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A LETTER FROM THE CEO

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iami FC Supporters,

As Miami FC's new CEO, I want to thank each and every one of you for attending tonight's match and the inaugural season of Miami's only professional soccer team.

We are the growing heartbeat of passionate fans in a passionate city. We are a Club for the community, by the community. Miami is a futbol town, and we are its Fútbol Club - YOUR Miami FC!

The Club has a promise to all its fans - from soccer moms and dads, to the loyal and hardcore #DADEBRIGADE - unforgettable moments filled with thrilling, world-class futbol; unique match day experiences; and unprecedented access to our global roster coached by international soccer legend, Alessandro Nesta.

Tonight is a special evening. We face cross-town rivals, the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, in the FL Clásico - an event that is quickly becoming a marquee match for all fans in the 305. We also welcome the American Outlaws and Southern Legion supporter groups, who join us in the love of the Beautiful Game. To enhance the stadium atmosphere, the first 5,000 fans will receive commemorative Thunder Sticks courtesy of Match Up Promotions. We hope you also enjoy the music, food and entertainment that make the FL Clásico a derby to remember.

You the fans are the lifeblood of our organization and we look forward to a long and lasting relationship. As CEO, feedback is very important to our future success. Therefore, we always welcome your thoughts on improvements, or any way we can enhance your experience.

Thank you for your tremendous support!
#VamosMiami



Sean Flynn
CEO, The Miami FC
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THINGS ARE LOOKING BETTER AND BETTER AND WE WILL KEEP GOING! LAST WEEK IT ALL CAME TOGETHER AS WE DEFEATED MINNESOTA UNITED FC, 4-0. THE OFFENSE WAS FLAWLESS ON THE COUNTER ATTACK, WHILE KEEPER DANIEL VEGA AND THE DEFENSE POSTED A SHUTOUT AGAINST ONE OF THE TOP OFFENSES IN THE NASL. **WE HAVE** ALREADY COLLECTED 11 POINTS IN THE FALL SEASON, SURPASSING OUR ENTIRE SPRING SEASON OUTPUT. I can't be any happier with how this team has progressed and if we can continue to get better every match, a deep run in the playoffs is not so farfetched.

A MAJOR KEY TO OUR GREAT SUCCESS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO OUR DEPTH. DOWN THREE OF OUR REGULAR STARTERS, WE PUT ON MAYBE THE BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON **AGAINST MINNESOTA.** RECENT ADDITIONS JONNY STEELE AND POKU SCORED AGAINST MINNESOTA, WHILE ORIGINAL SIGNEES ARIEL MARTINEZ AND AARON DENNIS ALSO FOUND THE BACK OF THE NET. WITH SUCH QUALITY IN THE STARTING XI AND ON THE BENCH, WE WILL BE READY FOR ANY AND ALL SITUATIONS THE SEASON HAS IN STORE FOR US.

TONIGHT, WE FACE THE FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS, OUR CROSS-TOWN RIVALS. THE FL CLÁSICO

has already seen two matches worthy of the "Clásico" name. Both were played on the Strikers home field and ended in **1-1 draws.**

Tonight the FL Clásico comes to our home for the first time and that means we have the best advantage of them all ... You, the fans!!! We need you to be that 12th man, and be as loud as ever as we look to bring you the inaugural FL Clásico championship!!!

**AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TO SUPPORT US.
FORZA MIAMI!!!**



**ALESSANDRO
NESTA**
HEAD COACH



**JONATHAN
BORRAJO**

A COMPLETE LEADER

The captain of our team begins a cycle of leadership and success that is already bearing fruit.

When Jonathan Borrajo is on the field, the rhythm of the game changes. His leadership is noticeable on the pitch, not only for his personal talent, but also because of the energy boost his teammates get from him. Alessandro Nesta says Jonathan is a strong bet to Miami FC's roster for the fall season. "He brings international experience and league experience to the club. As a former 2014 NASL Champion and 2015 runner up, I have high expectations about him"

IN COLLEGE, WHERE YOU GRADUATED WITH HONORS, HOW WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE?

Going to college is something that every American or international kid can do. Four unbelievable years where you get to study and enjoy. I was fortunate enough to have a great coach, Greg Andrulis, he is still one of my mentors to this day. I still speak to him. That's where I got a lot of my leadership skills. I took a lot away from those four years in school.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE IN NORWAY?

From Europe, I think you learn how to deal with a lot of pressure. I think you become better tactically and technically. Here, that allows me to be calmer and I try to bring that calmness to the other guys in difficult moments. I try to help everyone to relax and stick together.

HOW DO YOU SEE MIAMI FC'S DEFENSE, SINCE YOU ARE A DEFENDER AND YOUR COACH IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD?

Every week, we get better and better. As defenders, we are working more as a unit and the results are proof of that. We were under a lot of pressure but we were able to still get the win so I think with such a good coach and getting a lot of good information from video, we've been able to get better every week.

HOW DO YOU PREPARE YOURSELF PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY BEFORE A MATCH?

We have a really good training staff. Off the field, I just try to take care of my body with some yoga, make sure

I take care of my diet, sleep well, and try to stay out of the sun which is difficult in Miami. And mentally, now that I have my girlfriend here, we spend some time together and walk on the beach.

WHAT IS IN THE FUTURE FOR MIAMI FC?

It's exciting. Every week the coaches' ideas, plans, and strategies are becoming clear for us. We keep getting on the same page like we are growing together on the field and off the field. It's important that when we step on the field we are like a group of brothers. Everyone has a lot of ambition and we all want to win. We want to win the championship.

HOW DO YOU FEEL FACING THE FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS, A TEAM YOU HAVE PLAYED FOR BEFORE?

The Strikers are very special to me because they gave me an opportunity after I had a big injury last year. I had a good time with the club. We were able to make the playoffs last year. It's always exciting playing against a local team for which I played and it's good for the fans.

HOW DO YOU FEEL WITH YOUR CURRENT TEAMMATES, SINCE YOU HAVE PLAYED IN HIGHLY COMPETITIVE TEAMS?

There is a lot of quality on this team, a lot of very experienced players, and a lot of guys who have played in big leagues in Europe. There are a lot of leaders on this team which makes us stronger and I think that is why we have a team that can really push to make the playoffs. —>

PREVIOUS CLUBS



**REAL
MARYLAND
MONARCHS**
(U.S.A)



MJØNDALEN
(NORWAY)



**NEW YORK
RED BULLS**
(U.S.A)



HAMKAM
(NORWAY)



**FORT
LAUDERDALE
STRIKERS**
(U.S.A)



**SAN
ANTONIO
SCORPIONS**
(U.S.A)

→ **WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE LEVEL OF MATURITY THE TEAM IS REACHING?**

We have maturity and youth. I think there is a good mixture of both. The old guys try to help the young guys. The young guys have done a really good job listening. I know it's frustrating sometimes when you're not getting into the team, but we just continue telling them to keep up the good work. We need every one.

WHAT DREAMS HAVE YOU BEEN UNABLE TO ACHIEVE?

I always wanted to play at Giant Stadium in New Jersey because I'm from New Jersey. It was always my dream to play in that stadium in front of my family and friends over there.

WHO IS JONATHAN BORRAJO?

Name: Jonathan Borrajo
Santana

Date of birth: 02/06/1987

Age: 29

Place of birth:

Clifton, New Jersey,
United States

College:

George Mason University

Height: 5 ft 9 in

Position: Defender - right
wingback

Favorite Food: Paella

Favorite music: House music

A Book: "The Leader Who Had
No Title" by Robin Sharma

A movie: "Home Alone 2: Lost
in New York"

A word that defines you:

Hard-working

What do you hate the most?:

Dishonesty

A player you admire:

Philipp Lahm



**WE'RE FIGHTING HARD TOGETHER, WE'RE PLAYING GOOD
FOOTBALL. EVERYONE ON THE TEAM IS WORKING FOR
EACH OTHER AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO
PUT TOGETHER A LOT OF WINS."**

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VS



The last FL Clásico match of the season is taking place tonight, as the Miami FC's local rivals, the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, invade FIU Stadium for the first time this year. —> **Next. pg 14**



CLÁSICO REMATCH





CLIMBING THE TABLE. The Miami FC is ready to tally their fourth win of the fall and their first of the FL Clásico. With a 3-2-1 record, the team continues its solid form as they are coming off of a brilliant road win in Minnesota, keeping an undefeated 4-match streak. The squad scored four goals for the first time in club history, while earning their first road win in convincing fashion. The Miami FC is now tied with the Loons for 5th place in the Fall Season standings with 11 points.

NOT SO LUCKY. While the Miami FC continues to climb the table with back-to-back wins, the Fort Lauderdale Strikers have not had the same luck. The Strikers are currently at the bottom of the table, holding a record of 1-1-5, with only four points tallied.

Compared to their Spring Season, where the Strikers finished in 6th place, this Fall Season the odds have not been in their favor. Fort Lauderdale has witnessed only one victory that came in the last minutes of their match against the Jacksonville Armada.

The Strikers have allowed 11 goals against, while averaging less than one goal per match. Most recently, they also parted ways with one of their best players, defender/midfielder Victor "PC" Giro.

FINAL DRAW- FL CLÁSICO. Lockhart Stadium was the stage for the previous FL Clásico matches. Both encounters were tough clashes where both teams left it all on the pitch. The Miami FC kept momentum during the first half and took an early lead with a PK goal by Dario Cvitanich on both occasions. The Strikers scored the equalizer in the second half, and after 90 minutes, the Miami FC walked away with a 1-1 draw and a point to open up both seasons.

THE RECIPE TO VICTORY. The key for the Miami FC to win tonight's FL Clásico is to keep the momentum going for all 90+ minutes of the match. **Stakes are high and every match counts in the race to the NASL Championship.**

The Miami FC has to maintain the attack solid and score early. That, mixed with the brilliant midfield, depth on the field, and strong defense, is a perfect recipe for victory.

Tonight, the Miami FC is looking for its 5th consecutive undefeated match, and will leave its soul on the pitch to win this FL Clásico and continue making firm steps toward the Championship.

#VamosMiami





EVERY TIME YOU
COMPARE WHAT YOU DID
IN THE PAST TO WHAT
YOU'RE DOING NOW,
YOU'RE MAKING TROUBLE
FOR YOURSELF."



HEAD COACH
**ALESSANDRO
NESTA**

SPRING & FALL SEASON STANDINGS

9

POSITION

18

POINTS

20

GOALS



Nickname: Sandro

Place of birth: Rome, Italy

Date of birth: March 19, 1976

SENIOR CAREER



S.S. LAZIO



A.C. MILAN



MONTREAL
IMPACT



CHENNAIYIN
F.C.



ITALY
NATIONAL
TEAM

The Miami FC is led by first-time head coach Alessandro Nesta. Nesta is one of the world's most decorated defenders after being a fixture in Serie A and the Italian National Team. After a strong career with the Lazio youth academy, Nesta turned pro at just 16 years old and made his first appearance at 17. He was named the team captain as a 21-year-old, leading the side to a Coppa Italia title and UEFA Cup Final appearance. Nesta would go on to make 193 appearances for Lazio as the club would continually compete for Serie A and Champions League titles. Nesta would leave Lazio in 2002, when he moved to Italian giant AC Milan. In his first season with the club, he won the

Champions League and the Coppa Italia. For his performance he was named the Serie A Defender of the Year and to the UEFA Team of the Year. His second season would see AC Milan win Serie A while setting a points record. Nesta would play 10 seasons for AC Milan and cement himself as one of the best defenders of all time. At the tail end of his career Nesta moved to the MLS and got his first taste of US soccer. He would play two seasons with the Montreal Impact, leading them to the 2013 Amway Canadian Championship and the club's first MLS playoff appearance. In 2014 Nesta decided to retire and was chosen to lead the Miami FC in its inaugural NASL season in 2016.

TITLES

- 1 FIFA World Cup
- 1 UEFA Championship
- 1 FIFA Club World Cup
- 3 UEFA Super Cup
- 2 UEFA Champions League
- 1 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
- 3 Serie A
- 4 Supercoppa Italiana
- 3 Coppa Italia
- 1 Canadian Championship



HEAD COACH
CAIO ZANARDI

SPRING & FALL SEASON STANDINGS

8
POSITION

19
POINTS

16
GOALS

Place of birth: Brazil

Date of birth: August, 8, 1973

SENIOR CAREER



S.E.
PALMEIRAS



AL NASR
SPORTS CLUB
(DUBAI)



FC VILNIUS
(LITHUANIA)



PAULISTA FC



BRAZIL U17
NATIONAL
TEAM

Caio Zanardi is in his first season with the Strikers after a very successful career coaching with various youth teams in his home country of Brazil.

Zanardi's coaching career started when he took over Palmeiras U-17 side. Four short years later, he was named the head coach for the Palmeiras' B, the youngest coach in the club's history.

His coaching prowess with youth players earned him a position with the Brazilian Football Confederation as the U-17 coach. In three years with the team they compiled a 40-9-6 record. Under

his direction the team would win the 2015 South American U-17 Football Championship and qualified for the 2015 FIFA U-17 World Cup.

Zanardi is not only the head coach for the Strikers but also serves as the club's GM. He has experience running all facets of the technical side of a soccer club.

The Brazilian coach and general manager will be in charge of an expanded soccer department, oversee all soccer operations, aspects of player development, and also shape the Strikers' youth soccer programs.

Other Teams:

São Paulo FC

Pão de Açúcar

Sport Club Corinthians
Paulista

Clube Atlético Juventus



COACH

► Alessandro Nesta

Technical Director:

Mauro Pederzoli

Assistant Coach:

Lorenzo Rubinacci

Goalkeeper Coach:

Vincenzo Benvenuto

Head of Performance and

Fitness: Paolo Pacione

GOALKEEPERS



#1

► Sebastian Evers

Goalkeeper

Date of Birth:

01/02/1991

Age: 25

Country: USA

Weight: 180 lbs

Height: 6-1



#17

► Daniel Vega

Goalkeeper

Date of Birth:

06/03/1984

Age: 32

Country: Argentina

Weight: 200 lbs

Height: 6-2



#33

► Lionel Brown

Goalkeeper

Date of Birth:

09/17/1987

Age: 28

Country: USA

Weight: 180 lbs

Height: 6-0



MIDFIELDERS



#24

► Joe Franco

Defender

Date of Birth:

01/29/1990

Age: 26

Country: USA

Weight: 150 lbs

Height: 5-9



#28

► Gabriel Farfán

Defender

Date of Birth:

06/23/1988

Age: 28

Country: USA

Weight: 160 lbs

Height: 5-9



#6

► Ariel Pedro Martínez

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

05/09/1986

Age: 30

Country: Cuba

Weight: 171 lbs

Height: 5-11



#7

► Roberto Alterio

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

08/31/1990

Age: 25

Country: Venezuela

Weight: 175 lbs

Height: 5-10



#8

► Wilson Palacios

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

07/29/1984

Age: 31

Country: Honduras

Weight: 180 lbs

Height: 5-10



MIDFIELDERS



#21

► Calvin Rezende

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

01/21/1993

Age: 23

Country: USA

Weight: 155 lbs

Height: 5-7



#22

► Jonny Steele

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

02/07/1986

Age: 30

Country: N.Ireland

Weight: 165 lbs

Height: 6-0



#23

► Blake Smith

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

01/17/1991

Age: 25

Country: USA

Weight: 150 lbs

Height: 5-9



#26

► Michael Lahoud

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

09/15/1986

Age: 29

Country: Sierra Leone

Weight: 162 lbs

Height: 5-8





#2

► Jonathan Borrajo

Defender
Date of Birth: 06/02/1987Age: 29
Country: USA
Weight: 165 lbs
Height: 5-8

#3

► Brad Rusin

Defender
Date of Birth: 09/05/1986Age: 30
Country: USA
Weight: 210 lbs
Height: 6-5

#5

► Mason Trafford

Defender
Date of Birth: 08/21/1986Age: 29
Country: Canada
Weight: 210 lbs
Height: 6-2

#16

► Hugo Leroux

Defender
Date of Birth: 01/07/1992Age: 24
Country: France
Weight: 185 lbs
Height: 6-0

#18

Rhett Bernstein

Defender
Date of Birth: 09/10/1987Age: 29
Country: USA
Weight: 200 lbs
Height: 6-1

DEFENDERS



#10

► Kwadwo Poku

Midfielder
Date of Birth: 02/19/1992Age: 24
Country: Ghana
Weight: 185 lbs
Height: 6-1

#13

► Conner Rezende

Midfielder
Date of Birth: 01/21/1993Age: 23
Country: USA
Weight: 145 lbs
Height: 5-7

#14

► Robert Baggio Kcira

Midfielder
Date of Birth: 01/09/1994Age: 22
Country: USA
Weight: 165 lbs
Height: 6-0

#19

► Dane Richards

Midfielder
Date of Birth: 12/14/1983Age: 32
Country: Jamaica
Weight: 153 lbs
Height: 5-7

#20

► Richie Ryan

Midfielder
Date of Birth: 01/06/1985Age: 31
Country: Ireland
Weight: 164 lbs
Height: 5-8

MIDFIELDERS



#9

► Jaime Chávez

Forward
Date of Birth: 07/17/1987Age: 28
Country: USA
Weight: 181 lbs
Height: 6-1

#11

► Aaron Dennis

Forward
Date of Birth: 02/24/1993Age: 23
Country: USA
Weight: 180 lbs
Height: 6-2

#12

► Dario Cvitanich

Forward
Date of Birth: 05/16/1984Age: 32
Country: Argentina
Weight: 170 lbs
Height: 5-9

#83

► Pablo Campos

Forward
Date of Birth: 01/29/1983Age: 33
Country: Brazil
Weight: 204 lbs
Height: 6-3

#77

► Vincenzo Rennella

Forward
Date of Birth: 10/08/1988Age: 27
Country: France
Weight: 172 lbs
Height: 6-2

FORWARDS

VISITING TEAM

- **Founded:** 2011
- **City:** Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (172,389)



- **Stadium**
Central Broward Regional Park and Stadium (20,000)

► History

- The Strikers began NASL play in 2011, making it all the way to the final in their first season.
- One of only three carryover franchises from the original NASL.
- The original Strikers played from 1977-1983, fielding players like **Teófilo Cubillas, George Best and Ray Hudson.**



COACH

► **Caio Zanardi**

Assistant Coach:
Phillip Dos Santos
Ricardo Lopes

► VS.The Miami FC

- The Miami FC and the Strikers have played twice. Both matches ended 1-1, saw the Miami FC score on a penalty kick and the Strikers score late to equalize.
- Picked up points in five of the last six matches of the Spring Season.
- Made it to the quarterfinal of the 2016 U.S. Open Cup, the farthest any NASL team progressed in the tournament.

GOALKEEPERS

- #1 ► Bruno**
- #12 ► Diego Restrepo**
- #98 ► Matias Reynares**

DEFENDERS

- #2 ► Dalton**
- #5 ► Nana Attakora**
- #13 ► Jorge Luis Corrales**
- #14 ► Julius James**
- #21 ► Luis Zapata**
- #24 ► Aurelio Saco Vertiz**
- #44 ► Gale Agbossoumonde**
- #77 ► Gabriel**

MIDFIELDERS

- #3 ► Neil Hlavaty**
- #8 ► Kleberson**
- #9 ► Ramon Nuñez**
- #10 ► Adrianinho**
- #16 ► Luis Felipe Fernandes**
- #17 ► Bryan Arguez**
- #18 ► Jean-Marc Alexandre**
- #20 ► Christian Blandon**
- #23 ► Manny Gonzalez**
- #27 ► Victor Pineda**

FORWARDS

- #7 ► Geison Moura**
- #11 ► Paulo Jr.**
- #19 ► Jose Angulo**



2016 FALL SEASON TABLE

P	Team	Pld	Pts
1	Indy Eleven	8	16
2	FC Edmonton	7	16
3	New York Cosmos	8	14
4	Rayo OKC	8	13
5	Miami FC	6	11
6	Minnesota United FC	7	11
7	Ottawa Fury FC	7	9
8	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7	8
9	Carolina RailHawks	7	8
10	Puerto Rico FC	8	6
11	Jacksonville Armada FC	8	5
12	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	7	4

SAVES

	Daniel Vega	57
	Daniel Fernandes	54
	Matt VanOekel	54
	Jon Busch	42
	Romuald Peiser	41
	Matt Pickens	38
	Akira Fitzgerald	35
	Sean Lewis	33
	Jimmy Mauer	29
	Sammy Ndjock	29

TOP ASSISTS

	Nazmi Albadawi	6
	Kevin Venegas	6
	Joe Cole	4
	Jonathan Borrajo	4
	Dario Cvitanich	4
	Juan Arango	4
	Bryan Olivera	3
	Lucky Mikosana	3
	Nicki Paterson	3
	Dylan Mares	3

TOP GOALSCORER

	Christian Ramirez	12
	Eamon Zayed	11
	Michel	8
	Juan Arango	7
	Dario Cvitanich	6
	Maicon Santos	5
	Carl Haworth	5
	Jake Keegan	5
	Héctor Ramos	5
	Brian Shriver	5



FOR FÚTBOL FANS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE COUNTY LINE, THIS MATCH WAS CIRCLED THE DAY THE SCHEDULE WAS RELEASED.

THE RIVALRY HAS ALREADY BEEN DUBBED FL CLÁSICO AND FOR A GOOD REASON.

AFTER TWO 1-1 DRAWS IN FORT LAUDERDALE EARLIER THIS YEAR, THIS CLASH FINDS ITSELF HERE AT FIU STADIUM FOR THE FIRST TIME.

The game is a homecoming of sorts for Fort Lauderdale.

The Strikers actually began their existence in **1967** as the Washington Darts before moving to Miami in **1972** to become the Gatos, and a year later they were renamed the Toros before finally settling in at Lockhart Stadium.

FOR ME PERSONALLY, THIS IS THE MATCH I STARRED AND HIGHLIGHTED THE DAY I SIGNED ON AS THE VOICE OF MIAMI FC. MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE BEAUTIFUL GAME BEGAN AS A NINE YEAR OLD ON JUNE 8, 1977 WHEN THE STRIKERS HOSTED THE NEW YORK COSMOS. DESPITE A 3-0 LOSS, I WAS HOOKED THANKS TO

GOALS FROM CHINAGLIA, PELE AND BECKENBAUER.

WHAT AN INTRODUCTION TO SOCCER!

MANY YEARS LATER, I HAD THE HONOR OF BEING THE PLAY-BY-PLAY VOICE FOR THE TEAM I CHEERED THAT LATE SPRING NIGHT SO MANY YEARS AGO. I HAVE MANY FRIENDS THAT WILL BE WEARING THE BUMBLEBEES TONIGHT AND IT WILL BE GREAT TO SEE THEM.

**MAKE NO MISTAKE, WE ARE RIVALS!
I NOW BLEED ORANGE AND BLUE!**

THIS IS A FIRST CLASS, PROFESSIONAL CLUB ON AND
OFF THE PITCH.

OFF THE FIELD, MIAMI IS LEAD BY
**CEO SEAN FLYNN AND
GENERAL MANAGER
CESAR VELASCO.** THIS IS
QUICKLY BECOMING THE FLAGSHIP
FRANCHISE IN THE NASL AND THE
EXPERIENCE THEY ARE PROVIDING
THE FANS HAS BEEN STELLAR.

ON THE FIELD, HOW ABOUT THE JOB
ALESSANDRO NESTA AND HIS SIDE ARE
DOING SURGING UP THE NASL TABLE?
LAST WEEK THERE WERE SO MANY
FIRSTS FOR THIS EXPANSION SQUAD.

FIRST ROAD WIN, FIRST FOUR-GOAL GAME, FIRST
BACK-TO-BACK WINS. THE GAME IN MINNESOTA WAS
BRILLIANT FROM WHISTLE TO WHISTLE. **MIAMI
FC IS AS HOT AS THE MAGIC CITY'S SUMMER
TEMPERATURES!** (YES, THE BRUCISMS ARE ALIVE AND
WELL IN MIAMI!)

SO FANS, STAND UP! CHEER! STOMP YOUR
FEET! SING! DANCE! PARTY AS **ONLY**
MIAMI KNOWS
THIS IS YOUR CITY! **HOW!** THIS IS YOUR TEAM!

THIS IS **THE MIAMI FC** AND I COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD!

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VOICE OF THE STANDS

Drew Housman
VP of Dade Brigade

With our HUGE win against Minnesota United last weekend, the Miami FC are coming into the FL Clásico in excellent form. The Miami FC is undefeated in our last four games, have jumped to fifth place in the NASL Fall Season standings, and have been averaging 2.4 goals per game in the fall. On the flipside, the Fort Lauderdale Strikers have only won one game this Fall Season and are averaging under one goal per game.

⚡ ATTACK. ATTACK. ATTACK.

Miami will have to be physically aggressive and continue to attack early and often. In our past two matchups, we have scored within the first 10 minutes of each match and held onto the lead throughout both games. Jaime Chavez impressed everyone with the early goal against Indy Eleven and Jonny Steele opened up the flood of scoring against Minnesota United.

The Strikers have let up nine goals against them in the Fall Season and have also transferred veteran player, Victor "PC" Giro, to the Tampa Bay Rowdies. Our last two matches against the Strikers had ended in **1-1 draws** where both Miami goals were scored by Dario Cvitanich. If Miami can get on the board early, I don't think Strikers can stop this rejuvenated team.

I hope to see everyone out at the match to support Miami and cheer our team to victory. Make sure to join us in the Dade Brigade section for 90 minutes of nonstop cheering and support our city's only pro soccer team!!

Vamos Miami!!

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WE’LL FOLLOW,
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MIAMI,
MIAMI,
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WE LIKE IT,
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WOAAAAAH,
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10.28



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