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THE TEAMS



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MATCH STATS - GALAXY

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MATCH STATS - WHITECAPS FC

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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

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC

Head Coach: Martin Rennie

#	Player	Pos.
1	Joe Cannon	GK
2	Michael Boxall	D
3	Jordan Harvey	D
4	Alain Rochat	D
6	Jay DeMerit	D
7	Sebastien Le Toux	F
8	Etienne Barbara	F
9	Atiba Harris	F
11	John Thorrington	M
12	Lee Young-Pyo	D
13	Michael Nanchoff	M
14	Barry Robson	M
15	Martin Bonjour	D
16	Matt Watson	M
17	Omar Salgado	F
18	Brad Knighton	GK
19	Carlyle Mitchell	D
20	Davide Chiumiento	M
22	Darren Mattocks	F
23	Long Tan	F
24	Brian Sylvestre	GK
26	Floyd Franks	M
27	Jun Marques Davidson	M
28	Gershon Koffie	M
29	Eric Hassli	F
31	Russell Teibert	M
32	Greg Klazura	D
34	Caleb Clarke	F
36	Bryce Alderson	M
37	Camilo	M



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Tonight, we welcome the Vancouver Whitecaps to The Home Depot Center. Vancouver is off to an excellent start this season, and is right near the top of the conference with a record of 7-3-5 for 26 points. Coach Martin Rennie has assembled a strong nucleus of players who have been outstanding at home in the first half of the 2012 season. This evening's game is the start of a five game stretch on the road for the Whitecaps and we will be looking to take all three points.

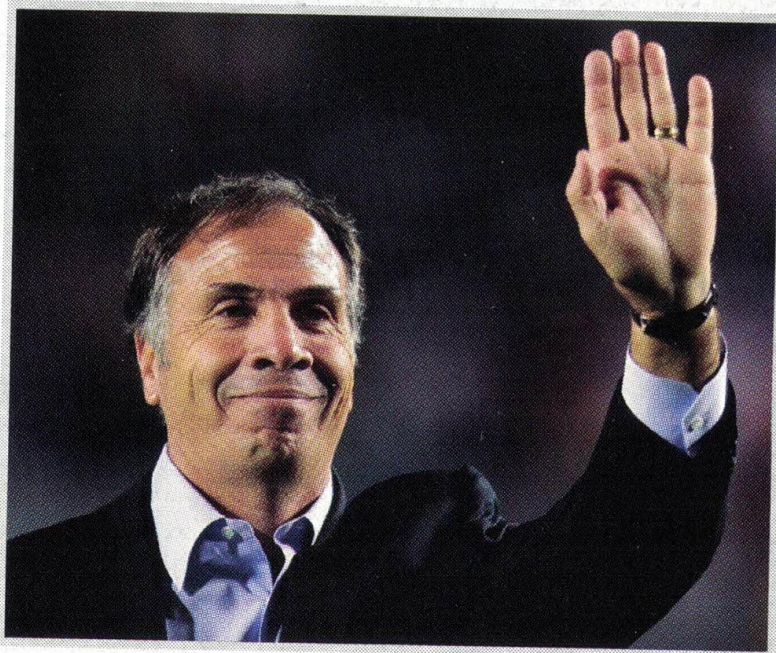
Former Galaxy goalkeeper, Joe Cannon, is having an outstanding season for the Whitecaps. They lead the league with seven clean sheets and have an outstanding backline, led by captain Jay DeMerit, to support Cannon in the goal. At the other end of the field, Vancouver has an array of talent and they try to get as much of it onto the field as possible. The trio of Sebastien Le Toux, Davide Chumiento and Darren Mattocks combine for great speed, quickness and creativity. They also have Camilo and Eric Hassli, two players who scored more than 20 goals between them last year, available to come off the bench so we know that they will pose a test to us defensively.

That said, we have begun to play well as a team. With two consecutive victories, we are beginning to show that we can be a cohesive unit, and a difficult team to play against. The return of Josh Saunders and the improvement in our backline has made a huge difference for our team. Additionally, Landon Donovan's return to the lineup has been instrumental to our success. David Beckham and Juninho continue to play well, and we're hopeful that Robbie Keane can make us a better team in possession and in creating and finishing our chances.

Lastly, tonight's game is another critical one for our team. Three points will move our team in to playoff contention with just over half the season still to play. Your support can make a difference. Let's hear you for 90 minutes. Thank you!

Bruce Arena

Bruce Arena



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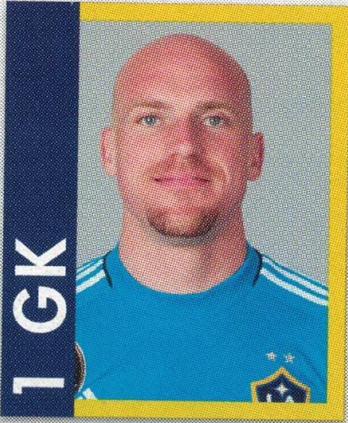
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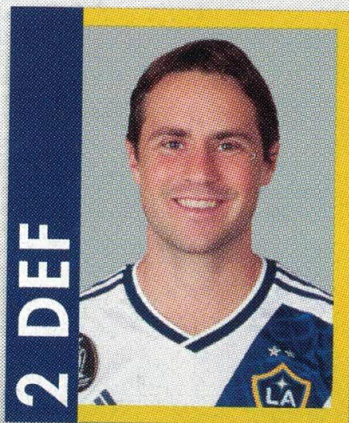
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV/GOALSCORERS
WED	MARCH 7	AT TORONTO FC	2-2 T	MAGEE, DONOVAN
CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - QUARTERFINAL - 1ST LEG				
SAT	MARCH 10	VS. REAL SALT LAKE	1-3 L	BUDDLE
WED	MARCH 14	VS. TORONTO FC	1-2 L	OWN GOAL
CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - QUARTERFINAL - 2ND LEG				
SUN	MARCH 18	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	1-1 T	NOONAN
WED	MAY 2	AT SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC	0-2 L	-
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
LAMAR HUNT U.S. OPEN CUP THIRD ROUND AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK				
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	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				
SAT	JULY 28	AT FC DALLAS	5:00 P.M.	NBC SPORTS NETWORK
THUR	AUGUST 2	VS. REAL MADRID	7:30 P.M.	TBD
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SUN	AUGUST 5	AT SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC	6:00 P.M.	ESPN2/ESPN DEPORTES
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SAT	SEPT. 22	VS. TORONTO FC	7:30 P.M.	KDOC/KWHY
SUN	SEPT. 30	AT COLORADO RAPIDS	4:00 P.M.	KDOC/GALAVISION
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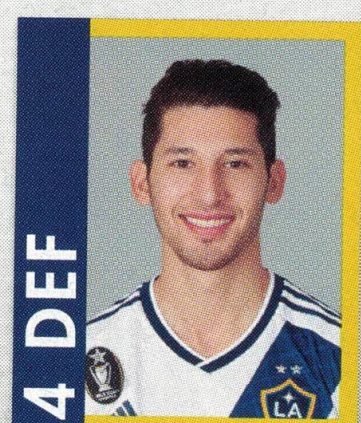
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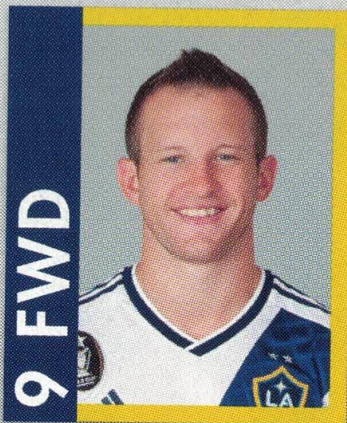
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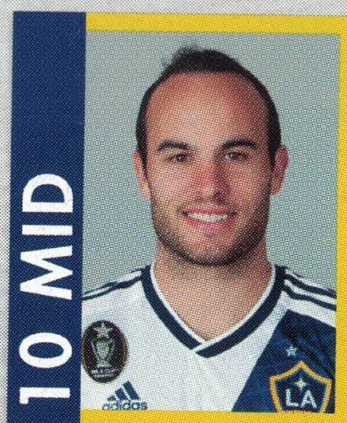
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Chad **BARRETT**



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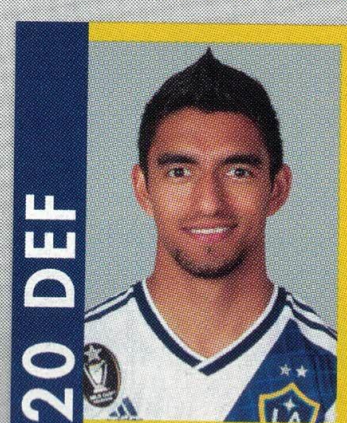
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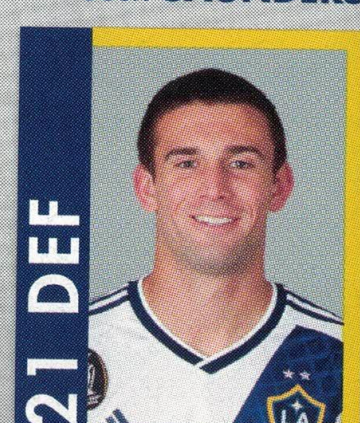
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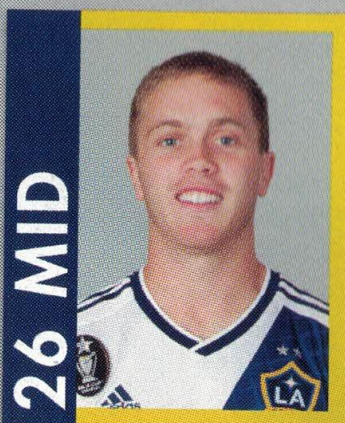
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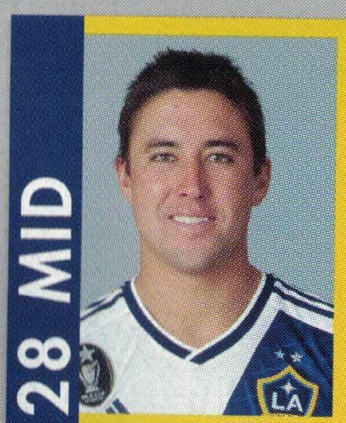
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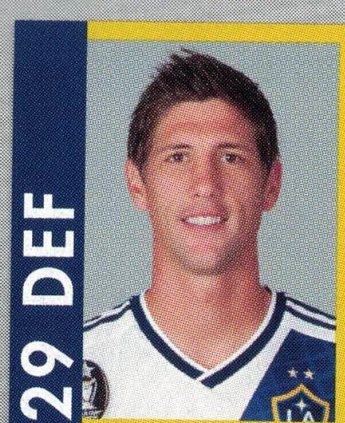
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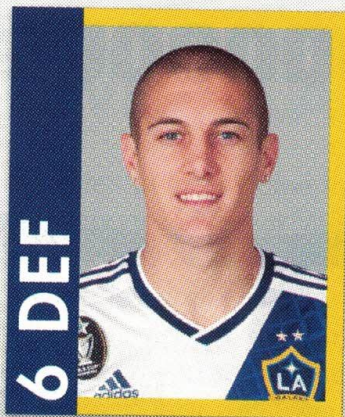


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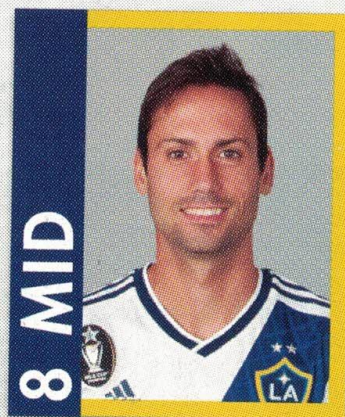
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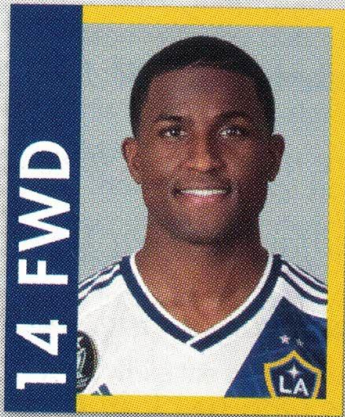
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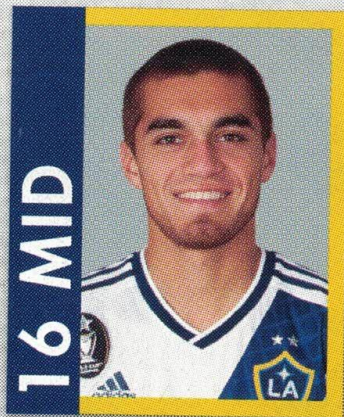
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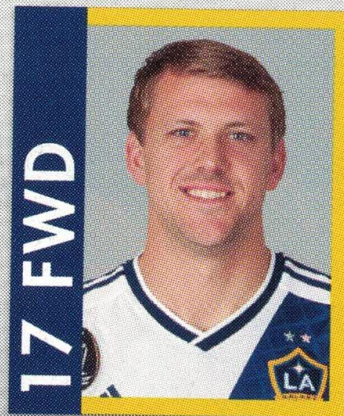
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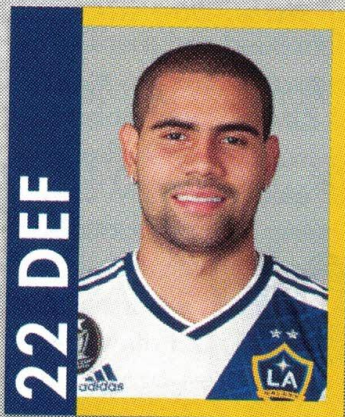
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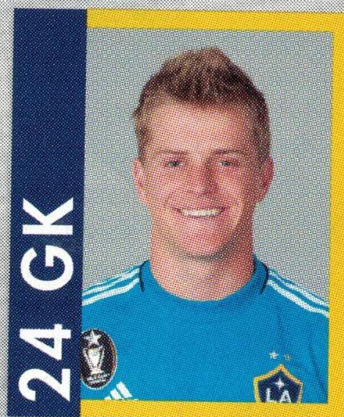
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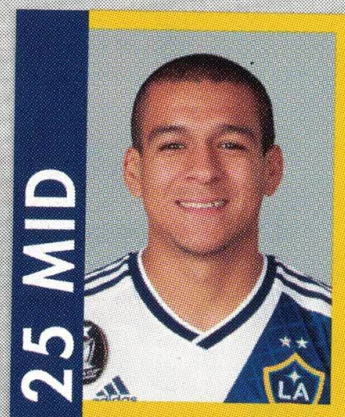
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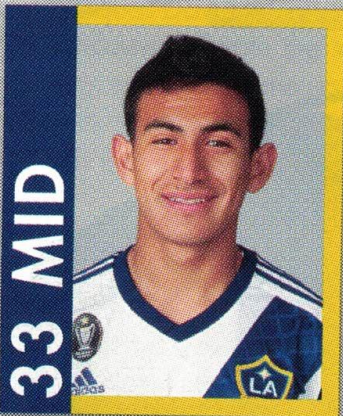
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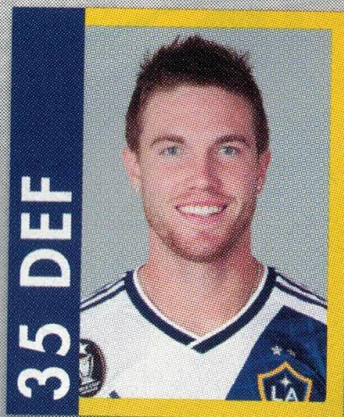
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Jose **VILLARREAL**



Kenney **WALKER**



Bryan **GAUL**



VS



TONIGHT'S OPPONENT

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VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC

Vancouver Whitecaps FC enter tonight's game in the midst of one of the most impressive turnarounds in recent MLS history. One year after finishing tied with New England for the worst record in MLS, the Whitecaps find themselves occupying the third spot in the Western Conference. After winning just six games all of last season, the Whitecaps have already won seven times this season and are just two points shy of eclipsing their total from all of 2011.

Unbeaten in their last five games, the Whitecaps have impressed under head coach Martin Rennie, who is in his first season with the club after a successful run as head coach of the Carolina RailHawks. Rennie has not had to make many changes to his side of late, starting just 13 different players in their recent five-game stretch.

That consistency has been most prevalent in defense where Vancouver has started the same four players in front of Joe Cannon in every game since a 4-1 road loss to New England on May 12. In Swiss left back Alain Rochat and South Korean right back Young-Pyo Lee, the Whitecaps have two of the best fullbacks in MLS while the central defense pairing of club captain Jay DeMerit, who was limited by injuries last season, and Argentine Martin Bonjour have helped the Vancouver defense, which has allowed the fifth fewest goals in MLS this season.

There has been more rotation up front where Rennie and Co. have an embarrassment of riches at their disposal. The lowest scoring team in MLS last season despite getting 12 goals from Camilo and 10 from Eric Hassli, Vancouver have added former MLS MVP candidate Sebastien Le Toux and the speedster Darren Mattocks to the group that also includes Swiss winger Davide Chiumiento. As a result of that depth, the goal scoring has been much more balanced than it was last season. Le Toux leads the way with four goals while Mattocks and Camilo each have three and Hassli has two while Chiumiento has a team-high five assists.

The midfield is often the most overlooked area of the field for Vancouver, but the central midfield trio of Gershon Koffie, Jun Marques Davidson and local product John Thorrington has helped Vancouver dictate the tempo in most of their games this season. They will likely come up against LA's three man center midfield this evening with whoever comes out on top of that battle walking away with the three points.

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC EXPECTED LINEUP (4-3-3):

Joe Cannon; Young-Pyo Lee, Martin Bonjour, Jay DeMerit, Alain Rochat; Jun Marques Davidson, Gershon Koffie, John Thorrington, Davide Chiumiento, Sebastien Le Toux, Darren Mattocks.



KEY MAN: YOUNG-PYO LEE

Few foreigners have made such an immediate impact in MLS this season than Vancouver's Young-Pyo Lee. The former South Korean international arrived in the Pacific Northwest during the offseason and immediately made the right back position his own despite being a naturally left-footed player. He has played every minute of Vancouver's 15 regular season games, scoring a goal and adding two assists while providing another veteran leader in the back four.

Lee played in his native South Korea with Anyang LG Cheetahs (now FC Seoul) before moving on to Holland with PSV Eindhoven. He had later stops in England, with Tottenham Hotspur, Germany, with Borussia Dortmund, and in Saudi Arabia with Al-Hilal before coming to MLS in December. A member of the Korean team at the 2002, 2006 and 2010 World Cups, he has represented his country 127 times, which are the third most in Korean history and only nine less than their record holder for most caps, former Galaxy standout Hong Myung-Bo.



LAST GAME LA GALAXY 3, REAL SALT LAKE 2

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The LA Galaxy won their second straight game and exorcised some demons in the process, grabbing their first-ever win at Rio Tinto Stadium with a 3-2 victory over Real Salt Lake. Landon Donovan scored twice while Mike Magee had a goal and an assist as the Galaxy erased a 2-0 deficit to win for the first time since May 2001.

The evening did not start well for the Galaxy as RSL captain Kyle Beckerman put the home side in front 1-0 just nine minutes into the game. Fabian Espindola raced to the endline on the right flank and sent a low into the center of the box where Beckerman was able to slot a shot past Josh Saunders from six yards out.

Espindola was involved again as Salt Lake took a 2-0 lead in the 24th minute. The Argentine forward collected a knock down from Johnny Steele on the right wing and clipped a ball into the box for Alvaro Saborio who redirected the pass with the slightest of touches to beat Saunders at the far post.

Despite trailing by two goals inside the opening 30 minutes, the Galaxy were hardly being played off the park and got their rewards in the 29th minute when Landon Donovan scored his first of the game. Playing his first game in Salt Lake since 2009, Donovan pounced on a loose back pass from Tony Beltran to get in alone on RSL goalkeeper Nick Rimando. The Galaxy captain rounded Rimando and scored with his left foot, cutting the lead in half at 2-1.

That would be the score at halftime, but the Galaxy were able to get things back onto level terms shortly after the break. Mike Magee started the attacking sequence, jumping on a poor touch by Jamison Olave and stealing the ball. He quickly centered a pass to Donovan, who took two touches and played Magee in on the left. Magee's low, left-footed shot eluded a desperate lunge from Olave and beat Rimando just inside the far post, tying the score at 2-2 in the 50th minute.

Following Magee's equalizer, Josh Saunders made a pair of saves to keep the score level and allow LA to score what



would prove to be the game-winner in the 68th minute. Michael Stephens started the attack out by finding Magee near midfield on the left flank. He played an early cross behind the Salt Lake defense for Donovan, who was able to beat the on-rushing Rimando to the ball 25 yards from goal before rolling a right-footed shot into the empty net for his team-best fifth goal in all competitions this season. Donovan's goals were his first for LA since April 21 and his first multi-goal game for the club since July 30, 2011 in a 4-0 win at Vancouver.

Salt Lake pushed for an a late equalizer but could not find a way through the LA defense as the Galaxy held on for their fifth win of the season, which moved them three points closer to a potential playoff position.

SCORING SUMMARY:

RSL – Kyle Beckerman 4 (Fabian Espindola 2, Chris Wingert 1) 9'
RSL – Alvaro Saborio 7 (Fabian Espindola 3) 24'
LA – Landon Donovan 3 (Unassisted) 29'
LA – Mike Magee (Landon Donovan 3) 50'
LA – Landon Donovan 4 (Mike Magee 2) 68'

MISCONDUCT SUMMARY:

RSL – Jonny Steele (Yellow Card) 53'
LA – A.J. DeLaGarza (Yellow Card) 53'
RSL – Javier Morales (Yellow Card) 66'
RSL – Fabian Espindola (Yellow Card) 80'

LINEUPS:

LA GALAXY: Josh Saunders; Sean Franklin, A.J. DeLaGarza, David Junior Lopes, Todd Dunivant; Marcelo Sarvas (Michael Stephens 65'), Juninho, David Beckham; Bryan Jordan (Rafael Garcia 85'), Mike Magee (Chad Barrett 88'), Landon Donovan©.

SUBS NOT USED: Brian Perk, Bryan Gaul, Tommy Meyer, Jack McBean.

REAL SALT LAKE: Nick Rimando; Tony Beltran, Nat Borchers, Jamison Olave (Luis Gil 64'), Chris Wingert; Kyle Beckerman©, Ned Grabavoy (Paulo Junior 80'), Will Johnson, Jonny Steele (Javier Morales 60'); Fabian Espindola, Alvaro Saborio.

SUBS NOT USED: Kyle Reynish, Terakazu Tanaka, Yordany Alvarez, Emiliano Bonfigli.

REFEREE: Kevin Stott



ROBBIE RETURNS

The Galaxy welcomed Robbie Keane back to training on Friday morning with the Ireland captain taking part in his first training session with the club since leaving for the European Championships last month. Keane has missed LA's last five regular season games, missing four while with Ireland and also missing the 1-0 loss to Chivas USA in the SuperClasico with tightness in his right hamstring.

That injury is well in the past for Keane who started a pair of friendlies for his country before starting all three of their games in Group C. The odds were stacked against the Irish going into the tournament, having to face defending champion Spain, as well as Croatia and Italy, but Keane and Co. showed the usual dogged drive and determination that they are known for, despite coming out on the losing end in each of their three matches.

With the Euros now in the past for the Galaxy goal scorer, his focus is turned sharply to his club side's quest for a second straight MLS Cup. The team's top goal scorer before his departure, Keane has struggled in front of goal as of late, failing to score in all competitions since March 31. But with renewed optimism surrounding the team thanks to the current two-game winning streak, a return to form of the dangerous front man could help the club achieve the success that was expected of them at the start of the season.

While Keane is glad to be back, he status for tonight's game was not immediately known with Bruce Arena saying that he expect his star forward to be available for selection, though he would not commit to an expected plan of action for him until after observing him in

training on Friday. Whatever course of action Arena chooses, Keane will be prepared for it.

Despite having played for the Galaxy for less than a year, Keane already has plenty of experience in playing just days after arriving from Europe. Keane scored in his Galaxy debut against San Jose last August just more than 48 hours after he arrived in Southern California for the first time. The following month, after playing in a pair of Euro qualifiers for Ireland, Keane came off the bench against Colorado 36 hours after returning from Russia, playing the final 30 minutes and helping the Galaxy to a 1-0 win. A few days later, he scored his team's only goal and had a second wrongly called back for offside in Mexico as LA lost 2-1 loss to Morelia in the CONCACAF Champions League and then had a goal and an assist in the 3-0 home win over Vancouver.

But perhaps Keane's most famous cross-continental journey came during the 2011 MLS Cup Playoffs. Days after tallying the game-clinching goal that sent the Galaxy to MLS Cup, Keane jetted off to Europe for Ireland's two-leg Euro Playoff against Estonia. He scored twice in the first leg in Tallinn as Ireland won 4-0 and then helped his country reach their first major championship in a decade with a 1-1 draw at home a few days later. With the nation still celebrating, Keane flew back to Los Angeles and set up Landon Donovan's second half goal as the Galaxy won their third MLS Cup.

While the stakes are not as high tonight as they were that November night, Keane would love nothing more than helping to produce a similar result and a similar celebration at The Home Depot Center.

NO REST FOR THE WEARY

When the Galaxy take on Vancouver Whitecaps FC tonight at The Home Depot Center, it will be the club's third game in seven days. Not only that, but they will be doing so after a hard-fought 1-0 win over Portland at home and a game played in the altitude of Rio Tinto Stadium, a wonderful 3-2 come-from-behind win against Real Salt Lake. The Galaxy have shown their resiliency in the past when faced with the challenge of playing three games or more during a period of 12 days or less. In the two previous seasons, the club has played 39 total games in such circumstances. From those games, they've compiled an amazing 23-7-9 record— or, to say it in another way, the Galaxy have attained 76 points out of a possible 117.

By those numbers, it's easy to see that this is not the first time that the Galaxy have been asked to play multiple games on short rest, and it certainly won't be the last. However, as difficult as that grind is on players, wins like the one against Portland and the one in Salt Lake make it a lot easier to face these challenges.

"It's never ideal when you play on a Sunday, travel on Tuesday and play at altitude on Wednesday," said David Beckham ahead of the trip to Salt Lake. "But it is what it is. Coming off a win we have to be confident and hopefully we push on from there."

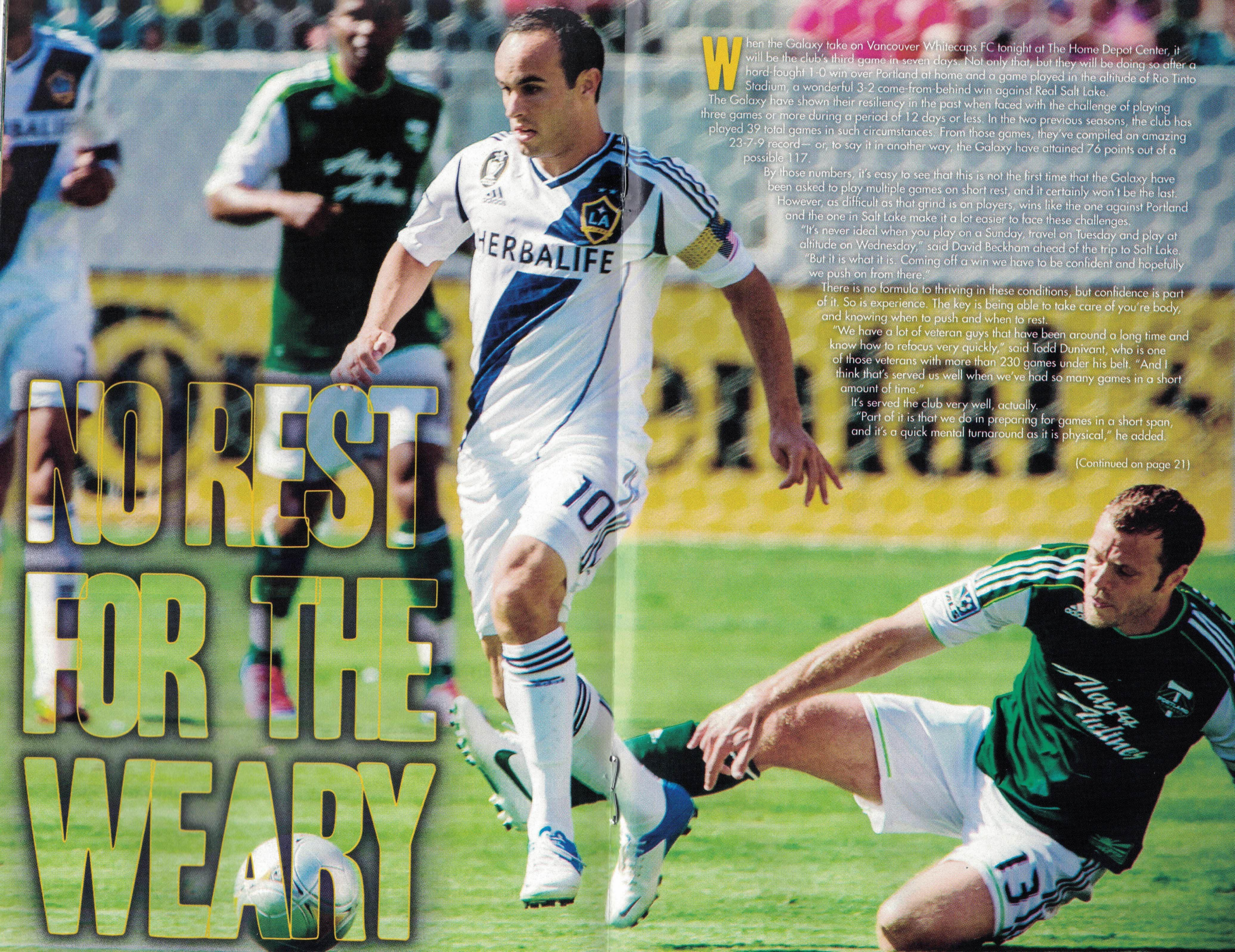
There is no formula to thriving in these conditions, but confidence is part of it. So is experience. The key is being able to take care of you're body, and knowing when to push and when to rest.

"We have a lot of veteran guys that have been around a long time and know how to refocus very quickly," said Todd Dunivant, who is one of those veterans with more than 230 games under his belt. "And I think that's served us well when we've had so many games in a short amount of time."

It's served the club very well, actually.

"Part of it is that we do in preparing for games in a short span, and it's a quick mental turnaround as it is physical," he added.

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That approach has helped the club tremendously. The Galaxy have proven in the past that with the right approach and mentality the club can succeed in these types of situations.

"The statistics bear out," said Associate Coach Dave Sarachan. "Over the last couple of years, the winning percentage is over 70-percent and we feel we have the right mentality within the current squad to deal with these moments.

"It takes a real mentality to deal with a lot of games over a short period of time.

This season, the club started the year by playing four games in a span of 11 days. Unlike the previous two years, success didn't come easily. They went just 1-2-1 in those games and were knocked out of the CONCACAF Champions League. Then, just before the recent international break, the club played four games in 10 days. They lost all four, including a 2-1 defeat to the Carolina RailHawks in the Third Round of the U.S. Open Cup.

For a club that aims to win championships, that was not good enough and the break came at the right time.

"I think we've looked like a much different team," captain Landon Donovan said after the win over Portland last weekend. "I think the break did us a lot

of good... the intensity is better, there's more competition and I think you could see in Sunday's game that there was a little fire back, which is good."

The fire was definitely back Wednesday in Salt Lake. Down 2-0, the club scored three unanswered goals to stun and silence the home crowd. The come-from-behind win might be the kick start the club had been looking for all season long to turn-around the season, but it will need more than just a magical win to return to the top.

"We came into this week wanting to get six, seven or nine points," said Donovan after Wednesday's win. "We're at six, but we don't have the luxury of relaxing— we have to win Saturday."

Just like they have in the past, the club will need to rely heavily on each other to thrive in these situations because this won't be the last time they will face this specific scheduling challenge. The Galaxy will end up playing three games or more on short rest a total of nine times this season.

"It's not on the shoulder of one or two (players), it's the collective effort of the full 11 that are on the field," said Sarachan.

"We know there's a lot more ahead throughout the rest of the year, but we are not afraid to embrace the challenge." ■



A HOLLYWOOD STORY AT HALFTIME

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Kimberly Kingsley has been through an abundance of pain over the past five years. As a result of two brain tumors and their respective surgeries, she has had to re-learn to walk twice, let alone return to the strength she once had as a collegiate soccer player. But during a recent Galaxy game, that all changed, even if it was just for a moment in time.

"I felt painless for like five minutes," Kingsley said about the moments after she scored a goal and won two free roundtrip tickets in the "Score a Direct Kick with Alaska Airlines" challenge at halftime of the Galaxy's game against San Jose on May 23.

Kingsley, a born-and-raised Californian who grew up in Orange County, played her college soccer at Cal Poly Pomona before tragedy struck.

Five years ago, she was diagnosed with benign brain tumor the size of a tennis ball which required surgery. When she woke up from the surgery, she found out she had suffered a small stroke and couldn't feel or move her left side.

Doctors told Kingsley she would not walk again. "It might have been to motivate me," she said. "But regardless I did walk again."

However, all that progress was stunted two years ago when the tumor returned, forcing Kingsley to undergo yet another surgery. After working tirelessly through the rehab process once, she realized that she would have to go through all of it once again.

Kingsley's moment to shine at The Home Depot Center came after being selected randomly via a Facebook entry in the contest that the Galaxy run along with their partner, Alaska Airlines. She came to the game with her brother Ryan who is also a soccer player and frequently attends Galaxy games.

Down on the field, preparing for the contest, Kingsley reminded herself that she had done the same thing a million times before. Even though she had barely kicked a soccer ball any considerable distance since her surgery, her main concern was simply remaining upright while passing her shot into the net.

"I just didn't want to fall. I had to put my cane down to kick it," said Kingsley. "But I knew the mechanics of kicking; if I could get my foot planted the right side



Kimberly Kingsley (left) won two roundtrip flights and Galaxy tickets as part of the "Score a Direct Kick with Alaska Airlines" sweepstakes on May 23.

would take care of the rest."

And that's exactly what happened as she knocked the ball into the target. "Once I got that foot planted, soccer took over. From there, it was natural."

As soon as the ball hit the net, a classic soccer celebration popped into her head. She immediately wanted to run and slide to the corner flag, a la Landon Donovan in MLS Cup, but the cane made that difficult. Instead, she turned to another classic L.A. celebration, giving the "Kobe fist pump" to the delight of the crowd.

She described it as one of the most amazing moments of her life and said it stirred up that feeling of scoring a goal in a big game once again. "I never thought that would happen again," she said.

With a pair of roundtrip tickets now at her disposal, Kingsley considered heading to Alaska for the first time to see the glaciers. However, she decided to hold off on that dream until her legs are strong enough not just to kick a soccer ball, but to hike and truly enjoy the wilderness. Instead, Kingsley plans on flying – which wasn't possible before – to visit family, nephews in Florida and a sister in Boston, she hasn't seen in some time.

A one-time soccer star who had barely kicked a ball while overcoming one of life's great obstacles, not just once, but twice, Kimberly Kingsley was back on top of the soccer world on May 23. Now she has the tickets, and more importantly the memories, to show just how far she's come.

"For me, it wasn't just winning the tickets," Kingsley said. "I was so excited to be able to put a ball in the goal again. It was a goal of mine the last five years, to be able to do it precisely, I felt ecstatic."



THE ODD COUPLE

DAVID JUNIOR LOPES

BRYAN GAUL

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. Tonight, we focus on the latter.

During the midweek trip to Utah, Illinois-native Bryan Gaul and Brazilian-born David Junior Lopes were paired together as roommates for the first time this season. We spoke to both about how things were going ahead of Wednesday's win over Real Salt Lake.

All interviews were done individually, though really we could have done them at the same time and it would not have made a difference — Bryan doesn't speak Portuguese and David is still learning English. Neither of the players were told how the other had answered....

WHAT MAKES DAVID A GOOD ROOMMATE?

BG "He's clean, he's organized and he goes to sleep early. I don't think he has any bad habits, to be honest."

WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT DAVID THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE?

BG "I didn't know what to expect, to be honest, but it was hilarious when he walked into the room and he just screamed my name. It was funny."

HOW DOES DAVID COMPARE TO YOUR OTHER TRAVELING ROOMMATE?

BG "I've roomed with Kenney (Walker) and he's quiet, and so is David, he's pretty quiet when you don't know him that well. That's how Kenney was, but when you get to know him he's more outgoing."

WITH THAT SAID, DO YOU MISS KENNEY?

BG "No, I don't miss Kenney. I'll see him when I get back."

WHAT IS BRYAN'S BEST QUALITY AS A ROOMMATE?

DJL "He doesn't talk much."

WHAT'S IT BEEN LIKE TO ROOM WITH BRYAN?

DJL "Because we speak different languages, we don't talk that much. He does his own thing and I do my own thing. Sometimes we'll speak when we both see something on the TV, but I have no complaints and I hope that he doesn't have any complaints either."

IS HE A MESSY ROOMMATE OR A CLEAN ROOMMATE?

DJL "He's a clean roommate."

WILL YOU TEACH HIM SAMBA BEFORE THE TRIP IS OVER?

DJL "I don't know if he can pick it up, but maybe prior to our game I'll show him so that if he scores a goal he can celebrate by dancing Samba."



SEVEN QUESTIONS WITH OMAR GONZALEZ

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The trajectory of Omar Gonzalez's career had seemed to be on an unstoppable rise at the end of the 2011 season. The towering central defender has garnered new accolades every season of his short career. His most recent individual haul included MLS Defender of the Year, Galaxy Defender of the Year and MLS Best XI while helping to anchor the LA's MLS Cup-winning defense that allowed the fewest goals in the league and kept 22 clean sheets in all competitions.

Things changed, however, in January 2012, when what looked like another journey forward instead became a major setback. Gonzalez was loaned to FC Nürnberg of the German Bundesliga, a move that was supposed to allow Gonzalez to train at a higher level during the MLS offseason. That all quickly went sideways when Gonzalez suffered a torn ACL in his left knee on the first day of training with the German club. After returning to the U.S. and having surgery to repair his knee, it was feared that the Dallas-native would miss the entire season. In his absence, the Galaxy have shuffled through defenders, using seven different starting combinations central defense while keeping just one clean sheet in 15 MLS matches.

However, less than five months removed from his surgery, Gonzalez is well ahead of schedule and nearing a return to action. He is back on the field training with the guys and he no longer has to wear the cumbersome knee brace that he sported when he first returned to the field. With a busy summer ahead, Gonzalez's return to the field could be much closer than anyone could have

imagined at the start of the season.

We caught up with Gonzalez to discuss his rehab, returning to training with the team and the Galaxy's play so far this season...

THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR INJURY THAT YOU'VE HAD IN YOUR CAREER, HOW DIFFICULT HAS IT BEEN TO DEAL WITH AT TIMES?

OG: I had an injury when I was younger, just a little meniscus, but that was only like three weeks or something so this is definitely the longest injury I've ever had. It's been frustrating at times, but for the most part it's been good just to get a little break and just really work on my technique and get things right.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE HARDEST PART ABOUT BEING OUT OF THE LINEUP AND WATCHING FROM THE SIDELINES?

OG: I think the hardest part is just not being able to play. For my whole life I have been, for the most part, playing game-in and game-out and this is the first time I'm sitting on the sidelines watching it. It's been frustrating because we haven't been having that good of a year up to now, so there are times where I see plays and I get a little frustrated.

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN REHABBING AND RECOVERING SINCE THE SURGERY?

OG: I was doing physical therapy five days-a-week, Monday through Friday and then taking weekends off. Now that I'm getting closer to my return date, I've just been lifting everyday, coming in to get treatment and now I'm starting to practice.

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DID YOU KNOW

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SUNDAY'S WIN over Portland was the LA's first shutout of the season.

TODD DUNIVANT scored his first goal of the season in that game, tallying for the first time since May 8, 2010 at Seattle. He now has three goals in his Galaxy career, helping his team win and keep a clean sheet in all three of those games.

LANDON DONOVAN'S multi-goal game against Real Salt Lake was his first for the Galaxy since July 30, 2011 when he scored twice in a 4-0 win at Vancouver.

MIKE MAGEE now has two goals and an assist in his last three regular season games for the Galaxy. The club is now 16-2-7 in all competitions when he has a goal or an assist.

JOSH SAUNDERS is a perfect 4-0-0 in his last four starts.

WEDNESDAY'S WIN over Real Salt Lake was the Galaxy's first win in the regular season in which they allowed more than one goal since October 2008.

THE WIN over Real Salt Lake was the first time that the Galaxy won a game in which they trailed 2-0 since May 30, 2001. On that day, the Chicago Fire led 2-0 inside the opening 15 minutes behind goals from Hristo Stoichkov and Jesse Marsch, only for Luis Hernandez and Greg Vanney to tie the score before halftime. Peter Vagenas and Hernandez would add second half goals for LA while Eric Wynalda scored for the Fire as the Galaxy held on for a 4-3 win at Soldier Field.



THIS WILL BE the third all-time meeting between the Galaxy and Whitecaps, with the Galaxy winning both matches between the two sides last year. LA outscored Vancouver 7-0 in those matches.

IN BOTH PREVIOUS MATCHES between the Galaxy and Whitecaps, an LA player has scored twice with Landon Donovan scoring twice in the 4-0 win at Empire Field on July 30 and Mike Magee scoring twice in the 3-0 win at The Home Depot Center on September 17.

SEAN FRANKLIN is the only Galaxy player to appear in and start all 15 of the club's regular season games this year. He had a goal and an assist in his only previous game against the Whitecaps. That is the only time in his MLS career that he had a goal and an assist in the same game.

WITH JACK MCBEAN AND RAFAEL GARCIA making their 2012 debuts in the last two games, only Omar Gonzalez, Leonardo and Jose Villarreal have not appeared in a regular season game for the Galaxy this year. Of that group, only Gonzalez has not seen any action this season with Leonardo playing 90 minutes in the Open Cup and seeing time in two Reserve League games while Villarreal has played in all five of LA's Reserve League games.

AFTER GOING WINLESS in the month of May with an 0-5-1 record, the Galaxy are now unbeaten in June, going 2-0-0.

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