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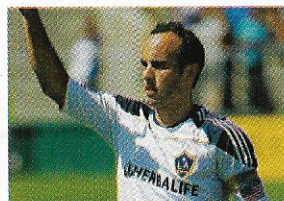
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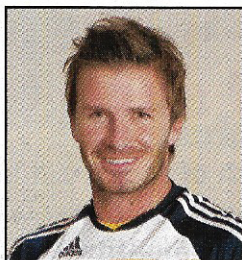
2010 Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV/GOALSCORERS	RADIO
Wed.	March 10	vs. Puntarenas	1-0 W	Birchall	
		International Friendly at Titan Stadium			
Sun.	March 21	vs. CD Agulia	0-0 T	--	
		International Friendly at The Home Depot Center			
Sat.	March 27	vs. New England	1-0 W	Buddle	
Thur.	April 1	vs. Chivas USA	2-0 W	Buddle (2)	
Sat.	April 10	at Houston	2-0 W	Buddle (2)	
Sat.	April 17	vs. Real Salt Lake	2-1 W	Buddle (2)	
Sat.	April 24	at Kansas City	0-0 T	--	
Sat.	May 1	vs. Philadelphia	3-1 W	DeLaGarza, Buddle (2)	
Wed.	May 5	at Colorado	1-0 W	Gordon	
Sat.	May 8	at Seattle	4-0 W	Kirovski, Gonzalez, Dunivant, Donovan	
Sat.	May 15	vs. Toronto FC	0-0 T	--	
Thur.	May 20	at FC Dallas	1-0 W	Magee	
Sun.	May 23	vs. Boca Juniors	1-0 W	Bowen	
		International Friendly at The Home Depot Center			
Sat.	May 29	at Columbus	2-0 W	Stephens, Bowen	
Sat.	June 5	vs. Houston	4-1 W	Kirovski (2), Bowen, Alex Cazumba	
Wed.	June 9	at Real Salt Lake	0-1 L	--	
Sat.	June 26	at Toronto FC	0-0 T	--	
Tues.	June 29	vs. AC St. Louis	2-0 W	Klein, Juninho	
		Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Third Round			
Sun.	July 4	vs. Seattle	3-1 W	Buddle, Juninho, Own Goal (Riley)	
Wed.	July 7	at Seattle	0-2 L	--	
		Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Quarterfinal			
Sat.	July 10	at New England	0-2 L	--	
Sun.	July 18	at D.C. United	2-1 W	Buddle, Donovan	
Thur.	July 22	vs. San Jose	2-2 T	Buddle, Donovan	
Tues.	July 27	vs. Puerto Rico	1-4 L	Own Goal (Martinez)	
		CONCACAF Champions League Preliminary Round First Leg			
Sun.	August 1	vs. Chicago	2-3 L	Donovan (2)	
Wed.	August 4	at Puerto Rico	2-1 W	Own Goal (Velez), Franklin	
		CONCACAF Champions League Preliminary Round Second Leg			
		Galaxy Lose Series 5-3 on Aggregate			
Sat.	August 7	vs. Real Madrid	2-3 L	Dunivant, Donovan	
		International Friendly at the Rose Bowl			
Sat.	August 14	at New York	1-0 W	Buddle	
Sat.	August 21	at San Jose	0-1 L	--	
Sat.	August 28	vs. Kansas City	7:30 p.m.	Prime Ticket	AM 570/KWKW
Sat.	Sept. 4	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.	Prime Ticket/ TeleFutura	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	Sept. 11	vs. Columbus	7:30 p.m.	FS West (D - 8 p.m.)	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	Sept. 18	vs. D.C. United	7:30 p.m.	FSC/FSE	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Fri.	Sept. 24	vs. New York	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sun.	October 3	at Chivas USA	5:00 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Thur.	October 7	at Philadelphia	5:00 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes	KWKW
Sat.	October 16	vs. Colorado	7:30 p.m.	FS West (D - 8 p.m.)	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sun.	October 24	vs. FC Dallas	5:00 p.m.	FS West	KTLK 1150/KWKW

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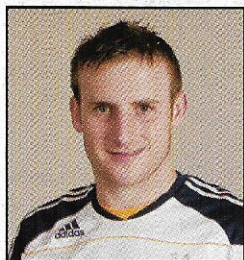
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Defender
Amelia Rodrigues,
Brazil



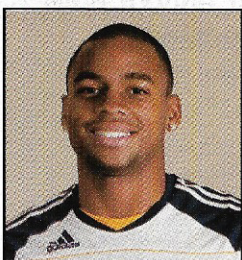
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Midfielder
London, England



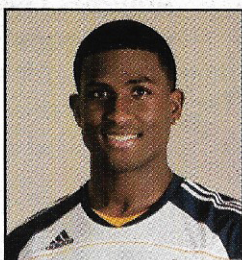
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Defender
Tenafly, N.J.



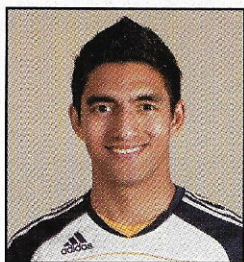
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Midfielder
Stafford, England



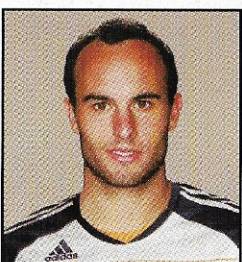
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Forward
Los Angeles, Calif.



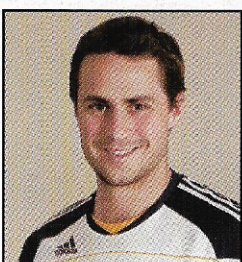
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Forward
New Rochelle, N.Y.



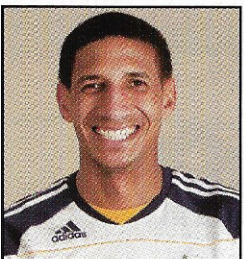
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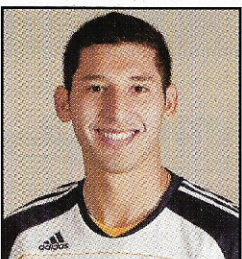
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Forward
Redlands, Calif.



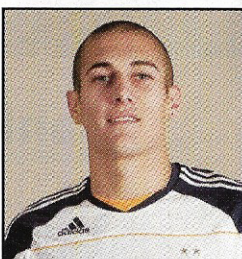
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Defender
Wheat Ridge, Colo.



28 Sean Franklin
Defender
Palmdale, Calif.



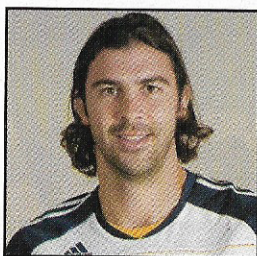
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Defender
Dallas, Texas



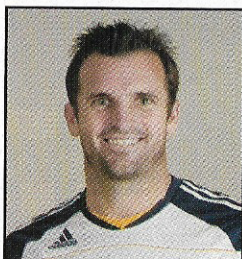
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Forward
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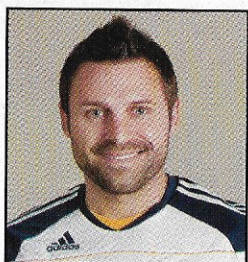
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Midfielder
San Jose dos Campos,
Brazil



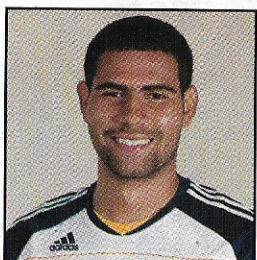
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Forward
Escondido, Calif.



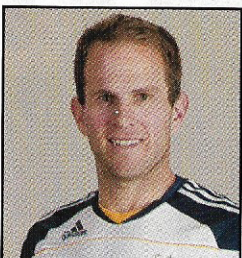
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Midfielder
St. Louis, Mo.



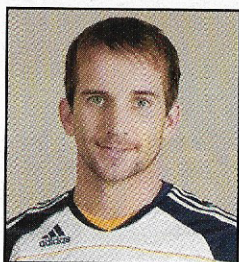
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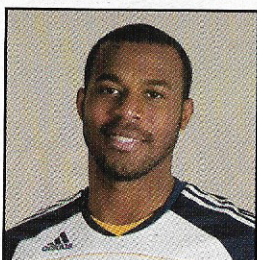
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Defender
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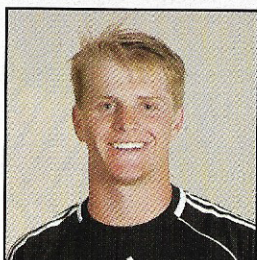
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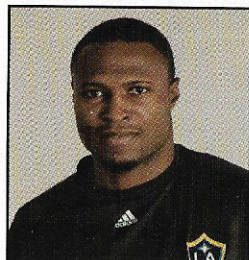
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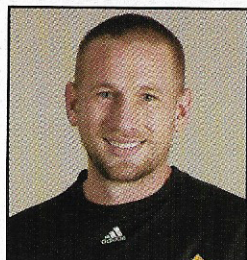
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Defender
Diego Martin, Trinidad



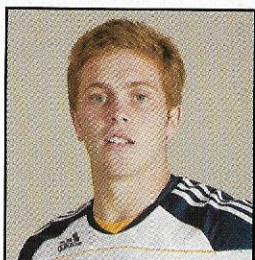
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Goalkeeper
Rancho Santa Margarita,
Calif.



1 Donovan Ricketts
Goalkeeper
Montego Bay,
Jamaica



12 Josh Saunders
Goalkeeper
Lake Forest, Calif.



26 Michael Stephens
Midfielder
Naperville, Ill.

Scouting the Opposition

A look at the Galaxy's upcoming opponents

SEPTEMBER 18 - D.C. UNITED - One of the best teams in the history of MLS, D.C. United have struggled this season and will need to make up a lot of ground



over the final weeks of the season to avoid missing the postseason for the third straight season. Interim head coach Ben Olsen took charge of the club in August and has helped to galvanize the squad, but a host of injuries and a porous defense continue to cause problems for the club. Goalkeeper Troy Perkins was brought back to the club in January, but he has allowed nearly two goals a game this season and lost his place for a time to youngster Bill Hamid.

Key Player: Andy Najar - One of the favorites for the MLS Rookie of the Year award, Najar has been one of the few bright spots for United. He was signed by the club from their Youth Academy and has stepped right into the mix despite being just 17 years old. He scored against the Galaxy at RFK Stadium on July 18 and will look to do so again at The Home Depot Center.

SEPTEMBER 24 - NEW YORK RED BULLS - After finishing last in MLS in 2009, the Red Bulls have been revitalized this season, thanks in large to the marquee additions of Thierry Henry and Rafa Marquez. The duo, along with Juan Pablo Angel and Joel Lindpere, make the Red Bulls one of the most dangerous teams, while central defender Tim Ream has helped solidify the New York defense and is a candidate for MLS Rookie of the Year. The Galaxy produced one of their best performances of the second half of the season at Red Bull Arena on August 14, winning 1-0.



Key Player: Juan Pablo Angel - Overshadowed perhaps by the acquisitions of Thierry Henry and Rafa Marquez, it is Angel, the longest serving of New York's three Designated Players, who has had the biggest impact on the club this season. New York's all-time leading scorer, he has already reached double figures in goals this season, but was kept off the scoresheet when the teams met at Red Bull Arena, though he did rattle the crossbar late in the first half of that game.

OCTOBER 16 - COLORADO RAPIDS - Back in the mix for a postseason berth, the Rapids will be looking to grab each and every point available. The Galaxy claimed a 1-



0 win in Denver the first time the two sides met back in May, and the visitors will look to exact a level of revenge for that result. The forward pairing of Conor Casey and Omar Cummings remains dangerous, but it is in defense that the Rapids have been strongest. Matt Pickens has been solid in goal, while offseason acquisitions Jeff Larentowicz and Marvell Wynne have made Colorado a team that is always difficult to play against.

Key Player: Conor Casey - A renowned Galaxy killer, Casey has made a habit of scoring against LA. In his last visit to The Home Depot Center, Casey tallied just the fourth hat trick ever scored against the Galaxy, leading the Rapids to a 3-2 win. The first of those goals came after just 16 seconds, making it the second fastest goal in league history. His partnership with Omar Cummings is one of the top forward pairings in MLS.

OCTOBER 24 - FC DALLAS - The Galaxy will close their season against one of the biggest surprises in MLS this season, FC Dallas. Former Galaxy goalkeeper Kevin Hartman has been a revelation in his first season with FCD, wresting the starting goalkeeping job away from Dario Sala and never letting it go. The last time Dallas visited Carson to face the Galaxy it was a night to forget for Galaxy fans, as Dallas walked away with a 6-3 victory, with the always dangerous Jeff Cunningham scoring twice and setting up two others. Most of the players who turned out for LA on that night are still with the club and will look to make amends for that performance.



Key Player: David Ferreira - A candidate for the MLS MVP award, Ferreira has been at the center of the Dallas revival this season. A proven goalscorer, the Colombian is at his best when he is allowed to create opportunities for attacking players like Jeff Cunningham or Brek Shea. Ferreira typically plays underneath a lone striker in Schellas Hyndman's lineup, giving him a free role in the attack.

Battling Back

Now in his third MLS season, Sean Franklin continues to grow and improve as Galaxy's first choice right back

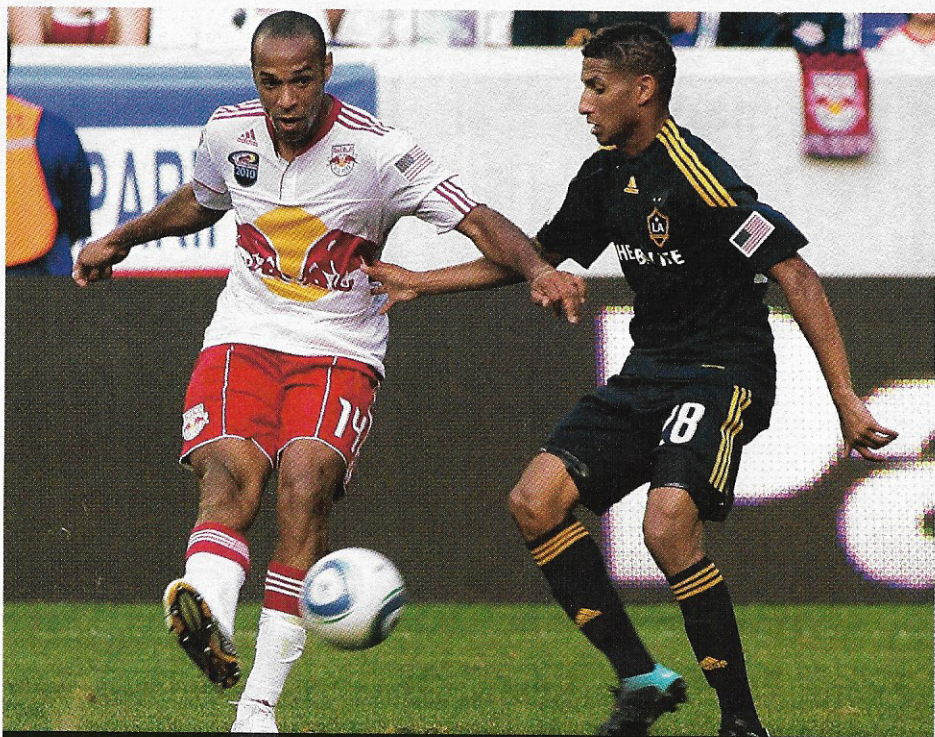
The 2008 MLS Rookie of the Year, Sean Franklin, has battled significant injuries, a hamstring tear and sports hernia in 2009 and a severe ankle sprain earlier this year, since his standout first season in MLS. However, despite those setbacks, he has become one of the best young right backs in MLS, helping make the Galaxy's defense one of the stingiest in the league. Still just 25-years-old, Franklin has worked hard to overcome his setbacks and has become a key member of LA's defense as they

continue their push for a third MLS Cup championship in 2010.

We caught up with Sean to get his take on battling back from injury, learning as a young player in MLS and his hopes for a future with the U.S. National Team...

What have you learned in your three years here with the Galaxy?

"I have definitely learned a lot. The first year, I was adjusting to the quality of the players. Every



One of the most athletic members of the Galaxy defense, Franklin helped keep Thierry Henry under wraps in LA's 1-0 win at New York on August 14.



player is a decent player and I was adjusting from college to the professional level. I think I have done ok, but I still have a lot of learning to do over the next few years."

Is there one player on the team who has taught you the most?

"Having Cobi out there helps a lot. He is just coming off his retirement and he had been playing

in the league for years, so talking to him has helped me. He is really good at helping the young guys, so I talked to him a lot in my first year. Also, having guys like David and Landon, I have learned a lot from playing with those guys. Everyone is looking to help everybody else. No one is looking to beat someone down because we are all trying to get better. Being around everyone on the team has helped me a lot."



Even in his third season as a pro, Franklin continues to improve his game by learning from his veteran teammates.



How hard was it to go from Rookie of the Year to sitting out due to injury, and how did you recover from that?

Last year was pretty frustrating. I had a couple of significant injuries, but it is part of the game. I think I am moving along fine. I have put all of that behind me. Winning Rookie of the Year was great in my first year. My second year, getting hurt and being out most of the year, that happens and it is all about how you move on from those challenges. You want to grow as a player and get better and that is what I thought about, 'Once I get back, what can I do to get back to that level again.' And I think I am working my way up again and have put it all behind me."

Was the injury in the back of your mind when you returned to the field late last year?

"When I first came back, I was a little bit tentative, but I knew I couldn't be timid because that is how you get hurt again. I worked with the trainers and the doctors to make sure I was 100 percent before I was going to get back out there so I didn't reinjure it. Knowing that they told me I was fully recovered, I felt confident that I could be more aggressive."

You were called into the camp with the U.S. National Team just after your rookie season in 2008, how excited were you for that experience?"

"I was really excited. I was a little nervous as well. I knew it was going to be a different level. I learned a lot from those guys too. I went to camp and didn't get a chance to play in the game, but I am still young and hoping that have other opportunities. Watching the World Cup, I was excited and



Despite missing much of the 2009 season, Franklin returned to play a pivotal role in the club's run to MLS Cup. Now he wants to go one step further and win his first championship.

hoping that I will get a chance to play in one of those and contribute for the USA."

What would be your ideal international debut?

"My ideal debut would be anywhere, whether it is a friendly or a qualifying game. Hopefully it will be in the near future, maybe the next friendly against Poland. I hope to be in good form and get the chance to get back out there."

A Designated Success in 2010

Designated Players making an impact on MLS Cup playoff race

History was made when the New York Red Bulls met the Chicago Fire on Aug. 8 at Toyota Park.

For the first time in the history of Major League Soccer, five Designated Players played in the same game — Juan Pablo Ángel, Thierry Henry and Rafael Marquez for New York, and Freddie Ljungberg and Nery Castillo for Chicago.

The initiative — which started in 2007 with the signing of David Beckham by the LA Galaxy —

was realized better than anyone could have imagined on that Sunday night in Bridgeview. Mexican international teammates Castillo and Marquez. Former undefeated Arsenal teammates Ljungberg and Henry — the latter the fifth World Cup winner to have played in MLS.

And while Beckham was the first DP to play in MLS, Ángel was the second and has perhaps made the biggest mark in the league, scoring in double-digits in goals in each of his four seasons.

"It's been great to see the league grow, to see the team grow and get better," Ángel said. "Watching how Red Bull has invested in this team — it's been great to see."

The mere occurrence of having five DPs in the same game could never have happened if not for a rule change prior to the start of the 2010 season. Each club was given the opportunity to sign at least two select star players above their club salary budgets, the expense shared by all MLS owners.

Under the new parameters, the Designated Player Rule also gives clubs the option of "purchasing" a third Designated Player slot for \$250,000 that will be dispersed in the form of allocation money to all clubs that do not have three Designated Players. Designated Player slots may be used to sign and retain existing MLS players, but they are no longer tradable.

"Expanding the Designated Player Rule is

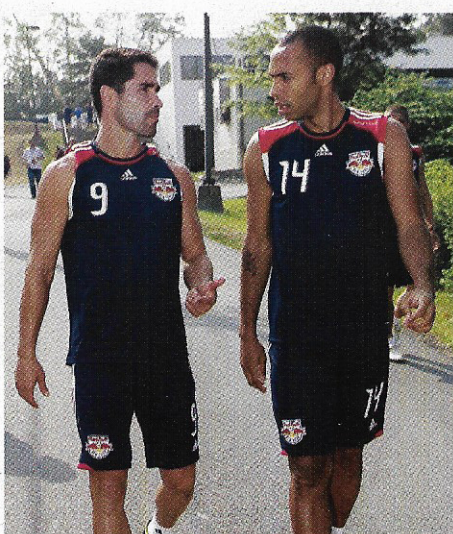


Freddie Ljungberg joined Chicago this year.

another example of MLS's commitment to providing top-level soccer for our fans," said Todd Durbin, the league's executive vice president of player relations and competition. "After three seasons, we have seen that the Designated Player Rule improves the quality of play, creates intrigue and discussion, and enhances our clubs' distinct on-field identities. We will continue to see varied approaches from our clubs in assembling their rosters, and these changes will give them increased flexibility."

A club's salary budget will be charged \$335,000 for its first Designated Player under contract, \$335,000 for its second Designated Player under contract and \$335,000 if it signs a third Designated Player. If a Designated Player joins a club's roster in the middle of the season, that club's salary budget for the year will be charged \$167,500.

The previous budget charge for a club's first Designated Player, \$415,000, accounted for approximately 18 percent of that club's salary budget. The current rules reduce that budget charge to approximately 13 percent.



Juan Pablo Ángel (left) and Thierry Henry quickly forged a relationship with the Red Bulls.

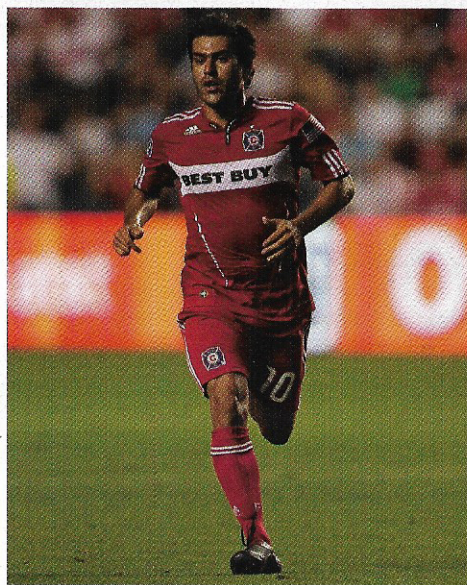
When the 2010 season started, only Ángel was with his current club. Ljungberg was beginning his second season with Seattle Sounders FC, while Henry and Marquez were chasing another La Liga title with FC Barcelona and Castillo was toiling for Shakhtar Donetsk.

But shortly after the secondary transfer window opened following the conclusion of the World Cup, things moved quickly. After playing for their countries in South Africa, Henry (France) and Marquez (Mexico) were signed to MLS contracts, and the Fire engineered a trade for Ljungberg to bring him to Toyota Park after earlier signing Castillo (Mexico).

All of those forces aligned for the first time in front of an ESPN2 audience.

"We played with each other for eight years or something so it's going to be weird [playing against one another]," Ljungberg said of Henry. "He's a great player and great for MLS and I'm just really, really happy he's here."

Before the sudden influx in talent, the LA Galaxy were the only team to have more than one Designated Player – Landon Donovan's new contract signed before the 2010 season made



Mexican Nery Castillo is the Fire's new DP.

him the club's second, along with Beckham.

And with talent the like of which has entered the league this year, there's no reason to expect the pipeline will dry up anytime soon.

"It's almost a self-fulfilling situation," said Chicago Fire executive Javier Leon. "So when

[Cuahtémoc] Blanco comes and tells everybody in Mexico, 'Listen, the league is a pretty challenging league, it's not an easy league,' I think that players now come here and it's no longer thought of as, 'OK, I'm just going to go there because my career is about to be over.'"

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER'S DESIGNATED PLAYERS (by season)

2007

Juan Pablo Ángel, New York Red Bulls: 24 GP, 24 GS, 19 G, 5 A

David Beckham, LA Galaxy: 5 GP, 2 GS, 0 G, 2 A

Cuahtémoc Blanco, Chicago Fire: 14 GP, 14 GS, 4 G, 7 A

Denilson, FC Dallas: 8 GP, 7 GS, 1 G, 0 A

Claudio Reyna, New York Red Bulls: 21 GP, 21 GS, 0 G, 3 A

2008

Juan Pablo Ángel, New York Red Bulls: 23 GP, 22 GS, 14 G, 3 A

David Beckham, LA Galaxy: 25 GP, 25 GS, 5 G, 10 A

Cuahtémoc Blanco, Chicago Fire: 27 GP, 27 GS, 7 G, 11 A

Luciano Emilio, D.C. United: 27 GP, 25 GS, 11 G, 5 A

Marcelo Gallardo, D.C. United: 15 GP, 14 GS, 4 G, 3 A

Claudio Lopez, Kansas City Wizards: 28 GP, 25 GS, 6 G, 7 A

Claudio Reyna, New York Red Bulls: 6 GP, 6 GS, 0 G, 0 A

2009

Juan Pablo Ángel, New York Red Bulls: 25 GP, 25 GS, 12 G, 2 A

David Beckham, LA Galaxy: 11 GP, 11 GS, 2 G, 3 A

Julian de Guzmán, Toronto FC: 5 GP, 5 GS, 0 G, 0 A

Freddie Ljungberg, Seattle Sounders FC: 22 GP, 21 GS, 2 G, 9 A

Cuahtémoc Blanco, Chicago Fire: 21 GP, 15 GS, 5 G, 8 A

Luciano Emilio, D.C. United: 27 GP, 23 GS, 10 G, 2 A

Guillermo Barros Schelotto, Columbus Crew: 24 GP, 21 GS, 12 G, 3 A

Luis Ángel Landín, Houston Dynamo: 7 GP, 5 GS, 1 G, 0 A

2010 (as of Aug. 11)

Juan Pablo Ángel, New York Red Bulls: 18 GP, 18 GS, 11 G, 2 A

David Beckham, LA Galaxy: 0 GP

Julian de Guzmán, Toronto FC: 15 GP, 11 GS, 0 G, 2 A

Freddie Ljungberg, Seattle Sounders FC/Chicago Fire: 17 GP, 15 GS, 0 G, 3 A

Landon Donovan, LA Galaxy: 13 GP, 13 GS, 5 G, 11 A

Branko Bošković, D.C. United: 4 GP, 2 GS

Mista [Miguel Angel Ferrer Martinez], Toronto FC: 3 GP, 1 GS

Blaise Nkufo, Seattle Sounders: 3 GP, 3 GS

Thierry Henry, New York Red Bulls: 2 GP, 2 GS, 0 G, 2 A

Nery Castillo, Chicago Fire: 1 GP, 0 GS

Alvaro Fernandez, Seattle Sounders FC: 2 GP, 0 GS, 1 G, 0 A

Rafael Marquez, New York Red Bulls: 1 GP, 1 GS

Luis Ángel Landín, Houston Dynamo: 9 GP, 5 GS, 1 G, 3 A

The Road to MLS Cup Starts Now

Race for the MLS Cup Playoffs should again prove a thrilling prospect

In 2009, Major League Soccer fans were treated to one of the most thrilling playoff races in league history and among the closest ever in U.S. pro sports history, with seven teams still in contention for the final three postseason berths entering the final week of the season and only three of the league's 15 teams not in the race at that point.

The span between first place overall and eighth place and the final wild card spot was just nine points, by far the closest race in MLS history. The previous record came in 2000, when 16 points marked the difference between joint overall leaders Chicago and Kansas City (57 each) and No. 8 overall Colorado (43).

With the addition of expansion Philadelphia Union for the 2010 season, there's every indication this year's race – with just half the teams garnering postseason berths – could be every bit as heated.

The eight playoff teams will be decided as follows:

- * The top two teams in each conference qualify and are seeded 1 and 2 in their respective four-team playoff conference brackets.

- * The four MLS teams with the next most points, regardless of conference, receive "wildcard" berths.

- * The four wildcard teams will be seeded according to conference first.

- * If more than four teams qualify from one conference, the team finishing lower than fourth in its conference will shift over to the other conference bracket.

- * A team switching conference brackets will be seeded below all other teams in its new conference playoff bracket.



Real Salt Lake's Kyle Beckerman lifts the Phil F. Anschutz Trophy after MLS Cup 2009.



MLS Cup 2010 will be played before another sellout crowd at BMO Field in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

In the event that two teams finish the regular season with an equal number of points, the following system will be used to break the tie:

1. Better win/loss record in regular season games against all other teams equal in points (head-to-head competition).

2. Greater goal difference against all other teams during the regular season. (goal differential)

3. The team scoring the greatest number of total goals against all other teams during the regular season. (total goals)

4. If the teams are still equal in the standings, the procedures are applied only to games played on the road by each team against all other teams. (road 1-3)

5. If the teams are still equal, the procedures shall be applied only to games played at home against all other teams. (home 1-3)

6. If the teams are still equal, the team with the fewest team disciplinary points in the League Fair Play table during the regular season.

7. If the teams are still equal in the standings, the highest position in the standings shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

8. The first tiebreaker in a three-way tie is also head-to-head, but it is determined via points-per-game versus the other two teams. If two teams are tied in points-per-game head-to-head, the next tiebreaker is goal difference.

NOTE: If two clubs remain tied after another club with the same number of points advances during any step, the tiebreaker reverts to step 1 of the two-club format.

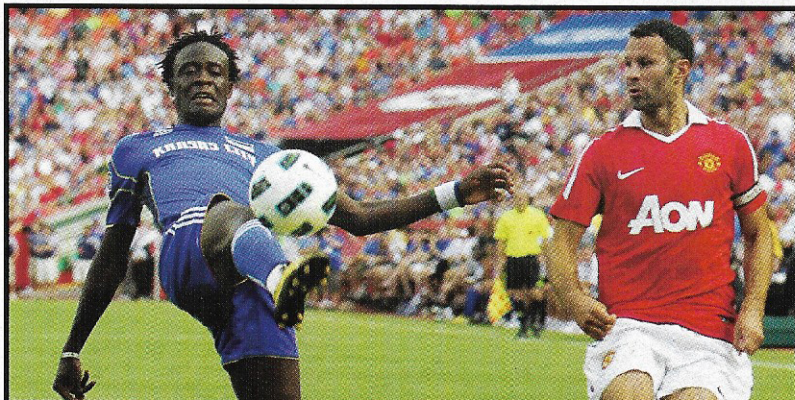
MLS Cup will be held in Canada for the first time when the League's 15th championship match is played in Toronto, Ontario at BMO Field on Sunday, Nov. 21 (8:30 p.m. ET; live on ESPN and TeleFutura).

Hailed as Canada's national soccer stadium, BMO Field is the home of Toronto FC and will be the ninth venue to host the event. It also served as the setting for the 2008 MLS All-Star Game. Capacity has been increased to 21,800 spectators with the addition of a new North End stand and a natural grass field.

Last season's finale, held at Qwest Field in Seattle, drew more than 46,000 fans who saw Real Salt Lake claim their first MLS Cup championship in a thrilling shootout win over the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Hot Summer Soccer Action Across MLS

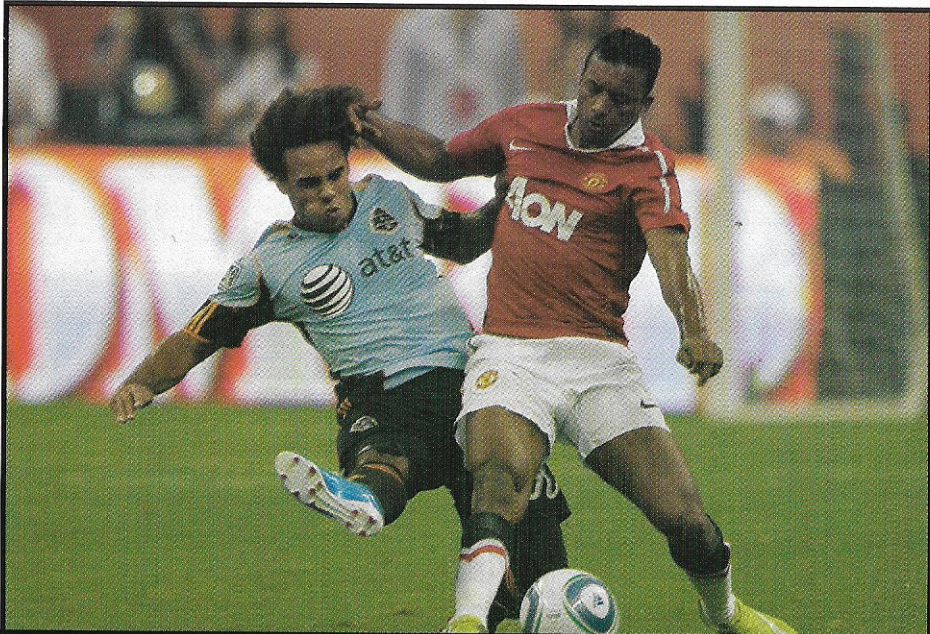
This summer, some of the biggest clubs in world soccer came to North America to face MLS clubs. A look at some of the big matches ...



On July 25, the Kansas City Wizards scored a famous victory at Arrowhead Stadium, defeating Manchester United 2-1. Kei Kamara (here with United's Ryan Giggs) set up Davy Arnaud for the first goal. Then, seconds after a Dimitar Berbatov penalty leveled the score, Kamara headed home a corner kick for the game-winner.



Philadelphia Union, led by leading scorer Sebastien Le Toux (here outjumping John O'Shea), played host to Manchester United at PPL Park on July 21. Gabriel Obertan scored the game's lone goal in a 1-0 Manchester United victory.



The Manchester United tour continued with the high point of the summer: The AT&T MLS All-Star Game. Before a record sellout crowd at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Manchester United defeated the MLS All-Stars 5-2. *Federico Macheda* scored twice in the opening 12 minutes to give United a 2-0 halftime lead. Two stars with Houston hometown roots – *Brian Ching* and *Dwayne De Rosario* – scored the MLS goals. *Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez* thrilled the crowd of 70,728 with the game's final goal in his first Manchester United appearance. In photo, New England's *Kevin Alston* battles with United's *Nani*.



FC Dallas entertained the defending UEFA Champions League holders on Aug. 5 at Pizza Hut Park, playing Inter Milan to a 2-2 draw. *Diego Milito* gave the European champions a 24th-minute lead, but *George John* pulled FCD level. *Samuel Eto'o* again moved Inter in front in the 64th minute, but *David Ferreira* converted a penalty kick with a quarter-hour to go for the equalizer. In photo, FCD's *Dax McCarty* closing down Inter's *Dejan Stankovic*.



Seattle Sounders FC took on Celtic FC of Scotland on July 18 at Qwest Field. David Estrada scored Seattle's lone goal in the 66th minute after goals from Georgios Samaras and Patrick McCourt put the Bhoys into the lead. In photo, Sounders FC's Fredy Montero looks to shoot in a packed Celtic defense.

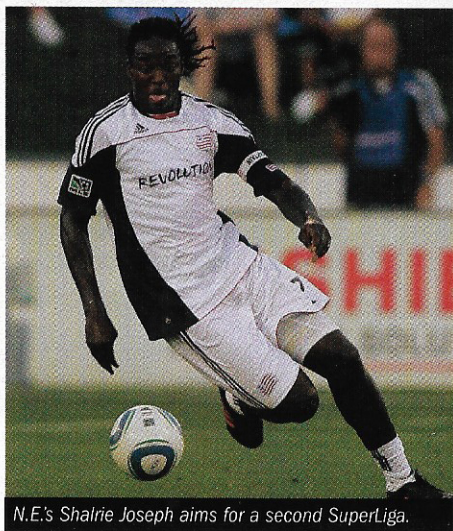


The summer came to a close at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. on Aug. 7, when a crowd of 89,134 saw Real Madrid storm back for a 3-2 win against the LA Galaxy. Todd Dunivant and Landon Donovan scored to give the Galaxy a two-goal halftime lead, but Gonzalo Higuain (here rounding Galaxy 'keeper Josh Saunders) scored twice and Xabi Alonso hit for the game-winner as Real Madrid scored three goals in 19 minutes.

MLS News and Notes

Revs look for SuperLiga glory

THE NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION were bidding to win SuperLiga for the second time in three



N.E.'s Shalrie Joseph aims for a second SuperLiga.

seasons when they faced Mexico's Monarcas Morelia in the Sept. 1 final.

The Revolution – who had never lost to a Mexican team in the competition after defeating Puebla in the semifinals – defeated Houston in the 2008 final. The Dynamo lost in this year's second semifinal.

Open Cup is an all-MLS affair

For the first time since 2006, the final four in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup was an all-MLS affair. Last year's champions, Seattle Sounders FC, met Chivas USA in one semifinal, with two-time champions and 2010 finalist D.C. United



The Crew's Frankie Hejduk

meeting the Columbus Crew in the other semifinal.

The Open Cup final is set for the week of Oct. 5. Recognized as U.S. Soccer's national championship, the Open Cup is an annual competition open to all amateur and professional soccer teams affiliated with U.S. Soccer. The tournament has crowned a champion for 95 consecutive years dating back to 1914.

CONCACAF Champions League

FOUR TEAMS WILL BE CARRYING the banner of Major League Soccer into the group stage of the 2010/11 CONCACAF Champions League. Defending league champion Real Salt Lake and Supporters' Shield winner Columbus Crew were qualified directly into the group phase; defending U.S. Open Cup winner Seattle Sounders FC and Canadian champion and Voyageurs' Cup holder Toronto FC won preliminary round series.

The group stage kicked off Aug. 17 and will be played at midweek over six dates through Oct. 21. The MLS schedule:

Columbus Crew (Group B)

Aug. 18 vs. Municipal (GUA)
Aug. 24 at Santos Laguna (MEX)
Sept. 14 vs. Joe Public (TRI)
Sept. 21 vs. Santos Laguna
Sept. 29 at Municipal
Oct. 21 at Joe Public

Real Salt Lake (Group A)

Aug. 18 vs. Arabe Unido (PAN)
Aug. 25 at Cruz Azul (MEX)
Sept. 15 vs. Toronto FC
Sept. 22 at Arabe Unido
Sept. 28 at Toronto FC
Oct. 19 vs. Cruz Azul

Seattle Sounders FC (Group C)

Aug. 19 at Marathon (HON)
Aug. 25 vs. Monterrey (MEX)
Sept. 14 at Saprissa (CRC)
Sept. 22 at Monterrey
Sept. 29 vs. Marathon
Oct. 19 vs. Saprissa

Toronto FC (Group A)

Aug. 17 vs. Cruz Azul (MEX)
Aug. 24 at Arabe Unido (PAN)
Sept. 15 at Real Salt Lake
Sept. 22 at Cruz Azul
Sept. 28 vs. Real Salt Lake
Oct. 19 vs. Arabe Unido

The Last Original

WITH THE RETIREMENT OF Steve Ralston as an active player in July, D.C. United's Jaime Moreno was the last player standing to have played in each one of Major League Soccer's first 15



Last Original: Jaime Moreno

seasons. The league's all-time appearance leader with 378 and assist leader with 135, Ralston re-signed with the New England Revolution in June after a brief stint with D-II AC St. Louis, but an elbow injury suffered minutes after coming on in first game back with the MLS club ended his season. Ralston has since become an assistant coach for the Houston Dynamo.

Four other players – Zach Thornton (Chivas USA), Ramiro Corrales (San Jose Earthquakes), Eddie Lewis (LA Galaxy) and Brian McBride (Chicago Fire) – are all still active in 2010 having played in the league's inaugural season, but did not appear in at least one season along the way.

Goalscoring Milestones

On Aug. 1, with a penalty kicks against the Chicago Fire, the LA Galaxy's Landon Donovan became the sixth player in MLS history to reach the 100-goal mark in league play.

While Donovan was hitting the century mark, Jeff Cunningham of FC Dallas was closing in on D.C. United's Jaime Moreno for the all-time lead.

As of Aug. 11, here are the all-time MLS goalscoring leaders:



Landon Donovan: 100 goals

PLAYER	GP	GOALS
Jaime Moreno	335	132
Jeff Cunningham	333	127
Ante Razov	262	114
Jason Kreis	305	108
Landon Donovan	221	101
Taylor Twellman	174	101

Hablando de la MLS ...

con Jamison Olave

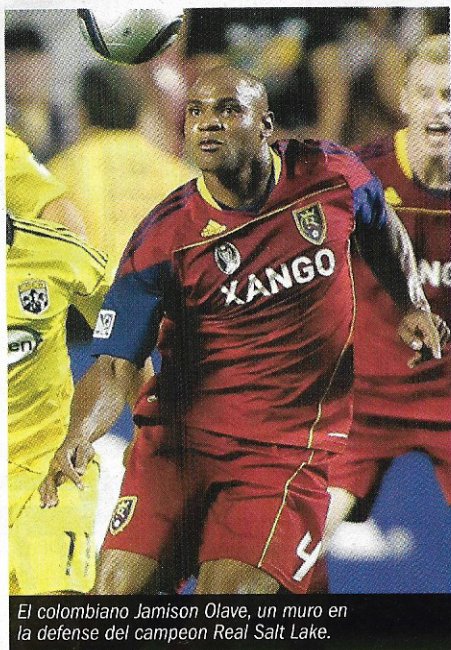
Jamison Olave ha sido un muro en la defensa del Real Salt Lake, consolidándose en la posición central en la zaga del equipo desde su llegada en el 2008. El cafetero de 29 años, quien llegó al Real Salt Lake proveniente del prestigioso Deportivo Cali, fue una de las piezas principales en la temporada ganadora del club en el 2009, cuando se llevaron la Copa MLS por primera vez.

¿Qué sentimientos tuvo cuando ganó la Copa MLS la temporada pasada?

"Fue algo absolutamente gratificante para mí, para mi familia y para todo el equipo. Fue algo que no podíamos creer porque hasta ese momento éramos un equipo al que llamaban pequeño. Pero eliminamos a equipos grandes como el Chicago [Fire], como Columbus Crew, y llegamos a la final contra el Galaxy, quienes eran el equipo favorito de todos. Es más gratificante cuando se gana así."

Nuevos grandes fichajes han llegado a la MLS, ¿Cómo campeones, como creen que RSL reaccionará ante los cambios que ha tenido la Liga últimamente?

"Desde que el equipo siga con la misma mentalidad y siga con las mismas bases, no vamos a tener ningún problema. Han llegado muchos fichajes grandes, pero igual ellos tienen que pasar por un proceso. Se tienen que adaptar y tienen que conocer a sus jugadores. De la misma manera, los otros jugadores se tienen que adaptar a ellos. Sin duda, esos fichajes no son muy favorables



El colombiano Jamison Olave, un muro en la defensa del campeón Real Salt Lake.

para el Salt Lake, pero sí lo son para la Liga. Todos los jóvenes pueden aprender de esas grandes figuras."

La Selección Nacional de Colombia no ha participado en un Mundial desde 1998, ¿Qué cree que pasa?

"Muchas cosas a nivel de selección. Hay muchos buenos jugadores en el extranjero, pero en la selección no hemos podido llegar a un nivel apto para clasificar al Mundial. Eso desmerita el fútbol de Colombia, porque ya son tres mundiales a los que no hemos ido. El Mundial siempre será una vitrina para todos los países."

Hablando de la MLS ...

con Omar González

Omar González se ha solidificado como uno de los mejores defensas de la Liga desde su debut en la temporada del 2009, cuando fue galardonado como el Novato del Año de la MLS. El joven galáctico de 21 años llegó al LA Galaxy durante el SuperDraft de la MLS 2009 y ha participado en más de 40 partidos con su club.

El 2009 fue un gran año para usted, llegando a la final de la Liga y llevándose el galardón del Novato del Año de la MLS, ¿Tenía usted esas expectativas cuando fichó con el Galaxy?

“Realmente no tenía demasiadas expectativas, sobre todo no esperaba ganar ese premio. Hubo otros novatos que también lo hicieron muy bien, como Steve Zakuani. Estaba muy contento de haber logrado ganar ese honor y fue algo que me hizo muy feliz”.

¿Cuáles son los rivales más fuertes del Galaxy camino a la Copa MLS 2010?

“Hay equipos que están empezando a jugar mucho mejor. Equipos que antes no estaban jugando su mejor fútbol que ahora están comenzando a alcanzarnos en la tabla. Real Salt Lake, Columbus [Crew] y FC Dallas están acercándose a nosotros. De todas maneras, lo importante para nosotros es seguir enfocados en nuestro juego, porque si jugamos como sabemos hacerlo, será muy difícil alcanzarnos”.

Recientemente han llegado grandes figuras a la MLS, especialmente Thierry Henry a los



Omar González del LA Galaxy fue honrado como Novato del Año de la MLS en 2009.

New York Red Bulls. ¿Qué piensa al respecto?

“Pienso que fue una gran idea de Thierry Henry venir a la MLS. Es un gran fichaje para los Red Bulls. El quería estar en esa ciudad y debe estar muy feliz. Pienso que es algo muy bueno para la liga poder fichar a un jugador tan prestigioso como él”.

Leading From the Front

Finally healthy, Edson Buddle is enjoying a breakout season

Firmly established as one of the top strikers in MLS, Edson Buddle has been in exquisite form this season, jumping to the top of the MLS scoring charts. Additionally, Buddle is helping lead the Galaxy back to the playoffs and, hopefully, another MLS Cup berth in 2010. While Buddle sees the opportunity to win the MLS Golden Boot as a great accomplishment,

he also feels that his form this year is simply an indication of how talented his teammates are and how focused the team is on winning the MLS Cup after a narrow defeat to Real Salt Lake last season. A two-time MLS All-Star, Buddle was named to the U.S. World Cup squad for the first time this year and played alongside teammate Landon Donovan in South Africa.



Just looking to have a strong and productive 2010 season, Buddle's quick start earned him a spot in Bob Bradley's squad at the World Cup in South Africa this summer.



We caught up with Edson to discuss everything from playing for one of his childhood heroes here in Los Angeles to his World Cup experience and how it will help him and his Galaxy teammates going forward. Here is what he had to say...

How do you feel about the team's performance and your performance so far this season?

"The team is doing great and the success I've been having is due to my teammates. They have been able to keep getting shutouts and some of my goals are the game winner because we have a lot of shutouts. I think, collectively, we're doing well."

How important is it to win on the road heading into the playoffs?

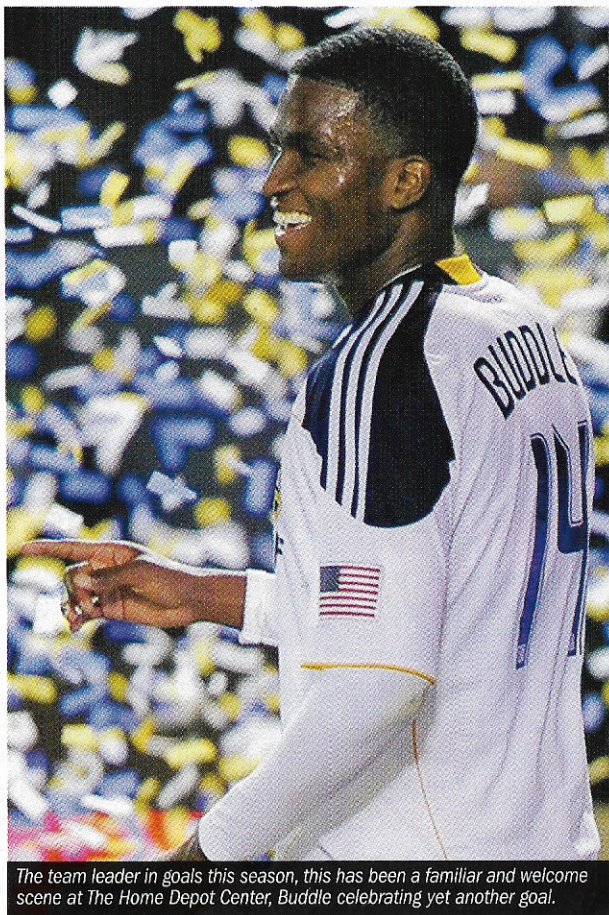
"Well, a win on the road is always great and we're just trying to get better before the playoffs start and it starts with games on the road because we may have to win on the road in the playoffs. Right now, we just want to win games."

Was the World Cup on your mind as you prepared for this season?

"I didn't even think about the World Cup team. I wasn't in any of the camps before May, so it was kind of out of the blue. No question I was called in because of my success at the start of the season."

How will your World Cup experience help the Galaxy?

"Seeing a lot of those quality players in camp that play overseas and seeing how they prepare themselves each and every day; they go out and train really hard and I just had to bring that



The team leader in goals this season, this has been a familiar and welcome scene at The Home Depot Center, Buddle celebrating yet another goal.

attitude back here. It was good for me to see that so I can pass that along, hopefully, with the Galaxy."

How do you feel about expectations from Galaxy fans that the Galaxy should win MLS Cup?

"They have high expectations. They know the game and we've had success in the past. Once you get a taste of the championship you want that feeling again and, for myself, I want to win too. The fans have come out each and every week and support us, so they deserve it."

Is winning the MLS Golden Boot a primary goal on the way to the MLS Cup?

"I'm aware of the goal scoring and fortunately I'm a little older now and understand it's a team thing. That's the reason why I'm in position to win the Golden Boot, my teammates. But each game is very important to me and winning MLS Cup is my main goal."

How important is it to win the MLS Supporters Shield?

"Well, we wanted to win the Open Cup and the Champions League but, unfortunately, it's not that way. Now we have two things to focus on; first winning the Supporters Shield and then going and winning the MLS Cup."

Who were your favorite soccer players as a kid?

"Pelé and Ruud Gullit."

What was it like to play for Ruud here with the Galaxy?

"It was like a poster on my wall came alive. I never thought that I would have the chance to meet Ruud, let alone play for him, so it was great to get instruction, especially as a forward, from someone that I looked up to. I took everything he said to heart and valued it. It was an enjoyable experience individually. Unfortunately as a team we didn't do as well as we should."

Is there something you want Galaxy fans to know about you?



Despite being marked tightly throughout the season and often facing double teams, Buddle is on pace for the best season of his MLS career.

"I was born in New York but I'm sure [Galaxy fans] already know that, so I would say it's that my parents are both Jamaican."

What is your favorite road city to play in?

"Now it's New York. I'm from New York and the stadium is beautiful."

Youth Academy Update

Catching up with Galaxy U-18 midfielder Riley Wolfe

Now entering his third year with the Galaxy Academy, midfielder Riley Wolfe is expecting big things for his Galaxy U-18's this season. The captain of the side, Wolfe helped lead the U-18's to their first postseason appearance last season and is aiming to replicate that feat this season. In addition to playing for the Galaxy U-18's, the Manhattan Beach native is also a member of the U.S. Under-18 National Team and played for the Galaxy U-20's during part of their 2010 USL Super-20 season, making him one of the busiest players that you can meet.

We caught up with Wolfe recently to talk about his experience with the club and his ambitions going forward.

You helped lead the U-18's to the postseason for the first time ever, how rewarding was that?

"Very rewarding. The whole team, everybody, played a huge part in it. Taking the captain's lead is always nice. We knew each other really well, had a good squad and pulled a few kids up from the younger team and everyone played their part and made a huge difference."

You missed part of the season while in Portugal with the U.S. U-18 National Team. What was that experience like and how did it help you improve as a player?

"I was playing at a higher level with the national team and getting to play with some of the best players from around the country, helped make me a better player. Missing time with the team was definitely a drag, but being away improved me personally and I learned a lot."

In July you were named to the West Conference Starting XI as one of the best U-18 players in the Development Academy. How much do personal honors like that mean to you?

"It's very exciting, always exciting to hear that and it's very rewarding. All the time that we all put

in out here, all the effort and everything that we do here and for it to pay off is really nice in the end. It's a good feeling."

You also played for the U-20's and came close to winning the Super-20 championship. How disappointing was it fall in the final and did that tournament run give you more confidence to be able to play at the next level?

"Definitely. Losing that far into the tournament to a few weak calls in the last few minutes was about as heartbreaking as it gets. Not only for me, but for everyone. Being out there with that squad really boosted my own confidence. It makes everything a bit more comfortable and prepares me for what else is to come. It makes me a lot more comfortable for the future."

You have been playing non-stop for the better part of a year, do you feel like you are ready for the upcoming season and what are your and the team's goals for the season ahead?

"I definitely think that I am ready for the upcoming season. We talked about it at practice already, our goal is to win the national championship here this year. I think we all will be and I am ready to get the season started and begin trying to achieve that goal. We're very excited and I think this year's squad is going to be one of the best we have had here with the Galaxy."



Riley Wolfe is expecting big things from this season from his Galaxy U-18 squad



Starting XI

Eleven hard-hitting questions for Galaxy captain Landon Donovan

To say that 2010 has been a busy year for Landon Donovan would be an understatement. From playing a starring role at Everton until mid-March and then coming back to the U.S. and helping Major League Soccer and the MLS Players Union reach an accord on a new Collective Bargaining Agreement, Donovan's winter was as hectic as most people's years. But he was not done there, spending the next two months helping the Galaxy to the top of the MLS standings with inspired play in the LA midfield.

Mid-May brought his inclusion in Bob Bradley's team at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, where he played every minute of all four U.S. games, scoring three times, including a stoppage time winner against Algeria that clinched the Group C title for the U.S. and instantly became one of the iconic moments in the history of U.S. soccer.

There was no rest for the weary, as Donovan was back in the U.S. a few days after his World Cup ended and made the media rounds, visiting a series of talk shows and news platforms before getting back to business with the Galaxy and renewing his quest to lead the club to their first MLS Cup championship since 2005.

But despite his busy schedule, Landon was able to give us some time recently to talk about some of his fondest memories from on the field and give us some insight into what life is like off the field, specifically in the Galaxy locker room. Here is what he had to say...

Best soccer memory: It's hard not to say the goal against Algeria because it's so fresh in my mind. If not that goal, it would be my first World Cup game against Portugal in 2002

Favorite team to score against: Mexico!

Favorite stadium to play in: The Home Depot Center and Goodison Park



Despite missing six weeks of action while in South Africa, Landon Donovan is having another MVP-caliber season for the Galaxy in 2010.

Funniest guy on the team: Chris Birchall

Most gullible: Chris Birchall

Most outgoing: Omar Gonzalez

Shiest or quietest: Donovan Ricketts is the quietest for sure.

Loudest on the team: Dema Kovalenko. He never shuts up!

Which of your teammates would you have the hardest time beating in a fight: Donovan Ricketts. I don't think I'd even get one punch in.

Best song to listen to before a game: The Killers' "Read My Mind"

Top 5 most played songs on your iPod:

- 1.) "Picture" by Kid Rock/Sheryl Crow
- 2.) "Crack the Shutters" by Snow Patrol
- 3.) "Sex on Fire" by Kings of Leon
- 4.) "Never Say Never" by the Fray
- 5.) "Hope" by Five for Fighting



Meet Juninho

Get to know the Galaxy's young Brazilian star

Name: Juninho (Vitor Gomes Pereira Junior)

Position: Midfielder

Number: 19

Hometown: San Jose dos Campos, Brazil

Born: January 8, 1989 in San Jose dos Campos, Brazil

After joining the Galaxy in December on loan from Sao Paulo, along with fellow Brazilian youngsters Alex Cazumba and Leonardo, not many fans knew what to expect from Juninho. Standing just 5-foot-7 and weighing 140 pounds, many questioned whether or not he would be able to withstand the rigors of a complete MLS season in the center of midfield.

But despite his small stature, the 21-year-old has quickly become one of the biggest fan favorites at The Home Depot Center and one of the surprises of the 2010 MLS season.

Possessing a natural ability to wiggle out of tight spaces and find the open man, Juninho is also a constant threat when standing over a freekick. While he did not score directly off a set piece through the first two-thirds of the Galaxy season, he did tally two highlight reel goals, the first against AC St. Louis in the Third Round of the U.S. Open Cup and then a 35-yard rocket past Kasey Keller in LA's 3-1 home win over Seattle on July 4.

Endearing himself to the Galaxy faithful even more, Juninho has shown the ability to seamlessly adapt to the American game and has only gotten better as the season has gone on. Galaxy fans hope that progression will continue straight through into the postseason as the club looks to claim their third MLS Cup championship and first since 2005. We caught up with Juninho recently to learn a bit more about the man who serves as the creative force in LA's midfield.

Favorite car: A white Land Rover

Favorite type of movies: Action movies



In his first season with the Galaxy, Juninho has become a fan favorite with his attacking flair and style.

Favorite food: Rice and beans with a Brazilian salsa

Favorite music: Samba and hip hop

Favorite place to vacation: Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, but I also like to go back home to Sao Paulo.

Biggest difference between Los Angeles and Sao Paulo: Organization. Sao Paulo is crowded like Los Angeles, but this city is much more organized.

Biggest difference between soccer in the U.S. and Brazil?: In Brazil it is easier. There is more passing and you have a lot more space, but here it is fast and physical. They are very different.

Of all the Juninho's out there, besides yourself, who is your favorite?: The one who played for Lyon (Juninho Pernambucano). He plays similar to me.

Something that fans don't know about you: I like to dance and hang out with my family. I try to spend as much time with them as possible.

How is your English coming along?: It is getting better. It is hard to learn, but I am taking classes twice a week. Next year I will be a lot better.



Community Initiatives

The Galaxy give back to their local community

GALAXY DRIVE SERIES OCTOBER 16 - CLOTHING DRIVE

Winter is coming and it's time to clean out your closets and donate your gently-used or new clothing and shoes to children and families in need.

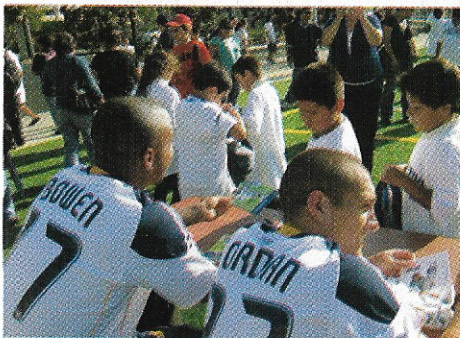
Items needed:

Coats/Sweatshirts
Scarves
Shoes
Maternity & Children's Clothing
Socks & Undergarments (new)

Collection booths will be set-up outside each entrance of The Home Depot Center.

Donations and Player Appearances

Through donations and appearances, the LA Galaxy are committed to supporting programs and non-profit organizations that make a positive impact in the community, assist children and grow the sport of soccer.



Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation

The Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, strives to support and create educational, health and recreational activities and programs for children, with a specific focus on aiding disadvantaged and at-risk youth.

Through fundraisers, programming and partnerships with committed organizations, the Galaxy Foundation is working to improve the lives of youth and make a positive impact in the community.

Game Day Programs & Fundraisers



— **Kicks for Kids:** With the support of Community Partners, tickets are donated to local non-profits benefiting disadvantaged youth to enjoy

Galaxy home games.

October 24: Annual Jersey-Off-the Back Auction: Bid on the game-used and autographed jerseys of your favorite Galaxy players.

Shot of the Week is presented by MoraPhotography.com: Bid on an autographed Galaxy player image from the season.

Name in Lights Scoreboard Messages: Send someone a happy birthday, anniversary or message in lights, visit the Galaxy website for more information.

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Galaxy Adult Fantasy Camp

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LA GALAXY FANTASY SOCCER CAMP

The Home Depot Center

December 15 to 19, 2010

If you are ready to live out those childhood dreams, this is for you. We call it "Galaxy Fantasy Camp", but you will call it a vacation from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Join us for the fifth annual LA Galaxy Fantasy Soccer Camp. The camp is held at The Home Depot Center, where you will receive expert instruction from some of the greatest coaches and players to have ever coached or played on a Galaxy team.

You'll use the same training fields and locker rooms and enjoy the same meals, recreational facilities, and share the same rooms as the Galaxy regulars and those aspiring to become regulars. Your experience will be highlighted by guest appearances from past and present soccer stars who will provide you with question and answer sessions and on field demonstrations. You will take home a lifetime of memories after attending the Galaxy Fantasy Camp!

Some of the highlights from previous camps include:

- * Galaxy uniform with your name and number
- * Play & train at The Home Depot Center state-of-the-art facilities
- * Access to the Locker and Fitness rooms
- * Daily Lunch with Coaching staff and Galaxy alumni players
- * Galaxy Fantasy Camp gift bag

A fantasy camper's testimonial from last year's camp:

"From the moment I arrived at the Home Depot Center, I was treated like a true professional. I walked into the locker room to find my name above my locker and my kit neatly hung for morning training. The training sessions were all well organized and provided the perfect balance of instruction and fun. Proven and experienced MLS players and coaches ran each session.

In between training sessions, we had the opportunity to socialize with our fellow campers, coaches and guest players while watching and analyzing classic matches of yesteryear. There even was a

training staff on hand to deal with our aches and pains. I have played with some good players through the years, but nothing compared to manning the midfield with Mauricio Cienfuegos and Paul Caligiuri during the camp's penultimate game.

All in all, it was a first class, professional experience from the facilities to the fields to the coaching to the training to the guest players. The only thing missing was the professional contract and of course, the groupies. For any soccer player or fan, this is the true experience of a lifetime!"

*Yours in soccer,
Carter Wicks*

To register go to www.lagalaxy.com - for more information please call Director of Special Projects, Blane Shepard at 310-630-2227 or e-mail him at bshepard@lagalaxy.com



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Facts and stats about the LA Galaxy

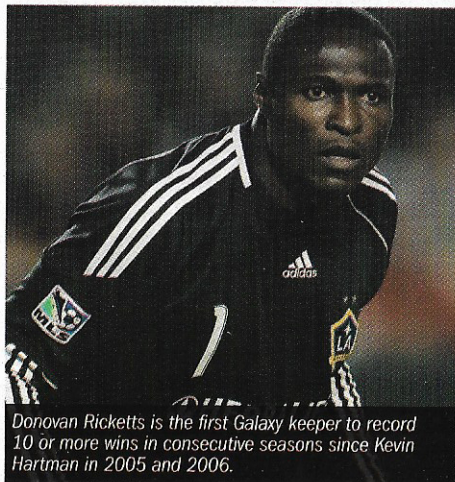
* Two-thirds of the way through the MLS season, the Galaxy had a record of 13-3-4 for 43 points, which were the most in MLS. This season, the Galaxy also had the best record in MLS one-third of the way into the season and at the halfway point of the season.

* Through the game at San Jose on August 21, the Galaxy had scored the second most goals in MLS (32) and allowed the fewest (14). The only team ever to score the most regular season goals and allow the fewest was the 1998 Galaxy, who scored 85 goals and allowed 44.

* Galaxy goalkeeper **Donovan Ricketts** needed just 14 games this season to record 11 wins and surpass his total from 2009 when he had 10 wins. He is the first Galaxy goalkeeper to record 10 or more wins in consecutive seasons since **Kevin Hartman** did so in 2005 and 2006.

* As of August 21, Ricketts is one shutout shy of tying Kevin Hartman's club record of 11 shutouts in a season, a record that he set in 1999. The MLS record for shutouts in a season by a single goalkeeper is 16, which was set by Tony Meola of the Kansas City Wizards in 2000.

* In the history of MLS, only two teams had both the league leader in goals and assists on the same team in the same season. Entering the final third of the year, the Galaxy had the league leader in goals (**Edson Buddle** with 13) and assists (**Landon Donovan** with 11) despite the fact that each missed six weeks of action while in South Africa at the World Cup. The only two previous teams to achieve the feat were the 2000 Tampa Bay Mutiny (Mamadou Diallo had 26 goals and Carlos Valderrama had 26 assists to lead MLS) and the 2001 Miami Fusion (Alex Pineda Chacon had 19 goals and Diego Serna tied for the league lead with 15 assists). However, neither of those teams had a



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goalkeeper that ranked in the top three for the lowest goals against average, while the Galaxy's **Donovan Ricketts** is on pace to set the record for the lowest single season GAA in MLS history.

* Through August 21, **Juninho** had two goals and two assists for the Galaxy in all competitions. In the four games that he recorded either a goal or an assist, LA was 4-0-0 with one of his goals serving as the game-winner (vs. Seattle on July 4) and both assists (vs. Real Salt Lake on April 17 and at New York on August 14) setting up the game-winning goal.

* With the addition of **Brian Perk** on August 4, the Galaxy now have three players from their 2008 U-20 team playing with the first team. Perk, **Tristan Bowen** and **Michael Stephens** were all members of that squad, which won the Pacific Southern California Division title with a 7-2-1 record and outscored opponents 41-7.

* **Michael Stephens** was the only Galaxy player to appear in each of the club's first 21 MLS games this season.



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