

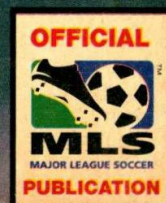
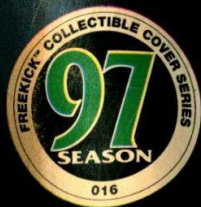


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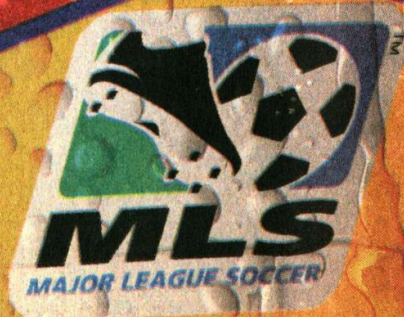
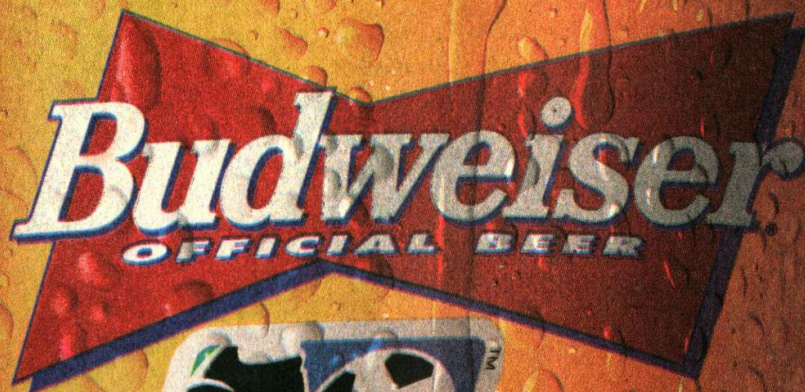
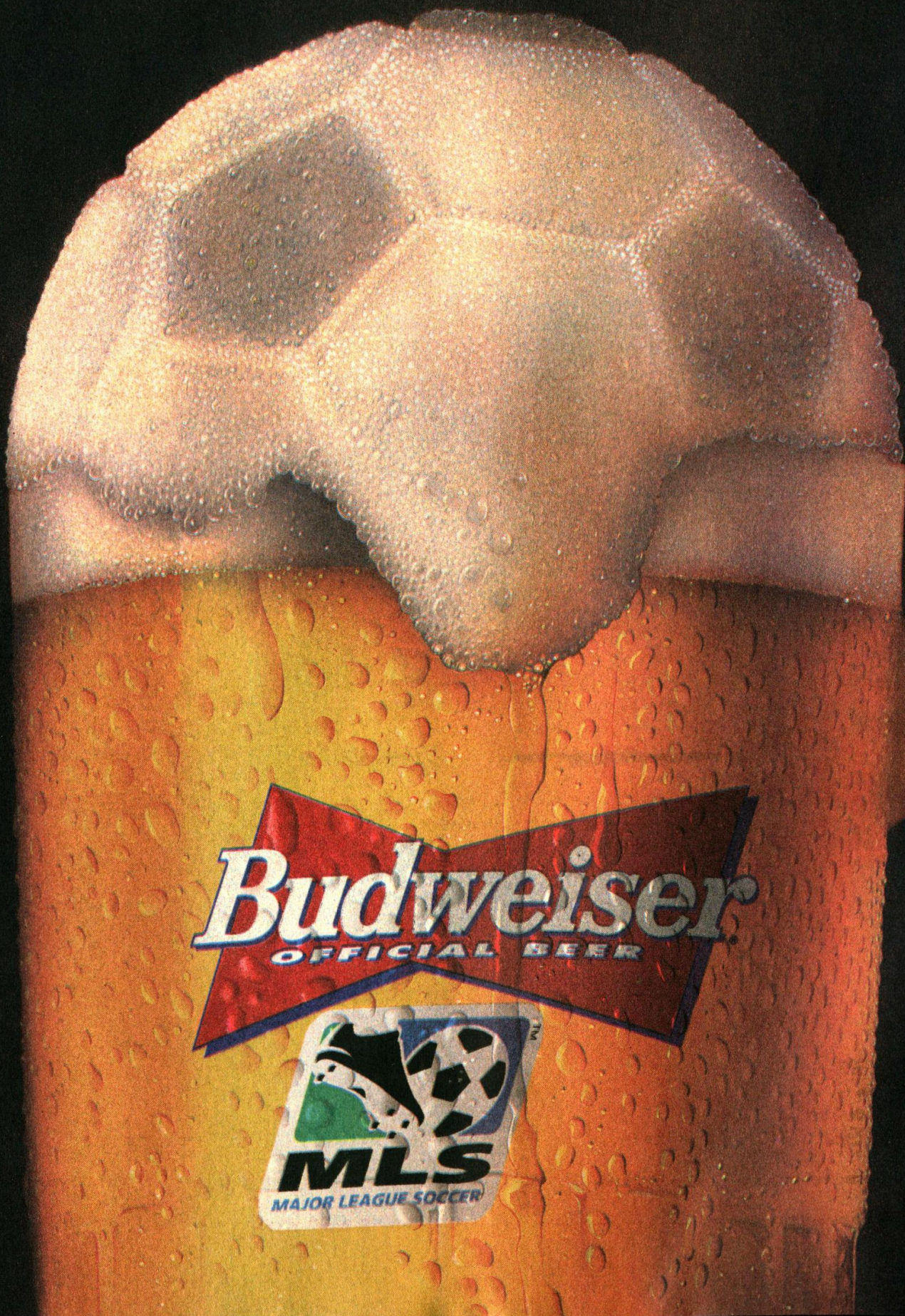


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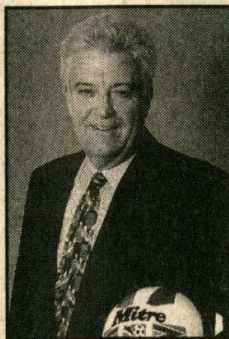
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You will read inside about recent developments with MLS' two 1998 expansion teams in Miami and Chicago. The Tampa Bay Mutiny now has a cross-state rival in the Miami Fusion and Chicago expects to unveil its team name and logo later this summer. There is a great deal of excitement in both of these markets as season tickets and team merchandise become available.

Once again, we appreciate your support of America's Division I professional soccer league. I look forward to sharing with you the many exciting days that lie ahead for Major League Soccer.

Douglas G. Logan
Commissioner



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Entrando a la parte final de la segunda temporada de La Liga de Futbol Major League Soccer, quisieramos agradecerles por su continuo apoyo en este bello deporte. Anticipamos un emocionante desenlace de la temporada a finales de Septiembre, y tambien una gran disputa por la MLS Cup '97 en Octubre.

Nuestra segunda temporada ha presenciado, dentro y fuera de la cancha, muchos nuevos desarrollos. Continuamos en traer a los Estados Unidos estrellas Americanas como Thomas Dooley y Mike Lapper de Columbus, al igual que muchas estrellas internacionales como Alain Sutter y Damian de Dallas, Walter Zenga de Nueva Inglaterra, y Martin Machon de Los Angeles.

En esta edicion, podra enterarse sobre las ultimas noticias de los dos equipos de expansion de Miami y Chicago para 1998. El Mutiny de Tampa Bay ahora tendra un rival estatal, la Fusion de Miami, y Chicago planea revelar su nombre y logo al final de este verano. Existe mucho entusiasmo en estas dos ciudades mientras se espera la disponibilidad de boletos de temporada y mercancía de los dos equipos.

Una vez mas, agradecemos su apoyo de la Primera Division de futbol profesional de los Estados Unidos. Espero compartir con Ustedes los muchos momentos emocionantes que La Liga de Futbol Major League Soccer tiene aun por delante.

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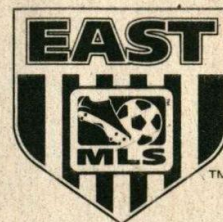




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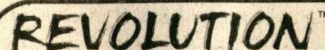
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Teams From All Levels Compete For the Country's Oldest Title

Winning the US Open Cup has meant different things to different players. To Major League Soccer defender Mark Semioli, it was a moment to cherish. To one-time player Bill Manning, it was a once-in-a-life experience. To former MLS forward Ben Crawley, it was and still is a challenge.

While a new concept to many people on the American soccer scene, the Open Cup has been around since 1914, when the Brooklyn Field Club defeated Brooklyn Celtic, 2-1.

The Cup is the US equivalent of the English Football Association Cup, although it lacks the FA Cup's prestige and

BY MICHAEL LEWIS

stature. But like the FA Cup, the Open Cup is open to any team in the country.

The 1996-97 campaign began last October with mostly amateur and semi-professional teams participating, while MLS, A-League and USISL teams got into the act this summer. This year's final is tentatively scheduled for early September.

One constant has remained: it is difficult to win two years in a row. Alkis Panagoulis, former US National Team coach and coach of the 1994 Greek World Cup team, directed Greek-American Atlas (New York) to three consecutive championships from 1967-69, the only time the triple has been pulled off. The N.Y. Panyprrian-Freedoms were the last team to win successive Cups (1983 and 1984).

Crawley, who plays for the Austin Lone Stars (USISL), failed in his attempt to accomplish what would have been a Cup first – playing for three straight winning teams with three clubs (Austin lost to the New Orleans Riverboat Gamblers in overtime, 1-0). He was a member of the Richmond Kickers' championship side in 1995 and was with D.C. United last year.

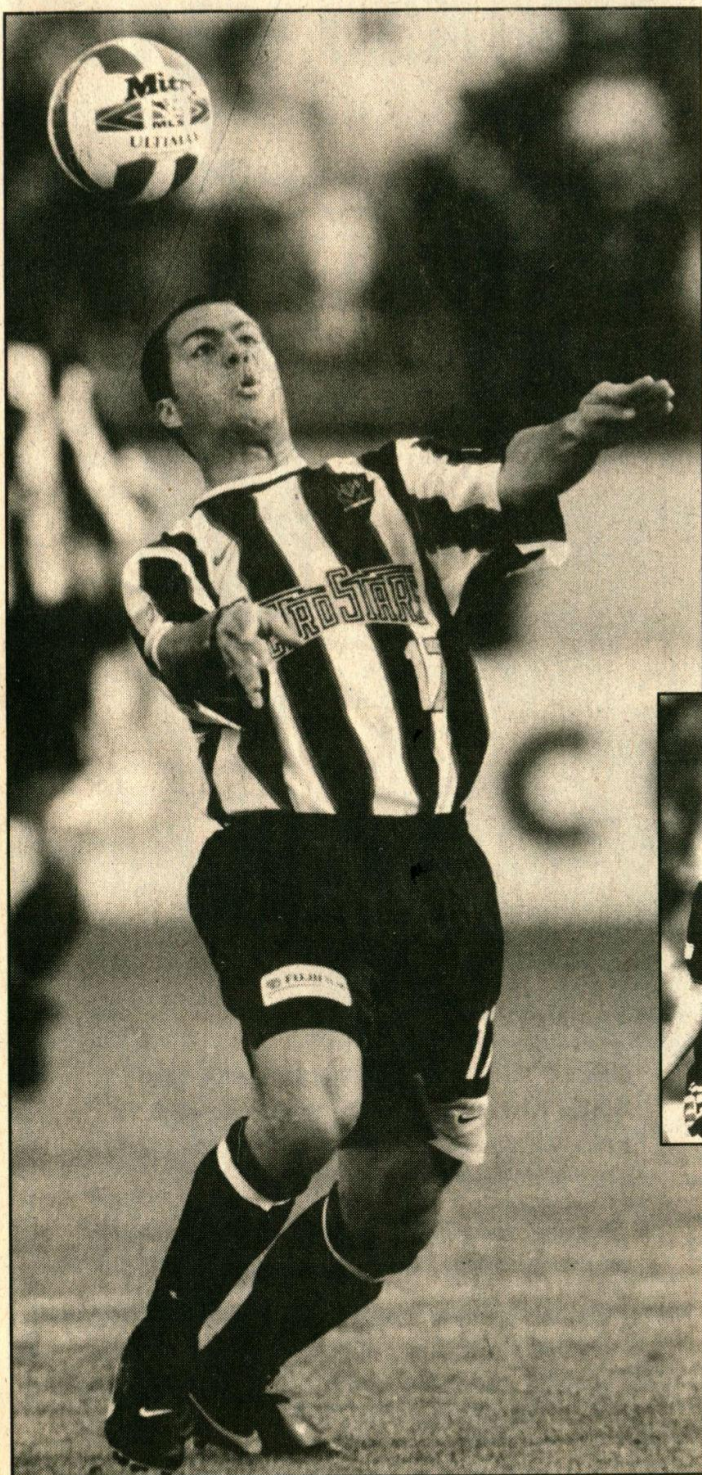
"I'm looking to win it again," he said. "It's a real good challenge."

For most players, winning it once might

Dallas forward Damian (11) ignited the Burn offense after arriving in May and earned himself a starting position on the MLS Western Conference All-Star Team

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Giovanni Savarese will play a key role in the MetroStars' quest for the US Open Cup

"I STILL CHERISH (WINNING THE US OPEN CUP) MORE THAN ANYTHING. IT REALLY DEFINES WHY WE PLAY SOCCER. IT WASN'T FOR THE MONEY. IT WAS A CONTINUATION OF THE WAY WE GREW UP. IT WAS A REAL SPECIAL MOMENT. I DON'T THINK THAT THE OPEN CUP WILL BE THAT WAY AGAIN."

— MARK SEMIOLI

be enough. "That season would have been a disappointment if we hadn't won the championship," said Long Island Rough Riders general manager Bill Manning, a member of the Brooklyn Italians' 1991 Cup winners. "We focused the entire season around it."

Semioli, a former Los Angeles Galaxy defender who was dealt to the MetroStars in midseason, fondly remembers his experi-

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ence with the 1994 champions, the Greek Americans.

"We won a cup that might have been the biggest trophy in American soccer that year," he said. "We had such a camaraderie on that team. We were on the same page and we had respect for each other. We were not making any money with that team. We wanted to be national champions."

"I still cherish that more than anything. I still have that medal. I keep it along with my championship ring (1991 A-League champions, the San Francisco Bay Blackhawks). It really defines why we play soccer. It wasn't for the money. It was a continuation of the way we grew up. It was a real special moment. I don't think that the Open Cup will be that way again."

In the past 10 years, the Open Cup has evolved and developed a unique personality with more than its share of heroes, goats, upsets and controversies.

In 1989 and 1990, former North American Soccer League goalkeeper Dragan Radovich must have been the most frustrat-



Marco Etcheverry (10) and John Harkes (6) led D.C. United to the 1996 US Open Cup Championship

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ed keeper in the US as he lost twice in the final minutes with two teams.

He was in goal for the H.R.C. Kickers' 2-1 victory over Greek-American Atlas and then endured another loss, this time to the Chicago Eagles, 2-1, while playing with the Brooklyn Italians.

The 1990 defeat was most excruciating, as Radovich bobbled midfielder Piotr Modrzejewski's shot into the net with 30 seconds remaining.

"I think he's going to remember the goal all his life," Italians coach Mike Rybak said.

In 1991, Radovich gained a measure of revenge by recording a shutout for the Italians, who held off the Richardson Rockets (Texas), 1-0, on a goal by former Nigerian youth international Ernest Inneh.

The Italians had to play most of the way a man down after Manning was red-carded for a controversial professional foul in the 18th minute. Manning was escorted from the stadium at Brooklyn College, but managed to watch the game from his car in the parking lot.

That game was noteworthy because the Rockets (Tampa Bay forward Alan Prampin was on that team) became the first USISL team to reach the final, a preview of things to come. "It was like a passing of the torch," Manning said.

But club teams enjoyed one big last hurrah that lasted three years. In 1992, the San Jose Oaks started a three-year championship run by San Francisco Major Division League teams. The Oaks defeated Vasco da Gama (Conn.), 2-1, as David Palic and John Hughes scored goals.

The next year C.D. Mexico rolled to a 5-0 victory over the German Hungarians (Pa.). C.D. Mexico overcame a pregame controversy that saw them and the Hungarians wearing similar-colored green jerseys. Mexico donned make-shift white

shirts with numbers hastily made from black magic markers. "You don't play with shirts, you play as a team," said forward Elias Fonseca, who scored twice en route to MVP honors.

In one rare meeting of former US National Team coaches, the Greek Americans defeated Bavarian-Leinenkugel (Milwaukee), 3-0, in the 1994 finale as Mike Deleray scored off two headers in the second half. Derek Van Rheenen added a goal.

The Greek Americans were directed by Lothar Osiander, former coach of the US National and Olympic teams and Galaxy, and boasted such future MLS players as Paul Bravo, Paul Holocher and Tim Martin. Bavarian was guided by Bob Gansler, who coached the US in the 1990 World Cup.

Richmond capped a smashing summer for USISL teams in 1995 by winning the Cup. In fact, the USISL surprised A-League teams in three quarterfinals before the Kickers defeated the El Paso Patriots in the final in a shootout, 4-2, after playing to a 1-1 draw in regulation. Jeff Causey made two saves in the tie-breaker.

Last season it was the A-League's chance to turn some heads and make some headlines as the Rochester Raging Rhinos defeated not one, but two MLS teams – the Tampa Bay Mutiny and then the Colorado Rapids, in later-round matches.

But the Rhinos met more than their match against United, which, only 10 days after capturing MLS Cup '96, won the Open Cup with a solid 3-0 victory. Raul Diaz Arce, Eddie Pope and Jaime Moreno scored the goals.

"It capped a great year for us," United coach Bruce Arena said.

Who will win it this year? Can United become the first team in 13 years to win back-to-back titles? Will the Rhinos pull off another upset? Or will there be another Cinderella story from the USISL?

You will just have to stay tuned until the beginning of September.

Michael Lewis covers the MetroStars for the New York Daily News and is editor of Soccer Magazine.

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Ted Chronopoulos and the New England Revolution will make their US Open Cup debut in 1997



Walter Zenga was the starting goalkeeper for the Italian National Team from 1986-92

The Passion, Poise and Persona of Spiderman

By FRANK DELL'APA

This is the first generation of Italian players motivated to pursue a career outside their country.

Predictably, Walter Zenga has been near the forefront of the exodus, though not necessarily for the same reasons as his countrymen.

For many Italian players, immediate financial rewards have been the motivation to depart. Zenga, though, was purely seeking a fresh start, with a long-term goal to learn the business methods of foreign sporting leagues.

Major League Soccer has provided just what Zenga needed.

And Zenga has provided the high-profile, international star the New England Revolution lacked since releasing Giuseppe Galderisi last year.

"When I was a young player in the NASL, I saw older players come in who could have no life in their own country," Revolution coach Thomas Rongen said. "They couldn't walk on the streets. That's how it was with Walter.

"Here, he can go where he wants to without all that stress and it's given



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him energy."

Zenga, 37, had been among the most outspoken, charismatic, and accomplished athletes in Italy in recent years. He overcame most of the pressures of Italian soccer with an uninhibited personality. But, eventually, even Zenga became desperate for a change.

"This is no longer my soccer,"

Zenga said in his farewell to Italy. "I am sick of being insulted. I am sick of being offended, me, my wife and my children. That is not written in any contract. They offend me, they spit on my back, and when I reply, what happens? The fourth official disqualifies me for two games."

Zenga's career in Serie A ended following a knee injury while he was playing for Sampdoria in 1995. Zenga went to Arizona

New England Head Coach Thomas Rongen knows an experienced goalkeeper is one of the keys to winning an MLS Cup title

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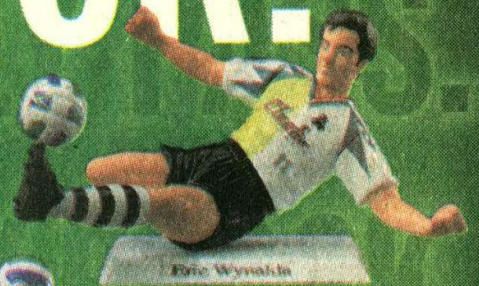
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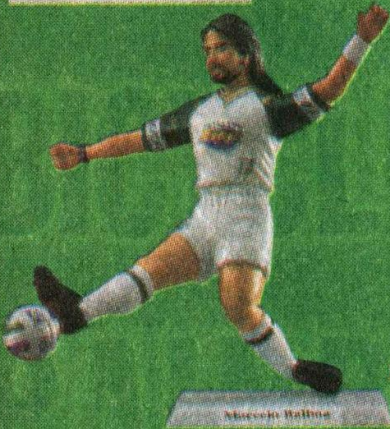
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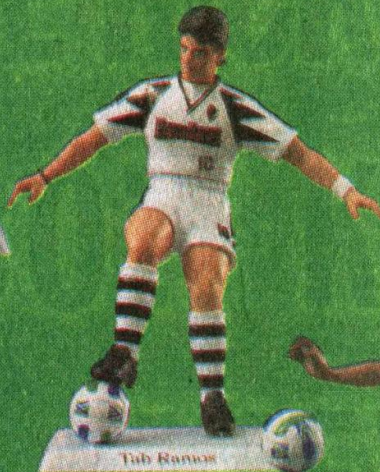
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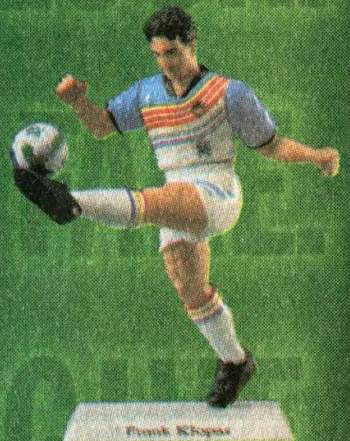
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for the surgery, then made a comeback with Padova in Serie B.

Zenga proved to himself that he could return to form, but the top Italian teams believed he was finished. So did others. Zenga hoped to join former national team mate Gianluca Vialli at Chelsea, but manager and former rival Ruud Gullit failed to reply.

Then, Zenga's thoughts turned to the US and Rongen was more than willing to take a chance.

"They said the same thing about Johan Cruyff, and he came back and led Feyenoord to the championship," Rongen said. "Somebody like Zenga, who had one knee surgery, could do the same thing."

"Goalkeeper is an important position, where you need some flamboyance, a little bit of character. He is a great pro, a great team player. When we lost, 4-0, in Tampa, he said: 'It's better to lose, 4-0, once than to lose four times, 1-0. Saying something like that does a lot for the psyche, the confidence of the younger players. He's saying, 'don't worry about it.'"

There are many ironies about Zenga coming to America. He concluded his international career at Foxboro Stadium with a 2-0 victory over the Republic of Ireland in a US Cup match June 4, 1992. Zenga completed 533 scoreless minutes with that shutout, an unlikely time for coach Arrigo Sacchi to replace him.

"What did I do wrong?" Zenga said. "I did not give up a goal for five games."

His international career concluded, Zenga began planning for the future. He was popular in Europe, known as "L'Uomo

The Passion, Poise and Persona Of Spiderman

Ragno" ("Spiderman"), a nickname he earned during an extraordinary stretch when he helped Inter win the Italian championship and two UEFA championships. He was voted the world's best goalkeeper for the years 1987-96 by the International Federation of Football Statisticians.

Zenga hoped to parlay that fame with

became team's starting goalkeeper in 1983. He was selected as the national team goalkeeper, making his debut with MetroStars midfielder Roberto Donadoni in 1986.

He played 58 games and allowed 21 goals in seven years. His acrobatics and instincts rescued the Azzurri countless times, including during a 1-0 win over the US when he blocked a potential tying shot by current Colorado Rapid Peter Vermes at Stadio Olimpico in Rome during the 1990 World Cup.

Then, it would have been difficult to imagine Zenga playing for a professional team in the US. But now he is eager to contribute to the development of soccer here.

"Soccer must earn respect in this country, and become on the level with every other sport," Zenga said. "That will happen, but I don't know when. It can get better here. There are many things that could help it."

His immediate suggestions would be to devise a more regular schedule, and to provide regulation-size playing fields. Zenga has been impressed with the technical level of MLS players but believes that US players must improve their tactical sense.

Zenga remains

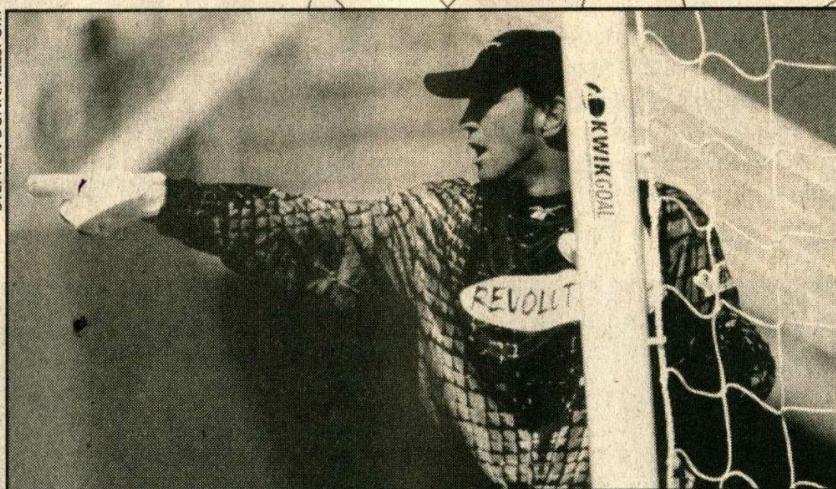
impulsive, high-profile, always the center of attention both off and on the field.

"It is necessary for the goalkeeper to have a personality on the field," Zenga said. "He has to be able to calm the team."

And that is Zenga's nature. Off the field, he is the same. In Europe, such behavior would continue to guarantee little peace for Zenga. The relative anonymity Zenga has discovered has justified his move to the MLS.

"This," Zenga said, "was one of the few reasoned-out choices of my life."

STEPHEN DUNN/ALLSPORT



The starting goalkeeper for the Eastern Conference at the 1997 MLS All-Star Game, Zenga's leadership has been a key to New England's success

his sense of adventure to prepare for a post-playing career. In Italy, he has a restaurant in Santo Domingo and a boutique at Lake Como. But his life has been soccer, and soccer is his future. If Zenga can improve his English and learn the ways of the Western Hemisphere, he could become an advisor or director for a top-level Italian club.

Zenga signed with Internazionale in his hometown, Milan, at age 17. Inter sent Zenga to lower division teams Salernitana, Savona and Sambenedettese before he

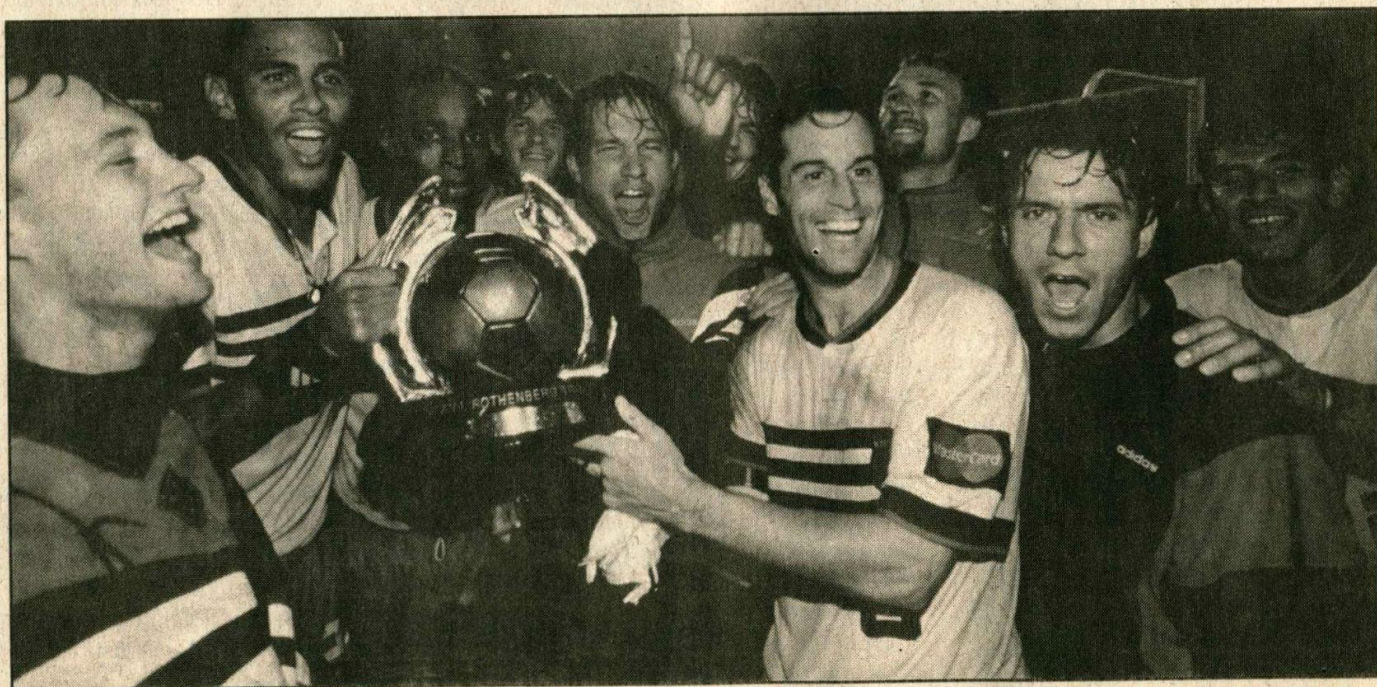


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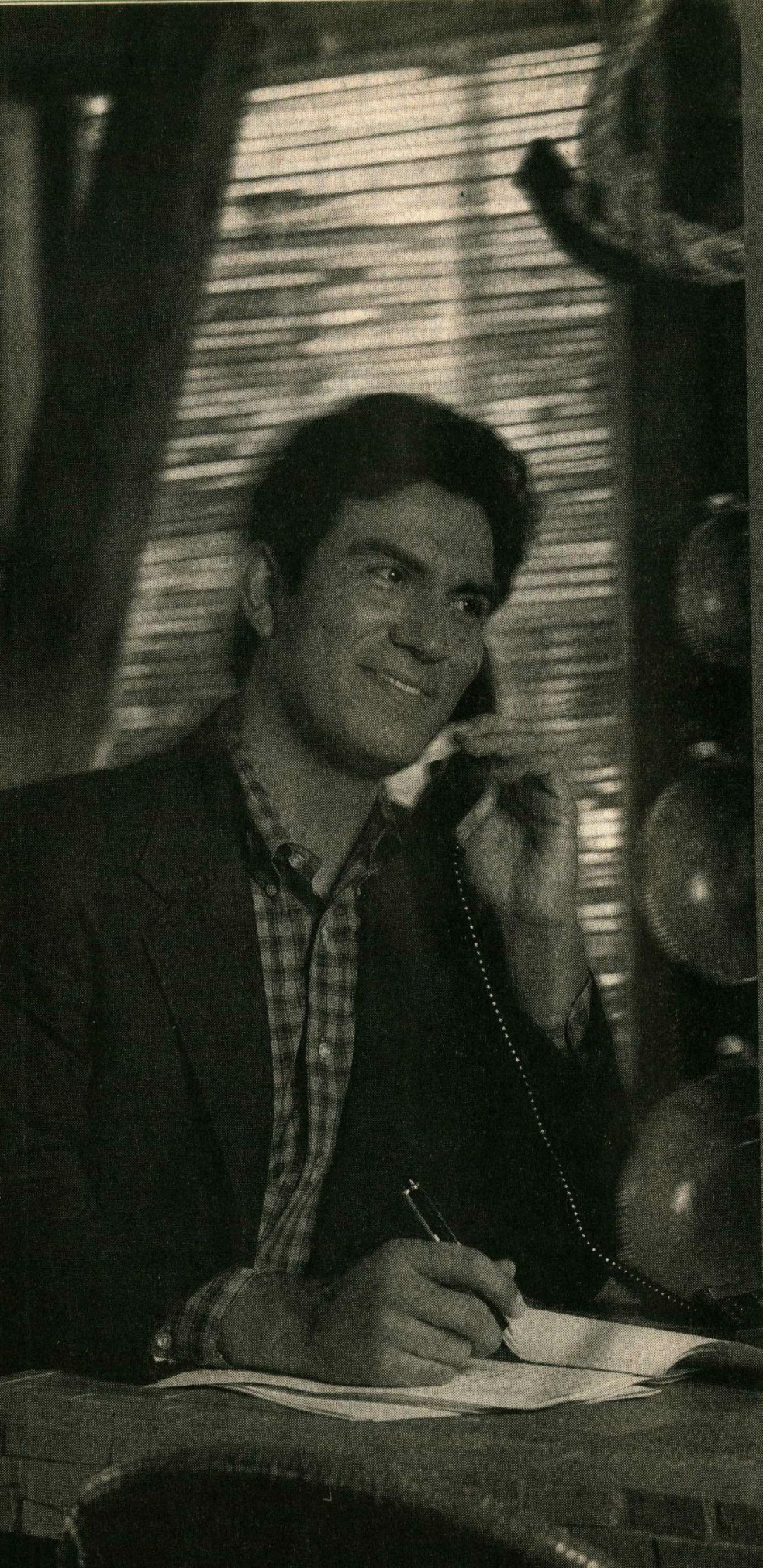
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COACH'S CORNER

There's Still Work Left to Be Done

By Octavio Zambrano

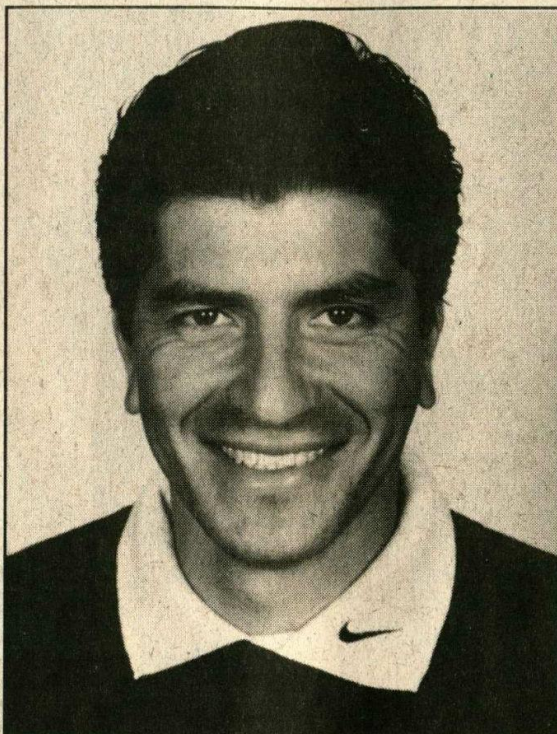
As the season continues, our team keeps improving and we are playing better team soccer. The only way the Galaxy will be a contender during playoff time is if we have the desire and effort it takes to win our games. Despite our slow start at the beginning of the season, we have played much better and as a result we have been victorious in many matches.

The offense has played a more freestyle form of soccer, which has resulted in more scoring opportunities. I constantly encourage the players to use their creativity on the field and showcase their talents. After winning matches when we score three or four goals in a game, our confidence builds and the players have the desire to get on the field for their next match.

This team is incredibly talented and has enough courage and heart to go all the way. After winning some games, our spirits are high and we want to prove that we are one of the elite teams in the league.

As a result of more goal scoring and teamwork in the second half of the season, we have been fortunate enough to win some impressive games. We beat the MLS champions and the team with the best record this year, D.C. United, and we won games against two top Mexican club teams – Chivas of Guadalajara and Santos Laguna.

Although these victories against



Mexican League summer '97 and winter '96 champions, respectively, did not count in the MLS standings, the games helped our confidence and helped us get on the right path again.

Our recent success can be attributed to solid teamwork, leadership and the fact that players have settled into their specific roles on the field.

Cobi Jones and Mauricio Cienfuegos have done a good job of maintaining the offensive composure of the team and are the catalysts on the field. The addition of Welton has provided a powerful spark to the offense and he seems to energize the team late in the game.

"This team is incredibly talented and has enough courage and heart to go all the way. After winning some games, our spirits are high and we want to prove that we are one of the elite teams in the league."

– OCTAVIO ZAMBRANO

The Galaxy is a team on the rise and the players have high expectations for the remainder of the season. It was only a matter of time before the team started to play better soccer.

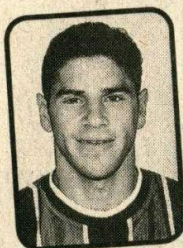
Although we have scored some goals and won a handful of games, we still have a lot of room to advance in the standings and we are capable of competing at a higher level.

I'd like to thank the fans for doing a great job of supporting us throughout the season. You guys have been great, but your work is not over. There are still a lot of very important games to be played as we are entering the most important part of our season.

As long as you are there for us, I can assure that the team will work hard on the field. This team has the ability and mind frame to be the best team in the league when it is all said and done.



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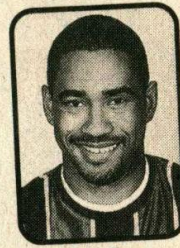
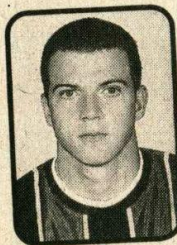

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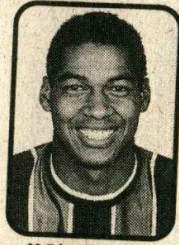
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 Defender

 9 Jorge Campos
 Goalkeeper/Forward

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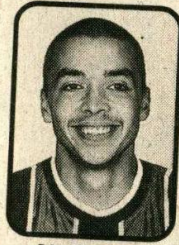
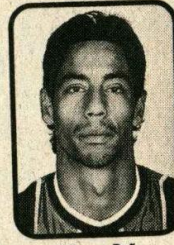
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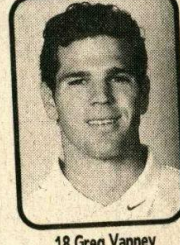
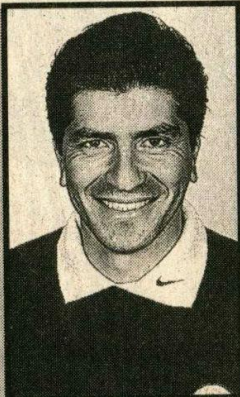
 13 Cobi Jones
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 11 Harut Karapetyan
 Forward

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 21 Jerry Laterza
 Midfielder

 5 Martin Machon
 Midfielder/Defender

 2 Danny Peña
 Defender

 7 Andrew Shue
 Midfielder

 16 Bryan Taylor
 Forward

 18 Greg Vanney
 Midfielder

HEAD COACH Octavio Zambrano

- Founded the Orange County Zodiac of the USISL, which serves as one of the Galaxy's A-League affiliates along with the Minnesota Thunder
- Played in Ecuador's First Division with Union Deportiva Valdez at the age of 18
- Former Assistant Coach and Director of Player Development for the California Emperors of the Western Soccer League
- Former Assistant Coach of the LA Salsa in the APSL and Head Coach of the LA Cobras


 19 Welton Araujo Mello
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Galaxy Debuta Programa de Radio

Que haría usted si fuera el técnico del Galaxy? O quizás usted tenga una opinión acerca del equipo, que le desea compartir con miles de personas.

Usted tiene suerte, Galaxy tiene su programa de radio. Si usted desea saber mas acerca de su equipo preferido, sintonice Galaxy Talk' 97, los sábados a partir de las 9 de la mañana en la radio XTRA, 690 en el dial AM.

Joe Tutino, Matt Cohen y Ricky Davis son los anfitriones de ese programa, con una hora de noticias, opiniones, discusiones, acerca de la Major League Soccer (MLS) y lo que ocurre a lo largo y ancho del mundo del futbol y por supuesto todo lo que usted debe de saber acerca de su club Galaxy. Los invitados van desde los jugadores del Galaxy, pasando por los grandes jugadores que actúan en la MLS, como lo es Brian McBride del equipo Columbus Crew, hasta Doug Logan Comisionado de la MLS.

Un programa de alta energía, emoción y experiencia, que llega a través de micrófonos dedicados a usted que desea conocer más acerca del Galaxy y la MLS. También encontrará análisis previos sobre el próximo partido del Galaxy, como se encuentran los jugadores y sus opiniones.

Tutino con 8 años de experiencia en los deportes radiales, es también el anfitrión de las opiniones y análisis previos a los juegos de los Chargers de San Diego. Cohen y Davis salen al aire desde el Rose Bowl, mientras que Tutino está en San Diego y coordina el show.

Tutino es un fanático del futbol-soccer desde su juventud, jugó para los Sockers de San Diego en la época de la North American Soccer League (NASL).

Cohen se inició en la radio en la Universidad de Penn State, donde fue el relator para el equipo de football americano Nittany Lions.



Paul Caligiuri se ha convertido en uno de los temas más comentado del programa de radio

Trabaja en la oficina de ventas del Galaxy y trae todo tipo de información y comentarios que sucede dentro del club. Cohen opina que el show es un vínculo entre el equipo y los fanáticos del Galaxy.

Davis es largamente conocido por los fanáticos de futbol, jugó para la selección de Estados Unidos entre 1976 y 1990 y fue director técnico de LA Salsa. Davis trae al show su experiencia en futbol, sus conocimientos tácticos del juego, su experiencia como jugador, además de haber sido relator y comentarista en otras épocas, cualidades que no muchas personas poseen.

Pero las verdaderas estrellas del show son los radioescuchas.

"Tenemos una enormidad de llamadas durante el show", señaló Tutino, las llamadas de los fanáticos

son la verdad de nuestro show y llegan desde todos los lugares, de San Diego, del Este de LA, del Westside, de Ventura, algunos de ellos deben esperar por un rato antes de poder dar su opinión al aire o realizar sus preguntas.

"Tuvimos un señor de Vista que es muy conocido y sabía mucho, estuvimos largo rato recordando otras épocas y otros equipos de esta area de LA", recordó Matt.

A la hora de despedirnos quedó en claro una de las razones de nuestro show agregó Matt, es un foro donde los fanáticos del Galaxy pueden hablar de su amor por el futbol y por el Galaxy. Llamadas recientes se han concentrado en posibles intercambios de jugadores y en algunos momentos algunos de los escuchas tienen un consejo para el técnico, acerca del futuro del equipo.

Tutino señaló su sorpresa por el entusiasmo de los radioescuchas, agregando que no sabía de esa pasión que sienten los fanáticos por expresar sus ideas en un foro de futbol.

Uno de los temas que ha despertado gran expectativa es la selección de Estados Unidos y su camino hacia el mundial de 1998. Cada llamada sobre ese tema traía una estrategia de juego o un consejo para el técnico Steve Sampson, buscando ayudar a la clasificación de Estados Unidos al mundial de Francia.

Rick ha comentado que los oyentes de todos los días esperan ansiosos la hora del inicio del programa. "Tenemos radioescuchas que son como de la familia, que nos dicen que es una felicidad para ellos encender la radio y poder compartir con nosotros".

Así que si usted desea decirle al mundo como se siente y opina acerca del club Galaxy o realizarle preguntas a los jugadores, sintonice los sábados a las 9 de la mañana a Galaxy Talk 97 a través de radio XTRA, 690 en el dial AM.

GALAXY ROLLER COASTER RIDE CONTINUES

It seems to be no coincidence any more that the Galaxy's surge in the second half of the season coincides with interim coach Octavio Zambrano's takeover after head coach Lothar Osiander was fired in June.

The Galaxy, which finished with a 1-4 record during July of 1996, finished this July without a blemish on its record, winning all five of its matches.

Los Angeles capped a rather disappointing first half of the 1997 season with a 2-0 victory over the New England Revolution on July 4th before the MLS All-Star game. The Galaxy picked up after the All-Star break right where it left off by winning its next four league matches, two exhibition games (July 6th vs. Chivas of Guadalajara of the Mexican League and July 16th vs. the Minnesota Thunder of the A-League) and a cup match on July 30th against Santos Laguna in the CONCACAF Champions Cup. The Galaxy tallied 14 goals during the month of July while allowing just two.

"The turnaround is impressive, but not as incredible as it might seem," said Zambrano. "All one has to do is look at the talent on this team, and you knew this team was capable of so much more than it had shown."

Indeed, the Galaxy's poor start was due in part to its inability to score goals. The Galaxy scored just nine goals in 12 games under Osiander (0.75 goals per game), but immediately picked up the pace under Zambrano, scoring 21 goals in the first eight games (2.6 per game) under his tutelage.

The Galaxy was 6-2 during that stretch, a span which included five



Welton has been doing the Samba a lot lately, a routine he does after every score



"We had a never say never attitude and we never gave up, because we know we're a good team. The coaching change has helped this team somehow, some way. We are playing with more freedom. I think that we are playing our game and not worrying about what the other team is doing." - **Cobi Jones**



Kansas City defenders chase Mauricio Cienfuegos, but in the standings LA has chased the Wizards most of the season



Dan Calichman and company have been rock-solid on defense for the Galaxy

games where the Galaxy scored 14 times and allowed just two goals. Zambrano has instituted a more free-flowing offensive scheme, and that has sprung loose some of the Galaxy's more potent offensive players, including Cobi Jones, Welton and Mauricio Cienfuegos.

Welton, the Galaxy's Brazilian import, had a terrific July, scoring four goals and recording an assist in five regular-season games. For that accomplishment, he was selected Major League Soccer's Player of the Month for July.

The 22-year old forward, who was an All-Star in 1996 with the New England Revolution, shot to the team lead in goals. "This is how I knew I could play," Welton said. "This is a great team and my teammates make it easy to fit in. We

all just started playing well together at the same time." Meanwhile, midfielder Cienfuegos tallied four assists and one goal during the same five-game stretch. Cienfuegos is the Galaxy's career leader in assists.

And Jones was the hottest player in MLS for about two months, scoring four goals and tallying four assists from the middle of May to the middle of July.

"At the beginning of the season we were not playing well," said Jones. "However, we had a never say never attitude and we never gave up, because we know we're a good team. The coaching change has helped this team somehow, some way. We are playing with more freedom. I think that we are playing our game and not worrying about what the other team is doing." Jones has gotten a

second wind after a hectic schedule that hasn't really let up for several years. "I've gotten past the burnout stage," said Jones. "I haven't had a nice two-week vacation since August '93 - I remember it vividly. However, I am having a lot more fun. I've got the fun back and I'm having a blast."

"I think that Cobi has been one of, if not the, best player in the league," said Galaxy defender Dan Calichman. "He started slow, but has been a force to be reckoned with."

The Galaxy, which has a defense anchored by Calichman, the team captain, Robin Fraser, Greg Vanney and Paul Caligiuri, continued to be among the league's stingiest, tallying seven

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Galaxy Radio Is On the Air

BY JOHN KISSELL



What would you do if you were coach of the Galaxy? Or perhaps you have an opinion about the team that you'd like to express to thousands of people?

You're in luck. Galaxy radio is on the air! If you can't get enough of your home team, tune in to Galaxy Talk '97, Saturday mornings at 9:00 on XTRA radio, 690 on the AM dial.

Hosts Joe Tutino, Matt Cohen and Rick Davis serve up an entertaining hour of news, opinion and discussion about Major League Soccer, world soccer developments and, of course, the Galaxy. Their guests have ranged from Galaxy players to league stars like Brian McBride of the Columbus Crew to MLS Commissioner Doug Logan.

The high energy and broad experience they bring to the microphone means plenty of spirited debates. They also give in-depth previews of the next Galaxy opponent and bring fans up-to-date on the players' progress.

Tutino, an eight-year veteran of sports radio, who is also host for the San Diego Chargers post-game shows, is the broadcasting pro of the group. While Cohen and Davis are on the air from the Rose Bowl press box, Tutino is based in San Diego and coordinates the show.

Tutino is a soccer fan from his youth in San Diego, where he played the game and rooted for the San Diego

Sockers of the North American Soccer League.

Cohen got the broadcasting bug as an undergraduate at Penn State University, where he did play-by-play for the Nittany Lions football games.

He works in the sales office for the

Galaxy and brings an array of insider tips and opinions to the broadcast booth. Cohen sees the show as a way to showcase the Galaxy and build the fan base in Southern California.

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Radio listeners have been able to discuss some of the brightest young stars in MLS, including Galaxy rookie goalkeeper Kevin Hartman

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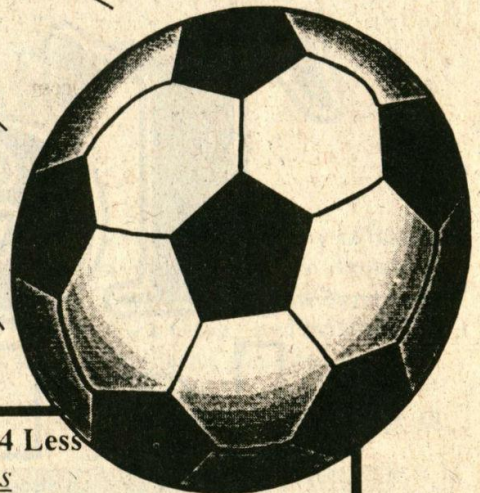
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Davis is familiar to longtime soccer fans. He played on the US national team from 1976 to 1990 and was coach of the LA Salsa. He brings to the show insights into tactics and on-field experience that few commentators can match. He's also had much experience in the broadcast booth as a soccer play-by-play announcer and commentator.

But the real stars of the show are the callers.

"We have full boards every show," Joe said. He said the fans' calls are knowledgeable and refreshing. They come from all over the region: from San Diego to East LA to the Westside and Ventura. Some callers have spent most of the hour on hold, waiting for their turn to voice an opinion or ask a question of the hosts.

"We had one gentleman from Vista,

who was very knowledgeable. He spent a long time reminiscing about the LA-area teams he's rooted for over the years," Matt said.

They finally had to say good-bye to him, but the call pointed out one of the show's strengths: It is becoming a forum for fans to get together to talk about their love of the game and hammer out opinions about the Galaxy. Recent calls have focused on possible player trades and some pointed advice for the coaching staff about the team's fortunes.

Tutino, also, is surprised by the enthusiasm of the audience. He said he hadn't realized how starved soccer fans in Los Angeles were for a soccer forum.

One of the hottest topics has been the prospect for the US National Team in its quest for World Cup '98. Nearly every caller has a strategy for National Team coach Steve Sampson to help the team earn a place in the World Cup finals.

Rick said there are even regular callers he looks forward to hearing from. He said, "We have appreciative listeners, who told us it's great to turn on the radio and hear you guys."

So, if you want to tell the world how feel about the Galaxy or ask a question about they players, give the Galaxy '97 broadcast team a call this Saturday morning.

Callers were debating the rumored deal of former Galaxy defender Mark Semioli before it happened





1997 SCHEDULE

Your Team On the Road

September is a busy month for the Galaxy. As well as getting down to the crunch time in the race for the playoffs, it must face division foes such as the Dallas Burn and the San Jose Clash on the road.

The Galaxy will have to try not to Burn when it travels to Dallas in the heat of the Texas sun on September 14, as both teams fight to jump higher in the standings before postseason. In order to do this, the Galaxy must shut down Dante Washington and Damian, two of the league's leading scorers. The offense must also deal with scoring off Western Conference All-Star and one of the league's toughest goalkeepers, Mark Dodd.

A road trip to San Jose on September 21 pits the Galaxy against the duo of Eric Wynalda and John Doyle, Western Conference All-Stars who are out for revenge after being knocked out of the Western Conference semifinals by the Galaxy in '96

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Mar. 29	D.C. United	0-1 L SO(2-3)	0-1 (0 pts)	
Apr. 5	at Kansas City Wizards	2-3 L	0-2 (0 pts)	
Apr. 12	at San Jose Clash	1-4 L	0-3 (0 pts)	
Apr. 18	Colorado Rapids	2-1 W	1-3 (3 pts)	
Apr. 26	Dallas Burn	1-2 L SO(1-4)	1-4 (3 pts)	
May 2	at D.C. United	0-2 L	1-5 (3 pts)	
May 4	at MetroStars	0-1 L SO(1-2)	1-6 (3 pts)	
May 10	at Kansas City Wizards	0-1 L	1-7 (3 pts)	
May 18	San Jose Clash	2-1 W SO(3-2)	2-7 (4 pts)	
May 25	Columbus Crew	1-0 W	3-7 (7 pts)	
May 31	Kansas City Wizards	1-3 L	3-8 (7 pts)	
June 8	at New England Revolution	0-1 L SO(0-2)	3-9 (7 pts)	
June 15	Tampa Bay Mutiny	4-1 W	4-9 (10 pts)	
June 21	at Colorado Rapids	1-2 L	4-10 (10 pts)	
June 28	at Tampa Bay Mutiny	2-3 L	4-11 (10 pts)	
July 4	New England Revolution	2-0 W	5-11 (13 pts)	
July 12	D.C. United	3-1 W	6-11 (16 pts)	
July 20	at MetroStars	4-0 W	7-11 (19 pts)	
July 25	at Dallas Burn	3-0 W	8-11 (22 pts)	
July 27	at Colorado Rapids	2-1 W	9-11 (25 pts)	
Aug. 2	Columbus Crew	1-2 L	9-12 (25 pts)	
Aug. 9	at D.C. United	2-4 L	9-13 (25 pts)	
Aug. 14	at New England Revolution	4:30 pm		FSW
Aug. 17	San Jose Clash	4:30 pm		
Aug. 30	at Columbus Crew	4:30 pm		KTLA
Sep. 4	MetroStars	8:00 pm		esp ²
Sep. 7	Tampa Bay Mutiny	12:00 pm		UNIVISION
Sep. 10	Colorado Rapids	7:00 pm		
Sep. 14	at Dallas Burn	12:00 pm		UNIVISION
Sep. 19	Dallas Burn	7:30 pm		
Sep. 21	at San Jose Clash	12:00 pm		UNIVISION
Sep. 28	Kansas City Wizards	5:00 pm		esp ²

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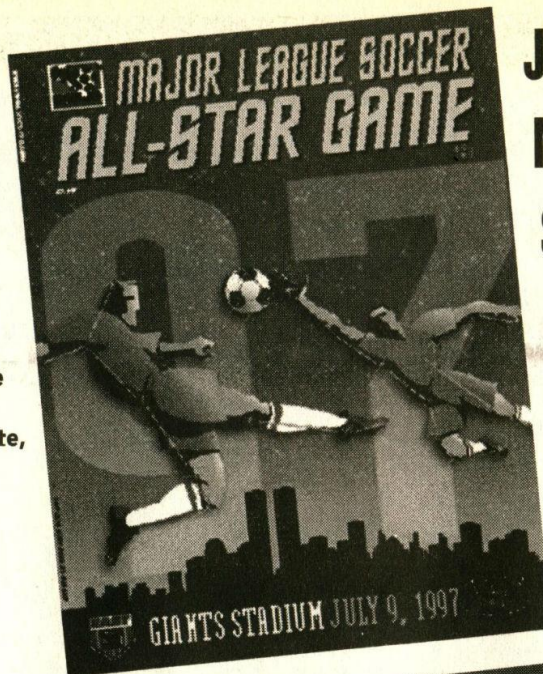
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How many CDs do you buy each year? _____

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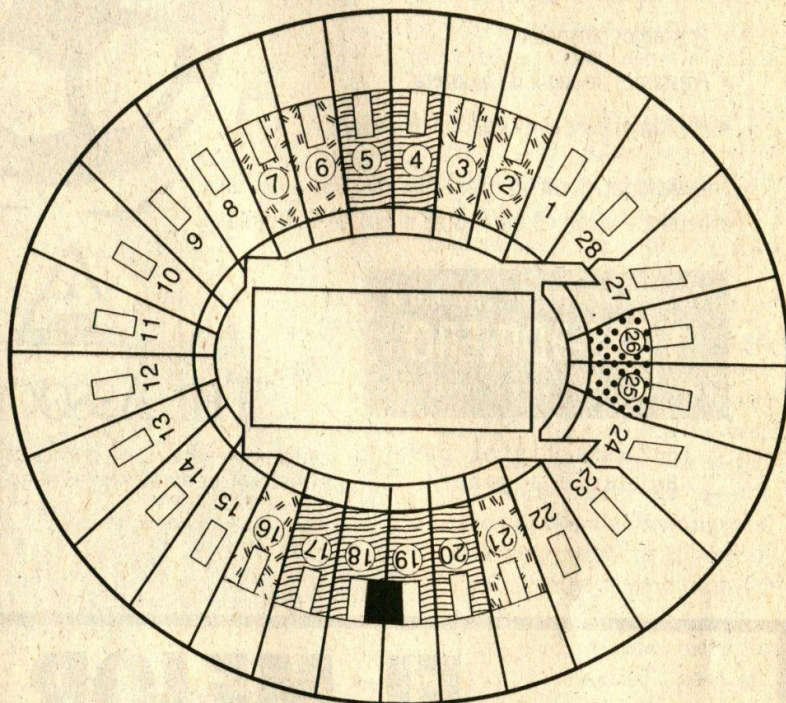
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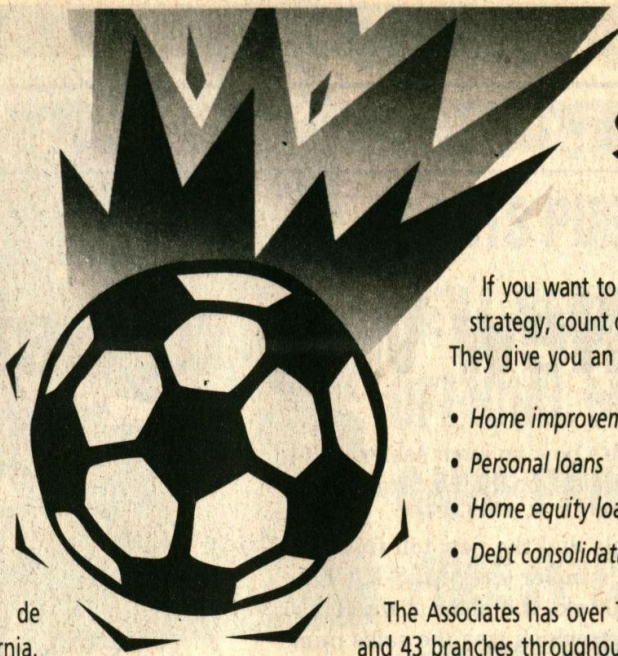
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Soccer's Buried Treasure

By John Kissell

There is a buried treasure among Major League Soccer trading cards.

Collecting sports trading cards has been an important part of the American sports scene for over a century, and now MLS has taken a place in the display counters of collectors and fans.

The series, published for Bandai by Upper Deck, one of the elite trading card makers in this country, is already a collector's item by being the first issued for the new league.

Each of the 50 cards in the inaugural series will become an important memento of the early years of Major League Soccer. The cards represent top players from each of the MLS teams in full-color action poses. Each card has statistics and a short biography on the back.

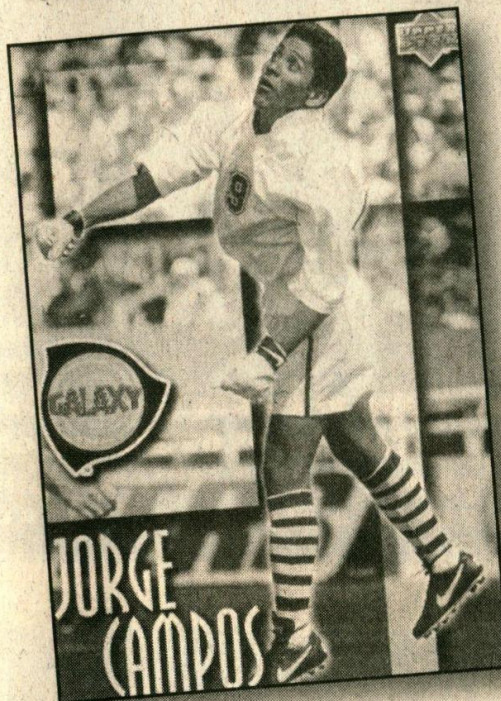
A full set of Galaxy cards includes forward Cobi Jones, midfielder Mauricio Cienfuegos, defender and team captain Dan Calichman, midfielder Andrew Shue and goalkeeper/forward Jorge Campos.

The series features league stars such as Tampa Bay Mutiny midfielder Carlos Valderrama, New York/New Jersey MetroStars midfielder Tab Ramos, Kansas City Wizards forward Preki, San Jose Clash forward Eric Wynalda and New England Revolution defender Alexi Lalas among a roster of top players. Also included are special-issue sets of team captains, MLS trophy winners, and signature cards.

"We're encouraged by the sales," said John Abrena of Bandai. He said the company had nearly sold out its stock by the halfway point in the season. Although Bandai has received requests for reruns of the series,

Abrena says the company won't print more this year, making the cards more scarce, and thus, adding to the value of the cards available.

Still, fans are clamoring for the cards. "It's one of our hottest items, especially with kids," said Connie Di Mambro, store man-



ager of What a Kick in Westwood. What a Kick, the official retailer for the Galaxy has had to reorder the trading cards several times this season.

"People come in looking for them," Di Mambro said. "Sometimes a customer will buy a pack, then come back to buy another just to see who they get."

Mary Benton, a partner of Edwards Soccer in Torrance, said each time she has ordered the cards, her stock sold very quickly. She said she has regular customers for the series, but many customers see the cards in the display case and pick up a pack out of curiosity. Often they come back for more.

"We plan to order more for next season," Benton said.

Bandai is anticipating an even better year for the trading card series in 1998. They plan to include more players from each team and feature the new team uniforms.

About that buried treasure. The Alexi Lalas card is printed with an error, which collectors say boosts its value. See if you find it in the next pack you buy.



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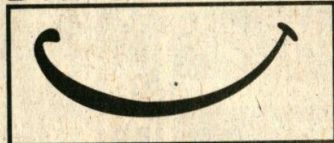
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MLS Gunners Aim For Budweiser Scoring Title

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By Trey Fitz-Gerald

Several of Major League Soccer's top sharpshooters have loaded up their heaviest ammunition as they gun for Roy Lassiter's Budweiser Scoring Championship, which the Tampa Bay Mutiny forward captured in 1996.

Beset by injuries, inconsistent play and US National Team duty, Lassiter has had to watch and wonder as several players, including teammate Carlos Valderrama, the Kansas City Wizards' Preki, San Jose forward Eric Wynalda, and two D.C. United strikers, Jaime Moreno and Raul Diaz Arce, have torched the MLS nets in pursuit of the coveted 1997 Budweiser Scoring title.

Consistency has been the name of the game for Mr. Predrag Radosavljevic, better known as Preki, who tallied either a goal or an assist in 12 of Kansas City's first 15 games to cruise to the top of the Budweiser scoring leaders at the All-Star break.

Preki, who appeared in four of the United States' World Cup qualifying contests in late 1996 and early 1997, after he became a naturalized American citizen, set a then-MLS record by earning a point in seven straight games to open the season, breaking the mark of six consecutive games set twice by Lassiter (who utilized only goals) during the 1996 campaign.

Despite missing nearly half of D.C. United's first 16 games of the 1997 season, Bolivian forward Jaime Moreno and El Salvadoran attacker Raul Diaz Arce proved their value to their respective national teams, which were responsible for the duo's limited MLS action through early July.

Diaz Arce, who finished fourth in the 1996 Budweiser Scoring race with 23 goals and 3 assists, held the 1997 lead for most of April, May and June, by virtue of his four-goal performance at Mile High Stadium in Colorado on April 12.

The slew of goals duplicated Diaz Arce's feat of becoming the



Kansas City midfielder Preki is a one of the favorites to win the 1997 Budweiser Scoring Championship

first and only MLS player to score more than three goals in a game, set July 7, 1996, against the Dallas Burn.

Moreno, who came to MLS last season from Middlesbrough of the English Premiership at the tender age of 22, began 1997 on a tear, tallying 10 goals and three assists in just nine games before departing to South America for Copa America and World Cup qualifying duty in June and early July.

Mutiny playmaker Carlos Valderrama surged near the top of the Budweiser scoring table and brought Tampa Bay into a second-place tie in the Eastern Conference with him, notching one goal and five assists in just two home games during late June. That gave "El Pibe," recently named Colombia's Man of the Decade, a total of three

goals and 13 assists at the All-Star break.

After missing four of the Mutiny's five July contests due to World Cup qualifiers for the Colombian National Team, Major League Soccer's 1996 Honda Most Valuable Player will certainly have his work cut out during the last two months, as he, Lassiter and Mutiny teammates Steve Ralston and Giuseppe Galderisi challenge for the Budweiser title.

San Jose Clash forward Eric "The Finisher" Wynalda also utilized a double-digit assist total to surge among the scoring leaders, with four goals and 10 assists in just nine games before surgery to repair a nagging groin injury sidelined the United States National Team's all-time scoring leader for all of July and most of August.

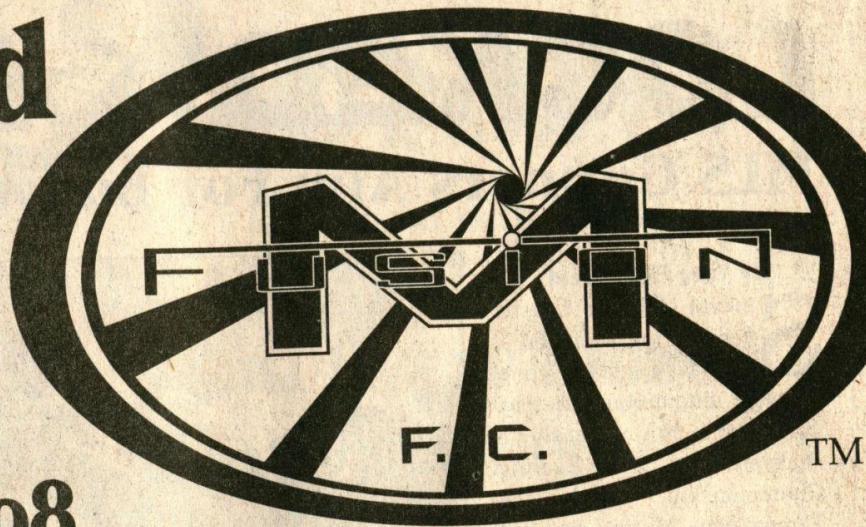
Other faces to watch during August and September include Dallas forward Damian, Kansas City's Mo Johnston and Mark Chung, as well as the Columbus Crew's Brian McBride.

Colorado's Chris Henderson and Paul Bravo each rode five-game point streaks entering the All-Star break, while Giovanni Savarese and Eduardo Hurtado need to increase their scoring for the MetroStars and Los Angeles Galaxy to make a run at a play-off berth.



Miami and Chicago

Look to Make a Splash In 1998



While your favorite Major League Soccer team is currently gearing up for a run at the playoffs and MLS Cup '97, the league's two newest teams are making plans of their own to hit the ground running in 1998.

Miami and Chicago, MLS' two 1998 expansion teams, recently made some exciting announcements and are scheduled to reveal more details about their plans later this summer.

MLS Commissioner Douglas G. Logan and Miami Investor-Operator Kenneth A. Horowitz unveiled a dynamic team name and logo during the MLS All-Star break.

The new team will be known as the Miami Fusion, with Umbro International designing the team's primary, secondary and team lettering logos. The Fusion will play its home games at the Orange Bowl.

"Miami brings one of the country's strongest sports and entertainment markets into the MLS family," said Commissioner Logan. "The name Fusion symbolizes the relationship between world's most exciting sport and Miami's multi-cultural makeup. The addition of Miami and Chicago solidify Major League Soccer as a truly national league."

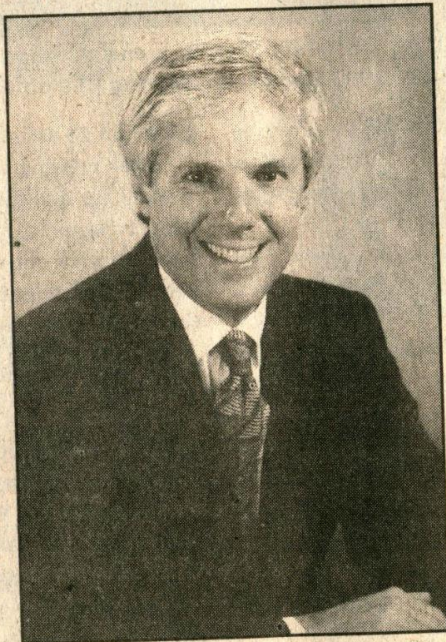
"Soccer is the most popular sport in the world and Miami is one of the world's greatest cities," Horowitz added. "Soccer and Miami each embody the diversity of ethnic and multinational groups. The name Fusion represents the unification of soccer fans of all nationalities with the force, power and passion of soccer."

"The beauty, sunshine, and excitement of Miami and the gathering of soccer fans of all backgrounds are aptly exemplified by the team's logo. We have every expectation that the Miami Fusion will deliver a dynamic caliber of play which will further soccer as the world's greatest sport."

Umbro, a worldwide supplier of soccer uniforms, footwear, equipment and soccer-related apparel based in Greenville, S.C., expanded its relationship with Major League Soccer by signing on as the official uniform supplier of the Fusion.

In addition to its agreement with South Florida's newest professional sports team, Umbro has been the exclusive outfitter of the Major League Soccer's referees since the league's inception. Umbro will design the Fusion uniform, as well as provide the team's entire on-field apparel.

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Kenneth A. Horowitz heads up the Miami Fusion investor group

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Miami and Chicago Look to Make a Splash In 1998

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the Miami Fusion in Umbro apparel," said John Stevenson, Vice President/Soccer for Umbro USA. "A company with the 73-year tradition of Umbro belongs on the playing fields of Major League Soccer. We are happy to introduce the Umbro look to the league, and we extend our best wishes for the future to both Major League Soccer and its newest team, the Miami Fusion."

"We are delighted to have Umbro on board as the official supplier of the Miami Fusion," said Logan. "Umbro has shown a strong commitment not only to Major League Soccer, but the entire soccer community. I am sure the Fusion will be as happy with Umbro as the league's referees have been with their apparel for the last two seasons."

Chicago Names General Manager

In Chicago, recently named General Manager Peter Wilt is gushing with excitement about the return of Division I professional soccer to the Windy City.

"We hope to do the city proud," said Wilt, a Chicago-area native who was named the club's general manager on June 24. "The potential here is tremendous. The area has great soccer tradition dating back to the days of the NASL's Chicago Sting and more recently with the outstanding crowds for the 1994 World Cup."

The 37-year-old Wilt brings more than 10 years of experience in high-level management in three different professional soccer leagues to the new team. Most recently, he served as president and



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Could we see Mexican National Team star Luis Garcia playing in Chicago or Miami next season?

general manager of the Minnesota Thunder, the top-drawing team during the 1996 USISL season.

"I selected someone who is old enough to have had 10 years of experience running soccer teams and has good business experience," said Robert Sanderman, president of Anchutz Chicago Soccer, Inc. "And I selected someone young enough to still have that passion and vitality to put into the game and do business. That's what it's going to take in Chicago."

The as-yet-unnamed Chicago team will call Soldier Field home. The stadium, which also is home to the NFL's Bears, hosted five matches during World Cup USA '94. Featuring excellent soccer dimensions and a location adjacent to Lake Michigan, Soldier Field recently hosted an exhibition game which saw

MLS' Los Angeles Galaxy defeat Mexican Champion Chivas, 1-0, before 27,103 fans on July 6.

"Soldier Field is one of the premier soccer venues in the United States," Wilt said. "The sight lines are terrific and the location is great."

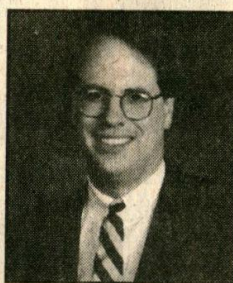
Wilt envisions the new Chicago team as providing an entertaining brand of soccer, and a club that is competitive from day one. He expects the league to assign the Chicago team a top international star in the near future and also is excited about the league's expansion draft which is scheduled for late November. Part of Wilt's plan to build the new team is hiring a first-class

coach by the end of the summer.

"We want someone well-known and respected in this area, someone who is multi-lingual," said Wilt. "We want a coach who's a winner, who knows this community, and is well respected by the players, fans and media."

After determining a nickname, the team colors and a coach, Wilt plans to hire office staff of 20 to 30 people. All of the pieces are expected to be in place before MLS Cup '97 in late October.

"This is a tremendous challenge," Wilt said. "We've got a way to go with hiring a coaching staff, office staff and finalizing our team name and logo, but I am excited about this great opportunity. I look forward to putting together a hard-working staff to give Chicago a successful organization on and off the field."



Peter Wilt was recently named general manager of MLS' Chicago team



1997 LEAGUE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 22
MetroStars 0 at San Jose 1 (SO 3-4) 23,501

SATURDAY, March 29
Colorado 1 at Columbus 2 (SO 2-3) 14,485
New England 1 at Dallas 0 11,063
MetroStars 1 at Tampa Bay 2 15,239
San Jose 2 at Kansas City 3 (SO 3-4) 10,198
Wash. D.C. 1 at Los Angeles 0 (SO 3-2) 53,147

SATURDAY, April 5
Los Angeles 2 at Kansas City 3 8,406
MetroStars 1 at Wash. D.C. 2 28,749
Columbus 0 at Colorado 2 15,325
San Jose 1 at Dallas 2 6,195

SUNDAY, April 6
New England 0 at Tampa Bay 4 10,143

SATURDAY, April 12
Kansas City 1 at Tampa Bay 2 9,512
Los Angeles 1 at San Jose 4 17,628
New England 1 at MetroStars 3 20,328
Wash. D.C. 5 at Colorado 2 4,434

SUNDAY, April 13
Dallas 1 at Columbus 2 10,662

FRIDAY, April 18
Colorado 1 at Los Angeles 2 10,205
Dallas 1 at Kansas City 2 6,272

SATURDAY, April 19
San Jose 1 at Columbus 2 (SO 1-2) 18,358
Wash. D.C. 2 at MetroStars 1 26,322

SUNDAY, April 20
Colorado 1 at Dallas 4 5,911
Tampa Bay 1 at New England 2 57,407

WEDNESDAY, April 23
Dallas 0 at Colorado 1 4,120

SATURDAY, April 26
Colorado 1 at New England 2 (SO 1-2) 12,219
Columbus 1 at MetroStars 2 18,107
Dallas 2 at Los Angeles 1 (SO 4-1) 15,247
San Jose 3 at Wash. D.C. 2 (SO 2-0) 24,775

SUNDAY, April 27
Tampa Bay 3 at Kansas City 2 (SO 4-3) 9,154

FRIDAY, May 2
Los Angeles 0 at Wash. D.C. 2 21,424

SATURDAY, May 3
Columbus 3 at San Jose 1 14,295
Kansas City 1 at New England 2 15,075
Tampa Bay 0 at Colorado 2 10,714

SUNDAY, May 4
Los Angeles 0 at MetroStars 1 (SO 1-2) 20,624
Wash. D.C. 2 at Dallas 3 (SO 2-3) 12,166

FRIDAY, May 9
Columbus 2 at New England 0 13,168
San Jose 1 at MetroStars 0 14,724

SATURDAY, May 10
Colorado 1 at Tampa Bay 2 13,490
Dallas 3 at Wash. D.C. 2 (SO 2-1) 15,493
Los Angeles 0 at Kansas City 1 11,152

SUNDAY, May 11
MetroStars 0 at Columbus 3 14,701

FRIDAY, May 16
New England 2 at San Jose 1 (SO 3-0) 10,532

SATURDAY, May 17
Columbus 1 at Colorado 2 (SO 1-2) 10,054
Tampa Bay 0 at Dallas 2 15,238

SUNDAY, May 18
Kansas City 0 at MetroStars 1 12,524
San Jose 1 at Los Angeles 2 (SO 2-3) 10,338
Wash. D.C. 1 at New England 0 (SO 4-2) 15,109

THURSDAY, May 22
San Jose 1 at Wash. D.C. 3 12,214
Columbus 1 at Kansas City 3 8,151

FRIDAY, May 23
Dallas 3 at Tampa Bay 1 10,112

SATURDAY, May 24
New England 2 at Colorado 1 9,452

SUNDAY, May 25
Columbus 0 at Los Angeles 1 13,186
Tampa Bay 2 at MetroStars 3 15,610

THURSDAY, May 29
Wash. D.C. 3 at Columbus 2 12,299

FRIDAY, May 30
MetroStars 1 at New England 3 15,849

SATURDAY, May 31
Kansas City 3 at Los Angeles 1 17,246

SUNDAY, June 1
Dallas 1 at New England 3 10,242
Tampa Bay 0 at Colorado 2 10,452
Wash. D.C. 3 at San Jose 2 14,071

FRIDAY, June 6
Kansas City 2 at Dallas 1 (SO 3-1) 9,014

SATURDAY, June 7
Colorado 0 at Wash. D.C. 5 16,790
Columbus 1 at Tampa Bay 3 10,152

SUNDAY, June 8
Kansas City 3 at San Jose 2 11,629
Los Angeles 0 at New England 1 (SO 1-2) 16,218

FRIDAY, June 13
Colorado 3 at MetroStars 1 20,112

SATURDAY, June 14
Wash. D.C. 1 at New England 0 26,313

SUNDAY, June 15
Colorado 2 at Columbus 0 12,694
MetroStars 1 at Dallas 3 10,897
San Jose 3 at Kansas City 1 11,629
Tampa Bay 1 at Los Angeles 4 19,232

SATURDAY, June 21
Los Angeles 1 at Colorado 2 13,335
MetroStars 1 at Columbus 2 17,190
San Jose 1 at Tampa Bay 3 9,462
Wash. D.C. 1 at Kansas City 6 10,124

SUNDAY, June 22
Dallas 2 at New England 3 (SO 1-2) 15,819

WEDNESDAY, June 25
Tampa Bay 2 at Kansas City 3 (SO 2-3) 6,521

SATURDAY, June 28
Dallas 1 at San Jose 3 11,941
Kansas City 4 at Colorado 3 (SO 4-3) 9,580
Los Angeles 2 at Tampa Bay 3 10,111

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MAY

JUNE



FRIDAY, July 4				
Kansas City	2	at	Columbus	1
New England	0	at	Los Angeles	2
MetroStars	0	at	Tampa Bay	1
San Jose	1	at	Colorado	3
Wash. D.C.	3	at	Dallas	2
				16,713
				51,704
				18,070
				36,252
				16,089

SUNDAY, July 6				
Dallas	3	at	Kansas City	1
New England	2	at	San Jose	3
Tampa Bay	2	at	Wash. D.C.	3
				9,205
				11,753
				18,126

SATURDAY, July 12				
Kansas City	0	at	New England	2
Wash. D.C.	1	at	Los Angeles	3
				21,817
				21,874

SUNDAY, July 13				
Colorado	1	at	MetroStars	4
Dallas	2	at	Columbus	1
Tampa Bay	3	at	San Jose	2
			(SO 5-3)	14,484
				12,329
				12,771

FRIDAY, July 18				
San Jose		at	Dallas	8:30 pm
Tampa Bay		at	New England	7:30 pm

SATURDAY, July 19				
Wash. D.C.		at	Kansas City	8:30 pm

SUNDAY, July 20				
Dallas		at	Colorado	8:00 pm
Los Angeles		at	MetroStars	3:00 pm
New England		at	Columbus	3:00 pm
San Jose		at	Tampa Bay	5:00 pm

FRIDAY, July 25				
Colorado		at	San Jose	10:30 pm
Columbus		at	Wash. D.C.	7:30 pm
Los Angeles		at	Dallas	8:30 pm

SATURDAY, July 26				
New England		at	Kansas City	8:30 pm

SUNDAY, July 27				
Los Angeles		at	Colorado	3:00 pm
Tampa Bay		at	Columbus	3:00 pm
Wash. D.C.		at	MetroStars	7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, July 30				
Columbus		at	Wash. D.C.	7:30 pm

SATURDAY, August 2				
Colorado		at	Wash. D.C.	7:30 pm
Columbus		at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm
Kansas City		at	Dallas	8:00 pm

SUNDAY, August 3				
San Jose		at	New England	3:00 pm
Tampa Bay		at	MetroStars	8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, August 6				
New England		at	MetroStars	7:30 pm

SATURDAY, August 9				
Columbus		at	San Jose	10:30 pm
Kansas City		at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm
Los Angeles		at	Wash. D.C.	7:30 pm
New England		at	Colorado	10:00 pm

SUNDAY, August 10				
Dallas		at	MetroStars	3:00 pm

THURSDAY, August 14				
Los Angeles		at	New England	7:30 pm

FRIDAY, August 15				
Dallas		at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm
MetroStars		at	Colorado	9:00 pm

SATURDAY, August 16				
Wash. D.C.		at	Columbus	7:30 pm

SUNDAY, August 17				
MetroStars		at	Kansas City	3:00 pm
San Jose		at	Los Angeles	7:30 pm

SATURDAY, August 23				
Colorado		at	Los Angeles	10:00 pm
New England		at	Columbus	7:30 pm
MetroStars		at	Dallas	8:30 pm

SUNDAY, August 24				
Kansas City		at	San Jose	3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, August 27				
New England		at	Wash. D.C.	7:30 pm

THURSDAY, August 28				
Colorado		at	Kansas City	9:00 pm

FRIDAY, August 29				
San Jose		at	MetroStars	7:30 pm

SATURDAY, August 30				
Los Angeles		at	Columbus	7:30 pm
New England		at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm

SUNDAY, August 31				
Colorado		at	Dallas	3:00 pm
Kansas City		at	Wash. D.C.	4:00 pm

THURSDAY, September 4				
MetroStars		at	Los Angeles	11:00 pm

SATURDAY, September 6				
Columbus		at	Dallas	8:30 pm
Kansas City		at	Colorado	9:00 pm
MetroStars		at	San Jose	10:30 pm

SUNDAY, September 7				
Tampa Bay		at	Los Angeles	3:00 pm

THURSDAY, September 11				
Dallas		at	San Jose	10:30 pm

FRIDAY, September 12				
Columbus		at	New England	7:30 pm
MetroStars		at	Kansas City	8:30 pm

SATURDAY, September 13				
Wash. D.C.		at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm

SUNDAY, September 14				
Kansas City		at	Columbus	3:00 pm
Los Angeles		at	Dallas	3:00 pm

TUESDAY, September 16				
New England		at	Wash. D.C.	7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, September 17				
San Jose		at	Colorado	9:00 pm

THURSDAY, September 18				
Columbus		at	Tampa Bay	8:00 pm

FRIDAY, September 19				
Dallas		at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm

SATURDAY, September 20				
MetroStars		at	New England	7:30 pm

SUNDAY, September 21				
Los Angeles		at	San Jose	3:00 pm
Tampa Bay		at	Wash. D.C.	1:00 pm

THURSDAY, September 25				
Columbus		at	MetroStars	7:30 pm
New England		at	Dallas	8:30 pm

FRIDAY, September 26				
Colorado		at	Kansas City	8:30 pm
Wash. D.C.		at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm

SUNDAY, September 28				
Colorado		at	San Jose	8:00 pm
Kansas City		at	Los Angeles	8:00 pm
MetroStars		at	Wash. D.C.	8:00 pm
Tampa Bay		at	Columbus	3:00 pm

PLAYOFFS: The top four teams in each Conference qualify for the best-of-three Eastern and Western Conference Semifinals. The winners advance to the best-of-three Eastern and Western Conference Finals. The Conference winners meet in MLS Cup '97 at RFK Stadium on Oct. 26.



BY BRIAN TRUSDELL

Only one year ago, the Los Angeles Galaxy was Major League Soccer's glamour team, playing in the Rose Bowl, winning their first 12 games and heading everybody's list to reach MLS Cup '96.

In our nation's capital, D.C. United had lost 10 of 18, and Head Coach Bruce Arena's time was almost fully concentrated on the US Olympic team. The Tampa Bay Mutiny was building what would become the league's best record.

Three months later, the Mutiny was watching at home, the Galaxy was wet, and United was showering itself with glory in the monsoon that was Foxboro.

It may take time to build a champion, but time can be a relative thing.

Now, just a little more than a year later, the Galaxy has a new coach, D.C. United is on everybody's list to lift the Alan I. Rothenberg Trophy again, and eight others are gearing for a

Look for Jorge Campos and the Los Angeles Galaxy to elevate their game during the stretch run for the playoffs



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THE ULTIMATE GOAL

TEAMS FINE TUNING FOR STRETCH RUN



TONY QUINN/MLS

D.C. United's Jaime Moreno is a strong contender for the 1997 Budweiser Scoring title

late-season United-like run.

"D.C. is still the team to beat," says Dave Dir, Head Coach of the Dallas Burn, a team many see as a threat to earn the ticket to RFK on Oct. 26. "Not only because of their record. They came in right where they left off. And until they prove otherwise, they're the team to beat."

But the team to beat in July won't necessarily be the team to beat in October (see above).

"Injuries and a lack of form can bring you down, especially injuries in key positions," says Kansas City Head Coach Ron Newman, who had his Wizards at the top of the Western Conference approaching midseason.

"Once you get to the playoffs, you must really be motoring, playing really well. You have to make sure you're running hot going into playoffs."

It's advice that comes from one who knows. As a coach,

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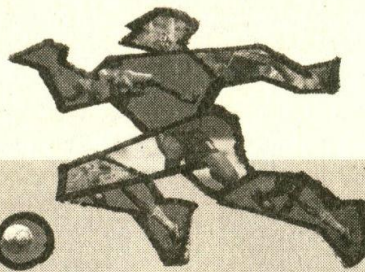
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Newman won two titles in the old North American Soccer League, and 10 more indoors in either the NASL or Major Indoor Soccer League.

Consistency may get you the regular-season title, but it won't guarantee a championship. Clinching a playoff berth too early can make a team complacent, sluggish, or peak too soon. Assuring yourself a place in the playoffs quickly to allow your players to heal and rest can backfire.

"You have to be careful of that syndrome," Newman says.

"What you can do, if you make it too early, is you might rest a player, change things, give a rookie a game. Suddenly you find that you lose what you're building. You need to be a little bit intense going into playoffs. You need the intensity at right level going into the playoffs.

"It's dangerous being too casual."

No team will have it easy through the end of the season.

World Cup qualifying in Latin and South America and

Europe will continue through November, meaning members

of the national teams from the United States, Canada, El Salvador, Mexico, Costa Rica and all of South America could be called away.

Many teams have recently added players to their squads: Mike Lapper and Thomas Dooley in Columbus, Damian in Dallas, Gilmar in Tampa. And some clubs only recently had players come off the injured reserve list: Joe-Max Moore in New England and Tab Ramos and Manny Lagos with the MetroStars.

But the stretch run for the playoffs also means the grace period is over.

"The quality will continue to go up, but in the second half, teams also will start playing more for a result," Revolution Head Coach Thomas Rongen says. "Last year, 50 percent of the coaches were fired (actually it was 40 percent). Everybody wants to see attractive play, but we get judged on results."

Already, Lothar Osiander has been let go by Los Angeles.

Interim Head Coach Octavio Zambrano is hoping to spark his lackluster club, maybe with the play of goalkeeper Jorge Campos or forward Eduardo "El Tanque" Hurtado.

The Colorado Rapids have improved vastly over last season with Chris Henderson having an all-star year and Mexican import David Patino settling in.

But the battle for the Western Conference seems to be between Dallas and Kansas City, or maybe it's just that the rivalry seems to be the fiercest in the West.

While nearly every league observer has been aware of the apparent hostility between the MetroStars and D.C. United, the Wizards-Burn struggle seems to be just as strident.

Intensifying it this year is the offensively-improved Burn,

GREG BARTRAM/MLS

with the additions of Alain Sutter and Damian, and the more defensively sound Wizards with former Scottish international Richard Gough.

But all three players joined their teams midway through the first half of the season.

In the East, besides D.C. United, questions abound.

New England has been carried offensively by Mozambican forward Chiquinho Conde and Alberto Naveda, but the Revolution has yet to get the full benefit of an injury-plagued Joe-Max Moore, who scored 11 goals in only 14 games after he joined the team more than midway through last season. How fast Moore returns to form and

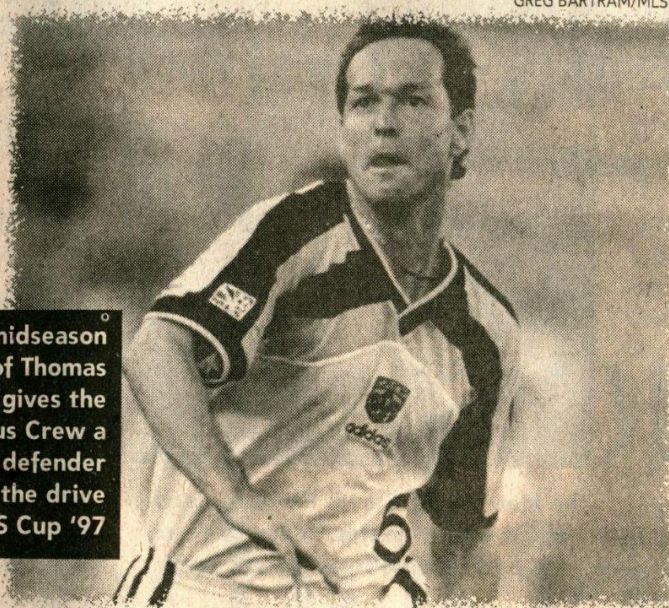
to what degree can only be speculated.

Similarly, Tampa Bay has had to compensate for the loss of Roy Lassiter due to injury and Carlos Valderrama due to national team commitments, causing the Mutiny to start quickly, struggle and then seemingly regain form as midseason approached. In addition, the Crew's top offensive threat, Brian McBride, was sidelined for a month with a severely sprained ankle.

And while the MetroStars waited until midseason for the return of both Lagos and Ramos in midfield — their injuries were severe — getting back up to playing speed as well as getting used to new regulars like midfielder Mike Sorber could take time.

Some teams are set to begin fine-tuning. Others are still trying to settle on a lineup.

But if last season was a gauge, don't make any bets with your friends until late October.



The midseason addition of Thomas Dooley gives the Columbus Crew a world-class defender for the drive for MLS Cup '97



US Soccer Developmental Squads Vital to MLS Future

By Trey Fitz-Gerald

Who will man the nets for D.C. United in 2005? What young striker will set Major League Soccer scoring records 10 years from now? Who will provide the link from offense to defense for the 2002 Colorado Rapids? Which left-sided playmaker will serve so many stellar passes into the MetroStars' offensive zone that the soccer world takes notice?

The answers to these questions quite possibly are found on the rosters of the United States Under-17, U-18, U-20 or U-23 National Teams, in a pool of players in regional Olympic Developmental Programs maintained by US Soccer, or from any one of a number of inner-city or sparsely-populated areas in the United States, waiting to catch the eye of the US Soccer staff.

These entities are essential for America to develop a depth of professionally prepared players, in order to compete with the rest of the world on the international soccer stage. The greater the number of players who are exposed to international experience and professional-level training, especially at a young age, the stronger the possibility that these aspiring competitors impact both the United States National Team and Major League Soccer.

"Programs such as Project-40, the adidas ESP summer camp, and the developmental national teams build and teach the most important soccer instincts," says Tim Hankinson, Major League Soccer's Director of Player Development. "In addition to honing their skills on the field, they begin to see what it takes off the field - diet, focus, commitment - to succeed at the professional level."

Teens in the rest of the world, especially the soccer-mad countries of Italy, Germany and Brazil, begin training with older professional players when they are 14-16 years of age.

The rigorous training elements combined with the mentor aspect of this environment produces world-class players in

BRIAN BAHR/ALLSPORT



The MetroStars' Carlos Parra, a member of the United States Under-20 team, is part of the Project-40 program

their early 20s, such as Ronaldo (Brazil), Alessandro del Piero (Italy) and Mathias Sammer (Germany).

Major League Soccer and the United States Soccer Federation have collaborated on Project-40, which enables selected players from the US Under-20 and Under-18 teams to train with MLS teams, sometimes earning valuable minutes.

Players forgo their college eligibility in exchange for the opportunity to play several quality contests each year not just with their MLS and US squads, but also on loan to A-League (Division II) and USISL D3 (Division III) teams. The USSF Foundation also provides a scholarship, so that educational opportunities are preserved.

The large amount of games on American soil affords the US Soccer coaches - Steve Sampson (National Team), Clive Charles (Olympic/U-23), Jay Hoffman (U-20), Mitch Murray (U-18) and Jay Miller (U-17) - consistent opportunities to see their players play

against various levels of competition, in different combinations, and on an accelerated learning curve.

"The increasing wealth of the volume, quality and occurrence of competition not only bodes well for Major League Soccer, but for the sport as a whole in this country," says Hankinson, the former USISL Coach of the Year (Charleston Battery) and Big East Coach of the Year (Syracuse University). "This affects everyone involved in the sport, from our World Cup teams on down through MLS, A-League, USISL and college and high school."

If you're a 13-year-old aspiring player from East Los Angeles looking for a game, a young teen from the concrete jungle of New York City who wants to make a name for himself, or a talented player from any point in between, your name could answer this future trivia question: What Major League Soccer MVP scored the winning goal for the United States in the 2010 World Cup?



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