

CHICAGO FIRE GAME NOTES

Chicago Fire vs. D.C. United - Saturday, August 16, 2003 - Fire Game #20 - MLS Game #92



D.C. United
(7-6-6, 27 pts.)

Saturday, August 16, 2003
7:30 p.m. CT - Cardinal Stadium
TV: Fox Sports World, HDNet
Radio: WNTD AM 950 (Spanish)
WNVR AM 1030 (Polish)



Chicago Fire
(8-4-6, 30 pts.)

Match Information

Referee: Alex Prus

Assistant Referees: Kermit Quisenberry, Paul Scott

Fourth Official: Marcel Yonan

Chicago Uniform: Red-Red-Red

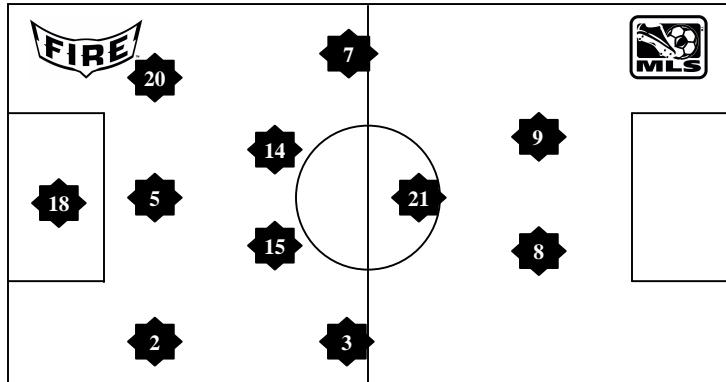
D.C. United Uniform: White-Black-White

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Probable Line-up w/ 2003 Regular Season Stats

Chicago Fire	GP	GS	G	A	Pts	CP
GK #18 Zach Thornton (1.20)	18	18	0	0	0	8
D #2 C.J. Brown	15	15	0	1	1	12
D #5 Jim Curtin	18	18	0	1	1	8
D/M #20 Orlando Perez	15	13	1	0	2	3
M #15 Jesse Marsch	9	6	1	0	2	4
M #14 Chris Armas	14	14	0	0	0	4
M #3 Evan Whitfield	18	16	1	1	3	12
M #21 Justin Mapp	15	12	3	2	8	0
M #7 DaMarcus Beasley	11	11	4	2	10	8
F #8 Damani Ralph	16	13	9	4	21	4
F #9 Ante Razov	14	14	10	3	23	8

Bench	GP	GS	G	A	Pts	CP
GK #13 Henry Ring (0.00)	1	0	0	0	0	0
D/M #6 Kelly Gray	16	10	2	0	4	8
M #24 Ryan Futagaki	5	1	0	1	1	0
M #12 Logan Pause	14	11	0	0	0	7
M #16 Andy Williams	12	10	1	6	8	4
F #11 Nate Jaqua	13	1	0	2	2	0
F #17 Dipsy Selowane	2	0	0	0	0	4



2003 Chicago Fire Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME (CT)/RESULT	TV
April 13	Sun.	New England	1-1 (OT) T	
April 19	Sat.	@ DC United	0-0 (OT) T	
April 26	Sat.	@ Kansas City	3-2 W	
May 10	Sat.	San Jose	0-0 (OT) T	
May 17	Sat.	@ New England	0-3 L	
May 25	Sun.	Colorado	4-0 W	
May 31	Sat.	@ San Jose	4-1 W	
June 7	Sat.	@ DC United	0-2 L	
June 14	Sat.	@ MetroStars	3-2 W	
June 18	Wed.	Dallas	4-1 W	
June 21	Sat.	@ Kansas City	2-4 L	
June 28	Sat.	MetroStars	2-1 (OT) W	
July 5	Sat.	@ San Jose	0-0 (OT) T	
July 12	Sat.	DC United	1-2 L	
July 19	Sat.	New England	3-1 W	
July 26	Sat.	Kansas City	2-0 W	
Aug. 6	Wed.	^ @ Milwaukee (A-League)	4-1 W	
Aug. 9	Sat.	MetroStars	1-1 T	
Aug. 13	Wed.	@ Columbus	2-2 T	
Aug. 16	Sat.	DC United	7:30 p.m. %FSW	
Aug. 20	Wed.	Los Angeles	7:30 p.m.	
Aug. 24	Sun.	@ MetroStars	3:00 p.m. TEL	
Aug. 27	Wed.	^ Colorado	7:30 p.m.	
Aug. 30	Sat.	@ New England	5:00 p.m. *TEL	
Sept. 6	Sat.	Columbus	8:00 p.m. HDNet	
Sept. 13	Sat.	@ Los Angeles	9:00 p.m. FSN	
Sept. 20	Sat.	@ Dallas	7:30 p.m. TEL	
Oct. 1	Wed.	@ Colorado	8:30 p.m. FSN	
Oct. 4	Sat.	Los Angeles	7:30 p.m. FSW	
Oct. 10	Fri.	Columbus	8:00 p.m.	
Oct. 18	Sat.	Colorado	8:00 p.m.	
Oct. 26	Sun.	@ Columbus	3:00 p.m. ESPN2	

Friendly

^ U.S. Open Cup

% Match also broadcast on HDNet

* Match also tape delayed on Fox Sports World at 6:30 CT

Chicago Fire ACE/Tru-Fit Injury Report

Brown, C.J. - left and right Achilles tendonitis - probable
Williams, Andy - right hamstring strain - probable

Chicago Fire - Suspended

Bocanegra, Carlos - red card (one game)

Chicago Fire - National Team Duty

Capano, Craig - U.S. Under-20 MNT (L'Alcudia International Tournament, Spain - Aug. 17-29)

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2003 Team Records



Overall: 8-4-6 Points: 30
Place in Standings: T-1st in East
Home: 5-1-3
Away: 3-3-3
Overtime: 1-0-6



Overall: 7-6-6 Points: 27
Place in Standings: 3rd in East
Home: 4-2-4
Away: 3-4-2
Overtime: 0-2-6

Chicago vs. D.C. United All-Time

Overall: 5-7-3 Home: 3-2-2 Away: 2-5-1 Overtime: 0-0-3

Date	Game	Score	Goals
5-2-98	FIRE vs. DC United	1-0=1 1-2=3	Klopas Lassiter, Etcheverry, Olsen
7-18-98	FIRE @ DC United	1-0=1 0-4=4	Marsch Lassiter 3, Moreno
5-1-99	FIRE vs. New England	1-2=3 0-2=2	Podbrozny, Armas, Wolff Moreno, Lassiter
5-29-99	FIRE @ DC United	1-0=1 1-2=3	Podbrozny Agoo, Olsen, Lassiter
4-8-00	FIRE @ DC United	1-1=2 1-2=3	Stoitchkov, Marsch Maessner, Moreno, Olsen
6-17-00	FIRE vs. DC United	0-3=3 0-2=2	Wolff, Gutierrez, Nowak Etcheverry, Cooks
4-14-01	FIRE vs. DC United	0-2=2 0-0=0	Wolff, Kovalenko
6-2-01	FIRE @. DC United	0-2=2 1-0=1	Wynalda, Kovalenko Moreno
3-30-02	FIRE @ DC United	0-0=0 2-0=2	Etcheverry, Conteh
5-4-02	FIRE @ DC United	1-2=3 0-0=0	Daniv, Nowak, Razov
7-20-02	FIRE vs. DC United	0-0-0-0=0 0-0-0=0	
7-31-02	FIRE vs. DC United	0-0-0-0=0 0-0-0-0=0	
4-19-03	FIRE @ DC United	0-0-0-0=0 0-0-0-0=0	
6-7-03	FIRE @ DC United	0-0=0 2-0=2	Etcheverry, Kovalenko
7-12-03	FIRE vs. DC United	1-0=1 2-0=2	Marsch Ivanov, Kovalenko

MLS Cup 1998 at Rose Bowl – Pasadena, CA

10-25-98	FIRE vs. DC United	2-0=2 0-0=0	Podbrozny, Gutierrez
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1999 CONCACAF Champions Cup Third Place Match – Las Vegas, NV

10-3-99	FIRE @ DC United	2-0=2 1-1=2	Razov, Marsch Wood, Otero
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LAST MATCH vs. DC UNITED:

United 2, Fire 1

Saturday, July 12, 2003

Cardinal Stadium – Naperville, IL

Former Fire forward Hristo Stoitchkov helped his current D.C. United (4-5-6, 18pts) side by contributing two assists in a 2-1 come-from-behind victory over the Fire (6-4-4, 22pts) in front of 13,245 fans at Cardinal Stadium last Saturday night. The loss was the first suffered at home by the Fire this season after entering the contest as the lone unbeaten team at home entering the weekend (3-1-2). Chicago is now 0-2-3 in its last five matches against D.C., which in turn captured its second consecutive road win. United now holds a 2-0-1 record against the Fire this season after a 0-0 tie (April 19) and a 2-0 win (June 7), games which were both played at DC. Fire midfielder Jesse Marsch's 6th minute goal gave the Fire an early lead, but Galin Ivanov's equalizer just three minutes later brought the match to square and Ben Olsen's tally just before the half (45') proved the game-winner.

	1	2	F
FIRE	1	0	1
UNITED	2	0	2

Scoring Summary:

CHI – Jesse Marsch 1 (C.J. Brown 1) 6

DC – Galin Ivanov 1 (Hristo Stoitchkov 3) 9

DC – Ben Olsen 1 (Hristo Stoitchkov 4, Santino Quaranta 3) 45

Lineups/Stats: **CHI** – GK-#18-Zach Thornton, D-#2-C.J. Brown, D-#5-Jim Curtin, D-#6-Kelly Gray, M-#3-Evan Whitfield, M-#14-Chris Armas (Capt.), M-#15-Jesse Marsch, M-#12-Logan Pause (#11-Nate Jaqua 46), M-#14-Ryan Futagaki (#17-Dipsy Selolwane 71), F-#8-Damani Ralph, F-#9-Ante Razov.

TOTAL SHOTS: 18 (Razov 5); SHOTS ON GOAL: 4 (Razov 2); FOULS: 17 (Futagaki, Whitfield 4); OFFSIDE: 0; CORNER KICKS: 8; SAVES: None; CAUTIONS: Kelly Gray 8, Evan Whitfield 86; EJECTIONS: Ante Razov 91+.

Lineups/Stats: **DC** – GK-#18-Nick Rimando, D-#26-Bryan Namoff, D-#12-Mike Petke, D-#4-Brandon Prideaux, D-#3-Galin Ivanov, M-#14-Ben Olsen, M-#21-Dema Kovalenko, M-#7-Ryan Nelsen (Capt.), M-#25-Santino Quaranta, F-#17-Ali Curtis (#11-Alecko Eskandarian 86), F-#8-Hristo Stoitchkov. TOTAL SHOTS: 5 (Stoitchkov 2); SHOTS ON GOAL: 2 (Ivanov, Olsen); FOULS: 17 (Kovalenko 4); OFFSIDE: 2; CORNER KICKS: 3; SAVES: Rimando 3; CAUTIONS: None; EJECTIONS: Kovalenko 91+.

Referee: Brian Hall; **Referee's Assistants:** Steven Davidson, Kermit Quisenberry; **4th Official:** Marcel Yonan; **Attendance:** 13,245; **Time of Game:** 1:52; **Weather:** Sunny-and-76-degrees.

LAST MATCH:

Fire 2, Crew 2 (OT)

Wednesday, August 13, 2003

Crew Stadium – Columbus, OH

Forward Damani Ralph set a new MLS rookie goal-scoring record with a dramatic equalizing strike in the 90th minute as the Chicago Fire tied the Columbus Crew 2-2 in an entertaining match on Wednesday night at Columbus Crew Stadium. The goal was Ralph's ninth of the season, surpassing the mark set by Jeff Cunningham (1998), former Fire member Josh Wolff (1998) and current teammate Rodrigo Faria (2001). The tie ensured the Fire (8-4-6, 30pts), who stretched its unbeaten streak to four games (2-0-2), remain tied for first place in the Eastern Conference with the MetroStars, who also registered a tie (0-0) in their match against the Kansas City Wizards earlier on Wednesday. The Fire took an early lead in the contest in the 34th minute when Ante Razov converted a penalty kick that was created when DaMarcus Beasley was fouled inside the penalty area one minute earlier. A pair of goals at the start of the second half by Columbus's Edson Buddle (47') and Brian West (52) put the Fire down one until Ralph's late-game heroics. In the final moments of the match Chicago lost defender Carlos Bocanegra after he picked up his second yellow card caution of the overtime period, forcing the U.S. National Team stalwart to miss the team's Eastern Conference showdown versus D.C. United on Saturday in Naperville.

	1	2	OT1	OT2	F
FIRE	1	1	0	0	2
CREW	0	2	0	0	2

Scoring Summary:

CHI – Ante Razov 10 (penalty kick) 34
CLB – Edson Buddle 3 (Jeff Cunningham 5, Alex Pineda Chacon 1) 47
CLB – Brian West 2 (Jeff Cunningham 6, Edson Buddle 1) 52
CHI – Damani Ralph 9 (Nate Jaqua 2, Andy Williams 6) 90

Lineups/Stats: CHI (3-5-2) – GK-#18-Zach Thornton, D-#6-Kelly Gray, D-#5-Jim Curtin (#16-Andy Williams 70), D-#5-Carlos Bocanegra, M-#15-Jesse Marsch (#20-Orlando Perez 85), M-#14-Chris Armas (Capt.), M-#3-Evan Whitfield, M-#7-DaMarcus Beasley, M-#21-Justin Mapp (#11-Nate Jaqua 81), F-#8-Damani Ralph, F-#9-Ante Razov.

TOTAL SHOTS: 28 (Razov 8); SHOTS ON GOAL: 13 (Razov 7); FOULS: 15 (Marsch 3); OFFSIDE: 0; CORNER KICKS: 8; SAVES: Thornton 8; CAUTIONS: Carlos Bocanegra 98, 101+; EJECTIONS: Carlos Bocanegra 101+.

Lineups/Stats: CLB (4-4-2) – GK-#1-Jon Busch, D-#8-Duncan Oughton, D-#3-Mike Clark, D-#5-Chad McCarty, D-#6-Eric Denton, M-#17-Brian West (#15-Freddy Garcia 59), M-#10-Brian Maisonneuve, M-#16-Ross Paule, M-#23-Alex Pineda Chacon (#24-Jeff Matteo 75), F-#12-Edson Buddle (#18-Nelson Akwari 89), F-#11-Jeff Cunningham.

TOTAL SHOTS: 17 (Cunningham 6); SHOTS ON GOAL: 10 (Buddle 4); FOULS: 16 (Buddle, Maisonneuve 3); OFFSIDE: 2; CORNER KICKS: 8; SAVES: Busch 11; CAUTIONS: Eric Denton 37, Edson Buddle 68, Jon Busch 74, Jeff Cunningham 80, Chad McCarty 99; EJECTIONS: None.

Referee: Brian Hall; **Referee's Assistants:** Fabio Tovar, Bahij Salman; **4th Official:** Hilario Grajeda; **Attendance:** 17,193; **Time of Game:** 2:07; **Weather:** Sunny-and-84-degrees.

FIRE FLASHES

Series History vs. D.C. United

History has not been kind to the Fire in the Chicago-D.C. series as of late, as the "Men in Red" will look to stop a five-game winless streak against United in the regular season finale between the two Eastern Conference rivals. During those five games, which began with a 0-0 draw in Naperville on 7-20-02, the Fire has gone 0-2-3, allowed only four goals while scoring just one. The Fire's recent funk against the "Black-and-Red" has dropped their record in the regular season series to 5-7-3, which includes a 3-2-2 mark in Chicagoland and a 0-1-2 record at Cardinal Stadium. In 2003 the "Men in Red" have taken away just one point in the three contests played thus far. The season series started with a 0-0 stalemate (the two sides' third consecutive scoreless draw) at RFK Stadium on April 19. D.C. came away with a 2-0 victory at RFK on June 7 and managed to come from behind on July 12 at Cardinal Stadium and register a 2-1 win. Midfielder Jesse Marsch has had the most success in a Fire uniform against D.C. United, as the former member of the Black-and-Red has scored eight points on three goals and two assists in 13 contests against his former team.

Ralph in Rare Air After Breaking MLS Rookie Goal-Scoring Record

It didn't take long – four days, to be exact – for Chicago Fire forward Damani Ralph to go from part of an elite group of company into a class all by himself, as the dynamic first-year striker tallied his ninth goal of the season in spectacular fashion on Wednesday versus Columbus in the 90th minute to break the MLS record for most goals scored by a rookie. Ralph's "Goal of the Year" caliber strike put him past a trio of top-notch MLS talents - teammate Rodrigo Faria (2001), former Fire forward Josh Wolff (1998) and Columbus's Jeff Cunningham (1998) – in the category, in addition to equalizing the match in the final minutes of regulation at 2-2 and making highlight reels across the country. The MLS Rookie of the Year front-runner now has 21 points (9g, 3a) on the season, good for fourth place on the Budweiser MLS Scoring Chart.

Bocanegra a No-Go After Picking Up Late Red Card Wednesday

Fire defender Carlos Bocanegra will be forced to sit out of Saturday's showdown against D.C. United after picking up a pair of yellow cards and a subsequent red card ejection in the closing stages of last Wednesday's 2-2 tie at Columbus. Bocanegra received both yellow card cautions in the second overtime from referee Brian Hall, the first for a reckless foul in the 98th minute and the second for a deliberate handball in added time of the period (101'+). The red card was just Bocanegra's second in his 78-game career.

Four and Counting for Fire

It has been over a month since the Chicago Fire has last tasted defeat. The "Men in Red" come into Saturday's Eastern Conference showdown with D.C. United on a four-game unbeaten streak (2-0-2), matching its longest such streak of the season, which began when the Fire went 1-0-3 to start the campaign. The Fire is the only team in MLS this season to put together five separate unbeaten streaks and is one of only two clubs, along with D.C. United, that has not suffered back-to-back defeats. The Fire last fell when D.C. United won 2-1 in Naperville on July 12.

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So Far So Good for Fire in Busy August

After getting the chance to develop some of the younger players on the roster over the first half of the Fire's 2003 campaign, Head Coach Dave Sarachan will likely get the chance to put them to the test some more during a brutal stretch of games in the month of August. Beginning with Chicago's 4-1 win over Milwaukee Wave United in U.S. Open Cup play on August 6, the Fire will play a Wednesday-Saturday (or Sunday) schedule for the duration of the month, meaning the club will play eight games in 25 days until the hectic schedule ends at New England on August 30. With three of the games already in the books, the Fire has stayed unbeaten by collecting a 1-0-2 record, including the win at Milwaukee, a 1-1 draw last Saturday at home against the MetroStars and Wednesday's 2-2 tie at Columbus.

Curtin's Ironman Streak Ends

Fire central defender Jim Curtin logged the first 1,654 minutes of the Fire's 2003 season, but that streak came to an end when the third-year Villanova product was substituted out of Wednesday's 2-2 draw at Columbus in favor of midfielder Andy Williams in the 70th minute of the contest. Going into the contest Curtin was one of just nine players in the League to log every minute of play for their clubs. Curtin was looking to become only the second player in Fire history to play every minute in a season alongside goalkeeper Zach Thornton, who first accomplished the feat in 2001 (2,496 minutes played in 27 matches).

Firing on All Cylinders

After perhaps being a bit selective with their shots earlier in the season, the Fire has changed its plan of attack and started a full-out assault on opposing goalkeepers during the month of August. The "Men in Red" head into Saturday's match versus D.C. United as the MLS leader in shots taken with 278, thanks in part to a combined 53 shots in their last two games against Columbus (28) and the MetroStars (25). In both those contests, Columbus 'keeper Jon Busch and Metros netminder Jonny Walker were forced to make 11 saves to preserve their respective draws, both season-highs for goalkeeper saves versus Chicago. Of those 53 shots taken, 25 have been on goal, and over half of those (13) have come off the foot of all-time leading scorer and shot taker Ante Razov. After his eighth shot, seven shot-on-goal performance at Columbus on Wednesday, Razov now leads MLS in both categories with 74 and 43 respectively, good for an impressive .581 on target percentage.

Welcome Back, Andy

After missing the Fire's last four MLS contests, midfielder Andy Williams returned to the Chicago line-up last Wednesday against Columbus for the first time since July 5, and it didn't take long for the Jamaican playmaker to find his rhythm. Just 20 minutes after entering the contest as a substitute in the 70th minute versus Columbus, Williams notched his first point since June 28 when he collected the secondary assist on Damani Ralph's dramatic equalizing goal in the 90th minute of the Fire's 2-2 draw. Williams' six helpers still leads the Fire and ties him for sixth place in the category in the League. Williams is thirteenth on the League's all-time assist leaderboard with 47, and will tie Fire legend Peter Nowak in the top dozen with his next helper.

Former Firemen Battling in the Beltway

A pair of former Fire members that departed the "Men in Red" in the off-season – midfielder Dema Kovalenko and forward Hristo Stoitchkov – will be making their second appearances back in Chicagoland on Saturday evening. Kovalenko left the Fire as the club's fourth all-time leading scorer with 64 points (22 g, 20 a) in 90 career games from 1999-2002. Stoitchkov brought his fiery brand of soccer to Chicagoland from 2000-2002, during which he tallied 17 goals and 15 assists, good for 49 points and sixth place on the Fire's career scoring list. Both have played integral parts in United's recent climb up the standings, as Kovalenko leads the team in goals with five and is second in points with 10, while Stoitchkov has contributed two goals and five assists and is tied for third on the club in points with nine.

Fire Continues U.S. Open Cup Play August 27 Versus Colorado at Cardinal Stadium

After a convincing 4-1 win over the A-League's Milwaukee Wave United last Wednesday in the fourth round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, Chicago will continue play in the 90th edition of the nation's oldest soccer competition on Wednesday, August 27 against the Colorado Rapids of MLS in a quarterfinal contest at North Central College's Cardinal Stadium in Naperville at 7:30 p.m. CT. Tickets for the Fire-Rapids U.S. Open Cup match can be purchased online at Ticketmaster.com, by visiting any Ticketmaster outlets or by calling Ticketmaster at 312-559-1212. Tickets are also available at the Cardinal Stadium Box Office, located at 455 S. Brainard Street in Naperville, IL Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or by visiting the Chicago Fire offices, located at 980 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1998, Monday-Friday during regular business hours. Season ticket holders should use the ticket marked "Open Cup Game" from their season ticket packages. The Fire is looking to capture its third U.S. Open Cup title to go along with its 1998 and 2000 championships. Chicago has recorded a 12-3-1 record in tournament play and has outscored its opponents 33-14 in the competition. MLS and Chicago Fire media credentials will be honored at the match.

Misc...

- Chicago has moved to the top of the League in scoring, with its 1.78 goals per game average (32 goals in 18 games) edging out Kansas City's mark of 1.68 (32 goals in 19 games).
- Fire midfielder Craig Capano will be away from the club until the end of the month after being selected to the United States Under-20 Men's National Team that will take part in the annual L'Alcudia International Tournament in Spain from August 21-28. The U.S. youth squad will take on Egypt (Aug. 21), Russia (Aug. 23) and Slovenia (Aug. 25) in group play before playing in a possible semifinal contest on August 27 and a placement match or the tournament championship on August 28.
- Fire goalkeeper Zach Thornton broke the MLS record for most consecutive scoreless minutes versus one opponent earlier this season when he ran his streak of scoreless soccer versus D.C. United to 469 minutes. United's Marco Etcheverry ended the streak, which spanned six games, with a 37th minute penalty kick on June 7 in United's 2-0 win.
- United's 2-1 win over Chicago in Naperville on July 12 is the Fire's lone blemish in its 5-1-3 record at home (.722 - second best in MLS).
- The Fire's Ante Razov and United's Dema Kovalenko were both sent off in the late stages of the clubs' last meeting on July 12 in Naperville after receiving red cards for an altercation in the 91st minute.
- Before its current five-game winless streak against United, the Fire posted a 4-1-0 streak against the "Black-and-Red" that stretched from June 17, 2000 to May 4, 2002.
- Chicago is the only team in MLS to have two players in the top five of the Budweiser Scoring Chart. Forwards Ante Razov and Damani Ralph have been pushing each other on the field and up the charts, as Razov currently sits in third on the scoring chart with 23 points (10g, 3a), while the rookie Ralph is close behind in fifth-place with 21 points (9g, 3a).
- The Fire roster features three midfielders that have spent time with D.C. United over the years. Jesse Marsch was a member of the 1996-97 United squads that won back-to-back MLS Cups, while Orlando Perez and Justin Mapp both saw limited action for the Black-and-Red during the 2002 season before coming to Chicago in separate trades last year.
- With his conversion from the penalty spot Wednesday against Columbus, Ante Razov is now 10-for-11 on penalty kicks in his career.

NEXT MATCH:



Los Angeles Galaxy

Chicago Fire

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2003

Time: 7:30 p.m. CT

Location: Cardinal Stadium – Naperville, IL

TV: None

Chicago Fire vs. Los Angeles Galaxy All-Time

Overall: 5-10-1

Home: 3-5-0

Away: 2-5-1

Shootout (1998-99): 1-0

Overtime (since 2000): 0-1-1

Playoffs: 0-0-0

MLS Cup: 0-0

LAST MEETING VS. LOS ANGELES:

Galaxy 2, Fire 1

Saturday, September 7, 2002

Cardinal Stadium – Naperville, IL

The Chicago Fire dropped a heartbreaking 2-1 game to the Los Angeles Galaxy in front of a sell out crowd of 15,731 rabid Fire fans at Cardinal Stadium in Naperville, IL. Galaxy forward Carlos Ruiz scored twice to down the Fire and counter Fire midfield stalwart Jesse Marsch's first goal of the season to drop the Fire's record to 11-13-4 for 34 points. The Fire unleashed a season-high 23 shots in the game including 17 in the first half. Chicago also saw four shots ring the posts on the night with Ante Razov, Peter Nowak, Dema Kovalenko, and Carlos Bocanegra hitting the woodwork. Both teams saw red as Galaxy defender Ezra Hendrickson was issued his second yellow card of the game at the end of the first half after fouling DaMarcus Beasley. In the 51st minute, Kovalenko was shown his second yellow card after diving in the L.A. box on a one-on-one breakaway with Galaxy 'keeper Kevin Hartman.

	1	2	F
FIRE	1	0	1
GALAXY	0	2	2

Scoring Summary:

CHI – Jesse Marsch 1 (C.J. Brown 3, Ante Razov 8) 8

LA – Carlos Ruiz 21 (Simon Elliott 9) 79

LA – Carlos Ruiz 22 (Simon Elliott 10, Mauricio Cienfuegos 7) 87

Lineups/Stats: CHI (4-4-2) – GK-#18-Zach Thornton, D-#22-David Vaudreuil, D-#2-C.J. Brown, D-#4-Carlos Bocanegra, D-#30-Orlando Perez, M-#15-Jesse Marsch, M-#21-Dema Kovalenko, M-#7-DaMarcus Beasley, M-#10-Peter Nowak, F-#8-Hristo Stoitchkov (#6-Kelly Gray 78), F-#9-Ante Razov.

TOTAL SHOTS: 23 (Razov 7); SHOTS ON GOAL: 7 (three players with 2); FOULS: 19 (Kovalenko 4); OFFSIDE: 1; CORNER KICKS: 7; SAVES: Thornton 6; CAUTIONS: Kovalenko 20, Kovalenko 51, Vaudreuil 63; EJECTIONS: Kovalenko 51 (second caution).

Lineups/Stats: LA (4-4-2) – GK-#22-Kevin Hartman, D-#17-Ezra Hendrickson, D-#30-Alexi Lalas, D-#14-Tyrone Marshall, D-#6-Craig Waibel, M-#12-Simon Elliott, M-#8-Peter Vagenas, M-#11-Sasha Victorine, M-#10-Mauricio Cienfuegos, F-#20-Carlos Ruiz (#13-Cobi Jones 89), F-#9-Brian Mullan (#5-Chris Albright 55).

TOTAL SHOTS: 12 (Ruiz 5); SHOTS ON GOAL: 9 (Ruiz 4); FOULS: 14 (Hendrickson, Ruiz 3); OFFSIDE: 0; CORNER KICKS: 5; SAVES: Hartman 6; CAUTIONS: Ruiz 13, Hendrickson 15, Lalas 32, Hendrickson 48+; EJECTIONS: Hendrickson 48+ (second caution).

Referee: Jair Marrufo; **Referee's Assistants:** George Gansner, Francisco Sanchez; **4th Official:** Richard Heron; **Attendance:** 15,731;

Weather: Clear-and-79-degrees.

FIRE HEAD COACH—DAVE SARACHAN

MLS Head Coaching Debut Season – 8-4-6 Overall in MLS

Dave Sarachan was appointed as the head coach of the Chicago Fire on November 4, 2002, after serving as an assistant coach on the United States National Team under Bruce Arena. Sarachan started his tenure with the Fire by becoming only the third head coach in Major League Soccer history to go undefeated through his first four matches, compiling a record of 1-0-3 during his debut stretch at the helm of the Fire.

As the first full-time assistant coach on Arena's staff, Dave Sarachan joined U.S. Soccer on January 1, 2000, to help orchestrate the U.S. Men's National Team's qualification and historic quarterfinal run at the FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan 2002.

Sarachan assisted Arena at a number of matches in 1999, while also serving D.C. United as an assistant coach during the 1998 and 1999 MLS seasons. Sarachan originally joined D.C. United on Dec. 17, 1997, after Bob Bradley resigned to take the head coaching position with the Chicago Fire.

Sarachan filled in for a suspended Arena on the bench in the USA's last two qualifiers of 2000, a 0-0 draw with Costa Rica on October 11, and a 4-0 win in Barbados on November 15 that gave the U.S. the Group "E" title and advancement into the final round of qualifying.

The 49-year-old Sarachan joined United from Cornell University, where he compiled a 64-63-16 record over nine seasons in charge of the Big Red soccer program. In this time at the school, he led the club to successive appearances in the NCAA tournament in 1995 and 1996. Sarachan's Big Red squad defeated Bradley's Princeton team to take the 1995 Ivy League Championship.

The move to the U.S. National Team reunited Sarachan with Arena for a third time, having previously served as his assistant with United and also at the University of Virginia. Prior to taking the job at Cornell University, Sarachan worked under Arena at Virginia for five seasons from 1984 to 1988 after Bradley departed to take the head coaching position at Princeton University.

A 1976 graduate of Cornell, Sarachan played two seasons with the Big Red. He was named the team's most valuable player in his senior season, leading Cornell to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I tournament. Prior to his time at Cornell, Sarachan was a two-time All-American at Monroe (N.Y.) Community College.

Sarachan was the assistant soccer coach at the University of Rochester from 1976-1977, as well as at Cornell in 1983. He was drafted by the Rochester Lancers of the North American Soccer League and saw action in 1976 and 1977. He also had a four-year playing career in the Major Indoor Soccer League, totaling 88 games played and scoring 46 goals and 26 assists with the Pittsburgh Spirit (1978-79), Buffalo Stallions (1979-1981), Baltimore Blast and Kansas City Comets before ending his playing career in 1982.

Sarachan was born on June 7, 1954, in Rochester, New York, and is married to Cherie. The couple resides in Gurnee, IL with their two children, Ian (14) and Alexa (10).

2003 MLS Regular Season Coaching Record

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	T	GF	GA	POSITION
2003	Chicago Fire	8	4	6	32	23	T-1st in East (30 points)

Chicago Fire vs. D.C. United – Saturday, August 16, 2003, 7:30 p.m. CT

CHICAGO FIRE PLAYER BIOS

CHRIS ARMAS #14

MIDFIELDER

TRADED FROM LOS ANGELES ON 1-27-98

HT: 5-7

WT: 150 lbs.

AGE: 30

2003: Started and played 100 min. on 8-13 @ CLB in Chicago's 2-2 draw...Played all 100 min. on 8-9 vs. MET in a 1-1 draw...Scored the game-tying goal on 8-6 @ MIL in the 14th min. and played 65 min. in Chicago's 4-1 4th round win in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...Named an MLS All-Star for the sixth time and was tabbed as the Coach's Selection for the 2003 MLS All-Star Game. Entered the MLS All-Star match on 8-2 as a halftime substitute and spurred the MLS All-Stars to a 3-1 victory over Chivas...Started and played the full 90 min. on 7-26 vs. KC in Fire's 2-0 win...Played all 90 min. on 7-19 vs. NE, helping Chicago to a 3-1 win...Went the full 90 min. on 7-12 vs. DC in Fire's 2-1 loss...Played all 100 min. on 7-5 @ SJ in Chicago's 0-0 draw...Named alternate for U.S. National Team for CONCACAF Gold Cup...Played all 94 min. on 6-28 vs. MET, helping the Fire to a 2-1 OT win and first place in the Eastern Conference...Did not play (U.S. National Team duty) on 6-21 @ KC, 6-18 vs. DAL, 6-14 @ MET and 6-7 @ DC...Started and played the full 90 minutes on 5-31 @ SJ in Chicago's 4-1 win...Started and played 57 min. on 5-25 vs. COL, helping Fire to a 4-0 win...Started and played all 90 min. on 5-17 @ NE, a 3-0 loss...Started and played all 100 min. on 5-10 vs. SJ in Fire's 0-0 draw...Started and played all 90 min. on 4-26 @ KC, helping Fire to a 3-2 win...Started and played 90 min. on 4-19 @ DC, helping the Fire to a 0-0 draw...Started and played all 100 min. on 4-13 vs. NE, helping the Fire to a 1-1 tie in the club's MLS opener.

LAST SEASON: Started and played in four games before suffering a season ending ACL tear to his right knee on 5-12 while playing with the U.S. vs. Uruguay in preparation for the World Cup...Notched only assist of the year on Kelly Gray's first professional goal with Ante Razov on 4-20 @ MET helping the Fire to a 2-0 win.

LAST GOAL: Scored the game-tying goal on 8-6 @ MIL in the 14th min., helping the Fire to a 4-1 win in the 4th round of the U.S. Open Cup.

LAST ASSIST: Recorded his first assist of 2002 with Ante Razov on Kelly Gray's first professional goal and game-winner in the 26th min. on 4-20 @ MET, helping the Fire to a 2-0 win.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Named to the 25-man U.S. National Team roster as an alternate for the 2003 CONCACAF Gold Cup...Played in two of three games for the U.S. during the 2003 FIFA Confederations Cup in France. Wore the captain's armband during his 50th cap vs. Cameroon on June 23...Armas was named to the final 23-player roster for the U.S. World Cup team traveled to Korea, but an ACL tear in his right knee ruled him out for the prestigious tournament... Selected to the All-Star Game for the fourth time in 2001...Has 50 caps and two goals with the U.S. National Team...Was named to the MLS Best Eleven for four consecutive seasons (1998-2001).

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
14	14	1281	0	0	0	12	2	17	25	1	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

DAMARCUS BEASLEY #7

MIDFIELDER

TRADED FROM LOS ANGELES ON 2-6-00

HT: 5-7

WT: 137lbs

AGE: 21

2003: Started and played 100 min. on 8-13 @ CLB in Chicago's 2-2 draw...Returned to the Fire line-up on 8-9 vs. MET and played all 100 min. in a 1-1 draw...Registered first minutes with Fire in over a month on 8-6 @ MIL and played 74 min. in Chicago's 4-1 win in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...Named to the Pepsi MLS All-Star team for the third straight season. Played all 90 min. on 8-2 vs. Chivas in the MLS All-Stars' 3-2 win at The Home Depot Center...Did not play on 7-26 vs. KC, 7-19 vs. NE, 7-12 vs. DC or 7-5 @ SJ (U.S. National Team duty)...Named to U.S. National Team's 18-man active roster for CONCACAF Gold Cup...Played all 94 min. on 6-28 vs. MET, and assisted on Ante Razov's 94th minute golden goal that gave the Fire a 2-1 OT win and moved the club to first place in the Eastern Conference...Did not play (U.S. National Team duty) on 6-21 @ KC, 6-18 vs. DAL or 6-14 @ MET...Started and played the full 90 min. on 6-7 @ DC in Fire's 2-0 loss...Named MLS Man of the Match for the third time in 2003 on 5-31 @ SJ after opening (28') and closing (90') the Fire's scoring in Chicago's 4-1 victory. His third and fourth goals of 2003 tied and eclipsed his previous career high for goals in a season (3 in 2002)...Scored second goal of season in 32nd min and earned first assist of 2003 on Justin Mapp's 38th min. goal on 5-25 vs. COL, helping Fire to a 4-0 win. Earned second MLS Man of the Match award of the season...Started and played all 90 min. on 5-17 @ NE, a 3-0 loss ... Started and played all 100 min. on 5-10 vs. SJ in Fire's 0-0 draw...Started and played all 90 min. on 4-26 @ KC, helping Fire to a 3-2 win...Started and played all 100 min. on 4-19 @ DC, helping the Fire to a 0-0 draw. Tied a career-high with eight fouls suffered ...Played all 100 min. on 4-13 vs. NE, scoring the team's lone goal and the eighth of his career in the 35th min., helping the Fire to a 1-1 draw.

LAST SEASON: Started all 19 games played with the Fire and tied his career-high of 10 points on three goals and four assists...Beasley's three goals marked a new career best in the category...Started the Pepsi MLS All-Star Game on 8-3 @ DC for the U.S. National Team and assisted on a goal by Landon Donovan in a 3-2 loss to the MLS All-Star team... Started and played in his first game after the 2002 World Cup on 7-7 vs. COL, making an immediate impact by registering an assist – his first this season – on Josh Wolff's 63rd minute goal and helping the Fire to a 2-1 OT win... Scored his first goal of the season and fifth of his career on an assist from Dema Kovalenko on 4-20 @ MET helping Chicago to a 2-0 win.

LAST GOAL: Beasley scored his career-high fourth goal of 2003 on 5-31 with a tap-in goal in the 90th minute to end the Fire's 4-1 victory @ SJ.

LAST ASSIST: Notched second assist of 2003 on 6-28-03 vs. MET on Ante Razov's 94th minute golden goal that gave the Fire a 2-1 victory and first place in the Eastern Conference.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Named to the active U.S. National Team 18-man roster that is participating in the 2003 CONCACAF Gold Cup...Played the full 90 min. on 7-26 vs. Costa Rica and helped the U.S. earn third place in the 2003 CONCACAF Gold Cup by defeating the "Ticos" 3-2...Saw action for U.S. National Team as a second half substitute in a 2-1 OT loss to Brazil in the Gold Cup semifinals...Played in all three games (two starts) for the U.S. in the 2003 FIFA Confederations Cup in France. Scored the only goal for the Americans in the tournament (the fourth of his career) in a 2-1 loss to Turkey on June 19...Beasley was named to the final 23-player roster for the 2002 U.S. World Cup team... He was awarded the 2001 U.S. Soccer Young Male Athlete of the Year honors for his performance for the nation in the calendar year. Was named to the MLS All-Star Starting XI for the first time ever in 2001 and was named a starter for the U.S. in 2002 for the Pepsi MLS All-Star Game...Has 27 caps and four goals with the U.S. National Team...Became one of the first two American men to ever garner MVP honors at a FIFA World Championship (New Zealand in Nov. 1999), garnering the Silver Ball Award and two Man of the Match honors during the tournament.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
11	11	1044	4	2	10	25	9	22	56	2	10	0	2	0	0	1	0	0

Chicago Fire vs. D.C. United – Saturday, August 16, 2003, 7:30 p.m. CT

CARLOS BOCANEGRA #4 DEFENDER

2000 MLS SUPERDRAFT

HT: 6-0

WT: 170 lbs

AGE: 24

2003: Started and played 100 min. on 8-13 @ CLB before picking up a red card (second yellow card) in the 101+ min. in Chicago's 2-2 draw...Returned to the Fire line-up on 8-9 vs. MET and played all 100 min. in a 1-1 draw...Registered first minutes with Fire in over a month on 8-6 @ MIL and played 61 min. in Chicago's 4-1 win in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...Named to Pepsi MLS All-Star team for the second consecutive year. Played all 90 min. on 8-2 vs. Chivas in the MLS All-Stars' 3-2 win at The Home Depot Center...Did not play on 7-26 vs. KC...7-19 vs. NE, 7-12 vs. DC or 7-5 @ SJ (U.S. National Team duty)...Named to U.S. National Team's 18-man active roster for CONCACAF Gold Cup...Played all 94 min. on 6-28 vs. MET, helping the Fire to a 2-1 OT win and first place in the Eastern Conference...Did not play (U.S. National Team duty) on 6-21 @ KC, 6-18 vs. DAL, 6-14 @ MET and 6-7 @ DC...Played the full 90 min. on 5-31 @ SJ and earned an assist on Chicago's first goal of the game (Beasley, '28') in the Fire's second consecutive win...Started and played all 90 min. on 5-25 vs. COL, helping Fire to a 4-0 home win...Started and played all 90 min. on 5-17 @ NE, a 3-0 loss...Started and played all 100 min. on 5-10 vs. SJ in Fire's 0-0 draw...Started and played all 90 min. on 4-26 @ KC, helping Fire to a 3-2 win...Started and played all 100 min. on 4-19 @ DC, helping the Fire to a 0-0 draw...Started and played all 100 min. on 4-13 vs. NE, helping the Fire to a 1-1 tie in the club's MLS opener.

LAST SEASON: Earned ADT Defender of the Year honors after a spectacular season anchoring the Fire defense... Named to the Pepsi/MLS Best XI for the first time in his career... Started and played in 26 contests and registered career-bests in points (7), goals (2) and assists (3)...Started for the MLS All-Star squad on 8-3 @ DC in the Pepsi MLS All-Star Game against the U.S. National Team in a 3-2 win for the MLS stars.

LAST GOAL: Scored his last goal of 2002 and the fourth of his career on 8-31 @ KC in the 62nd min. off a corner kick from Ante Razov in the Fire's 2-1 loss.

LAST ASSIST: Notched his first point of the 2003 season on 5-31 by assisting on DaMarcus Beasley's first goal of the afternoon in the Fire's 4-1 win @ SJ.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Appeared in four of five contests for the U.S. National Team in the 2003 CONCACAF Gold Cup... Scored his fourth international goal on 7-26 vs. Costa Rica and helped the U.S. earn third place in the 2003 CONCACAF Gold Cup by defeating the "Ticos" 3-2...Scored his third international goal on 7-23 vs. Brazil in a 2-1 OT loss to Brazil in the Gold Cup semifinals...Started in two of the three games for the U.S. in the 2003 FIFA Confederations Cup in France...Has 20 caps and four goals with the U.S. National Team... Was named the Kellogg's Rookie of the Year in 2000 during his debut season with Chicago... Named a starter for his first MLS All-Star Game in 2002. Named MLS ADT Defender of the Year in 2002, becoming the youngest player to ever earn the prestigious honor.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
10	10	954	0	1	1	7	3	20	9	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0

C.J. BROWN #2

DEFENDER

1998 MLS SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT

HT: 6-0

WT: 185 lbs

AGE: 28

2003: Did not play (L/R Achilles tendonitis) on 8-13 @ CLB...Played all 100 min. on 8-9 vs. MET in a 1-1 draw...Played the full 90 min. on 8-6 at MIL in the Fire's 4-1 win in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...Started and played the full 90 min. on 7-26 vs. KC in Fire's 2-0 win...Played all 90 min. on 7-19 vs. NE, helping Chicago to a 3-1 win...Notched first point of 2003 on 7-12 vs. DC by assisting on Chicago's lone goal in a 2-1 loss...Played all 100 min. on 7-5 @ SJ in Chicago's 0-0 draw...Named alternate for U.S. National Team for CONCACAF Gold Cup... Played all 94 min. on 6-28 vs. MET, helping the Fire to a 2-1 OT win and first place in the Eastern Conference...Started and played 90 min. on 6-21 @ KC in Chicago's 4-2 loss...Started and went the full 90 min. on 6-18 vs. DAL, helping Fire take first place in East with 4-1 win...Played 73 min. on 6-14 @ MET in Chicago's 3-2 win. Picked up his second yellow card in two games, earning him a warning from the MLS Discipline Committee...Started and played the full 90 min. on 6-7 @ DC in Fire's 2-0 loss...Started and played 59 min. on 5-31 @ SJ in Chicago's 4-1 win...Did not play (red card suspension) on 5-25 in Fire's 4-0 win vs. COL...Started and played 62 min. before being sent off for a red card (second caution) in the 62nd min. on 5-17 @ NE in Chicago's 3-0 loss...Started and played all 100 min. on 5-10 vs. SJ in Fire's 0-0 draw...Started and played all 90 min. on 4-26 @ KC, helping Fire to a 3-2 win...Started and played all 100 min. on 4-19 @ DC, helping the Fire to a 0-0 draw...DNP due to injury (neck strain) on 4-13 vs. NE in Fire's 1-1 MLS opening draw.

LAST SEASON: Started 24 games last season, marking the fifth straight season he has logged at least 20 starts...Registered a career-high three assists to finish the season with three points.

LAST GOAL: Scored his last goal on 10-6-00 vs. MET in the 3rd min. in the 2000 MLS semifinals, helping Chicago advance to MLS Cup with a 3-2 win.

LAST ASSIST: Recorded first point of 2003 on 7-12 vs. DC on Jesse Marsch's 6th minute tally in Fire's 2-1 loss.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Was selected to his first ever MLS All-Star Game in 2001...Has earned 15 caps with the U.S. National Team from 1998-2003.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
15	15	1318	0	1	1	6	2	16	17	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0

CRAIG CAPANO #19

MIDFIELDER

2002 MLS SUPERDRAFT

HT: 5-7

WT: 140lbs

AGE: 18

2003: Named to the U.S. Under-20 Men's National Team that will take part in the L'Alcudia International Tournament in Spain from August 17-29...Has not played for Fire (coach's decision/U.S. Youth National Teams) since 6-21 @ KC... Named to U.S. Under-18 National Team that took part in the Northern Ireland Milk Cup in July...Saw action as a second half substitute on 6-21 @ KC, playing four min. in Chicago's 4-2 loss...DNP (coach's decision) on 6-18 vs. DAL...Made first appearance since the season opener on 6-14 @ MET, playing six min. in the Fire's 3-2 victory...Started and played 64 minutes on 4-13 vs. NE, helping the Fire to a 1-1 tie in the club's MLS opener.

LAST SEASON: Became the second youngest player in MLS history at 16 years, 9 months, and 28 days when he entered the game in the 83rd min. on 5-4 @ DC in the Fire's 3-0 win... Made first career MLS start on 7-4 @ COL in a 3-2 loss.

LAST GOAL: Has yet to record a goal for the Fire.

LAST ASSIST: Has yet to record an assist for the Fire.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Was the youngest member of the U.S. roster for the FIFA U-17 World Youth Championship in September 2001 in Trinidad... Finished his career with the Under-17 teams with 93 appearances (80 starts)...A 2001 Parade Magazine All-American and the youngest player named to the team.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
3	1	74	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Chicago Fire vs. D.C. United – Saturday, August 16, 2003, 7:30 p.m. CT

JIM CURTIN #5

DEFENDER

2001 MLS SUPERDRAFT

HT: 6-4

WT: 205 lbs

AGE: 24

2003: Started and played 70 min. on 8-13 @ CLB in Chicago's 2-2 draw. Before being substituted for Andy Williams, Curtin had played the first 1,654 minutes of the Fire's season... Played all 100 min. on 8-9 vs. MET in a 1-1 draw... Played the full 90 min. on 8-6 at MIL in the Fire's 4-1 win in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup... Started and played the full 90 min. on 7-26 vs. KC in Fire's 2-0 win... Played all 90 min. on 7-19 vs. NE, helping Chicago to a 3-1 win... Went the full 90 min. on 7-12 vs. DC in Fire's 2-1 loss... Played all 100 min. on 7-5 @ SJ and was named Man of the Match for his defensive effort in Chicago's 0-0 draw... Played all 94 min. on 6-28 vs. MET, helping the Fire to a 2-1 OT win and first place in the Eastern Conference... Started and played 90 min. on 6-21 @ KC in Chicago's 4-2 loss... Started and went the full 90 min. on 6-18 vs. DAL, helping Fire take first place in East with 4-1 win... Started and played all 90 min. on 6-14 @ MET in Chicago's 3-2 win... Started and played the full 90 min. on 6-7 @ DC in Fire's 2-0 loss... Tallied an assist on Ante Razov's goal in the 81st min. on 5-31 @ SJ in Chicago's 4-1 win... Started and played all 90 min. on 5-25 vs. COL, helping the Fire to a 4-0 win... Started and played all 90 min. on 5-17 @ NE, a 3-0 loss... Started and played all 100 min. on 5-10 vs. SJ in Fire's 0-0 draw... Started and played all 90 min. on 4-26 @ KC, helping Fire to a 3-2 win... Started and played all 100 min. on 4-19 @ DC, helping the Fire to a 0-0 draw... Started and played all 100 min. on 4-13 vs. NE, helping the Fire to a 1-1 tie in the club's MLS opener.

LAST SEASON: Curtin started in 22 of his 24 appearances last season, helping to shore up an injury-depleted back line... Registered a career-high four points on the first two goals of his MLS career... First career MLS goal was the game-winner in Chicago's 3-0 win over MET on 7-27.

LAST GOAL: Scored his second career goal off of an assist from Ante Razov in the 50th min. on 8-24-02 vs. NE in a 2-1 loss.

LAST ASSIST: Earned first assist in 36 regular season contests on 5-31-03 when he tallied a helper on Ante Razov's 81st min. insurance goal in Chicago's 4-1 win @ SJ.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Joined the Fire as a third round pick (29th overall) in the 2001 MLS SuperDraft. He immediately stepped in to become a factor during his rookie campaign due to injuries to key defenders on the Fire. The Fire posted a record of 12-3-3 with him in the lineup during 2001.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
18	18	1654	0	1	1	6	3	18	12	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

RODRIGO FARIA #22

FORWARD

ACQUIRED FROM MET ON 10-22-02

HT: 6-1

WT: 150 lbs

AGE: 26

2003: Has not played (personal leave) since 5-17 @ NE... Started and played all 90 min. on 5-17 @ NE, a 3-0 loss... Appeared as a substitute and played final 15 min. on 5-10 vs. SJ in Fire's 0-0 draw... Started and played 65 minutes on 4-26 @ KC, helping the Fire to a 3-2 win... Started and played 70 min. on 4-19 @ DC, helping the Fire to a 0-0 draw... Made his Fire debut on 4-13 vs. NE, starting and playing 90 min. in helping the Fire to a 1-1 tie in the club's MLS opener.

LAST SEASON (w/ MET): Finished first on MET with career-high 29 points (12G, 5A) in 28 games played (25 starts)... Scored his career-high 10th and 11th goals of the season in a 3-1 win over Dallas on 9-5... Recorded most prolific offensive game of MLS career in 3-1 win at Kansas City on 7-24 by notching a pair of goals and an assist... Scored his first career PK goal (50') in a 2-1 loss at San Jose on 5-11.

LAST GOAL: Scored last goal for MET in the sixth min. in a 2-1 loss at DC on 9-14-02

LAST ASSIST: Assisted on Clint Mathis' game-winning goal (92'+) for MET against DC on 8-25-02

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Acquired by the Fire on 10-22-02 along with a conditional draft pick in the 2002 MLS SuperDraft as compensation for Head Coach Bob Bradley... Drafted by the MetroStars with the 13th pick overall in the 2001 MLS SuperDraft... Went on to win the 2001 MLS Rookie of the Year award scoring eight goals and two assists for 18 points. Totaled 49 games played with 36 starts, knocking in 20 goals and seven assists for 47 points... At the age of 16 joined Vasco da Gama's (Brazil) Junior Club, where he played for two years... Began playing professionally at the age of eight when he joined the youth team of famed club Flamengo in his native Brazil.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
5	4	330	0	0	0	10	3	5	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

RYAN FUTAGAKI #24

MIDFIELDER

2003 MLS SUPERDRAFT

HT: 5-7

WT: 150 lbs

AGE: 23

2003: Has not played (coach's decision) since 7-12 vs. DC... Made first career MLS start on 7-12 vs. DC and played 71 min. in Fire's 2-1 loss... Appeared as an overtime substitute on 7-5 @ SJ, playing five minutes in Chicago's 0-0 draw... DNP (coach's decision) on 6-28 vs. MET or 6-21 @ KC... Scored his first MLS point on 6-18 vs. DAL, assisting on Kelly Gray's 84th min. goal, helping the Fire move to first place in the East with a 4-1 win... Made his second appearance on 6-14 @ MET, playing 17 min. in the Fire's 3-2 victory... DNP (coach's decision) on 6-7 @ DC and 5-31 @ SJ... Made his MLS debut as a second-half substitute on 5-25 vs. COL, playing 17 min. in Fire's 4-0 win... DNP (coach's decision) in Fire's first five contests.

LAST GOAL: Has not scored an MLS goal.

LAST ASSIST: Notched his first career assist on 6-18 vs. DAL on a cross finished by Kelly Gray in the 84th min. of Chicago's 4-1 win.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Finalist for the 2002 M.A.C. Hermann Trophy as senior at UCLA... First-team All-Pac-10 selection in 2001... Member of the bronze medal-winning U.S. Pan American Games team in 1999... Member of the U.S. Under-20 National Team which advanced to the second round of the 1999 World Youth Championships.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
5	1	128	0	1	1	2	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

KELLY GRAY #6

DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

2002 MLS SUPERDRAFT

HT: 6-2

WT: 170 lbs

AGE: 22

2003: Started and played 100 min. on 8-13 @ CLB in Chicago's 2-2 draw... DNP (coach's decision) on 8-9 vs. MET... Appeared as a second half substitute on 8-6 @ MIL and played 29 min. in the Fire's 4-1 win in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup... Started and played the full 90 min. on 7-26 vs. KC in Fire's 2-0 win... Started Chicago's scoring on 7-19 vs. NE with an 8th min. blast in the Fire's 3-1 win... Went the full 90 min. on 7-12 vs. DC in Fire's 2-1 loss... Made his sixth start of the season on 7-5 @ SJ, playing all 100 min. in Chicago's 0-0 draw... Appeared as an overtime sub on 6-28 vs. MET and played 2 min. in Fire's 2-1 OT win... Started and played 90 min. on 6-21 @ KC in Chicago's 4-2 loss... Scored his first goal of 2003 on 6-18 vs. DAL in the 84th min., securing a 4-1 win and helping the Fire move to first place in the East... Started and played all 90 min. on 6-14 @ MET in Chicago's 3-2 victory... Earned second start of the season on 6-7 @ DC and played the full 90 min. in Fire's 2-0 loss... Appeared as a substitute in the second half on 5-31 @ SJ and played 14 min. in Chicago's second consecutive win... Entered as a second-half substitute on 5-25 vs. COL, playing 33 min. in Fire's 4-0 win... Came in as a second-half sub on 5-17 @ NE, playing 30 min. in Chicago's 3-0 loss... DNP (coach's decision) on 5-10 vs. SJ... Appeared as a substitute on 4-26 @ KC, playing the final three min. in the Fire's 3-2 win... Came in as an overtime substitute in the 90th minute on 4-19 @ DC, playing 10 min. in 0-0 draw... Started and played all 100 min. on 4-13 vs. NE, helping the Fire to a 1-1 tie in the club's MLS opener.

LAST SEASON: Started in 20 of his 25 appearances in his first MLS season. Registered two goals and five assists for nine points in his debut season with the Fire... Scored his first professional goal, which was the game winner on 4-20 @ MET leading Chicago to a 2-0 win... Made his first MLS appearance as a second half sub for Ante Razov on 3-23 @ CLB in the Fire's 2-0 victory.

LAST GOAL: Opened the Fire's scoring on 7-19-03 vs. NE and notched his second goal of the season with an 8th min. blast in Chicago's 3-1 win.

LAST ASSIST: Notched his first playoff assist on 9-28-02 vs. NE on Razov's game winning goal in the 76th minute.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Member of the U.S. U-23 player pool... Started all three games for the U.S. at the FIFA World Youth Championships in June of 2001... Was Portland's second leading scorer with 25 points on nine goals and seven assists in 2001.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
16	10	1022	2	0	4	17	7	14	10	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	

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NATE JAQUA #11		FORWARD		2003 MLS SUPERDRAFT								HT: 6-3		WT: 180 lbs		AGE: 21																	
2003: Came on as a substitute in the 81 st min. on 8-13 @ CLB and registered the game-tying assist on Damani Ralph's 90 th min. goal in Chicago's 2-2 draw...DNP (coach's decision) on 8-9 vs. MET...Registered two assists on 8-6 @ MIL, helping the Fire to a 4-1 win in the 4 th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...Appeared as a substitute for the 11 th time in 2003 on 7-26 vs. KC and logged one min. in Fire's 2-0...Made his first MLS start on 7-19 vs. NE and played the full 90 min., helping the Fire to a 3-1 win...Entered as a halftime substitute for Logan Pause on 7-12 vs. DC in Fire's 2-1 loss...Appeared as a second half substitute in place of Ante Razov on 7-5 @ SJ and played a career-high 39 min. in Chicago's 0-0 draw...DNP (coach's decision) on 6-28 vs. MET...Made sixth straight appearance as a substitute, playing 13 min. in Chicago's 4-2 loss...Played six min. on 6-18 vs. DAL in Chicago's 4-1 win...Made substitute appearance on 6-14 @ MET, playing 22 min. in Chicago's 3-2 win...Appeared as a second half substitute on 6-7 @ DC, playing 32 min. in Chicago's 2-0 loss...Tallied first MLS point after entering the match in the 86 th min. by assisting on DaMarcus Beasley's 90 th min. goal on 5-31 in Fire's 4-1 win @ SJ...Entered as a second-half substitute on 5-25 vs. COL and played 8 min. in Fire's 4-0 win...DNP (coach's decision) on 5/17 @ NE, 5/10 vs. SJ, 4/26 @ KC and 4-19 @ DC...Came in as a second half substitute in the 70 th minute on 4-19 @ DC, playing 30 min. in 0-0 draw...Made his MLS debut as a substitute in the 90 th minute for Rodrigo Faria and played 10 minutes in the Fire's 1-1 draw vs. NE on 4-13 in the club's MLS opener.																																	
LAST GOAL: Has yet to record a goal for the Fire.																																	
LAST ASSIST: Notched his second career MLS assist on 8-13 @ CLB on Damani Ralph's game-tying goal in the 90 th min. in Chicago's 2-2 draw.																																	
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Acquired by Fire in the first round of the 2003 MLS SuperDraft with the third overall selection...Has made two appearances while on loan to the Minnesota Thunder of the A-League. Jaqua has notched two assists in two starts for the Thunder, which has gone 2-0-0 when Jaqua has appeared for them...Finished University of Portland career after his junior season ranked 10th in total points (80), tied for 13th in goals (29), and 10th in assists (22).																																	
<i>2003 Regular Season Stats</i>																																	
GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG															
13	1	317	0	2	2	6	1	15	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0															

JUSTIN MAPP #21		MIDFIELDER		TRADED FROM D.C. ON 12-26-02								HT: 5-10		WT: 140 lbs		AGE: 18																	
2003: Started and played 81 min. on 8-13 @ CLB in Chicago's 2-2 draw...Started and played 68 min. on 8-9 vs. MET in a 1-1 draw...Recorded the game-winning assist on 8-6 @ MIL on Ante Razov's 34 th min. goal in Chicago's 4-1 win in the 4 th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...Scored his third goal of 2003 on 7-26 vs. KC, helping the Fire to a 2-0 win. The tally gave him goals in back-to-back games for the first time in his MLS career...Came back from injury to score his first career game-winning goal on 7-19 vs. NE with a 34 th min. tally in the Fire's 3-1 victory...Did not play (left quadriceps strain) on 7-12 vs. DC...Played all 100 min. on 7-5 @ SJ in Chicago's 0-0 draw...Tallied second career assist on 6-28 vs. MET on Damani Ralph's 36 th minute strike, helping the Fire to a 2-1 OT victory and first place in the Eastern Conference...Recorded first career assist on 6-21 @ KC on Damani Ralph's 8 th min. goal in Chicago's 4-2 loss... Played 72 min. on 6-18 vs. DAL, helping the Fire move to first place in the East with a 4-1 win...Started and played 84 min. on 6-14 @ MET in Chicago's 3-2 win...Made his third straight start on 6-7 @ DC and played the full 90 min. in Fire's 2-0 loss...Started and played 76 min. on 5-31 @ SJ...Earned his first career start on 5-25 vs. COL and scored his first MLS goal in the 38 th min., helping the Fire to a 4-0 win...Came in as a second-half sub on 5-17 @ NE, playing 34 min. in Chicago's 3-0 loss...Did not play (coach's decision) on 5-10 vs. SJ and 4-26 @ KC...Came in as an overtime substitute in the 95 th minute on 4-19 @ DC, playing 5 min. in 0-0 draw...Made his Fire debut as a substitute in the 64 th minute for Craig Capano and played 36 minutes in the Fire's 1-1 draw vs. NE on 4-13 in the club's MLS opener.																																	
LAST SEASON: The 17-year-old midfielder began working with United on a full-time status in May after completing his high-school studies in Mississippi. Mapp made his MLS debut on 7/24 @ CLB, replacing Lazo Alavanja in the 89th minute. Overall, Mapp appeared in three contests, all as a substitute, for a total of 28 minutes.																																	
LAST GOAL: Scored Fire's second goal of the match and his third of 2003 on 7-26 vs. KC on a 30-yard blast, helping the Fire to a 2-0 win. The tally gave him goals in back-to-back games for the first time in his MLS career.																																	
LAST ASSIST: Notched an assist in his third straight contest on 8-6 @ MIL when he served Ante Razov for the game-winning goal in the 34 th min. of Chicago's 4-1 win in the 4 th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.																																	
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Was named to the U.S. U-20 Men's National Team that took part in the USUSA Soccer Festival in Houston, TX...Began MLS career full-time with DC United at age of 17 in May of 2002 after completing his high school studies in Mississippi... Played in all three games of the CONCACAF Group B Qualifying Tournament in Charleston, S.C. from 11/13-11/17/02, helping the U.S. U-20s finish second and advance to the FIFA World Youth Championships in winter of 2003... Mapp was the second youngest player on the U.S. roster for the FIFA U-17 World Youth Championship in September 2001...Was named a 2001 Parade Magazine All-American																																	
<i>2003 Regular Season Stats</i>																																	
GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG															
15	12	1037	3	2	8	12	9	12	33	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0															

JESSE MARSCH #15		MIDFIELDER		TRADED FROM D.C. ON 1-5-98								HT: 5-11		WT: 170 lbs		AGE: 29																	
2003: Started and played 85 min. on 8-13 @ CLB in Chicago's 2-2 draw...Played all 100 min. on 8-9 vs. MET in a 1-1 draw...Played the full 90 min. on 8-6 @ MIL in the Fire's 4-1 win in the 4 th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...Started and played the full 90 min. on 7-26 vs. KC in Fire's 2-0 win...Played all 90 min. on 7-19 vs. NE, helping Chicago to a 3-1 win...Scored his first points of 2003 on 7-12 vs. DC on a 6 th min. goal in the Fire's 2-1 loss...Made his first start of 2003 on 7-5 @ SJ and logged 79 min. in Chicago's 0-0 draw...Came on as a second half substitute on 6-28 vs. MET, playing 33 min. and helping the Fire to a 2-1 OT victory...Appeared as a substitute on 6-21 @ KC, playing 27 min. in Chicago's 4-2 loss...Saw first action of 2003 on 6-18 vs. DAL, playing 11 min. as a substitute in Chicago's 4-1 win...Missed first nine games of the season due to injury (right fibula stress fracture).																																	
LAST SEASON: Was the only Fire player to start and appear in all 28 matches for Chicago in 2002...Notched one goal and seven assists for nine points...Scored his first goal of the season, marking one in every season of MLS on 9-7 vs. LA in the Fire's 2-1 loss... Became the first player in Fire history to reach the 10,000-minute mark for the club on 4-20 playing all 90 min. @ MET helping the Fire to a 2-0 win.																																	
LAST GOAL: Continued his streak of scoring in every season by notching his first points of 2003 on 7-12 vs. DC on a 6 th min. goal in the Fire's 2-1 loss																																	
LAST ASSIST: Earned his sixth assist of 2002 teaming up with Hristo Stoitchkov on Ante Razov's 31 st min. goal on 8-18 @ NE in a 2-0 win.																																	
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Is the Fire's career leader in games played (143)...Selected to his first All-Star Game in 2001... Has one cap with the U.S. National Team... Traded from DC United on 1-5-98 for A.J. Wood... Played midfield and forward at Princeton (1991-95) under former Fire head coach Bob Bradley and scored a total of 29 goals and 15 assists for 73 points, 4 th all-time.																																	
<i>2003 Regular Season Stats</i>																																	
GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG															
9	6	605	1	0	2	9	4	10	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0															

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LOGAN PAUSE #12

DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

2003 MLS SUPERDRAFT

HT: 5-10

WT: 155 lbs

AGE: 21

2003: DNP (coach's decision) on 8-13 @ CLB or 8-9 vs. MET...Appeared as a second half substitute on 8-6 @ MIL and played 25 min. in the Fire's 4-1 win in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...Made third substitute appearance of the season on 7-26 vs. KC, playing seven minutes in place of Justin Mapp in Fire's 2-0 win...Appeared as a second-half substitute on 7-19 vs. NE and logged 7 min. in the Fire's 3-1 win...Started and played the first half on 7-12 vs. DC in Fire's 2-1 loss...Made his first substitute appearance of his career on 7-5 @ SJ and played the final 21 min. of Chicago's 0-0 draw...Started and played 61 min. on 6-28 vs. MET, helping Fire to a 2-1 victory and first place in the Eastern Conference...Started and played 86 min. on 6-21 @ KC in Chicago's 4-2 loss...Started and went the full 90 min. on 6-18 vs. DAL, helping Fire take first place in East with 4-1 win...Started and played all 90 min. on 6-14 @ MET in Chicago's 3-2 win...Made his third consecutive start (sixth overall) on 6-7 @ DC and played the full 90 min. in Fire's 2-0 loss...Started and played all 90 min. on 5-31 @ SJ...Started and played all 90 min. on 5-25 vs. COL, helping Fire to a 4-0 win...DNP (coach's decision) on 5-17 @ NE...Started and played 85 min. on 5-10 vs. SJ in Fire's 0-0 draw...Started and played all 90 min. on 4-26 @ KC, helping Fire to a 3-2 win...Started and played all 100 min. in his MLS debut, helping the Fire to a 0-0 tie on 4-19 @ DC...DNP due to injury (right ankle tendonitis) on 4-13 vs. NE in Fire's 1-1 MLS opening draw.

LAST GOAL: Has not yet recorded a goal for the Fire.

LAST ASSIST: Has not yet recorded an assist for the Fire.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Acquired by the Fire with the 24th overall selection in the third round of the 2003 MLS SuperDraft...Joined the MLS Project-40 program after his junior season at the University of North Carolina... Served as co-captain of UNC squad in 2002...Named first-team All-ACC in 2002...Named Second-team All-ACC in 2001...Helped lead Tar Heels to the 2001 NCAA College Cup Championship...Spent time with U-23, U-18 and U-16 U.S. National Teams... Named a *Parade* All-American as a senior at Jordan High School in Durham, N.C.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
14	11	952	0	0	0	1	1	14	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

ORLANDO PEREZ #20

DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

TRADED FROM D.C. ON 7-18-02

HT: 6-2

WT: 165 lbs

AGE: 26

2003: Appeared as a substitute on 8-13 @ CLB and played 15 min. in Chicago's 2-2 draw...Made his first substitute appearance of 2003 on 8-9 vs. MET and logged the final 32 min. of the Fire's 1-1 draw...Appeared as a second half substitute on 8-6 @ MIL and played 16 min. in the Fire's 4-1 win in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...Started and played the full 90 min. on 7-26 vs. KC in Fire's 2-0 win...Started on 7-19 vs. NE and played the full 90 min. in the Fire's 3-1 win...Did not play (coach's decision) on 7-12 vs. DC, 7-5 @ SJ or 6-28 vs.

MET...Started and played 63 min. on 6-21 @ KC in Chicago's 4-2 loss...Started and went 86 min. on 6-18 vs. DAL, helping Fire take first place in East with 4-1 win...Started and played the full 90 min. on 6-14 @ MET in Chicago's 3-2 win...Started and played 62 min. on 6-7 @ DC in Fire's 2-0 loss...Started and played all 90 min. on 5-31 @ SJ in Chicago's 4-1 win...Started and played all 90 min. on 5-25 vs. COL, helping the Fire to a 4-0 win...Started and played 71 min. on 5-17 @ NE in Chicago's 3-0 loss...Started and played all 100 min. on 5-10 vs. SJ in Fire's 0-0 draw...Registered first career MLS points on a 53rd min. goal on 4-26 @ KC, sparking Fire to a 3-2 win. Had not scored in previous 62 MLS contests...Named MLS Player of the Week for Week 4 for his effort in 3-2 win @ KC on 4-26...Started and played all 100 min. on 4-19 @ DC, helping the Fire to a 0-0 draw...Started and played 85 min. on 4-13 vs. NE, helping the Fire to a 1-1 tie in the club's MLS opener.

LAST SEASON: Played in 11 matches for the Fire, including nine starts, after being acquired from D.C. United on 7-18-02... Made his first start for the Fire, playing 90 min. on 7-27 vs. MET in a 3-0 win... Made his Fire debut entering the game in the 83rd min. for Billy Walsh on 7-24 @ SJ in Chicago's 1-0 loss... Acquired by the Fire on 7-18-02 from D.C. United for a second round selection in the 2003 MLS SuperDraft... Appeared eight times, starting once, for United logging 258 min... Sent to D.C. by the MetroStars with Petter Villegas for Mark Lisi and Craig Ziadie on 5-9-02... Played two games, starting one for the MetroStars and totaling 98 min...

LAST GOAL: Scored his first career goal in MLS, and Chicago's first of the match, in the 53rd min. on 4-26-03 @ KC, sparking the Fire to a 3-2 comeback win.

LAST ASSIST: Has yet to record an assist in MLS.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: A solid defensive outside back, he totaled 49 games played in MLS with the MetroStars and D.C. United from 2000-02, starting 27 times without recording a point before coming to the Fire on 7-18-02. Was traded to United by the MetroStars on 5-9-02 with midfielder Petter Villegas for midfielder Mark Lisi and defender Craig Ziadie. Helped the MetroStars claim the 2000 Eastern Division crown after being selected in the fourth round (48th overall) in the 2000 MLS SuperDraft.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
15	13	1154	1	0	2	9	2	15	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

DAMANI RALPH #8

FORWARD

2003 MLS SUPERDRAFT

HT: 6-0

WT: 170 lbs

AGE: 22

2003: Scored his ninth goal of 2003 and broke the MLS rookie goal-scoring record on 8-13 @ CLB in the 90th min. to push the game into overtime and help Chicago to a 2-2 draw...Recorded his eighth goal of the 2003 season on 8-9 vs. MET in the 22nd min., tying the MLS rookie goal-scoring mark and helping the Fire to a 1-1 draw. Ralph joins teammate Rodrigo Faria (2001), Josh Wolff (1998) and Jeff Cunningham (1998) as the only rookies in MLS history to score eight goals...Did not play (coach's decision) on 8-6 @ MIL...Registered a career-high nine shots on 7-26 vs. KC in Fire's 2-0 win...Ralph's 17 points and 7 goals are both tops in 2003 among MLS rookies...Earned his first League accolade after being named MLS Player of the Week (Week 16) after leading the Fire with a four-point effort (1g, 2a) on 7-19 vs. NE, a 3-1 win...Registered his first four-point night in MLS on 7-19 vs. NE, tallying a goal and two assists as he sparked the Fire to a 3-1 win. Registered his first game-winning assist (Mapp, 34'), multi-assist game and penalty kick attempt and conversion (51') in the contest...Went the full 90 min. on 7-12 vs. DC in Fire's 2-1 loss...Played all 100 min. on 7-5 @ SJ and saw his four-game scoring streak snapped in Chicago's 0-0 draw...Scored the Fire's opening goal on 6-28 vs. MET in 36th minute, moving his scoring streak to four games and helping the Fire to a 2-1 OT win and first place in the Eastern Conference. Set a new MLS record along with Ante Razov for most consecutive games with a goal scored by two teammates...Moved goal-scoring streak to three games on 6-21 @ KC with an 8th min. strike in Chicago's 4-2 loss...Notched his third game-winning goal of the season and fourth overall on 6-18 vs. DAL in the 49th min., helping the Fire to a 4-1 and first place in the Eastern Conference...Scored his third goal of 2003 on 6-14 @ MET in the 61st min., helping the Fire to a 3-2 victory...Made his third straight start on 6-7 @ DC and played 58 min. in Fire's 2-0 loss...Tallied his second GWG of the season on 5-31 in the 47th min. and earned his second career start in the Fire's 4-1 win @ SJ...Earned his first career start on 5-25 vs. COL, playing all 90 min. and tallying his first career assist on Justin Mapp's 38th min. goal in the Fire's 4-0 win...Came in as a second-half sub on 5-17 @ NE, playing 19 min. in Chicago's 3-0 loss...Did not play (coach's decision) on 5-10 vs. SJ...Appeared as a substitute in the 65th min. on 4-26 @ KC and scored his first career MLS goal in the 70th min., which was the game-winner in the Fire's 3-2 win...Did not play (coach's decision) in 0-0 tie on 4-19 @ DC...Made MLS debut as a substitute in the 85th minute for Orlando Perez and played 15 minutes in the Fire's 1-1 draw vs. NE on 4-13 in the club's MLS opener.

LAST GOAL: His ninth goal of the season on 8-13 @ CLB in the 90th min. broke the MLS rookie goal-scoring record and equalized the match, helping Chicago to a 2-2 draw.

LAST ASSIST: Registered his first career game-winning assist and second helper of the match on 7-19 vs. NE on Justin Mapp's 34th min. goal in Chicago's 3-1 win.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Ralph joined teammate Rodrigo Faria (2001), Josh Wolff (1998) and Jeff Cunningham (1998) as the only rookies in MLS history to score eight goals with his tally on 8-9 vs. MET...Started and played in a possible 45 games during two seasons at UConn and scored 28 goals and 11 assists for 67 points...Had a team-leading 18 goals and five assists for 41 points, including nine game-winners in 2002... Led the BIG EAST during regular season in shots, goals and points... Named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year and to the All-BIG EAST First Team in 2002...A M.A.C. Hermann Trophy Finalist and an NSCAA/adidas Second Team All-American in 2002... Was a two-year starter for Meridian Community College in Meridian, Mississippi...Left Meridian with a school record 59 career goals.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
16	13	1219	9	3	21	56	22	20	36	9	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0

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ANTE RAZOV #9	FORWARD	ALLOCATED ON 8-3-01	HT: 6-1	WT: 175 lbs	AGE: 29													
<p>2003: Scored the Fire's first goal on 8-13 @ CLB on a penalty kick in the 37th min., helping Chicago to a 2-2 draw...Played all 100 min. on 8-9 vs. MET in a 1-1 draw...Recorded an assist and the game-winning goal on 8-6 @ MIL, helping Chicago to a 4-1 win in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...Registered a season-high 8 shots on 7-26 vs. KC in Fire's 2-0 win...Did not play (red card suspension) on 7-19 vs. NE...Earned a red card on 7-12 vs. DC in second-half added time (91'+) for violent conduct in Fire's 2-1 loss...Started and played 61 min. on 7-5 @ SJ before leaving with an anterior soft tissue tear in his left ankle in Chicago's 0-0 draw. Had a four-game scoring streak snapped in the tie...Scored the golden goal for Chicago on 6-28 vs. MET in the 94th min., giving him a League-best nine goals and the Fire a 2-1 OT win and first place in the Eastern Conference. Set a new MLS record along with Damani Ralph for most consecutive games with a goal scored by two teammates...Registered three points on a goal and an assist on 6-21 @ KC in Chicago's 4-2 loss. His 19 points in 2003 places him 2nd on the Budweiser MLS Scoring chart...Tied a career-best with a six-point effort (2g, 2a) on 6-18 vs. DAL, earning Man of the Match honors and helping Chicago move to first place in the East with a 4-1 win. Moved to tops in MLS in 2003 in goals (7) and points (16)...Notched his second two-goal game of 2003 on 6-14 @ MET, including the Fire's first tally of the match (31') and the eventual GW goal (66'), helping the Fire to a 3-2 victory. The two-goal effort gave Razov the MLS record for career multiple-goal games with 14...Started and played the full 90 min. on 6-7 @ DC in Fire's 2-0 loss...Notched his third goal of the season on 5-31 @ SJ in the 81st min. to help Chicago to its second consecutive victory...Scored his first two goals of 2003 on 5-25 vs. COL, including the game-winner in the 8th minute, on a pair of penalty kicks, helping the Fire to a 4-0 win. His two PK goals made him only the third played in MLS history to make two PK conversions in one game. The four points also made him the first player in Fire history to reach the 150 point mark...Started and played all 90 min. on 5-17 @ NE, a 3-0 loss ...Appeared in his first match of the season on 5-10 vs. SJ, helping the Fire to a 0-0 draw...Served a three-game suspension to begin the 2003 season.</p>																		
<p>LAST SEASON: Led the Fire in scoring for the fourth time in his career in 2002 by notching 36 points...Led the Fire with 14 goals and tied for the team lead in assists, along with Dema Kovalenko, with eight...Scored his second career hat trick on 5-19 @ NE earning MLS Player of the Week honors helping Chicago to a 3-1 win...Set a new club record by scoring five goals in a game on 4-14 vs. Milwaukee helping the Fire to a 6-1 friendly win.</p>																		
<p>LAST GOAL: Scored his 10th goal of the campaign on 8-13 @ CLB on a 37th min. penalty kick conversion - the 10th of his career and fourth of 2003 - helping the Fire to a 2-2 draw.</p>																		
<p>LAST ASSIST: Talled a helper on 8-6 @ MIL on Evan Whitfield's 61st min. goal in Chicago's 4-1 4th round U.S. Open Cup win.</p>																		
<p>CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Leads MLS in career multiple goal games with 15... Was named as an alternate for the U.S. team for the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Korea/Japan Was named the Fire/Budweiser Scoring Champion for three consecutive seasons (1998-00) and earned the honor again in 2002...Is the team's all-time leader in points (146), goals (58) and game-winning goals (19) and ranks second in game-winning assists (12)...Has 22 caps and six goals with the US National Team...Played the 2000-01 season for Spain's Racing de Ferrol scoring 6 goals in 19 games.</p>																		
<p>2003 Regular Season Stats</p>																		
GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
14	14	1257	10	3	23	74	43	19	23	16	52	0	2	1	3	1	0	0

HENRY RING #13	GOALKEEPER	2001 SUPERDRAFT	HT: 6-3	WT: 185 lbs.	AGE: 26						
<p>2003: Has not seen MLS action (coach's decision) since 5-25 vs. COL...Recorded his first start of 2003 on 8-6 @ MIL and earned his first win of the campaign while making three saves in Chicago's fourth round victory in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup... Saw his first MLS action in 2003 as a second-half substitute on 5-25 vs. COL, playing 11 min. and making one save in the Fire's 4-0 win. Ring combined with Zach Thornton to collect the Fire's 3rd shutout of 2003.</p>											
<p>LAST SEASON: Started and played 90 min. making six saves on 7-17 @ MIL in the 1-0 loss in the Third Round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup... DNP (coach's decision) since making his MLS debut on 6-2 vs. CLB... Made 3 saves and earned his first professional win in his MLS debut on 6-2 vs. CLB in the Fire's 5-4 win... Made two saves on 4-14 vs. Milwaukee in helping the Fire to a 6-1 friendly win.</p>											
<p>LAST WIN: Earned his first MLS win on 6-2-02 vs. CLB in the Fire's 5-4 victory.</p>											
<p>LAST SHUTOUT: Yet to record a MLS shutout.</p>											
<p>CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: A Third Team NSCAA All-American in 1998 and 2000, becoming just the second South Carolina player to ever accomplish the feat twice, the first being MetroStars striker Clint Mathis ... Ring allowed just 17 goals in over 1,600 minutes for a GAA of 0.93 ... As a senior, he led Carolina to a 12-4-3 record and its 14th NCAA appearance ... He ended his USC career with a GAA of 1.02, allowing only 75 goals in 6,569 minutes</p>											
<p>2003 Regular Season Stats</p>											
GP	GS	MIN	SOG	SV	C/P	GA	GAA	PK	W-L-T	SHU	Streak
1	1	11	1	1	0	0	0.00	0/0	0-0-0	0	N/A

DIPSY SELOWWANE #17	FORWARD	2002 SUPERDRAFT	HT: 5-9	WT: 150 lbs	AGE: 25													
<p>2003: Did not play (coach's decision) on 8-13 @ CLB or 8-9 vs. MET...Scored his first goal for the Fire on 8-6 @ MIL in the 80th min., which closed out the scoring in Chicago's 4-1 victory in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...DNP (coach's decision) on 7-26 in Fire's 2-0 win...Appeared as a second-half substitute on 7-19 vs. NE, logging a career-high 35 min. in Chicago's 3-1 win. Earned his first yellow card (reckless foul) in the 66th min...Earned first action of 2003 on 7-12 vs. DC as a second-half substitute, playing a career-high 19 min. in Fire's 2-1 loss...Did not appear in first 13 games (injury/coach's decision) for Fire in 2003.</p>																		
<p>LAST SEASON: Saw his first action of the year when he substituted for Peter Nowak in the 90th minute on 9-22 vs. CLB in the Fire's 2-1 playoff-clinching win...Drafted in the third round (36th overall) by Chicago in the 2002 MLS SuperDraft.</p>																		
<p>LAST GOAL: Scored his first goal for the Fire on 8-6 @ MIL in the 80th min., which closed out the scoring in Chicago's 4-1 victory in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.</p>																		
<p>LAST ASSIST: Has yet to record an assist for the Fire</p>																		
<p>CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Has 18 caps with Botswana's National Team since 1998 and scored six goals... Played for Vejle Boldklub of the Danish Super League for part of the 2002 season. Was an NSCAA first-team All-American, finalist for the Missouri Athletic Club's national Player of the Year award and C-USA's Player of the Year in 2001... Tied SMU's Luchi Gonzalez as the nation's leading scorer with 54 points (25G, 4A) and led the nation in goals scored in 2001.</p>																		
<p>2003 Regular Season Stats</p>																		
GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
2	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Chicago Fire vs. D.C. United – Saturday, August 16, 2003, 7:30 p.m. CT

ZACH THORNTON #18

GOALKEEPER

1997 EXPANSION DRAFT

HT: 6-3

WT: 210 lbs.

AGE: 29

2003: Started and played 100 min. on 8-13 @ CLB in Chicago's 2-2 draw... Played all 100 min. on 8-9 vs. MET in a 1-1 draw... Did not play (coach's decision) on 8-6 @ MIL... Named as Tim Howard's replacement on the 2003 MLS All-Star team... Won his MLS-best 8th win of 2003 and his fourth shut out of the year on 7-26 vs. KC in a 2-0 win... Earned seventh win of 2003 on 7-19 vs. NE, coming within seconds of a shutout in the Fire's 3-1 win... Went the full 90 min. on 7-12 vs. DC in Fire's 2-1 loss... Registered his third shutout of the season on 7-5 @ SJ and stopped seven shots in Chicago's 0-0 draw... Helped keep the Fire undefeated at home by making four saves on 6-28 vs. MET in the Fire's 2-1 OT victory... Posted his fifth career double-digit save game on 6-21 @ KC, making 10 saves in the Fire's 4-2 loss... Made one save on 6-18 vs. DAL en route to his MLS-best fifth win of 2003 and second consecutive win in Chicago's 4-1 victory... Posted a season-high nine saves on 6-14 @ MET, leading the Fire to a 3-2 victory. His nine stops were the most since a nine-save effort on 7/4/02 in a 3-2 loss @ COL... Made five saves on 6-7 @ DC in Chicago's 2-0 loss... Started and played all 90 min. on 5-31, making three saves in the Fire's 4-1 win @ SJ... Started and played 79 min. on 5-25 vs. COL, making seven saves and combining with Henry Ring to earn the Fire's third shutout of 2003 in Chicago's 4-0 win... Started and played all 90 min. on 5-17 in 3-0 loss @ NE... Started and played all 100 min. vs. SJ, making two saves and registering his 2nd shutout of the season in Fire's 0-0 draw... Started and played all 90 min. on 4-26 @ KC, making three saves in Fire's 3-2 win... Started and played all 100 min. on 4-19 @ DC and earned 37th career shutout in helping Fire to a 0-0 tie... Started and played all 100 min. on 4-13 vs. NE, making seven saves to help the Fire to a 1-1 tie in the club's MLS opener.

LAST SEASON: Started 27 of the Fire's 28 contests in 2002, recording a 10-13-4 record... Thornton's 1.23 GAA was fourth-best in MLS in 2002... Recorded seven shutouts in 2002.

LAST WIN: Was forced to make only two saves on 6-18 vs. DAL in the Fire's 4-1 win.

LAST SHUTOUT: Earned his 40th career shutout on 5-10-03 vs. SJ in a scoreless 0-0 draw.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: MLS career leader in goalkeeper wins with 84 (84-50-19)... Was named as an alternate for the U.S. team for the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Korea/Japan... Selected to his fourth All-Star Game in 2001... Made MLS debut in 1996 with the MetroStars... Has earned 8 caps for the U.S... Started all three games for the U.S. at the Pan Am Games in Argentina 1995.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	SOG	SV	C/P	GA	GAA	PK	W-L-T	SHU	Streak
17	17	1573	103	80	46	21	1.20	0/3	8-4-5	4	Tie 1

NICK WALLS #28

MIDFIELDER

SIGNED AS DEV. PLAYER ON 4-11-03

HT: 5-11

WT: 165 lbs

AGE: 21

2003: Is on Fire's active roster for the 2003 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup. Did not play (coach's decision) on 8-6 @ MIL... Has spent 2003 season on loan with Milwaukee Wave United of the USL A-League, where he has recorded eight points on four goals in 20 appearances... Has not played (coach's decision) for the Fire in 2003.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Signed by the Fire on 4-11-03 after joining the team as a trialist during the 2003 preseason... Appeared in 77 games during his four-year career at St. Louis University from 1999-2002... Was named C-USA second-team All-Conference and to the C-USA All-Tournament team in 2002... Set career-highs in 2002 in points with 21 and goals with eight... All four assists in 2001 season were distributed to current Fire teammate Dipsy Selolwane... Named Most Valuable Forward at the C-USA tournament in 2000... Was Parade Magazine All-American and Wisconsin Player of the Year in 1998 while a senior at Wauwatosa East High School.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

EVAN WHITFIELD #3

DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

1999 COLLEGE DRAFT

HT: 5-11

WT: 155

AGE: 26

2003: Started and played 100 min. on 8-13 @ CLB in Chicago's 2-2 draw... Played all 100 min. on 8-9 vs. MET in a 1-1 draw... Scored for the second straight game on 8-6 @ MIL when he tallied in the 61st min. of Chicago's 4-1 win in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup... Scored first goal of 2003 on 7-26 vs. KC, notching the game-winner in the 12th min. in Fire's 2-0 win. Goal was his first regular season tally in 47 games (8/19/00)... Played all 90 min. on 7-19 vs. NE, helping Chicago to a 3-1 win... Went the full 90 min. on 7-12 vs. DC in Fire's 2-1 loss... Started and played all 100 min. on 7-5 @ SJ in Chicago's 0-0 draw... Made second substitute appearance on 6-28 vs. MET, playing four min. and helping the Fire to a 2-1 OT win... Started and played 90 min. on 6-21 @ KC in Chicago's 4-2 loss... Went the full 90 min. on 6-18 vs. DAL and posted the club's first block of 2003, helping Fire take first place in East with 4-1 win... Started and played the full 90 min. on 6-14, helping Chicago to a 3-2 win... Started and played the full 90 min. on 6-7 @ DC in Fire's 2-0 loss... Made first appearance off the bench in 2003 on 5-31 @ SJ, playing 31 min. and contributing his first assist of the season on Ante Razov's 81st min. goal, helping Chicago to a 4-1 win... Started and played all 90 min. on 5-25 vs. COL, helping the Fire to a 4-0 win... Started and played 56 min. on 5/17 in Fire's 3-0 loss @ NE... Started and played all 100 min. on 5-10 vs. SJ in Fire's 0-0 draw... Started and played all 90 min. on 4-26 @ KC, helping Fire to a 3-2 win... Started and played all 100 min. on 4-19 @ DC, helping the Fire to a 0-0 draw... Started and played all 100 min. on 4-13 vs. NE, helping the Fire to a 1-1 tie in the club's MLS opener.

LAST SEASON: Missed most of 2002 season after suffering a torn ACL in his left knee on 3-30-02 @ DC... Appeared in only two matches before his season-ending knee injury, totaling only 138 minutes.

LAST GOAL: Scored for the second straight game on 8-6 @ MIL when he tallied in the 61st min. of Chicago's 4-1 win in the 4th round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup...

LAST ASSIST: Registered first assist of 2003 on 5-31 on Ante Razov's 81st min. insurance tally, helping Chicago to a 4-1 win @ SJ.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Attended Duke University (1995-98), registering 17 points on 1 goal and 15 assists... Spent the second half of the 1998-99 European season with KAA Gent (Belgium)... Has appeared in 11 matches for the U.S. U-23 National Team... Was a key player for the U.S. Under-20 teams @ the '97 World Championships (Malaysia) & @ the World University Games (Italy) in '97.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
16	14	1301	1	1	3	8	5	34	26	3	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	

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ANDY WILLIAMS #16 MIDFIELDER TRADED FROM MET ON 3-27-03 HT: 5-8 WT: 155 AGE: 25

2003: Returned to the Fire line-up as a second-half substitute on 8-13 @ CLB, playing 30 min. and registering the secondary assist on Damani Ralph's equalizing and record-breaking goal in the 90th min., helping Chicago to a 2-2 draw...Suffered a grade two right hamstring strain while representing Jamaica on 7-20 vs. Mexico in the 2003 CONCACAF Gold Cup. Did not play on 8-9 vs. MET, 8-6 @ MIL or 7-26 vs. KC because of the injury...DNP (Jamaican National Team duty) on 7-19 vs. NE or 7-12 vs. DC...Started and played 95 min. on 7-5 @ SJ in Chicago's 0-0 draw...Registered his team-high fifth assist of the season on 6-28 vs. MET on Damani Ralph's 36th min. goal, helping the Fire to a 2-1 OT win and first place in the Eastern Conference...Started and played 77 min. on 6-21 @ KC in Chicago's 4-2 loss...Started and went 79 min. on 6-18 vs. DAL, helping Fire take first place in East with 4-1 win...Tallied an assist on all three Fire goals on 6-14 @ MET in just 68 min. of play, leading Chicago to a 3-2 win. The three helpers tied a career-high set on 6-15-02 @ LA as a member of the MetroStars...Appeared as a substitute on 6-7 @ DC and played 28 min. in Chicago's 2-0 loss...Did not play (coach's decision) on 5-31 in 4-1 win @ SJ...DNP (Jamaican National Team duty) on 5-25 vs. COL in Fire's 4-0 win...Started and played 60 min. on 5/17 in Fire's 3-0 loss @ NE...Started and played all 100 min. on 5-10 vs. SJ in Fire's 0-0 draw...Registered his first three points as a member of the Fire on 4-26 @ KC in 3-2 win. Scored game-tying goal in the 65th min. and registered game-winning assist on Damani Ralph's 70th min. goal...Started and played 95 min. on 4-19 @ DC, helping the Fire to a 0-0 draw...Made his Fire debut on 4-13 vs. NE, playing all 100 min. helping the Fire to a 1-1 tie in the club's MLS opener.

LAST SEASON: Made 24 appearances with New England and the MetroStars combined...Finished third overall in MLS in assists (15) and tied for fourth in game-winning assists (4)...He totaled two goals and a career-high 15 assists for a career-high 19 points...Finished second overall in fouls suffered (86)...Set up Rodrigo Faria with four goal: 7- 6 vs. Columbus, 7-24 vs. Kansas City, 7-31 vs. Columbus and 9-5 vs. Dallas...Was traded from N.E. on 5-24-02 to the MetroStars...Set career-record by tallying three assists on 6-15 @ Los Angeles in a 5-0 win

LAST GOAL: Scored his first goal with the Fire in the 65th min. on 4-26-03 @ KC, helping the Fire to a 3-2 win.

LAST ASSIST: Recorded his team-high sixth assist on 8-13 @ CLB on Damani Ralph game-tying and record-breaking goal in the 90th min. of Chicago's 2-02 draw.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Named to Jamaican National Team roster for the 2003 CONCACAF Gold Cup and made three appearances for the Reggae Boyz in the competition. Scored Jamaica's second goal on 7-15 in a 2-0 win over Guatemala that helped the Reggae Boyz advance to the tournament's quarterfinals...Has 75 caps and 11 goals for Jamaica National Team...Named Revolution's Most Valuable Player in 2001 after scoring 13 points on three goals and seven assists in 20 games...Scored 14 points on one goal and 12 assists in just 13 games for Columbus as a rookie in 1998...Set a then-MLS record by notching at least one assist in seven consecutive games in 1998...Set a Columbus single-season record with 12 assists in 1998...Made World Cup debut in Jamaica's first game against Croatia at France '98.

2003 Regular Season Stats

GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	BLK	Y	R	WG	WA	HT	OG
12	10	911	1	6	8	16	5	17	29	2	10	0	1	0	0	2	0	0

2003 Chicago Fire Regular Season Highs & Lows

TEAM	CHICAGO FIRE	OPPONENTS
Most Goals, Game	4, three times (6/18 vs. DAL, 5/31 @ SJ, 5/25 vs. COL)	4 (6/21 @ KC)
Most Goals, Half	3, four times (6/18 vs. DAL, 2nd)	3 (6/21 @ KC, 1st)
Most Assists, Game	4 (5/31 @ SJ)	4 (8/13 @ CLB)
Most Assists, Half	3, twice (6/18 vs. DAL, 2nd; 5/31 @ SJ, 2nd)	4 (8/13 @ CLB, 2nd)
Most Shots, Game	28 (8/13 @ CLB)	21 (6/14 @ MET)
Most Shots, Half	15, twice (7/26 vs. KC, 1st; 5/31 @ SJ, 2nd)	13 (6/21 @ KC, 1st)
Most Shots on Goal, Game	13 (8/13 @ CLB)	14 (6/21 @ KC)
Most Shots on Goal, Half	6, seven times (8/13 @ CLB, 2nd)	9 (6/21 @ KC, 1st)
Most Offside, Game	5, twice (7/19 vs. NE, 4/13 vs. NE)	5 (7/5 @ SJ)
Most Offside, Half	4, twice (7/19 vs. NE, 1st; 5/17 @ NE, 1st)	4 (7/26 vs. KC, 2nd)
Most Corners, Game	12 (6/28 vs. MET)	12 (4/19 @ DC)
Most Corners, Half	8 (6/28 vs. DAL, 2nd)	7 (6/7 @ DC, 2nd)
Most Fouls, Game	24 (6/7 @ DC)	31 (6/7 @ DC)
Most Fouls, Half	13 (6/7 @ DC, 2nd)	18 (6/7 @ DC, 2nd)
Most Cautions, Game	3, twice (5/17 @ NE, 4/13 vs. NE)	5 (8/13 @ CLB)
Most Cautions, Half	2, five times (8/13 @ CLB, 2nd OT)	4 (7/19 vs. NE, 2nd)
Most Ejections, Game	1, three times (8/13 @ CLB, Bocanegra)	1, twice (7/12 vs. DC, Kovalenko; 4/13 vs. NE, Moore)
Most Ejections, Half	1, three times (8/13 @ CLB, Bocanegra, 2nd OT)	1, twice (7/12 vs. DC, 2nd; 4/13 vs. NE, 2nd)
Most Penalty Kicks, Game	2 (5/25 vs. COL) – Razov (goal), Razov (goal)	1, three times (6/21 @ KC, Preki – goal)
Fewest Goals, Game	0, five times (7/5 @ DC)	0, five times (7/26 vs. KC)
Fewest Shots, Game	4 (6/7 @ DC)	5 (7/12 vs. DC)
Fewest Shots, Half	1 (6/7 @ DC, 1st)	2 (7/12 vs. DC, 2nd)
Fewest Shots on Goal, Game	2 (4/19 @ DC)	2, twice (7/12 vs. DC, 5/10 vs. SJ)
Fewest Shots on Goal, Half	0, three times (5/10 vs. SJ, 1st)	0, three times (7/12 vs. DC, 2nd)
Fewest Offside, Game	0, three times (8/13 @ CLB)	0 (5/10 vs. SJ)
Fewest Offside, Half	0, ten times (8/13 @ CLB, both halves)	0, nine times (7/26 vs. KC, 1st)
Fewest Corners, Game	0 (6/14 @ MET)	1 (5/25 vs. COL)
Fewest Corners, Half	0, six times (6/21 @ KC, 1st)	0, six times (7/26 vs. KC, 1st)
Fewest Fouls, Game	8 (5/31 @ SJ)	11, twice (7/26 vs. KC, 6/18 vs. DAL)
Fewest Fouls, Half	2, three times (8/13 @ CLB, 1st)	4, twice (7/26 vs. KC, 2nd; 6/18 vs. DAL, 2nd)
Largest Attendance	14,348 (7/12 vs. DC)	17,321 (4/19 @ DC)

INDIVIDUAL	CHICAGO FIRE	OPPONENTS
Most Goals, Game	2, four times (Razov, 6/18 vs. DAL)	1, 21 players (Buddle, West – 8/13 @ CLB)
Most Assists, Game	3, Williams (6/14 @ MET)	3, Preki (6/21 @ KC)
Most Points, Game	6, Razov (6/18 vs. DAL)	5, Preki (6/21 @ KC)
Most Shots, Game	9, Ralph (7/26 vs. KC)	6, twice (Cunningham, 8/13 @ CLB)
Most Shots on Goal, Game	7, Razov (8/13 @ CLB)	4, twice (Buddle, 8/13 @ CLB)
Most Fouls, Game	5, three players (Whitfield, 6/21 @ KC)	5, six players (Heaps, Joseph - 7/19 vs. NE)
Most Consecutive Games w/a Goal	4, two players (Ralph & Razov, 6/14 @ MET - 6/28 vs. MET)	
Current Consecutive Games w/a Goal	2, Ralph (8/9 vs. MET – 8/13 @ CLB)	
Most Consecutive Games w/an Assist	2, two players (Mapp, 6/21 @ KC – 6/28 vs. MET; Razov, 6/18 vs. DAL – 6/21 @ KC)	
Current Consecutive Games w/an Assist	1, Jaqua & Williams, 8/13 @ CLB	
Most Consecutive Games w/a Point	4, two players (Ralph & Razov, 6/14 @ MET - 6/28 vs. MET)	
Current Consecutive Games w/a Point	2, Ralph (8/9 vs. MET – 8/13 @ CLB)	

GOALKEEPING	CHICAGO FIRE	OPPONENTS
Most Goals Against, Game	4, Thornton (6/21 @ KC)	4, three players (Countess- 6/18 vs. DAL)
Most Shots on Goal Faced, Game	14, Thornton (6/21 @ KC)	13, Busch (8/13 @ CLB)
Most Shots on Goal Faced, Half	9, Thornton (6/21 @ KC, 1st)	6, seven times (Busch, 8/13 @ CLB, 2nd)
Most Saves, Game	10, Thornton (6/21 @ KC)	11, twice (Busch, 8/13 @ CLB; Walker, 8/9 vs. MET)
Most Saves, Half	6, twice, Thornton (6/21 @ KC, 1st; 6/14 @ MET, 1st)	6, Onstad (5/10 vs. SJ, 2nd)
Fewest Goals Against, Game	0, five times (Thornton, 7/26 vs. KC)	0, six times (Rimando 7/12 vs. DC)
Fewest Shots on Goal Faced, Game	2, twice, Thornton (7/12 vs. DC, 5/10 vs. SJ)	2, Rimando (4/19 @ DC)
Fewest Shots on Goal Faced, Half	0, three times, Thornton (7/12 vs. DC, 2nd)	0, three times (Rimando-7/12 vs. DC, 2nd)
Fewest Saves, Game	0, Thornton (7/12 vs. DC)	1, Meola (4/19 @ DC)
Fewest Saves, Half	0, four times, Thornton (7/12 vs. DC, both halves)	0, five times, (Rimando, 7/12 vs. DC, 2nd)
Most Consecutive Shutout Minutes	184, Thornton (4/13 vs. NE – 4/26 @ KC)	
Current Consecutive Shutout Minutes	48, Thornton (8/13 @ CLB)	

2003 Chicago Fire Regular Season Stats-At-A-Glance

CHICAGO FIRE GOALS SCORED INTERVALS:

	TOTAL	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	OT
Chicago Fire	32	5	3	7	5	5	6	1
OPPONENTS	23	1	3	7	6	1	5	0

2003 CATEGORICAL WON-LOSS:

	Home	Road	Overall
Overall:	5-1-3	3-3-3	8-4-6
Overtime:	1-0-3	0-0-3	1-0-6
vs. East:	2-1-2	1-2-2	3-3-4
vs. West:	3-0-1	2-1-1	5-1-2
Scoring First:	5-1-2	2-1-1	7-2-3
Opp. Scoring First:	0-0-0	1-2-0	1-2-0
Leading at Half:	5-0-1	2-0-1	7-0-2
Trailing at Half:	0-1-0	1-3-0	1-4-0
Tied at Half:	0-0-2	0-0-2	0-0-4
Leading at 75':	4-0-1	3-0-0	7-0-1
Trailing at 75':	0-1-0	0-3-1	0-4-1
Tied at 75':	1-0-2	0-0-2	1-0-4
Out-Shooting Opp.:	5-1-2	2-0-2	7-1-4
Out-Shot by Opp.:	0-0-1	1-3-1	1-3-2
Shots Even:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
One-Goal Games:	1-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-0
Day Games:	1-0-1	2-0-0	3-0-1
Night Games:	4-1-2	1-3-3	5-4-5
In Red Uniforms:	5-1-3	0-0-1	5-1-4
In White Uniforms:	0-0-0	3-3-2	3-3-2
On ESPN2:	1-0-1	2-0-0	3-0-1
On Fox Sports Net:	1-0-0	1-3-3	2-3-3
No TV:	2-1-2	0-0-0	2-1-2
In April:	0-0-1	1-0-1	1-0-2
In May:	1-0-1	1-1-0	2-1-1
In June:	2-0-0	1-2-0	3-2-0
In July:	2-1-0	0-0-1	2-1-1
In August:	0-0-1	0-0-1	0-0-2

MISCELLANEOUS STATS:

Quickest Goal:	Marsch, 6', 7/12 vs. DC
Quickest Goal Against:	Ivanov, 9', 7/12 vs. DC
Overtime Goals:	Razov, 94', 6/28 vs. MET
Gm. Winning Goals after 75':	Razov, 94', 6/28 vs. MET
Game-Tying Goals after 75':	Ralph, 90', 8/13 @ CLB
Hat Tricks:	none
Hat Tricks Against:	none
Own Goals For:	none
Own Goals Against:	none
Red Cards:	C.J. Brown, 5/17 @ NE (62') Ante Razov, 7/12 vs. DC (91+')
Opponent's Red Cards:	Carlos Bocanegra, 8/13 @ CLB (101+') Joe-Max Moore, 4/13 vs. NE (74') Dema Kovalenko, 7/12 vs. DC (91+')

CHICAGO FIRE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS/HONORS

MLS Man of the Match:

DaMarcus Beasley (4/13 vs. NE, 5/25 vs. COL, 5/31 @ SJ)

Jim Curtin (7/05 @ SJ)

Damani Ralph (7/26 vs. KC, 7/19 vs. NE)

Ante Razov (6/18 vs. DAL)

Andy Williams (6/14 @ MET, 4/26 @ KC)

MLS Player of the Week:

Orlando Perez – Week #4

Damani Ralph – Week #16

MLS Player of the Month:

Ante Razov- June

PENALTY KICKS FOR:

Player (Goalkeeper, Team)	Goals/Attempts
Rodrigo Faria (Adin Brown, NE)	save (44')
Ante Razov (Scott Garlick, COL)	goal (8')
Ante Razov (Scott Garlick, COL)	goal (75')
Ante Razov (D.J. Countess, DAL)	goal (21')
Damani Ralph (Mat Reis, NE)	goal (51')
Ante Razov (Jon Busch, CLB)	goal (34')
5-for6	

PENALTY KICKS AGAINST:

Player, Team (Goalkeeper)	Goals/Attempts
Marco Etcheverry, DC (Thornton)	Goal (37')
Amado Guevara, MET (Thornton)	Goal (94+')
Preki, KC (Thornton)	Goal (70')
3-for3	

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2003 CHICAGO FIRE RESULTS

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	W-L-T	SCORE	ATT.	REC.	NOTES
Sun.	4/13	vs. New England	T	1-1 (OT)	# 7,143	0-0-1	Beasley tallies lone Fire goal (35'), Thornton makes seven saves in Sarachan's MLS debut.
Sat.	4/19	@ DC United	T	0-0 (OT)	17,321	0-0-2	Third straight 0-0 draw between Fire and DC, Thornton earns 37 th career shutout.
Sat.	4/26	@ Kansas City	W	3-2	14,586	1-0-2	Goals by Perez (53'), Williams (65') and Ralph (70') bring Fire back from 0-2 halftime deficit.
Sat.	5/10	vs. San Jose	T	0-0 (OT)	# 7,825	1-0-3	Third straight home draw vs. SJ; Thornton earns 2 nd clean sheet of 2003, 38 th of career.
Sat.	5/17	@ New England	L	0-3	10,086	1-1-3	Season opening undefeated streak ends at four; Worst defeat since 8/1/01 (0-3 @ CLB).
Sun.	5/25	vs. Colorado	W	4-0	# 9,076	2-1-3	Mapp's first MLS goal, Beasley tally and two Razov PK's earn Fire first home win in 2003.
Sat.	5/31	@ San Jose	W	4-1	7,410	3-1-3	Ralph nets second GWG of 2003 (47'), Beasley double (28', 90') earns MOM honors.
Sat.	6/7	@ DC United	L	0-2	11,807	3-2-3	Two-game win streak ends; first goal in 469 minutes scored by United against Thornton.
Sat.	6/14	@ MetroStars	W	3-2	16,116	4-2-3	Williams' three assists, Razov double leads Fire to first win over Eastern Conf. foe in 2003.
Wed.	6/18	vs. Dallas	W	4-1	11,728	5-2-3	Fire stays undefeated at home as Razov nets pair, Ralph notches MLS-best third GWG.
Sat.	6/21	@ Kansas City	L	2-4	16,944	5-3-3	Ralph & Razov score in third straight game; Fire's first loss vs. Western Conference (4-1-1).
Sat.	6/28	vs. MetroStars	W	2-1 (OT)	12,690	6-3-3	Razov golden goal (94') puts Fire first in East; Razov & Ralph score in fourth straight game.
Sat.	7/5	@ San Jose	T	0-0 (OT)	7,705	6-3-4	Thornton collects 39th career shutout; Curtin earns Man of the Match honors in 0-0 draw.
Sat.	7/12	vs. DC United	L	1-2	13,245	6-4-4	Fire suffers first home loss (3-1-2); Marsch and Brown get first points of 2003; Razov ejected late.
Sat.	7/19	vs. New England	W	3-1	12,345	7-4-4	Ralph's four-point effort (1g, 2a) leads Fire to first home win over Revs since 8-28-99.
Sat.	7/26	vs. Kansas City	W	2-0	11,877	8-4-4	Thornton's 40th career shutout, goals by Whitfield and Mapp carry Fire into first-place tie in East.
Wed.	8/6	^@ Milwaukee Wave U	W	4-1	3,773	--	Ring earns first start, win of 2003; Jaqua tallies two helpers; Selolwane nets first with Fire.
Sat.	8/9	vs. MetroStars	T	1-1 (OT)	14,348	8-4-5	Teams remain tied atop Eastern Conf.; Ralph ties MLS rookie record with 8 th goal of season.
Wed.	8/13	@ Columbus	T	2-2 (OT)	17,193	8-4-6	Ralph's 90 th min. strike ties match, breaks MLS rookie scoring record (9); Fire stays tied for first.
Sat.	8/16	vs. DC United					
Wed.	8/20	vs. Los Angeles					
Sun.	8/24	@ MetroStars					
Wed.	8/27	^ vs. Colorado					
Sat.	8/30	@ New England					
Sat.	9/6	vs. Columbus					
Sat.	9/13	@ Los Angeles					
Sat.	9/20	@ Dallas					
Wed.	10/1	@ Colorado					
Sat.	10/4	vs. Los Angeles					
Sat.	10/11	vs. Columbus					
Sat.	10/18	vs. Colorado					
Sun.	10/26	@ Columbus					

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– Sellout

2003 Chicago Fire Lineups

4-13 vs. NE, 1-1 (OT) GK Thornton D Gray D Curtin D Whitfield D Bocanegra M Armas M Capano (Mapp 64) M Williams M Beasley-1 M Perez (Ralph 85) F Faria (Jaqua 90)	4-19 @ DC, 0-0 (OT) GK Thornton D Curtin D Bocanegra D Brown D Whitfield M Pause M Armas (Gray 90) M Williams (Mapp 95) M Perez F Beasley F Faria (Jaqua 70)	4-26 @ KC, 3-2 GK Thornton D Bocanegra D Brown D Curtin D Perez-1 M Armas M Beasley M Pause M Whitfield F Williams-1 (Gray 87) F Faria (Ralph 65)-1	5-10 vs. SJ, 0-0 (OT) GK Thornton D Bocanegra D Brown D Curtin D Perez M Armas M Pause (Faria 85) M Whitfield M Williams F Beasley F Razov	5-17 @ NE, 0-3 GK Thornton D Brown D Curtin D Bocanegra D Perez (Ralph 71) M Armas M Whitfield (Mapp 56) M Williams (Gray 60) M Beasley F Faria F Razov
5-25 vs. COL, 4-0 GK Thornton (Ring 79) D Whitfield D Curtin D Bocanegra D Perez M Armas (Gray 57) M Pause M Mapp-1 (Futagaki 73) M Beasley-1 F Ralph F Razov-2 (Jaqua 82)	5-31 @ SJ, 4-1 GK Thornton D Brown (Whitfield 59) D Curtin D Bocanegra D Perez M Mapp (Gray 76) M Armas M Beasley-2 M Pause F Ralph-1 (Jaqua 86) F Razov-1	6-7 @ DC, 0-2 GK Thornton D Whitfield D Brown D Curtin D Perez (Williams 62) M Mapp M Armas M Beasley M Pause F Ralph (Jaqua 58) F Razov	6-14 @ MET, 3-2 GK Thornton D Brown (Futagaki 73) D Curtin D Perez M Whitfield M Pause M Gray M Mapp (Capano 84) M Williams (Jaqua 68) F Ralph-1 F Razov-2	6-18 vs. DAL, 4-1 GK Thornton D Whitfield D Curtin D Brown D Perez (Jaqua 86) M Gray-1 M Pause M Williams (Marsch 79) M Mapp (Futagaki 72) F Ralph-1 F Razov-2
6-21 @ KC, 2-4 GK Thornton D Brown D Curtin D Perez (Marsch 63) M Gray M Pause (Capano 86) M Whitfield M Williams (Jaqua 77) M Mapp F Ralph-1 F Razov-1	6-28 vs. MET, 2-1 (OT) GK Thornton D Brown D Curtin D Bocanegra D Gray M Pause (Marsch 61) M Armas M Beasley M Williams (Gray 92) M Mapp (Whitfield 90) F Ralph-1 F Razov-1	7-05 @ SJ, 0-0 (OT) GK Thornton D Brown D Curtin D Gray M Marsch (Pause 79) M Armas M Whitfield M Williams (Futagaki 95) M Mapp F Ralph F Razov (Jaqua 61)	7-12 vs. DC, 1-2 GK Thornton D Brown D Curtin D Gray M Marsch-1 M Pause (Jaqua 46) M Whitfield M Armas M Futagaki (Selolwane 71) F Ralph F Razov	7-19 vs. NE, 3-1 GK Thornton D Brown D Curtin D Gray-1 M Marsch M Armas M Whitfield M Mapp-1 (Selolwane 55) M Perez F Jaqua F Ralph-1 (Pause 83)
7-26 vs. KC, 2-0 GK Thornton D Brown D Curtin D Gray M Marsch M Armas M Whitfield-1 M Mapp-1 (Pause 83) M Perez F Ralph (Jaqua 89) F Razov	8-6 @ MIL, 4-1 (4th Rd. – U.S. Open Cup) GK Ring D Brown D Curtin D Bocanegra (Gray 61) M Marsch M Armas-1 (Pause 65) M Whitfield-1 M Mapp M Beasley (Perez 74) F Jaqua F Razov-1 (Selolwane 61)-1	8-9 vs. MET, 1-1 (OT) GK Thornton D Brown D Curtin D Bocanegra M Marsch M Armas M Whitfield M Mapp (Perez 68) M Beasley F Ralph-1 F Razov	8-13 @ CLB, 2-2 (OT) GK Thornton D Gray D Curtin (Williams 70) D Bocanegra M Marsch (Perez 85) M Armas M Whitfield M Mapp (Jaqua 81) M Beasley F Ralph-1 F Razov-1	

CHICAGO FIRE ALL-TIME STATS

Points

1. Ante Razov	169	(1998-present)
2. Peter Nowak	100	(1998-2002)
3. Josh Wolff	79	(1998-2002)
4. Dema Kovalenko	64	(1999-2002)
5. Lubos Kubik	52	(1998-2000)
6. Hristo Stoitchkov	49	(2000-2002)
7. Jesse Marsch	47	(1998-present)
8. Roman Kosecki	43	(1998-1999)
9. Jerzy Podbrozny	42	(1998-1999)
10. Diego Gutierrez	38	(1998-2001)
11. DaMarcus Beasley	36	(2000-present)
12. Chris Armas	26	(1998-present)
13. Eric Wynalda	25	(2001)
14. Damani Ralph	21	(2003)
15. Evan Whitfield	17	(1999-present)
Frank Klopas	17	(1998-1999)
17. Carlos Bocanegra	15	(2000-present)
18. Kelly Gray	13	(2002-present)
19. C.J. Brown	12	(1998-present)
20. Jamar Beasley	11	(2001)
Ritchie Kotschau	11	(1998-1999)

Goals

1. Ante Razov	68	(1998-present)
2. Josh Wolff	32	(1998-2002)
3. Peter Nowak	26	(1998-2002)
4. Dema Kovalenko	22	(1999-2002)
5. Hristo Stoitchkov	17	(2000-2002)
6. Lubos Kubik	15	(1998-2000)
7. Roman Kosecki	12	(1998-1999)
8. DaMarcus Beasley	11	(2000-present)
9. Jesse Marsch	10	(1998-present)
Jerzy Podbrozny	10	(1998-1999)
Eric Wynalda	10	(2001)
12. Damani Ralph	9	(2003)
13. Frank Klopas	6	(1998-1999)
Diego Gutierrez	6	(1998-2001)
15. Carlos Bocanegra	4	(2000-present)
Kelly Gray	4	(2002-present)
Jamar Beasley	4	(2001)
Ritchie Kotschau	4	(1998-1999)

Assists

1. Peter Nowak	48	(1998-2002)
2. Ante Razov	33	(1998-present)
3. Jesse Marsch	27	(1998-present)
4. Diego Gutierrez	26	(1998-2001)
5. Chris Armas	22	(1998-present)
Lubos Kubik	22	(1998-2000)
Jerzy Podbrozny	22	(1998-1999)
8. Dema Kovalenko	20	(1999-2002)
9. Roman Kosecki	19	(1998-1999)
10. Josh Wolff	15	(1998-2002)
Hristo Stoitchkov	15	(2000-2002)
12. DaMarcus Beasley	14	(2000-present)

Games Played

1. Jesse Marsch	152	(1998-present)
Zach Thornton	152	(1998-present)
3. C.J. Brown	142	(1998-present)
4. Ante Razov	130	(1998-present)
5. Peter Nowak	114	(1998-2002)
6. Chris Armas	108	(1998-present)
7. Dema Kovalenko	90	(1999-2002)
8. Diego Gutierrez	89	(1998-2001)
9. Josh Wolff	84	(1998-2002)
10. Carlos Bocanegra	78	(2000-present)

Games Started

1. Zach Thornton	150	(1998-present)
2. C.J. Brown	142	(1998-present)
Jesse Marsch	142	(1998-present)
4. Ante Razov	116	(1998-present)
5. Peter Nowak	114	(1998-2002)
6. Chris Armas	108	(1998-present)
7. Diego Gutierrez	80	(1998-2001)
8. Dema Kovalenko	77	(1999-2002)
9. Carlos Bocanegra	76	(2000-present)
10. Lubos Kubik	70	(1998-2000)

Minutes Played

1. Zach Thornton	13,680	(1998-present)
2. Jesse Marsch	12,812	(1998-present)
3. C.J. Brown	12,558	(1998-present)
4. Ante Razov	10,222	(1998-present)
5. Peter Nowak	9,740	(1998-2002)
6. Chris Armas	9,772	(1998-present)
7. Dema Kovalenko	7,065	(1999-2002)
8. Diego Gutierrez	7,058	(1998-2001)
9. Carlos Bocanegra	6,897	(2000-present)
10. Lubos Kubik	6,150	(1998-2000)

Goalkeeper Games Played

1. Zach Thornton	152	(1998-present)
2. Jorge Campos	8	(1998)
3. Chris Snitko	5	(2000)
Greg Sutton	5	(1999-2000)
5. Henry Ring	2	(2002-present)
6. Scott Coufal	1	(1998)

Goalkeeper Wins

1. Zach Thornton	82	(1998-present)
2. Jorge Campos	4	(1998)
3. Chris Snitko	2	(2000)
4. Henry Ring	1	(2002-present)
Greg Sutton	1	(1999-2000)

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Game-Winning Goals

1. Ante Razov	22	(1998-present)
2. Josh Wolff	10	(1998-2002)
3. Lubos Kubik	8	(1998-2000)
4. Dema Kovalenko	6	(1999-2002)
5. Peter Nowak	4	(1998-2002)
6. Jesse Marsch	3	(1998-present)
Damani Ralph	3	(2003)
Eric Wynalda	3	(2001)
9. seven players tied	2	

Fouls Committed

1. Jesse Marsch	236	(1998-present)
2. C.J. Brown	233	(1998-present)
3. Chris Armas	200	(1998-present)
4. Ante Razov	184	(1998-present)
5. Diego Gutierrez	159	(1998-2001)
6. Peter Nowak	142	(1998-2002)
7. Dema Kovalenko	126	(1999-2002)
8. Carlos Bocanegra	125	(2000-present)
9. Evan Whitfield	115	(2000-present)
10. DaMarcus Beasley	104	(2000-present)

Game-Winning Assists

1. Peter Nowak	13	(1998-2002)
Ante Razov	13	(1998-present)
3. Chris Armas	8	(1998-present)
4. Diego Gutierrez	7	(1998-2001)
Jesse Marsch	7	(1998-present)
Jerzy Podbrozny	7	(1998-1999)
7. Dema Kovalenko	6	(1999-2002)
Hristo Stoitchkov	6	(2000-2002)
Josh Wolff	6	(1998-2002)
10. four players tied	4	

Fouls Suffered

1. Peter Nowak	283	(1998-2002)
2. DaMarcus Beasley	268	(2000-present)
3. Ante Razov	212	(1998-present)
4. Chris Armas	180	(1998-present)
5. Jesse Marsch	179	(1998-present)
6. C.J. Brown	167	(1998-present)
7. Dema Kovalenko	159	(1999-2002)
8. Roman Kosecki	153	(1998-1999)
9. Diego Gutierrez	134	(1998-2001)
10. Josh Wolff	85	(1998-2002)

Shots

1. Ante Razov	520	(1998-present)
2. Peter Nowak	171	(1998-2002)
3. Josh Wolff	169	(1998-2002)
4. Hristo Stoitchkov	146	(2000-2002)
5. Dema Kovalenko	143	(1999-2002)
6. Lubos Kubik	136	(1998-2000)
7. Roman Kosecki	122	(1998-1999)
8. Jesse Marsch	115	(1998-present)
9. Jerzy Podbrozny	107	(1998-1999)
10. DaMarcus Beasley	88	(2000-present)
11. Chris Armas	85	(1998-present)

Cautions

1. C.J. Brown	27	(1998-present)
Jesse Marsch	27	(1998-present)
3. Dema Kovalenko	22	(1999-2002)
4. Carlos Bocanegra	17	(2000-present)
Peter Nowak	17	(1998-2002)
6. Chris Armas	16	(1998-present)
Ante Razov	16	(1998-present)
Evan Whitfield	16	(1999-present)
9. Lubos Kubik	15	(1998-2000)
10. Diego Gutierrez	13	(1998-2001)

Shots on Goal

1. Ante Razov	263	(1998-present)
2. Josh Wolff	90	(1998-2002)
3. Peter Nowak	77	(1998-2002)
4. Dema Kovalenko	75	(1999-2002)
5. Hristo Stoitchkov	70	(2000-2002)
6. Roman Kosecki	57	(1998-1999)
7. Lubos Kubik	47	(1998-2000)
8. Jerzy Podbrozny	45	(1998-1999)
9. DaMarcus Beasley	43	(2000-present)
Jesse Marsch	43	(1998-present)
11. Chris Armas	35	(1998-present)

Ejections

1. Ante Razov	4	(1998-present)
2. Diego Gutierrez	3	(1998-2001)
C.J. Brown	3	(1998-present)
4. Carlos Bocanegra	2	(2000-present)
Lubos Kubik	2	(1998-2000)
Andrew Lewis	2	(1998-2001)
Peter Nowak	2	(1998-2002)
8. 8 players tied	1	

Corner Kicks

1. Peter Nowak	320	(1998-2002)
2. Hristo Stoitchkov	130	(2000-2002)
3. Ante Razov	125	(1998-present)
4. Jerzy Podbrozny	65	(1998-1999)
5. Roman Kosecki	64	(1998-1999)
6. Diego Gutierrez	60	(1998-2001)
7. DaMarcus Beasley	29	(2000-present)
8. Eric Wynalda	27	(2001)
9. Frank Klopas	21	(1998-1999)
10. Lubos Kubik	15	(1998-2000)
11. Chris Armas	14	(1998-present)

Offsides

1. Ante Razov	150	(1998-present)
2. Josh Wolff	52	(1998-2002)
3. Roman Kosecki	32	(1998-1999)
4. Frank Klopas	25	(1998-1999)
5. DaMarcus Beasley	20	(2000-present)
Peter Nowak	20	(1998-2002)
7. Eric Wynalda	19	(2001)
8. Dema Kovalenko	18	(1999-2002)
9. Jamar Beasley	17	(2001)
Jesse Marsch	17	(1998-present)

2003 CHICAGO FIRE ROSTER

Alphabetical

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Hometown	College	Status
14	Chris Armas	M	5-7	150	8-27-72	Brentwood, NY	Adelphi	
7	DaMarcus Beasley	M	5-9	137	5-24-82	Ft. Wayne, IN	--	
4	Carlos Bocanegra	D	6-0	170	5-25-79	Alta Loma, CA	UCLA	
2	C.J. Brown	D	6-0	185	6-15-75	Hayward, CA	San Jose State	
19	Craig Capano	M	5-7	140	7-7-85	Hyde Park, NY	--	PRO-40
5	Jim Curtin	D	6-4	205	6-23-79	Oreland, PA	Villanova	
22	Rodrigo Faria	F	6-1	150	2-24-77	Bronxville, New York	Concordia	SR. INT'L
24	Ryan Futagaki	M	5-7	150	1-17-80	Fountain Valley, CA	UCLA	
6	Kelly Gray	D/M	6-2	170	4-7-81	San Jose, CA	Portland	
11	Nate Jaqua	F	6-3	180	10-28-81	Eugene, OR	Portland	PRO-40
21	Justin Mapp	M	5-10	140	10-18-84	Brandon, MS	--	PRO-40
15	Jesse Marsch	M	5-11	170	11-8-73	Racine, WI	Princeton	
12	Logan Pause	D/M	5-10	155	8-22-81	Hillsborough, NC	North Carolina	PRO-40
20	Orlando Perez	D/M	6-2	165	7-12-77	Fontana, CA	--	
8	Damani Ralph	F	6-0	170	11-6-80	Kingston, Jamaica	Connecticut	
9	Ante Razov	F	6-1	175	3-2-74	Los Angeles, CA	UCLA	
13	Henry Ring	GK	6-3	185	3-16-77	Franklin, TN	South Carolina	
17	Dipsy Selolwane	F	5-9	150	1-27-78	Gaborone, Botswana	St. Louis	SR. INT'L
18	Zach Thornton	GK	6-3	230	10-10-73	Edgewood, MD	Loyola-MD	
28	Nick Walls	M	5-11	165	3-31-81	Milwaukee, WI	St. Louis	DEV
3	Evan Whitfield	D/M	5-11	155	6-23-77	Glendale, AZ	Duke	
16	Andy Williams	M	5-8	155	9-23-77	Kingston, Jamaica	Rhode Island	SR. INT'L

FIRE NUMERICAL ROSTER AND PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

No.	Player	Pos.	Pronunciation	Age	Place of Birth	Last Club
2	C.J. Brown	D		28	Eugene, OR	SF Bay Seals (1997)
3	Evan Whitfield	D/M		26	Phoenix, AZ	KAA Gent (1999)
4	Carlos Bocanegra	D	BOH-cuh-NEG-ruh	24	Upland, CA	UCLA (1999)
5	Jim Curtin	D		24	Oreland, PA	Villanova (2000)
6	Kelly Gray	D/M		22	Palo Alto, CA	Portland (2001)
7	DaMarcus Beasley	M		21	Ft. Wayne, IN	Los Angeles Galaxy (1999)
8	Damani Ralph	F	duh-ma-NEE	22	Kingston, Jamaica	Connecticut (2002)
9	Ante Razov	F	on-TAY	29	Los Angeles, CA	Racing de Ferrol (2001)
11	Nate Jaqua	F	JAY-kwa	21	Eugene, OR	Portland (2002)
12	Logan Pause	D/M	PAWS	21	Hillsborough, NC	North Carolina (2002)
13	Henry Ring	GK		26	Franklin, TN	South Carolina (2000)
14	Chris Armas	M	AR-moss	30	Bronx, NY	Los Angeles Galaxy (1997)
15	Jesse Marsch	M	MARSH	29	Racine, WI	D.C. United (1997)
16	Andy Williams	M		25	Toronto, Canada	MetroStars (2002)
17	Dipsy Selolwane	F	sell-ol-wan-EE	25	Gaborone, Botswana	Vejle Boldklub (2002)
18	Zach Thornton	GK	ZACK	29	Baltimore, MD	MetroStars (1997)
19	Craig Capano	M		18	Hyde Park, NY	Chicago Sockers F.C. (2001)
20	Orlando Perez	D/M		26	Pomona, CA	D.C. United (2002)
21	Justin Mapp	M	MAP	18	Brandon, MS	D.C. United (2002)
22	Rodrigo Faria	F	fuh-REE-ah	26	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	MetroStars (2002)
24	Ryan Futagaki	M	foo-ta-ga-KEE	23	Fountain Valley, CA	UCLA (2002)
28	Nick Walls	M		21	Milwaukee, WI	St. Louis (2002)

Head Coach: Dave Sarachan

Assistant Coaches: Denis Hamlett, Daryl Shore & Tom Soehn

PRO-40 ➔ Project-40 player who does not count against team's active 18-man senior roster

SR. INT'L ➔ Senior International player

GC ➔ Former foreigner now playing as a domestic due to green card status

TI ➔ Transitional International player

DEV ➔ Developmental player

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2003 CHICAGO FIRE STATISTICS (8-4-6, 30 pts.)

(Through Games of August 16, 2003)

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHT	SOG	BLK	FC	FS	OFF	CK	C	E	CP
9	FWD	Ante Razov	14	14	1257	10	3	23	74	43	0	19	23	16	52	2	1	8
8	FWD	Damani Ralph	16	13	1219	9	3	21	56	22	0	20	36	9	0	1	0	4
7	MID	DaMarcus Beasley	11	11	1044	4	2	10	25	9	0	22	56	2	10	2	0	8
21	MID	Justin Mapp	15	12	1037	3	2	8	12	9	0	12	33	0	9	0	0	0
16	MID	Andy Williams	12	10	911	1	6	8	16	5	0	17	29	2	10	1	0	4
6	D/M	Kelly Gray	16	10	1022	2	0	4	17	7	0	14	10	1	0	2	0	8
3	D/M	Evan Whitfield	18	16	1501	1	1	3	10	6	1	38	27	3	0	3	0	12
11	FWD	Nate Jaqua	13	1	317	0	2	2	6	1	0	15	4	3	0	0	0	0
15	MID	Jesse Marsch	9	6	605	1	0	2	9	4	0	10	5	0	0	1	0	4
20	DEF	Orlando Perez	15	13	1154	1	0	2	9	2	0	15	6	1	0	1	0	3
4	DEF	Carlos Bocanegra	10	10	954	0	1	1	7	3	0	20	9	1	0	6	1	23
2	DEF	C.J. Brown	15	15	1318	0	1	1	6	2	1	16	17	0	0	2	1	12
5	DEF	Jim Curtin	18	18	1654	0	1	1	6	3	0	18	12	1	0	2	0	8
24	MID	Ryan Futagaki	5	1	128	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
14	MID	Chris Armas	14	14	1281	0	0	0	12	2	0	17	25	1	7	1	0	4
19	MID	Craig Capano	3	1	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
22	FWD	Rodrigo Faria	5	4	330	0	0	0	10	3	0	5	3	6	0	0	0	0
12	MID	Logan Pause	14	11	952	0	0	0	1	1	0	14	5	0	0	2	0	7
13	GK	Henry Ring	1	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	FWD	Dipsy Selolwane	2	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	4
18	GK	Zach Thornton	18	18	1673	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	8
Team totals			18	18	1684	32	23	87	278	122	2	281	316	46	88	29	3	
Opponent totals			18	18	1684	23	25	71	226	114	2	331	274	43	88	34	2	

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Ante Razov 3, Damani Ralph 3, Evan Whitfield 1, Justin Mapp 1

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Andy Williams 2, Ante Razov 1, Damani Ralph 1, DaMarcus Beasley 1

PENALTY KICK GOALS/ATTEMPTS: Ante Razov 4-4, Damani Ralph 1-1, Rodrigo Faria 0-1

CHICAGO FIRE INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	SV	C/P	GA	GAA	PG	PA	W	L	T	OT	SO	RECORD
13	GK	Henry Ring	1	0	11	1	1	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0	
18	GK	Zach Thornton	18	18	1673	113	88	50	23	1.24	3	3	8	4	6	4	1-0-6	
Team totals			18	18	1684	114	91	51	23	1.23	3	3	8	4	6	5	1-0-6	
Opponent totals			18	18	1684	122	90	53	32	1.71	5	6	4	8	6	5	0-1-6	

CHICAGO FIRE - COACHES

COACH	W	L	T	PCT.	PTS.	OT	RECORD
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Dave Sarachan	8	4	6	0.611	30	1-0-6	