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News From The Second Floor

As I write this column the Quakes are in 1st Place in the MLS Western Division, the United States are in the World Cup Quarter Finals and our website is going bonkers! These are fun times if you are involved in soccer. I would however, like to see more of you at Spartan Stadium on a more regular basis. We have a very good team to watch and the standard of play is very entertaining. I hope you enjoy the writing of my cousin Chris who decided to help me bring MAGIC to new heights
take it easy



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MONDAY NIGHT CHAT



MAGIC's Monday Night Chat returns in June as publisher Nick Arellano goes on-line to chat about the latest Quakes news. A number of Quakes players were there to chat with QuakeMagic.com readers and rumor has it they will be back again this season. So check the QuakeMagic.com chat schedule or just click your way over to the MAGIC Chat Room! It all starts at 9:00pm pst.

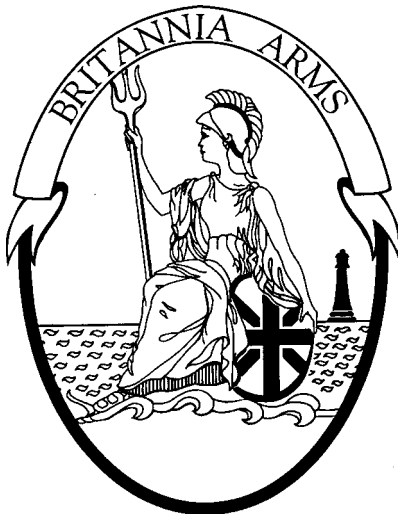
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Only In America

Only in America can you walk into a scene quite like the one at the Cupertino Britannia Arms late last Sunday night. To the left of the front door was an energetic crowd dressed in red, white, and blue, all staring at the pre-game coverage of the USA v South Korea match. To the right of the front door were singers, some in full costume, entertaining a smaller group of beer drinking patrons.

Nicholas Arellano
2002-16-13



Perhaps real life is crazier than fiction. I could never dream up a scenario quite like this one. Here I was at 11:30pm, in a British pub, in America, about to join a crazed bunch of American soccer fans in watching the United States play a World Cup match against the hosts South Korea, whose fans were draped in Communist red, all the time having my ears blasted by the poor souls who were getting their kicks by singing karaoke style at full volume. Believe me, Country music is bad enough; and, Country music sung by the karaokies should be considered a form of abuse and not allowed anywhere but the privacy of one's shower. And the scene got stranger.

As kickoff approached, the pub owner turned up the



Pregame spirits were sky high as fans cheered highlights of the USA's early thrashing of highly rated Portugal.

television set. Still, it was covered by the pitiful wailing of a poor soul trying to sing somebody else's song. The American soccer fans had enough as the US national anthem played and started chanting "No more songs! No more songs! No more songs!" The karaokies got louder. The American soccer fans got louder. Perhaps the only place louder on planet earth was the stadium where the South South Koreans, draped in Communist red, were screaming and singing in support of their team who have been nic-k

named the Red Devils.

Both sides complained about the other. Insults were changed. The American soccer fans shouted "This is our National team playing. It's your team too, so please stop singing!" A tall karaoke dressed in a full old western costume complete with a black cowboy hat stood at the microphone.

"That is your team. Not ours, soccer people," he responded. The American soccer fans looked at each other in disbelief. The man

was so anti-soccer that he couldn't even accept that our USA squad in South Korea was representing him too.

"Isn't he an American?" asked one American soccer fan to another. Both shook their heads "no."

The tall cowboy karaoke continued his speech, but the American soccer fans' attention was on the screen as the game started. The groups continued their

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strained existence. The yells of the American soccer fans and the wailing of the karaokies created quite an atmosphere. It was like I was in a stadium where rival fans fought for control by making more noise than the other.

Then the USA scored! The American soccer fans jumped for joy! Control of the British pub clearly was on the side of the American soccer fans as even some karaokies turned toward one of the many television sets.

After the goal celebration ended, the South Koreans pushed forward and so did the karaokies. The karaokies' wailing seemed to grow louder, more intense, as the South Koreans pushed forward.

Penalty! Somehow the referee blew the whistle and pointed to the penalty spot in front of the American goal. The American soccer fans screamed in protest and still the karaokies wailed on. The tense moments before the penalty shot were painful as the stress of the situation was made worse by the awful singing coming from the other side of the room. The wailing was like taunting from rivals fans as their side was about to score from the penalty spot.

Save! USA goalkeeper Brad Friedel saved the shot and the American soccer fans jumped for joy once again and the British pub was theirs once again.

Finally halftime came with the USA leading 1-0. Some American soccer fans left the stadium, I mean Britannia Arms, looking for another place to watch the game. The vast majority of the American soccer fans decided to stay in the game. Tom Cauge, Jr, the pub manager put the situation in perspective by



I guess soccer is a whimpy sport as evidenced by the slight scratch over this Korean player's eye.

explaining that the karaokies have a signed contract that allows them to continue their activities regardless of other events in the pub. That is when I realized we were on their turf. The first soccer pub built in the San Jose area has since become a hang out for karaokies.

I was twenty-years-old

when the Cupertino Britannia Arms opened. I remember that it was specifically built as an informal club house for the San Jose Oaks soccer club. I played for the Oaks back then and I remember the place would be packed with soccer people on Sunday nights. It was like clockwork. On Sunday all

the Oaks teams would play their matches and then pack the Brit. But that was the early 1980's, times have changed, and karaokies have moved in the Sunday night time slot. I couldn't help but notice the changes the years have brought. Perhaps soccer has lost something over the years. Perhaps it is time for the soccer community to realize that our sport will never become one of the great American sports like football and baseball.



USA scores and the crwd goes crazy! All is momentarily well at the Cupertino Brit.

I had to take a closer look at the karaokies during the halftime break. I saw this guy standing in the spot light doing his best Billy Joel impression as he sang Piano Man to his friends and the rest of the pub. The man obviously put some time and effort into his performance and, I must admit, he was not nearly as bad as the others who wailed before him. My attention was drawn back to the American soccer fans that were starting to cheer the start of the second half. I couldn't help

but notice how each side in the pub was just as fanatical for their interests as the other.

The situation for the American soccer fans grew increasingly difficult as the match continued. The South Koreans were mounting assault after assault on the American goal. Only the great goalkeeping of Brad Friedel kept the USA in the lead. The American soccer fans noise level was reduced to periodic applause for a good defensive play or a half chance at goal. The karaokies, like the South Koreans on television, were relentless. Only in America could the fans of the National soccer team be treated in such a manner.

The South Koreans pushed forward to the beat of the karaokies insulting tunes. Still, I felt more and more confident that the USA would prevail. The South Koreans were settling for shots taken from outside the US penalty box and they didn't appear to have the fire power to score from that distance. I was right; however, a short chip into the box and a Korean headed the ball in. Somehow that red shirted devil got between our Jeff Agoos and goalkeeper Friedel who had uncharacteristically retreated to his line rather than step up to play the ball out of danger. Everything had gone from bad to worse when the South Koreans ran to the nearest corner flag to celebrate. He started to do some silly skating motions. None of the American soccer fans knew what he was referring to. It was more annoying because the little devil was skating to the beat of the karaoke song that happened to be wailing at the time. Oh, the torture was unbearable.

The pain continued until, unexpectedly with approximately ten minutes left in the match, the cowboy leader of the



A Billy Joel wanna-be gave a lively version of Piano Man... "and the microphone smells like a beer."



karaokies stepped up to the microphone.

"There will be a ten minute break," he announced. Cheers from the American soccer fans echoed across the pub. Finally something to cheer about and the karaoke leader's announcement drew the loudest response of the night. The South Koreans even seemed to slow down a bit. They weren't as dangerous. The American soccer fans, realizing a win was a remote possibility, began hoping for a draw.

A draw would be good. It would still give the US an excellent chance of advancing to the World Cup's second round.

The possibility of a draw seemed like a certainty until the first minute of extra time. Somehow a little devil got behind our left flank and crossed perfectly to one of his partners ideally placed in front of our goal.

"NOOOO!" my mind screamed. All of a sudden everything slowed down.

The South Koreans pushed forward to the beat of the karaokies insulting tunes.

Images from across the room flashed through my mind. The American soccer fans sat with their eyes wide open and jaws dropped. A couple karaokies looked at the television screen. Their leader's face appeared with a deep Satanic laugh.

"Yes!" I screamed out loud as the ball sailed over the US goal. Shortly after that miss, the Swiss referee ended the game. I sat there. My heart was racing and my mind was going a million miles an hour.

I surveyed the pub as if floating near the ceiling. There they were. The American soccer fans and the karaokies were standing and sitting in relative silence for the first time since I walked into the pub almost three hours earlier. Each group was dressed in their costumes. Each group was enjoying the company of friends and strangers who are devoted to their common special interest.

"Are we that different?" I privately asked myself. My first thought was "No. We really aren't that different."

I dislike karaoke probably as much as they dislike soccer and I have never tried their activity just as they have never really played soccer. Perhaps a draw was appropriate. No doubt we disturbed their Sunday night haven just as the US disturbed the South Koreans by scoring against the home team dressed in Communist red. And we felt their wrath as they fought back. Neither side did enough to win the struggle on the field or in the pub. A draw in this real life drama was a fair result.

As I drove my sons home on the empty freeway, I thought about what I had just experienced. While it is true that the American soccer fan and the karaokies have some

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common ground, be it in the way we love our special interest or that we are Americans and will stand shoulder to shoulder when our country is threatened by war, I really don't think we have enough in common to coexist in a pub or any where else for that matter. In fact, the karaoke leader was correct when he said that the US National Team was the American soccer fan's team and not the karaokies' team.

I don't give a damn how the fake singer in the black cowboy hat feels about soccer. I don't give a damn about how some people in the major US media feel about soccer. I don't give a damn that some people feel the need to tell us that soccer will never make it in the United States.

Perhaps real life is crazier than fiction; because, what I am about to say may seem



Scenes like this from Korea were greeted as if the Brit crowd was standing along with the few American fans at the game.

like fiction to soccer haters. The simple reality is that soccer has made it in the United States. Soccer has a competitive National team, a competitive pro league, a growing fan base of non-players, and millions of active participants. We have soccer on TV virtually 24 hours a day. That is success on a national

scale.

And because of that success, I say it is time for soccer people tell all those soccer haters out there that you agree with them. Soccer is not their game. Additionally, I propose that the soccer community stop all efforts to persuade nonbelievers to joining our fun. When I sit down in the

pub to watch the USA battle Poland or the Earthquakes battle Los Angeles, I want to sit next to a real soccer person, not some karaoke, wearing a black cowboy hat, who just joined our party!

I've said all that to say this. It is time for the soccer community to pull together in support of each other. Instead of writing emails and making phone calls to major media outlets asking for more soccer coverage, use that energy to contact a soccer friend of yours and invite them to a San Jose Earthquakes game. A successful professional franchise is an important ingredient of a successful soccer community. By coming together in support of our local professional team we can put our own internal soccer rivalries away and enjoy our sport together. And once we do that, the karaokies will never be able to bother us again.

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International flavor makes night special as Mexico beats Boliva

Christopher Arellano
2002-05-17



I've been going to Candlestick Park most of my life, but I never saw it look like it did on Thursday night when 37,217 shivering soccer aficionados turned out to watch Mexico beat Boliva 1-0.

The field where I saw Willie Mays play as a young boy had been converted to a pristine soccer field. The stands where I attended so many San Francisco Giants games, and even a Rolling Stones concert, were filled with the "Tricolores" of the Mexican flag. They were everywhere - on hats, blankets, banners, makeshift capes and even painted on faces. Billboard signs along the field were in Spanish. A few giant sombreros were spotted. Horns began blaring 45 minutes before the games started, even before the players stepped out onto the field. They did not stop until the game's ending.

From the elevated and enclosed press box, I drank hot coffee and watched the flags flap as the strong Candlestick wind slapped them around. I smiled and shook my head at the young men paraded around the stadium, with the Mexican flag capes as their only apparent protection from the elements. I saw people who paid \$25 to \$50 a ticket struggle to stay warm in the cold wind. I silently paid them homage for being good fans. Then, I realized I had shivered many nights at Candlestick Park amongst much smaller Giants crowds.

I thought of the Earthquakes, the game's sponsors. I hoped they made a bundle off this game. I wondered how the team could

capitalize on this outburst of soccer enthusiasm to jolt its own attendance figures. Given that this crowd quadrupled some of the Earthquakes recent matches at Spartan Stadium, here's hoping they arrange more friendlies soon.

Then the game started.

There are memorable 1-0 games that people remember for ages. This game wasn't one of them. Mexico won 1-0 on Francisco Palencia's second half goal, which was assisted by Cuauhtemoc Blanco. There were several dives, but few clever plays. One reporter thought it would be shameful if Mexico did not win by five goals. Although an Aztec Stadium fans might have agreed with them, the Candlestick Park crowd did not seem too concerned. They seemed more interested in waving their flags and parading around with banners than booing their team.

With the unremarkable game unfolding in front of me, I felt it safe to focus on specific players such as young Mexican central defender Rafael Marquez, who plays with the French powerhouse, Monaco. He played a flawless game. At another point, I found myself telling someone how much I liked Blanco's first name, even if I cannot pronounce it. I openly hoped that my namesake, Mexican midfielder Jesus Arellano, might make an appearance but he was suspended and missed the game.

When the game ended, Earthquakes spokesman Jed Mettee led the media through a crowded corridor where he and a couple of reporters appeared to be sprinkled with beer. Then, Mettee led the press down a stairway, across the playing field and to a hallway where the post-game news conference were held. Just before ducking into the hallway, I heard a few fans in nearby stands repeatedly call out "media" to me. I didn't look up. Frankly, I was curious what they wanted. However, I was too afraid of being hit with beer, so kept my head down and followed Mettee. I had sit in the same stands too many times not to remember how sly Candlestick fans can be.

At the news conference, a dapper looking Mexican Coach Javier Aguirre gave a pedestrian news conference in which he said

Mexico defended a lot in the first half. After their second half goal, Aguirre said Mexico opened up their game a bit. He said Mexico was concentrating on its opening World Cup match, June 3 against Croatia. He thought he thought two weeks was enough time to prepare for the game. He added he hoped this year's team would advance further than any previous Mexican team. He praised midfielder Gerardo Torrado and his defense as a unit.

Aguirre's answered always sounded exotic before they were translated. When they were translated into English, I felt let down. He sounded just like another coach.

The most impressive person at the news conference was Mettee, a New Hampshire native who was translating the questions and answers for English-speakers like me. The Spanish reporters wanted to fire questions more rapidly, but Mettee intervened to keep it translated for the few there who were not bilingual.

I could have closed my notebook and left at that point. I now had an unremarkable game and an unremarkable interview with the coach. I decided to try to talk to Marquez, the defender I had watched during the game.

I caught up to Marquez in the enclosed area between the player's locker rooms and team bus, where there was a surreal scene unfolding. The Mexican players were mobbed by a posse of reporters or fans on the way to the bus. Dozens of fans were theoretically outside a fence to cheer them on and wave at them. A couple of players stopped to pose for pictures with some of

them, put their arm around the fans, smiled, then jogged on without saying good-bye or looking back. A few players stopped to answer questions before slowly moved their way to the bus. Sometimes, the players were literally pushed through the reporters to the bus.

Marquez, the young defender, was one of the last players out of the locker room. He wore a blue track suit, and looked absolutely dazed, as he was surrounded by no less than five reporters. I couldn't even hear him. A bilingual female translator provided by the Earthquakes told me that Marquez said that the upcoming matches would be more difficult but he hoped his team achieved good results. He said so many players play international matches that his own transition from the French league to international matches is not very difficult. Without my prompting, Marquez even mentioned they missed Arellano. I smiled.

There were more rapid-fire questions and Marquez had little time to reflect on them. He answered the questions, I think, before breaking away and making his way to the team bus.

My translator left. Mettee left. The team bus rolled away and there was nothing more to be gleamed from this strange scene. I walked to my car, looking at the long line of exiting cars and the remaining fans still milling around. I listened to their Spanish, watched them wave their flags and strut in their hats.

They had made it an extraordinary night, when the game itself was so ordinary.

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Magician's team Photo: Top left to right: Lazer Banks, Nico, Bud Drinker, Dave Sorethem, Alfie Knocks, Bottom: Left to right: Harkus Harder, Diaper Dan, Jose Calavares, Shuggy McGilcrest, John McCrackentackle, Stuart Woohones

Magicians v ButtHeads

In this issue you will lead the mighty Magicians against the Buttheads.

Using your soccer knowledge, correctly answer the questions below. For example, if you say a) is the correct answer for Question 1 then circle a)... etc. Just like a school test. Go to Page 30 to see the score of your match. Be sure to read the Magicians Fitness Report for clues.

Meet the Magicians, who grace every issue of QuakeMagic.com, with their brilliant play, zany characteristics and outright silliness against various foes. They are led by their inspirational and sarcastic captain, Shuggy McGilcrest. McGilcrest, a walking soap opera, must constantly fight his impulse to use his sarcasm against those who irritate him.

This week the Magicians's foes are the infamous Buttheads, a collection of soccer's most controversial and even despised players. They feature Roy Keane, the fiery Irish superstar who was booted off the national team for disciplinary reasons. Also rounding out the Buttheads roster are Diego Serna of the New England Revolution, a player so unpopular he was booed by his own fans last weekend; Ivan McKinley of DC United, who once called the Earthquakes "men in skirts." They are owned by Robert Kraft and coached by former Mexican national team player Hugo Sanchez. Sanchez was once punched by Earthquakes defender Troy Dayak in a memorable game a decade ago.

The Magicians have never played a team as infamous as the Buttheads. The home crowd has plenty of fans normally spotted at WWF matches. The Buttheads take the field with skull and crossbones on their shirts. McGilcrest has never seen the Magicians look this nervous. To inspire his teammates, McGilcrest decides to play something inspirational in the locker room.

1. McGilcrest plays what for the Magicians:

- a) Donny and Marie Osmond's "Paper Roses."
- b) A rousing version of "Bad Boys, Bad Boys, Watcha' Going to Do?", a TV show theme song.
- c) John Belushi's zany pep talk in the movie "Animal House" in which he asked his dejected fraternity brothers what happened after the "Germans bombed Pearl Harbor."

2. Once play starts, Diego Serna makes a disgusting challenge at one of the Magicians but escapes getting carded. Enraged, Shuggy decides to get even by:

- a) Reminding Serna who won the MLS Cup last season.

b) Telling Serna that what he does is morally and ethically wrong and he might regret his conduct later.

c) Pummeling Serna while displaying unexpectedly cool boxing technique.

3. Roy Keane, of the Buttheads, makes a rude statement to Bud Man about his choice of brew, saying real players drink Guinness. Bud Man, who stayed out too late the night before with his favorite beverage, is in no position to respond to the feisty Keane. Shuggy evens the score by:

- a) By scoring an incredible goal and saying "Manchester United that" while doing a wild dance after the shot.
- b) Asking Keane if he was drinking Guinness when he popped off and got kicked off the Irish national team on the eve of the World Cup.
- c) Calling Spiderman to fight Keane after the game..

4. Abdul Thompson Conteh, known at Spartan Stadium for his sportsmanship and good nature, begins telling Shuggy how miserable he is with the Buttheads. Shuggy tells Conteh:

a) He might swing a deal for him after the game, but that had to wait since they were still competitors while they were on the field. Shuggy encouraged him to continue giving 100 percent until then.

b) He's sure that playing on a team like the Buttheads would make anyone miserable, but to think of all the character he was building.

c) His own personal problems in an effort to convince Conteh that he's not alone in his misery.

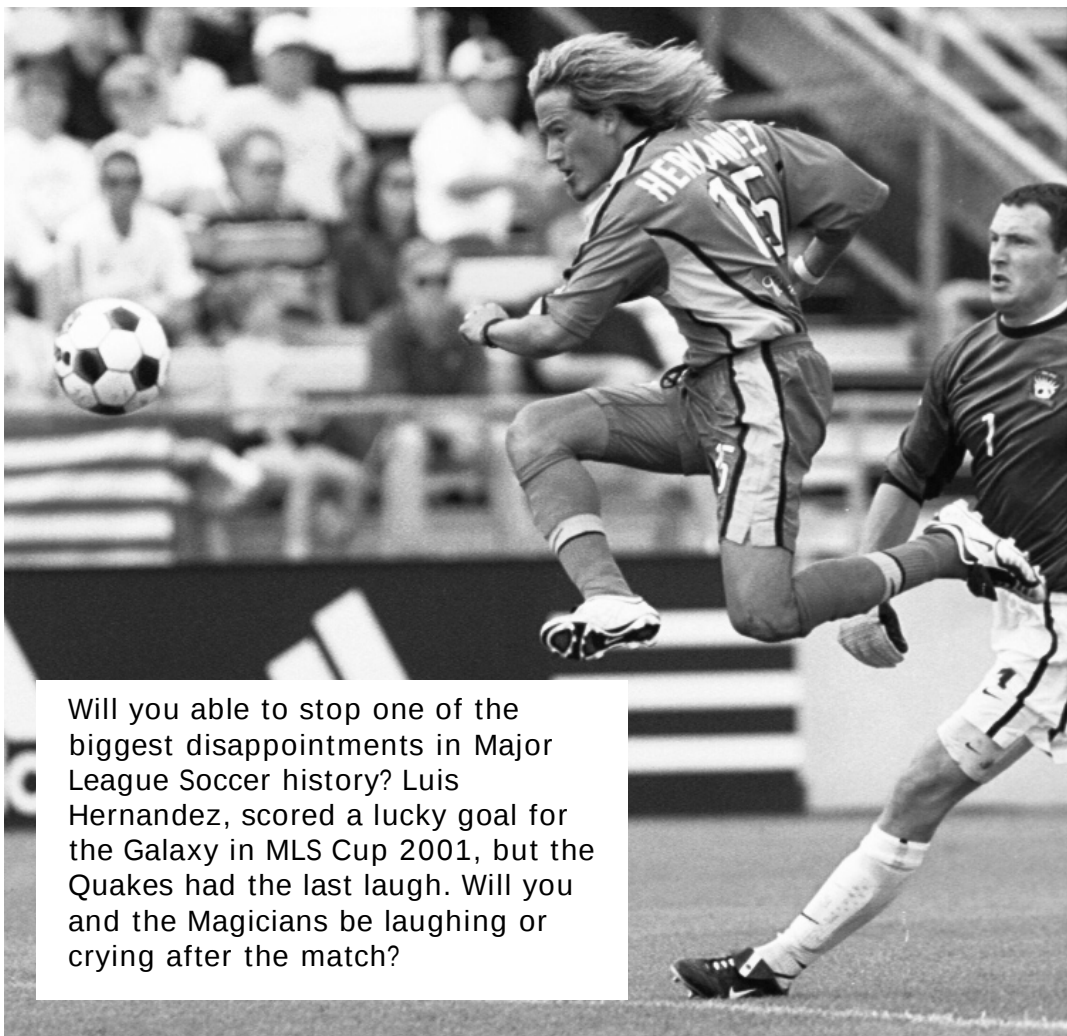
5. Sanchez, the Buttheads coach, begins berating the Magicians for no good reason. He zeroes in on striker Alfie Knocks, crooning the old Dionne Warwick hit, "What's It All About, Alfie?" repeatedly. Alfie turns to Shuggy for leadership. Shuggy responds by:

- a) Taking the high road and praising Sanchez for landing a plum job after retirement.
- b) Referring Sanchez to soccer's unwritten 11th commandment: That if you are going to heckle someone, you must use humor.
- c) Playing an air guitar and accompanying Sanchez for the rest of the song.

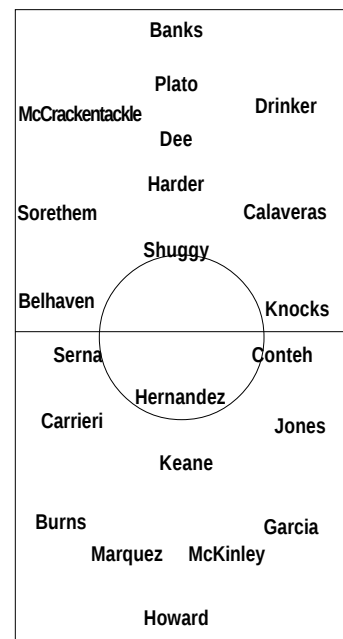
6. The Magicians leave the field after defeating the Buttheads 2-1, thanks to goals by Shuggy and emerging defender Diaper Dan. As he walks off the field, Shuggy acknowledges the cheers from the Woo Hoo girls, signs a few autographs from children who ran out onto the field and then spots Buttheads owner Robert Kraft. Shuggy, ever the team leader, does the right thing by:

- a) Cordially wishing Kraft well and inviting them to play a rematch next year. He said the best way to read about the preceeding match is to check out QuakeMagic.com. Kraft surprises him by saying he already does, giving the two unexpected common ground.
- b) Making veiled references, in interviews with the press later, to how nice things are when professionals operate a pro sports franchise.
- c) Making rude gestures to Kraft, in the process ruining Shuggy's noble image.

Go to Page 29 to find the answers and score of your game!



Will you able to stop one of the biggest disappointments in Major League Soccer history? Luis Hernandez, scored a lucky goal for the Galaxy in MLS Cup 2001, but the Quakes had the last laugh. Will you and the Magicians be laughing or crying after the match?



The Buttheads feature a 4-3-3 alignment that includes a number of controversial and unpopular players. The Buttheads signed defender Rafael Marquez, who received a red card in the final few minutes of the recent Mexico-USA World Cup game, as well as former Earthquake Chris Carrieri. They've cultivated a style of hard tackling, pulling shirts, diving and attacking not only with both feet, but both hands. Sanchez, the nominal coach, has quit trying to teach them proper tactics. The referee has told his assistants not to be distracted by the Buttheads tendency to complain about every call that doesn't go their way. The game's tone is set when, in a first, the team actually boos the crowd upon entering the field.

Magician Fitness Report

Shuggy McGilcrest: Attacking midfielder, 26, Palo Alto. An enigmatic fellow, McGilcrest has been known to attack heckling fans and work in a soup kitchen the same day. He has played all his career for the Magicians and has declined to sign a new contract, leading to wild press speculation about his future.

Bud Drinker: Left defender, 33, Santa Rosa. This balding journey is a shell of the man who once was considered for the English national team in the 1990s. Too many late nights, too many women and too much Budweiser have combined to take their toll. Sometimes, he comes to the game hungover. Other days, he reminds people of a time when critics argued who would be the best player of his generation, Paolo Maldini, Dennis Bergkamp or Bud Man.

John McCrackentackle, right tackle, 24, Milpitas. The hardest tackler in the game today. Limited skill, but a great marker. Has been known to level an

unsuspecting forward.

Diaper Dan – Central defender, 4, San Bruno. Yes, you read right, he's only 4 but a prodigy that defies science, logic and maturity levels. Discovered while playing preschool, Diaper Dan hates two things, naps and taunts about his age. Shuggy is known to be very protective of Diaper Dan. However, AC Milan is testing that loyalty by waving a multi-million dollar offer for the boy wonder.

Plato – Sweeper, 28, Daly City. Born Eric Barnes, this dreadlocked player changed his name to emulate the Brazilian stars. Incredibly vain, he angers Shuggy by spending the most time in front of the mirror before and after game. He's a talented defender, but feels threatened by Diaper Dan.

Marcus Harder– Defensive midfielder, 24, Millbrae. Expert ball winner whose constantly dogged by rumors of drug usage. He left Europe under mysterious circumstances and refuses to

discuss his past with the press or even the Magicians publicity department. Thinks Shuggy's a jerk and often challenges his leadership. If he was not married to the owner's daughter, he might have been traded by now.

Jose Calavaras – Outside left midfielder, 23, Mexico City. This speedy, long-legged, skillful attacker has the pace and grace to shine for 90 minutes. He is a Leo and believes everything and believes everything that Lozo writes in his horoscope forecast. He was involved in a bizarre shouting match at a bar recently over what is the best soap opera. He argued for "The Young and The Restless."

Stuart Woohones – Outside right midfielder, 27, Mountain View. This bleached blonde party boy can wear down any opponent with constant motion. He is a good crosser of the ball in set play situations, if he isn't too busy waving to his own rooting section. He plays internationally for Northern Ireland, where lack

of religious beliefs has made him acceptable to all sides in the ongoing troubles. Opponents often taught him by openly questioning if Diaper Dan has more savvy than he.

Alfie Knocks, striker, 25, San Mateo. More on Knocks in the next issue of QuakeMagic.com.

Nico: Striker, 18, 6'1", 175lbs, Oakland: emerging star. Came up playing CYSA soccer and then singing with an amateur team at the age of 16. Might go to college.

David Sorethem: Center midfielder, 27, 5' 7", 168, Mountain View: Mr. Consistency. Great vision and hardworker. His hair implants have healed nicely and is ready to go pickup chicks after the match.

Lazer Banks: Goalkeeper, 29, 6'2", 210lbs, San Francisco: best goalkeeper in the game. He thinks Tim Howard is completely overrated.



Be Part of the Magic!



Pictures capture the moment like nothing else. You can be reminded of a different memory with each gaze at the action frozen in place. Still, nothing beats living the moment. Nothing beats being involved in the magic. So study the picture at the top of this page. Look at big John Doyle after he scored his second goal against the New York Metro Stars in the 2000 opener. Look at the magic moment. Call (408)985-GOAL and order your tickets. Drink PEPSI and cheer the magic of an Earthquakes goal. Enjoy the magic moments of Quake soccer in Spartan Stadium. Then stay involved in the magic after the game is over by visiting us at QuakeMAGIC.com.



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Bye, bye Donovan?

Chris Arellano

06-18-2002 12:32 PM

Enjoy him while you can, all 9,000 of you who come to the games!

Donovan likely to move after MLS season
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — It appears Landon Donovan will leave Major League Soccer after this season and return to Bayer Leverkusen in the German Bundesliga.

The 20-year-old forward, who has scored two goals in the United States' first four games of the World Cup, signed with the German club when he was 16. After not getting into a game in two seasons, MLS acquired him on a loan before the 2001 season and assigned him to the San Jose Earthquakes.

He scored seven goals in 22 games with San Jose in 2001 and has seven goals in 27 games with the U.S. national team.

Donovan hasn't talked about his future much during the World Cup, other than to say he would like to go back to Europe. He doesn't want to go back to Bayer Leverkusen merely to not play again, but the German team owns his rights. U.S. soccer officials have said Bayer Leverkusen, which lost to Spain's Real Madrid in the final of the European Champions Cup, wants him back.

"I think that's what he's going to be doing," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said Tuesday. "I think that's what he will be doing, if I'm not mistaken, after the MLS season."

bsman

06-18-2002 03:50 PM

He's a legitimate star - the real thing - and has blossomed during the world cup. I think he needs to go to Europe and show those stodgy old german b*stards in the immortal words of Mark Knopfler:

He's got the action he's got the motion, oh yeah the boy can play.

I am afraid that MLS is simply not a big enough stage for talent of that magnitude. I want him and Beasley in Europe, showing them that Americans CAN play soccer!

sj_quakes_fan

06-18-2002 03:53 PM

And what's wrong with showing them that we can play soccer on our own soil? Our soil is good enough to make them stars but not good enough for them to play on?

bsman

06-18-2002 03:58 PM

Problem is, MLS will not be getting any serious attention from Europe any time soon unless some MLS players go over there and kick some serious ass on their turf!

Quakes4me247
06-18-2002 04:48 PM

Who cares what Europe thinks of us , as long as we are enjoying watching MLS. i think our main

concern is bringing more Americans out to watch the games, boost our attendance a little.

Nap

06-18-2002 05:16 PM

It's going to happen sooner or later.

The dilemma with MLS is (1) do you want to keep one of the best US players in order to promote the game and get new people into the seats or (2) do you take him back, collect some money, and use it for further player development. Bear in mind that MLS has been a money loser from the start, and if they sell enough players, they could be close to breaking even. I'm not an accountant, but there are the obvious stories with the player lawsuit and the elimination of 2 teams and so forth.

Maybe the gamble here is going to Europe with the hope of getting a starting spot in a short amount of time.

Still, on paper, I would like to see Landon Donovan lead the revival of top flight soccer in the USA by staying in MLS. However, with an MLS Cup he might be compelled for bigger and better challenges in Europe.

Thank goodness this team has Devin Barclay and Lucci Gonzalez just in case anything happens. Personally, I hope Kid Dynamite stays here, but after scoring 2 goals in the World Cup, his stock has risen considerably.

For sure, he should be back June 29, July 4, or July 7 for another run at MLS Cup. Then again, in this world of footy who knows what the next move will be?

sj_quakes_fan

06-18-2002 05:47 PM

I agree with you bsman - to an extent - and was being more sarcastic than anything.

My point is that it's just to bad it has to be that way. How is US soccer to get better when the best leave for Europe? How is it to get better when the home grown hero leaves to play elsewhere? With most US fans, not us, but just casual fans, it's outta site outta mind. Most sports fans (not soccer) don't understand this going overseas bit. And they won't be the ones to follow Lando if he leaves. I think Lando could prove so much more if he stayed here. Honestly, not to pressure him - or Wolff, or Beas, or Mathis - but the future of the sport could very well rest on them. But they won't do anything for that future if they aren't here.

And how can they open the eyes of the World to MLS if they don't play in the MLS? Sure some Americans are kicking butt in say Germany, but what's that say about MLS? MLS wasn't good enough for them? I'm not saying that, just giving another side of the story.

I do understand the draw for them as professionals though. How could I not? And I wouldn't blame them one bit for snatching up multi-million dollar contracts with European Leagues. But it will be a sad day for US soccer if they leave.

Just my .02

bsman

06-19-2002 08:14 AM

I would guess that as long as players like Vieri and Figo are being paid obscene salaries to play a kids game in Europe, the best US players are going to have to continue to make that tough decision; do I play at home and make a living, or go to Europe for the chance to make a killing? I do not envision a day coming soon, or perhaps ever, where American teams will pay salaries approaching those of the European leagues. It's simply economics - american team owners (corporations) don't see the value of spending that much money on promoting soccer, due to the puny ratings it pulls in. I doubt that would change even if the USMNT were to beat the field, win three straight, and bring home the world cup. It would simply be a matter of passing interest (remember Brandy on Leno? What happened to all that interest in the women?)

My thesis is this: Soccer is so big elsewhere because it is, essentially, the peoples' sport and the only game in town. Here in the US we have the dubious honor of having our eyeballs pursued by a myriad of sports competing for the attention of fans and advertising dollars. Against that kind of competition (including golf, NASCAR for christ's sake, and bowling for freakin' dollars) soccer will always be a niche sport. Add to that that there are elements of soccer that are intellectually and culturally at odds with American culture: soccer is a game emphasizing 'work rate' and constant striving for a very elusive and rare reward (a goal). This is almost anathema in the land of 'buy now pay later' and instant gratification. I'm not even going to mention the fact that a generation raised on MTV cannot possibly spend 45 minutes straight paying attention to ANYTHING let alone a scoreless half of soccer. American fans require little bits of action sandwiched between great gobs of statistics and talking heads. I'm afraid (american) football will always more accurately reflect the aspirations and mentality of americans (and I am speaking as a native-born son).

Therefore, let's enjoy our soccer, spread the word as we can, and appreciate the growth of the skill of american players. But don't expect a lot of company - if you aren't happy being in a rather exclusive, non-mass movement, you're watching the wrong game.

click rant mode off.

sj_quakes_fan

06-19-2002 08:30 AM

And there are so many other factors too. The population of the US is one. One of the US players at the World Cup said that he didn't mind the crowd at the Korea game. He doesn't feel at home even when they play in the US. Well, how can I see that changing. With the population so diverse, that's just the way it will be. Please don't take this as an insult to anyone, but I feel like a minority here as an American. The players are not the only ones that don't feel at home during the games.

And geography contributes to this too. I've said this before, but it's not like I can drive or take the bus 3-4 hours to see the National team play and then head back. Most of their games are not even a 3-4 hour plane trip away. So I don't see this changing anytime soon.

I could go on and on with reasons as to why US

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soccer will never be like soccer in Europe, but I have work to do. The fact of the matter is, the US is a very different place. What makes it a great place to live, also makes it a bad place to play soccer. Maybe things will change, maybe they won't. I'm hoping they will, but for now I'll just enjoy it while it's here and do what I can as fan to increase interest in the sport.

markmcf
06-19-2002 12:31 PM

Wow, very thoughtful responses.

The thing with Landon in particular is that MLS is paying B-L a fist full of dollars for the loan. We don't own him and don't get to keep him if B-L want him back. And I'm betting that they do. Of course, if he scores two goals against Germany they may feel like Perugia and say: "you keep him!"

But I won't hold my breath.

We're certain to lose Landon after this season.

Other players are a different matter. Guys like Beasley and Mathis are home grown and developed. MLS owns their rights and would make money selling them to other leagues.

We are going to continue to lose some players to other leagues no matter what. We just can't compete with foreign salaries. But that's ok! It's going to encourage youngsters to keep playing soccer. If a young guy (or gal) is a good player MLS

and WUSA give them a league to aspire to. And it opens the doors for them to go to Europe for the big bucks. (At least for the men. I expect that we'll be seeing serious women's leagues in European nations soon.)

While I don't expect soccer to ever be as popular as the NFL, NBA, or MLB, I do see the sport growing to the point where it's profitable and the league expands. We will always be a nitche sport, but in a nation of 275 million even a nitche can be pretty big.

Chris Arellano
06-19-2002 12:51 PM

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I agree wholeheartedly with that, Mark.

Regarding Landon, I think he's been pretty consistent in saying that the reason he's enjoyed San Jose is that he has actually played unlike the situation with his German team. I remember one locker room interview someone put it to him more or less that way, play in SJ or ride pine in Germany and he said something like staying in SJ, in that case, sounded "pretty good." I don't have my notes handy, but I remember the conversation pretty well.

It might be a different answer if the situation boiled down to playing in Europe or playing in San Jose, but that's a question best left for Landon to answer.

Chris Arellano
06-19-2002 01:10 PM

"The population of the US is one. One of the US players at the World Cup said that he didn't mind the crowd at the Korea game. He doesn't feel at home even when they play in the US. Well, how can I see that changing. With the population so diverse, that's just the way it will be. Please don't take this as an insult to anyone..."

No offense taken by this Mexican-American. To me, it's a fair point for conversation as long as idealogues, unrealists or racists don't get involved - or overly involved, I guess, since we all enjoy the First Amendment.

What can you say about the ticket buying though? If the immigrants snap up the tickets, and not native Americans it's hard to criticize them for supporting the support we all love. Isn't this what the Earthquakes have in mind when they invite a South American team to play a Mexican team before the SJ-Colorado game this Saturday night? It's one of those chicken and egg deals, you know?

I am hopeful that the overall pool of US soccer fans gets larger, and thus broadens because of the success of this World Cup. We need more support from the cities as well as the suburbs. In time, the immigrants will eventually become Americanized



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and support the USA. My family emigrated to the USA in 1920, not speaking a word of English. Surely, they would have supported Mexico on Monday. Eighty two years later, there was no question who the two English-speaking Arellanos on this board backed on Monday. the good ol' USA. One of them had Old Glory draped on his shoulders. Both sang the Star Spangled Banner.

It happens. That's America.

sj_quakes_fan
06-19-2002 01:21 PM

Thanks for your viewpoint Chris! It's interesting to hear your side of it.

For the record, I don't feel there's anything wrong with the population of the country being so diverse. I was simply pointing out that because it's so diverse, you have many people supporting other countries. Which I think is fine. Absolutely! And I think it's what makes this country a great place. However, it also makes the fan base very different than what you might find in other countries.

markmcf
06-19-2002 02:01 PM

I think as the USA does better in this and World Cups to come that there will be more rooting for the USA. In the past, many of us have felt a need to pull for at least one country other than our own because we expected to get bounced in the first round (or not even qualify).

This is a whole different ballgame now. I don't have to root for Mexico, or Scotland, or some other country because my country didn't make it to the dance. (See 1986, 1982, 1978, 1974, 1970, and so on.) I now expect that we will continue to qualify for future cups. I now expect that we will go through to the second and later rounds fairly regularly. This is great!!

The domestic league still needs more love. But hopefully we start to get there this year and next.

Chris Arellano
06-19-2002 02:30 PM

It'd be interesting to hear from others on this topic. It's pretty interesting and the more that chime in, the more interesting it gets. I'm responding because I think it's pretty damned interesting.

SFQF wrote:
"For the record, I don't feel there's anything wrong with the population of the country being so diverse."

I hope I never implied or inferred you did, #19. The issue you raised, in its complete context, was really about the National team and how it felt on the road in its own country, right? I guess the short answer would have been: "Don't schedule a game with Mexico in LA" and then move on. But I thought you raised a more interesting broader topic. This idea of what is an American has fascinated me for 20 years, and I've read books on it and love hearing stories about how people made it to the USA. (I guess I'm getting carried away with myself. Back to the World Cup.)

Mark wrote: In the past, many of us have felt a need to pull for at least one country other than our own because we expected to get bounced in the first round (or not even qualify).

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Agreed. I thought they'd make it to the second round this time. I'll EXPECT it next time. Even so, I think I'll still cheer for my ancestral homeland in 2006 and beyond. (Just as I suspect you'll always be for Scotland and #19 will always back Italy, England and Ireland.)

Portuguese Referee for Sunday?

Nick Arellano
06-15-2002 01:29 PM

I heard that we are getting a Portuguese referee for Sunday. Seems a bit too close to home for me since the USA knocked Portugal out of the tournament. But we can only hope he is an honest man who will call an honest game.

LizQuakes
06-15-2002 05:17 PM

quote:Originally posted by Nick Arellano
But we can only hope he is an honest man who will call an honest game.

Seems like most referees in the world do not adhere to this description.

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Quakes4me247
06-15-2002 08:07 PM

quote:

Originally posted by LizQuakes

"Seems like most referees in the world do not adhere to this description."

Couldnt agree with you more!

AimerQuakesDiva
06-16-2002 03:13 AM

Dear Natties....bend over, grab ankles, brace yourself.

Nap
06-17-2002 07:23 PM

He was a non-factor in trying to get the USA to lose, especially since his native Portugal was booted out in the first round.

However, he did dole out the cards, including an ejection so everyone had to play careful for most of the game.

The Mexicans didn't exchange shirts after the team—to which I believe they probably burned them in disgust. I won't berudge their

players, but I am hoping their fans will tip off their hat to the Americans, and that we meet again in Germany in the knockout rounds.

This time, the ref did us a big favor by the (going to make it obscene-proof since it's easy to fix posts) Hand of O'Brien. The ref jipped us in Sapriisa with Berhalter's invisible handball—this time the field is even, and with the bigger stakes.

Can't say this was a good ref job, but then again the breaks went the USA's direction.

sj_quakes_fan
06-18-2002 08:43 AM

I can't get over the number of cards being issued this round.

And having a Portugese referee was better for the US than that Ecuadorian jerk for the Italy game.

markmcf
06-18-2002 10:25 AM

On the whole, I've thought the officiating has been pretty good. There've been a couple of bad calls here and there and a couple of games that got really chippy. Still, on the whole it's been pretty good. There have been a few games where

you could complain a bit (USA-Poland!) but for the most part, not too bad.

Yeah, the Hand of JOB should have been caught. I'm stunned that he even tried it. What a putz! If it had been called, it's a red-card for JOB and a PK for Mexico. It would have totally changed the game! What a dork!

Also, you have to remember that the players at this level *try* to get away with as much as they can. It's not like a rec league where everyone pretty much plays cleanly.

GO USA!!

LizQuakes
06-18-2002 12:19 PM

quote: Originally posted by markmcf

"Yeah, the Hand of JOB should have been caught. I'm stunned that he even tried it. What a putz! If it had been called, it's a red-card for JOB and a PK for Mexico. It would have totally changed the game! What a dork!"

I actually don't think he did it on purpose. Call me naive, call me blind, whatever, but he jumped up

and the the ball came down on his hand. He didn't punch it or move to knock it out in any way, it just hit his hand. Sure, it should have been called since had he not touched it, the Mexican guy could have headed it in. But regardless, it just seemed to be incidental contact.

sj_quakes_fan
06-18-2002 12:43 PM

Nah, my take is he did it on purpose. His hand did come up. And it looked like he punched it to me. It's not normal for an arm to move that way on a header. I think he did it on purpose.

Nap
06-18-2002 05:26 PM

This time as a fan I will take the break. I still remember Berhalter's headball in the box in the Costa Rica game and the ref thought of that as a handball.

I will have to say that Johnny O did a sneaky impression of being a second goalie and did a darn good job of it!

However, that's still no excuse for the Mexican fans to be sore, though it should have been called.

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Quakes Hold Off MetroStars

By Chris Arellano
2002-05-12

An inspired Ariel Graziani scored two goals Saturday night as the Earthquakes stormed to a 2-0 halftime lead, before hanging onto to defeat the MetroStars 2-1 at Spartan Stadium.

The game left the Earthquakes, defending MLS champions, in first place with a 5-2-1 record, good for 16 points in the Western Conference. The game was played with a New York electricity before 8,445 spirited fans, who waved their giveaway white towels, chanted Graziani's name, did the wave and booed MetroStars midfielder Diego Serna at every opportunity.

In the first half, the Earthquakes had the better of the game. The Earthquakes initially launched waves of attacks, only to see the MetroStars thwart them. Graziani had an early breakaway, but MetroStars goaltender Tim Howard saved. In the 13th minute, the Ecuadorian redeemed himself. Earthquakes midfielder Ramiro Corrales' attack was

challenged by Howard, so he fired across to Graziani who scored an easy goal. Towels waved. Streamers flew. Music blared. The Earthquakes were up 1-0. Within a minute, Graziani headed and missed another chance. The chanting of "Grazi-ani" was soon heard as the forward hustled after balls and scoring opportunities.

Earthquakes forward Dwayne DeRosario should have scored himself in the 25th minute. DeRosario broke away, zipped by Howard on the left, then fired a soft shot at the goal that was cleared off the line by MetroStars defender Daniel Hernandez. The MetroStars defense appeared on the verge of breaking down, but the Earthquakes could not convert on their opportunities, as they missed shots or were called for offsidess.

At 43 minutes, however, Graziani struck again. He sliced through the MetroStars' defense, then passed to Ronnie Ekelund. Ekelund quickly launched a pass back to Graziani, who headed the ball in to make the score 2-0 Earthquakes before halftime.

"We know he can score," Yallop said of the flashy Graziani after the game. "I feel we're getting more out of his general playing as well."

MetroStars Head Coach Octavio Zambrano, who was clearly upset at his team a half hour after the game ended, substituted three midfielders at the break. Zambrano removed Tad Ramos, Ross Paule and Sam Forko. Both Ramos and Paule had picked up yellow cards in the first half. Ramos, a veteran USA international, was booked for dissent. Forko was booked for tackling from behind.

The second half belonged to the MetroStars. They cut the lead to 2-1 after Earthquakes goaltender Joe Cannon knocked down an attacker in the goal area. The MetroStars kept up the pressure outshooting San Jose in the second half 7-4 and dominating possession. With the Earthquakes on their heels, the MetroStars gave them a reprieve near the game's end. Serna was given a red card at 90 minutes for elbowing Earthquakes midfielder Richard Mulrooney in the face. He left to a final round of boos. With a man advantage, San Jose held on for the three points.

Earthquakes Head Coach Frank Yallop sang Graziani's praises after the game.

"We know he can score," Yallop said of the flashy Graziani after the game. "I feel we're getting more out of his general playing as well."

Yallop said Graziani could have scored five goals and fellow forward Dwayne DeRosario could have nailed two others. He also said the Earthquakes could have played better in the second half. Yallop said he wanted his squad to withstand the MetroStars' attack and perhaps create a breakaway. He said he substituted Manny Lagos for Ramiro Corrales because Lagos plays well on the left side.

"I didn't think we were going to score a goal and I had to see the game out," Yallop said of the substitution.

Yallop, when asked if his "back line" defended well, responded that the team did not defend well. "On another day, they could have scored three goals and won," he said.

Zambrano, the MetroStars coach, agreed it a game of two very different halves. He said he did not think his team could play worse than it had recently against Dallas, but they had done so against San Jose. He said some of his younger players had done well, but had generally bad reviews for his team.

"I think we gave them the goal," he said of Graziani's first score. "...The display I saw in the first half was among the lowest I've ever seen."

Zambrano did credit Yallop for fielding an "excellent team" which works well together. He could not say, however, if frontrunning San Jose is the team he respects most.

One of the last players to leave the Earthquakes locker room was Mulrooney, the recipient of Serna's elbow in the final moments. Mulrooney said afterward that his vision was blurry, but later cleared up.

"It caught me by surprise," Mulrooney told MAGIC after the game. "He just sort of flipped."

Serna, through a team spokesman, refused to comment after the game.

SJ - GK Joe Cannon, D Zak Ibsen, D Jimmy Conrad, D Troy Dayak (C), D Wade Barrett, M Ian Russell, M Ronnie Ekelund (Eddie Robinson, 83rd), M Richard Mulrooney, M Ramiro Corrales (Manny Lagos, 77th), F Dwayne De Rosario, F Ariel Graziani (Devin Barclay, 86th).

MET - GK Tim Howard, D Steve Jolley, D Joe Addo, D Brian Kamler, D Daniel Hernandez, M Jeff Moore, M Ross Paule (Mark Lisi, 46th), M Tab Ramos (C) (Brad Davis, 46th), M Sam Forko (Craig Ziadie, 72nd), F Diego Serna, F Rodrigo Faria.

Scoring Summary: Graziani (Corrales), SJ, 13th; Graziani (Ekelund), SJ, 43rd; Faria (PK), MET, 50th.

Cautions/Ejections: Russell (Yellow), SJ, 12th; Ramos (Yellow), MET, 27th; Forko (Yellow), MET, 39th; Cannon (Yellow), SJ, 50th; Kamler (Yellow), MET, 67th; Serna (Red), MET, 91st+.

G O Q U A K E S

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By Nick Arellano
2002-05-09

Ned Zuparko is Laurelwood Elementary School's Mr. Soccer and every year he invites the local professional team to show off their skills to the Evergreen school's student body. Yesterday Wade Barrett and Eddie Robinson became the latest soccer stars to appear.

Zuparko's event has become a favorite of the students who gather on the school's athletic field to listen professional soccer players tell stories and show off soccer skills. Barrett gave a brief lecture on the need to work on the basics in whatever the students choose to do. He then gave the students a living example as he showed how he works at the basics of soccer.

"It is important to work on the basics no matter what you do even if your become a doctor, lawyer, or whatever," Barrett told the students.

MAGIC had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Zuparko, a Quakes season ticket holder, and here is what we talked about.

MAGIC: How long have you bringing professional soccer players to your school?

Player appearances here have always been very popular with the kids and with the teachers...

Zuparko: I'm not sure, but for more than ten years, beginning with the San Francisco Bay Blackhawks. Some of the players who have visited are Mark Dougherty, Alan Bailey, John Doyle, Oscar Draguicevich, David Kramer, Wojtek Krakowiak, Dario Brose, and Manny Lagos. Wade Barrett and Eddie Robinson were our guests this week.

MAGIC: How do the kids react to the players?

They love it. It surprises me sometimes. We always have 400-500 kids sitting out on the grass around the players. Last year Manny Lagos happened to be here on what turned out to be the HOTTEST day of the year, so I expected to see first graders crying and hear six-graders complaining, but they didn't - they really pay attention to these guys, whether it is a new young player or an established "name" player. Sometimes we've had late arrivals, or it gets difficult to hear

if a loudspeaker isn't working, but that doesn't dampen the kids' enthusiasm.

How do the players react to the kids?

Zuparko: They've always told me afterwards that they enjoyed it a lot, and that is easy to see in the way they interact with the kids. The players have always been willing to sign autographs and take pictures, even when I or Earthquake staff are trying to drag them away to other engagements. We make a point of trying to make the players feel welcome, and I think that pays

off. As a fan I look forward to the day when the league is on a par with other sports and the players can get the money and recognition they deserve - but one of the best parts of our player visits has been that these are genuine, nice guys, who love the game and kids, and not the spoiled athletes we've seen in other sports.

MAGIC: Which players have put on the best show over the years?

Zuparko: All of the appearances have had similarities but each also can reflect the presenter. John Doyle came across as very professional and experienced. Dario Brose really made an impression on the kids and the teachers with a really eloquent talk about some experiences in

his life. Manny Lagos had some MLS camp coaches with him, so we were able to get a lot more kids involved in the soccer demonstration - and every kid out there wanted to get on the field with Manny. Wade Barrett is very poised and gets good attention from the kids.

MAGIC: What do you think of the San Jose Earthquakes this season?

Zuparko: I'm still impressed. Like last year, they give such a good effort and play a good combination and passing game. I can even forgive some losses



Ned Zuparko

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have they play good soccer. I think the addition of Lagos and especially Agoos were huge last year. Even after this latest marathon of games they still come out with high energy. With the World Cup and injuries I think the team may not win the division, but will be in the playoffs. After 7 games, they still match up well with every team they play. They showed they can outplay New York. I still need to see Chicago and LA. I spent all

last year waiting for the bubble to burst, prepared to be satisfied with all of the growth they had shown, no matter how the season turned out... and then they went all the way! What the team still needs is a commitment in advertising and marketing money. The coaches and players have done more than enough to get fans in the seats.

MAGIC: Do you have any funny stories from any of the past player visits to your school?

Zuparko: Player appearances here have always been very popular with the kids and with the teachers, but even so, I always check with the staff later to see if they want me to keep bringing players out. I almost never get a complaint. So I was surprised after Dario Brose's visit (which seemed to have gone so well) when I spoke to a group of several of our female staff (we only have two male teachers at my school) and they said, yeah, they had a complaint. Turns out that Dario wore jeans when he was here. I didn't quite understand, so they explained that players in previous appearances had always worn soccer shorts, and they wanted me to know that they wanted to be able to see the legs of any future guests - no more jeans!



Eddie Robinson leading cheers.

Quakes GM has plan to boost low attendance, doesn't want to move

Christopher Arellano
2002-06-04

Earthquakes General Manager Johnny Moore said the team's poor attendance bothers him, but is confident in a long-term plan to boost attendance and is not interested in any talk that would relocate the team from San Jose.

Moore made his remarks in an exclusive MAGIC interview in which he described the team's marketing plan, its troubled recent history and an admittedly flawed development of soccer in the United States.

"You always need to be concerned in business," a plainspoken Moore said. "I'm concerned that attendance is taking longer to build than I thought."

Attendance woes and concerns about the long-term viability of the franchise have plagued the Earthquakes in recent years. The Earthquakes won the MLS title last season despite finishing last in the MLS in attendance and playing amidst rumors the team would be disbanded after the season.

The team this season features a nice combination of savvy veterans and talented youngsters who have led the team to first place again. The average attendance after four home games this year is 8,264. That is well below the 11,038 people who attended the first four Earthquakes home games

in 2001. The current average attendance is less than one-third of the 30,011 official capacity at Spartan Stadium.

Although optimistic that his long-term plans to increase attendance will eventually prove successful, Moore declined to divulge the team's attendance goals. He said he was not even sure the Earthquakes would not again have the league's lowest attendance again. Moore said the team did not have an attendance benchmark they needed to attain to break even. Attendance, he said, is a large factor, but only one, which drives the team's finances. The other factors, Moore said, are sponsorship and television rights.

"The attendance part is an important part of the puzzle because it drives success in other areas," Moore said. The higher the attendance, for instance, the more the team can fetch for sponsorship.

Moore also pointed to the team's new investor, Anschutz Entertainment Group, noting that they had agreed to commit themselves to the Earthquakes for five years. Moore added that he has been told that he would be given time to correct the team's attendance woes, something he said could take two years.

Moore said he was only interested in making the Earthquakes succeed in San Jose, not any other city.

"I think we'll do the job," said Moore, who played with the original San Jose Earthquakes in the 1970s who were the hottest ticket in town.

If the team's problems might be slow in resolving, Moore also indicated they were slow in being addressed. He said they had a reputation of being losers until last season. He also said that they had lacked ownership until March when Silicon Valley Sports & Entertainment and AEG joined forces with to buy the team.

The team's championship last year went a long way toward improving its image problem. However, the team was not able to capitalize on it fully since the sale was not completed until March, only one month before the season started. Moore, who was hired in February, said there just was not enough time to launch a proper season ticket and group sales campaign.

Because of its late start in getting off the drawing board, Moore said the team might not see the fruits of his promotional plans realized until next season - although Moore is hopeful that attendance will pick up in the summer. Those plans, he said, call for targeting soccer players and coaches, community and charitable groups and others.

"We have 250,000 kids playing in this area and few coming to the games," Moore said, referring to the potential of tapping the area's youthful soccer



Johnny Moore

players. "...Soccer people could sell out this stadium every week."

The new marketing approach, Moore said, calls for building partnerships with the leagues, starting in San Jose but spreading out to Milpitas, Santa Clara and Fremont and elsewhere. Leagues that establish partnerships with the Earthquakes, Moore said, would be entitled to player appearances, coaching clinics at their own field and help with fund raisers.

Youths in leagues which establish partnerships with the Earthquakes would be given a reduced price ticket, a card with perforations that feature players who give playing tips, a schedule and a membership card that enables players and their families to buy more tickets at reduced rates.

Coaches would be invited to Spartan Stadium on game days to meet with coaches from opposing teams. Those coaches would discuss their game strategies with the coaches before the game starts. After watching the game, the coaches would reassemble at halftime to discuss the game's play and asked to offer their own tactical suggestions.

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Diego Serna

There is so much happening in the world of soccer right now that I am not surprised nothing major has been made of Diego Serna's ejection on May 11. I haven't found an article or official MLS statement as to the length of Serna's suspension nor any word of a fine.

Serna did not play in the MetroStar's last match that was played May 18, their first league match since May 11. I assume that he was given a one game suspension. But still, I find it amazing that more has not come of Serna's actions. What he did was pretty much a complete act of cowardice and nobody, not even his own coach, would defend the action. In case you haven't heard, Serna punched Earthquakes midfielder Richard Mulrooney in extra time as the MetroStars were desperately trying to tie the match. The punch came far off the ball and luckily the referee saw it and sent Serna off the field. The MetroStar rally immediately stalled and the Quakes held on for a 2-1 victory.

I was totally surprised by Serna's actions in extra time. His return to Spartan Stadium was of great interest to many who follow the Quakes. Last season Serna established himself as Quakes fan's Enemy Number 1 when he body slammed and injured

What About Diego Serna's Latest Act Of Cowardice?



Serna seemed to enjoy all the attention he drew from Quakes fans as this smile before first half MetroStars cornerkick would indicate.

Jeff Agoos on July 4th in Spartan Stadium. He further established himself during the playoffs. As a result, Quakes fans heckled him through out the match and Boomed his every touch of the ball.

I watched Serna very closely from behind the Quakes goal in the first half. Serna appeared to smile at some of the heckling. He worked hard and put up with a lot of hard hits from Jimmy Conrad and other Quakes defenders. He didn't do anything dirty in retaliation. He kept working hard to help his team.

Serna had pretty much won me over as the game entered its final minutes. I moved to the press box and was mentally composing an article about Serna and his efforts in that game. I was forming a

new opinion of the Quakes fan's Enemy Number 1. Perhaps he wasn't as bad as I thought. He was on a new team, new teammates, and coach. Perhaps he just decided to put last season behind and change his image.

Then POP! Down went Mulrooney. Off went Serna. All my new opinions of Serna went away. "Serna was still an idiot on the field," I thought to myself.

I asked MetroStars coach Octavio Zambrano what he thought of Serna's action. Unlike former Miami coach Ray Hudson, who shamelessly defended Serna last season, Zambrano voiced clear disappointment about Serna's actions. He further stated that there could be changes made in the MetroStars lineup if his veterans didn't improve their performances. I could

tell he was talking about Serna.

I tried to interview Serna that night but he quickly slithered into the bus and refused to come out and talk despite the best efforts of the MetroStars media relations person. Was he ashamed or embarrassed by his actions? Was he having a good laugh? Does he regret his latest act of cowardice in Spartan Stadium? I guess we may never know what he was thinking as he hid in the bus.

It appears that Serna has escaped harsh punishment for his cowardly punch to the face of an opponent. I wonder what will happen the next time he loses control and hurts somebody. I sincerely hope Serna can learn to control himself. At his best, Serna is a great competitor who represents himself very well, and is a dangerous opponent to be respected. At his worse, Serna is nothing more than a cowardly thug who I would not want any young soccer player to watch.



On the QuakeMagic website we asked "How will MetroStars coach Octavio Zambrano deal with another act of Serna violence?" The answer was to trade him to New England.

Man On The Street: What would you do as GM?

MAGIC was on the street, rather in the pub on Friday evening, May 24 at the Britannia Arms Cupertino and we asked local soccer fans: What would you do to bring the crowds back if you were General Manager of the Quakes?



Have a special priced season ticket pass for any active soccer player. Half price, and I would get seven thousand season ticket holders at least.

Danny Duffin, San Mateo via Norlron
Computer Scientist



Look back to what they did with Dick Berg in the 1970's and 1980's. Even though I didn't like him at the time, Krazy George was the best thing the Earthquakes ever had.

Jim Sanderson, East San Jose,
General Contractor



The way to get more families involved is to reach the children at the schools. I would tell my coaches and players to go to schools and provide clinics and entertainment for the kids.

Darryl Haywood, Campbell
Educator



Get more English or European players in. Same as the old Earthquakes did. I'd like to attract the large European population in Silicon Valley to the games.

Martin Cunningham, Accountant
San Jose

By Nicholas Arellano

It probably didn't go exactly as planned, but on May 19, the Duke of Edinburgh soccer team still cliched the Peninsula Soccer League Major Division Championship by defeating Portola Valley 5-2 in front of about 50 or so fans at rain soaked Watson Bowl in San Jose.

stopped by a foul call about 30 yards from goal. Former San Jose Clash/Earthquake player Shawn Medved took the kick and fired a perfect shot into the upper left corner and the score was tied. Gone was the 1-0 scoreline and Portola Valley's momentum and perhaps confidence because just minutes later the Duke took the lead.



PSL Champs Duke of Edinburgh

Shorthanded Duke Wins PSL Major Division Championship

sending-off and it also caused us to raise our game. It was a great effort by everybody. This is a great way to cap off the season." Manager Carlisle told MAGIC.

Pregame ceremonies included PSL Board member Omar Hindeal and his grandson Jason posing for a photo with a couple referees from the game prior to the league's biggest match of the season. The photographers barely had time to leave the field when the fireworks started. Within 10 seconds Portola Valley was leading 1-0. A quick break down the left wing, a close range shot bouncing off the keeper, a quick follow-up shot, and the Duke were on the wrong side of a 1-0 score sheet.

The goal was once again caused by a foul deep in Portola Valley territory. This time the ball was spotted about 25 yards from goal slightly to the left of center. Ralph Robertson bent the ball over the wall and around the keeper to put the Duke ahead for good. The 10 Duke players continued to pressure the 11 Portola Valley men and were rewarded with another goal shortly before halftime when a Jeff Bartlett cross from the right was accidentally knocked into the goal by a scrambling defender.

Major Division Champions Duke of Edinburgh.

"Things certainly were looking grim but the guys fought back tremendously. I think they (Portola Valley) relaxed a little bit after the

The Duke players at the match were: John Rodhouse (player coach); goalkeeper Nico Arellano; defenders: Ben Herlth, Calum MacCrae, Chris Saleido; midfielders: Dave Conklin, Jeff Perentice, Ralph Robertson, Todd Anrade; forwards: Shawn Medved, Noah Epstein, Paul Hurlly; Manager: Jeff Carlisle.

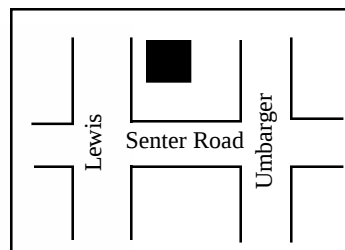
If being down wasn't bad enough, the Duke then found themselves reduced to playing a man short when Chris Saleido was shown the red card for a tackle the referee apparently thought was pretty bad. Loud objections from the Duke players and fans were ignored and Saleido left the park. Portola Valley, coached by former San Jose Earthquake player and coach Gabbo Gavric were seemingly in complete control of the match. In the 8th minute all that changed.

Noah Epstein who refused an earlier substitution request from Duke Manager Jeff Carlisle put the game out of reach with a spectacular goal midway through the second half. Epstein made a solo run through the penalty box beating no less than three defenders before blasting an off-angle shot past the keeper and in to the side netting. Medved added another goal giving the Duke a commanding four goal lead.

Portola Valley managed to a goal in the final minutes. The final score was 5-2 in favor for the 2002 PSL

The Duke found space to attack and were only

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By Mike Marshall
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Every fan has his or breaking point. Mine came Wednesday night shortly before halftime when Chris Henderson scored to give the Rapids a 4-1 lead over the Revolution, effectively killing off whatever visions I had of a dramatic two-goal fight back.

I can't take it any more.

I can't deal with teams that feature five or six starters who go through the motions on a regular basis.

I can't deal with turnovers on throw-ins because nobody on that side of the field makes even a slight effort to get open.

I can't deal with a team that concedes back-breaking goals in consecutive weeks that my local women's college team wouldn't have given up.

I can't deal with defenders who chase forwards from behind more often than they bring the ball up or make a simple pass to their midfielders.

I can't deal with goalkeepers that jump for a high shot going over their head into the net yet keep their hands down by their sides, or that can't stop a shot directly at their midsection.

I can't deal with players whose first touch ends up rolling over the sideline for a throw in.

Apparently, I'm not alone either. Someone very high up in the Revolution organization must have felt the same way, and that's why Fernando Clavijo was fired on Thursday after two and half seasons as the head coach of the New England Revolution.

I'm not exactly sure how to feel about this.

On one hand, I'm sorry to see Fernando go. By all accounts, he remains a hard-working, thoughtful, intelligent, and likeable individual that deserved a better outcome than the one he ended up with. He was never

Fernando Farewell Interview

Tony Biscaia
2002-05-25

Anyone who knew Fernando Clavijo in person will tell you he's the consummate soccer fanatic and coach, but two ugly consecutive losses cost him his job at the Revs helm.

This is the last of a series of interviews that began when Fernando Clavijo became the Revs coach in the 2000 MLS season, and ran weekly during the last two seasons.

Fernando Clavijo is a special person, with a humble and unassuming demeanor that made him perhaps the most approachable coach in the history of New England sports. Through good times and bad, he was never too busy to make himself available to media, friends or players. Unfortunately, he learned the hard truth behind the popular saying that "good guys never win."

It is hard to imagine the possibility that some players may have tanked it in recent games in a conscious effort to get him fired. This is one of the issues I brought up in this last interview, and Fernando's anguished answer was that he refuses to believe that it happened. Alas, the results speak for themselves, as do the games tapes.

I hope all of you fully appreciate the respect and consideration Fernando has for us, the fans

who support the sport he loves. When we did these interviews, he wasn't talking to me, he was talking to you. Love him or hate him, but never forget that he always tried to do what he thought was the right thing for the team - not for himself. His friendships did not dictate the lineup, as may have been the case with other coaches - it was strictly each player's ability to help the team win that got them minutes on the field. Like many of you, I didn't always agree with his choices, but I never once doubted his motives.



Fernando Clavijo

There will be more RevsNet interviews, hopefully with the new coach if he is willing, and certainly with some the players as well. But as this chapter of on-going direct public communication with the coach comes to a close, I would like to personally thank Fernando for all the times he made himself available, and answered all our questions openly and honestly. For me it was a priceless experience, both in terms of soccer and friendship.

Thank you Fernando, God bless you.

To listen to the interview, click the link below:

[Fernando farewell interview, May 24, 2002](#)

arrogant or aloof like Rongen or Zenga could be, and always had a few extra moments for the fans or for a youngster, or even for semi-pro reporters with a fledgling web site. He's just someone that you can't help but pull for, and in that way, it's sad to see him come up short.

And before we dance on his grave, let's not forget that he was the man who acquired a number of the best players in the history of this franchise, and was the man in charge during what was arguably the two greatest moments in franchise history - the 2-1 playoff win over Chicago, and the 2-0 Open Cup Semifinal victory at Foxboro against D.C. United.

I'm not even convinced he's a bad coach, although I suspect a number of Revolution fans will disagree with me on that. I understood a number of the decisions he made, it's just that not enough of them worked out. Sometimes good coaches are put in situations where they have a hard time winning. Chuck Daley won two NBA Championships with the Detroit Pistons in the late 1980's, but couldn't buy his way into the playoffs with the New Jersey Nets in the 1990's. Thomas Rongen went from genius (Tampa Bay) to idiot (New England) back

to genius (1999 D.C. United) and back to idiot (2000-01 D.C. United) all in about a five year stretch.

But even if you don't believe Fernando Clavijo is a good coach, I don't think Revolution fans should honestly do anything but tip their collective caps to him for the effort, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

And as the figurehead for the on field product, the team's failings over the past year and a half should have cost Clavijo his job. That fact became painfully evident over the last week. This is not youth league soccer where losing is acceptable as long as nobody gets hurt and everyone gets an orange slice at halftime - it's a business, and results are what matters.

I'm actually happy that someone in Kraft Soccer was awake enough to realize that there was a problem with this franchise that went beyond bottle caps and those rowdy Midnight Rider tailgates. It's clear that this franchise has serious issues that need to be addressed, both on and off the field and in both the short-term and long-term.

The firing of Fernando Clavijo

needs to be viewed as the beginning of the rebirth of the franchise, not as some sort of magical panacea that will make all the negatives that surround this team go away over night. The problems with this franchise run deeper than that, and unless someone at the decision-making level realizes that, there isn't a whole lot of true hope.

For instance, Bob Kraft needs to decide what he wants his soccer team to be. Does he want to winning team on the field and possibly build a fan base, or does he want 14 dates a year at Your Name Here Field and a nice tax write off at the end of the year.

Todd Smith needs to decide if he's going to give Steve Nicol everything that a professional soccer team needs to be successful, or if he's going to continually nickle and dime this franchise to death.

And last, but certainly not least, every player on the New England roster needs to wake up and look at himself in the mirror. Far too many players on this team are first and foremost concerned about whether or not their pay

QuakeMagic announces new weekly series: 'My Most Memorable Game'

Christopher Arellano
2002-05-13

QuakeMagic on Wednesday will kick off a new weekly series entitled "My Most Memorable Game" and feature interviews with players and staff on precisely that, the game they'll never forget.

It might have been a goal they scored while on international duty, or the first time they laced them up in high school. Maybe they bumped into a streaker while trotting back onto the field after the halftime break. You'll be able to read all about, every Wednesday at QuakeMagic.com. We'll kick off the series with memories from Head Coach Frank Yallop.

front of the fans," he said, recalling the moment and smiling. "I just took off."

The crowd roared and even broke out in song, singing, "There's Only One Frankie Yallop."

Yallop certainly hadn't a lot of practice to celebrate goal scoring. It was only his second in more than three years. The only other goal, in fact, had come in an away game at Tottenham only three days earlier.

However unexpected, Ipswich was up 2-0 after Yallop's goal. They held off a late United rally and defeated the living legends 2-1, moving up to fourth place in a 22-team league. These were heady days and Ipswich's fans knew how to show their appreciation for scoring a goal against United.

"I don't think I bought a drink in Ipswich for a week," he said, the smile still on his face.

His teammates teased him too, saying he specialized in scoring long-range goals.

Although United went onto to win the Premiership that season, Ipswich's fortunes took a dive after Yallop's goal. They eventually finished 16th of 22 teams that year. Yallop himself went onto to play several more years with the team, but played only ten games that season. The goal against United was probably the last one he scored for Ipswich.

Nine years after his memorable shot, Yallop's ties to Ipswich remain strong. His wife is from Ipswich and he still has many friends there. He visits the city every year and makes a point of watching his old team play.

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My Most Memorable Game: Frank Yallop

My Most Memorable Game: Frank Yallop
Chris Arellano
2002-05-15

Earthquakes Head Coach Frank Yallop is 38 now, a Los Gatos family man with a 3-year-old son. Fans in San Jose know him best as the man who has built the team into the defending MLS champions.

Those who look at him a bit longer may notice that he seems patient, a coach who flashes traces of a dry wit and who appears to go to pains to defend players who might have made mistakes on the field. He displays the poise and tact of a kind uncle, in meetings with the media, answering every question respectfully.

Flash back to Jan. 30, 1993 at Ipswich Town Football Club's Portman Road Stadium, and a very different image of Yallop emerges. Yallop was a gritty defender for Ipswich then. On that day, Ipswich hosted Manchester United, one of the most illustrious



Frank Yallop

teams in the world, before a packed house of more than 25,000 fans.

It was, Yallop told MAGIC last week, his most

memorable game.

Ipswich had won the old English Second Division the previous season and had been promoted to the newly formed English Premiership. Ipswich sat fifth in the standings when United brought along its galaxy of all stars with them to including famed Danish goaltender Peter Schmeichel, swashbuckling midfielder Ryan Giggs and the fiery Eric Cantona. Gary Pallister and Dennis Irwin anchored the United defense.

"We were playing well at the time," Yallop said, recalling Ipswich's play before the big match.

Ipswich took an early 1-0 lead and was on the attack when Yallop, playing right fullback, made his mark on the game. He swooped forward, fired a shot from 22 yards out that nicked Pallister before going into the net.

"I ran right in front of Schmeichel, then ran in



My Most Memorable Game: Troy Dayak

Troy Dayak has represented the United States in international competition, played in the inaugural game of the San Jose Clash before a sellout crowd, helped win a MLS Cup and even punched out former Mexican scoring sensation Hugo Sanchez.

Yet, ask the 31-year-old Earthquakes defender if one of those games is his most memorable and he will shake his head no.

Dayak told MAGIC that his most memorable is Game 3 of the 2001 MLS Cup semifinals played last Oct. 17. Dayak's header in overtime enabled the Earthquake to defeat the Miami Fusion 1-0. The victory capped a hard-fought and emotional series against the Fusion, in the process catapulting the Earthquakes into the MLS finals, which they eventually won. For Dayak, scoring the "golden goal"

Yallop Continued

Even this season, when Ipswich suffered a heartbreaking demotion from the Premiership, Yallop kept close tabs on his former team's games.

Standing on the edge of the Spartan Stadium field, watching his practice, Yallop was asked if he ever discussed his own playing days with his team.

No, he said, shaking his head, the subject did not come up. Then he checked himself and smiled. No, the subject did not come up – very often.

also climaxed a season in which he returned after missing two seasons due to neck and knee surgery. Dayak, who signed with the Earthquakes only two days before the season opener, was recognized in the off-season as the MLS Comeback Player of the Year.

"That was a memorable night and a proud feeling," Dayak said of that fateful Florida night.

Dayak's goal abruptly ended a bitterly fought playoff matchup. Many players on both teams were MLS All Stars. One of the Fusion was quoted as calling the Earthquakes "men in skirts." The Earthquakes lost the first game in Miami before winning Game 2 in San Jose before season-high 16,119 fans. In that game, both Zak Ibsen and Fusion forward Diego Serna were issued red cards.

The deciding game was played at Miami. Controversy broke out before the game's start when Serna somehow was allowed to play in that game, despite his red card. Once the game started, Dayak said the Miami fans were heckling Earthquakes forward Landon Donovan, trying to unnerve him. It was 0-0 at the end of regulation time.

Six minutes into overtime, Earthquakes forward Dwayne DeRosario gave Dayak a quick pep talk before a corner kick.

"He said: 'Put this away for us, Troy,'" Dayak remembered." I said, "Right on.' "

Eventually, the ball came Dayak's way. He remembers leaping up to head the ball. He also remembers anticipating a battle with Fusion goalkeeper Nick Rimando, who came out to challenge the play.

"It was like slow motion," Dayak said. "It felt like I was up an hour. Next thing I knew I was at the bottom of a dog pile."

After eventually returning home, Dayak said he had about 12 taped telephone messages from friends and family who had seen the goal. Some screamed. Some cried. Others said they could not believe it or simply said, "Oh My God! You did it!"

Eventually those messages were recorded over a taped broadcast of the fateful Fusion game. Dayak said he has only played the tape only once. He said it was played at a Super Bowl party attended by many of the people who had left the messages.

The victory meant more than advancing in the playoffs too. The Earthquakes, who had finished last in the MLS in 2000, had heard the same rampant press speculation that the team would be disbanded at year's end. "All year long, we were talking about it," Dayak

said.

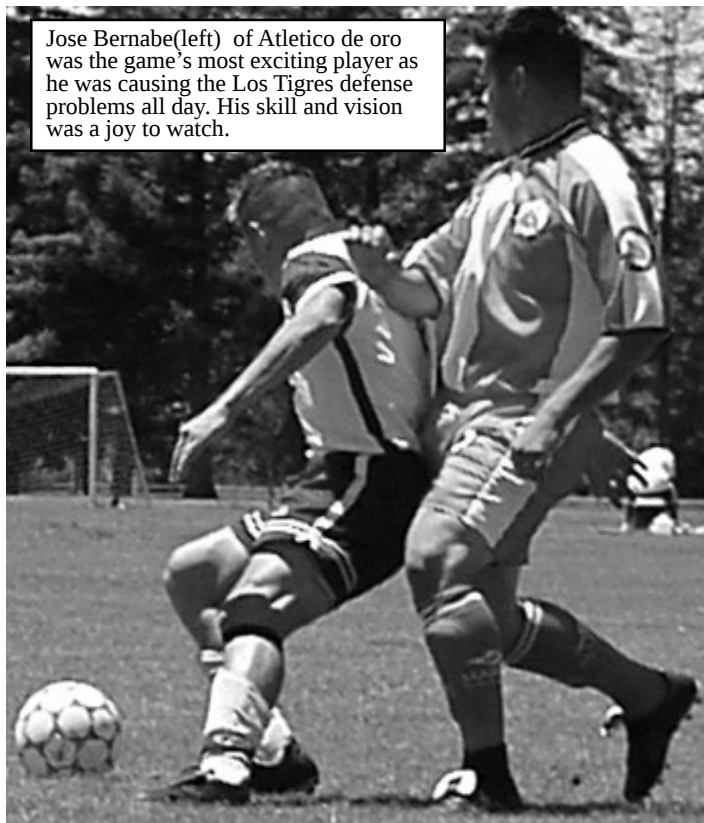
Seven months after Dayak's golden goal, the Earthquakes are reigning MLS champions and cruising in first place in the MLS Western Division. Even so, no one has forgotten how sweet it was to beat Miami last year. Serna, who decked Earthquakes defender Jeff Agoos last July, recently was roundly booed every time he touched the ball when he visited Spartan Stadium as a member of the MetroStars. Dayak said DeRosario recently remembered their quick conversation in Miami, just before his memorable header.

Ironically, while the Earthquakes continue to play, their bitter rivals were contracted after the season. Dayak's goal turned out to kill their existence.

In fact, former Fusion Coach Ray Hudson, who playfully blaming him for the team's demise at an awards banquet where Dayak was honored for being Comeback Player of the Year.

"That damn Dayak," Dayak quotes Hudson as saying that night. "If it wasn't for him, we'd still have a team."

Today, Hudson is the coach of DC United. His goalkeeper? The same Nick Rimando who Dayak beat for his goal.



Jose Bernabe(left) of Atletico de oro was the game's most exciting player as he was causing the Los Tigres defense problems all day. His skill and vision was a joy to watch.



Atletico de Oro goalkeeper Gerardo Flores made this big save to keep his team in the game. The game was wide open from the opening whistle and goalkeeping was not the reason six goals were scored.

On June 16 MAGIC went to watch a first place match between Atletico de Oro and Los Tigres of Asociacion de Futbol de San Jose. The match was hard fought and very entertaining. Los Tigres, despite falling behind 2-0 early in the first half, came back to post a solid 4-2 victory. The big plays in the game came early in the second half when Oro narrowly missed a n excellent scoring opportunity and Alfredo Gualba made them pay when he scored giving Los Tigres a 3-2 lead. Look for more coverage of AFSJ action in QuakeMagic.com both online and on paper.

MAGIC found this Quakes Fan at Evergreen Community College and asked him: "how many Quakes games he goes to?"



Jorge Gomez, San Jose

I been to three or four this season. Before the season started I was working at Super K Mart on story Road. I saw Ariel Graziani, he came from Mexico in '98, and I asked him for his autograph. He invited me to a game. He is a real nice guy and that is the reason why I go.



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Los Tigres goalkeeper Juan Quezada did well to get up high and snag this cross while under pressure from a Atletico attacker.



Chris Arellano
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My Most Memorable Game: Lucci Gonzalez

Fans at Spartan Stadium have only seen quick glimpses of heralded Earthquakes forward Lucci Gonzalez, who has been grabbing 15 or 20 minutes of playing time at the end of recent matches. Wearing a headband, Gonzalez has picked up two assists with lively play that hints of greater things to come.

Despite his brief appearances, don't be deceived by Gonzalez's current substitute status. If the Miami native is able to duplicate his collegiate success on the professional level, Gonzalez will go down as one of the greatest players in MLS history. Gonzalez is with the Earthquakes after being selected in the first round of the Super Draft after completing a remarkable four-year stint at Southern Methodist University.

Gonzalez's SMU career ended last year with his being named the 2001 Soccer America Player of the Year, the NCAA/Adidas Division I Player of the Year, not to mention the Hermann Trophy and MAC Player of the Year Award. He scored 21 goals in 21 games. His SMU team went 21-1 in his senior year and was ranked number one in the nation before losing in the NCAA quarterfinals to St. John's last December. In the fall, he will be the first soccer player in SMU history to have his jersey retired.

Despite his individual honors, Gonzalez told

MAGIC that his most memorable game came in his junior year when his Mustangs defeated Stanford 2-1 in Palo Alto to advance to the NCAA Final Four for the first time in the school's history. The game was played on Dec. 2, 2002 at Maloney Field.

Although he developed into a scoring machine, Gonzalez did not score against Stanford. SMU Head Coach Schellas Hyndman sounded unsurprised Gonzalez had selected an important team win, even if he did not score, as his most memorable.

"That speaks volumes about his character," Hyndman said.

Besides catapulting SMU to the Final Four, Gonzalez said the game was also significant because he was still recovering from an ACL tear just below his right knee. The injury had occurred in his sophomore year. The injury was so serious that doctors told him that it could not even touch a soccer ball for eight to 10 months. They also did not guarantee that he would make a 100 percent recovery.

But after months of waiting, and therapy, Gonzalez came back in style.

At the start of his junior year, the Mustangs set reaching the Final Four as a team goal. After months of success, Stanford was their final obstacle to achieving this goal. When they arrived in Palo Alto, SMU was ranked sixth in the nation and had a 19-4 record. The game matched the nation's top offense,

SMU, against its best defense, Stanford, according to a SMU sports web site.

At 2,854 fans, the crowd that day established a new Maloney Field record. The Stanford fans, Gonzalez remembered, heckled him about his hair, which he then bleached. The game itself was hard fought. Stanford took a 1-0 halftime lead in which SMU appeared to be on the defensive. However, SMU forward Mohamed Fahim blasted two second-half goals. The winner came in the 81st minute. At the game's end, the players hugged and a sizeable SMU contingent in the stands cheered.

"I thought I played okay," Gonzalez told MAGIC about the game in which he tallied an assist and a shot on goal. Hyndman, however, remembers Gonzalez slicing up the Stanford defense with his runs.

Upon the team's return to SMU, Gonzalez said he still recalls the cheering and cameras that marked the campus' reception of the victorious team. Despite the rousing reception, SMU's dream of a national title died six days later in North Carolina when they lost in the national semifinals to Connecticut 2-0. In Gonzalez's senior year, they appeared on its way to a national championship last year before losing to St. John's in the quarterfinals.

Besides collecting his collegiate awards, Gonzalez was a trialist with Racing Club Ferrol, a second division team in Galicia, Spain. They offered him a contract, but

he declined.

"It just didn't feel right," he said of his experiences in Spain. He said his feelings of discomfort stemmed from a negative attitude about U.S. players. "The MLS was more appealing to me."

Hyndman said that his modest former star also received offers to play in Portugal and Switzerland, as well as from Racing Ferrol.

Now, as a member of the Earthquakes, Gonzalez finds himself playing against players he grew up watching, such as Carlos Valderama of the Colorado Rapids. However, he said that he also watched fellow Earthquakes forward Ariel Graziani on television when he was only 15 or 16. That doesn't always go over well.

"He doesn't like it because he thinks I'm implying he's old," Gonzalez said of his 30-year-old teammate. Although some people barely old enough to drink might make such a statement humorously, Gonzalez said it with an air of respect about Graziani.

Despite his success, Gonzalez is one of the most approachable and humble players on the team. He is nice to small children, even one who stepped on his hand while he was being interviewed. He does community work. He works hard at practice. He appears popular with his teammates.

And above all, he said, he will do whatever Head Coach Frank Yallop wants.



My Most Memorable Game: Richard Mulrooney

By Christopher Arellano

Play for the United States internationally in South Korea? Hustling Earthquakes midfielder Richard Mulrooney has done it. Play so well that recognition as the Earthquakes Honda Most Valuable Player for 2001 is forthcoming? Mulrooney has done that too.

Break the Creighton University record with four assists in a game? Play in the NCAA playoffs every year at Creighton? Absolutely dominate a college playoff game with inspired play? Check, check, check. Mulrooney's been there and done all of that too.

But name a single game and call it his most memorable? Now that's something Richard Mulrooney can't do.

"Every moment on the soccer field is a memorable one," the 25-year-old Mulrooney said when asked that question by MAGIC.

It wasn't for a lack of effort that MAGIC eventually accepted his answer about not having a single most memorable game. Perhaps, it was suggested, it might be the dramatic Game 3 semi-final win against Miami last season? After all, that was cited by fellow Earthquake Troy Dayak as his most memorable game? Nope. Mulrooney said the championship game against Los Angeles has more meaning. His first cap against South Korea last December? Although

Mulrooney framed his game jersey and sent it to his parents in Memphis, he said that wasn't the single most memorable game either.

He just doesn't think about his games that way. Fans might have their fondest Mulrooney games. Stanford Head Coach, who

Mulrooney told MAGIC after a recent practice. Mulrooney said his confidence is high and he thinks his skill level is too. He said there is room for improvement in his overall game, including his play with his left foot. However, he said he's passing better and reading plays quicker. He said his attacking has



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coached Mulrooney while they were at Creighton from 1995-99, can name some. The Creighton sports department nominated others. Mulrooney is unfazed. He can't single out one.

If Mulrooney wasn't ready to declare a single game his most memorable, the hustling midfielder was more talkative about his career in general. In an unassuming tone, Mulrooney knows he is improving and will get better.

"Last season was the most complete season I've had, but it's still not as complete as I can get,"

improved, adding he is not referring merely to getting assists but starting plays. If Head Coach Frank Yallop asked him to push forward more often, Mulrooney thinks he could do that.

"I have no doubt in my mind that I can hold my own," Mulrooney said, referring to the highest level of MLS play, specifically citing Clint Mathis as a player he feels he can compete with.

Asked about long-term goals, Mulrooney said he is going to "take things day by day" but added he wouldn't mind starting for the U.S. at the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Simon, his former college coach, sees him play for the Earthquakes and often invites Mulrooney over his house for dinner. He's like an uncle to Simon's children. In the fall, Mulrooney serves as a volunteer assistant coach to Simon at Stanford. He's seen Mulrooney mature and develop as a player since he first spotted him when Mulrooney was in high school on an Olympic development team.

Simon has vivid memories of Mulrooney's play, particularly in his senior season when he captained Creighton and led them into the NCAA playoffs. Creighton was playing rival St. Louis University away. Mulrooney scored a goal and had two or three assists and took over the game.

Mulrooney made no inspirational speech. His face was flushed and he was all business on the field and his play reflected the determination. Simon said Mulrooney was not merely the man of the match, he was the smartest player, the most technical player and most hardworking player that day.

"He was absolutely dominating that day," Simon said of Mulrooney, who led Creighton to a 4-1 overtime victory and took the crowd out of the match. "He stood out as the best player on the field, who was at his best."

Mulrooney followed that performance with another memorable game at UCLA away when he tallied a couple more assists as Creighton triumphed

again. This UCLA team featured future MLS players such as goaltender Nick Rimando and midfielder Sasha Victorine.

Although Mulrooney is known for being easy-going, Simon said a player cannot succeed at Mulrooney's level, without having something of a temper. Mulrooney simply channels his anger differently than say the controversial Diego Serna, who recently punched his former player in a recent Earthquakes-MetroStars game.

"He won't sulk. He won't punch somebody. He won't get bothered by the ref. He'll beat them on the field," Simon said.

Simon said that competitiveness is the key to Mulrooney's success. He has a burning desire to demonstrate that he can

and will rise to the level of the competition and probably exceed it.

"Everytime he's gone up a notch in level, he's found the best players and tried to compete with them," Simon said.

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Mulrooney's maturity has extended off the field too.

At Creighton, Simon once saw Mulrooney once respond to the opposition's rough play by fighting hard for every ball. He was trying to show he would not be intimidated. That wasn't what his team needed. The issue was not whether Mulrooney won

the balls, the issue was he was expected to be Creighton's playmaker.

Times have changed. In May, Serna brazenly decked his former student at an Earthquake game, an act which led to Serna getting sent off. In college, Mulrooney might have reacted by exclaiming he could not wait to play Serna again. Simon said that when he saw Mulrooney after the game that night, Mulrooney merely smiled, showed a shiner and said it wasn't a big deal.

At Stanford, Mulrooney's hardwork and demeanor makes an impression on Cardinal players who might get carried away by their opinions of themselves. Simon said that his players take note of how hard Mulrooney works, even though he's earned caps and been named MVP of a MLS team.

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2. a) 3 b) 1 c) 0
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4-8	1	2
9-12	2	2
13-15	2	1
16-18	2	0

It remains to be seen where the future takes Mulrooney. He clearly isn't losing sleep over it.

"I'm happy with the way things are now," Mulrooney said. "I wouldn't change anything in the world."

Moore...

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No one knows better than Moore that talk of low attendance and franchise moves were once the furthest things from the minds of Earthquakes fans and executives.

Moore was on the original Earthquakes who began play in San Jose in the 1970s. He said Landon Donovan and today's Earthquakes are operating in a very different environment than he and his former teammates did in the 1970s. In that era, San Jose was straining to be noticed. There was no Silicon Valley, San Jose Sharks or Compaq Center. The NCAA did not play postseason games in San Jose.

The original Earthquakes, Moore said, were the rising city's first professional

sports franchise. Moore said the former North American Soccer League never dreamed that team would even refer to itself as San Jose and threatened to pull the franchise over the issue. City residents, thrilled that they no longer had to travel to San Francisco or Oakland to see pros from Chicago, New York and Los Angeles, embraced the team with a passion. The team led the league in attendance in 1976 and set a record for most sellouts in a season.

The NASL folded in the early 1980s, however, after owners spent excessively on foreign stars. The league's closure caused a disruption, which contributes to what Moore calls the sport's "stop and start history for which soccer has paid heavily."

American soccer received a gigantic boost in 1994 when the United States

hosted the World Cup. However, a wonderful opportunity for capitalizing on that opportunity was partially lost when Major Soccer League could not begin play until 1996.

"We've made mistakes through the years, no question," Moore said of soccer's history in America.

Although candid about the team's history and problems, Moore did take issue with the pessimistic tone of a front-page article in the Sunday edition of the San Jose Mercury News front that depicted a bleak assessment of the game's development in the region. Moore noted that the story was based on interviews with 15 former Fremont players who won a national title in July 1980, at a time when there was heady talk the nation was on the brink of a soccer revolution.

Despite the story's bleak tone - and a memorable quote about soccer not being "as American as apple pie"- Moore questioned if the article was overly harsh. Moore noted that eight of the 15 former players were still involved in the game on some level. He wondered if more than half a former Pop Warner football team from the same era would have more than half its former players still involved in the sport.

Earthquake fans who wonder about the low attendance might be heartened at how optimistic Moore can be in such circumstances. Despite the damning tone of the article, Moore found something positive for his sport about it.

"The good news is the article was on the front page," he said.



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DC United announced today that the club has claimed Roy Lassiter off of waivers from the Kansas City Wizards. Lassiter is Major League Soccer's all-time leading scorer with 88 goals and 35 assists for a total of 211 points. He is second in game-winning goals (19) and third in shots on goal (234).

D.C. United Claims Roy Lassiter Off Of Waivers

Lassiter has three of the top 12 highest scoring seasons in MLS history: 58 points in 1996 (1st), 47 points in 1999 (9th) and 44 points in 1998 (12th). He will be available for selection during tomorrow night's game at RFK Stadium against the Colorado Rapids.

"With the acquisition of Roy Lassiter, we are adding depth at the forward position," said United Technical Director Dave Kasper. "Roy is a proven goal scorer in this league and has seen tremendous success with D.C. United in the past. We anticipate a quick transition, for him, into our club."

Lassiter is no stranger to the Nation's Capital. In 1998,

Lassiter jump-started D.C. United's attack after being acquired from the Tampa Bay Mutiny in a trade for Roy Wegerle on April 27. He ended the 1998 season as the club's leading goal scorer with 18 tallies in 25 league games. The following year, Lassiter was United's leading scorer with 18 goals and 11 assists (47 points) during the regular season and helped the Black-and-Red capture MLS Cup '99.

During his seven-year MLS career, Lassiter has played for Tampa Bay (1996-98), D.C. United (1998-99), Miami (2000) and Kansas City (2001). The product of North Carolina State University was the winner of the MLS Golden

Boot in 1996 as the league's leading scorer with 27 goals in 30 league matches. Last season, Lassiter tallied seven goals for Kansas City in 23 matches. Lassiter appeared in two games (one start) for the Wizards this year, going scoreless in 61 minutes of action. He has scored four goals in 29 international appearances with the United States national team.

Back in D.C., Lassiter will reunite with former strike partner Jaime Moreno. In 1998, the two combined for 34 of United's 62 league goals and 45 of 82 in all competitions. The high scoring duo failed to hit the back of the net in just five out of 20 league matches.



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August 21
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check clears the bank on time rather than winning and losing. I'm not sure where the lack of effort stems from, but it's not new to the franchise, and it's time to figure out why this issue keeps coming up.

Some have suggested that the team was so upset with their head coach that they "tanked" the last two games in an attempt to force a coaching change. I don't believe that's the case, but if it is, then the problems here are even worse than I think they are, and there will need to be another purge next winter.

I don't envy Steve Nicol, or whoever gets this job on a permanent basis. While it's attractive because the organization possesses a talented roster and a potentially rabid fan base, it certainly has its pitfalls. Fan loyalty continues to erode at an alarmingly rapid rate, and that roster full of talented players doesn't seem to be able to mesh together in a way that will allow a number of the key individuals to play to their strengths. And while I wish Steve Nicol luck, I have serious doubts as to whether or not there's one easy cure for what truly ails this team.

I can't shake the feeling that three months from now, we'll realize that Fernando Clavijo was not the problem in Foxboro.

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