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# GALAXY

Head Coach: Bruce Arena				
	#	Player	Pos.	
	1	Donovan Ricketts	GK	
	2	Todd Dunivant	D	
	3	Gregg Berhalter	D	
	4	Omar González	D	
	5	Sean Franklin	D	
	6	Frankie Hejduk	D	
	7.	Jovan Kirovski	M	
	8	Chris Birchall	M	
	9	Juan Pablo Angel	F	
	10	Landon Donovan	M	
	11	Chad Barrett	F	
	12	Josh Saunders	GK	
	15	Dan Keat	M	
	16	Hector Jimenez	M	
	17	Adam Cristman	F	
	18	Mike Magee	F	
	19	Juninho	M	
	20	A.J. DeLaGarza	D	
	21	Dustin McCarty	M	
	22	Leonardo	D	
	23	David Beckham	M	
	24	Brian Perk	GK	
	25	Miguel Lopez	M	
	26	Michael Stephens	M	
	27	Bryan Jordan	M	
	28	Ryan Thomas	D	
	29	Kyle Davies	D	
	30	Paolo Cardozo	M	
	32	Jack McBean	F	
	33	Sean Alvarado	D	

# HOUSTON

Head Coach: Dominic Kinnear

#	Player	Pos.
1	Tally Hall	GK
2	Eddie Robinson	D
3	Calen Carr	F
4	Jermaine Taylor	D
5	Danny Cruz	M
7	Colin Clark	M
8	Kofi Sarkodie	D
9	Jason Garey	F
10	Je-Vaughn Watson	M
11	Brad Davis	M
12	Will Bruin	F
13	Francisco Navas Cobo	M
14	Jordan Graye	D
15	Cam Weaver	F
17	Mike Chabala	D
18	Josue Soto	M
19	Alex Dixon	M
20	Geoff Cameron	M
21	Hunter Freeman	D
22	Lovel Palmer	M
24	Tyler Deric	GK
25	Brian Ching	F
26	Corey Ashe	M
27	Koke	F
28	Evan Newton	GK
31	Andre Hainault	D
32	Bobby Boswell	D

Today, we welcome one of the most successful clubs in MLS history, the Houston Dynamo, to The Home Depot Center.

Dominic Kinnear has done a very good job in rebuilding a team that failed to make the playoffs last season. In Geoff Cameron and Brad Davis, Houston has two of the top midfielders in MLS. Additionally, the strike force of Brian Ching, Will Bruin and Cam Weaver presents a huge challenge to our backline and goalkeeper. They are a team that is big and physical, which makes them extremely dangerous off of set pieces and crosses out of the run of play.

At the defensive end off the field, goalkeeper Tally Hall has been very good in his first year as a starting goalkeeper. The backline of Hunter Freeman, Bobby Boswell, Andrew Hainault, and Corey Ashe has been very solid throughout the 2011 campaign, allowing just more than a goal per game through their first 11 games this season.

This all adds up to be a very good and competitive game and we'll need to be at our best

to earn three points.

Once again, we will be in the midst of playing three games in a span of eight days. We opened this stretch with a 1-0 win over Chivas USA last weekend and will take on New England on the road on Saturday. Therefore, we anticipate making a number of changes to our squad before each game to keep our team fresh. The depth of our team will be challenged not just in these next few games, but for the rest of the year.

Finally, Landon Donovan and Donovan Ricketts will be making their last home appearance with our club before they depart for the Gold Cup competition so please be sure to give them an extra cheer today!

Once again, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you and enjoy the game.

Bruce Arena



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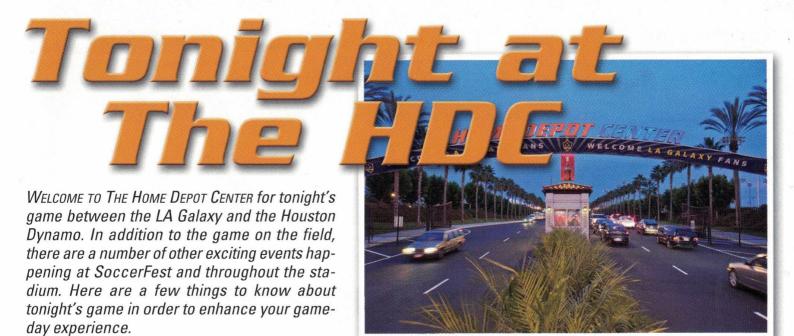
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### **Galaxy Futboleros**

6 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 entertain-

ment, the Galaxy Futboleros perform soccer tricks and juggling skills that combine speed, strength and bal-



ance 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 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

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the latest Galaxy 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.

### **Get Involved**

Join the Galaxy supporter groups in the cross stadium chant at the 15th and 60th minutes of tonight's game and every Galaxy home match. The north end of the stadium says "L-A!" and the south responds "GAL-AX-Y!" •

For a complete schedule of pregame at postgame events at all Galaxy games, be sure to visit www.lagalaxy.com.

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### **2011 SCHEDULE**

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV/GOALSCORERS
Tues.	March 15	at Seattle Sounders FC	1-0 W	Juninho
Sun.	March 20	vs. New England Revolution	1-1 T	Juninho
Sat.	March 26	at Real Salt Lake	1-4 L	Angel
Sat.	April 2	vs. Philadelphia Union	1-0 W	Leonardo
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
Sat.	April 23	vs. Portland Timbers	3-0 W	Barrett, Donovan (2)
Sun.	May 1	at FC Dallas	1-2 L	Donovan
Sat.	May 7	vs. New York Red Bulls	1-1 T	Donovan
Wed.	May 11	at Philadelphia Union	1-1 T	Donovan -
Sat.	May 14	vs. Sporting Kansas City	4-1 W	Donovan (2), Angel, Beckham
Sat.	May 21	at Chivas USA	1-0 W	Barrett
Wed.	May 25	vs. Houston Dynamo	7:30 p.m.	Prime Ticket
Sat.	May 28	at New England Revolution	5 p.m.	FOX Sports West/Galavision
Fri.	June 3	vs. D.C. United	8 p.m.	FOX Soccer
Sat.	June 11	vs. Toronto FC	7:30 p.m.	Prime Ticket
Sat.	June 18	at Colorado Rapids	6 p.m.	FOX Sports West (D - 8 p.m.)
Sat.	June 25	at San Jose Earthquakes	8 p.m.	FOX Soccer
Mon.	July 4	vs. Seattle Sounders FC	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes
Sat.	July 9	vs. Chicago Fire	7:30 p.m.	FOX Soccer
Wed.	July 20	vs. Columbus Crew	7:30 p.m.	Prime Ticket
Sat.	July 30	at Vancouver Whitecaps FC	4:30 p.m.	FOX Soccer
Wed.	August 3	at Portland Timbers	8 p.m.	Prime Ticket
Sat.	August 6	vs. FC Dallas	7:30 p.m.	Prime Ticket (D - 8:30 p.m.)
Sat.	August 13	at Sporting Kansas City	5:30 p.m.	FOX Soccer
Sat.	August 20	vs. San Jose Earthquakes	7:30 p.m.	Prime Ticket
Sun.	August 28	at New York Red Bulls	4 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes
Fri.	September 9	vs. Colorado Rapids	8 p.m.	FOX Soccer
Sat.	September 17	vs. Vancouver Whitecaps FC	7:30 p.m.	FOX Sports West
Sat.	September 24	at Columbus Crew	4:30 p.m.	FOX Sports West
Sat.	October 1	vs. Real Salt Lake	7:30 p.m.	FOX Sports West
Sun.	October 16	vs. Chivas USA	6 p.m.	ESPN/ESPN Deportes
Sun.	October 23	at Houston Dynamo	4 p.m.	FOX Sports West/Galavision

All Times Pacific



# **2011 LA GALAXY**



**Donovan Ricketts GK** Montego Bay, Jamaica



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



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



**Omar González DEF** Dallas, Texas



Sean Franklin DEF Palmdale, Calif.



Frankie Hejduk DEF Cardiff, Calif.



Jovan Kirovski MID Escondido, Calif.



**Chris Birchall MID** Stafford, England



Juan Pablo Angel FWD Medellin, Colombia



**Landon Donovan MID** Redlands, Calif.



**Chad Barrett FWD** Beaverton, Ore.



Josh Saunders GK Lake Forest, Calif.



Dan Keat MID Wellington, New Zealand



**Hector Jimenez MID** Bell Gardens, Calif.



Adam Cristman FWD Glen Allen, Va.



Mike Magee FWD Chicago, III.



Juninho MID San Jose dos Campos, Brazil



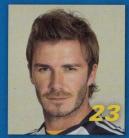
A.J. DeLaGarza DEF Bryans Road, Md.



**Dustin McCarty MID** Maitland, Fla.



Leonardo DEF Sao Paulo, Brazil



**David Beckham MID** London, England



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



Miguel Lopez MID Ensenada, Argentina



Michael Stephens MID Naperville, III.



Bryan Jordan MID Temple City, Calif.



**Ryan Thomas DEF** Claremont, Calif.



Paolo Cardozo MID Montevideo, Uruguay



Jack McBean FWD Newport Beach, Calif.



Sean Alvarado DEF West Orange, N.J.



fter missing the playoffs for the first time in club history last year, the Houston Dynamo have had an up and down start to the 2011. campaign, their first in the Eastern Conference. Under the stewardship of Dominic Kinnear, the Dynamo have proven to be a difficult team to break down defensively while some timely goal scoring has kept them in games all season long.

The primary source of goals this year has been Will Bruin, Houston's first round SuperDraft pick out of Indiana. A big and physical presence in front of goal, Bruin burst onto the scene with a hat trick in his team's 4-1 win over D.C. United last month, shooting to the top of the league's scoring chart. He has spent much of the season paired alongside Cam Weaver, another physical forward who scored against the Galaxy in this game last season, giving Kinnear a pair of bruising forwards to lead the attack.

That attack could be further bolstered by the return to health of Brian Ching, the Dynamo's original battering ram of a forward, and the leading scorer in club history. Limited to just a handful of games because of injury this season, the Hawaii-native remains a threat despite turn-

ing 33-year-old yesterday. Houston also recently acquired Spanish

forward Koke, who scored his first goal for the club on Saturday vs. New York, from Greek club Aris, giving them a quartet of forwards that can strike fear into opposing defenses throughout MLS.

While that group is in charge of getting the goals, their task has been aided greatly by the form of Brad Davis. Possessing one of the best left feet in the history of the league, Davis has been in fine form this year collecting six assists and a goal in his first 11 games. No longer an out and out winger, Davis is not afraid to take on defenders or even strike the ball from distance in order to get the ball onto his preferred left foot, meaning that Sean Franklin and the rest of the Galaxy defense will need to be cognizant of where he is at all times.

The same can be said of midfielder Geoff Cameron, the Dynamo's driving force in the center of midfield. Now in his fourth season, Cameron is finally settled in one position, he was used in defense and up front as well as in the midfield in the past, and appears to be returning to full form after suffering a serious knee injury early last yeat.

At the other end of the field, Tally Hall has been one of the top goalkeepers in MLS this season, allowing more than one goal just twice while producing a series of sensational saves. In front of Hall, the quartet of Corey Ashe, Andre Hainault, Bobby Boswell and Hunter Freeman has been nearly everpresent, with that group starting nine of the first 10 games of the year.

Games between these sides are typically close, physical encounters and tonight's matchup is shaping up to be just the same.

### Houston Dynamo Expected Lineup (4-4-2):

Tally Hall; Corey Ashe, Bobby Boswell, Andre Hainault, Hunter Freeman; Lovel Palmer, Brad Davis, Geoff Cameron, Colin Clark; Will Bruin, Cam Weaver.

### **Key Man: Brad Davis**

Few players possess a more lethal left foot than the Dynamo's dynamic midfielder and now in his 10th MLS season, Brad Davis is starting to take full advantage of that weapon. The 29-year-old set up all three of his team's goals in the 3-1 win over Vancouver and had another two assists against D.C. United to set the early pace for the most assists in MLS. While Davis is a threat whipping crosses in from the wing, he is also a threat on set pieces, both crossing the ball and shooting at goal. However, he has not experienced much success of late against the Galaxy, scoring just one goal and failing to tally an assist in his last eight games against LA. •

# LA GALAXY'S LAST GA

LA Galaxy 1, Chivas USA 0 Sunday, May 21, 2011 The Home Depot Center - Carson, Calif.



he LA Galaxy continued their dominance of Chivas USA with a 1-0 win in the first leg of the SuperClasico on Saturday night at The Home Depot Center. Chad Barrett scored the game's only goal midway through the first half to help the Galaxy stretch their regular season unbeaten streak against Chivas USA to nine games and 11 games in all competitions.

Playing in front of a capacity crowd, the Galaxy maintained possession for much of the opening 20 minutes, limiting the chances that Chivas USA had at one end of the field while Omar Gonzalez went

close with a header in the 15th minute.

Donovan Ricketts, back after missing a game because of an illness, made his first save of the game in the 22nd minute, reaching out to corral Alejandro Moreno's low, left-footed shot from close range.

Barrett put the Galaxy in front four minutes later with his third goal of the season. A.J. DeLaGarza was fouled 30 yards from the Chivas goal on the left wing, giving David Beckham an opportunity to whip a freekick into the box for Barrett, whose flicked header beat Dan Kennedy inside his left post, giving LA a 1-0 lead.

Barrett nearly had his second early in the second half when Juan Pablo Angel put him through alone on goal. Barrett did well to round Kennedy, but he could not put his shot on frame and the score stayed 1-0.

The closest that Chivas would come to equalizing was in the 65th minute when Ben Zemanski beat Ricketts with a left-footed volley from the top of the box, only to see his shot carom off the post and out for a goal kick. Despite going close, the hosts could not find a breakthrough and were shutout by the Galaxy for the fifth time in the last six meetings.

### **Scoring Summary:**

LA - Chad Barrett 3 (David Beckham 6) 26'

### **Misconduct Summary:**

CHV – Simon Elliott (Yellow Card) 50' CHV – Zarek Valentin (Yellow Card) 73'

### Lineups:

LA Galaxy: Donovan Ricketts; Sean Franklin, Omar Gonzalez, A.J. DeLaGarza, Todd Dunivant; David Beckham (Michael Stephens 89'), Juninho, Landon Donovan©, Mike Magee (Chris Birchall 64'); Chad Barrett (Miguel Lopez 71'), Juan Pablo Angel.

Subs Not Used: Josh Saunders, Frankie Hejduk, Gregg Berhalter, Paolo Cardozo.

Chivas USA: Dan Kennedy; Zarek Valentin, Heath Pearce, Andrew Boyens, Ante Jazic; Simon Elliott, Ben Zamanski, Nick LaBrocca, Jorge Flores; Alejandro Moreno©, Justin Braun (Chris Cortez 66'). Subs Not Used: Zach Thornton, Michael Umana, Mariano Trujillo, Gerson Mayen, Francisco Mendoza, Victor Estupinan.

Referee: Jair Marrufo

Assistant Referees: Chris Strickland and Frank Anderson

4th Official: Fotis Bazakos

onsidered to be one of the Galaxy's most athletic, versatile and consistent defender since arriving at the club in 2008, Sean Franklin has been the epitome of that in this his fourth season. One of just three players to appear in all 13 of the club's games this season, Franklin has shown his versatility by playing in both the midfield as well as at right back, he has shown his athleticism by marauding up and down the right flank all season, terrorizing opposing defenders while also helping to contain some of the league's top wingers such as Joel Lindpere of New York, Seattle's Steve Zakuani and many others.

Now preparing for another of the league's top wide players in the Dynamo's Brad Davis, we caught up with Franklin to see what he thought about his season so far, the club's upcoming run of games and of course, tonight's game.

Here is what he had to say...

### We're just more than a third of the way through the season, how do you feel that your season has gone so far?

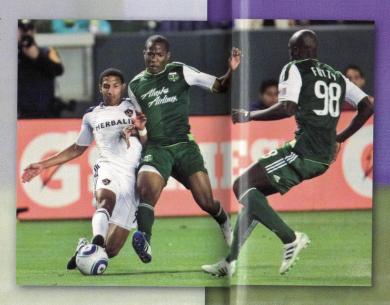
"It's going okay. It's not as good as I would like it on a personal level, I feel that last year I started off really well, got a couple of assists, and that got me going. This year's it's been a bit of a slow start but I'm hoping to begin to pick it up."

### At this point of the season last year you already had a handful of assists. Are you surprised that you still do not have one this year?

"I feel like I'm getting forward as much if not more than I did last year, it's just once I get there, being more productive and being more accurate with my passing. Hopefully if I can do that, an assist or two will come."

### You played a few games earlier this season on the right side of midfield, do you prefer that to right back?

"I like both spots. I like being in the midfield because it gives me a chance to get into a scoring position more often. I actually had a few chances to score earlier this year, chances that I should have out away, but that is something that over time I need to get better at."

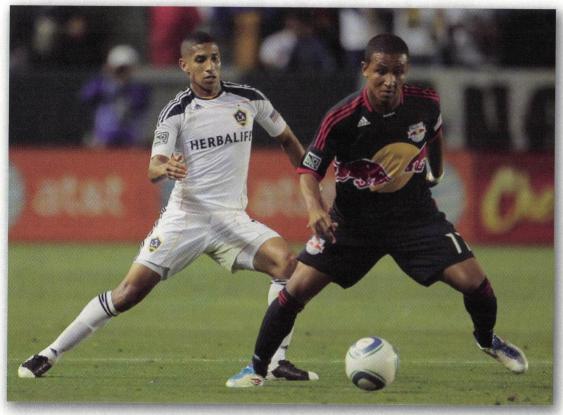


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Ever since Leonardo's injury the team has used the same back four with you on the right, Todd on the left and Omar and A.J. in the middle. How much has that consistency helped?

"When you play with the same set of guys over a certain period, you start to know each other's movements and read each other. Our back four has been playing well all season and even when we have made changes and brought guys in, they've been on the same pace. I feel that collectively, we're all there with one another."

Donovan Ricketts will be playing his final home game with the club tonight before departing for the Gold Cup. How much faith do you and the rest of the team have



in Josh and what is the difference between having him or Donovan back there?

"The only difference is skin color! They're both outstanding goalies. I believe that Josh could start on any team in this league and it's true that we don't have a number one and a number two goalie, we have two number ones. For him to come in [against Kansas City] having

not played since the beginning of the season, he was right there and played well. He is a confident guy and we have confidence in him."

What will the team need to do in order to be successful while Landon and Donovan are away for the Gold Cup?

"It's going to be important for guys to come in and step up and I feel that we have a roster that we can bring guys in and they will show well. As much as we would love to have those guys here with us, they're going to be representing their countries and we wish all the best to them. But their absence just gives another opportunity to the next guy to come in, get some minutes and play well."

Coming off the emotional win over Chivas USA, do you think that it will be hard to get up for tonight's game?

"It's important to get up for every game. We were up for and hyped for the game against Chivas, but now we have to stay focused for the next game. But I don't think that will be a problem tonight. This is a home game, we're playing in front of our fans and if you get up for your fans then you shouldn't be playing. We'll be ready for this one."

Finally, you had three assists in two games against the Dynamo last season including two at The Home Depot Center. Do you think that you have might get your first of the season tonight?

"Hopefully. It would be nice." •

2011 LA Galaxy Full Season Seats

Catch every minute of Galaxy action throughout the 2011 season by buying 2011 season seats. Prices start at just \$20 per game for the season and include many

- Bonus Games included in plan (previous Bonus Games have included friendlies vs. Real Madrid, Chelsea, Glasgow Rangers, AC Milan, Barcelona, and Boca Juniors, as well as MLS Cup)
- Priority for the best seat locations at The Home Depot Center
- A dedicated Galaxy Service Specialist to assist with your experience
- Discount from gate price
- Flexible payment plan
- Exchange privileges for unused tickets

### 2011 LA Galaxy Mini-Plans

- 3-game plan starts at just \$69 pick 3 games to fit your schedule
- Fab 4-game plan starts at just \$92 includes the 4 biggest games of 2011
- Big 6-game plan starts at just \$132 includes the Fab 4 plus 2 more amazing games
- Flex plan starts at just \$132 pick 6 or more games to fit your schedule

### **2011 Group Tickets**

The Galaxy offer a variety of exclusive opportunities for groups. Whether you're celebrating a birthday,

attending a reunion, participating in a company outing, or just looking for a fun night out with your soccer team or other group, let us help you make it special. Groups of 10 or more people receive discounted pricing so round up your friends, family or co-workers, and contact us today!

The Galaxy and The Home Depot Center offer many hospitality options including event suites, cabanas, and concourse space. Catering for different group sizes with VIP trimmings these hospitality options make for the perfect evening.

For more information on Galaxy ticket packages please call 1-877-3GALAXY (342-5299) or visit www.lagalaxy.com.





# First XI Adam Cristman

ne of the club's top goal scorers in preseason, Adam Cristman appeared to be on pace to provide an added dimension to the Galaxy attack after joining the club in January. But he was forced to have knee surgery just days before the season opener in Seattle and is now working his way back into match fitness after being removed from the Disabled List earlier this month.

While he will likely not be in Bruce Arena's starting XI tonight, that does not mean that we can't ask him our First XI – eleven hard-hitting questions designed to help you get to know Adam Cristman.

**Best goal:** In 2007 I scored one against Columbus that was nominated for Goal of the Week. I'd say that.

**Best moment on the field:** I think my best game was here against the Galaxy on July 4, 2008. I scored twice and we won 2-1. Also being a part of Open Cup and SuperLiga winning teams with New England was special.

Who spends the most time in the training room and the gym: Besides me? I'd say Juan in the training room and it's between Brian Perk and Michael Stephens in the gym.

**Funniest teammate:** I enjoy the comedy that surrounds Jovan. There is always something with him.

Loudest teammate: Jovan.

Quietest teammate: Ricketts. He says a bunch of nonsense so that he can be heard, but he's usually pretty quiet.

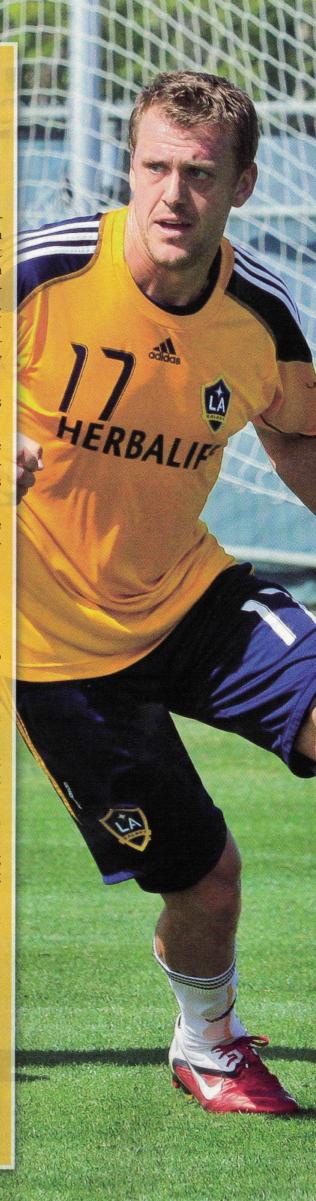
Last song played on your iPod: Probably something from the Kooks. The whole Inside Out album is good, especially Seaside and Naïve.

**Toughest defender that you have faced:** I hate playing against Chad Marshall. He a big, strong guy and when you try to post him up he is tough to get around.

Toughest part of being injured: You're not fully connected to the team and dealing with the frustration of wanting to be on the field playing. There is a certain rhythm that you get into during the season and it's harder to get into that when you're not going to be on the field.

Biggest difference between the East Coast and West Coast: The whole California soft idea is starting to kick in. People's expectations of the weather are crazy, they think they should be able to go to the beach every day. It rains a couple of days all year here where I'm used to it raining a couple of times a week. Everything is also so subtle and the history and culture are different with Colonial America vs. Westward Expansion.

Reaction to being traded to the Galaxy: I was very excited. It was an opportunity to play with a lot of great players for a great team in an environment that is probably the most professional in terms of the stadium, training staff and how the team is taken care of. All of that made for an exciting move and now I just want to get out on the field. •



n the span of just a few days earlier this month, the Galaxy announced that the club would host Real Madrid and Manchester City in friendlies this summer, but also that MLS Cup would once again return to The Home Depot Center this fall.

The first game to come up on the calendar will be a rematch against Real Madrid on Saturday, July 16 at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Fresh off their Copa del Rey championship and a semifinal berth in the Champions League, Jose Mourinho will bring his

Exciting star-stude nia to face season. No beat the than 89,00 Matches ing part of the season. No beat the

star-studded lineup back to Southern California to face the Galaxy for the second straight season. Madrid erased a 2-0 halftime deficit to beat the Galaxy 3-2 last year in front of more than 89,000 fans at the Rose Bowl and this

year's game promises to be just as

exciting.

Eight days later, the Galaxy will face one of the new, up-and-coming powers of world soccer, Manchester City, at The Home Depot Center. The first Premier League team to play the Galaxy since Chelsea did in 2007, City won the

FA Cup this season and qualified for the Champions League for the first time in club history. Led by manager Roberto Mancini and a plethora of top international stars, City will be looking to unseat their bitter rivals Manchester United at the top of the table next season and win the Premier League title for the first time in club history.

Both games are part of the Herbalife World Football Challenge.

Finally, the 2011 MLS season will come to an end in Carson for the fourth time as MLS Cup returns to The Home Depot Center on Saturday, November 20. The league's 16th champion will be crowned with the Galaxy aiming to become the

first team to lift the Cup in front of their home fans since 1997.

Tickets for all three games are available now through select ticket three-packs which start at just \$71. Single game tickets for the Real Madrid match at the Coliseum are on sale now with the other two games scheduled to go on sale soon.

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ne of the original members of the Galaxy Academy, midfielder Riley Wolfe has played in more Academy SuperClasico's than just about anybody. But with high school graduation on the horizon and a scholarship to play college soccer at Duke University in hand, the Manhattan Beach native and U.S. Under-18 National Team veteran played Chivas USA for the final time before heading off to start his college career.

We caught up with Wolfe before last Saturday's game to talk about what it means to represent the Galaxy against Chivas USA and to reminisce about some of his favorite memories

from past SuperClasicos.

What is your best memory from a SuperClasico?

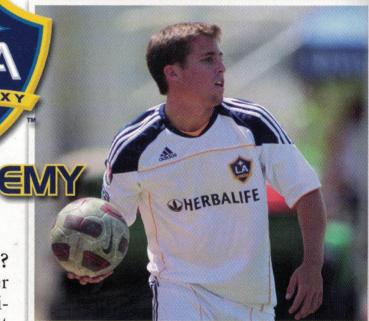
"It was away at their place and I crossed the ball to Reed Williams for a goal. I remember his parents were sitting next to my parents and all their fans were just heckling me the entire

time. I was playing right mid, picked him out with a cross and whacked it home hard. into the back of the net, just beyond their goalie. He hadn't scored in quite a while so for him it was a big goal. We actually won that game, it was a huge win for us and it felt great. That was probably one of my best memories.

"I also remember in a [U-18] game that I was not playing in, our keeper actually scored a goal, which is flukiest thing I could ever think of. It was over on University 2. Billy Thompson, he goes to LMU now, kicked it and their goalie was off his line too far

bounced right over and it went in. That was a pretty funny, fluke goal that I'll always remember. It was embarrassing for them, but it felt good for us."





### Do you remember your first SuperClasico?

"That was the first time that I can remember being in the Academy and really feeling a rivalry. We had played a few games like that, but nothing compared to the intense crowd, and

the feeling that everything mattered so much. Everyone was so involved.

People had shirts made with the SuperClasico logo, the fans were making all kinds of noise and heckling every person they can in Spanish and English and everything. I would say that's one of my bigger learning experiences. When you have that environment, you have people really competing like that and really feeling that you have to beat these guys because they're your biggest rivals. It kind of puts everyone in this whole different mode where everything is done without thought. Everything has to be done right and you have to beat these guys. It's more of a battle and everything is so much more extreme. Every tackle is harder and everything just feels more intense. It's really a big learning experience."

Do you have to raise your game to a new level with each SuperClasico?

"I think I've been around long enough that I've actually learned a lot. I know most of their players, I know who I'm going to be playing against. I know that he's going to be playing left back and I'm going to be playing right midfield and we're going to be battling it out again. We've done it for three years. I know the guy, he knows me, we know each other's name, we shake each others hand when we see one other. But I think being around longer has been advantageous to me more than anything. I'm more excited about this one, simply because our last meeting it didn't go as planned I would say."

In that last meeting your team scored twice in the final 10 minutes to go up 2-1 only to give up an equalizer with the final kick of the game. How difficult was that?

"It's about as bad as it gets considering the fact you get a result, you have a tie, it felt like losing more than anything. I think they felt a lot better than

think they felt a lot better than we did, walking off that field, considering that they came back and made something happen and they got themselves a result. We still got a result getting a point, but the fact you go from the edge of winning like that, it felt like a failure, it makes you feel like you actually lost the game even though we got a point."

Does that make this, your final SuperClasico, that much more important?

"There's a lot left that had not been said yet that's going to come out in this game. Not only for me, but for the entire team. We know that it's



"Chivas week". It's time to drive, time to work and time to really put everything into it. Our preparation for this game started as soon as Sunday's game was over. That's the mindset and its not like that for most games, you don't normally think about who you're playing the whole week prior, But for this one, you're so excited for it, yet you're kind of worried at the same time. You know that this game you have to be at your best, this has got to be the one. And for a lot of us this is our final meeting and you want to go out with a bang and on a good note."

What is the feeling like when you walk off the field having won the SuperClasico? "It's having all those emotions built up over the entire week and knowing that everyone has been working so hard and to be rewarded with a win because of all that work and because of how much you put into it, it's a huge sigh of relief and excitement. You're way more excited to win that game than you are with any other game because this rivalry is so strong. You see their stuff every day you come out here and it makes me want to work that much harder. You just want to obliterate them every time you step on the field. So getting that win is extremely rewarding and a real weight off your shoulders."

Looking back, what has it meant to you to be a part of this rivalry?

"This rivalry has taught me so much, which is only going to help me later in life. They're some of the most emotional and energy filled games that I have played in and that is something I don't take for granted and something that not many people get to experience at an age like that in an environment like that. The physicality and demand that people expect of us when we're out there it's pretty special and something that I don't think I will ever forget." •

t remains to this day one of the most unfathomable games in MLS history and for the more than 25,000 fans that were at The Home Depot Center, it remains a night that will never be forgotten. The fact that it was played on Friday the 13th should not have surprised anyone.

It was November 13, 2009 and the Western Conference Championship was on the line between the Galaxy and the Houston Dynamo. The Dynamo had won two of the previous three MLS Cup championships while the Galaxy had missed the playoffs for three straight seasons, temporarily shifting the balance of power in the Western Conference to south Texas.

The two teams finished tied atop the Western Conference standings with 48 points but the Galaxy won the head-to-head series, meaning that The Home Depot Center would host the Conference of the

ference Championship.

Eighteen minutes into the game, the stadium lights failed, sending the stadium into near complete darkness. Neither team had scored to that point of the game and while both teams would go close following the 18-minute delay, the score would remain 0-0 at halftime.

Just six minutes into the second half, the power would go out once again, thrusting The Home Depot Center into darkness. This delay would also last 18 minutes and the temperature soon plunged into the 50's, only further adding to the tension that was building up inside the stadium.

With 10 minutes left in regulation, Houston finally got the ball past Donovan Ricketts, as Andre Hainault headed the ball home off a Brad Davis corner kick only for referee Terry Vaughn to call a foul and rule out the goal, keeping the game scoreless. It would remain

that way until the end of 90 minutes meaning that extra time would be needed to determine

Western Conference champion.

There were 22 potential heroes on the field and with 30 minutes left, 22 men who knew that one goal would change the course of their season. Good or bad. The only question was who would that hero be?

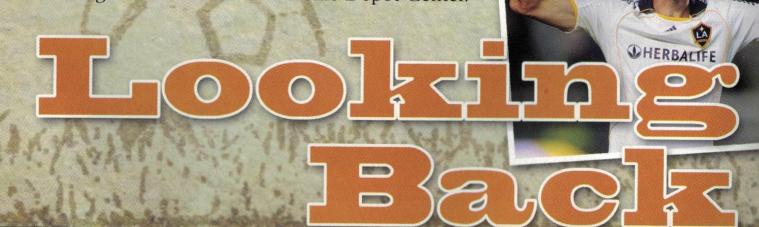
In the end, the game's turning point came from perhaps the most unexpected source.

Brought in to help shore up the LA defense, Gregg Berhalter had just six shots in the regular season, none of which were on goal. But in the 103rd minute, the veteran defender was in the right place to stab home a loose ball in the center of the box, giving LA a 1-0 lead and sending The Home Depot Center into hysterics.

Shortly after the start of the second half of extra time, Alan Gordon was cut down in the box and Landon Donovan stepped up to convert the penalty and seal the victory for LA

and ensure that the celebrations would continue throughout the night in the Southland.

One week later, the Galaxy would fall on penalty kicks at MLS Cup in Seattle, narrowly missing out on the third championship in club history. But the disappointment of that defeat could not taint the memory of that special November night in the dark at The Home Depot Center.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Galaxy are always active in the local community, hosting camps, clinics, community events and much more, as well as viewing parties for most Galaxy road games. Here is a quick look at some of the upcoming events that the club will be hosting.

**Upcoming Away Game Viewing Parties** 

Cheer the Galaxy on to victory with fellow Galaxy fans at an official Galaxy Away Game Viewing Party. Filled with numerous prize giveaways, autographed item raffles, food and drink specials, appearances by the Miss LA Galaxy Court, Galaxy Street Team and much more a Galaxy viewing party is a must for any Galaxy fan.

### **LA Galaxy at New England Revolution** Saturday, May 28

Viewing party taking place from 4:30-7 p.m.



2012 Miss LA Galaxy Casting Call

Are you the next Miss LA Galaxy? The Galaxy will be hosting an open casting call on Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Torrance Marriott South Bay in search of the next Miss LA



Galaxy. If vou are between the ages of 19-27, are a fan

of the LA Galaxy and are actively involved within your community then we are looking for you. For more information and to download an application please visit lagalaxy.com/miss-la-galaxy.



### Military Appreciation Night LA Galaxy vs. D.C. United Friday, June 3 - 8 p.m. The Home Depot Center

- The 1st Marine Division band will be hosting a pre-game concert and singing the national anthem
- Branches Marines Corps Color Guard from Camp Pendleton will present the colors
- The Air Force recruits will take their Oath of Enrollment in a pre-game ceremony
- One member of the Air Force, Marines, Army, Navy, and Coast Guard will be honored prior to the match
- The Galaxy will be donating 1,000 ticket to local military personnel
- Fans can get involved three ways:
  - Buy a ticket to attend the game on June 3rd and the Galaxy will match with a ticket donated to local military personnel.
  - Support our troops by purchasing a ticket that will be donated directly to local military personnel.
  - \* Fans who currently have tickets to the match can donate them via the Galaxy to local military personnel.

For more information on Military Appreciation Night and how you can get involved please visit lagalaxy.com/military-appreciation-night. •

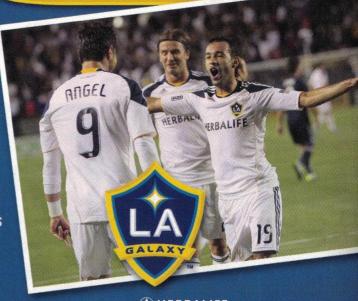
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# 3 – Galaxy Designated Players that Scored vs. Sporting Kansas City on May 14

Landon Donovan scored twice while Juan Pablo Angel and David Beckham each added second half goals as the Galaxy scored four goals in a game for the first time this year to beat Sporting Kansas City 4-1. LA trailed 1-0 late in the first half of that game before scoring four straight to seal the win. This was the first time in MLS history that three Designated Players scored for the same team in a single game.

### 7 – Consecutive goals scored by Landon Donovan

The Galaxy captain scored seven consecutive goals for his club from April 23 until May 14. He scored in all five of his team's games during that stretch, setting a new personal record for the most consecutive games with a goal. Carlos Ruiz holds the club record for most consecutive goals scored with nine, which



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happened in the 2002 and 2003 seasons, scoring the club's final seven goals of 2002 and the first two of 2003.

### 110 and 199 - Games played by Todd Dunivant

Galaxy defender Todd Dunivant played the 110th regular season game of his Galaxy career against Chivas USA on Saturday, playing the full 90 minutes at left back. That game was also the 199th regular season game of his MLS career, which began in 2003. If he plays tonight, he will be the 64th player in MLS history to appear in 200 regular season games.

### 30 - Number of players on the Galaxy roster

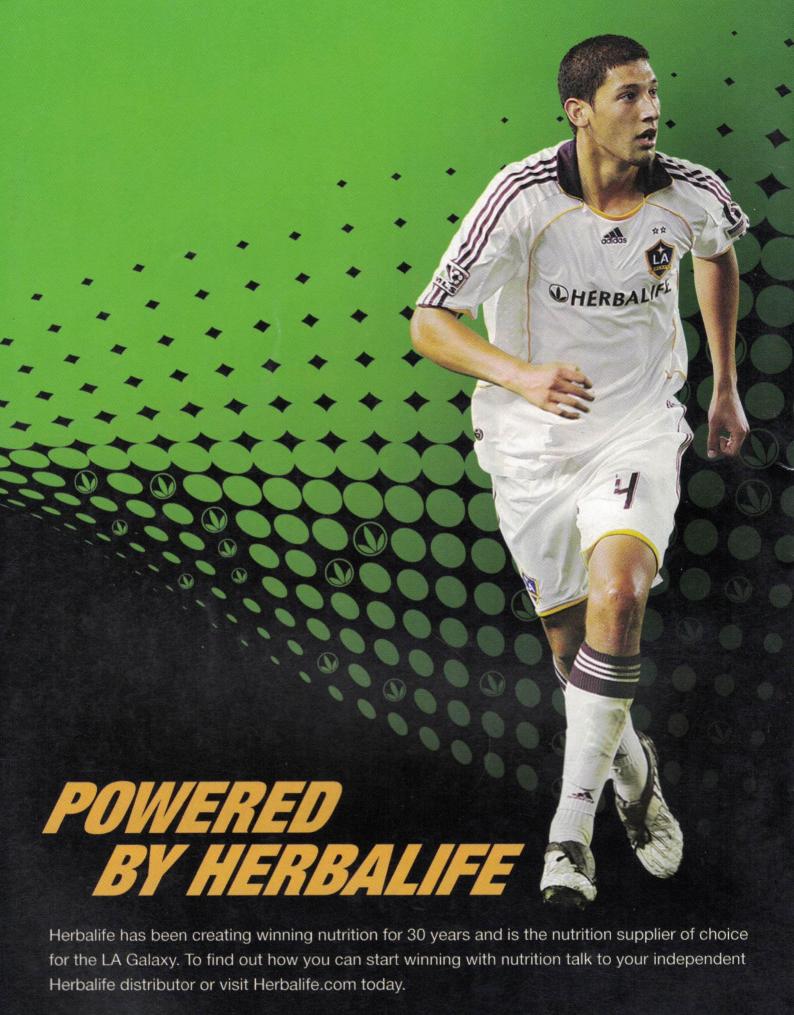
With the signing of defender Kyle Davies on Friday, the Galaxy now have the full allotment of 30 players on their roster. However, the club does have one roster spot available with Leonardo on being placed on the club's Season Ending Injury list.

### 20 - Number of players that have appeared in a game for the club this season

Twenty of the 30 players on the Galaxy roster have appeared in a league game this season, including Chad Barrett, Todd Dunivant and Sean Franklin who have played in all 13 of their team's games. Of the 20 players that have seen action, only one, Jovan Kirovski, has not started a game this year. Additionally, Gregg Berhalter, Adam Cristman and Brian Perk have all dressed for games this season but have not seen any action.

## 4 – Maximum number of games that could be missed by Landon Donovan and Donovan Ricketts

Tonight's game will be the final home game for both Landon Donovan and Donovan Ricketts before they depart for the CONCACAF Gold Cup. Both players are expected to travel to Boston for Saturday's game against the Revolution before joining up with the U.S. and Jamaican national teams respectively. The Gold Cup begins on June 5 in Dallas and ends with the Final on June 25 at the Rose Bowl, meaning that if both the U.S. and Jamaica reach the Final, Donovan and Ricketts would miss home games against D.C. United (June 3) and Toronto FC (June 11) as well as road games against Colorado (June 18) and San Jose (June 25).







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