



**UPCOMING GAMES & EVENTS**

- **5/31 2:00 pm—**  
**FCD @ Chicago**  
**Watching Party at**  
**Trinity Hall**
- **6/7 2:00 pm—**  
**FCD v San Jose**  
**Tailgate in Gold**  
**Parking Lot in**  
**front of Dr Pink**  
**Field**
- **6/10 7:30 pm—**  
**FCD v**  
**CS Herediano**  
**Tailgate in Gold**  
**Parking Lot in**  
**front of Dr Pink**  
**Field**

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## Match Report: FCD 1 - 1 L.A. Galaxy

By Ryan Whitehead (futurechamp921)



Kovalenko's thug like tactics include body slamming Saragosa. (Photo by Matthew Visinsky)

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May I walked into my home away from home of PHP with high hopes for both the crawfish, which I managed to dive into faster than Carlos Ruiz on a break away, and the game between my beloved Hoops and the L.A. Galaxy. My hopes were raised further as an hour before the scheduled kick off I was treated to the view of GK Josh Lambo and a FCD trainer standing alone in the pouring rain practicing midrange saves. The two would soon after be joined by starting keeper Ray Burse for his own pregame warm up. While this in itself may not sound like something worth noting, the determination in both GK's eyes would be a strong indicator of what would come.

I knew from the first minute of the match that it would be another physical battle against The Gal's as Kovalenko began his usual thug like tactics as soon as he heard the ref's whistle blow. Then in the third minute I began to feel nauseated as the normally reliable captain Pablo Ricchetti, now playing center back in our 3-5-2 formation, was unable to settle the ball on a blocked pass to Lewis which would ultimately lead to a Donovan goal.

Landcakes' goal would be followed by more physical play, in large part due to the 1<sup>st</sup> time starter in Brek Shea whose hustle on the ball was the only bright spot for Dallas at the start of the match. At one point Shea hustled so hard that he ran into, and almost flipped over, the advertisement boards behind the L.A. Goal.

As the first 26 minutes went by I found myself expecting FC Dallas' first ever riot as the game was riddled with the Red Stripes' inability to maintain possession or communicate, and the usual horrific one sided calls from the referee. It was then that the extremely under performing Saragosa was given a well deserved red card for shoving Lewis in the back of the head that the game changed.

Following Saragosa's departure Dallas seemed to find a new energy as they began to play as a team and not just 11 players. This energy would result in a more solid back line, the sudden ability to complete passes, and a beautiful goal headed in by Moor via a trademark van den Bergh cross.

The team would leave the pitch at half time a man down but now level on goals. At the end of half time I was made aware of 2 things. First that I'm apparently the only Infernite that doesn't "truffle shuffle". And the more important being that coach Schellas Hyndman has learned in the past few weeks how to make necessary changes at the half, bringing in the young "Tom" Sanchez for Rocha, who so far this season has seemed indecisive in whether he wants to be phenomenal or a flop, and the subbing of Shea for Anthony Wallace, switching the team to a 4-4-1.

The second half would get even better for Dallas as they played more and more like a unit, with the only visible problems being young Wallace's tendency to drift more into a holding mid role instead of a LB, and the further dimming star of Dallas: Kenny Cooper. Throughout the second half I would have flashbacks to the days of "El Pescadito" as Cooper left his first half mentality of calling for through passes and over the top balls to run onto, both of which were never truly delivered to him, in favor of flopping to the ground in a Ruiz like fashion. Dallas would gain an additional boost as VDB was given a much needed rest by the bringing on of Eric Avila who would occupy the right wing while switching "Tom" to the left. This new squad would play so well in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half that even though they were a man down, and for the last 4 minutes due to the injury of Bruno Guarda, 2 men down, they would be able to hold the goal hungry Galaxy to a 1 all draw.

The end of the game left me feeling a range of mixed emotions. On the bright side I saw the young squad members play with heart and bite. Most notably was the emergence of Ray Burse as an authority figure. In a single week Burse went from a talented kid who could stop some shots to a confident and capable keeper who's not afraid to command his back line. On the much dimmer side Cooper has yet to score in over a month and his overall play has dropped quite a bit recently, and with no help coming from "The Gnat" I have to question just how long this drought will continue. My biggest suggestion to Hyndman would be to bench the veterans who have been failing to produce and give the youth the franchise has invested so heavily in a real shot. I'd preferably like to see a flat 4-4-2 line up in next weeks game against Chicago with Sanchez, McCarty, and Avila making returns to the midfield. And for a wild option how about we trade the proven underachiever of Saragosa and a couple of our many draft picks for Huckerby?



RayJ makes a save under pressure. (Photo by Matthew Visinsky)

# Match Report: FCD 1 - 1 Seattle

By Mark Stern (Monkey\_Hooligan)



Ricchetti battles for a header.  
(Photo by Matthew Visinsky)

I was at the Texas Rangers game prior to this match and during the two-hour delay, I walked around the stadium and was amazed at how many people had never heard of FC Dallas. I talked it up and said there was a game today and all that stuff. I left in the fourth inning to make sure I got to the FCD match on time and sure enough, I was walking past the gates when the whistle blew for the start of the game. The sound of the Inferno filled the stadium and I was hit with the passion and started chanting along while walking to my seat.

FC Dallas returned home after a five-game road series to take on the Seattle Sounders FC in front of an announced crowd of 8,247 fans, many wearing Drew Carey glasses. Who knows why the front office was doing a Seattle promo, but I don't like half the things the FO does. The Hoops started the game with Ray Burse, Drew Moor, George John, Steve Purdy, Marcelo Saragosa, Pablo Ricchetti, Dave van den Burgh, Andre Rocha, David Ferreira, Jeff Cunningham, and Kenny Cooper. Team captain Ricchetti returned to start in the defensive midfielder position after sitting out the previous game as a result of a right ankle injury.

Seattle controlled the pitch for the first 25 minutes or so. The game stayed at 0-0 due to great stops by Moor, Ricchetti and Burse. In the 18<sup>th</sup> minute, Burse came off his line -- first mistake -- Saragosa could not clear while guarding John Kennedy Hurtado, and then Kennedy's flick went over Burse and into the net, which made it 1-0 for Seattle.

With only one shot for FCD compared to about seven for the Sounders early on, we needed a change. I was glad to see Brek Shea come in for Cunningham in the 24<sup>th</sup> minute, but worried about the hip injury to Cunningham. Shea lit a fire under Dallas and the game changed with his substitution. Then, in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute, I noticed John John, who, in his first year he is looking great on the back line, fall to the ground grabbing his right hammy...and by the way he was acting, I knew he was hurt. Daniel Torres was subbed in.

The most fun moment of the game for me was about in the thirtieth minute (and you hear it on TV) when the Inferno started to chant "NO Means NO" toward Fredy Montero. My heart dropped in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute when Cooper missed a shot when I thought he had more time. On the other side, Brad Evans had another chip that hit the post before being cleared by Torres. Up to this point, El Matador were in their "Silent Protest" mode, but you could see the passion for the players whenever a play happened. With two minutes of stoppage time, the boys pushed up and were looking for a goal and sure enough, Saragosa caught Ricchetti's rebound, sent it into the box right to Rocha who sent a clean volley to the far post right past Keller. El Matador came alive at this point and the ref blew his whistle for the half.



Guarda slides in hard on Montero.  
(Photo by Matthew Visinsky)

During the halftime, I was asked to make a "Don't Drink and Drive" commercial for FCD...who knows why they asked me, but hey a few others were asked so we did it.

At the start of the second half, Bruno Guarda was subbed in for Purdy and FCD moved to a 3-5-2 formation due to injuries to Purdy and John. The only event that really stood out to me in the second half was the "Where's the Beer Man?" chant. FCD and Seattle went back and forth, but Burse was able to shut down his goal and get "Man of the Match". We chanted until all the players left the field and went back to tailgate to have a drink, relax and wait until traffic left. While trying to relax and have a good time, some Freddie Ljungberg supporters came by and started talking trash. Now I am sorry, but if a player does not play due to a headache...I would have to question him. Then trash talking was settled and all was well.

## 2009 Travel 'Til I Die Mileage Contest

Here are the fans who have traveled the most miles to watch FC Dallas games this year, as of 23 May 2009.

If you would like to participate in the contest, go to the Inferno forums to read the rules at <http://www.the-inferno.net/forum/index.php?topic=8425.0>

Prizes at the end of the year for the top three travelers:

- First place: A Snuggie
- Second place: A package of Shamwows
- Third place: A set of steak knives

Rank	Name	Home		Road		Total Miles
		Games	Miles	Games	Miles	
1	Warren A.	4	284	2	4181	4465
2	Greg C.	5	283	1	2718	3001
3	Omar S.	1	1211	1	1757	2968
4	Brenda B.	7	209	2	1799	2007
5	Jon B.	6	179	2	1799	1978
6	Dana C.	6	517	1	1318	1835
7	soccer13	3	1569	0	0	1569
8	Adelaide A.	6	544	1	637	1181
9	Joey M.	4	406	1	647	1052
10	Travis G.	4	331	1	629	960

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# **BURN**ing Issue



After last issue's hiatus, the Burning Issue question is back. **Recently there's been a lot of discussion on whether it's appropriate to protest the coaching and management before, during and after the game. Do you think Inferno should protest? If so, when is the appropriate time and how should it be done?**

Just send your opinions on the subject of the week to [burningissue@the-inferno.net](mailto:burningissue@the-inferno.net), and we'll print our favorite responses. Alternatively, you can just post your opinion in the Burning Issue forum thread at <http://www.the-inferno.net/forum/index.php?topic=8665.0>.

## 2009 Dallas 'Til I Die Scarves

The scarves have arrived! If you've already ordered your 2009 Dallas 'Til I Die scarf, your first opportunity to pick yours up is at the FCD @ Chicago watching party at Trinity Hall Pub on Sunday, May 31st.

If you haven't ordered your scarf, we still have them available for purchase. Scarves for Inferno members are \$20. Non-members may purchase the scarf for \$25.

## FC Dallas and USMNT Watching Parties at Trinity Hall



**Sunday, May 31**  
**FCD @ Chicago Fire**  
 2:00pm kickoff

Trinity Hall @  
 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas



**Wednesday, June 3**  
**USA v Costa Rica WCQ**  
 9:00 pm kickoff

**Saturday, June 6**  
**USA v Honduras WCQ**  
 7:00 pm kickoff

It's crunch time in the Brimstone Cup as FCD looks to overturn the 3-1 loss in the home opener in order to make sure the cup returns to Dallas for the 6th time in a row. VP "Speedbump" Joey will be heading to Chicago with the Cup - here's hoping it returns with him.

For those unable to join him in the Windy City, the official FC Dallas and Inferno watching party will be at Trinity Hall. Don't forget you can use the DART Light Rail at Mockingbird Station if you want to be able to enjoy a beer or two.

**Door raffle prizes include a trip to the FCD @ Seattle game on October 24th! Trip includes airfare, transportation, and hotel accommodations.**



**Trinity Hall**  
 5321 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas

The United States, current leaders of CONCACAF Hexagonal qualifying for World Cup 2010, have a double header of qualifying matches this coming week. First up is a visit to second placed Costa Rica in San Jose, CR, before the US return home to face Honduras in Chicago.

Trinity Hall will be hosting the official watching parties for both the American Outlaws and Sam's Army.



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**To get your Scorched Earth tickets, call: Kevin Lindstrom (214) 705-6748**



# Alumni Game Update

As many of you are season ticket holders, by now you will likely have already received the email below from FCD's Ambassador of Fun, Bobby Rhine, giving more details on the Dallas Alumni game which will take place on Saturday June 13th, prior to the second leg of the Battle for the Cannon with Houston Dynamo. Just in case you haven't received the information yet, we thought we'd print it here:

Dear Season Ticket Holder,

After retiring from the field last season, I moved into a new role with the FC Dallas.

Over the last several weeks I have been in constant contact with many of the greats that have represented Dallas Professional Soccer. Through my conversations, and the backing of the FC Dallas Front Office, we are excited to announce the Dallas Soccer Tribute Match, to be played on Saturday, June 13, prior to the FC Dallas game against interstate rival Houston Dynamos.

This match will consist of former professional players from the Dallas Tornado (NASL), Dallas Sidekicks (MISL), and Dallas Burn/ FC Dallas (MLS). Many of these former players remain in the DFW area after their playing days were done, and continue to shape the future of soccer in North Texas today.

The game will kickoff at 5:15 and will consist of two 25 minute halves. You can expect to see players like Zequinha, and Bobby Moffatt from the Dallas Tornados. Guys like David Doyle and Terry Woodberry will be representing the Dallas Sidekicks. You will see Jorge "Zarco" Rodriguez, Oscar Pareja, Chad Deering, and Richard Farrer from the Dallas Burn/ FC Dallas. These are just a few of the names that will be playing in the Dallas Soccer Tribute Match, but many more will be in attendance.

A limited-edition jersey will be worn for the event, combining the logo you see here with all four professional team logos represented. In addition, the Alumni will be available for autographs and pictures throughout the duration of the Texas Derby. FC Dallas would like to honor their efforts at halftime that evening as well.

A press release will be issued later today with this information, but we wanted you to know about it beforehand. Details of the event can be followed on FCDallas.com.

I invite you to come cheer on the men that have shaped soccer in North Texas and beyond. Please make plans to join me in celebrating this special event.

Sincerely,

Bobby Rhine  
 Manager of Community Development



# Inferno Tailgates



Whether you sit in Section 132 or not, you're always welcome to swing by Inferno's pre- and post-game tailgates. We'll be on the grassy area in front of Dr Pink Field in the Gold Lot every home game at least 2 hours before kickoff, so bring a beer and a friend and come join the festivities!

Infernites enjoying the sun before the rain-storms hit. (Photo by Oscar Bautista)