

D.C. UNITED VS. FC DALLAS

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GAME NOTES

UNITED IN U.S. OPEN CUP

D.C. United has played 30 games all-time in the U.S. Open Cup, putting together a record of 21-9. The team has won the tournament twice, during its inaugural season in 1996 and again last year. It was the runner-up in 1997, falling to the Dallas Burn on penalties.

UNITED VS. DALLAS IN OPEN CUP

D.C. and Dallas have met three total times in Open Cup play:

10/27/96	Dallas	W	2-0	1,958
Goals: Moreno (12,82)				
10/29/97	Dallas	L (PK)	0-0(3-5)	9,776
08/24/05	Dallas	L	1-1(1-4)	4,258
Goals: Gomez (47); FCD: Ruiz (94+)				

Did you know, Head Coach Tom Soehn and United forward Jaime Moreno squared off in the 1997 Open Cup final? Both played the full 90 minutes, Soehn at center-back and Moreno as a forward.

FIRST-EVER MEMBER OF 100-100 CLUB

With his first assist of 2009 in United's 1-1 draw against the Revolution on 4/17, Jaime Moreno became the first-ever member of the 100-100 club. With 122 goals, Moreno is the League's all-time leading goal scorer. His 100 assists are fifth most all-time.

Player	Goals	Assists
Jaime Moreno	122	100
Ante Razov	114	66
Jeff Cunningham	104	60
Taylor Twellman	99	28
Landon Donovan	86	72
Steve Ralston	70	128

Outside of Ralston and Moreno, no other active MLS player has more than 75 assists.

THREE GOALS IN THREE GAMES

After scoring 11 goals in League play - and 18 in all competitions - last year, Luciano Emilio has started the 2009 season quickly. In D.C.'s 2-1 loss to Real Salt Lake on 4/11, the forward scored for the third game in a row. His three goals place him tied for second most in MLS. Emilio has 34 career League goals in 61 games.

DEPTH TESTED EARLY

Despite being just five games into the MLS season, United has already used 21 different players. Just three players on the squad have yet to see the field - John Di-Raimondo, Milos Kocic and Anthony Peters. Tom Soehn has also used a different lineup in each of the first five games.

DIRAIMANDO ACQUIRED

United acquired Colorado Rapids' midfielder John Di-Raimondo via a waiver draft on 3/27. Originally drafted by the Rapids in 2007, the midfielder made 11 appearances (five starts) in Colorado last year.

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ALL TIED UP

With three draws in its first five games, D.C. United has already played to half as many draws as it did in all of 2008. The team finished with an 11-15-4 record last season.

PONTIUS' DEBUT

United's rookie Chris Pontius made quite a splash in his debut, becoming just the second rookie in club history to score a goal in his first game (Mark Lisi - 2001). His spectacular strike in D.C.'s 2-2 draw in LA came in the 62nd minute and was nominated for Goal of the Week. Pontius added to his strong start, by collecting an assist in United's 2-1 loss to Real Salt Lake on 4/11. He has played every minute of United's first five games.

EVERY MINUTE

Through five games, D.C. United has four players who have played every minute of the 2009 MLS season: Luciano Emilio, Dejan Jakovic, Bryan Namoff, and Chris Pontius.

2008 RECAP

Last season was one of primarily of disappointment for D.C. United, as the team dealt with a host of injuries and the most games played in club history, stumbling to a 11-15-4 record and missing the post-season for the first time since 2002. The lone bright spot was a 2-1 win over the Charleston Battery (USL-1) on Sept. 3 in the U.S. Open Cup final. The trophy became the club's second-ever Open Cup title, having captured the championship during its inaugural season in 1996.

IMPRESSIVE FIVE YEARS

United's 2008 U.S. Open Cup trophy gave the club four titles over the last five seasons - 2004 MLS Cup, 2006 & 2007 Supporters' Shield and 2008 U.S. Open Cup. During that time, the team has been the best in MLS, amassing the most standings points over the last five+ seasons. From 2004-09 here are the League's best teams (through games played 04/19/09):

D.C. United	249 points
New England	241 points
Chicago	224 points
Kansas City	221 points
FC Dallas	220 points
Columbus	217 points
New York	213 points
Colorado	207 points
Los Angeles	197 points
Chivas USA	170 points (2005-2009)
Houston	151 points (2006-2009)
San Jose	140 points (2004-05 & 2008-2009)
Real Salt Lake	132 points (2005-2009)
Toronto FC	65 points (2007-2009)
Seattle	9 points (2009)

TOM SOEHN'S THIRD SEASON

Head Coach Tom Soehn enters his third season with D.C. United, after serving three seasons as an assistant coach under Peter Nowak. In two prior MLS seasons, Soehn has an all-time record of 27-22-11.

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GOMEZ RETURNS

Following a season in Colorado with the Rapids, Christian Gomez has returned to D.C. United. He was re-acquired via a trade with the Colorado Rapids on Feb. 9. Previously Gomez, spent 3+ seasons with the Black-and-Red and is United's third all-time leading goal-scorer (39) and fourth all-time in assists (29). He helped lead the team to the 2004 MLS Cup championship and capture two Supporters' Shield trophies (2006, 2007). He was the League's 2006 MLS MVP and is a four-time All-Star and three-time member of the MLS Best XI.

DOMESTIC TITLES STREAK

Amongst its many records, D.C. United added an impressive streak after capturing the 2008 U.S. Open Cup. D.C. became the first team in MLS history to win domestic titles in three straight seasons - a Supporters' Shield in both 2006 and 2007 and the 2008 U.S. Open Cup championship.

IRON MAN SIMMS

In 2008, Clyde Simms set the club record for most minutes played in all competitions in one season, playing 3,849 minutes in 45 games. Simms was on the field for all but three minutes of United's 30 regular season matches and also played in all four Champions' Cup games, all four U.S. Open Cup fixtures, all three SuperLiga matches and four of the team's six Champions League games. A few of the leaders in recent years follow:

Player	Year	Minutes
Clyde Simms	2008	3,849
Troy Perkins	2007	3,847
Brian Carroll	2005	3,422
Luciano Emilio	2007	3,367
Josh Gros	2005	3,262

10-10 CLUB

With his tenth assist of the 2008 season in D.C.'s 2-1 win over New England on 10/16/08, Jaime Moreno put together his fourth season with 10+ goals and 10+ assists. Moreno achieved the same in 1998 (16G, 11A), 1999 (10, 13) and 2006 (11, 10). He joins the retired Preki (Kansas City, Miami) as the only two players do it in four seasons during a career. Only five players have had 10-10 campaigns in two seasons. Moreno was the only player in 2008 to post double-digit goals and assists.

GOALS CAME AT HOME

With 32 goals in 15 home games, United finished second in MLS during the 2008 season with the most goals scored at home, behind LA's 33. The team's average of 2.13 goals at home was also second only to LA's 2.33.

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

In its 13-year history, United has faced 48 international clubs from 17 different countries. In all competitions against international opponents, D.C. is 35-22-11 (68 total games). In cup competitions (CONCACAF Champions Cup, Copa Sudamericana, FC Giants Cup, InterAmerican Cup, and SuperLiga) against international teams, the Black-and-Red is 19-17-7 all-time.

12 MAJOR TROPHIES

By winning the 2008 U.S. Open Cup, United captured its 12th major trophy, a record for U.S. professional soccer. The club's ten domestic trophies rank first in MLS, four more than the second place LA Galaxy and Chicago Fire.

Team	Total	MLS Cups	Open Cups	Supporters' Shields
D.C. United	10	4	2	4
LA Galaxy	6	2	2	2
Chicago Fire	6	1	4	1
Columbus Crew	4	1	1	2
San Jose Earthquakes	3	2	0	1
Kansas City Wizards	3	1	1	1
Houston Dynamo	2	2	0	0
FC Dallas	1	0	1	0
N.E. Revolution	1	0	1	0
Tampa Bay Mutiny	1	0	0	1
Miami Fusion	1	0	0	1

United also won the '98 CONCACAF Champions' Cup and '98 InterAmerican Cup.

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CURRENT ROSTER U.S. OPEN CUP STATS

BURCH, MARC

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2007	DC	1	1	90	0	0
2008	DC	3	3	288	2	0
Totals	-	4	4	378	2	0

CRAYTON, LOUIS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2008	DC	1	1	90	0	0

DOE, FRANCIS

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2008	DC	2	1	165	1	0

EMILIO, LUCIANO

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2008	DC	4	4	261	3	0

FRED

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2008	DC	4	2	303	1	0

GOMEZ, CHRISTIAN

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2005	DC	2	1	122	3	0
2006	DC	2	2	210	0	2
Totals	-	4	3	332	3	2

MCTAVISH, DEVON

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2007	DC	1	0	45	0	0
2008	DC	4	4	390	0	0
Totals	-	5	4	435	0	0

MORENO, JAIME

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
1996	DC	2	2	174	3	0
1997	DC	3	3	311	1	1
1999	DC	1	1	100	1	2
2000	DC	3	3	292	4	3
2001	DC	4	3	261	1	0
2003	MET	1	1	68	0	0
2004	DC	1	1	77	0	0
2005	DC	1	1	45	0	0
2006	DC	2	1	150	1	0
2008	DC	3	2	218	0	3
Totals	-	21	18	1696	11	9

NAMOFF, BRYAN

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2001	DC	4	3	281	0	0
2003	DC	4	1	154	0	1
2004	DC	1	1	90	0	0
2005	DC	2	0	88	0	0
2006	DC	3	3	300	0	0
2008	DC	3	3	300	1	1
Totals	-	17	11	1213	1	2

OLSEN, BEN

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2000	DC	2	1	194	0	0
2003	DC	2	1	121	0	0
2005	DC	2	1	132	0	0
2006	DC	3	1	149	0	1
Totals	-	11	4	596	0	1

QUARANTA, SANTINO

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2001	DC	3	3	206	1	0
2003	DC	1	1	90	0	0
2005	DC	2	2	180	0	0
2006	LA	3	3	245	1	0
2007	LA	1	0	30	1	0
2008	DC	2	2	169	1	0
Totals	-	12	11	920	4	0

SIMMS, CLYDE

YEAR	TEAM	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	A
2005	DC	2	1	123	0	0
2006	DC	3	2	204	0	0
2007	DC	1	1	90	0	0
2008	DC	4	3	345	0	1
Totals	-	10	7	762	0	1

2008 OPEN CUP LINEUPS

7/1 V. ROCHESTER RHINOS

W 2-0 | THIRD ROUND

Wells
Carroll (Mediate 78)
Martinez (Thompson 46)
McTavish
Burch [G 78, 85]
Kirk
Dyachenko
Stratford (Simms 46)
Cordeiro
Doe
Emilio (Fred 46)

7/8 V. CHICAGO

W 2-1 | QUARTERFINALS

Wells
Namoff [G 99]
Burch
McTavish
Martinez
Carroll (Doe 46 [G 77])
Fred
Simms
Cordeiro (Thompson 46)
Dyachenko (Moreno 62 [A 77, 99], [Peralta 103])
Emilio

8/12 V. NEW ENGLAND

W 3-1 | SEMIFINALS

Wells
Namoff [A 4]
McTavish
Peralta
Martinez
Quaranta [G 48] (Vide 79)
Fred (Zaher 88)
Simms
Guerrero [A 81] (Kirk 86)
Emilio [G 4, 81]
(Dyachenko 89)
Moreno [A 48]

9/3 V. CHARLESTON

W 2-1 | FINAL

Crayton
Namoff
McTavish
Burch
Martinez
Vide (Fred 40 [G 50])
Quaranta
Simms [A 50]
Guerrero
Emilio [G 4] (Dyachenko 7 [Gallardo 80])
Moreno (Cordeiro 92+)

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2009 TRANSACTIONS

1/6: Santino Quaranta re-signed
1/7: Marc Burch re-signed
1/13: Bryan Namoff re-signed
1/15: 2009 MLS SuperDraft:
Rodney Wallace (1st round/6th overall),
Chris Pontius (1/7), Milos Kocic (2/21),
Lyle Adams (2/26), Brandon Barklage (3/36)
1/22: Francis Doe re-signed
1/22: Gonzalo Peralta loaned to Union Santa Fe
(Argentina/second division)
1/28: Devon McTavish re-signed
1/30: Marcelo Gallardo released
2/9: Christian Gomez, Mike Graczyk, a international
roster spot and salary considerations acquired in
exchange for Ivan Guerrero, a Designated Player
roster spot and a first round pick in the 2010 MLS
SuperDraft.
2/10: Andrew Jacobson signed
2/17: Zach Wells retires
2/24: Mawete Ange N'Silu signed, Joe Vide waived
2/27: Dejan Jakovic acquired from Red Star Belgrade
3/3: Brandon Barklage and Anthony Peters signed
3/10: Josh Wicks acquired from LA Galaxy in exchange
for conditional pick in 2010 MLS SuperDraft
3/12: Milos Kocic signed to developmental contract
3/25: Ryan Miller waived
3/27: John DiRaimondo acquired via waiver draft

ROSTER MOVES SINCE END OF 2008 SEASON

PLAYERS IN

GK Josh Wicks	acquired from LA Galaxy
GK Milos Kocic	'09 MLS SuperDraft pick
D Dejan Jakovic	acquired from Red Star Belgrade
D Anthony Peters	signed after trial
D Rodney Wallace	'09 MLS SuperDraft pick
M John DiRaimondo	acquired via waiver draft
M Christian Gomez	acquired from Colorado Rapids
M Andrew Jacobson	'08 MLS SuperDraft pick
M Chris Pontius	'09 MLS SuperDraft pick
M Brandon Barklage	'09 MLS SuperDraft pick
F Ange N'Silu	signed from FC Le Mont

PLAYERS OUT

GK James Thorpe	contract option not exercised
GK Zach Wells	retired
D Pat Carroll	contract option not exercised
D Gonzalo Peralta	on loan - Union Sante Fe (ARG)
D Gonzalo Martinez	contract option not exercised
D Ryan Miller	waived
D Mike Zaher	waived
M Joe Vide	waived
M Quavas Kirk	contract option not exercised
M Marcelo Gallardo	released
M Ivan Guerrero	traded to Coloardo Rapids
M Rod Dyachenko	contract option not exercised
M Craig Thompson	contract option not exercised
M Ryan Cordeiro	contract option not exercised
M Jeff Carroll	contract option not exercised

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SUPPLEMENTAL PLAYER BIOS

BRANDON BARKLAGE | #24

POS: M | H. 5-10 | W. 173 | DOB: 11.2.86

College

2008: Barklage started each of the 22 games he saw action during his senior year campaign. His ten assists led the team and seven goals were second most on the squad. He was named to the TopDrawerSoccer.com National Team of the Season, NSCAA All-Mid-Atlantic Region Second Team and Second-team All A-10 Conference.

2007: In his first season with St. Louis, Barklage made 19 appearances (all starts), amassing three goals and five assists (most on the team).

2006: During his sophomore season at New Mexico, Barklage collected three goals and four assists in 19 games (17 starts). He earned first-team All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation honors and was named to the NSCAA All-Far West Region third team. He transferred to St. Louis University after the 2006 season.

2005: Barklage played in every game for the University of New Mexico as a freshman, starting 17 of 23 games. He contributed two goals and five assists for the Lobos, who qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

Other Experience

In 2008, Barklage played for the Chicago Fire Premier (PDL), appearing in 12 games and contributing a total of three goals and one assist.

Acquired

Selected in the third round (36th overall) of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft on 1/15/09.

JOHN DIRAIMONDO | #6

POS: M | H. 5-7 | W. 155 | DOB: 4.23.86

Major League Soccer

2008: DiRaimondo made his professional debut as a starter for the Colorado Rapids on 3/29 against the LA Galaxy. In all, he appeared in 11 games (eight starts), totaling 714 minutes. He scored his first professional goal against the Kansas City Wizards on 4/5.

2007: DiRaimondo was drafted by the Colorado Rapids in the 1st round (fourth overall) 2007 Supplemental Draft. He helped lead the Rapids reserves team to its second straight MLS Reserve Division championship, after they posted a 7-0-3 record. He was one of only two players to appear in all 10 reserve matches (six starts), totaling 605 minutes and scoring one goal.

College Experience

2006: DiRaimondo was a Herman Trophy semifinalist, scoring five goals and recording five assists in his senior year at St. Louis University.

2005: DiRaimondo scored a career-high nine goals and added 10 assists in all 19 games the Billikens played during his junior year. He was named to the First Team All-A10 Conference and All-Midwest Region.

2004: During his sophomore year, DiRaimondo started and played all 18 games the team played. He scored four goals and added three assists on his way to being named to the First Team All-A10 Conference.

2003: DiRaimondo was a four year starter at St. Louis University. His freshman year, he scored four goals and recorded 10 assists while being named to the Second Team NSCAA All-Midwest Region.

International Experience

2004: DiRaimondo played with the U.S. Under-20 National Team in a 2004 tour of Korea and was also a member of the U-17 National Team that played in the U-17 World Cup in Finland.

Acquired

Acquired via the waiver draft process on 3/27/09.

DEJAN JAKOVIC | #5

POS: D | H. 6-2 | W. 178 | DOB: 7.16.85

Other Professional Experience

2008: After a trial with Red Star Belgrade of the Serbian Superliga, Jakovic signed with the European power on 6/30/08. He made three starts during the 2008-09 league campaign and two additional starts in UEFA Cup play.

College Experience

2007: In his final season in Birmingham, Jakovic led UAB with six goals and also contributed an assist in 14 games (13 starts). For the second year in a row, he was honored as a member of the All-Conference USA First Team and the NSCAA All-Region First Team. Jakovic finished his career with 49 total appearances, collecting eight goals and five assists over three seasons.

2006: During his sophomore season at UAB, Jakovic played both in the defense and midfield. He saw time in 18 games (all starts), collecting a goal and four assists. Jakovic was named to the All-Conference USA First Team and the NSCAA All-Region First Team.

2005: After being redshirted in 2004, Jakovic played in 17 games during the 2005 season at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He notched a single goal and was named to the All-Conference USA Second Team for his efforts.

International Experience

2008: Jakovic made his full Canada Men's National Team debut on 1/30/08 against Martinique. He was then named to the U-23 Team that participated in the CONCACAF Men's Olympic Qualifying Tournament last summer. He played every minute of Canada's four contests and helped the team to a third place finish. Last fall, he was also called into full National Team camp in preparation for World Cup qualifiers, and was on the 18-man gameday roster for five qualifying games, but did not see the field.

Acquired:

Signed on 2/27/09 from Red Star Belgrade (Serbia).

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MILOS KOCIC | #1

POS: GK | H. 6-4 | W. 200 | DOB: 6.4.85

College

2008: In his final collegiate season, Kocic started 20 of 21 games he played in, recorded a 0.66 goals-against-average, and notched 12 shutouts, as he helped the Greyhounds to a 17-0-1 record. He garnered MAAC Defensive Player of the Week honors a league-high four times on his way to being named First-Team All-MAAC. He was named to the All-North Atlantic Regional Team and also earned second team All-American honors from the NSCAA.

2007: During his second season with the Greyhounds, Kocic started in each of Loyola's 23 games, playing every minute (2,098) between the posts. He secured an astounding 17 shutouts – tying the school record originally set by Zach Thornton in 1993 – put together the nation's best goals-against-average (0.47), and was second in the country with a save percentage of .889. He earned first-team All-MAAC honors and was named MAAC Tournament MVP.

2006: Kocic saw limited minutes during his first season at Loyola, appearing in two games for the Greyhounds.

2005: Kocic began his collegiate career at St. John's University, but was redshirted and did not see any playing time. He transferred to Loyola College in Maryland prior to the 2006 season.

Acquired

Selected in the second round (21st overall) of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft on 1/15/09.

ANTHONY PETERS | #12

POS: D | H. 6-5 | W. 205 | DOB: 10.24.83

College

2008: Peters scored seven goals and had two assists during his senior season, and was named as the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year and to the NSCAA All-America Third Team.

2007: After a stint training in Norway and Iceland, Peters returned to complete his collegiate career at West Virginia Wesleyan College. He played in 14 games (12 starts) and recorded three goals and two assists for the Bobcats.

2002-2004: Peters made 36 appearances while playing at the University of Kentucky, earning 31 starts while playing both as a center back and as a forward. During his 2003 season, he was red shirted due to a hamstring injury. He scored five goals and had six assists during his time with the Wildcats.

Other experience

2006-2007: Trained abroad in Norway and Iceland.

Acquired

Signed on 3/3/09.

JOSH WICKS | #31

POS: GK | H. 6-4 | W. 220 | DOB: 11.1.83

Major League Soccer

2008: After a trial with the Los Angeles Galaxy, Wicks signed a contract on 3/26/08 with the club. He made his MLS debut on 8/30/2008, coming off the bench to face the New England Revolution. In total, he made six appearances (five starts) for the Galaxy, posting a goals-against average of 2.18 and making 20 saves.

Other Professional Experience

2007: Wicks moved to the Portland Timbers prior to the start of the 2007 season. He played 2,385 minutes in 27 matches and made 87 saves while allowing just 16 goals. He led the USL First Division with a 0.60 goals against average and tallied a 13-4-9 record to earn the league's Goalkeeper of the Year award. At the end of the season, Wicks was selected to the USL First Division All-League First Team for the first time in his career.

2006: In his second season with the Whitecaps, Wicks was 2-1-2 in five appearances, recording two shutouts and 20 saves. He helped Vancouver win the USL First Division Championship, their first title since the 1991 Canadian Soccer League title.

2005: In his first year as a pro, playing for the Vancouver Whitecaps of the USL First Division, Wicks started the final 11 matches of the season. He finished the regular season with a 5-4-2 record, posting five shutouts and 39 saves to lead the Whitecaps into the playoffs.

College

Wicks played four years at Cal State Bakersfield between 2001-2004. He finished his time as the school's career leader in several career goalkeeping categories, including most starts (79), minutes played (7,149), saves (358), goals against average (1.01) and shutouts (34). He set single season records for saves (120 in 2002), goals against average (0.59 in 2004), and shutouts (12 in 2004) and was selected to the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) First Team his senior season in 2004.

Acquired

From the Los Angeles Galaxy in exchange for a conditional draft pick in the 2010 MLS SuperDraft.

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PLAYER MINI BIOS

1 | MILOS KOCIC

Milos Kocic was drafted by United in the second round (21st overall) of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft. A graduate of Loyola College of Maryland, Kocic officially signed on March 12. During his senior season at Loyola, the 6'4", 200 lbs. netminder averaged a 0.66 goals-against-average and notched 12 shutouts.

LAST GAME: Has not yet played in 2009.

4 | MARC BURCH

Marc Burch enters 2009 figuring to play a more prominent role in defense after a strong campaign last season. He finished the season with 28 League appearances (21 starts), contributing three assists. In U.S. Open Cup play, the defender scored two free kick goals in United's 2-0 third round win over the Rochester Rhinos on 7/1. In all competitions, he played in 44 games (35 starts), collecting two goals and four assists.

LAST GAME: Started and played 45 minutes in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

5 | DEJAN JAKOVIC

Dejan Jakovic was signed on Feb. 27, 2008. The 23-year old central defender comes to D.C. via a transfer from Red Star Belgrade of the Serbian First Division. The 6-foot, 2-inch Jakovic signed with Red Star Belgrade on June 30, 2008, and made three starts during the 2008-09 league campaign and two additional starts in UEFA Cup play. He also made his full Canada National Team debut on Jan. 30 of last year in a friendly versus Martinique.

LAST GAME: Played full 90 in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

6 | JOHN DIRAIMONDO

John DiRaimondo was acquired by United on March 27 via a waiver draft. Last year, he appeared in 11 games (eight starts), totaling 714 minutes, as a member of the Colorado Rapids. He scored his first professional goal against the Kansas City Wizards on 4/5/08.

LAST GAME: Has not yet played in 2009.

7 | FRED

The injury bug bit Fred in 2008, limiting the midfielder to only 23 League appearances (20 starts). When he was fit, Fred thrived in his role as an attacking winger, adding two goals and four assists to a potent United attack. He played an integral goal in the 2008 U.S. Open Cup campaign, scoring the goal against Charleston that provided the 2-1 winning score in the championship match.

2009: Started and played 69 minutes in 2-1 loss to Salt Lake on 4/11, dishing out an assist.

LAST GAME: Came in as a sub [60th minute] in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

8 | ANDREW JACOBSON

United's first pick in the 2008 MLS SuperDraft Andrew Jacobson joins the Black-and-Red after a year abroad. After signing with Ligue 1 side FC Lorient Bretagne Sud, injury problems plagued the midfielder and he never made his professional debut. Jacobson gained international experience when he was selected to the U.S. National Futsal team and played four games with them at the Futsal World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2009: Made his MLS debut as a sub [83rd minute] in 2-2 draw against LA Galaxy in season opener on 3/21.

LAST GAME: Came in as a second half sub in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

9 | ANGE N'SILU

Another new face for United this season, Mawate Ange N'Silu (he goes by Ange) is a striker originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Calling Paris, France his hometown, N'Silu joins the Black-and-Red after stints with FC Le Mont in Switzerland, and Le Havre AC in France.

LAST GAME: Made his first MLS start and played 65 minutes in 1-0 win over Houston on 4/1.

10 | CHRISTIAN GOMEZ

A cornerstone of United's 2004 MLS Cup title and Supporters' Shields in 2006 and 2007, Christian Gomez returns to the Black-and-Red after one season in Colorado. Gomez earned individual MLS accolades include all star and Best XI honors in 2005, 2006 and 2007, and League MVP in 2006. His return will help to spark the United attack from his playmaking position.

2009: Played 82 minutes, and scored his first goal of the season in 2-2 draw against LA on 3/21.

LAST GAME: Played 60 minutes in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

11 | LUCIANO EMILIO

Though he didn't find the same success in League play as the previous season, notching 11 goals and five assists in 27 games (25 starts), Luciano Emilio was again the team's most productive forward throughout the year. He led the team with four game-winning goals, which was also tied for the League high and was United's most consistent scoring threat going forward. In all competitions Emilio played in 41 total games (38 starts) and scored eighteen goals to go along with five assists.

2009: Scored his first goal of the 2009 season in 1-1 draw against Chicago on 3/28... Scored in 1-0 win over Houston on 4/1... Scored a goal for the third consecutive game in 2-1 loss to Salt Lake on 4/11.

LAST GAME: Played 90 minutes in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

12 | ANTHONY PETERS

Anthony Peters signed with the Black-and-Red on March 3, 2009 after a trial with the team during pre-season. He spent two years at West Virginia Wesleyan College (2007-08), two years training in Norway and Iceland (2006-07) and 2+ years at the University of Kentucky (2002-04).

LAST GAME: Has not yet played in 2009.

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13 | CHRIS PONTIUS

Another new face at United, Chris Pontius joins after his selection in the first round of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft. The versatile midfield/forward had an impressive senior season at the University of California Santa Barbara, where he scored 14 goals and was named to the NSCAA All-American Third Team.

2009: Played 90 minutes and scored his first career MLS goal in his first MLS game in 2-2 draw against LA Galaxy in season opener on 3/21... Played 90 minutes and recorded his first career assist in 2-1 loss to Salt Lake on 4/11.

LAST GAME: Played 90 minutes in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

14 | BEN OLSEN

2008 turned out to be one of extreme frustration for Ben Olsen, as he only managed one appearance – a 15 minute cameo against the Galaxy on 6/29 – in an injury plagued season. Olsen, who is entering his 12th season with the Black-and-Red, is anxious to return to the form that saw the United legend total seven goals and seven assists and earn League Best XI honors in 2007.

LAST GAME: Scored his first goal since September of 2007 in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

16 | GREG JANICKI

A late season addition in 2008, Greg Janicki quickly asserted himself as a strong central defender shortly after coming on board. The former Pittsburgh Riverhounds joined in September, making eight appearances in CONCACAF Champions League and MLS matches. The defender tallied his first goal for the Black-and-Red in a Champions League match against CD Marathon.

LAST GAME: Came in as a sub [79th minute] in 1-0 win over Houston on 4/1.

17 | BOYZZZ KHUMALO

Another late season addition to United's roster, Thabiso 'Bozz' Khumalo joined in September to bolster United's midfield depth. He looks to improve upon his strong 2008 finish, when he made appearances in 13 games in all competition, scoring his first league goal on 10/21 against Los Angeles.

LAST GAME: Came in as a sub [72nd minute] in 2-2 draw against LA Galaxy in season opener on 3/21.

18 | DEVON MCTAVISH

In a 2008 season that saw a host of lineup changes, Devon McTavish was again one of the most versatile and reliable players on the squad. The third-year player started as a right midfielder and scored three goals in the team's first two Champions' Cup games. As injuries decimated the team, he was then used as a central back, defensive midfielder and right midfielder. He finished the League season with a goal and four assists in 26 games (25 starts).

LAST GAME: Came in as a sub [69th minute] for Fred in 2-1 loss to Salt Lake on 4/11.

19 | CLYDE SIMMS

Clyde Simms emerged from last season as an ironman for the Black-and-Red, playing almost every minute in League play. His 3,849 minutes in all competitions was the most-ever for a United player, barely eclipsing the mark set by goalkeeper Troy Perkins (3,847 minutes played) in 2007. The tenacious midfielder added a couple of goals that rounded out his impressive season.

LAST GAME: Played first half of 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

22 | RODNEY WALLACE

Providing a burst of speed down the left flank, Rodney Wallace is in his first season with United after two years at the University of Maryland. Wallace was a key member of the 2008 College Cup winners and can play either midfield or defense.

2009: Played 90 minutes and tallied one assist in 2-2 draw against LA Galaxy in season opener on 3/21

LAST GAME: Played full game in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

24 | BRANDON BARKLAGE

After two seasons at the University of New Mexico (2005-06) and two at St. Louis University (2007-08), Brandon Barklage was drafted in the third round (36th overall) of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft. Able to play on either flank in the midfield, Barklage will add solid depth to United's attack.

LAST GAME: Played in his first MLS game when he came in as a sub [86th minute] in 1-1 draw against Chicago on 3/28.

25 | SANTINO QUARANTA

2008 was a season of redemption for Santino Quaranta. After finding himself out of MLS altogether, the Baltimore native was given a chance to make the roster prior to the 2008 season, and, after making the team, he went on to have the best season of his career. Last year, Quaranta produced career-highs in games played (27), started (23), minutes (1,963), and goals (5).

LAST GAME: Came in as a second half sub in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

26 | BRYAN NAMOFF

A defensive stalwart, Bryan Namoff has been a part of United's back line for the past eight seasons and, with his first appearance this season, will stand alone in fourth place among United players in all-time League appearances. The veteran right back was again a steady presence in last year's defense, and he started all 27 games that he saw time in. In the U.S. Open Cup quarterfinals, he scored the game-winning overtime goal against the Chicago Fire in the 99th minute. In all competitions, he collected two goals and two assists in 40 games (all starts).

2009: Notched his first assist of the 2009 season and played 90 minutes in 1-0 win over Houston on 4/1.

LAST GAME: Played 90 minutes in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

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27 | LOUIS CRAYTON

Louis Crayton was signed by D.C. United on 8/15 as a senior international and made his debut one day later – a 1-0 shutout against Chicago that helped Crayton stake his claim on the number one keeper spot. He ended up making 12 appearances (all starts), posting a mark of 3-6-3 in League play.

2009: Made four saves in 1-0 win over Houston on 4/1, his season debut.

LAST GAME: Made one save in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17.

30 | FRANCIS DOE

Francis Doe is looking to pick up where he left off at the end of 2008. Doe was acquired by United on 4/22/08. Doe fought through early injury concerns to appear in 12 League matches, starting four times. His two goals against New England on 10/16 helped D.C. come from behind to beat the Revolution before a nation-wide television audience and keep the club's playoff hopes alive. In all competitions, Doe scored seven goals in 19 games.

LAST GAME: Came in as a sub [76th minute] in 2-1 loss to Salt Lake on 4/11.

31 | JOSH WICKS

Josh Wicks was acquired from the LA Galaxy on March 10, 2009 in exchange for a conditional pick in the 2010 MLS SuperDraft. Wicks signed with the Galaxy in early 2008 and made six league appearances (five starts), registering a 1-2-3 record with a 2.18 goals against average.

LAST GAME: Played full game and made six saves in 1-1 draw against Chicago on 3/28

99 | JAIME MORENO

Entering his 14th season in the League, Jaime Moreno is still on the hunt for more goals. The prolific forward added to his all-time leading mark in 2008 and begins 2009 with an impressive 122 career tallies. Last season, Moreno also became the second player in MLS history to record four seasons of at least 10 goals and 10 assists. The ageless veteran will continue to be one of the focal points of United's attack in 2009 and will be hoping to notch his 100th assist early on in the new campaign.

LAST GAME: Dished out his 100th career assist in 1-1 draw with New England on 4/17, becoming the first player ever to record 100 goals and 100 assists in MLS.