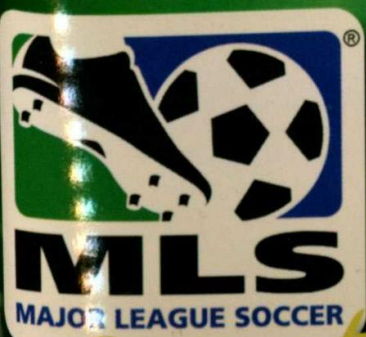


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MOVIN' ON UP

After Dominating the College Ranks for Years, Schmid is Taking Aim at a Higher Level

George Kay, Los Angeles Galaxy coach Sigi Schmid's first coach in AYSO, used to start practice with a drill where his players had to kick a ball 15 times at a fence post. Kay, or "Scotty" as everyone called him (Kay was Scottish), would tell his players they wouldn't be allowed to join practice until he saw them hit the mark the requisite number of times from 15 yards away.

"All of his players turned out to be good strikers of the ball," Schmid says, "and as a player that was the thing I could do best."

He might even be better at it as a coach.

In the years since then, Schmid has proved

particularly adept not only at finding his target, but hitting it as well.

Case in point: in 1983, Schmid and four friends traveled to Mexico to watch the opening game of the youth World Cup between Mexico and Australia.

Unfortunately, they only had four tickets. Aztec Stadium in Mexico City is designed so that you drive up to the stadium directly behind your seats. Since there were five people in the car, someone was going to have to hide. After choosing up, Schmid drew the short straw.

"My entrance was in the trunk of a car," Schmid recalls. "But we got in and I remember

the national anthem and being packed in our box with the rest of the fans and thinking, 'one day, I want to come back here and coach.'"

That was the target. Ten years later, Schmid hit it. As an assistant to Bora Milutinovic with the United States National Team, Schmid walked on to the field at Aztec Stadium before the final of the CONCACAF region Gold Cup tournament.

"You know what I did walking on to that field?" Schmid says. "I looked up to that box where I was and remembered. It brought back those memories."

Schmid took aim again at the 1974 World Cup, which was held in his native West Germany.



"I relish the opportunity to make the transition from college to the pros. Many of the players have played for me before. With hard work and an increased level of intensity we will be successful."

- Sigi Schmid

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Former U.S. Under-20 and UCLA head coach Sigi Schmid took over the Galaxy's helm in late April after 19 years and three NCAA Championships in Westwood

Jon Ferrey/Allsport

Watching his idol, Wolfgang Overath as well as other German legends, including Franz Beckenbauer, Schmid pictured himself taking part in a World Cup.

That goal, too, was fulfilled. In 1994, Schmid walked on to the field as an assistant coach for the American team for the opening of the World Cup, which was held in the U.S.

"It was like the culmination of a goal and a dream," Schmid says. "I was just thinking, 'wow, I'm here.'"

And Schmid came a long way to get there.

He was born in Tuebingen, West Germany on March 20, 1953, and grew up idolizing the German greats. He particularly remembers his first German Bundesliga game in 1968. It was in Cologne, West Germany and he went with his cousin.

"We could barely see," Schmid says. "My cousin and I were in the standing section and if you've ever been to a game like that, you know it isn't the cleanest environment."

That's when Schmid really took a liking to Overath, a member of West Germany's National Team.

"He used to roll his socks down instead of

folding them down, so that's the way I wore my socks."

Schmid and his family moved to the U.S. in 1962. They settled in Torrance, California, and that's where Schmid got his start as a coach.

Schmid's brother, who is 10 years younger, wanted to start playing AYSO at age 5. At that age in AYSO, they needed a parent involved. Instead, Schmid volunteered. He coached while his father turned to refereeing. That left Schmid to take over as coach a couple of years later and his dominance showed even then. The team finished the season 14-0 and outscored opponents 84-1.

Schmid graduated high school and enrolled at UCLA, where he became a four-year starter from 1972-75. He formed the South Bay Vikings Soccer Club in 1975 and recruited his brother and several of his friends. By the time Schmid left the club in 1980, it had grown to 11 teams. During that time he became the first coach for the new soccer program at Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance.

After graduating college in 1976, Schmid became an assistant with UCLA in 1977 and '79. The next year he was named head coach and the

Bruins became a dominant force in college soccer for the next 19 years.

Schmid compiled a career record of 322-63-33, made 16 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances from 1983 to '99, and won NCAA championships in 1985, '90 and '97. Those championships were among the highlights of his career.

He was selected as National Coach of the Year in 1984 and '97 and finished as the fifth all-time winningest men's soccer coach with a career winning percentage of .810.

That statistic, to Schmid, is more indicative of his success than the championships, however.

"Successful to me is winning on a consistent basis," he says. "The way so many championships are structured, you need a lot of luck. You need breaks. A shot will hit a post or sail an inch over the cross bar and that can be the difference. To me, success is winning 75 percent of your games, on the pro level maybe less, and knowing that teaching is going to allow your players to succeed more times than not.

"As I usually tell my team, success is putting yourself in a position to grab the ultimate goal.

Recently, as coach of the U.S. Under-20



President Tim Leiweke (left) and General Manager Sergio del Prado welcome Sigi Schmid to the Galaxy

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National Team, he relied on his time-tested method of setting a goal and then following through. He told his team that first, you have to get out of your group. Then, when that's accomplished, you can worry about each game until the championship.

"If we start thinking about the championship before we're even out of our group, then you might trip up."

Being entrusted with youth players at the national level shows confidence in his ability to develop talent. But perhaps the best indication of Schmid's ability to cultivate talent and influence the game is his roster of successful alumni. Former Bruins, including national team members Cobi Jones, Brad Friedel, Frankie Hejduk, Mike Lapper, Chris Henderson and Joe-Max Moore, have represented the United States in more than a thousand games.

Paul Caligiuri, who played at UCLA from 1982-85, scored the most famous goal in U.S. soccer history in 1989, a goal which clinched the U.S.'s first World Cup berth in 40 years.

Therein lies Schmid's biggest thrill as a coach.

"For me the best part is when a player who played for you comes back and thanks you," Schmid says. "Sometimes they'll remember something you said and you scratch your head and don't remember. But the kid did and that shows you have an impact on people."

Now that Schmid has moved on to the pro ranks, he can watch more former Bruins repre-

sented in MLS than from any other college (19). His most difficult task as a coach remains, however.

"The most difficult thing to teach, and you're always going to work on even at the highest level, is moving without the ball," Schmid says. "When you break down the game of soccer, you spend the majority of your time moving without the ball. How and where to run, where

"As I usually tell my team, success is putting yourself in a position to grab the ultimate goal."

to find teammates, where they should be moving, that's the toughest to teach and you never stop teaching at any level."

Which brings Schmid to the Galaxy and what he hopes to prove in MLS.

"I relish the opportunity to make the transition from college to the pros," Schmid says. "Many of the players have played for me before.

With hard work and an increased level of intensity we will be successful. The opportunity to be head coach of the youth national team is great and if the opportunity to become head coach of the full national team arises, I'd like to do that. Right now, we have a very good coach. So my focus is on the Galaxy and MLS."

As a 1996 inductee into the National Soccer Hall of Fame for his early work with AUSA, Schmid is uniquely qualified to build the game in the United States.

"It is still going to take a little bit of time," he says. "In a city like LA, winning is important. What they're doing in Columbus, Ohio by building a soccer specific stadium, that's helpful. It helps create a soccer atmosphere. Having those kind of facilities more so than anything creates an atmosphere and gets people excited to come out to a game."

"We've still got to be patient. Every time I think soccer has grown, every time I think that way, I run into so many people who have no idea the sport exists. There still are so many people who know nothing about the sport. Our population of spectators is still rather small when looking at the cities that we play in. There are more people who have an awareness of other sports. We're making great strides, and discretionary spending in the next few years is going to fall into hands of those exposed to soccer."

Just as Schmid did when aiming for the post as a child, you can bet he won't stop until he's accomplished his goals.

CIENFUEGOS

Embajador Salvadoreño



Mauricio Cienfuegos se ha establecido en los tres años de existencia de la MLS, la liga profesional de Estados Unidos, como uno de los jugadores extranjeros más rentables.

El mediocampista salvadoreño del Galaxy de Los Angeles, a la vez que demuestra su capacidad futbolística, su dedicación y profesionalismo en cada juego, ha confirmado su nombre entre los más distinguidos que surgieron de ese país centroamericano para destacarse en el extranjero.

Raúl "Araña" Magaña, Jorge "Mágico" González, Norberto "Pajaro" Huez y Jaime "Chelona" Rodríguez, son algunos de los más distinguidos futbolistas cuscatlecos que abrieron la brecha de la internacionalización del futbolista salvadoreño.

Algunos, como "Chelona" y el "Mágico", lograron establecerse en el futbol europeo, en equipos de Alemania, Finlandia y España.

El propio Rodríguez, también jugó en el balompié profesional de México.

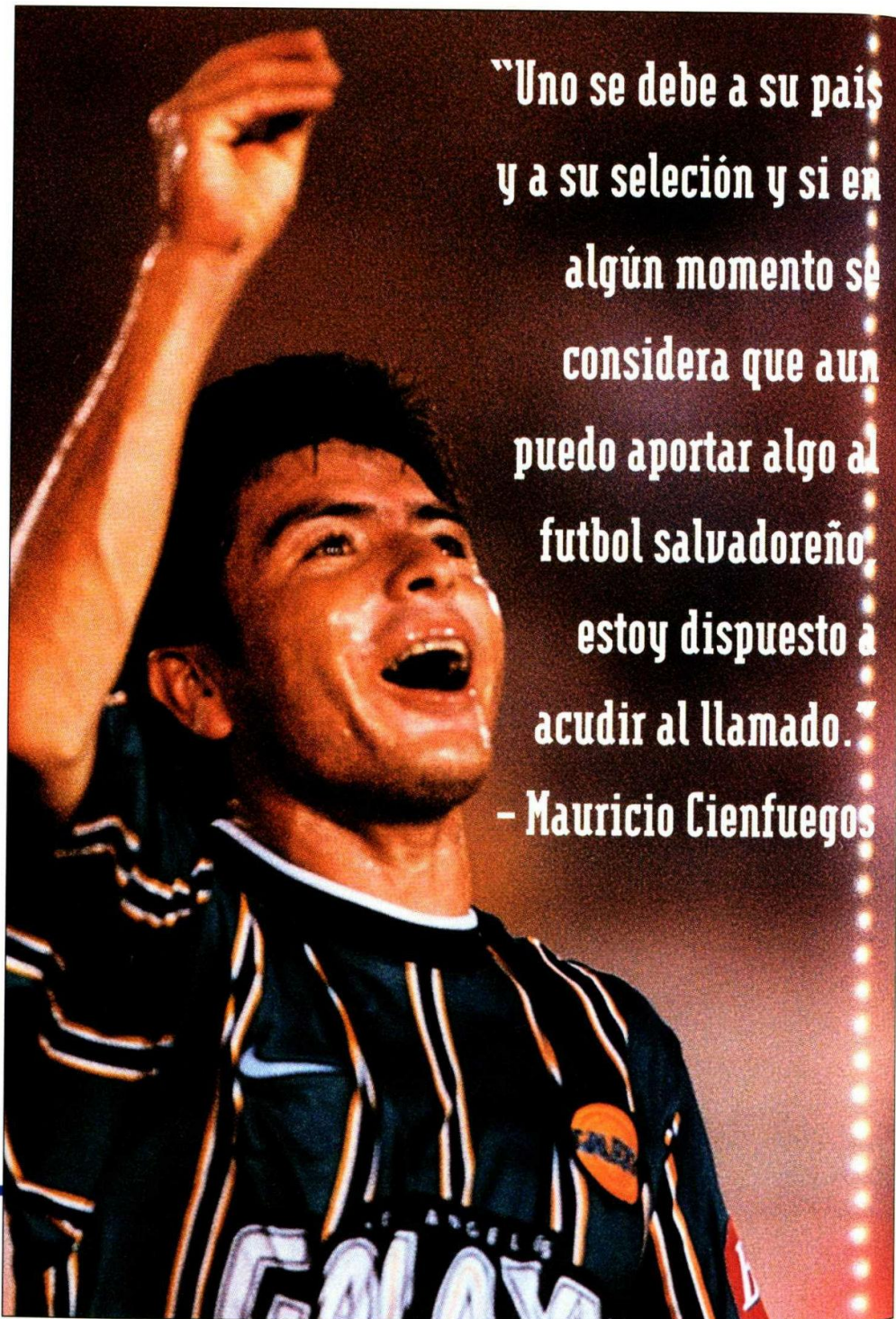
Con el nacimiento de la Major League Soccer en 1996, se abrió una nueva vitrina para que el futbolista salvadoreño expusiera su talento innato.

Los pioneros de esta nueva generación de internacionales salvadoreños fueron Mauricio Cienfuegos y el goleador Raúl Díaz Arce (Clash), para que después siguieran sus pasos Jorge "Zarco" Rodríguez (Burn) y Ronald Cerritos (Clash).

Todos han mantenido un rendimiento ejemplar en sus respectivos equipos, siguiendo una pauta marcada por Mauricio, un futbolista dedicado cien por ciento a su profe-

Cienfuegos ha sido el maestro de mediocampo acumulando 39 asistencias en tres años con el Galaxy

Essy Ghavameddini/MLS/Allsport



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- Mauricio Cienfuegos

sión y a su familia, que integran su esposa Reyna Guadalupe y sus hijos Lester Mauricio, Shantal, y Valeria.

Cienfuegos es un jugador que se hace notar de inmediato en el terreno de juego, donde actúa como un dinamo capaz de generar suficiente energía como para elevar las posibilidades de victoria de su equipo.

Con su movilidad y su buen trato al balón, las grandes jugadas del equipo pasan inevitablemente por los pies de Mauricio.

Los rivales lo entienden así, por ello no es extraño que en cada juego deba enfrentar la vigilancia de algún gendarme que lo persigue por toda la cancha o que el técnico rival aplique algún dispositivo para intentar anularlo, sin descartar el recurso de la falta, ya que Cienfuegos es uno de los jugadores que más faltas recibe por parte de los jugadores rivales.

Todo eso no ha impedido que Mauricio sea uno de los jugadores con mayor número de pases para gol (asistencia) en la liga, además de otros logros estadísticos que lo definen como uno de los jugadores más productivos de la MLS.

Uno de esos departamentos, es en el número de partidos jugados y en el total de minutos en que Cienfuegos participa en cada encuentro, aspectos que lo ratifican en su constancia y eficiencia.

Nacido en San Salvador, de cuna humilde, Mauricio Cienfuegos se vio influenciado desde temprana edad por el fútbol, deporte que practica desde que era un niño.

Se empezó a destacar en el Racing Junior antes de incursionar por primera vez en el fútbol profesional salvadoreño con el Soyapango, cuando contaba con 18 años de edad.

Pero su carrera empezó a encaminarse hacia el estrellato cuando en 1988 fue firmado por el equipo Luis Angel Firpo, con el que conquistó dos títulos de liga, además de otras competencias regionales.

Fue con los "Pamperos", que Cienfuegos

empezó a darse a conocer internacionalmente, gracias a que el Firpo actuaba constantemente en el extranjero, incluyendo en plazas de Estados Unidos.

Además, Mauricio ha sido en los últimos diez años uno de los jugadores indiscutibles en la selección nacional de su país.



El pionero salvadoreño Mauricio Cienfuegos ya a confirmando su nombre entre los más distinguidos futbolistas de su tierra de origen

Essy Ghavameddini/MLS/Allsport

Junto al representativo salvadoreño ha estado presente en dos Copas de Oro de la CONCACAF y ha intervenido en las pasadas tres eliminatorias mundalistas, mismas en las que El Salvador no logró la calificación.

Es una espinita que queda clavada en el ánimo de Mauricio, que esperaba, o quizá aun espera, coronar su brillante carrera con una

participación en la máxima cita futbolística: una copa mundial.

Este anhelo ha hecho que Cienfuegos mantenga ciertas reservas sobre su propio anuncio de retirarse por completo de la actividad de su selección nacional, al final de la pasada eliminatoria para el mundial de

Francia.

"Uno se debe a su país y a su selección y si en algún momento se considera que aun puedo aportar algo al fútbol salvadoreño, estoy dispuesto a acudir al llamado," confesó el jugador al inicio del nuevo proceso de trabajo de la selección de su país, bajo el mando del brasileño Mario Peres "Marinho".

Sin embargo, Mauricio pone condiciones para su retorno a la selección: "que haya seriedad y buena organización en el trabajo".

Quizá por eso y por sus críticas directas hacia todo lo que no se hace bien en el fútbol de su país, Cienfuegos no ha sido considerado todavía por el nuevo seleccionador.

En cuanto a su paso por el fútbol internacional, antes de llegar a la MLS, Cienfuegos también actuó en el fútbol profesional de México con los equipos Santos de Torreón, Correcaminos y Morelia.

Y una vez que Mauricio quedó establecido como uno de los jugadores estandarte del nuevo profesionalismo en Estados Unidos, su nombre ha quedado ligado a las siglas MLS, entre la prensa y en el gusto de la afición.

Así se demuestra en las votaciones para elegir a los integrantes de los equipos que van al Juego de Estrellas anual de la liga, pues el mediocampista salvadoreño es el que más votos recibe.

Ha estado presente en todos y cada uno de estos juegos clásicos del verano futbolístico y es casi seguro que volverá a ser protagonista en el próximo Juego de Estrellas del mes de julio, en San Diego, donde simplemente Mauricio Cienfuegos se confirmará como el Embajador de El Salvador en el fútbol de Estados Unidos.



Galaxy's Defense at the Top of MLS

By Llew Llewellyn

During the 1998 season the Galaxy strike force scored a staggering 85 goals, more than any other team in MLS history.

Another number racked up by the Galaxy was less celebrated, but ranks of equal importance. The Galaxy defenders only allowed 44 goals all season long, managing to shut out their opponents on seven separate occasions:

It's sometimes a thankless job at the back – let an opponent get by you to score and you are pilloried by the media and the fans. Rarely do defenders get to show their stuff past the halfway line, although the Galaxy does have a few players who are quite capable of inflicting damage on unsuspecting opponents.

A mixture of wily veterans (Robin Fraser and Paul Caligiuri) and talented youngsters (Steve Jolley, Kevin Hartman and Joe Franchino), blended with MLS savvy players (Greg Vanney and Ezra Hendrickson), gives the Galaxy a defensive unit that can contain the best that MLS has to offer. Danny Peña, although listed as a midfielder, has to be considered as part of the defensive squad.

So who are these men in teal and black, these Galaxy defenders? Who better to answer than the players themselves?



Robin Fraser

The tough, elegant Fraser is the anchor of the defense. A veteran of the A-League, his vision is a huge part of the Galaxy's defensive line and the players pivot around him like a hub in a human wheel.

"His athletic ability, shutting down players, anticipation of plays, winning the ball, distribution – that makes him a complete player," says Caligiuri.

Calm and deceptively quick, the team captain exudes experience in every game and

Robin Fraser, who was the Galaxy's first draft pick in franchise history, has proved to be the team's anchor on and off the pitch

Aubrey Washington/Allsport

although not the most vocal player on the field, Fraser nevertheless is still obviously a leader. "Robin leads by example," says Peña of his teammate, who made enough of an impression on U.S. National Team coach Bruce Arena to play in a couple of games since the end of last season.

"His knowledge and experience helps us all. Younger and older guys alike, we all respect what Robin brings to the game," says Greg Vanney.

INSIDE ARENA



Former D.C. United and current U.S.

National Team coach Bruce Arena shares

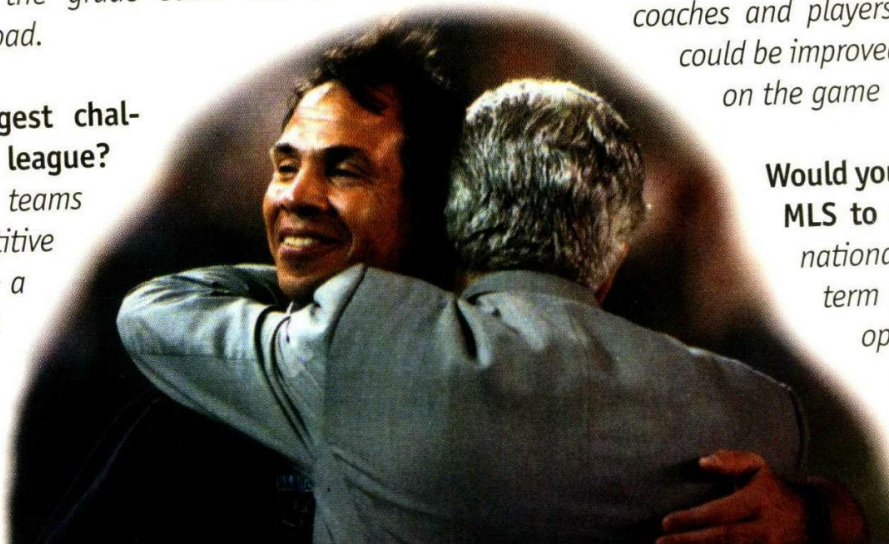
his opinions on MLS, the National Team and other timely topics. Never one to hold back, Arena has some surprising thoughts on soccer in the United States.

Major League Soccer

Since its inception in 1996, MLS has come a long way. What kind of report card would you give the league? *I'd give the league very high marks – maybe even an A. Around the world the cost of doing business in sports is very high. Succeeding in such conditions is difficult and MLS, in three years, has developed a good league. D.C. United's accomplishments in the CONCACAF Champions' Cup and Interamerican Cup show that MLS can produce quality teams. MLS also has done a good job developing American players. However, the grade scale will be tougher down the road.*

What is the biggest challenge facing the league?

MLS must produce teams that can be competitive around the world – a daunting task. If it can accomplish this the league will grow and



prosper, soccer will become more popular throughout country, and the U.S. National Team will develop into world power.

You return to MLS as Commissioner some time in the future. How would you handle a coach who led his team to two championships but is quite outspoken about on- and off-the-field issues? *I'd sit down with him and gather his opinions. A commissioner can learn a lot from a coach. If there was more input from coaches and players the competition on the field could be improved and there would be more fun on the game itself.*

Would you ever consider coming back to MLS to coach? *Definitely! Coaching the national team is, by nature, a short-term position. I hope I have another opportunity to coach in the league down the road.*

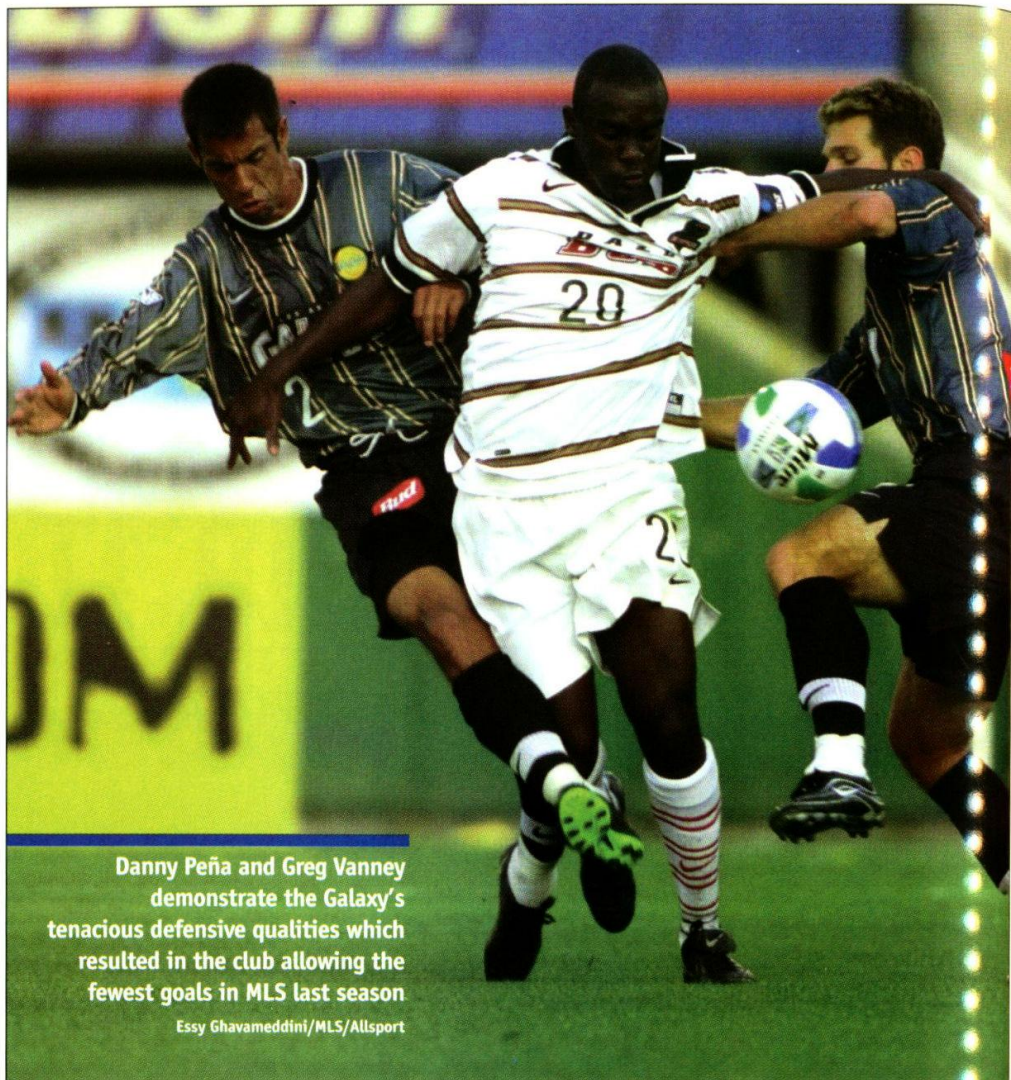
Paul Caligiuri

Caligiuri is one of the most capped players in U.S. soccer, having played for the U.S. National Team well over a hundred times.

"He plays much younger," says Fraser. "He's in great shape and I think that, technically, he's as good as he was 10 years ago."

Caligiuri appears to have an almost uncanny relationship with Cobi Jones on the field, the two instinctively aware of exactly where the other is at all times. "Cobi and I just seem to have developed this understanding over the years we have played together," says the Diamond Bar native.

"He's got so much experience," says Vanney. "He's strong, he's fast and he's got a good understanding of how to play in all kinds of defensive formations."



Danny Peña and Greg Vanney demonstrate the Galaxy's tenacious defensive qualities which resulted in the club allowing the fewest goals in MLS last season

Essy Ghavameddini/MLS/Allsport

Steve Jolley

The loss of Dan Calichman for most of last season to a broken leg was all that Steve Jolley needed to step up, or in his case, fall back.

After being an early front-runner for Rookie of the Year in 1997, a knee ligament injury left him facing one of the biggest fears any athlete can have and he missed most of the season. He recovered well and after Calichman's injury, the midfielder was converted to a central defender by former Galaxy coach Octavio Zambrano and has flourished in that position.

"Overcoming that (injury) showed a lot of character," says Caligiuri. "He's back and he's showing his abilities."

"He's very athletic, great in the air and he beats players to balls. He's a very solid player," says Vanney, who has spent a lot of time next to Jolley this year.

"I'm having a good time," says Jolley. "When you are a young player, more than anything you want to play."

Danny Peña

Peña is described by his teammates in terms that one would gladly assign to a soccer player, as long as he is on your team and not facing you.

"Tenacity is one word for DP," says Fraser. "He has an undeserved reputation of being a dirty player."

Since the trade of Calichman to the Revolution, Peña has taken on many of the former captain's off-field duties as well as during the game.

"A strong attitude," is Caligiuri's assessment of Peña. "He brings out the best in you, he has a tremendous amount of leadership."

"I'll take a lot of weight on my shoulders," says Peña. "I have no problem with that."

"DP? We just keep him because we like him," says Steve Jolley when asked about Peña. "He's funny looking and that's the reason we keep him around. Someone needs to keep me in order and that's his job."

"He's intense," says Vanney. "That's the way he plays, hard and intense."

Greg Vanney

"He's the youngest leader on our team," says Caligiuri of Greg Vanney.

Vanney started his professional career in MLS' inaugural year, and within a short time he was selected for the U.S. National Team and had established a reputation as the owner of a thunderous left foot, scoring six times in his rookie year.

By his own admission his performance dropped in the 1998 season, and he shared playing time at left back with Franchino, but a determined off-season effort brought him into the 1999 camp in the best shape of his career and he has re-established his place in the team.

A serious student of the game, he has impressed his veteran partners with his determination.

"His focus on the game is tremendous for a player so young," says Fraser.

"I expect him to reclaim his national team job and remain there through the end of his career," says Caligiuri.



Galaxy's **Defense** at the Top of MLS

Ezra Hendrickson

One of the most easily recognized players in a Galaxy uniform is Ezra Hendrickson, he of the perpetual smile. Picked up after being waived by the MetroStars, he worked his way into the lineup and has become a crowd favorite.

"He's extremely exciting to watch," says Caligiuri. "When he finally got his chance he took his play to a new level."

The 6'3" native of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has become one of the Galaxy's most potent weapons coming out of the back, scoring five goals last year and adding nine assists.

"When you are around Ezra he just brings up your spirits, he's always happy," says Caligiuri. "He brings in a lot of joy when he shows up in the locker room."

Kevin Hartman

Goalkeeper Kevin Hartman, whose performance is apparently not affected by the color of his hair on any particular day, has grown immensely as a player from the nervous young man who got his first start for the Galaxy against English Premier League team Aston Villa two years ago.

"I think that Kevin is easily the best shot-stopper in the league," says Fraser, who has seen a few good goalkeepers in his day.

Hartman is a fine young athlete, very dedicated to his position between the pipes and was also recently recognized for his talent by U.S. National Team coach Bruce Arena, who has called him into training camp twice since the end of last season. Although he didn't get to participate in any games, he is philosophical about his national team role.

"I've got goals and I don't think my goal

Joe Franchino, a University of Washington standout, came off the bench to register 4 assists in 16 appearances for the Teal and Gold last season

Rick Yeatts/MLS/Allsport



was to be starting on the national team at the age of 24," says Hartman. "I just want to get off to a good start professionally, although I do want to win the World Cup at some point in my life!"

Joe Franchino

"Joe has been the dark horse," says Caligiuri of the tough playing Franchino. "Give him an opportunity, he'll

seize the moment,"

Recognizing a kindred spirit, Peña has taken the former Washington Husky under his wing and Franchino has responded by relentlessly pursuing his opponents with a same rugged determination.

"He's very similar to DP, very intense," notes Vanney. "He plays with a lot of emotion. He plays hard and he's very strong for his size."

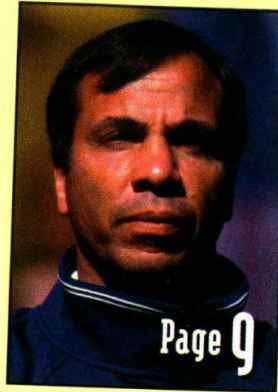
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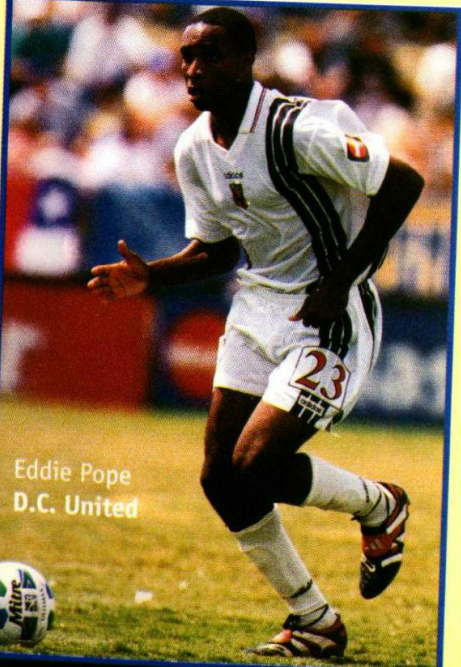


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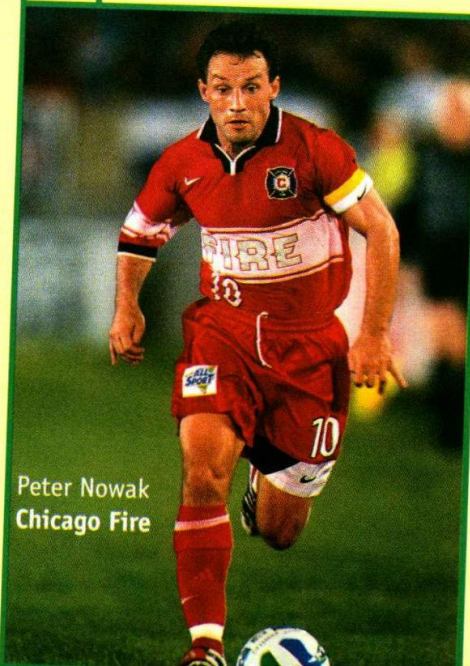


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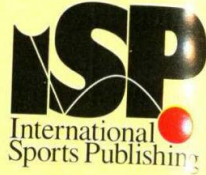
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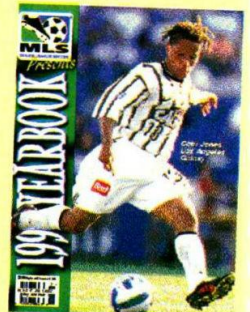


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Great Expectations

Major League Soccer is taking off just as the millennium is coming to a close. Great things are expected in Year Four, with hopes running high for all the teams.

The Chicago Fire, MLS champs in '98, has most of its squad back and is aiming for a second crown. Thomas Rongen takes over the reins at D.C. United and is looking to take the team to its fourth consecutive MLS Cup final. The high-scoring Los Angeles Galaxy is poised to make a run, too.

Some big names are wearing different jerseys in '99. Tony Meola, Alexi Lalas, Chris Henderson, Raul Diaz Arce and John Harkes all have new addresses.

Walter Zenga, aka Spiderman, is venturing into uncharted territory for the Revolution as player/coach. MLS Cup '99 returns to Foxboro Stadium, site of the first championship match, in November. The big question is which teams have the right stuff to get to the last match before the year 2000.

This question and some more light-hearted ones were posed to the 12 MLS coaches and U.S. Coach Bruce Arena. Their answers are sure to surprise you.

Who do you think will win MLS Cup '99?

BOB BRADLEY: D.C. United.

GLENN MYERNICK: Chicago. They won't make too many changes.

TOM FITZGERALD: Los Angeles will have a good team. It could come down to L.A. and New York.

DAVE DIR: I'd have to say Chicago.

THOMAS RONGEN: Columbus has a lot of playoff experience and will make a run. In the West, you still have to say L.A. and Chicago. Miami might be a dark horse.

RON NEWMAN: MetroStars.

OCTAVIO ZAMBRANO: I won't think of any other team but the Galaxy.

BORA MILUTINOVIC: L.A. Galaxy.

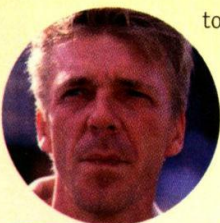
IVO WORTMANN: Chicago is motivated from last season, and teams who have played together for three years like D.C. United and Columbus have a good chance.

WALTER ZENGA: Columbus Crew.

BRIAN QUINN: L.A. Galaxy.

TIM HANKINSON: You'd have to take the Chicago Fire again. Another team to watch is Columbus.

BRUCE ARENA: D.C. United.



THOMAS RONGEN

Who will be the three contenders for Major League Soccer's Honda MVP award?

BB: Marco Etcheverry, Peter Nowak, Mauricio Cienfuegos.

GM: Whoever is the leading goal scorer. If Etcheverry continues his consistent form, he could be there. So could Nowak.

TF: If Stern John is scoring champ again he could be. Etcheverry is always one of the top players. If Cobi Jones has the same type of year like last year he'll be a can-

didate. I'd love to see Brian McBride win it.

DD: I'd say Nowak, Etcheverry and Jones.

TR: We have two or three players in Eddie Pope, Etcheverry and Jaime Moreno and you can't discount Nowak or Stern John.

RN: Nowak, Jones and Ben Olsen.

OZ: I hope that at least two of the players come from my team. I'll name Steve Jolley, Clint Mathis and Daniel Hernandez.

BM: Cienfuegos, Preki and Alexi Lalas.

IW: Etcheverry, Nowak and, I hope, Carlos Valderrama.

WZ: McBride, Pope and Jason Kreis.

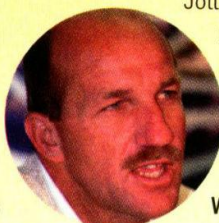
BQ: Nowak, Diego Serna and Cienfuegos.

TH: Etcheverry, Nowak and Mauricio Ramos.

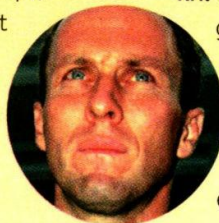
BA: Etcheverry, Nowak and Pope.



BORA MILUTINOVIC



GLENN MYERNICK



BOB BRADLEY

If you could sign any player in the world right now who would it be?

BB: A healthy Marco Van Basten.

GM: Ronaldo. I still think he has some special qualities.

TF: Zinedine Zidane. He's probably the premier player in the world right now.

DD: Gabriel Batistuta. I really love the way he plays. He has vision, can finish and is just exciting.

TR: French midfielder Patrick Viera, of Arsenal, epitomizes the modern midfielder.

RN: Michael Owen, because my 14-year-old granddaughter is his biggest fan. I'd like to have the greatest grandfather in the world now, wouldn't I?

OZ: Marcel Desailly of France. He's the kind of defender that really has everything.

BM: Ronaldo.

IW: I'd love to have Romario with Serna and Valderrama.

WZ: Roberto Mancini (Italy). He's the complete attacking player, strong in body and an excellent goal scorer.

BQ: Ronaldo or Zidane.

TH: Ronaldo. There are very few playmaking forwards.

BA: Batistuta or Ronaldo.



TIM HANKINSON



TOM FITZGERALD



The Columbus Crew has a new home in '99. The state of the art soccer-specific jewel opens its doors on May 15 when the MetroStars come to town.

What is the toughest, most intimidating stadium/city you have ever played or coached in?

BB: Charlottesville, VA. It was always tough to beat Virginia, especially in Charlottesville.

GM: I can't remember if it was in El Salvador or Guatemala, our national team vs. theirs. A fight broke out. We had a very tough time getting off the field to the locker room because everything was being thrown at us - big rocks and bricks.

TF: New York. The fans are very intense. They're rude. They're good sports fans.

DD: None are really intimidating, but New York has the most innovative fans. They come up with some great verbal bashing.

TR: Azteca Stadium in Mexico City. There's over 100,000 screaming fans, it's deafening, and with the high altitude it is physically draining and mentally intimidating.

RN: I would say Giants Stadium when the Cosmos were drawing 77,000 people. I felt like I was a swimmer with no arms.

OZ: Cuscatlan in El

Salvador. Usually when American teams go there, they let the grass grow higher than usual. It kills your legs if you're not used to it.

BM: I have never been intimidated by a city as a player or a coach.

IW: It was in the Rio de Janeiro State League in Brazil and the crowd was so close to the field they were throwing things at the players and referee.

WZ: Foxboro Stadium or the San Siro in Milan.

BQ: Saudia Arabia (1992 national team game at Rhiyad) was the most raucous crowd. There were 70,000 people and no Americans.

TH: Every stadium I've walked into seemed friendly.

BA: In MLS, L.A., New York and Columbus. I'm sure in World Cup qualifying there will be some tough places.



RON NEWMAN

If I wasn't a soccer coach I would be . . .

BB: Involved in youth sports in some capacity.

GM: An avid soccer fan.

TF: A professional golfer. That's a lifestyle I could enjoy.

DD: Announcing soccer games. I'd find some way to stay involved in the game.

TR: I have a masters in education and speak four languages, so something with education and travel.

RN: A film director. When I was younger, when they had eight millimeter, I made a few short movies for fun.

OZ: A sports reporter.

BM: I still would be a soccer coach.

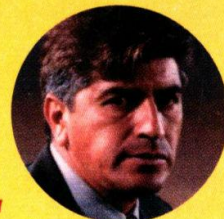
IW: Something in sports, I'm sure about that.

WZ: I wouldn't be doing anything else.

BQ: Teacher. Probably of P.E. or Irish history.

TH: I'd be a stockbroker. I'd go where the money is.

BA: Lacrosse coach or Athletic Director.



OCTAVIO ZAMBRANO

Which MLS player or coach would you have as your tag team partner in an All-Star Wrestling bout and why?

BB: Zach Thornton because of his size and competitiveness.

GM: I would just take Sunil Gulati and stand back and let the others beat the (crap) out of him for not giving me the players that I want. [laughter]

TF: Dave Dir. He has size and a sense of humor. He's a pretty tough dude.

DD: Bruce Arena. No one could get around us. People would be very scared of us. The players in MLS are lightweights.

TR: Dave Dir. He'll add a little weight to our team and be great to party with after the match as well.



IVO WORTMANN

RN: Mo Johnston. I think Mo is a terrific fighter. He's like me in the way he fights. The bigger the problem, the more he fights. I like that.

OZ: Zach Thornton or "Sneaky" Pete Marino because he's small and tricky.

BM: I can't tell you who would be on my team until I found out who was on the other team.

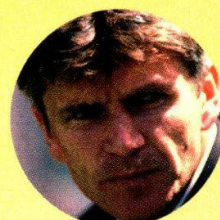
IW: Bob Bradley, because he is the last champion.

WZ: Brian McBride. I've always liked him as a player and in a wrestling match, he would be a lot tougher than some people think.

BQ: How about former deputy commissioner Sunil Gulati, because he always finds a way to get things done.

TH: David Dir. Or maybe (Mutiny defender) Chris Houser. Don't mess with "The Undertaker."

BA: "El Tanque" (Eduardo Hurtado). He's big, strong and intimidating. I'd like him on my side in the ring.



BRIAN QUINN

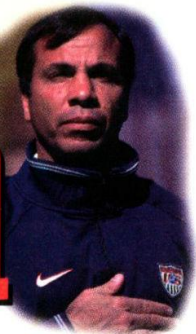


DAVE DIR



BRUCE ARENA

INSIDE ARENA



D.C. United

After losing your first four games in 1996, you went 7-6-3 in MLS matches during the remainder of your tenure and won two MLS Cups. Plus, the team won important competitions outside of MLS. Were you surprised by the level of success D.C. United achieved? *Yes and no. I didn't believe United would win the MLS Cup in '96. Like MLS itself, the team grew as the year progressed. In '97, we had very good team and I wasn't surprised that we won the Cup. The '98 team was very good, also. In three short years, we became an impressive team – mature, confident and talented.*

What is your favorite memory from your time with the team? *I don't want to downplay '96 and '97, but my fondest moments are from the past year. The team was successful from start to finish. We didn't win the MLS Cup, but we were the best team. The biggest thrill was the victory over Vasco da Gama. Anytime you defeat a great Brazilian club it's a huge accomplishment.*

What will you miss most about D.C. United? *I'll miss the everyday activities – being around the staff and the players at practice. The environment was challenging but fun.*

Did you ever throw any of your players out of practice? *Sure, a couple of times. I think Richie [Williams] and maybe Marco [Etcheverry], too. But that stuff happens with a lot of teams.*

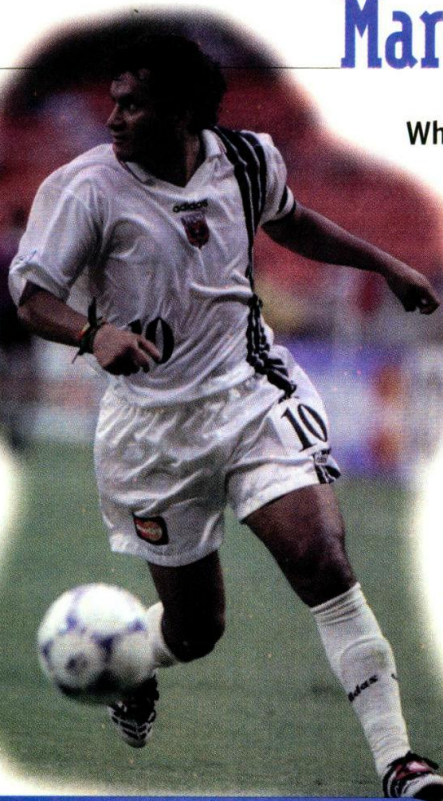
Marco Etcheverry

What makes Marco Etcheverry such a great player? *His pure soccer talent, particularly his passing ability, makes him great. But his desire to win is what really separates him from the others.*

How did you handle the English-Spanish language barrier with Marco? *Marco picked up English and I learned a little Spanish, plus we had some bilingual players like Jaime [Moreno] and Roy [Lassiter]. Marco is bright and has a tremendous sense of humor, which made things easier. Plus, we both spoke the universal language of soccer.*

Marco is quite a table tennis aficionado. Did you ever let him beat you to build his confidence? *I think I only ever played Marco once and that was doubles. My team won, I believe. He had donated the table to the club in lieu of paying team fines. He played everyday and beat everyone. And Marco may be an even better pool player!*

Who would you compare his table tennis game to: Borg, McEnroe or Sampras? *Definitely McEnroe. He's a genius, a creator of great shots. He has rare skills.*



John Harkes

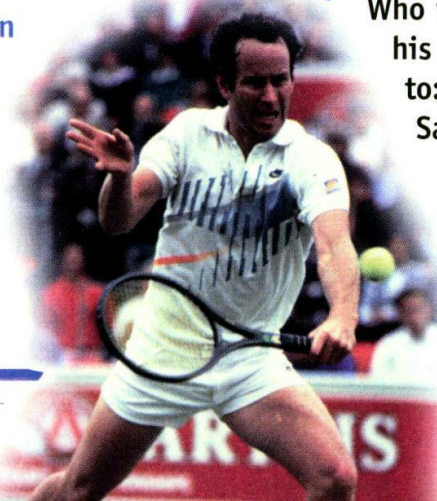
John was an important figure on D.C. United and the U.S. team for many years. What are his greatest attributes as a soccer player?

John is a very experienced player. When he was at his best, John

was a tenacious, confident competitor who worked hard for 90 minutes.

Would you have taken him to France '98 if you were coach?

I can't answer that. I wasn't the coach in that situation, so I don't know what I would have done.



U.S. National Team

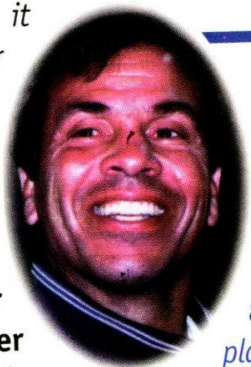
Your main focus as U.S. National Team coach is to prepare for the 2002 World Cup. What do you hope to accomplish in each of the years leading up to the big show? *I hope to establish a style of play and form a nucleus of players to build the team around in '99. In 2000 and 2001, our focus will be on qualifying for the Cup. In 2002, we hope to improve upon the team's performance in France '98.*

Cobi Jones, Eddie Pope and most players up for consideration for the U.S. team play in MLS. Is this an advantage or disadvantage when you compare them to players competing overseas, such as Claudio Reyna and Kasey Keller? *Claudio and Kasey must compete for spots just like Jones and Pope. One of the unfounded criticisms of MLS is that it can't produce quality, marketable players. Pope proves it can. He is sought after by clubs around the world. Players can prosper by playing in MLS and overseas.*

What are your thoughts on soccer players switching nationalities to compete in the World Cup? *As a rule, it's bad business. Using tangled blood lines to gain a passport isn't right, but each case is different and must be judged on its own merits.*

Have you started preparing your speech for when you raise the trophy at World Cup 2002? *No. [Laughing] That would be a spontaneous one.*

Argentine coach Daniel Passarella left Fernando Redondo off his World Cup squad in '98, in part because Redondo refused to cut his hair. Do you

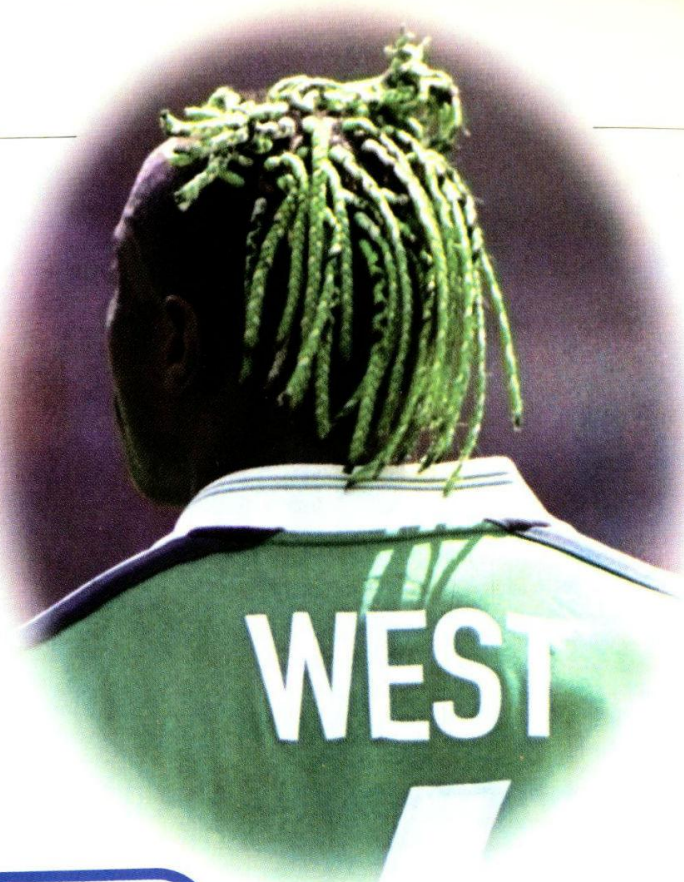
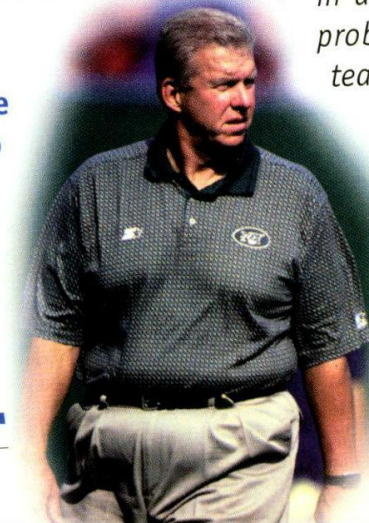


Arena on Arena

What do you think are the main reasons for your great success as a coach? *Most importantly, I find good players. I let the players to do what they do best, but I always stress the team concept. I set reasonable demands and expectations, while developing the mentality that you have to work hard every day to be successful.*

You've been compared to New York Jets coach Bill Parcells, a stern disciplinarian with a quick wit. Any comments? *I'm honored to be compared to a great coach like him, though I wouldn't say I'm a disciplinarian. I guess we both have sharp tongues and are a little overweight.*

Parcells was given the nickname "The Tuna." Do you answer to a name other than "Bruce?" *Well, I guess if he is "The Tuna" I could be "The Whale."*



have any rules that potential U.S. players should be aware of? *The only rules for the players are respect each other and U.S. Soccer. If a player is good, I'll make room for him - whether he has hair that's long or short, red or green, curly or straight.*

What is a realistic prediction for the U.S. team in 2002? *I would hope to qualify and improve on the '98 performance. Just getting through qualifying will be a challenge. It would be the fourth World Cup in a row for the U.S. There are probably only half a dozen teams in the world would have that have that kind of streak going. Advancing to the second round would be a great accomplishment.*

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BIGGER, BRIGHTER AND BETTER THAN EVER

The Chicago Fire and Miami Fusion were welcomed into the Major League Soccer family in '98, as the league grew to 12 teams. Little did the league know that they had child prodigies on their hands.

The Fusion hosted the season's first game in the beautifully renovated and jam-packed Lockhart Stadium. Though defending champion D.C. United escaped with a 2-0 victory that day, Miami showed that they could compete with the best. At season's end, the Fusion, led by the prolific Diego Serna and newly hired coach Ivo Wortmann, qualified for the playoffs.

The Fire's success was even more remarkable. Not only did Chicago make the playoffs, they took home the grand prize — defeating D.C. in MLS Cup '98 before 51,350 fans at the Rose Bowl. MLS Cup MVP Peter Nowak was the inspirational leader for the team all season, while Lubos Kubik (BIC Defender of the Year) and Zach Thornton (Pepsi Goalkeeper of the Year) added awards to their trophy cases. The Fire also knocked off the Columbus Crew in the U.S. Open Cup final a week after the MLS Cup, giving the club the prestigious "Double."

By winning on the field, the Fire became a success off the field, capturing the hearts of the people of the Windy City. Chicago was third in the league in attendance, averaging nearly 18,000 fans a game at Soldier Field.

These accomplishments are not what people expected from a club still wet behind the ears.

MLS had many other successes and proud moments throughout the '98 season. The Los

Chicago Fire captain Peter Nowak hoists the MLS Cup after leading his team to a 2-0 win over D.C. United. Photo by Doug Pensinger/Allsport



1998 RESULTS

Eastern Conference

	W	L	PTS
D.C. United	24	8	58
Columbus	15	17	45
MetroStars	15	17	39
Miami	15	17	35
Tampa Bay	12	20	34
New England	11	21	29

Western Conference

	W	L	PTS
Los Angeles	24	8	68
Chicago	20	12	56
Colorado	16	16	44
Dallas	15	17	37
San Jose	13	19	33
Kansas City	12	20	32

D.C. UNITED

DC 2-1
DC 1-0 (SO)

MIAMI

COLUMBUS

CLB 5-3
CLB 2-1 (SO)

METROSTARS

D.C. UNITED

DC 2-0
CLB 4-2
DC 3-0

COLUMBUS



D.C. UNITED 0-2 CHICAGO

**CHICAGO
FIRE**
1998 CHAMPIONS

LOS ANGELES

CHI 1-0
CHI 2-1 (SO)

CHICAGO

LOS ANGELES

LA 6-1
LA 3-2

DALLAS

CHICAGO

CHI 2-1 (SO)
CHI 1-0

COLORADO

1998 AWARD WINNERS

Honda Most Valuable Player
Marco Etcheverry — D.C. United

Budweiser Scoring Champion
Stern John — Columbus Crew

MasterCard Goal of the Year
Brian McBride — Columbus Crew

All Sport Coach of the Year
Bob Bradley — Chicago Fire

Pepsi Goalkeeper of the Year
Zach Thornton — Chicago Fire

BIC Defender of the Year
Lubos Kubik — Chicago Fire

MLS Rookie of the Year
Ben Olsen — D.C. United

Snickers Fair Play
Thomas Dooley — Columbus (Indiv.)
Kansas City Wizards (Team)

MLS Cup Most Valuable Player
Peter Nowak — Chicago Fire

Umbro Referee of the Year
Paul Tamberino

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Zach Thornton Chicago Fire

Lubos Kubik Chicago Fire

Eddie Pope D.C. United

Thomas Dooley Columbus Crew

Robin Fraser L.A. Galaxy

Marco Etcheverry D.C. United

Peter Nowak Chicago Fire

Mauricio Cienfuegos L.A. Galaxy

Chris Armas Chicago Fire

Stern John Columbus Crew

Cobi Jones L.A. Galaxy

Angeles Galaxy, fueled by five-time Player of the Week winner Cobi Jones, shattered league records by scoring 85 goals and earning 68 points in the regular season. Running mate Welton finished in the top five in goal scoring with 17, Mauricio Cienfuegos was second in the league in assists (16) and Mexican star Carlos Herмосillo added even more firepower when he was signed in midseason. However, the '98 campaign proved to be bittersweet for the Galaxy, who scored only one goal as they were swept by Chicago in the Western Conference finals.

Perennial power D.C. United had another impressive year under Bruce Arena, who left at the end of the season to coach the U.S. National Team. The club dominated the Eastern Conference and appeared in their third straight MLS championship game. In international — competitions, D.C. did the league proud and shocked the soccer world — by winning two prestigious cups. In the CONCACAF Champions' Cup, D.C. downed Mexican League powers Leon and Toluca in the semi-finals and finals, respectively. In early December, United was crowned the best team in the Americas after defeating Vasco da Gama of Brazil in the Interamerican Cup.

United's Marco Etcheverry, who received the league's Honda Most Valuable Player

Marco Etcheverry (10), flanked by MLS commissioner Douglas Logan and Carlos Llamasa, celebrates D.C.'s victory over Brazilian powerhouse Vasco da Gama in the Interamerican Cup

Tony Quinn/MLS

award, and Eddie Pope were two of the stars who showed their stuff at All-Star Weekend in Orlando, Florida. Three days of festivities were capped by the exciting All-Star Game, played before 34,416 sun drenched fans in the Citrus Bowl. Brian McBride of the Columbus Crew was voted the MasterCard MVP, marking the first time a player other than Miami Fusion midfielder Carlos Valderrama had won the award.

Stern John, another Crew star forward, had an incredible season in his first year in the league. The 22 year-old Trinidad and Tobago native averaged nearly a goal per game in capturing the Budweiser Scoring Champion trophy. John finished the regular season with 57 points and 26 goals, well ahead of runner-up Cobi Jones in both categories.

Young American players also thrived in the nurturing MLS environment. Ben Olsen walked away with the Rookie of the Year award after having a stellar season for D.C. United. Other standouts included Josh Wolff (Chicago), Clint Mathis (Los Angeles), Johnny Torres (New England), Leo Cullen (Miami) and Scott Vermillion (Kansas City).

These players helped push the league to new heights in terms of the level of play, as evidenced by D.C. United's success in international matches. Off the field, MLS set a total attendance record for the season with over 2.7 million fans coming through the turnstiles.

The league is looking to improve and grow even more in '99. Like the teams in Chicago and Miami, MLS has proven to be mature beyond its years.



1999 MLS SCHEDULE



Saturday, March 20

DC United	at	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	ESPN2
MetroStars	at	Miami	8:00 pm	
Kansas City	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
Colorado	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	
Chicago	at	San Jose	11:00 pm	

Saturday, March 27

Chicago	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	ESPN2
Colorado	at	San Jose	10:00 pm	

Sunday, March 28

New England	at	Miami	3:00 pm	ESPN2
Columbus	at	MetroStars	2:00 pm	
Dallas	at	Los Angeles	8:00 pm	

Saturday, April 3

DC United	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm	ESPN2
Columbus	at	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	
Chicago	at	Miami	7:00 pm	
New England	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	
Los Angeles	at	San Jose	10:00 pm	

Thursday, April 8

Columbus	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	ESPN2
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Saturday, April 10

San Jose	at	Kansas City	3:30 pm	ESPN2
DC United	at	New England	7:30 pm	
Dallas	at	Chicago	8:00 pm	
Miami	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	

Sunday, April 11

MetroStars	at	Tampa Bay	5:00 pm	
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Thursday, April 15

Dallas	at	Miami	8:00 pm	ESPN2
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Saturday, April 17

Columbus	at	New England	7:30 pm	ESPN2
San Jose	at	DC United	7:30 pm	
Los Angeles	at	Chicago	8:00 pm	
Kansas City	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	

Sunday, April 18

Tampa Bay	at	Dallas	5:00 pm	
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Saturday, April 24

New England	at	DC United	7:30 pm	ESPN2
Kansas City	at	Miami	7:30 pm	
Columbus	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
Chicago	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	
San Jose	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	

Sunday, April 25

Tampa Bay	at	MetroStars	1:00 pm	ESPN
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Wednesday, April 28

Columbus	at	Kansas City	12:30 pm	
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Friday, April 30

Dallas	at	San Jose	10:30 pm	
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Saturday, May 1

Los Angeles	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm	ESPN2
Miami	at	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	
Colorado	at	New England	7:30 pm	
DC United	at	Chicago	8:00 pm	

Saturday, May 8

MetroStars	at	DC United	4:00 pm	ESPN2
Chicago	at	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	
Miami	at	New England	7:30 pm	
Los Angeles	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	
Colorado	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	

Sunday, May 9

Columbus	at	San Jose	5:00 pm	ESPN
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Saturday, May 15

Miami	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm	ESPN2
New England	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	
DC United	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	
San Jose	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
Tampa Bay	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	

Sunday, May 16

Colorado	at	Chicago	4:00 pm	
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MARCH

APRIL

MAY

Saturday, May 22

DC United	at	Miami	2:00 pm	ESPN2
Tampa Bay	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	
Kansas City	at	Chicago	8:00 pm	
MetroStars	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	
Dallas	at	San Jose	11:00 pm	

Sunday, May 23

New England	at	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
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Wednesday, May 26

Miami	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
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Thursday, May 27

San Jose	at	Colorado	9:30 pm	ESPN2
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Saturday, May 29

New England	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm	ESPN2
Tampa Bay	at	Miami	7:30 pm	
Los Angeles	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	
Chicago	at	DC United	7:30 pm	

Thursday, June 3

Colorado	at	San Jose	10:30 pm	ESPN2
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Saturday, June 5

Dallas	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm	ESPN2
Miami	at	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	
Chicago	at	New England	7:30 pm	
Columbus	at	DC United	7:30 pm	

Sunday, June 6

Kansas City	at	Los Angeles	3:30 pm	ESPN
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Thursday, June 10

Miami	at	DC United	7:30 pm	ESPN
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Saturday, June 12

Colorado	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm	ESPN2
Dallas	at	Kansas City	8:30 pm	
Chicago	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	
Tampa Bay	at	San Jose	10:30 pm	

Sunday, June 13

Miami	at	New England	4:00 pm	ESPN2
DC United	at	Columbus	4:00 pm	

Wednesday, June 16

New England	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	ESPN2
DC United	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	

Saturday, June 19

New England	at	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	ESPN2
Los Angeles	at	DC United	7:30 pm	
San Jose	at	Chicago	8:00 pm	
Dallas	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	

Sunday, June 20

MetroStars	at	Kansas City	1:00 pm	UNIVISION
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Saturday, June 26

Kansas City	at	DC United	7:30 pm	UNIVISION
San Jose	at	Miami	7:30 pm	
MetroStars	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	
New England	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
Chicago	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	

Sunday, June 27

Los Angeles	at	Tampa Bay	1:00 pm	UNIVISION
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Wednesday, June 30

Tampa Bay	at	MetroStars	7:00 pm	UNIVISION
San Jose	at	Columbus	7:30 pm	

Friday, July 2

Dallas	at	Chicago	8:30 pm	
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Saturday, July 3

Kansas City	at	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	ESPN2 (Tape)
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Sunday, July 4

MetroStars	at	New England	12:00 pm	ESPN2
DC United	at	San Jose	7:00 pm	
Chicago	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
Columbus	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	
Miami	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	

Wednesday, July 7

Colorado	at	Kansas City	8:00 pm	
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Thursday, July 8

San Jose	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	ESPN
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JULY

Saturday, July 10 Colorado Columbus MetroStars Kansas City	at at at at	DC United Miami Chicago Dallas	7:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:30 pm 9:00 pm	ESPN
Sunday, July 11 Los Angeles	at	New England	1:00 pm	UNIVISION
July 14-17 - 1999 MLS ALL-STAR WEEKEND IN SAN DIEGO				
Saturday, July 17 East	vs.	West	3:30 pm	ABC
Thursday, July 22 Tampa Bay	at	Kansas City	8:00 pm	ESPN
Friday, July 23 San Jose	at	Chicago	8:00 pm	
Saturday, July 24 Miami Dallas	at at	MetroStars Columbus	3:00 pm 7:30 pm	ABC
Sunday, July 25 DC United Kansas City Tampa Bay	at at at	New England Los Angeles Colorado	1:00 pm 3:30 pm 9:00 pm	UNIVISION ESPN
Wednesday, July 28 Los Angeles	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	
Thursday, July 29 Tampa Bay	at	Miami	7:30 pm	ESPN
Saturday, July 31 Los Angeles New England Colorado San Jose	at at at at	Chicago Tampa Bay Dallas Kansas City	4:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:30 pm	ABC ESPN
Sunday, August 1 Miami	at	Columbus	1:00 pm	UNIVISION
Wednesday, August 4 MetroStars	at	Dallas	8:30 pm	
Thursday, August 5 Chicago	at	Kansas City	8:00 pm	ESPN2
Friday, August 6 New England	at	Colorado	9:00 pm	
Saturday, August 7 MetroStars Los Angeles	at at	Miami San Jose	7:30 pm 10:30 pm	
Sunday, August 8 Colorado Tampa Bay Kansas City	at at at	Chicago DC United Columbus	1:00 pm 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	UNIVISION ABC
Thursday, August 12 San Jose	at	New England	7:30 pm	ESPN
Friday, August 13 Colorado	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
Saturday, August 14 Columbus Kansas City Dallas	at at at	DC United MetroStars Los Angeles	4:00 pm 7:00 pm 10:30 pm	ABC
Sunday, August 15 Miami	at	Chicago	1:00 pm	UNIVISION
Wednesday, August 18 Columbus Tampa Bay Dallas	at at at	MetroStars New England Colorado	7:00 pm 7:30 pm 9:00 pm	
Saturday, August 21 DC United MetroStars New England	at at at	Miami Los Angeles San Jose	8:00 pm 10:30 pm 10:30 pm	ESPN2
Sunday, August 22 Chicago Tampa Bay	at at	Dallas Columbus	1:00 pm 4:00 pm	UNIVISION
Wednesday, August 25 New England Miami	at at	MetroStars DC United	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	
Friday, August 27 Columbus	at	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	

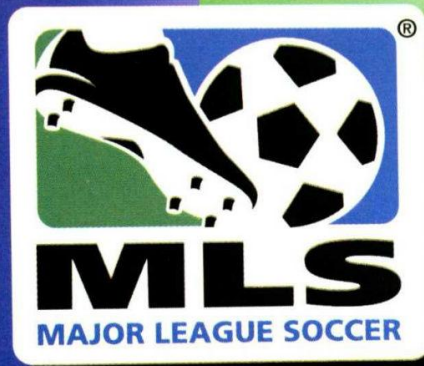
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Sunday, August 29 Miami	at	Kansas City	1:00 pm	UNIVISION
Wednesday, September 1 San Jose	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	ESPN2
Saturday, September 4 Tampa Bay Dallas Los Angeles Colorado Kansas City	at at at at at	New England DC United Miami Columbus San Jose	7:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 10:30 pm	
Sunday, September 5 Chicago	at	MetroStars	1:00 pm	UNIVISION
Wednesday, September 8 Kansas City	at	New England	8:30 pm	ESPN2
Saturday, September 11 New England San Jose Kansas City Chicago	at at at at	Miami Dallas Colorado Los Angeles	7:30 pm 8:30 pm 9:00 pm 10:30 pm	
Sunday, September 12 MetroStars DC United	at at	Columbus Tampa Bay	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	UNIVISION
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Sunday, September 19 Tampa Bay Miami	at at	Chicago San Jose	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	UNIVISION ESPN2
Wednesday, September 22 San Jose	at	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
Thursday, September 23 Columbus	at	Chicago	8:00 pm	ESPN2
Saturday, September 25 MetroStars Dallas Colorado DC United	at at at at	Tampa Bay New England Kansas City Los Angeles	7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:30 pm 10:30 pm	
Sunday, September 26 Miami Chicago	at at	Columbus San Jose	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	UNIVISION
Wednesday, September 29 Colorado	at	Los Angeles	10:30 pm	
Thursday, September 30 Tampa Bay	at	DC United	8:00 pm	ESPN2
Saturday, October 2 MetroStars Kansas City San Jose	at at at	New England Chicago Colorado	7:30 pm 8:00 pm 9:00 pm	
Sunday, October 3 Los Angeles Columbus	at at	Dallas Miami	1:00 pm 7:30 pm	UNIVISION ESPN2
Wednesday, October 6 DC United Kansas City	at at	MetroStars San Jose	7:00 pm 10:30 pm	
Saturday, October 9 New England Colorado Los Angeles	at at at	DC United Miami Kansas City	7:30 pm 7:30 pm 8:30 pm	
Sunday, October 10 Chicago Dallas	at at	Columbus Tampa Bay	1:00 pm 8:00 pm	UNIVISION ESPN2

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

End of regular season
All times Eastern. Subject to change.
Top four teams in each conference qualify for the MLS Playoffs.



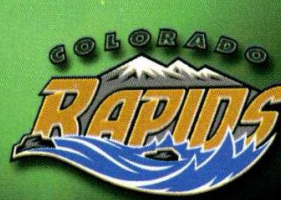
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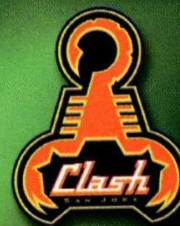
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Tampa Bay
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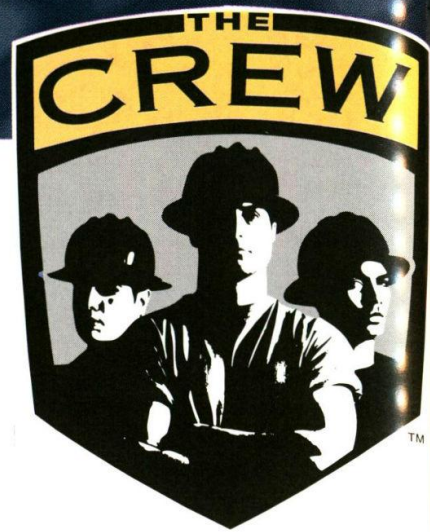


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COLUMBUS

EASTERN CONFERENCE



The previous offseason for the Columbus Crew has fallen in line with construction worker image.

Each new season presented challenges to field a competitive team. After the 1996 season, nearly half of the 20-man roster was gutted. The post-1996 calendar saw The Crew acquire young talent in Brian West, Stern John, Jeff Cunningham and Adam Williams to bring another fresh look to the club.

So, it was with a great deal of relief that the hard hats donned by coach Tom Fitzgerald and president Jamey Rootes during the offseason were those worn to view The Crew's new soccer-specific stadium scheduled for completion in May.

Make no mistake about it, Fitzgerald was happy to see a promising run for the MLS snuffed out on the turf of RFK Stadium in game

By
Craig
Merz

three of the Eastern Conference finals. Nor was he thrilled when The Crew was defeated in overtime of the U.S. Open Cup title game against MLS champion Chicago Fire.

But he has resisted the temptation to make changes and, according to veteran Polish midfielder Robert Warzycha, that's good news. "From my point of view if the coaches want a better team than last year, they have to keep the team together for at least two years," says Warzycha. "The more players we have the longer it takes to be a team that plays better if we know each other."

The Crew was badly disrupted in 1998. They were without forward Brian McBride, midfielders Brian Maisonneuve and Williams, defender Thomas Dooley and goalkeeper Juergen Sommer for seven weeks during the World Cup. The Crew went 3-4 in that absence.

Then there was the injury situation. Mike Lavelle (knee), West (knee), Warzycha (foot), Maisonneuve

Veteran defender Thomas Dooley wants to go out on a high if 1999 proves to be his farewell season in MLS

Joe Giblin/MLS/Allsport

THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

The Crew must hold its own during a season opening seven-game stretch on the road. The unkind schedule is due to construction on the new Columbus stadium.

The Crew defense needs to become a more cohesive unit in '99. It gave up 1.75 goals a game last season, compared to 1.28 in 1997.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

STERN JOHN/FORWARD

The 1998 Budweiser Scoring Champion took the league by storm in his first season. John is a powerful striker with a knack for being in the right place at the right time.

BRIAN McBRIDE/FORWARD

Another instinctive attacker, McBride is known for his strength in the air. He also has a lethal right foot, which he used to claim the MasterCard Goal of the Year in 1998.

BRIAN MAISONNEUVE/MIDFIELDER

Like McBride, Maisonneuve is an up and coming player on the U.S. National Team. He can control the game from the midfield with his tackling, vision and precision passing.

✓ NEW FOR '99

Though Columbus unveils a new stadium in May, most of the players on the pitch are familiar to Crew fans. The only two notable offseason recruits come from Miami - U.S. Under-23 goalkeeper Matt Napoleon and veteran defender Matt Kmosko. Napoleon provides cover for Mark Dougherty while Juergen Sommer is recovering from a knee injury.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	15	17	37	East semi-finalist
1997	15	17	39	East finalist
1998	15	17	45	East finalist

The Crew has made the playoffs every year with identical 15-17 records.



Brian McBride scored the MasterCard Goal of the Year in 1998

(ankle) and Mark Dougherty (knee) underwent surgery. Only Dallas lost more man-games to injuries than The Crew in 1998.

"With everything that happened to us, it's surprising we did as well as we did," Fitzgerald says.

There is renewed optimism for 1999 despite some hurdles.

The Crew, which was 4-12 on the road in the '98 regular season, opens with seven straight away games before it christens the 22,500-seat stadium on May 15.

The injury jinx continued in the offseason. Goalkeeper Sommer tore his ACL and he is expected to be out until at least May. As was the case last season, Mark Dougherty fills in for Sommer. The Crew also picked up Project-40 goalkeeper Matt Napoleon in a trade with Miami.

"Our top objective in the offseason was to solve the goalkeeper situation," Fitzgerald says.

It's a vast reversal of what he was thinking

entering last season. Columbus had the second-worst offense in 1997. No one could have imagined the startling impact Stern John would have on The Crew in '98. The former Rookie of the Year in the A-League registered three hat-tricks in his first season in MLS.

The 22-year-old finished with league bests in goals (26) and points (57), despite missing three games with a fractured elbow. John went from a footnote to being a serious candidate for the Honda Most Valuable Player award.

The Trinidadian forward

combines with Crew career goals leader Brian McBride to spearhead a talented offense again this season.

Brian Maisonneuve, who was absent nearly half the 1998 schedule, returns to key the midfield. He relieves the pressure on young Andy Williams, who started strong upon joining The Crew after the

World Cup but faltered in the playoffs last season.

The addition of defender Matt Kmosko, from Miami, brings depth to an already solid defense. A strong collegiate draft was highlighted by the selection of three-time All-American defender Matt Chulis from the University of Virginia.

"There's a lot of competition for a few spots," coach Fitzgerald says.

Mike Lapper is fit again and is showing flashes of his ornery self. Mike Clark is an underrated defender and Ansil Elcock provides much needed speed. Then, of course, there is 37-year old veteran Thomas Dooley who is expected to retire after this season. But not before playing in the new stadium.

Columbus will go from the most hated venue the small field at Ohio Stadium - to the most envied.

The Crew expects to field a team worthy of the praise to be heaped upon its new home.

(Craig Merz writes for the Columbus Dispatch)

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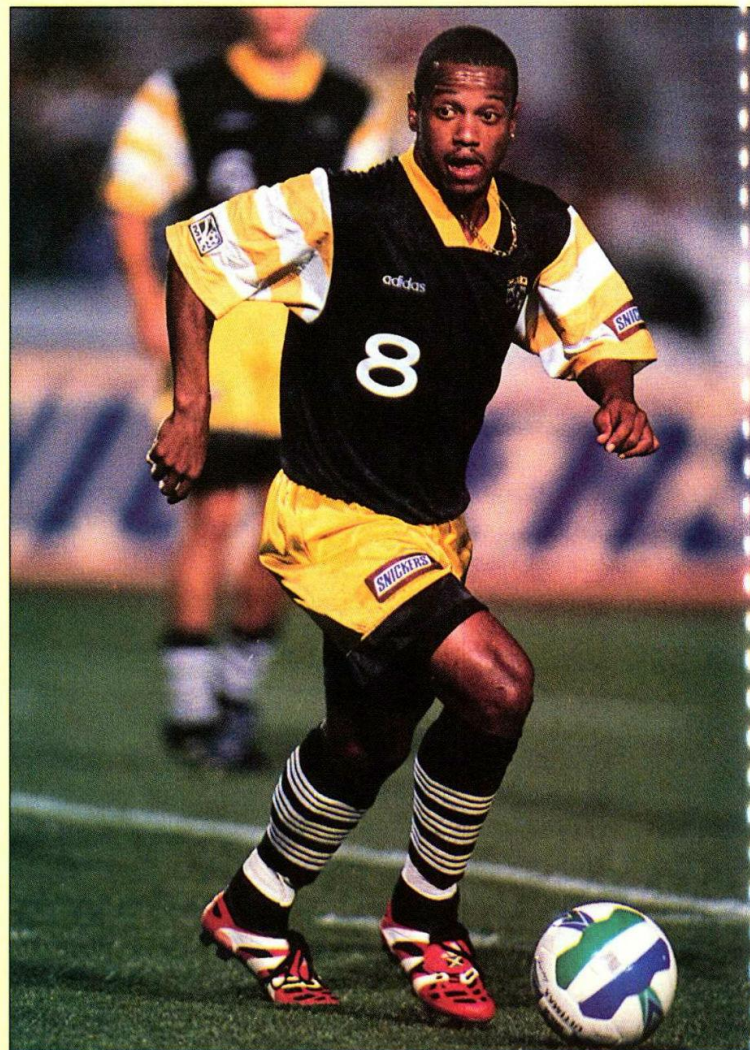
ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
4	Ubusuku Abukusumo	D	6-1	175	3-24-77	Albuquerque, NM	North Carolina St.
—	Jeff Bilyk	M	5-7	145	5-7-77	West Islip, NY	Clemson
—	Mike Butler	F	5-10	160	1-5-76	Springfield, MA	Massachusetts
15	Matt Chulis	D	5-10	155	8-29-77	Central Islip, NY	Virginia
3	Mike Clark	D	6-0	170	12-16-72	Indianapolis, IN	Indiana
11	Jeff Cunningham	F	5-8	155	8-21-76	Kingston, Jamaica	South Florida
—	John DeBrito	M	6-2	168	3-12-68	Cape Verde Islands	S. Connecticut St.
5	Thomas Dooley	D	6-1	170	5-12-61	Bechhofen, Germany	—
1	Mark Dougherty	GK	6-2	190	11-7-67	Santa Clara, CA	Fresno State
13	Ansil Elcock	M/D	5-11	160	3-17-69	Port of Spain, Trinidad	St. Augustine
12	Jason Farrell	M	5-10	170	12-31-70	Seattle, WA	Seattle Pacific
14	Stern John	F	6-1	180	10-30-76	Tunapuna, Trinidad	Mercer County CC
7	Matt Kmosko	D/M	6-1	180	1-8-72	Ship Bottom, NJ	Hartwick College
2	Mike Lapper	D	6-0	172	8-28-70	Redondo Beach, CA	UCLA
10	Brian Maisonneuve	M	5-11	170	6-28-73	Warren, MI	Indiana
20	Brian McBride	F	6-0	175	6-19-72	Arlington Heights, IL	St. Louis
18	Matt Napoleon	GK	6-1	175	8-18-77	Philadelphia, PA	Columbia
16	Rob Smith	M	5-10	150	8-20-73	Wilmington, DE	South Carolina
1	Juergen Sommer	GK	6-5	215	2-27-69	New York, NY	Indiana
9	Billy Thompson	M	5-6	140	5-5-68	Bellflower, CA	UCLA
19	Robert Warzycha	M	5-8	160	8-20-63	Welun, Poland	—
17	Brian West	M/F	5-9	155	6-10-78	LaGrange, GA	Virginia
8	Andy Williams	M	5-8	155	9-23-77	Toronto, Canada	Rhode Island
6	Todd Yeagley	M	6-0	170	9-20-72	Bloomington, IN	Indiana

SCHEDULE

MARCH						
Mar. 28	Sunday	@ MetroStars	2:00 pm			
APRIL						
Apr. 3	Saturday	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 pm			
Apr. 8	Thursday	@ Los Angeles	10:30 pm		espn2	
Apr. 17	Saturday	@ New England	7:30 pm			
Apr. 24	Saturday	@ Dallas	8:30 pm			
Apr. 28	Wednesday	@ Kansas City	12:30 pm			
MAY						
May 9	Sunday	@ San Jose	5:00 pm		ESPN	
May 15	Saturday	New England	7:30 pm		espn2	
May 22	Saturday	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm			
May 29	Saturday	Los Angeles	7:30 pm			
JUNE						
June 5	Saturday	@ DC United	7:30 pm			
June 13	Sunday	DC United	4:00 pm		espn2	
June 16	Wednesday	New England	7:30 pm			
June 26	Saturday	MetroStars	7:30 pm			
June 30	Wednesday	San Jose	7:30 pm			
JULY						
July 4	Sunday	@ Colorado	9:00 pm			
July 10	Saturday	@ Miami	7:30 pm			
July 24	Saturday	Dallas	7:30 pm			
AUGUST						
Aug. 1	Sunday	Miami	1:00 pm		Univision	
Aug. 8	Sunday	Kansas City	4:00 pm			
Aug. 14	Saturday	@ DC United	4:00 pm		ABC	
Aug. 18	Wednesday	@ MetroStars	7:00 pm			
Aug. 22	Sunday	Tampa Bay	4:00 pm			
Aug. 27	Friday	@ Tampa Bay	7:30 pm			
SEPTEMBER						
Sep. 4	Saturday	Colorado	7:30 pm			
Sep. 12	Sunday	MetroStars	1:00 pm		Univision	
Sep. 15	Wednesday	DC United	7:30 pm			
Sep. 18	Saturday	@ New England	7:30 pm			
Sep. 23	Thursday	@ Chicago	8:00 pm		espn2	
Sep. 26	Sunday	Miami	1:00 pm		Univision	
OCTOBER						
Oct. 3	Sunday	@ Miami	7:30 pm		espn2	
Oct. 10	Sunday	Chicago	1:00 pm		Univision	

All Times Eastern



Jamaican midfielder Andy Williams was an instant success for Columbus last season, recording 12 assists in 13 games

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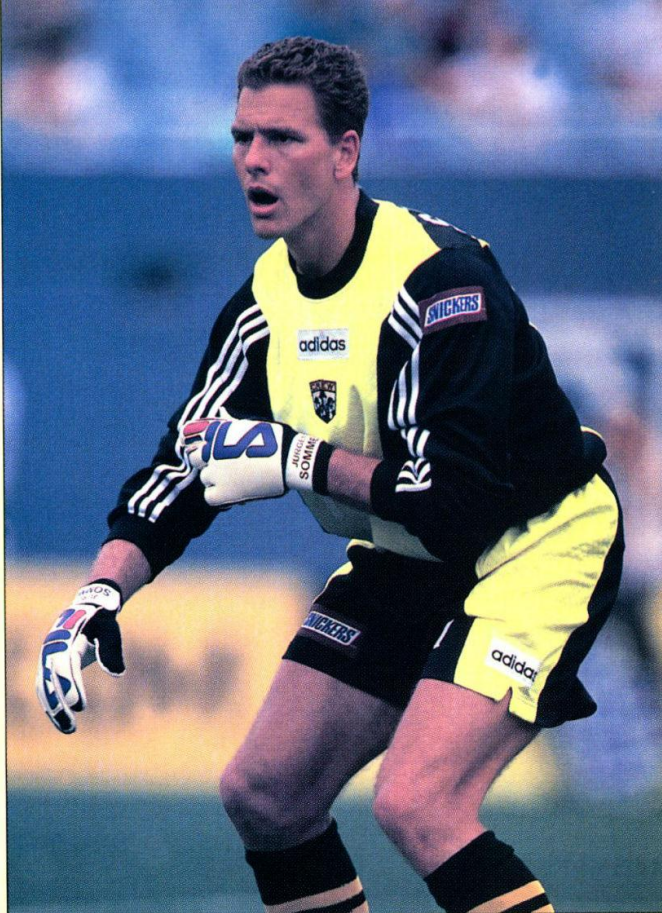


Crew goalkeepers Juergen Sommer and Mark Dougherty became first-time fathers just two months apart. Sommer's wife Susie gave birth to Thomas Juergen on September 25, 1998, while Dougherty and wife Toni welcomed Andrew Davis into the world on November 24.



The Crew's giant keeper Juergen Sommer will return to action in midseason when he has recovered from tearing the ACL in his knee

Stephen Dunn/Allsport



TOM FITZGERALD

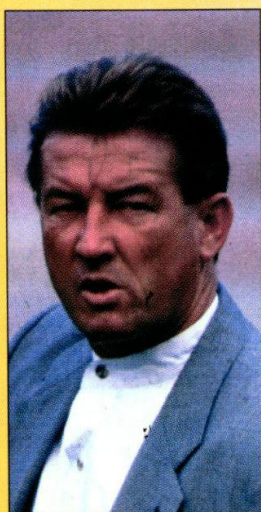
Date of Birth:
March 14, 1951

Hometown:
Saratoga Springs, NY

Family:
Married to Debi with two sons, Shane (23) and Jesse (17)

MLS Record:
45-41

Other Teams Coached:
University of Tampa
1987-1995, Jesuit
High School Tampa
1978-80



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Investor-Operator: The Hunt Family
and a group of local investors

President/General Manager: Jamey Rootes

Stadium: Columbus Crew Stadium
MLS Capacity: 22,500

Field Dimensions: 75 yards x 115 yards

Official Training Center: Columbus Crew
Training Facility at the village of Obetz

Team Colors: Black, Yellow, Metallic Silver

1998 STATS

No.	POS.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
14	F	Stern John	27	25	2170	26	5	57	116	47	6	1	55	68	39	2	0
20	F	Brian McBride	24	24	2117	10	7	27	80	30	3	1	26	68	17	2	0
12	M	Jason Farrell	28	24	2002	5	10	20	31	12	0	1	24	15	3	0	0
11	F	Jeff Cunningham	25	8	1076	8	1	17	47	20	2	1	15	19	12	1	0
19	M	Robert Warzycha	25	19	1752	2	10	14	52	17	0	4	27	29	3	4	0
8	F	Andy Williams	13	11	976	1	12	14	30	12	0	3	16	42	3	0	0
10	M	Brian Maisonneuve	13	12	902	3	7	13	15	7	1	0	12	14	1	0	0
9	M	Billy Thompson	29	24	2191	1	8	10	17	8	1	2	23	52	3	2	0
16	M	Rob Smith	24	15	1502	3	2	8	16	8	1	1	26	10	3	2	0
13	D/M	Ansil Elcock	28	27	2409	0	8	8	12	4	0	2	44	24	4	4	0
6	M	Todd Yeagley	27	22	1958	2	2	6	12	5	1	0	31	39	0	5	0
22	M	Marcelo Carrera	16	5	596	1	3	5	17	6	0	2	10	8	0	1	0
5	D	Thomas Dooley	23	23	2008	1	2	4	21	9	0	1	20	13	0	2	0
17	M/F	Brian West	13	4	478	1	2	4	10	4	0	1	16	19	5	1	0
7	D	Scott Cannon	15	9	750	0	3	3	2	0	0	1	6	9	1	0	0
3	D	Michael Clark	30	30	2571	0	2	2	9	2	0	1	41	34	1	4	1
15	M	Andrew Gregor	10	3	357	0	2	2	7	3	0	0	6	9	0	3	0
2	D	Mike Lapper	7	7	560	1	0	2	4	1	0	0	11	8	0	1	1
4	D	Ricardo Iribarren	24	22	1779	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	42	10	1	8	1
1	GK	Juergen Sommer	21	21	1890	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0
23	F	Jimmy Glenn	5	3	242	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
33	GK	Mark Dougherty	11	11	989	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0
25	D	Ubusuku Abukusumo	7	3	309	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0
TOTALS			65	90	220	504	199	15	22	456	503	98	42	3			

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Juergen Sommer	21	1890	143	106	93	35	1.67	1	3	7	9	11	10	4
33	Mark Dougherty	11	989	78	49	29	21	1.91	2	4	6	9	4	6	1
	David Winner	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4	6	0	1	0
TOTALS		2880	221	155	122	56	1.75	3	7	17	24	15	17	5	

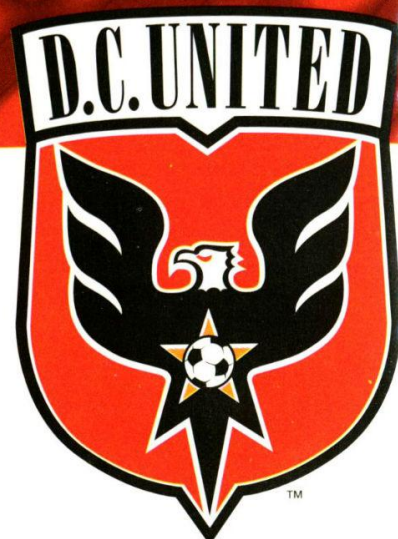
GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

UNITED

D.C.



EASTERN CONFERENCE



It's a testament to the

standard of excellence D.C. United has set that could finish second in MLS, win two international championships and still call 1998 a bad year.

"We did some good things last year, don't get me wrong," says sparkplug midfielder Rich Williams. "But we didn't win MLS Cup and that is the only result that is acceptable here. Our goal for this year is to win it all, and if we don't we will be very disappointed."

United certainly has enough horses in its stable to win the MLS race, but several of the thoroughbreds are new, as is the jockey.

Former All Sport Coach of the Year Thomas Rongen replaces Bruce Arena, who left to take the reins of the U.S. National Team. Under Arena, United won the first two MLS Cups and the 1997

By
Brooke
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U.S. Open Cup. Last year it won the CONCACAF Champions' Cup and the Interamerican Cup, the first-ever international trophies won by an American club.

"It's a heck of a legacy Bruce has left behind, not to mention some very big shoes to fill," says Rongen. "But I am confident in my ability to lead this team and more importantly, of the talent and skill level of the players."

Rongen's biggest challenge is maintaining the team chemistry that helped make United so successful under Arena. Rongen must replace the vocal presence of John Harkes and the quiet confidence of Tony Sanneh, who transferred to German first-division club Hertha Berlin. Also gone are goalkeeper Scott Garlick and defender Mario Gori.

"In some ways, I think replacing them off the field will be harder than replacing them on it," says Rongen. "Those four players had very unique personalities that will be missed."

Honda MVP Marco Etcheverry led D.C. United to CONCACAF Champions' Cup and Interamerican Cup success in 1998

Tony Quinn/MLS/Allsport

THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

D.C. must adapt to new coach Thomas Rongen after three incredibly successful years under Bruce Arena.

United has to fill the gaps left by John Harkes, Tony Sanneh, Scott Garlick and Mario Gori. Plus the team must compensate for the loss of Marco Etcheverry and Jaime Moreno to the Copa America in July and several players to the Gold Cup in August.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

MARCO ETCHEVERRY/MIDFIELDER

The league's Honda MVP in '98 is a classic No.10. Etcheverry combines pinpoint passing and one-touch skills with great leadership qualities.

EDDIE POPE/DEFENDER

Pope is one of the best defenders the U.S. has ever produced. He is quick of foot, strong in the air and his ability on set-pieces has produced a number of big goals in big games.

RICHIE WILLIAMS/MIDFIELDER

The perfect foil for Etcheverry, Williams is a tireless, hard-working player. He marks the opponents' playmaker and links the defense to the midfield for the United.

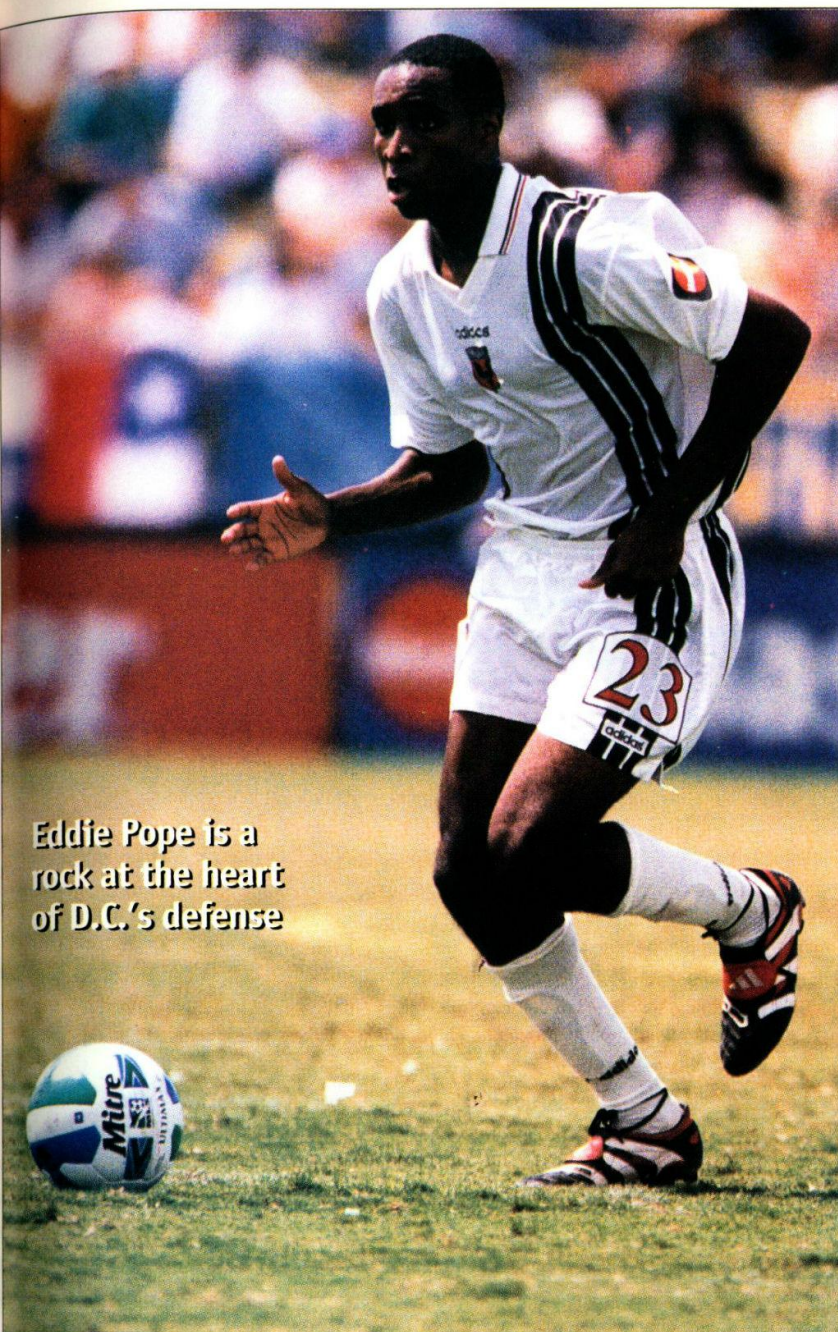
✓ NEW FOR '99

Head coach Thomas Rongen replaces Bruce Arena on the bench and has filled D.C.'s problem position at right fullback by signing Argentine defender Diego Soñora. Jason Moore, an exciting midfield prospect from the University of Virginia, and former Dallas Burn defender Brian Bates join the club.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	16	16	46	MLS Cup champion
1997	21	11	55	MLS Cup champion
1998	24	8	58	MLS Cup finalist

The two-time MLS Cup champions were denied a hat-trick by Chicago in '98, but they did win the CONCACAF Champions' Cup and the Interamerican Cup.



Eddie Pope is a rock at the heart of D.C.'s defense

As always, United's on-field personality is shaped by playmaking midfielder Marco Etcheverry, the reigning Honda Most Valuable Player. The league's all-time assist leader, "El Diablo" sets the table for United's lethal strikers.

After Roy Lassiter joined United last April, he and Jaime Moreno quickly meshed to become arguably the best forward combination in the league. Moreno played most of last season with a stress fracture yet still managed 16 goals and 11 assists. Those numbers were bettered by Lassiter, who had 18 goals and eight assists.

At right midfield is 1998 Bandai Rookie of the Year Ben Olsen, who dazzled the fans at RFK Stadium with his combination of boundless hustle and creative dribbling.

With Harkes' departure, Rongen has to choose between reliable veteran Brian Kamler, second-year player Mike Slivinski and Jason Moore, the top pick in this year's college draft. As always, the dirty

work at defensive midfield is done by Richie Williams, who in the offseason was rewarded for his hustle with his first national team cap.

D.C. may have the best quartet of defenders in MLS. Eddie Pope is considered by many the best American defender ever. His partner in central defense is Carlos Llamasa, who has quietly established himself as one of the league's best man-markers. Llamasa became a U.S. citizen in October and made his debut with the national team the following month.

At left back is workhorse

Jeff Agoos, a three-time MLS All-Star. His overlapping runs are a key to United's attack and with the loss of Harkes, Agoos will be called upon to take a more active leadership role.

Right back was a question mark for United most of last year but the acquisition of Diego Soñora from the MetroStars fills that hole. A three-time

MLS All-Star, Soñora's attacking style should fit perfectly in United's system. "I want to use a 4-4-2 because it best suits our midfield talent," says Rongen. "To make that work, you have to have flank defenders who can push forward."

Backstopping United's defense is up-and-coming goalkeeper Tom Presthus, who became the starter down the stretch last year. Presthus is raw but at 6'4" and 205 pounds, he, literally, has a big upside. "Tommy has all the tools: big, fast, smart. All he needs to do to get better is play a lot of games," says D.C.'s goalkeeper coach Alan Kelly.

Presthus' back-up is veteran Mark Simpson, who is finally healthy after missing almost two years recovering from knee surgery.

With such talent at his disposal, don't be surprised to see Rongen uphold the standard of excellence by bringing the MLS Cup back to Washington for the third time in four years.

(Brooke Tunstall writes for *The Washington Times*)

UNITED

ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
12	Jeff Agoos	D	5-10	175	5-2-68	Dallas, Texas	Virginia
5	Geoff Augner	M	5-11	170	2-4-68	Vancouver, B.C.	—
17	Brian Bates	D	6-0	190	8-16-72	Woodbridge, Va.	Virginia
35	Chino (Jose Alegria)	M	5-8	143	10-5-80	Springfield, Va.	—
33	Judah Cooks	M	6-1	175	11-29-76	Bethesda, Md.	Maryland
10	Marco Etcheverry	M	5-10	160	9-26-70	Santa Cruz, Bolivia	—
26	Ben Ferry	M	6-1	185	9-20-76	Bethesda, MD	George Washington
21	David Hayes	F	5-10	155	5-24-76	Waldorf, Md.	Wingate
8	Brian Kamler	M	6-2	175	2-12-72	Ballwin, Mo.	Creighton
15	Roy Lassiter	F	5-8	165	3-9-69	Raleigh, N.C.	North Carolina State
18	Carlos Llamasa	D	5-11	170	6-30-69	Maspeth, N.Y.	—
11	Jason Moore	M	5-11	170	4-4-78	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Virginia
9	Jaime Moreno	F	5-10	163	1-19-74	Santa Cruz, Bolivia	—
14	Ben Olsen	F	5-8	140	5-3-77	Middletown, Pa.	Virginia
24	Curt Onalfo	D	6-2	185	11-19-69	Tampico, Mexico	Virginia
34	Antonio Otero	M	5-11	170	5-20-77	Tampa, Fla.	American
23	Eddie Pope	D	6-0	175	12-24-73	High Point, N.C.	North Carolina
22	Tom Presthus	GK	6-4	205	4-5-75	Dallas, Texas	Southern Methodist
2	Mark Simpson	GK	6-0	180	3-18-66	Schaumburg, Ill.	Eastern Illinois
19	Michael Slivinski	M	5-7	165	10-31-74	St. Charles, Mo.	Virginia
4	Diego Sonora	D	5-8	165	7-17-69	Buenos Aires, Argentina	—
3	Carey Talley	D	6-2	180	8-26-76	Cordova, Tenn.	North Carolina
16	Richie Williams	M	5-5	145	6-3-70	Middletown, N.J.	Virginia
7	A.J. Wood	F	6-2	195	8-17-73	Rockville, Md.	Virginia

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Aug. 21	Saturday	@ Miami	8:00 pm	
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OCTOBER				
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Oct. 9	Saturday	New England	7:30 pm	

All Times Eastern



Non-stop midfielder Richie Williams has been rewarded for his hard work with a call-up to the U.S. National Team

Scott Indermaur/MLS/Allsport



Marco Etcheverry has formed his own **soccer school** in the D.C. area.

Opening in the spring of **1999**, it is modeled after the famed **Tahuichi** academy in

Bolivia where Etcheverry honed his skills

as a youth player.



Bolivian star **Jaime Moreno** scored 16 goals in 1998 despite playing most of the season with a stress fracture

Tony Quinn/MLS/Allsport

THOMAS RONGEN

Date of Birth:
October 31, 1956

Hometown:
Amsterdam, Holland

Family:
Married to Gail

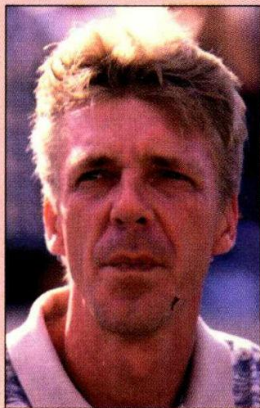
Appointed:
December 2, 1998

MLS Record:
New England Revolution - 23-37,
Tampa Bay Mutiny - 22-15, MLS Coach of the Year 1996

Other Teams Coached:

Nova S.E. Univ. 1991-95, Ft Lauderdale Strikers (ASL/APSL) 1988-94

Teams Played For: AFC Ajax (Holland) 1976-79, Dutch Olympic Team 1977-79, L.A. Aztecs (NASL) 1979-80, Washington Diplomats (NASL) 1980, Ft Lauderdale Strikers (NASL) 1981-83, Minnesota Strikers (NASL) 1984, Fort Lauderdale Strikers (ASL/APSL) 1985-89



1998 STATS

No.	POS.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
9	F	Jaime Moreno	31	31	2610	16	11	43	87	48	2	2	42	60	15	2	1
15	F	Roy Lassiter	31	29	2691	18	8	44	101	52	5	1	33	42	41	5	0
10	M	Marco Etcheverry	29	29	2590	10	19	39	72	37	3	5	33	67	10	9	0
6	M	John Harkes	29	29	2600	6	6	18	50	21	3	1	28	34	10	3	0
14	M	Ben Olsen	31	24	2107	4	8	16	44	25	0	1	48	39	15	2	1
20	M	Tony Sanneh	17	17	1367	5	6	16	33	17	1	2	28	13	4	2	0
16	M	Richie Williams	31	30	2672	3	4	10	27	10	1	0	66	32	2	5	0
8	M	Brian Kamler	22	20	1743	1	4	6	23	9	0	1	9	22	2	1	0
7	F	A.J. Wood	19	3	417	3	0	6	14	6	0	0	8	7	5	0	0
12	D	Jeff Agoos	21	20	1780	1	4	6	13	6	1	1	15	27	0	1	1
3	D	Carey Talley	29	19	1757	0	2	2	15	6	0	0	38	16	0	3	0
23	D	Eddie Pope	20	20	1754	1	0	2	6	2	0	0	23	19	0	4	1
5	D	Geoff Auger	22	15	1389	0	2	2	5	1	0	0	31	13	0	6	0
19	M	Mike Stivinski	16	1	258	0	1	1	4	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0
	D	Clint Peay	6	5	393	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	9	3	0	3	0
11	D	Mario Gori	17	9	842	0	0	0	13	7	0	0	13	8	0	2	1
18	D	Carlos Llamasa	18	18	1444	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	29	8	0	3	0
33	M	Judah Cooks	1	1	90	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	GK	Scott Garlick	25	25	2205	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	2	0
22	GK	Tom Presthus	6	5	495	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
2	GK	Mark Simpson	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
30	D	Curt Onalfo	3	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
25	D	Danny Care	1	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
		OTHERS				2	0	4	8	4	0	0	1	4	6	0	0
		TOTALS	70	74	214	505	248	16	16	453	413	99	54	5			

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Scott Garlick	25	2205	129	88	81	35	1.43	3	3	12	30	19	5	7
22	Tom Presthus	6	495	28	19	19	8	1.45	1	1	7	16	5	1	0
2	Mark Simpson	2	180	8	3	4	5	2.50	0	0	1	6	0	2	0
	TOTALS	2880	165	110	104	48	1.50	4	4	20	52	24	8	7	

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

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Field Dimensions: 72 yards x 110 yards

Official Training Center: United Park

Team Colors: Black, Red, White

METROSTARS



The reputation of Bora

Milutinovic certainly precedes him. In the last World Cups, he pushed the Mexican, Costa R U.S. and Nigerian National Teams past their li earning a deserved reputation as a miracle wo

Now, as the coach of the MetroStars, thri coach in less than four seasons, Bora just migh taking on one of his biggest challenges – to rel an underachieving side that aspires to be or Major League Soccer’s flagship clubs.

There was earth-shattering trade No.1 that the team’s career goal scorer and the league s all-time scorer, Giovanni Savarese, to the England Revolution for Raul Diaz Arce who a

with Chilean midfielder Ma Vega, then was sent to San J

Then there was earth-sna ing trade No.2 that deal

keeper Tony Meola, who ra the nets for the U.S. in the historic 3-0 win Germany in February, to the Kansas City Wf along with defender Alexi Lalas.

“As a team, we recognized that sacrifices to be made in order to realize our ultimate go winning the MLS Cup,” says general manager vice president Charlie Stillitano. “This is yet a er step in the remaking of the MetroStars.”

In return for Meola and Lalas came goal’k Mike Ammann, a solid keeper (1.56 goals-eg average) who played for two seasons at Cha Athletic of the English First Division, and mid er Mark Chung, who had slumped to a pair of last season after scoring 18 in his first two ya

The MetroStars midfield was further stre ened by the arrival in late February of Roy Mye accomplished playmaker from Costa Rica who h

Midfielder Tab Ramos has the experience and creative spark to ignite the new-look MetroSt

Andy Lyons/Allsport

EASTERN CONFERENCE



THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

Coach Bora Milutinovic, who took over the reins at the end the '98 season and has made wholesale player changes, must mold the MetroStars into a cohesive unit.

Performing for the full 90 minutes is crucial for the MetroStars, who last season conceded more than half their goals in the final third of the game.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

EDUARDO HURTADO/FORWARD

The powerhouse striker, strong in the air and on the ground, spearheads the MetroStars offense. Hurtado unsettles defenses with his aggressive running and bruising style.

TAB RAMOS/MIDFIELDER

When healthy, Ramos is one of the most explosive, skillful players in MLS. His quickness, deceptive dribbling and deft passing can unlock the tightest defense.

MIKE SORBER/MIDFIELDER

Under Bora's tutelage in '94, Sorber became a starter for the U.S. World Cup squad. His role in Bora's system is to organize and distribute from the deep midfield position.

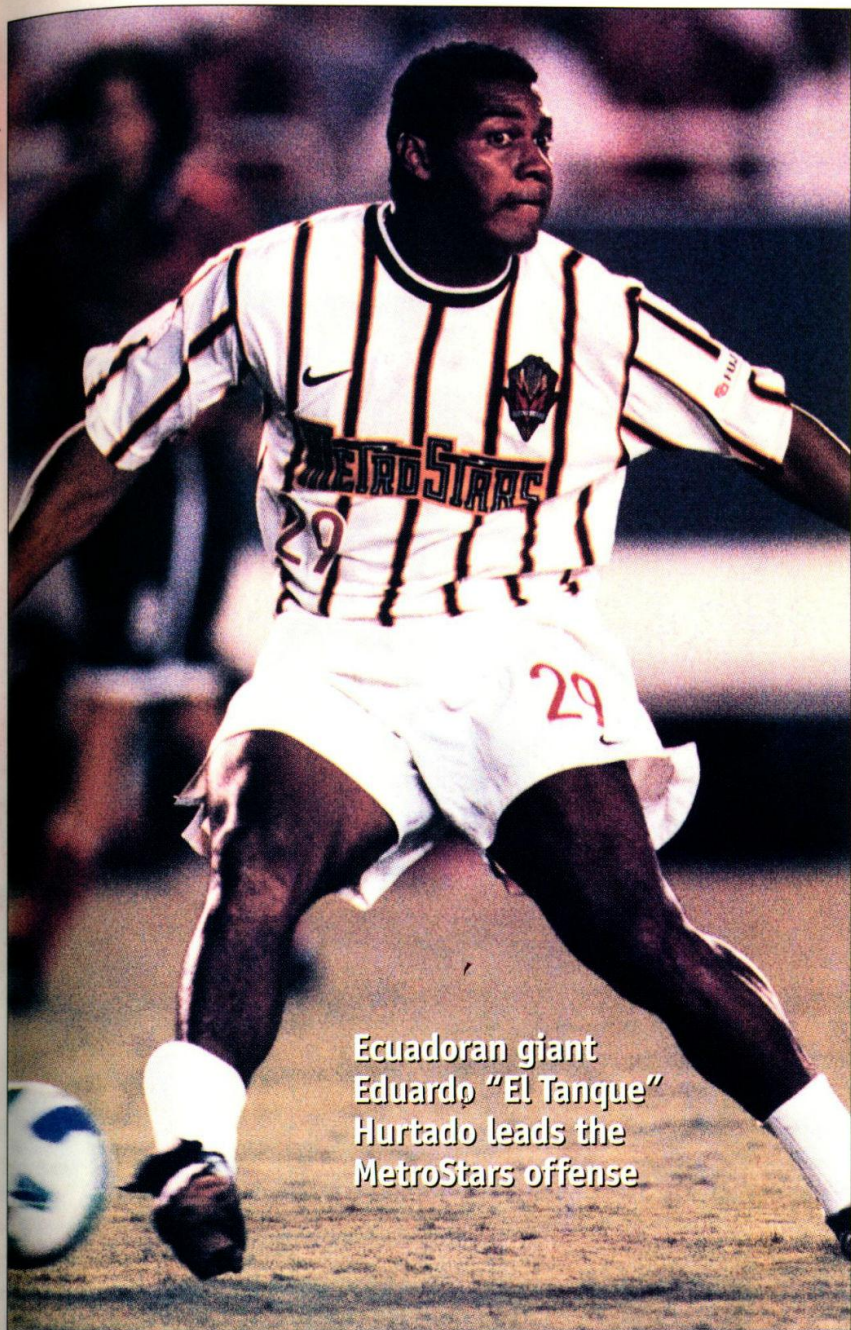
✓ NEW FOR '99

Goalkeeper Mike Ammann and attacking midfielder Mark Chung arrived from Kansas City in the blockbuster trade that sent Tony Meola and Alexi Lalas to the Wizards. Costa Rican international Roy Myers is assigned the role of midfield playmaker, and a revamped roster also includes college draft selections John Wolyniec, Eric Kvello and Kevin Knight.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	15	17	39	East semi-finalist
1997	13	19	35	Non-qualifier
1998	15	17	39	East semi-finalist

Like most MLS teams, the MetroStars have been good at home (28-20) and not so good away (15-33) throughout their history.



Ecuadoran giant Eduardo "El Tanque" Hurtado leads the MetroStars offense

13 years of first division experience in Central and South American soccer to Giants Stadium.

Myers is capable of scoring long-range goals with either foot and is also strong in the air, but the 29-year old's greatest asset for the MetroStars is his ability to hold and distribute the ball – something they have lacked in midfield for some time.

"This is a player that should fit in well with the type of team Bora is working to assemble," says Stillitano.

Milutinovic knows what to expect. As coach of the Costa Rican National Team, he gave Myers his World Cup debut as a 19-year old against Brazil. "Bora was a great influence on the transfer," says Myers. "We are old friends. He knows how I play, and I know how he works."

Myers teams up with veteran midfielders Tab Ramos, who has recovered from two near-crippling knee injuries in as many years, and Mike Sorber, a defensive specialist who also thrived as an interna-

tional under Bora during the 1994 World Cup.

Their job is to provide the ammunition for Ecuadoran forward Eduardo "El Tanque" Hurtado (11 goals and 15 assists in '98), the closest thing to a playmaker the team had last season.

Another of the foreign contingent, Colombian Arley Palacios, is relied upon to shoulder more of the defensive responsibility this year following the departures of Lalas, Rhett Harty and Argentine full-back Diego Soñora, who was traded to D.C. United in the offseason.

The supporting cast needs

to fulfill its potential as well. Midfielder/forward Miles Joseph has improved leaps and bounds since his rookie season in 1996, and defender Mike Petke showed enough promise last year that he was called up to the national team in November.

Brian Kelly connected for six goals in '98, a huge total for an American who isn't a dominant,

attacking midfielder. Surprising midfielder Jim Rooney, a discovery player from the A-League, scored eight times. And then there's rookie John Wolyniec, the team's top draft choice who led all Division I players in scoring while filling the net for Fordham last fall.

As for predictions, Bora isn't giving too much away. "We have worked very hard as a team this off-season," he says. "I like what I saw of my players in Mexico during our pre-season tour and I hope we blend into a very good team for '99. We need to continue to work hard to achieve the results we want this season."

Can the MetroStars improve? Without a doubt.

Can they thrive in the Eastern Conference? Given Bora's success at the international level, the change in coaches at perennial-power D.C. United and the unpredictable world of salary caps, it certainly could happen.

(Michael Lewis writes for the New York Daily News)

METROSTARS

ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
—	Mike Ammann	GK	6-3	200	2-8-71	Irvine, CA	Cal-State Fullerton
—	Mark Chung	M	5-7	155	6-18-70	Pembroke, FL	South Florida
16	Ramiro Corrales	D	6-0	160	3-12-77	Salinas, CA	—
15	Mike Duhaney	D	5-11	165	4-5-74	San Diego, CA	UNLV
18	Tim Howard	GK	6-2	190	3-6-79	North Brunswick, NJ	—
29	Eduardo Hurtado	F	6-3	200	1-12-69	Esmeraldas, Ecuador	—
19	Miles Joseph	M/F	5-9	165	5-2-74	Clifton Park, NY	Clemson
—	Nansha Kalonji	D	6-1	175	1-16-73	Brussels, Belgium	Ramapo
20	Brian Kelly	M	5-7	140	10-6-74	Shavertown, PA	Duke
—	Eric Kvello	F	6-1	165	2-12-77	Houston, TX	Georgetown
—	Kevin Knight	M	6-1	175	10-22-76	Fairfax, VA	James Madison
—	Jim Manganello	M	5-10	165	12-8-76	Duxbury, MA	Wheaton
—	Roy Myers	M	6-1	152	4-13-69	Limon, Costa Rica	—
5	Arley Palacios	D	6-1	175	6-10-73	Medellin, Colombia	—
12	Mike Petke	D	6-2	185	1-30-76	Bohemia, NY	So. Connecticut State
10	Tab Ramos	M	5-7	140	9-21-66	Kearny, NJ	N.C. State
13	Jim Rooney	M	6-0	165	9-9-68	Deer Park, NY	C.W. Post
3	Mark Semioli	D	6-0	175	3-20-68	Palo Alto, CA	Stanford
6	Mike Sorber	M	5-10	165	5-14-71	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis
—	John Wolyniec	F	6-1	172	1-24-77	Staten Island, NY	Fordham

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OCTOBER				
Oct. 2	Saturday	@ New England	7:30 pm	
Oct. 6	Wednesday	DC United	7:00 pm	

All Times Eastern



Mike Sorber played the best soccer of his career in World Cup '94 when Borislav Mitutinovic was coach of the U.S. National Team

Peter Taylor/Allsport

The MetroStars have attracted nearly **10,000** more fans per game in the first three seasons of Major League Soccer than the **famed** New York **Cosmos** averaged from 1971-73, their first three years in the **North American Soccer League.**



Goalkeeper Mike Ammann has a hard act to follow as he takes over from veteran **Tony Meola** between the pipes

Scott Indermaur/MLS/Allsport



BORÁ MILUTINOVIC

Date of Birth:
September 4, 1944

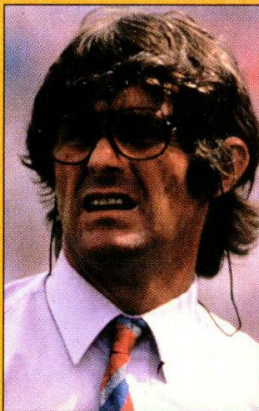
Hometown:
Mexico City, Mexico

Family:
Married to Mari Carmen with one daughter, Darinka

MLS Record: 1-2

Other Teams Coached:
Nigeria 1998, Mexico 1985-86 & 1995-98, U.S. 1991-94, Costa Rica 1990, UNAM Pumas (Mexico)

Teams Played for:
Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia), AS Monaco, Nice, Rouen (France), FC Winterthur (Switzerland), UNAM Pumas (Mexico)



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Field Dimensions: 68 yards x 110 yards

Official Training Center: Kean University

Team Colors: Black, Red, Yellow

1998 STATS

No.	POS.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
17	F	Giovanni Savarese	30	25	2163	14	7	35	61	37	2	2	48	44	23	3	0
29	F	Eduardo Hurtado	29	28	2526	11	15	37	101	48	2	5	64	67	26	6	0
13	M	Jim Rooney	28	23	2040	8	5	21	68	28	2	0	34	21	4	3	2
20	M	Brian Kelly	29	26	2160	6	3	15	48	18	1	0	18	34	16	2	0
4	D	Diego Sonora	30	30	2572	3	7	13	25	9	1	1	16	15	6	2	0
9	M	Marcelo Vega	17	13	1055	1	6	8	39	19	0	2	11	29	10	5	1
19	F	Miles Joseph	15	3	479	3	2	8	12	6	1	1	6	10	4	0	0
10	M	Tab Ramos	17	16	1455	1	5	7	19	8	0	0	14	43	3	2	1
6	M	Mike Sorber	28	24	2158	0	6	6	19	10	0	1	41	23	4	4	1
22	D	Alexi Lalas	25	25	2250	2	0	4	12	5	2	0	37	36	2	7	0
8	D	Mike Duhaney	30	26	2361	1	3	5	15	5	0	0	29	33	1	5	1
12	D	Mike Petke	27	25	2234	1	1	3	17	4	1	0	21	27	1	1	0
21	D	Kerry Zavagnin	18	7	754	0	2	2	11	0	0	1	24	11	0	2	2
24	M	Billy Walsh	8	3	337	0	2	2	4	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
5	D	Arley Palacios	24	23	1986	0	1	1	10	1	0	0	40	15	0	8	1
15	D	Rhett Harty	7	6	544	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	12	6	0	0	0
16	D	Ramiro Corrales	4	3	301	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Tony Meola	31	31	2790	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	4	0
3	D	Mark Semioli	10	10	829	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	13	13	0	4	1
	D	Cristian da Silva	3	3	177	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	0
2	D	Jeff Zaun	4	4	360	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0
	F	Joe Munoz	1	0	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Tim Howard	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	F	Barry Swift	2	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
		OTHERS				3	9	15	32	13	0	3	28	27	1	1	0
		TOTALS	53	74	180	497	213	12	17	453	446	97	59	9			

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Tony Meola	31	2790	236	164	110	62	2.00	5	5	5	18	14	17	4
18	Tim Howard	1	90	8	5	3	1	1.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	TOTALS	2880	244	169	113	63	1.97	5	5	5	18	15	17	4	

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

FUSION

MIAMI



The Miami Fusion's first

season in Major League Soccer was divided into two clear and distinct parts: the low-octane struggles of the first 19 games under former coach Carlos Cordoba, and the rousing late season surge under new boss Ivo Wortmann.

Under Cordoba, the Fusion went a respectable 11-10-7, but managed just 14 points and 19 goals, both league-lows at the time of his dismissal. In 11 games under Wortmann, the Fusion was 7-6, taking the maximum 21 points while scoring 27 goals—more than doubling its per game average. The incredible turnaround was punctuated by emphatic back-to-back wins over D.C. United to clinch a playoff berth with one game to spare.

The schizophrenia of Year One begs the question: Was the late season revival a fluke born of desperation, or can Wortmann and the Fusion pick

up where they left off and excel over a full 32-game season? Even the Brazilian-born Wortmann concedes that, at times last season, he marveled at the Fusion renaissance.

"Sometimes we played over our heads," Wortmann admits. "We had only one choice when we got here and that was to win games in regulation time to make the playoffs. The players responded well. At the time it looked like a miracle, but the spirit of the group and our environment was good."

"It will be easier this year because we know each other now, both as coach and player, and as people. I hope we can get to the playoffs earlier than last year and show people that we are a good, consistent team."

For that to happen the Fusion needs to toughen up defensively, get an encore performance from emerging superstar Diego Serna, and get back the circa-1996 season from Colombian playmaker Carlos Valderrama.

The Fusion offense once again revolves around the sublime talents of Carlos Valderrama

Jon van Woerden/MLS/Allsport

EASTERN CONFERENCE





Diego Serna in full flight is a fearsome sight for defenders

THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

Carlos Valderrama must be back to his brilliant best. The Colombian struggled for consistency last year after missing a chunk of the season due to the World Cup.

Brazilian forward Roberto Gaucho needs to settle into MLS as quickly as possible and establish an effective partnership with Miami's other main offensive threat, Diego Serna.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

CARLOS VALDERRAMA/MIDFIELDER

A veteran of three World Cups, Valderrama is the ultimate No.10, a playmaking midfielder who drives the offense with precision passing and one-touch skills.

DIEGO SERNA/FORWARD

Serna came to life, scoring 9 goals in his last 8 games of '98, under new coach Ivo Wortmann. He is a quick, powerful player who scares defenses with his direct running.

JEFF CASSAR/GOALKEEPER

Cassar had a breakout year in '98 and established himself as one of the top young keepers in MLS. Solid and consistent, he was in goal for 12 of the Fusion's 15 wins.

✓ NEW FOR '99

Veteran striker Roberto Gaucho arrives with the reputation as a top goal scorer in the Brazilian league. Another left-footed South American, Argentine Mario Gori, has been signed from D.C. United where he won five championships. The other newcomers include goalkeeper Dusty Hudock, defender Jay Heaps and two Project-40 players, Tim Sahaydak and Maurizio Rocha.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	15	17	35	East semi-finalist

Miami's expansion team made the playoffs in its first season, bowing out to two-time MLS Cup champion D.C. United.

Another objective – finding a forward to tandem with Serna – was accomplished in February when the Fusion acquired forward Roberto Gaucho, a veteran of the Brazilian leagues. Gaucho, 30, has been one of Brazil's most consistent goal scorers for the past 10 seasons, claiming more than 150 goals.

"We are lucky to get a guy of his level. It's unbelievable," says Wortmann.

As was the case a year ago, the Fusion starts first and foremost with Valderrama, who at 37, has finally ended his legendary career with the Colombian National Team. Valderrama missed 14 of the Fusion's 32 regular season games last season, including eight matches to play for Colombia.

"Even with his age, I have to build the midfield around Valderrama," Wortmann says. "He can give us quality with his skill, and his experience is very important because we are so young."

Valderrama, defender Wade Webber and midfielder Henry Gutierrez are the only Fusion players

over 30 years of age. The soul of Wortmann's youthful team is a corps of talented twenty-somethings whose best days are ahead of them. Serna and Jeff Cassar, both 25, and second-year defender Leo Cullen, 23, each have All-Star talent. Defensive midfielder Carlos Parra and skillful right back Pablo Mastroeni, both just 22, were key contributors in the playoff run in '98.

No one benefited from

Wortmann's presence more than Serna, who scored nine goals and drew three penalty kicks that resulted in goals in his last 11 starts. Cassar missed one-third of the season with knee ailments, but he was arguably the team's MVP early in the season by going 5-0 in shootouts.

Cassar was often spectacular in goal, but he suffered with a makeshift Miami defense that allowed a league-worst 68 goals last season.

The addition of former D.C. United left back

Mario Gori via trade helps. Cullen, who was added to the U.S. National Team player pool, plays a central defender position alongside Webber. Mastroeni and newcomer Jay Heaps compete for the right outside back spot, with one or the other possibly moving into the attack with Gutierrez, Nelson Vargas, Tyrone Marshall and Jason Boyce.

Those names don't necessarily strike fear into opposing teams, at least not yet. But Wortmann has a knack for extracting every ounce of ability from his players, especially the young ones, and the Fusion may still scrap its way into the playoffs for the second year running.

"There's not a lot that Ivo's not capable of doing with a team," Webber says. "The players respect him as a coach and as a person. We believe in his theories and his ideas, and those are two big hurdles for any coach. But, coaches don't win games, and they'll be the first to tell you that. Ultimately, it comes down to players."

FUSION

ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
12	Jeremy Aldrich	D	6-2	195	2-26-77	Kalamazoo, MI	Butler University
7	Jason Boyce	F	5-7	152	10-14-75	Newport Beach, CA	Washington
18	Scott Budnick	GK	6-2	195	10-28-71	Louisville, KY	William & Mary
1	Jeff Cassar	GK	6-2	190	2-2-74	Livonia, MI	Florida Int'l
2	Leo Cullen	D	5-8	160	2-26-76	Burnsville, MN	Maryland
16	Roberto Gaucho	F	5-11	175	4-5-68	Santa Rosa, Brazil	—
9	Mario Gori	D/M	5-7	165	1-6-73	Rosario, Argentina	—
20	Henry Gutierrez	M	5-7	150	8-28-68	Miami, FL	North Carolina State
6	Jay Heaps	M	5-9	150	8-2-76	Longmeadow, MA	Duke University
22	Dusty Hudock	GK	6-2	200	9-4-72	Phoenix, AZ	Washington
21	Alen Kozic	M	6-0	170	9-27-76	Tampa, FL	Florida Int'l
11	John Maessner	M	5-10	162	6-2-69	Mercerville, NJ	Virginia
15	Tyrone Marshall	F	6-2	190	11-12-74	Lauderhill, FL	Florida Int'l
19	Saul Martinez	F	5-8	156	1-29-76	Miami, FL	—
25	Pablo Mastroeni	D/M	5-9	150	8-29-76	Phoenix, AZ	N.C. State
5	Carlos Parra	M	6-0	165	2-3-77	West Haven, CT	—
24	Maurizio Rocha	M	5-9	165	8-2-76	Santa Cruz, Bolivia	U. Conn.
4	Tim Sahaydak	D	6-1	168	6-1-77	Bethlehem, PA	UNC
17	Diego Serna	F	5-10	175	10-2-73	Medellin, Colombia	—
23	Mohenjo "Pepe" Smith	D	5-9	165	11-3-75	Ft Lauderdale, FL	—
10	Carlos Valderrama	M	5-9	157	9-2-61	Barranquilla, Colombia	—
8	Nelson Vargas	M	5-7	150	8-6-74	Miami, FL	—
3	Wade Webber	D	6-3	195	1-12-67	Auburn, WA	Portland
14	Tomasz Wygonik	D	6-3	210	5-8-68	Lincoln Park, NJ	Krakov Academy (Poland)

SCHEDULE

MARCH

Mar. 20	Saturday	MetroStars	8:00 pm	espn2
Mar. 28	Sunday	New England	3:00 pm	espn2

APRIL

Apr. 3	Saturday	Chicago	7:00 pm	
Apr. 10	Saturday	@ Colorado	9:00 pm	
Apr. 15	Thursday	Dallas	8:00 pm	espn2
Apr. 24	Saturday	Kansas City	7:30 pm	

MAY

May 1	Saturday	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	
May 8	Saturday	@ New England	7:30 pm	
May 15	Saturday	@ MetroStars	7:00 pm	
May 22	Saturday	DC United	2:00 pm	espn2
May 26	Wednesday	@ Dallas	8:30 pm	
May 29	Saturday	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	

JUNE

June 5	Saturday	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	
June 10	Thursday	@ DC United	7:30 pm	ESPN
June 13	Sunday	@ New England	4:00 pm	
June 26	Saturday	San Jose	7:30 pm	

JULY

July 4	Sunday	@ Los Angeles	10:30 pm	
July 10	Saturday	Columbus	7:30 pm	
July 24	Saturday	@ MetroStars	3:00 pm	ABC
July 29	Thursday	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	ESPN

AUGUST

Aug. 1	Sunday	@ Columbus	1:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 7	Saturday	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
Aug. 15	Sunday	@ Chicago	1:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 21	Saturday	DC United	8:00 pm	
Aug. 25	Wednesday	@ DC United	7:30 pm	
Aug. 29	Sunday	@ Kansas City	1:00 pm	Univision

SEPTEMBER

Sep. 4	Saturday	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
Sep. 11	Saturday	New England	7:30 pm	
Sep. 19	Sunday	@ San Jose	5:00 pm	espn2
Sep. 26	Sunday	@ Columbus	1:00 pm	Univision

OCTOBER

Oct. 3	Sunday	Columbus	7:30 pm	espn2
Oct. 9	Saturday	Colorado	7:30 pm	

All Times Eastern



Goalkeeper Jeff Cassar was in the line of fire in '98, but he showed great ability and leadership behind the Fusion defense

Andy Lyons/Allsport

As a former high school history and geography teacher, the Fusion's **Wade Webber** is equally at home in the classroom as he is on the soccer field. An avid reader, Webber retired temporarily from professional soccer in the early '90s to teach and earn his **master's degree**.



Rising defensive star Leo Cullen is one of a crop of promising young players who represent the future of the Fusion

Andy Lyons/Allsport

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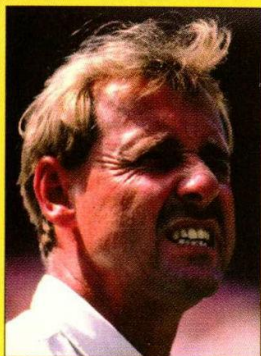
HEAD COACH

Date of Birth:
October 3, 1949

Hometown:
Porto Alegre, Brazil

Family:
Married to Helena with three children, Rafael, Diego and Lucas

MLS Record: 7-8



Other Teams Coached:

S. Arabian Olympic Team '95-97, S. Arabian National Team '94, Al Shabab (S. Arabia) '94, Al-Ahli (Qatar) '93-94 & '82-84, Qatar National Junior Team '92, America FC (Brazil) '91, S. Arabian National Youth Team '87-90, UAE National Youth Team '84-86, Assistant Coach - U.S. National Team '98-99

Teams Played for:

Brazilian National Team 1975, Gremio (Brazil) 1970-72, America FC 1973-76, Palmeiras 1977-80



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17	F	Diego Serna	26	23	1988	11	9	31	77	38	5	1	56	89	14	10	1
9	F	Paulinho McLaren	16	15	1176	5	6	16	30	13	0	1	15	26	31	1	0
10	M	Carlos Valderrama	18	18	1542	2	12	16	16	8	0	4	7	31	1	2	1
19	F	Dan Stebbins	24	11	1263	6	3	15	25	13	2	0	19	26	15	1	0
	M/F	Marcelo Herrera	17	17	1441	5	4	14	29	14	1	1	27	25	8	4	1
20	M	Henry Gutierrez	26	20	1784	5	3	13	34	16	1	1	40	28	0	7	1
6	M	Nelson Vargas	18	7	719	2	4	8	14	4	0	2	12	15	2	2	0
	F	Jerry Tamashiro	12	5	524	3	0	6	19	12	0	0	6	15	10	2	0
2	D	Leo Cullen	31	30	2680	1	4	6	6	4	0	0	11	11	0	1	0
14	M/D	Kris Kelderman	21	14	1187	0	5	5	15	2	0	2	11	2	1	0	0
25	M	Pablo Mastroeni	23	19	1611	0	4	4	21	6	0	2	25	16	8	2	0
15	F	Tyrone Marshall	9	3	349	1	0	2	13	6	0	0	13	7	2	0	0
12	M/D	Matt Kmoko	27	25	2232	0	2	2	9	5	0	0	37	26	8	4	1
16	M	Carlos Parra	18	16	1367	0	2	2	9	4	0	1	26	10	0	3	0
11	M	John Maessner	27	15	1575	0	1	1	18	6	0	0	10	23	6	0	0
7	F	Jason Boyce	15	6	597	0	3	3	12	7	0	1	12	21	1	1	0
3	D	Wade Webber	28	28	2488	0	1	1	6	2	0	0	43	23	0	7	0
4	D	Cle Kooiman	14	14	1260	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	38	11	1	8	0
24	D	Joey Martinez	6	6	390	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	10	1	0	1	1
1	GK	Jeff Cassar	21	21	1890	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	2	0
5	D	Matt Knowles	7	7	548	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	16	8	0	2	0
		OTHERS				4	3	11	30	16	1	1	41	38	10	7	0
		TOTALS	45	64	154	384	176	10	16	459	447	117	66	6			

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Jeff Cassar	21	1890	151	107	82	41	1.95	2	4	7	23	12	9	2
22	Matt Napoleon	4	360	45	32	10	12	3.00	0	1	0	0	1	3	0
27	David Winner	4	271	23	16	23	6	1.99	0	0	4	6	2	2	0
18	Scott Budnick	3	270	24	16	6	8	2.67	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
00	Bill Andracki	1	90	6	5	4	1	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	TOTALS	2880	249	176	125	68	2.13	2	5	7	23	15	17	2	

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REVOLUTION

NEW ENGLAND

EASTERN CONFERENCE



NEW ENGLAND
REVOLUTION

Over three seasons, the

New England Revolution has discovered a winning formula off the field, averaging nearly 20,000 fans per game. Now, it is trying to formulate a way to win on the field.

Having compiled the worst three-year record in MLS, 99 points in 96 matches, the Revolution turned to the one person who has been able to elevate the team – Walter Zenga, the flamboyant “Spiderman” of Inter Milan and Italian National Team fame.

Zenga has been entrusted with both the coaching and goalkeeping roles in the hope that his skills, experience and charisma can inspire the team.

Zenga has enjoyed MLS success as a player, single-handedly leading the Revolution to its lone playoff appearance in 1997. And he has shown

coaching ability, guiding the Revolution to team record-setting defensive performances in the final six games last season.

The question is, can Zenga combine both duties? “I am always optimistic about everything I do,” he says.

Zenga has spent much of his life preparing for this role. In Italy, he directed some of the best defensive play in the world and also performed against some of the best offensive players. He takes some inspiration from his former team manager Gianluca Vialli, who has been successful as a player-coach with Chelsea in England.

“On the field, what’s the best place to see what everyone is doing, striker or goalkeeper?” says Zenga. “At goalkeeper, you can see the action coming at you and you can also see what your own team is doing.”

Zenga also has the benefit of being familiar with the Revolution and MLS.

Italian goalkeeping great Walter Zenga aims to reverse the Revolution’s fortunes in his new role as player-coach

David Silverman/MLS

Joe-Max Moore is the Revolution's all-time leading goal scorer



"As a foreigner, you come in with big ideas," he says. "But you have to appreciate the mentality here. The league is maturing and I am satisfied with my team."

Zenga has made major changes by acquiring Dan Calichman from the Galaxy, John Harkes from D.C. United, and Giovanni Savarese from the MetroStars.

The Revolution relies heavily on Joe-Max Moore, its leading scorer with 25 goals in three seasons. Moore's leadership and competitive edge are vital to the team.

Equally as important is his ability to strike up an effective partnership with Savarese, who was the MetroStars' all-time leading scorer with 41 goals. The Venezuelan forward is counted on to compensate for the loss of Raul Diaz Arce to San Jose.

There is skill in midfield with Imad Baba, who made his first appearance for the U.S. National Team against Bolivia in January, plus Dutchman Edwin Gorter and Jair, whose injury was a prelude

to the Revolution's record-tying nine-game losing streak last season. Paul Keegan and Ivan McKinley are the defensive midfielders, and key Zenga's defense-first tactics, while Carlos Rocha provides cover for Savarese.

Brian Dunseth or Dutchman

Richard Gouloze compete for the other central defensive slot alongside Calichman. Ted Chronopoulos, the Revolution appearance leader with 84 games, returns at left back and Mike Burns will be on the right for the fourth successive year.

"We have some stronger personalities on this team," Burns says. "Guys like Calichman, Harkes, and Zenga are used to winning. We have a lot to prove to ourselves and to the league and to our fans. I've always wanted to be around here when we turn things around, and this year is our chance."

The key to the Revolution's success, though, is Zenga.

THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

The Zenga factor. With him in goal in 1997, the Revolution was 15-7. Without him, it went 0-10. Can he perform at the same level two years later and coach at the same time?

The Revs need Giovanni Savarese, Joe-Max Moore and the other attackers to step up their production to make up for the loss of Raul Diaz Arce and his 18 goals in '98.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

WALTER ZENGA/GOALKEEPER

Spiderman is still a dominant figure between the posts at the age of 39, providing invaluable experience and leadership for the Revolution.

JOE-MAX MOORE/FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

The Revs' MVP two out of three years, Moore is a fierce competitor with an incredibly high work rate. Plus, his skill on free-kicks makes him a lethal scorer.

GIOVANNI SAVARESE/FORWARD

The Venezuelan is a hard-working, bustling forward who has a nose for the goal. Savarese's excellent finishing has made him the third all-time scorer in MLS.

✓ NEW FOR '99

The Revs have acquired three key players, adding Giovanni Savarese, John Harkes and Dan Calichman to their roster. Savarese arrived from the MetroStars as a direct replacement for Raul Diaz Arce on offense, while Harkes is expected to play in midfield after three years of unrivalled success at D.C. United. Former LA Galaxy captain Calichman slots into central defense.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	15	17	33	Non-qualifier
1997	15	17	37	East semi-finalist
1998	11	21	29	Non-qualifier

The Revolution's only appearance in the playoffs came after a Walter Zenga-inspired run in 1997.

In his 29 games as coach or player, the Revolution has earned 46 points and have outscored opponents, 45-37. In 67 games without Zenga, the Revolution has 53 points and has been outscored, 138-91.

Though Zenga is a demonstrative, uninhibited performer, he comes from a conservative soccer background. He was taught to play *catenaccio*, the "chain-like" Italian defensive strategy. But, like his former coach, the ultra-conservative Giovanni Trapattoni, Zenga has changed with the times.

The Revolution will think defense first, but it will also attack. The strikers will strike but they will also be the first line of defense.

"We will play to win, not to defend," Zenga says. "I want to entertain the people who come to the stadium. They appreciated what we did in the last six games last year. The final is here and it would be great for us to be in it."

(Frank Dell'Apa writes for the Boston Globe)

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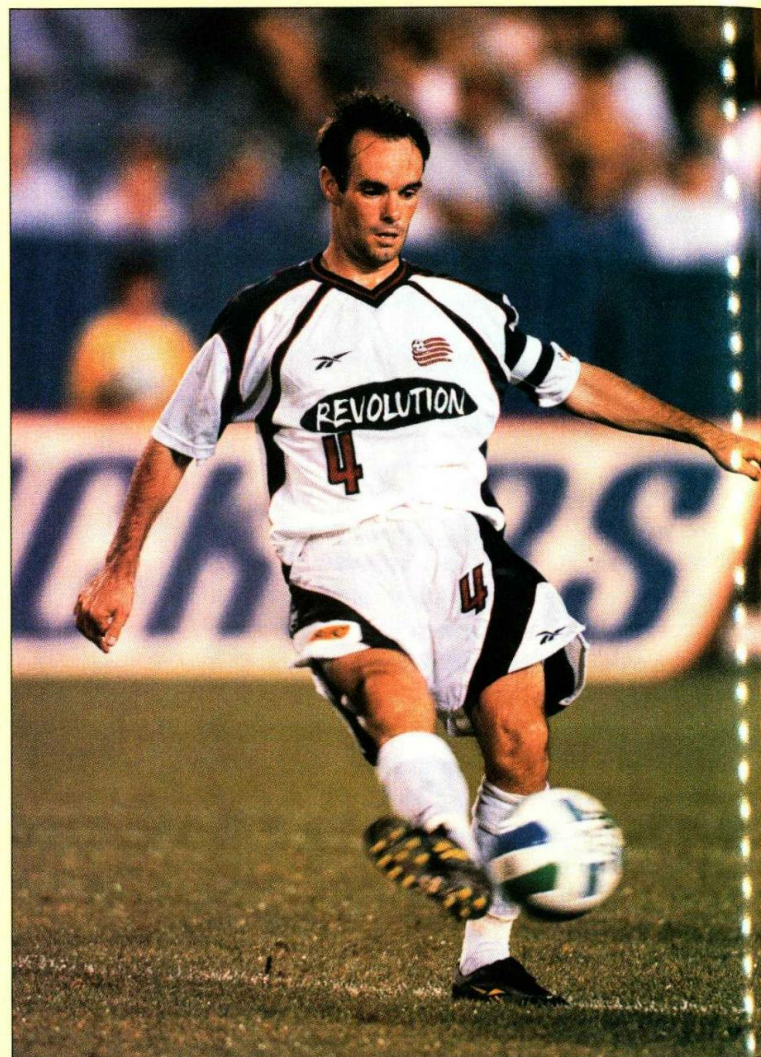
ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
8	Imad Baba	M	5-10	170	3-15-74	Humble, TX	Clemson
—	Jamar Beasley	F	5-10	160	10-11-79	Ft Wayne, IN	—
4	Mike Burns	D	5-9	165	9-14-70	Marlboro, MA	Hartwick
—	Dan Calichman	D	6-0	180	2-21-68	Flushing, NY	Williams
26	Jeff Causey	GK	6-3	197	10-19-71	Gainesville, VA	Virginia
5	Ted Chronopoulos	D	6-0	168	9-16-72	Loma Linda, CA	San Diego
2	Brian Dunseth	D	6-1	170	3-2-77	Upland, CA	Cal-State Fullerton
—	Chris Fox	D	5-11	173	2-15-74	Atlanta, GA	Brown
10	Edwin Gorter	M	5-10	176	7-6-63	Den Haag, Holland	—
7	Richard Goulooze	D	6-0	180	11-16-67	Amsterdam, Holland	—
—	John Harkes	M	5-11	165	3-8-67	Kearny, NJ	Virginia
16	Jair	M	5-8	154	12-17-74	Cape Verde	—
18	Paul Keegan	M	6-0	175	12-30-72	Dublin, Ireland	B.C.
—	Kris Kelderman	M	6-1	185	12-10-68	Appleton, WI	Virginia
14	Ivan McKinley	M	6-2	185	6-15-69	Palm Bay, FL	Boca Raton
9	Joe-Max Moore	F	5-8	153	2-23-71	Tulsa, OK	UCLA
24	Manny Motajo	D	6-0	170	2-13-70	Green Belt, MD	Howard
—	Leighton O'Brien	M	5-10	167	1-7-77	Federal Way, WA	San Diego
33	Carlos Rocha	F	6-1	172	12-4-74	Lisbon, Portugal	S. Connecticut State
—	Giovanni Savarese	F	6-0	180	7-1-71	Caracas, Venezuela	Long Island
20	Johnny Torres	F	5-6	140	4-24-76	Dickinson, TX	Creighton
19	Jesse Van Saun	M	5-9	160	4-20-76	Hillsdale, NJ	St. John's
1	Walter Zenga	GK	6-3	191	4-28-60	Milano, Italy	—

SCHEDULE

MARCH				
Mar. 28	Sunday	@ Miami	3:00 pm	espn2
APRIL				
Apr. 3	Saturday	@ Kansas City	8:30 pm	
Apr. 10	Saturday	DC United	7:30 pm	
Apr. 17	Saturday	Columbus	7:30 pm	
Apr. 24	Saturday	@ DC United	7:30 pm	
MAY				
May 1	Saturday	Colorado	7:30 pm	
May 8	Saturday	Miami	7:30 pm	
May 15	Saturday	@ Columbus	7:30 pm	espn2
May 23	Sunday	@ Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
May 29	Saturday	@ MetroStars	7:00 pm	
JUNE				
June 5	Saturday	Chicago	7:30 pm	
June 13	Sunday	Miami	4:00 pm	
June 16	Wednesday	@ Columbus	7:30 pm	
June 19	Saturday	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	
June 26	Saturday	@ Dallas	8:30 pm	
JULY				
July 4	Sunday	MetroStars	12:00 pm	
July 11	Sunday	Los Angeles	1:00 pm	Univision
July 25	Sunday	DC United	1:00 pm	Univision
July 31	Saturday	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	
AUGUST				
Aug. 6	Friday	@ Colorado	9:00 pm	
Aug. 12	Thursday	San Jose	7:30 pm	ESPN
Aug. 18	Wednesday	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
Aug. 21	Saturday	@ San Jose	10:30 pm	
Aug. 25	Wednesday	@ MetroStars	7:00 pm	
Aug. 28	Saturday	@ Chicago	8:00 pm	
SEPTEMBER				
Sep. 4	Saturday	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
Sep. 8	Wednesday	Kansas City	8:30 pm	espn2
Sep. 11	Saturday	@ Miami	7:30 pm	
Sep. 18	Saturday	Columbus	7:30 pm	
Sep. 25	Saturday	Dallas	7:30 pm	
OCTOBER				
Oct. 2	Saturday	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
Oct. 9	Saturday	@ DC United	7:30 pm	

All Times Eastern



Massachusetts native Mike Burns has been an anchor on the New England defense since Major League Soccer was launched in 1996

David Silverman/MLS



Love is in the air at Foxboro Stadium. Six Revolution players **got married or engaged** in the last 10 months — Mike

Burns, Ted Chronopoulos, Imad Baba, Dan Calichman, Giovanni Savarese and Johnny Torres.



Dutch midfielder general Edwin Gorter returns for his second season at Foxboro hoping to spark the Revolution offense

David Silverman/MLS



WALTER ZENGA

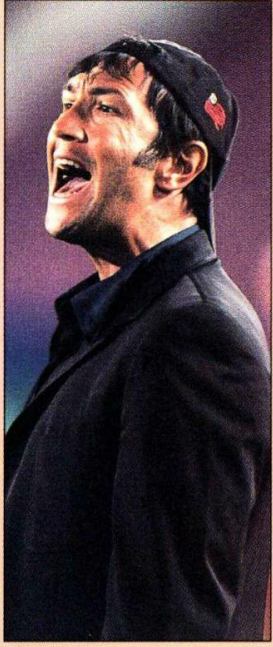
Date of Birth:
April 28, 1960

Hometown:
Milan, Italy

Family:
Three sons, Jacopo, 13, Nicolo, 9, and Andrea, 5

MLS Record: 3-3

Teams Played for:
Italian National Team 1986-92, Sambenedettese 1981-82, Inter Milan 1983-94, Sampdoria 1994-96, Padova 1996-97



1998 STATS

No.	POS.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
21	F	Raul Diaz Arce	32	32	2878	18	8	44	90	51	1	2	57	40	44	2	0
9	F	Joe-Max Moore	21	21	1864	7	15	29	54	25	4	3	35	50	14	3	0
10	M	Edwin Gorter	28	27	2394	7	7	21	72	25	0	0	27	20	3	5	0
8	M	Imad Baba	30	29	2484	5	4	14	60	29	2	1	49	39	10	3	1
4	M	Mike Burns	23	23	2025	1	8	10	18	5	0	4	32	9	2	3	1
14	D	Ivan McKinley	28	28	2282	4	1	9	34	14	1	0	36	14	7	5	2
20	F	Johnny Torres	20	16	1179	2	3	7	22	11	0	0	19	17	10	2	0
5	D	Ted Chronopoulos	23	23	1960	2	3	7	16	8	0	0	32	24	2	4	0
16	M	Jair	11	8	643	3	1	7	9	4	0	0	7	13	2	0	0
18	F	Paul Keegan	20	7	892	1	4	6	17	6	0	1	33	24	4	1	0
7	D	Richard Gouloozee	29	29	2529	1	2	4	12	2	1	0	52	7	0	2	1
24	D	Manny Motajo	15	12	1012	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	24	3	0	4	1
33	F	Carlos Rocha	16	4	537	0	1	1	11	3	0	0	9	11	5	1	0
17	F	Jamar Beasley	3	0	49	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0
12	M	David Nakhid	18	14	1350	0	0	0	15	7	0	0	20	19	1	2	0
3	D	Janusz Michallik	12	9	759	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	8	11	0	0	0
11	F	Damian	15	13	954	4	2	10	34	21	1	1	9	35	5	3	0
6	D	Dahir Mohammed	7	4	423	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	8	6	0	3	0
1	GK	Ian Feuer	26	26	2336	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
2	D	Brian Dunseth	18	15	1416	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	6	0	3	0
26	GK	Jeff Causey	9	6	544	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
19	F	Jesse Van Saun	5	0	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0
	F	Tom McLaughlin	1	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
		OTHERS				0	6	6	26	9	0	1	45	47	4	4	0
		TOTALS				51	66	168	468	205	9	12	521	369	111	50	6

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Ian Feuer	26	2336	180	113	135	55	2.12	1	6	9	14	8	15	5
26	Jeff Causey	9	544	35	24	28	11	1.82	0	0	9	20	3	6	0
	TOTALS	35	2880	215	137	163	66	2.06	1	6	18	34	11	21	5

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Stadium: Foxboro Stadium
MLS Capacity: 24,871
Field Dimensions: 70 yards x 115 yards
Official Training Center: Babson College
Team Colors: Red, White, Blue

MUTINY

TAMPA BAY



When Tampa Bay Mutiny

coach Tim Hankinson talks about goals for 1999, he's literally talking about goals.

After the '98 season ended, Hankinson logged thousands of miles in search of players who can put the ball in the net. He went to Poland, Bolivia, Peru and Costa Rica hoping to find a forward with a scorer's mentality.

"There's been a lot of time away from home," says Hankinson, who took over from John Kowalski in the middle of last season.

His efforts paid off in January. First the Mutiny signed forward Alejandro Sequeira, a veteran of the Costa Rican First Division despite being only 23-years old. He scored 16 goals for Saprissa during the 1996-97 season and 10 goals in 22 games in 1998.

"He is a young, big-time player," Mutiny president and general manager Nick Sakiewicz says. "I will be very surprised if he isn't one of the best players in our league this year."

Two weeks later the Mutiny acquired Jefferson Gottardi, a Bolivian forward who played the last two seasons with first division team Bolivar. Gottardi is another player who has a nose for the goal, scoring 34 times in two seasons with Bolivar. Like Mutiny teammate Mauricio Ramos, he is a member of the Bolivian National Team.

"I think I'm an aggressive forward who is always looking for the net," says Gottardi. "I like to be in the small box. I hope to add my small grain of salt in order to make Tampa a champion."

Last year the Mutiny lacked depth at forward after trading Roy Lassiter to D.C. United for Roy Wegerle. Wegerle, who has since retired, was more of a distributing forward than a true scorer.

Bolivian star Mauricio Ramos will provide the ammunition for the Mutiny's new-look strike force.

Richard Steinmetz/MLS/Allsport

EASTERN CONFERENCE



THE WORD



Alan Prampin celebrated a breakout season in 1998

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

A good start is crucial for Tim Hankinson's squad. The Mutiny was left to chase the pack the entire season in '98, thanks to its slow 3-12 start.

New forwards Alejandro Sequeira and Jefferson Gottardi need to quickly establish a striking partnership and relieve some of the pressure on Alan Prampin.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

MAURICIO RAMOS/MIDFIELDER

The Mutiny's midfield playmaker was also their top scorer in 1998. The Bolivian complements his passing and vision with spectacular long-range shooting.

ALAN PRAMPIN/FORWARD

Switched from midfield to forward last season, Prampin uses his speed, acceleration and strength on the ball to menace opposing defenses.

STEVE RALSTON/MIDFIELDER

The 1996 Bandai Rookie of the Year is steady and consistent. Ralston is a solid all-round midfielder, missing only six games in three seasons with the Mutiny.

✓ NEW FOR '99

The Mutiny move into the new Raymond James Stadium with a fresh look for '99. Costa Rican Alejandro Sequeira, Bolivian Jefferson Gottardi, Pete Marino (Kansas City) and Harut Karapetyan (San Jose) arrive to beef up the offense. Scott Garlick, from D.C. United, and former San Jose keeper Andy Kirk fill the goalkeeping slot.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	20	12	58	East finalist
1997	17	15	45	East semi-finalist
1998	12	20	34	Non-qualifier

The Mutiny took MLS by storm in '96, finishing 20-12 only to lose to D.C. United in the Eastern Conference final.

That left the scoring duties to Alan Prampin, who played admirably despite being a marked man. Prampin scored seven goals and added 11 assists in a breakthrough season.

He flourished even more with the addition of Ramos in midfield. Ramos, despite playing in only 10 games, scored nine goals to lead the Mutiny. If those players return, and with the addition of Sequeira and Gottardi, the Mutiny will likely raise its 1.44 goals per game average, which was 10th in the league last season.

"I think we've greatly increased our chance of scoring more goals," Hankinson says. "Forwards are generally streaky players. If you have one that's hot, then everything's fine. But what do you do when the other is not so hot? You have to have depth, and it looks like we have that this season."

Aside from scoring goals, the Mutiny made changes to prevent them as well. It traded two first-round picks for D.C. United goalkeeper Scott Garlick

in the offseason and also acquired Andy Kirk from the San Jose Clash. Garlick, who replaces Swedish veteran Thomas Ravelli, is a proven winner, having guided United to MLS Cup in '97 and the Interamerican championship in December of '98.

"From everything I've seen, Tampa Bay has the players to be a very good team," Garlick says. "I'm excited about my new opportunity."

Garlick should be the

starter, but the acquisition of Kirk further solidifies the Mutiny goal. Kirk, a member of the U.S. Under-23 National Team, was 3-5 with two shutouts for the Clash last season.

"With Scott Garlick and Andy Kirk, I think our goalkeeping is in good hands for the foreseeable future," Hankinson says.

The always consistent Steve Ralston returns for his fourth season with the Mutiny. Dominic Kinnear, Paul Dougherty, Jorge Salcedo, Guillermo Jara and

newcomers Harut Karapetyan and Pete Marino all battle for playing time at midfield and forward.

The defense took a blow when veteran Frank Yallop was released during the offseason because of foreign allocation numbers. Yallop remains with the team as an assistant coach. Second year players Chad McCarty and Chris Houser should step in as starters. Sam George and R.T. Moore also vie for playing time.

Hankinson is hoping the Mutiny plays a much more exciting style this season to grace its new Raymond James Stadium, one of the most spacious venues in the league. And with the addition of some goalscorers, perhaps the Mutiny can fill more seats at the new stadium.

"Things are being done differently than they've been done before," Hankinson says. "The way we approach things philosophically is much different. We want to get the most out of our personnel."

(Rodney Page writes for the St. Petersburg Times)

MUTINY

ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
21	Cesar Alvarado	M	5-8	155	12-18-78	Monrovia, CA	Citrus College
9	Paul Dougherty	M	5-3	130	12-5-66	Escondido, CA	—
3	Jan Eriksson	D	6-0	170	8-24-67	Skon, Sweden	—
1	Scott Garlick	GK	6-2	180	5-29-72	Phoenix, AZ	San Diego
4	Sam George	M	5-11	175	6-29-70	Mission Viejo, CA	UCLA
16	Jefferson Gottardi	F	6-1	171	1-13-76	Santa Cruz, Bolivia	—
20	Chris Houser	D	6-3	195	3-9-73	Sioux Falls, SD	S. Connecticut State
18	Guillermo Jara	M	5-8	145	10-20-73	Sacramento, CA	San Diego
11	Harut Karapetyan	F	5-9	165	4-7-72	Van Nuys, CA	—
8	Dominic Kinnear	M	5-10	160	7-26-67	Fremont, CA	Hartwick
22	Andy Kirk	GK	6-0	177	10-3-77	Milwaukee, WI	Maryland
12	Pete Marino	F	5-8	145	4-24-73	Pompano Beach, FL	Brevard CC
5	Chad McCarty	D	5-11	185	11-5-77	Clovis, CA	Washington
2	R.T. Moore	D	6-0	185	1-7-76	Rockford, IL	Maryland
88	Alan Prampin	F	5-7	162	11-30-71	Richardson, TX	SMU
15	Eric Quill	F	5-11	170	2-28-78	Missouri City, TX	Clemson
14	Steve Ralston	M	5-9	155	6-14-74	St. Louis, MO	Florida International
10	Mauricio Ramos	M	5-9	165	9-23-69	Santa Cruz, Bolivia	—
6	Jorge Salcedo	M	6-1	175	9-27-72	Cerritos, CA	UCLA
25	Alejandro Sequeira	F	5-11	183	4-27-75	San Jose, Costa Rica	—
7	Musa Shannon	F	5-11	168	8-1-75	Monrovia, Liberia	Robert Morris

SCHEDULE

MARCH

Mar. 20 Saturday DC United 7:00 pm

APRIL

Apr. 3 Saturday Columbus 7:00 pm

Apr. 11 Sunday MetroStars 5:00 pm

Apr. 18 Sunday @ Dallas 5:00 pm

Apr. 25 Sunday @ MetroStars 1:00 pm ESPN

MAY

May 1 Saturday Miami 7:00 pm

May 8 Saturday Chicago 7:00 pm

May 15 Saturday @ Los Angeles 10:30 pm

May 22 Saturday @ Columbus 7:30 pm

May 29 Saturday @ Miami 7:30 pm

JUNE

June 5 Saturday Miami 7:00 pm

June 12 Saturday @ San Jose 10:30 pm

June 19 Saturday New England 7:00 pm

June 27 Sunday Los Angeles 1:00 pm Univision

June 30 Wednesday @ MetroStars 7:00 pm

JULY

July 3 Saturday Kansas City 7:00 pm espn2 (tape)

July 8 Thursday San Jose 7:30 pm ESPN

July 22 Thursday @ Kansas City 8:00 pm ESPN

July 25 Sunday @ Colorado 9:00 pm

July 29 Thursday @ Miami 7:30 pm ESPN

July 31 Saturday New England 7:00 pm

AUGUST

Aug. 8 Sunday @ DC United 2:00 pm ABC

Aug. 13 Friday Colorado 7:30 pm

Aug. 18 Wednesday @ New England 7:30 pm

Aug. 22 Sunday @ Columbus 4:00 pm

Aug. 27 Friday Columbus 7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

Sep. 4 Saturday @ New England 7:30 pm

Sep. 12 Sunday DC United 5:00 pm

Sep. 19 Sunday @ Chicago 1:00 pm Univision

Sep. 25 Saturday MetroStars 7:00 pm

Sep. 30 Thursday @ DC United 8:00 pm espn2

OCTOBER

Oct. 10 Sunday Dallas 8:00 pm espn2

All Times Eastern



Mutiny defender Chris Houser is nicknamed "The Undertaker" and packs a deadly shot to match

Jon van Woerden/MLS/Allsport

No less than four Mutiny players have taken the **bait** – hook, line and sinker.

Midfielders Steve Ralston and Mauricio Ramos and forwards Harut Karapetyan and Pete Marino list **fishing** as one of their main hobbies.



Paul Dougherty brought his creative skills to Tampa Bay last year following a midseason trade with the MetroStars.

Jon van Woerden/MLS/Allsp



TIM HAN KINSON

HEAD COACH

Date of Birth:
February 18, 1955

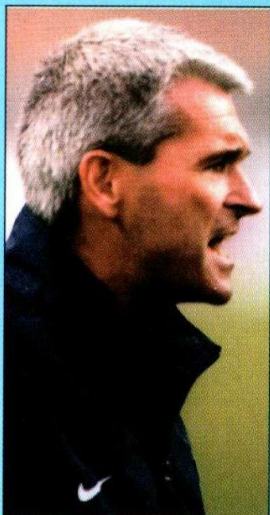
Hometown:
New York, NY

Family:
Son Bryan, 8

Appointed:
June 9, 1998

MLS Record: 9-8

Other Teams Coached:
U.S. Project-40 Select (A-League) 1998, Charleston Battery (A-League) 1992-94, UMF Tindastol (Iceland) 1991, Syracuse Univ. 1985-90, DePaul Univ. (Chicago) 1982, Alabama A&M Univ 1980-81, Oglethorpe Univ. (Atlanta) 1978



1998 STATS

No.	POS.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
19	M	Mauricio Ramos	22	21	1932	9	9	27	85	29	2	2	9	22	1	2	0
8	F	Alan Prampin	31	28	2450	7	11	25	44	24	2	3	18	33	41	2	0
14	M	Steve Ralston	30	29	2521	5	8	18	44	24	0	2	22	42	4	1	0
7	M/F	Musa Shannon	18	8	823	7	2	16	21	9	3	1	22	24	9	3	0
6	M	Dominic Kinneer	24	8	868	3	5	11	13	6	0	3	15	13	1	1	0
9	F	Paul Dougherty	29	23	2015	6	12	24	53	24	0	4	22	36	2	1	0
	M/F	Gilmar	12	11	909	3	2	8	27	10	0	2	7	33	16	1	0
13	D	Frankie Hejduk	18	18	1618	3	1	7	34	15	1	0	31	49	21	5	0
10	M	Jorge Salcedo	26	21	1909	1	7	9	18	6	0	1	30	27	3	3	0
20	D	Chris Houser	24	22	2005	1	5	7	6	2	0	1	46	24	1	7	1
16	F	Paul Young	14	8	768	0	5	5	30	11	0	0	5	19	13	0	0
3	D	Jan Eriksson	29	28	2342	2	1	5	19	7	1	1	47	13	0	4	0
77	F	Roy Wegerle	17	15	1265	3	3	9	17	7	1	0	9	10	16	2	0
5	D	Frank Yallop	32	29	2703	1	1	3	11	3	1	0	26	18	0	3	0
18	F	Guillermo Jara	16	4	571	0	3	3	12	1	0	1	15	3	1	0	0
4	M	Sam George	21	20	1591	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	17	15	0	3	0
25	F	Brian Loftin	8	2	219	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	3	8	0	0	0
21	F	Eric Quill	4	0	141	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0
11	M	Evans Wise	17	6	764	0	1	1	17	6	0	0	26	31	3	2	0
	F	Jacek Ziober	3	3	196	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	4	2	1	0
12	D	Adam Frye	10	8	710	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	7	10	1	1	0
1	GK	Thomas Ravelli	23	23	2053	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1
22	GK	Doug Petras	12	9	827	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
23	D	Chad McCarty	6	6	540	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	6	0	1	0
		OTHERS				0	3	3	24	8	0	0	38	28	12	5	2
		TOTALS	46	68	160	435	174	11	17	385	413	135	51	4			

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Thomas Ravelli	23	2053	179	131	109	38	1.67	3	5	9	21	7	13	2
22	Doug Petras	12	827	71	49	40	19	2.07	1	1	7	12	5	7	1
	TOTALS	2880	250	180	149	57	1.78	4	6	16	33	12	20	3	

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Investor-Operator: MLS league-operated team
President/General Manager: Nick Sakiewicz

Stadium: Raymond James Stadium
MLS Capacity: 17,482
Field Dimensions: 70 yards x 116 yards
Official Training Center: Land O'Lakes Recreation Complex
Team Colors: Dark & Light Blue, Yellow, Green

FIRE

CHICAGO

WESTERN CONFERENCE



Expansion team coaches

usually don't find themselves in a position like that of Chicago Fire head coach Bob Bradley. He spent the winter putting a plan together to defend a title. Normally, expansion coaches spend the off-season trying to find ways to become respectable.

"You always want to improve," Bradley says. "You have to believe that the league will get better every year."

It was truly a remarkable year for Chicago in 1998. Bradley went against conventional wisdom in signing veteran players from Eastern Europe, took a lot of criticism for it, and watched them become the best collection of foreign allocations in the league.

All four are back for 1999, led by captain and Honda Most Valuable Player candidate Peter Nowak. The former Polish international was the heart and

By
Bob
Foltman

soul of the Fire in its first season and became a fan favorite not only with the city's large Polish community, but with soccer fans from all ethnic backgrounds.

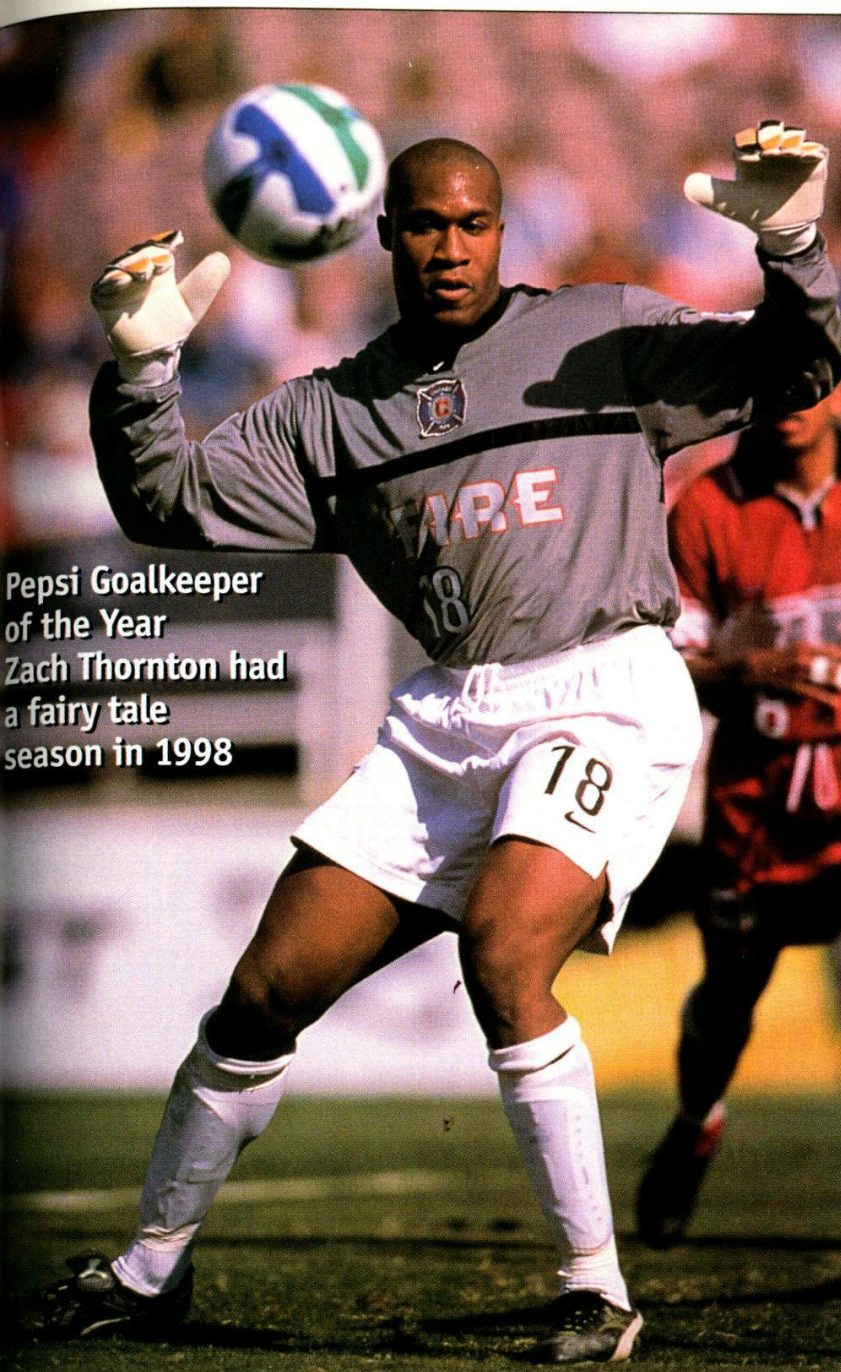
Nowak is joined by his Polish countrymen Roman Kosecki and Jerzy Podbrozny. All had nagging injuries at various points last season and Bradley is hoping to get another productive year out of their veteran legs. While some feel that this will be the last go-around for the Fire's "Eastern Bloc," Bradley isn't so sure.

"Each of their cases is different," he says. "It's too early to speculate on any of them. I clearly think there is a good chance some of those guys will be back the following season."

The league wrapped up a new contract for Czech defender Lubos Kubik at the beginning of the year to keep the "Bloc" intact for at least this season. Kubik anchored the best defense in the league and earned BIC Defender of the Year honors.

Polish midfielder star Peter Nowak led Chicago to the "Double" in '98, lifting the MLS Cup and U.S. Open Cup

Michael Stahlschmidt/MLS/Allsport



Pepsi Goalkeeper of the Year Zach Thornton had a fairy tale season in 1998

Also back is defender Francis Okaroh. The 35-year old was plucked from the New England Revolution in the expansion draft and became a key man-marking defender and a tutor for the Fire's other man-marker, C.J. Brown. Okaroh was instrumental in the development of Brown, who was rewarded for his strong defensive play by being included in the U.S. National Team pool.

The defenders once again form a wall in front of Pepsi Goalkeeper of the Year Zach Thornton. In what is one of the best stories in the league last year, Thornton went from being a little-used backup to the MetroStars' Tony Meola to the league's best keeper and forced flamboyant goalkeeper Jorge Campos to flee back to Mexico in order to get a game.

The midfield is anchored by the tireless Nowak and the rock-steady Chris Armas. Nowak sprained his knee last July, missed all of August and finished the season less than 100 percent. Yet he was effective

enough to assist on both Fire goals and be named MVP in the Fire's 2-0 victory over D.C. United in MLS Cup '98.

For his part, Armas shut down the league's top playmakers game in and game out and, like Thornton and Brown, received national team consideration for his efforts.

Joining Nowak and Armas

in the midfield will be the dependable Jesse Marsch, who has won a title in all three years he's been in the league (two with D.C. and last year with the Fire), Diego Gutierrez and Podbrozny.

Gutierrez, after missing almost two full seasons with a knee injury, claimed a starting spot as a wing midfielder midway through the season and became a valuable player for Bradley.

If there is one area that Bradley would like to see improvement, it's in the play of his young forwards Ante Razov and Josh Wolff. Razov led the Fire

THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

The Fire's "Eastern Bloc" veterans need to stay healthy in '99. Peter Nowak, Lubos Kubik, Roman Kosecki and Jerzy Podbrozny are all over 32 years of age.

The Fire's emerging young stars like Ante Razov, C.J. Brown and Josh Wolff have to reproduce last season's form and more to help keep Chicago at the top.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

PETER NOWAK/MIDFIELDER

The Polish star is a true team leader for Chicago. The creative midfielder drives the team's offense with his deep runs and likes to go for goal.

LUBOS KUBIK/DEFENDER

Kubik's vast experience and reading of the game hold the Fire's defense together, while his ability on set-pieces makes him an offensive threat as well.

CHRIS ARMAS/MIDFIELDER

Armas is one of the Fire's unsung heroes, a defensive midfielder with a tireless workrate. He excels in his job of shutting down the opposition playmaker.

✓ NEW FOR '99

The Fire added to its "Eastern Bloc" by selecting Ukrainian Dema Kovalenko as a Project-40 player in the college draft. Kovalenko, a midfielder/forward, was one of the top players in college soccer last season, helping Indiana University to the NCAA title. The Fire also picked up goalkeeper Greg Sutton, an All-American from St Lawrence University.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post Season
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	20	12	56	MLS Cup champion

An expansion team in '98, Chicago capped a stunning season by winning both MLS Cup and the U.S. Open Cup.

with 10 goals last year and Project-40 player Wolff became the league's super-sub, scoring eight goals. But when Kosecki went down with a hamstring injury in the final week of the season, the Wolff-Razov tandem failed to produce many scoring chances in the two playoff series against Colorado and Los Angeles.

The Fire was a success both on the field and at the gate in '98. Despite having the fewest number of weekend home dates, the Fire finished third in the league in attendance with nearly 18,000 fans per game. More weekend games this season should mean more big crowds at Soldier Field.

So it's a strange position indeed for an expansion coach. But Bradley isn't about to rest on last season's accomplishments.

"We're looking at all parts of our team, but we feel we have a good nucleus to build for one more season."

(Bob Foltman writes for the Chicago Tribune)

FIRE

ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
14	Chris Armas	M	5-7	150	8-27-72	Brentwood, NY	Adelphi
2	C.J. Brown	D	6-0	185	6-15-75	Hayward, CA	San Jose State
8	Diego Gutierrez	M	5-7	155	11-3-72	Kansas City, MO	Rockhurst
19	Josh Keller	M	5-10	155	2-16-75	Laguna Niguel, CA	UCLA
41	Frank Klopas	F	5-9	155	9-1-66	Chicago, IL	—
11	Roman Kosecki	F	5-8	165	2-15-66	Piaseczno, Poland	—
3	Richie Kotschau	D	5-10	170	11-22-75	Levittown, NY	George Mason
21	Dema Kovalenko	M	5-8	145	8-28-77	Rochester, NY	Indiana
5	Lubos Kubik	D	6-3	195	1-20-64	Prague, Czech Republic	—
22	Tony Kuhn	F	6-2	185	12-15-75	Memphis, TN	Vanderbilt
7	Manny Lagos	M	6-0	165	9-1-71	St. Paul, MN	Wisconsin-Milwaukee
17	Andrew Lewis	D	6-1	175	9-10-74	New Providence, NJ	Princeton
15	Jesse Marsch	M	5-11	170	11-8-73	Racine, WI	Princeton
10	Peter Nowak	M	5-7	145	7-5-64	Pabianice, Poland	—
20	Francis Okaroh	D	6-0	170	8-25-63	Woburn, MA	Boston
9	Jerzy Podbrozny	M	5-10	170	12-17-66	Przemysl, Poland	—
12	Ante Razov	F	6-1	175	3-2-74	Whittier, CA	UCLA
6	Tom Soehn	D	5-10	175	4-15-66	Chicago, IL	Western Illinois
24	Greg Sutton	GK	6-6	215	4-19-77	Bethel, CT	St. Lawrence
18	Zach Thornton	GK	6-3	210	10-10-73	Edgewood, MD	Loyola-MD
16	Josh Wolff	F	5-8	160	2-25-77	Stone Mountain, GA	South Carolina

SCHEDULE

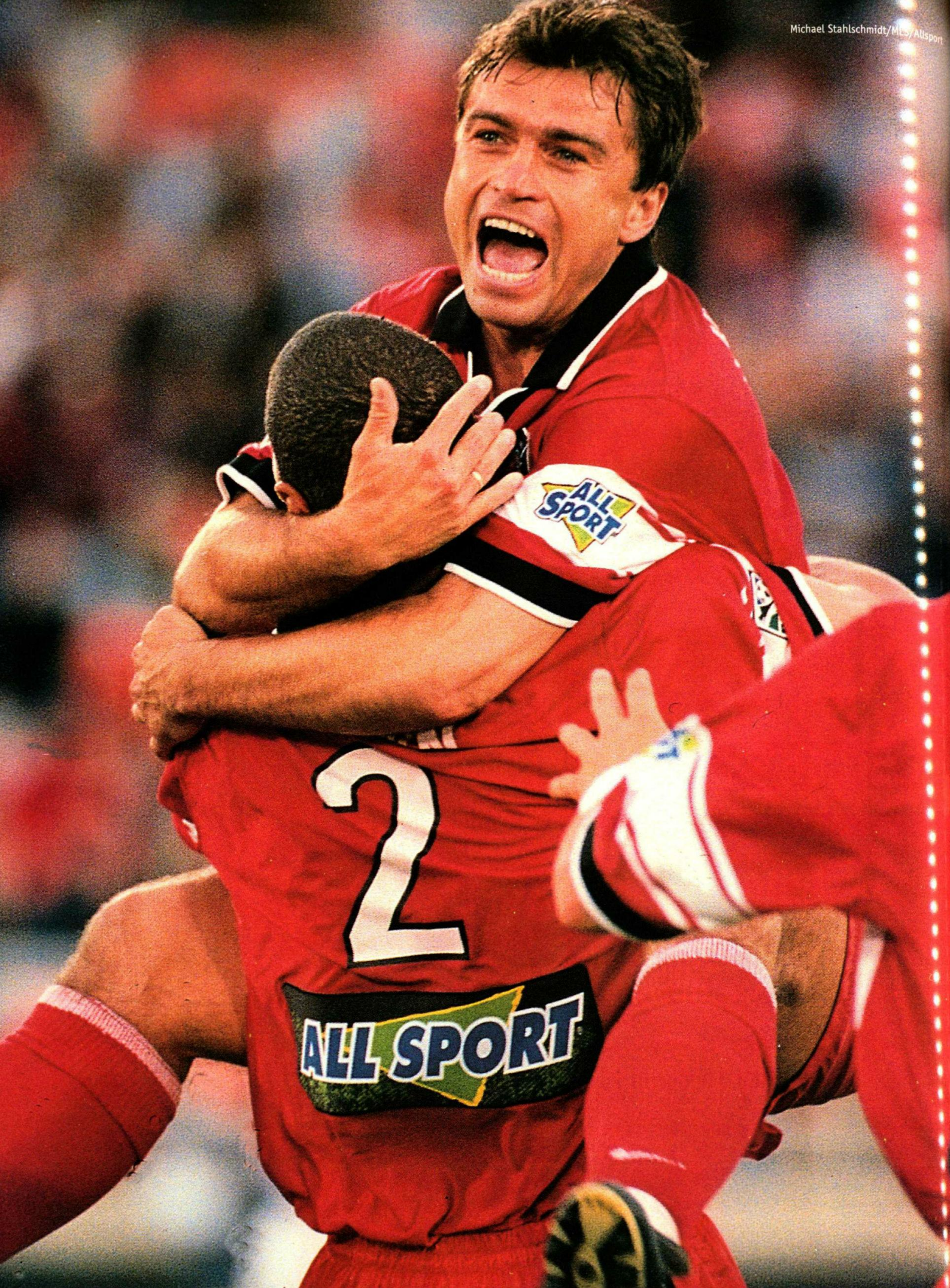
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Mar. 27	Saturday	@Kansas City	7:30 pm	
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Apr. 3	Saturday	@Miami	6:00 pm	
Apr. 10	Saturday	Dallas	7:00 pm	
Apr. 17	Saturday	Los Angeles	7:00 pm	
Apr. 24	Saturday	@Colorado	8:00 pm	
May				
May 1	Saturday	DC	7:00 pm	
May 8	Saturday	@Tampa Bay	6:00 pm	
May 16	Sunday	Colorado	3:00 pm	
May 22	Saturday	Kansas City	7:00 pm	
May 29	Saturday	@DC	6:30 pm	
June				
June 5	Saturday	@New England	6:30 pm	
June 12	Saturday	@Los Angeles	9:30 pm	
June 19	Saturday	San Jose	7:00 pm	
June 26	Saturday	@Colorado	8:00 pm	
July				
July 2	Friday	Dallas	7:30 pm	
July 4	Sunday	@Dallas	7:30 pm	
July 10	Saturday	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
July 23	Friday	San Jose	7:00 pm	
July 31	Saturday	Los Angeles	3:00 pm	ABC
August				
Aug. 5	Thursday	@Kansas City	7:00 pm	espn2
Aug. 8	Sunday	Colorado	12:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 15	Sunday	Miami	12:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 22	Sunday	@Dallas	12:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 28	Saturday	New England	7:00 pm	
September				
Sep. 5	Sunday	@MetroStars	12:00 pm	Univision
Sep. 11	Saturday	@Los Angeles	9:30 pm	
Sep. 19	Sunday	Tampa Bay	12:00 pm	Univision
Sep. 23	Thursday	Columbus	7:00 pm	espn2
Sep. 26	Sunday	@San Jose	4:00 pm	
October				
Oct. 2	Saturday	Kansas City	7:00 pm	
Oct. 10	Sunday	@Columbus	12:00 pm	Univision

All Times Central



Veteran Francis Okaroh is a rock in the Chicago defense as well as a mentor teammate C.J. Brown

Michael Stahlschmidt/MLS/Allsport



Chicago goalkeeper **Zach Thornton** is nicknamed "**The Beast**" by his teammates because of his massive frame. At 6'3" and 230 pounds, Thornton is built more like a **linebacker** than a soccer player, but that didn't stop him from earning the **Pepsi** Goalkeeper of the Year award in 1998.



Lubos Kubik's outstanding performances at the heart of the Fire defense earned him **BIC Defender of the Year** honors in '98

Michael Stahlschmidt/
MLS/Allsport

BOB BRADLEY

Date of Birth:

March 3, 1958

Hometown:

Montclair, NJ

Family:

Married to Lindsay with three children, Michael (11), Kerry (9) and Ryan (7)

Appointed:

October 30, 1997

MLS Record:

Chicago Fire - 25-12, 1998 MLS Cup and U.S. Open Cup champions, 1998 MLS Coach of the Year; D.C. United (Asst. Coach) - 1996 & 1997 MLS Cup champions, 1996 U.S. Open Cup champions

Other Teams Coached:

Princeton Univ. 1984-95, Ohio Univ. 1981, Union NJ Lancers Under-19, Asst. Coach U.S. Olympic Team 1996, Asst. Coach University of Virginia 1982-83



1998 STATS

No.	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
12	F	Ante Razov	30	24	2091	10	9	29	88	41	2	3	30	26	32	2	0
25	F	Roman Kosecki	25	25	1999	9	9	27	70	35	2	0	39	87	12	3	1
9	F	Jerzy Podbrozny	26	25	1979	6	14	26	47	22	0	4	20	26	6	4	0
10	M	Peter Nowak	24	24	1921	6	12	24	38	20	2	4	22	61	3	0	0
5	D	Lubos Kubik	31	31	2790	7	8	22	67	24	4	1	28	36	0	4	0
16	F	Josh Wolff	14	4	651	8	3	19	23	14	3	1	7	9	6	0	0
41	M/F	Frank Klopas	27	17	1497	6	4	16	28	14	1	1	33	31	23	3	0
14	M	Chris Armas	31	31	2790	1	10	12	25	10	0	3	51	54	0	3	0
3	M	Rich Kotschau	24	23	1973	4	3	11	24	7	2	0	25	14	7	1	0
15	M	Jesse Marsch	29	25	2199	2	3	7	23	10	0	1	34	23	3	4	0
2	D	C.J. Brown	28	28	2470	2	0	4	4	3	2	0	40	29	0	4	1
8	D	Diego Gutierrez	13	8	812	0	3	3	8	2	0	1	24	13	0	1	1
20	D	Francis Okaroh	26	26	2294	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	32	18	0	6	0
25	M/D	Zak Ibsen	27	5	908	0	1	1	26	10	0	1	6	10	5	1	0
18	GK	Zach Thornton	25	23	2076	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
17	D	Andrew Lewis	13	6	623	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	7	0	0	0
1	GK	Jorge Campos	9	8	765	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	1
19	M	Josh Keller	15	11	827	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	19	2	1	3	1
22	F	Tony Kuhn	5	1	137	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0
6	D	Tom Soehn	20	17	1543	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	33	12	0	5	0
24	GK	Scott Coufal	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	M/F	Manny Lagos	1	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	D	Michael Richardson	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		OTHERS				0	2	2	11	4	0	0	12	10	2	0	0
		TOTALS	61	86	208	487	219	18	20	436	462	103	40	3			

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
18	Zach Thornton	25	2076	118	85	86	27	1.17	1	2	6	20	16	8	8
1	Jorge Campos	8	714	49	33	22	15	1.89	1	1	0	0	4	3	0
	Scott Coufal	1	90	5	2	2	3	3.00	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	TOTALS	2880	172	120	110	45	1.41	2	3	6	20	20	12	8	

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.



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RAPIDS

COLORADO



The Colorado Rapids may have struck gold – in the form of Anders Limpar. The newest member of the Rapids, a midfielder from Sweden, is the most heralded foreign signee in team history, to be sure. But as the team points out, Limpar is not just the best to have joined the Rapids, but one of the best to have joined the four-year old league.

“The overall package that Anders brings is quite a pedigree,” says Rapids head coach Glenn “Mooch” Myernick. “He is much more of an assist guy than he is a goal guy. I look for his help in the clubhouse and in the development of our younger players.”

Limpar has played in two World Cups and has won an English FA Cup with Everton, an English First Division championship with Arsenal, and a Swedish championship with AIK.

By
Chris
Dempsey

Signing Limpar is just one of the many changes for a team that, since the beginning of the 1998 season, has brought on Ian Feuer, Matt McKeon, Jorge Dely Valdes,

David Vaudreuil and Jason Bent.

Wins are expected to be added to last year's 16-16 season and optimism abounds for 1999. The Rapids have no doubt that this is their greatest collection of talent in the four years of MLS.

“Overall, this is the best group we’ve ever had,” says general manager Dan Counce.

The trick is to have the wins match the talent on the field. In the past, it has been much more of a trick than a treat. Injuries marred the 1998 season. Myernick struggled to field what he felt was the best 11 at one time, using numerous different lineups. Juggling starters was ineffective because very few of the strings pulled produced consistently positive results.

Despite a career-year from Jamaican forward

The Rapids are relying on the leadership of three-time All-Star Marcelo Balboa to help put them back among the contenders for MLS Cup

Brian Bahr/Allsport

WESTERN CONFERENCE





Paul Bravo is a constant threat on offense for the Rapids

THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

Having leaked an MLS record 69 goals last season, the Rapids must shore up the defense if they are going to mount any kind of challenge this year.

Rising midfield stars Ross Paule, Joey DiGiamarino and Matt McKeon have to consistently produce the form which earned them invitations to train with the national team.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

PAUL BRAVO/FORWARD

The Rapids' all-time leading goalscorer is also their best all-round player. Bravo keeps possession, reads the game well and is an excellent finisher in front of goal.

ANDERS LIMPAR/MIDFIELDER

A veteran of two World Cups with Sweden, Limpar is an exciting playmaker, who brings a wealth of experience and flair to the Rapids midfield.

ROSS PAULE/MIDFIELDER

Paule had a breakout year in 1998, scoring 10 goals from midfield. His ability to pry open defenses and find space in the final third makes him very effective going forward.

✓ NEW FOR '99

Midfield playmaker Anders Limpar arrives fresh from a championship-winning season with AIK in Sweden to drive the Rapids midfield alongside Matt McKeon, who joins from Kansas City. Goalkeeper Ian Feuer has been signed from New England, and in attack the Rapids have added Panama National Team forward Jorge Dely Valdes and college draft pick Andrew Mittendorf.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	11	21	29	Non-qualifier
1997	14	18	38	MLS Cup finalist
1998	16	16	44	West semi-finalist

Colorado was a surprise finalist in MLS Cup '97, losing 2-1 to reigning champion D.C. United.

Wolde Harris, who set a team record in goals for a single season with 13 and tied with Paul Bravo for the team's Budweiser Scoring Championship, Colorado never had the winning edge. The 1998 season ended for the Rapids when they were swept out of the playoffs by the Chicago Fire.

So there had to be changes. Midfielder Chris Henderson was traded to the Kansas City Wizards for Matt McKeon. Henderson's brother, Sean, was also let go along with reserve goalkeeper Paul Grafer and reserve midfielder Andre Nunley.

In came Limpar, who made his name as a wide player but will likely drive the Rapids midfield from a more central position. Limpar's experience complements the youthful energy of his midfield teammates, Ross Paule, Joey DiGiamarino and McKeon, who have all been invited to train with the U.S. National Team.

At 6'3" and 195 pounds, McKeon is a powerful addition to the roster. His surging runs down the

middle earned him the nickname "Train" from his teammates in Kansas City.

Goalkeeper Ian Feuer is bigger still - measuring 6'6", he is the tallest player in MLS history. The 27-year old, who has played in England and Belgium, moved to Colorado in February from the Revolution.

It means the Rapids have

unprecedented depth in goal with Feuer competing against Marcus Hahnemann for the starter's position. "I am thrilled to have the chance to add such a high-quality goalkeeper with experience both in MLS and abroad," says Myernick.

The goalkeepers are protected by a defense featuring U.S. National Team veterans Marcelo Balboa, Peter Vermes and Steve Trittschuh, as well as the experienced David Vaudreuil.

At the other end, Paul Bravo returns for his third year at Mile High to spearhead the attack. There is added scoring punch with the addition of

Panamanian Jorge Dely Valdes and first-round college draft choice Andrew Mittendorf, who led the nation in goals per game last season (1.88).

There also have been changes off the field. This spring, the Rapids open their new training facility, the only one in the league built specifically for an MLS team.

The uniforms have changed and so has the president. Roy Kline takes over for Bob Sanderman, who remains a senior member of the MLS Board of Governors, as well as president of the Chicago Fire.

It is a new-look Colorado that takes the field in 1999, desperate to show its fans, the league and most importantly itself that things will be different. Although, smartly, Myernick guards his optimism.

"My aim was to make us deeper in 1999 than in '98 and I think we are," he says. "On paper I can say emphatically yes (this is the best team we've had). But no one's ever won anything on paper."

(Chris Dempsey writes for the Boulder Daily Camera)

RAPIDS

ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
—	Kevin Anderson	M	5-6	160	9-17-71	Bohemia, NY	South. Conn. St.
17	Marcelo Balboa	D	6-1	175	8-8-67	Cerritos, CA	San Diego State
5	Jason Bent	M	5-9	165	3-8-77	Brampton, Ontario	Univ. of Maryland
9	Paul Bravo	M	6-0	175	7-19-68	San Jose, CA	Santa Clara
22	Joey DiGiamarino	M	5-10	160	4-6-77	Corona, CA	Cal-St. Fullerton
18	Ian Feuer	GK	6-6	220	5-20-71	Las Vegas, NV	—
1	Marcus Hahnemann	GK	6-3	218	6-15-72	Bellevue, WA	Seattle Pacific
13	Wolde Harris	F	5-10	190	1-26-74	Kingston, Jamaica	Clemson
15	Tahj Jakins	D	6-2	182	11-11-75	Huntington Beach, CA	UCLA
10	Anders Limpar	M	5-8	161	9-24-65	Stockholm, Sweden	—
—	Tim Martin	D	5-11	165	4-12-67	San Jose, CA	Fresno State
14	Chris Martinez	D	6-2	190	12-25-70	Denver, CO	Clemson
2	Matt McKeon	M	6-2	190	9-24-74	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis Univ.
—	Andrew Mittendorf	F	6-0	170	7-19-77	Southbury, CT	Lehigh
20	Ross Paule	M	5-0	160	4-4-76	Cordova, TN	Creighton
—	Darren Sawatzky	M	5-10	160	2-22-73	Seattle, WA	Portland Univ.
4	Steve Trittschuh	D	6-0	170	4-24-65	Granite City, IL	Southern Illinois
11	Jorge Dely Valdes	F	6-1	175	3-12-67	Colon, Panama	—
7	David Vaudreuil	D	5-7	158	12-21-66	Canton, CT	Princeton
6	Peter Vermes	D	6-1	175	11-21-66	Delran, NJ	Rutgers
12	Marquis White	F	5-7	145	3-1-69	San Rafael, CA	San Francisco
—	David Winner	GK	6-1	185	4-23-71	Davie, FL	Univ. of Tampa

SCHEDULE

MARCH			
Mar. 20	Saturday	@ Los Angeles	8:30 pm
Mar. 27	Saturday	@ San Jose	8:00 pm
APRIL			
Apr. 10	Saturday	Miami	7:00 pm
Apr. 17	Saturday	Kansas City	7:00 pm
Apr. 24	Saturday	Chicago	7:00 pm
MAY			
May 1	Saturday	@ New England	5:30 pm
May 8	Saturday	@ Dallas	6:30 pm
May 16	Sunday	@ Chicago	2:00 pm
May 22	Saturday	MetroStars	7:00 pm
May 27	Thursday	San Jose	7:30 pm
			espn2
JUNE			
June 3	Thursday	@ San Jose	8:30 pm
June 12	Saturday	@ MetroStars	5:00 pm
June 19	Saturday	Dallas	7:00 pm
June 26	Saturday	Chicago	7:00 pm
			espn2
JULY			
July 4	Sunday	Columbus	7:00 pm
July 7	Wednesday	@ Kansas City	6:00 pm
July 10	Saturday	@ DC United	5:30 pm
July 25	Sunday	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm
July 28	Wednesday	Los Angeles	7:00 pm
July 31	Saturday	@ Dallas	6:00 pm
			ESPN
AUGUST			
Aug. 6	Friday	New England	7:00 pm
Aug. 8	Sunday	@ Chicago	11:00 am
Aug. 13	Friday	@ Tampa Bay	5:30 pm
Aug. 18	Wednesday	Dallas	7:00 pm
Aug. 28	Saturday	DC United	7:00 pm
			Univision
SEPTEMBER			
Sep. 4	Saturday	@ Columbus	5:30 pm
Sep. 11	Saturday	Kansas City	7:00 pm
Sep. 18	Saturday	Los Angeles	7:00 pm
Sep. 25	Saturday	@ Kansas City	6:30 pm
Sep. 29	Wednesday	@ Los Angeles	8:30 pm
OCTOBER			
Oct. 2	Saturday	San Jose	7:00 pm
Oct. 9	Saturday	@ Miami	5:30 pm

All Times Mountain



David Vaudreuil won two championship rings with D.C. United before moving to Mile High in 1998 via Miami

Bill Sallaz/MLS/Allsport

IN THE KNOW

In a new **television commercial**

for the Rapids, goalkeeper Marcus

Hahnemann stars alongside five-year old

Devon Smith, the son of Denver Broncos

wide receiver and **SuperBowl champion**

Rod Smith.



Ross Paule enhanced his growing reputation in MLS by scoring 10 goals from midfield last year

Alan Yamamoto/MLS



GLENN MYERNICK

HEAD COACH

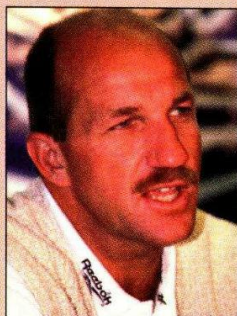
Date of Birth:

December 29, 1954

Hometown: Trenton, NJ

Family:

Married to Nancy with a daughter, Kelly (17), and son, Travis (14)



Appointed: Nov. 19, 1996

MLS Record: 34-37, 1997 Western Conference Champions

Other Teams Coached: U.S. U-18 National Team, U.S. U-17 National Team. Asst. Coach - U.S. Olympic Team '96, Hartwick College, Univ. of Tampa, U.S. U-20 National Team

Teams Played for: U.S. National Team, Tampa Bay Rowdies '83-85 (NASL), Portland Timbers '80-83 (NASL), Dallas Tornado '77-80 (NASL), Wichita Wings '79 (MISL), Hartwick College '74-77



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Field Dimensions: 74 yards x 116 yards

Official Training Center:

Westminster City Park Recreation Center

Team Colors: Green, White, Black

1998 STATS

No.	POS.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
9	M	Paul Bravo	30	30	2579	11	8	30	90	39	3	2	34	40	17	5	0
13	F	Wolde Harris	27	10	1133	13	4	30	42	22	2	1	18	16	19	2	0
20	M	Ross Paule	30	29	2503	10	6	26	46	26	3	2	27	34	2	4	0
10	F	Waldir	23	17	1382	6	6	18	48	23	0	2	23	9	22	2	0
11	F	Adrian Paz	28	28	2313	2	13	17	50	24	1	2	37	82	24	7	0
17	D	Marcelo Balboa	26	25	2290	5	5	15	67	21	1	1	10	32	1	2	0
19	M	Chris Henderson	28	22	1915	2	9	13	55	24	1	1	28	28	21	3	1
	M	Marquinho	11	5	596	3	3	9	17	8	0	1	13	10	1	1	0
12	F	Marquis White	20	3	492	4	1	9	13	8	1	0	6	11	4	0	0
6	D	Peter Vermes	31	31	2675	2	5	9	9	3	1	1	32	32	1	3	1
22	M	Joey DiGiamarino	23	16	1554	3	2	8	15	5	1	0	24	30	1	5	0
14	D	Chris Martinez	28	28	2358	0	7	7	5	2	0	1	20	13	0	3	0
15	D	Tahj Jakins	22	13	1147	0	4	4	4	2	0	1	30	13	0	3	1
4	D	Steve Trittschuh	30	30	2700	1	1	3	25	9	0	1	43	19	0	10	0
7	M/D	David Vaudreuil	27	25	2177	3	4	10	24	14	1	2	35	29	7	6	1
1	GK	Marcus Hahnemann	28	28	2520	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	4	0
3	M	Sean Henderson	21	15	1266	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	20	14	0	3	1
5	M	Jason Bent	12	9	890	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	14	11	0	0	0
18	GK	Paul Grafer	4	4	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	D	Andre Nunley	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		OTHERS				0	2	2	5	2	0	1	5	9	1	0	0
		TOTALS				62	80	204	507	225	14	18	397	415	114	59	5

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Marcus Hahnemann	28	2520	200	138	135	52	1.86	4	5	7	16	16	12	4
18	Paul Grafer	4	360	39	20	9	17	4.25	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
	TOTALS		2880	239	158	144	69	2.16	4	5	7	16	16	16	4

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

BURN

DALLAS



The tape and bandages

have come off last year's ailing Dallas Burn — a team that hobbled into the MLS playoffs and were dismissed in two games by the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Having made the Western Conference finals in 1997, some may say the Burn backtracked last year. But simply making the playoffs was a feat in itself. In 1998, Dallas saw 10 players miss a combined 82 games due to injury. Nearly every starter was touched by some broken bone, pulled muscle or aching joint.

"If that had been the first year's (1996) team with the same injuries, we wouldn't have made the playoffs," says Burn coach Dave Dir. "I look at that as a team that improved by having guys able to weather the storm, but you can't do it game in and

out for 30 games."

By
Troy
Phillips

The storm included the most lopsided game in MLS history, an 8-1 home loss to the Galaxy and a stretch of 11 losses in 15 games from May to August. Needing a win against Kansas City or Colorado in one of its final two games, Dallas came up huge at Arrowhead Stadium with a 1-0 shutout of the Wizards to clinch the final West spot.

Delivering in crunch time said much for the Burn, but needing all but the last two games to make the postseason won't suit Dallas this year.

"With all the injuries, it was the like the thumb in the dyke theory," Dir says. "It'll be nice to put guys where they're more comfortable. It should up our goal production severely."

The Burn is standing pat with most of its 1998 regulars and hoping that full seasons from midfielders Chad Deering and Oscar Pareja benefit all.

U.S. National Team member Deering, a Dallas

Dante Washington is looking to bounce back from a below-par season and terrorize MLS defenses again in 1999

Otto Greule/Allsport

WESTERN CONFERENCE



THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

Avoiding injuries and keeping the starting unit intact are vital for the Burn, who lost more man games (82) to injury than any other MLS team in last year.

Dallas must find the back of the net more frequently this season. The Burn finished the '98 season with a league-low 43 goals and no player hitting double-digits.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

JASON KREIS/MIDFIELDER

The Burn's all-time leading scorer was back in top form in '98. Kreis is an attacking midfielder who packs a fierce right-foot shot and is especially dangerous on free-kicks.

CHAD DEERING/MIDFIELDER

A defensive midfielder with experience in the German Bundesliga, Deering's main task is to win possession and distribute the ball to his attacking teammates.

JORGE RODRIGUEZ/DEFENDER

The Salvadoran was Dallas' MVP in '98. A solid central defender, Rodriguez reads the game well and also pushes forward to support the offense.

✓ NEW FOR '99

The Burn hasn't made many changes to last year's squad in the belief that, when fit, its players are a match for anyone in MLS. The only notable additions came in the college draft where Dallas picked up U.S. U-23 midfielders Lazo Alavanja and Kirk Wilson. Alavanja comes from the Univ. of Indiana while Wilson played for the El Paso Patriots last year.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	17	15	41	West semi-finalist
1997	16	16	42	West semi-finalist
1998	15	17	37	West semi-finalist

The Burn has qualified for the playoffs every year in MLS and lifted the U.S. Open Cup in 1997.



**Explosive
midfielder
Jason Kreis
was the Burn's
top scorer
last season**

native, first suited up for the Burn on July 4 after ending his career in the German Bundesliga. Dir used him at sweeper and attacking midfielder.

Pareja moved in at central midfielder on September 2 after coming from New England in a trade for forward Damian. Dir hopes the combination of Deering and Pareja can fill the void created by the departure of former Swiss star Alain Sutter, who will not return to MLS after an early-season injury in 1998.

Defender Mark Santel moves to his natural flank midfield position opposite 1996 All-Star Jason Kreis. The latter had nine goals and eight assists to lead Dallas in scoring last season. Colombian defensive midfielder Leonel Alvarez should return healthy and hopefully to his earlier All-Star form.

The Burn needs forward Dante Washington to regain his 12-to-15 goals look of 1997. Second-year pro Mickey Trotman, who went from reserve discovery player to solid starter after Damian's exit, is

expected to add more offensive power. Trotman's mid- to late-season play was one of the surprises around MLS in 1998.

Salvadoran defender Jorge Rodriguez was the Burn's 1998 MVP and most consistent player. Rodriguez, Brandon Pollard, Richard Farrer and Eric Dade, physically the Burn's strongest player, will make up the defensive core.

Goalkeeper Mark Dodd, who

was solid despite missing six games with a broken hand in '98, could be pushed for playing time by former Clemson standout Matt Jordan.

"He's a fantastic young goalkeeper with tons of potential," Dodd says of Jordan. "I might have four or five years left and he might have 10 or 15. He's the guy that's gonna be around this league a long time."

Dallas returns much of the midfield depth that has given the Burn a reputation as having one of

the league's best benches. Ted Eck, the team's first-ever draft pick, is back with his trademark worker-bee style. Youngsters Temoc Suarez and Jorge Flores have improved each season, and Dir says both are capable of pushing for starting jobs.

"Some guys bloom the year they walk in, others don't," Dir says. "We took Temoc on a tour to Mexico, and he did well game in and out. He made us think he could provide the answer at left midfielder. He's still got things to learn. People forget that he's 23."

Defensive depth is an immediate concern, as is finding more offense on a team that had no players ranked among the league's top 20 scorers in 1998.

"Offense has been our Achilles heel every season," Dir admits. "Injuries or not, when you come through a year like we had, everybody has to see improvement."

(Troy Phillips writes for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram)

BURN

ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
—	Lazo Alavanja	M	5-11	165	1-18-77	Scherville, IN	Indiana
14	Leonel Alvarez	M	5-10	160	6-29-65	Medellin, Colombia	—
—	Paul Broome	M	5-9	150	6-6-76	Dallas, TX	SMU
2	Eric Dade	D	6-1	190	1-19-70	Buffalo, NY	Virginia Commonwealth
15	Chad Deering	M	6-1	165	9-2-70	Plano, TX	Indiana
1	Mark Dodd	GK	6-2	180	9-14-65	Dallas, TX	Duke
41	Ted Eck	M	6-1	185	7-14-66	Springfield, ILL	Western Illinois
18	Richard Farrer	M/D	6-0	175	4-9-71	Albuquerque, NM	New Mexico
5	Jorge Flores	M	5-8	155	2-13-77	Los Angeles, CA	—
13	Brian Haynes	M	6-0	170	5-7-62	Kansas City, KS	Erskine College
—	Gabe Jones	F	5-8	155	1-21-73	Georgetown, TX	St. Edward's
22	Matt Jordan	GK	6-2	185	10-13-75	Aurora, CO	Clemson
9	Jason Kreis	M	5-10	155	12-29-72	Durham, NC	Duke
8	Oscar Pareja	M	5-8	150	8-10-68	Medellin, Colombia	—
—	Andy Parrish	D	6-0	175	3-6-76	Worthington, OH	Indiana
12	Brandon Pollard	D	5-10	165	10-9-73	Richmond, VA	Virginia
—	Bobby Rhine	F	5-10	170	4-18-76	Fenton, MO	Connecticut
17	Jorge Rodriguez	D/M	5-9	155	5-20-71	La Union, El Salvador	—
7	Mark Santel	D/M	5-10	165	7-5-68	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis
16	Temoc Suarez	M	5-7	155	4-19-75	Mt. Pleasant, SC	North Carolina
20	Mickey Trotman	F	5-9	175	10-21-74	Arima, Trinidad	Mobile
—	Darren Warham	D	5-9	155	8-27-72	Ashington, England	Lynn
10	Dante Washington	F	5-11	190	11-21-70	Columbia, MD	Radford
—	Kirk Wilson	M	5-10	160	10-7-77	El Paso, TX	Drake

SCHEDULE

MARCH

Mar. 20	Saturday	Kansas City	7:30 pm
Mar. 28	Sunday	@ Los Angeles	7:00 pm

APRIL

Apr. 10	Saturday	@ Chicago	7:00 pm	espn2
Apr. 15	Thursday	@ Miami	7:00 pm	
Apr. 18	Sunday	Tampa Bay	4:00 pm	
Apr. 24	Saturday	Columbus	7:30 pm	
Apr. 30	Friday	@ San Jose	9:30 pm	

MAY

May 8	Saturday	Colorado	7:30 pm
May 15	Saturday	San Jose	7:30 pm
May 22	Saturday	@ San Jose	10:00 pm
May 26	Wednesday	Miami	7:30 pm

JUNE

June 5	Saturday	@ MetroStars	6:00 pm
June 12	Saturday	@ Kansas City	7:30 pm
June 16	Wednesday	DC United	7:30 pm
June 19	Saturday	@ Colorado	8:00 pm
June 26	Saturday	New England	7:30 pm

JULY

July 2	Friday	@ Chicago	7:30 pm	
July 4	Sunday	Chicago	7:30 pm	
July 10	Saturday	Kansas City	8:00 pm	
July 24	Saturday	@ Columbus	6:30 pm	
July 31	Saturday	Colorado	7:00 pm	ESPN

AUGUST

Aug. 4	Wednesday	MetroStars	7:30 pm	
Aug. 14	Saturday	@ Los Angeles	9:30 pm	
Aug. 18	Wednesday	@ Colorado	8:00 pm	
Aug. 22	Sunday	Chicago	12:00 pm	Univision
Aug. 28	Saturday	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	

SEPTEMBER

Sep. 4	Saturday	@ DC United	6:30 pm
Sep. 11	Saturday	San Jose	7:30 pm
Sep. 18	Saturday	@ Kansas City	7:30 pm
Sep. 25	Saturday	@ New England	6:30 pm

OCTOBER

Oct. 3	Sunday	Los Angeles	12:00 pm	Univision
Oct. 10	Sunday	@ Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	espn2

All Times Central



Goalkeeper Mark Dodd has been a commanding figure in goal during his tenure with the Burn

Aubrey Washington/Allsport

Three months into the start of the 1996 MLS season, **Dante Washington** wasn't even playing soccer. He was working full-time for **NBC** as logistics coordinator during the Atlanta **Olympics**. After making the Columbus Crew roster, Dante was traded to Dallas and from there his career took off.



Dallas native **Chad Deering** played in the German Bundesliga and World Cup '98 before joining the Burn in midseason

Stephen Dunn/Allsport

DAVE DIR

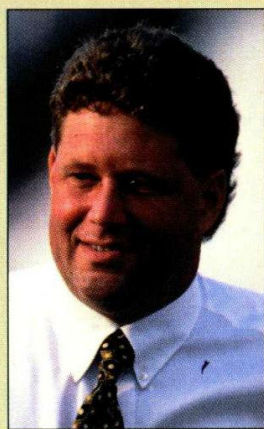
Date of Birth:
June 23, 1959

Hometown:
Dallas, TX

Family:
Married to Cindy

Appointed:
November 27, 1995

MLS Record:
51-54, 1997 U.S. Open Cup champions



Other Teams Coached:
Colorado Foxes (APSL) 1992-93, Regis University, Denver (CAC) 1990-91

Teams Played for:
Chicago Sting (NASL) 1980

1998 STATS

No.	POS.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
9	M	Jason Kreis	30	30	2578	9	8	26	97	39	6	2	33	43	11	6	1
10	F	Dante Washington	28	21	1852	7	5	19	51	28	1	1	18	27	25	1	0
20	F	Mickey Trotman	23	15	1278	5	3	13	43	17	0	1	29	33	18	3	0
17	M/D	Jorge Rodriguez	30	28	2569	4	2	10	20	9	2	0	29	19	0	4	0
8	F	Gerell Elliott	17	11	1100	3	1	7	31	19	0	0	3	16	3	1	0
13	M	Brian Haynes	31	11	1414	3	1	7	22	12	0	0	22	10	5	0	0
15	M	Chad Deering	14	13	1114	3	1	7	16	4	1	0	17	11	0	1	1
41	M/F	Ted Eck	31	28	2331	2	2	6	34	10	0	1	33	32	1	5	1
14	M	Leonel Alvarez	27	27	2338	0	6	6	19	6	0	2	63	34	2	12	2
16	M	Temoc Suarez	20	10	831	1	4	6	16	7	0	0	16	12	3	1	0
7	M/D	Mark Santel	21	20	1634	0	4	4	12	8	0	1	28	15	5	3	0
18	M/D	Richard Farrer	28	24	2119	1	2	4	11	4	0	1	33	13	3	3	0
5	M	Jorge Flores	14	8	777	1	0	2	11	4	0	0	13	7	0	4	0
66	M	Alain Sutter	4	4	341	0	2	2	7	2	0	0	1	11	0	1	0
11	M	Oscar Pareja	19	17	1486	0	7	7	18	5	0	3	29	44	2	4	0
1	GK	Mark Dodd	25	24	2205	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
12	D	Brandon Pollard	29	26	2373	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	49	24	0	4	0
2	D	Eric Dade	20	15	1393	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	7	0	5	0
30	GK	Garth Lagerwey	8	7	630	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0
6	D	Brian Bates	6	4	286	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
25	F	Juan Sastoque	3	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
22	GK	Matt Jordan	1	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
19	D	Chris Brown	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		OTHERS				4	2	10	33	18	1	1	27	43	5	6	0
		TOTALS	43	46	132	431	190	11	12	433	383	83	63	5			

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Mark Dodd	25	2205	182	134	102	42	1.71	3	4	9	18	11	13	6
30	Garth Lagerwey	8	630	44	28	28	14	2.00	1	1	3	11	4	3	0
22	Matt Jordan	1	45	4	1	4	3	6.00	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	TOTALS		2880	230	163	134	59	1.84	4	5	12	29	15	17	6

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.

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WIZARDS

KANSAS CITY

WESTERN CONFERENCE



Historically, the Kansas

City Wizards have been conservative with player trades, both in number and impact.

Of course, the club never has come off a 12-20 last-place season, either.

Still, it appeared for the longest time that the Wizards would maintain the status quo for another go in 1999. Until January 28, when they participated in perhaps the biggest trade in Major League Soccer history, one that could turn the three-year-old league upside down.

The blockbuster four-player deal sent disgruntled midfielder Mark Chung and goalkeeper Mike Ammann to the MetroStars for two of the most recognizable names in American soccer – World Cup veterans Alexi Lalas and Tony Meola.

“We’re ecstatic,” Wizards general manager Doug Newman says. “From an experience standpoint, these two guys are fairly unmatched by any American player. They bring great leadership qualities to the team.”

Both have been captains for their MLS teams and have great appreciation for soccer in this country.

In 28-year old Lalas, the Wizards get a player who has appeared for the U.S. in two Olympic Games and two World Cups. He was also the first American to play in Italy’s famed Serie A.

Meola, 29, played in every game for the U.S. in the 1990 and ’94 World Cups and is the all-time leader in appearances in goal for the national team. Both players are three-time MLS All-Stars.

The benefits off the field also could be tangible for a franchise that has trailed MLS in attendance each of the last two seasons. Lalas, of course, has been the most recognizable name in American soccer over the past six years, and Meola also packs a marquee punch.

Three-time MLS All-Stars Alexi Lalas and Tony Meola join forces to strengthen the Wizards defense this season

Doug Pensinger/Allsport

The Wizards look to Preki for midfield inspiration



"We make moves solely based on what we need to accomplish on the field," Doug Newman says. "That they're two of the biggest names in U.S. soccer is a huge bonus."

The MetroStars trade overshadowed the arrival of speedy midfielder Chris Henderson from Colorado in exchange for Matt McKeon. Henderson's work-rate up and down the flank and his ability to supplement the attack makes him an ideal replacement for Chung.

The Wizards also traded Pete Marino to the Tampa Bay Mutiny for Brian Loftin and waived Fran Hunjak and John DeBrito, while English striker Paul Rideout decided to return to the English First Division.

"I just hope a fresh start helps the team," says head coach Ron Newman. "We never got blown out last year. We got a couple of bad breaks. We hope we just get some better fortune. Two or three big wins early could be a big bonus."

Much will depend on Preki, the midfield magician who led MLS in scoring in 1997 and was named the league's Honda MVP that year. His stint on the U.S. National Team during its disastrous run through World Cup France '98 took away from his effectiveness with the Wizards. Only a late-season flourish brought his production even close to the level of the previous two seasons. The Wizards undoubtedly need Preki back to his best to be an effective side this season.

"I'm hoping Preki will

return to the form of two years ago when he won 10 games for this team," says coach Newman. "I hope he'll come back with a different flavor, with more zip in his game."

Scottish veteran Mo Johnston, still spry at 35, had his best season in '98 and led the club in goals, with 11. Johnston is looking forward to once again proving wrong those who say he's over the hill.

THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

The Wizards must improve on the road in 1999, having finished 2-14 away from the friendly confines of Arrowhead Stadium last season.

Kansas City needs to rediscover the form that produced 118 goals in the first two years of MLS. The Wizards found the net just 45 times in 1998.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

PREKI/MIDFIELDER

Preki is second in MLS all-time scoring. He's an attacking midfielder who combines a dizzying repertoire of dribbling moves with a deadly left-foot shot.

TONY MEOLA/GOALKEEPER

The most capped goalkeeper in U.S. soccer history, Meola is a commanding presence in the penalty area. The athletically gifted newcomer is capable of making spectacular saves.

MO JOHNSTON/FORWARD

A fierce, competitive all-round player with years of high-level experience, Johnston rejoins the front line in '99 after scoring a team-high 11 goals from midfield last season.

✓ NEW FOR '99

The Wizards welcome two of the biggest names in MLS, Tony Meola and Alexi Lalas, who come from the MetroStars. The World Cup veterans should help to stabilize the Kansas City defense. Chris Henderson, a speedy flank player acquired from Colorado, fills the gap created by the departure of Mark Chung. Another new face is forward Brian Loftin.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	17	15	41	West semi-finalist
1997	21	11	49	West semi-finalist
1998	12	20	32	Non-qualifier

Kansas City missed out on the 1998 playoffs when they lost to arch-rival Dallas in the last game of the regular season.

Digital Takawira's production has decreased each of his three seasons in Kansas City. He needs to reverse that trend in a hurry if he is to be any help to the Wizards in '99.

The lightning-fast Paul Wright, coming off his best season, joins Takawira and Johnston up front. The midfield appears solid, with workhorse Ryan Tinsley counterbalancing Henderson on the other flank and Yugoslav international Refik Sabanadzovic anchoring defensively. Look for youngster Chris Klein to have an expanded role as well.

The defense lost McKeon, but Kansas Cityan Scott Vermillion established himself as one of the up-and-coming defenders in the league last year. The team's BIC Defender of the Year, Uche Okafor, also returns as does Sean Bowers.

It is a better equipped Kansas City team that takes the field in 1999. But only time will tell if there is an MLS Cup at the end of the rainbow.

(Bob Luder writes for The Kansas City Star)

WIZARDS

ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
6	Sean Bowers	D	6-2	185	8-12-68	San Diego, CA	Quincy (IL)
—	Chris Brown	F	5-11	170	3-10-77	Portland, OR	Portland
16	Jake Dancy	D	5-9	160	4-9-78	Diamond Bar, CA	Fresno State
23	Nino DaSilva	M	5-7	135	5-26-79	Hoffman Estates, IL	—
13	Vicente Figueroa	M/D	5-6	140	10-22-77	San Jose, CA	—
—	Francisco Gomez	M	5-11	170	1-25-79	Watsonville, CA	—
14	Michael Green	D	6-4	190	7-16-78	Columbia, MD	Virginia
19	Chris Henderson	M	5-10	150	12-11-70	Everett, WA	UCLA
5	Brian Johnson	D/M	5-7	150	3-7-74	Livermore, CA	Fresno State
10	Mo Johnston	F/M	5-9	160	4-13-63	Glasgow, Scotland	—
17	Chris Klein	M	6-1	180	1-4-76	St. Louis, MO	Indiana
22	Alexi Lalas	D	6-3	195	6-1-70	Detroit, MI	Rutgers
7	Brian Loftin	F	5-10	165	4-4-72	Belton, MO	Evansville
1	Tony Meola	GK	6-1	205	2-21-69	Kearny, NJ	Virginia
20	Uche Okafor	D	6-3	190	8-8-67	Owerri, Nigeria	—
2	Brandon Prideaux	D	6-1	180	8-18-76	Renton, WA	Washington
11	Preki Radosavljevic	M	5-9	165	6-24-63	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	—
25	Refik Sabanadzovic	M	5-11	165	8-8-65	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	—
18	Chris Snitko	GK	6-3	195	1-24-73	Anaheim, CA	UCLA
12	Vitalis 'Digital' Takawira	F	5-9	145	9-24-72	Harare, Zimbabwe	—
9	Ryan Tinsley	M	5-9	155	10-1-71	Lake Forest, CA	Fresno State
4	Scott Uderitz	D	5-10	175	5-17-70	Edmonds, WA	UNLV
15	Scott Vermillion	D	5-11	175	12-23-76	Olathe, KS	Virginia
3	Paul Wright	F	5-9	160	7-29-69	San Diego, CA	—

SCHEDULE

MARCH

Mar. 20	Saturday	@ Dallas	7:30 pm	
Mar. 27	Saturday	Chicago	7:30 pm	

APRIL

Apr. 3	Saturday	New England	7:30 pm	
Apr. 10	Saturday	San Jose	2:30 pm	espn2
Apr. 17	Saturday	@ Colorado	8:00 pm	
Apr. 24	Saturday	@ Miami	6:30 pm	
Apr. 28	Wednesday	Columbus	11:30 pm	

MAY

May 8	Saturday	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
May 15	Saturday	DC United	7:30 pm	
May 22	Saturday	@ Chicago	7:00 pm	

JUNE

June 6	Sunday	@ Los Angeles	2:30 pm	ESPN
June 12	Saturday	Dallas	7:30 pm	
June 20	Sunday	MetroStars	12:00 pm	Univision
June 26	Saturday	@ DC United	6:30 pm	

JULY

July 3	Saturday	@ Tampa Bay	6:00 pm	espn2 (tape)
July 7	Wednesday	Colorado	7:00 pm	
July 10	Saturday	@ Dallas	8:00 pm	
July 22	Thursday	Tampa Bay	7:00 pm	ESPN
July 25	Sunday	@ Los Angeles	2:30 pm	ESPN
July 31	Saturday	San Jose	7:30 pm	

AUGUST

Aug. 5	Thursday	Chicago	7:00 pm	espn2
Aug. 8	Sunday	@ Columbus	3:00 pm	
Aug. 14	Saturday	@ MetroStars	6:00 pm	
Aug. 29	Sunday	Miami	12:00 pm	Univision

SEPTEMBER

Sep. 4	Saturday	@ San Jose	9:30 pm	
Sep. 8	Wednesday	@ New England	7:30 pm	espn2
Sep. 11	Saturday	@ Colorado	8:00 pm	
Sep. 18	Saturday	Dallas	7:30 pm	
Sep. 25	Saturday	Colorado	7:30 pm	

OCTOBER

Oct. 2	Saturday	@ Chicago	7:00 pm	
Oct. 6	Wednesday	@ San Jose	9:30 pm	
Oct. 9	Saturday	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	

All Times Central



Scott Vermillion is fast becoming one of the best young defenders in Major League Soccer

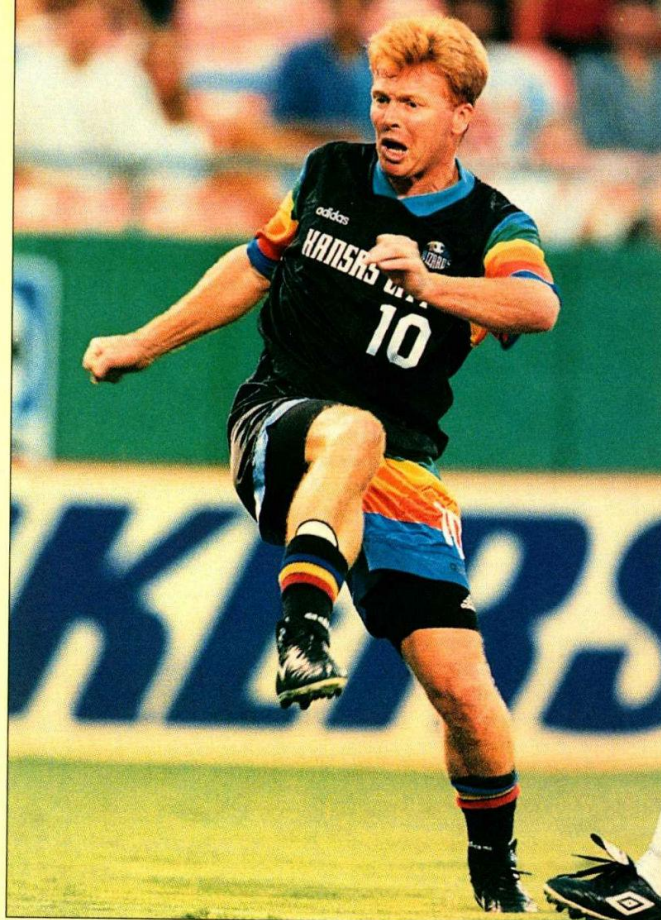
Scott Indermaur/MLS/Allsport

In "Nurse Betty," a movie set in Kansas to be released later this year, **Chris Rock** plays a psychotic hit-man whose attire includes a **Wizards baseball cap**. Universal Studios contacted all the major sports teams in Kansas City and eventually chose to use **Wizards gear**.



Scottish veteran **Mo Johnston** is aiming to fire **Kansas City** into contention for **MLS Cup '99**

Stephen Dunn/Allsport



RON NEWMAN

Date of Birth:
January 19, 1934

Hometown:
Portsmouth (England)

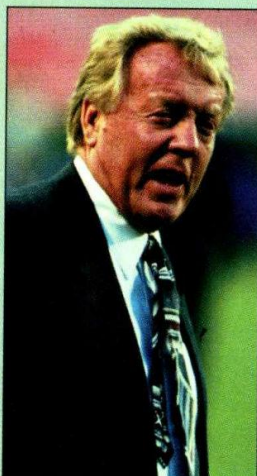
Family:
Married to Olive with a son, Guy, daughter, Tracey, and five grandchildren

Appointed:
October 11, 1995

MLS Record: 52-51

Teams Coached:

Dallas Tornado (NASL) 1969-75, L.A. Skyhawks (ASL) 1976, Ft Lauderdale Strikers (NASL) 1977-79, San Diego Sockers (NASL, MISL, MSL, CISL) 1980-94, Arizona Sandsharks (CISL) 1995



1998 STATS

No.	POS.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
11	M	Preki	25	24	2164	10	13	33	86	33	2	3	22	38	5	2	0
10	M/F	Mo Johnston	26	23	2080	11	2	24	60	34	2	0	34	23	9	1	2
3	M/F	Paul Wright	30	25	2060	6	6	18	49	28	1	4	30	26	12	3	0
12	F	Vitalis Takawira	29	21	1769	7	3	17	29	18	2	1	35	49	32	1	0
13	M	Mark Chung	30	29	2551	2	8	12	60	23	0	1	19	66	6	0	0
15	F	Paul Rideout	27	23	2114	4	3	11	58	28	1	0	48	59	9	5	0
9	M	Ryan Tinsley	30	26	2305	2	5	9	8	3	1	0	36	42	0	2	0
15	D	Scott Vermillion	22	22	1955	1	3	5	10	6	0	1	31	18	3	2	0
24	F	Pete Marino	11	1	276	1	0	2	8	3	1	0	3	5	7	0	0
4	D	Scott Uderitz	22	18	1660	0	2	2	7	3	0	1	42	17	0	3	0
20	D	Uche Okafor	22	22	1967	0	2	2	5	1	0	0	25	8	0	4	0
5	M	Goran Hunjak	12	2	261	0	2	2	4	1	0	0	7	4	2	0	0
25	M	Refik Sabanadzovic	21	19	1644	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	38	21	0	6	1
6	D	Sean Bowers	29	29	2565	0	1	1	22	5	0	0	38	22	1	1	1
18	GK	Chris Snitko	5	5	450	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
17	M	Chris Klein	17	8	782	0	0	0	15	7	0	0	7	5	2	0	0
2	D	Matt McKeon	22	21	1875	0	0	0	14	8	0	0	40	24	0	4	1
22	M	Brian Johnson	6	1	140	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
16	D	Jake Dancy	2	2	135	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0
	D	Brian Bliss	3	1	106	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
23	M	Nino Da Silva	1	0	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
1	GK	Mike Ammann	27	27	2430	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
14	F	John DeBrito	9	3	267	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
TOTALS			44	53	141	442	201	10	13	466	435	88	35	5			

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
1	Mike Ammann	27	2430	134	85	64	42	1.56	4	7	12	22	11	16	5
18	Chris Snitko	5	450	27	18	9	8	1.60	0	0	3	12	1	4	1
TOTALS		32	2880	161	103	73	50	1.56	4	7	15	34	12	20	6

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.



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GALAXY

LOS ANGELES

WESTERN CONFERENCE



Playing with an attacking

style Brazil might envy, coupled with a defense th
– against all odds – ranked as Major League
Soccer’s best, the Los Angeles Galaxy accomplish
the unthinkable in 1998. It meant nothing.

The Galaxy set MLS records for wins (24), poin
(68), goals (85) and longest win streak (15 game
dating to '97). The team fell short of its expect
tions – an MLS Cup '98 date at the Rose Bowl
when it was swept by the Chicago Fire in the
Western Conference championship.

It was the second time in three years that th
Galaxy had capped a superb regular season with
bitter defeat – a 2-0 lead in MLS’s first title gam
turned into a 3-2 overtime loss to D.C. United – an
it colors everything L.A. aspires to this season.

“As far as our commitment, nothing is differ
ent,” says head coach Octav
Zambrano, a two-time All Spo
Coach of the Year finalist who h
posted a 37-15 regular-s easo
record but is just 2-4 in the pla

offs. “Every year we want to win the championsh
expect to win the championship, and every ye
we’ve come up a little bit short. This is one of tho
teams that will forever be expected to do well,
win. If you don’t, you have to pay the cons
quences.”

Zambrano’s job may well depend on whether
can guide L.A. to a title in '99. It’s a brave ne
world the Galaxy inhabits, both on and off the field
and nothing less than the MLS championship will
satisfactory.

That’s the message from new team president Ti
Leiweke, who took charge when Philip F. Ansch
already investor-operator of the Fire and Colo
Rapids – plunked down \$26 million in late Octob
to add the Galaxy to his roster.

**The Galaxy’s Salvadoran playmaker
Mauricio Cienfuegos had a total of 16 assists
last year, the second highest in the league**

Todd Warshaw/Allsport

THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

The Galaxy, traditionally a powerhouse during the regular season, needs to peak in the postseason. L.A. set scoring records last year, but fell to Chicago in the playoffs.

Blending talented young players like Clint Mathis, Steve Jolley, Daniel Hernandez and Joe Franchino with the Galaxy's established stars is vital to the team's success.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

COBI JONES/MIDFIELDER

Jones is one of the most explosive players in MLS. Using blinding speed, dribbling skills and instincts around the goal, he poses a constant threat to opposing defenses.

WELTON/FORWARD

Welton is the Galaxy's other wing wizard, an exciting player with typical Brazilian flair. He is nearly impossible to defend one-on-one. Plus, he's an accurate shooter.

MAURICIO CIENFUEGOS/MIDFIELDER

The Salvadoran playmaker sparks LA's offense with his vision and precision passing. The midfield general also contributes his fair share of goals.

✓ NEW FOR '99

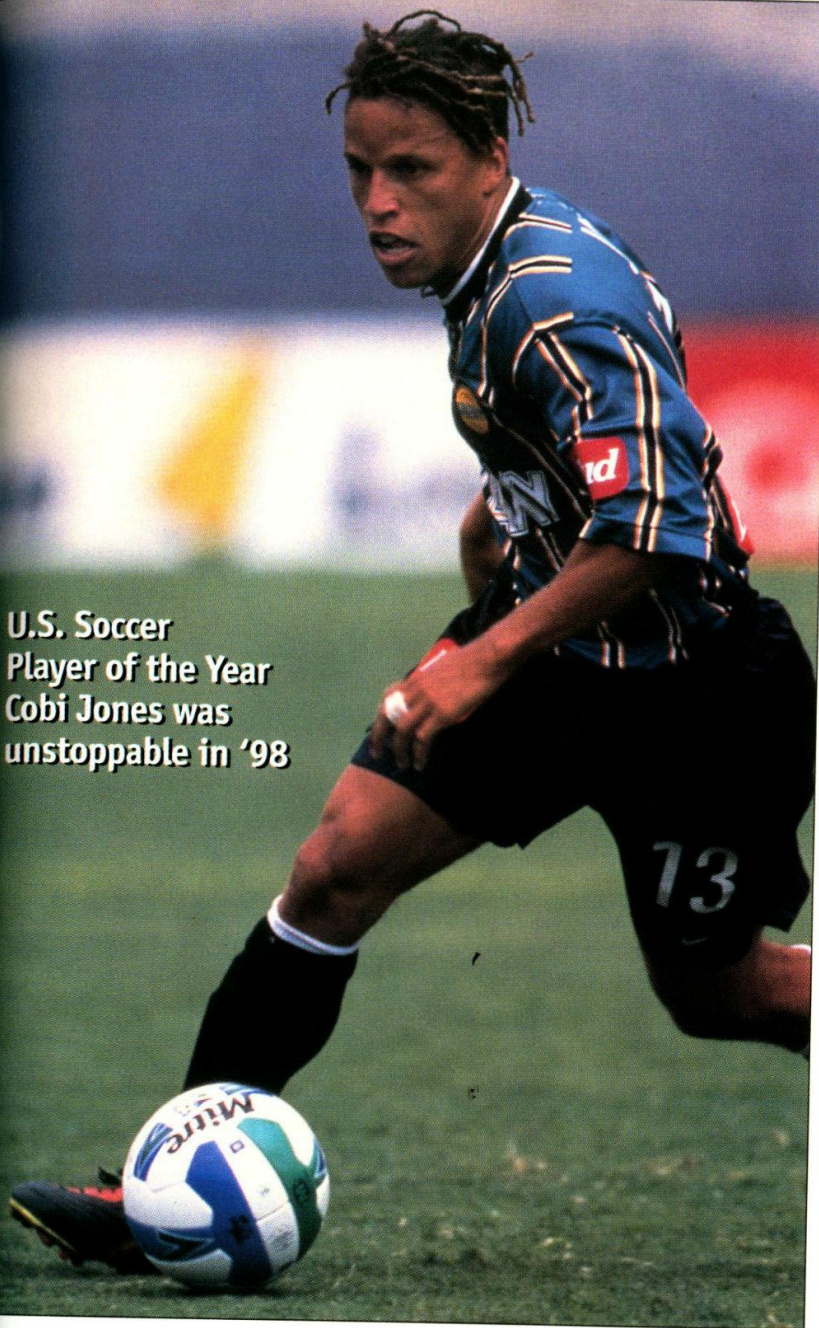
There have been more changes off the field than on it after Philip Anschutz added the Galaxy to his growing list of sports properties during the offseason. L.A. acquired defender Zak Ibsen from the Chicago Fire and picked up two more defenders in the draft, Southern Methodist University's Tony Soto and Gabe Eastman from the Nashville Metros.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	19	13	49	MLS Cup finalist
1997	16	16	44	West semi-finalist
1998	24	8	68	West finalist

The Galaxy reached the inaugural MLS Cup in 1996 but lost 3-2 to D.C. United in sudden death on a golden goal.

**U.S. Soccer
Player of the Year
Cobi Jones was
unstoppable in '98**



Zambrano has embraced a youth movement in 1999, sending Dan Calichman to New England to help rising star Steve Jolley in the center of the defense, and loaning out Martin Machon to Santos in Mexico to provide an opportunity for second-year midfielders Clint Mathis and Daniel Hernandez.

"I firmly believe players like Steve Jolley, Clint Mathis and Daniel Hernandez are good enough and could be given the opportunity to shine," Zambrano says.

In all, seven players younger than 25 – Jolley, Mathis, Hernandez, goalkeeper Kevin Hartman, defenders Greg Vanney and Joe Franchino, and forward Welton – should see significant time in '99.

Jolley and Mathis made the most of their chances last year. Jolley stepped into the defense after Calichman suffered a broken leg on May 6, and made tremendous strides in a position where he had never played before. Mathis proved to be an apt, versatile and at times spectacular player.

Hartman, who led MLS with 22 wins and ranked second with a 1.38 goals-against average, was in the top tier of goalkeepers, and Brazilian Welton finished third in the league in scoring, with 17 goals and 11 assists.

Welton is just part of

the Galaxy's intricate, multipronged attack, one that scored five or more goals eight times. The keys are Salvadoran playmaker Mauricio Cienfuegos and wing-striker Cobi Jones, who was second to Columbus' Stern John in the scoring race with 19 goals and 13 assists.

The speedy Jones, who missed eight games while in France for World Cup '98, was often unstoppable, displaying heretofore unseen dimensions of his game. He was an MVP finalist and won the U.S. Soccer Player of the Year award.

The Galaxy also has Mexican forward Carlos Hermosillo and a defensive unit that contributed 11

goals and 18 assists while surrendering a league-low 44 goals. Credit two-time AT&T Best 11 selection Robin Fraser, who anchored the unit, and defensive midfielder Danny Peña, whose reputation as a cruncher obscures his effectiveness.

L.A. has a strong team, perhaps MLS's best, but it still must prove that against Chicago and D.C. United. Against those teams, the Galaxy was 2-6 last season, managing just six goals in the eight games.

Zambrano expects opposing defenses to pack it in tighter this season, but don't expect the Galaxy to adopt a conservative approach.

"I've always believed in attractive, entertaining, attacking soccer, in the beauty of the game," Zambrano says. "I realize that results are important, but I'm convinced you can play attractive soccer and win. Maybe someday I'll wake up to the contrary, but right now we'll do the job we're doing, play the kind of soccer people want to see."

GALAXY

ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
8	Jose Botello	F	6-0	165	4-24-76	Los Angeles, CA	—
20	Paul Caligiuri	D	5-10	175	3-9-64	Walnut, CA	UCLA
10	Mauricio Cienfuegos	M	5-6	143	2-12-68	San Salvador, El Salvador	—
6	Gabe Eastman	D	6-0	185	3-7-77	Modesto, CA	Modesto
16	Joe Franchino	D	5-7	140	8-8-76	Alta Loma, CA	Washington
4	Robin Fraser	D	6-1	175	12-17-66	Denver, CO	Florida Intl.
22	Kevin Hartman	GK	6-1	174	5-24-74	Palos Verdes, CA	UCLA
17	Ezra Hendrickson	D	6-3	185	1-16-72	Kokomo, IN	Drake
27	Carlos Hermosillo	F	6-2	180	8-24-64	Cerro Azul, Veracruz	—
23	Daniel Hernandez	M	5-10	165	7-23-76	Tyler, TX	SMU
7	Zak Ibsen	M	5-11	165	2-6-72	Santa Clara, CA	UCLA
5	Steve Jolley	M	6-1	190	10-15-75	Virginia Beach, VA	William & Mary
13	Cobi Jones	M	5-7	145	6-16-70	Westlake Village, CA	UCLA
18	Lawrence Lozzano	F	6-1	185	7-25-70	Cerritos, CA	—
14	Clint Mathis	M	5-10	170	11-25-76	Conyers, GA	South Carolina
2	Danny Peña	M	6-0	165	6-17-68	Culver City, CA	—
1	Matt Reis	GK	6-1	196	3-28-75	Mission Viejo, CA	UCLA
24	Tony Soto	D	5-11	164	10-1-76	Duncaville, Texas	SMU
25	Marvin Quijano	F	5-8	150	10-9-79	San Salvador, El Salvador	Rio Hondo
3	Greg Vanney	D	5-11	169	6-11-74	Tempe, AZ	UCLA
9	Jose Vasquez	F	6-0	175	3-20-69	Santa Ana, CA	Rancho Santiago
19	Welton	F	5-9	145	4-17-75	Cabuci, Brazil	—

SCHEDULE

MARCH

Mar. 20	Saturday	Colorado	7:30 pm	
Mar. 28	Sunday	Dallas	5:00 pm	

APRIL

Apr. 3	Saturday	@ San Jose	7:00 pm	
Apr. 8	Thursday	Columbus	7:30 pm	espn2
Apr. 17	Saturday	@ Chicago	5:00 pm	
Apr. 24	Saturday	San Jose	7:30 pm	

MAY

May 1	Saturday	@ MetroStars	4:00 pm	
May 8	Saturday	@ Kansas City	5:30 pm	
May 15	Saturday	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
May 23	Sunday	New England	4:30 pm	
May 29	Saturday	@ Columbus	4:30 pm	

JUNE

June 6	Sunday	Kansas City	12:30 pm	ESPN
June 12	Saturday	Chicago	7:30 pm	
June 19	Saturday	@ DC United	4:30 pm	
June 27	Sunday	@ Tampa Bay	10:00 am	Univision

JULY

July 4	Sunday	Miami	7:30 pm	
July 11	Sunday	@ New England	10:00 am	Univision
July 25	Sunday	Kansas City	12:30 pm	ESPN
July 28	Wednesday	@ Colorado	6:00 pm	
July 31	Saturday	@ Chicago	1:00 pm	ABC

AUGUST

Aug. 7	Saturday	@ San Jose	7:30 pm	
Aug. 14	Saturday	Dallas	7:30 pm	
Aug. 21	Saturday	MetroStars	7:30 pm	espn2
Aug. 28	Saturday	@ Dallas	5:30 pm	

SEPTEMBER

Sep. 1	Wednesday	San Jose	7:30 pm	espn2
Sep. 4	Saturday	@ Miami	4:30 pm	
Sep. 11	Saturday	Chicago	7:30 pm	
Sep. 18	Saturday	@ Colorado	6:00 pm	
Sep. 25	Saturday	DC United	7:30 pm	
Sep. 29	Wednesday	Colorado	7:30 pm	

OCTOBER

Oct. 3	Sunday	@ Dallas	10:00 am	Univision
Oct. 9	Saturday	@ Kansas City	5:30 pm	

All Times Pacific



Mexican scoring great Carlos Hermosillo gave Los Angeles fans plenty to shout about after his arrival midway through the '98 season

Aubrey Washington/Allsport



Midfielder Steve Jolley is **superstitious** by nature. Jolley was assigned the No.15 jersey in his rookie year but has been **plagued** by injuries ever since. He hopes to end **the jinx** this season by switching to **No.5**.



Kevin Hartman seized his chance to be the Galaxy's starter in goal last year, leading the league with 22 wins
Jonathan Daniel/Allsport

HEAD COACH
OCTAVIO ZAMBRANO

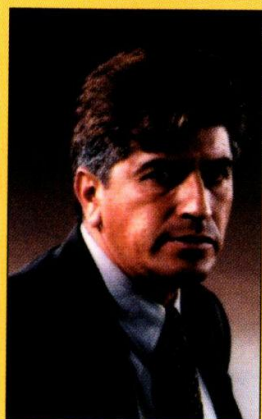
Date of Birth:
February 3, 1958

Hometown:
Guayaquil, Ecuador

Family:
Single

Appointed:
June 10, 1997

MLS Record: 39-19



Other Teams Coached:
L.A. Cobras (USISL)
1992-96, Galactica 1984. Asst. Coach - L.A. Galaxy (MLS) 1996-97, L.A. Salsa (APSL) 1992-96, California Emperors (WSL) 1990-92

Teams Played for: L.A.azers (MISL), Galactica, Union Deportiva Valdez (Ecuador)

1998 STATS

No.	POS.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
13	M	Cobi Jones	24	24	2136	19	13	51	63	41	3	4	0	1	1	1	0
19	F	Welton	31	29	2435	17	11	45	63	37	3	2	0	0	1	1	0
10	M	Mauricio Cienfuegos	30	30	2640	13	16	42	36	25	5	4	4	5	1	2	0
18	M	Martin Machon	31	29	2588	6	14	26	42	18	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
27	F	Carlos Hermosillo	18	18	1530	6	12	24	39	22	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
23	M	Clint Mathis	30	15	1550	5	10	20	50	14	3	0	0	0	1	3	2
17	D	Ezra Hendrickson	27	22	1946	5	8	18	24	14	0	5	0	0	0	0	1
3	M	Greg Vanney	31	27	2321	3	3	9	28	13	2	2	0	0	2	3	1
	M	Wellington Sanchez	13	9	698	1	4	6	15	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
15	M	Steve Jolley	28	23	2093	2	6	8	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
16	D	Joe Franchino	16	7	736	0	4	4	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	D	Paul Caligiuri	18	14	1293	1	1	3	5	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0
2	D	Danny Pena	25	25	2049	0	2	2	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
27	D	Jose Vasquez	8	2	291	1	0	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	M	Daniel Hernandez	17	3	458	0	1	1	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	GK	Kevin Hartman	29	28	2544	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	D	Robin Fraser	29	29	2456	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	F	Jose Botello	2	0	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	F	David Quesada	1	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	D	Dan Calichman	8	8	682	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Matt Reis	5	4	336	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	M	Lawrence Lozzano	13	7	680	4	1	9	13	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
		OTHERS				5	2	12	20	12	1	1	0	0	0	3	0
		TOTALS				84	104	272	440	231	22	27	4	6	8	16	5

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
22	Kevin Hartman	29	2544	146	103	85	39	1.38	0	1	10	17	22	7	7
1	Matt Reis	5	336	24	18	15	5	1.34	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
	TOTALS		2880	170	121	100	44	1.38	0	1	10	17	24	8	7

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Penalty Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.



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CLASH

SAN JOSE



WESTERN CONFERENCE



Tumultuous would likely

be the best word to describe the 1998-99 offseason for the San Jose Clash.

After the Kraft Group Sports acquired the team in November, president and general manager Peter Bridgwater resigned to accept a position with the league's head office. Then in late January, a week after star forward Eric Wynalda had signed a five-month contract with Leon of the Mexican First Division, San Jose was part of a blockbuster three-team trade that brought MLS' all-time leading goalscorer Raul Diaz Arce to the Clash.

In Diaz Arce, coach Brian Quinn hopes he has found the most important piece of the puzzle. "I'm excited because of the void we filled," Quinn says. "His is a name people are familiar with. He doesn't

By
Jill R.
Dorson

need to be introduced."

The void was created by Wynalda's departure for Mexico. The most prolific goalscorer in U.S. soccer history, Wynalda has been hampered by injury during his three years with the team. He could return to San Jose in May, but has repeatedly hinted that he would like to be traded. With Diaz Arce in the mix, a Wynalda trade may be a possibility.

Diaz Arce is likely the best thing to happen for the Clash since its inception. He is a prolific, explosive and exciting goal scorer who has recorded 7 goals and 16 assists in 82 MLS games.

"He is the best natural goal scorer the league has," Quinn says. "It's an innate ability for soccer players to be in the right place at the right time. Players like Raul - you wonder how they get there, but they do on a regular basis."

Diaz Arce teams up with fellow Salvadoran international Ronald Cerritos to form a formidable striking

Eddie Lewis' emergence as a key player for the Clash has been recognized with a call-up to the U.S. National Team

John Todd/MLS/Allsport

Ronald Cerritos has been San Jose's MVP the past two years



force. Cerritos, the Clash's Honda MVP and leading scorer for the past two seasons with 25 goals and 22 assists, relishes the prospect. "I like the things we've done with our team. I think it's going to be a very exciting season," he says.

The double-barreled power of Diaz Arce and Cerritos is enough to blow a hole in any defense, but they still need sufficient ammunition. Quinn hopes that will be provided by up-and-coming mid-field star Eddie Lewis, who enjoyed his best season yet in 1998. Lewis led the Clash in assists and was rewarded with a call-up to the U.S. National Team at the start of the year.

The changes on the field followed a change of management off it. November was supposed to be the month during which the financial group headed by MLS founder Alan I. Rothenberg took control of the team. But instead the Kraft family, who also own the New England Revolution, bought the operating rights to the team from the league. The deal

happened over a weekend and the Kraft group took control the following Monday.

The new owners appointed Lynne Meterparel as general manager and showed their commitment to Quinn by renewing his contract. With the deals that have already happened, it's fair to say that this season may be the first time Quinn, who has a 20-29 record since taking over from Laurie Calloway in 1997, has the freedom to mold his own team.

The rebuilding began in

the offseason as San Jose cleared room on its roster by releasing nine players. That made way for a crop of new defenders, including Joey Martinez from Miami, Sean Henderson from Colorado, Adam Frye from Tampa Bay and Jimmy Conrad, a promising youngster who was signed from the San Diego Flash along with goalkeeper Joe Cannon.

Another exciting prospect is Project-40 player and U.S. U-23 international standout Scott Bower,

THE WORD

✓ KEYS TO SUCCESS

The Salvadoran dynamic duo, Raul Diaz Arce and Ronald Cerritos, must live up to its billing as one of the most lethal offensive combinations in MLS.

Coach Brian Quinn, who oversaw the Clash's extensive off-season makeover, must make all the new pieces fit together in his system as quickly as possible.

✓ IMPACT PLAYERS

RAUL DIAZ ARCE/FORWARD

The league's all-time leading scorer, Diaz Arce is a true predator. He has the quickness, leaping ability and awareness to capitalize on any opportunity.

RONALD CERRITOS/FORWARD

The other Salvadoran international, Cerritos' main weapon is his lightning pace which enables him to score goals and create chances for his teammates.

EDDIE LEWIS/MIDFIELDER

Lewis is a skilfull left-sided midfielder who has improved in each of his three seasons in MLS to the point where he has become a regular for the U.S. National Team.

✓ NEW FOR '99

The Kraft family is in charge off the field and there's a new team on it. Top of the bill is Raul Diaz Arce, the Salvadoran forward who was traded from New England via the MetroStars. The other new faces include defenders Joey Martinez (Miami), Adam Frye (Tampa Bay) and Jimmy Conrad, goalkeeper Joe Cannon and U.S. U-23 National Team standout Scott Bower.

✓ FOR THE RECORD

Year	W	L	Pts	Post-season
1996	15	17	39	West semi-finalist
1997	12	20	30	Non-qualifier
1998	13	19	33	Non-qualifier

San Jose won the first MLS game ever played on April 6, 1996, defeating D.C. United on a goal by Eric Wynalda.

a midfielder/forward out of Clemson who impressed on the team's pre-season tour of Mexico.

The Clash also selected three All-Americans in the college draft - Hermann Trophy winner Wjotek Krakowiak, Richard Mulrooney and Jamie Clark. Krakowiak is pursuing opportunities in Europe but the Clash would welcome him with open arms if and when he becomes available.

There is some continuity on defense. Veterans John Doyle and Richard Gough return along with Tim Weaver who started strong in '98 but missed the second half of the season due to injury.

In midfield, Wade Barrett and Braeden Cloutier support Lewis, while fourth-year starter Jeff Baicher provides extra options in attack.

The hope is that the new faces and formation herald a new beginning for the Clash. They haven't reached the playoffs since MLS' inaugural season in 1996. Like everything else in San Jose this year, that may be about to change.

CLASH

ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B.	Hometown	College
8	Jeff Baicher	F/M	5-10	160	11-16-68	Sunnyvale, CA	Santa Clara
24	Wade Barrett	D/M	5-8	162	6-23-76	Virginia Beach, VA	William & Mary
9	Scott Bower	M/F	5-8	160	6-27-78	Tampa, FL	Clemson
0	Joe Cannon	G	6-2	190	1-1-75	Los Altos Hills, CA	Santa Clara
20	Ronald Cerritos	F/M	5-9	155	1-3-75	San Salvador, El Salvador	—
15	Jamie Clark	D	6-1	170	12-13-76	Hanover, NH	Stanford
7	Braeden Cloutier	M	5-11	165	10-3-74	Wichita, KS	—
17	Jimmy Conrad	D	6-2	165	2-12-77	Temple City, CA	UCLA
—	Raul Diaz Arce	F	5-9	160	2-1-70	San Miguel, El Salvador	—
3	John Doyle	D	6-3	200	3-16-66	Pleasanton, CA	San Francisco
22	Carlos Farias	M	5-6	145	5-15-76	Bell Gardens, CA	—
20	Adam Frye	D	5-8	159	2-15-74	Alamogordo, NM	UCLA
4	Richard Gough	D	6-1	175	4-5-62	Troon, Scotland	—
13	Sean Henderson	D	6-0	160	7-25-72	Everett, WA	UCLA
1	David Kramer	G	6-3	185	8-1-72	Cupertino, CA	Fresno State
21	Eddie Lewis	M/D	5-10	155	5-17-74	Cerritos, CA	UCLA
6	Joey Martinez	D	6-1	150	12-28-75	Escondido, CA	—
11	Richard Mulrooney	M	5-9	160	11-3-76	Memphis, TN	Creighton
5	Caleb Porter	M	5-9	155	2-18-75	Richland, MI	Indiana
14	Esmundo Rodriguez	M	5-8	140	5-25-77	Dallas, TX	Indiana
23	Maxi Viera	M	5-7	155	10-24-70	Fountain Hills, AZ	—
16	Tim Weaver	D	5-11	170	4-30-75	Livermore, CA	San Francisco
11	Eric Wynalda	F	6-1	172	6-9-69	Westlake Village, CA	San Diego State

SCHEDULE

MARCH

Mar. 20	Saturday	Chicago	8:00 pm	
Mar. 27	Saturday	Colorado	7:00 pm	

APRIL

Apr. 3	Saturday	Los Angeles	7:00 pm	
Apr. 10	Saturday	@ Kansas City	12:30 pm	espn2
Apr. 17	Saturday	@ DC United	4:30 pm	
Apr. 24	Saturday	@ Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
Apr. 30	Friday	Dallas	7:30 pm	

MAY

May 9	Sunday	Columbus	2:00 pm	ESPN
May 15	Saturday	@ Dallas	5:30 pm	
May 22	Saturday	Dallas	8:00 pm	
May 27	Thursday	@ Colorado	6:30 pm	espn2

JUNE

June 3	Thursday	Colorado	7:30 pm	espn2
June 12	Saturday	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm	
June 19	Saturday	@ Chicago	5:00 pm	
June 26	Saturday	@ Miami	4:30 pm	
June 30	Wednesday	@ Columbus	4:30 pm	

JULY

July 4	Sunday	DC United	4:00 pm	ESPN
July 8	Thursday	@ Tampa Bay	4:30 pm	
July 23	Friday	@ Chicago	5:00 pm	
July 31	Saturday	@ Kansas City	5:30 pm	

AUGUST

Aug. 7	Saturday	Los Angeles	7:30 pm	
Aug. 12	Thursday	@ New England	4:30 pm	ESPN
Aug. 21	Saturday	New England	7:30 pm	
Aug. 28	Saturday	MetroStars	7:30 pm	

SEPTEMBER

Sep. 1	Wednesday	@ Los Angeles	7:30 pm	espn2
Sep. 4	Saturday	Kansas City	7:30 pm	
Sep. 11	Saturday	@ Dallas	5:30 pm	
Sep. 19	Sunday	Miami	2:00 pm	espn2
Sep. 22	Wednesday	@ MetroStars	4:30 pm	
Sep. 26	Sunday	Chicago	2:00 pm	

OCTOBER

Oct. 2	Saturday	@ Colorado	6:00 pm	
Oct. 6	Wednesday	Kansas City	7:30 pm	

All Times Pacific



New signing Raul Diaz Arce arrives in San Jose as the all-time leading scorer in Major League Soccer

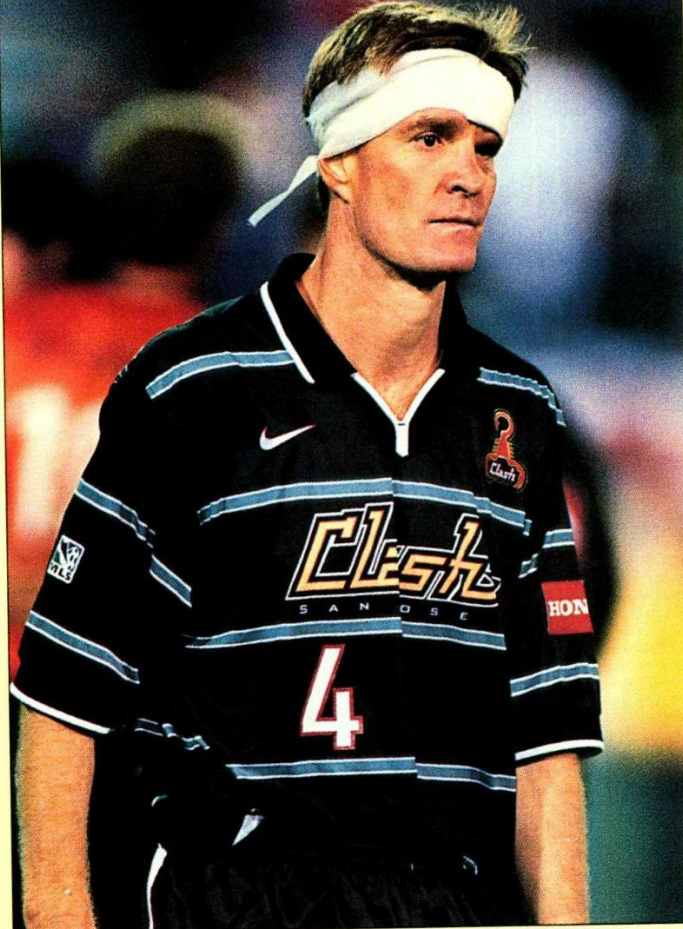
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Clash strikers **Raul Diaz Arce** and **Ronald Cerritos** have scored 81 goals between them in MLS, helping to make **Salvadoran** players the second highest scoring nationality in the league behind **Americans**.



The Clash can always count on full-blooded commitment at the heart of the defense from Scottish warhorse **Richard Gough**

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BRIAN QUINN

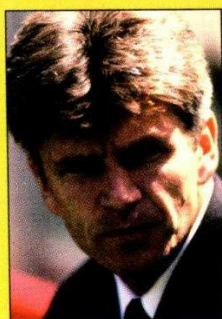
Date of Birth:

May 24, 1960

Hometown:

Belfast, Northern Ireland

Family: Married to Sharon with six children, Nicola, Damien, Danielle, Caitlin, Sinead and Aodhan



Appointed: June 25, 1997

MLS Record: 20-29

Other Teams Coached:

San Diego Sockers (CISL) 1995-96

Teams Played for: U.S. National Team 1991-94, San Diego Sockers (MISL & CISL) 1983-91, San Diego Sockers (NASL) 1984, Montreal Manic (NASL) 1982-83, L.A. Aztecs (NASL) 1981, Everton (England), Larne (N Ireland)

1998 STATS

No.	POS.	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	GW	GA	FC	FS	OF	C	E
20	F	Ronald Cerritos	31	30	2702	13	12	38	87	50	5	2	14	38	41	4	0
11	F	Eric Wynalda	16	16	1424	6	5	17	60	31	0	0	17	26	18	2	0
15	M	Victor Mella	31	25	2350	4	6	14	44	16	0	1	36	63	10	4	0
7	M	Braeden Cloutier	30	25	2078	3	5	11	44	21	3	0	53	30	3	1	0
8	F	Jeff Baicher	20	15	1099	4	3	11	20	11	0	2	33	36	11	3	0
21	M	Eddie Lewis	32	32	2835	3	4	10	52	23	0	0	29	63	8	3	0
10	F	Francisco Uribe	12	8	734	2	5	9	20	5	0	2	9	12	9	3	0
5	D	Oscar Draguicevich	13	7	774	4	1	9	9	5	1	1	12	7	0	5	0
6	M	Martin Vasquez	28	24	2076	0	7	7	14	4	0	1	55	25	1	6	0
24	M	Wade Barrett	26	22	1921	2	2	6	12	6	0	0	31	20	0	2	1
4	D	Richard Gough	19	19	1609	2	1	5	12	8	0	1	28	11	0	1	0
3	D	John Doyle	28	27	2431	1	2	4	23	13	0	1	46	31	3	6	0
13	M	Shawn Medved	19	12	1059	0	3	3	7	1	0	0	26	13	0	3	0
19	F	Brian Sebakole	12	0	238	0	3	3	3	2	0	1	3	6	0	0	0
12	D	Troy Dayak	11	7	607	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	11	4	0	0	0
23	D	Vicente Figueroa	20	10	1005	0	0	0	15	2	0	0	20	14	2	4	1
16	D	Tim Weaver	12	12	1080	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	17	13	1	3	0
9	F	Harut Karapetyan	20	4	532	4	0	8	18	10	1	0	11	4	6	0	0
14	M	Esmundo Rodriguez	3	0	52	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
18	GK	David Kramer	24	24	2125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0
17	D	Tim Martin	23	21	1847	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	28	0	0	0
1	GK	Andy Kirk	9	8	755	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		OTHERS				4	1	9	13	8	1	0	19	22	12	1	0
		TOTALS	48	61	157	442	211	10	12	479	468	119	52	2			

No.	GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	SG	SA	W	L	SO
18	David Kramer	24	2125	132	82	66	39	1.65	2	3	19	37	10	14	5
1	Andy Kirk	9	755	56	34	17	21	2.50	1	1	0	0	3	5	2
	TOTALS		2880	188	116	83	60	1.88	3	4	19	37	13	19	7

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; MIN = Minutes Played; G = Goal; A = Assist; PTS = Points; SHT = Shots; SOG = Shots on Goal; GW = Game-winning Goals; GA = Game-winning Assists; FC = Fouls Committed; FS = Fouls Suffered; OF = Offside; C = Caution; E = Ejection; SHTS = Shots Faced; SVS = Saves; C/P = Catches/Punches; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals Against Average; PG = Penalty Kick Goals; PA = Kick Attempts; SG = Shootout Goals; SA = Shootout Attempts; W = Wins; L = Losses; SO = Shutout.



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Stadium: Spartan Stadium

MLS Capacity: 26,000

Field Dimensions: 70 yards x 110 yards

Official Training Center:

Morgan Hill Soccer Complex

Team Colors: Black, White, Red

1998 MLS Regular Season Statistics

ALL GAMES

Conference	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	SOW	PTS/GM	GF/GM	GA/GM	LWS	LLS	POS
Eastern Conference												
D.C. United	24	8	58	74	48	7	1.81	2.31	1.50	9	2	57.3
Columbus Crew	15	17	45	67	56	0	1.41	2.09	1.75	5	5	50.3
MetroStars	15	17	39	54	63	3	1.22	1.69	1.97	3	6	47.9
Miami Fusion	15	17	35	46	68	5	1.09	1.44	2.13	4	6	49.0
Tampa Bay Mutiny	12	20	34	46	57	1	1.06	1.44	1.78	3	5	47.2
N.E. Revolution	11	21	29	53	66	2	0.91	1.66	2.06	4	9	50.7
Western Conference												
Los Angeles Galaxy	24	8	68	85	44	2	2.13	2.66	1.38	9	3	49.9
Chicago Fire	20	12	56	62	45	2	1.75	1.94	1.41	11	5	51.6
Colorado Rapids	16	16	44	62	69	2	1.38	1.94	2.16	3	5	47.9
Dallas Burn	15	17	37	43	59	4	1.16	1.34	1.84	3	4	47.1
San Jose Clash	13	19	33	48	60	3	1.03	1.50	1.88	3	5	50.7
Kansas City Wizards	12	20	32	45	50	2	1.00	1.41	1.56	2	5	50.1

LWS=Longest Winning Streak, LLS=Longest Losing Streak, POS=Avg. Time of Possession (percentage)

HOME

Conference	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	SOW	PTS/GM	GF/GM	GA/GM	LWS	LLS	Att.
Eastern Conference												
D.C. United	14	2	32	40	26	5	2.00	2.50	1.63	8	1	16,007
Columbus Crew	11	5	33	49	31	0	2.06	3.06	1.94	5	2	12,274
MetroStars	10	6	28	39	33	1	1.75	2.44	2.06	5	3	16,519
Miami Fusion	11	5	27	31	30	3	1.69	1.94	1.88	6	2	10,284
Tampa Bay Mutiny	6	10	16	23	24	1	1.00	1.44	1.50	3	5	10,312
N.E. Revolution	6	10	16	25	27	1	1.00	1.56	1.69	3	8	19,187
Western Conference												
Los Angeles Galaxy	11	5	31	41	21	1	1.94	2.56	1.31	5	2	21,784
Chicago Fire	13	3	39	40	17	0	2.44	2.50	1.06	7	2	17,886
Colorado Rapids	11	5	31	31	24	1	1.94	1.94	1.50	6	3	14,812
Dallas Burn	8	8	22	23	26	1	1.38	1.44	1.63	5	4	10,947
San Jose Clash	8	8	18	23	21	3	1.13	1.44	1.31	4	3	13,653
Kansas City Wizards	10	6	28	26	14	1	1.75	1.63	0.88	7	3	8,072

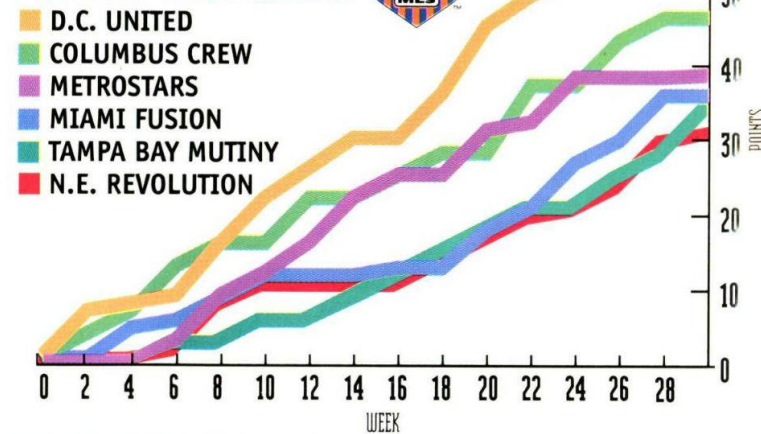
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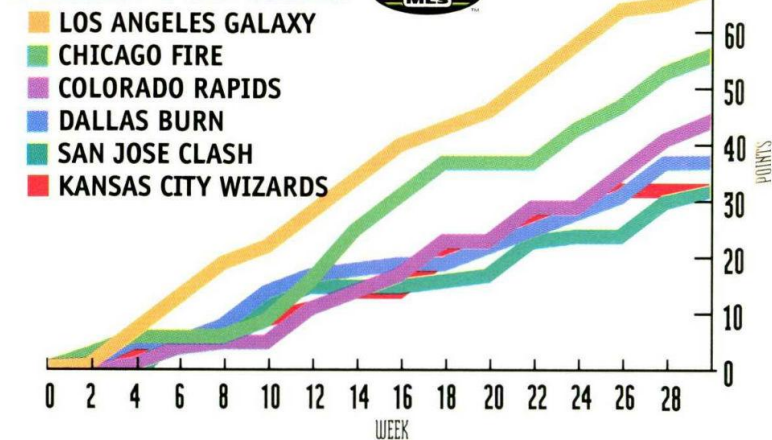
Conference	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	SOW	PTS/GM	GF/GM	GA/GM	LWS	LLS	Att.
Eastern Conference												
D.C. United	10	6	26	34	22	2	1.63	2.13	1.38	4	2	14,821
Columbus Crew	4	12	12	18	25	0	0.75	1.13	1.56	2	6	14,259
MetroStars	5	11	11	15	30	2	0.69	0.94	1.88	2	8	16,843
Miami Fusion	4	12	8	15	38	2	0.50	0.94	2.38	2	8	15,829
Tampa Bay Mutiny	6	10	18	23	33	0	1.13	1.44	2.06	2	5	14,152
N.E. Revolution	5	11	13	28	39	1	0.81	1.75	2.44	1	4	13,601
Western Conference												
Los Angeles Galaxy	13	3	37	44	23	1	2.31	2.75	1.44	5	1	16,237
Chicago Fire	7	9	17	22	28	2	1.06	1.38	1.75	4	4	13,795
Colorado Rapids	5	11	13	31	45	1	0.81	1.94	2.81	2	7	12,409
Dallas Burn	7	9	15	20	33	3	0.94	1.25	2.06	2	3	12,394
San Jose Clash	5	11	15	25	39	0	0.94	1.56	2.44	2	8	13,008
Kansas City Wizards	2	14	4	19	36	1	0.25	1.19	2.25	2	10	14,390

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POINTS PER WEEK



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GOALKEEPING LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	C/P	GA	GAA	W	L
1	Zach Thornton	CHI	25	2076	118	85	86	27	1.17	16	8
2	Kevin Hartman	LA	29	2544	146	103	85	39	1.38	22	7
3	Scott Garlick	DC	25	2205	129	88	81	35	1.43	19	5
4	Mike Ammann	KC	27	2430	134	85	64	42	1.56	11	16
5	David Kramer	SJ	24	2125	132	82	66	39	1.65	10	14
6	Thomas Ravelli	TB	23	2053	179	131	109	38	1.67	7	13
7	Juergen Sommer	CLB	21	1890	143	106	93	35	1.67	11	10
8	Mark Dodd	DAL	25	2205	182	134	102	42	1.71	11	13
9	Marcus Hahnemann	COL	28	2520	200	138	135	52	1.86	16	12
10	Jeff Cassar	MIA	21	1890	151	107	82	41	1.95	12	9
11	Tony Meola	MET	31	2790	236	164	110	62	2.00	14	17
12	Ian Feuer	NE	26	2336	180	113	135	55	2.12	8	15

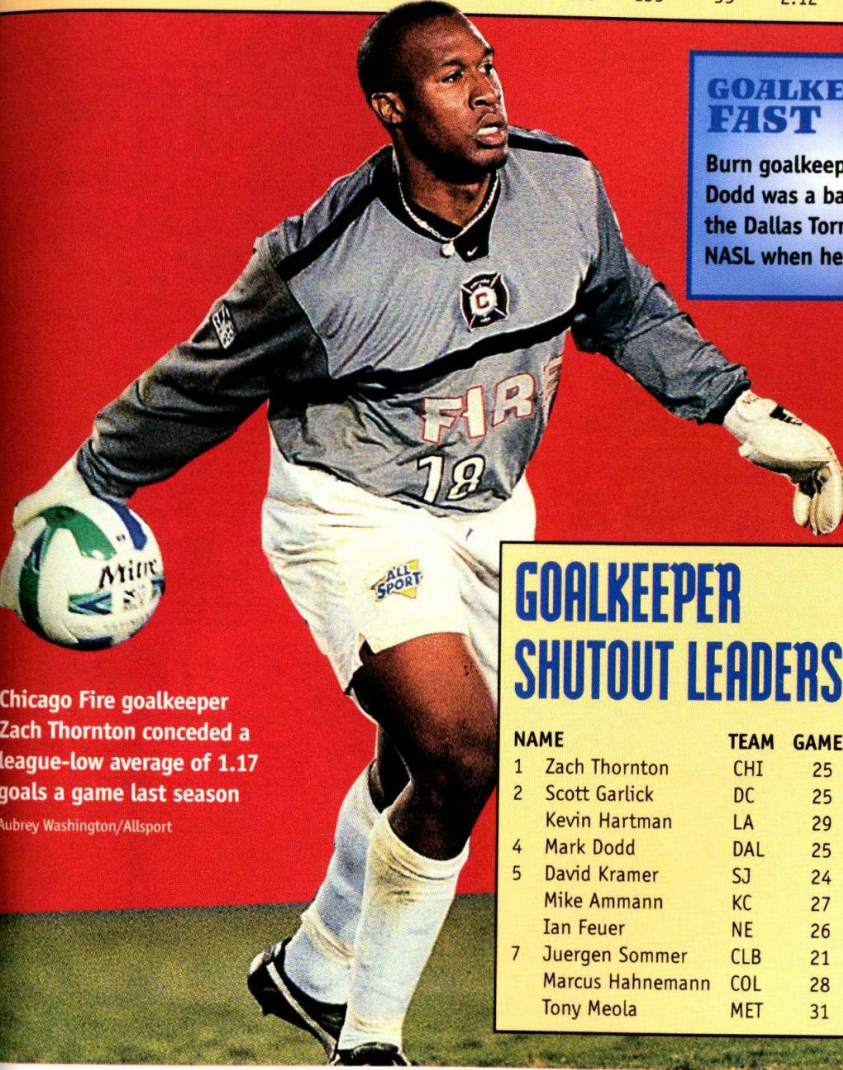
SHOOTOUT GAMES

TEAM	W	L	PCT
Miami Fusion	5	0	1.000
MetroStars	3	0	1.000
D.C. United	7	3	0.700
Dallas Burn	4	2	0.667
Chicago Fire	2	1	0.667
Colorado Rapids	2	2	0.500
Los Angeles Galaxy	2	2	0.500
San Jose Clash	3	5	0.375
Kansas City Wizards	2	4	0.333
N.E. Revolution	2	4	0.333
Tampa Bay Mutiny	1	5	0.167
Columbus Crew	0	5	0.000

GOALKEEPER FAST FACT
 Burn goalkeeper Mark Dodd was a ball boy for the Dallas Tornado of the NASL when he was young.

ONE-GOAL GAMES

TEAM	W	L	PCT
Miami Fusion	12	3	0.800
Los Angeles Galaxy	10	4	0.714
D.C. United	14	6	0.700
Dallas Burn	11	8	0.579
Chicago Fire	9	8	0.529
Colorado Rapids	8	8	0.500
MetroStars	9	10	0.474
San Jose Clash	8	10	0.444
Columbus Crew	7	9	0.438
Tampa Bay Mutiny	9	14	0.391
Kansas City Wizards	5	13	0.278
N.E. Revolution	4	13	0.235



Chicago Fire goalkeeper Zach Thornton conceded a league-low average of 1.17 goals a game last season
 Aubrey Washington/Allsport

GOALKEEPER SHUTOUT LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	SHUTOUTS
1	Zach Thornton	CHI	25	8
2	Scott Garlick	DC	25	7
	Kevin Hartman	LA	29	7
4	Mark Dodd	DAL	25	6
5	David Kramer	SJ	24	5
	Mike Ammann	KC	27	5
	Ian Feuer	NE	26	5
7	Juergen Sommer	CLB	21	4
	Marcus Hahnemann	COL	28	4
	Tony Meola	MET	31	4

WHEN LEADING AT THE HALF

TEAM	W	L	PCT
D.C. United	10	0	1.000
Miami Fusion	8	0	1.000
Los Angeles Galaxy	15	1	0.938
Dallas Burn	6	1	0.857
N.E. Revolution	6	1	0.857
Chicago Fire	10	2	0.833
MetroStars	8	2	0.800
Colorado Rapids	7	2	0.778
San Jose Clash	7	2	0.778
Columbus Crew	9	4	0.692
Tampa Bay Mutiny	4	4	0.500
Kansas City Wizards	4	5	0.444

WHEN SCORING FIRST GOAL

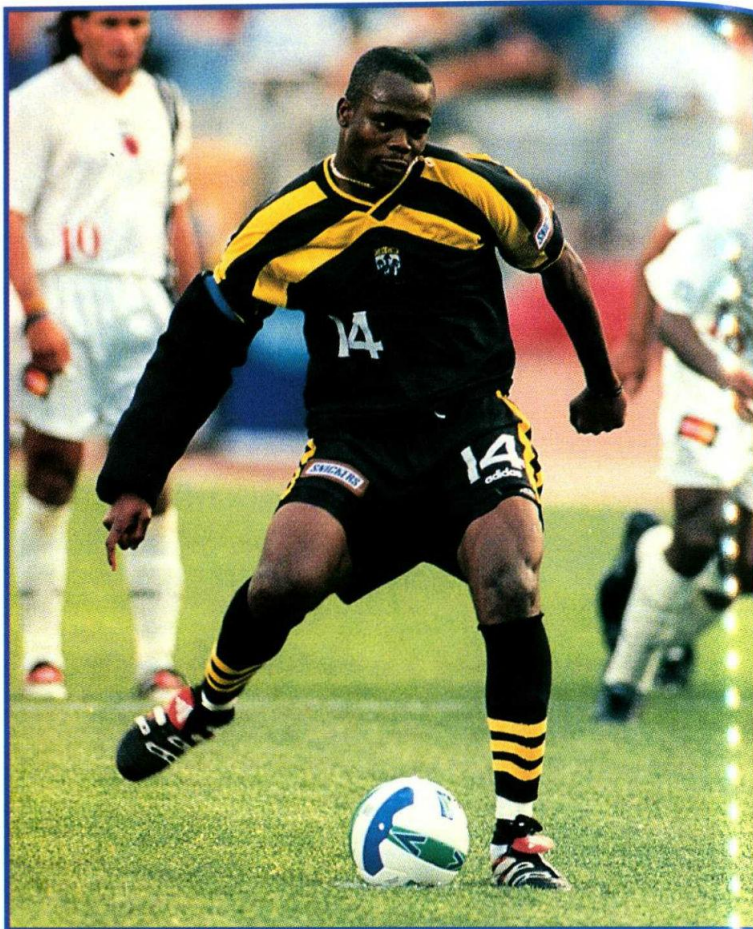
TEAM	W	L	PCT
Miami Fusion	11	1	0.917
Los Angeles Galaxy	19	2	0.905
D.C. United	14	2	0.875
Chicago Fire	16	3	0.842
Colorado Rapids	14	4	0.778
Dallas Burn	10	3	0.769
MetroStars	12	5	0.706
San Jose Clash	10	5	0.667
N.E. Revolution	8	4	0.667
Columbus Crew	13	7	0.650
Tampa Bay Mutiny	7	4	0.636
Kansas City Wizards	8	7	0.533

TEAM vs TEAM RECORDS

	VS CLB	VS DC	VS MET	VS MIA	VS NE	VS TB	VS CHI	VS COL	VS DAL	VS KC	VS LA	VS SJ
Columbus Crew	---	1-3	2-2	2-2	3-1	3-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-1
D.C. United	3-1	---	3-1	2-2	3-1	3-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0
MetroStars	2-2	1-3	---	3-1	3-1	1-3	2-0	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-2	1-1
Miami Fusion	2-2	2-2	1-3	---	3-1	2-2	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
N.E. Revolution	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	---	4-0	0-2	0-2	1-1	0-2	0-2	2-0
Tampa Bay Mutiny	1-3	1-3	3-1	2-2	0-4	---	0-2	0-2	2-0	1-1	0-2	2-0
Chicago Fire	1-1	0-2	0-2	2-0	2-0	2-0	---	3-1	3-1	3-1	2-2	2-2
Colorado Rapids	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-3	---	1-3	2-2	0-4	3-1
Dallas Burn	2-0	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	1-3	3-1	---	2-2	1-3	1-3
Kansas City Wizards	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-3	2-2	2-2	---	0-4	1-3
Los Angeles Galaxy	1-1	0-2	2-0	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-2	4-0	3-1	4-0	---	3-1
San Jose Clash	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	2-2	1-3	3-1	3-1	1-3	---

BUDWEISER LEADING SCORERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
1	Stern John	CLB	27	26	5	57
2	Cobi Jones	LA	24	19	13	51
3	Welton	LA	31	17	11	45
4	Roy Lassiter	DC	31	18	8	44
	Raul Diaz Arce	NE	32	18	8	44
6	Jaime Moreno	DC	31	16	11	43
7	Mauricio Cienfuegos	LA	30	13	16	42
8	Marco Etcheverry	DC	29	10	19	39
9	Ronald Cerritos	SJ	31	13	12	38
10	Eduardo Hurtado	MET	29	11	15	37
11	Giovanni Savarese	MET	30	14	7	35
12	Preki	KC	25	10	13	33
13	Diego Serna	MIA	26	11	9	31
14	Wolde Harris	COL	27	13	4	30
	Paul Bravo	COL	30	11	8	30
16	Joe-Max Moore	NE	21	7	15	29
	Ante Razov	CHI	30	10	9	29
18	Mauricio Ramos	TB	22	9	9	27
	Brian McBride	CLB	24	10	7	27
	Roman Kosecki	CHI	25	9	9	27



Columbus Crew marksman Stern John hit 26 goals on the way to becoming the Budweiser Scoring Champion Joe Giblin/MLS/Allsport

SHOOTOUT GOAL LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	SoG
1	Marco Etcheverry	DC	29	5
	Imad Baba	NE	30	5
	Eddie Lewis	SJ	32	5

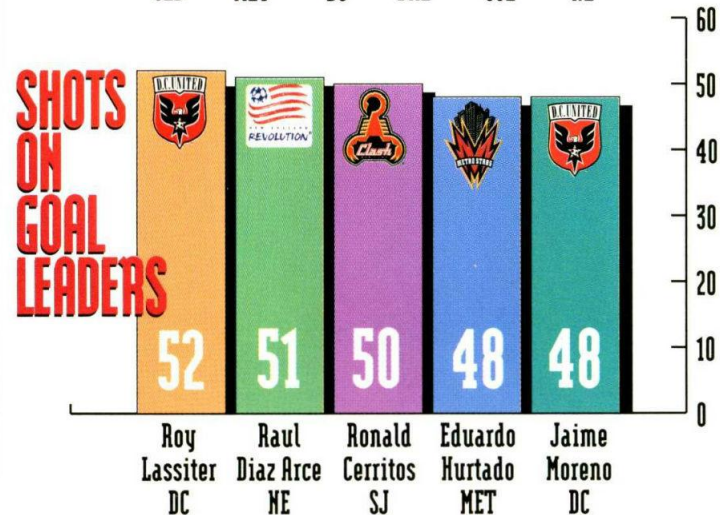
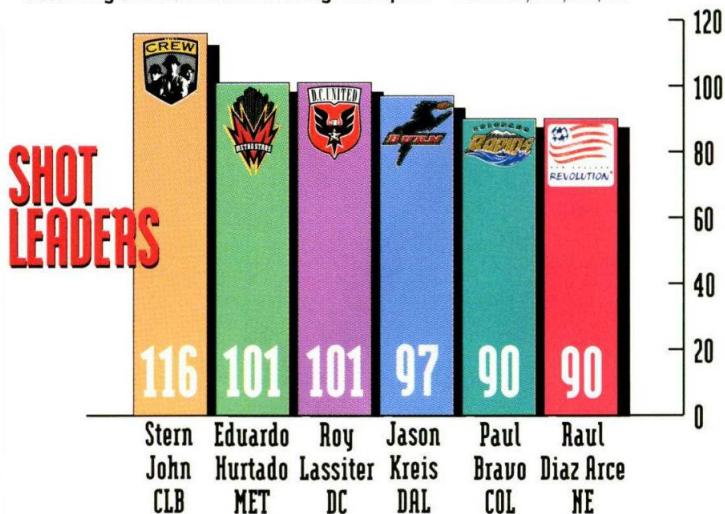
Five players tied with four shootout goals

HAT TRICK LEADERS

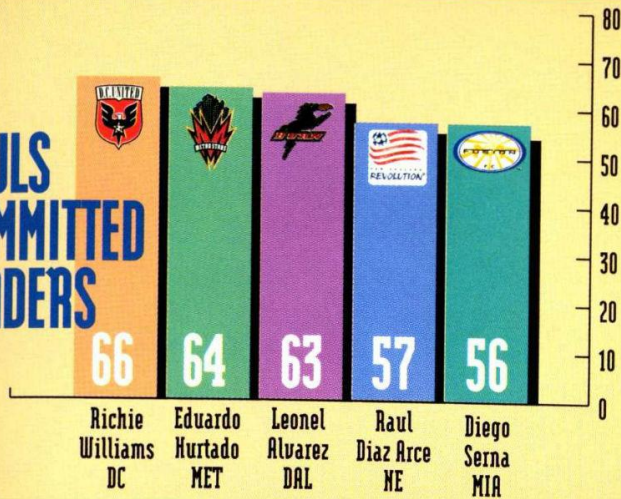
	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	HAT TRICKS
1	Cobi Jones	LA	24	3
	Stern John	CLB	27	3
3	Musa Shannon	TB	18	1
	Harut Karapetyan	SJ	20	1
	Preki	KC	25	1
	Diego Serna	MIA	26	1
	Vitalis Takawira	KC	29	1
	Roy Lassiter	DC	31	1
	Martin Machon	LA	31	1

GAME-WINNING GOAL LEADERS

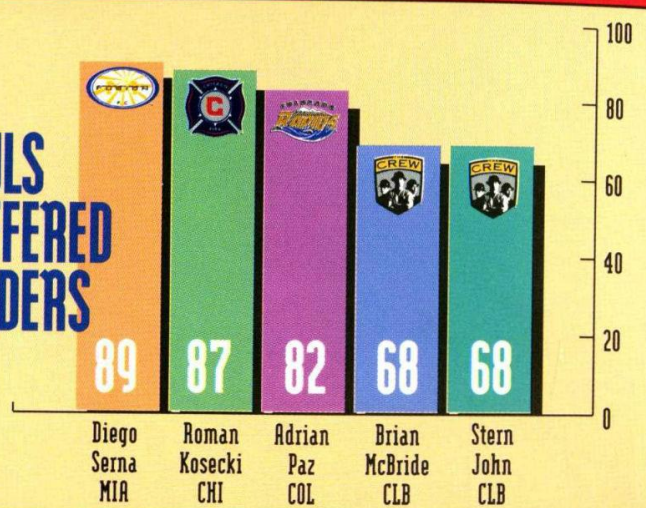
	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	GWG
1	Stern John	CLB	27	6
	Jason Kreis	DAL	30	6
3	Diego Serna	MIA	26	5
	Mauricio Cienfuegos	LA	30	5
	Roy Lassiter	DC	31	5
	Ronald Cerritos	SJ	31	5



FOULS COMMITTED LEADERS



FOULS SUFFERED LEADERS



MLS EJECTIONS LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	EJECTIONS
1	Kerry Zavagnin	MET	18	2
	Danny Pena	LA	25	2
	Mo Johnston	KC	26	2
	Leonel Alvarez	DAL	27	2
	Ivan McKinley	NE	28	2
	Jim Rooney	MET	28	2
	Robin Fraser	LA	29	2

CAUTION LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	CAUTIONS
1	Leonel Alvarez	DAL	27	12
2	Diego Serna	MIA	26	10
	Steve Trittschuh	COL	30	10



D.C. United's Richie Williams, who committed the most fouls in 1998, tracks Miami forward Diego Serna, the most fouled player in MLS last year. Doug Pensinger/Allsport

LEADING COACHES (BY WINS)

	NAME	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	PTS.	SOW
1	Octavio Zambrano	LA	24	8	0.750	68	2
	Bruce Arena	DC	24	8	0.750	58	7
3	Bob Bradley	CHI	20	12	0.625	56	2
4	Glenn Myernick	COL	16	16	0.500	44	2
5	Tom Fitzgerald	CLB	15	17	0.469	45	0
	Dave Dir	DAL	15	17	0.469	37	4
7	Alfonso Mondelo	MET	14	17	0.438	38	2
8	Brian Quinn	SJ	13	19	0.406	33	3
9	Ron Newman	KC	12	20	0.375	32	2
10	Tim Hankinson	TB	9	8	0.529	25	1
11	Thomas Rongen	NE	8	18	0.308	20	2
	Carlos Cordoba	MIA	8	11	0.412	14	5
13	Ivo Wortmann	MIA	7	6	0.538	21	0
14	John Kowalski	TB	3	12	0.200	9	0
	Walter Zenga	NE	3	3	0.500	9	0
15	Bora Milutinovic	MET	1	0	1.000	1	1

FAST FACT

The L.A. Galaxy was the biggest draw at home in 1998. An average crowd of 21,784 turned out at the Rose Bowl to watch Cobi Jones and Co. storm to the Western Conference title. The MetroStars were the biggest attraction on the road, pulling in 16,843 fans on average.

MINUTES PLAYED LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	MINUTES
1	Raul Diaz Arce	NE	2878
2	Eddie Lewis	SJ	2835
3	Chris Armas	CHI	2790
	Lubos Kubik	CHI	2790
	Tony Meola	MET	2790

OFFSIDE LEADERS

	NAME	TEAM	GAMES	OFFSIDES
1	Raul Diaz Arce	NE	32	44
2	Roy Lassiter	DC	31	41
	Ronald Cerritos	SJ	31	41
	Alan Prampin	TB	31	41