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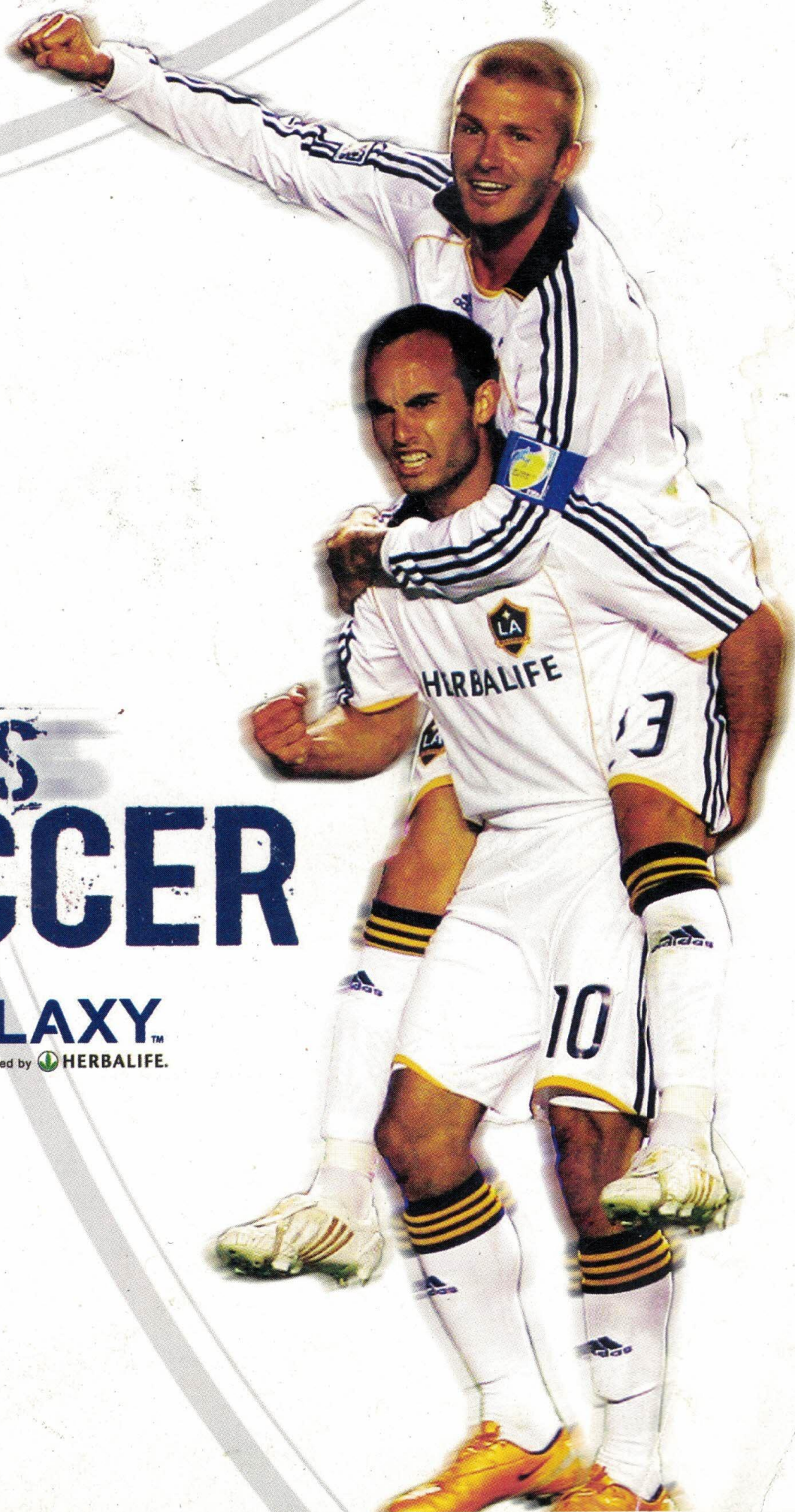
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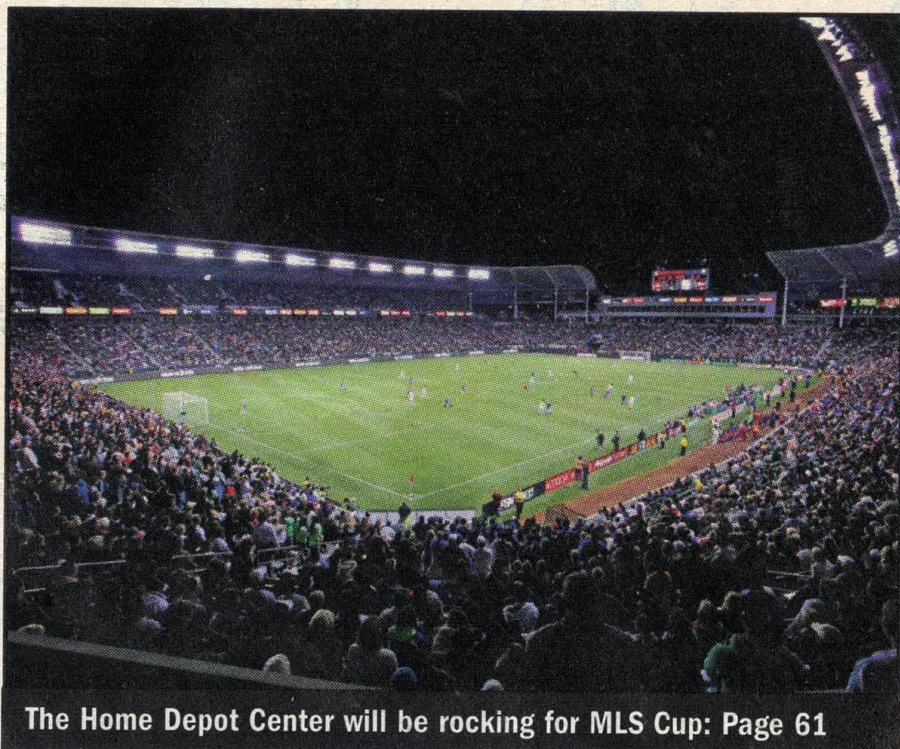
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The Coach

Ruud Gullit looks forward to the team's playoff push

Hello Galaxy fans and welcome back to The Home Depot Center for another Galaxy game.

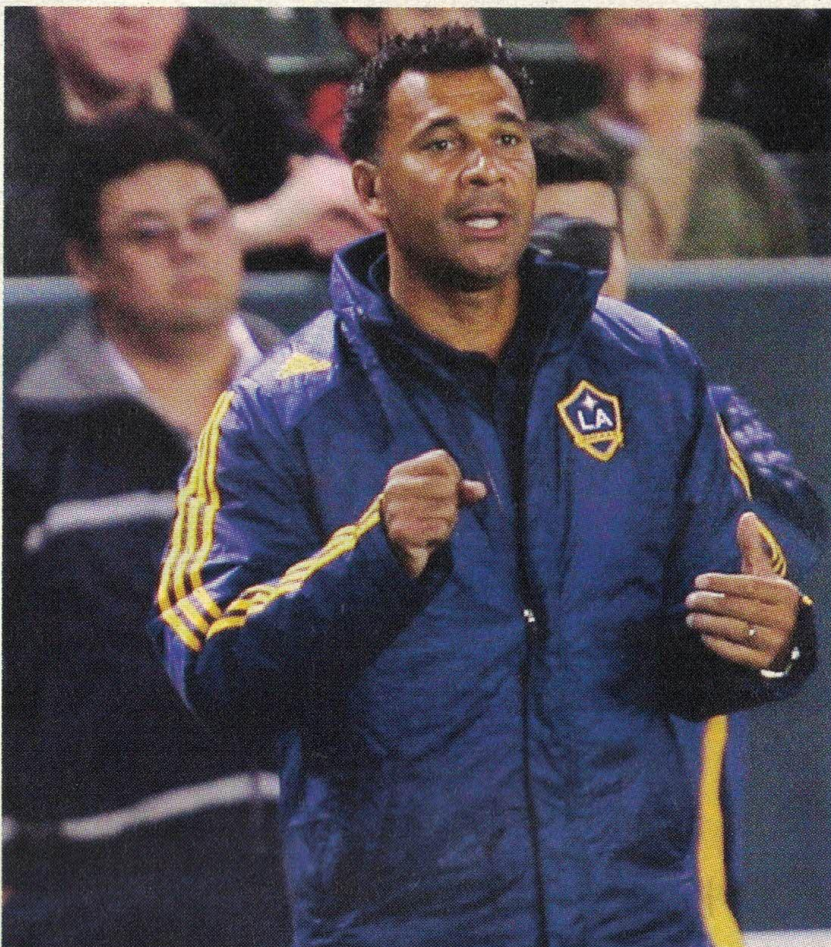
Your support this season has been outstanding for each and every game and we ask you to continue that with tonight's game. You have the ability to lift the players on the field with your support, no matter the occasion, and I look forward to even more of that throughout the rest of the season.

It is incredible to say but we are more than half of the way through the season and we are working our way toward the playoffs. That is what our goal was from the start of the preseason, reaching the playoffs, and I think that we remain on course to achieve that goal. I believe that this club has the heart, talent and determination to overcome any challenge that is laid before us and therefore, if we can reach the playoffs, then anything can happen.

Many people asked me earlier in the year about my willingness to play and rely so heavily upon a number of our younger and so-called inexperienced players. To that, I said that if you are good enough than you are old enough to be on the field, but also, when the time comes for this club to achieve its dreams, those same players will no longer be inexperienced rookies, but rather hardened veterans who are accustomed to the rigors of play in this league and are familiar with just what it is that I am asking of them on the field.

I now expect the same out of all my players and believe that every player in the squad is capable of helping us to play the creative, free-flowing, attractive soccer that we have been able to play for much of this season.

The next challenge is to be able to play this way, not just at home in front of you, but on the road as well. The early portion of our schedule featured a



Ruud Gullit has enjoyed mixing in the Galaxy's younger players with its core of experienced veterans this season.

number of home matches, but we are now starting to see more and more road games popping up. The travel times and the changes in climate can make these matches difficult at times, but I think that if we can concentrate on just playing our game, than we can overcome almost anything.

In order to be successful in this league or in any league around the world you need to be able to take points both at home and on the road and I believe that we are starting to figure out how to do just that.

But for tonight, our only worry is to collect three points and continue our run to the MLS playoffs. So please get behind us tonight and we will aim to repay that support with a victory.

Ruud Gullit

The Captain

David Beckham feels the team is ready for the second half

Hello everybody ... We are now more than halfway through the season and the goals that we set out for ourselves at the start are now not only manageable, but clearly in sight. At the start of the season, we said as a club that our goal was to reach the playoffs and try to bring the Championship back to Los Angeles.

That is still our goal and nothing that has happened over the first half of the season has led us to think any differently. MLS Cup will be played here at The Home Depot Center and we believe that we can be there.

The important thing right now is that we are playing together as a team and we are seeing the rewards of that. As you know, the MLS season does not stop for international matches and as a result you have to have a deep squad that can win games even when certain players are away. We have built that here and that will serve us well as we continue toward the playoffs.

The manager has assembled a squad in which all the players, young and old, know what is asked of them when called upon and can contribute.

We have a strong squad that has continued to get better and better throughout the season and I believe that with the team that we have in place here, we will continue to improve.

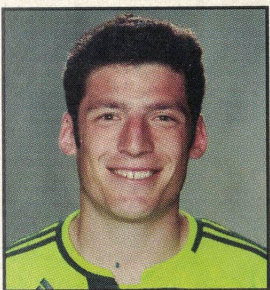


David Beckham is pleased with the progress that the Galaxy have shown so far and thinks that they will only get better.

Lastly, I feel it is important to thank all of you for the support that you have given the club this season. Your support has given the entire squad a lift at each and every game and has played a major part in the success that we have had so far.

So thank you again for coming out tonight and help cheer us on.

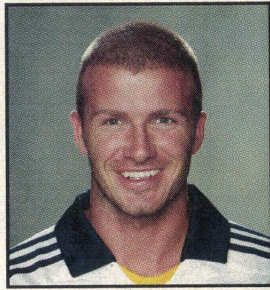
David Beckham



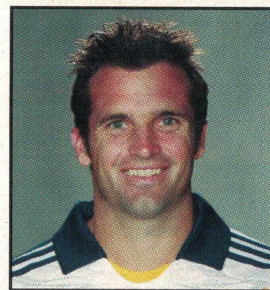
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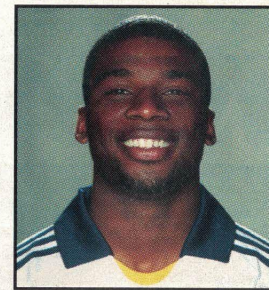
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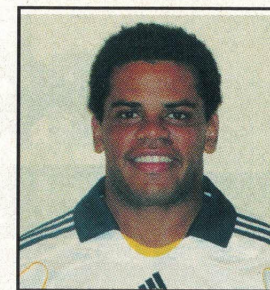
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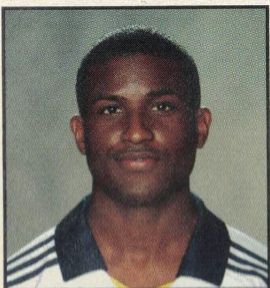
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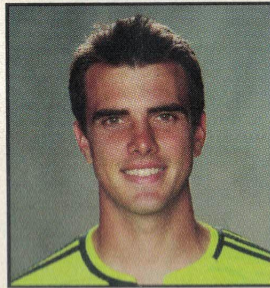
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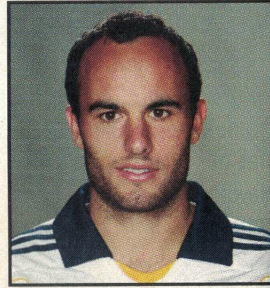
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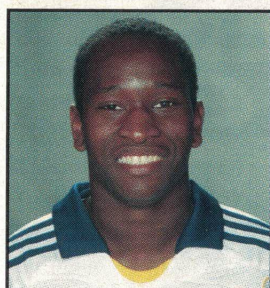
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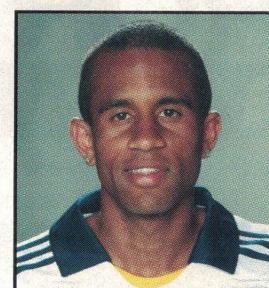
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Forward
Redlands, Calif.



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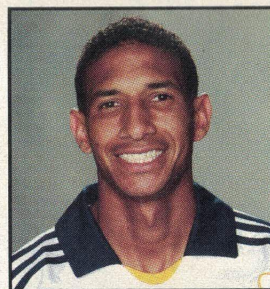
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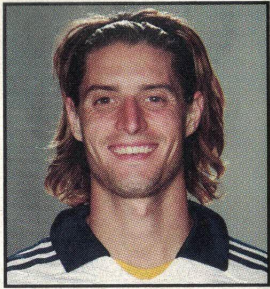
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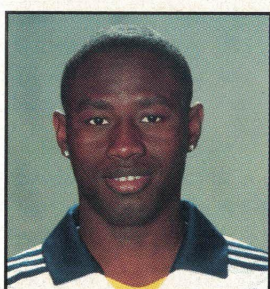
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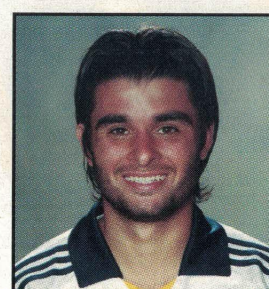
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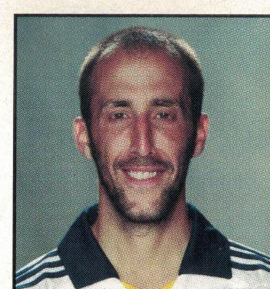
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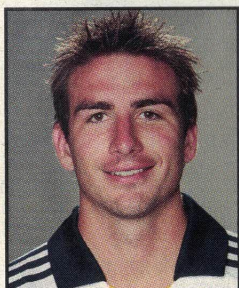
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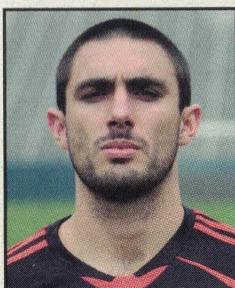
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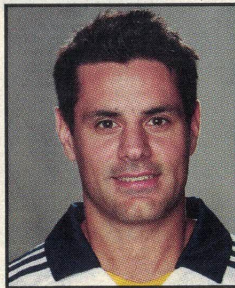
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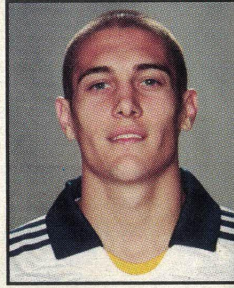
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Forward
Gilbert, Ariz.



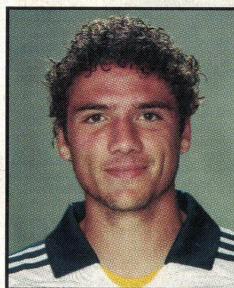
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Goalkeeper
Kailua, Hawaii



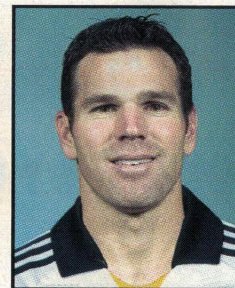
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Defender
Halifax, Nova Scotia



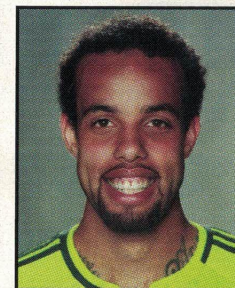
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Forward
Temple City, Calif.



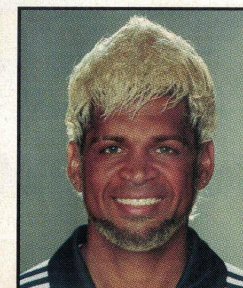
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Defender
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3 Greg Vanney
Defender
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Goalkeeper
San Bernardino, Calif.



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Defender
Nampula, Mozambique

2008 Schedule

Come out to The Home Depot Center for a few games this season

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PT)/RESULT	TV/GOAL SCORERS
Saturday	March 29	at Colorado	L 4-0	--
Thursday	April 3	vs. San Jose	W 2-0	Beckham, Donovan
Sunday	April 13	vs. Toronto FC	L 3-2	Donovan (2)
Saturday	April 19	vs. Houston	T 2-2	Donovan (2)
Saturday	April 26	vs. Chivas USA	W 5-2	Donovan (3), Gordon (2)
Saturday	May 3	at Real Salt Lake	T 2-2	Beckham (2)
Saturday	May 10	vs. New York	L 2-1	Gordon
Tuesday	May 13	vs. Vancouver %	L 2-1	Gordon
Sunday	May 18	at FC Dallas	W 5-1	Klein, Buddle (3), Own Goal
Saturday	May 24	vs. Kansas City	W 3-1	Donovan, Buddle, Beckham
Tuesday	May 27	vs. Colorado*	L 1-0	--
Saturday	May 31	at Toronto FC	L 2-0	--
Saturday	June 7	vs. Colorado	W 3-2	Pires, Buddle, Allen
Saturday	June 14	at San Jose	W 3-0	Buddle (3)
Saturday	June 21	vs. Columbus	7:30 p.m.	FSN Prime Ticket
Sunday	June 29	at D.C. United	9:00 a.m.	ABC
Friday	July 4	vs. New England	7:30 p.m.	FSN Prime Ticket
Thursday	July 10	vs. Chivas USA	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Saturday	July 19	at New York	3:30 p.m.	FSC
Thursday	July 24	MLS All-Star Game at BMO Field, Toronto, Canada	4:00 p.m.	ESPN2/TeleFutura
Sunday	July 27	at FC Dallas	4:00 p.m.	FSN West
Sunday	August 3	at San Jose	12:00 p.m.	FSN West/Telefutura
Thursday	August 14	at Chivas USA	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Thursday	August 21	vs. Chicago	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Saturday	August 30	at New England	4:30 p.m.	FSN Prime Ticket/HDNet
Saturday	September 6	vs. Real Salt Lake	7:30 p.m.	FSN Prime Ticket
Saturday	September 13	at Kansas City	5:00 p.m.	FSN West/HDNet
Saturday	September 20	vs. D.C. United	8:00 p.m.	FSC
Thursday	September 25	at Chicago	6:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Saturday	October 4	at Columbus	4:30 p.m.	FSN Prime Ticket/HDNet
Sunday	October 12	vs. Colorado	5:00 p.m.	FSN West
Saturday	October 18	at Houston	5:30 p.m.	FSN West
Sunday	October 26	vs. FC Dallas	12:00 p.m.	FSN West/Telefutura
Sunday	November 23	MLS Cup 2008 at The Home Depot Center, Carson, Calif.	12:30 p.m.	ABC/TeleFutura

% - Friendly played at Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

* - U.S. Open Cup Play-In Game

- A minimum of 22 games being aired in English on AM 570 and AM 1150.

- All 30 games will be aired in Spanish on ESPN Deportes Radio 1330 AM KWKW.

- All times Pacific



Striving for More

Following a strong start to the 2008 season, Landon Donovan takes aim at a postseason run to the MLS Cup

The start of the season was perhaps the best form of your career, is there anything you can attribute that to?

I'm at a place now where both physically and

mentally I'm as strong as I've been and I'm seeing the results of that. In the past, I've been in some years very good physically and then other times very good mentality, but the combination now has created a good start for me.



Donovan is feeling strong mentally and physically and is ready to lead the Galaxy back into the playoffs.



Donovan's speed and skill have continued to provide a huge offensive threat to Galaxy opponents.

You missed about a month of the preseason with a knee injury, do you think that time off has helped keep you fresh this year?

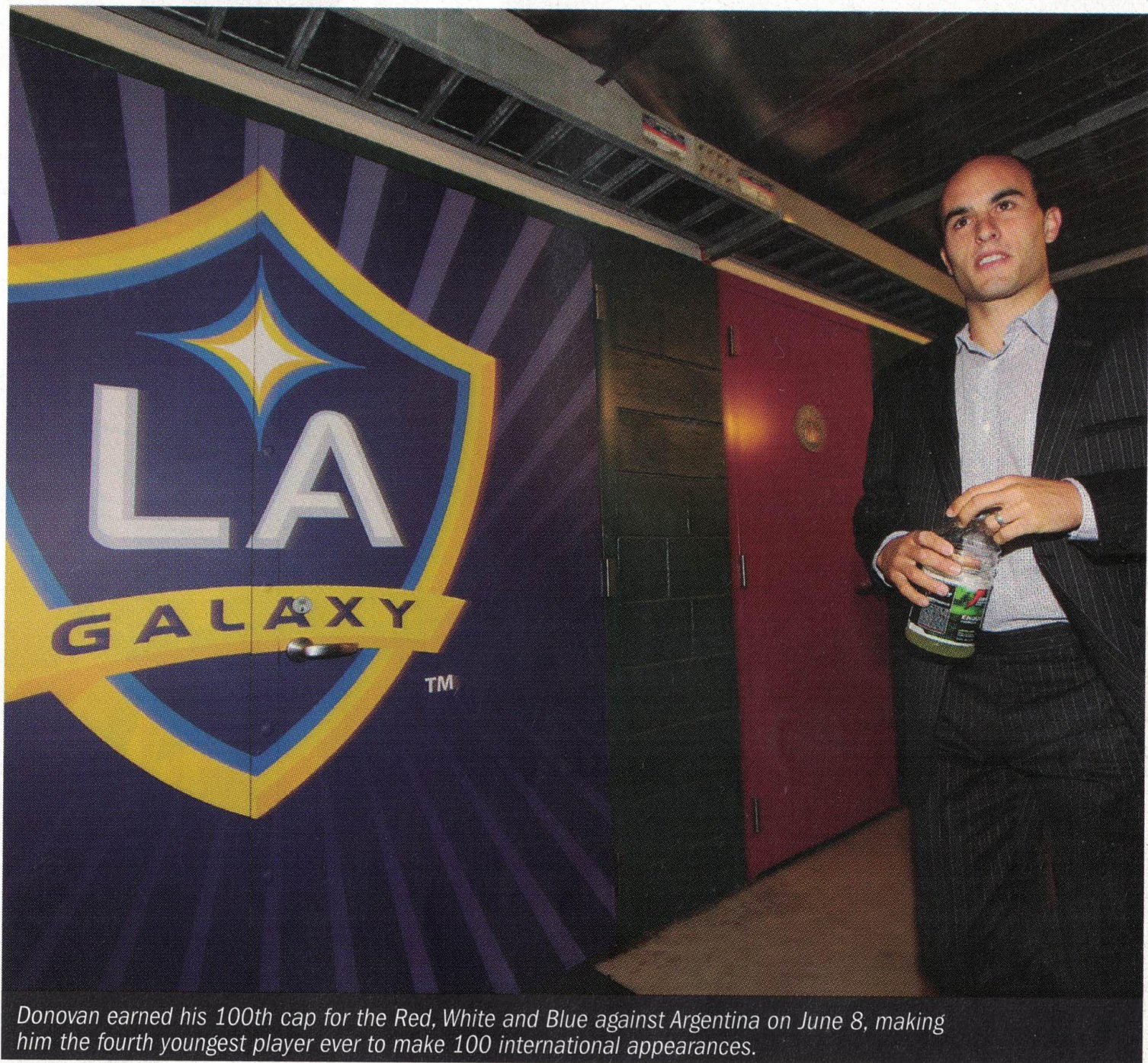
It gave me time to get stronger and to... one, get some rest after a long preseason with the National Team and two, get myself strong and ready for the season. In years past, by the time the season starts I'm already in my third, almost fourth, month of playing. This has helped, and hopefully it will help more toward the end of the year.

This is your fourth season with the Galaxy, making you one of the longest tenured players at

the club, does that add any additional pressure to you?

No, not pressure. I'm proud of it. For those of us who have been here for a long time, we feel pressure to make the playoffs because it's unacceptable not to, and it's frustrating to go two years now without being there. That's where the pressure comes from.

You are one of the all-time leading scorers in postseason histories in MLS. Does it make that much harder having not been there the last couple of years?



Donovan earned his 100th cap for the Red, White and Blue against Argentina on June 8, making him the fourth youngest player ever to make 100 international appearances.

World Cup qualifying has begun for 2010 with the U.S. once again one of the favorites in CONCACAF. How important is it to avoid looking past many of the smaller and perceived weaker nations?

From a talent standpoint, clearly we are better than a lot of teams. However, the reality is that there are a lot of things that you don't control that come into play when you play these teams. Environment, climate, travel, the field, a lot of things come into play that you don't have control over, so a lot of times talent gets thrown out the window until you match the intensity and you make everything else equal. You match their passion, you adjust to the environment, adjust to the field. Once all those things are settled, your talent comes

through, but you have to do that for a starting point, always.

Along those lines, outside of just qualification, what are your goals for the National Team over the next two years in the run up to 2010?

Obviously to make it to the World Cup is the biggest goal. I think for all us, especially those of us involved in 2006, we want a chance for redemption. The reality is that most players never play in a World Cup, some players only get to play in a World Cup once. Those of us who have played in more than one, to have it be so disappointing in 2006, that makes us want to come back in 2010 and do better. The first thing is to get there, but once we get there we've got some revenge.

Putting Together the Right Olympic Mix

Overage players could be key to U.S. hopes in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, which kicks off Aug. 8 · By Michael Lewis

As the countdown to the Summer Olympics gets down to a few precious weeks, the big question facing the U.S. on everyone's mind is which three overage players coach Peter Nowak will pick for the Beijing Games.

Having the right combination of players could mean the difference between a first-round elimination and an appearance in the medal round.

Just ask the 2000 U.S. Olympic team, which stunned the experts and observers and reached the

final four behind the likes of goalkeeper Brad Friedel, defender Jeff Agoos and defender-midfielder Frankie Hejduk. Each player performed vital roles in the Americans' surprising success.

That makes Nowak's selections so important for the men's soccer tournament, which runs from Aug. 7-23.

For most of the spring, Nowak has been keeping his thoughts close to the vest.

"We have to be prepared and find a good roster,"

he said, saying he would consider Americans playing in Europe along with those in MLS "to go over the best possible options."

Added Nowak: "Everything is open."

Speculation has swirled around the U.S. soccer community that four former or current MLS all-stars were in the running for a trip to China:

- * Former MetroStars goalkeeper Tim Howard, who toils for Everton (English Premiership)

- * Ex-Chicago Fire defender Carlos Bocanegra, who helped keep Fulham in the Premiership

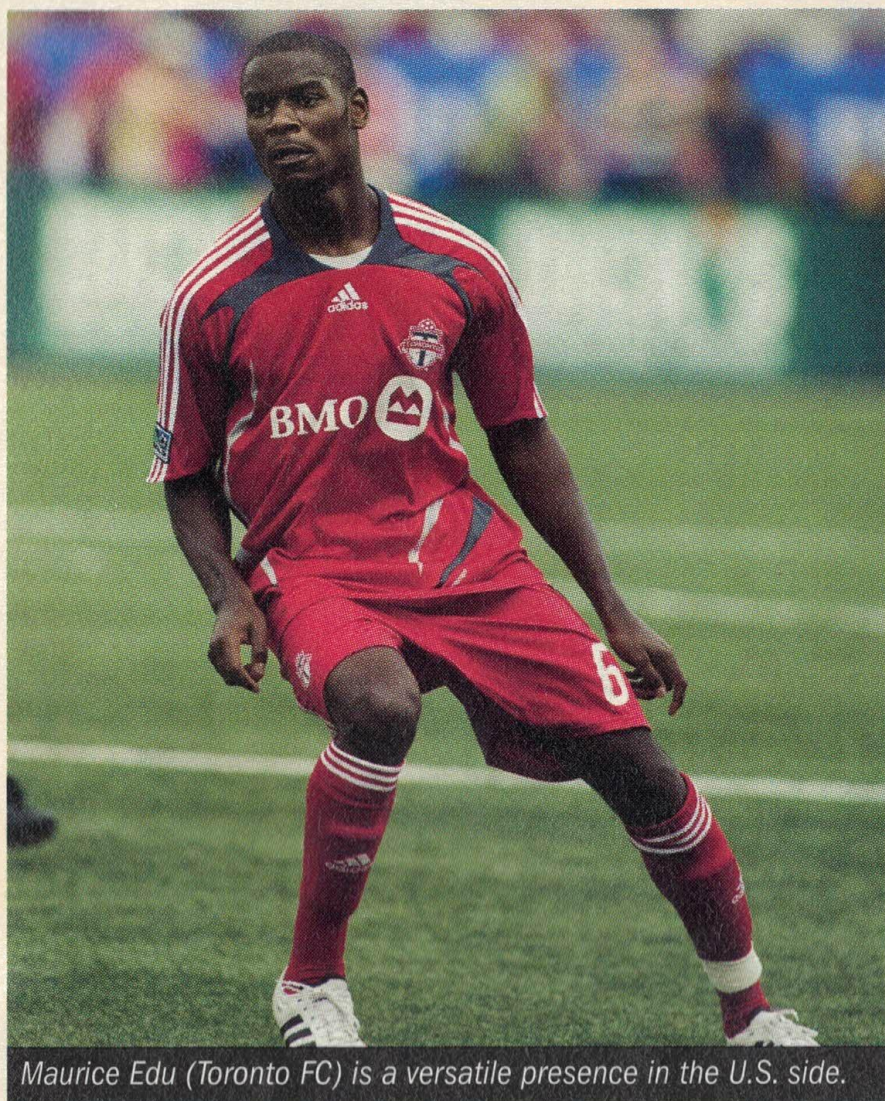
- * Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder-forward Landon Donovan

- * Former Columbus Crew and U.S. international forward Brian McBride, who scored key goals in Fulham's quest to avoid relegation

Each player brings something special to the table. Howard, Friedel's back-up on the 2000 U.S. Olympic team, has played



Crew winger Eddie Gaven could figure in the U.S. attack in Beijing.



Maurice Edu (Toronto FC) is a versatile presence in the U.S. side.

at the highest levels in Europe for the past five seasons. While Chris Seitz has performed well for the U.S. Under-23 team, it is generally acknowledged that an experienced goalkeeper is needed, particularly in a tournament in which goal differential could be the difference between advancing or taking a long, disappointing flight home.

Bocanegra also would bring some experience and some bite to the backline, especially since Jonathan Spector (West Ham United) will miss the Olympics due to hip surgery.

While he hasn't publicly said it, Nowak would want to add a veteran presence and scoring punch to the front line, which struggled during the CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament. Donovan's name has been bandied about. He has been there before and would love to get another crack at a medal.

Donovan played a key role as an 18-year-old in the Americans' success at the 2000 Summer Games, scoring an important goal against Kuwait. The U.S. failed to reach the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece, the first time the Americans did not qualify since 1976 (the U.S. booked at spot at

the 1980 Games in Moscow, but not did participate due to the American-led Olympic boycott).

"I've grown up a huge sports fan, so I understand the historical significance of playing in the Olympics," Donovan said. "There's a little bit of me disappointed that we got so close in 2000, because to have an Olympic medal would be incredible. And to have the opportunity to do that again I would definitely not want to pass that up."

During the spring, another name familiar to U.S. soccer fans surfaced — McBride, who might be considered an "old man" at the age of 36, but there would be little doubt that he is a target man, his never-say-die attitude, scoring ability and leadership would make him a valuable addition to the team.

Seitz most likely will go as the No. 2 keeper, with Dominic Cervi as insurance.

Bocanegra or a veteran defender certainly would strengthen a defense that showed some cracks and instability during qualifying. Spector most likely would have been his partner, but hip surgery in June sidelined the defender from three to six months. Spector's replacement could very well be Michael Orozco (San Luis, Mexico), who was impressive during qualifying. The leading candidates to start on the right and left flanks are Marvell Wynne (Toronto FC) and Nathan Sturgis (RSL), respectively. Other potential reserves include right fullback Hunter Freeman (New York Red Bulls), Patrick Ianni (Houston), Kamani Hill (Wolfsburg, Germany) and even team captain Maurice Edu (Toronto FC) moving back from the midfield.

Midfielder Freddy Adu emerged as the offensive force of the team. The former D.C. United and Real Salt Lake midfielder was the standout performer in the CONCACAF tournament, connecting for a pair of world class free kicks in the 3-0 clinching win over Canada.

Adu showed flashes of brilliance and sometimes he moped and even criticized Nowak publicly when he was with United. During the qualifying tournament an older and wiser Adu — he's 19 now — has become an impact player.



Sacha Kljestan of Chivas USA will be an important offensive cog for the USA.

"I think Freddy is starting to realize his potential," he said, "but he's starting to see the things we've talked about the last three or four years. We did work together for three years. I did understand from the beginning it was difficult for him to understand the bigger picture.

"He started to believe in his ability to change the game because sometime special players have this kind of ability but there is still hard work behind it. This is a good sign for the future."

The midfield undoubtedly is the strongest and deepest unit. Edu (Toronto FC), who has shown his versatility on the backline or in the midfield, the relentless Dax McCarty (FC Dallas) and offensive-minded Sacha Kljestan (Chivas USA) are the leading MLS candidates to with partner Adu. Former MetroStars midfielder Michael Bradley, who connected for a surprising 18 goals with Dutch First Division club Heerenveen (he hopes to sign with a new team prior to the fall season), could be available at central midfield as well. Eddie Gaven

(Columbus Crew), who connected for the game-winning penalty kick in second-half stoppage time in the 1-0 first-round qualifying win over Honduras, also is a possibility. Stuart Holden (Houston) and Sal Zizzo (Hannover 96, Germany) could be reserves.

If there is a major concern, it is the lack of scoring punch. Eighteen-year-old Jozy Altidore (Red Bulls) was the man who was relied on up front during qualifying and he did not play up to his potential. With Altidore's partner likely to be an overage player (Donovan or McBride), the back-ups could come from Chad Barrett (Fire), Robbie Findley (RSL), Charlie Davies (Hammarby IF) or even Gabe Ferrari (Sampdoria, Italy).

Regardless of who Nowak picks, the U.S. finds itself facing a major challenge in Group B, where it will meet Japan in Tianjin Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. local (5 a.m. ET), before taking on the Netherlands in Tianjin Aug. 10 at 7:45 p.m. local (7:45 a.m. ET) and Nigeria in Beijing Aug. 13 at 5 p.m. local (5 a.m. ET).

"It's a difficult group definitely, but that's what we expect in a tournament that includes the top 16 teams in the world," Nowak said. "They are very quality teams and we have to be up to the challenge."

The Dutch are the top European under-21 side, capturing the UEFA crown in 2007, besting Serbia 4-1 in the final. Two players emerged as impact performers — forward Maceo Rigters, who was the leading scorer (four goals) and left-sided defender-winger Royston Drenthe, the player of the tournament who toils for Real Madrid.

Japan earned a bronze medal in the 1968 tournament, when the competition was dominated by so-called amateur teams from the Soviet Bloc. The U.S. met Japan once in the Olympics — in a titanic quarterfinal battle that was decided by penalty kicks in Australia in 2000.

Nigeria, which currently calls itself the "Dream Team," captured the gold medal at the Athens Summer Games in 1996 and has forged an excellent track record at FIFA youth world championships.



Hard-working Dax McCarty (FC Dallas) is battling to make the trip to China.

"When you add the overage players, they're going to be a very difficult team," Nowak said.

Nowak admitted that he doesn't have any medal-round aspirations.

"When you go to these tournaments you want to take one goal at a time," he said. "The first one is advancing from the group, the second is winning the quarterfinal and then to go to the medal round. Once you have four games under your belt and you're in the medal stage, you don't need extra motivation."

The rest of the men's Olympic field:

Group A — Cote D'Ivoire, Argentina (defending champion), Australia, Serbia

Group C — China, New Zealand, Brazil, Belgium

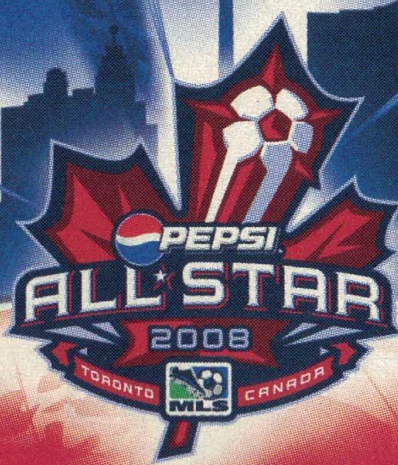
Group D — South Korea, Cameroon, Honduras, Italy

The top two teams in each group advance to the Aug. 15 quarterfinals with the semifinals set for Aug. 19. The gold-medal match is scheduled for National Stadium — also known as the Bird's Nest — Aug. 23.

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SuperLiga 2008

Second edition of championship between MLS and Mexican clubs kicks off this summer

Building on the success of the inaugural tournament last year, SuperLiga again will award the most lucrative purse in North American soccer history to the winner when the second edition of the event kicks off between the top clubs in Major League Soccer and Mexico's Primera Division. The tournament will begin Sat., July 12 and the championship game is scheduled for Tues., August 5.

For the 2008 edition of SuperLiga, competitive criteria determined which four teams would represent their respective leagues. From MLS, the four clubs earned berths based on their regular season

records from 2007: Supporters' Shield winner D.C. United, Western Conference champion Chivas USA, MLS Cup 2007 champions Houston Dynamo and MLS Cup finalist New England Revolution. Representing Mexico's Primera Division are four of the top clubs from the 2007 Apertura season: 2007 Apertura champion Atlante, 11-time Mexican League champion CD Guadalajara, two-time Mexican Primera Division champions Santos Laguna and the 2007 SuperLiga champion, Pachuca CF.

In the inaugural edition of SuperLiga, CF Pachuca defeated the Los Angeles Galaxy in a dramatic



Mexico's CF Pachuca knocked off the LA Galaxy on penalty kicks in the inaugural SuperLiga.

match decided by penalty kicks at The Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. on Aug. 30, 2007. During the summer, the competition between rival soccer nations became an instant favorite among millions of soccer fans in Mexico and the United States.

"SuperLiga brought the rivalry between the national teams of the United States and Mexico to the club level and provided fans throughout the region with intense competition and entertaining matches," said MLS Commissioner Don Garber. "We believe SuperLiga is quickly becoming a major event on the North American sporting landscape, and we are excited to renew the rivalry once again this summer."

"We are extremely pleased to announce the return of SuperLiga, a tournament that celebrates the unique partnership and spirited rivalry between the Mexican First Division and Major League Soccer," said FMF President Justino Compeán. "Last year in its debut, SuperLiga was a complete success as fans on both sides of the border bore witness to the passion and skill displayed by the participating teams in the tournament."

The entire tournament will once again be broadcast live on TeleFutura in the United States.



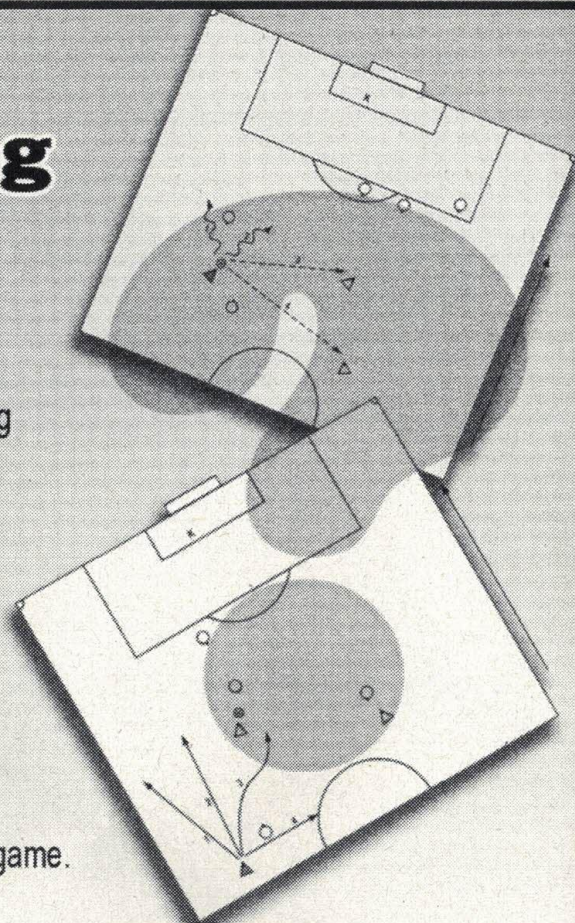
David Beckham's first Galaxy goal came in SuperLiga play.

The SuperLiga field of teams is divided into two groups, each with two representatives from the respective leagues. Group A will match the Houston Dynamo, D.C. United, Chivas de Guadalajara and Atlante. Group B will be comprised of New England Revolution, Chivas USA, Pachuca and Santos. The top two teams in each group will meet in one-game semifinals, with the two winners meeting in the final.



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D.C. United and Luciano Emilio will again take part in SuperLiga.

A look at this year's Mexican entrants:

ATLANTE: After a 14-year drought since its previous title (1992-93), Atlante raised its third domestic crown in the 2007 Apertura thanks to an excel-

lent campaign that came on the heels of the team's relocation from Mexico City to the heavenly beaches of Cancun. "Los Potros de Hierro" ("The Iron Colts"), as they're affectionately known, are anchored by goalkeeper and fan favorite, Federico Vilar. The club claimed its first international title in 1983 at the CONCACAF Champions Cup.

CHIVAS: CD Guadalajara, the legendary club better known as "Chivas," is a symbol of national pride for Mexicans. Not only is it the most successful club in the history of Mexican soccer with 11 league titles and one CONCACAF Champions' Cup title, but it is also revered for its policy of only fielding Mexican players. The club is known for its dedication to youth development and also its major contributions to the national side, such as Ramon Morales and Johnny Magallón.

PACHUCA: Mexico's oldest club after being founded in 1901, was the inaugural champion of SuperLiga 2007. After a hard-fought round of qualifying play, "los Tuzos" won the title outright after overcoming the Los Angeles Galaxy in penalties. As one of Mexico's most successful teams, Pachuca has



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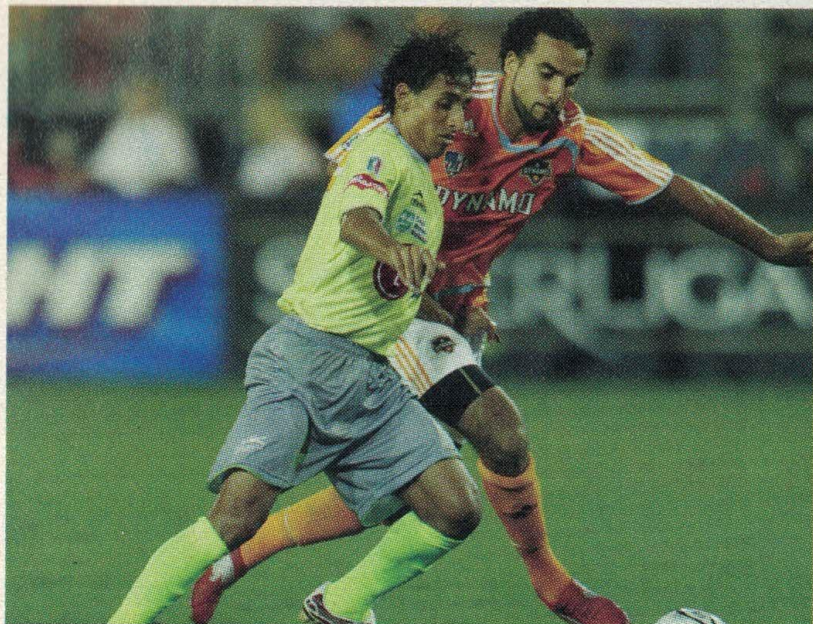
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Dwayne De Rosario and the Houston Dynamo lost in the SuperLiga semifinals to eventual champion Pachuca.

won four league titles, the CONCACAF Champions' Cup in both 2002 and 2007 as well as the esteemed Copa Sudamericana title in 2006, thus becoming the first Mexican team to win a South American club title.

SANTOS LAGUNA: A club on the rise that topped off the year with the Mexican League title in the 2008 Clausura. The team from Torreón has won the Primera División league championship three times in its relatively short history. In addition, "Los Guerreros" have fared well on American soil. At InterLiga 2004, Santos Laguna defeated Atlas in penalties to be crowned champion and earn a berth in that year's Copa Libertadores.

SuperLiga 2008 Schedule*

Saturday, July 12

D.C. United vs. CD Guadalajara (RFK Stadium — Washington, D.C.) 8 p.m.
Houston Dynamo vs. Atlante (Robertson Stadium — Houston, Texas) 10 p.m.

Sunday, July 13

NE Revolution vs. Santos (Gillette Stadium — Foxborough, Mass.) 8 p.m.
Chivas USA vs. Pachuca CF (Home Depot Center — Carson, Calif.) 10 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15

D.C. United vs. Atlante (RFK Stadium — Washington, D.C.) 8 p.m.
Houston Dynamo vs. CD Guadalajara (Robertson Stadium — Houston, Texas) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16

NE Revolution vs. Pachuca CF (Gillette Stadium — Foxborough, Mass.) 8 p.m.
Chivas USA vs. Santos (The Home Depot Center — Carson, Calif.) 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 19

D.C. United vs. Houston Dynamo (RFK Stadium — Washington, D.C.) 8 p.m.
Atlante vs. CD Guadalajara (Buck Shaw Stadium — Santa Clara, Calif.) 10 p.m.

Sunday, July 20

Chivas USA vs. NE Revolution (Venue TBD — Los Angeles, Calif.) 8 p.m.
Santos vs. Pachuca CF (Pizza Hut Park — Frisco, Texas) 10 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29 - Semifinal 1 (Location TBD)

Wednesday, July 30 - Semifinal 2 (Location TBD)

Tuesday, August 5 - Final (Location TBD)

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Houston Dynamo are the top United States qualifier. Next are the MLS regular season champions, D.C. United, followed by the MLS Cup runner-up – the

New England Revolution – as well as the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup champion.

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2008-09 CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

PRELIMINARY ROUND (first team listed home for first leg)

CSD Municipal or Deportivo Jalapa (GUA) – San Francisco FC (PAN)

Joe Public FC (TRI) – New England Revolution (USA)

LD Alajuelense (CRC) – Puerto Rico Islanders

CDSC Cruz Azul (MEX) – Hankook Verdes (BLZ)

Harbour View FC (JAM) – Pumas UNAM (MEX)

Tauro FC (PAN) – Chivas USA (USA)

Canadian champion – Nicaraguan champion

CD Isidro Metapan (SLV) – CD Olimpia or CD Marathon (HON)

First legs: Aug. 26-28, 2008

Second legs: Sept. 2-4, 2008

SEEDED TEAMS

USA (4 teams): Houston Dynamo (2007 MLS champion); D.C. United (2007 MLS regular-season winner)

MEXICO (4 teams): Atlante FC (2007 Torneo Apertura champion); Club Santos Laguna (2008 Torneo Clausura champion)

COSTA RICA (2 teams): Deportivo Saprissa (Torneo Invierno winner)

EL SALVADOR (2 teams): CD Luis Angel Firpo (Liga Mayor Apertura winner);

GUATEMALA (2 teams): CSD Municipal or Deportivo Jalapa

HONDURAS (2 teams): CD Olimpia or CD Marathon

2008-09 CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - Calendar of Events

2008

Aug. 26-28: Preliminary round, first legs

Sept. 2-4: Preliminary round, second legs

Sept. 16-18: Group Stage – Match Day 1

Sept. 23-25: Group Stage – Match Day 2

Sept. 30-Oct. 2: Group Stage – Match Day 3

Oct. 7-9: Group Stage – Match Day 4

Oct. 21-23: Group Stage – Match Day 5

Oct. 28-30: Group Stage – Match Day 6

2009

Feb. 24-26: Quarterfinals, first legs

March 3-5: Quarterfinals, second legs

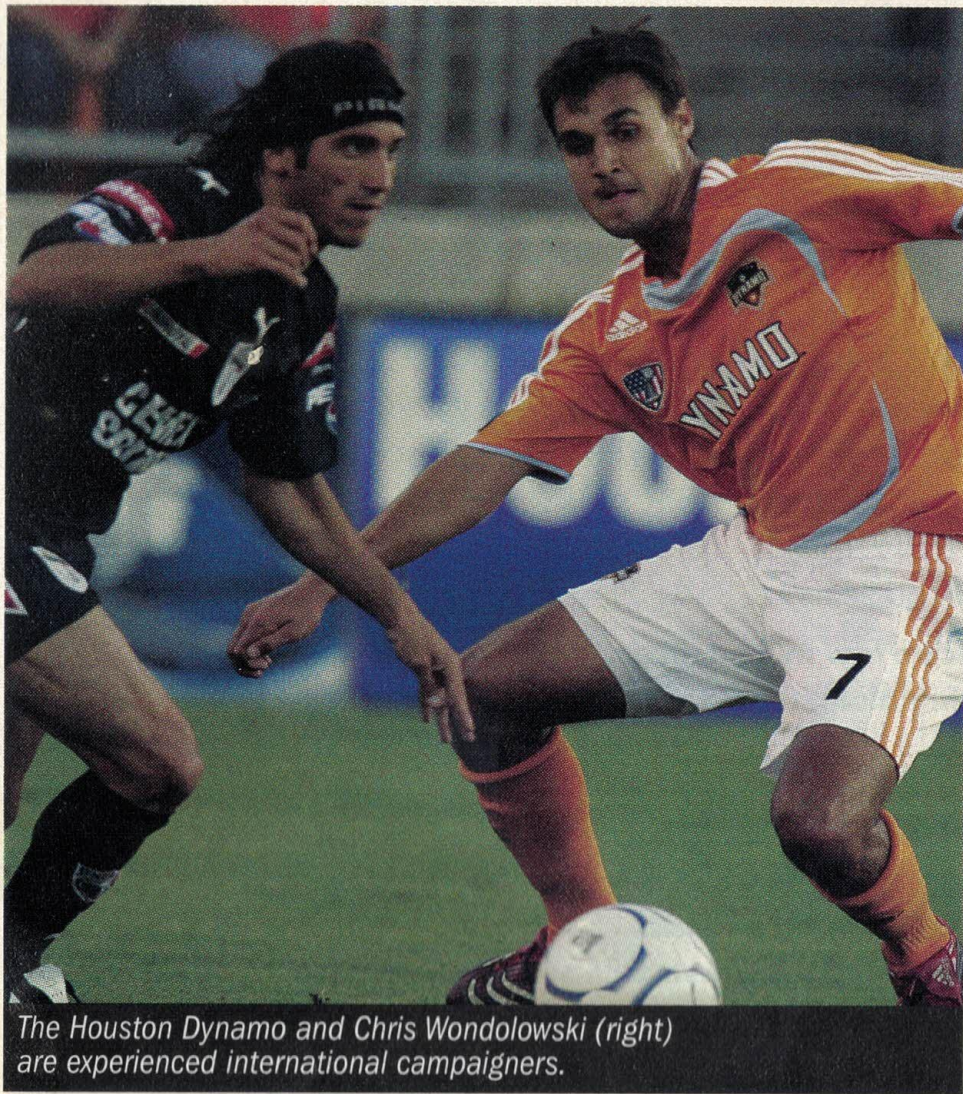
March 17-19: Semifinals, first legs

April 7-9: Semifinals, second legs

April 21-23: Final, first leg

April 28-30: Final, second leg

December: FIFA Club World Cup



The Houston Dynamo and Chris Wondolowski (right) are experienced international campaigners.

Cup runners-up, the team with the second highest regular-season point total, Chivas USA, is the fourth qualifier.

There could be a fifth MLS team in the tournament- Toronto FC. The Reds will take on Montreal Impact and Vancouver Whitecaps – both USL First Division teams – in the Canadian Championship which will end in late July.

Houston and D.C. United most recently competed in the CONCACAF Champions Cup, with both teams losing in the semifinals. Those two MLS teams, along with six others, were seeded directly to the Group Stage, while the remaining 16 will be paired in home-and-away match-ups in the preliminary stage beginning Aug. 26-28 and concluding Sept. 2-4.

On June 11, Chivas USA and the New England Revolution learned their opponents. Chivas will take on Panama's Tauro FC, with the first leg in the Central American country and the return match at The Home

year, the first title in club history, and already qualified for the CONCACAF Champions League as MLS

Panama's Tauro FC, with the first leg in the Central American country and the return match at The Home

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The Dynamo pushed eventual CONCACAF champions Pachuca to the limit in 2007.

Depot Center. The Revolution were matched against Joe Public FC of Trinidad & Tobago, also hitting the road for the first leg while playing host to the second at Gillette Stadium. If Toronto FC advances, they will face the Nicaraguan champion in the preliminary phase, hosting the first leg.

Another team playing in a U.S.-based league, the Puerto Rico Islanders (USL First Division), won their

qualifying group in the Caribbean zone as the Puerto Rican representative.

The Group Stage will feature four groups of four teams each that will compete in a round-robin system during six match dates from Sept. 16 to Oct. 30. The top two clubs from each group will advance to the quarterfinals, with home and away legs played in February 2009.

The aggregate winners will meet in the semifinals, with home-and-away matches to be played in March and April. The CONCACAF Champions League final will also be a home-and-away aggregate series, which will be played in late April 2009. The CONCACAF Champions League winner will represent the region in the 2009 FIFA Club World Cup.

Since the league's inception in 1996, Major League Soccer teams have twice been crowned as the best in the confederation. In 1998, D.C. United defeated Mexico's Deportivo Toluca 1-0 at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. to become the first U.S. club ever to win the CONCACAF club championship. Then in 2001, the Los Angeles Galaxy became continental club champions, defeating CD Olimpia of Honduras 3-2 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

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While the lion's share of Major League Soccer players taking part in World Cup qualifying this year will be playing with the U.S. national team as the road to South Africa 2010 begins, there are a number of other countries that will be counting upon key MLS contributors in their drive for the world's largest single sporting event.

Of course, many of those players could well be facing the USA in the CONCACAF region. Los Angeles Galaxy striker Carlos Ruiz is the second all-time leading goal scorer in his country's history,

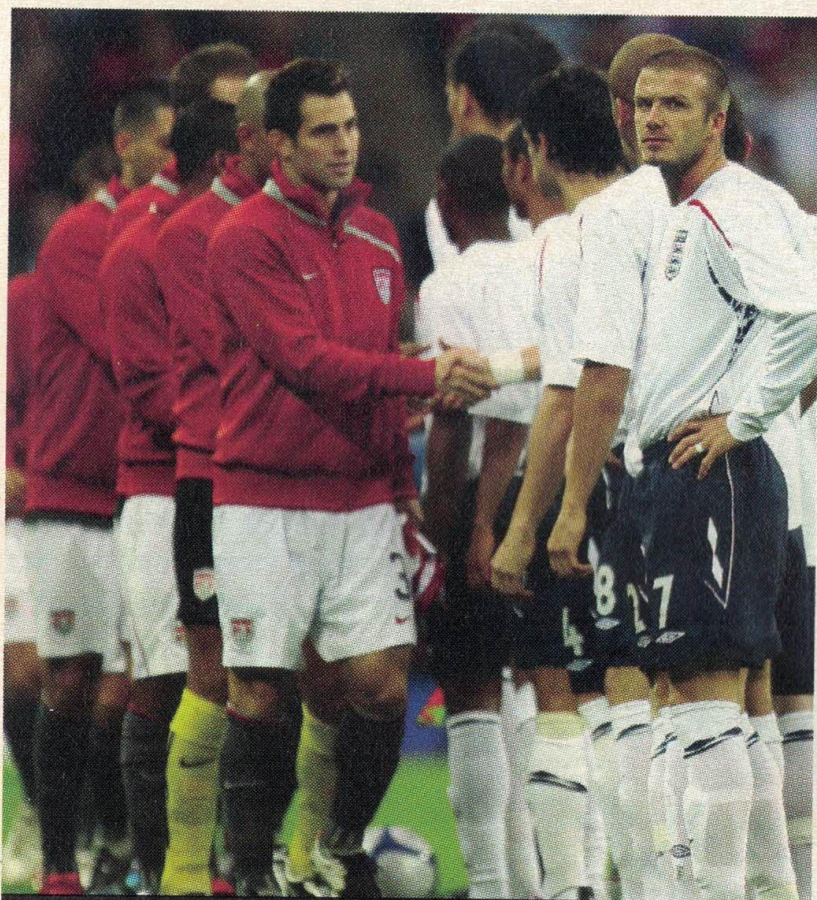
and should Guatemala get past Saint Lucia in the second stage, they will likely face the USA in one semifinal group.

With the return of René Simoes as Jamaica's head coach, Real Salt Lake midfielder Andy Williams has ended his brief retirement from international football and returned to play for the Reggae Boyz, where he will be joined by Tyrone Marshall (Toronto FC). They could feature in a semifinal group with Honduras, which counts on Toronto FC's Amado Guevara and San Jose's Ivan Guerrero to drive their midfield. Honduras faced Puerto Rico in the second stage, which had TFC defender Marco Velez and New York Red Bulls developmental player Chris Megaloudis in its squad.

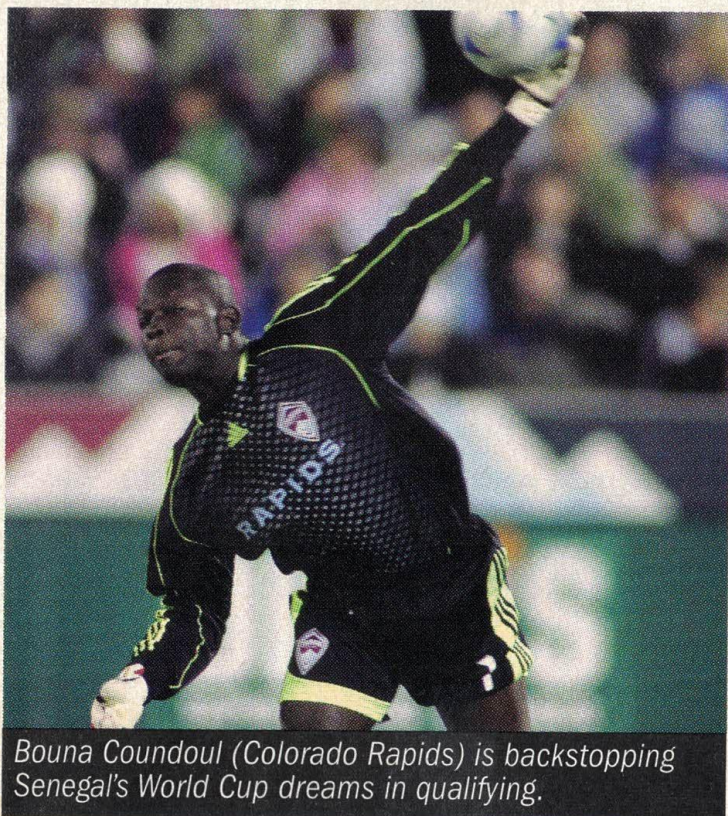
Canada boasts the second-largest MLS contribution to its side, with Dwayne De Rosario and Pat Onstad of the Houston Dynamo, Jim Brennan and Greg Sutton of Toronto FC, the LA Galaxy's Ante Jazic and Adrian Serieux of FC Dallas regular call-ups for the Maple Leafs.

Two other countries facing difficult struggles to reach the semifinal round are led by a pair of players from the New England Revolution. Grenada, which faces Costa Rica, is led by captain Shalrie Joseph, while Bermuda, which must get past Trinidad & Tobago, has Khano Smith in its ranks.

Africa also will see a fair number of Major League Soccer's best. Colorado Rapids goalkeeper Bouna Coundoul is backstopping his country's qualification efforts out of a very difficult group which also includes a few other MLS



David Beckham was honored with his 100th cap for England before the match against the USA.



Bouna Coundoul (Colorado Rapids) is backstopping Senegal's World Cup dreams in qualifying.

players: Francis Doe of Liberia (D.C. United) and the The Gambia, for which Kenny Mansally of the New England Revolution has been a regular, and could be joined by club teammate Sainey Nyassi.

Sierra Leone is trying to advance from a group that includes powerhouse Nigeria and Equatorial Guinea (South Africa is also participating, in the

dual competition of qualification for the African Nations Cup). Kei Kamara of the San Jose Earthquakes has been called into the Sierra Leone side.

Another Revolution striker, Kheli Dube, has been a youth international at every level for Zimbabwe, though he was not called into the first round of World Cup qualifiers.

Oceania could have a couple of representatives, both from New Zealand, as striker Jarrod Smith (Toronto FC) and midfielder Duncan Oughton (Columbus Crew) both could figure for the All-Whites when second-stage play resumes in that confederation in September.

And of course Europe could be where the brightest lights of all shine when qualifying begins there in the fall. Wales, trying to qualify from a group that includes Germany, Russia, Finland, Azerbaijan and Liechtenstein, counts on Carl Robinson of Toronto FC. After winning his 100th cap for the England national team, Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder David Beckham has seen regular calls into the Three Lions, and he could well be a major part when they try to top a group that includes Croatia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Andorra.



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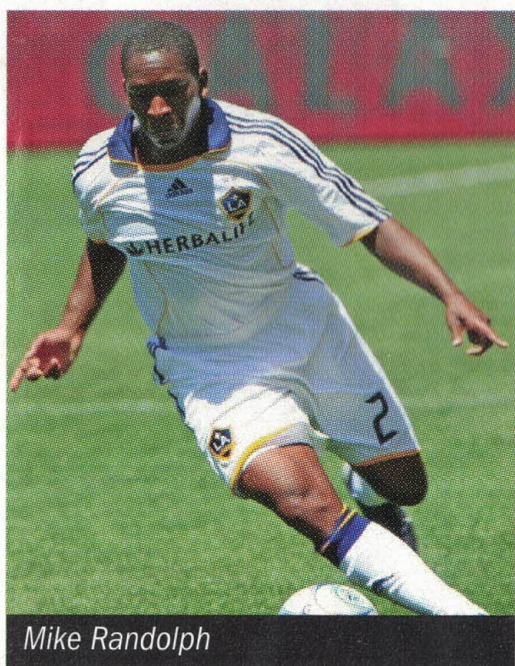
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What are Mike Randolph and Greg Vanney's favorite things about Southern California?

Mike Randolph is a born and raised Southern Californian, having grown up in Chino Hills. Greg Vanney wasn't raised here in the Southland, but he has spent much of his life here, attending UCLA for three years and playing with the Galaxy from 1996-2001 before returning this season. With that said, we asked them to choose between some Southern California institutions to see what makes living here so great!



Mike Randolph



Greg Vanney

Beach	The mountains or the beach?	Beach
Angels	The Angels or the Dodgers?	Neither
Summer	The winter or the summer?	Summer
In n Out	In n Out or Pink's Hotdogs?	In n Out
A night out	A night out on the town or relaxing at home?	Relaxing at Home
Disneyland	Universal Studios or Disneyland?	Disneyland
Coast	Inland or Coast?	Coast
USC	USC or UCLA	UCLA

2008 Galaxy Events

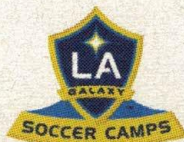
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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Galaxy Rios Open Tryouts — July 11, 2008 (Irvine Valley College)
July 12, 2008 (Ayala Park, Chino)
July 13, 2008 (Glendale Soccer Complex)



Galaxy Elite Soccer Camp — June 23-27 (The Home Depot Center)



Galaxy Soccer Camps — July 21-24 (Palos Verdes)
July 28-31 (Santa Clarita)
August 18-21 (Monrovia)



Galaxy Youth Fantasy Camp — August 4-8 (The Home Depot Center)
August 11-15 (The Home Depot Center)



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Go One-on-One ...

With Galaxy defender Sean Franklin

Talk a bit about your journey from club soccer to college soccer and now onto the pros.

It's been a long, long journey. I would have never thought I would have ended up playing here. Professional soccer, I mean I talked about it with my friends just messing around and everything, but I didn't know if it was possible. It's been a long road, but I'm glad I stuck through it and continued playing soccer. I really appreciate where I am right now.

You were the highest pick of any Cal State Northridge athlete in any sport. Does that mean anything?

It means a lot. I didn't know until I read about it on the Internet that I was the highest of any sport. I'm so honored to represent my school. I'm very proud of that.

As a rookie, what has been the biggest challenge for you coming into the league?

The biggest challenge has been wondering if I'm going to get my shot or my opportunity to play. Playing all through college and being a starter and playing a lot of games, I wasn't really prepared to give another guy the

spot. So coming in and just wondering where my place really was on this team; that was probably the biggest challenge.



Defender Sean Franklin may just be a rookie, but he has been a strong presence for the Galaxy on the defense.



As a native Californian, Franklin is happy to be playing at home here in LA.

As a younger player, do you think it helps to come into a team that has established international stars?

Yeah it does. They've played many games - big games. They have many years of experience, so it's nice to have them teach you and show you the ropes.

What advice would give to young players with dreams of replicating your road to MLS?

I would tell them to never think you aren't good enough. All it takes is one game, one coach to see you. It opens a lot of doors for you.

Of the guys on the team, who would you say you are the closest to and is there a reason for that?

Most of the rookies, I've either played against them in college or with them on the U-20s and U-23s. Like Brandon McDonald, Ely, Jules, Gavin and Randolph, I'm pretty close to all of them.

You're in the player pool for the Beijing Olympics, what would being named to the roster for that tournament mean to you?

It would great. I would love to go to play in the Olympics and represent my country. I've been to camps with the U-20s and U-23s, sometimes getting called in and sometimes not, so finally making that final team would be an incredible honor.

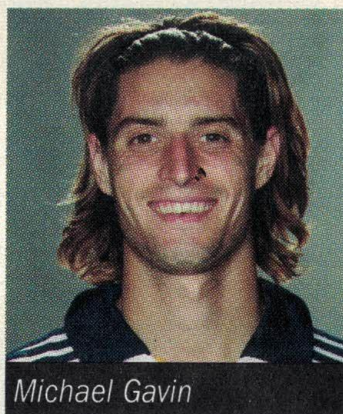
How does it feel to have grown up here in Southern California and now be representing a Southern California team?

It's nice. It's real nice. I get to stay close to home. I get to see my friends, my family. Before I was drafted I had no idea where I was going to go, I didn't think I was going to be picked here. I figured I was going to be going far away, but to be here in LA with the Galaxy is really, really nice.

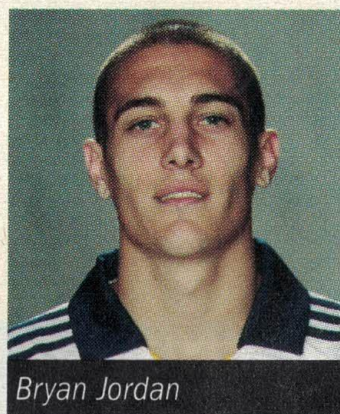
Do They Know?

Testing Galaxy players on their National Team knowledge

In May, Michael Gavin, Bryan Jordan and Julian Valentin were called up to the U.S. Under-23 National Team for the Toulon International Tournament in France. Upon their return, we quizzed them on their Galaxy/National Team knowledge. Here's what they came up with...



Michael Gavin



Bryan Jordan



Julian Valentin

1. Which Galaxy player recently received his 100th career cap with the U.S. National Team?

MG - Landon Donovan ★

BJ - Landon ★

JV - Landon ★

2. At the start of 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying, what two Galaxy players have scored the most goals for their National Teams?

MG - Landon Donovan and David Beckham

BJ - Landon and David

JV - Landon and Carlos ★

3. How many Galaxy coaches have played for their National Teams?

MG - Two — Ruud and Cobi

BJ - I'd say two

JV - Three — Ruud, Cobi and Ian ★

4. How many Galaxy players have played for their full National Team?

MG - Klein, Vanney, Landon, David, Fish, Edson, and probably one more — seven

BJ - Six

JV - Fish, Landon, Ante, Abel, Klein, Vanney, David, and probably two more. Nine.

5. Which four Galaxy players played at both the Under-17 and Under-20 World Cups?

MG - Julian, Landon, Edson and I don't know.

BJ - Izzy, Landon, Jules and Eddie — Four

JV - Four — Landon, me, Ante and Edson

6. Which Galaxy player played at the Under-20 World Cup in 2007?

MG - Julian ★

BJ - Julian ★

JV - I did ★

7. How many Galaxy players have played at the Under-20 World Cup?

MG - No idea, four?

BJ - Four

JV - Four — Me, Landon, Edson and Ante

8. How many Galaxy players, coaches or staff members have played in the Olympics?

MG - I'd say six.

BJ - Seven?

JV - Five — Pete, Landon, Cobi, Ian and one more. ★

In the end, Julian Valentin is the runaway winner, though you really can't be surprised at that as he's been a part of the National Team program for most of this century.

Answer Key - 1) Landon Donovan, 2) Landon Donovan and Carlos Ruiz, 3) Three - Ruud Gullit, Cobi Jones and Ian Feuer, 4) Ante Jazic (Canada), David Beckham (England), Ruiz (Guatemala), Abel Xavier (Portugal), Edson Buddle, Donovan, Joe Franchino, Chris Klein, Peter Vagenas and Greg Vanney (USA), 5) Four - Steve Cronin (1999 and 2003), Donovan (1999 and 2001), Julian Valentin (2003 and 2007) and Xavier (1989 and 1991), 6) Valentin, 7) Buddle (2001), Cronin (2003), Donovan (2001), Valentin (2007) and Xavier (1991), 8) Five - Landon Donovan (2000), Ian Feuer (1992), Cobi Jones (1992), Alexi Lalas (1996) and Peter Vagenas (2000).

Did You Know?

Interesting Facts and Statistics About the LA Galaxy

* Galaxy goalkeeper **Steve Cronin** is the youngest 'keeper in club history to ever play in a game. Cronin made his MLS debut with the Galaxy on September 17, 2005 at the age of 22 years and 112 days old in a 2-2 draw against the Wizards. He is also the youngest Galaxy goalkeeper to win a game, doing so 224 days later when he helped the Galaxy defeat Real Salt Lake 3-2 on April 29, 2006.

* Galaxy defender **Chris Klein** set a new MLS record on May 24 when he started the 94th consecutive game of his MLS career. The Galaxy won that game 3-1 over the Wizards, with Klein playing the full 90 minutes at right back. Since joining the Galaxy in June 2007, Klein has played the full 90 minutes in every one of the club's regular season games. The last time that the 32-year old defender did not start or appear in an MLS game was on June 4, 2005 when, as a member of the Kansas City Wizards, he missed a 1-1 draw at New England with Achilles tendon soreness.

* On May 18, **Edson Buddle** scored three times in a 5-1 win over FC Dallas. The hat trick was the first of Buddle's Galaxy career and the third of his MLS career. Buddle is one of just eight players in MLS history to collect three or more hat tricks in his career, but the first to do so with three different teams.

* Galaxy defender **Ante Jazic** scored the first goal of his international career on June 4 when he scored in the 82nd minute of Canada's 2-2 draw with Panama.

* In August, the U.S. Under-23 National Team will



Cronin is an aggressive young keeper who has proved himself since first arriving in Los Angeles. He holds the record as the youngest keeper in Galaxy history to ever play in a game.

compete in the Summer Olympics in Beijing. A number of Galaxy players, such as **Sean Franklin**, **Michael Gavin**, **Bryan Jordan**, **Brandon McDonald**, **Mike Randolph** and **Julian Valentin** are in the head coach Peter Nowak's player pool. They will look to join teammates **Landon Donovan** and **Peter Vagenas**, as well as coaches **Ian Feuer** and **Cobi Jones** and President and General Manager **Alexi Lalas** as having represented the United States at the Olympics.

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