



LA Galaxy vs. Sporting Kansas City Saturday, May 14, 2011



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LA GALAXY

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	#	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	Μ
	22	Leonardo	D
	23	David Beckham	M
	24	Brian Perk	GK
	25	Miguel Lopez	M
	26	Michael Stephens	Μ
	27	Bryan Jordan	М
	28	Ryan Th <mark>omas</mark>	D
	30	Paolo Cardozo	M
	32	Jack McBean	F
	33	Sean Alvarado	D

SPORTINGKANSAS CITY

Head Coach: Peter Vermes

#	Player	Pos.
1	Jimmy Nielsen	GK
2	Michael Harrington	D
3	Korede Aiyegbusi	D
4	Craig Rocastle	M
5	Matt Besler	D
6	Shavar Thomas	D
7	Chance Myers	D
8	Graham Zusi	M
9	Teal Bunbury	F^{L}
11	Ryan Smith	М
12	Konrad Warzycha	F
14	Kevin Ellis	D
15	Roger Espinoza	M
16	Seth Sinovic	D
17	C.J. Sapong	F
18	Eric Kronberg	GK
20	Birahim Diop	· F /
21	Jon Kempin	GK
22	Davy Arnaud	Μ
23	Kei Kamara	F
24	Scott Lorenz	D
27	Stephane Auvray	Μ
32	Luke Sassano	D
55	Julio Cesar	D
78	Aurelien Collin	D
88	Milos Stojcev	М
99	Omar Bravo	F

Dear Galaxy Supporters:

oday's game will be extremely challenging for our club. At times, the league scheduling can be quite puzzling. This will be our third game in eight days, with over 5,000 miles of travel added to the mix. On the other hand, our opponent, Sporting Kansas City, has sat idle for two weeks.

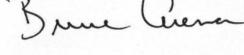
Despite these issues, our team will be focused. Our lineup will be a mix of the players from the past two games versus New York and Philadelphia, plus a few new faces. I know our players

understand the importance of earning the three points at home and will be prepared to give a great effort over 90 minutes.

Kansas City is off to a slow start having had to play all of their games on the road while awaiting the opening of their new stadium. However, I believe they are a playoff team. They have an experienced goalkeeper in Jimmy Nielsen, great leadership with Davy Arnaud and a quartet of dangerous attackers in Teal Bunbury, Kei Kamara, C.J. Sapong, and Ryan Smith, not to mention Omar Bravo who has missed most of the season with an injury. They are a physical team that likes to press and will come at us hard from the opening kickoff, as we witnessed last year when they beat us here at The Home Depot Center.

This is game 12 of our 34-game schedule, and it is important that we get three points.

Enjoy the game and thank you for your support.



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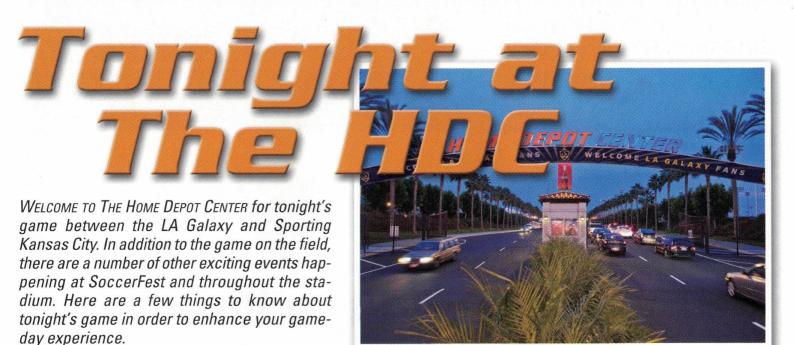
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Galaxy Futboleros

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 jug-

gling 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 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 oneof-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.

DJ MissNINJA

5:45 p.m. – SoccerFest Stage

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Crystal Sheth was dubbed DJ MissNINJA by her colleagues after discovering that she is a second degree black belt in the martial art of Ju-Jitsu. Both her time training on the mat and behind the turntables has given MissNINJA super sharp skills as a fighter as well as a DJ. Her training in both fields began early in childhood and she has grown into a recognized power house in both realms.

Known for her in depth knowledge of music spanning across a wide variety of genres, DJ MissNINJA is known for her ability to read and move a crowd. Spinning everything from 80's to Top 40, 90's Hip Hop to Electro & Dubstep, Disco to Classic Rock, she is able to deliver a sound that is fresh and exciting to any

Learn more about DJ MissNinja at her website www.djmissninja.com. •

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

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	4:30 p.m.	FOX Sports West
Sat.	May 14	vs. Sporting Kansas City	7:30 p.m.	FOX Sports West
Sat.	May 21	at Chivas USA	7 p.m.	ESPN2/ESPN Deportes
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

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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.



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.



Stafford, England

Mike Magee FWD Chicago, III.



Juninho MID San Jose dos Campos, Brazil



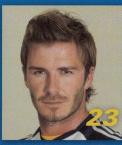
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Dustin McCarty MID Maitland, Fla.



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.



TONIGHT'S OPPONENT **Sporting Kansas City**

week after hosting Thierry Henry and Rafa Marquez, the LA Galaxy could welcome another one of Major League Soccer's Designated Players to The Home Depot Center: Sporting Kansas City forward Omar Bravo.

Bravo, a member of Mexico's World Cup team in 2006, has been sideline for the past five weeks while recovering from Sports Hernia surgery. The talented goal scorer did train with the club last week and could make his return to the field tonight.

The former Chivas de Guadalajara legend, who signed with Kansas City last August, but remained with Chivas for the 2011/2012 Apertura season, is no stranger to the HDC. Bravo made his MLS debut at this stadium on March 19, scoring two goals in Sporting Kansas City's 3-2 win over Chivas USA.

Despite their 1-4-1 record, Sporting KC is a dangerous squad with many offensive weapons. Forwards Teal Bunbury and Kei Kamara share the team lead in scoring with three goals a piece, and Bravo, who hasn't played since March 26, is second on the squad with two. All together, the trio has combined to score eight of Kansas City's 10 goals this season.

Kamara, a Cal State Dominguez alumn, is also the club's assists leader with two. Bunbury, a talented and speedy attacker, has also tallied one assist and is on Bob Bradley's radar to make the roster for this summer's Gold Cup tournament.

The explosive Sporting KC also count with rookie C.J. Sapong.

While Kansas City's offense has been impressive, their defense has been suspect, conceding 13 goals and allowing 35 shots on goal in their six games.

Even though they've allowed five goals in the last three games, there's been a slight improvement in Sporting

KC's defense over that stretch, holding New York to just one goal in their last game, a 1-0 loss.

Defender Julio Cesar, who was signed on March 14, said this week that Kansas City was unlucky to have lost to New York. "I think all that was missing was luck... the result wasn't fair, we dominated the entire second half," he said. Cesar, brazilian who's played for C.D. Marathon, Vallalodid, Real Madrid, A.C. Milan and Tigres de Monterrey prior to coming to MLS, was brought in to help establish a strong anchor for a defense that also includes Aurelien Collin from France, Roger Espinoza from Honduras, Michael Harrington from the US and goalkeeper Jimmy Nielsen from Denmark.

Holding everything together for coach Peter Vermes side, quite literally, is midfielder Davy Arnoud. Arnoud, who is also Sporting Kansas City's captain, will likely be flanked by Stephane Auvray and Graham

Zusi out on the field.

Nothing in this league is ever easy and Kansas City, with their trio of attackers, could give the Galaxy some fits. But if the Galaxy are able to play their game, and distribute the ball like it did against New York, LA could extend unbeaten streak at home to five.

Sporting Kansas City Expected Lineup (4-3-3):

Jimmy Nielsen; Michael Harrington, Aurelien Collin, Julio Cesar, Roger Espinoza; Stephane Auvray, Davy Arnaud ©, Graham Zusi; Omar Bravo, Teal Bunbury, Kei Kamara

Key Man: Kei Kamara

It's only appropriate that we shine the spotlight on Kei Kamara on Toro Night. A Cal State Dominguez Hills alum, Kamara comes into the game as Sporting Kansas City's leader in goals and assists with three and two, respectively. A dangerous striker, Kamara is one third of Peter Vermes' three man front line that includes Teal Bubury and either Omar Bravo or rookie C.J. Sapong. He regularly lines up in the middle, where he will be marked by Omar Gonzalez, but likes to float out to the flanks as well. Tonight, Kamara will look to make the most of his homecoming on front of his fellow Toros, but not if the Galaxy backline has anything to say about it. •

ne of the top young Heavyweight stars in boxing today, Chris "The Nightmare" Arreola had been recording knockout wins at a Tyson-like pace since debuting as a professional in September 2003, until his streak was interrupted in a World Championship Bout against WBC World Champion Vitali Klitschko in 2009.

At 6-foot-4, Arreola is one of the biggest Galaxy fans, literally. Last week, he was at The Home Depot Center to take part in the ceremonial coin toss prior to the start of the Nationally televised game between Galaxy and Red Bulls. Tonight, Arreola is back at the HDC

to take on Nagy Aguilera in a 10-round bout taking place right next door at Tennis Stadium. The bout is part of the undercard to Showtime's WBA Super Middlewieght Championship fight between Andre Ward and Arthur Abraham.

In order to get to know him better, here are some interesting tidbits about Arreola:

GREATEST SPORTS MOMENT:

"When I won the National Golden Gloves in 2001. Also, when I was in Ramona High School and scored 31 points in a basketball game."

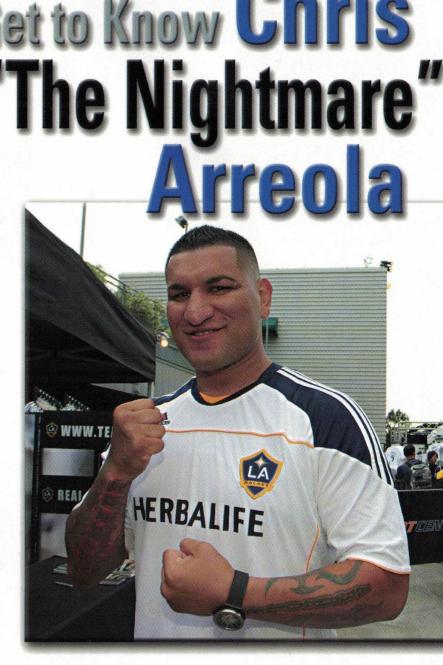
PRE-FIGHT FEELING: "Anxious. Not so much nervous, but more anxious. Once I get in the ring and look at my daughter, it's all over."

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: "Besides drinking beer (laughing)? Video games. I love the PS3."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "I love Scarface. Every guy loves Scarface."

FAVORITE JUNK FOOD: "Oreos. I gotta get my Oreo fix once a week."

FIRST JOB: "I worked for a restoration company as a carpenter. I restored houses."



TOUGHEST OPPONENT: "Vitali Klitschko. He's on the move more than Bekins, but still finds a way of throwing punches."

FAVORITE FIGHT: "A few fights ago I fought Malcolm Tann. I showcased more of what I have to offer. I was throwing more combinations to the body and head and finally got him in the 8th round with a right hand and left hook and he was falling out of the ring."

THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE GALAXY FANS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU: "I'm a cool, mellow guy. People think that I'm big and I look pretty intimidating, but I'm not. I'm a quiet guy."

FINALLY... FAVORITE SOCCER TEAM: "Galaxy!" •

Chad Barrett

n January 14, 2005, Chad Barrett was watching the MLS SuperDraft with a group of players from the U.S. Under-20 National Team, but he wasn't really paying much attention. Barrett

knew where he was going, or so he thought.

With the first overall pick, Real Salt Lake select Nikolas Besagno, Generation adidas defender...

With the second overall pick, C.D. Chivas USA select Brad Guzan, University of South Carolina, goalkeeper...

Barrett, who decided to turn pro after a sensational sophomore season at UCLA, had been told by his agent he wasn't going to be selected with one of the top three picks. In fact, he wasn't likely to be selected by any team outside of the West Coast.

So, Barrett's mind started to wander. Hopes of staying in L.A. and playing for the Galaxy, who held the fifth pick, became more tangible after the first two picks came and went. No peed to pay my

picks came and went. No need to pay much attention to the first three picks of the draft, since he already knew his fate.

With the third overall pick, Chicago Fire select Chad Barrett, UCLA, forward...

"I was surprised," Barrett said. "I liked L.A. at the time, but I just had to switch my mindset and was more than happy to go anywhere and play professional soccer and live out my dream."

At first, Barrett thought the Fire had selected his college teammate, Mike Enfield, when he first heard the commissioner say UCLA. In a cruel twist of irony, the Galaxy got Enfield in the second round.

Barrett went on to have a fabulous run with the Fire. The 5-foot-11 striker would go on to score 18 regular goals in three and half seasons with Chicago. Despite his success, he was traded halfway through the 2008 season to Toronto FC in order to make room Brian McBride.

In Toronto, Barrett once again did well for himself, tallying 16 goals in two and half seasons. But the long winters were never his thing (famously telling



LAGalaxy.com reporter Larry Morgan during preseason, "I'm not a snow bunny.").

"It was hard to adjust to the first two places, Chicago and Toronto, it was very hard on a personal level," Barrett said. "But it's easy coming back to L.A."

Barrett is now in L.A., he was acquired by the club as part of a draft day trade with Toronto FC. It took six years, but Barrett finally heard the Galaxy call his name at the draft.

"It was a great trade for me," he said. "I was coming to a place that had a great coach and great players. And once I found a place, it just all started coming together."

Barrett, who found a place close to the beach, has been rounding into form recently, scoring goals against his former team, the Fire, and the Portland Timbers. His work rate has been fantastic as well, always finding space and making smart runs toward the goal.

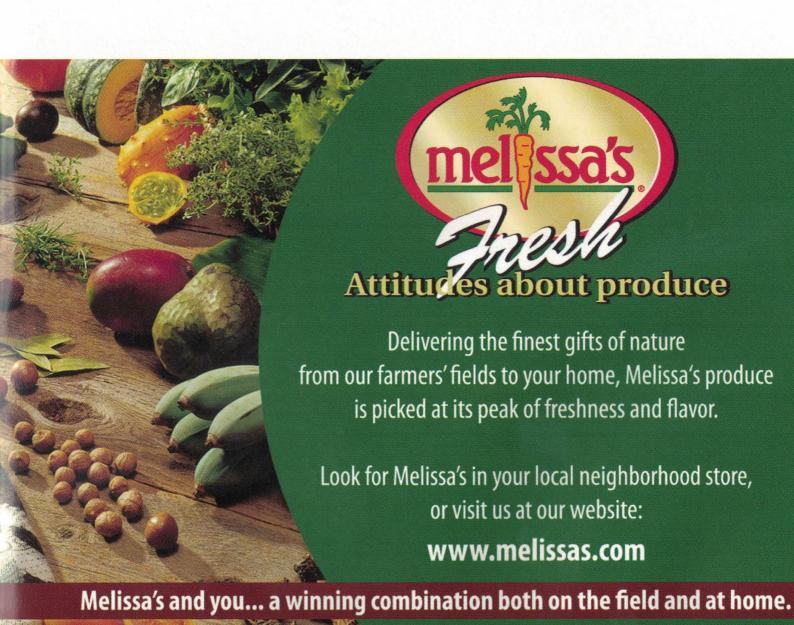
"I'm having a great time and it's still a process learning what my teammates like and don't like, but it's a fun process," he said.

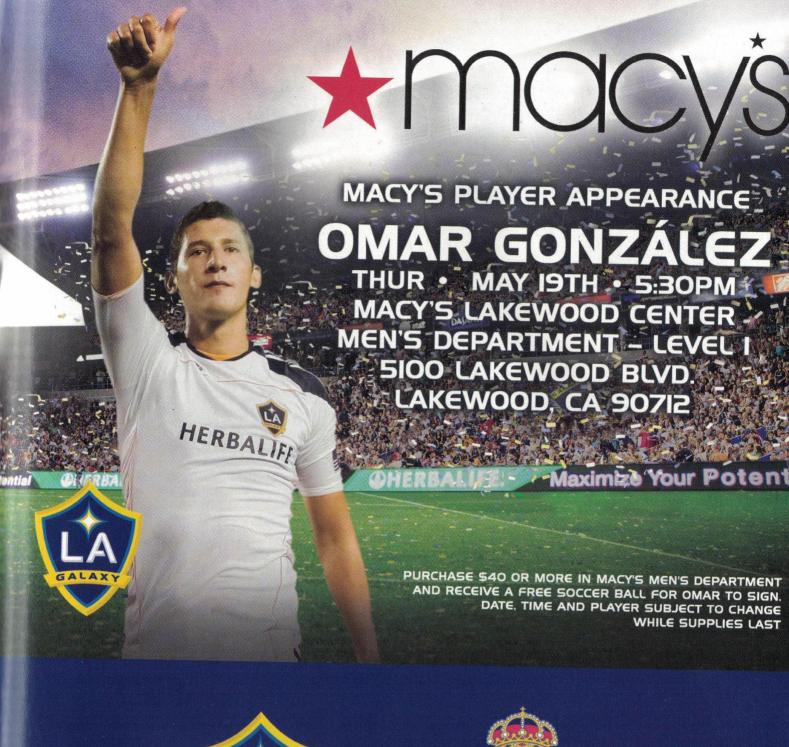
One of the people who's seen the difference in Barrett's attitude, has been Galaxy Associate Head Coach Dave Sarachan, and not just recently but going back to his rookie year in 2005. Sarachan was Barrett's Head Coach with the Fire and they didn't always see eye to eye (Barrett said, "I felt like I deserved more than what I got.").

"I never knew if I'd ever play for Dave Sarachan again," Barrett said. "He (Sarachan) said since I got here he's seen a vast improvement, from the way I carry myself, take care of my body... and that's a pretty good compliment to tell me how much I've grown from when I was 19 to now. He's a coach I respect a lot."

There's no question Barrett is starting to get comfortable here in L.A. Not just on the field, but off the field as well.

It's almost as if he should have been here from the start. •







SATURDAY, JULY 16 AT 7PM LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM

This summer, the LA Galaxy will host Real Madrid, one of the biggest clubs in Europe, at one of the most historic venues in Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, on July 16, as part of the 2011 Herbalife World Football Challenge.

Last year, the Galaxy played Madrid to a thrilling and entertaining match in front of more than 89,000 fans at the Rose Bowl. LA led the game 2-0 at halftime on goals from Todd Dunivant and Landon Donovan, only for Real to score three unanswered goals in the second half, two from Gonzalo Higuain and one from Xabi Alonso, to claim a 3-2 win.

The game this year is expected to see Galaxy midfielder David Beckham face his former team for the first time since joining the Galaxy in 2007

Tickets for the game will go on sale to the general public in the near future.

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!

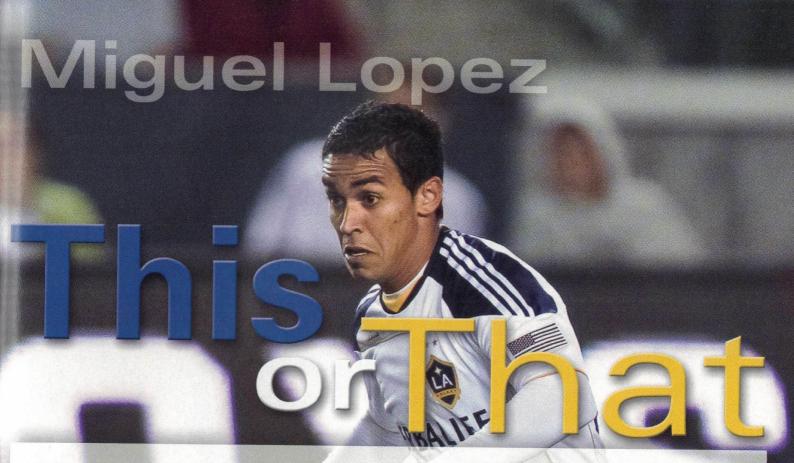
2011 Hospitality

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.







e caught up with Argentina native Miguel Lopez for tonight's edition of This or That. The offseason acquisition has seamlessly acclimated himself to Los Angeles, with two assists in seven games played so far this season. But does LA compare to home? Do empanadas compare to tacos? We asked him this and many more questions in order to get to know the midfielder better.

Boca Juniors	Club in Argentina	River Plate
Tacos	Bite	Empanadas
Chimichurri What's a chimichanga?	Chimi	Chimichanga
McDonald's	Hamburger	In-N-Out
Tango	Dance Style	Reggaeton Old people dance tango.
Laptop	Electronic Device	iPod
Beach	Pastime	Movies
Messi	#10	Maradona How can you ask me that? Maradona. Yes, Maradona.
Manu Ginobli (For the record: Migu	NBA Player rel chose Manu first, but later cha	Kobe Bryant anged his answer to Kobe.)
Larissa	Riquelme	Juan Roman I vote for the soccer player.
Barcelona	Who will win?	Manchester United

Reading Garden



Galaxy Foundation, The Home Depot Center Charitable Foundation and The Home Depot built their 2011 Reading Garden at Leapwood Avenue Elementary School located in Carson. With volunteers from the LA Galaxy, The Home Depot Center, Watson Land Company, Levy Restaurants and The Home Depot stores in Carson and Lakewood, who painted, installed planters, stained benches and planted flowers, a simple grass area was transformed into a gar-

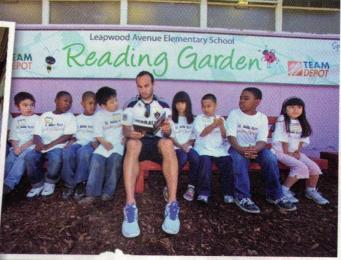
den that fosters the love of reading and promotes literacy.

Galaxy players Landon Donovan, Todd Dunivant and Mike Magee visited the Reading Garden site to complete the finishing touches, read to the students and take part in the official board cutting ceremony. Additionally, Lakeshore Learning Materials donated seat cushions for the students to enjoy

sitting in their new garden.

The Reading Garden is funded with proceeds from the August 2010 How Suite It Is! fundraiser, and contributions from the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation, The Home Depot Center Charitable Foundation and The Home Depot.







First X Chris Birchall

nown for cracking jokes, 'burying' Landon Donovan in sand and saying, 'space is high, mate,' Chris Birchall is always good for a chat. Now in his third year season with the Galaxy, the Port Vale product and Trinidad and Tobago international sat down with us for tonight's edition of First XI, eleven questions that will help you get to know the real Chris Birchall.

Best goal: Puntarenas (Preseason friendly in 2010)

Funniest teammate: Josh Saunders, we're neighbors as well as teammates so we have some funny moments.

Loudest teammate: I'd go with Frankie Hejduk. Since he came at the beginning of the season he's been so loud, but great when you come in every morning.

Welcome to MLS moment: When I first came, I think it was my first game, when I came on as a sub for one of my heroes, David Beckham. We won the game 3-1 and that's the moment I realized I was playing for the LA Galaxy.

Favorite Galaxy player of the past: Dema Ko-

Favorite visiting city to play in: Toronto, I think it's a great retro city.

Biggest difference between MLS and the Championship: That's a tough one, the comparisons are getting a lot closer the more years go past in the MLS. I think, the biggest difference would be you do get a little more time on the ball here. Other than that, I can't think of anything. The facilities are great, the fans are great and the attendance is great. They are quite similar.

Best song to listen to pregame: We don't get much, we just get Becks putting his iPod on the speaker every chance he gets. He likes his hip-hop, his Jay-Z, his Kanye West. So, we start with that.

Do you have any superstitions: Not really. I used to have a stupid one. This is while I was in England, I could only use the same color underwrap, if I had a good game I'd have to use the same color (the next game).

Favorite memory from your time with the Galaxy: Every time we win. It's just a great feeling to know that you can relax for the weekend, you can be happy you've done a good job."

Best thing about playing in L.A.: Everything. You come to training everyday and like 300 days of the year it's sunny. It's a nice chilled out place, but we take it seriously on the pitch. •

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 Chivas USA

Saturday, May 21 Viewing party taking place from 7-9 p.m.

Bier Academy 18511 Soledad Canyon Rd. Santa Clarita, CA www.bieracademy.com



Be sure to visit www.lagalaxy.com for more information on these events and all other Galaxy events.

10th Annual COPA LA

May 28-30 - Ab Brown Soccer Complex Riverside, Calif.

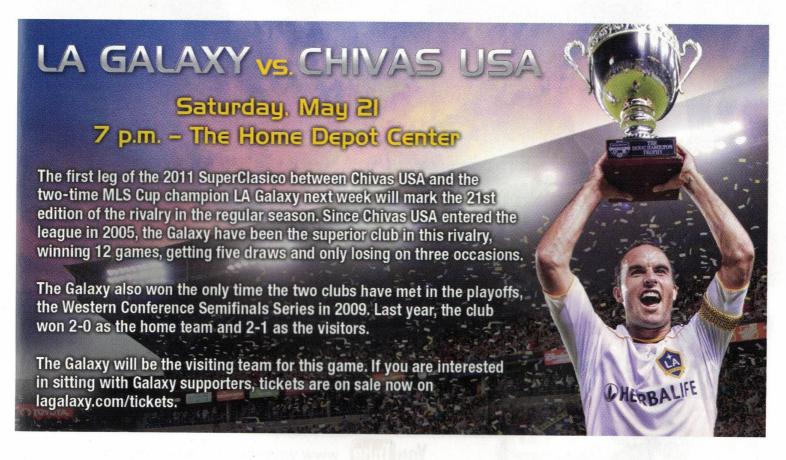
The LA Galaxy are pleased to announce the return of the COPA LA Youth Soccer Tournament. The 10th annual installment of event will be held Memorial Day weekend (May 28-30) at the Ab Brown Soccer Complex in Riverside, Calif. and

promises to be the best COPA LA ever. Besides playing in a first class tournament at a great facility, participants will also have fun enjoying the

sponsor booths, appearances by Galaxy players, and many other elements sure to create the memory of a lifetime for all those in attendance.

Presented by La Curacao, this year's tournament will feature 12 different age divisions for boys (U-8 through U-19) as well as two age divisions for girls (U-15 and U-19).

The entry fee for each team is just \$300 with all teams playing a minimum of three games on professionally maintained fields with certified referees and Galaxy scouts in attendance at all games. Additionally, all players will receive a tournament t-shirt and the opportunity to purchase specially priced tickets for themselves and their families for upcoming Galaxy games. •



Justin Dhillon is only 15, but he is already playing with the big boys. Literally.

Dhillon, a forward on the LA Galaxy Academy Team, trained this week with members from the First Team that didn't travel to Philadelphia. As surprising as that is, it's not the first time he's done it. He's even played with them as well-taking part in both of the Galaxy's Reserve League matches so far this season.

When he is not training or playing in Reserve League games with the first team, he is

playing with the LA Galaxy Under-18 Academy Team.

We caught up with Dhillon, an Orange County resident, to discuss his experience with the Academy and First Team.

What was it like to train with the first team?

"I thought it was really cool, really good professional environment. It was a good learning experience. It kind of showed me where I am and where I need to be. The first time, it was shocking when I went into the locker room and saw all the pros, Donovan, Beckham, all of them. I was like, is this really happening?"

Is there a certain player on the first team who has been especially helpful?

"All the players, but Jovan Kirosvki is like a leader and has been telling what I need to do to get better. So has Gregg Berhalter. Even though he's not on the first team, my brother, Sean, he's 17. Every time I come out

he's always pushing me to do better as well."

How have you improved by training with the Galaxy? "It's very intense out there and it's about always pushing myself to get better. I've learned to play quicker and to always work your hardest every single moment you can."

What's it been like to be moved up the ranks so fast? "It's working well. Chris (Klein) told me I was performing well with the 16's so he moved me up to the 18's."

Has it been difficult to manage your time?

"It's difficult because I also live like an hour away from practice. But it helps me push myself more at school, make sure I get everything done in order to continue doing what I'm doing."

Best moment with Galaxy so far?

"I would say having the opportunity to play with the Reserves. It was really cool and exciting. Watching all the pros doing what they were was really exciting. It showed me it

was a much faster pace than at the academy. I see their touch, compare it too my and I say to myself, I need to better. I need to be a step faster. I need to work on it and get to where they are."

Has training with the Galaxy made the dream more real?

"It feels like it. It feels like I really have a shot at it. So yes, you can say that." •



2011 MLS STANDINGS & LEADERS

INCLUDES GAMES OF SATURDAY, MAY 07, 2011

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EASTERN	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	GD	W	L	T	GF	GA	W	L	Т	GF	GA
New York	8	4	1	3	15	11	3	8	3	0	1	6	1	1	1	2	5	2
Columbus	8	3	1	4	13	8	6	2	3	0	2	6	2	0	1	2	2	4
Philadelphia	7	4	2	1	13	5	3	2	3	0	1	4	1	1	2	0	1	2
Houston	9	3	3	3	12	13	10	3	3	2	0	9	5	0	1	3	4	5
D.C. United	9	3	4	2	11	12	17	-5	2	1	2	6	7	1	3	0	6	10
New England	9	2	3	4	10	8	12	-4	2	1	2	6	6	0	2	2	2	6
Toronto FC	9	2	3	4	10	9	14	-5	2	1	3	6	6	0	2	1	3	8
Chicago	8	1	3	4	7	10	13	-3	1	1	2	5	5	0	2	2	5	8
Sporting KC	6	1	4	1	4	10	13	-3	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	10	13
WESTERN	GP	W	L	Т	PTS	GF	GA	GD	W	L	Т	GF	GA	w	L	Т	GF	GA
Los Angeles	10	4	2	4	16	12	10	2	2	0	2	6	2	2	2	2	6	8
Real Salt Lake	6	5	1	0	15	9	2	7	3	0	0	6	1	2	1	0	3	1
Colorado	9	4	3	2	14	11	9	2	2	1	1	8	4	2	2	1	3	5
Seattle	10	3	3	4	13	12	10	2	2	1	1	6	3	1	2	3	6	7
Portland	8	4	3	1	13	11	13	-2	4	0	0	9	4	0	3	1	2	9
FC Dallas	8	3	3	2	11	10	10	0	2	1	1	6	4	1	2	1	4	6
Chivas USA	8	2	3	3	9	8	7	1	1	2	1	5	4	1	1	2	3	3
Vancouver	9	1	4	4	7	11	14	-3	1	1	3	9	8	0	3	1	2	6
San Jose	7	1	4	2	5	6	10	-4	0	2	2	4	6	1	2	0	2	4

BUDWEISER GOLDEN BOOT	TEAM	GP		ASSISTS	TEAM	GP	ASTS
GOALS	ILAW	GI.		Brad Davis	HOU	9	6
Charlie Davies	DC	8	6	David Beckham	LA	9	5
Will Bruin	HOU	9	4	Davide Chiumiento	VAN	7	5
Diego Chaves	CHI	8	4	Kalif Alhassan	POR	7	4
Landon Donovan	LA	6	4	Dwayne De Rosario	NY*	8	3
Brad Evans	SEA	7	4	Atiba Harris	VAN	5	3
Thierry Henry	NY	7	4	Thierry Henry	NY	7	3
Emilio Renteria	CLB	6	4	Jack Jewsbury	POR	8	3
13 players tied with 3				Dane Richards	NY	7	3
				Mauro Rosales	SEA	7	3
				Jan Gunnar Solli	NY	8	3
				Collen Warner	RSL	4	3
				*Played for more than one tea	m; most recent te	am listed.	

GOALKEEPING LEADERS	TEAM	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	GA	GAA	W-L-T	SHO
Nick Rimando	RSL	5	450	18	16	2	0.40	4-1-0	3
aryd Mondragon	PHI	7	630	15	12	3	0.43	4-2-1	4
Bouna Coundoul	NY	6	540	22	19	3	0.50	3-1-2	3
Dan Kennedy	CHV	6	540	22	19	3	0.50	2-1-3	3
Donovan Ricketts	LA	7	630	26	21	5	0.71	3-1-3	3
Villiam Hesmer	CLB	8	720	26	20	6	0.75	3-1-4	4
Ion Conway	CHI	4	360	11	7	4	1.00	0-1-3	1
Casey Keller	SEA	10	900	38	28	10	1.00	3-3-4	2
roy Perkins	POR	3	270	12	9	3	1.00	2-1-0	2
Matt Pickens	COL	9	810	25	16	9	1.00	4-3-2	2
Matt Reis	NE	6	540	30	24	6	1.00	2-1-3	1
fally Hall	HOU	9	810	39	29	10	1.11	3-3-3	1
Kevin Hartman	DAL	8	720	26	16	10	1.25	3-3-2	2
Ion Busch	SJ	7	630	35	25	10	1.43	1-4-2	1
Stefan Frei	TOR	9	810	50	36	14	1.56	2-3-4	2
Jay Nolly	VAN	8	720	36	23	13	1.63	1-3-4	2
Bill Hamid	DC	6	540	23	13	10	1.67	2-2-2	2
Josh Saunders	LA	3	270	13	8	5	1.67	1-1-1	1
lake Gleeson	POR	4	315	18	12	6	1.71	2-0-1	0
Bobby Shuttleworth	NE	3	270	15	9	6	2.00	0-2-1	0

5 - Most DPs in an MLS game

Last Saturday's game against the New York Red Bulls saw five Designated Players on the field at the same time at the start of the game — Juan Pablo Angel, David Beckham, Landon Donovan, Thierry Henry and Rafa Marquez — first time in Major League Soccer history five DPs have been on the field for kickoff.

11 - Club games between David Beckham and Thierry Henry

Last Saturday was the eleventh time David Beckham and Theirry Henry faced off at the club level, the first time, however, in MLS.

Beckham first faced Henry when he was with Manchester United and the Frenchman was with AS Monaco, playing against each other twice, and then again six times in the EPL when Henry moved to Arsenal and two more times in the UEFA Champions League when Beckham was with Real Madrid and Henry



with Arsenal. Henry holds the lead in those games having won four, drawn five and lost two.

42% - Highest percentage of headed goals

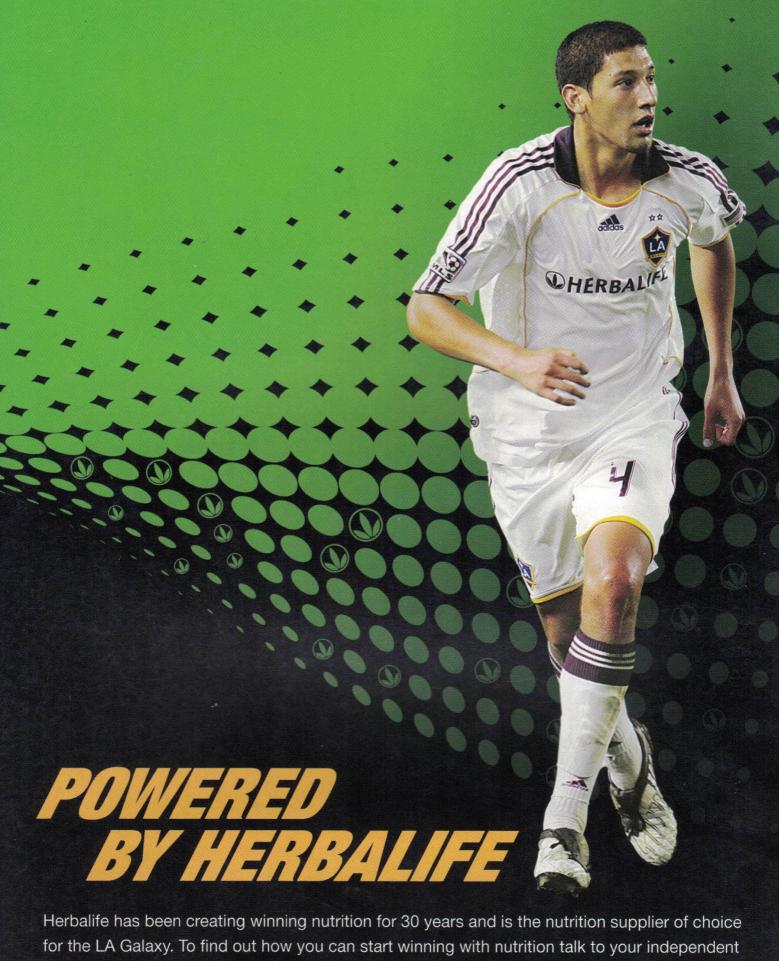
Of the Galaxy's 12 goals scored this season, five have been headers. The percentage of Galaxy goals scored on headers, 42 percent, is the highest in Major League Soccer this season. Now, that's using your head.

4 - Number of MLS Cups played at The Home Depot Center

On Tuesday, Major League Soccer awarded MLS Cup 2011 to the LA Galaxy and The Home Depot Center. The game, scheduled to be played November 20, will be the fourth time the championship match has been help at the stadium. The three previous MLS Cup matches held at the HDC were resounding successes with an average of five goals scored per game. In 2008, a sold out crowd of 27,000 – including vibrant supporters' sections for both clubs – witnessed a virtuoso performance by the Columbus Crew's Guillermo Barros Schelotto. The playmaker set up all of his team's goals in a 3-1 victory over the New York Red Bulls, and former Crew Captain and current Galaxy defender Frankie Hejduk nodded home the clincher. In 2004, D.C. United lifted the MLS Cup trophy after 3-2 win over the Kansas City Wizards. In 2003, another sold out crowd saw the San Jose Earthquakes defeat the Chicago Fire, 4-2, in a wide-open contest.

48,717 - Number of "Free Chicken" Pollo Campero coupons given out in April

In the month of April, 48,717 soccer fans visited The Cathedral of Soccer known as The Home Depot Center and walked away with a lot more than just memories. As is now tradition with the club following shutouts, fans that were in attendance for the Galaxy's 1-0 win over the Philadelphia Union on April 2 and 3-0 win against the Portland Timbers on April 23, were given a coupon for free chicken courtesy of Pollo Campero, which is valid at any participating Pollo Campero.



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