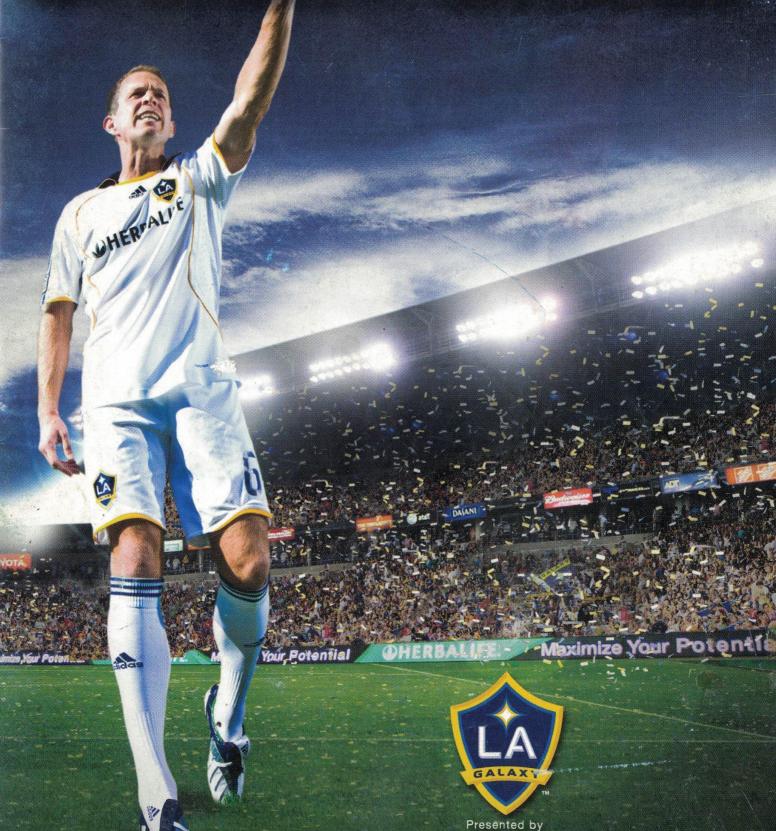


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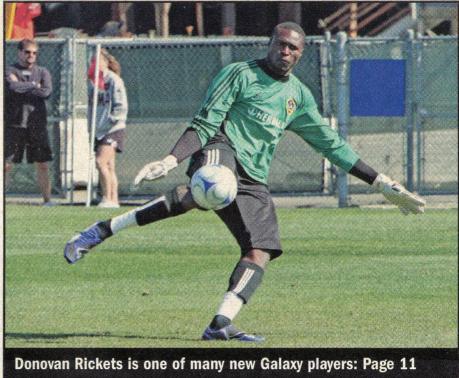


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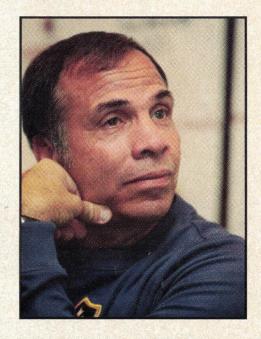
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Coach's Corner

Bruce Arena looks forward to the 2009 MLS season

ello Galaxy fans and welcome back to The Home Depot Center for another season of Galaxy soccer.

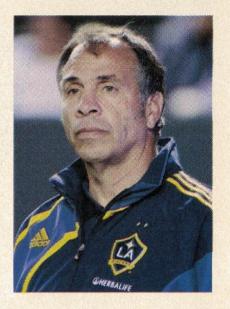
As you know, the off-season has been dedicated to re-building our team. With the addition of a number of new players, I feel we have improved our roster. The preseason camp has been productive. As we approach the opening game of the season, I'm optimistic that our team can be much more consistent at both ends of the field than we were in 2008. One major point of emphasis has been to improve our overall defending as a team. If we can do this, and continue to be a team that can score goals, we will obviously be a better team in 2009.

The opening weeks of the season will be very important. With our first three games at home, it is critical that we earn points in each and every game. While a good start to the season is important and we will strive for positive results in every match, it is also important to understand that we are attempting to lay a foundation for the rest of the season. Establishing what kind of team we are going to be is equally as important as winning. We need to have a team that understands its roles both individually and collectively. Once this is established, we position ourselves to be successful over the 30 game regular season schedule, and to be a playoff team in 2009.

As you will see and are probably well aware of, the roster has undergone a number of changes since the end of 2008. We have attempted to build a team with more experienced players; as well as bring in what we think is a good group of young players to compliment our roster.

Donovan Ricketts gives us an experienced and accomplished player in the goal. I believe over a 30 games schedule, Donovan will make a difference for us in a number of games. This in itself, will position us to be better in 2009. Other players who will be counted on in our backline include our 2008 MLS Rookie of the Year, Sean Franklin. We are hopeful that his transition from center back to right back will help strengthen that position on the field. Additionally, rookie AJ Delagarza has played well in this position in our pre-season. First round 2009 MLS Super Draft pick, Omar Gonzalez,

rookie Yohance Marshall and MLS veteran Tony Sanneh will be relied on to in play central defense. At left back we will have options with Eddie Lewis, Leo and Griffin Todd Dunivant. Injuries in pre-season have prevented us to play a backline with any

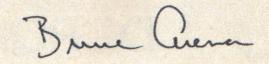


kind of consistency, and we therefore realize it will take some time to find our form with this unit. In the early going there will be some growing pains, but this is all part of the process of rebuilding a back four.

In the midfield, we will have a number of options. We will look at different combinations and formations that compliment our players. There are many new faces, including Dema Kovalenko, Stefani Miglioranzi, Mike Magee, Kyle Patterson and returning players Chris Klein, Josh Tudela and Bryan Jordan. We will also look to utilize Eddie Lewis on the left-side as well. The return of David Beckham in July will offer a tremendous boost to our midfield. Therefore, we are hopeful that our midfield will be a better unit defensively, improved in ball possession and capable of creating goal scoring opportunities for our front line.

Forwards Landon Donovan and Edson Buddle return from a record setting 2008 season. To compliment these fine goal scorers, we have veterans Alan Gordon and Jovan Kirovski. I believe this group of forwards in addition to Mike Magee will continue to demonstrate they are among the top goal scoring units in the league.

I'm optimistic as we start the 2009 campaign. I realize your support is vital if we are to be successful. I look forward to you support throughout the season and thank you in advance. Go Galaxy!



Bruce Arena, LA Galaxy Head Coach and General Manager

2009 Schedule

DAY Sunday	DATE March 22	OPPONENT D.C. United	TIME (PT) 12:00 p.m.	TV PrimeTicket/Telefutura
Saturday Tuesday	April 4 April 7 Lamar Hunt U.S	Colorado Rapids Colorado Rapids 5. Open Cup Play-In Game	7:30 p.m. (D-10PM) 8:00 p.m.	PrimeTicket*
Saturday	April 11	Chivas USA	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2*
Saturday	April 18	at San Jose Earthquakes	7:30 p.m.	FS West*
Saturday	April 25	at Colorado Rapids	6:30 p.m. (D-10PM)	FS West**
Saturday	May 2	New York Red Bulls	7:30 p.m.	FS West*
Wednesday	May 6	at Real Salt Lake	6:00 p.m.	
Sunday	May 10	at Seattle Sounders FC	12:00 p.m.	FS West/Telefutura
Sunday	May 17	Columbus Crew	12:00 p.m.	FS West/Telefutura
Saturday	May 23	at FC Dallas	5:30 p.m.	FS West**
Saturday	May 30	Kansas City Wizards	7:30 p.m.	PrimeTicket*
Saturday	June 6	at Toronto FC	12:30 p.m.	FS West**
Saturday	June 13	Real Salt Lake	7:30 p.m. (D-9PM)	PrimeTicket*
Saturday	June 20	at San Jose Earthquakes	1:00 p.m.	ESPN2*
Sunday	June 28	Houston Dynamo	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2*
Saturday	July 4	NE Revolution	8:00 p.m.	FSC*
Saturday	July 11	at Chivas USA	7:30 p.m.	FSC*
Saturday	July 18	at New York Red Bulls	3:00 p.m.	FSC*
Saturday	July 25	at Kansas City Wizards	5:30 p.m.	FS West**
Saturday	August 8	at NE Revolution	3:00 p.m.	FSC*
Saturday	August 15	Seattle Sounders FC	8:00 p.m.	PrimeTicket*
Wednesday	August 19	at Chicago Fire	6:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Saturday	August 22	at DC United	4:30 p.m.	FSC**
Saturday	August 29	Chivas USA	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2*
Saturday	September 12	FC Dallas	7:30 p.m.	FS West*
Saturday	September 19	Toronto FC	7:30 p.m.	FS West*
Saturday	September 26	at Columbus Crew	4:30 p.m.	FS West**
Friday	October 2	Chicago Fire	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sunday	October 18	at Houston	12:00 p.m.	FS West/Telefutura
Saturday	October 24	San Jose Earthquakes	7:30 p.m.	FS West*

All FS West and PrimeTicket broadcasts will have a 30-minute "Galaxy Live" pregame show prior to the game broadcast. (D) = Tape Delay

All 30 Galaxy regular season games will be broadcast live on ESPN Deportes Radio 1330 AM.

Home Games in Bold Face

^{* =} Game to be broadcast live on AM 570.

^{** =} Game to be broadcast live on KTLK 1150 AM.



23 David Beckham Midfielder London, England



Tristan Bowen
Forward
Los Angeles, Calif.



14 Edson Buddle Forward New Rochelle, N.Y..



Dema Kovalenko Midfielder Rochester, N.Y.



Eddie Lewis
Midfielder
Cerritos, Calif.



18 Mike Magee Forward Chicago, III.



A.J. DeLaGarza
Defense
Bryans Road, Md.



Todd Dunivant
Defense
Wheat Ridge, Colo.



Yohance Marshall
Defender
Diego Martin, Trinidad



Stefani Miglioranzi
Midfielder
Port Chester, N.Y.



Kyle Patterson
Midfielder
Birmingham, England



29 Sean Franklin Defender Palmdale, Calif.



Landon Donovan

Redlands, Calif.

Forward

Omar González Defense Dallas, Texas



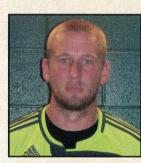
21 Alan Gordon Forward Gilbert, Ariz.



Donovan Ricketts
Goalkeeper
Montego Bay, Jamaica



22 Tony Sanneh Defender St. Paul, Minn.



Josh Saunders
Goalkeeper
Lake Forest, Calif.



Bryan Jordan Forward Temple City, Calif.



Jovan Kirovski Forward Escondido, Calif.



Chris Klein Midfielder St. Louis, Mo.



19 Josh Tudela Midfielder Evansville, Ind.



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Lancaster, Pa.



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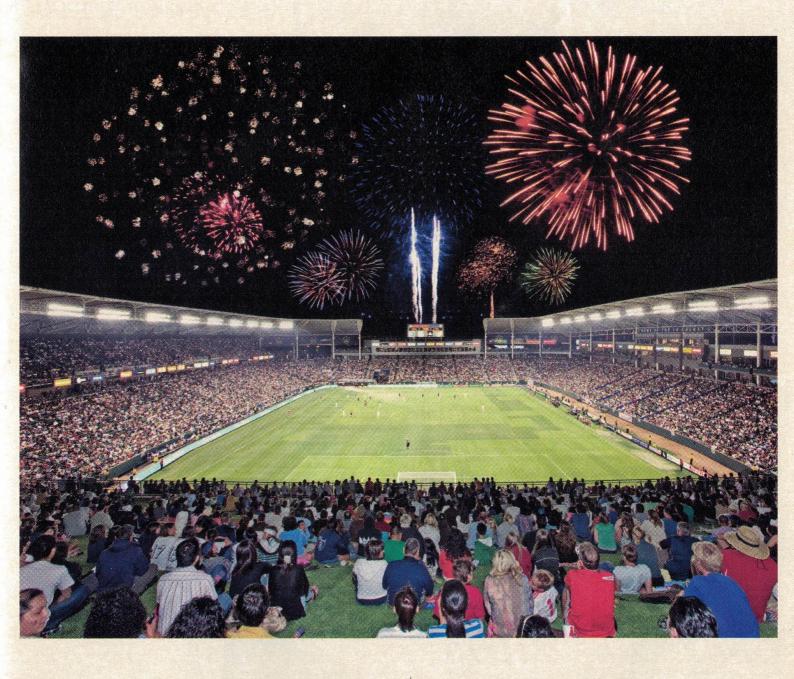
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2009 LA Galaxy Season Preview

The Galaxy look to get back to the MLS Cup Playoffs in 2009

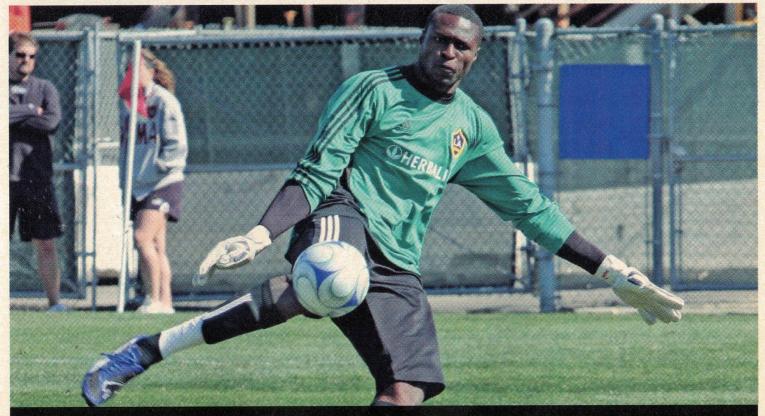
he 14th season of Major League Soccer is upon us and the Galaxy will be looking to win a third MLS Cup championship. But in order to do so, Bruce Arena and Co. must end a run of three straight seasons without a playoff appearance. Here's a look at the players that Arena will be relying upon to make that a reality.

Goalkeepers: DDonovan Ricketts joins the Galaxy for his first season with the club and is expected to be the club's first choice goalkeeper while Josh Saunders and Josh Wicks are back to battle for the job as the first choice reserve. A Jamaican international, Ricketts signed with the Galaxy in December after spending four years in England with Bolton and Bradford. The 31-year old helped lead his country to the Digicel Caribbean Championship in January and provides a veteran presence at the back. He will be

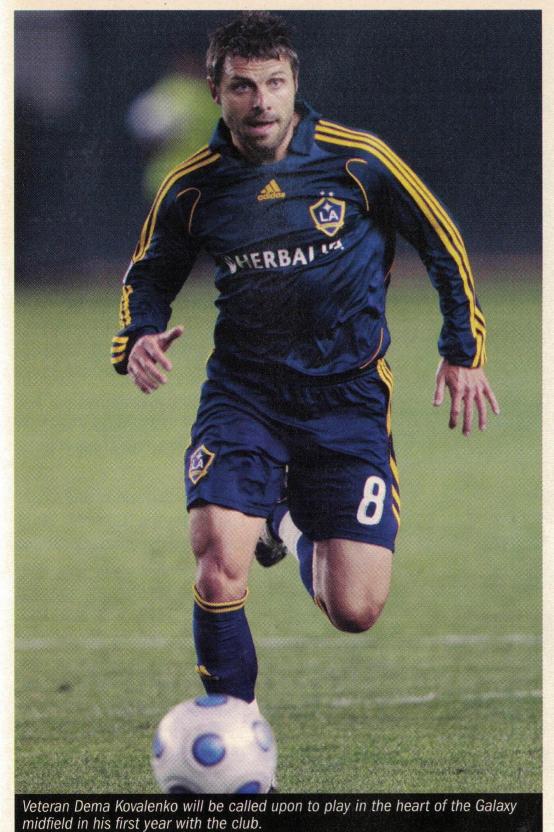
pushed all season long by Saunders and Wicks, two goalkeepers who each played a string of games late in the 2008 season.

Defenders: The Galaxy allowed the most goals in MLS last season and as a result, will see a host of new defenders on the roster. Nowhere will the change be as pronounced as in central defense where veteran Tony Sanneh has been brought in to be paired alongside rookies Omar González and Yohance Marshall, two of the top center backs in college soccer in 2008, and second year player Julian Valentin.

Sanneh first played for Bruce Arena in 1996 when he joined D.C. United, helping that club win a pair of MLS Cup titles. He went on to spend nearly five years in Germany with two different clubs before returning to MLS late in the 2004 season with the Columbus Crew. The 37-year old went on to



Jamaican international Donovan Ricketts will be the man in goal for the Galaxy this season.



spend time with Chicago and Colorado before heading to LA during the preseason. A veteran of the 2002 World Cup, Sanneh will be relied upon to provide a calming influence in the heart of the LA

defense.

He will likely play next to Gonzalez, who was the No. 3 pick in the SuperDraft this year out of the University of Maryland. A big and physical center back, Gonzalez comes to LA with high expectations, but he has not let those expectations effect his play during the preseason and will look to reward his new club with a continued string of strong performances.

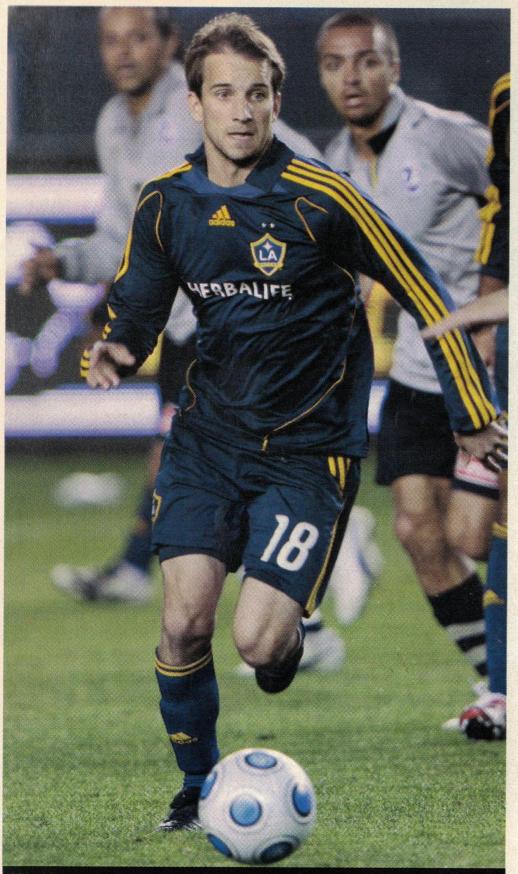
With those two holding down the center of the Galaxy defense, Sean Franklin, the reigning MLS Rookie of the Year, will move out to his natural position of right back, while Todd Dunivant was acquired in February to be the left back. A former Galaxy player who won the MLS Cup with the club in 2005. Dunivant missed much of the postseason while rehabbing from an ankle injury, meaning that Eddie Lewis, Leonard Griffin or A.J. DeLaGarza could be looked at as options on the left.

Midfielders: If Lewis is not asked to start at left back, he will be called upon to lead a talented group of veteran midfielders.

Dema Kovalenko was brought in from Real Salt Lake in January to add some toughness and bite to the center of the park. An MLS veteran and an MLS Cup winner, Kovalenko played for Arena in New York in 2006 and 2007 and will be relied upon to provide a link between the back four and the attack while also breaking up opposition attacks.

With Kovalenko sitting in front of the defense, Lewis and Chris Klein will be asked to lead the attack from the flanks. Both players have been used as outside defenders at different points of their careers, but will now return to their natural positions out wide on the left and right respectively.

Lewis joined the Galaxy in August and provided an instant boost to the club's attack, adding additional width on the left flank. A veteran of two World Cups with more than 80 international appearances to his name Lewis is one of the best crossers of the ball in MLS and is always danger-



Mike Magee's versatility will likely see him play a big role for the Galaxy this season.

ous from dead ball situations.

Equally dangerous on the opposite side of the field is Klein who begins his third season with the Galaxy. Used primarily at right back during his time with the club, Klein is expected to return to the midfield in 2009.

David Beckham will be back as well, but not until later in the year, but when he does return, he will likely be utilized in central midfield, behind the two forwards. While he is away, Jovan Kirovski will could be utilized in central midfield. Kirovski returned to the Galaxy in November and scored for the club in the win over the Oceania All-Stars in New Zealand late last year and then again at the Pan-Pacific Championship against Oita Trinita.

While those players all bring skill and guile, they are complemented by the youth and pace of players like Bryan Jordan, Kyle Patterson and Tristan Bowen, who the Galaxy signed in November, making him the first player in MLS history to sign with a club from their Youth Academy.

Forwards: One of the bright spots on the Galaxy's 2008 campaign, the attacking options remain largely unchanged from last year. Landon Donovan, the Galaxy's MVP and the MLS Budweiser Golden Boot winner with 20 goals in 25 games last year, is back from an offseason loan spell with Bayern Munich. Joining him will be Edson Buddle and Alan Gordon who each tallied career-highs in goals last season, with Buddle tallying 15 goals, including two hat tricks, to finish third in MLS in goals scored.

The one major addition to the Galaxy front line is the

arrival of Mike Magee, who was acquired from New York in January. A six-year MLS veteran, Magee is still just 24-years old and is already a proven goalscorer, having tallied five or more goals in three of his six seasons in the league, including 2008.

The goal for the Galaxy this season is a playoff berth and anything less would be both unwelcome and unexpected.

Major League Soccer 2009 Season Preview

Crew look to repeat; familiar faces return home • By Brendan Hannan

he 2008 Major League Soccer season saw a new champion crowned. In a final that featured two teams that had never been to the MLS Cup Final, the Columbus Crew dispatched the New York Red Bulls 3-1 behind league and MLS Cup MVP Guillermo Barros Schelotto. The Crew became the seventh team to win an MLS title and in 2009 will attempt to become the third team to repeat as champions.

The Crew face a difficult task ahead, as a number of teams have strengthened their squads to make a run at history. Dominic Kinnear's Houston Dynamo must endure the loss of star player Dwayne De Rosario to Toronto FC as they pursue their third trophy in four years. The Chicago Fire will hope the veteran combo of Brian McBride and Cuauhtémoc Blanco is enough to reach their first MLS Cup Final in five seasons. Chivas USA on the other hand will depend on the youthful

intuitiveness of rising star Sacha Kljestan to get the Red-and-White over the hump, while Real Salt Lake are poised to prove that last year's run to the Western Conference Championship was no fluke.

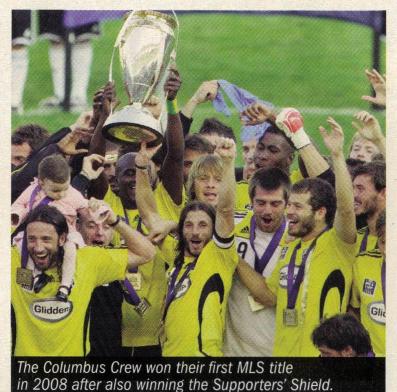
The 2009 season will see Seattle Sounders FC become the league's 15th team. Freddie Ljungberg and Kasey Keller are set to help Sounders FC attempt to become the second expansion team to make

the playoffs in their first season. As Sigi Schmid settles into his new position in the Emerald City, plenty of other coaches will look to get comfortable quickly — Gary Smith (Colorado Rapids), Schellas Hyndman (FC Dallas), Robert Warzycha (Columbus Crew) and Bruce Arena (Los Angeles), all of whom are in charge of their clubs for the first time from the start of the season.

Homecoming will be a major theme in 2009. De Rosario returns to Toronto to play in front of his hometown fans at BMO Field, joined by another Canadian international in Adrian Serioux. Christian Gomez returns to D.C. United for a second stint with the Black-and-Red. Bobby Convey returns from five seasons in the English Premier League to sign with the San Jose Earthquakes. And after a topsy-turvy offseason, David Beckham and Landon Donovan will be with the LA Galaxy after playing on loan with

AC Milan and Bayern Munich, respectively.

From the First Kick on March 19 to MLS Cup 2009, expect a season filled with excitement for all 15 clubs. As each team fights to the finish, will your team be the last one standing at the podium as the confetti sprays and the Philip F. Anschutz Trophy is hoisted? Here's your Freekick guide to the upcoming MLS season.



Eastern Conference

New faces and veterans will fight it out for supremacy

season-long battle for Eastern Conference supremacy in 2008 ended with a new face atop the conference. The Columbus Crew won the Supporters' Shield for the second time in club history on the way to their first MLS title. The Chicago Fire will once again challenge for the top spot, as will D.C. United, winners of the previous two Supporters' Shields, who failed to qualify for postseason play in 2008. A slew of injuries sidelined the

New England Revolution's attempt to advance to their fourth consecutive MLS Cup Final, while the New York Red Bulls will look to recreate the magic of their run to a first MLS championship game. The Kansas City Wizards will look to make the playoffs for the third straight year, while Toronto FC have acquired one of the league's most recognizable faces to help in their quest to reach the postseason for a first time.

















In a battle of Eastern Conference clubs, the Columbus Crew and Alejandro Moreno (I) outdueled Dane Richards and the New York Red Bulls in MLS Cup 2008.

Chicago Fire

McBride and Blanco make quite a team in the Windy City

2008 Record: 13-10-7, 46 pts. 2nd in Eastern Conference

GF: 44 (tied for 4th in MLS)

GA: 33 (2nd in MLS)

Finish: Defeated New England Revolution in Conference Semifinal (3-0 on agg.); Lost 1-2 to

Columbus Crew in Conference Championship Head Coach: Denis Hamlett (second season)

Key Departures: Diego Gutierrez, Andy Herron, Tomasz Frankowski

Key Additions: Baggio Husidic

n 2008, the Chicago Fire made yet another big impact signing, bringing Brian McBride back at midseason after a five-year stint at Fulham in the English Premier League. Having McBride from the start of the season should bring offensive consistency (he had five goals in 11 games) and compliment Fire playmakers Cuauhtémoc Blanco (7 goals, 11 assists) and Chris Rolfe (9 goals, 7 assists). Defensively, the Men in Red will rely on goalkeeper Jon Busch, who led the league with 10

shutouts and 122 saves on his way to being named the 2008 Goalkeeper of Year, while 2008 Best XI defender Bakary Soumare returns for his third season with the Fire. The Fire are also looking to get back to their first MLS Cup Final since 2003; they've been 90 minutes short three of the past four seasons. The Fire bid farewell to MLS elder statesmen Diego Gutierrez, who retired after 13 seasons in MLS.







for Chicago in his return season to MLS.

Jolumbus Crew

MLS Cup champions look strong enough to repeat in 2009

2008 Record: 17-7-6, 57 pts. 1st in Eastern Conference

GF: 39 (7th in MLS) GA: 44 (7th in MLS)

Finish: Defeated Kansas City Wizards (3-1 on aggregate) in Conference Semifinal. Defeated Chicago Fire 2-1 in Conference Championship. Defeated New York Red Bulls 3-1 in MLS Cup

Head Coach: Robert Warzycha (first year as head coach)

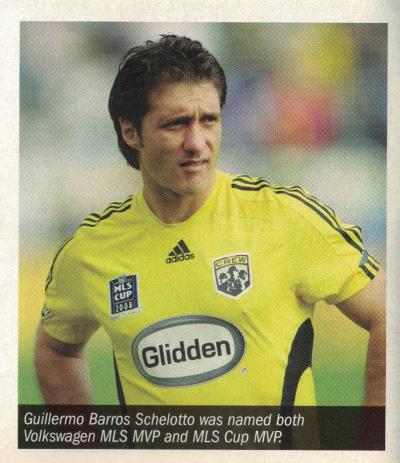
Key Departures: Brad Evans, Sigi Schmid (head coach) · Key Additions: none

he 2008 campaign ended with the Crew triumphantly lifting the Philip F. Anschutz Trophy for the first time as MLS champions. As one would expect, the Crew were workmanlike in their pursuit of the MLS Cup title, winning the Supporters' Shield with their top of the table regular season and dispatching three Eastern Conference foes in the MLS Cup Playoffs. Guillermo Barros Schelotto led the league with 19 assists, five of which were gamewinners, on his way to becoming the third player in

league history to win league and MLS Cup MVP honors. If the Crew are to repeat, they will have to do it without boss Sigi Schmid, who departed in the offseason for a chance to coach expansion Seattle Sounders FC. The Crew will lean heavily on Alejandro Moreno (9 goals) and Robbie Rogers (6 goals) to support Schelotto in the middle. Chad Marshall, the 2008 MLS Defender of the Year, will match with MLS original Frankie Hejduk on the defensive end for the Crew.







D.C. United

Gomez returns as D.C. looks to return to the MLS Cup Playoffs

2008 Record: 11-15-4, 37 pts. 6th in Eastern Conference.

GF: 43 (6th in MLS) GA: 34 (13th in MLS)

Finish: Did not reach MLS Cup Playoffs

Head Coach: Tom Soehn (third year with club)

Key Departures: Marcelo Gallardo, Ivan Guerrero, Zach Wells, Joe Vide, Jeff Carroll

Key Additions: Christian Gomez, Ange N'Silu, Dejan Jakovic, Rodney Wallace, Chris Pontius

or the first time in five seasons D.C. United failed to qualify for the postseason. In the wake of that disappointing campaign, United brought back 2006 MLS MVP Christian Gomez from Colorado. 2007 MLS MVP Luciano Emilio (11 goals) and the league's all-time leading goalscorer, MLS original Jaime Moreno (10 goals), will team with Gomez in the United attack. Veteran Ben Olsen is expected to return following extensive ankle injuries to provide energy in the midfield. In an

effort to address the 51 goals allowed in 2008, United re-signed defenders Marc Burch and Brian Namoff, while South American signings from a year ago, Gonzalo Peralta and Gonzalo Martinez, have both departed. The defense will also be bolstered by a pair of midseason acquisitions in goalkeeper Louis Crayton and center back Greg Janicki. Former Argentinean World Cup performer Marcelo Gallardo will not return to the Black-and-Red this season.







of D.C. United in his return to the club in 2009.

Kansas City Wizards

Veteran leadership points to a strong season in KC

2008 Record: 11-10-9, 42 pts. 4th in Eastern Conference.

GF: 37 (12th in MLS)

GA: 39 (tied for 4th in MLS)

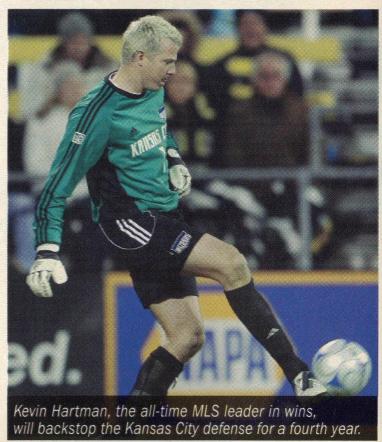
Finish: Lost to Columbus Crew (1-3 on aggregate) in Conference Semifinal

Head Coach: Curt Onalfo (third year with club) Key Departures: Scott Sealy, Kerry Zavagnin Key Additions: Santiago Hirsig, Adam Cristman

he Kansas City Wizards finished the 2008 regular season with three consecutive victories and were one of the hottest clubs entering the MLS Cup Playoffs. But they saw the Columbus Crew score a late equalizer in the first leg of the Conference Semifinal Series, eventually losing 3-1 on aggregate. The Wizards re-signed fleet-of-foot Argentinean Claudio Lopez, though not at the designated player level contract as before. With the additional cap space, the Wizards added fellow Argentinean Santiago Hirsig to provide midfield depth; they will be looking to be the main service providers for Josh Wolff, who returned to MLS from Germany in midseason. Kevin Hartman, the league's all-time goalkeeping wins leader (138) returns for his fourth season with the club. Davy Arnaud (7 goals, 3 assists) and Jack Jewsbury (3 goals, 7 assists) should once again team forces to provide thrust out of the Wizards midfield, as will Roger Espinoza, who followed up his rookie season (1 goal, 3 assists in 22 games) by getting called into the Honduras national team in the winter.







New England Revolution

Revs veterans hoping to drive return to MLS Cup Final

2008 Record: 12-11-7, 43 pts. 3rd in Eastern Conference

GF: 40 (tied for 5th in MLS) GA: 43 (tied for 9th in MLS)

Finish: Lost to Chicago Fire (0-3 on aggregate) Head Coach: Steve Nicol (eighth season with club)

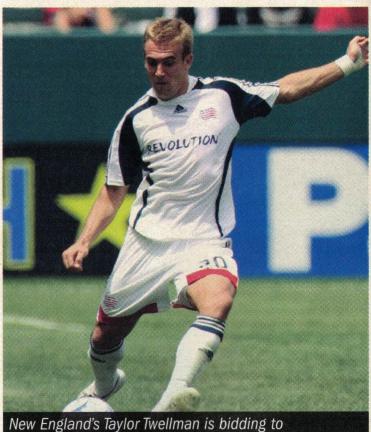
Key Departures: Michael Parkhurst, Khano Smith, Adam Cristman

Key Additions: Michael Videira, Kevin Alston, Ryan Maxwell

or the first time in three seasons the New England Revolution did not represent the Eastern Conference in the MLS Cup Final. Injuries plagued the Revolution down the stretch most notably Taylor Twellman and Steve Ralston, who sat out both the end of the regular season and the postseason, but return to lead the Revs in '09. Twellman is one goal away from being the fifth player to reach the century mark -- likely becoming the youngest player to reach 100 goals in MLS history. Ralston is one of four MLS Originals still playing in the league, having made a record 358 league appearances. The Revolution lost Khano Smith to the expansion draft, traded Adam Cristman to Kansas Clty, and lost Michael Parkhurst to Danish club Nordsjælland, but Shalrie Joseph, again named to the MLS Best XI, is back in the heart of the midfield. While the Revolution did not make any notable additions to their squad, they did sign Michael Videira, a selection in the 2008 SuperDraft who spent a brief time in Scotland.







New York Red Bulls

Core of team returns and looks for repeat of magical 2008 MLS Cup run

2008 Record: 10-11-9, 39 pts. 5th in Eastern Conference.

GF: 47 (8th in MLS) GA: 45 (12th in MLS)

Finish: Defeated Houston Dynamo (4-1 on aggregate) in conference semifinal. Defeated Real Salt Lake 1-0 in Conference Championship. Lost to Columbus Crew 1-3 in MLS Cup Final.

Head Coach: Juan Carlos Osorio (second season with club)

Key Departures: Dave van den Bergh

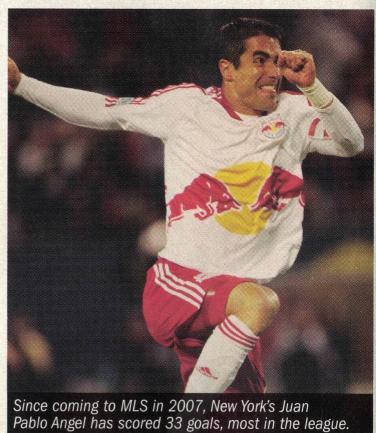
Key Additions: Khano Smith, Dominic Oduro, Mike Petke

he New York Red Bulls capitalized on sneaking into the MLS Cup Playoffs by making a magical run to the final, defeating two-time defending champion Houston Dynamo, scraping past upstart Real Salt Lake, and eventually falling to MLS Cup Champion Columbus Crew. New York will once again depend on Juan Pablo Angel (14 goals) to put the ball in the net. After trading key set-up man Dave van den Bergh to FC Dallas, the Red Bulls will have Dominic Oduro up top, with

Dane Richards and newly acquired Khano Smith (last with New England, via Seattle) in wide roles to give the Red Bulls speed comparable to a track relay team. Danny Cepero made a remarkable rise from undrafted prospect to starting goalkeeper, backstopping the Bulls' run through the postseason; he'll open the season as the starter after beginning last year on loan to the USL. An offseason addition to the back four is Mike Petke, returning to the club where he began his career in 1998.







Toronto FC

Star power gives club the players to make a move this season

2008 Record: 9-13-8, 35 pts. 7th in Eastern Conference.

GF: 34 (13th in MLS)

GA: 49 (tied for 9th in MLS)

Finish: Did not make MLS Cup Playoffs.

Head Coach: John Carver (second season with club)
Key Departures: Julius James, Todd Dunivant, Carlos Ruiz

Key Additions: Dwayne De Rosario, Pablo Vitti, Adrian Serioux, Sam Cronin, O'Brian White

ollowing another season at the bottom of the Eastern Conference, Toronto FC made great strides in the offseason to improve their team with big trades and three selections in the MLS SuperDraft. In one of the biggest trades in MLS history, Toronto FC acquired Canadian native son and four-time MLS Cup champion Dwayne De Rosario. The two-time MLS Cup MVP gives BMO Field fans another reason to cheer as the Reds look to make the playoffs for the first time in team history, as he fits into a melting pot midfield including

Amado Guevara (Honduras), Carl Robinson (Wales) and Rohan Ricketts (England). Then, TFC obtained another Canadian international, acquiring versatile Adrian Serioux from FC Dallas. Serioux slots into a backline including another Maple Leaf in Jim Brennan and attack-minded fullback Marvell Wynne. In the international market, the club signed former Argentinean youth international striker Pablo Vitti, who will partner up top either with fan favorite Danny Dichio or midseason acquisition Chad Barrett (9 goals, 4 with Toronto).







Western Conference

Sounders FC added to the mix in competitive eight-team division

he Houston Dynamo were able to overcome their slow start to finish first in the
West, only to see their attempt at a "threepeat" fall short in the first round of the MLS Cup
Playoffs. Chivas USA put together a strong second
half and hopes to be healthier after one of the
most injury-plagued seasons in MLS history. Real
Salt Lake looks to improve upon their Cinderella
dash to the Western Conference Championship in
the first postseason appearance in club history.
Gary Smith has been given the reins of the
Colorado Rapids and will attempt to get the club
back in the playoff race after two years out. FC

Dallas, another team that underwent a midseason coaching change, will look to regain the form that saw them top the conference in 2006. After their expansion season in the return of MLS soccer to San Jose after three years, the Earthquakes signed a pair of forwards to boost production. The drama continues as Bruce Arena will do his best to help the stars align in an effort to bring the MLS Cup back to the Los Angeles Galaxy. 2009 welcomes Seattle Sounders FC as Major League Soccer's 15th team, which is bidding to join a rare group in qualifying for the postseason in its first season.







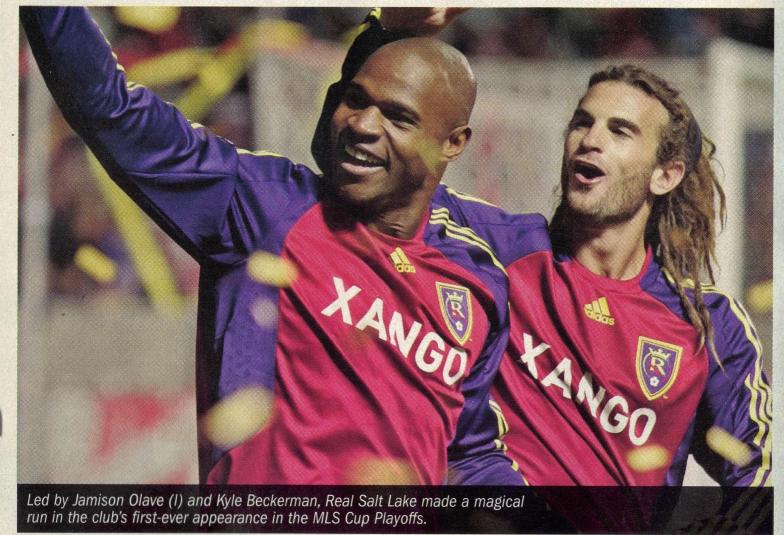












Chivas USA

Preki looks to lead an experienced roster back to the playoffs

2008 Record: 12-11-7, 43 pts. 2nd in Western Conference.

GF: 40 (tied for 9th in MLS)

GA: 41 (7th in MLS)

Finish: Lost to Real Salt Lake in Conference Semifinal (3-2 on aggregate)

Head Coach: Preki (third year with club)

Key Departures: Francisco Mendoza, Alex Zotinca

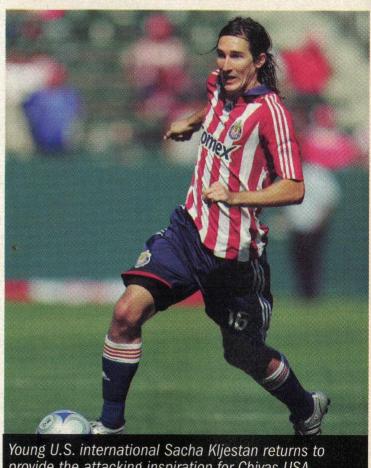
Key Additions: Ante Jazic, Michael Lahoud

hivas USA used a consistent season and a strong second half surge to finish second in the Western Conference. However, for the second consecutive season the Red-and-White were eliminated in the first round of the MLS Cup Playoffs, this time by Real Salt Lake. After flirting with an offseason move overseas, Sacha Kljestan returns as the focal point of the Chivas midfield. Third-year coach Preki hopes that Kljestan will have a full season to combine with forwards Ante Razov

(5 goals), Alecko Eskandarian (5 goals) and Maykel Galindo (1 goal) - all whom spent considerable time on the injured list during 2008. Former Swiss international Raphael Wicky played just five games in his first season in MLS; he was re-signed and will be looked to guide the attack. After the midseason departure of Brad Guzan to England, Chivas USA picked up veteran Zach Thornton - and the 35year-old could well be the starting goalkeeper heading into the season opener.







provide the attacking inspiration for Chivas USA.

Colorado Rapids

Mastroeni and new coach Gary Smith lead a rejuvenated Rapids

2008 Record: 11-14-5, 38 pts. 4th in Western Conference.

GF: 44 (6th in MLS)
GA: 45 (11th in MLS)

Finish: Did not make MLS Cup Playoffs.

Head Coach: Gary Smith (first year as head coach)

Key Departures: Christian Gomez, Bouna Coundoul, Tom McManus, Mike Petke, Jose Burciaga

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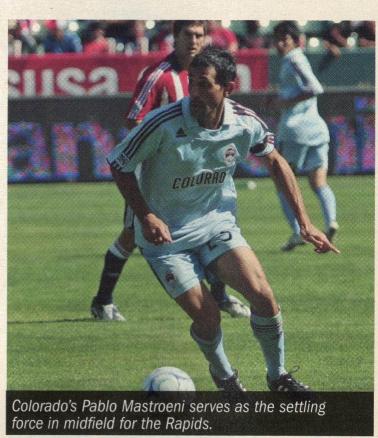
Key Additions: Ivan Guerrero, Matt Pickens, Gregory Richardson

Rapids failed to make the postseason, losing in dramatic fashion in the 90th minute of the final game of the season to border rivals Real Salt Lake. In the midst of a frustrating season, Gary Smith took over the coaching reins from Fernando Clavijo and will lead the team from the outset. The Rapids will also look to captain Pablo Mastroeni as the stabilizing force in the midfield after Christian Gomez returned to D.C. United following an equally disappointing campaign. Former Honduras interna-

tional Ivan Guerrero was obtained from United in the trade for Gomez, and could provide on one flank, opposite Colin Clark (5 goals, 3 assists). Forwards Conor Casey (11 goals, 2 assists) and Omar Cummings (6 goals, 4 assists) hope to follow up career seasons and lead the charge for the Rapids attack. The addition of former Chicago Fire goalkeeper Matt Pickens from gives the Rapids a battle for the starting spot, as he and Preston Burpo will compete with the departure of Bouna Coundoul.







FC Dallas

A new-look defense teams with revamped offense in 2009

2008 Record: 8-10-12, 38 pts. 5th in Western Conference.

GF: 45 (9th in MLS) GA: 41 (7th in MLS)

Finish: Did not reach MLS Cup Playoffs

Head Coach: Schellas Hyndman (first year with club)

Key Departures: Duilio Davino, Adrian Serioux, Victor Sikora, Dominic Oduro

Key Additions: Dave van den Bergh, David Ferreira, Steve Purdy

C Dallas were unable to close out their 2008 campaign, going winless in their last four games and missing the playoffs for the first time in three seasons. The club retained burly goalscorer Kenny Cooper, who was second for the MLS Golden Boot with 18 goals after returning from a broken leg, despite receiving offers from various European clubs. Pairing Dave van den Bergh (Netherlands), who was acquired from the New York Red Bulls in the offseason, with Pablo Richetti

(Argentina), Bruno Guarda (Brazil), and Andre Rocha (Brazil) gives FCD international flair through the middle. That was bolstered when the team signed David Ferreira from Brazilian partner Clube Atletico Paranaense just before the start of the season to guide the attack. FCD will feature a new-look defense with the departure of both Duilio Davino (Mexico) and Adrian Serioux (Toronto FC). Steve Purdy, obtained from German second division side 1860 Munich, could slot into a center back spot.







Houston Dynamo

After disappointing end to 2008 season, Dynamo look for return to glory

2008 Record: 13-5-12, 51 pts. 1st in Western Conference.

GF: 45 (3rd in MLS) GA: 32 (1st in MLS)

Finish: Lost in Conference Semifinal to New York Red Bulls (4-1 on aggregate)

Head Coach: Dominic Kinnear (sixth season with club).

Key Departures: Nate Jaqua, Dwayne De Rosario, Patrick Ianni

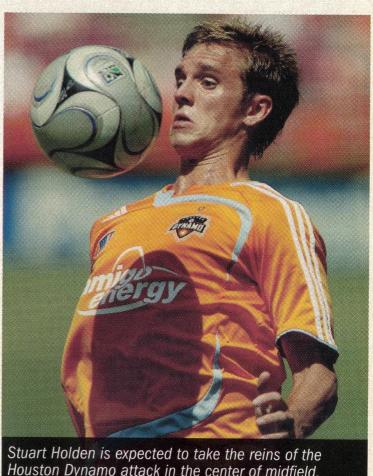
Key Additions: Danny Cruz, Julius James

fter becoming the first club in more than a decade to repeat as MLS Cup champions, the Dynamo struggled to find their offense in the postseason and were eliminated by the New York Red Bulls. The offseason saw the Dynamo trade Dwayne De Rosario, the face of the last two MLS Cup champion teams, to Toronto FC. In return the Dynamo acquired young Trinidad and Tobago international Julius James. James will team with Bobby Boswell to bolster the Dynamo back line. Houston

will depend on the youth of Kei Kamara and Stuart Holden to provide support to Brian Ching, fifth in the league in goals scored (13), as running mate Nate Jaqua (4 goals, 4 assists) was selected in the expansion draft after coming to MLS in midseason from a stint in Austria. Pat Onstad will once again backstop the Dynamo, the all-time league leader in goals-against-average (1.07) and three-time MLS Cup champion, one of a number of familiar faces who return for a third season in orange.







Los Angeles Galaxy

An emphasis on detense characterizes new-look Galaxy

2008 Record: 8-13-9, 33 pts. Tied for 6th in Western Conference.

GF: 55 (1st in MLS) GA: 62 (14th in MLS)

Finish: Did not make MLS Cup Playoffs.

Head Coach: Bruce Arena (first full season with club)

Key Departures: Peter Vagenas, Ante Jazic, Brandon McDonald, Mike Randolph, Ely Allen

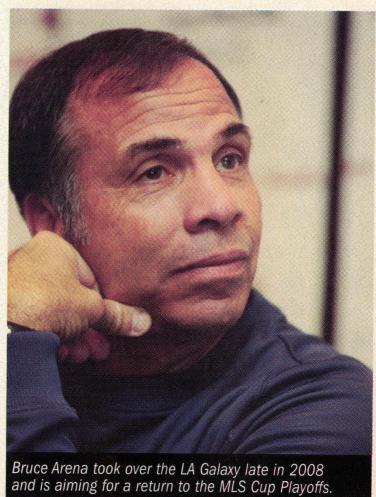
Key Additions: Donovan Ricketts, Jovan Kirovski, Dema Kovalenko, Todd Dunivant, Omar Gonzalez

he Los Angeles Galaxy had no problem finding the back of the net in 2008, scoring a total of 55 goals and Landon Donovan leading the league with 20 goals scored. The Galaxy defense proved to be their demise, allowing a league-high 62 goals. As manager Bruce Arena takes the helm as coach and general manager, he has made defense the focal point of the Galaxy offseason. Arena acquired Jamaican international Donovan Ricketts to add veteran leadership between the pipes, traded for Todd Dunivant,

(Toronto FC) and drafted Omar Gonzalez, a highly touted prospect out of the University of Maryland. Arena will also have new options on offense with the addition of Dema Kovalenko (Real Salt Lake) and Jovan Kirovski (Colorado Rapids). The offseason was mainly concerned with the overseas exploits of Landon Donovan, with Bayern Munich, and David Beckham, with AC Milan, with both returning to the Galaxy after impressing in loans with clubs involved in European competition.







Real Salt Lake

New stadium and playoff success in 2008 make RSL optimistic in '09

2008 Record: 10-10-10, 40 pts. 3rd in Western Conference.

GF: 40 (tied for 9th in MLS) GA: 39 (tied for 4th in MLS).

Finish: Defeated Chivas USA in Western Conference Semifinal (3-2 on aggregate). Lost in

Western Conference Championship 1-0 to the New York Red Bulls

Head Coach: Jason Kreis (third year with club) Key Departures: Dema Kovalenko, Fabian Espindola

Key Additions: none

ith the opening of Rio Tinto Stadium and their first taste of playoff success, Real Salt Lake look to improve upon their storybook run and capitalize on the cohesion of keeping the core of the club together for 2009. Third-year coach Jason Kreis returns all but one of Real Salt Lake's starting 11 from the 2008 MLS Cup Playoffs -Dema Kovalenko, who was dealt to the LA Galaxy. With Javier Morales (6 goals, 15 assists) and Kyle

Beckerman (3 goals, 2 assists) running the show in the middle and Yura Movsisyan coming into his own as an MLS quality goal scorer, RSL looks to become one of the league's elite teams. Andy Williams and Clint Mathis provide RSL with veteran leadership, while in the back, Colombian Jamison Olave will return in central defense in front of goalkeeper Nick Rimando, who played every minute of every MLS game for Real.







San Jose Earthquakes

Second-year club looking to build on second-half success in 2009

2008 record: 8-13-9, 33 pts. Tied for 6th in Western Conference.

GF: 32 (14th in MLS) GA: 38 (4th in MLS)

Head Coach: Frank Yallop (fifth season with club)

Key Departures: Ronnie O'Brien

Key Additions: Bobby Convey, Pablo Campos, Cam Weaver, Quincy Amarikwa, Andrew Weber

he San Jose Earthquakes struggled early in their first year back in Major League Soccer, although a late-season charge still left them outside of the MLS Cup Playoffs. After scoring a league-worst 32 goals, coach Frank Yallop has gone out in the offseason and added firepower to bolster his offensive options, signing Cam Weaver from FK Haugesund (Norway) and MLS veteran Bobby Convey from Reading (England), who played with D.C. United from 2000-04. The Earthquakes also signed Brazilian striker Pablo Campos, last with

GAIS Göteborg in Sweden, after winning his rights through a lottery. Darren Huckerby helped the slowstarting Quakes, 3-9-4 before his arrival, to a 6-5-5 mark after his midseason transfer from Norwich City in England, and was named the league's 2008 Newcomer of the Year. Joe Cannon, the 2008 league leader in saves (124) and second in saves percentage (74.7), returns for his seventh season in MLS. He'll be backed up by Andrew Weber, obtained after playing nine seasons with the USL Montréal Impact.







and took home Newcomer of the Year honors.

Seattle Sounders FC

Expansion team will rely on combination of experience and youth

2009 expansion club

Head Coach: Sigi Schmid

Key Additions: Freddie Ljungberg, Kasey Keller, Fredy Montero, Stephen King, Nate Jaqua, Sanna

Nyassi, Brad Evans, Sebastian Le Toux, Tyrone Marshall, Patrick lanni, Jhon Kennedy Hurtado,

Steve Zakuani

eattle Sounders FC will become the 15th team in Major League Soccer and will compete within the Western Conference. The Sounders will be led by two-time MLS Cup Champion Sigi Schmid, who departed from 2008 MLS Cup champion Columbus Crew for the chance to lead a team on the West Coast. Freddie Ljungberg, former Arsenal standout, joins Sounders FC as the team's first designated player. Hometown hero and two-time World Cup starter Kasey Keller will be between the posts for the Sounders in 2009.

Schmid will have a lot of young talent to work with on the pitch, including Colombian international Fredy Montero and Nate Jaqua up front, Stephen King and Brad Evans controlling the middle, and Tyrone Marshall, Patrick lanni and Colombian center back Jhon Kennedy Hurtado patrolling the back. The club has also gotten it done off the field, with more than 20,000 season tickets sold before the season began, showing the passion for the game in the Pacific Northwest.







2009 Schedule

Schedule subject to change. All times Eastern

WEEK 1

Thursday, March 19

New York Red Bulls at Seattle Sounders FC, 9 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Saturday, March 21

Columbus Crew at Houston Dynamo, 8 p.m., FSC / FSE Chicago Fire at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Toronto FC at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m. Colorado Rapids at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m., FSC / FSE New England Revolution at San Jose Earthquakes, 10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22

D.C. United at Los Angeles Galaxy, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

Saturday, March 28

Toronto FC at Columbus Crew, 4 p.m. Chicago Fire at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m. New England Revolution at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Kansas City Wizards at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m. Houston Dynamo at San Jose Earthquakes, 10:30 p.m Real Salt Lake at Seattle Sounders FC, 10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29

Chivas USA at FC Dallas, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

Thursday, April 2

Columbus Crew at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m., ESPN2/Deportes Saturday, April 4

Seattle Sounders FC at Toronto FC, 4 p.m., FSC / FSE Houston Dynamo at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m. FC Dallas at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m. San Jose Earthquakes at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m. Colorado Rapids at Los Angeles Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.

New York Red Bulls at Chicago Fire, 3 p.m., TeleFutura Columbus Crew at Chivas USA. 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 11

FC Dallas at Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m. Chicago Fire at San Jose Earthquakes, 4 p.m., TeleFutura Criticago Fire at Sall Jose Caltinquanes, 4 p.m., feet dudu D.C. United at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m. Colorado Rapids at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m. New York Red Bulls at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Kansas City Wizards at Seattle Sounders FG, 10:30 p.m. Chivas USA at Los Angeles Galaxy, 10:30 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes

Friday, April 17

Friday, April 17
New England Revolution at D.C. United, 7 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes
Saturday, April 18
Real Salt Lake at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.,
Kansas City Wizards at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE
Seattle Sounders FC at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Galaxy at San Jose Earthquakes, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 19 Colorado Rapids at Houston Dynamo, 3 p.m., TeleFutura Toronto FC at FC Dallas, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22

Chivas USA at Toronto FC, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 23

New York Red Bulls at Kansas City Wizards, 8 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Saturday, April 25

Chicago Fire at Columbus Crew, 7 p.m., FSC / FSE New England Revolution at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m. Los Angeles Galaxy at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m. Coordinate Colorado Rapidos, 9:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
San Jose Earthquakes at Seattle Sounders FC, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 26
D.C. United at New York Red Bulls, 3 p.m., TeleFutura
Kansas City Wizards at Toronto FC, TBD

Saturday, May 2 Columbus Crew at Toronto FC, 4 p.m. FC Dallas at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Seattle Sounders FC at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m. Seature Sounders FC at Unicago Fire, 8:30 p.m. Real Salt Lake at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m. New York Red Bulls at Los Angeles Galaxy, 10:30 p.m. Chivas USA at San Jose Earthquakes, 10:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3

Houston Dynamo at New England Revolution, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

Wednesday, May 6 D.C. United at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m. Los Angeles Galaxy at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

San Jose Earthquakes at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 Kansas City Wizards at Columbus Crew, 7 p.m., FSC / FSE Toronto FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m. New England Revolution at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m. FC Dallas at Houston Dynamo, 9 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

Los Angeles Galaxy at Seattle Sounders FC, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

Saturday, May 16 Chicago Fire at Toronto FC, 4 p.m. Colorado Rapids at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m. Houston Dynamo at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m. Seattle Sounders FC at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Kansas City Wizards at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m. D.C. United at Chivas USA, 11 p.m., FSC / FSE Sunday, May 17

Columbus Crew at Los Angeles Galaxy, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

Saturday, May 23 New England Revolution at Toronto FC, TBD Real Salt Lake at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m. Los Angeles Galaxy at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m. San Jose Earthquakes at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m. Chivas USA at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Seattle Sounders FC at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 24

Chicago Fire at New York Red Bulls, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

Wednesday, May 27

San Jose Earthquakes at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28 Chicago Fire at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Saturday, May 30

Saturday, May 30
D.C. United at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado Rapids at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose Earthquakes, 10:30 p.m.
Columbus Crew at Seattle Sounders FC, 10:30 p.m., FSC / FSE
Kansas City Warards at Los Angeles Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.

FC Dallas at Chicago Fire, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

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Thursday, June 4 New York Red Bulls at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Friday, June 5 Houston Dynamo at Chicago Fire, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 6

Los Angeles Galaxy at Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m. Columbus Crew at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m. Colorado Rapids at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m., FSC / FSE Seattle Sounders FC at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 7

San Jose Earthquakes at FC Dallas, 3 p.m., TeleFutura New York Red Bulls at New England Revolution, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10

Chivas USA at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Saturday, June 13

Saturday, June 13 Chicago Fire at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m. Houston Dynamo at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE New England Revolution at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m. Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles Galaxy, 10:30 p.m. San Jose Earthquakes at Seattle Sounders FC, 10:30 p.m. Sunday, June 14

Chivas USA at Columbus Crew, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

Wednesday, June 17

D.C. United at Seattle Sounders FC, 11 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Saturday, June 20

Saturday, June 20 Los Angeles Galaxy at San Jose Earthquakes, 4 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Seattle Sounders FC at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m. Columbus Crew at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Real Salt Lake at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m. D.C. United at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24

New York Red Bulls at Toronto FC, 7:30 p.m. FC Dallas at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27 New York Red Bulls at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Toronto FC at Real Salt Lake, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28 Colorado Rapids at Seattle Sounders FC, 4 p.m.

Houston Dynamo at Los Angeles Galaxy, 11 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes

Saturday, July 4
D.C. United at Columbus Crew, 7 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes
Chicago Fire at Colorado Rapids, 9 p.m.
New York Red Bulls at FC Dallas, 9 p.m.

Houston Dynamo at Kansas City Wizards, 9 p.m. San Jose Earthquakes at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m. New England Revolution at Los Angeles Galaxy, 11 p.m., FSC / FSE

Saturday, July 11

Saturday, July 11
Houston Dynamo at Seattle Sounders FC, 4 p.m.
Kansas City Wizards at New England Revolution, TBD
Columbus Crew at Chicago Fire, 8 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes
FC Dallas at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Galaxy at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Toronto FC at San Jose Earthquakes, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 18

Houston Dynamo at Toronto FC, 1 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Los Angeles Galaxy at New York Red Bulls, 6 p.m., FSC / FSE Real Salt Lake at Columbus Crew, 8 p.m. Colorado Rapids at D.C. United, 8 p.m. Chivas USA at New England Revolution, TBD San Jose Earthquakes at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 19
Friday, July 24
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Saturday, July 25
Chicago Fire at Seattle Sounders FC, 3 p.m., ESPN / Deportes
Toronto FC at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.
New England Revolution at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m. Los Angeles Galaxy at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m. New York Red Bulls at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m. D.C. United at San Jose Earthquakes, 10:30 p.m., FSC / FSE

Wednesday, July 29 2009 MLS All-Star Game, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2; TeleFutura Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah

Saturday, August 1
Toronto FC at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m.
Kansas City Wizards at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m. D.C. United at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Columbus Crew at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, August 2 Seattle Sounders FC at San Jose Earthquakes, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

WEEK 21 Thursday, August 6

Houston Dynamo at FC Dallas, 8 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Saturday, August 8

Los Angeles Galaxy at New England Revolution, 6 p.m., FSC / FSE Kansas City Wizards at D.C. United, 8 p.m. Seattle Sounders FC at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m. Chivas USA at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m. Columbus Crew at San Jose Earthquakes, 10:30 p.m. Sunday, August 9
New York Red Bulls at Toronto FC, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

Chicago Fire at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 15

D.C. United at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
FC Dallas at Columbus Crew, 7 p.m.
Chivas USA at New York Red Bulls, 7 p.m.
Houston Dynamo at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m., FSC / FSE
Seattle Sounders FC at Los Angeles Galaxy, 11 p.m. Sunday, August 16

Chicago Fire at Kansas City Wizards, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

Wednesday, August 19

Saturday, August 22

Los Angeles Galaxy at Chicago Fire, 9 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes
Thursday, August 20
New England Revolution at Seattle Sounders FC, 10 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes

Los Angeles Galaxy at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Kansas City Wizards at San Jose Earthquakes, 10:30 p.m. Toronto FC at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

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FC Dallas at New York Red Bulls, 3 p.m., TeleFutura
Colorado Rapids at Chicago Fire, 6 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at New England Revolution, 6 p.m.
Seattle Sounders FC at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26

Chivas USA at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m. Saturday, August 29

Saturday, August 29
Toronto FC at Seattle Sounders, 4 p.m.
San Jose Earthquakes at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE
Real Salt Lake at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Los Angeles Galaxy, 11 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes

Sunday, August 30 Houston Dynamo at Colorado Rapids, 3 p.m., TeleFutura Columbus Crew at New York Red Bulls, 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 5
Kansas City Wizards at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
Toronto FC at Colorado Rapids, 10 p.m., FSC / FSE

WEEK 26 Saturday, September 12

Saturday, September 12
Colorado Rapids at Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle Sounders FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City Wizards at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago Fire at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m., FSC / FSE
FC Dallas at Los Angeles Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 13
New England Revolution at Chivas USA, 3 p.m., TeleFutura
Hautton Pragme at Columbus Craw, 5 p.m.

Houston Dynamo at Columbus Crew, 5 p.m.

WEEK 27
Friday, September 18
New England Revolution at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado Rapids at San Jose Earthquakes, 11 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes
Saturday, Sptember 19
Chipse USA at Seattle Sounder EC 3 p.m. ESC / ESE

Chivas USA at Seattle Sounders FC, 3 p.m., FSC / FSE Real Salt Lake at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m. FC Dallas at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m. Toronto FC at Los Angeles Galaxy, 10:30 p.m. Sunday, September 20

Columbus Crew at Chicago Fire, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

WEEK 28 Wednesday, September 23 San Jose Earthquakes at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, September 26 Los Angeles Galaxy at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m. Seattle Sounders FC at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Colorado Rapids at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m. Toronto FC at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m.

New York Red Bulls at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Sunday, September 27

San Jose Earthquakes at D.C. United, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

WEEK 29 Wednesday, September 30

New England Revolution at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Friday, October 2

Chicago Fire at Los Angeles Galaxy, 11 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes

Saturday, October 3
Seattle Sounders FC at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
New England Revolution at Colorado Rapids, 9 p.m.
New York Red Bulls at San Jose Earthquakes, 11 p.m., FSC / FSE

Sunday, October 4 Kansas City Wizards at Houston Dynamo, 3 p.m. TeleFutura

Wednesday, October 7
FC Dallas at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes
Saturday, October 10

San Jose Earthquakes at Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m., FSC / FSE Columbus Crew at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m. Kansas City Wizards at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

WEEK 31

Wednesday, October 14
New York Red Bulls at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes
Saturday, October 17

Real Salt Lake at Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m. Chicago Fire at New England Revolution, 6 p.m., FSC / FSE Columbus Crew at D.C. United, 8 p.m. Colorado Rapids at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Seattle Sounders FC at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m. San Jose Earthquakes at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 18 Los Angeles Galaxy at Houston Dynamo, 3 p.m., TeleFutura

WEEK 32 Thursday, October 22 Chivas USA at Chicago Fire, 8 p.m., ESPN2 / Deportes Saturday, October 24 Toronto FC at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.

D.C. United at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m. Colorado Rapids at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m., FSC / FSE San Jose Earthquakes at Los Angeles Galaxy, 10:30 p.m. FC Dallas at Seattle Sounders FC, 10:30 p.m. Sunday, October 25

Houston Dynamo at Chivas USA, 3 p.m., TeleFutura New England Revolution at Columbus Crew, 5 p.m.

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS
Thursday, October 29 — Sunday, November 1 Conference Semifinals Game 1 Thursday, November 5 — Sunday, November 8

Conference Semifinals Game 2
Thursday, November 12 — Sunday, November 15 Conference Championships Sunday, November 22

MLS Cup 2009, Qwest Field, Seattle, Wash.

Getting to know

Galaxy rookie Omar Gonzalez

mar Gonzalez was the Galaxy's first pick in the 2009 SuperDraft after playing three years at the University of Maryland. A native of Dallas, Gonzalez signed a Generation adidas contract with MLS after helping the Terrapins win the 2008 College Cup and was selected by the Galaxy with the No. 3 pick in January's SuperDraft. We caught up with the big center back to get his thoughts as he heads into his rookie season in MLS.

What were your thoughts when you were drafted by the Galaxy?

The first thing that came to my mind when the Galaxy called my name was how grateful I was to be

thought of so highly on their list. Secondly, I was very excited because I knew that the Galaxy was in need of defenders, and I immediately thought that if I worked hard enough, I could make an impact.

You have the reigning MLS Rookie of the Year in Sean Franklin at right back, did that make the idea of coming to the Galaxy that much more inviting?

Of course, having a player that did so well his first year made it that much more exciting. He obviously has the tools and characteristics to make it in this league and, I just hope those qualities rub off on me.

How much has it helped to have someone like A.J. (DeLaGarza) going through this process with you?

AJ and I have been playing together for the past three years, and since then have built a great friendship. Having such a good friend on the team helps me tremendously, because it just make me more comfortable.

What have the more veteran defenders told you so far about your game and what awaits you in MLS?

They have told me that I am doing well so far, but I can do more to improve my game.

What do you hope to accomplish on the field during your rookie season?

I hope to play a major role in the success of our team, and hopefully be one of the consistent starting 11 players.

Has it really set in yet that you are a professional soccer player?

Sort of, but it just keeps on getting better. I think it will hit me more once the season begins and I get see all of the fans that support us.



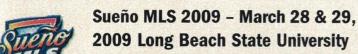
Omar Gonzalez will look to hold down a spot in the starting lineup this season.

2009 Galaxy Events

The Galaxy bring great events to Southern California all year long

he LA Galaxy are known for bringing exciting tournaments, soccer camps and clinics to the Southern California area. You can take part in the COPA LA soccer tournament or participate in Galaxy Fantasy Camps and clinics, featuring Galaxy alumni and coaches as well as current players such as Sean Franklin and Cobi Jones. You'll learn from a group of hand selected Galaxy camp coaches who will teach the technical skills and drills straight from the Galaxy's training textbook.

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sueño MLS is a nationally televised month-long tryout for MLS

teams. This year the LA Galaxy will host the tryouts along with DC United and the Chicago Fire with hopes of going into our local soccer communities and finding the next player that can break through to make the cut to play for the LA Galaxy.



COPA LA- May 23, 24, 25 (San **Bernardino Soccer Complex)**

The eighth annual COPA LA will again take place this Memorial Day

weekend at the soccer complex in San Bernardino.



2009 MLS Futbolito

After a successful year held at the Rose Bowl, MLS Futbolito, the official 4v4 Soccer Tournament of MLS and the LA Galaxy, is

back. Last year we had close to 160 teams participate in this one-day event and it saw over 3000 spectators



LA GALAXY SOCCER CAMPS

Galaxy Youth Soccer

Fantasy Camp- August 24 - 27, 2009 (HDC) Galaxy Youth Soccer Camps- Year-round (TBD) Galaxy Youth Team Tours- Year-round (The Home Depot Center)

The LA Galaxy soccer camp program was designed to help soccer players of all levels in having fun while learning new skills that will help them reach their soccer goals. Our camps bring in current LA Galaxy players and alumni greats to work with our participants in all facets of the game and each person comes away with a new-found respect of playing soccer in a professional environment and learn the techniques and tactics that will enable them to become better individual and team soccer players.

Los Angeles Galaxy Community Clinic Series-Year-round (TBD)



The Galaxy and its generous sponsors provide free soccer clinics in the community's of

Southern California on a monthly basis. A Galaxy staff coach provides skills training to the participants. We have several dates scheduled and would love to hear from your non-profit group if you are interested.

To register or for more information, visit www.lagalaxy.com (Click into the "Galaxy Events" page). E-mail contact: bshepard@lagalaxy.com



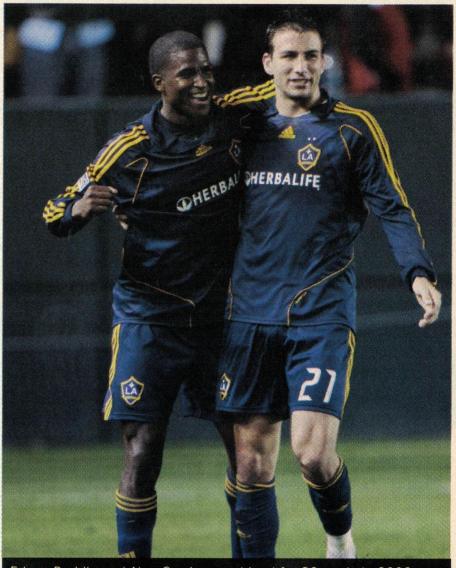
The Galaxy Street Team participates in a variety of community events while engaging fans of all ages to have fun leaving a lasting Galaxy impression long

after the event! Consisting of energetic team members, the Galaxy Street Team brings a radio remote style flair to every event comprised of interactive games, prizes, inflatables, Galaxy trivia, highlight videos and much more. For more information regarding The Galaxy Street Team visit the Fan Forum Section at lagalaxy.com.

Galaxy Trivia

Test you Galaxy trivia knowledge

- 1) How many Galaxy players and coaches have won the MLS Cup?
- 2) How many players on the Galaxy roster have played for their country in the World Cup?
- 3) Landon Donovan scored 20 goals for the Galaxy in 2008. Who are the only other players in Galaxy history to score 20 goals or more in season?
- 4) What two Galaxy players reached the 2008 MLS Cup?
- 5) What college is represented with the most players on the Galaxy roster?
- 6) Of the players on the Galaxy roster, how many different countries were they born in?



Edson Buddle and Alan Gordon combined for 20 goals in 2008 and will look to match that total in 2009..

Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine and the United States. 6) Seven - Brazil, England, Germany, Jamaica,

and Josh Tudela.

5) Indiana University - Chris Klein, Dema Kovalenko

Miglioranzi (Columbus Crew). 4) Mike Magee (New York Red Bulls) and Stefani

Ruiz (24 goals in 2002). 3) Eduardo Hurtado (21 goals in 1996) and Carlos (2002 and 2006), Donovan Ricketts (1998) and Landon Donovan (2002 and 2006), Eddie Lewis 2) Five - David Beckham (1998, 2002 and 2006),

and Josh Saunders (2003 and 2005). Sanneh (1996 and 1997), Dave Sarachan (1999) Kovalenko (2004), Stefani Miglioranzi (2008), Tony (2002 and 2005), Chris Klein (2000), Dema (2003), Alan Gordon (2005), Cobi Jones Donovan (2001, 2003 and 2005), Todd Dunivant 1) Eleven - Bruce Arena (1996 and 1997), Landon

Tony Sanneh (2002).

Answers:

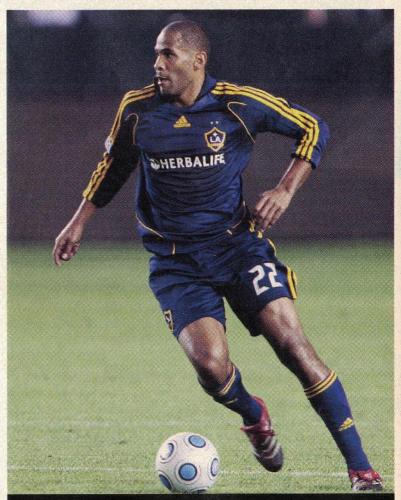
Did You Know?

Facts about your LA Galaxy players

- * Of the 24 players on the Galaxy roster, 13 were not on the Galaxy roster at the end of the 2008 season.
- * Six players on the Galaxy roster have scored 20 or more goals during their MLS careers, with Landon Donovan having the most with 84 career goals.
- * Tony Sanneh is the oldest member of the Galaxy - 37 years old - while Tristan Bowen is the youngest, having just turned 18 years old in January.
- * A.J. DeLaGarza and Omar Gonzalez each won the National Championship with the University of Maryland in 2008, making them the fourth and fifth different players on the Galaxy to have won an NCAA Championship. DeLaGaraza also won a championship at Maryland as a freshman in 2005, while Dema Kovalenko won the 1998 championship for Indiana, Stefani Miglioranzi won the 1996 NCAA title at St. John's and Josh

Tudela won two championships at Indiana in 2003 and 2004. Edson Buddle also won a NJCAA National Championship in 1999 at State Fair Community College.

- * DeLaGarza and Gonzalez are the first college teammates selected by the Galaxy in the same SuperDraft since 2004 when Sigi Schmid selected Guillermo Arzate and David McGill from UC-Santa Barbara.
- * Four players returned to the Galaxy this offseason after leaving the club earlier in their careers.
- Todd Dunivant played for the Galaxy in 2005 and 2006, winning the MLS Cup in 2005 before being



Still going strong: At 37 years old, Tony Sanneh is the oldest player on the Galaxy opening day roster.

traded to the New York Red Bulls. He played for Toronto FC last year and was traded back to the Galaxy in February.

- Jovan Kirovski played for the Galaxy in 2004 and most of the 2005 campaign before being traded to the Colorado Rapids. The Rapids traded him to San Jose last year and the Earthquakes sent him to the Galaxy in November 2008.
- Stefani Miglioranzi joined the Galaxy in 2006 before spending the 2007 and 2008 seasons with the Columbus Crew before returning to Los Angeles in January.
- Josh Saunders played for the Galaxy in 2005, winning an MLS Cup, before re-joining the club on loan late last season and signing a contract with LA prior to the start of this season.



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