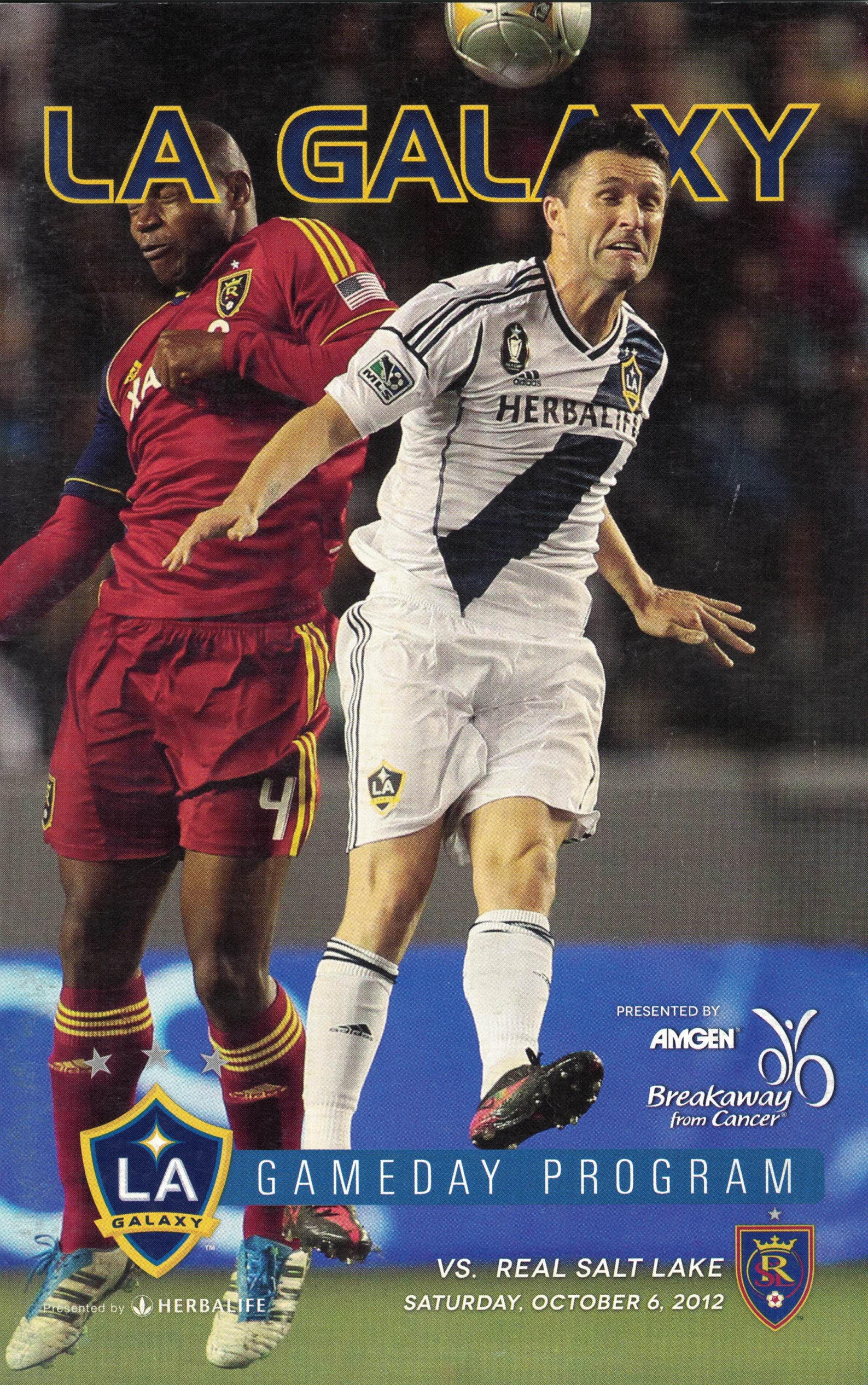


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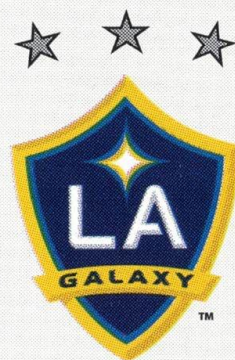
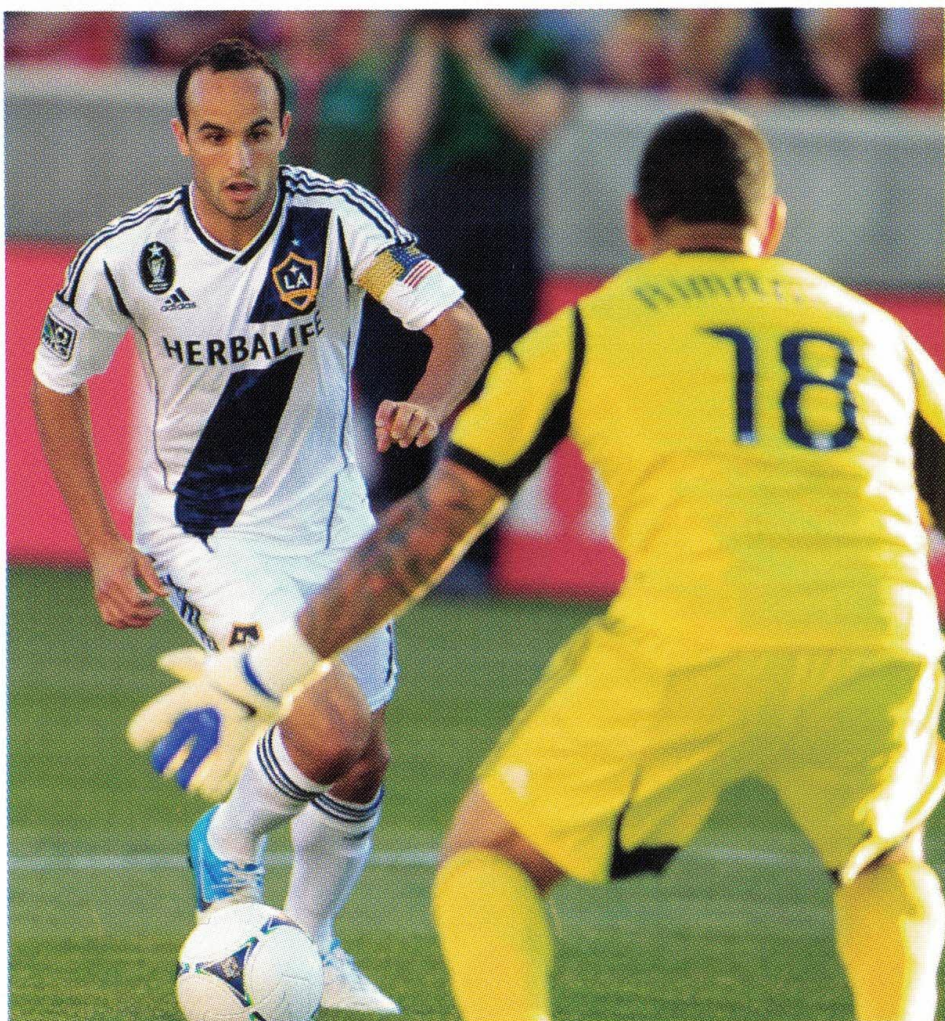
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6	Bryan Jordan	D
7	Robbie Keane	F
8	Marcelo Sarvas	M
9	Christian Wilhelmsson	M
10	Landon Donovan	M
11	Pat Noonan	F
12	Josh Saunders	GK
14	Edson Buddle	F
15	Dan Keat	M
16	Hector Jimenez	M
18	Mike Magee	M
19	Juninho	M
20	A.J. DeLaGarza	D
21	Tommy Meyer	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
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REAL SALT LAKE

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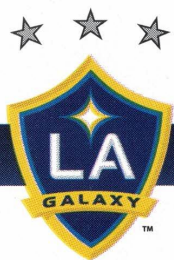


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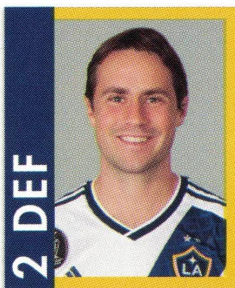
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CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - QUARTERFINAL - 1ST LEG				
SAT	MARCH 10	VS. REAL SALT LAKE	1-3 L	BUDDLE
WED	MARCH 14	VS. TORONTO FC	1-2 L	OWN GOAL
CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - QUARTERFINAL - 2ND LEG				
SUN	MARCH 18	VS. D.C. UNITED	3-1 W	KEANE (2), SARVAS
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
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SAT	APRIL 28	VS. FC DALLAS	1-1 T	NOONAN
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SAT	MAY 5	VS. NEW YORK RED BULLS	0-1 L	-
SAT	MAY 12	AT MONTREAL IMPACT	1-1 T	BECKHAM
SAT	MAY 19	AT CHIVAS USA	0-1 L	-
WED	MAY 23	VS. SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES	2-3 L	JIMENEZ, MAGEE
SAT	MAY 26	AT HOUSTON DYNAMO	1-2 L	BUDDLE
TUE	MAY 29	AT CAROLINA RAILHAWKS	1-2 L	NOONAN
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SUN	JUNE 17	VS. PORTLAND TIMBERS	1-0 W	DUNIVANT
WED	JUNE 20	AT REAL SALT LAKE	3-2 W	DONOVAN (2), MAGEE
SAT	JUNE 23	VS. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC	3-0 W	MAGEE, KEANE, DONOVAN
SAT	JUNE 30	AT SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES	3-4 L	BECKHAM, OWN GOAL, DONOVAN
WED	JULY 4	VS. PHILADELPHIA UNION	1-2 L	BARRETT
SUN	JULY 8	AT CHICAGO FIRE	2-0 W	KEANE (2)
SAT	JULY 14	AT PORTLAND TIMBERS	5-3 W	BECKHAM (2), KEANE (2), DONOVAN
WED	JULY 18	AT VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC	2-2 T	BECKHAM, VILLARREAL
SAT	JULY 21	VS. CHIVAS USA	3-1 W	DONOVAN (2), KEANE
TUE	JULY 24	VS. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	1-1 T	LOPES
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY AT THE HOME DEPOT CENTER				
SAT	JULY 28	AT FC DALLAS	1-0 W	MAGEE
THUR	AUGUST 2	VS. REAL MADRID	1-5 L	LOPES
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY AT THE HOME DEPOT CENTER				
SUN	AUGUST 5	AT SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC	0-4 L	-
SUN	AUGUST 12	AT CHIVAS USA	4-0 W	JUNINHO (2), KEANE, GONZALEZ
WED	AUGUST 15	AT COLUMBUS CREW	1-1 T	KEANE
THUR	AUGUST 23	VS. ISIDRO METAPAN	5-2 W	JUNINHO (2), OWN GOAL, KEANE, BECKHAM
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SUN	AUGUST 26	VS. FC DALLAS	2-0 W	JUNINHO, DUNIVANT
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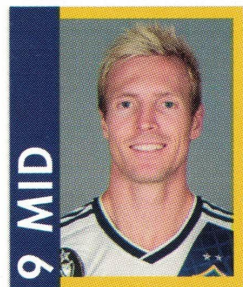
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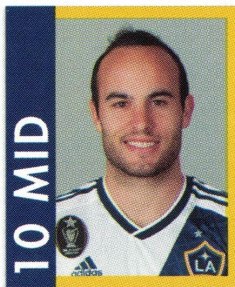
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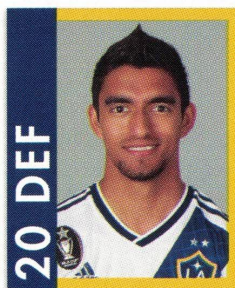
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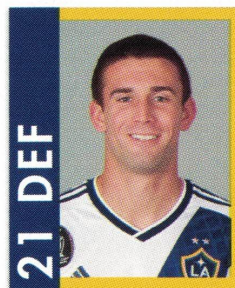
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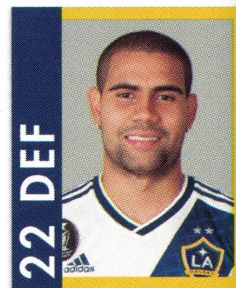
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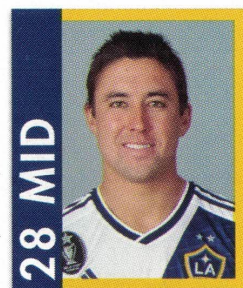
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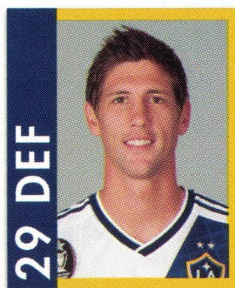
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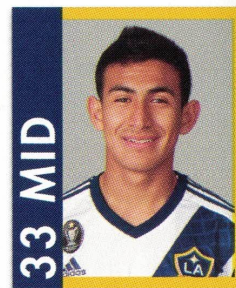
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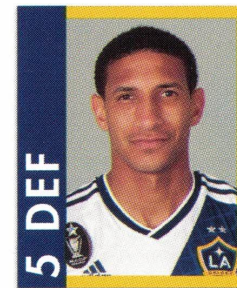


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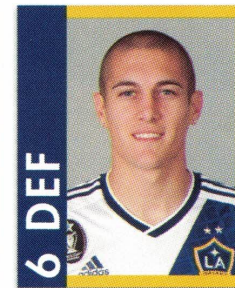


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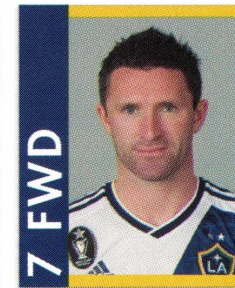
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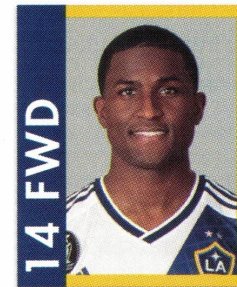
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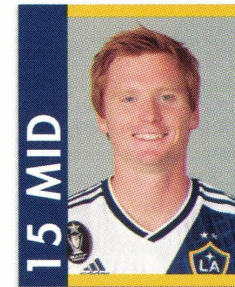
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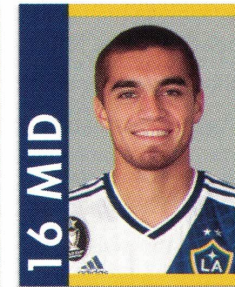
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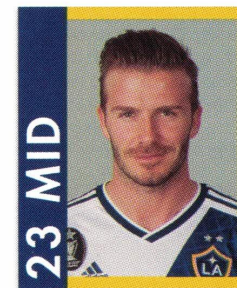
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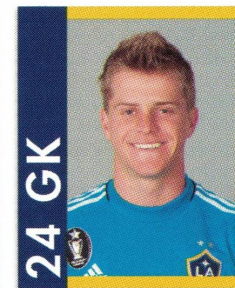
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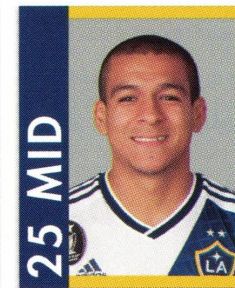
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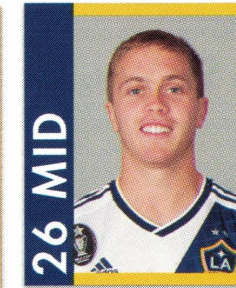
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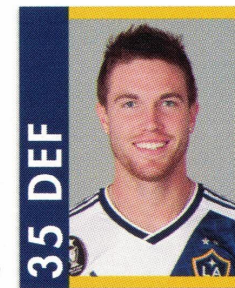
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TONIGHT'S OPPONENT

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Real Salt Lake began the 2012 season as well as just about anybody, winning five of their first six games, including a 3-1 defeat of the Galaxy on the season's opening day. Salt Lake has ridden that strong start through the year, staying near the top of the Western Conference standings all season long.

Head coach Jason Kreis' squad enters the final month of the regular season in second place in the West with a 16-11-4 record for 52 points, leaving them two points ahead of the Galaxy heading into tonight's battle. Just like LA, RSL, who are the only team in MLS to win each of their last two games, has clinched one of the conference's five playoff spots, but now the battle becomes holding on to the important home-field advantage of that second position.

The last time that the teams saw one another will certainly have left a sour taste in the mouth of Real Salt Lake. A June 20 encounter at Rio Tinto Stadium started spectacularly for the home side as they jumped out to an early 2-0 lead. However, the Galaxy rallied behind Landon Donovan, who scored a pair of goals and set up Mike Magee for another as the Galaxy came back to win 3-2, their first-ever win at Rio Tinto.

Since that meeting, LA has gone 10-3-3 and picked up 33 points, compared to 20 for RSL, cutting a 15 point deficit to just two with three games remaining.

The offense for Real Salt Lake has come from a number of places, but most notably from forward Alvaro Saborio, who leads the team with 17 goals. Saborio trails only Chris Wondolowski's 22 goals in the race for the MLS Golden Boot. His attacking partner Fabian Espindola has recorded seven goals and seven assists, good enough for second on the team in each category, and is always at his best against the Galaxy.

The midfield duo of Javier Morales and Kyle Beckerman

has been at the heart of Real Salt Lake's success. Both midfielders have appeared in 27 of the club's 31 games this season and both have contributed in different ways. Morales, playing in an attacking role, leads Real Salt Lake in assists with eight this season and has scored three goals as well. Beckerman provides a steady defensive presence in front of the backline, but the Real Salt Lake captain has also been active in the attacking third, netting four goals and assisting on four more.

With Kreis preferring to play a tight diamond in the center of midfield, he gets most of his team's width from outside backs Chris Wingert and Tony Beltran, who each have two assists this season. Centrally Nat Borchers has paired successfully with both Chris Schuler and Jamison Olave to anchor the defense in front of goalkeeper Nick Rimando. The MLS veteran Rimando has played 29 games for Salt Lake this season, with a 1.10 goals against average and 11 shutouts, third-best in the league.

Salt Lake's offense has not been the most potent, but a strong defense has made any additional offense unnecessary. Real Salt Lake has scored 44 goals in 2012, fewest of the top four teams in the West, but their 34 goals against are the third lowest in all of MLS.

Road games have been a mild weakness for Real Salt Lake, going 5-7-3 away from comfort of Rio Tinto Stadium this season. Real has also scored 10 fewer goals away from home while also conceding five more on the road.

Salt Lake comes into tonight's game winners of its last two matches, including a 4-0 drubbing of Chivas USA at The Home Depot Center their last time out a week ago.

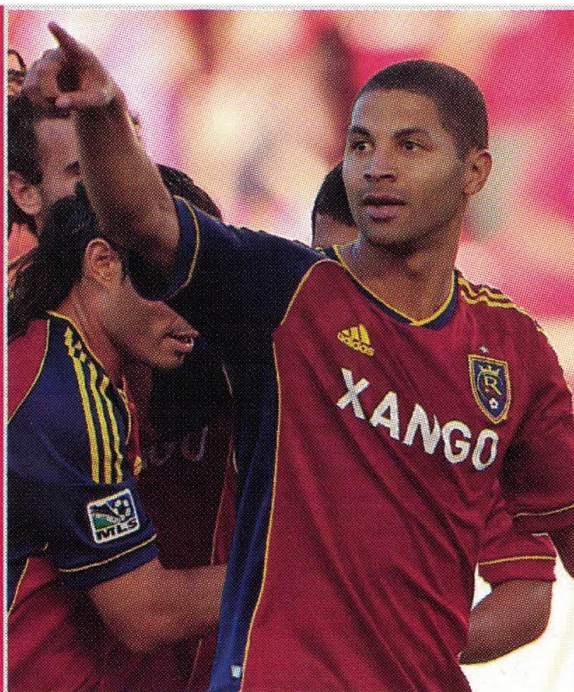
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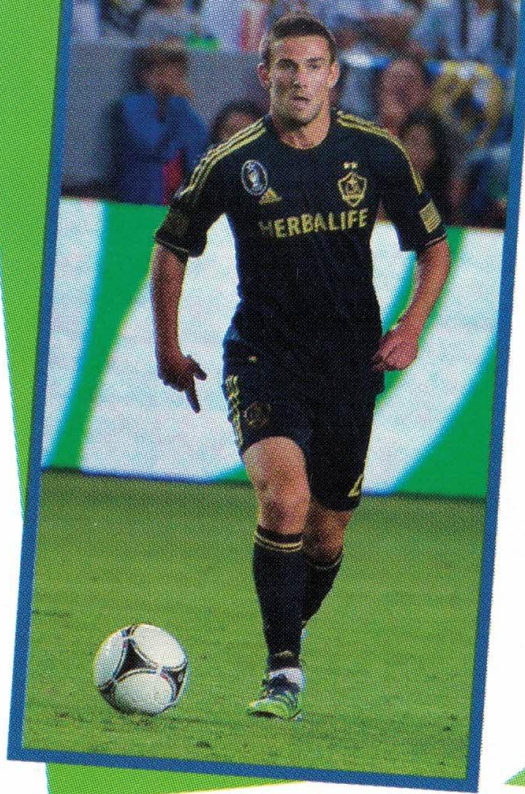
Nick Rimando; Tony Beltran, Jamison Olave, Nat Borchers, Chris Wingert; Kyle Beckerman, Will Johnson, Luis Gil, Javier Morales; Fabian Espindola, Alvaro Saborio.

KEY MAN: ALVARO SABORIO

Alvaro Saborio has not only been the most dangerous offensive weapon for Real Salt Lake this season, he has been one of the best forwards in all of MLS. Saborio has paced the Real Salt Lake offense with 17 goals in 2012 while also adding two assists. The Costa Rican striker has already set a career high for goals in his third MLS season and he is currently second in the race for the Golden Boot. Saborio has been tough for the Galaxy to handle thus far in 2012; in this season's two previous meetings of LA and RSL, he has tallied a goal and an assist. In the season's opening game, a 3-1 RSL victory, Saborio provided the assist on Fabian Espindola's result-sealing final goal. When LA and RSL met in June, Saborio scored the goal that gave RSL a 2-0 lead before LA stormed back for a 3-2, come-from-behind victory.

Saborio will be glad to see The Home Depot Center again after he scored his second hat trick of the season last weekend against Chivas USA. When he has scored goals have come in bunches for Saborio, who has five multi-goal games this year, including two hat tricks.





THREE KEYS

LA Galaxy Insider Adam Serrano gives his three keys to tonight's match against Real Salt Lake... Read his blog at LAGalaxy.com/Insider and follow him on Twitter: [@LAGalaxyInsider](https://twitter.com/LAGalaxyInsider).

ONE SOLIDARITY IN THE BACK

The LA Galaxy back four took a body blow last week when sturdy centerback A.J. DeLaGarza suffered a left knee sprain during the club's 1-1 draw against the Colorado Rapids on Sunday.

The injury is expected to sideline DeLaGarza for at least a month, meaning that the club will be unable to call upon one of their most reliable defenders during a crucial four-game stretch that will determine LA's seeding in both the MLS Cup Playoffs and CONCACAF Champions League. However, head coach Bruce Arena will have a number of options with a mix of veteran and youth options.

Likely to step up in DeLaGarza's absence will be rookie Tommy Meyer (pictured above). The first-round draft pick looked impressive in 56 minutes of action on Sunday and has been described by many in the Galaxy organization as the team's most improved player this season. Meyer will be able to put that growth to the test against a RSL, who boast one of the finest offenses in MLS.

SHUT DOWN SABORIO TWO

Real Salt Lake boasts a number of dangerous attacking weapons, but at the spearhead of the offense is Costa Rican forward Álvaro Saborío.

With a mix of physicality and pace, Saborío has a knack for overpowering opposing center backs in his charge on goal. This season, the dynamic Costa Rican leads RSL in goals scored with 17 and is coming off a three goal performance in Salt Lake's 4-0 victory over Chivas USA last Saturday.

To stop Saborío, look for center back Omar Gonzalez to pressure the 30-year-old and prevent him from getting looks at goal. By and large, LA have had success at wrapping up Saborío as he has scored just two goals and added one assist in seven contests against LA.

THREE AVOID SLOPPY MOMENTS

The LA Galaxy may be on a 10-game unbeaten run in all competitions, but the club still has several kinks to work out as they inch closer to the postseason.

During LA's 1-1 draw against the Rapids last Sunday, midfielder David Beckham commented that the Galaxy were "sloppy" and lacked "experience" at times. Although LA was able to leave Dick's Sporting Goods Park with a draw last weekend, LA will need to be on their game against a more experienced and polished Salt Lake attack that is itching to solidify its spot as one of the Western Conference's top three teams.

To counteract this, focus will be vital for 90 minutes as LA has shown a knack for conceding late goals as well as goals immediately following their own strikes. If LA can lock down in these key moments, then they could earn a full three points against RSL.

LAST GAME

LA GALAXY 1 COLORADO RAPIDS 1



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012
DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PARK – COMMERCE CITY, COLO.

SCORING SUMMARY:

LA – Marcelo Sarvas 2 (Unassisted) 10'
 COL – Jaime Castrillon 8 (Hunter Freeman 5, Conor Casey 3) 16'

MISCONDUCT SUMMARY:

COL – Jeff Larentowicz (Yellow Card) 3'
 LA – Mike Magee (Yellow Card) 17'
 LA – Landon Donovan (Yellow Card) 29'

LINEUPS:

LA GALAXY Josh Saunders; Sean Franklin, Omar Gonzalez, A.J. DeLaGarza (Tommy Meyer 34'), Todd Dunivant; David Beckham (Michael Stephens 87'), Juninho, Marcelo Sarvas, Mike Magee (Edson Buddle 73'); Landon Donovan®, Robbie Keane.

SUBS NOT USED: Brian Perk, Bryan Gaul, Hector Jimenez, Jose Villarreal.

COLORADO RAPIDS Matt Pickens; Hunter Freeman, Marvell Wynne, Drew Moor®, Luis Zapata; Jeff Larentowicz, Hendry Thomas (Joseph Nane 73'), Martin Rivero (Jamie Smith 75'), Jaime Castrillon; Omar Cummings, Conor Casey.

SUBS NOT USED: Steward Ceus, Tyrone Marshall, Brian Mullan, Kamani Hill, Andre Akpan.

REFEREE: Allen Chapman

The LA Galaxy stretched their unbeaten streak to seven games in the league and 10 in all competitions on Sunday evening, claiming a 1-1 draw with Colorado at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. Marcelo Sarvas scored LA's lone goal as they collected their fifth draw of the season and improved to 5-0-2 in their last seven games heading into the final month of the regular season.

Knowing that the elevation in Commerce City, Colo. would play a major factor as the game wore on, the Galaxy came out pressing, looking to take an early lead that would force the Rapids to have to chase the game. In the 10th minute, that plan paid off as the Galaxy pulled in front 1-0.

Marcelo Sarvas put LA in front, reacting first to a Robbie Keane shot that was blocked and lashing a right footed shot into the far corner of the net from just outside the area to put LA in front 1-0. The goal was the second of the season for the Brazilian midfielder and his first since March 18 against D.C. United.

However, the lead would not last long as the Rapids equalized just six minutes later through their top scorer, Jaime Castrillon. Conor Casey played a pass out to Hunter Freeman on the right flank, allowing Colorado's right back to hit a low cross into the box, picking out a late run from Castrillon, who placed his shot low, past Saunders to tie the score at 1-1.

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LAST GAME

LA GALAXY 1 COLORADO RAPIDS 1

It appeared that the Galaxy had pulled in front just before the half hour mark when Landon Donovan pushed past Freeman and slotted a shot underneath Matt Pickens, only to have referee Allen Chapman whistle Donovan for a foul. The Galaxy captain was incensed with the call and was shown a yellow card for his protests.

But that would not be the only bad news that the Galaxy would receive in the opening 45 minutes as A.J. DeLaGarza was forced to come off with a sprained left knee. The fourth-year center back collided, knee to knee, with Colorado forward Omar Cummings and had to be attended to by the Galaxy medical staff. He was eventually stretchered off the field and carried to the locker room with Tommy Meyer, who had not appeared in a regular season game since May 5 against New York, coming on for him.

Neither team was able to create much in the way of chances in the second half, but the Rapids nearly stole all three points late on. An 80th minute corner kick found Drew Moor unmarked in the box, but the Colorado captain had his powerful header parried away by Josh Saunders, keeping the score tied 1-1 and saving a point for the Galaxy, allowing them to stay within reach of second place Real Salt Lake. ■



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FIVE QUESTIONS WITH **MARCELO SARVAS**

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Marcelo Sarvas is enjoying the moment. Following last Saturday's Goal-of-the-Week nominated golazo, Sarvas has scored one goal and assisted on two others in the last three games.

But, as amazing as it feels to score goals, scoring is not the main objective for Sarvas — preventing other teams from scoring goals, however, is. With a deeper understanding of his role on the club, Sarvas is at ease and playing with a lot of confidence.

Even though the Galaxy have already clinched a spot in the playoffs, Sarvas is quick to point out the job is not yet finished and that there are three very important games coming up in the regular season schedule, beginning with tonight's battle with Real Salt Lake, the team that Sarvas made his Galaxy debut against back in March.

We talked with Sarvas this week about his goal in Colorado, his role on the field and the stretch of games that are coming up.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR GOAL IN COLORADO. WHAT DID YOU SEE RIGHT BEFORE YOU STRUCK THE BALL?

MS: I remember that it was a quick throw in, where Sean (Franklin) threw it in to (Robbie) Keane. I was behind the play, but Keane didn't have many players in front of him. I asked him for the ball, but I don't think he heard and took a shot on goal. When I saw the ball coming toward me I knew I was going to take a shot on goal. Thank God that I struck the ball cleanly and that I scored the goal.

WHAT DOES THAT GOAL SAY ABOUT THE RUN YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON?

MS: It says I'm playing with confidence. I know very clearly what my role on this team is, and that's to defend, organize the attack for our team and put the forwards in a good position to score and make plays. The goal is not something I was planning on, but I'm happy it happened, very thankful to God for allowing me to score that goal, but I don't step onto the field looking to score a goal. If a goal happens that's extra.

HOW WAS YOUR FIRST TIME PLAYING COLORADO, WE KNOW IT'S NEVER EASY?

MS: It's very difficult, actually, because of the altitude. Their team came out to pressure us and we didn't have our best day either, but I think leaving there with a point is good. We now have three tough games, and a couple of them are at home.

THAT STRETCH OF GAMES START TONIGHT AGAINST SALT LAKE, HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS GAME?

MS: These last three games are very important. The game against Salt Lake is a matter of life-and-death (in the standings) because it's a game we need to win in order to be in a good position heading into the playoffs. We want to finish the season in second place in our conference and in order to do that we need to beat Salt Lake and we need to come out looking to play hard and leave everything on the field.

GIVEN HOW GOOD THE TEAM HAS BEEN PLAYING LATELY, HOW PREPARED ARE THE GUYS FOR THIS CHALLENGE?

MS: We are well prepared. We are on a good run, have put together winning streaks and, more importantly, unbeaten streaks and we've been piling up points. It's a shame we had a difficult start because we would be in a better position right now, but the team found its form and everyone is doing their job well and we are playing with a lot of confidence. Things are going in the right direction.

LA REAL RIVALRY

BY ADAM SERRANO



There is no doubt that the LA Galaxy and Real Salt Lake are two of the fiercest rivals in MLS.

A rivalry forged not by geography or television, but a legacy of competitive matches highlighted by crunching tackles, stunning saves and fantastic goals. In the last 10 meetings in the MLS Regular season and postseason, the two teams are dead even, with each team going 4-4-2 in those matches, though one of the draws came in MLS Cup 2009 with RSL coming out victorious on penalties.

When the two teams face one another tonight, the second seed in the Western Conference will be on the line. It's become habit now to say LA and Salt Lake are playing each other in a big match. There have been some great matches that have defined this rivalry, could tonight's match join this storied list?

NOVEMBER 22, 2009: MLS CUP – LA GALAXY 1 REAL SALT LAKE 1 (RSL WIN 5-4 ON PENALTIES): "THE BIRTH OF THE RIVALRY"

The rivalry truly began on a rainy Seattle night in November as the juggernaut Galaxy faced off against an RSL side on a dream run to the final.

LA had qualified as the top team in the Western Conference, but it was RSL that earned the most headlines as they clawed their way into a playoff spot before going through the Eastern Conference. The match was a physical battle as Mike Magee and Robbie Findley traded goals in a match that would go into extra time. After 120 minutes, the match needed to be decided by penalties. Josh Saunders saved two of RSL's first six penalties, but Nick Rimando was able to save Jovan Kirovski's attempt and Landon Donovan sent his spot kick over the bar, leaving it tied at 4-4 heading

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into the seventh round. There, Edson Buddle saw his penalty saved by Rimando. The miss set up RSL's Robbie Russell to score the winning penalty that gave Salt Lake their first MLS Cup title.

Although many were quick to write off RSL's win as a fluke, Salt Lake developed into one of the league's top teams with head coach 'Jason Kreis' motto "The Team is the Star" providing the basis for their rise. The MLS Cup loss was a rock bottom moment for the high-flying Galaxy, but there was a silver lining as the match served as a coming out party for goalkeeper Josh Saunders, who filled in admirably for the injured Donovan Ricketts after he was forced to leave the game with a broken hand early in the second half.

The next season the two teams missed out on MLS Cup, but LA finished first and RSL second in the league's regular season standings.

MARCH 26, 2011: REAL SALT LAKE 4 LA GALAXY 1: "THE RISE OF RSL"

In the spring of 2011, many were classifying the former underdog RSL as one of the finest teams ever assembled in MLS history and they flexed their muscles against LA in the first meeting of the year between the two sides.

Playing without Landon Donovan, Omar Gonzalez or Donovan Ricketts, the Galaxy were no match for the dynamic RSL, who pummeled LA with a 4-1 victory. Through the pinpoint passes of midfield maestro Javier Morales and tenacity of captain Kyle Beckerman, RSL overwhelmed the Galaxy, who needed a 79th minute goal from Juan Pablo Angel to avoid a humiliating 4-0 shutout.

Following the match, RSL rode the momentum to an appearance in the CONCACAF Champions League Final—the first MLS team to do so under the current format. But for the Galaxy, the match served as a wakeup call. They would go 11-1-8 in their next 20 league games and would only lose a total of just four more games for the remainder of the season, eventually capturing the Supporters' Shield.

NOVEMBER 6, 2011: WESTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP—LA GALAXY 3 REAL SALT LAKE 1: "THE REVENGE MATCH"

Called the "Revenge Match" by Galaxy players and fans still smarting from the 2009 MLS Cup defeat, the two teams met for a

berth in the 2011 MLS Cup, which was being played at The Home Depot Center.

The Galaxy had surged to the Supporters' Shield going unbeaten at home, but RSL represented a steep hurdle for a Galaxy side seeking their seventh MLS Cup appearance. At the outset, RSL were the more dangerous side creating several scoring chances, but it was LA that would strike first on Donovan's 23rd minute penalty kick after Omar Gonzalez was taken out in the box. The lead would not last as Alvaro Saborío scored just two minutes later. Robbie Keane and Kyle Beckerman each hit the woodwork as the first half drew to a close, leaving one half of play to decide the conference champion. Mike Magee put LA in front for good with his third goal in as many games, only to see Fabian Espindola hit the crossbar a minute later. Robbie Keane sealed the win with 20 minutes left as the Galaxy slayed Salt Lake, advancing to the final, which they would host—and win—just weeks later at The HDC.

Meanwhile, RSL were left chasing their rivals once again.

JUNE 6, 2012: LA GALAXY 3 REAL SALT LAKE 2: "THE COMEBACK"

The match that many point to for turning around the Galaxy's current season started off, perhaps, worse than all the others before it.

The match started 15 minutes late because the Galaxy team bus found itself stuck in the Salt Lake City gridlock, but when the match finally began, things only got worse for LA. Within 25 minutes, the Galaxy were already two goals down with Kyle Beckerman and Alvaro Saborío each scoring for the hosts. It appeared that finally, the changing of the guard had occurred.

But when Landon Donovan scored LA's first goal in the 29th, he shouted to his teammates, signaling to them that it was time to begin their come back—they listened. LA roared back with two goals in the second half, one from Mike Magee and another from Donovan, to stun the sold-out crowd at Rio Tinto Stadium. The Galaxy not only emerged victorious, but they became the first time in MLS history to overcome a 2-0 deficit at the place nicknamed "The Fortress."

The win served as a catalyst to the Galaxy's second half surge as the club has gone 12-3-3 in the league since June 17, moving from last place to third, while RSL faced a rocky summer going 4-8-2 before winning their last two games.



ON MONDAY NIGHT, Time Warner Cable Sports hosted a party to celebrate the launch of Time Warner Cable SportsNet and Time Warner Cable Deportes, the two regional sports networks that are the new exclusive local homes of the LA Galaxy, Los Angeles Lakers and LA Sparks. Guests at the party included David Beckham, Kobe Bryant, Landon Donovan, Pau Gasol and their Lakers and Galaxy teammates, as well as Magic Johnson and others.



RESERVE LEAGUE

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The MLS Reserve League does not get an amount of attention proportionate to how important it is for a club. Despite games often being played in the afternoon sun on training fields rather than under the stadium lights, Reserve League fixtures are instrumental to what goes into a successful MLS team. They are games that build confidence, improve fitness, develop chemistry and provide competitive experience.

On the morning of Friday, Oct. 12, the Galaxy reserves will take the Vancouver reserves with a chance to finish atop one of the MLS Reserve League's three divisions. The Galaxy are in second place in the West Division with one game left on the schedule and the team ahead of them, the San Jose Earthquakes, have already finished their schedule. The game will be played on The Home Depot Center's University Field No. 1 and is scheduled to kick off at 10 a.m. Admission and parking are free to fans who would like to come cheer the Galaxy on.

The Galaxy enter their final game of the Reserve League season with 16 points from a 5-3-1 record. San Jose sits one point ahead of LA, with 17 points from a 5-3-2 record. Vancouver is currently last in the West Division with a 3-4-2 record, but a win over LA could vault them as high as third in the final standings of the tightly packed division.

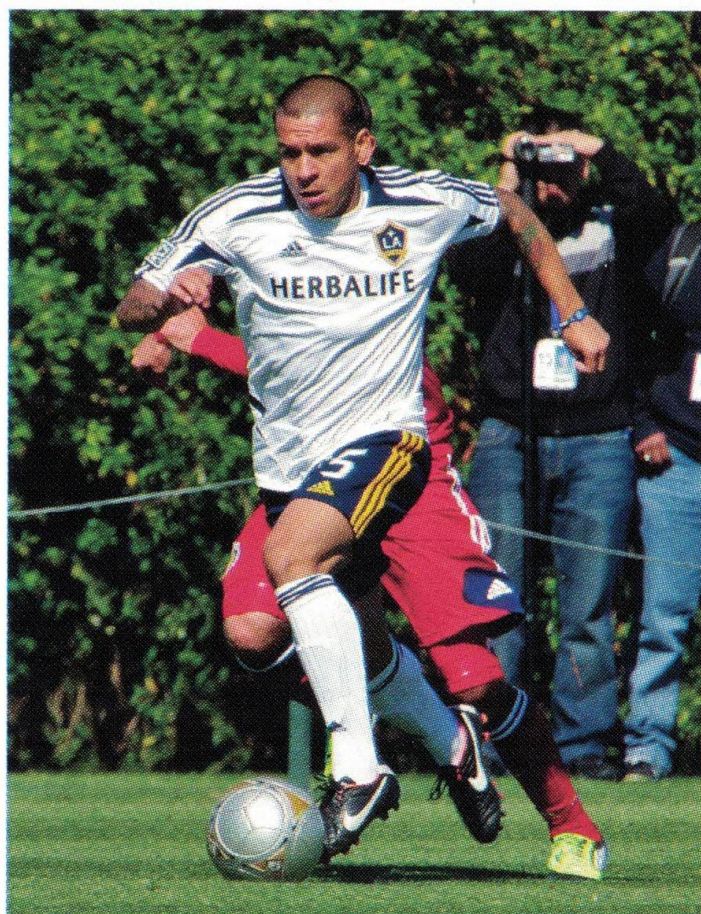
When LA and Vancouver's reserve sides met back on June 12, the Galaxy game away with a 3-1 win behind a pair of goals from Jose Villarreal and the game-winner from Jack McBean.

A first-team schedule of 34 MLS games stretched across nine months can be taxing on starters but it can also provide too few minutes to spread around an entire roster. That is where the Reserve League comes in handy for clubs and managers.

Ten Reserve League games can be the perfect opportunity for young players, or those trying to break into the lineup, to stay game-fit and show the coaches that they deserve a spot in MLS action or the CONCACAF Champions League.

It should come as no surprise that the Galaxy's reserves have a shot at winning their division with the amount of depth that the club has shown in 2012. Despite being best-known for its star power, the LA roster has plenty of strength in its depth. Dealing with a number of injuries, LA have managed to plug holes in their lineup and stay afloat throughout the year. Those who have stepped up have been ready to play in part because of the experience picked up in Reserve League games.

The Reserve League games can also be a great value to players coming back from injuries. Returning to fitness in training is not the same as going at game speed against a competitive opponent and reserve games can be a way for injured players to build back up to first team readiness. After Galaxy captain Landon



Donovan suffered a hamstring injury with U.S. National Team and had to miss almost a month, he played in a Reserve League game before returning to Bruce Arena's starting lineup. Donovan had a goal and an assist in a 33 minutes stint against Portland on Sept. 10, a game LA won 4-0. Four days later, he was back in the first team lineup, setting up Robbie Keane's game-winning goal in a 2-0 win over Colorado.

In addition to helping established players stay fit, the Reserve League serves as a proving ground for players looking to get their foot in the door of a club's lineup. From rookies to Academy players, quality minutes in reserve games can give players a way to prove themselves on a more meaningful stage than day-to-day training. The young forward pairing of McBean and Villarreal have both seen limited time in MLS action, but minutes can be hard to come by in a lineup that features Donovan, Robbie Keane and Edson Buddle. The homegrown players have made the best of the reserve action, both scoring three times this season, making them tied for the Galaxy Reserves goal-scoring lead with departed forward Chad Barrett. That kind of game-experience certainly helps a player like Villarreal come into his second MLS game and score a crucial goal like he did at Vancouver in July.

The depth of the LA Galaxy has been an asset throughout the 2012 MLS season, from the wealth of veteran stars to the exciting rookies, LA is deeper at most positions than many teams. That depth could help LA get back to the MLS Cup in 2012, it helped them advance through the group stage of the CCL and on Friday it could help them win their division of the unheralded but widely important MLS Reserve League.



ACADEMY



LA Galaxy U-18 Head Coach Eddie Soto is having a fine start to his season. As well as helping guide the Galaxy to a 2-0-1 start in the Development Academy, he's also helped UCLA Men's Soccer to a 7-1-2 start in the Pac-12. In addition to starting his third season as Head Coach of the Galaxy U-18's, Soto has been an Assistant Coach at UCLA under Jorge Salcedo the past seven years.

Balancing jobs at two of the country's top soccer programs can present a number of challenges, including the occasional scheduling conflicts. But Soto says that the thing that helps most is support.

"From Chris Klein and the rest of the staff to my assistant coach Alex Yi, we're on top of things," Soto said. "(Yi) is very supportive of what I'm doing and he's a very good coach. We all have the same philosophy in what we're trying to do here, so I don't think we miss a beat."

We caught up with Soto this week to talk about how he manages both roles, the hot start to the U-18 season and next weekend's game against Chivas USA...

THE U-18'S HAVEN'T LOST A MATCH YET IN THEIR FIRST THREE GAMES, HOW EXCITING HAS THE START OF THE NEW SEASON BEEN?

ES: I think it's early, but yeah, I'd have to agree; it's a fun group to work with. You've got Jack [McBean], Oscar [Sorto] and "Güero" [Raul Mediola] that they're

so talented it really just elevates our game. But it's not just those three guys. Our guys are working hard, they've been giving an honest effort day in and day out and that's what we want and the environment we're creating here. It's competitive and guys push each other, so it's been positive so far.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S EARLY IN THE SEASON, YOU'VE GOT A RIVALRY GAME COMING UP AGAINST CHIVAS USA, WHAT'S IT LIKE GOING AGAINST THEM?

ES: It's great. They're a good soccer team, they play the game and try to do things the right way and obviously we have the same philosophy so it's a fun game to coach. Obviously, it does get heated. There is a rivalry, a lot of these kids are friends, some of those kids played in our Academy, so we're going to go out and we want to try to do the right things and at the end of the day get a result.

HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS GAME EVEN SO EARLY IN THE YEAR?

ES: Last year we were so close battling back-and-forth with league it came down to the last game. So these games are crucial, maybe not right now, but as the season winds down these points are really important.

YOU GUYS RECENTLY BEAT A LOCAL DIVISION RIVAL ARSENAL FC WITH MCBEAN SCORING TWO GOALS AND MENDIOLA ALSO SCORING, HOW BIG WERE THOSE PERFORMANCES?

ES: Those two guys, that's their role, they're leaders. When they're here they set good examples and when they come in to play games they're obviously looked upon to make big plays. Jack has done that, scoring against Seattle in our opening game and he's been goal-dangerous and goal-efficient since he's come back, he's had a really good approach day-in and day-out.

HOW WAS MENDIOLA COMING INTO THAT GAME— HIS FIRST AGAINST HIS FORMER CLUB?

ES: He was excited to play against his old club and for him to get a goal that game was good.

THE NEW SEASON IS JUST STARTING, BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL BE THE KEY FOR YOU GUYS TO RETURN TO THE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY PLAYOFFS?

ES: Obviously it's the health. I think the depth of our team is going to be important in regards to how healthy we can stay. Having the guys that are with the first team, like Jack and Oscar be here, helps our group, but we also have to get some of the new players and some of the existing players to step up and really make a push to be in that starting eleven.

HOW DO YOU TO DEVELOP DEPTH?

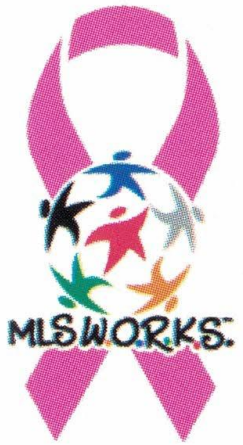
ES: It all goes back to our philosophy of creating a competitive environment and guys challenging day-in and day-out and having a good approach to what we do. I think in the long run, by doing that, you'll start seeing some players that continue to develop and emerge as stars.



LA GALAXY IN THE COMMUNITY

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MLS W.O.R.K.S.



SOCCER KICKS CANCER

Tonight the LA Galaxy and MLS W.O.R.K.S. teamed up to implement a league-wide Breast Cancer Awareness campaign to help in the fight against breast cancer. The LA Galaxy and LA Galaxy Foundation will help raise awareness and funds for the cause throughout the month of October.

The LA Galaxy Foundation will sell a limited number of special edition pink Breast Cancer Awareness items and auction several autographed items from its booth during each game.

Additionally, the Galaxy has partnered with Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) fraternity to distribute 10,000 Think Pink® ribbons to fans at both October home games.

Proceeds will be donated to breast cancer fighting organizations.



AUCTIONS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012



JERSEY-OFF-THE-BACK AUCTION

Bid on the game-used and autographed FIRST half jerseys from the LA Galaxy's starting eleven players. Eleven lucky winners will be able to go on to the field post-game and have a player sign their jersey.

Please note: Only winning bidders will be allowed on to the field.

SPORTS MEMORABILIA AUCTION

Don't miss the opportunity to bid on items from across all the major sports leagues. Items up for auction include:

- » LA LAKERS PAU GASOL JERSEY
- » WASHINGTON CAPITALS ALEX OVECHKIN REPLICA AUTOGRAPHED JERSEY
- » NY JETS MARK SANCHEZ AUTOGRAPHED FOOTBALL
- » DETROIT TIGERS AL KALINE SIGNED BAT
- » LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS TEAM-SIGNED BASKETBALL

Visit the LA Galaxy Foundation booth in SoccerFest to place your bids. All proceeds benefit the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation.

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DID YOU KNOW

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- **THE GALAXY ARE UNBEATEN** in their last 10 games in all competitions, going 7-0-3 in that time while outscoring their opponents 25-6 in those matches.
- **THE TEAM THAT HAS SCORED** first in both meetings this season between the Galaxy and RSL has gone on to lose that game. Edson Buddle gave LA a 1-0 lead in the 70th minute at home on March 10, only for Salt Lake to score three times in the final 20 minutes to win 3-1. Then on June 20, RSL took a 1-0 lead after just nine minutes and led 2-0 midway through the first half, only for the Galaxy to score three straight and win 3-2.
- **THE GALAXY'S 3-2 WIN** at Rio Tinto Stadium on June 20 was their first-ever win at the venue and it was the first time that they had come back from 2-0 down to win since May 30, 2001, when they beat Chicago 4-3 at Soldier Field.
- **SALT LAKE'S WIN** at The Home Depot Center on March 10 snapped LA's 18-game home unbeaten streak in regular season play. Prior to that loss, the Galaxy had not lost a home game since October 2010.
- **LANDON DONOVAN**, who enters the game tied for the MLS lead in assists with 14, needs one more assists to surpass Mauricio Cienfuegos for the second most in club history. Donovan has 79 assists, along with a club record 92 goals, in 192 regular season games for the Galaxy. Cienfuegos had 80 assists in 206 games for the club. Cobi Jones holds the Galaxy record for assists with 90 in 306 games during his 12-year career with the club.
- **AFTER TALLYING ONE GOAL** and no assists in his first 21 games with the Galaxy, Marcelo Sarvas now has a goal and two assists in his last three games, with his most recent goal and both assists coming against the Colorado Rapids.



- **SEAN FRANKLIN** is in line to play the 125th game of his Galaxy career tonight. If he does, he will move into a tie with Tyrone Marshall for the 10th most regular season games played in club history.
- **FOLLOWING TONIGHT'S GAME**, Robbie Keane, Dan Keat and Christian Wilhelmsson will all head overseas to participate in a pair of World Cup Qualifiers for their respective national teams. Keane and Ireland host Germany on Friday, October 12 before travelling to face the Faroe Islands on October 16. Wilhelmsson and the Swedish national team will also be in action in UEFA's Group Three, playing away to the Faroe Islands and Germany. Ireland and Sweden are scheduled to meet on March 22, 2013 in Stockholm and September 10, 2013 in Dublin. Dan Keat and New Zealand will also play a pair of qualifiers, playing away to Tahiti on October 12 before then hosting them on the 16th.
- **ALSO LEAVING** on international duty will be Homegrown forward Jose Villarreal, who is heading to Spain with the U.S. Under-20's for the Marbella Cup. While there, Villarreal and the U-20's will play three games, taking on Canada, Scotland and Azerbaijan.

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