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VS. FC DALLAS
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THE TEAMS



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MATCH STATS - GALAXY

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SUB 1:		
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MATCH STATS - FC DALLAS

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MATCH RESULT

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NOTES:

LA GALAXY

Head Coach: Bruce Arena

#	Player	Pos.
1	Bill Gaudette	GK
2	Todd Dunivant	D
3	David Junior Lopes	D
4	Omar González	D
5	Sean Franklin	D
6	Bryan Jordan	D
7	Robbie Keane	F
8	Marcelo Sarvas	M
9	Chad Barrett	F
10	Landon Donovan	M
11	Pat Noonan	F
12	Josh Saunders	GK
14	Edson Buddle	F
15	Dan Keat	M
16	Hector Jimenez	M
17	Adam Cristman	F
18	Mike Magee	M
19	Juninho	M
20	A.J. DeLaGarza	D
21	Tommy Meyer	D
22	Leonardo	D
23	David Beckham	M
24	Brian Perk	GK
25	Rafael Garcia	M
26	Michael Stephens	M
28	Kyle Nakazawa	M
29	Andrew Boyens	D
32	Jack McBean	F
33	Jose Villarreal	M
34	Kenney Walker	M
35	Bryan Gaul	D

FC DALLAS

Head Coach: Schellas Hyndman

#	Player	Pos.
1	Kevin Hartman	GK
2	Daniel Hernandez	M
3	Ugo Ihemelu	D
4	Andrew Jacobson	M
5	Jair Benitez	D
6	Jackson	D
7	Fabian Castillo	F
8	Bruno Guarda	M
9	Blas Perez	F
10	David Ferreira	M
11	Ricardo Villar	M
13	Hernan Pertuz	D
14	George John	D
16	Bobby Warshaw	D
17	Zach Loyd	D
18	Chris Seitz	GK
20	Brek Shea	M
21	Bryan Leyva	M
22	Carlos Rodriguez	M
23	Andrew Wiedeman	F
24	Matt Hedges	D
28	Victor Ulloa	M
29	Moises Hernandez	D
31	Scott Sealy	F
32	Jonathan Top	F
34	Ruben Luna	F
35	Alex Lee	D
40	Richard Sanchez	GK



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HELLO GALAXY FANS and welcome back to The Home Depot Center. Tonight we face FC Dallas in a very important Western Conference encounter. At the moment, Dallas is just ahead of us in the conference standings with 11 points and a 3-3-2 record.

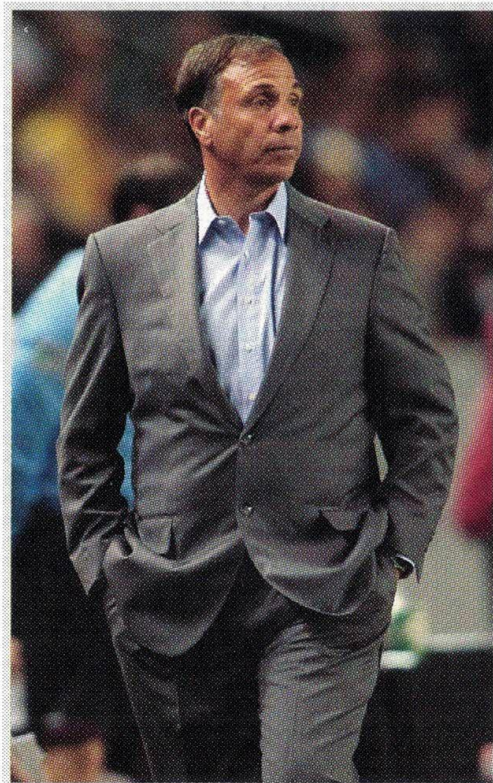
FC Dallas has been among the best teams in our conference over the past three years, and is always a difficult opponent for us. They are a very balanced team and very well coached by Schellas Hyndman. The attacking trio of Blas Perez, Brek Shea and Fabian Castillo has had a very good start to the 2012 campaign and we will have to be smart in how we defend them. Captain Daniel Hernandez, provides outstanding leadership and experience in the center of the midfield while the backline of Ugo Ihemelu, Zach Loyd, George John and Jair Benitez are among the best in MLS. In goal we expect to see Chris Seitz in place of the veteran Kevin Hartman, who is still one of the best in MLS but has missed the last two games with an injury.

Our team has begun to show improvement, after a disappointing start to the season. In recent weeks, we have seen an improved defensive performance by the team, and Josh Saunders has been outstanding in the goal. Recent addition, David Lopes has offered strength to our backline. In the attack, Robbie Keane and Landon Donovan continue to give us solid performances and midfielders David Beckham, Juninho and Mike Magee are finding their form.

A win tonight would give us three consecutive victories and position our team to continue to move up the table in the Western Conference. Therefore, this is a huge game for us. It is also the start of a very challenging week for us with a game in Seattle on Wednesday and then back here at The Home Depot Center against New York next weekend.

Once again, your support is greatly appreciated. Let's hear your support for 90 minutes! Thank you.

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CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - QUARTERFINAL - 1ST LEG				
SAT	MARCH 10	VS. REAL SALT LAKE	1-3 L	BUDDLE
WED	MARCH 14	VS. TORONTO FC	1-2 L	OWN GOAL
CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - QUARTERFINAL - 2ND LEG				
SUN	MARCH 18	VS. D.C. UNITED	3-1 W	KEANE (2), SARVAS
SAT	MARCH 31	VS. NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	1-3 L	KEANE
SAT	APRIL 7	AT SPORTING KANSAS CITY	0-1 L	-
SAT	APRIL 14	VS. PORTLAND TIMBERS	3-1 W	DONOVAN, JUNINHO, BECKHAM
SAT	APRIL 21	AT COLORADO RAPIDS	2-1 W	OWN GOAL, DONOVAN
SAT	APRIL 28	VS. FC DALLAS	7:30 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
WED	MAY 2	AT SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC	7:00 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
SAT	MAY 5	VS. NEW YORK RED BULLS	5:00 P.M.	ESPN/ESPN DEPORTES
SAT	MAY 12	AT MONTREAL IMPACT	1:00 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
SAT	MAY 19	AT CHIVAS USA	7:30 P.M.	ESPN2/ESPN DEPORTES
WED	MAY 23	VS. SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES	7:30 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
SAT	MAY 26	AT HOUSTON DYNAMO	11:30 A.M.	NBC SPORTS NETWORK
SUN	JUNE 17	VS. PORTLAND TIMBERS	4:00 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
WED	JUNE 20	AT REAL SALT LAKE	6:00 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
SAT	JUNE 23	VS. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC	7:30 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
SAT	JUNE 30	AT SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES	7:00 P.M.	ESPN2/ESPN DEPORTES
WED	JULY 4	VS. PHILADELPHIA UNION	7:30 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
SUN	JULY 8	AT CHICAGO FIRE	12:00 P.M.	ESPN/ESPN DEPORTES
SAT	JULY 14	AT PORTLAND TIMBERS	8:00 P.M.	NBC SPORTS NETWORK
WED	JULY 18	AT VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC	7:00 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
SAT	JULY 21	VS. CHIVAS USA	7:00 P.M.	KDOC/TELEFUTURA
TUE	JULY 24	VS. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	7:30 P.M.	TBD
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY AT THE HOME DEPOT CENTER				
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WED	AUGUST 15	AT COLUMBUS CREW	5:00 P.M.	NBC SPORTS NETWORK
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SUN	SEPT. 16	VS. COLORADO RAPIDS	4:00 P.M.	KDOC/GALAVISION
SAT	SEPT. 22	VS. TORONTO FC	7:30 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
SUN	SEPT. 30	AT COLORADO RAPIDS	4:00 P.M.	KDOC/GALAVISION
SAT	OCT. 6	VS. REAL SALT LAKE	6:00 P.M.	NBC SPORTS NETWORK
SUN	OCT. 21	AT SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES	4:00 P.M.	TIME WARNER CABLE/ GALAVISION
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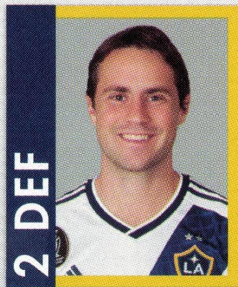


2012 LA GALAXY ROSTER

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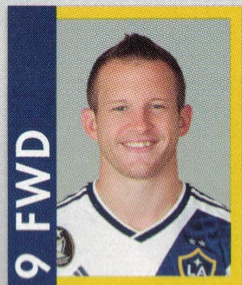
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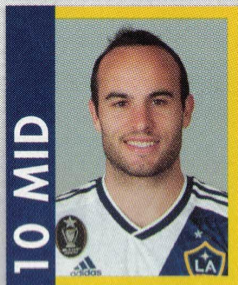
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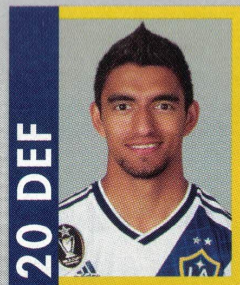
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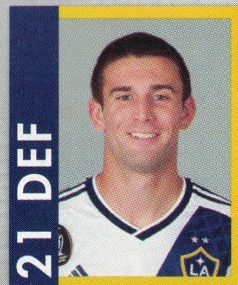
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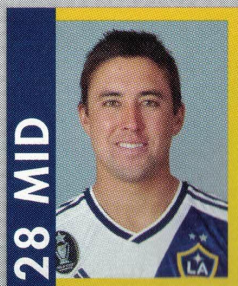
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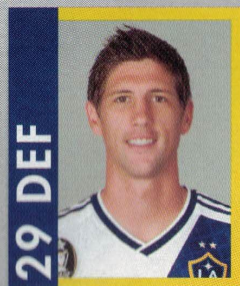
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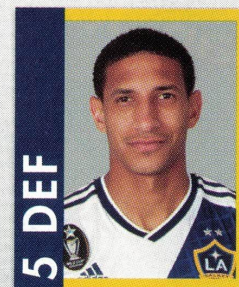
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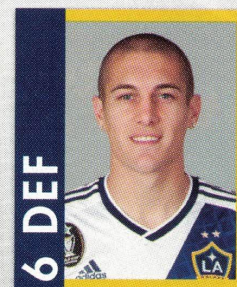
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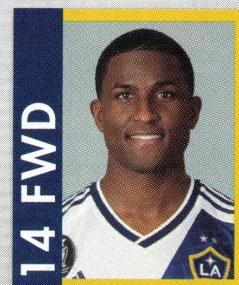
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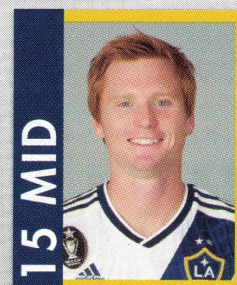
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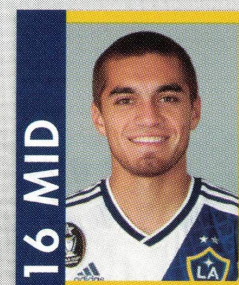
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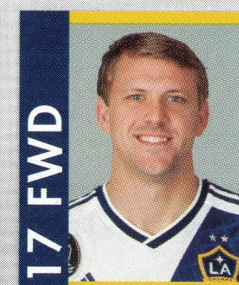
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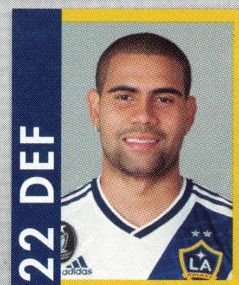
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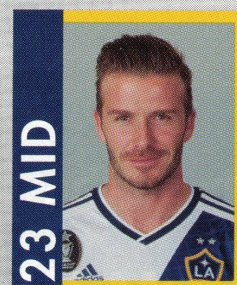
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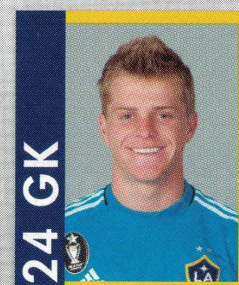
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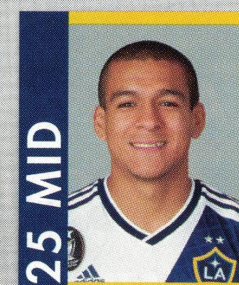
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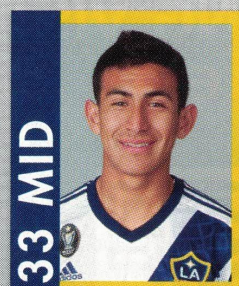
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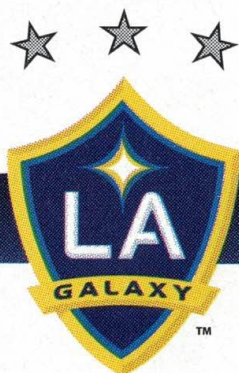
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VS



TONIGHT'S OPPONENT

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FC DALLAS

The road has not been kind to FC Dallas in 2012 and the schedule is not doing them any favors this week either. Boasting an unbeaten home record of 3-0-2, including a 1-1 draw with Real Salt Lake on Wednesday night, Dallas enter tonight's game looking for their first points on the road after starting the season with an 0-3-0 mark.

Despite those road struggles, Dallas find themselves in fourth place in the Western Conference with 11 points, two more than the Galaxy, though they have played two more games than LA.

The surprising leader of the Dallas attack through the first two months of the season has been Panamanian forward Blas Perez. In his first year with the club, Perez, who was suspended for Wednesday's draw with Salt Lake, tops the team in both goals and assists, with three of each in the season's first eight games. He is supported by ever-dangerous winger Brek Shea, who scored his club's only goal on Wednesday. A member of the MLS Best XI and MLS All-Star Team last season when he led the club with 11 goals, Shea is beginning to find his form after a hectic start to the year which saw him train for a few weeks at Arsenal while also playing for the U.S. National Team, and the U.S. U-23 National Team.

Shea and Perez were instrumental in FC Dallas' last victory, a 2-1 comeback over Montreal on April, 14. Perez was in the right place at the right time, when a rebound off the crossbar fell right to him and he headed it straight in to draw Dallas level at 1-1. Late in the game, Shea secured all three points for his team with his first goal of the season, a quick left footed finish from the center of the box after a perfect diagonal run put him in on goal.

At the other end of the field, FC Dallas is anchored by goalkeeper Kevin Hartman, the all-time MLS saves leader who spent 10 years with the Galaxy. However, the Southern California native has missed the last two games with lower back spasms and his status for tonight is up in the air. If Hartman cannot go, he will be replaced by another SoCal native, Chris Seitz, who is 0-1-1 in the last two games. In front of him, Ugo Ihemelu and George John are one of the better central defense pairings in the league while Jair Benitez and Zach Loyd are expected to round out the Dallas defense for head coach Schellas Hyndman.

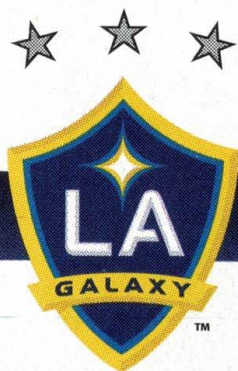


KEY MAN: BREK SHEA

One of the top young players in MLS and a star with the U.S. National Team, Brek Shea is the driving force behind the Dallas attack. Playing wide on the left, Shea is at his best when running at defenders, allowing him to get to the endline and fire in a cross or try to beat his man off the dribble and get a shot on goal. Big and strong in addition to possessing better than average speed, Shea's most dangerous weapon is his unpredictability, which keeps opposing defenders on their toes at all times.

EXPECTED LINEUP (4-1-4-1)

Chris Seitz; Zach Loyd, George John, Ugo Ihemelu, Jair Benitez; Daniel Hernandez; Fabian Castillo, Jackson, Bobby Warshaw, Brek Shea; Blas Perez.



LAST GAME LA GALAXY 2, COLORADO RAPIDS 1

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Saturday, April 21, 2012
Dick's Sporting Goods Park – Commerce City, Colo.

Justice was served in Colorado last weekend when Josh Saunders saved an Omar Cummings penalty in second half stoppage time to secure a 2-1 road win and three points for the Galaxy. The save, which was needed following a disputed penalty call, helped the Galaxy win their second straight game and continue their climb up the Western Conference standings.

After struggling to score in the first half this season, the Galaxy got a pair of tallies in the opening 45 minutes against Colorado to take a 2-0 halftime lead. LA got on the board in the 21st minute when Mike Magee got on the end of a David Beckham freekick and curled a header toward goal. His shot eluded Rapids' goalkeeper Matt Pickens and glanced off the head of Marvell Wynne for an own goal that gave LA their first 1-0 lead since March 18.

In was 2-0 18 minutes later when Landon Donovan scored for his second straight game. The Galaxy captain started the attack, making a run through midfield and passing the ball to the feet of Robbie Keane, The Irishman turned and ran at the Colorado defense with Donovan continuing his run, overlapping wide on the left. Keane played the ball into the space in front of Donovan, allowing him to race onto the ball and slot a left-footed shot

underneath Pickens to double LA's lead.

Colorado cut that lead in half in the 63rd minute when Omar Cummings ran at the LA defense and eluded the challenge of David Junior Lopes before drilling a left-footed shot past Josh Saunders, making the score 2-1.

The Rapids pushed forward to get an equalizer, but despite being fatigued from playing at such an altitude, the Galaxy defense was resolute and stifled the home side. However, as the game entered stoppage time, they nearly saw all that hard work go for naught when Jeff Larentowicz played a hopeful ball over the top of the Galaxy defense for Andre Akpan, who was running between Lopes and Todd Dunivant. The pass was too long but referee Ramon Hernandez miraculously whistled a foul on Lopes, despite there being no contact between the players, and awarded a penalty.

The Galaxy players protested adamantly, but Hernandez was not dissuaded and the call stood. But the delay seemed to bother Cummings whose right-footed penalty was saved by Saunders, who dove low to his left to make the save and seal the win for LA.

SCORING SUMMARY:

LA – Own Goal (Marvell Wynne) 21'
LA – Landon Donovan 2 (Robbie Keane 2) 39'
COL – Omar Cummings 3 (Unassisted) 63'

MISCONDUCT SUMMARY:

COL – Jeff Larentowicz (Yellow Card) 23'
COL – Kosuke Kimura (Yellow Card) 43'
LA – Juninho (Yellow Card) 66'
COL – Omar Cummings (Yellow Card) 83'
LA – David Junior Lopes (Yellow Card) 91+

LINEUPS:

LA GALAXY: Josh Saunders; Sean Franklin, David Junior Lopes, A.J. DeLaGarza, Todd Dunivant; Landon Donovan©, Juninho (Michael Stephens 89'), David Beckham, Mike Magee (Pat Noonan 81'); Robbie Keane, Edson Buddle (Chad Barrett 72').

Subs Not Used: Bill Gaudette, Tommy Meyer, Bryan Jordan, Marcelo Sarvas.

COLORADO RAPIDS: Matt Pickens; Kosuke Kimura, Marvell Wynne, Drew Moor©, Luis Zapata; Jeff Larentowicz, Kamani Hill (Wells Thompson 78'), Jaime Castrillon; Brian Mullan (Andre Akpan 88'), Tony Cascio, Omar Cummings.

Subs Not Used: Steward Ceus, Hunter Freeman, Tyrone Marshall, Joseph Nane, Kohei Yamada.

Referee: Ramon Hernandez

Referee's Assistants: Corey Rockwell and Jason Cullum
4th Official: Jasen Anno



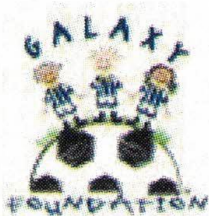
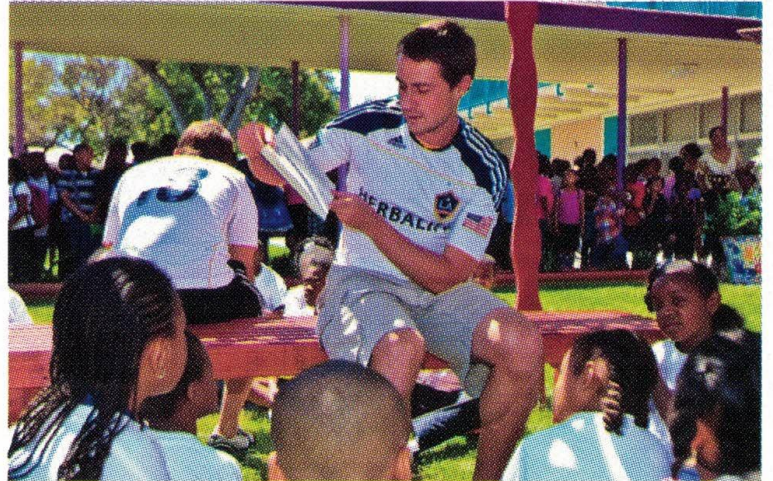
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JOSH SAUNDERS

ALL-ACCESS

Following last week's dramatic stoppage time penalty kick save on Omar Cummings, which preserved LA's 2-1 win in Colorado, LA Galaxy goalkeeper Josh Saunders has been a man in demand. It seemed like everyone wanted piece of Saunders this week.

A few days after his save, Saunders sat down with Joe Tutino for this week's Galaxy All-Access Podcast. He opened up about what went on moments before he made the save, Robbie Keane's highlight-worthy celebration and his love of hunting.

JT: Some folks think that the amount of time it took between the foul and the penalty may have iced (Cummings). Do you agree?

JS: "Yeah, the more time it takes from when the call is made to when the guy has to take a kick, it helps me. You could see he was thinking about it a lot. But it was their own fans, they were throwing stuff onto the field and making things happen, they can only look within themselves to see that."

JT: You've been pretty good about saving penalty kicks in the past, any method to the madness?

JS: "Just try to clear your head and read whatever clues he gives you."



JT: You didn't dance after the save, although Robbie Keane did. What was your reaction to seeing that?

JS: "It was hilarious. We were sitting there watching it on one of the phones, I think A.J. (DeLaGarza) was the first one to bring it up and everybody was absolutely dying. I hope people can watch it on YouTube, or something like that, because it's absolutely hilarious."

JT: Have you ever let loose like that?

JS: "No, not like that. But just to know Robbie's personality makes it that much better."

JT: You've said many times you're mentality is the same, whether you're a backup or a starter. Is it still the same?

JS: "It's still the same. The minute you start changing you're approach, especially when you've been successful in the past, is when you start to make mistakes. I chose to approach the season the same way, every game you don't know if you're playing or not, and it prepares you that much more so for being the starter. It's definitely helped me this year"

JT: Any more pressure being the starter?

JS: I don't feel it, really. I try to approach it the same way. You put too much pressure on yourself and you start to make mistakes."

JT: This was another big win, you've guys have made nice strides going since the New England game.

JS: "The last two wins have been pretty convincing, outside of a phantom call for the PK. It's one of those things we're still making strides as team and you want to be peaking at the end of the year rather than early on."

JT: Tell me a little bit about you're hunting prowess. Did you do any hunting during offseason?

JS: "I hunted everyday. I got to go to my dad's house in Scottsdale (Arizona) and I just absolutely chill out and relax."

JT: What's the biggest game you've taken down?

JS: "I just go for the birds, I shoot quail. Very, very mellow."

JT: And it's just go out there and have a good time?

JS: "Yeah. You're not thinking about anything else. You're not thinking about soccer, you're not thinking about the stresses of everyday life whatever those may be. You just shut everything out and have a good time."

JT: Some guys go golfing, you go hunting?

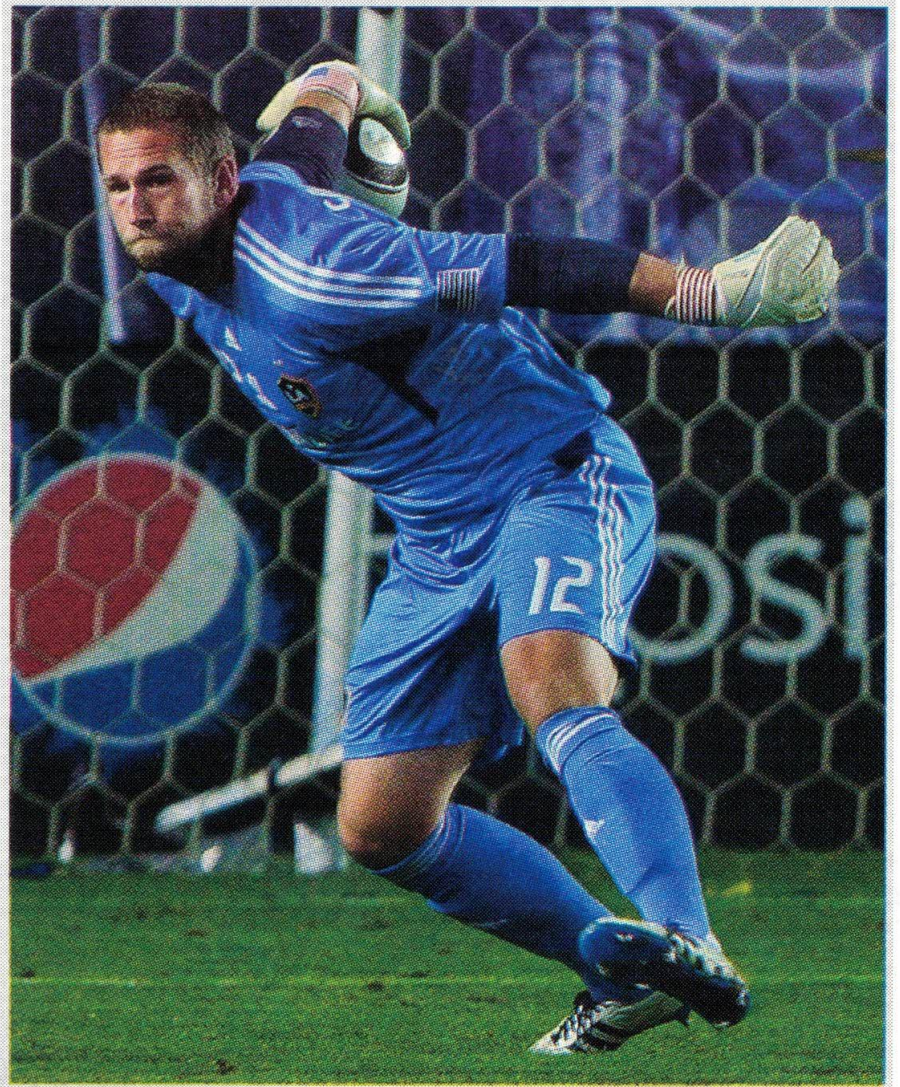
JS: "I go hunting."

JT: Do you go hunting during the season?

JS: "No, I can't. Hunting season for quail is very brief, I think December to early February. So it works for me because I get to go out there in the offseason."

JT: How do you defend against Dallas' attack?

JS: "We try to play our own style. You don't want to adjust to everyone else, so we just try to do the same things; to try to defend as a team, get behind the ball as much as possible and with Brek (Shea) you just try to keep him in front of you because he is going to try and use his little tricks to get in behind you and go to goal. So that's the biggest thing, keeping him in front of you and not diving in."





KNOW YOUR SPURS **SCOTT PARKER**

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His name rarely shows up on the scoresheet. He does not score a lot of goals nor is he the creator for most of Tottenham's attacks. But no player is more essential to Spurs' success than Scott Parker. The driving force in the center of Harry Redknapp's midfield, Parker has come into his own since arriving at White Hart Lane earlier this season. He acts as the link between the back four and fellow midfielders such as Gareth Bale, Aaron Lennon and Rafael van der Vaart and his steady and composed play has been at the heart of Spurs' strong showing in the Premier League.

After being selected as the Football Writers Association's Player of the Year for the 2010-11 season when he played for West Ham, Parker claimed a spot in Professional Footballers' Association's Premier League Team of the Year for the 2011-12 campaign, where he was joined by club teammates Gareth Bale and Kyle Walker.

That form has also caught the eye of the England coaching staff, with caretaker manager Stuart Pearce naming him as his captain for the 3-2 home loss to the Netherlands in late February. Despite owning just 11 caps since making his England debut in 2003, Parker is expected to retain the England captaincy ahead of the start of this summer's European Championships.

The 31-year-old began his career with Charlton at the age of 17 and broke through during the 2000-01 season, helping the Addicks finish in the top half of the Premier League standings. After appearing in nearly 150 games for the club, Parker was sold to Chelsea, but he struggled to break through to the first team.

Parker joined Newcastle prior to the start of the 2005-06 season and spent two years in the Northeast, re-discovering his form while helping them earn a place in the UEFA Cup (now Europa League).

He joined West Ham in June 2007 and quickly became a fan favorite, winning three straight Hammer of the Year awards as the club's top performer. However, he was unable to save West Ham from relegation prior to the start of last season, paving the way for his move to Tottenham this season.



ROOMMATES FRANKLIN & JORDAN

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Every time the Galaxy hit the road, one of the more interesting items to look at is who gets paired up with who at the hotel. Some roommates have been paired together for years while others are only now beginning to get to know one another. Add into that a mix of injuries or suspensions that can all of a sudden break up an established pairing and you have the making of some interesting combinations.

One pairing that has been together for the better part of four years is that of Sean Franklin and Bryan Jordan. The pair of right-sided players joined the club together in 2008 and after testing the pool of potential roommates, has settled on one another.

We spoke to the Southern California natives ahead of this weekend's game and Wednesday's trip to Seattle to see what they thought about being roommates on the road. All interviews were done individually and despite what it might seem below, neither of the players were told how the other had answered.

Complete with sarcasm and sincerity, here is what they had to say...

SEAN FRANKLIN

What is BJ's best quality as a roommate?

"He allows me to be in control of the remote and pick whatever I want to watch. He's not picky about the TV."

What is his worst quality as a roommate?

"He's always worried that I'm going to make him late but we're always right on time."

Do you ever think about changing it up and asking for a new roommate?

"No. I've had a few roommates that past few years, I've roomed with A.J., Juni and Saunders, but it doesn't matter to me who I room with. We've been together for a while and they usually try to keep those together so I'm fine."



BRYAN JORDAN

What is Sean's best quality as a roommate?

"He's nice and tidy and he helps out quite a bit around the room. If we need some Gatorade or water he'll go down to the training room and get them for us."

What is Sean's worst quality as a roommate?

"Outside of the fact I hate his guts! Honestly, it's just that he always falls asleep with the remote control and then I'll ask him if he's sleeping and if I can take the clicker, he claims to be awake."

Do you remember when you first roomed together?

"It was toward the end of my first year (2008). I had been on loan with Portland and a few times I was with (Josh) Tudela, but toward the very end of that year they put us together. Sometimes if we get bored we'll switch it up, but after rooming with A.J. once I said that I'd never go back to him so I'll stay with Sean."



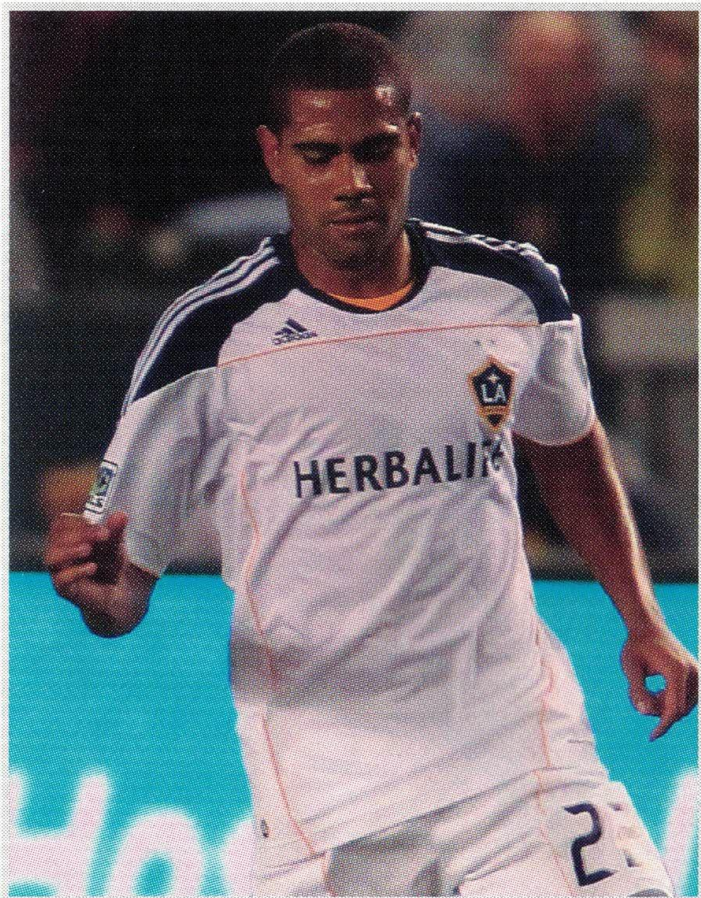
FIVE QUESTIONS WITH LEONARDO

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Injured Galaxy defender Leonardo made some big strides on his road to recovery this week when he played 10 minutes of the club's 3-2 win over the L.A. Blues in a training game on Tuesday. It was the Brazilian's first minutes of game action since April 17, 2011, when he suffered a devastating knee injury in the final minutes of a 2-1 road win over Chicago.

Leonardo, 24, was having a good season prior to his injury, starting each of LA's first seven games of the year. He had stepped into the starting lineup in place of an injured Omar Gonzalez to open the year and then played alongside Gonzalez before going down against the Fire. He helped the Galaxy to a 3-1-3 in his seven games and even scored his first goal in MLS two weeks prior to being injured.

It has been a long road back to recovery, but Leonardo is now one step closer to making a full return to the squad. We caught up with the hard-working defender following Tuesday's game to get his thoughts on where he is with his rehab and fine out how close he is to coming back.



IT'S BEEN JUST OVER A YEAR SINCE YOUR INJURY, HOW DO YOU FEEL?

L: I feel good, I'm happy. I think I'm close to returning, but I need more games with the reserve team and more 11v11 games in training to gain confidence. Physically I feel good, I run at the same pace as every one else and my knee is better. I feel better every day, so I'm close. I think, if I keep playing in games, maybe next month I'll be ready.

HOW SEVERE WAS THE INJURY?

L: It was very difficult. I tore two ligaments and when I was rehabbing there were problems with the scar tissue and that delayed my return even more, maybe two or three months more. I think the worst part is over.

DID YOU EVER DOUBT YOUR ABILITY TO RETURN TO THE FIELD?

L: I never doubted it. I knew this was going to be a long process and it was going to take time. Psychologically if a person doesn't have his head on straight and faith in God, he can't accomplish anything.

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU DURING YOUR REHAB?

L: God, and my family. I wanted to do it for the Galaxy too. They were always by my side, they gave me strength all the time, the entire team, all the fans, the trainers, staff members and I wanted to do it for everyone. I'm close now and I'm happy.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT THAT MOMENT WHEN YOU ARE BACK ON THE FIELD AND PLAYING AGAIN IN A STADIUM, AND WHAT EMOTIONS YOU'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH?

L: It's going to be incredible. It's different than playing in a reserve game, only a few people are out at a reserve game so it's different playing in a stadium. It's going to be a lot more emotional. There's also going to be a lot more responsibilities. I'm going to be ready for that moment, I'm going to be prepared for when I return. I just have to take it step by step. Every moment is a big moment and I just need to keep working hard so that I come back strong and not get injured.



There are moments throughout the course of a season that can help define a team and their championship aspirations. For the LA Galaxy, one of those very moments may have come last weekend against the Rapids at Dick's Sporting Goods Park.

With the Galaxy holding onto a 2-1 lead late on the game, referee Ramon Hernandez called a phantom foul on LA defender David Junior Lopes, giving the Rapids a penalty kick. It was clear that there was not contact on the play between Lopes and Colorado forward Andre Akpan, but Hernandez was adamant in his call and waived off the Galaxy protests.

After battling for more than 90 minutes, it appeared as if the Galaxy would have their first road win of the year and two points in the standings stolen from them. But Josh Saunders had other ideas and saved Omar Cummings' penalty kick, diving low to his left to parry the ball away, much to the delight of the rest of his team and Galaxy fans everywhere.

While the win was important and allowed the Galaxy to continue their climb up the Western Conference standings, it may have been more important from the standpoint of the team's morale and resolve as the regular season progresses.

"Through the course of a year you need things like that to happen," Saunders said.

"If you look at the San Jose game last year, it was such a bonding experience – Donovan (Ricketts) broke his arm, I got a red card and then we had a field player going in (goal) and we still got a result. You look at moments like that and you hope that those are the moments that do turn a season around and hopefully (the save) is a little bit of a turning point for us."

Galaxy captain Landon Donovan agreed with his goalkeeper's belief.

"I've been doing this a while and very few times does the ball lie," he said. "Josh still had to make a great play on it, but it's funny how things work out that way and it was a big save for us. You never know how things are going to shake out but that could be the difference between a playoff spot or not, seeding, it could potentially be a Supporters' Shield saving moment, you never know. That's a big save and it's something that we've come to expect out of him now."

Never one to over-emphasize individual events, even Bruce Arena was impressed by the save and it's potential impact on his club.

"It could be a defining moment in the season. It was unfortunate, the call, and nine out of 10 times we walk away with a point on the road there. Hopefully that gives us the kind of momentum that we need."



ACADEMY



The LA Galaxy Academy has been red-hot since coming back from Spain. And that's good, because they travel this weekend to place that is going to be scorching.

The Galaxy U-16 and U-18 teams travel to Arizona this weekend, where temperatures are meant to be in the 90s, to play two crucial games against rival Real Salt Lake-Arizona. The games will be played at the Casa Grande Sports World complex on Saturday and Sunday.

Even though Casa Grande is the official home field of RSL-Arizona, the Galaxy will be the home team on Sunday. The games for that day were originally to be played at The Home Depot Center on April 1, but were rescheduled in order to fit in the club's trip to Spain to play in the Real Sociedad XXVII Youth Invitational Tournament.

The games don't get much bigger than this weekend as both clubs are jostling for playoff positioning in both age categories.

The Galaxy U-18's (15-1-3 overall, 8-1-1 SoCal Division) have two divisional games in hand on RSL-Arizona (10-7-5 overall, 6-2-4 SoCal Division) and are three points ahead of them in the standings. The Galaxy can widen the gap between the two teams by coming out with the same focus they've had the last two games, which they've won by a combined score of 9-0. Since coming back from Spain, the entire squad has been playing with a lot of passion, including first team forward Jose Villarreal, who

has scored three goals in the last two games.

The first game between the Galaxy U-18 and RSL-Arizona is Saturday and the two teams will face each other again the next day, though the Galaxy will technically be the home team since this is the game that was rescheduled.

The competition will be just as fierce at the U-16 level, where the Galaxy (12-3-4 overall, 7-1-2 SoCal Division) have an opportunity to overtake RSL-Arizona (15-5-2 overall, 9-3-0 SoCal Division) for the top spot in the division standings. The Galaxy are currently four points behind RSL-Arizona with two games in hand and they can overtake their rivals with a pair of victories this weekend.

The U-16's have won their last two games by a combined scored of 7-1, with Johnny Arrellano, Justin Dhillon, and Steve Martinez leading the way. The trio has combined to score five goals in the recent wins over Strikers FC and the San Diego Surf. At the other end of the field, goalkeeper Dannil Slepukhin has yet to allow a goal since coming back from Spain, recording a shutout in the win over Strikers and then keeping San Diego off the scoreboard in the 52 minutes he played last week.

Both teams are back at The Home Depot Center on Saturday, May 26 against Arsenal FC in their next to last game of the season. They are out of town each of the next two weeks playing games in San Diego and Washington.



DID YOU KNOW

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GALAXY DEFENDER SEAN FRANKLIN is in line to make his 100th appearance for the club tonight. A first round pick in the 2008 MLS SuperDraft, Franklin made his Galaxy debut in a 2-0 win over San Jose in the club's home opener that season. Since joining the club, Franklin won the Rookie of the Year award (in 2008), made his U.S. National Team debut (in 2011), has been named to the MLS All-Star Team (in 2011) and won his first MLS Cup (in 2011).

FRANKLIN WILL BE THE 17TH PLAYER all-time to appear in 100 games for the Galaxy. Edson Buddle could be the next LA player to reach that milestone. If he continues to appear in every game that the club plays this season, he would play in his 100th game for the Galaxy on May 26 at Houston.

JOSH SAUNDERS' PENALTY SAVE off Omar Cummings was the first regular season penalty save of his MLS career. Saunders had faced four penalties from 2008-2011, with all four being converted. He had been a part of penalty shootouts in the MLS Cup Playoffs (MLS Cup 2009 vs. Real Salt Lake) and the U.S. Open Cup (2009 Play-In Game vs. Colorado), making stops in each, but he had never stopped one in a regular season game.

ALL THREE GOALKEEPERS on the Galaxy roster – Bill Gaudette, Brian Perk and Josh Saunders – have now stopped at least one penalty in their MLS careers. Gaudette stopped a Yuri Djorkaeff penalty in September 2006 as the MetroStars (now New York Red Bulls) beat Gaudette's Columbus Crew 1-0. Last season, Perk stopped a Fredy Montero penalty for the first save of his MLS career on July 4 as the Galaxy drew 0-0 with Seattle at The Home Depot Center.

LANDON DONOVAN'S GOAL against Colorado was the 85th of his Galaxy career. No other player has scored more than 70 goals for the club.

THE GALAXY HAVE HAD AN OWN GOAL scored for them in each of their last two games against the Rapids at Dick's Sporting Goods Park.

LA ARE 11-2-1 ALL-TIME in the regular season against FC Dallas at The Home Depot Center. The Galaxy also beat Dallas here for the 2005 U.S. Open Cup title while Dallas won the 2010 Western Conference Championship over the Galaxy here.



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