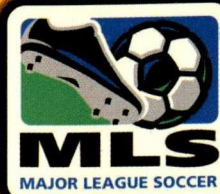


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FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Major League Soccer is proud to welcome you to the greatest soccer showcase in America: the 2001 Major League Soccer All-Star Game. Now in its sixth year, the match continues to bring together the top talent in MLS for a four-day festival that truly serves as a celebration of the sport.

The year 2001 has truly been the year of the star player. Earlier this year Clint Mathis (MetroStars) and Josh Wolff (Chicago Fire) captured the imagination of millions of soccer fans young and old with brilliant performances in MLS and for the U.S. National Team. We've also seen exciting newcomers like John Spencer (Colorado Rapids) and Alex Pineda Chacon (Miami Fusion) become instant hits.

Our young players continue to develop at an incredible rate, and this season Landon Donovan (San Jose Earthquakes), Bobby Convey (D.C. United) and DaMarcus Beasley (Chicago Fire) are among the many young stars making a significant impact in MLS. The continued development of these young American players provides a bright future for soccer in this country.

We are pleased to have San Jose host our All-Star extravaganza. The Bay Area is experiencing some of the best soccer in its history as Donovan, Jeff Agoos and the rest of the San Jose Earthquakes have raised the levels of passion for soccer in Northern California to their highest since MLS kicked off its inaugural match at Spartan Stadium on April 6, 1996.

Finally, in world soccer, it is not every day that fans have the opportunity to watch some of the best players in the sport play in a single game on the same field. I invite you to enjoy today's experience.

Thank you for your continued support as we move ahead toward another thrilling MLS Cup, when the top two teams in MLS meet at Columbus Crew Stadium on October 21.

Don Garber
Commissioner, Major League Soccer

MENSAJE DEL COMISIONADO

Major League Soccer se enorgullece en darle la bienvenida al mejor evento futbolístico de los EE.UU.: el Juego de las Estrellas de la MLS 2001. En su sexta edición, el partido continúa juntando el mejor talento de la MLS para un espectacular festival de cuatro días donde se celebra el deporte rey.

La temporada 2001 ha sido realmente la temporada de los astros. En los primeros meses de la temporada, Clint Mathis (MetroStars) y Josh Wolff (Chicago Fire) capturaron la imaginación de millones de aficionados, grandes y chicos, con su brillante desempeño en la MLS y con la selección nacional. También hemos disfrutado del talento de nuevos y electrizantes jugadores en la liga como Alex Pineda Chacón y John Spencer.

Nuestros jugadores juveniles continúan desarrollándose rápidamente, como refleja el protagonismo de juveniles como Landon Donovan (San José Earthquakes), Bobby Convey (D.C. United) y DaMarcus Beasley (Chicago Fire) en sus respectivos equipos y con selecciones nacionales. El continuo desarrollo de estos jóvenes baluartes promete un brillante futuro para el fútbol de este país.

Estamos felices de poder escenificar el partido en San José. El área de

la Bahía esta pasando por un gran momento futbolístico con su equipo, los Earthquakes, quienes se han beneficiado con las adquisiciones de Donovan y el veterano defensor Jeff Agoos. Recordemos que fue aquí donde la liga jugó su histórico primer partido el 6 de abril de 1996.

Finalmente, en el mundo del fútbol no es todos los días que los aficionados pueden disfrutar de la presencia de los mejores jugadores todos juntos en la misma cancha y en un solo partido. Los invito a que disfruten del espectáculo.

Gracias por su apoyo continuo. Más adelante podremos coronar a un nuevo campeón en la gran final por la Copa MLS el 21 de octubre en el estadio Columbus Crew.

Don Garber
Comisionado, Major League Soccer



FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Major League Soccer Fans,

Welcome to San Jose, the Capital of Silicon Valley known for its dynamic high-tech economy and its innovative spirit. San Jose, however, is also home to a great soccer tradition, and we have long provided outstanding support for professional and community soccer in our city.

The San Jose Earthquakes provide us with great games, exciting seasons and enjoyable family events. Our community has welcomed the team and our hometown MLS stars. The City of San Jose also strongly supports MLS, and we welcome each of you to this year's All-Star Game. I join you in wishing your favorite stars the best of luck during this special game.

Please enjoy Spartan Stadium's wonderful soccer environment, our sunny weather and the fantastic soccer, and I hope you have a great time in San Jose.

Sincerely,

Ron Gonzales
Ron Gonzales
Mayor



FROM SVS&E

Dear Soccer Fans,

On behalf of the San Jose Earthquakes and Silicon Valley Sports & Entertainment, it is my pleasure to welcome all Major League Soccer fans, players and team representatives to the 2001 MLS All-Star Weekend and the sixth annual MLS All-Star Game.

It is a great honor for the city of San Jose and the Earthquakes to host one of MLS' premiere showcases. The 2001 MLS All-Star Weekend will provide fans from around the Bay Area and beyond the opportunity to experience the magic and majesty of the sport of soccer and partake in activities and events celebrating the most popular sport in the world.

Hosting the MLS All-Star Game in San Jose is a significant step for the Earthquakes organization, showing that the sport of soccer is thriving and recognizing the support of dedicated and enthusiastic Bay Area soccer fans.

The Earthquakes are poised to have the most successful season in franchise history in 2001 with a talented group of players, the leadership of Head Coach Frank Yallop and his staff and a revitalized dedication to winning from everyone within the organization.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our wonderful city and have time to experience its many attractions and sites that make it such a great place to call home.

Sincerely,

Greg Jamison

Greg Jamison
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2001 MLS SCHEDULE

All Times Eastern



APRIL

Saturday, April 7

New England	3-2	MetroStars	30,753
Kansas City	2-3	D.C. United	22,216
Colorado	1-2	Miami	10,411
Chicago	1-1	Columbus	17,947
Tampa Bay	4-2	Dallas	15,124
San Jose	3-2	Los Angeles	17,386

Saturday, April 14

Columbus	2-1	Tampa Bay	16,823
Miami	1-0	New England	15,576
Los Angeles	1-2	Kansas City	13,042
D.C. United	0-2	Chicago	19,241
MetroStars	1-1	Colorado	18,495
Dallas	1-0	San Jose	13,919

Wednesday, April 18

Miami	1-2	Kansas City	4,420
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Saturday, April 21

Tampa Bay	3-1	MetroStars	17,253
Chicago	2-3	Dallas	9,785
New England	1-2	D.C. United	15,656
San Jose	1-2	Miami	8,096
Kansas City	3-0	Columbus	14,488
Colorado	0-1	Los Angeles	12,749

Saturday, April 28

Chicago	1-0	Tampa Bay	10,602
Dallas	2-3	MetroStars	17,543
San Jose	0-0	Kansas City	14,521
Los Angeles	3-2	Colorado	8,309
New England	0-1	Miami	14,381

MAY

Wednesday, May 2

Kansas City	1-4	MetroStars	9,321
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Saturday, May 5

Miami	0-0	Columbus	13,975
D.C. United	2-3	MetroStars	20,877
Tampa Bay	0-2	Chicago	13,123
Colorado	1-0	Dallas	14,504
New England	2-3	San Jose	8,137
Kansas City	1-2	Los Angeles	13,471

Wednesday, May 9

Los Angeles	4-4	Tampa Bay	6,056
New England	0-5	D.C. United	10,638

Saturday, May 12

Tampa Bay	1-2	Colorado	13,052
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Los Angeles	0-2	MetroStars	21,561
Chicago	1-2	New England	15,159
San Jose	3-2	D.C. United	36,528
Columbus	0-4	Dallas	14,087

Wednesday, May 16

Colorado	0-1	MetroStars	10,081
Columbus	1-2	New England	7,864

Saturday, May 19

MetroStars	0-2	San Jose	6,879
Tampa Bay	1-3	Miami	12,412
D.C. United	1-2	Columbus	18,491
Kansas City	0-2	Chicago	20,302
New England	1-0	Colorado	20,005
Dallas	0-0	Los Angeles	15,881

Wednesday, May 23

San Jose	2-0	Dallas	7,505
Miami	1-0	Colorado	6,295

Thursday, May 24

MetroStars	0-1	Kansas City	7,873
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Saturday, May 26

San Jose	1-1	Chicago	8,332
Miami	4-0	Tampa Bay	12,998
Colorado	3-3	Columbus	12,630
New England	0-2	Los Angeles	12,249

Wednesday, May 30

Los Angeles	4-3	Chicago	9,498
Colorado	1-1	San Jose	15,217
D.C. United	1-2	Miami	6,524

JUNE

Saturday, June 2

Chicago	2-1	D.C. United	14,473
Los Angeles	1-1	Columbus	15,174
Kansas City	2-1	Tampa Bay	9,834
Miami	6-2	Dallas	10,049
San Jose	2-1	Colorado	10,095

Sunday, June 3

MetroStars	1-1	New England	28,623
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Wednesday, June 6

Dallas	1-0	Tampa Bay	5,384
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Saturday, June 9

D.C. United	0-3	Dallas	11,114
Kansas City	1-5	Miami	9,154
Tampa Bay	0-3	New England	15,468
Columbus	0-1	Chicago	15,233
Los Angeles	1-3	San Jose	13,361

Wednesday, June 13

MetroStars	1-2	D.C. United	11,581
Kansas City	0-4	Los Angeles	4,827

Saturday, June 16

D.C. United	3-0	Kansas City	11,083
San Jose	0-0	MetroStars	23,561
Tampa Bay	1-6	Columbus	19,128
Los Angeles	3-3	Miami	11,846
Dallas	6-3	Colorado	12,652

Wednesday, June 20

Colorado	3-3	New England	31,211
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Saturday, June 23

MetroStars	0-2	Los Angeles	13,844
D.C. United	2-3	Tampa Bay	9,232
New England	1-1	Chicago	20,531
Columbus	2-1	Dallas	10,940
Kansas City	0-2	San Jose	8,917

Saturday, June 30

Los Angeles	0-0	Dallas	16,104
Colorado	1-1	D.C. United	30,271
Columbus	3-4	Miami	14,856
MetroStars	1-3	Chicago	15,274
Tampa Bay	0-3	Kansas City	10,529

JULY

Wednesday, July 4

Miami	1-1	San Jose	9,847
MetroStars	2-1	Tampa Bay	20,730
New England	1-1	Dallas	21,343
Chicago	7-0	Kansas City	19,552
D.C. United	1-3	Colorado	60,500
Columbus	2-0	Los Angeles	52,634

Saturday, July 7

Dallas	at	Columbus	4:00
Chicago	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
MetroStars	at	Miami	7:30
Kansas City	at	New England	8:00
Los Angeles	at	D.C. United	8:00
San Jose	at	Colorado	9:00

Saturday, July 14

Tampa Bay	at	San Jose	4:00
D.C. United	at	New England	7:30
Colorado	at	Chicago	8:00
Dallas	at	Kansas City	8:30
Miami	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Tuesday, July 17

Los Angeles	at	New England	7:30
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Wednesday, July 18

Chicago	at	Miami	7:30
MetroStars	at	Columbus	7:30
Tampa Bay	at	Dallas	8:30
Kansas City	at	Colorado	9:00
D.C. United	at	San Jose	9:30

Saturday, July 21

D.C. United	at	MetroStars	4:00
Colorado	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
New England	at	Miami	7:30
San Jose	at	Columbus	7:30
Dallas	at	Chicago	8:00

Saturday, July 28

ALL-STAR GAME San Jose, Calif. **3:30**

Sunday, July 29

New England	at	Kansas City	6:00
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AUGUST**Wednesday, August 1**

Chicago	at	Columbus	7:30
Miami	at	D.C. United	8:00

Saturday, August 4

Chicago	at	Colorado	4:00
San Jose	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
Dallas	at	New England	7:30
Miami	at	MetroStars	8:00
Columbus	at	Kansas City	8:30

Wednesday, August 8

San Jose	at	New England	7:30
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Saturday, August 11

Miami	at	New England	7:30
Tampa Bay	at	Chicago	8:00
MetroStars	at	Dallas	8:30
Columbus	at	San Jose	10:00
D.C. United	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Sunday, August 12

Kansas City	at	Colorado	9:00
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Wednesday, August 15

Dallas	at	Columbus	7:30
MetroStars	at	D.C. United	7:30
Miami	at	Chicago	8:30
Los Angeles	at	Kansas City	8:30

Saturday, August 18

D.C. United	at	New England	4:00
Dallas	at	Miami	7:30
Chicago	at	San Jose	10:00
Tampa Bay	at	Los Angeles	11:00

Sunday, August 19

Columbus	at	MetroStars	3:30
Colorado	at	Kansas City	8:30

Saturday, August 25

Columbus	at	D.C. United	2:00
Chicago	at	Los Angeles	4:00
MetroStars	at	Miami	7:30
Kansas City	at	Dallas	8:30
Colorado	at	San Jose	10:00

Sunday, August 26

New England	at	Tampa Bay	6:00
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Wednesday, August 29

Dallas	at	Tampa Bay	7:00
Columbus	at	Chicago	8:30

SEPTEMBER**Saturday, September 1**

Tampa Bay	at	D.C. United	12:30
Chicago	at	MetroStars	4:00
New England	at	Columbus	7:30
Colorado	at	Los Angeles	10:00
Kansas City	at	San Jose	10:00

Friday, September 7

New England	at	MetroStars	8:00
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Saturday, September 8

D.C. United	at	Miami	4:00
Dallas	at	Chicago	8:00
San Jose	at	Kansas City	8:30
Los Angeles	at	Colorado	9:00

Sunday, September 9

Columbus	at	Tampa Bay	5:00
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Wednesday, September 12

Dallas	at	D.C. United	7:30
Miami	at	MetroStars	8:00
Columbus	at	Colorado	9:00
San Jose	at	Los Angeles	10:00

Saturday, September 15

MetroStars	at	New England	7:30
Miami	at	D.C. United	7:30
Tampa Bay	at	Columbus	7:30
Chicago	at	Dallas	8:30

Sunday, September 16

Colorado	at	Kansas City	3:30
Los Angeles	at	San Jose	4:00

Playoffs TBD

Sunday, October 21

MLS Cup in Columbus, Ohio			1:30
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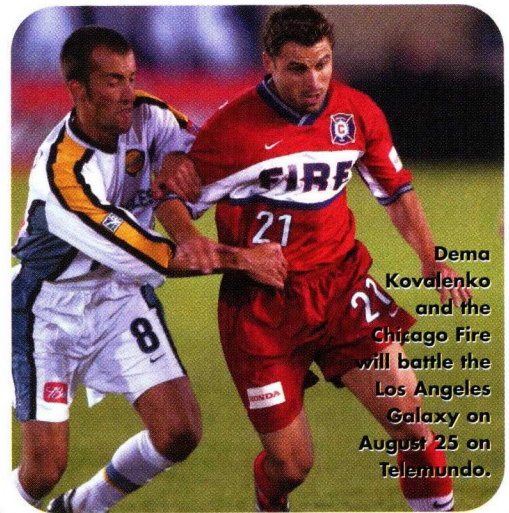


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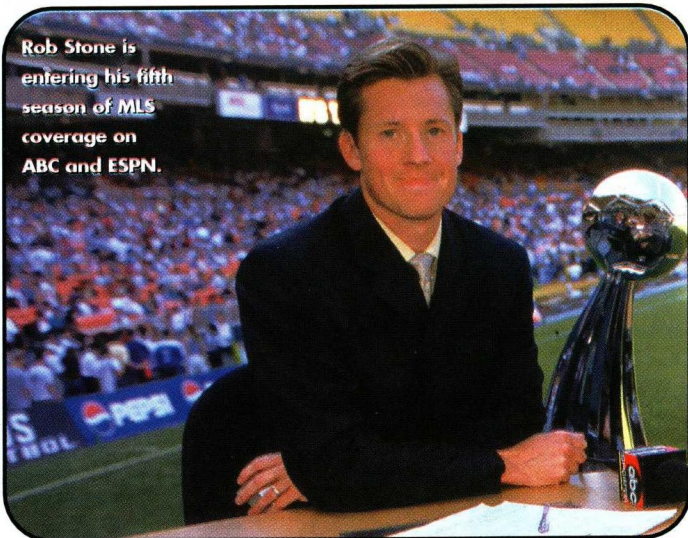
Sat.	July 28	MLS 2001 All-Star Game	3:30 p.m.	ABC
Sat.	Aug. 4	Miami at MetroStars	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.	Aug. 4	Chicago at Colorado	4:00 p.m.	TEL
Sat.	Aug. 11	D.C. United at Los Angeles	10:00 p.m.	TEL*
Sat.	Aug. 18	D.C. United at New England	4:00 p.m.	TEL
Sat.	Aug. 18	Tampa Bay at Los Angeles	11:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.	Aug. 25	Columbus at D.C. United	2:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat.	Aug. 25	Chicago at Los Angeles	4:00 p.m.	TEL
Sat.	Sept. 1	Chicago at MetroStars	4:00 p.m.	TEL
Sat.	Sept. 8	D.C. United at Miami	4:00 p.m.	TEL
Sun.	Sept. 9	Columbus at Tampa Bay	5:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sun.	Sept. 16	Los Angeles at San Jose	4:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sun.	Oct. 21	MLS Cup 2001	1:30 p.m.	ABC

* = Tape Delayed, Aug. 12 at 1:00 p.m.
DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Dem
Kovalenko
and the
Chicago Fire
will battle the
Los Angeles
Galaxy on
August 25 on
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MLS' MAGNIFICENT 11



Rob Stone is entering his fifth season of MLS coverage on ABC and ESPN.



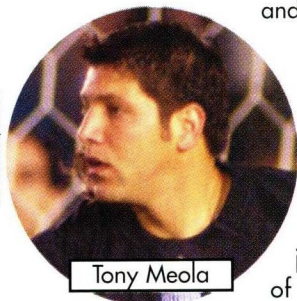
By Rob Stone

Rob Stone is the co-host of MLS ExtraTime, the Monday night one-hour show dedicated to Major League Soccer highlights and personalities. He is joined by former Dallas Burn Head Coach Dave Dir and ESPN The Magazine's Jeff Bradley with all the MLS insider information.

What do Chiquinho Conde, Doctor Khumalo and Digital Takawira have in common besides making me giggle to myself when I hear their names said in unison? The answer is they are all former MLS All-Stars who did not make my All-Time MLS All-Star Team.

You have to have more than an amusing name to make this squad, which leads me to how I selected this team from the 111 players who participated in the five previous midseason soccer showcases. First off, you have to generate fan excitement, on and off the field. Secondly, I look for creative offensive players who make you think twice about taking that bathroom break. Finally, I need a bunch of guys who understand that despite the score, the objective is to score more (defenders, I'm talking to you). Since I will never be an MLS head coach, here is my first and final crack at drawing up a starting 11.

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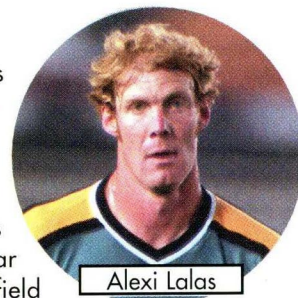


Tony Meola

GOALKEEPER: We begin with the goalkeeper. Let me make this clear: Unless you enjoy countless 5v1 attacks and balls whistling at you from 10 yards out, this is the worst job in the All-Star Game. Tony Meola of the Wizards is my no-brainer choice.

He leads all keepers in minutes played, shots faced and saves in All-Star Games. Heck, in last year's All-Star Game in Columbus, he not only allowed me to interview him while he was playing, but he escaped the cage and got a brief stint up front.

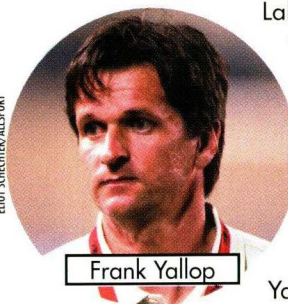
DEFENDERS: Before my defenders even hit the airport I tell them to check their pride with their luggage. My backline must be equally adept at going forward as it is in pulling the ball out of the net. Los Angeles' Alexi Lalas defines All-Star to me. Not the best player on the field (not the worst either),



Alexi Lalas

Lalás is an unbelievable personality who draws fans to him. Plus he has this going for him: He has won all four All-Star Games he has played in (he even scored in '98!) Next to Alexi I put in the only MLS head coach who was an All-Star, San

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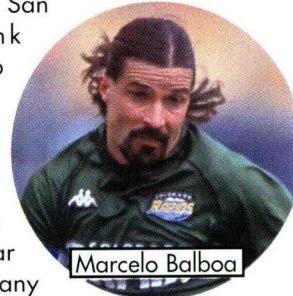


Frank Yallop

Jose's Frank Yallop. If Yallop

wanted to, he could still be a force in this league, but he's too busy now as the early candidate for Coach of the Year. My final defender is Colorado's Marcelo Balboa. His bicycle-kick Goal of the Year last season earned him a free ticket on any team I coach.

SCOTT HALLERMAN/ALLSPORT



Marcelo Balboa

ELIOT SCHECHTER/ALLSPORT



Tab Ramos

MIDFIELDERS: "Create, don't disrupt." That is the battle cry I dispense for my midfielders. I can't tell you how many times the MetroStars' Tab Ramos has made me wish I could come back in my next life as him. I admire the grace, confidence and sophistication of his game, but most of all I love watching him dribble.

Los Angeles' Cobi Jones

has become the new spokesperson for American soccer. His package of looks, infectious smile and skill have drawn so many youngsters to the game. Plus he's a player who has the ability to get your team a goal whenever he has the ball. When the big cheese upstairs created the All-Star Game concept,

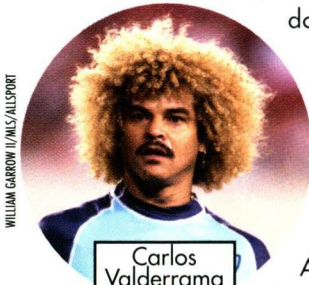


Cobi Jones

it was surely

done to put the

Rapids' Carlos Valderrama in the most proper setting ever seen on God's green earth: minimal running, no defensive responsibilities and talents up top to bury his precision passing.



Carlos Valderrama

The two-time

All-Star

MVP has

amassed an

astounding eight assists while being one of only two players to start in every All-Star Game. Miami's Preki is the other, but nobody has scored more than the mono-monikered one.



Preki

The lefty is always think-

ing goal, and his four

netters and 13 total points are both career MLS All-Star Game highs.



Jaime Moreno

FORWARDS: Before every All-Star

Game this is what the forwards say:

"Coach, let me get this straight. The

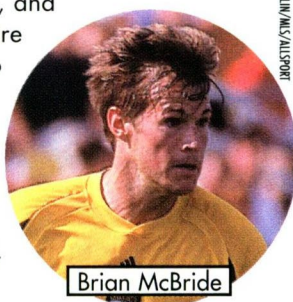
fullbacks aren't going to crack me from

behind, the refs are going to be lenient

on the offside ruling, and

everyone is working to further my desire to score? These games make me so happy it could bring tears to a glass eye." Well that's what they should say, at least.

My first striker spot goes to D.C.'s Jaime Moreno. If he was a midfielder, he would be one of the league's best,



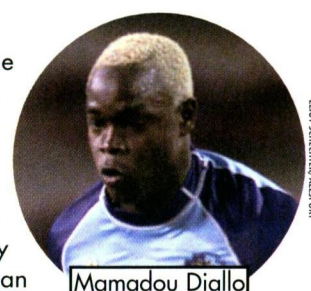
Brian McBride

but his true talent lies up front. The Bolivian is an accomplished finisher, who may be the fastest man in the league with the ball at his feet.

The Crew's Brian McBride is like MLS' Brad Pitt: looks that make the ladies weak in the knees, unbelievably popular and a man whose talent can shine through any manuscript. His Crew teammates joke that he is the Mayor of Columbus, and I'm willing to bet he's been handed more phone numbers than the Yellow Pages. His 12 career points are tied for second most in All-Star lore, and there may be no more dangerous player in MLS when the ball is in the air.

Complementing McBride and Moreno up top is the man they call "Big Mama." Tampa Bay's Mamadou Diallo has only participated in one All-Star Game, but it was a doozy. Last year at Crew Stadium, he played all of 22 minutes in the second half, but still set an All-Star record with five points (2g, 1a) en route to being named MVP. That, my friends, is the scoring efficiency this coach is looking for.

Now if you'll excuse me I have to write my resignation letter. No team I could ever coach will top this squad.



Mamadou Diallo

EXTRATIME

SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

Monday	JULY 30	11:00 PM
Tuesday	AUG. 7	12:00 AM
Tuesday	AUG. 14	12:00 AM
Tuesday	AUG. 21	1:00 AM
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MLS: BREEDING GROUND FOR AMERICAN STARS

By Anthony Guido

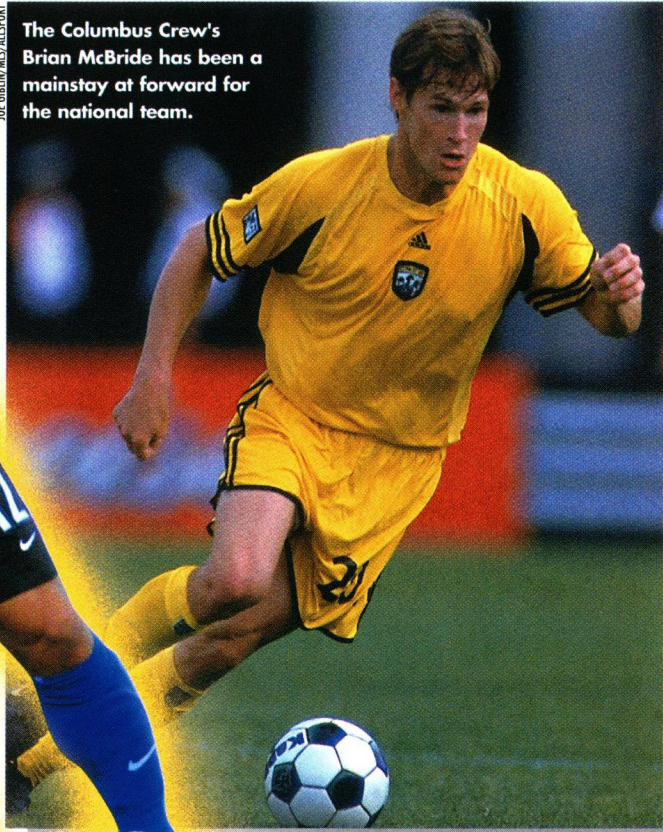
JOHN TODD/ALLSPORT



Jeff Agoos anchors the defense for both the national team and the San Jose Earthquakes.

JOE GIBLIN/ALLSPORT

The Columbus Crew's **Brian McBride** has been a mainstay at forward for the national team.



the first time in its history, becoming a virtual lock to make the 2002 World Cup in Korea and Japan by mid-summer. In contrast, the squad that scrapped through qualifying for the 1998 World Cup earned a win in just one of its first five qualifiers.

MLS has provided the national side with the heart of its defense and its two most dangerous attacking players. Veterans Jeff Agoos (San Jose) and Carlos Llamasa (Miami) are veterans who have improved by leaps and bounds in league play, while holding up the center of Arena's defense.

"Carlos is one of the best markers I've ever played with,"

Agoos says. "At D.C. United he played next to me, and now in Miami he's doing a great job shutting people down and he's one of the best one-on-one players I've ever played with. I've tried to limit the mistakes I make and try to get things more consistent. I think when you get older you acquire more experience and you learn from your mistakes, and that is really the sign of a good player."

The national team has also benefited greatly from the emergence of Clint Mathis (MetroStars) and Josh Wolff (Chicago) in MLS and on the international stage. Mathis set up Wolff for the game-winning goals in qualifiers against Mexico and Costa Rica this year.

"You look at some of the players you are playing against and know that they are playing for some of the top teams in the world," Mathis says. "If you are able to get on the field and compete with them, it says a lot about yourself and how much the U.S. and MLS is progressing in soccer and that we can compete with the rest of the world."

What a difference four years makes. For the United States National Team, four years have seen reversal in fortunes on the international stage after a disappointing World Cup France '98 campaign.

There is no question that as Major League Soccer, now in its sixth season, has matured so has the national side. Better play in the league has spurred the full national team to greater heights, led by former D.C. United Head Coach Bruce Arena.

"In fact, we are grateful for the unbelievable support MLS has provided the entire national team," Arena says. "There is no question our depth has been greatly improved by MLS."

The U.S. team has breezed through World Cup qualifying for

The pair of strikers from Georgia suffered injuries this season and will miss significant time throughout 2001. Mathis will not be back on the field until December at the earliest, but both will likely be prominent in Arena's plans for an eventual World Cup run.

Mathis was MLS' leading scorer at the time of his injury, while Wolff has continued his development into one of the league's top strikers in 2001 with the Chicago Fire.

"Over the last three years the Fire have been very attack-oriented and I've been able to come in and do some things to help our club win games and now it's certainly more of a responsibility and opportunity for me to do that day in and day out," Wolff says. "MLS has been a great training ground week in and week out."

MLS veterans Brian McBride, Eddie Pope, Cobi Jones and Chris Armas have all been fixtures for the resurrected U.S. side during the past year.

"The talent is getting better and I see young players getting better and better," Jones says. "You can see that the new crop of players is stronger, faster and more skilled and they can compete at a higher level. That's due to the fact that Major League Soccer is here and the popularity of soccer has increased. You see players going professional at a younger age who can play at a high level."

On many occasions during the last two years, the majority of the roster Arena has called into national team training camp has come from MLS.

The U.S. National Team may feel the positive effects of MLS to a higher degree with the next generation of top young talent. The heart of the U.S. Under-20 and Under-17 teams are now professionals in MLS, learning their craft daily in America's top-flight league. The likes of current U-20 stars Landon Donovan (San Jose), DaMarcus Beasley (Chicago) and Bobby Convey (D.C. United) are the future of the senior national side.

"We wanted to develop ourselves with the hope of being future national team players," Beasley says. "For me to do that, I thought that MLS would speed up that process. Chicago is one of the best teams in the league and my decision is definitely helping me get where I wanted to go."

Even further down the chain, MLS rookies Santino Quaranta (D.C. United) and Eddie Johnson (Dallas) have led the U-17s to this September's World Championship in their age group. Each decided their game would improve by turning pro before they graduated from high school.

"The decision to turn pro has worked out very well," Quaranta says. "At age 16, I get to train with such accomplished international players like Marco Etcheverry and Jaime Moreno daily."

Johnson is yet another young player who is benefiting from training in a professional environment, learning from some of MLS' best attackers.

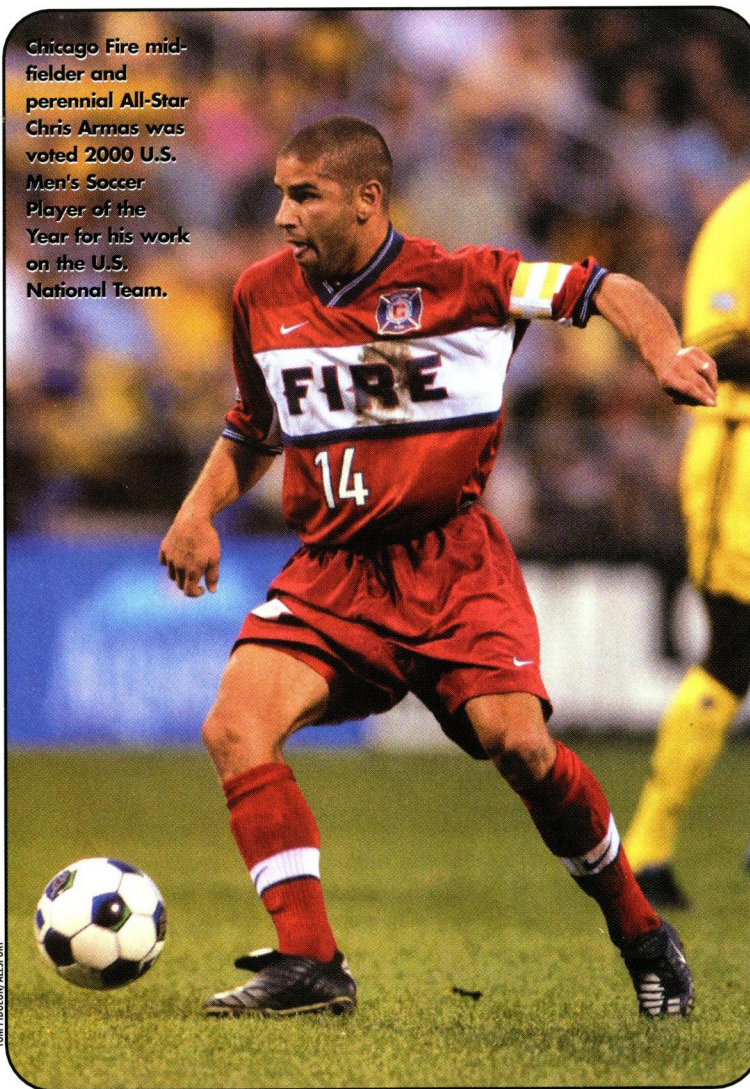
"It's clearly an opportunity for a young forward coming in to learn from guys like [Ariel] Graziani and Jason [Kreis] and that's ideal for a young player," Dallas Head Coach Mike Jeffries says.

Whether it's Johnson picking up pointers from Kreis or Mathis exploding on the American scene with the MetroStars, MLS continues to play a significant role in the success of the national teams that represent our country throughout the world. Those results should only improve in the coming years with the rise of American players in MLS.

"This is a combined effort," Arena says. "U.S. Soccer is not just people in Chicago [headquarters] and the players on the field. It's the people in the stands and

the professional teams and everyone else involved in the game. We are happy to be a part of that, and our success is due to the efforts of those people."

Chicago Fire midfielder and perennial All-Star Chris Armas was voted 2000 U.S. Men's Soccer Player of the Year for his work on the U.S. National Team.



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"There is no question our depth has been greatly improved by Major League Soccer."

-U.S. National Team Head Coach Bruce Arena



BRIAN MCBRIDE

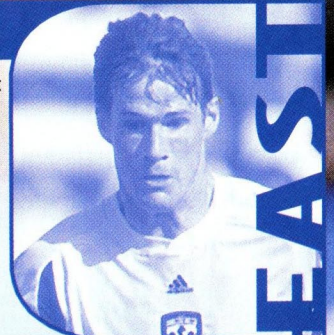


The symbol of the Crew since 1996, McBride remains one of the most versatile forwards in MLS ... Recognized as the best American player in the air, he is equally adept at playing the ball with his feet ... In 2000, McBride was flexible enough to move to midfield for some games ... After a layoff due to injury last year, he made his return at the All-Star Game in Columbus with a goal and two assists ... The

Crew's all-time leading scorer, he is one of just six players to appear in five MLS All-Star Games ... A national team regular, McBride will be counted on during 2002 World Cup Qualifying.

FORWARD

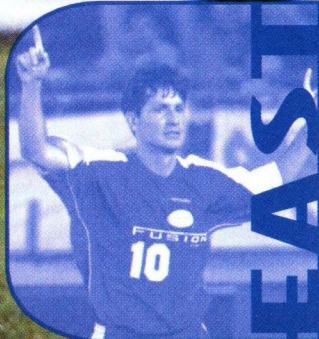
HEIGHT: 6-0 WEIGHT: 175
BORN: JUNE 319, 1972
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS



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ALEX PINEDA CHACON



Considered one of the greatest players in Honduran soccer history, Pineda Chacon has extended his legend to MLS in his first season ... His quick start with five goals in his first five games set the tone for the Fusion's turnaround ... A 10-year veteran of the Honduran National Team, Chacon helped his country advance to the final round of World Cup Qualifying ... Before moving to MLS, he was a regular on the famous Honduran club

CD Olimpia since 1988, leading the team to six league titles ... Pineda Chacon has captured more championships than any other Honduran in soccer history ... He has also played professionally in Peru and Mexico.

FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT: 5-8 WEIGHT: 150
BORN: DECEMBER 19, 1969
SANTA CRUZ DE YOJOA, HONDURAS



BOB SCHNEIDER/ALAMY



MARCO ETCHEVERRY

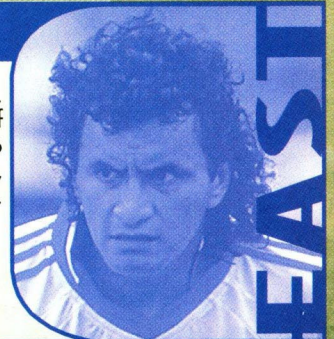


Recognized for his unmatched class and vision, Etcheverry is D.C. United's emotional leader and captain ... No MLS player owns more silverware than "El Diabolo" ... Aside from D.C. United's various MLS Cup and international championships, he has also captured the Honda MVP Award ('98) ... A four-time Pepsi Best 11 selection with an infamous left-footed shot, he started only 20 matches in

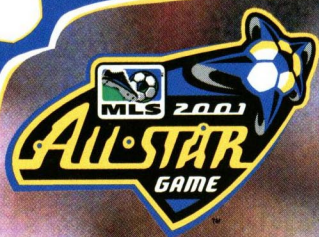
2000 due to injuries and national team duty ... Two of Etcheverry's goals have received Goal of the Year honors ('97, '99) ... The MLS Cup '96 MVP is a veteran of the Bolivian National Team, notching an appearance in the '94 World Cup.

MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT: 5-10 **WEIGHT:** 160
BORN: SEPTEMBER 26, 1970
SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA



EAST



BOBBY CONVEY



In his rookie season last year, Convey went from being the youngest player in MLS to becoming a regular starter for D.C. United ... He scored his first MLS goal in the first match of the 2001 season ... A natural left-footed player, the 18-year-old made his impact at the left side midfield spot in 2000, displaying poise beyond his years ... The Nike Project-40 player started 18 of 22 matches he appeared in last season ... He already has two appearances with the U.S. National Team, including a

start against Brazil ... Convey is a regular with the Under-20 squad and played in the World Youth Championship in Argentina in June ... He was also one of the players to lead the U-17's to a fourth-place finish in 1999.

MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT: 5-8 WEIGHT: 150

BORN: MAY 27, 1983

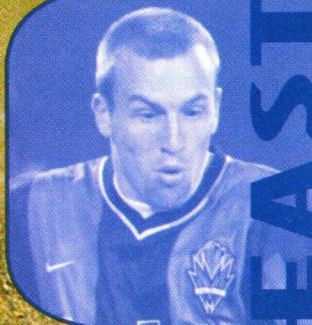
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



GREG PHILIP/ALLSPORT



CLINT MATHIS



Mathis took the soccer world by storm in 2001, becoming an international star as the leader of the MetroStars and a standout for the U.S. National Team ... The rise was abruptly halted when he tore his ACL during national team training in June ... Mathis was leading MLS in scoring (7g, 5a) at the time ... A creative and quick offensive player, Mathis scored one of the best goals in MLS history on a 70-yard run in April ... He

moved from the Los Angeles Galaxy to the MetroStars early in 2000 and helped revitalize a dormant attack, finishing second in MLS scoring (16 goals and 14 assists) ... Mathis started in his first All-Star Game in 2000.

FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT: 5-10 WEIGHT: 170
BORN: NOVEMBER 25, 1976
CONYERS, GEORGIA



AL BELL/AUSPORT



PREKI



This five-time All-Star starter, two-time Pepsi Best 11 selection ('96 and '97) and the league's 1997 Honda MVP ranks at or near the top of every offensive category in MLS history ... As a fifth-year Wizards veteran, he helped Kansas City win MLS Cup 2000 ... Known for his unstoppable cutback move, Preki was acquired by the Fusion and sparked their run to the top of MLS ... The 1999 All-Star MVP has compiled the most points in All-Star Game

history (13 pts on 4g, 5a) entering 2001 ... Preki, who has earned 26 caps and played for the U.S. in the 1998 World Cup, scored the game-winning goal against Brazil in the historic 1998 Gold Cup semifinal.

MIDFIELDER

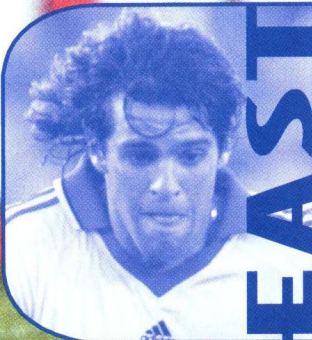
HEIGHT: 5-9 **WEIGHT:** 165
BORN: JUNE 24, 1963
BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA



TOM HAWK/ALSPORT



BEN OLSEN



Olsen electrifies crowds with his tireless runs up and down the flanks ... He injured an ankle while playing in England during the offseason and sat out the first half of 2001 ... During his 1998 Kellogg's Rookie of the Year season, Olsen played in 43 of D.C. United's 44 games ... The Nike Project-40 player was voted MLS Cup '99 MVP after scoring a goal in United's triumph ... Injuries limited the two-time All-Star ('98,

'99) to 13 MLS matches in 2000 ... Olsen returned to lead the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team to a fourth-place finish in Australia ... He is a U.S. National Team regular with 19 caps and three goals.

MIDFIELDER

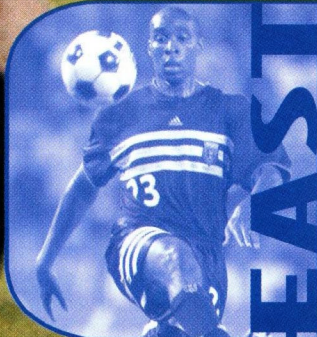
HEIGHT: 5-8 **WEIGHT:** 135
BORN: MAY 3, 1977
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



STEPHEN DUNN/ALLSPORT



EDDIE POPE



After five years in MLS, Pope is among the most recognized and accomplished defenders in the league ... With a revamped D.C. United roster, he is also the new leader on the team ... His unique combination of speed, grace, strength, athleticism and experience make him a force at both ends of the field for United ... Pope has scored numerous championship-winning goals for United, clinch-

ing three of the six cups D.C. United has won ... The 1997 Defender of the Year is a four-time MLS All-Star ('97, '98, '99, '00) and U.S. National Team regular.

DEFENDER

HEIGHT: 6-0 **WEIGHT:** 175
BORN: DECEMBER 24, 1973
 GUILFORD, NORTH CAROLINA



BOB PERSSING/ALLSPORT



CARLOS LLAMOSA

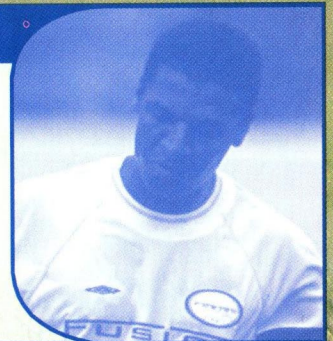


With his experience in MLS and with the U.S. National Team, Llamosa was a critical acquisition for Miami in revamping its team ... A premier man-marker who made his name with D.C. United, Llamosa is a smooth and omnipresent defender who is rarely caught out of position ... His first and only All-Star appearance came in 1999 ... Llamosa made his international debut 14 days after obtaining U.S. citizenship in October 1998

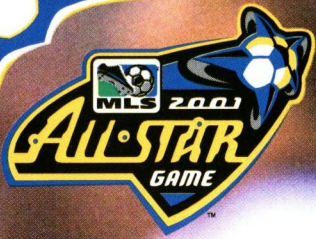
and has been a key defender in the road to World Cup 2002 ... He played first division soccer in Colombia before moving to New York and playing his way up from metropolitan amateur and semi-pro leagues.

DEFENDER

HEIGHT: 5-11 **WEIGHT:** 166
BORN: JUNE 30, 1969
PALMIRA, COLOMBIA

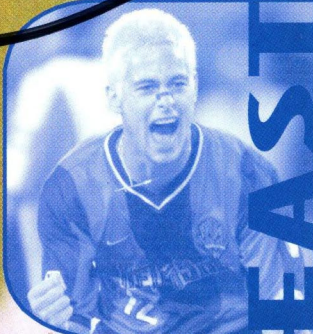


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MIKE PETKE



Petke, a fan favorite, is a relentless man-marker who can make the clean, game-breaking slide tackle ... Timely in his challenges, the elite marker has improved in his tactical awareness and distribution ... The most recognized face in MetroStars soccer, he is the all-time team leader in minutes and games played ... Petke's emotional and outspoken nature make him one of the MetroStars' team leaders off the field ... The

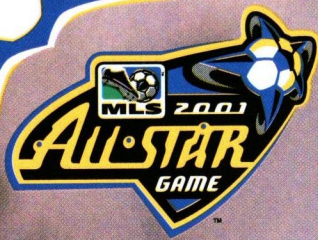
fourth-year defender and 1998 first-round draft pick made his first All-Star appearance in 2000 ... Petke earned his first U.S. National Team appearance in an exhibition against Ecuador in June.

DEFENDER

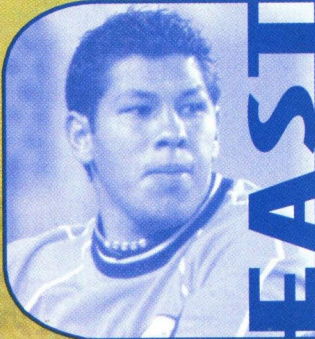
HEIGHT: 6-2 **WEIGHT:** 185
BORN: JANUARY 30, 1976
BOHEMIA, NEW YORK



PHOTO: JEFFREY M. ALLEN



NICK RIMANDO



EAST

The youngest and shortest goalkeeper in MLS today, Rimando emerged as the best at his position during the first half of this season ... Known for making impossible and acrobatic saves, he claimed the Fusion's starting job at the start of 2001 ... The second-year player also started the majority of the games last season as a rookie under Head Coach Ray Hudson ... Rimando was a member of the

Under-17 ('95) and Under-20 ('99) national teams which competed in world championship tournaments ... The Nike Project-40 player was selected by the Fusion in the 2000 SuperDraft.

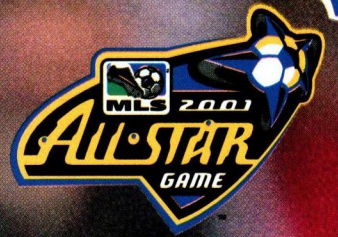
GOALKEEPER

HEIGHT: 5-11 **WEIGHT:** 181
BORN: JUNE 17, 1979
MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA



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Ariel Graziani

ARIEL GRAZIANI

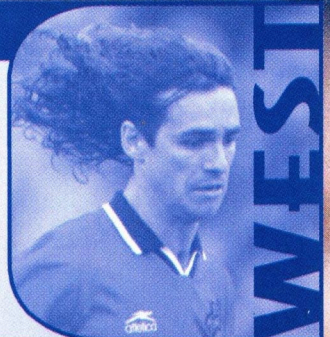


A classic finisher, Graziani lurks before pouncing on opportunities at just the right moment ... The Burn's 2000 Honda MVP tallied 15 goals last season and made his first All-Star appearance ... Graziani played only three games for New England in 1999 before moving to Dallas, where he was a major factor in the Burn's MLS Cup Playoff run, with five goals in six games ... He has played club soc-

cer in Argentina, Peru, Mexico and Ecuador, where he led the league in scoring in '96 and '97 ... He is a member of the Ecuadorian National Team pool in World Cup Qualifying.

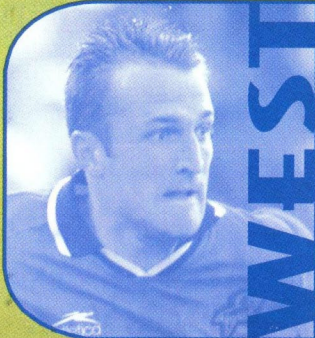
FORWARD

HEIGHT: 6-0 WEIGHT: 160
BORN: JUNE 7, 1971
EMPALME, ARGENTINA





JASON KREIS



WEST

Only a fifth-round draft pick in 1996, Kreis has become one of the top attacking players in MLS history ... Known for his blistering free kicks, the league's 1999 Honda MVP is the Burn's all-time goals and assists leader ... This season he became the second member of MLS' 50 goals/50 assists club ... Kreis was the first American to win MVP honors in the same year he became the first to register at least 15 goals and 15 assists

in one season ('99) ... In three MLS All-Star Game appearances ('96, '99 and '00), Kreis has made one start, scoring a goal at Giants Stadium in 1996, his rookie season.

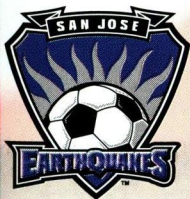
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BORN: DECEMBER 29, 1972
OMAHA, NEBRASKA





L A N D O N D O N O V A N

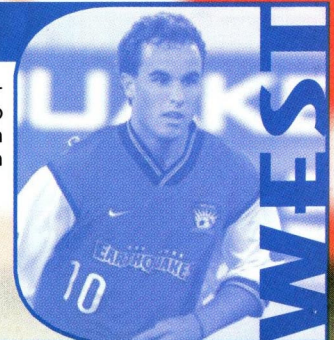


Considered the greatest American youth talent ever to emerge, Donovan's arrival to the Earthquakes in March helped transform the team into an MLS Cup contender ... His exquisite touch combined with his speed, vision and creativity make him a lethal finisher as well as a playmaker ... He has already made his breakthrough on the U.S. National Team, scoring a goal in his first appearance in October 2000 against Mexico ... Donovan scored two goals in

the 2000 Sydney Olympics, where the U.S. finished fourth ... He won the Golden Ball as the top player in the Under-17 World Championship in 1999 and keyed the Under-20 team's attack in the recent World Youth Championship.

MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

HEIGHT: 5-8 WEIGHT: 158
BORN: MARCH 4, 1982
REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA





CHRIS ARMAS



The 2000 U.S. Soccer Player of the Year is recognized league-wide as one of the best defensive midfielders in MLS ... Armas is well positioned, seemingly ever-present and able to stop attacks before they become dangerous ... In each of his three years with the Chicago Fire, he has been named to the MLS Pepsi Best 11 and MLS All-Star Game ... He has also played in three MLS Cup finals (in '96 with

the Galaxy and in '98 and '00 with the Fire), winning one ('98) ... Armas is now an automatic starter for the U.S. National Team since debuting in November 1998.

MIDFIELDER

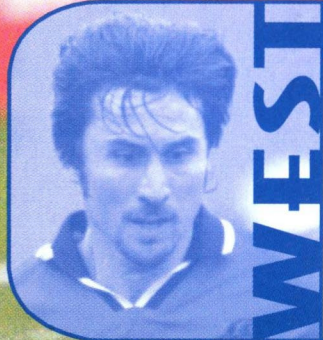
HEIGHT: 5-7 **WEIGHT:** 150
BORN: AUGUST 27, 1972
 BRONX, NEW YORK



MICHAEL STANISCHNITZ



CHAD DEERING



The World Cup '98 veteran anchors the Burn midfield with his expert decision-making and composure, transforming it into one of MLS' best in 2001 ... Deering is a team leader who picks out his moments to move forward ... His tactical flexibility has even allowed him to play sweeper ... In 2000 Deering finished third on the team with a career-high nine assists ... His best point total

in a season came in 1999 (4g, 7a) ... Before coming to MLS and the Burn in 1998, he played in the German Bundesliga ... Deering is a member of the U.S. National Team player pool and has garnered 18 career caps.

MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT: 6-2 WEIGHT: 175
BORN: SEPTEMBER 2, 1970
GARLAND, TEXAS



INDUSTRY/RENTAL/LODS



DAMARCUS BEASLEY

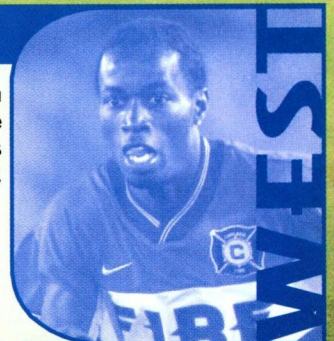


A rising star in American soccer, Beasley has assumed a starter's role on the left wing for the Fire after starting 11 games in 2000 ... Beasley is nicknamed "Jitterbug" for his ease at getting by opponents with his blazing speed ... He has already earned two caps with the senior U.S. National Team in 2001 ... The Indiana native won the Silver Ball Award as the top scorer in the 1999 Under-17 World

Championship, helping the United States to a fourth-place finish ... Beasley signed on as a Nike Project-40 player in 1999 ... DaMarcus was joined on the Fire this year by his brother, Jamar, who arrived from the New England Revolution.

MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT: 5-7 WEIGHT: 126
BORN: MAY 24, 1982
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA



MICHAEL SCHLESCHWITZ/ALLSPORT



MAURICIO CIENFUEGOS



The Galaxy depend on the creativity and experience of Cienfuegos to generate offense ... A true No. 10 player with elusive dribbling skills and a fine touch, he has led the Galaxy in assists every year since the 1996 inaugural season ... His career-high 17 assists came in 1999 ... Cienfuegos has been elected to the MLS Pepsi Best 11 squad three times

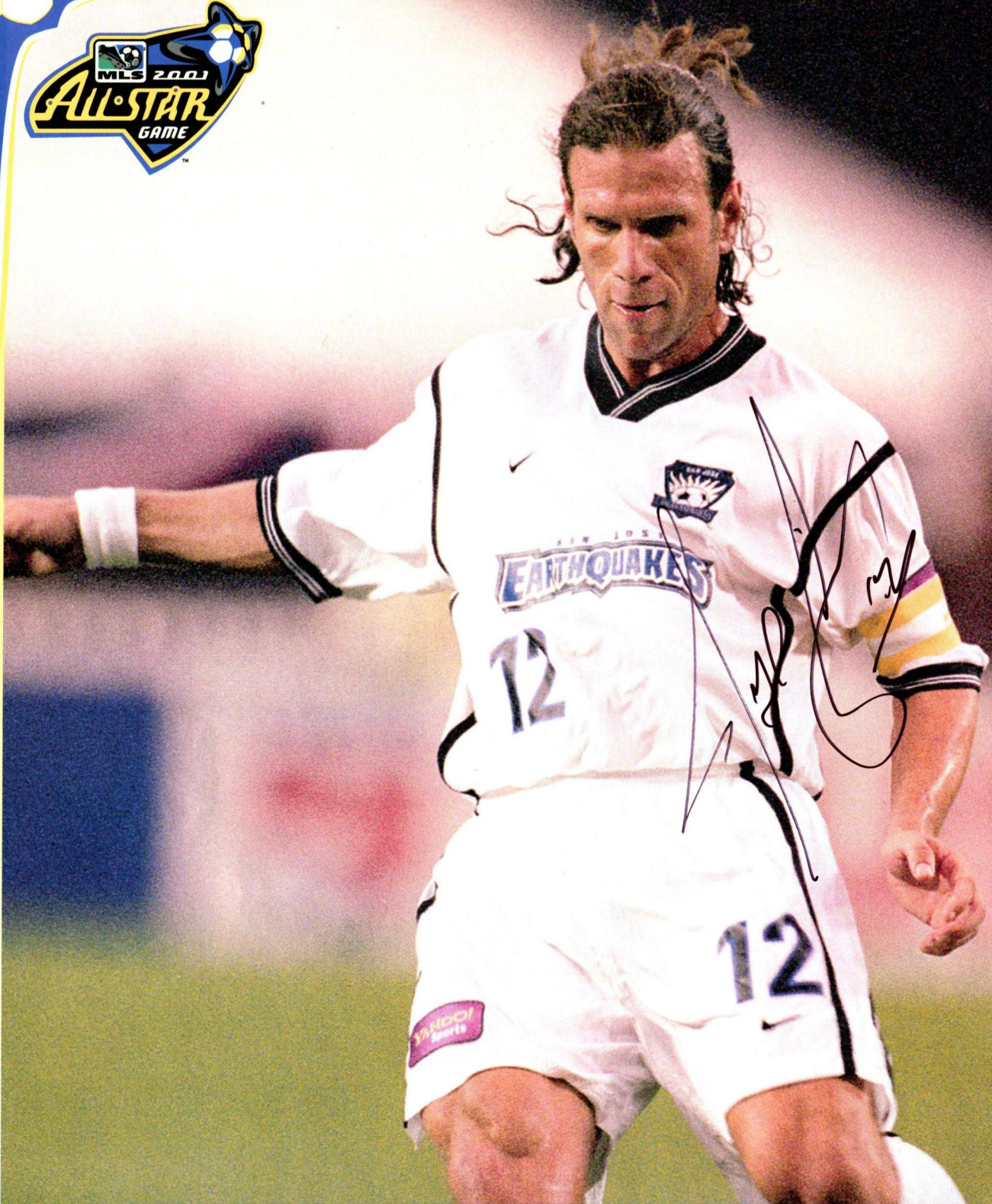
('96, '98 and '99) ... The most recognized face in Salvadoran soccer, Cienfuegos has played in all five MLS All-Star Games, registering one goal and three assists.

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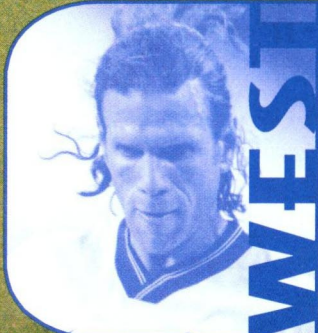
HEIGHT: 5-6 **WEIGHT:** 143
BORN: FEBRUARY 12, 1968
 SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR



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JEFF AGOOS

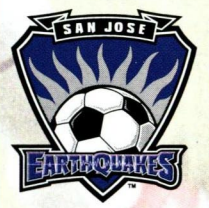


The perennial U.S. National Team defender has led San Jose's turnaround in 2001 ... After five seasons with D.C. United, Agoos moved to San Jose during the offseason, taking up a central defender position ... The five-time All-Star, gifted with an accurate left-footed shot, makes his role look easy with exceptional timing and quick thinking on the backline ... The three-time MLS Cup champion ('96, '97 and '99) was also

elected to the Pepsi Best 11 team in '97 and '99 ... Since 1988 he has accrued more than 100 caps with the U.S. National Team but has yet to appear in a World Cup match.

DEFENDER

HEIGHT: 5-10 **WEIGHT:** 175
BORN: MAY 2, 1968
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND



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MARCELO BALBOA

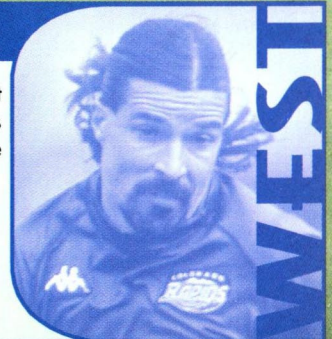


One of the most tenacious and experienced players in MLS, Balboa moved to the Rapids midfield in 2001 ... In 2000, he scored the MLS Goal of the Year, and arguably the greatest strike in MLS history, when he netted a spectacular bicycle kick on April 22 in Columbus, Ohio ... "Celo" has started four consecutive All-Star Games ('97, '98, '99 and '00) and was also selected as an All-Star in

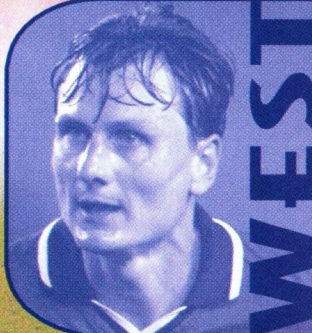
1996, but did not play due to injury ... The last remaining member of the original 1996 Rapids squad, he is one of three Americans to compete in three World Cups ('90, '94 and '98).

DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT: 6-1 WEIGHT: 175
BORN: AUGUST 8, 1967
CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA



STEVE DINES/ALUSPORT



WEST

LUBOS KUBIK

Kubik, a World Cup veteran, is one of the few defensive playmakers in MLS ... The classy sweeper moved to the Burn in the offseason but injuries have limited his playing time in 2001 ... He spent three years (1998-2000) with the Chicago Fire, earning Pepsi Best 11 and All-Star Game starter honors in the first two seasons ... The 1998 MLS Defender of the Year recorded the most points ever for a defender that same year (7g, 8a)

... Kubik has played professionally in Germany, France and Italy ... A veteran of the Czech Republic National Team, he won a silver medal with the team at Euro '96.

DEFENDER

HEIGHT: 6-3 WEIGHT: 195 BORN: JANUARY 20, 1964 PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC



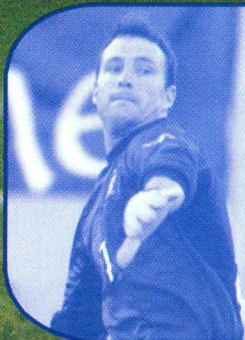
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Joseph Cannon #



JOE CANNON



WEST

With few weaknesses in his game, Cannon has been considered one of the elite goalkeepers in MLS ever since his first season in 1999 ... The Bay Area product was the Earthquakes' 2000 BIC Defender of the Year, as he registered a career-high seven shutouts and notched a 1.49 GAA, good for fourth best in the league ... A two-time Player of the Week last year, "The Wall" has San Jose on track to have its

best season ever ... Cannon earned the Earthquakes' 2000 New York Life Humanitarian of the Year Award for his volunteer work with autistic children.

GOALKEEPER

HEIGHT: 6-2 WEIGHT: 190
BORN: JANUARY 1, 1975
SUN VALLEY, IDAHO



PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFFREY M. HARRIS

THE SOCCER SHRINE CALLED SPARTAN



Major League Soccer's inaugural game, held at Spartan Stadium on April 6, 1996.

By Dave Payne

San Jose and Spartan Stadium weren't exactly what the North American Soccer League club owners had in mind when they were considering awarding a franchise to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1974.

"The league was adding a four-team Western Division, including one team they thought would be in San Francisco," said San Jose-area businessman Johnny Moore, who at the time was an assistant to general manager Dick Berg and primary investor Milan Mandaric for the pending Bay Area club. "When the owners found out we wanted to locate the team in San Jose, they were furious. They couldn't comprehend a New York or a Chicago playing a team from San Jose."

Berg and Mandaric stood firm, were awarded the San Jose team and the growing city's amazing response to the new sport in town exceeded the expectations of even Quakes management.

"The fans took a liking to us even though many of them weren't knowledgeable about the sport back then," said Moore, who also played in 62 games as a forward for the Quakes from 1974-77. "They were excited about the city's first major league team. Saturday nights at Spartan Stadium became a happening, the place to be."

As much as the fans enjoyed attending games in the cozy confines of Spartan Stadium, which is to soccer what Wrigley Field and Fenway Park are to baseball, Moore said the Quakes delighted in playing there.

"Nearly all of our players were from Europe, and Spartan reminded them a lot of the stadiums in their homelands, where the crowd is right on top of you," Moore said. "We began calling Spartan 'The Pit.' It was definitely a home-field advantage."

The space was tight. The width of the field at the time was 62 yards, the length 100 yards. It was the smallest field in the league.

"What had been strictly a football stadium suddenly had the reputation of a soccer stadium," said San Jose State University Men's Soccer Coach Gary St. Clair, a goalkeeper at SJSU in the early 1970s, who played for the Quakes in 1975 and the San Diego Jaws the following season.

Spartan Stadium, constructed in 1933, underwent renovation in 1980, with the addition of an upper deck, and again in 1985, when mezzanine-level private boxes and additional seats were installed in the upper deck and end zones.

The stadium underwent renovation again in 1998 to widen the field to approximately 70 yards to satisfy FIFA requirements for holding women's World Cup matches there in 1999.

Despite the NASL's demise after the 1984 season, Spartan Stadium was still in the soccer spotlight.

The Earthquakes continued to play there on the minor-league level until 1988. The San Francisco Bay Blackhawks emerged in 1989 and became part of the American Professional Soccer League, the country's only

existing professional major league at the time. They played throughout the Bay Area, including Spartan Stadium.

Spartan Stadium's legacy resulted in Major League Soccer staging its inaugural game there in 1996. The San Jose Clash (renamed the Earthquakes in 2000) defeated D.C. United, 1-0, on a late Eric Wynalda goal in front of sellout crowd of 31,683 spectators on April 6.

A little more than a month later, the Clash set a club home attendance record that still stands when 31,728 showed up for a match against the Los Angeles Galaxy and popular Mexican National Team goalkeeper Jorge Campos.

When the next great soccer showcase event takes place at Spartan Stadium—the 2001 MLS All-Star Game—a new chapter in a rich history will be written and the soccer tradition will live on.



Spartan Stadium has hosted large soccer crowds for many years: this is Opening Day on March 29, 1981.

GENERATION "MLS"

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Landon Donovan says the chance to work hard and have fun doing it made coming to MLS a simple choice.



In most every sport, a measure of an organization's success can be found in the quality of talented youth that emerges on a regular basis. One look at Major League Soccer rosters in 2001 gives a clear indication of the progress and development made in that area by America's top-flight league.

Just by comparing the inaugural 1996 player pool to that of 2001, the trend is obvious: Elite youth soccer players are making their rise through MLS. Soccer in the United States is growing from the grass roots and MLS has become the option of choice in the development of young American stars.

"I wanted to develop myself with the hope of being a future U.S. National Team player," Chicago Fire midfielder DaMarcus Beasley says. "For me to do that, I thought that MLS would speed up that process. Chicago is one of the best teams in the league and my decision is definitely helping me get where I wanted to go."

In what can be considered a natural soccer development, players 22 years old and younger are claiming starting spots on MLS teams. And not only do they start, but they are also making a significant impact—a sign that players in this country are more talented than ever.

The top three 2000 Kelllogg's Rookie of the Year candidates—Carlos Bocanegra (Chicago), Danny Califf (Los Angeles) and Nick Garcia (Kansas City)—are all defenders and have won starting-11 roles. Goalkeepers Tim Howard (MetroStars) and Nick Rimando

(Miami) are two of the top goalkeepers in the league. And Jamar Beasley (Chicago), Marvin Quijano (Los Angeles) and Francisco Gomez (Kansas City) are having their best seasons as pros.

"It's an unbelievable opportunity," San Jose Earthquakes defender Troy Dayak says. "I wish this league was here when I was 18 years old. To have that opportunity to play week in and week out and actually play in your own country is a brilliant opportunity. You can see players' touches on the ball and their comfort level at a younger age now is phenomenal. That's because they have an opportunity to play every day here in the United States."

The trio of Bobby Convey (D.C. United), Landon Donovan (San Jose) and Beasley are the names on everyone's tongue when it comes to promising talent and they have all earned appearances with the senior U.S. National Team. They were joined at the recently concluded Under-20 FIFA World Youth Championship by Columbus Crew standout forward Edson Buddle, who also netted a goal in the tournament.

"By turning pro, D.C. United has definitely helped me and given me the opportunity to play in games when I wouldn't be playing," says Convey, a 17-year-old. "The more you play, the better you get and the more confidence you get. Between MLS and the national team, I've gotten better partly because I play all year round."

Convey was the first teen to leave a permanent mark on an MLS club. He was the youngest player to sign with MLS (16 years, 10 months) and during his 2000 rookie season, he became a D.C. United fixture. He is now an undisputed starter on the Black-and-Red along the right flank and is putting up better numbers than he did in last year's breakthrough season.

The Philadelphia native's stock has risen to the point where he started a U.S. National Team game against Brazil and neutralized the world-renowned Cafú.

"At the Under-17 World Championship [in 1999], there were foreign scouts talking to me, but I was really stuck on MLS because I wanted to stay in the U.S. and finish school," Convey says. "Right now I'm in D.C. and it's only two hours away from my parents, so I can see them every weekend. It was an all-around good situation for me to stay here."

Among the other 13 teenagers in MLS there is Beasley, who is also a starter on the MLS Cup 2000 runners-up Chicago Fire. His speed and creativity on the left flank have become a key component of the Fire's attack.

Playing alongside the Chicago Fire's veterans has been a tremendous help to DaMarcus Beasley's game.

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"We have veterans like Hristo Stoitchkov, Peter Nowak and Chris Armas who want to help the younger kids," Beasley says. "They want to see the young players succeed and those guys are great role models. Young players like me need veterans around to help and teach and mold us into top professionals on and off the soccer field."

In San Jose, Donovan has been a part of a turnaround, which has made the Earthquakes one of the early-season favorites to become 2001 MLS Cup Champions. One of the most sublime prodigies ever to emerge in America, he is wowing MLS fans with spectacular play.

Donovan's class was recognized at an early age when he was signed by a German Bundesliga club at the age of 16.

But after two years of battling for a spot on a veteran Bayer Leverkusen team, Donovan had had enough. He wanted to come back home and play in MLS and the U.S. National Team, in the hope of landing a spot on a 2002 World Cup squad.

"For me, the way I like to play is attractive, creative, flashy soccer with a good work ethic and mentality," says Donovan, who followed MLS via the Internet while in Germany. "It wasn't like that in Germany. It was pure work—robotic, methodical and it wasn't fun for me. MLS is real exciting soccer and it makes the game more fun and exciting for a player like myself. But for any kid, I would stress to stay here. You can't get much better than being here."

The play of Donovan, Convey and Beasley in MLS has ensured they are getting notice from U.S. National Team Head Coach Bruce Arena.

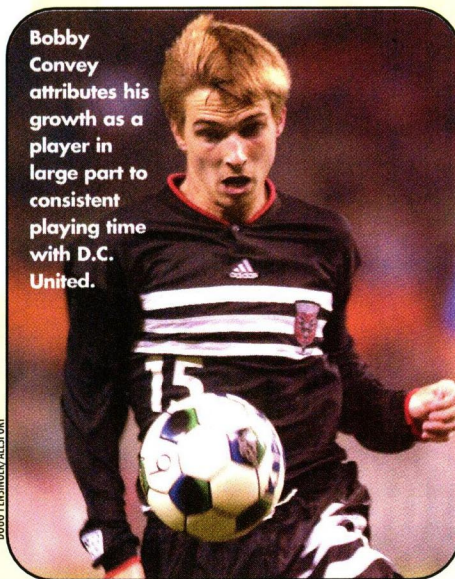
"Landon is ready to step in [for the U.S. National Team]," San Jose Earthquakes defender Jeff Agoos says. "He contributes greatly in San Jose and I think he's a very dangerous forward and a very unpredictable type of player. He's going to have a long career with the national team."

The other new faces on the youth scene in 2001 are seeking to match the achievements of Donovan. Speedy forward Devin Barclay has established himself in his first season as a starter for the Tampa Bay Mutiny, who depend on his hard work and tenacity. And U.S. Under-17 National Team phenoms and friends Santino Quaranta (D.C. United) and Eddie Johnson (Dallas Burn) are also slowly making the grade.

"A lot of younger guys see that overseas is not the best thing and that us younger guys want to help the league get better," Beasley says. "We want to stay and put fans in the seats. Players like Quaranta and Johnson—it's good that they're staying in our country and helping our league get better. It'd be a great thing to say about our career, that we helped to make MLS stronger."

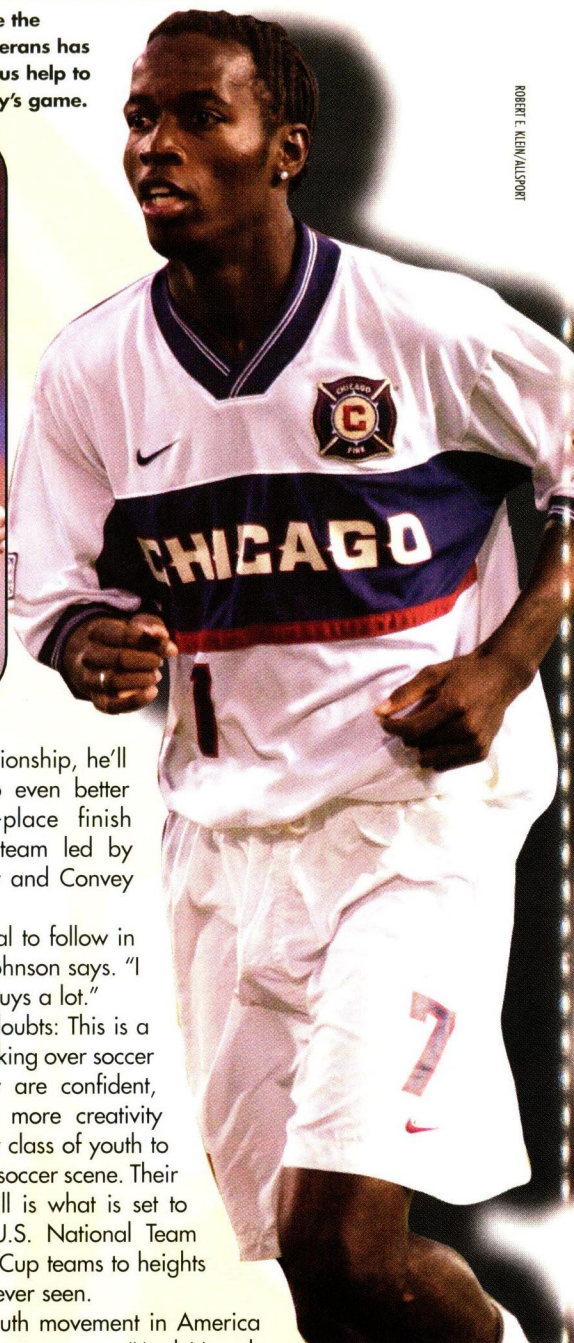
Quaranta, who expects to graduate from high school on schedule next year, became the youngest player ever to sign with MLS this season and is arguably having an even better debut than Convey did in his rookie year. A flank player with pace and technique, the 16-year-old is a native of the D.C. area and fulfilled a dream of joining the three-time MLS Cup champions at the 2001 SuperDraft.

The Burn's Johnson, a traditional goal scorer, is racking up some of the best numbers ever by an American youth player with the U-17s and he is being compared to Donovan. At this September's U-



Bobby Convey attributes his growth as a player in large part to consistent playing time with D.C. United.

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17 World Championship, he'll be looking to do even better than the fourth-place finish attained by the team led by Donovan, Beasley and Convey in 1999.

"It was my goal to follow in their footsteps," Johnson says. "I look up to those guys a lot."

There are no doubts: This is a new generation taking over soccer in America. They are confident, flashy and bring more creativity and flair than any class of youth to ever take over the soccer scene. Their conviction and will is what is set to carry MLS, the U.S. National Team and future World Cup teams to heights this country has never seen.

"The whole youth movement in America is awesome," Donovan says. "And it's only going to get better from here with younger and better players coming up all the time."

The 2001 All-Star Game is just another step ahead for some of these soccer talents in their progression to super-stardom.

MLS Players 22 & Under (as of July 1):

Chicago: DaMarcus Beasley (19), Jamar Beasley (21), Carlos Bocanegra (22), Jim Curtin (22). **Colorado:** Seth Trembly (19), Chris Carrieri (21) **Columbus:** Edson Buddle (20), Mario Longo (20). **D.C. United:** Chris Albright (22), Chino Alegria (20), Bryan Namoff (22), Santino Quaranta (16), Craig Ziadie (22). **Dallas:** Eddie Johnson (17), Joselito Vaca (18), Josue Mayard (21), Miguel Saavedra (18). **Kansas City:** Jose Burciaga, Jr. (19), Nick Garcia (22), Francisco Gomez (22). **Los Angeles:** Isaias Barales, Jr. (21), Danny Califf (21), Marvin Quijano (21). **MetroStars:** Tim Howard (22), Martin Klinger (21). **Miami:** Kyle Beckerman (19), Ali Ngon (19), Nick Rimando (22). **New England:** Shaker Asad (21), Nick Downing (21), Rusty Pierce (22), Fernando Solis-Ortiz (18), Roland Aguilera (22). **San Jose:** Landon Donovan (19), Junior Agogo (22). **Tampa Bay:** Devin Barclay (18), Ali Curtis (22), Gus Kartes (19), Albert Munoz (19).

JOVENES ESTRELLAS AL RESCATE

Por Carlos Giron

**JOVENES Y VETERANOS CON
CLASE SON LA COMBINACION
PERFECTA PARA LA MLS**

El futbolista boliviano Joselito Vaca, de 18 años de edad, figura entre los "100 Jugadores jóvenes Más Prometedores del Mundo" según la revista World Soccer.



El dúo dinámico del hondureño Alex Pineda Chacón y el colombiano Diego Serna es sinónimo de gol para el Miami Fusion.

Dado que las grandes figuras que han llegado a la liga profesional de los Estados Unidos (MLS) no han funcionado del todo, ya que muchos llegan en el ocaso de su carrera y prácticamente son cartuchos quemados, el comisionado de la liga, Don Garber, manifestó que este año le dará todo el respaldo a los jóvenes que quieren sobresalir como es el caso de los estadounidenses Landon Donovan y Josh Wolff, y los latinoamericanos Joselito Vaca y William Sunsing, todos ellos menores de 24 años.

Donovan, de 19 años, causó revuelo al fichar con el San José Earthquakes, a pesar de que muy bien pudo haberse quedado con el Bayer Leverkusen de Alemania. El equipo terremoto también cuenta con el experimentado atacante salvadoreño Ronald Cerritos, quien a pesar de su vasta experiencia nacional e internacional con la selección de El Salvador, solamente tiene 26 años.

Wolff, en tanto, fue la gran revelación en el partido que Estados Unidos le ganó México en la primera fecha de la ronda final de la eliminatoria de la Confederación de Fútbol para la Copa Mundial, al anotar un gol y gestar el otro con una brillante maniobra personal.

Después "El Lobito" anotó el gol ganador frente a Costa Rica.

Vaca y Sunsing han sido convocados y destacado en las selecciones de sus respectivos países. "Todos son hombres que apenas están comenzando su carrera. Quieren hacerse un nombre y tienen hambre de triunfar. Eso es diferente a un veterano que ya está pensando en el retiro," expresó Don Garber, comisionado de la MLS.

Vaca, considerado el mejor jugador del año 2000 de la primera división de Bolivia, fue adquirido del equipo Oriente Petrolero de ese país sudamericano para jugar en el Dallas Burn. A pesar de su juventud, muchos consideran a Vaca como "el heredero del gran (ídolo boliviano del D.C. United) Marco Etcheverry." La prensa sudamericana destacó la labor de Vaca y su creatividad y calma en el medio campo, durante los partidos clasificatorios para el mundial del 2002.

El énfasis en el talento joven no implica que la liga desista del todo en astros establecidos, ya que el Galaxy de Los Angeles cuenta entre sus filas al mexicano Luis "El Matador" Hernández, los Colorado Rapids con el colombiano Carlos "El Pibe" Valderrama y el Chicago Fire con el búlgaro Hristo Stoitchkov.

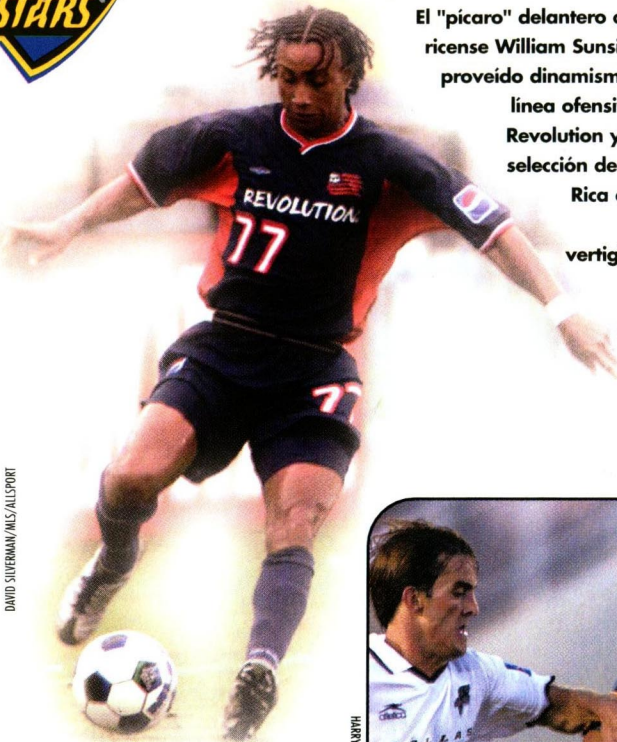
De hecho, la liga mantiene inalterable su estrategia de colocar jugadores foráneos en ciudades donde hay colonias importantes de inmigrantes latinoamericanos y europeos.

La temporada 2001 también vio la entrada del legendario mediocampista hondureño Alex Pineda Chacón, de 32 años, al Miami Fusion. Pineda Chacón hizo su sentir su presencia de una manera inmediata anotando goles y generando pases de gol siendo elegido el Jugador del Mes en abril.

Pineda Chacón, integrante del equipo nacional hondureño que pelea la clasificación al mundial de fútbol del 2002, ganó más campeonatos que cualquier otro jugador de su país desde que comenzó su carrera con el Olimpia, en 1988. Jugó para el equipo

El "picaro" delantero costarricense William Sunsing ha proveído dinamismo a la línea ofensiva del Revolution y de la selección de Costa Rica con su juego vertiginoso.

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tivos de Miami. Apodado "El Humvee" (un vehículo potente capaz de escalar cualquier terreno) por su ex compañero de equipo, Serna tiene una gran fortaleza física, picardía y olfato de gol.

El costarricense William Sunsing jugará por segundo año consecutivo para el New England Revolution. Sunsing es un jugador multifacético que lo mismo juega de defensor, mediocampista o delantero. Lo único que no sabe hacer dentro de la cancha es jugar como guardavallas. El jugador de 23 años de edad es uno de los jóvenes "Ticos" con mayor potencial en la actualidad. Su velocidad, dribbling y carisma lo han convertido en uno de los jugadores más queridos en New England. Media vez aprenda a ser más consistente a la hora de definir, el extrovertido jugador (a quien le gusta teñirse el pelo en diferentes colores), será uno de los jugadores más completos de toda la liga.

Los New York-New Jersey MetroStars, campeones del Este en el 2000, vuelven al campo con el trío de delanteros mortíferos: Clint Mathis (lesionado y fuera para el resto de la temporada) y el colombiano Adolfo "El Tren" Valencia. Valencia trae su vasta experiencia y juego refinado, dotes que demuestra en los momentos culminantes con jugadas claves y por supuesto, con goles.

El Tampa Bay Mutiny (16-4-12), con nuevo director técnico, el español Alfonso Mondelo, volverá a contar con el goleador senegalés Mamadou Diallo (26 goles en 28 partidos). Los Colorado Rapids adquirieron al astro colombiano Valderrama, de 38 años, quien en el 2000 acumuló 26 asistencias (pases de gol), un récord para la MLS.

Los 24 jugadores latinoamericanos (nacidos en Latinoamérica) que han participado en el Juego de las Estrellas desde 1996:

Carlos Valderrama (Colombia/5), Mauricio Cienfuegos (El Salvador/5), Jaime Moreno (Bolivia/4), Ronald Cerritos (El Salvador/2), Tab Ramos (Uruguay/EE.UU./2), Jorge Campos (México/3), Giovanni Savarese (Venezuela/1), Adolfo Valencia (Colombia/1), Mauricio Ramos (Bolivia/1), Mauricio Wright (Costa Rica/1), Diego Sonora (Argentina/3), Eduardo Hurtado (Ecuador/1), Damián (México/1), Marco Etcheverry (Bolivia/4), Leonel Álvarez (Colombia/2), Welton (Brasil/2), Raúl Díaz Arce (El Salvador/3), Martín Vásquez (México/EE.UU./1), Pablo Mastroeni (Argentina/EE.UU./1), Luis Hernández (México/1), Ariel Graziani (Ecuador/1), Carlos Hermosillo (México/1), Carlos Llamasa (Colombia/EE.UU./1), Martín Machón (Guatemala/1), Adrián Paz (Uruguay/1).

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de la Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas, en la primera división de México, y también integró el equipo peruano Sporting Cristal que obtuvo el título de la liga en 1994-95. En enero último aportó a la victoria de su equipo frente al Pachuca de México, en la final de la Copa de Campeones de la CONCACAF, para clasificarse al campeonato mundial de clubes en España este verano.

Otros jugadores que se han destacado esta temporada son el delantero colombiano Diego Serna, y el veterano mediocampista del Manchester City de la liga Premier de Inglaterra, el inglés Ian Bishop, de 31 años, ambos del Fusion. Bishop fue calificado como uno de los mejores jugadores ingleses de los últimos diez años.

Serna empezó la temporada 2001 con 37 goles en su carrera de tres años con el Fusion. Con el excelente rendimiento que lleva hasta ahora, Serna fácilmente podría anotar 20 goles o más y convertirse en el máximo goleador de la liga al término de la temporada. Serna, oriundo de Medellín, Colombia, y de 27 años de edad, es uno de los delanteros más contundentes de la liga. Tanto así, que numerosos clubes europeos y sudamericanos han expresado interés en obtener sus servicios. Pero el Fusion y la MLS es celosa y pretende mantener a este electrificante jugador dentro de la liga.

Serna es un amante del fútbol y la música tropical. Su personalidad alegre y extrovertida lo ha motivado a posar en traje de baño en The Score, una revista para mujeres. También ha aparecido en varias publicaciones como uno de los solteros famosos más atrac-



BOB D'AMICO/MLB

Luis "El Matador" Hernández regresa para jugar su segunda temporada con el Galaxy de Los Angeles en busca del primer campeonato nacional para el equipo angelino.



SAN JOSE'S

SOCCER ROOTS

RUN DEEP



By Dave Payne

The day may come when this season's San Jose Earthquakes team will be heralded as one of the greatest in Bay Area soccer history. And players like Ronald Cerritos, Jeff Agoos, Joe Cannon and Landon Donovan may be recognized among the finest players to have toiled in Spartan Stadium.

But the record-breaking 2001 Earthquakes face stiff competition in the likes of the 1976 and 1983 Quakes, the pioneer 1967 Oakland Clippers and perhaps, the 1991 San Francisco Bay Blackhawks.

And the prime-time players on the Quakes' 2001 roster have to match the achievements to be immortalized with the likes of: George Best, Paul Child, Ilija Mitic, Steve Zungul, Godfrey Ingram, Chris Dangerfield, John Rowlands, Laurie Calloway, Mike Hewitt, Mirko Stojanovic and the legendary brothers, Buzz and Mark Demling.

Even though he played in San Jose only two seasons, Best was arguably the most talented player to don a soccer jersey in the Bay Area. One year after the Cosmos signed Pelé in the NASL's pursuit of attracting some of the world's great players, Best, the 10-year Manchester United star, joined the Los Angeles Aztecs in 1976. He moved on to the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers in 1978 and came to the Quakes in 1980.

Of his 53 career goals scored in the NASL, Best produced the most memorable in the 17-year history of the league in a come-from-behind 3-2 Quakes win over the Strikers in 1981 at Spartan Stadium.

On a warm July 22 evening in front of nearly 12,000 witnesses, Best dribbled through and around nearly the entire Strikers team in the penalty area before depositing a close-range shot in the goal. The roar of the crowd increased as Best dazzled one Striker after another. The play ended with the fans standing in



No. 11 Boris Bandov dribbles into the box in a 1975 match. His Quakes teammate on the far left is Dan Counce, current GM of the Colorado Rapids.

All-Time Earthquakes Team

- GK:** Mike Hewitt (1976-82)
- D:** Laurie Calloway (1974-77; '79)
- D:** John Rowlands (1976-78; '79-80)
- D:** Buzz Demling (1974-1978)
- M/D:** Eddie Lewis (1996-99)
- M:** George Best (1980-81)
- M:** Ilija Mitic (1975-78)
- M:** Chris Dangerfield (1982-83)
- F:** Paul Child (1974-79)
- F:** Godfrey Ingram (1982-83; '84)
- F:** Steve Zungul (1983-84)
- Coach:** Gabbo Gavric (1974-78)
- Owner:** Milan Mandaric (1974-77; '80-81)
- Co-Administrators:** Dick Berg (1974-75), Peter Bridgwater (1984-1989)

feverish cheer. The NASL's Goal of the Year made high-light reels across the Atlantic in England.

The 2001 MLS East All-Star Team coach, Ray Hudson, vividly recalls the goal. He was one of the Striker defenders schooled by Best.

"I think he beat me twice," the Miami Fusion coach said. "The goal was absolutely brilliant. It was classic."

Looking back at the play after the game, Bestie said, "My blood was twistin'."

But even before the arrival of Best, who scored 22 goals in two years in San Jose, a developing soccer culture had been established with the Oakland Clippers and San Francisco Gales, who were the Bay Area's first professional clubs in 1967 and competed in rival leagues. Oakland won the National Professional Soccer League

(NPSL) title its first year while the Gales finished second in the Western Division of the United Soccer Association (USA).

When the NPSL and USA merged in 1968 to form the North American Soccer League, the Gales were absorbed by Vancouver and

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the Clippers, who barely missed the playoffs that year, left the league and attempted to survive by playing exhibition matches against international club teams before folding in 1969.

The Bay Area was without a professional soccer team until local businessman Milan Mandaric and a group of limited partners landed an NASL franchise for San Jose in 1974. The team—the Earthquakes—was an instant success, averaging a league-best 16,584 fans a game in its first season.

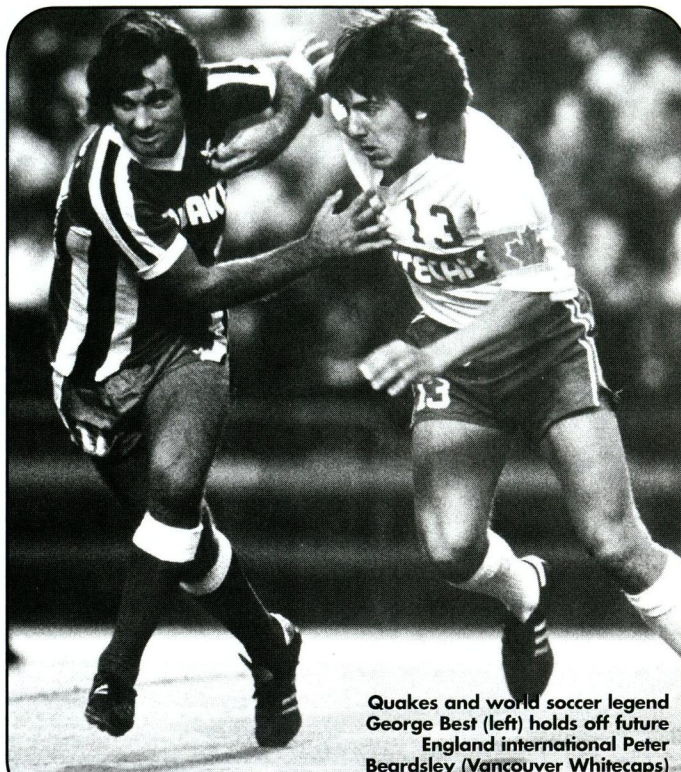
Mani Hernandez—who while at San Jose State in 1968 was the second recipient of the Hermann Award as college soccer's player of the year—stamped his name in Quakes history by scoring the team's first goal in franchise history, the first at Spartan Stadium and the club's most spectacular of the 1970s.

In the third match of the inaugural season, the naturally right-footed winger struck a left-footed volley from 25 yards that dipped suddenly and lodged in the upper right corner of the net without an inch to spare.

"I remember that well," said the 5-foot, 4-inch Hernandez, a successful coach today at San Jose Presentation, an all-girls' high school. "It wasn't bad for a little dude."

The 1975 season was memorable for the Quakes because it marked the first time the Cosmos came to Spartan Stadium with Pelé. It remains etched in the mind of Johnny Moore, a San Jose-area businessman who played for the Quakes and at the same time was the club's administrator.

"I was excited about playing against the world's greatest player, but I was also concerned whether the San Jose fans were aware of the stature of this man," said Moore, who scored goals in both Spartan Stadium games against Pelé's Cosmos. "My question was answered when 25,000 fans jammed into a 17,000-seat stadium and gave Pelé a rous-



Quakes and world soccer legend George Best (left) holds off future England international Peter Beardsley (Vancouver Whitecaps) on August 19, 1981.

KENT HATBERG/NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME-ORLANDA, FLA.

ing standing ovation when his name was announced over the P.A. before the game. The memory still gives me goose bumps."

Pelé made a second appearance at Spartan Stadium with the Cosmos in 1976 (a second Quakes win). Moore and Calloway made the traditional jersey swap with him after the game.

"It's certainly something I treasure," Moore said, before quipping, "I'm sure he has my jersey hanging on his wall."

Calloway would take his Pelé jersey to Earthquakes soccer camps and select a camper to wear it for a day.

The Quakes made the playoffs four times in their first nine seasons. The club's only other playoff team was in 1983, as the Golden Bay Earthquakes went 15-0 at Spartan Stadium that year.

After the NASL folded following the 1984 season, Quakes president Peter Bridgwater kept

soccer alive on the West Coast by forming a four-team Western Soccer Alliance consisting of the Quakes, Victoria (B.C.), F.C. Portland and F.C. Seattle.

The WSA grew to seven teams in 1986, and later became the Western Soccer League with additional clubs.

In 1989, Bay Area businessman Dan Van Voorhis formed the San Francisco Bay Blackhawks and the team developed into one of the best clubs in the country during its five-year existence. In fact, the Blackhawks won the newly formed American Professional Soccer League championship in 1991 (a league formed when the WSL and ASL merged), defeating the Albany Capitals in the final at Spartan Stadium.

In 1992, the Blackhawks reached the semifinals of the CONCACAF Cup Winners Cup before barely losing the two-game series to Club America. After a 3-1 loss at Azteca Stadium in Mexico City, the Blackhawks prevailed 2-1 in front of more than 20,000 spectators at Spartan Stadium.

Van Voorhis pulled his team out of the APSL after the 1992 season and tried to join the Mexican First Division and later, Major League Soccer, but to no avail. The legacy did carry on to MLS, though, as 15 players from his Blackhawks' teams were on inaugural-season rosters and seven are still active, including Troy Dayak (San Jose) and Marcelo Balboa (Colorado).

San Jose's MLS team (formerly nicknamed the Clash between 1996 and 1999) did not enjoy much success in MLS before this season. The club qualified for the MLS Cup Playoffs in 1996, only to be eliminated in the first round by Los Angeles.

The team has not made the postseason since, but the mood has taken an about face this year, however, with a revamped Quakes' club that not only is playoff-bound, but is vying for the modern-day organization's first division title.

Just like in the good old days, soccer once again is alive and well in the South Bay.

Santa Clara County's All-Time Super 10 Soccer Events

1. **1994:** U.S. men lose 1-0 to Brazil in July 4 Round of 16 World Cup match in front of 84,147 at Stanford Stadium.
2. **1999:** U.S. women defeat Brazil 2-0 in July 4 World Cup semifinal in front of 73,123 at Stanford Stadium.
3. **1975/76:** Brazilian Pelé, recognized as the world's greatest player, makes appearances in both seasons with NASL juggernaut New York Cosmos at Spartan Stadium in matches won 3-2 and 2-1 by Earthquakes in front of overflow crowds exceeding 25,000.
4. **1974:** Earthquakes defeat Dallas Tornado 4-3 in front of 15,673 at Spartan Stadium in their inaugural North American Soccer League home match.
5. **1996:** San Jose Clash defeat D.C. United 1-0 on late Eric Wynalda goal in Major League Soccer's inaugural match in front of 31,683 on April 6 at Spartan Stadium.
6. **1985:** UNAM Pumas of Mexico 2, Naples of Italy 1: Argentine international great Diego Maradona plays for Italian club Naples in only career appearance in San Jose in front of nearly 20,000 spectators on April 5 at Spartan Stadium.
7. **1994:** In one of five men's World Cup matches staged at Stanford Stadium, Russia forward Oleg Salenko sets existing single-game W.C. finals record with five goals in 6-1 Group B win over Cameroon.
8. **1991:** San Francisco Bay Blackhawks defeat Albany Capitals at Spartan Stadium to win American Professional Soccer League championship.
9. **1975:** At Spartan Stadium, Tampa Bay Rowdies upset Portland Timbers 2-0 in first NASL Soccer Bowl in front of 17,009 spectators.
10. **1999:** Two Women's World Cup doubleheaders are staged at Spartan Stadium. On June 19, Japan and Canada tie 1-1, China defeats Sweden 2-1 in group play. On June 30, China dominates Russia 2-0, Norway eliminates Sweden 3-1 in quarterfinals.



FINAL DESTINATION:

MLS CUP 2001

COLUMBUS, OHIO

When the final two teams left standing on October 21 face off for MLS Cup 2001, it will mark a special moment in the history of the league and not only because the sixth title will be on the line. That Sunday will see the MLS Cup Championship decided at a site now considered by many as the hallowed home of soccer in the United States: Columbus Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio.

The first major league soccer-specific stadium ever built in this country, Crew Stadium has gained its high standing in soccer circles as the perfect facility for the sport. That reputation has continued to grow with supporters packing the venue for the 2000 All-Star Game, for the electrifying U.S. vs. Mexico World Cup qualifier in February, and for the many Crew games during the past two seasons. It is understood that no matter which squads make it to the final on October 21, soccer fanatics will emerge in droves, soaking in the most important match of the season.

And if there was ever one year when it was impossible to forecast who the finalists will be, it is 2001. With surprise teams taking over the top of the table, the MLS Cup Playoff race is shaping up to be unpredictable. The Miami Fusion and San Jose Earthquakes, significantly improved in the offseason, have reached heights no one could have imagined. Both teams, despite the integration of many new elements, play an attractive brand of attacking soccer that has won fans over in those cities.

The two early frontrunners will have to contend with the preseason favorites: the MetroStars, Chicago Fire, Los Angeles Galaxy and Kansas City Wizards. The MetroStars and Wizards, despite battling through injuries, continue to be two of the most stable teams in MLS. The Fire, with their depth and playoff experience, are almost certain to be a factor when the MLS Cup Playoffs kick off in September.

The rest of the field will rely heavily on their individual stars to step up and carry them to Columbus. The Colorado Rapids need

Scotsman John Spencer to continue to lead the attack, while the Revolution have Brazilian midfielder Caté, who alone can often make the difference in most matches. Veterans Marco Etcheverry (D.C. United) and Jason Kreis (Dallas Burn) will look to guide their young teams and the likes of Bobby Convey and Joselito Vaca through the challenges of the postseason.

Then there is the opportunity facing the Columbus Crew, who have an extra special motivation to make it to MLS Cup because the Alan I. Rothenberg Trophy will be hoisted in their home stadium. With a community that has watched its beloved Black-and-Gold fall just short of the final on two occasions, a spot in the championship game would make for the greatest sporting event ever to grip the city.

"I think it's in the back of everybody's mind," Crew Head Coach Greg Andrulis said. "We're not focusing on October 21 right now but it is our expectation and desire. We have a T-shirt and sign that say, 'Destiny 2001: Columbus Crew Stadium.' We want to be there but we have a lot of work before we get there."

This unpredictability adds to what already has become a popular eight-team playoff format. The three MLS Division Champions will make up the top three seeds in the MLS Cup Playoffs. The remaining five "wild card" teams will be determined by the total number of regular season points, regardless of division.

Crew or no Crew, the Columbus-area fans and the surreal atmosphere they create will surely be one of the lasting marks of the 2001 finale.

TV: Sunday, Oct. 21, 1:30 p.m. ET

TICKETS: Log on to MLSnet.com or TheCrew.com for ticket info.

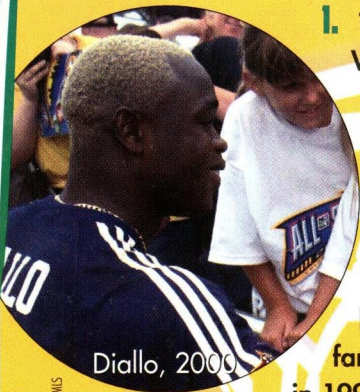
Columbus Crew Stadium received rave reviews for hosting the 2000 MLS All-Star Game.



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All-Star Trivia



Diallo, 2000

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1. This forward earned the Most Valuable Player award in 2000, scoring two goals for the East.

- A. Mamadou Diallo
- B. Luis Hernández
- C. Preki

2. This Eastern Division stadium hosted more than 100,000 total fans for the first two All-Star games in 1996 and 1997.

- A. Lockhart Stadium
- B. Giants Stadium
- C. Crew Stadium

3. This playmaker, the all-time leading scorer in MLS All-Star games, changed teams after appearing in MLS Cup last year.

- A. Peter Nowak
- B. Preki
- C. Mauricio Cienfuegos

4. This former D.C. United defender is the only player to play in all five MLS All-Star games and not score a goal.

- A. Carlos Llamosa
- B. Tony Sanneh
- C. Jeff Agoos

5. This goalkeeper, the league's 2000 Honda MVP, holds the All-Star record for minutes played and saves for a 'keeper.

- A. Tony Meola
- B. Zach Thornton
- C. Kevin Hartman

6. This forward, MLS' all-time leading scorer, netted a goal 30 seconds into the 1999 game in San Diego—the fastest-ever goal from the start of the midseason classic.

- A. Cobi Jones
- B. Roy Lassiter
- C. Brian McBride

7. In the 1998 All-Star Game, the format changed from East vs. West to what?

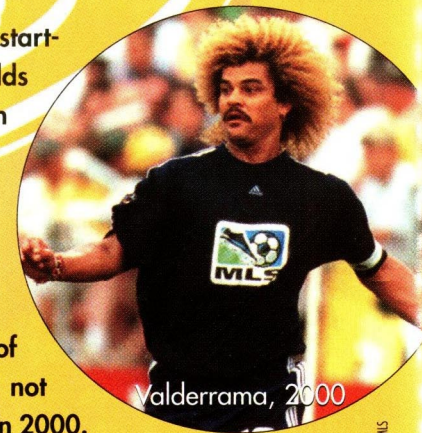
- A. MLS World vs. MLS USA
- B. North vs. South
- C. Rookies vs. Veterans

8. This midfielder, who has started every All-Star Game, holds the record for most assists in one match (2000).

- A. Cobi Jones
- B. Mauricio Cienfuegos
- C. Carlos Valderrama

9. This goalkeeper is one of only two All-Star 'keepers not to give up a goal. He did it in 2000.

- A. Mike Ammann
- B. Scott Garlick
- C. Tony Meola



Valderrama, 2000

JOE GRUBIN/MLS

10. This six-time All-Star forward scored the game-winning goal to capture the 1997 All-Star Game for the East.

- A. Brian McBride
- B. Cobi Jones
- C. Jaime Moreno

11. The first-ever MLS All-Star goal in 1996 was scored by a long-time U.S. National Team star.

- A. Chris Armas
- B. Chris Henderson
- C. Tab Ramos



Ramos, 1996

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12. What were the most goals ever scored in an All-Star Game (hint: they came in 2000)?

- A. 15
- B. 14
- C. 13

ANSWERS: (1) A, (2) B, (3) B, (4) C, (5) A, (6) B, (7) A, (8) C, (9) B, (10) A, (11) C, (12) C

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