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Mike Magee and the Galaxy had a lot to celebrate in 2009.

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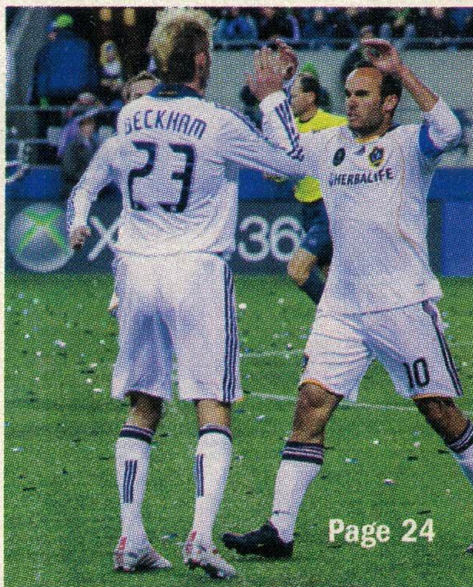
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From First Kick to MLS Cup in November, there will be plenty of excitement in 2010



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Coach's Corner

Bruce Arena looks ahead to the 2010 MLS season

Dear Galaxy Fans:

Welcome back to The Home Depot Center for what we hope will be another great year for our team.

The 2009 season was a memorable one for all of us. Although we are still disappointed in not winning the MLS Cup, we can look back and be proud of what was accomplished. After a number of down years, we were able to re-establish ourselves as a quality team in MLS. The Western Conference Championship reflects the fact that we made great strides in 2009.

Now we turn our focus and look forward to the 2010 season, which will be filled with many challenges. Positioning ourselves to qualify for the MLS playoffs will be our number one priority. Additionally, we will play in the U.S. Open Cup and the CONCACAF Champions

League beginning this summer and these tournaments will truly test the depth and quality of our roster.

The 2010 roster will look somewhat familiar, which is progress. We have added some new faces that are all expected to contribute. Clint Mathis is a proven player and winner in MLS. Our first-round draft pick, Michael Stephens, is a talented player who will help strengthen our midfield. Lastly, our three new Brazilians Alex Cazumba, Juninho and Leonardo are all talented players who will excite our fan base.

When you combine these new additions with a returning cast of veterans including MLS MVP Landon Donovan, Goalkeeper of the Year finalist Donovan Ricketts, as well as Gregg Berhalter, Edson Buddle, Todd Dunivant, Eddie Lewis and the last two MLS Rookies of the Year - Sean Franklin and Omar Gonzlaez, we can all see that the nucleus of this team is strong and promising.

This is an exciting time to be a Galaxy fan. We want to hear you each and every game. The Home Depot Center needs to provide a true home field advantage for our team and I know with your support, we will have a team you can proudly support.

Again, thank you for your support and enjoy today's game.

*Bruce Arena
General Manager and Head Coach
LA Galaxy*



2010 Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	TV	RADIO
Sat.	March 27	vs. New England	8:00 p.m.	FSC/FSE	AM 570/KWKW
Thur.	April 1	vs. Chivas USA	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes	KWKW
Sat.	April 10	at Houston	5:30 p.m.	FS West (D - 10 p.m.)	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	April 17	vs. Real Salt Lake	7:30 p.m.	FSC/FSE	AM 570/KWKW
Sat.	April 24	at Kansas City	5:30 p.m.	FS West	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	May 1	vs. Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.	FS West	AM 570/KWKW
Wed.	May 5	at Colorado	6:30 p.m.	FS West (D - 7:30 p.m.)	KWKW
Sat.	May 8	at Seattle	1:00 p.m.	FS West/TeleFutura	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	May 15	vs. Toronto FC	7:30 p.m.	Prime Ticket	AM 570/KWKW
Thur.	May 20	at FC Dallas	5:30 p.m.	FS West (D - 8:30 p.m.)	KWKW
Sat.	May 29	at Columbus	4:30 p.m.	FS West	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	June 5	vs. Houston	5:00 p.m.	FS West/Galavision	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Wed.	June 9	at Real Salt Lake	6:00 p.m.	FS West (D - 11 p.m.)	KWKW
Sat.	June 26	at Toronto FC	4:30 p.m.	FSC/FSE	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sun.	July 4	vs. Seattle	7:30 p.m.	FS West	AM 570/KWKW
Sat.	July 10	at New England	4:30 p.m.	Prime Ticket	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sun.	July 18	at D.C. United	4:30 p.m.	FSC/FSE	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Thur.	July 22	vs. San Jose	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes	KWKW
Sun.	August 1	vs. Chicago	4:30 p.m.	FSC/FSE	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	August 14	at New York	3:00 p.m.	FSC/FSE	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	August 21	at San Jose	1:00 p.m.	FS West/ TeleFutura	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	August 28	vs. Kansas City	7:30 p.m.	Prime Ticket	AM 570/KWKW
Sat.	Sept. 4	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.	FS West/ TeleFutura	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	Sept. 11	vs. Columbus	7:30 p.m.	FS West	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sat.	Sept. 18	vs. D.C. United	7:30 p.m.	FSC/FSE	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Fri.	Sept. 24	vs. New York	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sun.	October 3	at Chivas USA	5:00 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Thur.	October 7	at Philadelphia	5:00 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes	KWKW
Sat.	October 16	vs. Colorado	7:30 p.m.	FS West	KTLK 1150/KWKW
Sun.	October 24	vs. FC Dallas	5:00 p.m.	FS West	KTLK 1150/KWKW

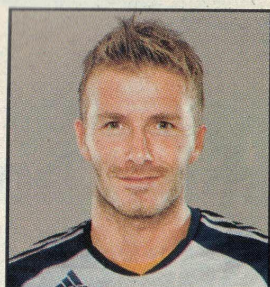
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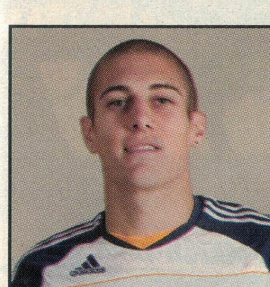
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Defender
Amelia Rodrigues,
Brazil



23 David Beckham
Midfielder
London, England



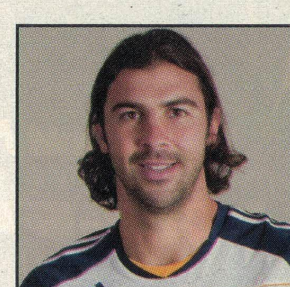
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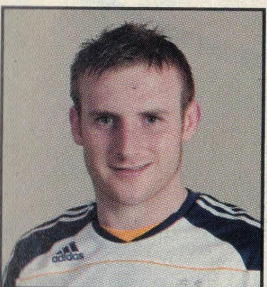
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Forward
Tempe City, Calif.



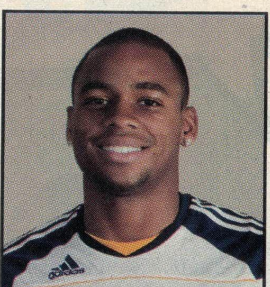
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Midfielder
San Jose dos Campos,
Brazil



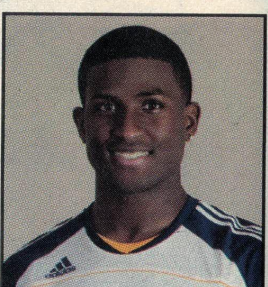
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Forward
Escondido, Calif.



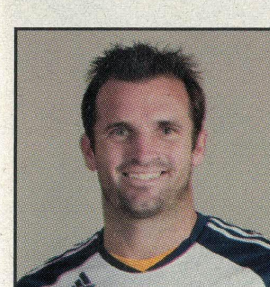
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Midfielder
Stafford, England



17 Tristan Bowen
Forward
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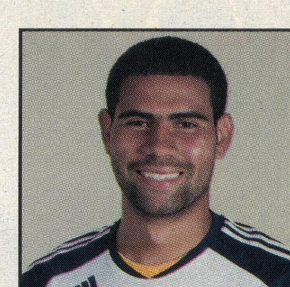
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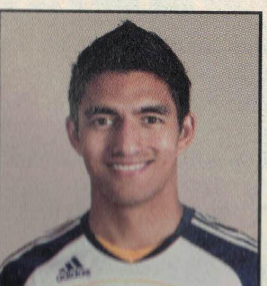
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St. Louis, Mo.



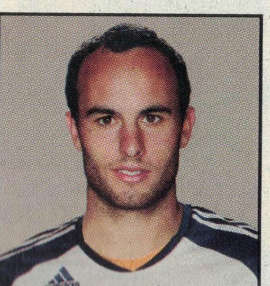
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Midfielder
Rochester, N.Y.



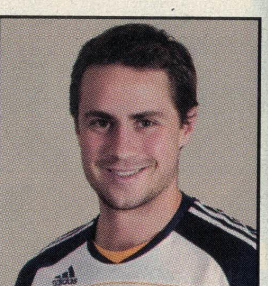
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Defender
Sao Paulo, Brazil



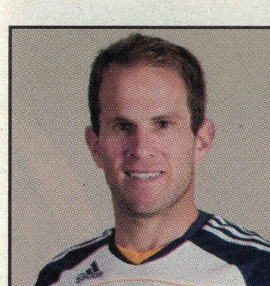
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Defender
Bryans Road, Md.



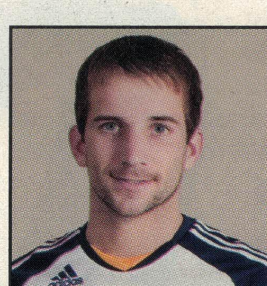
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Forward
Redlands, Calif.



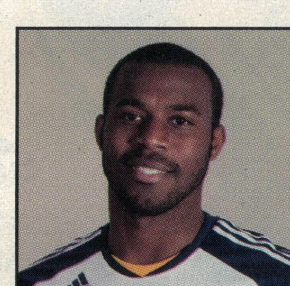
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Defender
Wheat Ridge, Colo.



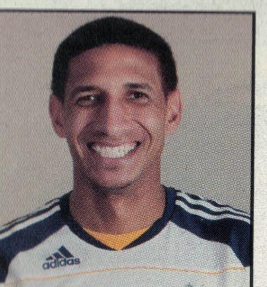
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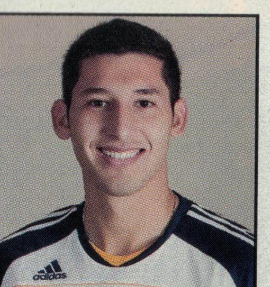
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Forward
Chicago, Ill.



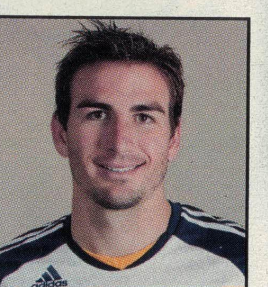
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Defender
Diego Martin, Trinidad



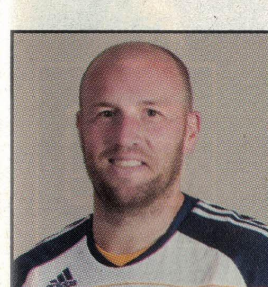
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Palmdale, Calif.



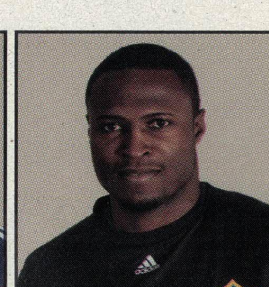
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Defender
Dallas, Texas



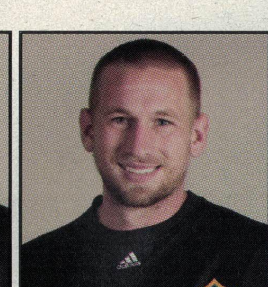
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Gilbert, Ariz.



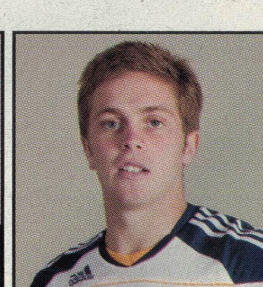
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Midfielder
Conyers, Ga.



1 Donovan Ricketts
Goalkeeper
Montego Bay,
Jamaica



12 Josh Saunders
Goalkeeper
Lake Forest, Calif.



26 Michael Stephens
Midfielder
Naperville, Ill.

Our Opponents

A look at the Galaxy's early-season opposition

March 27 – New England Revolution ... For the second time in five years, the Galaxy open their season with a home game against the New England Revolution. LA swept the season series from the Revolution in 2009, winning 1-0 at The Home Depot Center on July 4 and then winning 2-1 at Gillette Stadium just over a month later. Landon Donovan opened the scoring in that game with a goal that would go on to be named the MLS Goal of the Year. Many of the familiar faces that have led the Revolution to continued success in MLS over the past decade have now moved on, but head coach Steve Nicol is back, meaning that Bruce Arena and Co. are sure to have a battle on their hands.

Key Player: Preston Burpo – With former Galaxy goalkeeper Matt Reis scheduled to miss the start of the season through injury, Burpo, acquired from Colorado in January, will have to man the goals for New England and stake his claim as the club's No.1.

April 1 – Chivas USA ... The first installment of the SuperClasico comes early as the Galaxy host Chivas USA in the second game of the season for both clubs. The Galaxy went 2-0-1 against their rivals in the regular season last year and then knocked them out of the playoffs with a 3-2 aggregate goal win in their Western Conference Semifinal Series.

This year's Galaxy team will look to continue their strong run against Chivas USA, having won the first meeting of the year between the two sides four times in five years since the rivalry began.

Key Player: Osaël Romero – The young Salvadoran playmaker joined Chivas USA and will look to have an immediate impact in his first SuperClasico. Compared by some to Galaxy legend Mauricio Cienfuegos, Romero is dangerous with the ball at his feet anywhere on the field, but especially so in the final third.

April 17 – Real Salt Lake ... A rematch of MLS Cup 2009, the Galaxy will look to exact some revenge on the league's reigning champion. Both teams bring back most of the key components from that historic battle, meaning that this game should be another tense affair. There may not be the MLS Cup on the line this time, but that won't make Bruce Arena's squad any less likely to want to win. Additionally, LA will be looking to snap a three-game home winless streak that dates back to June 2007. Since that game, the Galaxy are 0-2-1 at home against RSL, including a 2-0 loss last June that snapped the Galaxy's 10-game unbeaten streak.

Key Player: Robbie Findley – One of the fastest forwards in the league, Findley will be looking to stake his claim on Bob Bradley's World Cup roster with a strong showing in the first month of the MLS season. The former Galaxy forward scored RSL's only goal in MLS Cup to force the game to the deciding penalty shootout and also scored the first time the two teams played in the regular season, a 2-2 draw at Rio Tinto Stadium.

May 1 – Philadelphia Union ... The latest expansion team in MLS, the Union open the month of May with a visit to The Home Depot Center. Led by head coach Peter Nowak, the Union come into their inaugural season with high hopes thanks to success in the expansion draft and the SuperDraft. They will be looking to continue the trend of Seattle, who won in their first-ever road trip to face LA. Former Galaxy players like Danny Califf, Stefani Miglioranza and Alejandro Moreno highlight a roster that also included the likes of Fred, Michael Orozco.

Key Player: Danny Mwanga – The No. 1 overall pick in the 2010 MLS SuperDraft, a lot is expected of Mwanga. A standout at Oregon State, the 20-year-old forward has the pace and finishing ability to trouble opposing defenders all game long.



Todd Dunivant

Look back and ahead with the Galaxy left back

A two-time MLS Cup winner, Todd Dunivant re-joined the Galaxy in February 2009 and immediately helped to improve what had been the worst defense in MLS. One of the top left backs in MLS, Dunivant helped the Galaxy cut their goals allowed total in half from 62 in 2008 to just 31 in 2009 and to keep a club record 12 regular season clean sheets.

We caught up with Todd to discuss his return to the Galaxy in 2009 and what he is looking to accomplish with the club here in 2010...

How excited were you to be returning to Los Angeles in 2009?

"It was great for me to come back to LA. This was a place that was dear to my heart. I won an MLS



Already with two rings, Dunivant is looking to add a third in 2010.

Cup here in 2005, so coming back was great. It offered me a second chance at an opportunity like this and I was ready to take advantage of it."

More importantly, how important was it to finally be healthy?

"It was huge. Any time you have an injury that keeps you out for eight full months, it's difficult to come back and it takes a lot of time. You have to put a lot of hard work in and the trainers did a great job of getting me back on the field. From that point, I was able to play my way through the rest of the season."

Was the injury in the back of your mind at all last

year? Is it still?

"Last year my ankle was pretty sore, I could play and get through a game, but after the game I would be limping pretty noticeably. Then, the last third of the season I got over the hump and I began to feel a lot better. I've now carried that into this season and it's not even something that I'm even thinking about, so that's a credit to Armando, Shunta, Ceci (the club's training staff) and everyone who has worked on it."

Given the injury, were you surprised at how well you were able to play last year?

"No, not really. It was a good start and I want to be able to build on it. But I think that is the belief



After battling Barcelona's Lionel Messi, Dunivant will continue to work hard to stay healthy this season.



of our whole team. Yes we won the Western Conference, had a good season and have begun to turn the club back around to where it should be. But at the same time, we ended the year with a pretty bitter taste in our mouth's, so hopefully that will make us that much hungrier and push for a championship this year."

The team began to hit its stride when the back four of A.J., Omar, Gregg and yourself in front of Donovan began to get comfortable. How important is consistency to a defensive unit?

"It's key. When you have the same guys week in and week out, it really helps. And this year, it's the first time that this club has had this type of consistency across the board in a long time. And that is going to go along way."

"You could see it in the preseason, just the familiarity that you have with the rest of the team, you don't need to start over. When you are turning your roster over year after year, you become an expansion team in a way and you have a lot of work to do. That's not to say that we don't have a lot of work to do, we're just starting that much further ahead. We've seen the successful teams in this league stay together and have a level of consistency in their rosters."

What are some of your goals for the 2010 season?



Having helped shore up the defense last season, Dunivant hopes the Galaxy can improve on the offensive side in 2010.

"For me it's to continue to stay healthy and try to help and solidify our back line. Last year our defense was a key in turning things around from 2008 and I thought that we did a very good job of that. This year, we're also looking to be a better possession team and a better attacking team, and that is something myself, A.J. and Sean can really help out with; getting forward in the attack and hopefully creating some good goalscoring opportunities when we can keep the ball."

MLS 2010 Season Preview

No shortage of contenders for Real's MLS crown

The 15th season of Major League Soccer will see a champion defending its first-ever trophy in Real Salt Lake, the League's 16th and newest team in Philadelphia Union, and two new majestic homes for the Beautiful Game

— Red Bull Arena in Harrison, N.J. and PPL Park in Chester, Pa. In this World Cup year, there will be no shortage of excitement on these shores as well. Here's a team-by-team guide to bring you up to speed for the 2010 MLS campaign.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

New team and old rivalries heat up the season outlook



Chicago Fire

New coach and key additions look to help Fire take the next step

2009 Record: 11-7-12, 45 pts., 2nd in Eastern Conference

GF: 39 (tied for 6th in MLS)

GA: 34 (tied for 6th in MLS)

Finish: Defeated New England Revolution in Conference Semifinal (3-2 on aggregate); Lost to Real Salt Lake in Conference Championship (5-4 on penalty kicks)

Head Coach: Carlos de los Cobos (first season)

FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN THE PAST five Major League Soccer seasons, the Chicago Fire fell a game short of the MLS Cup Final, this time falling on penalty kicks to Real Salt Lake on their Toyota Park home field in the Eastern Conference Championship. Former El Salvador national team coach Carlos de los Cobos takes over as head

coach, replacing Denis Hamlett. The Fire will have some attacking holes to fill with Chris Rolfe (6 goals) and Cuauhtémoc Blanco (5 goals, 8 assists) having both left the club. El Salvador national teamer Julio Martinez has been brought in to guide the attack, while Polish international Krzysztof Krol comes into the defense.

Columbus Crew

Crew looks for Cup experience to lead it through MLS campaign

2009 Record: 13-7-10, 49 pts., 1st in Eastern Conference

GF: 41 (5th in MLS) · GA: 31 (3rd in MLS)

Finish: Lost to Real Salt Lake (4-2 on aggregate) in Conference Semifinal.

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

DESPITE WINNING THE SUPPORTERS' SHIELD for the second consecutive season, the Crew saw their bid to repeat as MLS Cup champions ended on home turf by Real Salt Lake. A year after leading the league with 19 assists, Guillermo Barros Schelotto finished tied for third with 12 goals. The Argentinean

will be looking to develop a partnership with Colombian international Sergio Herrera, who was acquired from Deportivo Cali to lead the Crew attack. Columbus will start their season ahead of every other team, the only MLS club to qualify for the CONCACAF Champions League quarterfinals.

D.C. United

Onalfo takes the reins with an eye on blending newcomers with veterans

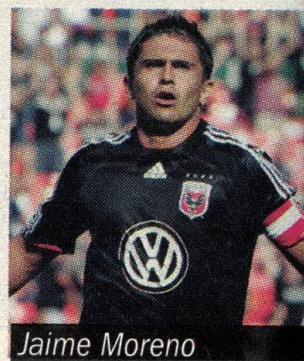
2009 Record: 9-8-13, 40 pts., 4th in Eastern Conference

GF: 43 (tied for 2nd in MLS) · GA: 44 (11th in MLS)

Finish: Did not reach MLS Cup Playoffs · Head Coach: Curt Onalfo (first year with club)

AFTER FAILING TO REACH THE POSTSEASON for the second time in as many seasons, Curt Onalfo has moved from the Kansas City Wizards to take charge of United, replacing Tom Soehn. Last year's leading scorer for United – 2007 MLS MVP Luciano Emilio (10 goals) – has moved on, but United will again be counting on Jaime Moreno (9 goals, 3 assists), the league's last surviving Original. Chris Pontius is

coming off a standout rookie year (4 goals, 3 assists), while United have also signed Australian international Danny Allsopp and Salvadoran playmaker Christian Castillo to bolster the attack.



Jaime Moreno

Kansas City Wizards

Consistent play is key to club's success in 2010

2009 Record: 8-13-9, 33 pts., 6th in Eastern Conference

GF: 33 (tied for 13th in MLS) · GA: 42 (tied for 10th in MLS)

Finish: Did not reach MLS Cup Playoffs · Head Coach: Peter Vermes (second year with club)

AFTER TAKING OVER AS HEAD COACH IN A LATE bid to save a playoff spot, Peter Vermes has set about remaking the Wizards over the winter. Gone are Argentinean playmaker Claudio Lopez (7 goals, 8



Josh Wolff

assists), 13-year veteran goalkeeper Kevin Hartman (MLS all-time wins leader) and Mexican-American Herculez Gomez. Signed to guide the attack from midfield is Stéphane Auvray of Guadeloupe, while Colombian center back Pablo Escobar should provide steel to the back line and Jimmy Nielsen has come from Denmark to man the goal. Josh Wolff will be looked to for the goals after scoring a career-best 11 in 2009, along with Davy Arnaud (5 goals, 2 assists).

NE Revolution

Healthy in 2010, Revs look to regain their MLS Cup Playoff form

2009 Record: 11-10-9, 42 pts., 3rd in Eastern Conference

GF: 33 (tied for 13th in MLS) · GA: 37 (8th in MLS) · Finish: Lost to Chicago Fire in Conference Semifinal (3-2 on aggregate) · Head Coach: Steve Nicol (ninth season with club)

THE NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION SUFFERED through a difficult, injury-plagued campaign — and still nearly reached the Eastern Conference Championship yet again. Still, league head coaching dean Steve Nicol will direct a new-look club in 2010. MLS Original Steve Ralston has moved on, joining Division II AC St. Louis as a player-coach.

Hard-working midfielder Jeff Larentowicz, along with Wells Thompson, went to Colorado for center back Cory Gibbs and goalkeeper Preston Burpo — key with Matt Reis sidelined after knee surgery. Taylor Twellman will be looking to rebound from a concussion-marred season that saw him limited to just two games (though he scored two goals).

New York Red Bulls

New coach and stadium give Red Bulls reason to believe

2009 Record: 5-19-6, 21 pts., 7th in Eastern Conference

GF: 27 (15th in MLS) · GA: 47 (tied for 13th in MLS)

Finish: Did not reach MLS Cup Playoffs · Head Coach: Hans Backe (first season with club)

THE NEW YORK RED BULLS FINISHED 2008 with an appearance in the MLS Cup Final, but followed that with a disastrous season that included a three-month winless streak. With the club set to open the majestic Red Bull Arena this season, it has turned to Hans Backe, who won four Danish

league titles with Copenhagen and Aalborg, to take the head coaching reins. Juan Pablo Angel will be back after hitting double digits in goals (12) for a third MLS season. Costa Rican international defender Roy Miller has been brought in to stiffen the back line.

Philadelphia Union

MLS Cup Playoffs are the goal in club's inaugural season

2009 Record: Expansion team · Head Coach: Peter Nowak

THE LEAGUE'S NEWEST CLUB BELIEVES a playoff spot is within reach. Former D.C. United boss Peter Nowak has built a club of solid MLS veterans, led by striker Alejandro Moreno (4 goals with Columbus in 2009), midfielder Fred (2 goals, 4 assists at D.C. United) and defender Shavar Thomas (ex-Chivas

USA). Defender Dan Califf has returned to the league, while No. 1 overall pick Danny Mwanga and U.S. U-17 national teamer Jack McNerney could figure immediately. While Union will start the season at Lincoln Financial Field, PPL Park on the Chester, Pa. waterfront will open in June.

Toronto FC

Preki takes the helm with goal of bringing MLS Cup to Canada

2009 Record: 10-11-9, 39 pts., 5th in Eastern Conference

GF: 37 (9th in MLS) · GA: 46 (12th in MLS)

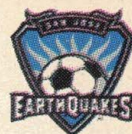
Finish: Did not make MLS Cup Playoffs. · Head Coach: Preki (first season with club)

FOLLOWING A THIRD SEASON IN CLUB history that ended short of the MLS Cup Playoffs, Toronto FC has turned to Preki to finally bring postseason soccer to BMO Field. In his first season in his hometown, Dwayne De Rosario led TFC with 11 goals and 6 assists. He'll look to combine with Chad Barrett (5

goals, 3 assists) to lead the Reds' attack. Honduras international Amado Guevara has moved on after a 5-goal, 6-assist season while fan favorite Danny Dichio retired, but Toronto will look to a full season from Canadian international Ali Gerba and picked up pacey winger Jacob Peterson from Colorado.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Rivalries abound as eight teams have an eye on the Cup



Chivas USA

New coach will look to veteran leadership to advance in 2010

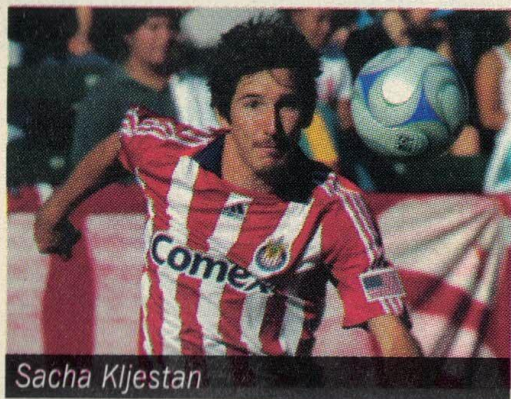
2009 Record: 13-11-6, 45 pts., 4th in Western Conference

GF: 34 (11th in MLS) · GA: 31 (3rd in MLS)

Finish: Lost to LA Galaxy in Conference Semifinal (3-2 on aggregate)

Head Coach: Martín Vásquez (first season with club)

FOR A THIRD CONSECUTIVE SEASON, Chivas USA



Sacha Kljestan

saw their season ended in the first round of the MLS Cup Playoffs, this time at the hands of Home Depot

Center rivals LA Galaxy. In the wake of that result, Preki moved to Toronto FC as head coach, replaced by ex-U.S. international Martín Vásquez. With World Cup berths on the line, Chivas will be looking to midfielder Sacha Kljestan (5 goals, 3 assists) and defender Jonathan Bornstein, though some play-making responsibility will be taken by El Salvador international Osaël Romero. Goalkeeper Zach Thornton will return after a remarkable Best XI season at age 35.

Colorado Rapids

Trades and transfers will join Conor Casey to leads Rapids this season

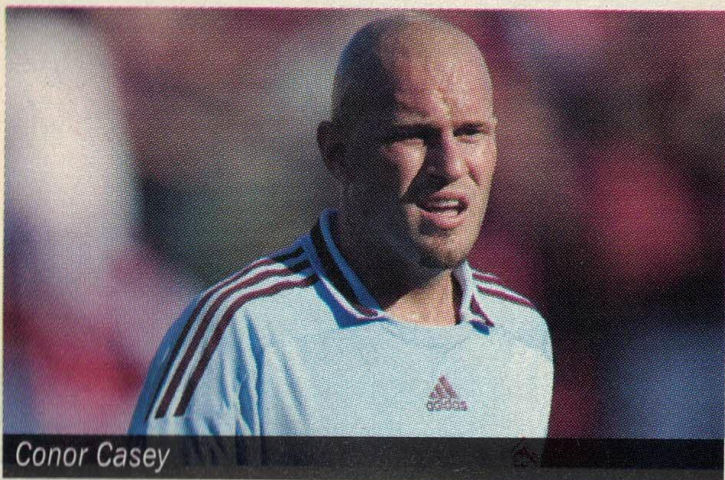
2009 Record: 10-10-10, 40 pts., 6th in Western Conference

GF: 42 (4th in MLS) · GA: 38 (9th in MLS)

Finish: Did not make MLS Cup Playoffs.

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

FOR THE THIRD SEASON IN A ROW, THE Rapids



Conor Casey

faced Real Salt Lake in the season finale with a playoff berth on the line — and for the third season in a row, Colorado came up short against their Rocky Mountain rivals. Head coach Gary Smith will again look to Conor Casey to lead the attack — his 16 goals were one short of the MLS Golden Boot lead. The Rapids were busy in the transfer market, signing Colombian center back Oscar Murillo (Deportivo Cali) and Irish midfielder Danny Earls (Division II Rochester), as well as via trade, picking up midfielders Jeff Larentowicz and Wells Thompson from the New England Revolution.

FC Dallas

After falling just short in 2009, FC Dallas looks for spark in 2010

2009 Record: 11-13-6, 39 pts., 7th in Western Conference

GF: 50 (1st in MLS) · GA: 47 (13th in MLS)

Finish: Did not reach MLS Cup Playoffs

Head Coach: Schellas Hyndman (second year with club)

LED BY A REMARKABLE CHARGE FROM Golden Boot winner Jeff Cunningham, FC Dallas went into the final game of the season alive for a playoff spot, but fell just short. Cunningham won the league goal-scoring title for the second time with 17 goals, 16 of those coming over the second half of the season.

David Ferreira (8 goals, 7 assists) will again provide the playmaking spark, but club assist leader Dave van den Bergh (3 goals, 11 assists) was not resigned. Also key to the club's late-season rush was a rebuilt defense, which included stretch drive pickups Ugo Ihemelu and Heath Pearce.

Houston Dynamo

Consistency should lead to another strong season in Houston

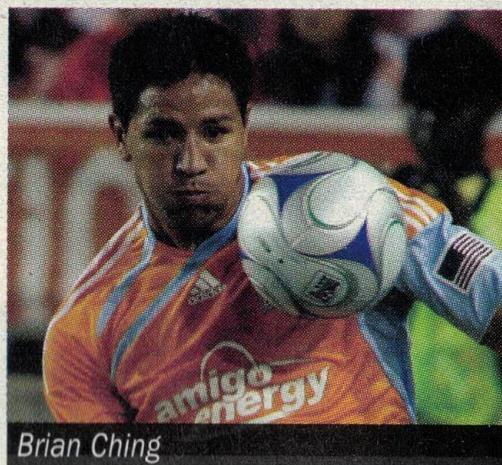
2009 Record: 13-8-9, 48 pts., 2nd in Western Conference

GF: 39 (tied for 6th in MLS) · GA: 29 (tied for 1st in MLS)

Finish: Lost to LA Galaxy in Conference Championship (2-0). Defeated Seattle Sounders FC in Conf. Semifinal (1-0 on aggregate) · Head Coach: Dominic Kinnear (seventh season with club)

ONE OF THE MOST CONSISTENT TEAMS over the past few years, the back-to-back MLS Cup champions in 2006 and 2007 were again a game away from the final before falling to the Los Angeles Galaxy in the West championship. But Dominic Kinnear will have the spine of his midfield to rebuild, with Stuart Holden (6 goals, 4 assists) and Ricardo Clark both having moved to Europe. Brian Ching (8 goals) will be looking to build a productive partnership with Luis Angel Landin in attack, but the Dynamo success is

built on defense, having allowed less than a goal a game for the second time in three seasons in 2009.



Brian Ching

LA Galaxy

Looking for a repeat of last season's magical run to MLS Cup final

2009 Record: 12-6-12, 48 pts., 1st in Western Conference

GF: 36 (tied for 10th in MLS) · GA: 31 (tied for 3rd in MLS)

Finish: Defeated Chivas USA in Western Conference Semifinal (3-2 on aggregate). Defeated Houston Dynamo in Western Conference Championship (2-0). Lost to Real Salt Lake in MLS Cup Final.

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

THE LOS ANGELES GALAXY COMPLETED their return to prominence with a trip to the MLS Cup Final, capping a worst-to-first season. Bruce Arena built the team's success on the backs on the defense, backstopped by goalkeeper Donovan Ricketts and former U.S. international Gregg Berhalter, cutting in

half the team's goals allowed. Landon Donovan (12 goals, 6 assists) was named the MLS Volkswagen MVP; he spent the offseason starring for Everton FC in the English Premier League. David Beckham, who scored 2 goals and added 3 assists, will join the team after the World Cup after again playing in Italy.

Real Salt Lake

An MLS Cup repeat in 2010 depends on consistency in Salt Lake

2009 Record: 11-12-7, 40 pts., 5th in Western Conference

GF: 43 (tied for 2nd in MLS) · GA: 35 (7th in MLS).

Finish: Defeated Los Angeles Galaxy in MLS Cup Final (1-1; 5-4 on penalty kicks. Defeated Chicago Fire in Eastern Conference Championship (5-4 on penalty kicks). Defeated Columbus Crew in Eastern Conf. Semifinal (4-2 on aggregate) · Head Coach: Jason Kreis (fourth year with club)

AFTER ANOTHER DRAMATIC SEASON-ENDING win against Rocky Mountain rival Colorado to clinch a



Kyle Beckerman

playoff spot, Real Salt Lake capped a remarkable drive to win their first MLS Cup, first knocking off defending champion Columbus, then winning back-to-back penalty kick shootouts, including in the final. The core of the championship-winning club returns in 2010, led by striker Robbie Findley (12 goals, 4 assists), playmaker Javier Morales (5 assists) and shootout hero, goalkeeper Nick Rimando. Yura Movsisyan (8 goals) left for Norway at season's end and Clint Mathis returned to Los Angeles, but Jason Kreis has plenty of depth back.

San Jose Earthquakes

Looking to rebound from tough 2009 season

2009 record: 7-14-9, 30 pts. 8th in Western Conference

GF: 36 (tied for 10th in MLS) · GA: 50 (15th in MLS)

Finish: Did not reach MLS Cup Playoffs · Head Coach: Frank Yallop (sixth season with club)

THE EARTHQUAKES TOOK A STEP BACK in their second season back in Major League Soccer, finishing with the second-fewest points in the league and allowing the most goals. But Ryan Johnson (11 goals, 2 assists) will be back to lead the attack; he'll be joined by offseason signing Eduardo, a vet-

eran of playing in Belgium, France and Switzerland. Darren Huckerby retired after two seasons with the Quakes, but the midfield will still contain a pair of El Salvador internationals in Ramón Sánchez and Arturo Alvarez, as well as Bobby Convey, looking to rebound in 2010.

Seattle Sounders FC

A magical first season gives Seattle momentum in 2010

2009 record: 12-7-11, 47 pts., 3rd in Western Conference

GF: 38 (8th in MLS) · GA: 29 (tied for 1st in MLS)

Finish: Lost to Houston Dynamo in Conference Semifinal (1-0 on aggregate)

Head Coach: Sigi Schmid (second season with club)

SOUNDERS FC ENJOYED A MAGICAL first season — smashing attendance records at Qwest Field, allowing less than a goal per game and winning the U.S. Open Cup while becoming the first expansion team to claim a playoff spot in a decade. Sigi Schmid, the architect of the remarkable year after guiding Columbus to the MLS Cup in 2008, has

the core of his team back for a season. Colombian Fredy Montero (12 goals) will again lead the Sounders FC attack, along with Nate Jaqua (9 goals, 7 assists). Freddie Ljungberg (2 goals, 9 assists) will again pull the strings from midfield, while Kasey Keller (0.92 goals-against average) mans the goal.



Don't Miss An MLS Game This Season

Again in 2010, every game of the season will be televised, with most on the ESPN networks, Fox Soccer Channel and TeleFutura

Once again in 2010, the entirety of the MLS season will be televised — all 240 regular-season games.

Fans can watch live via the national broadcast partners, regional telecasts, the Direct Kick television package (available via select satellite and digital cable providers) or on MLSSoccer.com. Regional broadcast schedules will be announced by the teams as they are finalized.

Over the course of the season, 75 percent of games will be played on Saturdays; 85 percent of games will be played on weekends.

One-third of the games will be broadcast live by a national TV network:

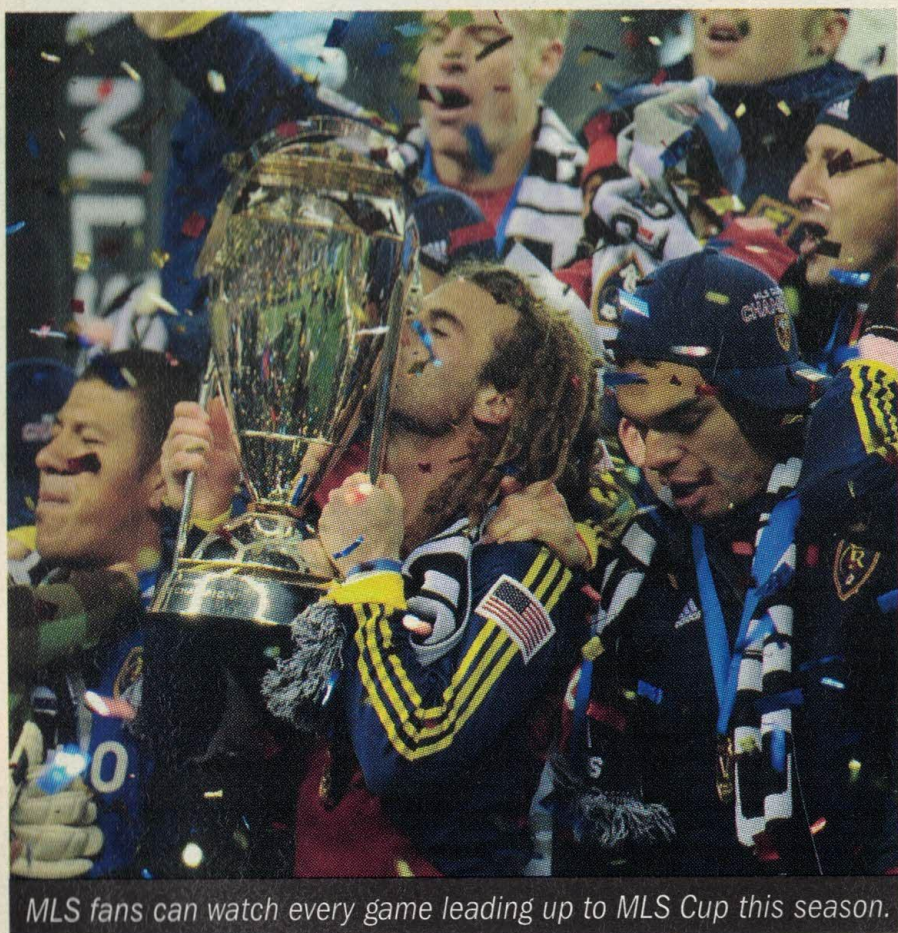
- * 25 games will air live in high definition on ESPN2, and all of those, plus one game on ESPN, will be simulcast on ESPN360 and in Spanish ESPN Deportes. This is the fourth year of an eight-year partnership between MLS and ESPN.

- * 31 games will be televised live in high definition on Fox Soccer Channel (FSC) and feature 30-minute pre- and post-game shows for a three-hour programming window. Most games on FSC will be simulcast in Spanish on Fox Sports en Español (FSE) in a two-hour broadcast window. Fox's MLS schedule includes four Sunday matches from July 18 to Aug. 8.

- * 23 games will be broadcast live on TeleFutura, primarily on Saturdays starting at 4 p.m. ET. MLS and TeleFutura jointly believe that this time slot will be best for fans of MLS clubs.

The 2010 MLS All-Star Game will showcase top players from both conferences against a popular international club at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas in late July or early August. The date and opponent for the game will be announced at a later date, but it will be broadcast live by ESPN2 and TeleFutura.

The 2010 regular season concludes Sunday, Oct. 24. Eight teams will qualify for the MLS Cup Playoffs, which begin the following weekend, Oct. 28-30. The championship match, MLS Cup 2010, will be held Sunday, Nov. 21 at a venue to be announced later, live on ESPN and TeleFutura.



MLS fans can watch every game leading up to MLS Cup this season.

2010 Schedule

WEEK 1

Thursday, March 25

Philadelphia Union at Seattle Sounders FC, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes / ESPN360.com

Friday, March 26

Colorado Rapids at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

Toronto FC at Columbus Crew, 4 p.m.

Houston Dynamo at FC Dallas, 4 p.m., TeleFutura

Chicago Fire at New York Red Bulls, 7 p.m., ESPN/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

D.C. United at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at San Jose Earthquakes, 9 p.m., Fox Soccer Channel (FSC)/
Fox Sports en Español (FSE)

New England Revolution at LA Galaxy, 11 p.m., FSC / FSE

WEEK 2

Thursday, April 1

Real Salt Lake at Houston Dynamo, 9 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes / ESPN360.com

Chivas USA at LA Galaxy, 11 p.m., ESPN2 / ESPN Deportes / ESPN360.com

Saturday, April 3

Chicago Fire at Colorado Rapids, 4 p.m., TeleFutura

New England Revolution at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

New York Red Bulls at Seattle Sounders FC, 10:30 p.m., FSC / FSE

WEEK 3

Saturday, April 10

New York Red Bulls at Chivas USA, 4 p.m., TeleFutura

D.C. United at Philadelphia Union, 6 p.m., FSC / FSE

Toronto FC at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.

San Jose Earthquakes at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m.

Columbus Crew at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

LA Galaxy at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.

Colorado Rapids at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.

Seattle Sounders FC at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

WEEK 4

Thursday, April 15

Philadelphia Union at Toronto FC, 7 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ ESPN360.com

Saturday, April 17

Kansas City Wizards at Seattle Sounders FC, 3 p.m.

Chivas USA at Houston Dynamo, 4 p.m., TeleFutura

FC Dallas at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago Fire at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

New England Revolution at San Jose Earthquakes, 10:00 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m. FSC / FSE

Sunday, April 18

Toronto FC at Colorado Rapids, 5 p.m.

WEEK 5

Thursday, April 22

Seattle Sounders FC at FC Dallas, 8 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes / ESPN360.com

Saturday, April 24

Philadelphia Union at New York Red Bulls, 4 p.m., TeleFutura

Real Salt Lake at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.

Colorado Rapids at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.

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

LA Galaxy at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.

San Jose Earthquakes at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m. FSC / FSE

Sunday, April 25

Seattle Sounders FC at Toronto FC, 2 p.m.

WEEK 6

Saturday, May 1

New York Red Bulls at D.C. United, 4 p.m., TeleFutura

FC Dallas at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.

Chivas USA at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m.

Kansas City Wizards at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE

Toronto FC at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

Colorado Rapids at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.

Columbus Crew at Seattle Sounders FC, 10:30 p.m.

Philadelphia Union at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.

WEEK 7

Wednesday, May 5

Kansas City Wizards at D.C. United, 7 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

Chivas USA at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.

FC Dallas at Houston Dynamo, 9 p.m.

LA Galaxy at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 8

Chicago Fire at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.

LA Galaxy at Seattle Sounders FC, 4 p.m., TeleFutura

New England Revolution at Columbus Crew, 7 p.m., FSC/FSE

D.C. United at FC Dallas, 9 p.m.

Philadelphia Union at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

New York Red Bulls at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.

Houston Dynamo at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

WEEK 8

Thursday, May 13

Houston Dynamo at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

Saturday, May 15

FC Dallas at Philadelphia Union, 4 p.m., TeleFutura

San Jose Earthquakes at New England Revolution, 6 p.m.

Seattle Sounders FC at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.

Chivas USA at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.

Colorado Rapids at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago Fire at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE

Toronto FC at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.

WEEK 9

Thursday, May 20

Columbus Crew at New York Red Bulls, 8 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

LA Galaxy at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 22

San Jose Earthquakes at Seattle Sounders FC, 3 p.m.

New England Revolution at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.

Colorado Rapids at Chicago Fire, 6 p.m., FSC / FSE

Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

D.C. United at Houston Dynamo, 8 p.m., Galavision

Sunday, May 23

Columbus Crew at Kansas City Wizards, 4 p.m.

WEEK 10

Thursday, May 27

FC Dallas at Chicago Fire, 8 p.m., ESPN2/ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

Saturday, May 29

LA Galaxy at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.

Chivas USA at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia Union at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE

Kansas City Wizards at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

Toronto FC at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.

Seattle Sounders FC at Colorado Rapids, 9 p.m.

New York Red Bulls at New England Revolution, 8 p.m., Galavision

WEEK 11

Wednesday, June 2

Houston Dynamo at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.

Columbus Crew at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.

Saturday, June 5

Kansas City Wizards at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

Chivas USA at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m., FSC / FSE

Philadelphia Union at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m.

San Jose Earthquakes at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

New England Revolution at Seattle Sounders FC, 10:30 p.m.

Columbus Crew at Colorado Rapids, 9.m.

Houston Dynamo at LA Galaxy, 8 p.m., Galavision

WEEK 12

Wednesday, June 9

LA Galaxy at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

Thursday, June 10

Philadelphia Union at Kansas City Wizards, 8 p.m.

D.C. United at Seattle Sounders FC, 10 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

WEEK 13

Friday, June 25

San Jose Earthquakes at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 26

LA Galaxy at Toronto FC 7:30 p.m., FSC / FSE

D.C. United at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.

Colorado Rapids at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.

New York Red Bulls at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.

FC Dallas at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

Seattle Sounders FC at Philadelphia Union, 5 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN 360.com

Chicago Fire at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.

WEEK 14

Thursday, July 1

Houston Dynamo at Toronto FC, 7 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

Friday, July 2

New England Revolution at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 3

Chicago Fire at Columbus Crew, 8 p.m., FSC / FSE

Kansas City Wizards at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

D.C. United at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.

Philadelphia Union at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m., FSC / FSE

Sunday, July 4

Seattle Sounders FC at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.

New York Red Bulls at Colorado Rapids, 9 p.m.

WEEK 15

Thursday, July 8

Real Salt Lake at Chicago Fire, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

Saturday, July 10

Colorado Rapids at Toronto FC, 12 p.m.

San Jose Earthquakes at Philadelphia Union, 5:30 p.m., FSC/FSE

LA Galaxy at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.

D.C. United at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.

Columbus Crew at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.

Chivas USA at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 11

FC Dallas at Seattle Sounders FC, 10:30 p.m.

WEEK 16

Wednesday, July 14

Kansas City Wizards at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 15

Seattle Sounders FC at D.C. United, 8 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

Saturday, July 17

Toronto FC at Philadelphia Union, 3:30 p.m.

New York Red Bulls at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Kansas City Wizards at Colorado Rapids, 9 p.m.
Sunday, July 18
LA Galaxy at D.C. United 7:30 p.m., FSC / FSE

WEEK 17
Wednesday, July 21
Philadelphia Union at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 22
San Jose Earthquakes at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com
Saturday, July 24
FC Dallas at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
Houston Dynamo at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City Wizards at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Sunday, July 25
Colorado Rapids at Seattle Sounders FC, 11 p.m., FSC / FSE

WEEK 18
Saturday, July 31
New England Revolution at Philadelphia Union, 3:30 p.m.
New York Red Bulls at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Seattle Sounders FC at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.
Columbus Crew at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Colorado Rapids, 4 p.m.
Sunday, August 1
Chicago Fire at LA Galaxy, 7:30 p.m., FSC/FSE

WEEK 19
Thursday, August 5
Columbus Crew at Philadelphia Union, 8 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com
Saturday, August 7
Chivas USA at Toronto FC, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
D.C. United at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose Earthquakes at Colorado Rapids, 9 p.m.
Sunday, August 8
Philadelphia Union at FC Dallas, 7 p.m., FSC / FSE
New York Red Bulls at Chicago Fire, 9 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com
Houston Dynamo at Seattle Sounders FC, 11 p.m.

WEEK 20
Wednesday, Aug. 11
Toronto FC at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Philadelphia Union, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 14
Colorado Rapids at Philadelphia Union, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
LA Galaxy at New York Red Bulls, 6 p.m., FSC / FSE
FC Dallas at D.C. United, 8 p.m.
Houston Dynamo at New England Revolution, 8 p.m.
Columbus Crew at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Kansas City Wizards at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.
Seattle Sounders FC at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

WEEK 21
Wednesday, August 18
New England Revolution at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 21
New York Red Bulls at Toronto FC, 1 p.m.
LA Galaxy at San Jose Earthquakes, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
Colorado Rapids at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m., FSC/FSE
New England Revolution at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago Fire at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 22
Philadelphia Union at D.C. United, 2 p.m.

WEEK 22
Saturday, August 28
FC Dallas at Columbus Crew, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
Real Salt Lake at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia Union at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose Earthquakes at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
Houston Dynamo at Colorado Rapids, 9:30 p.m., FSC / FSE
Chicago Fire at Seattle Sounders FC, 10:30 p.m.
Kansas City Wizards at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 29
D.C. United at Chivas USA, 10 p.m., ESPN2/ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

WEEK 23
Saturday, September 4
Kansas City Wizards at Philadelphia Union ,3:30 p.m.
LA Galaxy at Chicago Fire, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
Columbus Crew at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m., FSC / FSE
Seattle Sounders FC at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.,
New York Red Bulls at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Chivas USA at Colorado Rapids, 9 p.m.
Sunday, September 5
San Jose Earthquakes at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 24
Wednesday, September 8
Toronto FC at Chicago Fire, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 9
Real Salt Lake at Seattle Sounders FC, 11 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

Friday, September 10
New England Revolution at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 11
Colorado Rapids at New York Red Bulls, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
D.C. United at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
Chicago Fire at Philadelphia Union, 6 p.m., FSC / FSE
Houston Dynamo at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.
Columbus Crew at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.

WEEK 25
Wednesday, September 15
Philadelphia Union at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.
Saturday, September 18
Chicago Fire at Real Salt Lake, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
Seattle Sounders FC at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.
New York Red Bulls at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.
D.C. United at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m., FSC/FSE
New England Revolution at Colorado Rapids, 9 p.m.
Sunday, September 19
Kansas City Wizards at Chivas USA, 8 p.m.

WEEK 26
Wednesday, September 22
New England Revolution at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, September 24
New York Red Bulls at LA Galaxy, 11 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com
Saturday, September 25
Chivas USA at Philadelphia Union, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
San Jose Earthquakes at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
Houston Dynamo at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus Crew at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Kansas City Wizards, 8 p.m.
Seattle Sounders FC at Chicago Fire, 8 p.m.
Colorado Rapids at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m., FSC / FSE

WEEK 27
Wednesday, September 29
Chicago Fire at San Jose Earthquakes, 11 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com
Saturday, October 2
Toronto FC at Seattle Sounders FC, 3:30 p.m.
Houston Dynamo at Philadelphia Union, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
San Jose Earthquakes at Columbus Crew, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at New England Revolution, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City Wizards at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago Fire at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m., FSC / FSE
D.C. United at Colorado Rapids, 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 3
LA Galaxy at Chivas USA, 8 p.m., ESPN2/ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com

WEEK 28
Thursday, October 7
LA Galaxy at Philadelphia Union, 8 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com
Friday, October 8
Columbus Crew at Chicago Fire, 9 p.m.
Saturday, October 9
Colorado Rapids at FC Dallas, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
Real Salt Lake at New York Red Bulls, 4:30 p.m.
San Jose Earthquakes at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle Sounders FC at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m., FSC / FSE
Sunday, October 10
New England Revolution at Houston Dynamo, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 29
Friday, October 15
Chivas USA at Seattle Sounders FC, 11 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com
Saturday, October 16
D.C. United at Chicago Fire, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
Columbus Crew at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
New York Red Bulls at Philadelphia Union, 6 p.m., FSC / FSE
Kansas City Wizards at New England Revolution, 8 p.m.
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Houston Dynamo at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.
Colorado Rapids at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.

WEEK 30
Wednesday, October 20
Chivas USA at San Jose Earthquakes, 10 p.m.
Thursday, October 21
New England Revolution at New York Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2/
ESPN Deportes/ESPN360.com
Saturday, October 23
Seattle Sounders FC at Houston Dynamo, 4 p.m., TeleFutura
Toronto FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose Earthquakes at Kansas City Wizards, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago Fire at Chivas USA, 11 p.m., FSC / FSE
Real Salt Lake at Colorado Rapids, 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 24
Philadelphia Union at Columbus Crew, 4 p.m.
FC Dallas at LA Galaxy, 8 p.m.,

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS
Thursday, Oct. 28 – Sunday, Nov. 14

MLS CUP 2010
Sunday, Nov. 21 – Venue TBD, ESPN/TeleFutura

Schedule subject to change. All times Eastern.

Mike Magee

Galaxy forward is looking ahead to 2010 season

The Galaxy's co-team-leader with six assists last season, Mike Magee enjoyed a productive first season with the Galaxy in 2009. The 25-year-old Chicago native also added two goals in the regular season before scoring twice in the postseason, including the Galaxy's only goal at MLS Cup.

We caught up with Mike to see what he thought of his move to LA and the club's prospects for this season. Here is what he had to say ...

Was it odd or strange leaving New York after six years with the club?

"I would say that it was more of a relief. When you are in one spot for so long you learn how to cut corners and do certain things that are unhealthy for you and not good for your career. So this was a good move for me."

Did it help coming into a team with so many new players?

"It did. There weren't a lot of guys brought back from the year before so we all had to grow together. It also helped that I had played with a lot of these guys in the past and I had played for Bruce before, so knowing him and his family was a big help as well."

You played on both wings and up front last season, are you more comfortable in one over the other?

"No, I'm actually pretty comfortable anywhere really. I think that I can play on the left, the right or in the middle so I don't really worry about it. As long as I'm on the field and can help the team I'm happy."



Magee wants to hoist MLS Cup this season.

What are your goals for this season?

"From a team standpoint, I think that last year, to get a glimpse of MLS Cup and how close we came, only to fall just short was a pretty big disappointment. This will be my eighth year in the league and I've played in two Finals but I haven't won one yet, so I definitely want to get an MLS Cup."

You grew up in Chicago and have lived on both coasts. Which do you prefer?

"First of all, out here is kind of surreal I live in Manhattan Beach and it's not real life. You watch these people and see the way that they live and it's incredible. You can't knock this at all, but I think that I have to say Chicago. That's where I'm from and all my family is there".



Meet Dema Kovalenko

Get to know more about the Galaxy midfielder

Name: Dema Kovalenko

Position: Midfield

Number: 8

Hometown: Rochester, N.Y.

Born: August 28, 1977 in Kiev, Ukraine

Now entering his 12th MLS season, Kovalenko has 37 goals and 40 assists goals in 235 career games. An MLS Cup winner with D.C. United in 2004, he was an MLS All-Star in 2001, 2002 and 2004. He had a career-high 10 goals with Chicago in 2000 and also spent time with New York and Real Salt Lake, as well as St. Pauli in Germany and Metalurh Zaporizhya in the Ukraine before joining the Galaxy prior to the start of last season.

Everyone knows Dema Kovalenko, the hard-nosed, tough tackling man that patrols the center of the Galaxy midfield, but most don't know much

about the man off the field. So we caught up with the former College Cup, MLS Cup and U.S. Open Cup champion to see just what he likes to do in his spare time.

Favorite Car: Mercedes

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Movie: Cinderella Man

Favorite Band: Russian music – Maxim

Favorite Book: I don't read much

Favorite Place to Vacation: Back home in Ukraine

Do you have any superstitions? I have a few. I never shave before a game and I always wear a (safety) pin in my shorts.

Something that most people don't know about you: People expect me to have a big dog, but I have a little Lhaso Apso – Bentley.



Known for his toughness on the field, Kovalenko has a soft spot for his Lhasa Apso – Bentley.



Galaxy Fantasy Camp

Play like the pros at The Home Depot Center this year

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The Home Depot Center

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

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

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

Some of the highlights from previous camps include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Yours in soccer,
Carter Wicks*

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Youth Academy Focus

Josh McNeely talks about his experiences with Galaxy Youth Academy

A native of Hidden Hills, Calif., Josh McNeely has already begun to make a name for himself while manning the goal for the Galaxy U-16's. One of the best young goalkeepers in the country, the 15-year-old's form has played a big role in his team's success this season. Additionally, McNeely has been working with Galaxy Goalkeeper Coach Ian Feuer for the past couple of years, further preparing him for the rigors of the professional game.

We caught up with him at training to talk soccer and to find out how he is enjoying his time with the Galaxy Youth Academy.

Talk about your experience so far with the Galaxy Youth Academy:

"It's been great. The training that the coaches put us through is really good and nothing like I've ever had before. The facilities are incredible, the equipment is great and everything is run very professionally. I love it and don't want to be anywhere else."

How would you describe the level of coaching that you are receiving?

"The training level is really high and the expectations from the coaches are high. They try to make it as professional as they can and mock what the first

team is doing and I that's what I like about it. Everything is done professionally, so we have to be serious about our training and I've improved a lot because of it."

Can you describe a typical training session for you?

"Usually we will go through a warmup and doing about an hour's worth training with the other goalkeeper before joining up with the rest of the team for some finishing drills or to work on defensive shape before finishing up with a small-sided game or a full field scrimmage."

How much has your game been helped by working with Ian Feuer?

"It's been incredible. I've been training with him since I was about 10 and it is probably the reason that I have been able to get to this point of my development. He's helped me with every facet of the game, shot-stopping, decision making and the technical work that goes into being a professional keeper. He's a really good mentor and I enjoy training with him."

Do you watch Galaxy goalkeeper Donovan Ricketts and Josh Saunders to try and pick up any pointers that you could then improve on?

"I enjoy watching what those guys are doing in games and seeing what they are doing technically and then try to bring that into my game. They're both really good goalkeepers."

How do you think your game has improved since joining the Galaxy Academy?

"Just through the constant training and the professional level of it, I've been able to improve technically, physically and also my confidence has gotten a lot higher. Playing with older players in the Academy has helped my game a lot."



McNeely has seen his game improve by working with Goalkeeper Coach Ian Feuer.



Starting XI With Josh Saunders

Eleven questions for the Galaxy goalkeeper

A veteran MLS goalkeeper, Josh Saunders set career-highs across the board in 2009, combining with Donovan Ricketts to set a Galaxy record with 12 clean sheets. Against Real Salt Lake in MLS Cup, Saunders replaced the injured Ricketts early in the second half and kept RSL scoreless for the final 54 minutes of regulation and extra time, to send the game to penalties. There, Saunders saved a pair of Salt Lake penalties, only for RSL to come out on top in the end.

We caught up with Saunders during preseason training to get him to spill some dirt on his teammates and get some insights directly from the Galaxy keeper.

Best Save ... The one I made off Michael Videira from New England last year. It won the Save of the Week award, so I'll say that.

Best Forward He Has Faced ... I guess I'd say Lionel Messi from Barcelona. He's a forward and he's not too bad.

Dream Defense to Play Behind ... Our existing back four.

Biggest Jokester in the Locker Room ... Our Goalkeeper Coach, Ian Feuer

Easiest Target ... Probably Shant Kasparian, our Team Administrator

Best in Training ... Dema Kovalenko because he is the most entertaining out on the field.

Worst in Training ... I'll pass on that question.

Loudest on the Team ... Dema.

Quietest on the Team ... Donovan Ricketts, no question.

Worst Dressed ... Easy, Chris Birchall

Worst Driver ... I'll say Eddie Lewis, why not.



Saunders shares his observations of his Galaxy teammates.

Did You Know?

Facts about the LA Galaxy

* The Galaxy's appearance in the 2009 MLS Cup Playoffs was the 11th time that the club had reached the postseason, tying the league record for the most in league history.

* At the end of the 2009 season, 16 of the 26 players on the Galaxy roster were not with the club at the end of the 2008 campaign. This season, 20 of the 25 players on the squad were with the team in 2009.

* In 2009, **Landon Donovan** became just the second Galaxy player ever to win the MLS MVP award. He joined **Carlos Ruiz** who claimed the prize during the 2002 campaign when he scored a club record 24 goals and an MLS record eight postseason goals to lead LA to their first-ever MLS Cup.

* The Galaxy set a club record with 12 clean sheets in 2009. **Donovan Ricketts** had nine of the 12 while **Josh Saunders** added two. The pair then combined for one on August 19 at Chicago, with Ricketts playing the opening 85 minutes without allowing a goal before going off injured. He was replaced by Saunders who managed to complete the shutout as LA won 2-0. Ricketts added two more shutouts in the postseason.

* **Omar Gonzalez** was named the MLS Rookie of the Year in 2009, joining **Sean Franklin** (2008) as the only two Galaxy players to have ever won the award. Additionally, it was just the third time that players from the same team won the award in consecutive seasons.

* For the second straight season, **Alan Gordon** enters the year as the Galaxy's longest-tenured player, having been with the club since 2004. Gordon, who has 15 career goals, joins **Landon Donovan** as the only two players to have remained with the club since their MLS Cup championship in



Birchall is one of six players with World Cup experience.

2005. **Todd Dunivant** was also on that team, but he had stops in New York and Toronto before returning to LA last season.

* The club re-acquired midfielder **Clint Mathis** during the offseason in a trade with Real Salt Lake. This is Mathis' third stint with the Galaxy.

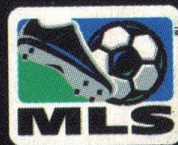
* This is a World Cup year and Galaxy stars **David Beckham** and **Landon Donovan** are each expected to represent their countries at this summer's tournament in South Africa. If both do make their team's final squads, it would be a third World Cup for Donovan and a fourth World Cup for Beckham.

* In addition to Beckham and Donovan, **Chris Birchall** (2006 with Trinidad and Tobago), **Eddie Lewis** (2002 and 2006 with the U.S.), **Clint Mathis** (2002 with the U.S.) and **Donovan Ricketts** (1998 with Jamaica) have been at the World Cup, as have Galaxy coaches **Bruce Arena** (as a coach in 2002 and 2006), **Dave Sarachan** (as a coach in 2002) and **Cobi Jones** (as a player in 1994, 1998 and 2002).

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