


# LA GALAXY

GAMEDAY PROGRAM



LA Galaxy vs. Chicago Fire  
Saturday, July 9, 2011

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# THE TEAMS



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## MATCH STATS – GALAXY

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## MATCH STATS – FIRE

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# LA GALAXY

**Head Coach:** Bruce Arena

#	Player	Pos.
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Donovan Ricketts	GK
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Todd Dunivant	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Gregg Berhalter	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Omar González	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Sean Franklin	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Frankie Hejduk	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Jovan Kirovski	M
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<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Landon Donovan	M
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<input type="checkbox"/>	12 Josh Saunders	GK
<input type="checkbox"/>	15 Dan Keat	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	16 Hector Jimenez	M
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<input type="checkbox"/>	18 Mike Magee	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	19 Juninho	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	20 A.J. DeLaGarza	D
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<input type="checkbox"/>	30 Paolo Cardozo	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	32 Jack McBean	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	33 Sean Alvarado	D

# CHICAGO FIRE

**Head Coach:** Frank Klopas

#	Player	Pos.
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Jon Conway	GK
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Kwame Watson-Siriboe	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Cory Gibbs	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Jalil Anibaba	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Mike Banner	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Dominic Oduro	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Baggio Husidic	F
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<input type="checkbox"/>	77 Bratislav Ristic	M
<input type="checkbox"/>	88 Gabriel Ferrari	F
<input type="checkbox"/>	89 Yamith Cuesta	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	99 Diego Chaves	F

Dear Supporters:

Welcome back to The Home Depot Center for tonight's game against the Fire. We earned a good result against them on the road back in April and we will be looking to replicate that again tonight.

Just as it was going into our game with the Fire in April, injuries and players being unavailable will play a major role in the team that we put out onto the field. In that first meeting, we played without Landon Donovan, David Beckham and Juninho but were able to get three important points thanks to goals from Chad Barrett and Omar Gonzalez. We will need a similar type of performance tonight as injuries will force us to play without Donovan Ricketts, A.J. DeLaGarza, Sean Franklin and Chad Barrett.

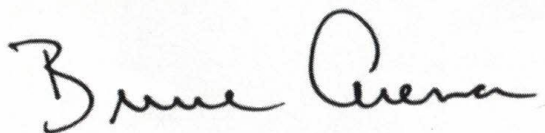
In their absences, we will again look to a host of players to step up and play some important minutes for us, players like Josh Saunders, Gregg Berhalter, Bryan Jordan and Miguel Lopez. They will be joined once again by Landon Donovan who we were happy to welcome back on Monday against Seattle. Though he did not get on the scoresheet, Landon makes our team more dangerous going forward and I expect him to show that again tonight.

These last three games, going back to the draw in San Jose, have been taxing and demanding physically as we have had to work hard defensively throughout the game. We would like to turn the tables on our opponent tonight and put them under a lot of pressure, making them work as we have had to do of late.

We have not lost a game in more than two months and we would like to not only keep that streak going, but take three points and maintain our lead at the top of the standings. FC Dallas have closed the gap on us, but we know that if we keep winning, we can maintain our advantage.

Just as we are looking to win, Chicago will be doing the same, having won just twice this season. They have not lost in their last eight games, getting seven ties in that time. Many of those have been on the road, so we know that they will be tough to play against, especially with their new coach Frank Klopas on the sidelines. Since he became Chicago's coach, I feel that his team has played better and we know that they will not be giving anything away to us tonight.

This will be another tough game, but we are looking to take all three points and we believe that with your support, we can do just that. So enjoy the game, and let's hear your support all night long!



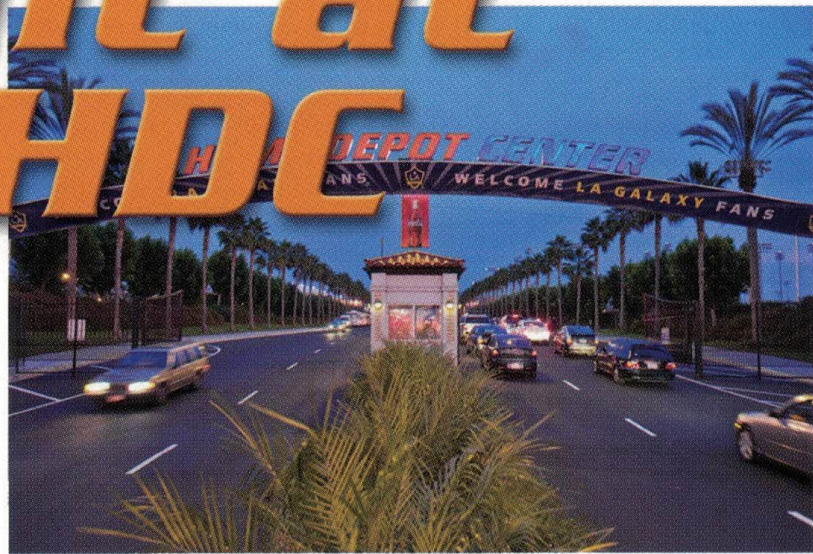
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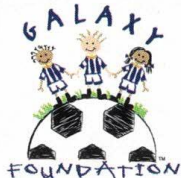
# Tonight at The HDC

WELCOME TO THE HOME DEPOT CENTER for tonight's game between the LA Galaxy and Chicago Fire. In addition to the game on the field, there are a number of other exciting events happening at SoccerFest and throughout the stadium. Here are a few things to know about tonight's game in order to enhance your gameday experience.



## Galaxy Foundation Game Day Fundraisers

Stop by the Galaxy Foundation booth at SoccerFest for the chance to bid on original and unique experiences and autographed memorabilia that is sure to thrill any Galaxy fan. Even better, all of the money from these items goes to the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation, the charitable arm of the Galaxy.



**Mora Photography Shot of the Week:** Bid on an exclusive "Shot of the Week" image presented by MoraPhotography.com. Images are artistic renderings of photos from previous Galaxy home matches, signed by the player(s) featured in the image. These are one-of-a-kind items that any Galaxy fan would love!

**Name in Lights Scoreboard Messages:** Welcome or wish that special someone a Happy Birthday or Anniversary in a unique way ... let them see their "Name in Lights"! The Galaxy will display your message on the scoreboard at Galaxy home games for a \$50 donation to the Galaxy Foundation.

Visit the Galaxy Foundation section of the Galaxy website for more information.

## Team LA

The Team LA store at The Home Depot Center is open before and after every Galaxy game at The Home Depot Center. Visit Team LA for all the latest Galaxy jerseys, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, collectibles and much more. The store is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. every Tuesday-Saturday (and Sunday when the Galaxy are in action) with extended hours on all game days.

Additionally, receive a \$20 Team LA Gift Card with any purchase of \$100 or more.

If you cannot make it to the Team LA store, visit them online at [www.teamlastore.com](http://www.teamlastore.com).



## Galaxy Futboleros

6:30 p.m. – SoccerFest

The Galaxy Futboleros are once again back in 2011, entertaining fans at The Home Depot Center with their unique brand of soccer.

With a deep background in soccer entertainment, the Galaxy Futboleros perform soccer tricks and juggling skills that combine speed, strength and balance to create high

energy performances that are truly one of a kind. Their freestyle performance consists of sequences and combinations of tricks, juggling skills, ground work and playing.



Experienced with years of soccer knowledge and training, the Galaxy Futboleros have traveled all over the United States and the world, entertaining hundreds of thousands of people and soccer fans. With passion and excitement, the Galaxy Futboleros aim to bring any crowd to its feet with a complex freestyle showcase of soccer skills. You can catch the Galaxy Futboleros at every Galaxy home game as they will be performing at SoccerFest starting an hour and a half before kickoff.

## Galaxy Drive Series Equipment Drive



Help the Galaxy give the gift of soccer by donating new or gently used soccer gear. All collected equipment will be distributed to children and organizations that assist underserved areas. Collection booths will be set up outside of all gates at The Home Depot Center starting two hours prior to the game. All fans that donate equipment will receive a Galaxy Drive Series voucher good for \$5 off a ticket for select games and be entered into a drawing to win a soccer ball signed by the 2011 LA Galaxy.

Additionally, the first 200 fans that donate equipment will receive a player card autographed by Sean Franklin.

## Free Chicken from Pollo Campero

If the Galaxy keep a clean sheet tonight, all fans in attendance will be given a coupon good for a free two-piece chicken meal from Pollo Campero. Be sure to grab your coupon from a Guest Services Representative on the way out.



## Get Involved

Join the Galaxy supporters groups in the cross stadium chant in the 15th and 60th minutes of tonight's game and every Galaxy home game. All fans in the north end of the stadium say "L-A" and the south end responds with "GAL-AX-Y". •

# LA GALAXY

## SOCCER

### 2011 SCHEDULE

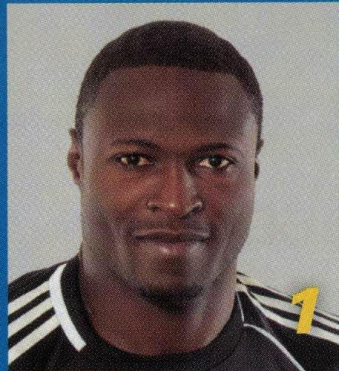
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV/GOALSCORERS
Tues.	March 15	at Seattle Sounders FC	1-0 W	Juninho
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>vs. New England Revolution</b>	<b>1-1 T</b>	<b>Juninho</b>
Sat.	March 26	at Real Salt Lake	1-4 L	Angel
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>April 2</b>	<b>vs. Philadelphia Union</b>	<b>1-0 W</b>	<b>Leonardo</b>
Sat.	April 9	at D.C. United	1-1 T	Magee
Wed.	April 13	at Toronto FC	0-0 T	—
Sun.	April 17	at Chicago Fire	2-1 W	Barrett, Gonzalez
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>vs. Portland Timbers</b>	<b>3-0 W</b>	<b>Barrett, Donovan (2)</b>
Sun.	May 1	at FC Dallas	1-2 L	Donovan
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>vs. New York Red Bulls</b>	<b>1-1 T</b>	<b>Donovan</b>
Wed.	May 11	at Philadelphia Union	1-1 T	Donovan
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>vs. Sporting Kansas City</b>	<b>4-1 W</b>	<b>Donovan (2), Angel, Beckham</b>
Sat.	May 21	at Chivas USA	1-0 W	Barrett
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>May 25</b>	<b>vs. Houston Dynamo</b>	<b>1-0 W</b>	<b>Donovan</b>
Sat.	May 28	at New England Revolution	1-0 W	Lopez
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>June 3</b>	<b>vs. D.C. United</b>	<b>0-0 T</b>	—
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>vs. Toronto FC</b>	<b>2-2 T</b>	<b>Birchall, Angel</b>
Sat.	June 18	at Colorado Rapids	3-1 W	Own Goal, Juninho, Barrett
Sat.	June 25	at San Jose Earthquakes	0-0 T	—
Tues.	June 28	vs. Los Angeles Blues	2-1 W	Gonzalez, Magee
<i>Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Third Round at Titan Stadium</i>				
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>July 4</b>	<b>vs. Seattle Sounders FC</b>	<b>0-0 T</b>	—
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>vs. Chicago Fire</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>FOX Soccer</b>
Wed.	July 13	at Seattle Sounders FC	7 p.m.	—
<i>Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Quarterfinal at Starfire Sports Stadium</i>				
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>vs. Real Madrid</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Prime Ticket</b>
<i>Herbalife World Football Challenge at the L.A. Coliseum</i>				
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>vs. Columbus Crew</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Prime Ticket</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>vs. Manchester City</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Prime Ticket</b>
<i>Herbalife World Football Challenge at the L.A. Coliseum</i>				
Sat.	July 30	at Vancouver Whitecaps FC	4:30 p.m.	FOX Soccer
Wed.	August 3	at Portland Timbers	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>August 6</b>	<b>vs. FC Dallas</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Prime Ticket (D – 8:30 p.m.)</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>August 20</b>	<b>vs. San Jose Earthquakes</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Prime Ticket</b>
Sun.	August 28	at New York Red Bulls	4 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes
Mon.	September 5	at Sporting Kansas City	3 p.m.	FOX Soccer
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>September 9</b>	<b>vs. Colorado Rapids</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>	<b>FOX Soccer</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>September 17</b>	<b>vs. Vancouver Whitecaps FC</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>FOX Sports West (D – 10:30 p.m.)</b>
Sat.	September 24	at Columbus Crew	4:30 p.m.	FOX Sports West
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>vs. Real Salt Lake</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Prime Ticket</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>October 16</b>	<b>vs. Chivas USA</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>ESPN/ESPN Deportes</b>
Sun.	October 23	at Houston Dynamo	4 p.m.	FOX Sports West/Galavision
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>November 20</b>	<b>MLS Cup 2011</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>ESPN/Galavision</b>

*Eastern Conference Champion vs. Western Conference Champion  
at The Home Depot Center*

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**Donovan Ricketts GK**  
Montego Bay, Jamaica



**Todd Dunivant DEF**  
Wheat Ridge, Colo.



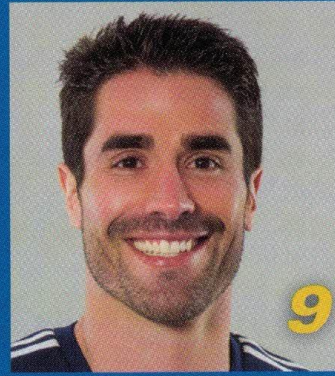
**Gregg Berhalter DEF**  
Tenafly, N.J.



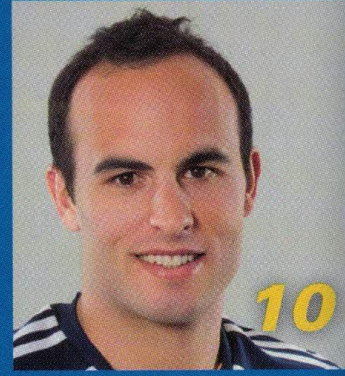
**Jovan Kirovski MID**  
Escondido, Calif.



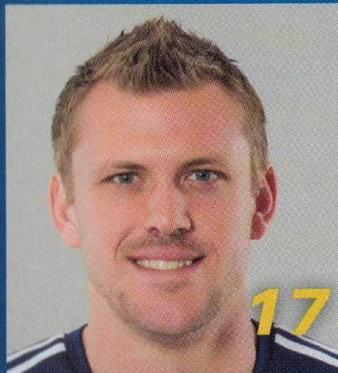
**Chris Birchall MID**  
Stafford, England



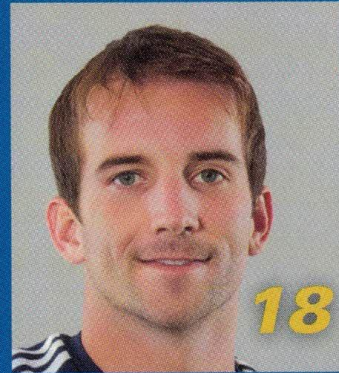
**Juan Pablo Angel FWD**  
Medellin, Colombia



**Landon Donovan MID**  
Redlands, Calif.



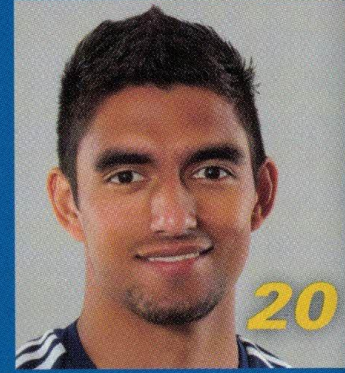
**Adam Cristman FWD**  
Glen Allen, Va.



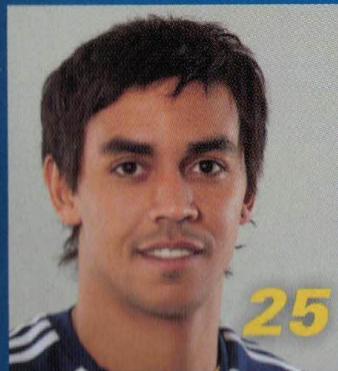
**Mike Magee FWD**  
Chicago, Ill.



**Juninho MID**  
San Jose dos Campos, Brazil



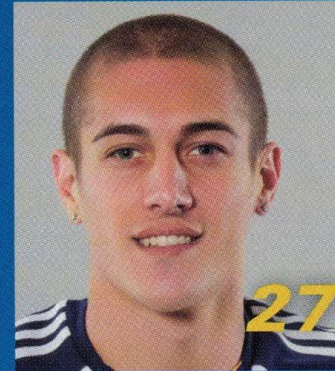
**A.J. DeLaGarza DEF**  
Bryans Road, Md.



**Miguel Lopez MID**  
Ensenada, Argentina



**Michael Stephens MID**  
Naperville, Ill.



**Bryan Jordan MID**  
Temple City, Calif.



**Ryan Thomas DEF**  
Claremont, Calif.

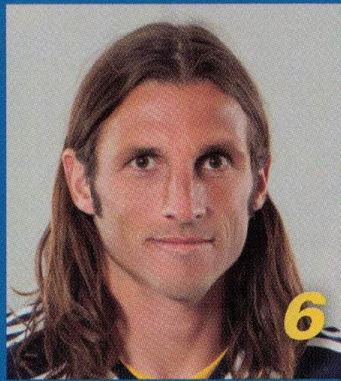
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**Omar González DEF**  
Dallas, Texas



**Sean Franklin DEF**  
Palmdale, Calif.



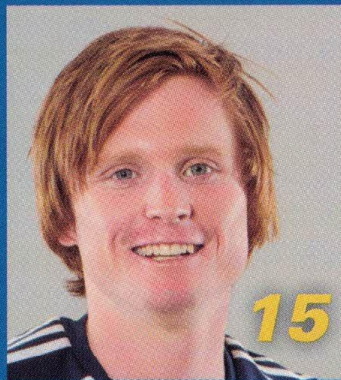
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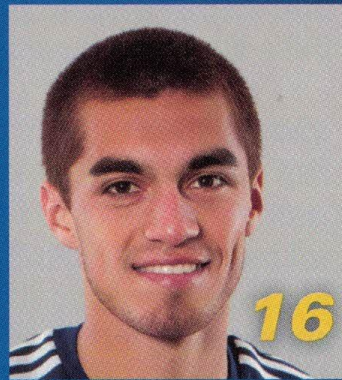
**Chad Barrett FWD**  
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**Josh Saunders GK**  
Lake Forest, Calif.



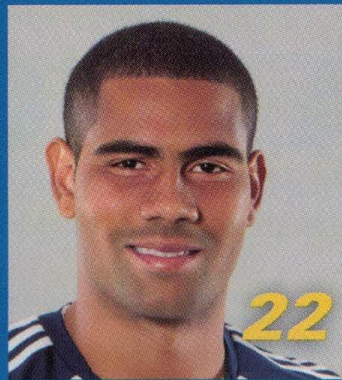
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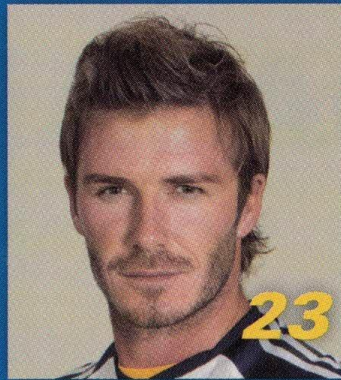
**Hector Jimenez MID**  
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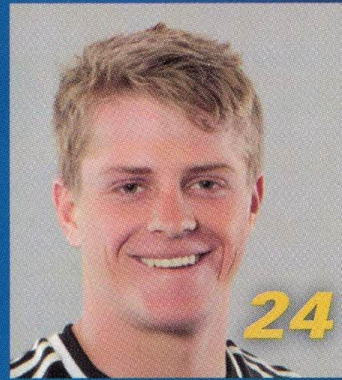
**Dustin McCarty MID**  
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**Leonardo DEF**  
Sao Paulo, Brazil



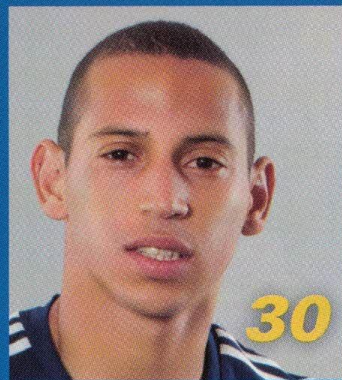
**David Beckham MID**  
London, England



**Brian Perk GK**  
Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.



**Kyle Davies DEF**  
Oakland, Calif.



**Paolo Cardozo MID**  
Montevideo, Uruguay



**Jack McBean FWD**  
Newport Beach, Calif.



**Sean Alvarado DEF**  
West Orange, N.J.



## TONIGHT'S OPPONENT CHICAGO FIRE

The Chicago Fire are not en fuego.

But they do enter Saturday's game against the LA Galaxy streaking.

The Fire (2-4-12, 18 points) are unbeaten in eight games, last losing a match on May 21 when they fell 2-1 to the Philadelphia Union, 2-1. But since May 28, Carlos de los Cobos' last match as head coach of the Fire, when his team managed a 2-2 draw against San Jose, the Fire have been streaking.

Following that game, the Fire made a coaching switch: Out went de los Cobos, in came Frank Klopas. Klopas, also the club's technical director, was named the Fire's interim head coach on May 30. He's led his team to a 1-0-6 record, the longest streak for an MLS coach starting a new job in the MLS post-shootout era (since 2000). Klopas first win as a coach, a 1-0 win over the Crew in Columbus, was the Fire's first win since late March, snapping a run of 11 straight games without a win.

The loss to Philadelphia was also Fire goalkeeper Sean Johnson's last game on the bench behind veteran Jon Conway. Johnson, who had been benched ahead of LA's visit to Chicago in April and battled an injury, has been a key to his team's current unbeaten streak, notching three shutouts and turning in a terrific performance on June 9 in which he recorded nine saves to help the Fire get a 0-0 result on the road against Sporting Kansas City.

While defensively the Fire have been solid in the back with Johnson in goal, Jalil Anibaba, Yamith Cuesta, Cory Gibbs and Gonzalo Segares on the backline, offensively they've struggled. Chicago has only managed six goals during the streak, scoring one goal or less in each of their last seven matches.

Their midfield features talented playmakers like Patrick Nyarko and Marco Pappa, who is tied for the team lead in goals with speedy forward Dominic Oduro, who tallied his fifth goal of the season during their 1-1 draw against Chivas USA last Saturday. Oduro has four of the Fire's last seven goals and has already matched his career-high for goals in a season.

The Fire have an all-time losing record against the Galaxy of 15-16-5, including 6-8-3 when playing the Galaxy in Los Angeles. But the Fire hold a slight 4-3-2 advantage against the Galaxy at The Home Depot Center since the venue opened in 2003.

This is the second meeting between the two clubs this season. On April 17, the Galaxy, playing without an injured Landon Donovan and a suspended David Beckham, beat the Fire, 2-1, at Toyota Park with goals from former Fire forward Chad Barrett and defender Omar Gonzalez.

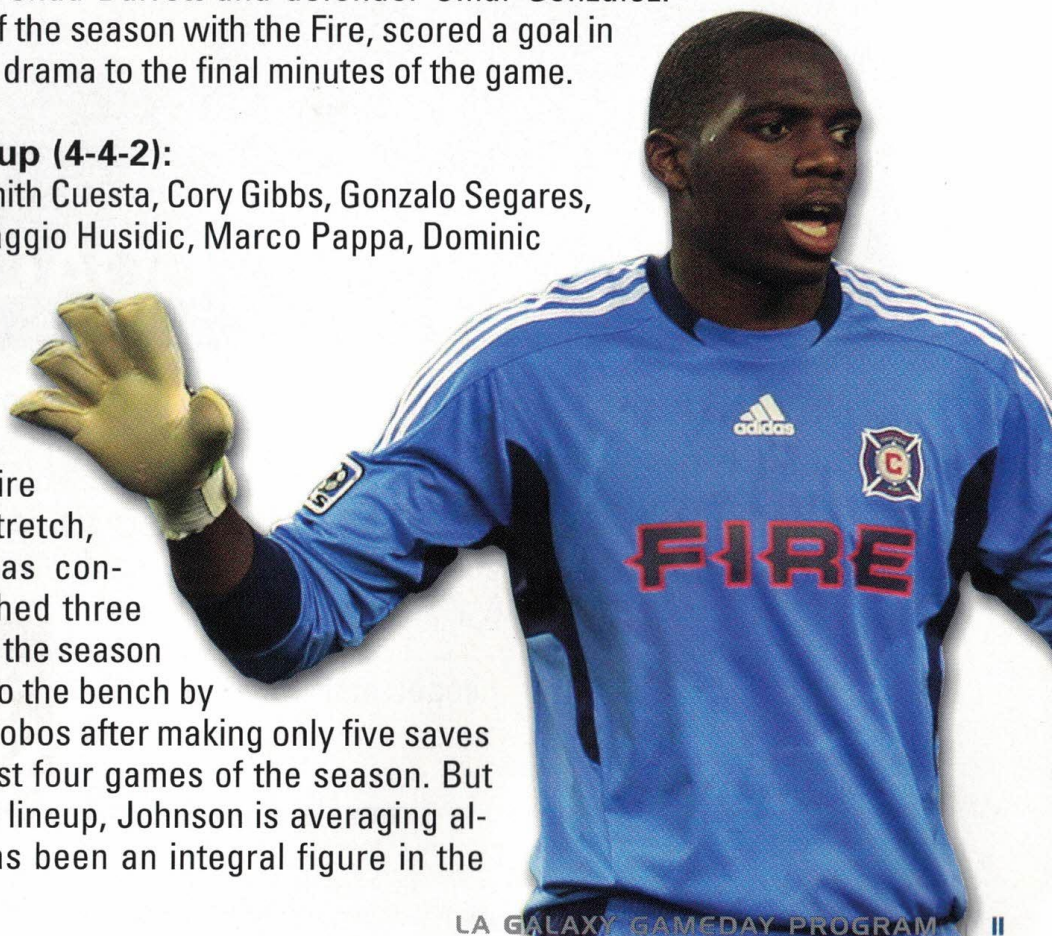
Oduro, playing in his first game of the season with the Fire, scored a goal in the 89th minute and added some drama to the final minutes of the game.

### **Chicago Fire Expected Lineup (4-4-2):**

Sean Johnson, Jalil Anibaba, Yamith Cuesta, Cory Gibbs, Gonzalo Segares, Patrick Nyarko, Logan Pause, Baggio Husidic, Marco Pappa, Dominic Oduro, Diego Chaves.

### **Key Man: Sean Johnson**

Since Sean Johnson returned to the lineup on May 28 against the San Jose Earthquakes, the Fire have gone 1-0-7. During that stretch, the second-year goalkeeper has conceded only five goals and notched three clean sheets. Johnson, 22, began the season as the starter but was demoted to the bench by then Head Coach Carlos de los Cobos after making only five saves and giving up 10 goals in the first four games of the season. But since being inserted back in the lineup, Johnson is averaging almost four saves a game and has been an integral figure in the Fire's defensive resurgence. •





# LA GALAXY'S LAST GAME

**LA Galaxy 0, Seattle Sounders FC 0  
Monday, July 4, 2011  
The Home Depot Center – Carson,  
Calif.**



Looking sharp in their brand new Punjab-and-Gold third jersey, the LA Galaxy extended their unbeaten streak to 11 games with a 0-0 draw against the Seattle Sounders FC at a sold out The Home Depot Center on Monday night. The draw was the second consecutive shutout for the Galaxy who also defeated the San Jose Earthquakes, 0-0, on June 25.

Second-year goalkeeper Brian Perk made his Major League Soccer debut in the game, replacing the injured Donovan Ricketts and the suspended Josh Saunders. The Rancho Santa Margarita-native was awarded no grace period in his first match and was tested early on. In the 18th minute, Omar Gonzalez handled a Fredy Montero shot and referee Ricardo Salazar awarded Seattle a penalty kick. Perk, who had not faced a shot in the game at this point, got a good read on Fredy Montero's intention and coolly parried away the shot, keeping the game scoreless.

Perk, who is just 21-year-old, making him the youngest goalkeeper to play a game in Galaxy history, finished the game with two saves. He also walked away with an MLS Save of the Week nomination for his penalty kick save on Montero.

The Galaxy's best chance came in the 68th minute when forward Juan Pablo Angel latched onto a Landon Donovan pass and cut inside onto his right foot, firing a curling shot from the edge of the box on goal. Sounders goalkeeper Kasey Keller dove to his left and tipped the ball of the far post and out for a corner kick to keep the score 0-0.

## **Scoring Summary:**

None

## **Misconduct Summary:**

SEA – Erik Friberg (Yellow Card) 55'

LA – Landon Donovan (Yellow Card) 93+

## **Lineups:**

**LA Galaxy:** Brian Perk; Sean Franklin, Omar Gonzalez (Bryan Jordan 79'), A.J. DeLaGarza (Gregg Berhalter 24'), Todd Dunivant; Juninho, Chris Birchall, Landon Donovan©, Mike Magee (David Beckham 68'); Chad Barrett, Juan Pablo Angel.

*Subs Not Used:* Kevin Guppy, Jovan Kirovski, Paolo Cardozo, Miguel Lopez.

**Seattle Sounders FC:** Kasey Keller©; James Riley, Jeff Parke, Jhon Kennedy Hurtado, Tyson Wahl; Osvaldo Alonso, Erik Friberg, Mauro Rosales (Lamar Neagle 92+), Alvaro Fernandez (Pat Noonan 71'); Roger Levesque, Fredy Montero (Brad Evans 61').

*Subs Not Used:* Terry Boss, Patrick Ianni, Zach Scott, Nate Jaqua.

**Referee:** Ricardo Salazar

**Referee's Assistants:** Peter Manikowski and Colin Arblaster

**4th Official:** Alejandro Mariscal

# Mike Magee

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CARSON, Calif.— Before the LA Galaxy's game at San Jose two weekends ago, Mike Magee was just another player. A mere mortal if you will.

But, in a span of four days he became a legend.

An attacking player throughout his entire career, Magee kept a clean sheet for 47 minutes in an emergency situation against the Earthquakes — a performance good enough to earn him MLS Player of the Week and MLS Save of the Week honors. As if that weren't good enough, he then followed it up with a game-winning goal in a 2-1 U.S. Open Cup victory over the Los Angeles Blues.

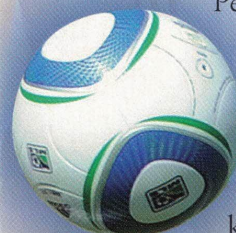
Can Magee top perhaps the most exhilarating and productive three-day stretch of his career?

"Oh, man, you guys are expecting too much now," he said after the game against the Blues. "I don't know. Hopefully, [we just] keep winning."

The only thing with more steam than Magee's rise to LA prominence is the club's 11-match league unbeaten run. The Galaxy last lost a game on May 1 and have been a force since.

Magee has played a role in the streak, playing in all 11 games and starting eight of them.

Perhaps his most significant moments, though, came in that game in San Jose.



Donovan Ricketts was making his return to the starting lineup, following his participation with Jamaica in the COCONA Gold Cup tournament, but a collision and subsequent broken bone in his arm sent him to the sidelines. Josh Saunders stepped in to replace Ricketts

but a red card knocked him out of the match two minutes before halftime.

Enter Magee.

Never having played in goal before — not even in a non-competitive match — Magee volunteered to fill-in at goal, and a legend was born.

Magee made four saves and preserved a scoreless draw. Not only did Galaxy fans take notice, but so, too, did the league as Magee was named MLS Player of the Week for his performance.

Thus, he became the first goalkeeper to win the award this year. Also, Magee's save on Steven Lenhart in the closing minutes of the match was voted Save of the Week by the fans.





Not all legends, however, are seamless.

"It's been pretty nerve-wracking," he said. "I'm still a little nervous from playing goalie. The butterflies haven't left yet."

Alas, his new-found Midas touch was not limited to goalkeeping duties. The Galaxy fell behind to the third-division Blues with less than a half-hour remaining in their Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup match last week. After Omar Gonzalez tied the game up with a quarter-hour remaining, Magee came to the rescue yet again.

On a free kick, Gonzalez got his head to the ball and knocked it to the far post. Magee rifled the ball into the back of the net, punctuating his meteoric rise to fame.

How much fame has Magee gained? After his performance against San Jose, Magee was a trending topic worldwide on Twitter, and the banter has not died down since.

"Luckily, I don't have a Twitter account, because I've heard it's been pretty intense on Twitter," he said. "I've gotten a lot of texts and phone calls from family and friends. They're having a good time with it."

Magee began the season as a forward, starting the Galaxy's season opener at Seattle up top alongside Chad Barrett. A spot opened up in the midfield when LA lost Landon Donovan to injury before a trip to D.C. United and Magee slid into the midfield. Overall, Magee has started 15 matches and has come on as a substitute in three others, and aside from his cameo in goal, he's played solely in the midfield.

"Over the last six years, I've kind of realized that I've played pretty much everywhere," Magee said. "I don't think there have been many weeks beside this year where I've trained at one position which is something that has kind of done me favors throughout my career where I've gotten to play a lot but it's also hurt me at times where I haven't been able to practice in any one position."

Now that he had a taste at goalkeeper, will Magee consider putting the gloves on once more?

"I don't even want to think about goalie ever again," he said with a grin. "Seriously." •

# First XI

## Juninho

**L**ong-range bomb, tough defending and Samba dancing. There's very little Juninho can't do. The LA Galaxy midfielder is even on twitter and can now speak three languages— Portuguese, Spanish and English. After a terrific first year in MLS, Juninho is having another fine season with the Galaxy. He's scored three goals, all from outside the box, added two assists and even found time to get married.

Despite his busy lifestyle, we managed to track him down to ask our First XI – eleven hard-hitting questions designed to help you get to know Juninho.

**Best goal:** For me, it's the one I scored last year on the Fourth of July against Seattle. It's the prettiest goal I've scored also.

**Funniest teammate:** We have a lot. I think all of them funny, but Hector Jimenez is one who makes me laugh a lot.

**Loudest teammate:** Frankie Hejduk, he's always singing and he's always very happy. He's very funny, too.

**Welcome to MLS moment:** Just getting to travel—Sao Paulo is very beautiful and has great facilities, but I wanted more for my life and the Galaxy have given me everything and more. I'm very appreciative to the opportunity they gave me.

**Favorite Galaxy player of the past:** I've been told Cobi Jones was a good player, but I never played with him. So, I'll go with Edson Buddle. He did a lot for this club.

**Favorite visiting city to play in:** New York

**Biggest difference between MLS and the Brazilian league:** The Brazilian league is more tactical, but the MLS has stronger players.

**Best song to listen to pregame:** Anything Samba, that's what makes me feel good.

**Do you have any superstitions:** No.

**Favorite memory from your time with the Galaxy:** Last year against Real Salt Lake here at The Home Depot Center, when I gave the ball to Edson Buddle and he scored the goal. We were tied 1-1 at the time and went on to win the game. RSL were the defending champions. It was very important.

**Best thing about playing in L.A.:** My teammates— I never thought I would get to play with so many great players. And the fans, they are very passionate. My teammates and the fans are what make me happy. •



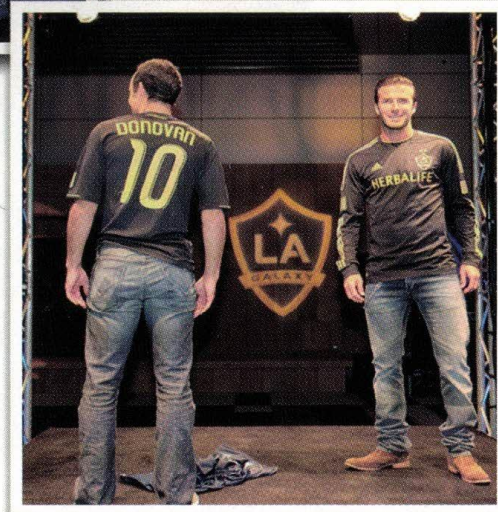
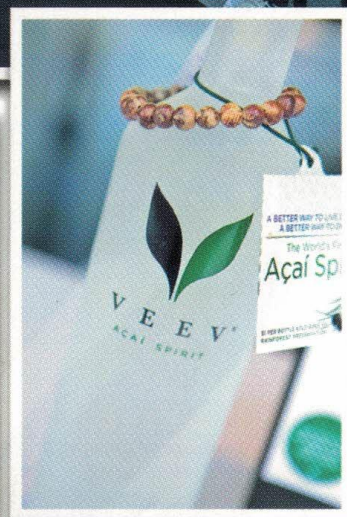
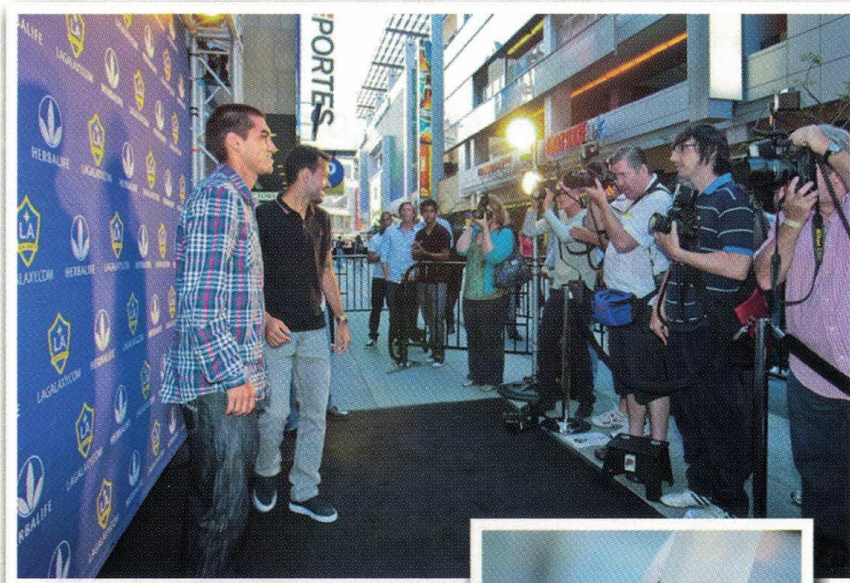
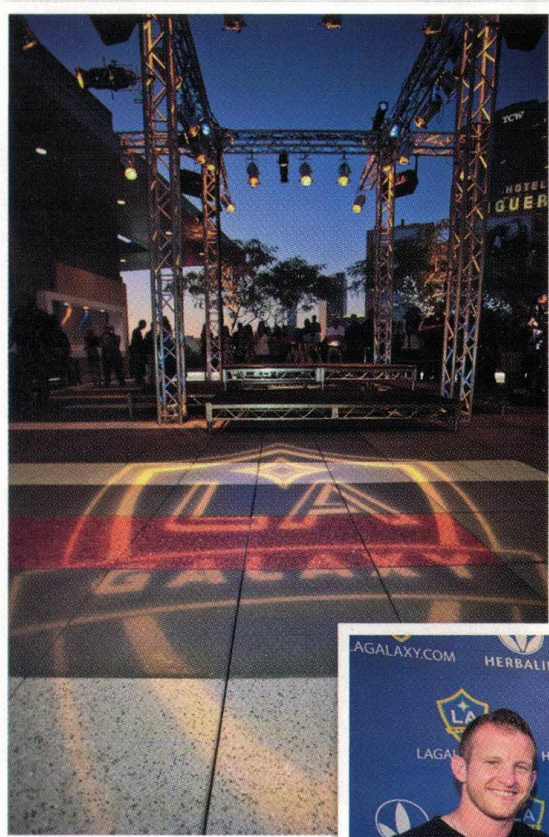
# Fourth of July

The LA Galaxy kicked off the Fourth of July Weekend in style by hosting an exclusive Weekend Kick-Off Party on the Target Terrace at L.A. Live.

Highlighting the event was the official unveiling of the club's new adidas third jersey, which the Galaxy wore the first time on

July 4, in a 0-0 draw against the Seattle Sounders FC.

The Fourth of July Weekend Kick-Off Party gave everyone in attendance the first opportunity to view and purchase the jersey from the Team LA store while mixing and mingling with Galaxy players. The party fea-



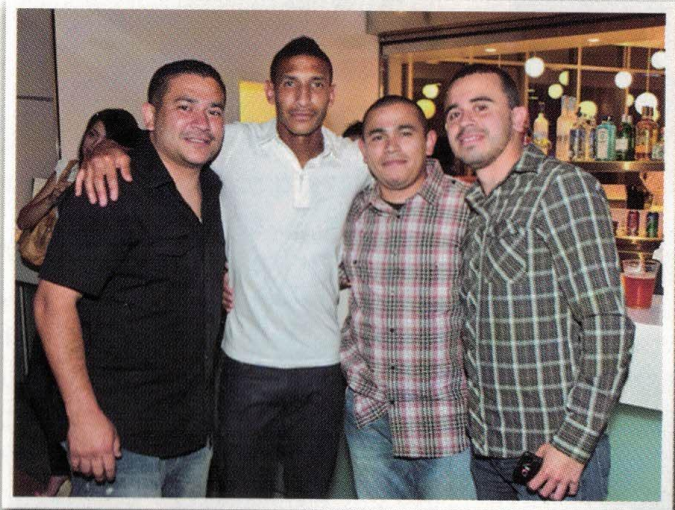
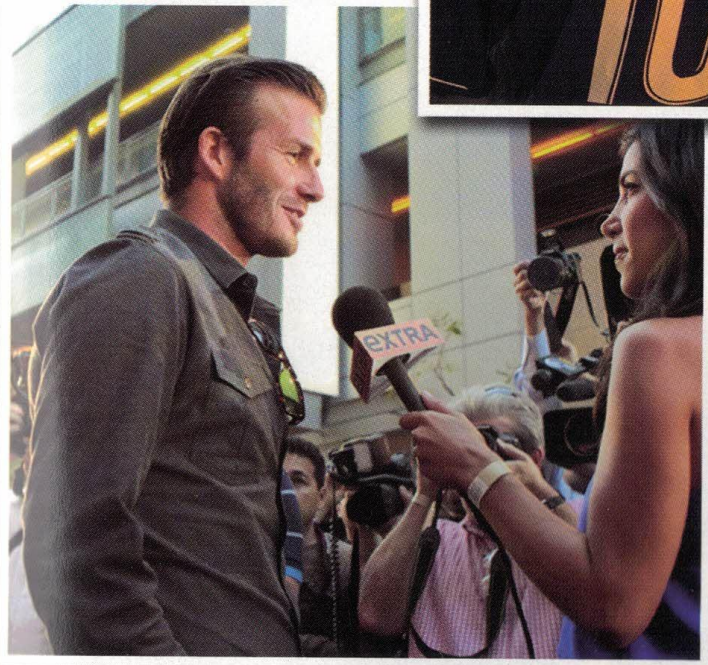
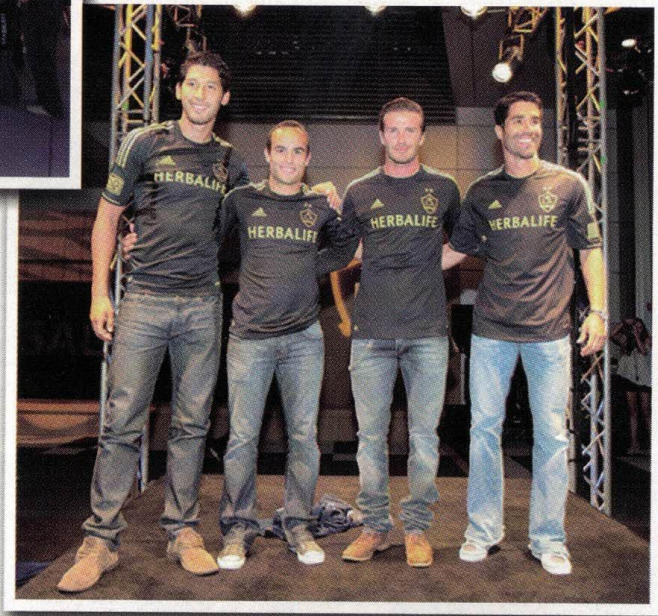
# Kick-Off Party

tured 102.7 KIIS FM's Dave Styles and DJ Miles, complimentary eco-friendly VeeV Açai Spirit cocktails and hors d'oeuvres by Wolfgang Puck Catering.

Building off the Galaxy's traditional white, navy and collegiate gold jersey, the club's third jersey, which was designed by

adidas, highlights the fashion and style of the Southland with a very deep dark blue color called Punjab and Light Old Gold.

Prior to the start of the festivities, the players entered the party by walking down a very deep dark blue carpet. •



This weekend, the LA Galaxy U-16's have traveled to Milwaukee, Wis. where they are competing in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy Finals. The group comes in to Finals Week in good shape following an impressive showing last weekend in Frisco, Texas— three victories in three games and a plus-4 goal differential— but the path to the championship won't be easy.

Finals Week runs from July 9-16 at three venues in Milwaukee. Eight teams will be split into two groups of four. The teams will play each team in their group in a round-robin format, with the U-15/16 group winners squaring off for the championship on Saturday, July 16.

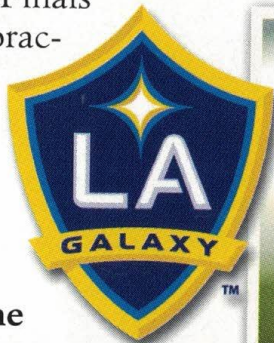
The Galaxy will open the tournament on Sunday against local rivals Real So Cal before facing the Dallas Texans on Tuesday and wrapping up group play against Seattle Sounders FC on Thursday.

Earlier this week, we caught up with midfielder Grady Howe, who has trained with the first team and has made his MLS Reserve League debut on Tuesday, to see how the team was handling the emotions, nerves and training sessions ahead of Finals Week.

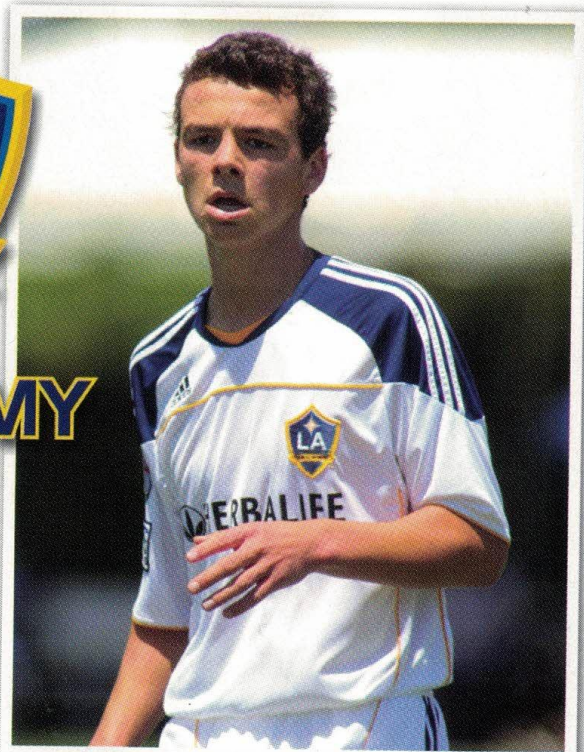
# Academy Update

## What has this week been like for you and you're teammates?

"We're taking nothing for granted. We've been getting pretty easy wins, two, three, four goals a game, but now we're just gearing up for Finals where it's going to be 1-0, 2-0, 2-1 games. So, practices are more quality, we're emphasizing the mental toughness aspect so that we're always doing the right thing. We're trying to play the right way, but at the same time we're trying to win too."



## ACADEMY



## What was the most challenging part of the games in Dallas?

"The most challenging? The weather, actually, the heat. We responded well to the heat, but it was a real big factor. Winds were also difficult. We pulled through with a couple of goals going against the wind, which was huge. But the elements were not on our side in that tournament."

## The Development Academy league is set up to better develop players, not so much to win trophies. But, when you get to this level of any tournament, it's all about winning, right?

"Yes, absolutely. The focus for the whole year really has not been winning, though we did win games, it's been getting guys in, getting guys developed and we've done a great job of that. Throughout the season we've seen different guys come in and make a big difference for us. So, obviously, during the season we really like to focus on the soccer. But as we head into the finals, it's win, win, win. So, we're trying to get the job done while playing good soccer. Playing good soccer and winning is our focus there."

## What has it been like to be playing with the Galaxy Academy, given the amount of talent on your roster, and to have the opportunities you have had, like playing in the Reserve League and training with first team?

"This is definitely the best team I've ever been on. We have a good group of guys and the coaches have done a good job of picking the right players and they've created the right chemistry for us. The players really love each other, we work for each other and the quality, you can tell, is a step ahead of any team we've ever been on. Training with the first team, I just mentally prepare myself to play that much quicker because you don't have time to take that extra touch. You have to know what you are doing before you get the ball. And when you go out here it just makes you that much better going back to the Academy."

**Brian Perk's first save in Major League Soccer** came in the 18th minute when he stopped Fredy Montero's penalty kick attempt. It's a rare occurrence to have your first save from the penalty spot. How rare? Perk is only the second goalkeeper in MLS to achieve that feat. The first was Miami Fusion goalkeeper Matt Napolean in 1998.

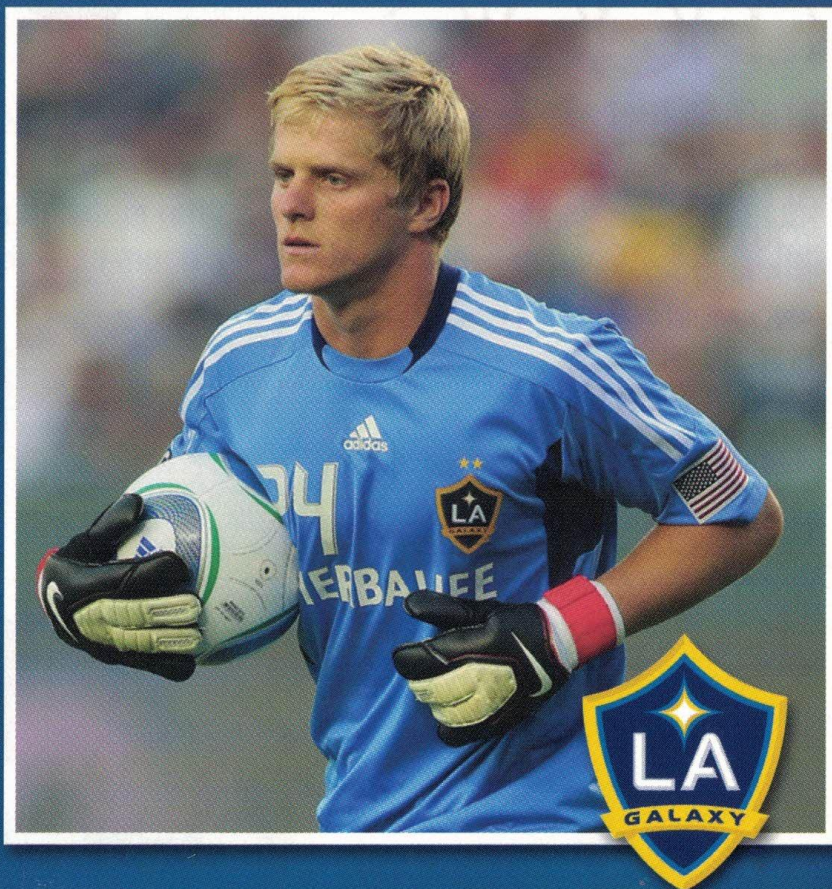
**Perk is the fourth different player to play in goal for the Galaxy this season**, joining Mike Magee, Donovan Ricketts and Josh Saunders. Prior to this season, the Galaxy had never used more than three goalkeepers in a season.

**Dating back to the game in Colorado on June 18**, the Galaxy come have not surrendered a goal in the last 216 minutes.

**Following Monday's 0-0 draw, the Galaxy now have four 0-0 draws this season**, including their last two games. Prior to their last two games, the Galaxy had never had back-to-back scoreless draws. The four scoreless draws are a new single season record for the Galaxy.

**With the draw, the Galaxy their unbeaten streak to 11 games.** The streak is the fifth longest in Galaxy history. They are the only club in MLS history with six unbeaten streaks of 10 games or more. During the streak, the Galaxy have gone 5-0-6 in those contests and gotten 21 of a possible 33 points.

**Speaking of streaks, the LA Galaxy extended their streak of hosting game on the Fourth of July to 16** this past Monday. The streak is not only the longest in MLS history, but in the history of all major U.S. pro sports leagues, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. It's never been equaled even in the 136 years of Major League Baseball. MLB's longest streak was 12 straight seasons, set in the 19th century by the team we now call the Cubs (1887-1898). Chicago played those Fourth of July games at three different stadiums, including double-headers in each of those seasons except 1897. For the record, the Galaxy played their first seven July 4th games at the Rose Bowl, averaging 55,000-plus per game, before moving to The Home Depot Center, where they have continued to fill the building (averaging more than 25,000 per game). •



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