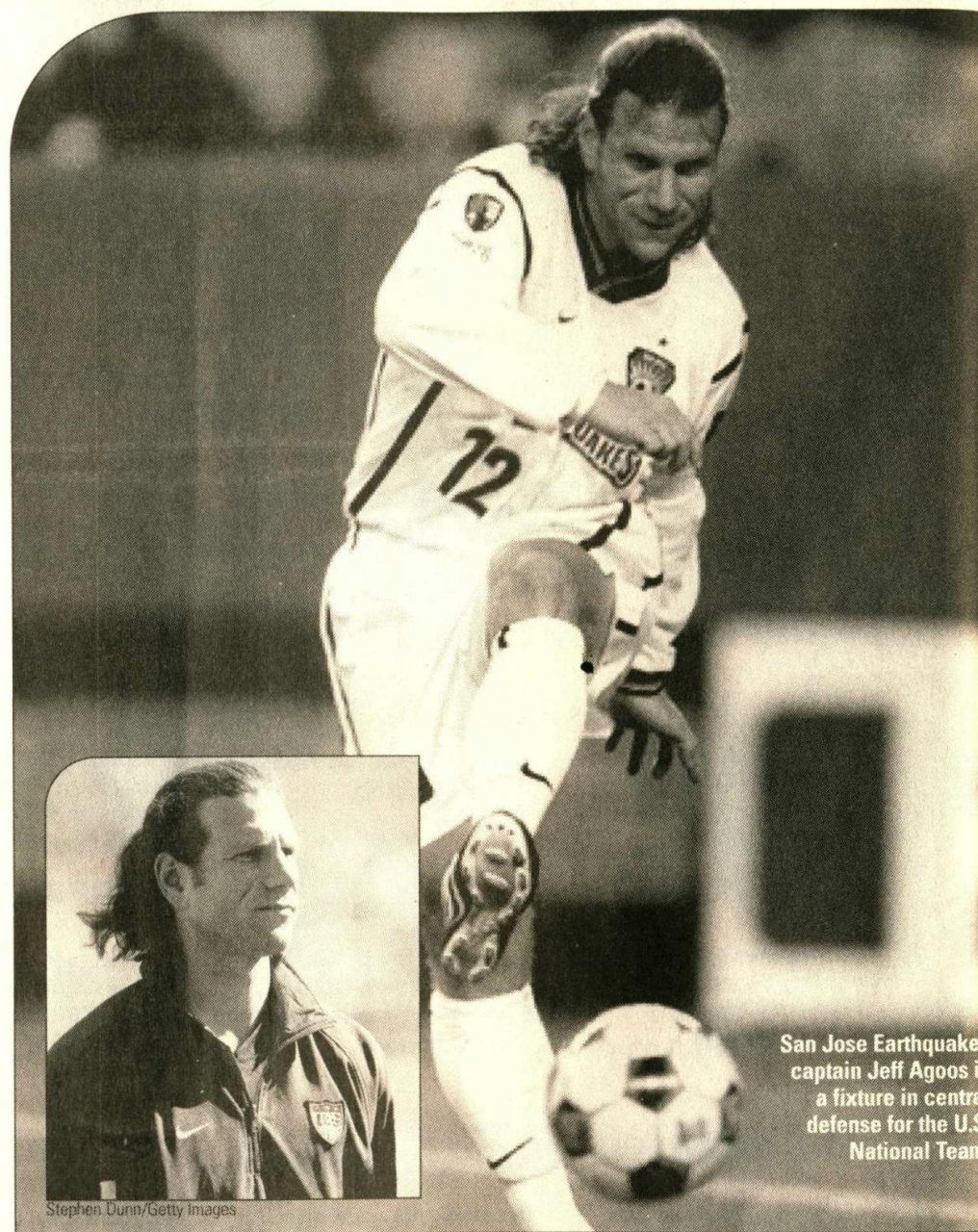
"It was actually kind of nice to be able to sit at home, have dinner and relax," Agoos said. "I hardly ever get to see it from that perspective."

Because it was a friendly match without much at stake, Agoos was able to enjoy this break as a novelty. But when he is on national team duty, watching the Earthquakes battle for points in MLS without him never gets easier.

"You feel a little bit torn because you want to be there with the guys you've been fighting with day in and day out in the city where you live," Agoos said.

This year that will happen even more than usual, since the U.S. team reports to training camp May 1 to prepare for the World Cup in early June. Roughly half of Arena's 23-man roster will consist of players based in MLS, which continues with a lighter schedule during the month-long tournament in Japan and Korea. Those chosen for the trip to Asia will miss an average of seven MLS games—one quarter of the season.

"It's certainly unique to any sport here in the United States, because you're not playing for club and country in basketball, baseball or football during the same season," Agoos said, noting hockey as the one sport with similarities. "It's



San Jose Earthquake captain Jeff Agoos is a fixture in central defense for the U.S. National Team

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almost like you're playing on two separate teams, especially with something like the World Cup coming up, basically in the middle of your own season."

SEPT Separation Anxiety

Compared to Agoos, MetroStars forward Clint Mathis is still relatively new to the dual-commitment lifestyle. After the agony of seeing his teammates struggle through half of last sea-

son while he rehabilitated from knee surgery, Mathis had to miss their second game of the season because of a U.S. game in Rostock, Germany.

"I definitely would like to be at every MetroStars game," Mathis said. "This all started for me playing for the MetroStars, so I definitely have my loyalties there. Every time I step out on the field for the National Team I represent not only myself and my country, but also the MetroStars, my club. It

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is kind of tough going back and forth, but I think the whole organization, including the other players, realizes the level we're trying to get to."

But from Germany, there was no way for Mathis to watch the MetroStars' game. He got word via cell phone of the result—Columbus 1, MetroStars 0.

"It stinks to hear that," Mathis said. "I'd like to be there to help any way I cannot to say we would have won if I was there. But I like to be a part of those games. We win together and we lose together. But I don't think it would be fair to put any guilt on myself about it. I'm only one person that can be at one place at a time. I'm fortunate to have teammates that understand my situation. I think the guys would look at me funny if I didn't try to take this opportunity and run with it."

The World Cup year presents a special challenge for those clubs that have national team players—particularly those with more than one candidate for the final roster. Adding those absences to the usual injuries and suspensions makes every MLS game more meaningful, according to Agoos.

"You obviously have to do a pretty good job of getting points while all your guys are there, but you also need to make sure other guys are also getting time," he said. "When the players who are representing their country at the World Cup are gone, you can't just have those players who are filling those roles playing for the first or second time."

Chicago has more World Cup hopefuls than any other MLS team: Chris Armas, DaMarcus Beasley, Ante Razov, Zach Thornton and Josh Wolff. While it seems unlikely that all five will go to Korea, the Fire began the season with plenty of injury troubles and then lost Evan Whitfield for the season after just two games.

Armas, a vital cog for both the Fire and the United States at defensive midfield, said his team's ability to win without him makes departing a little easier.

"You kind of feel bad to go, only for the fact that you're leaving your team a little shorthanded," Armas said. "But typically, I have to say Chicago tends to play better when guys are missing. I think everyone digs in a little deeper and lifts their game to make up for the difference. I don't think they'll go on a crazy losing streak if a bunch of us go."

Full-Time Fliers

National team veterans agree, however, that the emotion of leaving their club is not as taxing as the physical drain of hopping from city to city. Between the Gold Cup in California in January, MLS preseason training in a myriad of locales, international friendlies and the start of the League season, playing for club and country has meant racking up lots of frequent-flyer miles.

"The most stressful part is probably the traveling," Agoos said.

"I think the hardest thing about it is the traveling," Mathis agreed.

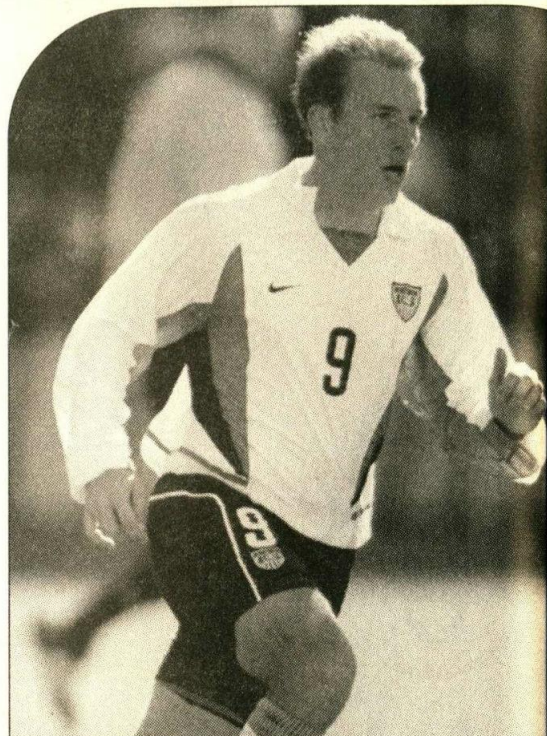
"You're busier—more travel, more games," Armas said.

Mathis, for example, went from New York to Germany to Denver to Columbus, Ohio, back to Denver and on to Ireland during a 24-day span that included three national team games and three MetroStars games.

"It's a little tough on the body, but you just have to do the best you can to take care of your body and be ready for both [teams]," Mathis said. "Soreness sets in, you might feel a little more nicked here and there, and flying just tires you out. Even though you're just sitting there, you're changing time zones like crazy. Every time you get off a plane, you just want to go take a nap."

Given that playing in a World Cup is a lifelong dream, players would hate to see that hectic schedule result in an injury that could rob them of the chance at making the roster. But aside from taking proper care of themselves off the field, players firmly believe they cannot go into League games trying not to get hurt.

"It's in the back of your mind, but there's the old credo that if you think about being injured



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MetroStars forward Clint Mathis has been the U.S. team's attacking force in the lead-up to the World Cup

then you probably will get injured," Agoos said. "It's kind of a self-fulfilling prophecy. So you have to push that aside and play the game in front of you."

Mathis already had one injury jeopardize his chances, yet that doesn't cause him any hesitation.

"My whole philosophy when I got hurt was that everything happens for a reason," he said. "If I get hurt again, that's just the way the cards are dealt. I don't worry about it. Like when I got hurt last time, I saw a guy coming to head the ball and pulled my leg back and ended up getting hurt. If we had collided and I had kicked him, I probably wouldn't have even got hurt."

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Changing Gears

Switching from MLS games to international play requires a bit of extra mental preparation but the two levels are similar when it comes to their physical nature.

"The amount of effort and energy you put in is the same for both, but you do have to realize that it's a different game—you'd be naive not to," Armas said. "At the international level, you don't know the other team's players, so that makes it tougher. You get a scouting report, maybe you've played against some of them before, but you really don't know what it's like until you get there. But the same applies for them, so it works both ways."

The U.S. players won't specifically start studying Portugal until camp opens May 1, but the excitement is still building.

"We've almost had two separate teams—a

European-based team and a domestic team—and to get those two fused together and finally get the final product together, that will be a good thing," Agoos said. "I think the all the guys are eager to have that happen."

The extended training camp prior to the Gold Cup and the frequency of friendlies this spring have allowed the national team to feel more like a club of its own, with understanding and camaraderie reaching new heights.

"It's always felt like a good atmosphere going into the national team, but the Gold Cup was an example of how we can really come together," Armas said. "It's stressed all the time from Bruce that we play for each other. Things aren't always going to go right out there, you can count on that, but you can look over your shoulder and know someone is there for you."

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The Chicago Fire's Chris Armas will anchor the U.S. World Cup team's midfield in Korea/Japan.



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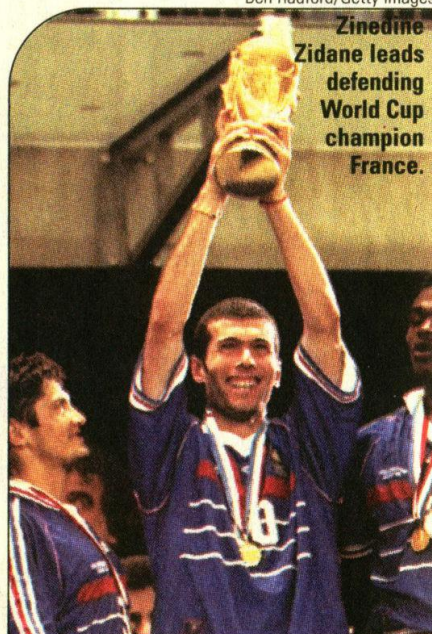
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All EYES On The WORLD CUP

The ultimate Prize in world sport is up for grabs starting May 31.

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Zinedine Zidane leads defending World Cup champion France.

Soccer fans know that it only comes every four years, and that to miss even a single match would be a crime. That "it" is the World Cup, and the excitement will reach a fever pitch around the globe beginning with the opening match on May 31.

The tournament starts with the group stage. From eight groups of four teams, only 16 (two from each group) will proceed to the knockout phase, where anything can happen.

What follows is a preview of the first round.

GROUP A Denmark, France, Senegal, Uruguay

Defending champion France is, on paper, clearly a cut above the rest of the group. But the three

other teams will present serious obstacles, which have the potential to frustrate the French. Denmark can play a disciplined game capable of stifling any opponent. The Senegalese players, who are largely based with French club teams, are in their first ever World Cup and are known for their unpredictable and athletic play. Uruguay, without an imposing style of play, knows how to manage the each match with 90 minutes of gamesmanship and tactical awareness.

FREEKICK Picks: France, Senegal

GROUP B Paraguay, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain

Spain is the favorite, but a history of collapses in past World Cup tournaments will haunt a team that enjoys a wealth of talented individuals led by (Real Madrid). Paraguay and South Africa have both recently brought in new head coaches, and their pre-World Cup exhibitions have confirmed the concerns of their fans. Slovenia comes in with a much-respected coach, but the smallest nation of the group (two million citizens) was a long shot even to make it to the World Cup finals. Srecko Katanec has built a tightly-knit group, which will depend on classy midfielder Zlatko Zahovic for inspiration.

FREEKICK Picks: Spain, Slovenia

GROUP C Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Turkey

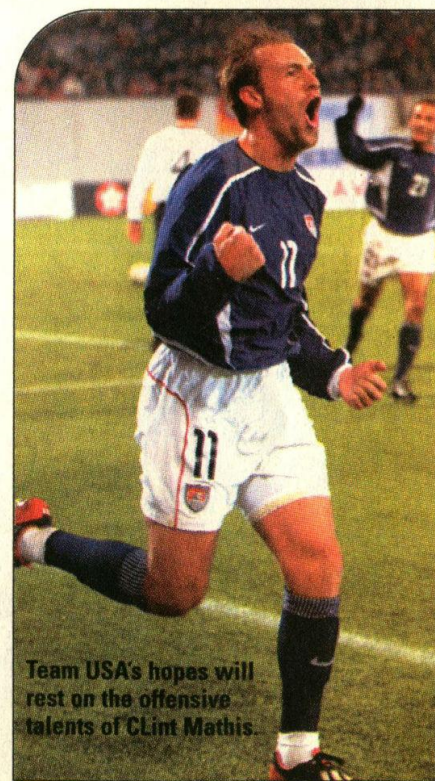
All eyes will be on four-time champion Brazil, which had a difficult time qualifying for this World Cup. Despite having world-class players like Rivaldo (Barcelona) in its ranks, Brazil struggled to

get results and was often criticized for playing spiritless soccer. However, the team should be running on all cylinders for the biggest show on earth. Costa Rica is arguably the second-best team in the group when it comes to sheer technique and tactical awareness. The "Ticos" should be in a dogfight for the second spot in the group with rising European power Turkey. China will be savoring its first ever tournament appearance, and will be led by Bora Milutinović, who has expertly led four other nations to the second round of the World Cup.

FREEKICK Picks: Brazil, Costa Rica

GROUP D Korea, Poland, Portugal, USA

Although Portugal will start off as the favorite in Group D, the team will have the weight of a



Team USA's hopes will rest on the offensive talents of Clint Mathis.

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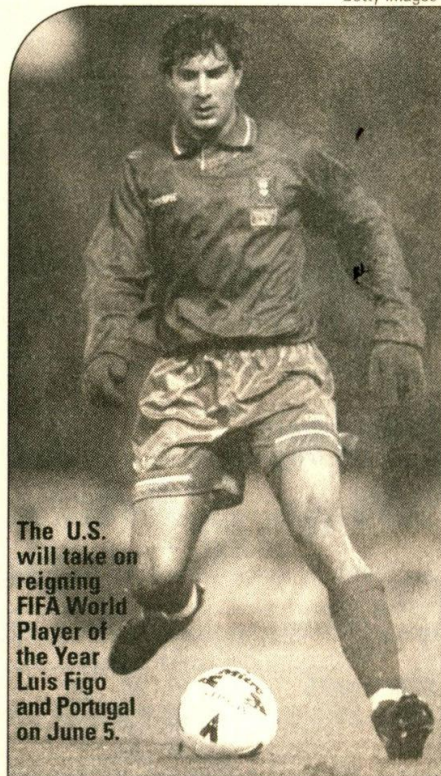
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country on its shoulders. This is considered the last chance for the golden age of Portuguese players (Figo and Rui Costa among others) to leave their mark. The U.S., fielding its best team in World Cup history, has built character and confidence going into this tournament. The productivity of Clint Mathis and the other attackers will determine how far the team advances. South Korea is a co-host of the tournament, and the home crowds should be intimidating for the opposition. Poland, one of the surprises to emerge from European qualifying, may be too dependent on forward Emmanuel Olisadebe for its own good.

FREEKICK Picks: Portugal, USA

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The U.S. will take on reigning FIFA World Player of the Year Luis Figo and Portugal on June 5.

GROUP E Cameroon, Germany, Ireland, Saudi Arabia

Consistency is no longer Germany's mark, and its alternating of excellent and uninspired per-

formances will be the X-factor of the group. Cameroon is no longer an unknown commodity in world soccer and can do some damage in this tournament, after its experiences in the three previous editions. Ireland is a relentless squad but may not have the talent in every sector of the field to match Germany and Cameroon. Although expectations will be high in Saudi Arabia, few expect this Asian powerhouse to make a serious run.

FREEKICK Picks: Germany, Cameroon

GROUP F Argentina, England, Nigeria, Sweden

The so-called "Group of Death," is seen as the toughest to predict, with two teams head-and-shoulders above the others: Argentina and England. Although Nigeria and Sweden will not prove to be cakewalks, their talent pools cannot match the two favorites. Forwards like Hernan Crespo (Argentina) and Michael Owen (England) will capture all the headlines, but the South Americans and English are solid in every department. With defenders like Walter Samuel (Argentina) and Sol Campbell (England) there are few weak spots on these powerhouse teams.

FREEKICK Picks: Argentina, England

GROUP G Croatia, Ecuador, Italy, Mexico

The road to the second round should not be a tough one for the Italians, who are capable of exiting the group with a perfect record. With the return of Filippo Inzaghi on a front line that already features Christian Vieri, the Azzurri will be tough to crack. The third-place finisher in 1998, Croatia, is today considered to be an

aging side, a shadow of its former self. The Mexicans are a proud and resilient squad, their only problem being their inconsistent goal production. The inspirational duo of Cuauhtemoc Blanco and Jared Borgetti could solve that problem. Ecuador is participating in its first World Cup, with what is considered to be a modest set of players, and they could be overwhelmed by the competition.

FREEKICK Picks: Italy, Mexico

GROUP H Belgium, Japan, Russia, Tunisia

Japan is more tested, experienced and tactically refined than fellow 2002 World Cup co-host South Korea. With a batch of skillful and speedy players, led by Hidetoshi Nakata, the Japanese can gain momentum from their group matches and go deep in the tournament. Although Russia's players do not receive the same attention as other Europeans, they will field a balanced and expert side in this World Cup. The Russians employ a base of Spartak Moscow players, and a few, such as forward Vladimir Beschastnykh, are bound to garner the world spotlight. With one surprise result, Tunisia and Belgium could find themselves unexpectedly in the running for a spot in the second round.

FREEKICK Picks: Japan, Russia

The World Cup has the entire planet watching, not only because it is the showcase of some of the best soccer players in the world, but also because it has the power to foster dreams among hundreds of millions of people.

American soccer fans have the fortune of being among the 32 countries that can dream this summer (May 31 through June 30 on ABC, ESPN and ESPN2). Who knows? A save here and there with a few Clint Mathis goals, and a talented American team may find itself where it has never been before.

WORLD CUP 2002

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May 31: FRA vs. SEN at 7:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 1: URU vs. DEN at 4:55a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 6: DEN vs. SEN at 2:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 6: FRA vs. URU at 7:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 11: DEN vs. FRA at 2:25a.m. ESPN -
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Group B

(Paraguay, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain)

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 June 12: SAF vs. SPA at 7:25a.m. ESPN -
 June 12: SLO vs. PAR at 7:25a.m. ESPN2 -

Group C

(Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Turkey)

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 June 4: CHI vs. CRC at 2:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 8: BRA vs. CHI at 7:25a.m. ESPN -
 June 9: CRC vs. TUR at 4:55a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 13: CRC vs. BRA at 2:25a.m. ESPN -
 June 13: TUR vs. CHI at 2:25a.m. ESPN2 -

Group D

(Korea, Poland, Portugal, USA)

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 June 10: KOR vs. USA at 2:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 10: POR vs. POL at 7:25a.m. ESPN2 -
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Group E

(Cameroon, Germany, Ireland, Saudi Arabia)

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 June 1: GER vs. SAR at 7:25a.m. ESPN -
 June 5: GER vs. IRE at 7:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 6: CAM vs. SAR at 4:55a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 11: CAM vs. GER at 7:25a.m. ESPN -
 June 11: SAR vs. IRE at 7:25a.m. ESPN2 -

Group F

(Argentina, England, Nigeria, Sweden)

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 June 7: SWE vs. NIG at 2:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 7: ARG vs. ENG at 7:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 12: SWE vs. ARG at 2:25a.m. ESPN -
 June 12: NIG vs. ENG at 2:25a.m. ESPN2 -

Group G

(Croatia, Ecuador, Italy, Mexico)

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 June 3: ITA vs. ECU at 7:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 8: ITA vs. CRO at 4:55a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 9: MEX vs. ECU at 2:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 13: MEX vs. ITA at 7:25a.m. ESPN -
 June 13: ECU vs. CRO at 7:25a.m. -

Group H

(Belgium, Japan, Russia, Tunisia)

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June 4: JAP vs. BEL at 4:55a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 5: RUS vs. TUN at 2:25a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 9: JAP vs. RUS at 7:25a.m. ESPN -
 June 10: TUN vs. BEL at 4:55a.m. ESPN2 -
 June 14: TUN vs. JAP at 2:25a.m. ESPN -
 June 14: BEL vs. RUS at 2:25a.m. ESPN2 -

Round of 16

June 15 (Game 1): E1 vs. B2 at 2:25a.m. ESPN2
 June 15 (Game 2): A1 vs. F2 at 7:25a.m. ESPN
 June 16 (Game 3): F1 vs. A2 at 2:25a.m. ESPN2
 June 16 (Game 4): B1 vs. E2 at 7:25a.m. ESPN
 June 17 (Game 5): G1 vs. D2 at 2:25a.m. ESPN2
 June 17 (Game 6): C1 vs. H2 at 7:25a.m. ESPN2
 June 18 (Game 7): H1 vs. C2 at 2:25a.m. ESPN2
 June 18 (Game 8): D1 vs. G2 at 7:25a.m.

QUARTERFINALS

June 21 (QF1): Winner 2 vs. Winner 6 at 2:25a.m. ESPN2
 June 21 (QF2): Winner 1 vs. Winner 5 at 7:25a.m. ESPN2
 June 22 (QF3): Winner 4 vs. Winner 8 at 2:25a.m. ESPN2
 June 22 (QF4): Winner 3 vs. Winner 7 at 7:25a.m. ESPN

SEMIFINALS

June 25: Winner QF 2 vs. Winner QF 3 at 7:25a.m. ESPN2
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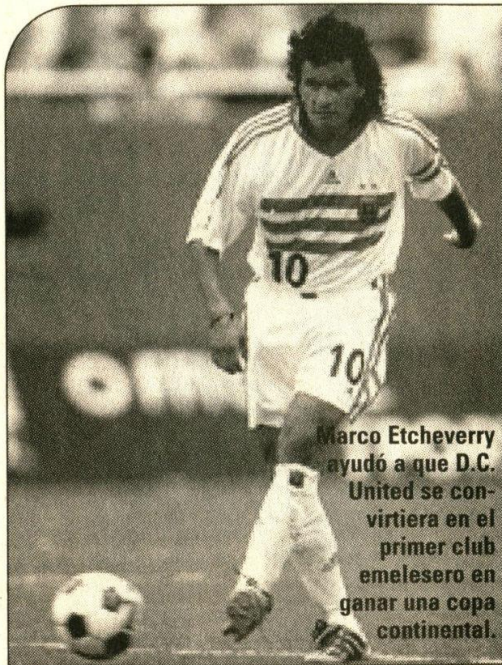
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FINAL

June 30: World Cup final at 6:30a.m. on ABC
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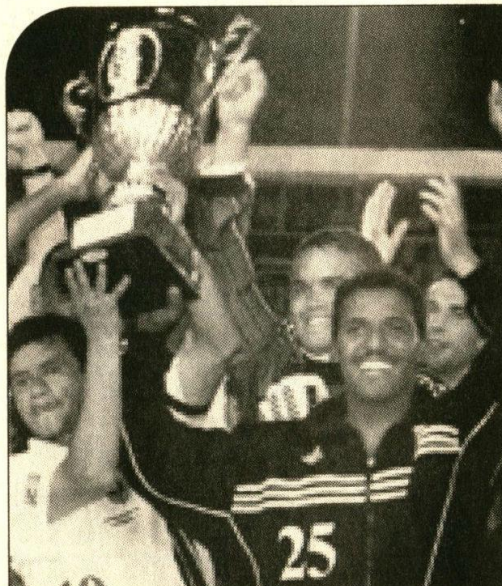
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'El Fútbol Está Para Quedarse En Los Estados Unidos'



Marco Etcheverry ayudó a que D.C. United se convirtiera en el primer club emelesero en ganar una copa continental.

Tony Quinn/MLS



Marco Etcheverry asegura que el fútbol triunfará en los Estados Unidos y que la MLS, después de Argentina y Brasil, es la mejor liga de las Américas.

Ronald Martinez/Getty Images

Marco Etcheverry cree en la MLS y en el fútbol estadounidense

Uno de los mejores "Número 10" de todos los tiempos, Marco "El Diablo" Etcheverry, ha sido una figura importante e influyente en el continuo desarrollo y crecimiento de la liga desde sus inicios en 1996.

Después de seis años emeleseros, Etcheverry esta convencido que el fútbol estadounidense esta para quedarse y tiene un futuro brillante e incomparable.

"Para muchos que no saben de fútbol, la eliminación de Miami y Tampa

Etcheverry también rechazó la idea de que el fútbol no importa y no tiene repercusión en este país. "En Washington somos muy importantes, la gente nos reconoce en todos los lados. Tenemos un promedio de 20 mil personas por encuentro, números que muchas ligas no tienen ni en sueños. En América, a excepción de Argentina y México, nadie va al estadio y no se cuestiona al fútbol", enfatizó el boliviano.

En cuanto al nivel de juego, Etcheverry señaló que ha mejorado cada año y rechazó que es un torneo para futbolistas retirados. "Después de Europa, Argentina y Brasil, está la MLS.

"Despues de Europa, Argentina y Brasil, esta la MLS. Esta liga no envidia a ningun torneo."

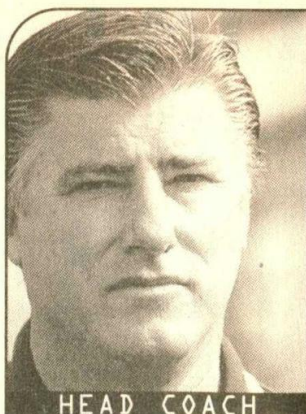
—Marco Etcheverry, D.C. United

Bay, supondría el fin de la liga, pero el seguimiento que tiene el fútbol en Washington es exagerado," dijo Etcheverry en una reciente entrevista. "El fútbol se juega en todas partes, frente a la Casa Blanca, al Obelisco en muchas partes. Ya le gustaría a muchos países tener la infraestructura y el fútbol base que tiene este país. El fútbol está para quedarse en los Estados Unidos".

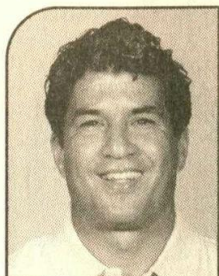
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Además del mediocampista del D.C. United mencionó que desde hace siete años juega tranquilo y sin preocupaciones. "Hay más infraestructura y los estadios son de primer nivel. La liga es seria, los contratos se respetan. Sabes que van a pagar a final de mes. En Estados Unidos, los clubes son una empresa, y aquí es muy serio. En nuestro continente es un desastre."

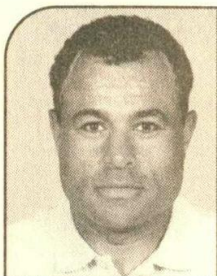
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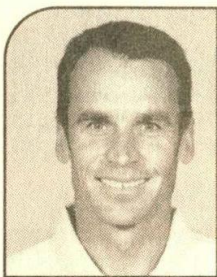
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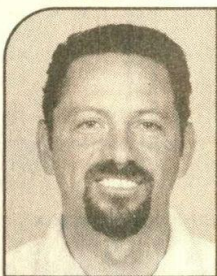
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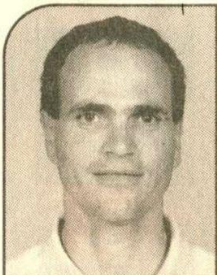
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HEAD ATHLETIC
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"In 2002, we have assembled one of the strongest rosters in Major League Soccer (MLS), from our returning veterans to our latest additions, including scoring sensation Carlos Ruiz."

our players in this category, you have only begun to see what they can accomplish on the field.

In the SuperDraft, we added Gavin Ginton, a talented forward with outstanding speed, and Alejandro Moreno, a physical striker who is willing to put his body into the fray and battle. Ginton has already become the Galaxy's "Super Sub," coming off the bench to spark overtime victories against Chicago and Kansas City.

Using a Developmental spot, we added a local product out of Riverside, Calif., in Jesus Ochoa, who is a holding midfielder and very good at positioning himself in the right spots on the field. In his first match, he demonstrated composure deep in midfield against an experienced Kansas City squad. The Galaxy also acquired MLS rookie midfielder Winston Griffiths. However, Griffiths is not a conventional rookie, having spent a year in the A-League and earning 25 caps with the Jamaican National Team.

In returning second year players Brian Mullan, Isaias Bardales Jr., Craig Waibel and Alex Bengard, we have four good young athletes with a year of experience under their belts. These four now must show what they can accomplish.

Every one of our players brings something unique. We see these qualities on our roster from No. 1 through No. 22. As Galaxy fans, you will have the opportunity to see these young players provide more light than shadows this season.

See you at the Rose Bowl,

Sigi Schmid

Welcome, one and all,

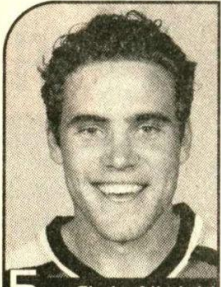
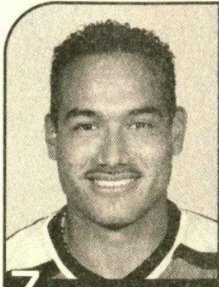
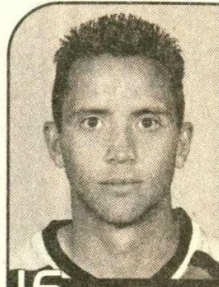
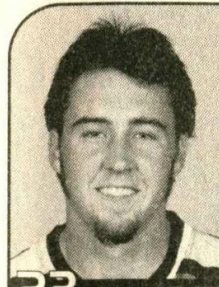
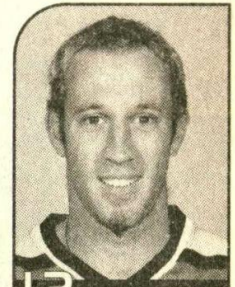
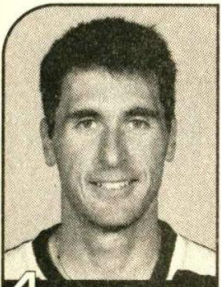
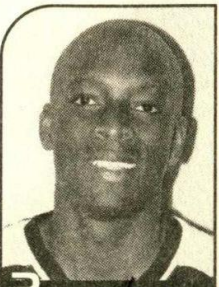
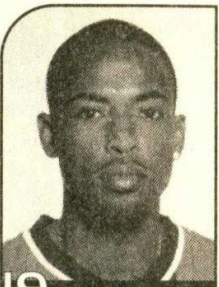
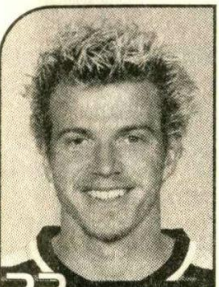
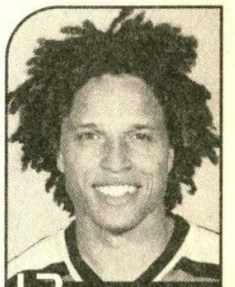
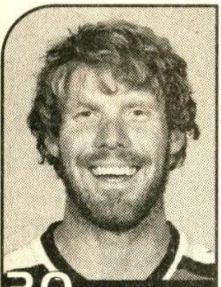
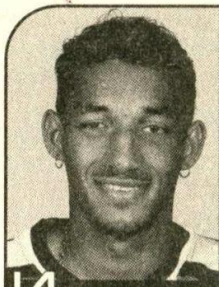
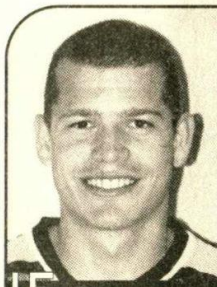
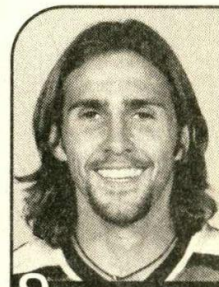
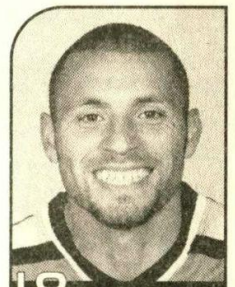
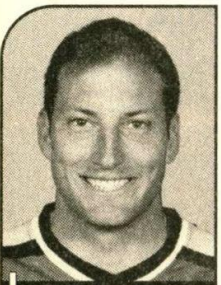
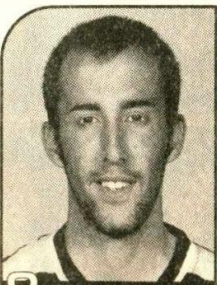
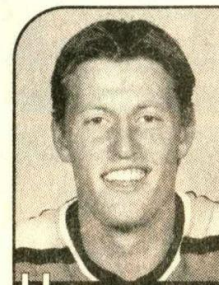
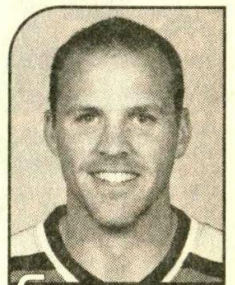
As head coach of the Galaxy, I enter into every season looking for the best way to improve my roster by adding exciting and talented players. In 2002, we have assembled one of the strongest rosters in Major League Soccer (MLS), from our returning veterans to our latest additions, including scoring sensation Carlos Ruiz. I have no doubts that from player No. 1 to 22, we are the best squad in MLS.

It is in our most recent acquisitions that Galaxy fans will see what I call the "light and shadows" of youth. The light is young players showing their abilities and having great moments on the field. But you also get shadows where sometimes they'll make mistakes and errors resulting from youth or inexperience. Throughout the 2002 season, and with experience in international matches against teams like Cruz Azul, Municipal and Aguila, these players will become more consistent players.

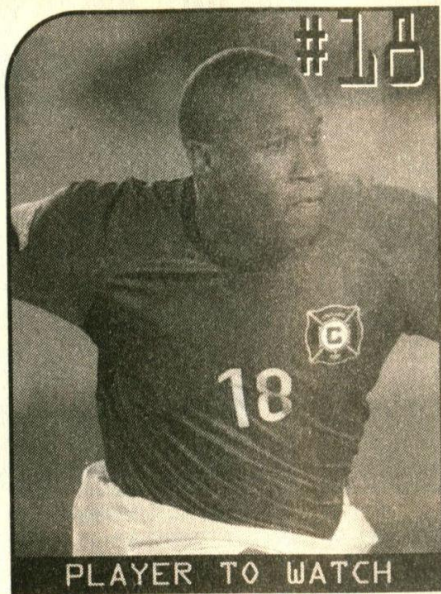
We focus on their strengths and then enhance or polish them around the edges. But we never forget about what was their strength, and that was the base point for everything you build on their game. If you look at the players from No. 16 through 22 on any MLS roster, you may wonder how much they can contribute. For

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GALAXY™

**5** Chris AlbrightForward HT: 6-1
WT: 165 DOB: 1-14-79**7** Isaias Banales Jr.Forward HT: 5-10
WT: 170 DOB: 6-18-79**16** Alex BengardMidfielder HT: 6-0
WT: 165 DOB: 3-13-79**23** Danny CaliffDefender HT: 6-0
WT: 180 DOB: 3-17-80**10** Mauricio CienfuegosMidfielder HT: 5-6
WT: 143 DOB: 2-12-68**12** Simon ElliottMidfielder HT: 5-11
WT: 175 DOB: 6-10-74**4** Adam FrueDefender HT: 5-8
WT: 159 DOB: 2-15-74**2** Gavin GintonForward HT: 5-10
WT: 150 DOB: 3-1-79**19** Winston GriffithsMidfielder HT: 6-1
WT: 160 DOB: 5-12-78**22** Kevin HartmanGoal Keeper HT: 6-1
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WT: 210 DOB: 6-1-70**14** Tyrone MarshallDefender HT: 6-2
WT: 190 DOB: 11-12-74**15** Alejandro MorenoForward HT: 5-9
WT: 170 DOB: 7-8-79**9** Brian MullanForward HT: 5-8
WT: 150 DOB: 4-23-78**18** Jesus OchoaMidfielder HT: 5-11
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PLAYER TO WATCH
ZACH THORNTON

The Fire enters 2002 with several familiar faces—and some fresh ones. Head Coach Bob Bradley returns with the core of the Fire intact since its inaugural 1998 season. Goalkeeper Zach Thornton, defender C.J. Brown, midfielders Chris Armas, Jesse Marsch, Peter Nowak, and forwards Ante Razov and Josh Wolff are all prepared to help the Fire earn more hardware, as is returning World Cup star Hristo Stoitchkov.

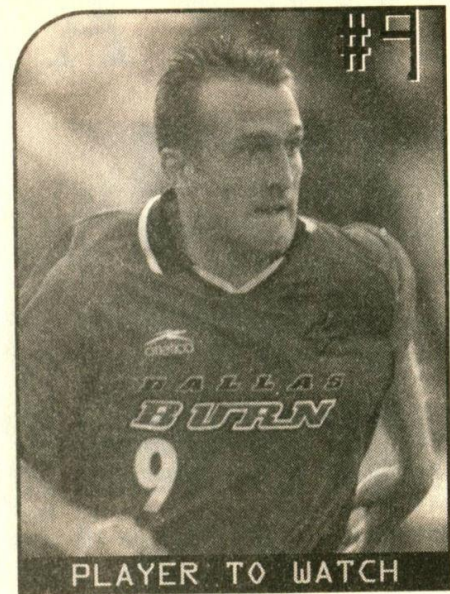
With the core group still together, 2002 will see the further development of defenders Carlos Bocanegra and Jim Curtin, midfielders DaMarcus Beasley, Sergi Daniv, and Dema Kovalenko along with versatile outside midfielder/defender Evan Whitfield.

The additions provide more depth. Draft choices Kelly Gray, Craig Capano, Mike Nugent, Billy Sleeth, and Steve Totten will offer more versatility when players are called to the U.S. National Team for the World Cup. Newly acquired forward Aleksey Korol and 18-year-old midfielder Miguel Saavedra enhance a team already laden with scoring threats.



ROSTER

| No. | Player Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | D.O.B. |
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| 2 | C.J. Brown | D | 6-0 | 185 | 6-15-75 |
| 3 | Evan Whitfield | D/M | 5-11 | 155 | 6-23-77 |
| 4 | Carlos Bocanegra | D | 6-0 | 170 | 5-25-79 |
| 5 | Jim Curtin | D | 6-4 | 205 | 6-23-79 |
| 6 | Kelly Gray | D/M | 6-2 | 170 | 4-7-81 |
| 7 | DaMarcus Beasley | M | 5-7 | 126 | 5-24-82 |
| 8 | Hristo Stoitchkov | F | 5-9 | 165 | 2-8-66 |
| 9 | Ante Razov | F | 6-1 | 175 | 3-2-74 |
| 10 | Peter Nowak | M | 5-7 | 145 | 7-5-64 |
| 11 | Billy Sleeth | D | 5-11 | 170 | 10-23-79 |
| 12 | Miguel Saavedra | M | 5-11 | 155 | 7-3-83 |
| 13 | Henry Ring | GK | 6-3 | 185 | 3-16-77 |
| 14 | Chris Armas | M | 5-7 | 150 | 8-27-72 |
| 15 | Jesse Marsch | M | 5-11 | 170 | 11-8-73 |
| 16 | Josh Wolff | F | 5-8 | 160 | 2-25-77 |
| 17 | Aleksey Korol | F | 5-10 | 160 | 10-14-77 |
| 18 | Zach Thornton | GK | 6-3 | 230 | 10-10-73 |
| 19 | Craig Capano | M | 5-7 | 140 | 7-7-85 |
| 20 | Sergi Daniv | M | 5-8 | 150 | 8-23-75 |
| 21 | Dema Kovalenko | M | 5-8 | 145 | 8-28-77 |
| 23 | Mike Nugent | F | 5-9 | 155 | 2-10-80 |
| -- | Jason Moore | M | 5-11 | 170 | 4-4-78 |



PLAYER TO WATCH
JASON KREIS

As one of only two teams to make the playoffs all six years of the League's existence, the Burn entered the 2002 season with more aspirations than merely keeping their playoff streak alive. The one goal this year is MLS Cup 2002. And second-year coach Mike Jeffries has certainly put his stamp on the team.

Another stellar draft has landed Dallas three-time All-American defender Chris Gbandi, 2001 Hermann Trophy finalist Carl Bussey, All-American defender Lee Morrison, and U.S. U-20 midfielder Jordan Stone.

In addition to his draft day moves, Jeffries has also brought in English Premiership veteran Steve Morrow to provide leadership and experience to the backline.

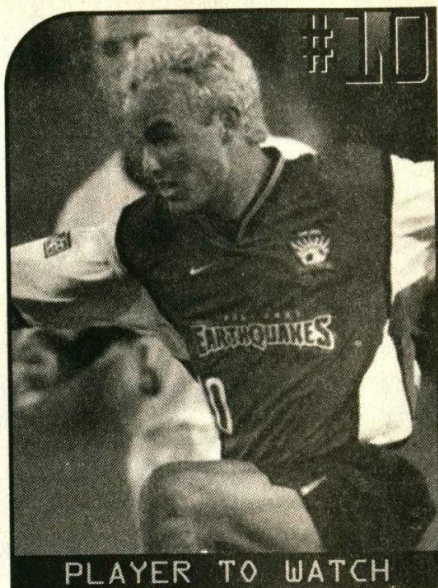
Perhaps the biggest move was the acquisition of three-time MLS All-Star Ronald Cerritos. Cerritos is the seventh all-time leading goal-scorer in MLS history and will provide a dangerous tandem with Jason Kreis, the fourth all-time leading scorer in MLS history. With a revamped backline and potent offense, the Burn is poised for a run at MLS Cup 2002.



ROSTER

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| 1 | Matt Jordan | GK | 6-2 | 185 | 10-13-75 |
| 2 | Chris Gbandi | D | 5-10 | 170 | 4-4-79 |
| 3 | Ryan Suarez | D | 6-2 | 185 | 7-28-77 |
| 4 | Paul Broome | M | 5-9 | 150 | 6-6-76 |
| 5 | Tenywa Bonseu | D | 6-1 | 176 | 10-28-76 |
| 6 | Steve Morrow | D | 6-0 | 170 | 7-2-70 |
| 7 | Eddie Johnson | F | 6-0 | 180 | 3-31-84 |
| 8 | Oscar Pareja | M | 5-8 | 150 | 8-10-68 |
| 9 | Jason Kreis | F | 5-10 | 155 | 12-29-72 |
| 10 | Joselito Vaca | M | 5-6 | 125 | 8-12-82 |
| 11 | Antonio Martinez | M | 5-7 | 140 | 7-9-77 |
| 12 | Jordan Stone | M | 5-9 | 145 | 3-16-84 |
| 13 | Carl Bussey | M | 5-10 | 165 | 10-11-78 |
| 14 | Lee Morrison | D | 6-1 | 170 | 8-10-79 |
| 15 | Chad Deering | M | 6-2 | 175 | 9-2-70 |
| 17 | Jorge Rodriguez | D | 5-9 | 155 | 5-20-71 |
| 18 | Richard Farrer | D | 6-0 | 175 | 4-9-71 |
| 19 | Bobby Rhine | F | 5-10 | 171 | 4-18-76 |
| 20 | Ronald Cerritos | F | 5-9 | 155 | 1-3-75 |
| 21 | Hamisi Amani-Dove | F | 5-11 | 180 | 3-28-74 |
| 22 | D.J. Contess | GK | 6-1 | 185 | 1-9-82 |
| 25 | Josue Mayard | D | 5-10 | 170 | 3-10-80 |

THURSDAY - JULY 4 - 7:00 PM



PLAYER TO WATCH
LANDON DONOVAN

Coming off their first-ever MLS Cup Championship, the Quakes have the majority of their team returning for a second run at the championship.

2001 MLS Coach of the Year Frank Yallop returns for his second season in charge of the Quakes. And he can again count on having a balanced team, starting from the back. He has a defense led by captain Jeff Agoos, who was named the 2001 MLS Defender of the Year, and the resurgent Troy Dayak, who overcame career-threatening injuries to have a stellar 2001 campaign. Behind those central defenders, the Quakes can rely on one of the top goalkeepers in the league, Joe Cannon, who finished second in goals against (1.09) in 2001.

The midfield combines strong possession players in the middle, Ronnie Ekelund and Richard Mulrooney, with attacking options Ian Russell and Manny Lagos on the wings. Lagos and Russell should again combine well with the Quakes powerful strike force that includes Landon Donovan, Ariel Graziani, Dwayne De Rosario, Devin Barclay, and first round draft pick Luchi Gonzalez.



ROSTER

| No. | Player Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | D.O.B. |
|-----|-------------------|------|------|-----|---------|
| 1 | Joe Cannon | GK | 6-2 | 190 | 1-1-75 |
| 2 | Eddie Robinson | D/M | 6-1 | 180 | 6-19-78 |
| 4 | Chris Roner | M | 5-10 | 185 | 3-4-80 |
| 5 | Ramiro Corrales | D | 6-0 | 180 | 3-12-77 |
| 6 | Ronnie Ekelund | M | 6-0 | 180 | 8-21-72 |
| 7 | Ian Russell | M/F | 5-10 | 170 | 8-30-75 |
| 8 | Richard Mulrooney | M | 5-9 | 160 | 11-3-76 |
| 9 | Scott Bower | M/F | 5-8 | 160 | 6-27-78 |
| 10 | Landon Donovan | F | 5-9 | 155 | 3-4-82 |
| 11 | Manny Lagos | M | 6-0 | 165 | 6-11-71 |
| 12 | Jeff Agoos | D | 5-10 | 175 | 5-2-68 |
| 13 | Devin Barclay | F | 5-9 | 165 | 4-9-83 |
| 14 | Dwayne DeRosario | F | 5-11 | 164 | 5-15-78 |
| 15 | Luchi Gonzalez | M/F | 5-8 | 156 | 7-14-80 |
| 17 | Jimmy Conrad | D | 6-2 | 185 | 2-12-77 |
| 18 | Jon Conway | GK | 6-6 | 205 | 5-6-77 |
| 19 | Troy Dayak | D | 5-11 | 175 | 1-21-71 |
| 20 | Ariel Graziani | F | 6-0 | 165 | 6-7-71 |
| 22 | Zak Ibsen | D/M | 5-11 | 170 | 6-2-72 |
| 24 | Wade Barrett | M | 5-8 | 155 | 6-23-76 |



PLAYER TO WATCH
PREKI

The Wizards are off to a quick start in 2002 with Preki and Chris Klein each scoring five points through the first four games of the season. Preki registered a point in each of those games, while Chris Klein earned MLS Player of Week honors for a three-point performance against the San Jose Earthquakes in mid-April. The high-powered Wizards offense will get another lift when Argentinean forward Dario Fabbro joins the squad. The former Boca Juniors and Emelec player will add another dimension to the Wizards attack.

Tony Meola had a solid performance in goal for Kansas City in the opening month, registering a 1-1-2 record with a 0.94 GAA and picking up his 42nd career MLS shutout. But Meola will miss all of May and June as he plays with the U.S. National Team in the 2002 World Cup in Korea and Japan, the third World Cup in his career. Replacing him in goal will be Bo Oshoniyi, who has posted seven shutouts in eight career MLS victories.

KANSAS CITY WIZARDS™ ROSTER

| No. | Player Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | D.O.B. |
|-----|-------------------|------|------|-----|----------|
| 1 | Tony Meola | GK | 6-1 | 205 | 2-21-69 |
| 2 | Matt McKeon | D/M | 6-3 | 195 | 9-24-74 |
| 3 | Nick Garcia | D | 5-10 | 160 | 4-9-79 |
| 4 | Mike Burns | D/M | 5-9 | 165 | 9-14-70 |
| 5 | Kerry Zavagnin | M | 5-10 | 170 | 7-2-74 |
| 6 | Peter Vermes | D | 6-1 | 175 | 11-21-66 |
| 7 | Diego Gutierrez | M | 5-7 | 155 | 11-3-72 |
| 8 | Chris Brown | F/M | 5-11 | 170 | 3-10-77 |
| 9 | Dario Fabbro | F | 6-2 | 178 | 11-3-76 |
| 10 | Francisco Gomez | M | 5-11 | 170 | 1-25-79 |
| 11 | Preki | M | 5-9 | 165 | 6-24-63 |
| 12 | Gary Glasgow | F | 5-10 | 155 | 5-13-76 |
| 14 | Carey Talley | D | 6-2 | 180 | 8-26-76 |
| 15 | Roy Lassiter | F | 5-11 | 160 | 3-9-69 |
| 16 | Stephen Armstrong | M | 5-10 | 165 | 7-23-76 |
| 17 | Chris Klein | M | 6-1 | 180 | 1-4-76 |
| 18 | Chris Brunt | D | 5-11 | 165 | 1-1-80 |
| 19 | Eric Quill | F | 5-10 | 170 | 2-28-78 |
| 20 | Jose Burciaga Jr. | D | 6-1 | 166 | 11-16-81 |
| 22 | Davy Arnaud | M | 6-0 | 165 | 6-22-80 |
| 25 | Bo Oshoniyi | GK | 6-1 | 190 | 11-3-71 |
| 30 | Taly Goode | GK | 6-3 | 200 | 8-25-78 |

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| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME/ RESULT |
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March

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| Sat. 23 | D.C. United | 2-1 W |
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April

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| Sat. 6 | Chicago | 2-1 W |
| Sat. 13 | Dallas | 1-1 T |
| Sat. 20 | at Dallas | 1-1 T |
| Sat. 27 | Colorado | 0-1 L |

May

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| Sat. 4 | at Kansas City | 2-1 W (OT) |
| Sat. 11 | at Chicago | 1-0 W |
| Sat. 18 | at Kansas City | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 25 | at New England | 4:30 p.m. |

June

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| Sat. 1 | at Colorado | 1:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 8 | Chicago | 1:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 15 | at MetroStars | 1:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 22 | Dallas | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 29 | at D.C. United | 4:30 p.m. |

July

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| Thur. 4 | San Jose | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sun. 7 | at San Jose | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 13 | at Colorado | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 20 | Kansas City | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 27 | Columbus | 7:00 p.m. |

August

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| Sat. 3 | All-Star Game at Washington, D.C. | |
| Sat. 10 | New England | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. 14 | at Columbus | 4:30 p.m. |
| Sat. 17 | Colorado | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. 21 | Kansas City | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 24 | at Dallas | 5:30 p.m. |
| Sat. 31 | MetroStars | 7:00 p.m. |

September

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| Sat. 7 | at Chicago | 5:30 p.m. |
| Sat. 14 | San Jose | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. 21 | at San Jose | 7:00 p.m. |



GALAXY PROMOTIONS 2002

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June 22: Major League Soccer fun and excitement continues as your Los Angeles Galaxy take on the Dallas Burn at 7:00pm at the Rose Bowl. This game is the third of six *Los Angeles Times* Family Games, which include four reserved tickets, four hot dogs, four sodas and two limited edition player posters for as low as \$45! Additional tickets (with food) are available. This great offer is only available in advance. Family Games are brought to you courtesy of KLVE 107.5FM, KLOS 95.5FM and KCAL Channel 9.

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July 20: Soccer action continues as the Galaxy and the Kansas City Wizards kickoff the fourth *Los Angeles Times* Family Game of the season at 7:00pm. For as low as \$45, this Family Game will feature four hot dogs, four sodas, four reserved tickets and two limited edition player posters! Additional tickets (with food) are available. This offer is only available in advance.

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Carlos Ruiz has made a huge splash in the MLS Pond.

Essy Ghavameddini/L.A. Galaxy



MLS' April Player of the Month, Ruiz registered 12 points on six goals for the Galaxy during a five-game span to start his MLS career.

Did you imagine this level of success coming this quickly for you in MLS?

Ruiz: No I didn't expect it. But if you get along well with your teammates on and off the field, things like this can happen. I was definitely surprised, since this a new League for me, but things have gone pretty well up to this point.

Carlos Ruiz experimenta un impactante debut en la MLS, vestido de galactico.

Una de las presentaciones más exitosas, quizá la más exitosa para un jugador en toda la historia de la Major League Soccer, la personifica el goleador guatemalteco Carlos Ruiz, convertido en tan sólo unas cuantas semanas en el nuevo ídolo del Galaxy de Los Angeles.

¿Te imaginabas ésta clase de éxito y tan rápido, cuando llegaste a la MLS?

"Bueno, la verdad es que no, pero encontrarse con un buen grupo de amigos refleja muchas cosas en la cancha y afortunadamente eso es lo que ha sucedido en el inicio de la temporada. Aunque, sí, he estado un poco sorprendido, porque se trata de una liga diferente a la de mi país, pero las cosas marchan bien hasta el momento."

¿De dónde te sale esa hambre de gol que muestras dentro del área?

"Como todo centro delantero, uno quiere aportar al equipo con lo que sabe hacer, que son los goles, algo que a mí siempre me ha llenado de alegría y más si esos goles sirven para que mi equipo gane. Esa hambre de gol, además, es una forma de demostrar que el jugador guatemalteco tiene capacidad para jugar en el extranjero".

¿Estás preparado para encarar una liga como la MLS, donde se juega con más fuerza que en otras ligas de Latinoamérica?

"Sí, es una realidad que en la MLS se juega con más fuerza que en otras ligas. En Guatemala, no hay tanto despliegue físico, pero yo ya tuve la experiencia de jugar en Europa, específicamente en Grecia y ahí se juega muy fuerte. Por ello, considero que esa experiencia me ha ayudado a madurar futbolísticamente, lo mismo que los juegos internacionales que he disputado con mi selección y con el Municipal, que también ha enfrentado a grandes rivales. Acá, en la MLS, tengo que adaptarme lo más pronto posible y responder a las exigencias de cada partido."

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Can you talk about your "hunger" to find the back of the net when you are in the box?

Like any forward, I want to contribute to my team in the way I know best: scoring goals. If those goals contribute to wins, then that makes me even happier. My "hunger" to score shows my eagerness—how a Guatemalan player has the ability to play and be successful abroad.

People say that MLS is more physical than Latin-American soccer. Were you prepared for that?

It's true that the MLS is more physical than other leagues. My experience playing in Europe and internationally with Municipal and the Guatemalan National Team has helped me to mature and prepare for this type of play. Here in the MLS I will continue to adapt as quickly as possible and give what's needed of me to my team.

Is it true that Alexi Lalas promised to buy you a watch if you scored 15 goals this season?

Yes. It happened one day while we were at a restaurant. Alexi said to me that six goals would be great to score this season. I told him that I thought I could score 15. He said, 'If you get there, I'll buy you a watch.' I'm not sure what kind, but that's the bet.

Is there a player or two on the Galaxy that, on the field, you find a connection playing with?

The truth is that we have many great players, especially at mid-field. I feel like I identify well with Cienfuegos, since he comes from a similar background and style of soccer. But we also have Sasha, Simon and Cobi, who are tremendous players and mix well with everyone on the team.

¿Es cierto que Alexi Lalas prometió regalarte un reloj si anotabas 15 goles en la temporada?

"Sí, fue algo que sucedió mientras nos encontrábamos en un restaurante. Alexi me venía diciendo que, cuando mucho, yo anotaré seis goles durante el torneo. Entonces le dije: yo puedo hacer 15 goles, te lo puedo demostrar y él me dijo que si lo lograba, él me regalaría un reloj. No sé qué clase de reloj, pero ahí está la apuesta"

¿Hay alguno o varios jugadores con quienes te identificas mejor en la cancha?

"La verdad, en el Galaxy hay grandes jugadores. Especialmente en la media cancha. Siento que me identifico mucho con Cienfuegos, porque él proviene de un fútbol muy similar al que yo estoy acostumbrado y me entiendo bien con Mauricio. Pero también contamos con Sasha, con Simon, con Cobi, que son magníficos jugadores con quienes se integra un buen equipo, donde todos jugamos para todos"

¿Porqué te llaman Pescadito?

"No lo sé. Sucedió cuando yo era muy pequeño, alguien me puso ese sobrenombre, pues así se acostumbra con todos los futbolistas en mi país y a mí no me molesta que me llamen así. Mucha gente no me conoce por mi nombre, sino como Pescado"

¿Coleccionas artículos relacionados con los peces?

"Sí, cosas de delfines, pues me gustan los delfines, además tengo varios regalos de los aficionados, como un pez de madera en un marco, que tengo en mi casa, en Guatemala."

¿Tienes algún mensaje para la juventud de Los Angeles que ambi-



Simon Elliott and Alexi Lalas congratulate Ruiz after he scored his fifth MLS goal against the Dallas Burn on April 13.

Essy Ghavameddini/L.A. Galaxy

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Why do they call you "the Fish?"

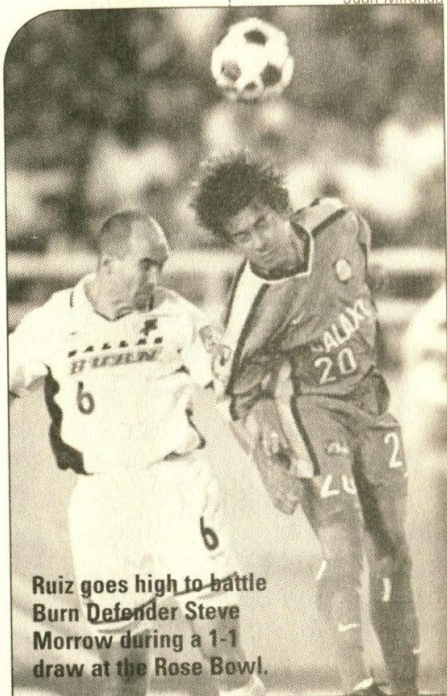
Everyone in Guatemala has a nickname. I got "Pescadito" at a very young age, though I don't remember who gave it to me and when. It just stuck with me and now everybody calls me that.

Do you have a message for young soccer players here in Los Angeles?

Keep on playing for what you believe in. Don't let anything get in your way. I thank God for how fortunate I have been and for sticking with me. Believe in yourself and strive to be somebody in life.

What do you want to accomplish this year?

I came to the Galaxy because I knew it was a great team that aspired to be the champion of MLS. My personal goals are secondary to this team winning the MLS Cup.



Ruiz goes high to battle Burn Defender Steve Morrow during a 1-1 draw at the Rose Bowl.

ciona llegar a donde tu has llegado en el futbol?

"Sí, que luchen por lo que ellos quieran, que superen los impedimentos que se interpongan para lograr sus sueños, porque lograrlos siempre cuesta. Yo le agradezco a Dios, porque siempre me ha acompañado y uno debe creer siempre en él y después, esforzarse uno mismo para tratar de ser alguien en la vida. Yo vengo de un barrio muy humilde y siempre he tratado de superarme."

¿Cuales son tus metas en éste año?

"Cuando se negociaba mi contratación con el Galaxy yo sabía que venía a un equipo grande, que aspira a ser campeón, porque es algo que no se la ha dado al club. Por eso, mi meta es que el equipo sea campeón. Los objetivos personales pasan a segundo término, lo más importante, es que el Galaxy sea campeón"

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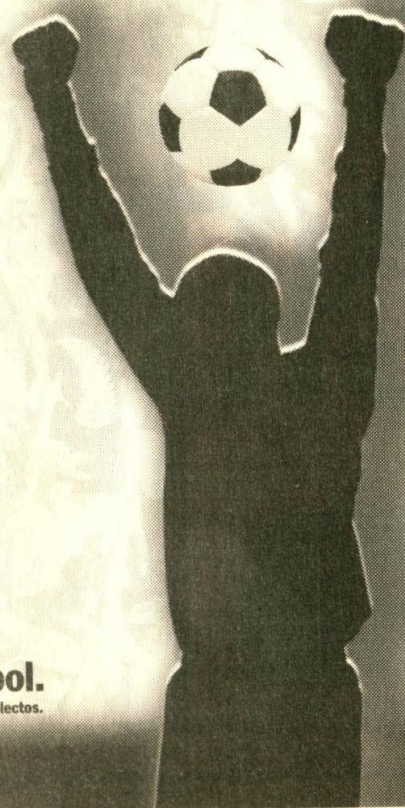
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Eddie Wedelstedt and the Goalie Charitable Foundation have once again generously committed to donating 400 season seats to "Eddie's Kids Corner," a special section of the Rose Bowl designated at every home game.

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 Los Angeles, CA 90005
 (213) 386-1458

Librería Emmanuel
 9038 Woodman Ave
 Arleta, CA 91331
 (818) 893-8044

Los Angeles S. L.
 2707 W Pico Blvd.
 Los Angeles, CA 90006
 (323) 732-4423

Masaya Sports
 1122 Pico St
 San Fernando, CA 91340
 (818) 838-1577

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

Soccer Central
 12130 E Carson St #D
 Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716
 (562) 421-2292

Super Imperial Market
 835 W 19th St
 Costa Mesa, CA 92627
 (949) 722-0245

Texis Restaurants
 266 S Normandie Ave
 Los Angeles, CA 90004
 (213) 384-4575

Texis Restaurants
 3087 W Pico Blvd
 Los Angeles, CA 90006
 (323) 737-1434

Texis Restaurants
 12650 Sherman Way, No 19
 North Hollywood, CA 91605
 (818) 982-0907

United Nations S. L.
 10835 Van Owen Ave
 North Hollywood, CA 91605
 (818) 761-7482

Zacapa Guatemala Los Angeles Market
 5628 Santa Monica Blvd.
 Los Angeles, CA 90038
 (323) 468-9210

GALAXY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND GALAXY FOUNDATION

#14 Tyrone MARSHALL

Essy Ghavameddini/L.A. Galaxy



Position: Defender

Date of Birth: 11-12-74

Hometown:

Lauderhill, Fla.

Height: 6-2

Weight: 190

Acquired: Drafted by Los Angeles in the first round (9th overall) of the 2002 MLS Allocation and Dispersal Draft on January 11.

At what age did you first step on to the soccer field?

I started playing when I was 6 or 7 in Jamaica. I started playing organized school soccer when I was about 8 or 9 at Saint Peter and Paul Prep School.

When did you first come to the United States?

I came to the States when I was 14.

Did you have any nicknames growing up?

Shane. After my mom named me Tyrone she was watching a Western and she liked the name Shane. She'd already given me a name, but she liked the name Shane, so she started calling me Shane because she liked it so much.

Who was your favorite soccer player growing up?

Zico, when he was playing in Brazil. He was very skillful.

How would you describe your playing style?

My style is flashy. It's aggressive sometimes, and sometimes I'm really laid back. It's hard to describe, because you never know what you're going to bring out, because it depends upon the type of team that you're playing.

What's your most memorable soccer moment?

I have two so far. One was when I was in college and I scored on a bicycle kick in the semifinals against UNC Charlotte when I was at FIU. That was pretty memorable at the time. Just recently, I scored the game-winner last year in qualifying (for the World Cup) against Trinidad and Tobago. It was at home in front of 35,000 people, with my family and everyone there to see me.

Many of the fans don't know that you're an expecting father. How is that going?

I'm starting to get excited now. I went to my second Lamaze class the other night. We're getting to the home-stretch, and everything is starting to hit home.

A Letter to the FANS

GALAXY



Friends of the Galaxy:

By the time you read this letter, the Los Angeles Galaxy will have completed the longest road trip in our seven-year history and will have one third of the 2002 Major League Soccer campaign under our belt. Many of our newest acquisitions have already seen a fair amount of playing time and are making positive contributions to the team's success. Carlos "El Pescadito" Ruiz sent shock waves through the MLS early on with a six-goal burst over four games. As such, it was no surprise to see Carlos awarded April's Major League Soccer Player of the Month, the first for a Galaxy player in four years. Gavin Ginton and Tyrone Marshall proved that a newcomer only needs a few minutes to make a difference-both of them making valuable contributions to numerous overtime victories. Chris Albright is currently healing from a foot injury but undoubtedly will be eager to tally his first goal in a Galaxy uniform upon his return in June. Winston Griffiths, Alejandro Moreno and Jesus Ochoa have a tremendous amount of ability and will



undoubtedly see more and more time over the course of the season. All of our new guys have stepped it up during a tough spell of injuries to starters.

We are thrilled that team captain Cobi Jones was selected to represent his country in the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan. This is the third World Cup for Cobi, the United States' all-time caps leader. He has maintained a level of play at the international level that few players can boast, and he is a great source of pride for both the national team program and the Galaxy. Undoubtedly there will be many sleepless nights for Southland soccer fans in the month of June!

We have also made good on our promise to bring quality opponents to Southern California. At press time, your Galaxy had already delivered on two matches, Guatemala's CSD Municipal on May 8th and El Salvador's Aguila on May 29th. Both teams lead their leagues at home and have much to prove abroad. They provide their fans with an exciting brand of soccer and will bring with them proven goal scorers like Guillermo Ramirez and Juan Carlos Plata (Municipal) and Alexander Amaya del Cid (Aguila). As your growing resource for quality matches in the Southland, we hope to have more exciting exhibitions to announce shortly.

Construction on the National Training Center-future home of the Galaxy-is moving along briskly. Here is the inside scoop on what has been and will be transpiring during May and June:

* Site rough grading is 80% complete. The soccer and tennis stadiums are completely excavated and the practice fields graded and ready for utilities and fine grading. At the height of grading, 16 scrapers were on site moving up to 35,000 cubic yards of dirt per day.

* Both the tennis and soccer bowls were carved out by early May, and over 600,000 cubic yards of dirt will have been moved by the end of that month.

* Some 400,000 gallons of water were used daily to minimize dust during this process.

* Much of the surface parking is already in place. Parking Lot 7 is paved and striped and was turned over to the University for its use. Lots 10 and 11 were paved in mid-May.

* Natural grass practice soccer fields are planned to be planted with stolons in June to give the grass time to grow during the summer months.

* Approximately 5,000 tons of concrete, which already existed onsite (primarily the existing velodrome), have been crushed. This recycled concrete will be used as base throughout the site.

As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at many Galaxy soccer events in the future.

Doug Hamilton

Doug Hamilton
Vice President & General Manager

2002 MLS SCHEDULE



march

Saturday, March 23

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| Chicago | 2-0 | Columbus |
| New England | 1-3 | MetroStars |
| Colorado | 1-1 | Kansas City |
| San Jose | 2-0 | Dallas |
| D.C. United | 1-2 | Los Angeles |

Wednesday, March 27

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| Columbus | 1-0 | MetroStars |
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Saturday, March 30

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| Chicago | 0-2 | DC United |
| San Jose | 0-1 | Colorado |

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Wednesday, April 3

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| D.C. United | 0-2 | Colorado |
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Saturday, April 6

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| New England | 1-2 | San Jose |
| D.C. United | 1-2 | Dallas |
| MetroStars | 2-1 | Columbus |
| Chicago | 1-2 | Los Angeles |

Saturday, April 13

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|------------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| San Jose | at | Kansas City | 4:00 |
| MetroStars | at | Colorado | 9:00 |
| Dallas | at | Los Angeles | 10:00 |

Saturday, April 20

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

Saturday, April 27

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

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Saturday, May 4

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|-------------|----------------|-------------|------|
| Columbus | at | San Jose | 4:00 |
| Chicago | at | D.C. United | 7:30 |
| Los Angeles | ... at | Kansas City | 7:30 |

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| Dallas | at | MetroStars | 8:00 |
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Saturday, May 11

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| Los Angeles | ... at | Chicago | 4:00 |
| Dallas | at | New England | 7:30 |
| Kansas City | ... at | Colorado | 9:00 |
| MetroStars | at | San Jose | 10:00 |

Sunday, May 12

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|----------|----------------|-------------|------|
| Columbus | at | D.C. United | 4:30 |
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Saturday, May 18

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|-------------|----------------|-------------|------|
| Colorado | at | Dallas | 4:00 |
| MetroStars | at | D.C. United | 6:30 |
| San Jose | at | Columbus | 7:30 |
| Los Angeles | ... at | Kansas City | 8:00 |

Sunday, May 19

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|---------|----------------|-------------|------|
| Chicago | at | New England | 4:30 |
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Wednesday, May 22

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| New England | .. at | Colorado | 9:00 |
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Saturday, May 25

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|-------------|----------------|-------------|------|
| Dallas | at | Columbus | 7:30 |
| Kansas City | ... at | MetroStars | 7:30 |
| Los Angeles | ... at | New England | 7:30 |

Sunday, May 26

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| San Jose | at | Chicago | 8:30 |
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Saturday, June 1

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| Los Angeles | ... at | Colorado | 4:00 |
| San Jose | at | New England | 6:30 |
| Dallas | at | Kansas City | 8:00 |

Sunday, June 2

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| Columbus | at | Chicago | 7:00 |
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Saturday, June 8

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| Chicago | at | Los Angeles | 4:00 |
| New England | .. at | D.C. United | 7:30 |
| Colorado | at | Dallas | 8:30 |
| Kansas City | ... at | San Jose | 10:00 |

Wednesday, June 12

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|----------|----------------|-------------|------|
| Columbus | at | New England | 7:00 |
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Saturday, June 15

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

Wednesday, June 19

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| Colorado | at | D.C. United | 7:30 |
| Kansas City | ... at | Columbus | 7:30 |

Saturday, June 22

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|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| MetroStars | at | Chicago | 4:00 |
| New England | .. at | Kansas City | 8:00 |
| Colorado | at | San Jose | 10:00 |
| Dallas | at | Los Angeles | 10:00 |

Wednesday, June 26

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|----------|----------------|------------|------|
| Colorado | at | MetroStars | 7:30 |
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Saturday, June 29

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|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| MetroStars | at | New England | 4:00 |
| Los Angeles | ... at | D.C. United | 7:30 |
| Columbus | at | Dallas | 8:30 |
| Kansas City | ... at | San Jose | 10:00 |

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Thursday, July 4

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

Saturday, July 6

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|-------------|----------------|-------------|------|
| Dallas | at | Kansas City | 4:00 |
| D.C. United | at | New England | 7:30 |
| MetroStars | at | Columbus | 7:30 |

Sunday, July 7

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|-------------|----------------|----------|------|
| Colorado | at | Chicago | 4:00 |
| Los Angeles | ... at | San Jose | 9:00 |

Saturday, July 13

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

Saturday, July 20

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| New England | .. at | MetroStars | 4:00 |
| Colorado | at | Columbus | 7:30 |

D.C. United . . . at . . . Chicago 8:30
 Dallas at . . . San Jose 10:00
 Kansas City . . . at . . . Los Angeles 10:00

Wednesday, July 24

Colorado at . . . New England 7:30
 D.C. United . . . at . . . Columbus 7:30
 MetroStars . . . at . . . Kansas City 8:00
 Chicago at . . . San Jose 10:00

Saturday, July 27

MetroStars . . . at . . . Chicago 4:00
 New England . . at . . . D.C. United 6:30
 San Jose at . . . Kansas City 8:00
 Dallas at . . . Colorado 9:00
 Columbus at . . . Los Angeles 10:00

Wednesday, July 31

Columbus at . . . MetroStars 7:30
 D.C. United . . . at . . . Chicago 8:30
 Kansas City . . . at . . . Dallas 8:30

august**Saturday, August 3**

MLS All-Star Game in Washington, D.C. 3:30

Saturday, August 10

Chicago at . . . Dallas 4:00
 Kansas City . . . at . . . D.C. United 7:30
 Columbus at . . . Colorado 9:00
 New England . . at . . . Los Angeles 10:00

Wednesday, August 14

Los Angeles . . . at . . . Columbus 7:30
 Kansas City . . . at . . . Chicago 8:30

Saturday, August 17

D.C. United . . . at . . . San Jose 4:00
 Dallas at . . . MetroStars 7:30
 Colorado at . . . Los Angeles 10:00

Sunday, August 18

Chicago at . . . New England 7:00
 Columbus at . . . Kansas City 8:00

Wednesday, August 21

Dallas at . . . San Jose 10:00
 Kansas City . . . at . . . Los Angeles 10:00

Saturday, August 24

San Jose at . . . Colorado 4:00
 New England . . at . . . Chicago 8:30
 Los Angeles . . . at . . . Dallas 8:30

Sunday, August 25

D.C. United . . . at . . . MetroStars 4:00

Wednesday, August 28

Colorado at . . . New England 7:30

Saturday, August 31

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

september**Sunday, September 1**

Dallas at . . . Colorado 9:00

Thursday, September 5

MetroStars . . . at . . . Dallas 8:00

Saturday, September 7

D.C. United . . . at . . . New England 7:30
 Los Angeles . . . at . . . Chicago 8:30
 Columbus at . . . San Jose 10:00

Thursday, September 12

D.C. United . . . at . . . MetroStars 7:30

Saturday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 19

Dallas at . . . D.C. United 7:30

Friday, September 20

Kansas City . . . at . . . Colorado 9:00

Saturday, September 21

MetroStars . . . at . . . New England 7:30
 Los Angeles . . . at . . . San Jose 10:00

Sunday, September 22

Columbus at . . . Chicago 4:00

MLS playoffs

Quarterfinal and Semifinal schedule TBD

Sunday, October 20

MLS Cup in Foxboro, Mass. 1:30

**MLS 2002
TV Schedule**

| Date | Event | Time (ET) | Network |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Sat., May 4 | Columbus at San Jose | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., May 11 | Los Angeles at Chicago | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., May 18 | Colorado at Dallas | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., May 25 | Los Angeles at New England | 1:00 a.m. | ESPN2* |
| Sat., June 1 | Los Angeles at Colorado | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., June 8 | Chicago at Los Angeles | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., June 15 | Los Angeles at MetroStars | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., June 22 | MetroStars at Chicago | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., June 29 | MetroStars at New England | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., July 6 | Dallas at Kansas City | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., July 13 | Kansas City at New England | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., July 20 | New England at MetroStars | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., July 27 | MetroStars at Chicago | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., Aug. 3 | 2002 All-Star Game | 3:30 p.m. | ABC |
| Sat., Aug. 10 | Chicago at Dallas | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., Aug. 17 | D.C. United at San Jose | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., Aug. 24 | San Jose at Colorado | 4:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sat., Aug. 31 | MetroStars at Los Angeles | 1:00 a.m. | ESPN2* |
| Thurs., Sept. 5 | MetroStars at Dallas | 8:00 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Thurs., Sept. 12 | D.C. United at MetroStars | 7:30 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Thurs., Sept. 19 | Dallas at D.C. United | 7:30 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Thurs., Sept. 26 | Playoff Game TBD | 7:30 p.m. | ESPN2 |
| Sun., Oct. 6 | Playoff Game TBD | 2:00 p.m. | ABC |
| Sun., Oct. 20 | MLS Cup 2002 at CMGI Field | 1:30 p.m. | ABC |

* - Tape delay

The MISSION Is CLEAR

Between League action and the World Cup, MLS' strike force will do battle on multiple fronts.

Landon Donovan, Josh Wolff, DaMarcus Beasley, Brian McBride and Clint Mathis—five American strikers on the same mission: to showcase the attacking abilities and flair of U.S. players, which has recently turned heads in the world soccer community.

Their common mission also has them on the same team, Major League Soccer's "Strike Force," which features forwards who will be on the front lines of the battles for both MLS Cup and the World Cup.

Why was it that these five were selected to form the Strike Force?

"We're American, we're exciting and we're creative," said Donovan, who led the San Jose Earthquakes to the 2001 MLS Cup title and is vying for a starting forward spot on the 2002 U.S. World Cup team. "Hopefully we're setting the standard for what American strikers should be all about."

The five range in age from 19 (Beasley) to 29 (McBride) and play for four separate squads, but they have all been instrumental in the success of their clubs, while making strong contributions to the U.S. National Team. Wolff, McBride and Mathis each scored a pair of goals during the 2002 CONCACAF World Cup Qualifying rounds.

As the World Cup approaches, U.S. National Team Head Coach Bruce Arena will look for these five to continue hitting the back of the net the way they have for their clubs.

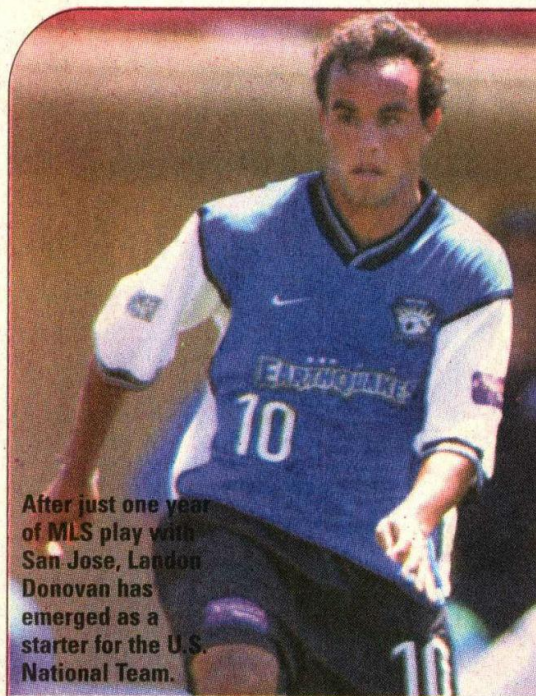
"These five are the future of the game in

this country," Arena said. "They've proven their skills on the world level, and that bodes well for MLS."

Chicago Fire Head Coach Bob Bradley has two of the Strike Force players on his squad—Wolff and Beasley. Although Wolff was limited to three games last season due to injury, Bradley knows the potential of his young forward.

"Josh is one of the most exciting strikers in our league," Bradley said. "When he sees an opening, he gets in a good position and finishes the job."

Beasley became a mainstay on the left side of the midfield last year in his first full season with Chicago. Because of his success in the Windy City (he had two goals and six assists in 2001), and his blazing speed and incredible athleticism, Beasley has seen some playing time for the U.S. National Team (seven caps and one



After just one year of MLS play with San Jose, Landon Donovan has emerged as a starter for the U.S. National Team.

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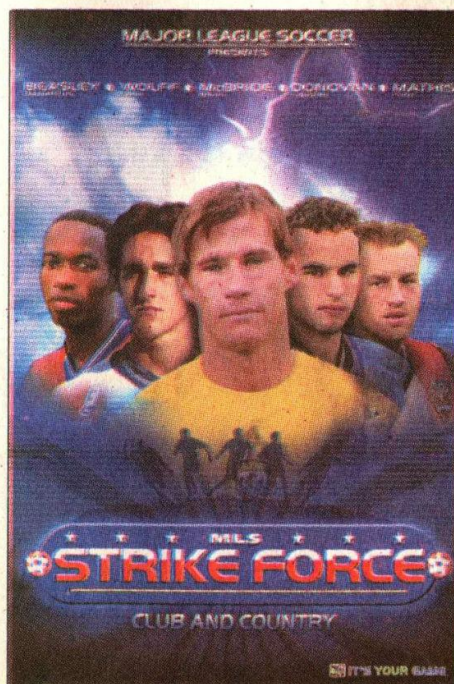
start) and will vie for a spot on the World Cup squad.

"He's really such a great all-around player, with good two-way abilities," Bradley said. "I think that opposing players get scared when he moves up that left side."

"I'm fortunate to have two of these (Strike Force) players on my team. They're representative of some of the exciting players we have here in MLS."

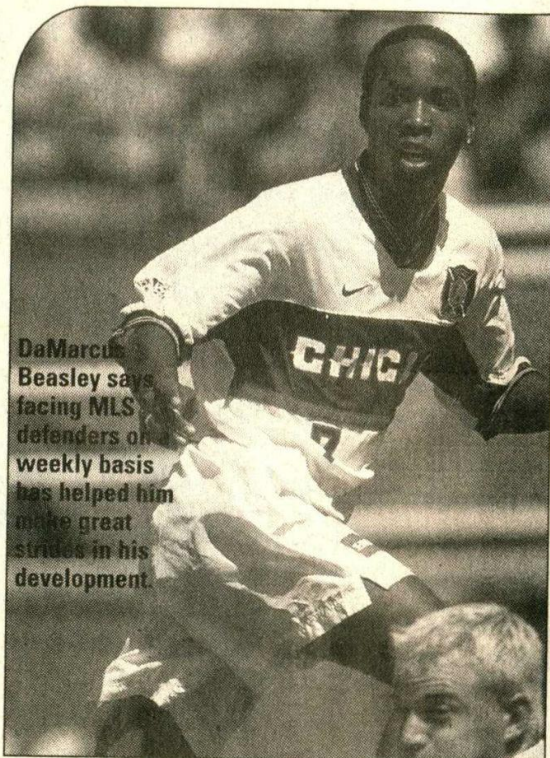
The elder statesman of the group, Brian McBride, was the first overall pick in the inaugural 1996 MLS draft. Since then he has become a perennial All-Star, the Columbus Crew's all-time leading scorer (44 goals and 31 assists between 1996 and 2001), the premier target forward in the U.S. and a virtual lock for a starting forward slot for the World Cup team.

"I think Brian has set the standard for other MLS forwards," Columbus Head Coach Greg Andrulis said. "He'll be the guy leading the U.S. in the World Cup."



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The MISSION Is CLEAR



DaMarcus Beasley says facing MLS defenders on a weekly basis has helped him make great strides in his development.

Stephen Dunn/Getty Images

Clint Mathis (18 goals and 20 assists in MLS play between 1998 and 2001) is considered by many to be the national team's most lethal finisher.

"He's the most dynamic player MLS has created," Mathis' MetroStars teammate Steve Jolley said. "We all consider it an honor to play with him. We just don't say it because it will inflate him."

Donovan scored five goals in six postseason games in 2001, including one in the championship game against the Los Angeles Galaxy. He also started every game for the national team during its impressive championship run through the Gold Cup this year.

"I feel that he is such a gifted player. He not only wants to score, but he does all the dirty work. You don't always see that," Earthquakes head coach Frank Yallop said.

Wolff, Georgia's high school soccer player of the year during his senior season, was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team in the 2000 Sydney games and has helped the Fire win two U.S. Open Cups and MLS Cup 1998.

Still, being named to the Strike Force is special to him.

"It's an honor to be up their with these guys," he said. "MLS has made a big push to produce goal scorers, and I think this is one way to draw attention to the kind of quality strikers this League has produced."

The Rise of the Strike Force

MLS has its fair share of strong defenders and quality goalkeepers challenging Strike Force members and other attacking players in their development.

"Every year MLS defenders have helped me change and improve my game," Beasley said.

"American defenders come in different shapes and sizes," Wolff said. "They're big and strong or quick and crafty. We're able to stick with it and try and score against some very skilled defenders. That is why I think we can do well in the upcoming World Cup."

D.C. United defender Eddie Pope, a virtual lock for a starting spot on the World Cup squad, faces the Strike Force members almost on a weekly basis, but will be glad to have them on his team if each member makes the World Cup roster.

"They're all great goal scorers, that's why they're there," Pope said of the Strike Force. "They have scored at every level. Each has their own specialties, and they all give you results. I'd much rather be playing behind them than against them."

The 2002 World Cup will provide MLS with a platform to display just how far the League has come in developing top-notch strikers. Those in the world soccer community who have criticized the offensive prowess of American soccer should be in for a surprise.

"The combination of these five players means that there will be a bright future for U.S. soccer, but if we're going to change anyone's perception about what American soccer is about, it all depends on how our guys do in the World Cup," Yallop said. "The League has the right idea to push these young players. These five are the ones who are going to win the game for your team."

Veteran Fire defender C.J. Brown echoed those statements, "These guys are lethal. They can score whenever they get the chance. Their success record has proven that they should be reckoned with. They should make the U.S. a factor in the World Cup. MLS has given these five the confidence to score and that's exactly what they need entering the World Cup."

Jose Flores is a freelance writer based out of Washington, D.C.

Joe Giblin/MLS/Getty Images



Brian McBride will be the focal point of the American attack at the 2002 World Cup.



Clint Mathis and Diego Serna have joined forces for the first time in 2002.

A look at the most feared scoring tandems in the League.

When you talk about Dynamic Duos, Batman and Robin will always take a backseat to these high-scoring Major League Soccer super heroes. And there is no sidekick with these attacking aces, unless, of course, it's a well-taken half-volley. When they're in perfect sync and complementing one another, something very special happens on the field.

"When you have two people doing the tango up front, the team feeds off that," D.C. United coach Ray Hudson said. "That mixture up front is the real powerful cocktail of a cracking team."

Name your favorite MLS team, and odds are that you've got a lethal combination aiming for the opposition's goal.

In New England, the last two scoring champions, Mamadou Diallo and Alex Pineda Chacon respectively, have been paired together. On the MetroStars, Clint Mathis is expected to make beautiful music on the soccer field with Diego Serna. Chicago's Dynamic Duo of Ante Razov and Josh Wolff has been around for several years, while out in San Jose, Ariel Graziani now joins the tandem of Landon Donovan and Dwayne DeRosario.

Michael Stahlschmidt/MLS



Ante Razov and Josh Wolff have never played a full season together. The Fire hope 2002 will be their year.

So what does a coach exactly look for in his two front-runners? It depends.

In theory, a perfect match would be a tall target man and a shorter speedster who can put the ball away. But remember, that's in theory.

"Conventionally, you need a big guy to hold the ball and a more nimble guy who can come from behind and run off of the guy," MetroStars coach Octavio Zambrano said. "I don't subscribe to that. I like more mobility. It's unpredictable. They can run up and down the field dangerously."

"You have to have an open mind today to figure out two players who play well together," Chicago Fire coach Bob Bradley said. "Sometimes it follows the rules, sometimes it breaks all the rules. It doesn't matter if you have something on paper. It only comes together on the field."

Zambrano coached one of the most dangerous duos in league history in 1998-speedsters Cobi Jones and Welton of the L.A. Galaxy, who combined for the most points by an attacking tandem in a season (96 total points).

"Welton and Cobi were always looking for ways to get behind the opposition," Zambrano said. "It just played out great for us."

Indeed it did. Jones finished with a career season (19 goals, 13 assists), while Welton wasn't too far behind (17 goals, 11 assists), as the 1998 Galaxy squad concluded its season as the most prolific team in MLS history.

Hudson coached the League's top two scorers last year on the Miami Fusion in Pineda Chacon (19 goals, 9 assists) and Serna (15 goals, 15 assists)-the second highest scoring duo (92 combined points) ever to play in MLS.

"The package was based on the fact that they could play off each other and understand each other," Hudson said. "Pineda Chacon was the fuel for Serna's strength and power. That was a case of accenting a bull with a ballerina."

So which pairing can be considered the most lethal combination?

In a very unscientific poll of several players and coaches, the Fire tandem of Razov and Wolff was rated the most dangerous.

"The ultimate package would be Josh Wolff and Ante Razov," Hudson said. "With Josh and Ante, the similarity is amazing, but also there is a contrast between the two. The relationship between two strikers like that would be great to have. Razov and Wolff are the real deal, and we hope in some time that Abdul Thompson Conteh and Santino Quaranta get there."

"They're all that we can handle," Columbus Crew coach Greg Andrulis said of Chicago's strikers.

Chemistry and familiarity are the keys to any relationship.

"The fact that we have played together with the U.S. National Team and with Chicago has certainly helped us out considerably," Wolff said. "We are players who possess different qualities. He delivers so well. I am someone who tries to get behind defenders. This year, I would have to say we have improved a great deal in complementing each other."

That isn't the best of news for opposing defenders and goalkeepers.

Colorado Rapids and U.S. international defender Pablo Mastroeni called them, "a menace up front and always hard to mark. They are so dynamic and good on and off the ball. They are great for each other."

"Ante's left-footed and shoots the ball very, very hard," Bradley said. "Josh favors his right foot. He sees an opening and looks to put himself into a dangerous position. Each knows what the other likes to do."

The MetroStars' combo of Serna and Mathis could evolve into a similarly tough one-two punch, according to Mastroeni. "This year, you are going to find that the MetroStars' tandem of Clint Mathis and Diego Serna is going to be a handful," he said. "Diego loves to take someone on and create one-on-one. With Clint all alone and doing things like he can, once they get to know one another, I think they will be a great combination."

Duos of MLS

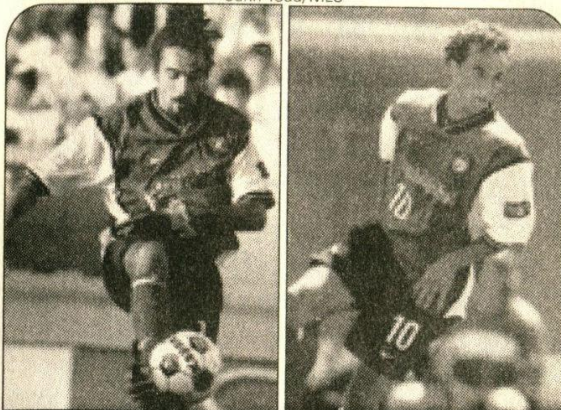
Serna is anxious to develop the dangerous partnership with Mathis.

"Clint Mathis is a good friend," he said. "I don't care if he is white or black, big or small. The only thing I care about is if he is in condition to play every game so I can learn from him and work with an excellent friend and teammate on the field."

Everyone has their favorites. While they aren't a classic forward combination, United striker Jaime Moreno and midfielder Marco Etcheverry earn high marks from Zambrano. "Those guys are so dangerous," he said.

Kansas City Wizards goalkeeper Tony Meola, a starter since the first season, has seen them all. While he did not disagree with Mastroeni's assessment, he felt that the Earthquakes' triumvirate of Donovan, Graziani and DeRosario can be a handful as well. "The trio in San Jose plays a little bit differently than any other in the League," he said.

John Todd/MLS



Dwayne DeRosario and Landon Donovan have shown good chemistry in the early going this season.

"They are definitely an attacking team that is dangerous to deal with."

"It'll be interesting to see what happens in San Jose," Bradley said. "Landon and DeRosario have a great understanding, and we'll have to see how Graziani fits in."

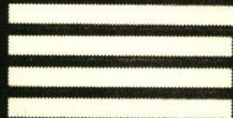
There are some other combinations still getting their feet wet in the 2002 season, but from which Bradley expects great things.

"In Los Angeles, (Carlos) Ruiz and (Chris) Albright are interesting," he said. "In Columbus, there's Brian McBride and Jeff Cunningham. Then any combination with a healthy Jaime Moreno (in D.C.) is always interesting. But it's still early and teams are still trying to make sense of where they can go."

These forwards know where they want the ball to go-somewhere behind the goalkeeper and into the net. It just depends on how many times they can accomplish that feat with their scoring partner in crime.

Michael Lewis, who has covered MLS since its very first match in San Jose on April 6, 1996, for the New York Daily News, has watched and enjoyed every Dynamic Duo in League history.

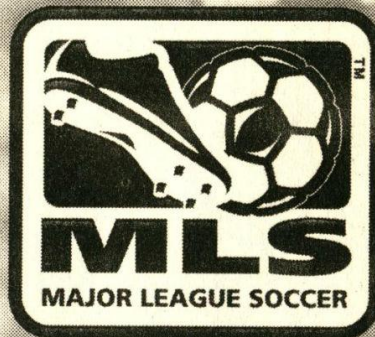
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FREEKICK tracked a
typical week of training
for D.C. United.

Just like people in other professions, Major League Soccer players take their jobs seriously. But while most fans only witness the 90 minutes of game action on Saturday, the match is really the culmination of a full week of hard work and preparation by the coaches and players.

FreeKick took an inside look at such a week for D.C. United. Ray Hudson, the Black-and-Red's new head coach in 2002, brings a new philosophy and a new attitude to the three-time MLS Cup champions.

The stretching, the running, the drills, and the seemingly endless supply of cones—just another workweek in MLS.

Monday, March 25

So what's the plan for today? A strategic day of nothing.

"Monday, we gave them the day off to regroup from the tough game on Saturday and the long trip home Sunday," Hudson explained. "A trip and game like the one to Los Angeles (a 2-1 loss) takes a lot out of the players, and having to reset the biological clock is very demanding on them."

So the players get the day off, but their plans for the rest of the week are already complete, thanks to Hudson and assistant coaches John Trask and Curt Onalfo.

"John, Curt and I will, within 48 hours of the last game, have a meeting and make a list of things we want to attack for this week, and we'll create an overall theme to work on," Hudson said. This week's theme: team defense.

Tuesday, March 26

It's a dreary day in the Nation's Capital, but

the Black-and-Red are anything but. There's too much work to do.

10:49 a.m.: Coach Hudson talks to the team about putting last Saturday's loss behind them and focusing on the week ahead.

11:00 a.m.: Midfielder Richie Williams leads the team through warm-ups, alternating jogging and stretching, then moving to passing.

11:20 a.m.: 10-on-10 (minus keepers) in a half-hour, half-field game without goals, focusing on possession and group defending—a first half of free-touch, then a water break, followed by a second half of two-touch.

11:55 a.m.: Quick water break then a half-hour scrimmage, which includes a halftime break for water and a talk with Trask and Onalfo.

12:30 p.m.: Players split up by positions to work on drills.

12:50 p.m.: Practice ends.

While the coaching staff stresses the "theme-of-the-week," they know the entire practice cannot focus solely on team defense.

"We emphasize a recurring theme, but without being totally single-minded about it," Hudson said. "We have to make sure the forwards are getting their shot work, and the keepers get their reaction work, and the midfielders are getting their combination work in."

Wednesday, March 27

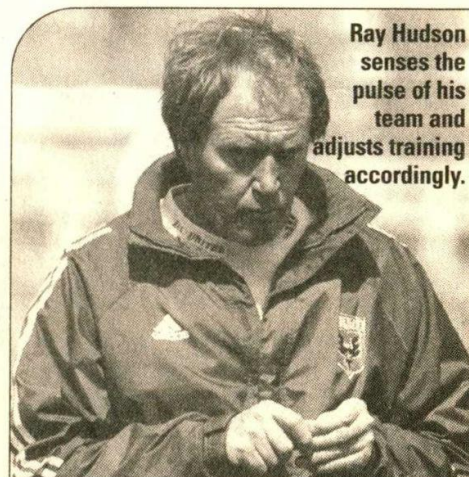
Coach Hudson knows the team worked hard on Tuesday, and he believes monitoring their physical state is crucial to success on Saturday.

"The different workloads must be altered during the week," Hudson said. "The energy that's put into each session has to be carefully monitored, because you can burn players out."

Even so, Hudson believes his troops are ready for what he calls a "frenetic" workload.

10:40 a.m.: Running and stretching, led by Coach Onalfo.

10:55 a.m.: 3-on-1 "man-in-the-middle" drills in 5-yard-by-5-yard grid, alternating between one-touch, two-touch, and free-touch. Players stop



Ray Hudson senses the pulse of his team and adjusts training accordingly.

Tony Quinn/MLS

to stretch every four minutes.

11:15 a.m.: Water break followed by five minutes of long-distance passing.

11:20 a.m.: Half-hour game of 10-on-10 (first team vs. second team, no keepers) with a halftime water break. Instead of regular goals, four mini goals (about 3 feet wide and 2 feet tall) are set up along the perimeter of the field 18 yards off the end line on each side. This drill focuses on switching the focus of the attack and defending the switch.

11:50 a.m.: Half-hour scrimmage with a break after 15 minutes.

12:20 p.m.: Practice ends.

The coaches had Wednesday's practice planned out days earlier, but Hudson said that if conditions didn't allow them to use the RFK pitch, there was a "Plan B."

"I was going to take them downtown to the reflecting pool (near Washington monument) and have a good walk down there, maybe play a little tennis down by Abe (the Lincoln Memorial)," said a jovial Hudson.

Hudson has a firm belief that his team's mental conditioning is just as important as their physical conditioning.

"There's nothing more important to me in the development of a club than the atmosphere that we set in the working week," Hudson explained. "Win or lose, you've got to keep the lads happy, and there are a lot of ways you can do that."

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These countries will be playing in the world's greatest event—the 2002 World Cup. Match each flag with its nation.

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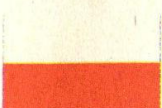
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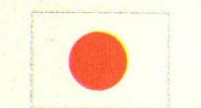
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WORLD CUP TRIVIA

1. He is the current coach of the U.S. National Team.

- a. Bora Milutinovic
- b. Bruce Arena
- c. Bob Gansler

2. By earning a spot in the 2002 World Cup, the United States has now qualified for this many consecutive tournaments.

- a. 4
- b. 1
- c. 3

3. In 2001, this MLS star scored a goal against Honduras in a qualifying match.

- a. Brian McBride
- b. Cobi Jones
- c. Clint Mathis

4. The United States will play the following teams in Group D of the 2002 World Cup.

- a. Italy, Brazil, Ireland
- b. Cameroon, Mexico, China
- c. Poland, Korea, Portugal

5. The United States hosted the World Cup in this year.

- a. 1994
- b. 1990
- c. 2001

6. This MLS star is the current leader in caps for the U.S. National Team, with more than 150.

- a. Landon Donovan
- b. Cobi Jones
- c. Tony Meola

Answers: 1-b Bruce Arena; 2-a four times—'90, '94, '98, '02; 3-c Clint Mathis; 4-c Poland, Korea, Portugal; 5-a 1994; 6-b Cobi Jones

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