





SAN ANTONIO SCORPIONS

VS



Spring: 0-1-1, 1 Points

MINNESOTA UNITED FC

Spring: 0-0-2, 0 Points Fall: 0-0-0, 0 Points

Saturday, April 25, 2015 7:00pm CT **Broadcast** ESPN3 NASL.com/watch-live

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Fall: 0-0-0, 0 Points

#### MATCH PREVIEW

Minnesota United and the Scorpions won the Spring and Fall seasons, respectively, in 2014 and finished 1-2 in the overall regular season standings last year. Both sides carry high expectations for 2015, but both are still looking for their first win of the year as the Scorpions have lost two straight and United are winless in six dating to last season. I-35 runs through both San Antonio and Minneapolis but the clubs share more than an interstate as they have a colorful history on the pitch that began with a heated playoff series in 2012.

#### **OUT FOR INJURY/DISCIPLINE**

Hassli - lower body strain

#### SERIES HISTORY

The Scorpions won the last meeting between the teams 1-0 last fall at NSC Stadium in Blaine, MN, to bring the all-time series to a count of 3-5-5 in favor of United. The Scorpions have always played the Loons well on the road, though, as they've only lost once in Minnesota while compiling a 2-3-1 record.

#### QUOTABLE

"They are still a very strong team. They were projected (by some) to win it all in the preseason. We expect a stern challenge from them. It is their home opener so their fans are going to be behind them and I'm sure they will be motivated."

- Scorpions Head Coach Alen Marcina

#### 2015 SPRING SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
4/4	Tampa Bay Rowdies	L, 1-3
4/18	Indy Eleven	L, 1-2
4/25	@ Minnesota United FC	7:00 PM CT
5/2	@ Jacksonville Armada FC	6:30 PM CT
5/9	Carolina Railhawks	7:30 PM CT
5/17	@ FC Edmonton	3:00 PM CT
5/23	@ New York Cosmos	6:00 PM CT
5/30	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	7:30 PM CT
6/6	@ Atlanta Silverbacks	6:30 PM CT
6/13	Ottawa Fury FC	7:30 PM CT

#### 2015 FALL SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
7/5	@ FC Edmonton	3:00 PM CT
7/11	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:30 PM CT
7/15	FC Edmonton	7:30 PM CT
7/18	@ Carolina RailHawks	6:30 PM CT
7/25	Minnesota United FC	7:30 PM CT
8/8	@ Atlanta Silverbacks	6:30 PM CT
8/15	@ New York Cosmos	6:00 PM CT
8/22	Jacksonville Armada FC	7:30 PM CT
8/29	@ Jacksonville Armada FC	6:30 PM CT
9/5	Ottawa Fury FC	7:30 PM CT
9/9	Carolina RailHawks	7:30 PM CT
9/12	Indy Eleven	7:30 PM CT
9/19	@ Tampa Bay Rowdies	6:30 PM CT
9/26	Atlanta Silverbacks	7:30 PM CT
10/3	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	7:30 PM CT
10/10	@ Indy Eleven	6:30 PM CT
10/18	@ Ottawa Fury FC	2:00 PM CT
10/21	@ Fort Lauderdale Strikers	6:30 PM CT
10/24	New York Cosmos	7:30 PM CT
10/31	@ Minnesota United FC	7:00 PM CT





## **SAN ANTONIO SCORPIONS ROSTER**

#### PRONUNCIATIONS Eduar Zea

EH-doo-er ZAY-uh

**Richard Menjivar** 

MEN-he-var (ESP)

MEN-jih-var (ENG)

Marvin Chavez

SHAH-vez

**Pablo Cruz** Cruise Nah-nah At-ah-CORE-uh

**Rafael Castillo** RAF-eye-el Cast-EE-yo

Nana Attakora

**Zourab Tsiskaridze** ZOO-rab Sisk-AH-reed-zay

*Matt Cardone* Car-DOH-knee **Stephen DeRoux** de-ROO

**Eric Hassli** HASS-lee

**Josue Soto** HOE-sway So-toe

**Cristian Palomeque** Christian (like the religion) PAL-oh-meh-key **Omar Cummings** OH-mar

**Jon Kempin** KEMP-in

**César Elizondo** Say-ZAR El-ee-ZON-doe

**Joseph Nane** NAH-nay

#	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	HOMETOWN
00	Kempin, Jon	GK	6′1″	Leawood, KS
1	Sattler, Darryl	GK	6'2"	Memphis, TN
3	James, Julius	D	6'0"	Maloney Gardens, TRI
5	Menjivar, Richard	м	5'8"	Panorama City, CA
6	Attakora, Nana	D	6′1″	North York, Ontario, CAN
7	Forbes, Billy	F	5′9″	Providenciales, TCl
8	Gibson, Tyler	М	5'8"	Knoxville, TN
9	Cruz, Pablo	М	5′7″	Pasadena, CA
10	Elizondo, César	F	5'8"	San Jose, CRI
11	Palomeque, Cristian	F	5′7″	Carepa, COL
14	Cummings, Omar	F	5′10″	Old Harbor, JAM
15	Garcia, Julio	М	5'8"	Ocotlan, MX
16	Castillo, Rafael	М	5'6"	Pererira, COL
17	Abdul-Salaam, Saad	D	6′4″	Gahanna, OH
18	Chavez, Marvin	М	5′5″	La Ceiba, HON
19	Soto, Josué	м	5′9″	Fort Worth, TX
21	DeRoux, Stephen	D	5'9"	St. Mary, Jamaica
29	Hassli, Eric	F	6'3"	Sarreguemines, FRA
30	Zea, Eduar	D	6'0"	Qibidó, COL
42	Nane, Joseph	м	6'2″	Yaoundé, CAM
80	Cardone, Matt	GK	6'3"	San Antonio, TX
88	Tsiskaridze, Zourab	М	6′1″	Tbilisi, GEO

#### **COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach: Alen Marcina Goalkeeper Coach: Juan Lamadrid Asst. Coach: Nick Evans Asst. Coach: Oscar Munoz Asst. Coach: Dr. Michael Czar Nutrition/Physiology: Dr. Donovan Fogt Strength Coach: Thomas Novak





# SAN ANTONIO SCORPIONS NOTES

#### PUT THE BISCUIT IN THE BASKET

Striker Omar Cummings has played two games thus far in his NASL career and has scored in each game. He's the first player in team history to score in each of the first two games of a season.

#### STREAKING

Last year, the Scorpions set a modern NASL record with six consecutive wins on the road, starting with an April 19, 2014 win in Atlanta over the Silverbacks.

#### FOR CLUB AND COUNTRY

Thus far in 2015, the following Scorpions have represented their country at the international level:

Jon Kempin - United States: Senior team training camp and U-23 training camp Richard Menjivar - El Salvador: Friendlies against Guatemala and Argentina Billy Forbes - Turks and Caicos: Two World Cup Qualifiers vs St. Kitts and Nevis (first international goal)

#### **EXPANSION**

Last fall, Soccer for a Cause released plans for the expansion of Toyota Field, including 10K additional seats, 18 more suites, additional club-level seating, partial roofing and a beacon that shines red when the Scorpions score or win.





# SAN ANTONIO SCORPIONS 2015 STATS

#### 2015 SCORPIONS NASL FULL SEASON PLAYER STATS

PLAYER	APPEARANCES	MINUTES	ASSISTS	GOALS	YC	RC
3 - James, Julius	1	89	0	0	1	1
4 - Cann, Adrian	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 - Menjivar, Richard	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 - Attakora, Nana	2	180	0	0	0	0
7 - Forbes, Billy	2	177	0	0	0	0
8 - Gibson, Tyler	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 - Cruz, Pablo	2	23	0	0	0	0
10 - Elizondo, César	2	160	1	0	1	0
11 - Palomeque, Cristian	1	11	0	0	0	0
14 - Cummings, Omar	2	102	0	2	0	0
15 - Garcia, Julio	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 - Castillo, Rafael	2	180	0	0	0	0
17 - Abdul-Salaam, Saad	2	180	0	0	0	0
18 - Chávez, Marvin	2	180	0	0	1	0
19 - Soto, Josué	1	90	0	0	1	0
21 - DeRoux, Stephen	2	180	0	0	0	0
29 - Hassli, Eric	1	67	0	0	0	0
30 - Zea, Eduard	0	0	0	0	0	0
42 - Nane, Joseph	1	90	0	0	0	0
88 - Tsiskaridze, Zourab	1	90	0	0	0	0

#### 2015 SCORPIONS NASL FULL SEASON GOALKEEPER STATS

PLAYER	MINUTES	GA	SAVES	YC	RC	GAA
1 - Sattler, Daryl	0	0	0	0	0	0
00 - Kempin, Jon	180	5	2	0	0	2.5
80 - Cardone, Matt	0	00	0	0	0	0

\* No longer on the Scorpions' roster





## **NASL STANDINGS**

#### 2015 NASL SPRING SEASON STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
New York Cosmos	3	2	1	0	4	1	3	7
Indy Eleven	3	1	2	0	4	3	1	5
Atlanta Silverbacks	3	1	2	0	4	3	1	5
Carolina RailHawks	3	1	1	1	5	4	1	4
Tampa Bay Rowdies	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
FC Edmonton	3	1	1	1	5	6	-1	4
Ottawa Fury FC	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
Jacksonville Armada FC	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
Fort Lauderdale Strikers	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
Minnesota United FC	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
SAN ANTONIO SCORPIONS	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0





# **2015 SCORPIONS MISCELLANEOUS STATS**

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#### SCORPIONS GOAL BREAKDOWN

FIRST HALF	0
Min: 0-15	0
Min: 16-30	0
Min: 31-45	0
First Half Stoppage Time	0

SECOND HALF	2
Min: 46-60	1
Min: 61-75	0
Min: 76-90	0
Second Half Stoppage Time	1
Goals from Set Pieces	0
Penalty Kick Goals	0

#### **OPPONENTS GOAL BREAKDOWN**

FIRST HALF	2
Min: 0-15	1
Min: 16-30	0
Min: 31-45	1
First Half Stoppage Time	2

	SECOND HALF	3
Min: 46-60		0
Min: 61-75		2
Min: 76-90		1
Second Half Sto	ppage Time	0
Goals from Set I	Pieces	0
Penalty Kick Go	als	0

#### 2015 SCORPIONS OVERALL TEAM STATISTICS

GAMES PLAYED	GOALS SCORED	GOALS ALLOWED	<b>GOAL DIFFERENCE</b>	YELLOW CARDS	RED CARDS
2	2	5	-3	4	1





# **INDIVIDUAL & TEAM HIGHS**

## **2015 SINGLE GAME HIGHS NASL**

*Goals: 1* Cummings, 4/4 vs Tampa Bay Cummings, 4/18 vs Indy

First Half Goals: 0

Second Half Goals: 1 Cummings, 4/4 vs Tampa Bay Cummings, 4/18 vs Indy

Assists: 0

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**Goals: 1** Cummings, 4/4 vs Tampa Bay Cummings, 4/18 vs Indy

First Half Goals: 0

**Second Half Goals: 1** Cummings, 4/4 vs Tampa Bay Cummings, 4/18 vs Indy

Assists: 0

### SINGLE GAME KEEPER STATS

**Goals Allowed: 3** Kempin, 4/4 vs Tampa Bay

### SINGLE SEASON KEEPER STATS

**Goals Allowed: 5** Kempin

## **TEAM SINGLE GAME HIGHS**

Shots: 11	Goals Allowed: 3	
SOG: 1	Yellow Cards: 4	
Goals: 1	Red Cards: 1	
First Half Goals: 0	<i>Home Attendance: 6,723</i> 4/4 vs Tampa Bay	
Second Half Goals: 1		
Assists: 0		

Corner Kicks: 5





## **PLAYER BIOS**

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### 00 JON KEMPIN *GK*



Kempin, 21, comes to the Scorpions on loan from Major League Soccer's Sporting KC for the 2015 season. He is about to start his sixth professional season after joining the U.S. Men's National Team this past January. The Leawood, Kansas,

native made five competitive appearances for Sporting Kansas City in 2014, including his debut in MLS and the CONCACAF Champions League, while also spending time on loan at OKC Energy FC of the United Soccer League. Kempin earned back-to-back MLS Save of the Week honors in his first two MLS appearances and was named MVP of the 2014 MLS Chipotle Homegrown Game. In doing so, he became the youngest at his position to play in MLS since 2012 and entered the record books as the youngest goalkeeper to start an MLS match in Sporting KC's history.

### DARYL SATTLER GK



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In 2012, the 6'2" Sattler led the NASL with a 0.79 Goals Against Average (GAA) and posted 13 shutouts in 26 starts - also tops in the league, Sattler made one start for the Scorpions last season, earning a win in New York over the

Cosmos, and was with the team for their run to the 2014 NASL Championship. The 33-year-old native Tennessean played college soccer at Western Kentucky, where he still holds the career record for most shutouts with 19.

### О MATT CARDONE *GK*



Matt Cardone is a San Antonio native that attended Trinity University. The 6'3", 215lb goalkeeper was a two-time Division-III All-American and posted a 0.49 career goals against average. Prior to joining the Scorpions, he was a

trialist with MLS expansion team Orlando City SC.

### JULIUS JAMES D



Julius was a 2008 MLS SuperDraft pick by Toronto FC and the 30-yearold has also played for D.C. United, Houston Dynamo, and the Columbus Crew in MLS and the Carolina RailHawks in the NASL. James has played internationally

for the Trinidad and Tobogo Under-17s and has 16 caps for the senior side.

## 5 RICHARD MENJIVAR M



5'8" Richard was a 2013 NASL Best XI selection with the Atlanta Silverbacks when he started in 21 of 24 games and scored two goals and had two assists. The 24-yearold appeared internationally at the youth level for both the United

States and El Salvador before committing to the Salvadorans at the senior level, where he has earned 19 caps. He's played in the Gold Cup, Olympic Qualifying, and in friendlies for his country against the likes of Argentina and Spain. In 2014, he started 19 games for the Scorpions and played 1,703 minutes.

### 6 NANA ATTAKORA 🏼 🖉



Attakora is a native of New York in Ontario, Canada, and has represented his country at the international level with the U-16, U-17, U-19, U-20, and U-23 levels. He also has nine caps with the senior Canadian Men's National

Team, including during World Cup Qualifiers. He has played for Major League Soccer clubs Toronto FC, the San jose Earthquakes, and most recently D.C. United and has career MLS totals of 62 starts, three goals, and five assists in 5,491 minutes played.





## **PLAYER BIOS**

### 7 BILLY FORBES F



Billy had a breakout rookie year in 2014 as he led the NASL with seven assists and also scored four goals in 22 starts before adding the titlewinning goal in the Championship Final. Forbes has made six appearances for his national team

in World Cup Qualifying and in 2015, he scored his first international goal. Prior to joining the Scorpions, he played with PDL team Southern West Virginia's King's Warriors and led the team in scoring with seven goals and three assists. Forbes played college soccer at Lubbock Christian University and was the first All-American in the program's history.

### 8 TYLER GIBSON м



Tyler Gibson is a rookie that played college soccer for the Charlotte 49ers. The 5'8", 145lb midfielder was a four-year starter, was named an Academic All-American his senior year, and was twice on the Hermann Award (soccer's version

of the Heisman Trophy) watch list. In 2013, he scored the game-winning penalty kick in the Conference-USA title game and in 2010 he was named the Atlantic-10 Midfielder of the Year.

### 9 PABLO CRUZ м



Cruz was obtained from the Atlanta Silverbacks in February 2015. He made 52 career appearances for Atlanta and scored four goals in his 1,423 minutes played in 2014. The 5'6" native of Pasadena, California, was instrumental in the Silverbacks'

2013 Spring Season championship with three goals in all competitions. Cruz has received callups to the United States U-17, U-18 and U-20 youth national teams and scored two goals in seven matches. The 23-year-old also played for Cal FC in 2012 when the amateur club scored one of the biggest upsets in U.S. Open Cup history by beating Major League Soccer's Portland Timbers.

## 10 CÉSAR ELIZONDO F



César came to the Scorpions via a trade with the Carolina RailHawks in August, 2014. The 5'8" forward scored six goals in 50+ appearances with Deportivo Saprissa and two more after joining Carolina in 2013. Elizondo also has ten caps for the

Costa Rican national team, most recently in 2011. In 15 matches with the Scorpions last year, Elizondo scored five goals and added an assist.

### 11 CRISTIAN PALOMEQUE F



The 5'7" winger scored 11 goals in 45 appearances while on loan with Colombian second division side Alianza Petrolera in 2012-13. The native of Medellin, Colombia, has also made almost 20 appearances for Colombia internationally at the

U-17 (5), U-20 (12) and U-21 (2) levels, scoring two goals in the process. In 2013, he was part of the Colombian team that won the under-20 South American championship in Argentina. Palomeque has played professionally for the Atlético Nacional and Alianza Petrolera in Combia.

### 14 OMAR CUMMINGS F



The 5'10", 165 lb Cummings compiled career totals of 42 goals, 30 assists, and 11,902 minutes played in 185 MLS games. In 2009 with the Colorado Rapids, he tied for the league lead with 12 assists and for an encore the following

year, he scored a career-high 14 goals. He won MLS Cup with the Rapids in 2010, was an MLS All-Star in 2011 when the opponent was Manchester United, and he has scored in both CONCACAF Champions League and the MLS Playoffs. Cummings is a native of Old Harbor, Jamaica, and has scored seven goals in 35 appearances for the Reggae Boyz. He played collegiately at the University of Cincinnati where compiled career totals of 13 goals plus 16 assists and was the first All-American in school history.





## **PLAYER BIOS**

## 15 JULIO GARCIA м



Julio Garcia is a native of Guadalajara, Mexico. The 25-yearold is a product of the Club Social y Deportivo Atlas de Guadalajara academy, which is known for having one of the strongest youth development programs in Mexico.

He played for the Chivas USA reserves prior to signing with the Scorpions in 2014.

### 16 RAFAEL CASTILLO м



Rafael has played for many professional Colombian teams throughout his career that include Deportivo Tolima, Real Cartagena and Millionarios. He also played for the most popular team in Egypt, Al-Ahly. He was a part of the 2004

Independiente Medellin championship team and has also played for his native Colombian National team in 2002-03. Castillo led the Scorpions in Scoring in 2014 with seven goals, was named to the 2014 NASL Best XI, and was the MVP of the 2014 Championship Final against Ft. Lauderdale.

## 17 SAAD ABDUL-SALAAM D



Abdul-Salaam is a rookie who logged three goals and 12 assists in 54 games over three seasons at the University of Akron, including a team-high six assists in 2014, and was an All-MAC First Team honoree. Sporting Kansas City selected

Abdul-Salaam 12th overall in the first round of the 2015 MLS SuperDraft and he appeared in three preseason matches for the club this year before being loaned to the Scorpions. The 6'4", 185 lb Abdul-Salaam grew up in Gahanna, OH, and won a state championship with Gahanna Lincoln High School in 2009.

## 18 MARVIN CHÁVEZ F



5'5" Chávez is a winger so known for his speed that his nickname is "el hijo del viento" or "the son of the wind." He has earned 42 caps for Honduras at the international level, including two appearances in the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil.

Chávez has four international goals to his credit and was called up as recently as November, 2014, for a friendly against China. The native of La Ceiba, Honduras, has made over 100 appearances in MLS, most recently with Chivas USA in 2014. He has 15 career goals in MLS and had his best season while playing for the San Jose Earthquakes in 2012. That year, he was named to the MLS All-Star team as he helped lead the Earthquakes to the Supporter's Shield with three goals and thirteen assists in 1,910 minutes played, including 23 starts.

#### 19 JOSUÉ SOTO м



26-year-old Josué is an original Scorpion returning home – the Houston Dynamo loaned him to San Antonio during the inaugural 2012 season and he went on to score two goals in his 24 appearances. Soto played college

soccer for the SMU Mustangs and made 18 appearances in 2013 for MLS team Chivas USA. Last year with the Scorpions, he appeared in 25 games, played 1,419 minutes and scored a goal.

#### 21 STEPHEN DEROUX *D*



DeRoux was born in Jamaica and moved to the Washington DC/ Maryland area where he played college soccer at Prince George's College in Largo, Maryland. DeRoux was named as an NSCAA Second Team All American at Prince

George's in 2002. He went on to sign a developmental contract with MLS side D.C. United where he made 10 appearances between 2005 and 2008. Coming into 2015, has appeared in 46 matches with 44 starts and has one assist for the Scorpions.





## **PLAYER BIOS**

## 29 ERIC HASSLI F



6'4" Eric was an MLS All-Star and Designated Player while with the Vancouver Whitecaps. He has scored over 80 career goals and made more than 280 appearances during his 16-year club career for teams in France, Switzerland and

England in addition to MLS stints with the Whitecaps, Toronto FC and most recently FC Dallas. In 2012, the 33-year-old native of Sarreguimines, France, was nominated for the prestigious FIFA Puskás Award. In 2014, Eric had six goals and four assist in 20 appearances (seven as a starter) for the Scorpions.

### 30 EDUAR ZEA D



The 6'1" Zea was a member of Colombia's U-17 squad that advanced to the knockout stages of the 2007 U-17 FIFA World Cup in South Korea, where he played in all four matches against U-17 teams from Germany, Ghana, Trinidad &

Tobago and Nigeria. He turned professional in 2009, when he was signed by Deportes Quindío and has gone on to make over 30 appearances in the Columbian leagues. The 25-year-old native of Qibidó, has played professionally for Corporación Deportes Quindío (Categoría Primera B), América de Cali (Categoría Primera A), and Club Deportivo La Equidad Seguros (Categoría Primera A).

### 42 JOSEPH NANE м



The 6'2", 185lb Nane was selected in the 2010 Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft by Toronto FC and made his professional debut for the Canadian club later that year. His MLS resume includes starts in the CONCACAF Champions

League, the Nutrilite Canadian Championship, and the MLS Cup Playoffs in addition to 1,368 minutes played in the regular season. In 2013, he signed with the New York Cosmos of the North American Soccer League (NASL) and went on to capture the Soccer Bowl with them that November. The native of Yaounde, Cameroon, played collegiate soccer at Old Dominion University.

### 88 ZOURAB TSISKARDIZE M



Tsiskaridze was born in Tbilisi, Georgia, before the breakup of the Soviet Union, but moved to the United States as a youth and has earned his American citizenship. The 28-year-old is 6'1" and played as a center back or left fullback

much of his career, but in recent years he has been playing in front of the defensive line as a holding midfielder. As a youth, Tsiskaridze trained with the U-20 teams for Brazilian clubs Internacional and Grêmio Barueri and also had a tryout with Major League Soccer's D.C. United – all before graduating from high school. He holds the record for the longest goal in Swedish Superettan history with a 65-yard free kick that found the back of the net when he was playing for Jönköpings Södra IF.





# **2015 SCORPIONS GAME SUMMARIES**

#### SPRING SEASON



Tampa Bay hit the ground running with a goal in only the 10' of play and they struck again just before the halftime whistle to take a 2-0 lead to the locker room. The visitors added a third in the 61' before Omar Cummings finally got San Antonio on the board in 2nd half stoppage time with his first goal as a Scorpion.

## GAME 2 Sas VS IND



This time, the Scorpions struck first as they opened the scoring in the 52' when César Elizondo set up Omar Cummings. San Antonio would rue the numerous missed chances in the game, though, as Indy equalized in the 63' and then Sergio Peña struck for the winner in the 89' from long distance.





# **2015 GAME-BY-GAME LINEUPS: SPRING**

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
vs TBR	vs INDY				
STARTERS	STARTERS	STARTERS	STARTERS	STARTERS	STARTERS
00 J. Kempin	00 J. Kempin				
21 S. DeRoux	21 S. DeRoux				
3 J. James 80'(YC) 90'(YC/RC)	88 Z. Tsiskaridze				
6 N. Attakora	6 N. Attakora				
17 S. Abdul-Salaam	17 S. Abdul-Salaam				
16 R. Castillo	42 J. Nane				
19 J. Soto 16′(YC)	16 R. Castillo				
7 B. Forbes	7 B. Forbes 87'>				
10 C. Elizondo 64'(YC) 70'>	18 M. Chavez				
18 M. Chavez 55'(YC)	10 C. Elizondo				
29 E. Hassli 67'>	14 O. Cummings 52'(G) 79'>				
SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTES	SUBSTITUTES
1 D. Sattler	1 D. Sattler				
14 O. Cummings 67' < 90'(G)	9 P. Cruz 87′<				
9 P. Cruz 70'<	11 C. Palomeque 79'<				
11 C. Palomeque	19 J. Soto				
88 Z. Tsiskaridze	8 T. Gibson				
5 R. Menjivar	15 J. Garcia				
8 T. Gibson	30 E. Zea				





# **ABOUT THE SAN ANTONIO SCORPIONS & MORGAN'S WONDERLAND**

San Antonio philanthropist Hartman led the effort to create Morgan's Wonderland so people of all ages with and without disabilities could come together in a safe, colorful, totally-wheelchair-accessible park for fun and understanding. The 25-acre park, which features more than 25 rides, play-scapes and attractions, just completed its third season. In the past two years, Morgan's Wonderland has attracted more than 200,000 guests from all 50 states and more than 30 other countries.

Because anyone with a physical or cognitive special need is admitted free to Morgan's Wonderland, Hartman sought other revenue streams to help the park meet its financial obligations as well as to expand programs and services at the park for the special-needs community. Morgan's Wonderland opened in spring 2010 along with STAR Soccer, which conveys profits from the operation of 13 first-class playing fields to the park.

Sensing an opportunity to benefit Morgan's Wonderland for the long run, Hartman in fall 2010 secured an NASL franchise – one rung below MLS – and immediately launched Soccer for a Cause, a campaign to build community support for the new team.

The team played its first game on April 7, 2012 on the road against the Atlanta Silverbacks, earning their first point in franchise history with a 0-0 draw. Their first home game was played eight days later on April 15 in front of a sold-out crowd of 13,151 at Heroes Stadium. The Scorpions finished the 2012 season atop the regular season standings before being eliminated in the playoffs.

The Scorpions now play their home games for the 2014 season at Toyota Field; a privately funded, 8,000-seat playing facility. The 2013 stadium opener at Toyota Field took place on April 13 vs. the Tampa Bay Rowdies and drew 8,177 fans.

Additional Morgan's Wonderland information can be found at www.MorgansWonderland.com or by calling (210) 495-5888.





# **ABOUT THE SAN ANTONIO SCORPIONS**

#### NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE (NASL)

The North American Soccer League is a professional soccer league established in the United States and Canada. The NASL member teams are: Atlanta Silverbacks, Carolina RailHawks, FC Edmonton, Fort Lauderdale Strikers, Indy Eleven, Minnesota United FC, New York Cosmos, Ottawa Fury FC, San Antonio Scorpions FC and Tampa Bay Rowdies. Jacksonville Armada FC will commence play in 2015, while Oklahoma City and Virginia kick off their inaugural seasons in 2016.

For more information about the NASL, visit www.NASL.com. Follow the NASL on Twitter @NASLOfficial and Facebook at www.Facebook.com/NASLfans. Fans can watch every game live at www.NASLlive.com.

#### TOYOTA FIELD

Located at the intersection of Thousand Oaks Drive and Wurzbach Parkway, Toyota Field is America's newest soccer specific stadium. The 8,000 capacity, state-of-the-art facility is in it's first season of usage and becomes the new home of the Scorpions after the team played at nearby Heroes Stadium in 2012. Toyota Field shows off incredible luxury suites, an impressive video board and the Miller Lite Beer Garden.

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