

# LA GALAXY

VS. REAL SALT LAKE

GAMEDAY PROGRAM

Saturday, March 10, 2012



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# THE TEAMS



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## MATCH STATS - GALAXY

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SUB 1:		
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YELLOW:

RED:

GOALSCORERS:

## MATCH STATS - RSL

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SUB 1:		
SUB 2:		
SUB 3:		

YELLOW:

RED:

GOALSCORERS:

## MATCH RESULT

HT SCORE:

FT SCORE:

NOTES:

# LA GALAXY

**Head Coach:** Bruce Arena

#	Player	Pos.
1	Bill Gaudette	GK
2	Todd Dunivant	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
30	Paolo Cardozo	M
32	Jack McBean	F
33	Jose Villarreal	M
34	Kenney Walker	M
35	Bryan Gaul	D

# REAL SALT LAKE

**Head Coach:** Jason Kreis

#	Player	Pos.
1	Lalo Fernandez	GK
2	Tony Beltran	D
3	Diogo de Almeida	D
4	Jamison Olave	D
5	Kyle Beckerman	M
6	Nat Borchers	D
7	Fabian Espíndola	F
8	Will Johnson	M
11	Javier Morales	M
12	Emiliano Bonfigli	F
14	Yordany Alvarez	M
15	Álvaro Saborío	F
16	Nico Muñiz	M
17	Chris Wingert	D
18	Nick Rimando	GK
19	Enzo Martinez	M
20	Ned Grabavoy	M
21	Luis Gil	M
22	Jonny Steele	M
23	Paulo Jr.	F
24	Kyle Reynish	GK
26	Sebastian Velasquez	M
27	Cody Arnoux	F
28	Chris Schuler	D
44	Leone Cruz	D
53	Terukazu Tanaka	D



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**W**elcome back to The Home Depot Center for the start of our 2012 MLS season. Last year was an unbelievable success for the LA Galaxy and we will honor those accomplishments before tonight's game by raising our Supporters' Shield and MLS Cup championship banners.

But once that ceremony is complete, our focus will be firmly on the task at hand and making sure that we start our MLS season on the right note. One of our goals this year is to once again win the Supporters' Shield and that starts with being strong at home like we were a year ago.

Tonight we welcome Real Salt Lake, whom I expect to be one of the top teams in the Western Conference this season. In recent years, our teams have had a great rivalry and tonight should be no another fantastic game. Jason Kreis has helped build a strong team at RSL and they will once again be led by players like Kyle Beckerman, Javier Morales, Alvaro Saborio and Jamison Olave.

Looking at our team, I was very impressed by the effort and the fight that we showed on Wednesday night to come back from 2-0 down and get a result against Toronto FC. The 2-2 tie sets us up well going into the second leg of that series here at home on Wednesday night. Success in the CONCACAF Champions League is very important to us and it starts with advancing to the semifinals.

These first two weeks of the season are busy for us with two games each week, playing in both the league and the Champions League. We have built our team to be able to handle those types of challenges and will confront them one game at a time as we always do.

Thank you once again for your support and we look forward to seeing you here at The Home Depot Center all season long.

Sincerely,

Bruce Arena

**SUPPORTERS' SHIELD**

1998, 2002, 2010, 2011

**MLS CUP CHAMPIONS:**

2002, 2005, 2011

**U.S. OPEN CUP CHAMPIONS:**

2001, 2005

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

2000

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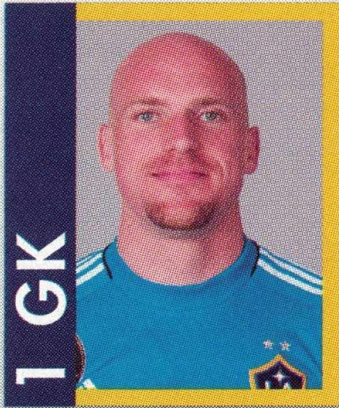
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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV/GOALSCORERS
WED	MARCH 7	AT TORONTO FC	2-2 T	MAGEE, DONOVAN
<b>CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE – QUARTERFINAL – FIRST LEG</b>				
SAT	MARCH 10	VS. REAL SALT LAKE	7:30 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
WED	MARCH 14	VS. TORONTO FC	7:00 P.M.	
<b>CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE – QUARTERFINAL – SECOND LEG</b>				
SUN	MARCH 18	VS. D.C. UNITED	4:00 P.M.	KDOC/GALAVISION
SAT	MARCH 31	VS. NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	8:00 P.M.	NBC SPORTS NETWORK
SAT	APRIL 7	AT SPORTING KANSAS CITY	1:00 P.M.	ESPN/ESPN DEPORTES
SAT	APRIL 14	VS. PORTLAND TIMBERS	7:30 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
SAT	APRIL 21	AT COLORADO RAPIDS	6:00 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
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/GALAVISION
SAT	JULY 28	AT FC DALLAS	5:00 P.M.	NBC SPORTS NETWORK
SUN	AUGUST 5	AT SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC	7:00 P.M.	ESPN2/ESPN DEPORTES
SUN	AUGUST 12	AT CHIVAS USA	8:00 P.M.	ESPN2/ESPN DEPORTES
WED	AUGUST 15	AT COLUMBUS CREW	5:00 P.M.	NBC SPORTS NETWORK
SUN	AUGUST 26	VS. FC DALLAS	4:00 P.M.	NBC SPORTS NETWORK
SAT	SEPT. 1	VS. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC	7:00 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
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
SUN	OCT. 28	VS. SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC	6:00 P.M.	ESPN/ESPN DEPORTES

■ HOME GAME

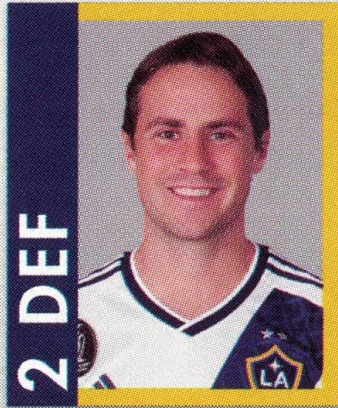


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**1 GK**

Bill **GAUDETTE**



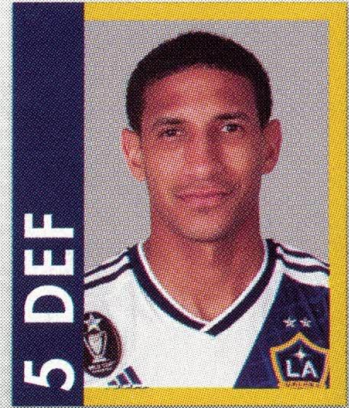
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Todd **DUNIVANT**



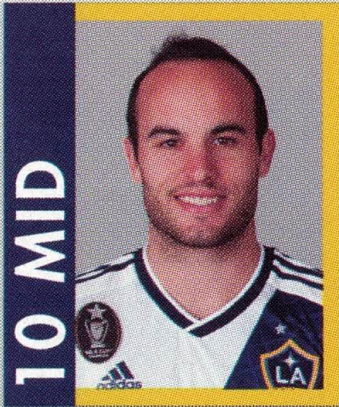
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Omar **GONZALEZ**



**5 DEF**

Sean **FRANKLIN**



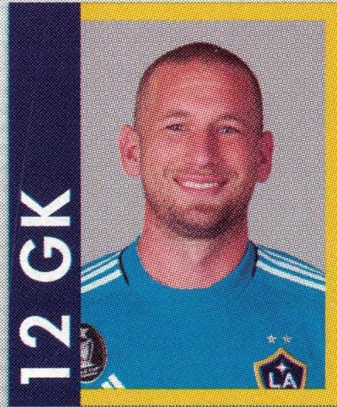
**10 MID**

Landon **DONOVAN**



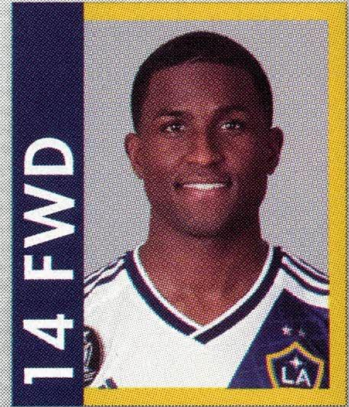
**11 FWD**

Pat **Noonan**



**12 GK**

Josh **SAUNDERS**



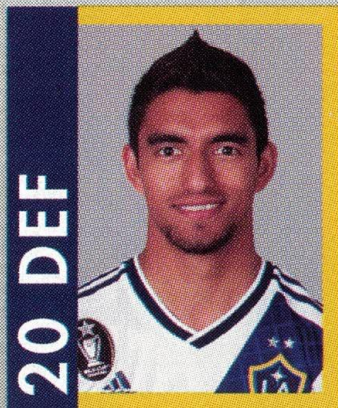
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Edson **BUDDLE**



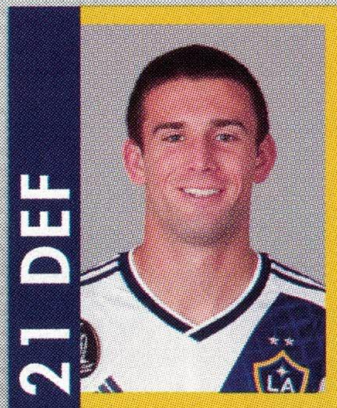
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**JUNINHO**



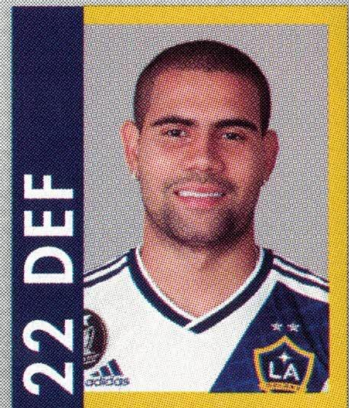
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A.J. **DELAGARZA**



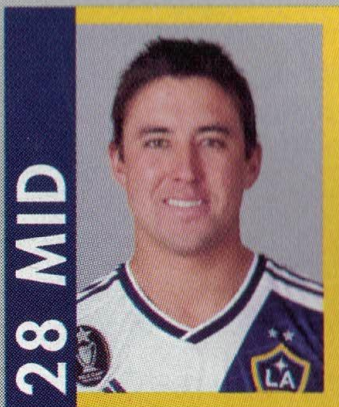
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Tommy **MEYER**



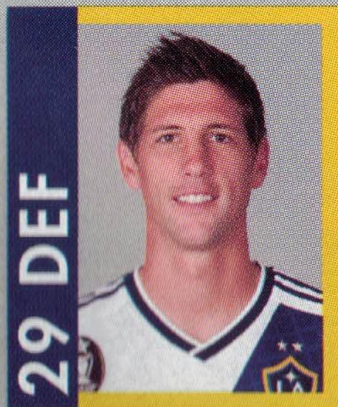
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**LEONARDO**



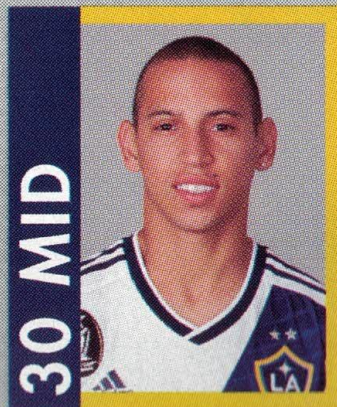
**28 MID**

Kyle **NAKAZAWA**



**29 DEF**

Andrew **BOYENS**



**30 MID**

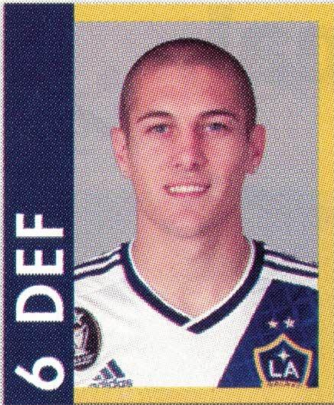
Paolo **CARDOZO**



**32 FWD**

Jack **MCBEAN**

# 2012 LA GALAXY ROSTER



Bryan **Jordan**



Robbie **Keane**



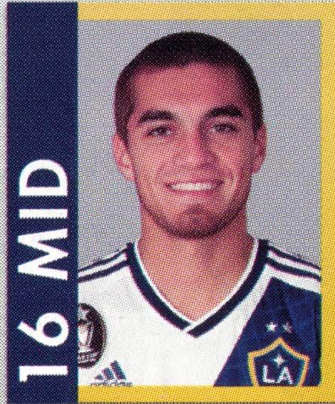
Marcelo **Sarvas**



Chad **BARRETT**



Dan **KEAT**



Hector **JIMENEZ**



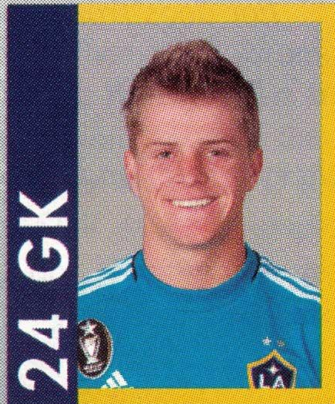
Adam **Cristman**



Mike **MAGEE**



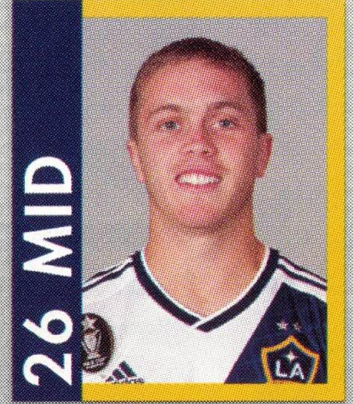
David **BECKHAM**



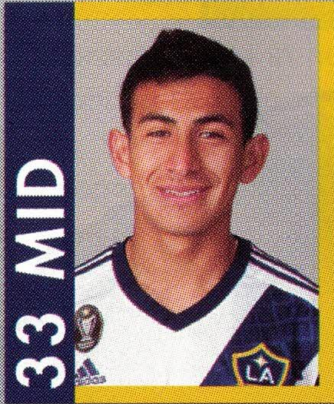
Brian **PERK**



Rafael **GARCIA**



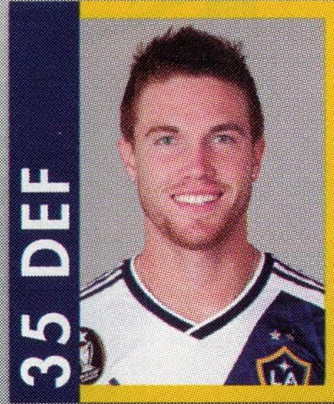
Michael **STEPHENS**



Jose **VILLARREAL**



Kenney **WALKER**



Bryan **GAUL**



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## LA GALAXY 2

## TORONTO FC 2



### CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Quarterfinals – First Leg

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Rogers Centre - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Sticking with their theme of dramatic escapes and wild finishes in the CONCACAF Champions League, the LA Galaxy came away with a thrilling 2-2 draw in the first leg of their CONCACAF Champions League quarterfinal on Wednesday night against Toronto FC. Playing their first official match of 2012, the Galaxy trailed 2-0 inside the game's opening 20 minutes and their hopes of being crowned the kings of CONCACAF looked to be all but over. But Mike Magee cut Toronto's lead in half in the 29<sup>th</sup> minute before Landon Donovan equalized in the final minutes to stun the crowd of more than 47,000 at Rogers Centre and send the Galaxy back to Southern California in good spirits.

Playing in his first game of any kind with the club since last year, Robbie Keane nearly gave the Galaxy a dream start inside the game's opening five minute when he prodded a shot on target from the center of the area, forcing

Stefan Frei to tip the shot around the post. The Galaxy looked dangerous every time they had the ball, with the central midfield pairing of David Beckham and Juninho picking out the wide runs of Donovan and Magee on the wings as well as Keane and Buddle centrally.

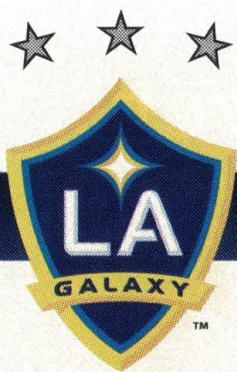
But despite that early possession, the Galaxy found themselves behind 1-0 in the 11<sup>th</sup> minute when

Ryan Johnson scored his fourth goal in the competition. Prior to the goal, Sean Franklin appeared to win a goal kick, only for referee Courtney Campbell of Jamaica to say that Franklin, not Joao Plata, provided the final touch before the ball went over the endline, leading to a TFC corner kick. Magee was able to get a head to the Torsten Frings corner, but he could not clear the ball cleanly. Johnson pounced on the loose ball and sent a shot past the dive of Josh Saunders to give the home side an early 1-0 lead.

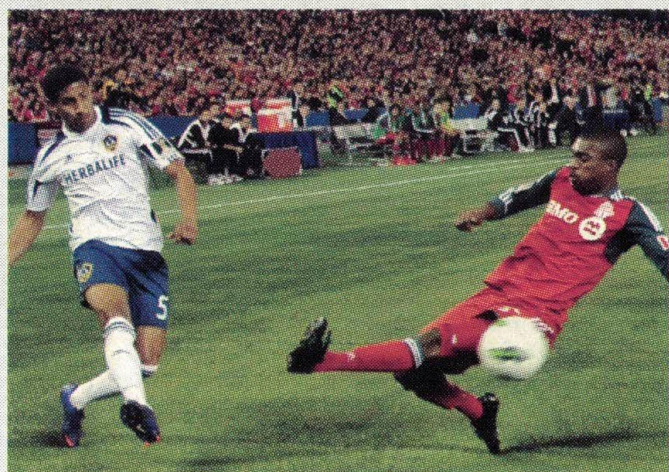
Less than 10 minutes later, rookie midfielder Luis Silva made it a dream debut, getting on the end of a long cross from Frings and placing a header past Saunders, making the score 2-0 for Toronto and delighting the fans inside Rogers Centre.

Suddenly down by two goals and facing a raucous home crowd, the Galaxy showed no signs of throwing in the towel. Beckham tested Frei directly from a corner kick while Buddle, Donovan, Keane and Magee continued to cause problems for the three-man TFC defense.

That pressure finally paid off in the 29<sup>th</sup> minute when Mike Magee was able to get open



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at the back post and finish a cross from Sean Franklin cross, making the score 2-1. Franklin was played in by Donovan and his right-footed cross narrowly eluded a sliding Ashtone Morgan. Frei was able to get a hand on the cross, but it was not enough as the ball still found Magee, who finished with a right-footed volley for his second goal of the competition.

The score would stay that way for much of the second half, despite a series of chances as both ends of the field. Buddle went close with a pair of chances that were set up by Beckham while Keane and Donovan each saw efforts curl just wide. At the other end, Danny Kovermans tried an audacious lob from midfield while Beckham provided a last gasp block on a shot from Luis Silva with the goal open.

After continuing to pile on the pressure, the Galaxy finally got their reward in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute when Donovan found himself in the right place to capitalize on a goalmouth scramble.

A Beckham corner kick from the right wing found Edson Buddle whose initial header was blocked. He was the quickest to the rebound, only to see a second shot blocked as well. However, the rebound fell to Donovan who poked the ball past Frei to tie the score at 2-2.

With that result, the Galaxy will now advance to the Champions League Semifinals with a win or either a 0-0 or 1-1 draw. A 2-2 draw would send the series to extra time while a Toronto win or a draw of 3-3 or higher would see the Canadian side move on in the competition.

#### SCORING SUMMARY:

TFC – Ryan Johnson 4 (Unassisted) 12'  
 TFC – Luis Silva 1 (Torsten Frings) 18'  
 LA – Mike Magee 2 (Unassisted) 29'  
 LA – Landon Donovan 2 (Unassisted) 89'

#### MISCONDUCT SUMMARY:

TFC – Danny Kovermans (Yellow Card) 56'  
 TFC – Stefan Frei (Yellow Card) 80'

#### LINEUPS:

LA Galaxy: Josh Saunders; Sean Franklin, Andrew Boyens (Chad Barrett 87'), A.J. DeLaGarza, Todd Dunivant; Landon Donovan©, Juninho (Michael Stephens 87'), David Beckham, Mike Magee; Robbie Keane, Edson Buddle.

Subs Not Used: Brian Perk, Tommy Meyer, Bryan Gaul, Dan Keat, Hector Jimenez.

Toronto FC: Stefan Frei; Ty Harden, Torsten Frings©, Miguel Aceval; Richard Eckersley, Terry Dunfield (Matt Stinson 91+), Luis Silva (Aaron Maund 88'), Ashtone Morgan; Ryan Johnson, Danny Kovermans, Joao Plata (Reggie Lambe 58').

Subs Not Used: Milos Kocic, Doneil Henry, Oscar Cordon.

Referee: Courtney Campbell (JAM)

Referee's Assistants: Ricardo Morgan (JAM) and Kedlee Powell (JAM)

4th Official: Kevin Morrison (JAM)





VS



TONIGHT'S OPPONENT

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## Real Salt Lake

One of the Galaxy's newest rivals, games between LA and Real Salt Lake are always hard fought and tense affairs with plenty of excitement and attacking flair thrown in for good measure. The two sides met earlier in the preseason with the Galaxy claiming a 2-0 win behind late goals from Paolo Cardozo and Mike Magee to give the club their only win in regulation of the Desert Diamond Cup.

While the Galaxy enter the season relatively injury-free, with Omar Gonzalez as the most noticeable absence, Salt Lake have seen most of their biggest names limited for at least a part of the preseason. Jamison Olave, Chris Wingert, Kyle Beckerman, Javier Morales and Alvaro Saborio all missed time but are expected to be recovered in time to play tonight. However, Nat Borchers, a former MLS Best XI selection and Defender of the Year candidate and Will Johnson have not been so lucky and are expected to miss out on the season opener.

If Borchers is unable to go, as was when the Galaxy beat Salt Lake in the 2011 Western Conference Championship, he will be replaced by Chris Schuler. Schuler is a young, tall and athletic center back but he does not have the same experience as Borchers, nor the same understanding with Olave in the center of defense.

No matter who it is that gets the call in defense, Nick Rimando will get the call to play behind them. One of the top goalkeepers in MLS over the last decade, Rimando, who grew up in Southern California and played collegiately at UCLA, reads the game well and is an excellent shot stopper while playing much bigger than his stature.

In attack, the duo of Saborio and Fabian Espindola return to terrorize opposition defenses as they have since 2010. Espindola always plays at his best against the Galaxy, tallying a goal and an assist against them last season while also hitting the crossbar in the Conference Championship. While he likes to drift out onto the wings to receive passes from Javier Morales and Co., Saborio is a classic back to goal striker that is good in the air but can also turn past a defender with the ball at his feet. RSL's top scorer last year, Saborio scored RSL's lone goal in their Western Conference Championship defeat to the Galaxy in November, which was the last competitive game that Jason Kreis' squad has played.



### EXPECTED LINEUP (4-4-2)

Nick Rimando; Tony Beltran, Jamison Olave, Chris Schuler, Chris Wingert; Kyle Beckerman, Ned Grabavoy, Luis Gil, Javier Morales; Alvaro Saborio, Fabian Espindola.

### KEY MAN: Kyle Beckerman

Few players have a more profound effect on their team's play than Kyle Beckerman does in the center of the RSL midfield. The fulcrum of their attack and the primary link between the back four and the midfield, Beckerman does all of the dirty work that allows Javier Morales and Luis Gil the freedom to create. An All-Star last season and a regular call-up to the U.S. National Team, Beckerman played a bigger role in the Salt Lake attack last year following an ankle injury to Morales that forced him to miss much of the season, tallying a career-high nine assists to go along with three goals.

# READY TO GO

**IT HAS BEEN EXACTLY 111 DAYS** since Bruce Arena and Landon Donovan raised the Philip F. Anschutz Trophy as the new MLS Cup champions in front of more than 30,000 Galaxy fans at The Home Depot Center. The memories of that night are still vivid, many of the faces remain the same, but the expressions on their faces have changed.

The unrestrained joy and elation have been replaced by a steely focus and determination that was present throughout the 2011 campaign. That year the Galaxy finished with the second best record in MLS history, repeated as Supporters' Shield winners, advanced to the knockout stages of the CONCACAF Champions League and won their first MLS Cup since 2005.

Now with the start of the 2012 campaign upon them, the Galaxy aim to do all of that once again while also looking to become the first team in MLS history to win the Champions League and qualify for the World Club Championships.

Key to that quest will once again be the club's defense which allowed the fewest goals in MLS last season and equaled a league record for shutouts in a season. Josh Saunders returns in goal and enters the season as the unquestioned first choice for the first time in his Galaxy career. In front of him, Todd Dunivant, Sean Franklin and A.J. DeLaGarza all return, but Omar Gonzalez, the 2011 MLS Defender of the Year, is scheduled to miss much of the season after suffering a knee injury while on loan in Germany. In his place, the Galaxy will use MLS veteran Andrew Boyens, who got the start against Toronto FC on Wednesday, rookie Tommy Meyer, the club's first round pick in the SuperDraft and Leonardo, who opens the city with Gonzalez while recovering from a severe

knee injury of his own.

It goes without saying that whoever is slotted into central defense alongside DeLaGarza will have some big shoes to fill. But that process will be aided in part by a bolstered midfield. Already one of the best in MLS with Juninho, who extended his loan deal with the club, and David Beckham, who re-signed with the Galaxy in mid-January, holding down the center of the park while Landon Donovan and Mike Magee man the wings, the Galaxy midfield was further bolstered by the offseason acquisition of Brazilian Marcelo Sarvas from Alajuelense. The 30-year-old gives the Galaxy yet another skillful and hard-working midfielder. Perhaps more importantly, Sarvas is able to provide necessary cover anywhere in the midfield, allowing Beckham, Donovan, Juninho and Magee, all of who appeared in more than 30 games in all competitions last season, combining for more than 30 goals and 25 assists.

Paolo Cardozo, Hector Jimenez, Dan Keat, Kyle Nakazawa and Michael Stephens also





add depth and versatility across the midfield, giving Bruce Arena even more options with which to rest members of his starting midfield quartet as the schedule becomes more and more congested as the season goes on and players like Beckham and Donovan depart for international duty.

Despite boasting attacking talents like Beckham, Donovan and Magee in midfield, the Galaxy failed to fire on all cylinders in the attacking third for much of the season. Juan Pablo Angel struggled for goals and his confidence dipped, forcing the club to trade him to Chivas USA in August. In his place came Robbie Keane, whose arrival served as the catalyst for the club's run through the Champions League, the final third of the regular season and into the playoffs.

Keane will now have a full season to show what he is capable of and Ireland's all-time leading scorer is expected to be amongst the top goal scorers in MLS this season. Also expected to be in that group will be Keane's new strike partner, Edson Buddle, who returns to the club after a year in Germany with FC Ingolstadt. One of the top goal scorers in Galaxy and MLS history, Buddle scored 17 goals in

2010, which was his last season in MLS. The big and physical type of striker that Keane is best at playing off of, Buddle will be able to use his size and aerial ability to help make up for the loss of Omar Gonzalez on set pieces.

While that duo has already shown a keen understanding of one another despite only being able to train together a handful of times, Buddle and Keane are by no means the club's lone attacking talents. Chad Barrett, who was second on the club with seven goals last season, is back and healthy after being forced to miss MLS Cup after dislocating his right foot days before that game while Adam Cristman also returns and Pat Noonan arrives from Seattle.

The road that lies ahead is long and arduous, however, the Galaxy have the pieces in place to make the 2012 season something memorable. Long accustomed to having a target on their back, Bruce Arena's group will experience that feeling all season long as they aim to make history in the Champions League and by becoming the first team ever to claim the Supporters' Shield three years running.

A season that the Galaxy hopes lasts long into December, starts today. ♦





## GETTING TO KNOW... MARCELO SARVAS

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Offseason signing Marcelo Sarvas was revelation on-and-off the field this preseason. With his play on the field and his barbecuing skills off of it, the Brazilian midfielder has won over teammates and fans alike.

We sat down with Sarvas ahead of the start of the season to get his thought on signing with the Galaxy, his initial impression of the club and the league and adjusting to life in L.A.

### **What were your initial thoughts when you heard the LA Galaxy were interested in you?**

**MS:** "I've always liked the United States and the idea of playing here. The club that most got my attention was the Galaxy, who today are no doubt the biggest club in the league and are known all over the world. I was very happy to; first off, get the attention of the club and to have been offered a contract."

### **You've played in Brazil, Sweden, Poland, Costa Rica and now the U.S. What are your early impressions of the sport in this country?**

**MS:** "I think it's very comparable with the style of football they play in the Northern parts of Europe, the Nordic countries like Poland, where I played, Sweden, where I also played. It's very physical, lot's of contact, not like the Latin-style which is more tactical and more dribbling and things like that."

### **How's the transition to L.A. coming along?**

**MS:** "It's good. It's true that every player needs time to adapt, some adapt quickly, some require one month or five months, but the guys on the team, Bruce and the coaching staff have been great and I feel real good with the right now. It feels like I've been here for a long time and I feel at home."

### **What were your first impressions of the atmosphere in the locker room?**



**MS:** "It's a great locker room. There are some great players and they obviously cultivated a very united locker room, which makes it easy to work. I think they all have the same attitude as it relates to training, competing and going out and doing our best on gamedays. So, that makes it easy on us, the new guys that are coming into the team, as far adapting quickly. It feels good."

### **What's it been like playing with players like David Beckham, Landon Donovan and Robbie Keane?**

**MS:** "Well, just a few months ago I was of a fan theirs, now I'm teammates and friends with them. It's very nice to see a player like Beckham, who's already won everything, and has lived it all, still have the drive and ambition to win. Even though we are all experienced players, there's a lot we can learn from them also."

### **Finally, have you gotten a chance to check out L.A. yet? Are there any particular places you've enjoyed more than others?**

**MS:** "No, this month and half I was here I was living in a hotel and then we went to Arizona and Toronto. But what I've seen so far I've really liked. I think it's a very beautiful city, I have gone out to dinner a couple times and I've made it out to some of the beaches, and I think my family is really going to enjoy it here."



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### LA Galaxy U-18 Academy Team

It's no secret the LA Galaxy U-18 Academy team has potential. They are good. Real good, in fact. They are solid in the back, strong in the middle and loaded up top. This is a terrible combination, if you're head coach Eddie Soto.

"I've told the group numerous times, our biggest enemy is ourselves," Soto said. "Complacency is something that can hurt these guys."

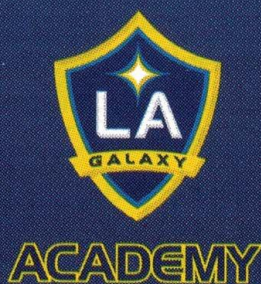
With the U.S. Soccer Development Academy League playoffs already on the horizon, Soto knows he his team can't afford to get complacent. Not if it wants to win the Development Academy National Championship.

"It is a talented group, and managing them is the biggest challenge for me as a coach," he added. "As is making sure that in training they are competing, learning ... and not having too much fun."

"I don't want them looking over their shoulder like, 'oh, this spot is mine.' They should be looking over their shoulder as if there's someone there trying to take their spot."

Creating an environment where players are constantly competing for a spot in the starting lineup is nothing new with the Galaxy. The philosophy is the same on the first team.

The Galaxy U-18's have enjoyed a successful season, thus far, losing just once and currently sitting in



second place of the SoCal Division standings. Their 11-1-3 record (6-1-1 in the division) is the second best in the Western Conference while their 10 goals conceded are exactly half that of every other team in the conference. Additionally, the U-18's goal differential of +25 is tied for the third best in the nation.

"I like that we always try to be No. 1 at the Galaxy," said midfielder Grady Howe, one of nine players on the roster that was a member of last year's U-16 USSDA National Championship team. "I just love the effort we've put it and it's obviously a great start to the season."

With 12 games left in the season, Soto hopes the Galaxy can close out the season on a high note. After suffering their first loss of the campaign on Jan. 28, the club is currently on a three-game unbeaten streak and hope to carry that momentum down the stretch.

Working in the Galaxy's favor is a favorable schedule. Of the seven games the club has in March and April, five are at The Home Depot Center, where the club has a record of 6-0-1 this season.

"I'm happy with where we're at," Soto said. "And it (the final part of the schedule) should be fun."



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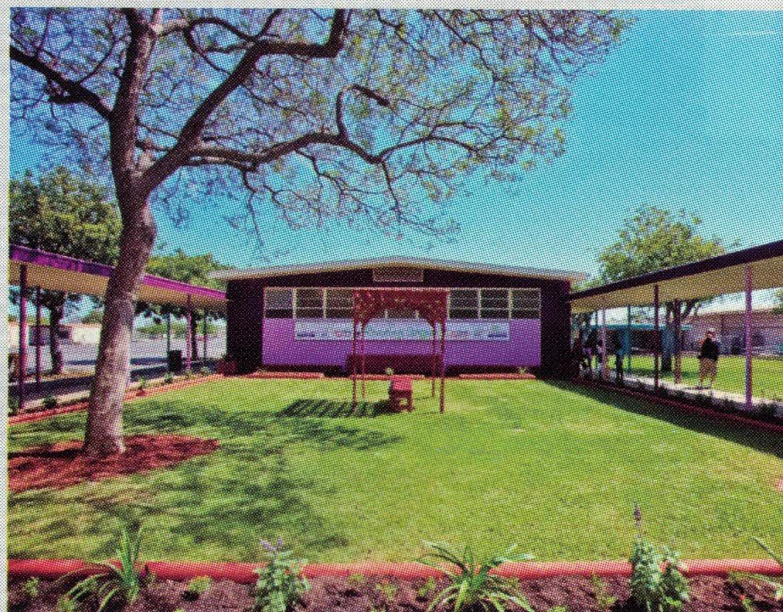
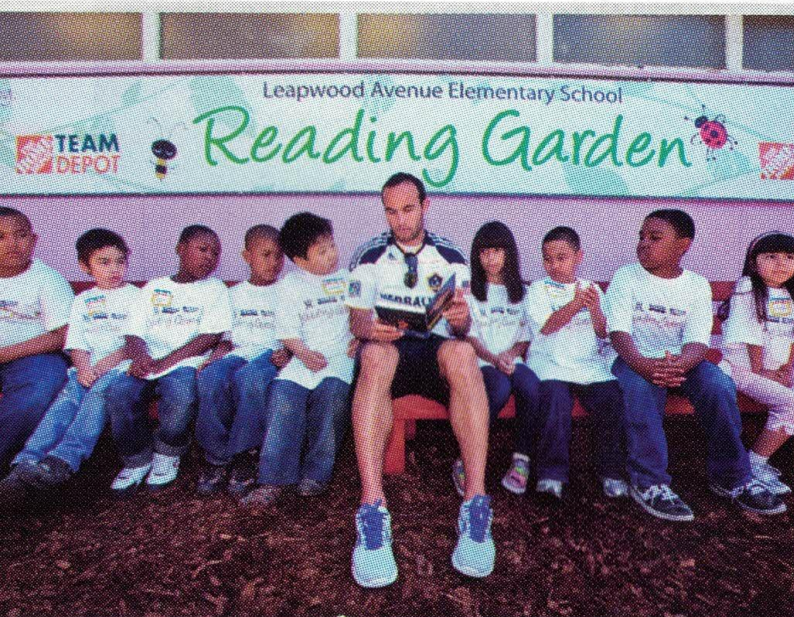
The Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting and creating educational, health, and recreational activities and programs for children in southern California, with a specific focus on assisting under served and at-risk youth. The Galaxy Foundation is committed to encouraging, educating, and empowering the children in our community. Additionally, the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation is committed to helping grow the sport of soccer and encouraging, educating, and empowering the children in our community

### HERE IS A LOOK BACK AT HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2011:



**Easter Egg Hunt:** The Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation and The Home Depot Center Charitable Foundation's fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Thursday, April 21 at The Home Depot Center celebrating Easter and Earth Day. Galaxy defenders Todd Dunivant, Sean Franklin, and Omar González, the Easter Bunny provided by South Bay Pavilion Mall, Pollo Campero mascot and LA Galaxy mascot Cozmo took part in the activities. Registration is now open for the 2012 Easter Egg Hunt which will take place on Friday, April 6, 2012.

**Reading Garden:** In order to encourage students and elementary schools to focus on reading and Earth Day, the LA Galaxy Foundation, The Home Depot Center Charitable Foundation, and The Home Depot issue the Reading Garden Challenge. The winning school will have a reading garden built on their campus. This year's Reading Garden Challenge deadline is Monday, March 12, 2012.





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### Camps for Kids:

Through Camps for Kids, the Galaxy Foundation addresses the issue of childhood obesity by emphasizing the importance of health, nutrition and fitness through soccer. Three camps are held each summer at The Home Depot Center's Track and Field Stadium with approximately 600 children, ages 7-10, participating from a variety of organizations in Southern California.

The Galaxy Foundation also annually hosts the Treats-n-Suites Halloween Bash, Foundations' Feast and Holiday Assist program in addition to supporting other non-profit organizations such as:

American Red Cross  
Amputee Coalition  
Cancer Support Community  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
Make-A-Wish Foundation

LA Scores  
Los Angeles Breast Cancer Alliance  
Los Angeles Regional Foodbank  
School on Wheels  
Union Rescue Mission

In order to fund its programs and activities and further its philanthropic endeavors, the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation hosts game day auctions and fundraising events throughout the year.

If you wish to make a donation to the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation, you may mail a check or money order to:

Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation  
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Carson, CA 90746

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Visit the community section of [lagalaxy.com](http://lagalaxy.com) for more information regarding any of the events listed above.



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## DID YOU KNOW

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**OF THE 31 PLAYERS** on the current Galaxy roster, 20 were on the team at the end of last year, including all 11 of the club's starters in MLS Cup 2011. Four of the 11 new players played college soccer last year while three were playing for other MLS teams. Additionally, Edson Buddle was playing in Germany and Marcelo Sarvas was in Costa Rica while Bill Gaudette was playing for Montreal in the NASL and Jose Villarreal joined the club from the Galaxy Academy as a Homegrown Player.

**WITH EDSON BUDDLE RETURNING** to the club this season, the Galaxy now have two of the top 10 goal scorers in MLS history on their roster as well as the first and fourth leading scorers in club history. Landon Donovan has a club record 83 goals in a Galaxy uniform while Buddle ranks fourth with 42. He needs 10 goals this season to surpass Carlos Ruiz for third place on the club's all-time goal scoring list.

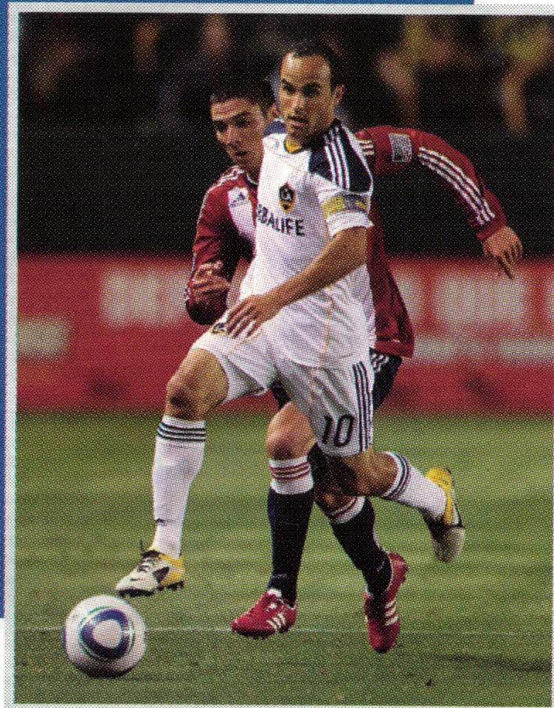
**NO PLAYER** other than Buddle or Donovan have led the Galaxy in scoring since Carlos Ruiz did in 2004. Since the start of the 2005 season, that pair have combined for 125 of the 302 regular season goals that the Galaxy have scored.

**THE LA GALAXY OPEN** their 17th season in Major League Soccer tonight. They are 8-5-3 all-time in their first game of the regular season and 10-4-2 in their first home game of the year. LA have only opened the season on the road five times in their first 16 seasons of play, going 7-3-1 in the 11 season openers at home.

**THIS IS THE THIRD TIME** that the Galaxy enter the MLS season as the reigning MLS Cup champion. They are 0-1-1 in their first game of the season after winning MLS Cup and 1-1-0 in their first home game of the year as defending champions. After winning their first championship in 2002, the Galaxy opened the 2003 season with a 1-1 draw at Columbus and then beat Colorado 2-0 in their first home game of that season. In 2006, after beating the New England Revolution for their second championship, the Galaxy lost to them 1-0 at home in their season opener with Clint Dempsey scoring the game's only goal.

**THIS IS THE SECOND TIME** that the Galaxy will play their first home game of the season against Real Salt Lake. The only other time these two sides met LA's home opener was in April 2005 when the Galaxy claimed a 3-1 win at The Home Depot Center. Landon Donovan scored the first two goals of his Galaxy career in that game while Cobi Jones added a second half goal for the club. Current RSL head coach Jason Kreis scored the first goal in that club's history in that game, tying the score at 1-1 in the 29th minute.

**THE GALAXY REACHED THEIR 11TH** Western Conference Championship last year, beating Real Salt Lake to claim a record seventh trip to MLS Cup. All-time, the Galaxy are 17-13-4 when taking on the team that they faced in the previous year's Conference Championship. Since the start of the 2010 MLS season, the Galaxy are 3-1-0 in those games, sweeping Houston in 2010, winning 2-0 on the road and 4-1 at home after beating the Dynamo 2-0 in the 2009 Western Conference Championship at The Home Depot Center. One year later, the Galaxy split the season series with FC Dallas, losing 2-1 at Pizza Hut Park in May before winning 3-1 at The Home Depot Center in August. Dallas beat the Galaxy in the 2010 Western Conference Championship, winning 3-0 at The Home Depot Center.





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