



Game Notes



D.C. United vs. Kansas City Wizards
(0-0-0) (0-0-0)

Match Information

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2003

Time: 8:00 p.m. ET

Location: Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, MO

TV: Comcast SportsNet, Fox Sports World

VYVX Confirmation #: 1445427

Satellite Channels: DirecTV 795, DishNet 463

Radio: English – WMET 1150 AM

Spanish – Radio America 1540 AM, Radio Fiesta 1480 AM, Latino Mix 1350

Referee: Kevin Terry

Referee's Assistants: Nate Clement, Roger Itaya

Fourth Official: Ali Saheli

United Uniforms: white shirts – white shorts – white socks

Wizards Uniforms: blue shirts – blue shorts – blue socks

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2003 D.C. United Schedule/Results

Overall MLS Record: 0-0-0 (0 points)

Home: 0-0-0

Away: 0-0-0

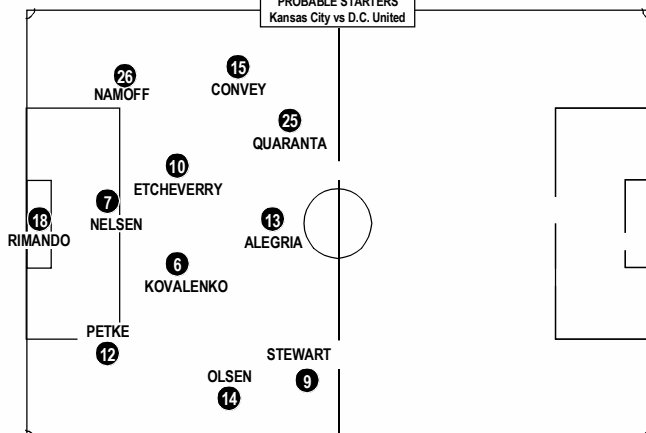
Overtime: 0-0-0

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
April 12	Sat.	at Kansas City	8:00 p.m.	CSN, FSW
April 19	Sat.	Chicago	7:30 p.m.	FSW
April 26	Sat.	at Colorado	9:00 p.m.	CSN, HDNet
May 3	Sat.	Dallas	7:30 p.m.	CSN, FSW
May 10	Sat.	at MetroStars	7:30 p.m.	-
May 14	Wed.	Tottenham %	7:30 p.m.	-
May 17	Sat.	Kansas City	7:30 p.m.	CSN, FSW
May 31	Sat.	at Dallas	9:00 p.m.	CSN
June 7	Sat.	Chicago	7:30 p.m.	CSN
June 11	Wed.	at Colorado	9:30 p.m.	-
June 14	Sat.	Columbus	7:30 p.m.	FSW
June 21	Sat.	New England	7:30 p.m.	CSN, FSW
June 28	Sat.	at Columbus	7:30 p.m.	HDNet
July 2	Wed.	at Dallas	9:00 p.m.	CSN
July 5	Sat.	MetroStars	4:00 p.m.	ESPN2
July 12	Sat.	at Chicago	8:30 p.m.	CSN, FSW
July 19	Sat.	San Jose	4:00 p.m.	ESPN2
July 27	Sun.	at New England	4:00 p.m.	CSN
Aug. 9	Sat.	New England	7:30 p.m.	FSW
Aug. 13	Wed.	Colorado	7:30 p.m.	CSN
Aug. 16	Sat.	at Chicago	8:30 p.m.	HDNet
Aug. 24	Sun.	at San Jose	6:00 p.m.	CSN
Sept. 6	Sat.	Los Angeles	7:30 p.m.	CSN, FSW
Sept. 13	Sat.	San Jose	7:30 p.m.	CSN
Sept. 20	Sat.	at Los Angeles	10:00 p.m.	CSN, HDNet
Sept. 25	Thurs.	at MetroStars	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Sept. 28	Sun.	MetroStars	4:00 p.m.	-
Oct. 4	Sat.	at Columbus	7:30 p.m.	HDNet
Oct. 2	Sun.	at New England	4:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Oct. 19	Sun.	Columbus	4:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Oct. 25	Sat.	Kansas City	7:30 p.m.	FSW

All times EDT/EST

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PROBABLE STARTERS
Kansas City vs D.C. United



D.C. United Injury Report

Galin Ivanov – OUT – abdominal hernia surgery

Milton Reyes – OUT – L ACL tear

Brandon Prideaux – OUT – hamstring strain

D.C. United – Suspended

Hristo Stoichkov

D.C. United - National Team Duty

None

2002 Team Records



Overall: 0-0-0 Points: 0
 Place in Standings:
 Home: 0-0-0 Away: 0-0-0
 Within Division: 0-0-0 Outside Division: 0-0-0
 Overtime: 0-0-0



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 Within Division: 0-0-0 Outside Division: 0-0-0
 Overtime: 0-0-0

United v. Wizards

Overall: 8-8-2
 Home: 5-2-2
 Away: 3-6-0
 Shootout: 1-0-0 (1996-99)
 Overtime: 1-0-2 (2000+)
 Playoffs: 0-0-0

Date	Result	Loc.	Note
6-20-96	L 1-5	A	
7-31-96	L 2-3	H	
8-4-96	L 2-4	H	
6-21-97	L 6-1	A	
7-19-97	L 2-3	A	
8-31-97	W 2-0	H	
3-21-98	W 3-2	H	
8-26-98	W 2-1	A	
5-15-99	W 3-3 (3-0)	A	
6-26-99	W 3-0	H	
5-17-00	L 0-2	A	
6-10-00	T 0-0 (OT)	H	
4-7-01	W 3-2	H	
6-16-01	W 3-0	A	
4-20-02	W 2-1 (OT)	H	
6-15-02	L 0-2	A	
7-4-02	L 1-2	A	
8-10-02	T 0-0 (OT)	H	

MLS Table (through Sunday, April 6, 2003)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	GP	W	L	T	P
Columbus	1	0	0	1	1
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0
D.C.	0	0	0	0	0
MetroStars	0	0	0	0	0
New England	0	0	0	0	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	GP	W	L	T	P
Los Angeles	1	0	0	1	1
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	0	0	0	0	0

Next Match: April 12 @ Kansas City Wizards**Last Meeting: Missed Penalty Kicks Result in 0-0 Tie**

WASHINGTON, DC (August 10, 2002) – Following their recent stretch of disappointing results, D.C. United might have thought they had seen everything. However, Saturday night's 0-0 draw with the Kansas City Wizards at RFK Stadium might just have proved them wrong. Wizards goalkeeper Tony Meola made MLS history by becoming the first 'keeper to save two penalty kicks in one game, but it was the one he didn't save- the one that didn't count- that made the night another frustrating one for the Black-and-Red. Despite earning a point for their efforts, the match more or less felt like a loss as United had a late lead taken away on a play that was as strange as it was controversial.

The teams came out of the gate slowly. Eliseo Quintanilla had the first clear opportunity to open the scoreboard for both sides in the 14th minute. Bobby Convey played a beautiful through ball to the Salvadoran forward down the left wing of the box. Quintanilla controlled the ball and proceeded on goal. He unleashed a rocket from eight yards out, but his shot hit the left post.

The remainder of the first half continued in much the same fashion, with United enjoying the better of the chances and possession but having nothing to show for it. In the 23rd minute, Milton Reyes created havoc in the back, using his speed to get behind the Wizards' defense and into the penalty area on the left side. However, his cross went through the box and just behind a pair of onrushing attackers. The action heated up again late in the half when the home side had a pair of chances come up dry. In the 40th minute, Jaime Moreno worked down the right flank all the way to the endline and found enough space to get off another dangerous cross. This time United had a body on the end of it, but midfielder Richie Williams' header from the right corner of the six-yard box was stopped by a diving Meola, who got one glove on the ball to stop it from becoming a long-awaited goal for the Black-and-Red. One minute later, Ryan Nelsen took a turn, but his blast from 20 yards was stopped by Meola, who had come six yards off his line.

The second half started with what looked to be the certain end of United's scoring drought, as Moreno took a 30 yard run into the left side of the penalty area, where he was taken down Kansas City defender Mike Burns. The resulting penalty kick in the 47th was merely a mirage rather than the scoring oasis United hoped for, as Meola dove well in the air to his left to send Moreno's PK chance out of danger and keep the game scoreless.

From there the pace slowed a bit as the two sides traded chances for rest of the second stanza. In the 60th minute, Kansas City forward Dario Fabbro got free along the left endline and dribbled toward the near post. A well-positioned Nick Rimando easily grabbed the Argentine forward's chip headed for the upper left 90. Ten minutes later, Eric Quill blasted a shot from 20 yards out, but Rimando was on the mark again as he dove to his left to grab the shot headed for the right post. United countered quickly as Quintanilla sent a cross from the left flank towards second half substitute Ben Olsen. The midfielder sent a header on goal from six yards out, but Meola

was equal to the task as he was able to make a point-blank save to deflect the ball over the crossbar.

In the 75th minute, Fabbro flicked on a ball for Preki near the top of the penalty area. The midfielder found space and cracked a left-footed shot from 15 yards out, but sent it just right of the far post. One minute later, D.C. United countered with another quality attempt off a header when Olsen sent a cross from the right flank towards the penalty spot, where Quintanilla's darting header went wide of the right post.

From that point, things went from exciting to bizarre and everywhere in between. In the 88th minute, McKinley went down inside of the Wizards penalty area after being fouled by Carey Talley, drawing a penalty kick call from referee Noel Kenny. D.C. United captain Marco Etcheverry stepped up to send the penalty kick home past Meola to give United a late 1-0 lead... or so it was thought, as Kenny called off the goal due to United players encroaching inside the penalty area before the kick was taken. Two minutes later, the kick was retaken by Etcheverry, but this time, as he did to start the half, Meola went to his right to save the shot and keep the match knotted at zero.

In the first overtime, Etcheverry almost ended the game again, as he turned past a pair of Kansas City defenders from the left corner of the six yard box. His tough angled shot got past Meola, but went inches wide of the far post. In the 95th minute, Convey tried to end the game as he found space inside the penalty area, but his right-footed try from 14 yards out went right into the chest of Meola.

At the start of the second overtime, a pair second half substitutes, Petter Villegas and Ali Curtis, worked together to try to tally a golden goal. Villegas sent a cross from the right side for Curtis, who received from 12 yards out, turned and fired a low shot. Meola was in the right place again, as he took a step to his left and went low to make the save. Fittingly, another bizarre play in the closing minutes finished the night. In the 99th minute, Meola jumped over Olsen to get a hand on a high ball at the left post, but instead of batting the ball out of touch, the ball fell to the feet of Eddie Pope yards left of the goal. The defender got a foot to the loose ball, but he sent the chance well high of the crossbar, ending what was one of the strangest and most bitter defeats of United's season.

Despite playing in the shadow of Meola's heroics tonight, Rimando inched his way towards a piece of United history as he earned his sixth clean sheet of the season, just one shy of Scott Garlick's team record set during the 1998 season. However, two more bits of history that United would like to break stayed in tact, as the Black-and-Red's winless streak rose to eight contests and their goalless streak stretched to 531 minutes, which is now the third longest in league history. United has now been involved in all three of Major League Soccer's scoreless draws in the 2002 campaign, all of which have come in the Black-and-Red's last five contests. With the tie, United's record on the season moves to 6-11-4 and, despite what could have been, the Black-and-Red still managed to gain an all important point on eighth-place Chicago in the race for final 2002 MLS Cup playoff berth.

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OT2</u>	<u>F</u>
Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0
D.C. United	0	0	0	0	0

Starters

D.C. United: Nick Rimando; Brandon Prideaux, Ryan Nelsen, Eddie Pope, Milton Reyes; Ivan McKinley (Petter Villegas-92+'), Richie Williams, Marco Etcheverry (Capt.), Bobby Convey; Jaime Moreno (Ben Olsen-66'), Eliseo Quintanilla (Ali Curtis-81').

Kansas City: Tony Meola (Capt.); Mike Burns, Nick Garcia, Carey Talley; Stephen Armstrong (Matt McKeon-71'), Chris Klein (Chris Brown-71'), Kerry Zavagnin, Eric Quill, Preki; Igor Simutenkov, Dario Fabbro (Francisco Gomez-86').

Scoring Summary

none

Statistics

	<u>DC</u>	<u>KC</u>
Shots	17	10
Shots On Goal	7	7
Saves	7	7
Corners	7	1
Fouls	22	18
Offside	6	2

Cautions

KC – Burns 26'
DC – Reyes 42'
KC – Garcia 48'
DC – Convey 56'
DC –Williams 90+'

Ejections

none

Referee: Noel Kenny

Referee's Assistants: Steve Taylor, Todd Perry

Fourth Official: Reggie Ruty

Attendance: 14,630

Weather: Sunny, 85 degrees

Last Match: Burn Ends United's Season with OT Goal

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 19, 2002) – Dallas forward Eddie Johnson scored in the 97th minute, defeating D.C. United 4-3 and ending their spirited run for MLS Cup playoff contention. The Black-and-Red twice fought back from one goal deficits, only to see their season the way it started with a heartbreaking overtime defeat.

"I'm proud of the effort from everybody. I thought we came out gangbusters in the second half and came out with a different attitude. We had a lot of spirit, had a lot of bounce and they played their hearts out for each other," said Hudson. "We went down swinging and fighting and clawing, but we just couldn't take that last gasp."

The first half of the contest produced few chances for either team and featured some sparkling saves from Dallas goalkeeper Matt Jordan. United had the first quality shot of the game just three minutes into the contest when forward Henry Zambrano cracked a rising shot from 23 yards out that whistled just inches over the crossbar. United would continue to hold the

better of the possession, but it would be the Burn getting the better of the chances over the next half hour of play. In the 16th minute, the Burn nearly capitalized on a set piece opportunity when defender Matt Behncke rose over the United defense and got a header on goal from Antonio Martinez's corner kick. The kick beat United goalkeeper Nick Rimando, but midfielder Jose Alegria stuck towards the right post and cleared the ball off the goalline to keep the match scoreless. In the 25th minute, Rimando made the defensive play, coming 11 yards off his line to take the ball off of the foot of Dallas's Bobby Rhine, thwarting a one-on-one opportunity. Four minutes later, Zambrano would produce another quality chance, but his bending shot from 10 yards out towards the upper right corner was saved by a diving Jordan.

Another set piece opportunity would pay off indirectly for the Burn in the 33rd minute, as Martinez's corner kick sailed through the penalty area. United defender Bryan Namoff deflected the cross with his hand, resulting in a penalty kick. Jorge Rodriguez stepped up one minute later to take the spot kick and drilled it just inside the right post and past the fingertips of a diving Rimando. The Martinez goal would put United down heading into the halftime break, a situation in which the Black-and-Red were 0-9-0 in entering the night's contest.

The second half would prove to make up for the lack of action in the first stanza, and United's Bobby Convey would get things started quickly, in the 48th minute, with his team-leading fifth goal of the season. The young midfielder played a give-and-go with forward Eliseo Quintanilla about 25 yards from goal. The Salvadoran forward returned the ball to Convey inside the penalty area, and Convey blasted a wicked left-footed shot to the short left side past Jordan, equalizing the match at one. Eight minutes later, Convey looked dangerous again, but his low line drive from eight yards out was blocked by a sliding Tenywa Bonesu before it could challenge Jordan.

In the 65th minute, the Black-and-Red would take their first lead of the night courtesy of a pair of players tallying their first points of the season. Ben Olsen played a cross from the right flank into the top of the penalty area for Zambrano, who managed to flick the ball past a rushing Jordan and into the back of the net. The goal was Zambrano's first in five games with United and the assist gave Olsen his first point since the 2000 season.

The lead wouldn't last for long, as Dallas would bring the game back to square in the 74th minute. Dallas held possession in the offensive third and worked the ball to Martinez who had space just outside the upper-left corner of the penalty area. Martinez lifted a floating shot towards the far post which got past a crossed-up Rimando, resetting the match at 2-2 with a quarter-hour to play.

With a tie benefiting neither team, the two sides continued to push back-and-forth at a frantic pace. Dallas would seemingly put the match away in the 80th minute when a counter-attack opportunity ended with Bobby Rhine scoring his seventh strike of the season. Rhine received a long pass from second-half substitute Joselito Vaca and fought to turn past United's last defender Eddie Pope and into open space. Rhine finished off the one-on-one versus Rimando by tucking a toe-poke shot ball past the charging United 'keeper and just inside

the left post, putting the Burn up 3-2 and forcing United to push hard to keep their post-season hopes alive.

United answered by coming back and creating several chances in the remaining ten minutes, but the work wouldn't pay off until two minutes deep into injury time, when "super-sub" Ali Curtis scored in his second consecutive game. Petter Villegas received the ball just outside the United offensive third and played the ball quickly to Marco Etcheverry. The United captain slotted the ball into a crowded penalty area for Curtis, who reached the ball just before a pair of Dallas defenders. Curtis's shot snuck underneath Jordan and kissed off the right post before crossing the line, knotting the match a 3-3. The goal was Curtis's fifth of the season, tying him with Convey for the team lead in the category.

United would have additional opportunities late into the six-and-a-half minute second-half injury time session, but a 25-yard blast by Villegas and a close range shot by Pope both failed to test Jordan, resulting in overtime for the Black-and-Red for the ninth time this season.

The first overtime would prove fruitless, with both teams getting off a pair of shots. The lone shot in the second overtime, however, would end the contest. On the play, Rimando left his line in pursuit of a loose ball to the right of his goal, which was tracked down by Vaca. As Rimando raced back to his line, Vaca found an unmarked Johnson toward the penalty spot. The U.S. U-20 National team stalwart calmly settled the ball and then blasted a right-footed shot past a helpless Rimando to give the Burn the dramatic victory.

With the loss, United ended the season a disappointing 9-14-5 and failed to make the postseason for the third consecutive season.

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OT2</u>	<u>F</u>
D.C. United	0	3	0	0	3
Dallas Burn	1	2	0	1	4

Starters

D.C. United: Nick Rimando; Bryan Namoff, Eddie Pope, Milton Reyes; Ben Olsen, Jose Alegria (Richie Williams-68'), Marco Etcheverry (Capt.), Bobby Convey, Peter Villegas; Henry Zambrano (Jaime Moreno-67'), Eliseo Quintanilla (Ali Curtis-77').

Dallas: Matt Jordan; Tenywa Bonseu, Steve Morrow, Matt Behncke; Oscar Pareja (Capt.) (Joselito Vaca-69'), Ronnie O'Brien, Chad Deering, Antonio Martinez, Jorge Rodriguez; Bobby Rhine (Lee Morrison-87'), Jason Kreis (Ed Johnson-67').

Scoring Summary

DAL – Rodriguez 34' (PK)
 DC – Convey 48' (Quintanilla)
 DC – Zambrano 65' (Olsen, Quintanilla)
 DAL – Martinez 74' (Deering, Johnson)
 DAL – Rhine 80' (Vaca)
 DC – Curtis 92'+ (Etcheverry, Villegas)
 DAL – Johnson 97' (Vaca, Martinez)

Statistics

	<u>DC</u>	<u>DAL</u>
Shots	12	15
Shots On Goal	9	9
Saves	4	6
Corners	13	6
Fouls	17	18
Offside	2	3

Cautions

DC – Namoff 20'
 DAL – Rodriguez 38'
 DAL – Morrow 41'
 DAL – Behncke 91'

Ejections

None

Referee: Ricardo Salazar

Referee's Assistants: George Vergara, Steve Taylor

Fourth Official: Alex Prus

Attendance: 13,889

Weather: Overcast, 72 degrees

SERIES HISTORY: Even at 8-8-2

The Wizards brought the overall series between the two sides to all square last year with two victories and one tie in the last three meetings between Kansas City and D.C. The series has been one of streaks, with Kansas City taking the first five contests, followed by a dominating 8-1-1 stretch for United from October of 1997 to the beginning of the 2002 season.

The last contest in the series was a controversial 0-0 draw that saw Tony Meola save two penalty kicks. The series has favored the home side with the Black-And-Red holding a comfortable 5-2-2 series advantage at RKF. The Wizards have a 6-3-0 record against at Arrowhead Stadium.

Saturday's match will be the first meeting between the two sides of three this season. The first D.C. meeting is on May 17th. Both sides will close the MLS regular season with an October 25th fixture at RKF.

D.C. On Opening Day

All time on opening day, United is 4-3, outscoring their opponents 12-11. The high point was a 5-2 rout of Tampa Bay to kick off the 1999 championship season, while the low point followed one year later in a 4-0 loss at the hands of the L.A. Galaxy.

K.C. On Opening Day

Kansas City is 3-3-1 all time on opening day. Their largest margin of victory on day one came in the inaugural 1996 season with the Colorado Rapids falling 3-0. The Wizards worst opening day defeat was a 4-0 loss to the Dallas Burn in the 1999 season.

D.C. United vs. Kansas City Wizards Season Openers

D.C. United and the Kansas City Wizards have met twice before to open their respective MLS campaigns. United took both the

1998 and 2001 season openers against the Wizards by a 3-2 score line.

A Memorable Talley

United fans will recognize at least one name in the Kansas City back line. Wizards defender Carey Talley played four seasons for the Black-And-Red between 1998 and 2001. He scored the first goal of his MLS career for D.C. United against the Wizards on May 15, 1999.

Wolff On The Prowl

Kansas City traded its 2003 first round MLS Super Draft pick to the Chicago Fire for forward Josh Wolff. The Wizards will be counting on Wolff to produce the bulk of their offense. The Wizards were held to one goal or less no fewer than 18 times during the 2002 MLS season.

Dynasty?

D.C. United won three of the first four MLS Cup championships, but failed to qualify for the playoffs for the next

three seasons. The last time the Black-And-Red made a post-season appearance was in 1999. Only two players remain from that team: Marco Etcheverry and Ben Olsen.

Curbing Road Woes

D.C. United is looking to get a positive start on the road this season after struggling mightily away from RFK during the 2002 season. The Black-And-Red compiled a miserable 1-10-3 record on the road last year. Though the team put together a respectable 8-4-2 record in the friendly confines of RFK, United missed the playoffs largely because of an inability to pick up points on the road.

Broadcasting and Public Address Request

When referring to the team, please call us either "D.C. United" or "United", but not "*the* D.C. United" or "*the* United". We appreciate your cooperation.