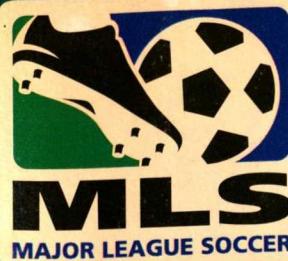


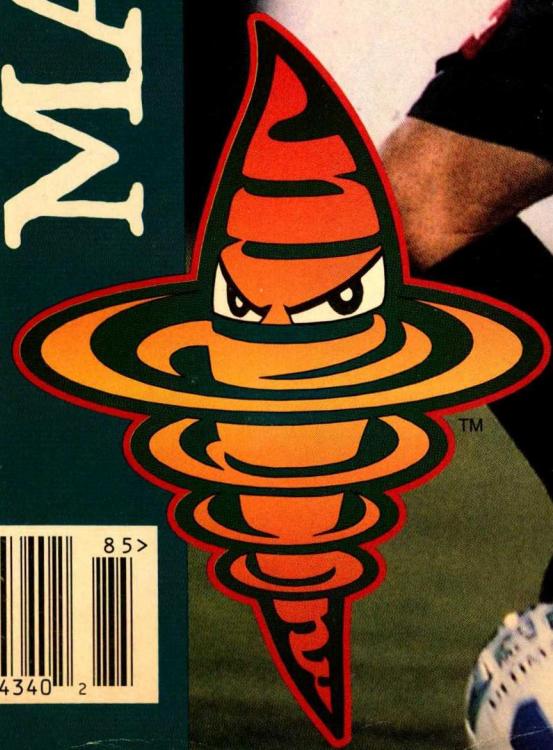
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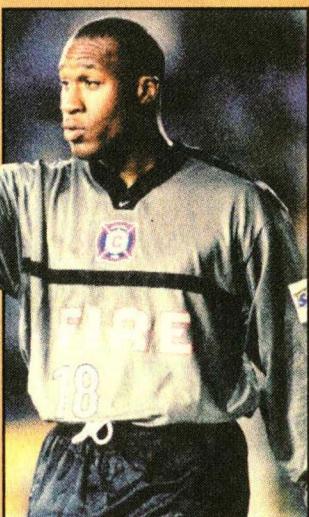
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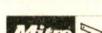
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# Welcome to MLS

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Welcome to the 1998 Major League Soccer season! It's hard to believe we are already well into our third year.

The early part of the season has featured many thrilling games and terrific support from our fans, including a tremendous response from soccer enthusiasts in the expansion markets of Chicago and South Florida. Many new faces such as Juergen Sommer (Columbus), Waldir (Colorado) and rookie Ben Olsen (D.C.) are off to outstanding starts while MLS veterans Alexi Lalas (MetroStars) and Raul Diaz Arce (New England) are leading their new teams.

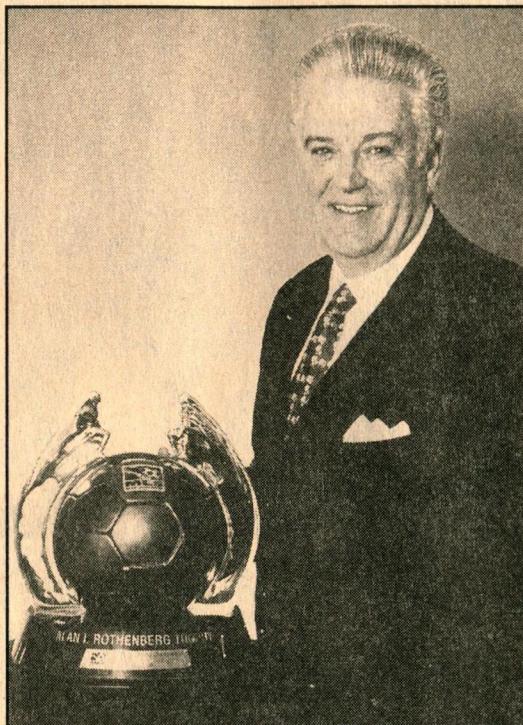
During this World Cup year, we're proud to announce the new MLS All-Star Game format as the MLS USA All-Stars will take on the MLS World All-Stars, highlighting four days of action during the 1998 All-Star Weekend in Orlando. In addition, our new partnership with Kmart provides MLS fans with the opportunity for the first time to select the starters for both teams.

World Cup France '98 will put many MLS players in the global soccer spotlight. The majority of the U.S. National Team will feature MLS players, and international superstars such as Miami's Carlos Valderrama and Chicago's Jorge Campos are likely to lead their teams to victory in France. MLS will play a scaled-back schedule during the World Cup, and we look forward to your support for our players in France and the MLS teams here in America.

We appreciate your continued enthusiasm for your home team. Enjoy today's game.

Sincerely,

Douglas G. Logan  
Commissioner  
Major League Soccer



fanáticos de la MLS tendrán la oportunidad por primera vez, de seleccionar los iniciadores de ambos equipos.

El Mundial de Francia '98 pondrá a muchos jugadores de la MLS bajo el foco mundial del soccer. La mayoría del equipo Nacional de los Estados Unidos son jugadores estelares de la MLS y las superestrellas internacionales como Carlos Valderrama de Miami Fusion y Jorge Campos de Chicago Fire, probablemente llevarán a sus equipos nacionales a una victoria en Francia. El programa de la MLS será reducido durante el Mundial de Francia '98, mas sin embargo, esperamos contar con su apoyo para nuestros jugadores en Francia y para los jugadores de los equipos de la MLS en América.

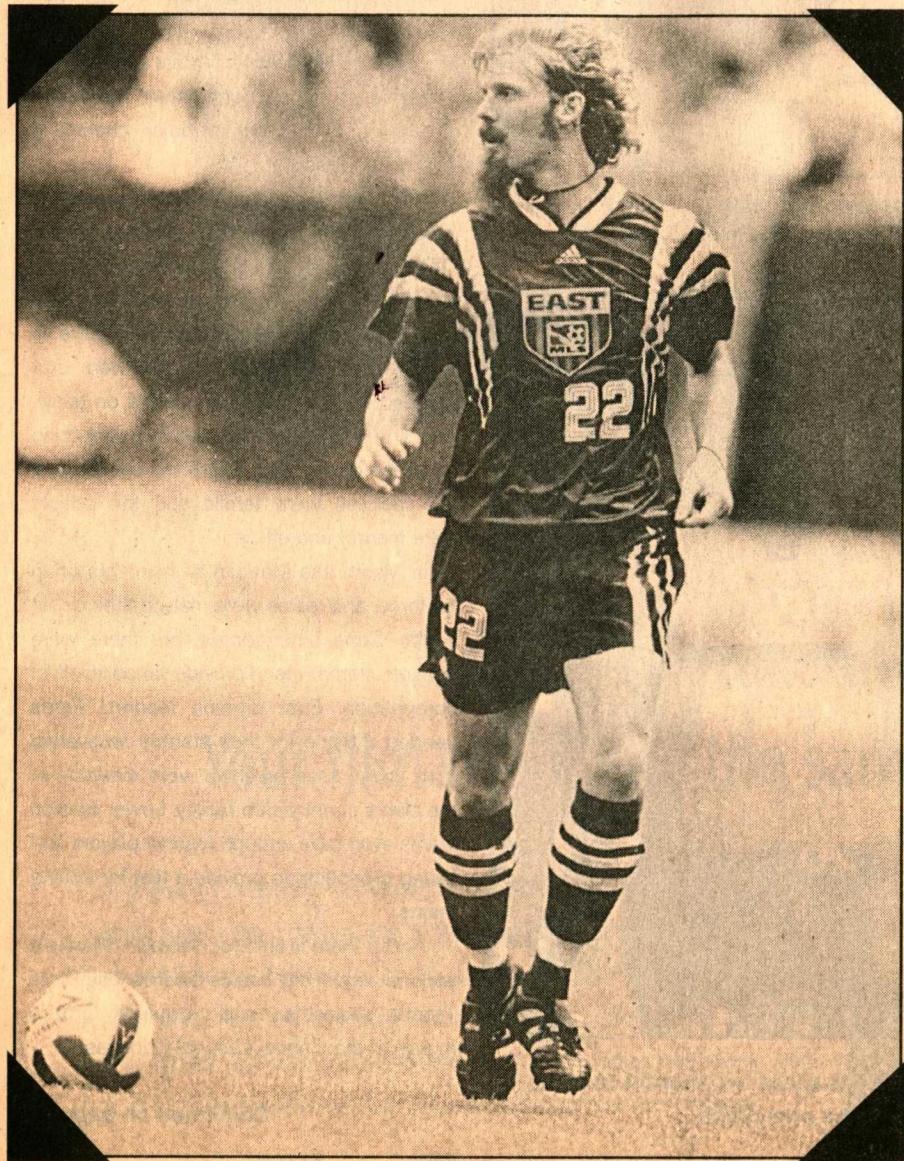
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# MLS Preseason Passport

*A Look at MLS Teams Training in a Foreign Land*



**By Frank Dell'Apia**

The Sierra Madres rise to the north, one volcano pointing into a cloudless Mexican sky. Large, sword-shaped Agave cacti, blackened from a recent fire in the Primavera Forest, mark the way to the oasis known as the UdeG Conjunto Sportivo y Hotel.

On this weekday afternoon in March, a bus is departing with players from Tigres, a Mexican first division team from Monterrey which has been preparing for a game in Guadalajara. Another bus arrives, this one transporting the New England Revolution, who are about to start their third season in Major League Soccer.

Revolution players and staff walk through the shaded front entrance of the sports complex, past an Olympic-size swimming pool with platform diving boards, and onto the lush, green Bermuda grass of the playing fields where they will meet the UdeG Leones Negros (Black Lions).

The Revolution were among five MLS teams which ventured to the central Mexican state of Jalisco for preseason training this year. They were attracted by the consistent, mild climate, nearly mile-high elevation, excellent training sites, and the presence of several competitive clubs to provide opposition.

They practiced on the fields of Guadalajara's three Mexican first division clubs - Atlas, Chivas, and Tecos - and even at Escuela de Cruz Azul, a complex maintained by the Mexico City-based club to develop talent.

Many MLS teams must deal with difficult weather conditions, so they confront long preparation sessions either far from home or in isolated locales. The Columbus Crew, Chicago Fire, MetroStars and New England Revolution lead a nomadic existence after their final MLS game. The choices are to hibernate in Ohio, Illinois, New York or Boston while the opposition gets the edge, or migrate to a more hospitable latitude.

**Alexi Lalas battled the likes of A.C. Milan's George Weah during the MetroStars' preseason tour of Italy**



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**Colorado's Chris Henderson split time between training with the Rapids and the U.S. National Team prior to the start of the MLS season**



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**Zach Thornton and his Chicago Fire teammates spent two months training in Mexico and Florida during the preseason**

The MetroStars traveled to Italy, where they met Genoa and AC Milan, the last two seasons. The Los Angeles Galaxy ventured to Central America, where one match was interrupted by an earthquake and another by El Niño. The Tampa Bay Mutiny played preseason games in Colombia and Peru.

"The purpose of the trip was to expose our players to the routines and training regimes of some of the best teams in Europe," MetroStars Vice President/General Manager Charlie Stillitano said. "Besides the matches we played against AC Milan and Perugia, we had the opportunity to see Juventus and Dynamo Kiev in the Champions League, and Shalke 04 and Inter Milan in the UEFA Cup. These type of experiences are rare in North America."

But when MLS teams require a break from California or Florida during their five-month offseason, their most popular choice is becoming Mexico.

"What Mexico gave us was a variety of things," Revolution General Manager Brian O'Donovan said. "We had training in a soccer culture, which is important in ways that cannot be described empirically. The game is ingrained in the culture, so we were surrounded by it. Soccer was always on television, and we were surrounded by people who know the game, who respected our players. The facilities were terrific and the people were friendly and efficient."

In March, the Mexican season was on in full force, and teams were making their debut in the Copa Libertadores, but there were enough alternatives to provide varied levels of competition. First division leaders Tecos needed a game for their starters recovering from injury. Atlas reserves were available at the club's country-club facility. Lower division teams even have enough reserve players and young prospects to provide a test for visiting teams.

And, if there is time for diversion, Mexico's second-largest city boasts the mile-long Plaza Tapatio pedestrian mall, exquisite Orozco murals at the Central Cultural Cabanas.

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# MLS

## Preseason Passport

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At night, there are matches at the excellent 70,000-seat Estadio Jalisco, where England goalkeeper Gordon Banks made his famous save against Pele during the 1970 World Cup, plus the 30,000-capacity Tres de Marzo, a World Cup finals site in 1986.

Twice playing host to the World Cup finals placed Mexico on the international sporting map and helped prepare the country for international sporting visitors. The U.S. Soccer Federation began using Guadalajara as a training site in the early 1990s, working with Max Felipe Prieto of Soccer Connection. Prieto, a secretary for CD Guadalajara Chivas, Mexico's most popular club, has been arranging visits by MLS teams.

"Culturally, it was different, and the pace was different," O'Donovan said. "But from everything that was reported to me, and everything I experienced first-hand, everything was done as efficiently as anything we've done in America.

"From a training aspect, it was ideal. There was a little heat, altitude, and the fields were great. We want to pursue having a close relationship with Chivas. The complex at UdeG was second to none.

"We're talking about maybe making two visits next year. One would be a boot camp where we have isolation and work on physical fitness. Later on, we would have a training camp where we get competition and get into the rhythm of the season.

"We would be in Guadalajara, where there is something to do, the players can walk around and be involved in the fabric of the



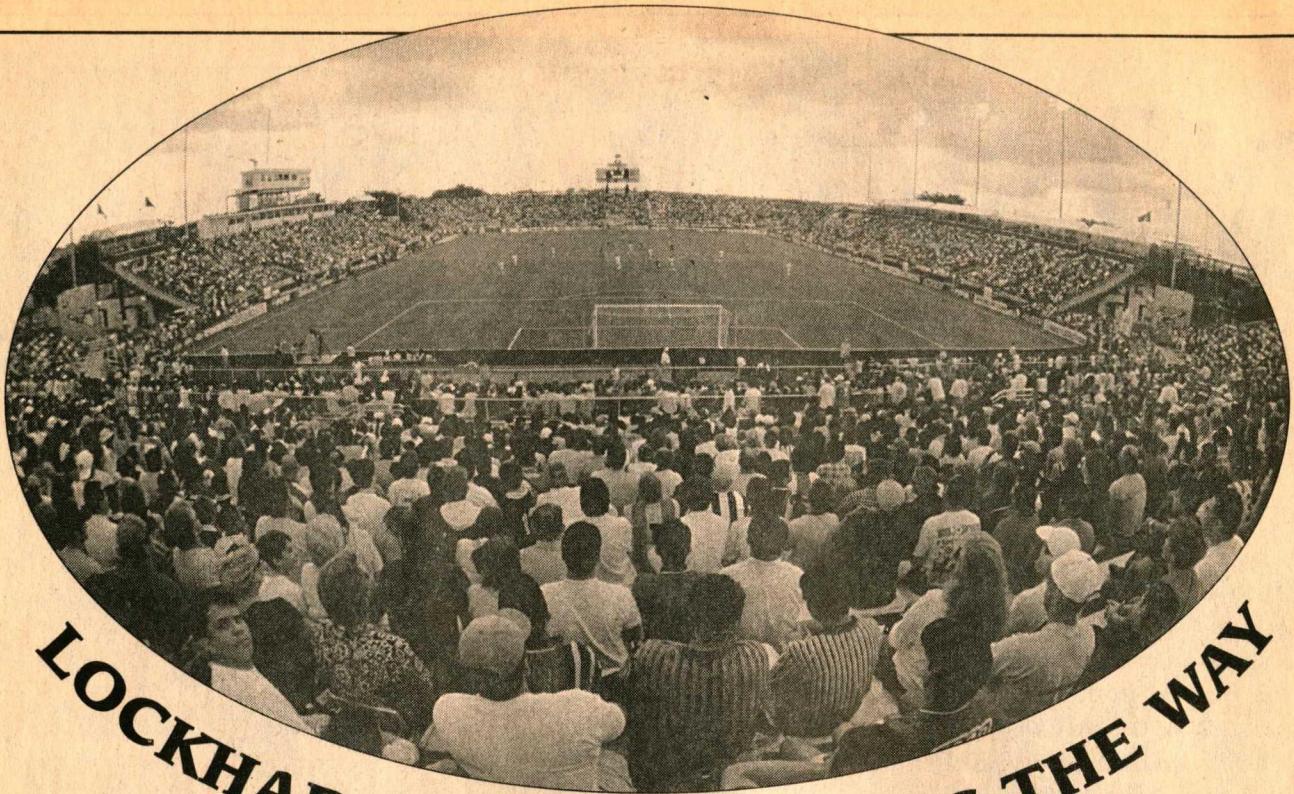
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**New England's Joe-Max Moore geared up for the MLS season by training in Guadalajara, Mexico**

city, so you don't drive them crazy."

The Revolution had further logistical problems since they began the regular season two weeks later than most teams. But their competitive edge and fitness levels seemed sharp in the season-opener against D.C. United, which had won its first two games, and they led for most of the second half before losing, 2-1, in a shootout.

"We'll see as the season goes on, because there are different variables involved," O'Donovan said. "I think it helped and you could see the results in our first game. Our last preseason game worked out some kinks, the team came together in the second half, and they were ready to play from the start when we got to Washington. The fitness aspect showed under pressure."



## LOCKHART STADIUM PAVES THE WAY

For Miami Fusion Investor-Operator Ken Horowitz, March 15 seemed worlds away. It was three months from the club's inaugural game, and the team's home stadium was a modest 7,800-seat high school facility in need of major upgrades to become ready for a Major League Soccer match. What a difference three months make.

With construction crews working 24 hours a day for the final two weeks leading up to the Fusion's home opener, Lockhart Stadium was transformed into a first-class, soccer-specific facility, setting the standard for future MLS venues. A capacity crowd of 20,450 rocked the new stadium on March 15, but the home team was unable to pull out the victory, as two-time MLS Cup champion D.C. United downed Miami, 2-0.

Although his team was the on-field loser that day, Horowitz, who invested more than \$4 million into upgrading Lockhart, knew South Florida sports fans were winners with the new stadium.

"Look at this," Horowitz said as the game wrapped up. "We have a beautiful facility that

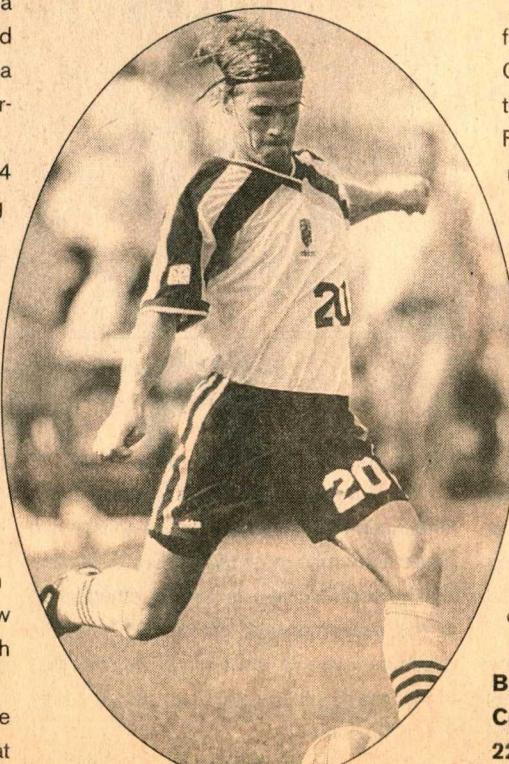
**A standing-room-only crowd of 20,450 packed Lockhart Stadium for the Miami Fusion's inaugural game**

is sold out. This is just the beginning, too. I knew it was going to work here. We definitely have something happening here."

"This stadium is the prototype for the future of Major League Soccer," MLS Commissioner Douglas G. Logan said after the game. "We captured the great South Florida fans and made an impression on the market the way we wanted to."

The multicultural South Florida sports fans were delighted with their new soccer stadium. Even the players were excited about the new facility and the outstanding crowd support.

"I've been waiting for a day like this for years," Fusion defender Wade Webber said after the game. "This sell-out home opener was so awesome. I almost forgot I had a game to play. The stadium was packed and so exciting. It was a dream of mine as a child to play soccer in a standing-room-only stadium in the



RICK STEWART/ALLSPORT

**Brian McBride and the Columbus Crew hope to be playing in a new 22,000-seat stadium in 1999**

U.S. Today the dream was fulfilled."

"This is the best stadium in the U.S. without a doubt," added Fusion defender Cle Kooiman. "Great field. Great stadium. Great temperature."

Featuring the widest field in MLS at 75 yards, D.C. United's players and coaching staff were impressed with the cozy confines of Lockhart.

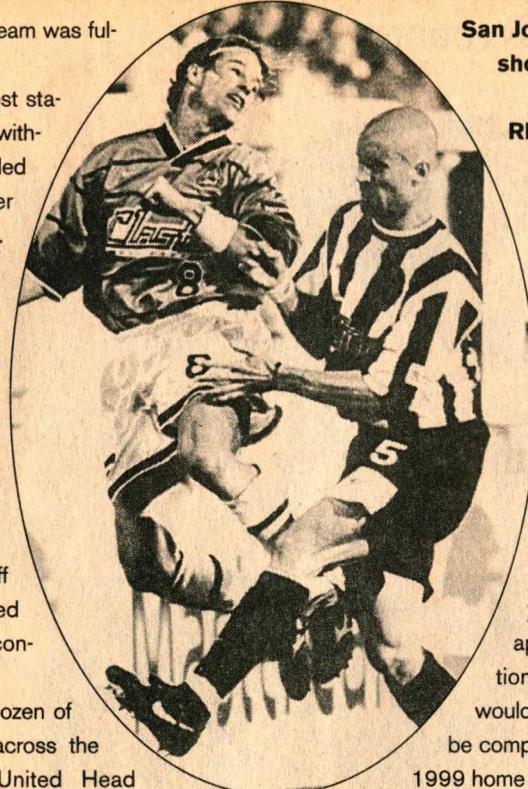
"We need a dozen of these stadiums across the country," D.C. United Head Coach Bruce Arena said following the opening game victory. "Today was tremendous, and the atmosphere is a model for MLS."

Arena's request could be granted in more MLS markets in the near future as the Columbus Crew and the MetroStars are investigating new soccer-specific facilities. In addition, San Jose's 26,000-seat Spartan Stadium is undergoing a field-widening project to meet FIFA regulations.

In Columbus, Crew Investor-Operator Lamar Hunt continues to investigate a variety of stadium options for the Crew. With major renovations scheduled next year to make the 62-yard wide field at Ohio Stadium even more narrow, the Crew will be moving to a new home.

As this issue of *Freekick* went to press, the Crew's stadium plans focused on the potential of building a stadium on the grounds of the Ohio Expo Center in downtown Columbus. The proposed 22,000-seat U-shaped stadium will have the open end facing downtown Columbus.

The land where the proposed new Crew stadium will be located is owned by the state



**San Jose's Jeff Baicher, shown here battling the MetroStars' Rhett Harty, will be playing on a wider field at Spartan Stadium this season**

of Ohio. The Ohio Expo Center hosts the annual Ohio State Fair as well as more than 200 other events each year. If the plan is approved, construction of the stadium would begin in June and be completed in time for the 1999 home opener.

The MetroStars, who play their home matches at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, are another MLS team looking into the possibility of building their own soccer-specific stadium.

The team has played at the 76,891 seat stadium since their inception, but limitations on corporate sponsorship endeavors and the lack of a year-round grass field have the team considering other options.

"Our relationship with Giants Stadium is a very good one," said MetroStars Vice President and General Manager Charlie Stillitano. "This stadium project is one that would go forward only if we cannot work things out with Giants Stadium. We are looking at sites and keeping an open mind."

Elizabeth, Perth Amboy, Bayonne and Newark, New Jersey are all mentioned as possible sites for the new stadium, as is New York City.

Although the Spartan Stadium field-widening project was delayed when El Niño brought

rain to the Bay Area for all but a handful of days in January and February, the new 70-yard facility is set to make its debut on Sunday, April 26, when the United States national women's team meets Argentina in a preview of Women's World Cup 1999, part of which will be played at Spartan. The \$1.5 million project will include new dugouts for both teams.

"Getting a wider field at Spartan Stadium is something I've been working on since 1984, so I'm thrilled that it's finally happening," Clash President Peter G. Bridgwater said.

A wider field not only makes for more attractive soccer, it enables us to host the men's national team and the Women's World Cup and events like men's World Cup qualifying matches. It means we can invite national teams from Mexico and Brazil to play in San Jose. It's a step toward making San Jose the West Coast capital of soccer."

Clash star Eric Wynalda, all-time leading scorer on the U.S. National Team, believes that the wider field will make for more offensive-oriented games.

"Obviously, I'm happy about having a wider field, because there's more room to run, more space to create," he said. "Spartan Stadium has always been a great place to play, because the fans are so close. Now, it's even better."

**D.C. United's Richie Williams (with ball) and Scott Garlick praised the atmosphere at Lockhart Stadium**



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## Offers All-Access Pass

With the 1998 version of Major League Soccer's official web site, [www.MLSNET.com](http://www.MLSNET.com), soccer fans can get live score updates from the press boxes of MLS stadiums, tune into live audio broadcasts of matches, keep up with the news and notes of their favorite team, watch digital video clips of the week's most spectacular goals, and share their opinions with an interactive poll and chat room.

MLSNET features complete summaries and box scores following all league matches. The site is updated daily with fresh statistics, league news, and schedule information. Added features in 1998 include video highlights, an interactive fan poll, and an increased focus on individual team news. A section devoted to World Cup France 1998 will be added later this summer to help fans follow their favorite MLS players as they compete in the world's biggest sporting event.

Also in 1998, soccer fans can bring the live sounds from the league's 12 stadiums directly to their computers with "MLS on AudioNet" broadcasts. MLSNET has teamed with AudioNet to make a comprehensive schedule of live game broadcasts available on the Internet during the 1998 season.

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New England at Columbus 7:30  
Chicago at St. Louis 5:30  
L.A. at Colorado 7:30  
Colorado at D.C. 7:30 **ESPN**

Friday, April 17  
MetroStars at Chicago 8:30 **ESPN**

Saturday, April 18  
Miami at Columbus 7:30  
Los Angeles at Kansas City 8:30  
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Chivas USA	2	1	1	4	6
Metros	0	2	0	0	0
New England	0	2	0	0	0
Seattle	0	3	0	0	0

**Western Conference**

	W	L	GW	LSW	Pts
Los Angeles	3	0	0	6	6
Dallas	3	0	2	5	6
Kansas City	1	1	0	3	3
Colorado	0	2	1	1	3
Seattle	0	3	0	0	0

**Game Summaries**

Which team got the better deal in the Eduardo Hurtado for Wellington Sanchez trade?

Join the All-Stars in Orlando

**ALL-STAR**

Clark forward Eric Wynalda suffered a leg injury Sunday in San Jose's shootout loss to the Wizards in a shutout of the MetroStars.

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**— MLS Commissioner  
Douglas G. Logan**

most recent technology," MLS Commissioner Douglas G. Logan said. "We welcome and look forward to feedback from our fans."

MLSNET delivers on Commissioner Logan's promise to offer MLS fans a voice. With a few clicks of the mouse, visitors to the site can send an e-mail to the Commissioner or to one of the league's 12 teams.

The site also offers reader polls, a 24-hour chat room and live coverage of events such as the All-Star Game, MLS Cup and player drafts. The site's "MLS Gear" section showcases the league's official licensed products to retailers and fans, and the "About MLS" section provides information on the league's history, structure, rules, programs and future plans.

Major League Soccer's staff has once again teamed with BoxTop, a diverse entertainment group based in Los Angeles, to produce a new look for the site that focuses on providing up-to-the-minute news on each of the league's 12 teams. Daily traffic on the site has increased more than 150 percent from the beginning of the 1997 season.

"From its inception, Major League Soccer has been on the cutting edge of the sports business, from its single-entity structure to its unparalleled integrated sponsorship programs," Commissioner Logan said. "MLSNET is another example of the league's drive to stay at the forefront of the marketing of sports."



# Quinnie's Corner

## Message from the Coach

# Lining 'em Up: A Coach's Options Include 3-5-3, 3-4-3, 4-4-2

Filling out a lineup card simply is a matter of writing down 11 names. When a coach actually sends his team out to the field, though, who lines up is only part of his concern. How they line up is another.

Systems of play vary, not only from team to team, but often from game to game. With the Clash, for example, we've experimented with several systems.

In Florida, during Major League Soccer Spring Training, we played with four defenders, sticking pretty much with the classic 4-4-2 (four defenders, four midfielders, two forwards) formation.

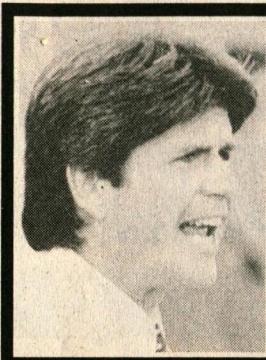
Even though we won the MLS Spring Training Tournament, I wanted to explore other options, so when we went to Mexico to continue preseason training, we tried lining up with three defenders, sometimes using a 3-5-2, sometimes a 3-4-3. We started the regular season in a 3-4-3 formation, switched to a 4-4-2, and later moved to a 3-5-2.

Chances are, we'll continue to utilize different systems, depending on who might be playing well for us, who might be injured and how we want to disrupt the system that our opponent likes to play. Here are the main options:

**3-5-2:** This system has really grown in popularity in the past few years. It puts a lot of emphasis on controlling the middle of the field.

Numerically, obviously, a team is trying to achieve an advantage in the midfield, but a coach has to make sure he has the right balance of players. You need midfielders capable of getting forward and helping the two front-runners, but your outside midfielders also have to be able to get back and help on defense, too.

**3-4-3:** This is a more offensive system, obviously, and it gives a team the opportunity to put the opposing defense under pressure. At the same time, this system is the most difficult defensively,



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Coach  
**BRIAN  
QUINN**



Assistant Coach  
**Jorge Espinoza**



Trainer  
**Bruce Morgan**



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because it puts more of a burden on the three players in the back.

The midfielders have to work very, very hard to come back, and psychologically, of course, it's always easier going forward than it is coming back.

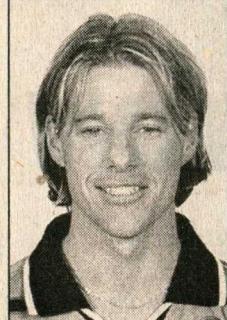
**4-4-2:** This is the standard system played around the world. It gives you extra strength in the back and is an easier way to control the game. Using this system, a team can knock the ball around in the back, moving the defense from one side of the field to the other until space is created, then exploit that space and go on the attack. When that happens, one of the defenders usually jumps into the midfield to join in the attack.

No matter how a team lines up, we should not forget that the game is played 11 vs. 11, irrespective of the system used. It's a players' game.

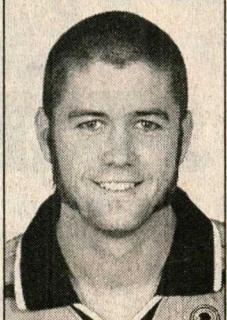


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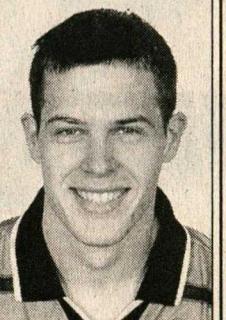
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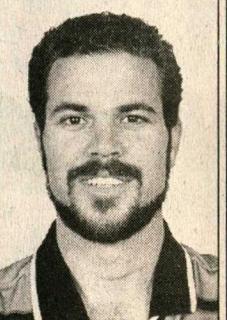
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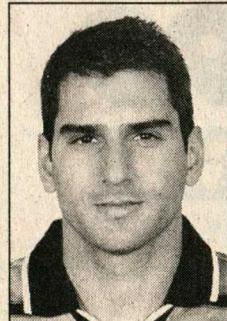
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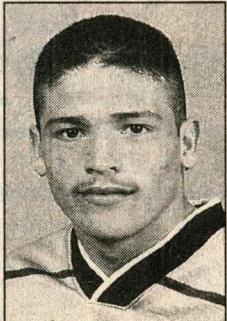
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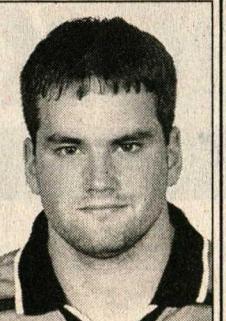
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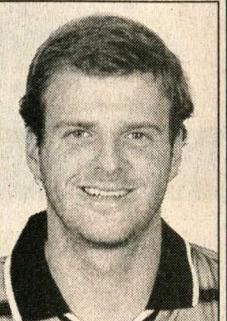
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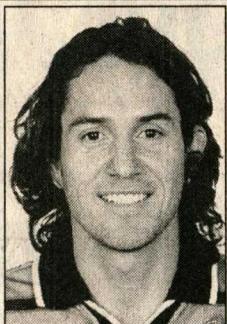
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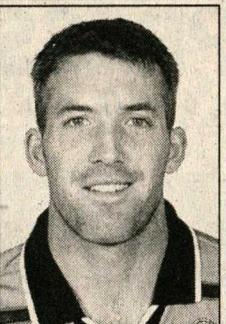
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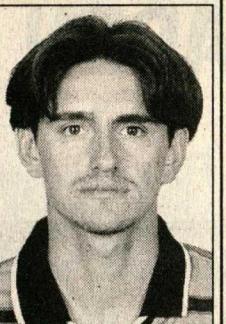
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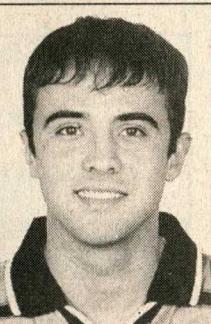
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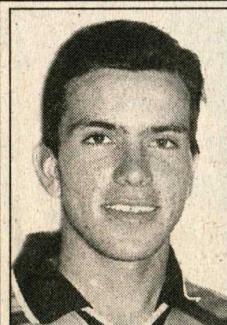
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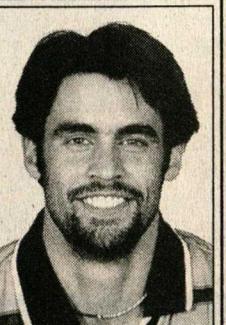
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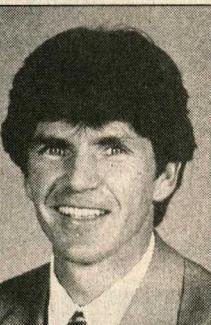
**6** MARTIN VASQUEZ  
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**16** TIM WEAVER  
DEFENDER



**11** ERIC WYNALDA  
FORWARD



**BRIAN QUINN**  
HEAD COACH



# Teams In Town

## FUSION™ MIAMI F.C.

South Florida's new Major League Soccer team, Miami Fusion FC, comes to town featuring an experienced defense and a potent attack orchestrated by its midfield maestro, Colombian superstar Carlos "El Pibe" Valderrama, MLS's all-time assist leader.

The Fusion is led by Argentine Coach Carlos "Cacho" Cordoba, former top assistant with the Dallas Burn. Cacho, 39, played professionally in Argentina, winning Argentina's championship for Boca Juniors in 1981 alongside teammate and international superstar Diego Maradona. Cordoba came to the U.S. in 1985 to play professionally, and since then has gained extensive professional coaching experience.

The on-field leader of the team is Valderrama, two-time South American player of the year and the field general of the Colombian National Team through two World Cups.

Valderrama is joined in the Fusion midfield by Argentine First Division veteran Marcelo "Popeye" Herrera, who brings with him a wealth of top-level experience. The Fusion attack also features Colombian midfielder Diego Serna and Peruvian forward Jerry Tamashiro.

Other key players for the Fusion are hard-nosed defender Cle Kooiman, who played for the U.S. in the '94 World Cup, along with midfielders John Maessner and David Vaudreuil, winners of consecutive MLS championships with D.C. United.

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.
18	Scott Budnick	GK	6-2	195	10-28-71
1	Jeff Cassar	GK	6-2	190	2-2-74
16	Ramiro Corrales	D/M	6-0	160	3-12-77
2	Leo Cullen	D	5-10	184	2-26-76
20	Henry Gutierrez	M	5-7	150	8-28-68
8	Marcelo Herrera	M	5-10	167	10-5-66
14	Kris Kelderman	D/M	6-1	185	12-10-68
12	Matt Knosko	D/M	6-1	173	1-8-72
4	Cle Kooiman	D	6-1	190	7-4-63
21	Alen Kozic	M	6-0	170	9-27-76
11	John Maessner	M	5-10	162	6-2-69
24	Joey Martinez	D	6-1	150	12-28-75
25	Pablo Mastroeni	M	5-9	150	8-29-76
22	Matt Napoleon	GK	6-1	175	8-18-77
17	Diego Serna	M	5-10	175	10-2-73
19	Dan Stebbins	F	5-11	170	11-13-69
5	Jerry Tamashiro	F	5-7	158	3-18-71
15	Brian Taylor	F	6-0	170	7-23-75
10	Carlos Valderrama	M	5-9	157	9-2-61
6	Nelson Vargas	M	5-7	150	8-6-74
7	David Vaudreuil	D/M	5-7	158	12-21-66
3	Wade Webber	D	6-3	195	1-12-67

Carlos Valderrama



**SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, 5:30 PM**

## D.C. UNITED™

D.C. United showed no signs of loosening its grasp on the Alan I. Rothenberg Trophy as the 1998 season began. United opened the season undefeated, including comeback wins against the Kansas City Wizards and the New England Revolution.

The backbone of the United team is once again its U.S. national team performers - midfielder John Harkes and defenders Eddie Pope and Jeff Agoos. Coach Bruce Arena must deal with the absence of Pope and Agoos during the World Cup.

Front and center in the planning is the Bolivian duo of Marco Etcheverry and Jaime Moreno, who won't be gone for six weeks for Copa America as they were a season ago. In addition, Arena will be counting on Richie Williams and Carlos Llamosa, two of the steadiest players in the United squad.

Canadian international Geoff Auger has stepped up to take the right back spot, while Project-40 player Ben Olsen has shown from the very first game he can already play in MLS. Brian Kamler has been impressive off the bench, and A.J. Wood provides valuable depth in a front-running role.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.
12	Jeff Agoos	D	5-10	175	5-2-68
5	Geoff Auger	M	5-11	170	2-4-68
25	Danny Care	D	5-10	175	6-20-74
33	Judah Cooks	M	6-1	175	11-29-76
10	Marco Etcheverry	M	5-10	160	9-26-70
1	Scott Garlick	GK	6-2	185	5-29-72
11	Mario Gori	D	5-7	165	1-6-73
6	John Harkes	M	5-11	165	3-8-67
8	Brian Kamler	M	6-2	175	2-12-72
18	Carlos Llamosa	D	5-11	170	6-30-69
9	Jaime Moreno	F	5-10	163	1-19-74
14	Ben Olsen	F	5-8	140	6-3-77
24	Curt Onalfo	D	6-2	185	11-19-69
4	Clint Peay	D	6-0	175	9-16-73
23	Eddie Pope	D	6-0	175	12-24-73
22	Tom Preistus	GK	6-4	205	4-5-75
20	Tony Sanneh	M	6-2	190	6-1-71
2	Mark Simpson	GK	6-0	180	3-18-66
19	Mike Slivinski	M	5-7	165	10-31-74
3	Carey Talley	M	6-2	180	8-8-76
17	Roy Wegerle	F	5-11	170	3-19-64
16	Richie Williams	M	5-5	145	6-3-70
7	A.J. Wood	F	6-2	195	8-17-73
26	Lyle Yorks	M	6-0	165	1-30-70

Jaime Moreno



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD, 7:30 PM**



# Teams In Town

LOS ANGELES

## GALAXY

The Galaxy got off to a great start in 1998, winning its first six games.

With Robin Fraser completely rehabilitated from last season's knee injury, the Los Angeles back line is one of the most formidable in the league. In fact the defense is made up of players who have all been called to duty for the U.S. National Team - Dan Calichman, Robin Fraser, Greg Vanney and Paul Caligiuri.

New faces to keep your eye on are the Galaxy's draft picks, Clint Mathis and Daniel Hernandez. Mathis, from the University of South Carolina, had a good pre-season and has the flexibility to play up front or help out defensively.

As always, the team will hinge around playmaker Mauricio Cienfuegos. Cienfuegos and Guatemalan international Martin Machon make up the core of the midfield along with the always dangerous Cobi Jones.

The Galaxy should be a much more dynamic team with the addition of Ecuador's 1997 Player of the Year, Wellington Sanchez. Sanchez joined the team on April 2 in a trade with the MetroStars for Eduardo Hurtado. Up front, Welton continues to rank high among league scorers after getting off to a fast start in 1998.

Since MLS Cup '98 will be played at the Rose Bowl, the team's shared goal is to qualify for the championship. The attitude was reflected in training camp, where the atmosphere was quite different from the first two years.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.
8	Jose Botello	F	6-0	165	4-24-76
6	Dan Calichman	D	6-0	180	2-21-68
20	Paul Caligiuri	D	5-10	175	3-09-64
10	Mauricio Cienfuegos	M	5-5	140	2-12-68
16	Jon Franchino	D	5-7	140	8-09-76
4	Robin Fraser	D	6-1	175	12-17-66
22	Kevin Hartman	GK	6-1	174	5-25-74
17	Ezra Hendrickson	D	6-3	185	1-16-72
23	Daniel Hernandez	M	5-10	155	7-23-76
15	Steve Jolley	M	6-1	190	10-15-75
13	Cobi Jones	M	5-7	145	6-16-70
11	Harut Karapetyan	F	5-9	165	4-07-72
5	Martin Machon	M/D	5-10	160	2-04-73
14	Clint Mathis	M	5-10	165	11-25-76
2	Danny Peña	D	6-0	165	6-17-68
18	David Quesada	F	6-0	175	3-30-71
1	Matt Reis	GK	6-1	196	3-28-75
7	Wellington Sanchez	M	5-8	155	6-19-74
3	Greg Vanney	M	5-11	169	6-11-74
27	Jose Vasquez	D	6-0	175	3-20-69
19	Welton	M/F	6-0	160	4-17-75

### Mauricio Cienfuegos



SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH, 7:30 PM

## COLUMBUS CREW

A month into the new season, The Crew held first place in the MLS East.

Crew Head Coach Tom Fitzgerald leads an experienced group of returnees from last season's Eastern Conference runners-up. In addition to his returning players, Fitzgerald added U.S. National Team goalkeeper Juergen Sommer from Queens Park Rangers, an English club team.

"With Sommer, and Mark Dougherty, who we acquired from Tampa, joining David Winner, I think it gives The Crew three of the best goalkeepers in MLS," says Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald's plans of carrying three goalkeepers emphasizes the importance he places on defense. In 1997, The Crew allowed a league-low 41 goals and return defenders Thomas Dooley, Ansil Elcock, Mike Clark and Mike Lapper.

However, The Crew's hopes do not rely solely on the back-line. Brian McBride, one of the top forwards in MLS and a U.S. National Team player, anchors a Crew offense that includes veteran Marcelo Carrera and a number of newcomers, including Trinidad & Tobago National Team star Stern John and Jamaican National Teamer Andrew Williams. The Crew's No. 1 college draft pick Jeff Cunningham, out of the University of South Florida, will compete for playing time up front.

In the midfield, The Crew is led by U.S. National Teamer Brian Maisonneuve and Robert Warzycha. Other key Crew midfielders include Billy Thompson, Rob Smith, Brian West and Todd Yeagley.

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25	Ubusu Abukusumo	D	6-1	175	3-24-77
7	Scott Cannon	D	5-9	162	7-22-68
22	Marcelo Carrera	M	5-8	156	10-1-63
3	Mike Clark	D	6-0	170	12-16-72
11	Jeff Cunningham	F	5-8	155	8-21-76
5	Thomas Dooley	D	6-1	170	5-12-61
1	Mark Dougherty	GK	6-2	180	11-7-67
13	Ansil Elcock	D	5-11	160	3-17-69
12	Jason Farrell	M/F	5-10	170	12-31-70
15	Andrew Gregor	M	5-11	160	11-22-75
4	Ricardo Iribarren	D	6-0	175	2-11-67
14	Stern John	F	6-1	180	10-30-76
2	Mike Lapper	D	6-0	172	8-28-70
10	Brian Maisonneuve	M	5-11	170	6-28-73
20	Brian McBride	F	6-1	170	6-19-72
16	Rob Smith	M	5-10	150	8-20-73
1	Juergen Sommer	GK	6-5	215	2-27-69
24	Nick Theslaf	M	5-8	164	12-12-75
9	Billy Thompson	M	5-6	140	5-5-68
19	Robert Warzycha	M	5-8	160	8-20-63
17	Brian West	F	5-9	155	6-10-78
8	Andrew Williams	F/M	5-8	155	9-23-77
18	David Winner	GK	6-1	185	4-23-71
6	Todd Yeagley	D/M	6-0	170	9-20-72

### Brian McBride



FRIDAY, JULY 3RD, 7:30 PM

# FAVORITE WORLD CUP MEMORIES

Some Watched as Fans,  
Others Have Actually Played,  
But They All Have Memories

ALL PHOTOS BY JOHN TODD/MLS/ALLSPORT

## Ronald Cerritos

**W**hen I was about 16, I saw a tape of the final from 1950, Uruguay against Brazil. All the people were cheering for Brazil, but at the end Uruguay beat Brazil — and Brazil still remembers today that they lost.

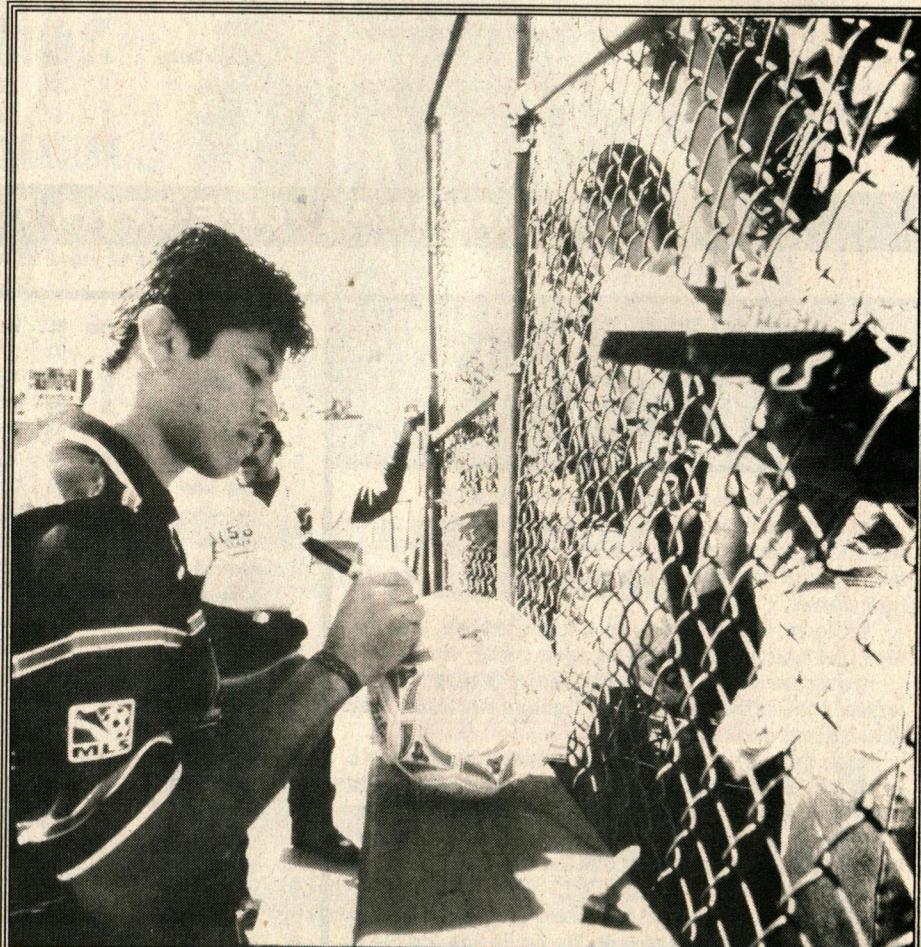
Another thing I really remember is Maradona's goal when Argentina played Greece in 1994 and he went screaming at the TV cameras. I was 19, watching the game with some friends and family at my house in San Salvador.

## Wade Barrett

**I** was training with the Under-20 national team in Southern California in 1990, and we went to the Rose Bowl for the U.S.-Colombia game. We were sitting right behind Colombia's goal, and of course what made it even better was that the U.S. won, 2-1. The atmosphere was great, and it just got better because it was such a great victory.

## Eric Wynalda

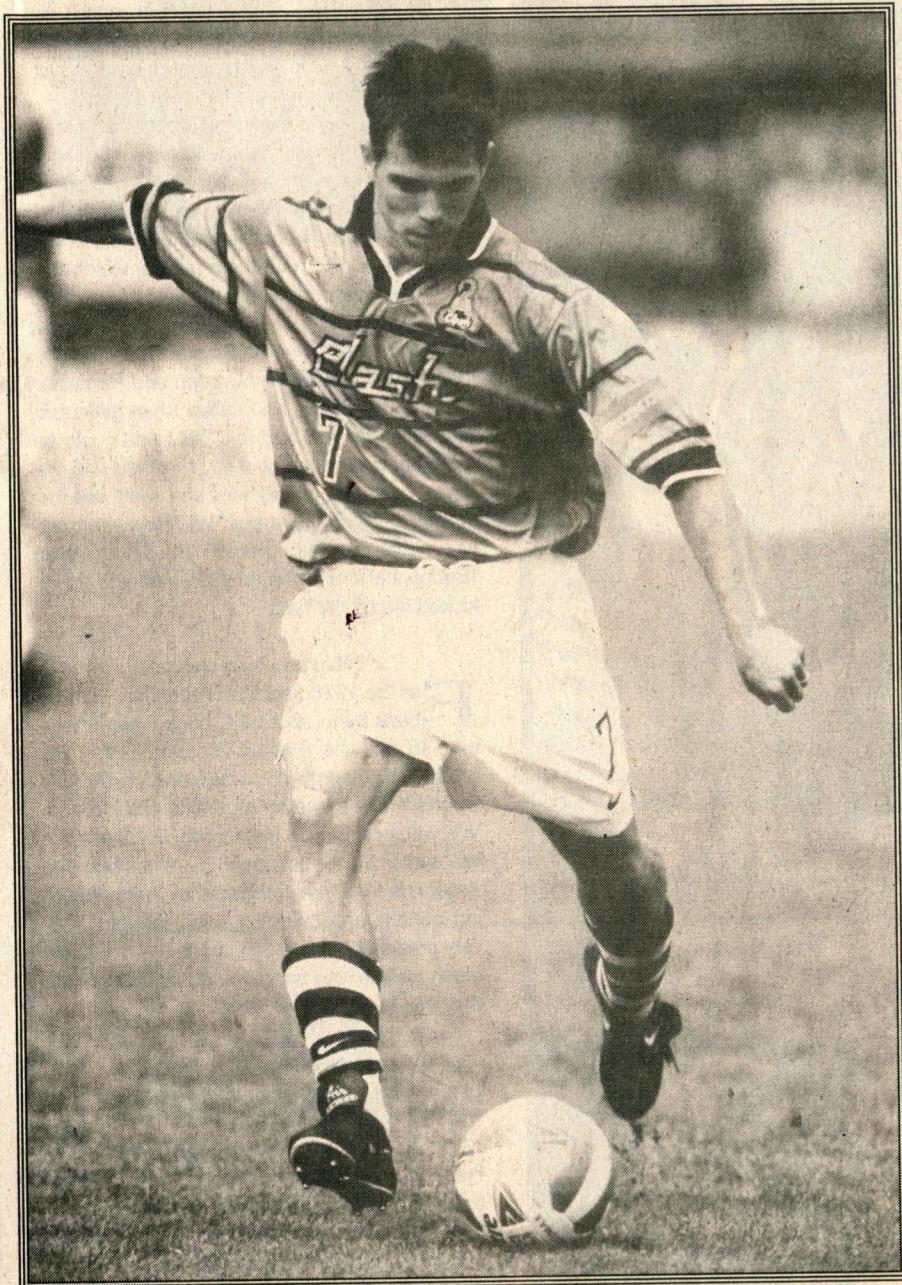
**E**ven though my first World Cup was in Italy in 1990, for me that first game in Detroit, for USA '94, was very special. It's not just because of the goal I scored, but it was the whole atmosphere — the people, the excitement — and being part of our first World Cup game in the U.S. It was a day I'll never forget.



Clash forward Ronald Cerritos was impressed with the play of Uruguay when he saw a tape of the 1950 final against Brazil

**“(The World Cup shows) how much people love soccer and how passionate they can be about the game.”**

**— Martin Vasquez**



**Clash midfielder Braeden Cloutier particularly enjoyed World Cup '86, especially the final between Argentina and West Germany**

**Braeden Cloutier**

**T**he one that really sticks out in my mind is the '86 final between Argentina and West Germany in Mexico; how Argentina went up 2-0 and West Germany came back with those two goals from (Karl-Heinz) Rummenigge and Rudi Voeller, and then how Diego (Maradona) threaded that nice ball through for the winning goal. That whole World Cup was great, with Diego's handball and Gary Lineker scoring all those goals for England. I was about 12 and I watched as much of it as I could on TV.

**John Doyle**

**T**he one I played in is the one I remember best, of course, in Italy in 1990. It was the first time the U.S. made it to the World Cup in 40 years, and we were all very, very proud to be part of that team. That was what helped start the turnaround for soccer in America, and I'll always be grateful that I was part of it.

**President Peter Bridgwater**

**A**s a young man in England, I was fortunate to be at Wembley for the '66 final between England and West Germany. That was exciting, obviously, because England won. But even more exciting, even for an Englishman, was being in Rome in 1990 for a game between Italy and Ireland. We were seated with the Irish fans, and the atmosphere was unbelievable.

My best memory, though, was U.S.-Brazil on July 4, 1994 at Stanford Stadium (Note: Bridgwater served as Executive Director of the San Francisco Venue for World Cup '94). The Brazilian fans unfurled this massive banner — "We Left Our Hearts in San Francisco" — and it was a very poignant moment.

# FAVORITE WORLD CUP MEMORIES

## Tim Martin

**A**s a fan, my favorite memory is Maradona dribbling through about six guys to score against England in '86. That whole World Cup is a great memory, just because of how amazing he was.

In 1994, I got a marketing job for the games at Stanford, checking to make sure sponsors were taken care of, stuff like that. Most of my work was done before the games, so I got to watch the games from the field. I could see the players up close, hear them talking, watch the whole thing right down on the field.

The most embarrassing thing for me was during the last game at Stanford, the penalty kick shootout between Sweden and Romania. I had a cell phone, so I called (then girlfriend, now wife) Darlene and told her I was going to try to get behind the goal so she could see me on TV. I was just asking her if she could see me yet when I heard this guy yell "Hey, what are you doing down here?" It was Peter (Bridgewater), and he probably should have kicked me off the field.

## Martin Vasquez

**F**or the 1978 final from Argentina — I must have been about 14, back when it was hard to find the final on American TV — my brother and I went with some friends to the L.A. Sports Arena to watch Argentina and Holland. We watched it on a big screen, but it felt like we were at the stadium. I remember the Argentina fans, how excited they were, throwing confetti and cheering. Even though I was very young, it made a big impression on me, how much people love soccer and how passionate they can be about the game.

## Assistant Coach Jorge Espinoza

**M**y favorite memory is from World Cup '62 in my country, Chile. I remember the goal that Elidio Rojas scored from half-field to give Chile the victory (over the Soviet Union, 2-1). With that victory Chile passed to the semifinal, much farther than anyone thought we would advance. Even though we lost that next game to Brazil, it was a great time for us.



Clash midfielder Martin Vasquez watched the 1978 World Cup final with a huge crowd of Argentina fans at the Los Angeles Sports Arena

# FAVORITE WORLD CUP MEMORIES

## Coach Brian Quinn

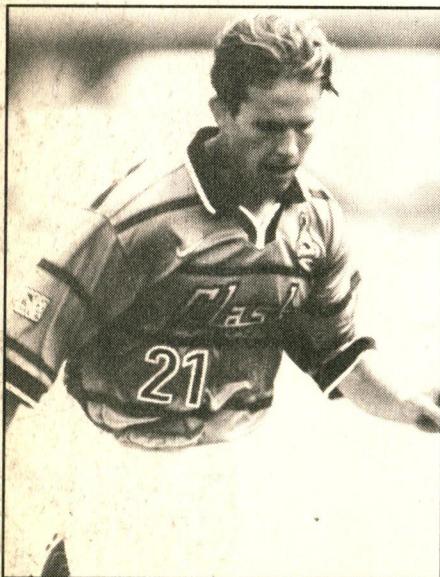
I remember watching Brazil and Italy on TV in the final in 1970. Brazil won 4-1 with maybe the best team ever: Pele, Gerson, Jairzinho, Carlos Alberto.

My other favorite memory is being in Detroit for our first game in 1994, seeing all of my teammates (Note: Quinn was one of the last players cut from the U.S. roster) playing against Switzerland, and seeing Eric (Wynalda) score on the great free kick.

**Clash** Coach Brian Quinn, one of the last players cut from the U.S. team in 1994, watched from the stands as the U.S. tied Switzerland at the Silverdome



## One-on-One Eddie Lewis



Eddie Lewis led the Clash in p/ assists in 1997, with 13, tying Eric Wynalda's single-season record set in 1996

**Favorite Soccer Team (Besides the Clash):** Real Madrid

**Favorite Soccer Players:**  
Claudio Caniggia (Argentina)

**Favorite Sports (Besides Soccer):**  
Tennis

**Favorite Non-Soccer Team:**  
Los Angeles Lakers

**Favorite Non-Soccer Player:**  
John McEnroe

**Favorite Food:** Cereal (Fruity Pebbles)

**Favorite TV Show:**  
Market Wrap (CNBC)

**Favorite Movie:** Scarface

**Favorite Actor:** Jack Nicholson

**Favorite Actress:** Jody Foster

**Favorite Musician or Group:**  
Bob Marley

**Best Book You've Ever Read:**  
The Firm

## THE LEWIS FILE

- Position: Midfielder
- Date of Birth: May 17, 1974
- Hometown: Cerritos
- Height: 5 feet, 10 inches
- Weight: 155 pounds
- College: UCLA

Interview by David Galvez

**Person You'd Most Like to Meet:**

President Clinton/Jesus Christ

**What You Do for Fun:**

Play other sports, especially tennis and basketball.

**Best Soccer Memory:** MLS Inaugural Game at Spartan Stadium, April 6, 1996.

**Most Embarrassing Soccer Memory:**

In college, I came to a game with my sweats once and forgot my jersey.

**Best Part of Your Game:** Crossing

**Part of Your Game That Needs Improvement:** Shooting with my right foot

# (LASH'S "YOUTH MOVEMENT" CONTINUES WITH RODRIGUEZ, SEBAPOLE

In 1997, the San Jose Clash was one of the oldest teams in Major League Soccer. In 1998, the Clash has become one of the youngest. With the April additions of Juan Pablo Rodriguez and Brian Sebapole, Coach Brian Quinn could count 12 players aged 23 or younger on his Clash roster.

Rodriguez, an 18-year-old midfielder, emerged as one of the most promising young players in the Mexican First Division during the 1997-98 season, playing a key role for perennial Guadalajara power Atlas. Sebapole, a 22-year-old forward/midfielder, was a member of South Africa's player pool under consideration for World Cup 1998.

"With Juan Pablo and Brian, we have two more exciting, aggressive, offensive-minded players who not only have the skills and ability to help us win today but also are young enough to help us keep winning in the future," Clash President Peter G. Bridgwater said.

Besides Rodriguez and Sebapole, the Clash "nursery" includes midfielder Esmundo Rodriguez, midfielder/defender Vicente Figueroa and goalkeeper Andy Kirk, all 20; defender Wade Barrett, 21; defenders Tim Weaver and Ben Parry, both 22, and forward Ronald Cerritos, midfielders Eddie Lewis, Victor Mella and Braeden Cloutier and defender Tim Weaver, all 23.

"Everyone who has followed the Clash knows how long and how hard we've been working to get a Mexican player. Once they've seen Juan Pablo, I think we'll all agree it's been worth the wait," Bridgwater said.

In his first full season with Atlas, Rodriguez, scored 11 goals in 39 games, including the Torneo de Invierno (winter league), Torneo de Verano (spring league) and international exhibitions.

"I've had my eye on Juan Pablo for a long time and I'm very excited about how much he can help us," Quinn said. "He's a very creative



Juan Pablo Rodriguez, left, and Brian Sebapole joined the Clash in April

player and someone who will have an impact at both ends of the field.

Born Aug. 7, 1979, Rodriguez becomes the youngest international player and youngest non-Project-40 player in MLS. The 5-foot-7, 133-pounder is a veteran of Mexico's Under-17 and Under-20 national teams, having scored 23 goals in 49 games.

Less than two weeks after acquiring Rodriguez, the Clash picked Sebapole.

"With Eric Wynalda injured, we felt the need to use our fifth international slot to bring in another goal scorer, and Brian fits that role," Quinn said. "He can also help us in the midfield because he's very quick, he gives accurate service and he's a hard worker."

Sebapole joins the Clash after three seasons with Jomo Cosmos of the South African Premier League, where he scored three goals in 20 games during the 1997-98 season. The 5-foot-8, 155-pounder has made two appearances for the South African national team and was under consideration to represent his country in World Cup '98 in France.

Nicknamed "Baby Jake" because of a punishing, attacking style that reminds South African sports fans of lightweight boxing champion Baby Jake Matlala, Sebapole also is referred to in the press as "Whiz Kid," for his intelligent style of play.

Born Oct. 9, 1975, Sebapole is one of seven children. He has an infant son, Katleho.



# 1998 Clash Schedule

MARCH

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Mar. 21	@Los Angeles Galaxy	3-4 L (SO 1-3)
Mar. 28	Colorado Rapids	2-3 L (SO 2-4)

APRIL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Apr. 5	Dallas Burn	2-3 L (SO 2-3)
Apr. 11	Chicago Fire	1-0 W
Apr. 18	@Dallas Burn	2-1 W
Apr. 25	@MetroStars	3-4 L
Apr. 29	@DC United	4:30 pm

MAY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV/RECORD
May 3	New England Revolution	5:00 pm	
May 9	@Colorado Rapids	6:00 pm	KICU-Ch.36
May 16	Miami Fusion	5:30 pm	
May 23	@Kansas City Wizards	5:30 pm	KICU-Ch.36
May 30	@Columbus Crew	4:30 pm	KICU-Ch.36

JUNE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
June 3	DC United	7:30 pm
June 6	@Colorado Rapids	6:00 pm
June 11	@Chicago Fire	5:00 pm
June 27	Los Angeles Galaxy	7:30 pm

JULY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV/RECORD
July 3	Columbus Crew	7:30 pm	
July 15	@Miami Fusion	4:30 pm	KICU-Ch.36*
July 18	Tampa Bay Mutiny	7:30 pm	
July 25	Kansas City Wizards	7:30 pm	
July 29	Chicago Fire	8:00 pm	

AUGUST

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 5	@New England Revolution	4:30 pm
Aug. 9	MetroStars	12:00 pm
Aug. 15	@Chicago Fire	5:00 pm
Aug. 22	Dallas Burn	7:30 pm
Aug. 29	Colorado Rapids	7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 3	@Tampa Bay Mutiny	5:00 pm
Sept. 6	@Kansas City Wizards	12:00 pm
Sept. 13	@Dallas Burn	12:00 pm
Sept. 16	Los Angeles Galaxy	7:30 pm
Sept. 20	@Los Angeles Galaxy	12:00 pm
Sept. 27	Kansas City Wizards	2:00 pm

\* Delayed telecast starting at 7:30 pm

**Dine Your Way to L.A. at Tony & Alba's, II Fornaio**

The San Jose Clash has to win the Western Conference championship to reach MLS Cup '98. For two lucky Clash fans, there's an easier way.

Clash fans can win a free trip to MLS Cup '98 at the Rose Bowl, just by enjoying the food at Tony & Alba's Pizza & Pasta or II Fornaio Restaurant.

Through Sept. 20, guests who use MasterCard when dining at Tony & Alba's or II Fornaio will be entered in the MasterCard Dining to the Cup Sweepstakes. Contestants will be drawn from the entries at each restaurant to participate in a halftime contest during the Clash's final regular-season home game, Sunday, Sept. 27, against Kansas City, and the winner will receive two round-trip tickets to Los Angeles, hotel accommodations and two tickets to MLS Cup '98.

## Nike Famous Faces & Places

Another way to win a free trip to MLS Cup '98 is through the Nike Famous Faces & Places contest. Here's how to play:

- Take a picture of yourself wearing Clash Nike gear in an interesting place, or take a picture of a famous person wearing the gear.

- Bring your pictures to the Nike booth at a Clash game or to Soccer Celebration. Deadline is Aug. 15.

The winner, to be selected by a committee including Clash players and Nike staff, will receive a trip to Los Angeles for MLS Cup '98.



# Fanfare

## Club Clash, Little Stingers Bring Fans Even Closer to Team

Maybe you can't bend a free kick around a wall of defenders or turn a crossing pass into a goal with a fancy bicycle kick. But you still can be part of the Clash by joining "Club Clash" or "Little Stingers."

"Club Clash," the official San Jose Clash Supporters Club, is a group of dedicated fans who have joined together to provide support for the team. "Club Clash" gives members a chance to get to know the players, coaches and staff on a personal level.

"Club Clash" benefits include:

- An official club polo shirt, featuring the "Club Clash" logo.
- Subscription to the "Club Clash" newsletter.
- Membership ID card.
- Special invitations to pre- and post-game parties.
- A chance to participate in semi-annual club meetings.
- Special discounts on Clash merchandise.

For Clash fans 14 and under, the team-sponsors the "Little Stingers" club, giving younger fans a chance to be part of the Clash.

"Little Stingers" benefits include:



- An exclusive clinic with Clash players and coaches
- One free ticket to the Clash game of your choice
- An official "Little Stingers" t-shirt
- A welcome letter written by Clash Coach Brian Quinn
- Subscription to the "Little Stingers"

newsletter, with all the inside information about your Clash

- A Clash decal and team picture
- Much, much more

Further information about Club Clash is available by calling 408-448-8412. For information about Little Stingers, call the Clash ticket office, 408-985-GOAL.

## Happy Birthday, Dear Clash Fan, Happy Birthday to You

Looking for a special gift for a Clash fan about to celebrate a birthday?

How about a Clash Birthday Bash?

Fans of all ages are invited to celebrate birthdays at Clash games as part of a special ticket package. The Clash Birthday Bash includes 10 reserved-seat tickets to the game of your choice, a Clash soccer ball autographed by the fan's favorite player

and a special birthday wish from the Clash on the Spartan Stadium message board.

The birthday fan also gets his or her name announced at halftime and receives a certificate commemorating the special day, and everyone in the Birthday Bash gets a Clash pennant.

Prices start at \$109 for youths (14 and younger) and seniors (60 and older) and

\$139 for adults.

If you want an even more special birthday bash, you can get the Clash Deluxe Birthday Bash, which includes all of the above plus a full sit-down party with Tony & Alba's pizza and Pepsi.

Prices start at \$139 for youths and seniors and \$189 for adults.

Further information: 408-985-GOAL.



## Letters to the President

# Clash Fans Wonder About Shootout, New Training Site



Clash  
President  
Peter G.  
Bridgwater

Dear Mr. Bridgwater:

It's bad enough that the Clash lost its first three games in shootouts, but losing Eric Wynalda in a shootout should be the last straw!

Why does MLS insist on deciding games with a phony shootout when the rest of the world accepts the fact that a tie is a legitimate result? Why do we subject players like Eric to the possibility of injury in a meaningless shootout?

- **Dirk Andersson** San Jose

Dear Mr. Andersson:

Personally, I must admit that I don't particularly like the shootout, either. But MLS determined before our first season that we needed some way to decide games that end in ties. I think we all would prefer playing overtime, but television restraints prevent us from considering that option. The shootout is the next best thing, and it will be around for at least the rest of this season.

As far as Eric's injury is concerned, let me just say how relieved we were that it wasn't more serious and that it didn't keep him from being part of the U.S. team for the World Cup.

And, as far as those first three losses are concerned, believe me, Coach Quinn and I agree that the best way to avoid frustration like that is simply to win games in regulation.



Eric Wynalda's injury, suffered during a shootout against Dallas, reignited debate about the MLS procedure for breaking ties

Dear Mr. Bridgwater:

If the Clash is a San Jose team, why move your training site to Morgan Hill? I attended several practices at San Jose State, and even went to West Valley once. But Morgan Hill is too far.

- **Jerry Van Gelkirk** Cupertino

Dear Mr. Van Gelkirk:

Moving training to the Morgan Hill Soccer Complex is something we'd been considering for a long time, simply because it probably is the best soccer facility in the area.

While San Jose State and West Valley both were very accommodating, neither facil-

ity completely met our needs. At San Jose State, the fields were shared with physical education classes and local recreation leagues. And when we moved to West Valley, our players still had to use the locker and shower facilities at Spartan Stadium, which was a daily inconvenience.

Morgan Hill affords us near-exclusive use of two fields, and the team will use locker and workout facilities at a nearby 24-hour fitness center.

In actuality, the commute to Morgan Hill isn't much farther than the drive to West Valley, so our organization is extremely happy with the new arrangement.

# Building for the Future

USISL is the Official Developmental League of Major League Soccer

Major League Soccer continues its partnership with the United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues (USISL) for the 1998 season. The relationship between the two leagues covers many aspects, including help in marketing, sponsorships and compensation for players joining an MLS team.

The 12-team MLS will once again function as America's only First Division professional league. The A-League serves as the country's second division while USISL D3 League is the third tier of professional soccer in the United States.

Unlike most professional leagues abroad, there is no promotion or relegation between the First Division and the Second Division (MLS and A-League). However, each MLS team is affiliated with a minimum of two A-League teams as well as three to tour D3 Pro League teams.

Within the affiliated USISL clubs and their "parent" MLS teams, there is a system of player movement whereby MLS teams can "call-up" USISL players, and conversely, send players down to the USISL clubs for professional seasoning, rehabilitating of injuries or to further the relationship between MLS and the USISL.

During the 1997 MLS season, 27 USISL players were called up to MLS teams while 50 MLS players were loaned out to USISL clubs. In 1996, 31 USISL players were called up to MLS rosters and 23 MLS players were loaned back to USISL clubs. A total of 84 USISL alumni were selected by 10 MLS clubs in the league's inaugural player draft, and one player was allocated.

As part of the MLS-USISL agreement, each MLS team will once again play one exhibition game at a USISL stadium during the 1998 season, giving the smaller markets a chance to see the MLS stars, showcase the USISL players against the best MLS has to offer, as well as furthering the relationship between the two leagues.

**Colorado's Chris Martinez, a USISL call-up in 1997, played the entire 90 minutes in the Rapids' 2-1 loss to D.C. United at MLS Cup '97**

## Major League Soccer Teams and their affiliated A-League and USISL D3 Teams

### MLS Eastern Conference

Columbus Crew

D.C. United

MetroStars

Miami Fusion

New England Revolution

Tampa Bay Mutiny

### MLS Western Conference

Chicago Fire

Colorado Rapids

Dallas Burn

Kansas City Wizards

Los Angeles Galaxy

San Jose Clash

### A-League (Division II)

Cincinnati Riverhawks  
Rochester Raging Rhinos

Hampton Roads Mariners  
Richmond Kickers

Long Island Rough Riders  
Staten Island Vipers

Jacksonville Cyclones  
Raleigh Flyers

Connecticut Wolves  
Worcester Wildfire

Charleston Battery  
Nashville Metros

### A-League (Division II)

Milwaukee Rampage  
Minnesota Thunder

El Paso Patriots  
Seattle Sounders

Atlanta Ruckus  
New Orleans Storm

Albuquerque Geckos  
Hershey Wildcats

Orange County Zodiac  
San Diego Flash

California Jaguars  
San Francisco Bay Seals

### USISL D3 (Division III)

Cleveland Caps  
Delaware Wizards  
Reading Rage

Charlotte Eagles  
Northern Virginia Royals  
Ocean City Sharks  
Roanoke Wrath  
Wilmington Hammerheads

New Jersey Stallions  
New York Capital District Alleycats  
South Jersey Barons  
Central Jersey Riptide

Miami Breakers  
Orlando Nighthawks

Cape Cod Crusaders  
New Hampshire Phantoms  
Rhode Island Stingrays  
Vermont Voltage  
Western Mass Pioneers

Pensacola Barracudas  
Southwest Florida Manatees  
Tallahassee Tempest

### USISL D3 (Division III)

Chicago Stingers  
Indiana Blast  
Rockford Raptors

Arizona Sahuars  
Tulsa Roughnecks

Austin Lone Stars  
Texas Toros  
Houston Hurricanes  
San Antonio Pumas

Myrtle Beach SeaDawgs  
South Carolina Shamrocks  
Shreveport-Bossier Lions

Los Angeles Fireballs  
Valley Golden Eagles

Chico Rooks  
Reno Rattlers

# MLS FANS TO SELECT ★★ 1998 ALL-STARS ★★

**G**enerally recognized as one of the league's top goalkeepers, Tony Meola has started two consecutive Major League Soccer All-Star Games. Will he start his third All-Star Game this summer? Soccer fans will make that decision along with selecting the entire starting lineup when the MLS USA All-Stars battle the MLS World All-Stars at the 1998 MLS All-Star Game on Sunday, August 2 at 3:30 p.m. ET at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando.

MLS All-Star games have a history filled with spectacular plays, lots of goals and heavy drama. The 1998 All-Star Game promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Commemorating World Cup '98 in France this summer, MLS is making history by changing the All-Star game format to feature world class international players on MLS rosters battling the best of the MLS players from the United States. In addition, the game will be followed by an international contest featuring two high-caliber teams.

Will it be Carlos Valderrama or Marco

Etcheverry running the show in the MLS World All-Stars midfield? How about a combination of Eric Wynalda and Roy Lassiter at forward for the MLS USA All-Stars? Or maybe Joe-Max Moore and Brian McBride up top?

MLS and Kmart have combined to bring the voting to the fans this season. From May 3 to June 28, fans can vote for the starting

lineups for the MLS USA All-Stars and the MLS World All-Stars by picking up All-Star ballots at Kmarts throughout the United States. More than 2,100 Kmarts will be distributing 13 million All-Star ballots to the fans. In addition, fans will be able to vote at MLS stadiums.

Along with selecting the All-Star starters, soccer fans will automatically be entered into

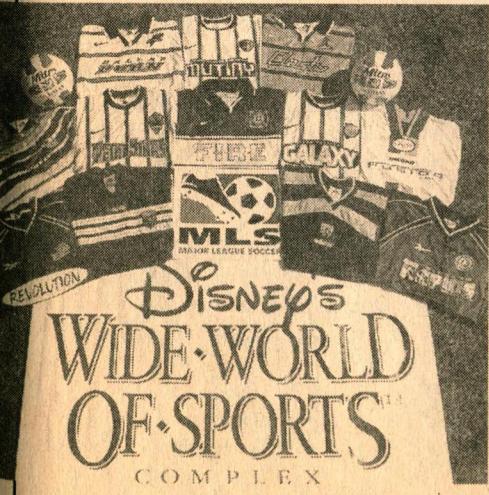
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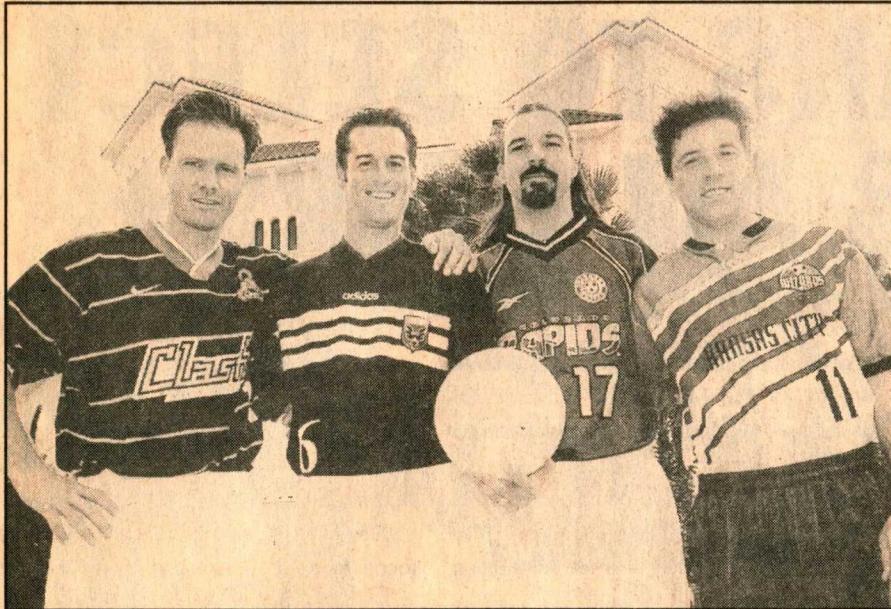
The MLS All-Star Extravaganza is a once in a lifetime event. You can be a part of all the action by planning a getaway to Florida. Disney is offering 1998 MLS All-Star Weekend Packages which include:

- Hotel Accommodations
- 2 Day Value Pass which includes admission into two of the following theme parks: Magic Kingdom® Park, EPCOT® and the Disney-MGM Studios
- 3 Days admission to Disney's Wide World of Sports™ complex which hosts a variety of All-Star Weekend events
- Ticket to the MLS All-Star Game

For reservations and information call: (407) 939-7810 or call an MLS Partner Travel Agency:

Chicago Fire	Diplomat Travel	(773) 774-2727
Colorado Rapids	I Travel	(303) 830-8700
Columbus Crew	AAA Ohio Auto Club	(888) AAA-1197
Dallas Burn	Anthony Travel	(214) 520-8011
D.C. United	Alexis Travel	(800) 200-8997
Kansas City Wizards	I Travel	(800) 250-4962
Los Angeles Galaxy	Altours	(800) 732-8171
MetroStars	Travel Strategies	(800) 552-2386
Miami Fusion	Call your nearest AAA Auto Club South Travel Agency	
New England Revolution	Sports Travel	(800) 662-4424
San Jose Clash	AAA Travel	(415) 565-2439
Tampa Bay Mutiny	Call your nearest AAA Auto Club South Travel Agency	





**U.S. National Team players**  
**Eric Wynalda (San Jose Clash),**  
**John Harkes (D.C. United), Marcelo**  
**Balboa (Colorado Rapids) and Preki**  
**(Kansas City Wizards) hope to shine**  
**at the 1998 MLS All-Star Game**

a sweepstakes when they submit their ballot. Two lucky fans will win the grand prize where one person will serve as the honorary captain of the MLS USA All-Stars and one will captain the MLS World All-Stars.

In addition, the first place winner will have

the opportunity to become a Snickers Ball Kid at the MLS All-Star Game. Also, grand prize and first place winners and their family will receive a trip to the MLS All-Star Soccer Fantasy Weekend. MLS and Kmart will award 10,000 additional prizes.

"Major League Soccer has chosen Orlando to host the 1998 All-Star Game for its proven record in hosting two of the biggest soccer events the world has to offer," said MLS Commissioner Douglas G. Logan, referring to World Cup USA 1994 and the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. "The inclusion of the new format along with fan balloting this year will make this year's All-Star Game more thrilling than ever before."

Orlando, one of nine venues for World Cup USA 1994, made its name as a soccer-crazed city during the most successful World Cup ever staged as the Citrus Bowl averaged 61,266 for their five first- and second-round World Cup contests, a near-sellout fig-



## ALL-STAR EVENTS



### MLS ROCK'N SOCCER GAME

Celebrities and MLS All-Stars play in a fun-filled exhibition soccer game.

### MLS/PRO PLAYER DRIBBLE, PASS & SHOOT YOUTH SKILLS COMPETITION

This national grass roots youth program features three competitive skills contests for ages 6-14.

### KELLOGG'S BOWL YOUTH TOURNAMENT

This youth tournament will be the culmination of an Under-14 national tournament which brings 24 youth teams to MLS All-Star Weekend.

### MLS TEAM YOUTH SOCCER CLINICS

MLS players and sports celebrities will conduct simultaneous clinics for small groups of boys and girls. Each clinic will run two hours and focus on a specific skill. MLS Kicks in for Kids will provide for groups of disadvantaged youths to attend the clinics.

### MLS ALL-STAR PRO SKILLS CHALLENGE

This medley of skills competitions showcases the talent and creativity of the MLS All-Stars.

### MLS SOCCER CELEBRATION

This interactive soccer theme area features the All Sport Fun Zone (face painting and temporary tattoos), Mitre Power Shot, AT&T Long Distance Kick, Honda Obstacle Course, Pepsi Goalkeeper's Challenge, Snickers Kick on Goal and more. MLS players will sign autographs at posted times in the autograph tents.

### MLS ALL-STARS ON PARADE

The MLS All-Stars will join the nightly Disney-MGM Theme Park Parade in a specially designed feature. At the conclusion of the parade, MLS All-Stars will sign autographs at previously announced locations in the park.

### MLS 3 V 3 TOURNAMENT

An open invitation small-sided soccer tournament for all ages hosted at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex and Austin Tindall Soccer Park.



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**MLS COMMISSIONER  
DOUGLAS G. LOGAN**

ure due to media and entertainment build-outs. The Citrus Bowl, which will seat nearly 65,000 for the MLS All-Star Game, also hosted capacity crowds during the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

Major League Soccer's broadcasting partners ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNEWS will broadcast a total of 12 hours of live programming from Orlando, including several elements of the weekend extravaganza at Disney's Wide World of Sports.

From July 30 to August 1, 1998, Disney's Wide World of Sports complex will host three days of MLS events, including the Pro Player Dribble, Pass & Shoot national youth skills competition, the Kellogg's All-Star Bowl (featuring youth soccer teams from across the country), the MLS 3 v 3 tournament, a Rock 'n Soccer celebrity match and an All-Star Pro Skills competition.

"Hosting this event is a tremendous opportunity for Disney's Wide World of



**MetroStars midfielder Mike Sorber at the Disney Complex with the U.S. National Team**

Sports," said Mike Millay, Director of Sports Events for Disney Sports Attractions. "With the enormous popularity and growth of Major League Soccer, this All-Star week promises to be one of the most anticipated sporting events of the year."

The state-of-the-art complex, located within Walt Disney World Resort, the world's most popular vacation destination in central Florida, opened in late March, 1997, as baseball's Atlanta Braves officially dedicated the complex as their new spring training home.

Featuring four international-size soccer fields, each of which can accommodate up to 10,000 fans, as well as the finest baseball,

softball, basketball, track and field, and tennis venues, and the first permanent version of the NFL Experience, the complex and its perfectly manicured playing surfaces seamlessly meld with technological amenities, providing players and fans alike with an unbelievable sports experience.

"We are ecstatic to enter into this partnership with Disney and their Wide World of Sports Complex," said Logan. "The foresight with which this awesome facility was built embodies the very innovative and exciting vision under which Major League Soccer was born, and a similar eye towards the future that MLS prides itself on."



## Fun & Games

### MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER WORD SEARCH

Do you have what it takes to suit up with Major League Soccer? Be part of the 1998 season and try the MLS Word Search challenge. Find the MLS-related soccer terms, player names and teams listed below. This challenge isn't easy. Freekick has compiled a list of terms from all 12 Eastern and Western Conferences teams. Words can be easy to find or be spelled backwards in diagonal fashion. Some words even run from the bottom to the top. Take your best shot with MLS.

STEPHEN DUNN/ALLSPORT



Los Angeles' Cobi Jones was the MLS Player of the Month for March, 1998

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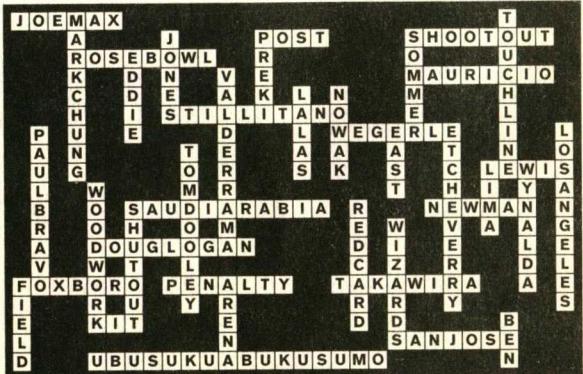
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JONES	REVOLUTION
KREIS	RUEDA
LALAS	SANNEH
MCBRIDE	SHOOTOUT
MEOLA	TRAP
MIAMI FUSION	UMBRO
MLS	VERMES

United's Jeff Agoos (in white) battles Miami's Diego Serna at the 1998 MLS opening game



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# 1998 MLS Schedule

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UNIVISION

SUNDAY, March 15	DC United	2-0	Miami	20,450
SATURDAY, March 21	Columbus	2-1	Tampa Bay	16,122
	Chicago	2-0	Miami	14,653
	Kansas City	2-3	DC United	18,108
	Colorado	1-2	Dallas	(SO 1-2) 11,103
	San Jose	3-4	Los Angeles	(SO 1-3) 36,281
THURSDAY, March 26	Miami	1-0	Tampa Bay	(SO 4-2) 6,036
SATURDAY, March 28	MetroStars	2-3	Los Angeles	11,921
	Colorado	3-2	San Jose	(SO 4-2) 15,028
SUNDAY, March 29	Columbus	1-2	Dallas	10,261
	New England	1-2	DC United	(SO 2-3) 22,263
SATURDAY, April 4	New England	1-2	Miami	11,132
	DC United	1-2	Columbus	14,148
	Tampa Bay	0-2	Chicago	36,444
	MetroStars	0-2	Kansas City	10,299
	Los Angeles	1-0	Colorado	19,252
SUNDAY, April 5	Dallas	3-2	San Jose	(SO 3-2) 10,069
WEDNESDAY, April 8	Chicago	0-1	Kansas City	4,130
SATURDAY, April 11	Los Angeles	at	MetroStars	3:00 pm
	Dallas	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm
	Colorado	at	DC United	7:30 pm
	Kansas City	at	Miami	7:30 pm
	New England	at	Columbus	7:30 pm
	Chicago	at	San Jose	5:00 pm
FRIDAY, April 17	MetroStars	at	Chicago	8:30 pm
SATURDAY, April 18	DC United	at	New England	3:00 pm
	Miami	at	Columbus	7:30 pm
	Los Angeles	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm
	San Jose	at	Dallas	8:30 pm
SUNDAY, April 19	Tampa Bay	at	Colorado	3:00 pm
SATURDAY, April 25	San Jose	at	MetroStars	2:00 pm
	Miami	at	New England	7:30 pm
	Kansas City	at	Dallas	8:30 pm
	Chicago	at	Colorado	9:00 pm
	Tampa Bay	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm
SUNDAY, April 26	Columbus	at	DC United	3:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, April 29	San Jose	at	DC United	7:30 pm
	Los Angeles	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm
THURSDAY, April 30	Columbus	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm
SATURDAY, May 2	Colorado	at	Miami	7:30 pm
	DC United	at	Chicago	8:00 pm
SUNDAY, May 3	MetroStars	at	Tampa Bay	3:00 pm
	New England	at	San Jose	8:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, May 6	Dallas	at	MetroStars	7:30 pm
	Colorado	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm
SATURDAY, May 9	Columbus	at	Miami	4:00 pm
	MetroStars	at	DC United	7:30 pm
	San Jose	at	Colorado	9:00 pm
SUNDAY, May 10	Tampa Bay	at	New England	3:00 pm

# March

# April

# May

WEDNESDAY, May 13	New England	at	DC United	7:30 pm
	Kansas City	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm
SATURDAY, May 16	DC United	at	MetroStars	1:00 pm
	Chicago	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm
	Kansas City	at	New England	7:30 pm
	Colorado	at	Dallas	8:30 pm
	San Jose	at	San Jose	10:30 pm
SUNDAY, May 17	Los Angeles	at	Columbus	3:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, May 20	Kansas City	at	Dallas	8:30 pm
	Los Angeles	at	Chicago	8:30 pm
FRIDAY, May 22	Columbus	at	New England	7:30 pm
SATURDAY, May 23	Miami	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm
	Tampa Bay	at	DC United	7:30 pm
	Colorado	at	Chicago	8:00 pm
	San Jose	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm
	Dallas	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm
WEDNESDAY, May 27	Columbus	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm
THURSDAY, May 28	Miami	at	Colorado	9:30 pm
SATURDAY, May 30	DC United	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm
	San Jose	at	Columbus	7:30 pm
	Chicago	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm
SUNDAY, May 31	Miami	at	Dallas	3:00 pm
	MetroStars	at	New England	3:00 pm
	Kansas City	at	Colorado	5:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, June 3	Tampa Bay	at	MetroStars	7:30 pm
	DC United	at	San Jose	10:30 pm
THURSDAY, June 4	Los Angeles	at	Dallas	8:00 pm
SATURDAY, June 6	Columbus	at	Chicago	8:00 pm
	Tampa Bay	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm
	San Jose	at	Colorado	9:00 pm
SUNDAY, June 7	New England	at	Los Angeles	3:00 pm
	Dallas	at	DC United	3:00 pm
	MetroStars	at	Miami	3:30 pm
THURSDAY, June 11	San Jose	at	Chicago	8:00 pm
SATURDAY, June 13	Miami	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm
	DC United	at	Columbus	7:30 pm
SUNDAY, June 14	Chicago	at	New England	3:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, June 17	Dallas	at	Chicago	8:30 pm
THURSDAY, June 18	Colorado	at	Los Angeles	10:00 pm
SATURDAY, June 20	MetroStars	at	Columbus	7:30 pm
SUNDAY, June 21	Tampa Bay	at	Dallas	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, June 24	New England	at	MetroStars	7:30 pm
	Kansas City	at	Chicago	8:30 pm
THURSDAY, June 25	DC United	at	Colorado	9:00 pm

# June

SATURDAY, June 27	Dallas	at	New England	7:00 pm	
	Tampa Bay	at	Miami	7:30 pm	
	Los Angeles	at	San Jose	10:30 pm	
WEDNESDAY, July 1	Dallas	at	Chicago	8:30 pm	
	New England	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	
THURSDAY, July 2	Miami	at	DC United	7:30 pm	ESPN2
FRIDAY, July 3	Columbus	at	San Jose	10:30 pm	
SATURDAY, July 4	New England	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
Chicago	at	Dallas	8:30 pm		
MetroStars	at	Colorado	9:00 pm		
Kansas City	at	Los Angeles	10:00 pm		
SATURDAY, July 11	Tampa Bay	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm	
Los Angeles	at	DC United	7:30 pm		
Dallas	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm		
New England	at	Colorado	9:00 pm		
WEDNESDAY, July 15	DC United	at	New England	7:30 pm	
Los Angeles	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm		
San Jose	at	Miami	7:30 pm		
THURSDAY, July 16	Columbus	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	ESPN2
SATURDAY, July 18	Chicago	at	DC United	3:00 pm	ABC
New England	at	Dallas	8:30 pm		
Miami	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm		
Tampa Bay	at	San Jose	10:30 pm		
SUNDAY, July 19	Columbus	at	MetroStars	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
Colorado	at	Kansas City	3:00 pm		
SATURDAY, July 25	Chicago	at	MetroStars	3:00 pm	ESPN
Colorado	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm		
Dallas	at	Columbus	7:30 pm		
DC United	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm		
Kansas City	at	San Jose	10:30 pm		
SUNDAY, July 26	Miami	at	New England	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
WEDNESDAY, July 29	Kansas City	at	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
Colorado	at	New England	7:30 pm		
Columbus	at	Miami	7:30 pm		
Los Angeles	at	Dallas	8:30 pm		
Chicago	at	San Jose	11:00 pm		
WEDNESDAY, August 5	San Jose	at	New England	7:30 pm	
THURSDAY, August 6	Miami	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	ESPN2
FRIDAY, August 7	DC United	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	ESPN
SATURDAY, August 8	Los Angeles	at	Chicago	4:00 pm	ABC
New England	at	Columbus	7:00 pm		
Colorado	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm		
SUNDAY, August 9	MetroStars	at	San Jose	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
WEDNESDAY, August 12	Columbus	at	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
THURSDAY, August 13	Kansas City	at	Los Angeles	10:00 pm	ESPN2
FRIDAY, August 14	New England	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	ESPN
SATURDAY, August 15	MetroStars	at	Miami	4:00 pm	ABC
San Jose	at	Chicago	8:00 pm		
Dallas	at	Colorado	9:00 pm		
SUNDAY, August 16	Kansas City	at	Columbus	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
WEDNESDAY, August 19	Dallas	at	Miami	7:30 pm	
FRIDAY, August 21	Chicago	at	Colorado	9:30 pm	ESPN

# July

SATURDAY, August 22	Los Angeles	at	New England	4:00 pm	ABC	
	MetroStars	at	DC United	7:30 pm		
	Tampa Bay	at	Columbus	7:30 pm		
	Dallas	at	San Jose	10:30 pm	ESPN2	
SUNDAY, August 23	Miami	at	Kansas City	3:00 pm	UNIVISION	
WEDNESDAY, August 26	Chicago	at	Columbus	7:30 pm		
SATURDAY, August 29	DC United	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm		
Chicago	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm			
MetroStars	at	Dallas	8:30 pm			
Columbus	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm			
	Colorado	at	San Jose	10:30 pm		
SUNDAY, August 30	New England	at	Miami	3:00 pm	UNIVISION	

# August

WEDNESDAY, September 2	New England	at	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
	Miami	at	Chicago	8:30 pm	
	Kansas City	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	
	Dallas	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	
THURSDAY, September 3	San Jose	at	Tampa Bay	8:00 pm	ESPN2
SATURDAY, September 5	Los Angeles	at	Miami	7:30 pm	
SUNDAY, September 6	MetroStars	at	Columbus	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
	San Jose	at	Kansas City	3:00 pm	
	Tampa Bay	at	DC United	5:00 pm	
	Colorado	at	Chicago	5:00 pm	
WEDNESDAY, September 9	Colorado	at	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
	Miami	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	
THURSDAY, September 10	DC United	at	Kansas City	8:00 pm	ESPN2
	Chicago	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
SATURDAY, September 12	Columbus	at	New England	7:30 pm	
	Los Angeles	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	
SUNDAY, September 13	DC United	at	Miami	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
	San Jose	at	Dallas	3:00 pm	
	MetroStars	at	Tampa Bay	5:00 pm	
WEDNESDAY, September 16	DC United	at	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
	Colorado	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	
	Los Angeles	at	San Jose	10:30 pm	
THURSDAY, September 17	Kansas City	at	Chicago	8:30 pm	ESPN2
SATURDAY, September 19	Tampa Bay	at	New England	7:30 pm	
	Miami	at	DC United	7:30 pm	
SUNDAY, September 20	San Jose	at	Los Angeles	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
	Dallas	at	Kansas City	3:00 pm	
WEDNESDAY, September 23	New England	at	Chicago	8:30 pm	
THURSDAY, September 24	Tampa Bay	at	Columbus	8:00 pm	ESPN2
SATURDAY, September 26	MetroStars	at	New England	7:30 pm	
	Dallas	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	
SUNDAY, September 27	Tampa Bay	at	Miami	3:00 pm	UNIVISION
	Columbus	at	DC United	5:00 pm	
	Kansas City	at	San Jose	5:00 pm	
	Chicago	at	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	ESPN2

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# World Cup Watch

## U.S. World Cup Team Making Final Preparations for France

**B**eginning in mid-May, the United States World Cup team will convene at the ARCO Olympic Training Center in suburban San Diego to begin final preparations for the squad's journey to World Cup France 1998.

With the majority of the club's roster coming from members of Major League Soccer teams, U.S. Head Coach Steve Sampson and his staff have attended many MLS matches this season to help gauge the ability of the many players who will make up the 22-man roster that will travel to France for the world's largest sporting event.

Soccer fans are expected to come out in record numbers for the U.S. World Cup team's sendoff match against Scotland at

RFK Stadium on May 30. In addition to the men's game, the U.S. Women's National Team will take on New Zealand in the first half of the soccer doubleheader.

Here's a look at the inside scoop on the U.S. World Cup team as the club gears up for its trip to World Cup France '98.

### THREE WORLD CUPS

Very few players have the chance to play in a World Cup match; however, the following five U.S. players have a shot at playing in their third World Cup (1990, '94, '98): Marcelo Balboa (Colorado Rapids), Paul Caligiuri (Los Angeles Galaxy), John Harkes (D.C. United), Tab Ramos (MetroStars) and Eric Wynalda (San Jose Clash).



### GERMANY CONNECTION

The United States will take on Germany in its first World Cup match on June 15. The U.S. squad is fortunate that many members of the team that plays Germany will be familiar with the three-time champions.

Eleven players who participated in World Cup qualifying for the U.S. are either playing or have played professionally in Germany: Jeff Agoos, Paul Caligiuri, Chad Deering, Thomas Dooley, Jovan Kirovski, Michael Mason, Brian McBride, Joe-Max Moore, Claudio Reyna, David Wagner and Eric Wynalda.

Dooley, Mason and Wagner grew up in Germany while Kirovski, who plays for Borussia Dortmund, is teammates with six German nationals, including Matthias Sammer, the 1996 European Footballer of the Year.

### YUGOSLAVIA CONNECTION

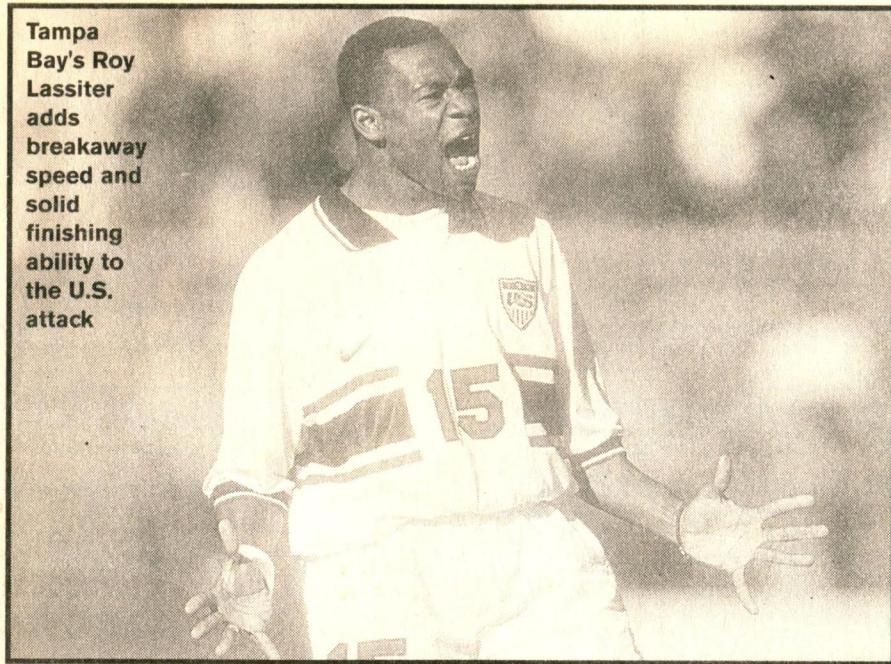
In addition to the American ties to Germany, three members of the U.S. National Team have Yugoslavian roots: Midfielders Jovan Kirovski and Preki, and goalkeeper coach Milutin Soskic.

Kirovski's parents are Yugoslavian, Preki grew up and played his early professional years in Yugoslavia and Soskic was goalkeeper for more than 50 matches for the Yugoslavia National Team, including the 1960 Olympics and the 1962 World Cup.

**Miami's Carlos Valderrama battles D.C. United's John Harkes while Roy Wegerle looks on. All three players are expected to see significant action at World Cup France '98**



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#### HEAD-TO-HEAD

The USA has never played Iran in a full-international match in its 85-year history. The Americans' only match against Yugoslavia came in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia – a 9-1 loss. The U.S. has never defeated or tied a German nation, including Germany (0-2-0), West Germany (0-1-0) and East Germany (0-2-0).

#### OUT OF THE BLOCKS

Germany's record in its opening game during the World Cup is 8-1-4, outscoring its opponents 28-10. However, they are 2-1-2 in their last five openers, including a lackluster 1-0 win over Bolivia in USA '94.

#### WORLD CUP SUCCESS

This is Germany's 12th consecutive World Cup appearance, having last missed out in the tournament finals in 1950. Germany, a three-time World Cup champion, advanced to three consecutive World Cup championship games from 1982-1990, before finishing fifth in USA '94. Germany is the reigning European champion.

This marks Yugoslavia's ninth appearance in the World Cup finals. They have finished amongst the top five in World Cup play five times, including a fifth-place finish eight years

ago in Italia '90. Only once in their eight appearances have they finished outside the top seven.

#### INCREDIBLE COMEBACK

Midfielder Tab Ramos of the MetroStars is in the middle of what could become the most incredible comeback from injury in U.S. Soccer history.

Ramos tore the ligaments in his right knee during training in October 1997, less than 11 months after he tore the same ligaments in the USA's 1-0 World Cup qualifying win over Trinidad & Tobago in November 1996.

Ramos spent eight months rehabilitating after the first tear. In his first qualifying game back with the U.S. team he scored a phenomenal game-winning goal in the USA's 1-0 victory over Costa Rica in Portland, Ore. The goal, a 25-yard, right footed bomb, was voted by the team as the year's best goal.

Unfortunately, less than two months after his heroic comeback in Portland, Ramos re-injured himself.

The early prognosis from the team doctor had Ramos ready to play by May, but the rehab process the second time around has gone quicker than everyone expected and the USA's all-time assist leader was scheduled to return to MLS action in late April or early May.

#### EMOTIONAL

##### TOPIC

Ask Thomas Dooley and Preki what it will be like facing their native lands in the World Cup and you may get an emotional response. Dooley grew up in Germany idolizing the German National Team and now as the USA's oldest player he will open the World Cup against them.

Preki, who lived in Yugoslavia until he was 17 and is a former member of the Yugoslavian army, has very mixed emotions. The Kansas City Wizards scoring ace often describes what it will be like listening to both teams' national anthems on June 25. Nearly the entire families for both players still live in their respective native lands.

#### OVERCOMING ODDS

Defender Jeff Agoos was one of the last players cut from the 1994 World Cup team. He had spent nearly two years with the team in a full-time residency in Mission Viejo, Calif., only to be released weeks before the tournament. He has since become one of the USA's most consistent players, playing in more minutes than any other player (except Alexi Lalas) in the last two years. Agoos was a member of the AT&T Best 11 last year with D.C. United.

#### GOAL SCORER

U.S. all-time leading scorer Eric Wynalda started playing soccer as a goalkeeper. His career as a goal scorer started during one particular game when the six-year-old Wynalda had surrendered seven goals. On his next save, he caught the ball, put it on the ground and proceeded to dribble through the entire team for a goal. His coach at the time, father Dave, knew it was time he switched positions. Since then, the San Jose Clash star has scored goals at a record pace.

*For more on the United States World Cup team, check out [www.us-soccer.com](http://www.us-soccer.com) and [www.MLSNET.com](http://www.MLSNET.com)*





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