



**UPCOMING
GAMES &
EVENTS**

- 9/19 7:30 pm —
FCD at KC Wizards
- 9/26 7:30 pm —
FCD v Real Salt Lake
- 9/30 6:00 pm —
FCD v New England
(at the Cotton Bowl)
- 10/7 9:00 pm —
FCD at San Jose
- 10/17 7:30 pm —
FCD v Colorado Rapids
(Watch this space for tailgate info)
- 10/24 9:30 pm —
FCD at Seattle Sounders

Tailgates

Join us in the Gold Parking Lot in front of Dr. Pink Field before and after any home game...

Watching Parties

When we can't travel to support the team, you'll find us watching the game at Trinity Hall Pub in Dallas.

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Inferno Greet FCD Players

By Brenda Beard (GraceTX)

On Sunday, September 14th, eleven Inferno members went to DFW airport to welcome back FCD players and coaches after their win against the LA Galaxy on Saturday night.

The players were surprised and amused to see us there singing as they entered the baggage claim area. Coach Hyndman brought over the new players—Ugo Ihemelu, Jair Benitez, Marvin Chavez, and Daniel Hernandez. When asked about the altercation with Beckham after the game, Hernandez replied that he thought he “messed up Beckham’s manicure.” This comment was obviously met with laughter and approval.

Read about the FCD v LA Galaxy game on page 2 of this newsletter.



Inferno members welcoming back Jeff Cunningham, Dario Sala and the rest of the team. (Photos by Brenda Beard)

Toys for Sick Kids

On September 26th, FC Dallas will be conducting a toy drive for sick children. All toys collected will be delivered by FC Dallas players and staff to children in DFW area hospitals.

Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy to the September 26th game for this worthwhile cause.

Inferno and El Matador— Move to Sections 120/121!

The Inferno and El Matador will be moving to Sections 120 and 121 next year. In order to prepare for 2010, we're moving early and will be in these sections for the remaining home games in 2009.

For those with tickets in Section 132 or 116, come join us in our new home and don't forget to get your free beer!

Kansas City Road Trip



Twenty or so members of Inferno and El Matador will be traveling to Kansas City to cheer our team on to victory. For anyone who still wants to go, there is still time to join us for the FCD @ KC Wizards game on Saturday, September 19th.

If you are interested in going to KC and adding approximately 1,100 miles to your Travel 'Til I Die total, please go to the KC Road trip thread on the Inferno forums at:

<http://www.the-inferno.net/forum/index.php?topic=8685.0>

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Village West
1931 Prairie Crossing/Parallel
Kansas City, KS 66111
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FC Dallas Watching Party



Saturday, September 19th
FCD @ KC Wizards
7:30 pm kickoff

Trinity Hall
321 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas

For those unable to make the long trip to Kansas City for this game, Trinity Hall is the official watching party location for FC Dallas and the Inferno. Join us as we support the red stripes as they take on the Kansas City Wizards who will try to redeem themselves after the 6-0 trouncing they took at Pizza Hut Park in August.

FCD 6 - 3 LA Galaxy: They Think it's All Over. It Isn't Yet.

By Jon Beard (Rex Kramer)

For the first time this season, I was neither at the game in person nor watching it at Trinity Hall with other fans – a nasty chest cough that had been building since about an hour before leaving work on Friday left me feeling too puny to venture out into the rain, so I was left watching from the comfort of my couch with nothing but the cats and some Panda Express for company. Honestly, I wouldn't have had it any other way.

Sure it would have been nice to bitch at half time about letting a two goal lead slip AGAIN, and would have been even better to celebrate as for once the opposition imploded in the second half, but actually getting to listen to Dave Dir and Bobby Rhine commentate on a game that finally saw real glimpses of the monster that Schellas Hyndman has been trying to unleash all season was a rare treat. Poor Bobby and Dave, as well as Brad Sham, have had to endure the same poor play all season as we have, so getting to hear them finally talk about Dallas in the same vein as if they were one of Ruud Gullit's (pre-MLS) teams playing Sexy Football was a lot of fun. Particularly when Bobby's Keys to LA's Game came up saying they needed to score first, roughly two minutes after Dave van den Bergh banged in the game's opener from a free kick just outside the box.

Just minutes earlier, Jeff Cunningham had missed what was easily the best chance of the game, flubbing the ball in the side-netting after beating Gregg Berhalter for pace and taking the ball around the onrushing Donovan Ricketts. "Oh shit," I'd have said, if anyone besides the cat had been listening, "Here we go again." And again, as last man Berhalter hacked Cunningham down outside the box and mysteriously failed to draw a red card. I had to wonder if USSF's decision that Daniel Torres' red last week was undeserved was in referee Hilario Grajeda's mind, as Bobby Rhine agreed with me on the foul.

Van den Bergh's resulting free kick hit the wall and Dax McCarty's reflex shot on the rebound was blocked by David Beckham. But lo, the Soccer Gods for once did smile on lowly FC Dallas – Grajeda whistled for a handball on Beckham, even though it didn't need a replay to show that his arm was down and therefore clearly ball to hand. As the wall crept forward, van den Bergh aimed for the gap between Beckham and AJ DeLaGarza, the ball clipped DeLaGarza's heel enough to wrongfoot Ricketts, and Dallas were on their way.

Minutes later, Cunningham missed another sitter, but in the 25th minute he finally got his name on the scoresheet. A long ball forward from Atiba Harris found Cunningham splitting the two centerbacks, he somehow managed to take the ball down with his left foot around head height and slid it into the corner past Ricketts.

After that, LA decided to play, and the FC Dallas that we know and hate made an appearance. A quick free kick found the defense napping and Dario Sala parried DeLaGarza's shot straight into the face of Jair Benitez. Of course the Soccer Gods have a wicked sense of humor, so into the goal it rolled and FCD had yet another own goal to their names. Shortly before halftime, the game was tied as Sala parried a Kirovski shot straight in the path of an unmarked DeLaGarza and the rookie made no mistake from the top of the box. And thus an exciting half of end-to-end attacking soccer that could have seen FCD score 4 or 5 times ended, as it so often has this season, in frustration.

I came back into the game roughly 10 minutes into the second half, after using my makeshift FC Dallas team in PES 2009 to show how it's done, with Roque Santa Cruz scoring 5 in a 10-0 drubbing of Sevilla (I think I may need to up the difficulty level). Apparently my return saw a change in FCD's fortunes too, as a reported spell of constant pressure from LA was ended and Dallas started to hold the ball up very well.

I've beaten down on Schellas Hyndman a lot in Foxtrot Charlie Delta, as well as on TIDN, BigSoccer, the Official Blog and Facebook, but it's time to give credit where credit's due. The introduction of one new signing, Daniel Hernandez, for another, Marvin Chavez, in one of Schellas Hyndman's now infamous halftime substitutions, turned out to be a genius move. There, I said it, are you happy now @schellasisagod?

Hernandez's move into the DM position not only allowed Dax to mark Beckham out of vast periods of the game, it also gave him the opportunity to frequently join the attack, and it finally paid off in the 70th minute. David Ferreira, who had been a thorn in the side of the LA midfield all game, found Cunningham who took the ball out to the wing. Once again, Berhalter was beaten for pace as Cunningham moved to the endline, spotted Dax's unmarked run into the box and a simple tap into the roof of the net gave Dallas the lead once more.

From there, the floodgates were opened. A Dax corner was cleared as far as Hernandez and he poked the ball back to the Ginger Ninja, who put a perfectly weighted ball into the box at a perfect height for a Harris diving header, his first goal in Hoops. It reminded me of one of my favorite FCD goals, from the 2007 home game against Columbus, when Marcelo Saragosa put a stunningly good cross in, with Carlos Ruiz timing his run off the defense exactly right to head home. As soon as the cross was played, you just knew the ball was going to end up in the back of the net. Of course Saragosa got himself sent off directly after the following kickoff in that game, but thankfully Dax only breaks out the red mist in meaningless friendlies, so it was all good.

A minute later, it was 5 goals from 5 different players, as Cunningham played a nice one-touch layoff to Ferreira, Berhalter was torched for the 5th or 6th time that night, and the Gnat rolled it under Ricketts' body. Dave and Bobby were left practically speechless for a second or two, as was I (though it's not like anyone would have replied to me), though they would have been forgiven for channeling Kenneth Wolstenholme's famous line from the 1966 World Cup Final.

Of course it wasn't all over, at least certainly not in Jeff Cunningham's eyes. Harris split the defense with a through ball to the feet of substitute Brek Shea, and in an incredibly unselfish, and frankly brilliant, move, Shea passed up the opportunity to torch through Berhalter again to play a ball in front of a wide open Cunningham. A one-timed rocket from the right boot past Ricketts and it was 6-2.

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FCD v LA continued...

It was only a pity that that was likely Brek's last opportunity to score a goal in a Dallas jersey - with the U-20 World Cup starting this week, he's surely bound for bigger and better things. Incidentally, despite letting in 6 goals on the night, I don't think Ricketts had that bad a game - as I'm sure Ray Burse will tell you (off the record, at least), when you're badly let down by a defense that just can't deal with pace, there's just not a whole lot you can do.

Ok, I praised Hyndman earlier, now I get to lambast him a little again - at no point, in no game do you ever, EVER, make a substitution when you're defending a corner, especially when it's the tallest guy on the pitch for the more average height Blake Wagner, and especially, ESPECIALLY not when it's freaking David Beckham taking said corner. I can't lay any blame on Blake for being beaten to the header for LA's 3rd because he shouldn't have been put in that position to start with. Still, it was Hyndman's one mistake in one of his best coached matches as FCD Head Coach, and seeing as it didn't change the result, I'm honestly not nearly as mad as those capital letters make it seem. Just make sure you don't do it again please Schellas.



Beckham throttles Hernandez (AP photo)

Despite not being a friendly against CONCACAF opposition, all that was left was the fighting. No red cards this time, though Donovan deserved at least a yellow for the clip on Ferreira's heels that kicked it all off, as perhaps did Beckham, after wrapping his hand around Hernandez's throat after he chose to stand up for his new teammate. Still, in Hernandez's own words, his throat is tough enough that it messed up Beckham's manicure. (Note: This was written prior to the emergence of more incriminating photo evidence (left) - Beckham should be fined and suspended for at least two games for his actions, especially as he was only just back from a previous red card suspension.)

Still there remains that slim chance of making the playoffs - sportsclubstats.com puts it at 1.6%, and even if the club can go 6-0-0, playoffs aren't guaranteed. Even so, while it was all over in the 119th minute at Wembley, arguing over Russian linesmen aside, there's still just enough time on the clock for FCD to pull off a miracle. I for one will gladly shake Hyndman's hand should he pull it off. Though I probably won't let him kick me in the nuts...

Clark Hunt/West Ham Rumors: A Hammer Responds

By Wayne McMullen (HammerHead)



The Boleyn... great beer and great memories.

Doc Martin Boots, Fred Perry Shirts and my old Granddad sneaking me sips of lager at the Boleyn Tavern on the corner of Green St & Barking Rd. That's what my first football memories are of West Ham United. West Ham United, also known as The Irons or Hammers, were formed in 1895 and have a colorful history. The academy of football has populated many England squads over the years and two of it's most beloved players helped England win their one and only World Cup in 1966.

Ahhhhh my first West Ham match. I was only 7 years old and I can't even remember who we played. I do remember coming home with blood all over my brand new school rain coat. My Mum saw me and went ballistic. "What on Earth happened to you and where the hell have you been?" she shouted at me. "Granddad took me to see the Hammers!" I replied enthusiastically. "I wanna have a word with Granddad, so you go up to your room," said Mum, with her teeth clenched.

I wasn't hurt and the blood on my new tan rain coat wasn't mine. You see after the match Granddad and a few of his mates decided to have a bit of a discussion with some opposing team supporters. He grabbed me by the collar of my coat and told me to... "Hang on to my leg and don't let go... no matter what!" Maybe the reason why I can't remember who West Ham played that day was because my memory will always be filled with me hanging on for dear life and him throwing punches at every opposing supporter he could get within arm's reach of. Scary to a 7 year old, but I couldn't wait to get old enough to be just like my Granddad! But I can hear all you Arsenal, Chelsea, and Man U supporters saying what does this have to do with our glorious FCD?

Well if you are to believe what the tabloid press in Britain is saying, there is a chap familiar to us all who might be eyeing my team in East London. Now anyone who sports red and white on match day no doubt has their own views about Clark Hunt. So what do some of the more fanatical supporters of West Ham think about this possible purchase? I have been receiving emails from East London lately that have proved quite eye opening to me.

First a text message from one of my oldest and best friends from West Ham. Flobber, as we call him, sent me a short question, "Watcha Whiskers! Who the f**k is Clark Hunt?" Let me interject by saying that Londoners have an affinity for stupid nicknames for each other. Flobber was so named for his ability to spit accurately at referees and visiting players from just about any part of the Bobby Moore Stand at Upton Park. Very impressive to see in person, but sometimes a little messy if you didn't get out of his way (Please don't try this at PHP... seriously, please don't!). Whiskers was the name my Grandfather gave me 'cos I was born Christmas Day and Santa has whiskers.

Now I love FC Dallas, but I honestly wanted to puke when I had heard earlier in the day that Hunt was rumored to be buying West Ham. Flobber was a surprised by my reaction as he was soooooo excited that a "Rich Yank" was gonna plough tons of "dosh" (money) into the Claret and Blue. The next couple of hours was filled with crazy texting and eventually emails back and forth. I wish I could just show you the emails, but on review, there is so much cockney slang and cursing in them that it might as well be in Russian with an R rating!

Finally I got an email from a very old pal and most notorious supporter... Winkle (so called because he worked on a seafood stall selling winkles, a type of sea snail that we eat a lot of in London). Seems that my emails had been forwarded from one friend to another and finally ended up in the inbox of a certifiable nutcase! Winkle was the kind of guy you wanted nearby on a visit to Spur's White Hart Lane or the Den at Millwall. He always found me quite funny, which was handy since I was never much of a fighter. I can recall a couple times where opposing supporters were chasing me and Flobber through the streets of London and he came out of nowhere to "Take care of business!" Winkle didn't like it much when the Icelanders bought West Ham a few years back. In fact I can only remember him being happy when we won a match. When we lost? Well, that was a good time to avoid him. He said that "Clark Kent better not mess with HIS boyz!"

I sure hope Hunt's rumored buyout of West Ham is nothing more than English tabloid gossip. Perhaps he would be better off buying Newcastle United or better still, keep his interest this side of the Atlantic and concentrate more on helping FCD win the trophy that bears his Father's name. Our FCD is showing some great performances of late and deserves the backing of an owner who is willing to throw his weight behind them. So please Mr. Clark, think twice before trading in red & white hoops for claret & blue. Please think twice!

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FCD 2 - 2 DC United: Le Sigh

By Gina Zippilli (Gina)

FC Dallas and I are totally in a fight. We've had our rough patches in the past- as all relationships do- but none like this. Looking back on it, signs of trouble started late last year. We missed the playoffs.

The whole playoffs thing kind of bugged me, so we decided to call it quits for a little while and take a break. In March, we decided we couldn't be apart and got back together, but things haven't been the same.

I was excited to be involved with FCD again, but I don't think it felt the same. First, it almost drove our friend Dax away. Then, we lost to both Chicago and Chivas in the same month. Summer was by far the worst; we would fight, I would threaten not to renew my season tickets, and FCD would promise things would get better. Things never got better; we turned a 2-0 lead into a 4-2 loss in Salt Lake City, then lost to New York, a team who had only won two games prior to playing us. FC Dallas started spending more time with friends from SMU, and in the meantime managed to drive away two of our closest friends, Drew and Kenny.

Fast forward to now, and while we worked out some of our differences with a 6-0 win over Kansas City, things are still very much the same. In last Saturday's match against D.C. United, with football lines strewn across the field, Dallas took the lead and gave it up. Twice.


I don't want to sound too critical, though. That night, Dallas had quite a few good moments- such as Jeff Cunningham chipping DC's keeper to score the first goal in the 17th minute, or Dario Sala's diving save just before halftime.

Oh, there was free beer involved, too. Free beer is never a bad thing.

I figured based on past experience, the good moments would stop after halftime. But I was pleasantly surprised. David Ferreira scored a beautiful goal that he chested down before volleying into the net in the 49th minute.

Then, right when we didn't think the game could get any better, the referee pulled a foul out of his- well- I don't think I can say that in the newsletter- and called a PK for DC while simultaneously red-carding Daniel Torres. DC tied it up again, courtesy of the ref, and stole two of those three points we wanted so badly.

So there you have it, yet another game we could've won but didn't. Do you see why FC Dallas and I are totally in a fight? Soccer can be a real bastard sometimes. ;-D



FC DALLAS FOUNDATION
CASINO NIGHT

On Saturday October 3rd, the FC Dallas Foundation will be holding the 4th annual Casino Night at Pizza Hut Park. Join players, coaches, fans and assorted high rollers for roulette, blackjack, craps and more. Those of us who have been to the event in previous years can attest that it's a great evening. Don't forget, Inferno members get an almost 50% discount on ticket prices! If you are an Inferno member and didn't already receive the email with the order form, make sure you give Kevin Lindstrom a call at 214-705-6748.

FCD vs Colorado - Season Ending 24 Hr Tailgate?

Discussions are underway to end the season they way it began. No, not with a home loss to Chicago, but with a repeat of the previous night and day's 24 hour tailgate. We're looking into doing something a little different this time around though. Watch this space or TIDN for more information - this may well be one all-nighter you want to stick around for.

Season Ticket Holder Appreciation Night

Foxtrot Charlie Delta editor, Warren Abao, had a chance to interview several players during the Season Ticket Holder Appreciation Night on September 2nd. During the event, FCD players interacted with fans in a variety of ways - karaoke, soccer tennis, ping pong, Guitar Hero, and FIFA 2008.



Peri hams up the karaoke with Janice.
(Photo by Jon Beard)

Peri Marosevic (Karaoke)

Foxtrot Charlie Delta: So you're here at the karaoke station. What's your favorite song out of all the songs on this list here?

Peri Marosevic: I don't know yet. We've been going through some different things. Bring It Back, N'Sync, things like that. I'm probably going to say, right now at the moment the best group we got going on is N'Sync...because we know the words. I hate to admit that, but I do know the words to the songs. We're just trying to have a good time. We're going to try to get these fans to come sing with us. Sometimes we have to drag them in to sing with us.

FCD: Got any gangster rap in there?

PM: We looked through it and there's not. We've got some disco going on. We've got some country going on. We've got a bunch of variety to try to please our fans that we have here.

FCD: So of you four here, which one of you is the best singer or is the best singer not in this group here?

PM: The best singer is definitely amongst us. I want to say it's George John. He's got that look. He's got that boyish boy-band thing going for him so hopefully we can get him to show us his potential.

FCD: So, you're okay with singing some a cappella, right? One of the other Inferno members checked and saw that Bohemian Rhapsody is not in there. Is it okay if later on if you sing that even if it's not there?

PM: Oh yeah. Oh yeah, no problem. If anyone touches that, we'll improvise and we'll come together and put it together.

FCD: Is it okay if we come back here later and teach you all the bad Houston songs?

PM: *laughs* You guys can teach us what you want. We'll have a good night tonight. We'll learn everything if you guys have something for us. You guys want us to sing, you sing it with us and we'll sing it together.

FCD: Do you want the censored versions or uncensored versions?

PM: Well, we do have some children here so I want to say the censored ones.



Elizabeth, aka Killer, with Dario.
(Photo by Ken Berggren)

Dario Sala (Ping Pong)

Foxtrot Charlie Delta: First of all, it's good to see you back. How has it been? How did it feel when you were out injured waiting to get back onto the field?

Dario Sala: I was anxious...really excited to come back. That's the reason I get injured again is because I come back early after 4 weeks the first time I get injured. Then the meniscus. So now I take my time, but I think I come back strong against Kansas and Houston. Unfortunately, we didn't get any points away. I'm really excited to play...you know this is the only team I would play for.

FCD: That's a good answer.

DS: I'm serious. Today, we were talking to the players because you know, they always want to go other places. I was telling my wife, the day I don't play for FC Dallas is the end of my soccer career and I'm happy with that.

FCD: We're happy just to see you back on the field. Was this toughest injury you've ever had?

DS: Definitely. I never missed more than 3 or 4 games for a minor injury, but this time it was really stressful for me and my family. And, especially to get the confidence back to Schellas who trusts me. So you know that the ownership they've been happy with me and I want to give back and the kind of relationship since I've come here. They've embraced me and I've embraced the club. I just love Dallas. We always have a battle against Houston and I enjoyed coming back and beating Houston here. It was wonderful for me. It was the only real happiness or satisfaction I have because as a goalkeeper, you don't really enjoy the game. It's serious. So, the biggest satisfaction I had this year was to beat Houston. I hope...to get into the playoffs that would be the best relief I'll have this season so keep your fingers crossed.

FCD: So are you still the defending champion (at Ping Pong) here?

DS: Exactly. Exactly. Exactly. I'm also the #1 at golf because many players are no longer here and they used to play golf with me. Now I'm the defending champion of ping pong and golf.

FCD: We need an all around athlete to improve the athleticism of the squad.

Atiba Harris (FIFA 2008)

Foxtrot Charlie Delta: First off, welcome to Dallas. Is this the first time you've lived in Dallas or have you lived here before?

Atiba Harris: It's my first time living in Dallas

FCD: Do you have your own place or are you rooming with some of your teammates?

AH: No, my fiancée and I live together.

FCD: So you definitely don't want Brek in the same living area with you. So where did you play previously?

AH: Chivas, and Salt Lake of course. I played in Cadiz in the second division in Spain before I came to MLS.

FCD: Now that you've moved here, have you and your fiancée enjoyed the nightlife around here? I know there's so many things to do in Frisco.

AH: The nightlife? Not so much *laughs*. It's much different than LA, there's not much going on when it comes to nightlife, but I'm loving it here, it's getting cooler finally.

FCD: Yeah, it's finally been under 100, right?

AH: When I got it here, I was like "oh my God", the heat was killing me even though I'm from the Caribbean we get at least a breeze from the ocean.

FCD: Are you saying you don't like the hot breeze we get out here that makes you feel like you're in a convection oven?

AH: It made me feel like I was in the desert when I first got here, but as time went by I got used to it.

FCD: I noticed you're sitting back here at the FIFA 08 table while he ["Tom" Sanchez] is playing, does that mean you've already won your game and you're in the winner's bracket waiting for someone from the losers bracket?

AH: Tom is hogging the controls so I just gotta sit back and watch him.

FCD: I see you guys haven't taken any notes so apparently you're not learning anything new from Tom. I noticed it's FIFA 08 instead of the later version, does that throw you off your game at all, were the buttons totally different?

AH: It's a lot different. These guys are not up to the times, you know. *laughs*

STH Appreciation Night continued...



Brek Shea (Guitar Hero)

Foxtrot Charlie Delta: You're here at the Guitar Hero station. Who's the best guitarist here?

Brek Shea: I'd like to say me, but I'm probably the worst. I think it's Lambo. Josh Lambo.

FCD: How'd he get so good? Is he just naturally gifted with pushing buttons or does he have that kind of special talent.

BS: He plays the guitar...actual guitar so I think it helps him a lot. I can't do it at all. I try and I try.

FCD: So do you just play Guitar Hero with it unplugged pretending like you know what you're doing?

BS: I had to play in the next room and I pretended to play and looked like I knew what I was really doing.

FCD: If I remember right, did you guys have Rock Band?

BS: We had Wii Sports when we lived together in the apartment. We played bowling, baseball, and boxing a lot. He's better than me at those.

Brek with a tiny FCD supporter.
(Photo by Ken Berggren)

Daniel Hernandez (Soccer Tennis)

Foxtrot Charlie Delta: First off, welcome to the team. When did you sign for FC Dallas?

Daniel Hernandez: Last Friday [August 28th] I was finally able to sign the contract, we'd been in negotiation for about a week and a half.

FCD: Which MLS teams did you play for before you went to play in Mexico?

DH: I was drafted by LA Galaxy, went to Tampa for about a year, New York Metrostars for two years, New England for two years. Then I went to Mexico for two years, came back and had another two years in New England then went back to Mexico for a little over three years.

FCD: Were you playing for the Revs when they had that awful looking blue jersey with the white and the funny stripes? [check out their '96 kit to see this monstrosity]

DH: No, no, we had decent uniforms when I was there. I think that was when MLS first started.

FCD: Now were you at LA when they had that brown, yellow and green - was that the worst jersey you've ever seen?

DH: Ah, I'm not going to say the jersey. They probably weren't the best of colors, but actually I'm a fan of the uniform, they were Nike then so they were nice uniforms.

FCD: So I assume seeing as you know how color-matching works you must dress real well.

DH: For the most part, yeah.

FCD: Have you been shown much of the nightlife here in the bustling metropolitan Frisco area?

DH: Not too much around here, you know I'm originally from here [Tyler, TX], but I've not been here for a long time. I know Dallas pretty well, I haven't got to know Frisco too well, it's a little far for me.

FCD: College football is king here, so what's your favorite Big 12 football team? Your answer is very critical - you may have a third of the Inferno section booing at you if you say the wrong thing.

DH: I don't really have a Big 12 because I'm an SMU guy, I actually kicked football when I was at SMU.

FCD: Do you think you could hit that gigantic video screen up at Jerryworld?

DH: Well I was the punter so I probably wouldn't be able to hit that screen, but I could kick it pretty far.

Ugo Ihemelu (Soccer Tennis)

Foxtrot Charlie Delta: First off, welcome to the team, and welcome back to Dallas. Actually, do you still have a home in the area?

Ugo Ihemelu: My parents are still based in Cedar Hill. I used to come back in the offseason whenever I could, but it's still sinking in that I'm back.

FCD: Are you living down in Cedar Hill?

UI: No, right now I'm stuck in a hotel. It's a long drive from Cedar Hill, so I'll probably stay up around here in Frisco.

FCD: So you played for Schellas at SMU, and you're playing for him again at FC Dallas. Is he any different now to how he used to be?

UI: I don't know, it's only my second day. I'm sure his style of coaching is probably molding to being a professional coach. I'll probably be able to tell you that next year.

FCD: You came here from Colorado - how long were you with the Rapids?

UI: It was my third year.

FCD: Are those fans really quiet? It seems like they are when we go there. You don't have to answer, you can just nod or shake your head.

UI: No, no, no, they have some really good fans up there. This is my second season ticket holder event, and they turned out for the one in Denver. You know you have the core fans like all teams, Denver has good core fans.

FCD: Ok, so the Inferno is mostly about drumming and singing. Are you more of a drummer or a singer?

UI: Depends on who you ask. I think I'm both a drummer and a singer, but if you listen to me you'd probably think I wasn't a good singer.

FCD: Well you know we usually drink, so it sounds really good whatever we're doing. So why didn't you make the cut for the karaoke thing upstairs?

UI: Because I'm just that good. They didn't want me to outdo everyone, so they put me down here to play soccer tennis.

FCD: So what's the best "Ugo Ihemelu" chant you've heard in your career? We're still scrambling to get stuff ready here, making the songsheets as we speak.

UI: You guys can make one up and surprise me, I haven't heard a really good one yet. "Ugo, I go, everywhere we go" maybe, I don't know. I'm sure you guys have good imagination and will come up with something great.

FCD: Do you prefer something funny or serious, kick-ass bad MFer kind of song?

UI: I like bad, yeah that's good. Make me a bad-ass and I'll like it.

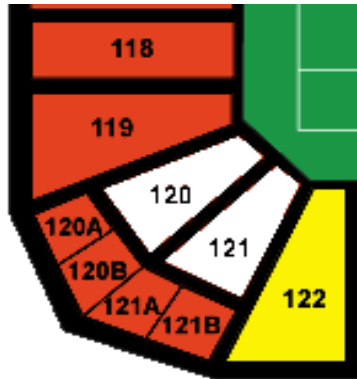


1) Rocha and Cunningham make Killer and friend do pushups for losing at Soccer Tennis, 2) Wally signs autographs (Photos by Ken Berggren), 3) Hyndman has a discussion with season ticket holders Robert and Kayt, 4) Dax plays ping pong, 5) Davies, John-John and Rueckner dance to Peri's tune (Photos by Jon Beard)

BURNing Issue

For this issue of Foxtrot Charlie Delta, we asked you, "How do you feel about the new Supporters Group Section (120/121) that Inferno and El Matador will be moving to in 2010? Are the prices and benefits good for you or is there anything else you think the FO could do to make it more attractive to you?"

Here's what you had to say about this Burning Issue.



Inferno and El Matador will move to Sections 120/121 for 2010?

"...at least it's away from the stage." *(Wolfhound)*

"Moving away from the stage and into a section with bleachers is a good start. Now, they need to move the kidzone back out to the parking lot where it belongs, and throw in a complimentary calendar (choice between FCD players or FC Dallas Dancers)." *(Hamster)*

"my feathers are ruffled due to us being "forced" to move again. this is our third location at PHP in 4 years. kooky." *(Dan)*

"It is at least the section where Inferno wanted to be when PHP first opened. It may have taken the FO 4 years to get it right, but I guess you could say that at least they got there eventually." *(Rex Kramer)*

"My only concern is the FO forcing the two supporter's groups to be adjacent to each other and the cacophony that will be created. I think it's the final attempt to snuff out what's left of the Inferno." *(Puck Head)*

"Really? Seems like it is an attempt to bolster Inferno by forcing EM to integrate with Inferno. I, at least for now, feel this is a terrible move for both supporters groups. Was this really the plan all along? If so, who was privy to this information? I ask because of all the times I have talked to EM, this kind of thing never seemed to be in the works, or known, or planned on, or wanted.

Maybe I'm wrong and this is a genius move.

But probably not." *(FCDvictory)*

"I think its just something else for people to bitch and whine about." *(TheGribbler)*

"For \$10.00 those are great seats. I welcome the move." *(Balonpie)*

"Sure it is going to be an interesting mix of languages screaming from that sections supporters. However I am sure we can make it work! The seats are prime view and the supporters will be smack in the middle of every shot on TV hopefully encouraging game watchers to come on down to PHP! The price is great and I hope FCD FO takes some of our other suggestions and runs with it.

I look forward to learning some Spanish chants too! Does EM HAVE A PHONETIC CHANT song sheet? Let's make this work! Both groups support the TEAM so I see no reason why it can't be magic ..." *(HammerHead)*

"Numbers are a good thing, numbers are first and foremost the biggest issue for FCD SGs right now. Few of you were there in the CB days, but we were right next to the Hispanic supporters and while it occasionally created some sonic dissonance, it was more often than not a good thing. Have an open mind, go in with a mindset of working together for the sake of the team, things will be just fine between Inferno and EM. While I would disagree with Rex that "this was where the Inferno wanted to be" originally, it was one of the places discussed. I don't think we ever came to a consensus before the FO basically told us where they wanted us. Its a good section for a SG environment, its much better than where the group is now. I believe this will help the group in the long run, and therefore help the club....so.....Yeah for us." *(texgator)*

"It doesn't matter what section the group is in if there is as much apathy as has existed in and around the section this season." *(boomersooner)*

"I love it! I think it is the perfect section for the Inferno." *(Brad)*

"As an FCD supporter who watches almost every game on the TV, I can see how this will certainly make that area look better on camera. I understand the potential problems both groups face with this decision, but I also see a lot of positives." *(FCDSouth)*

"Maybe it'll work better for the tv games. Its going to be interesting to see how both SGs are able flow during the games. Just a shame that there is the musical stands being played every season." *(Arsenal)*

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