

SHORTPASSES



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Are you getting your Daily news?

... Having spent time talking to many, many *Soccer America* subscribers during the **NATIONAL SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION** convention in Kansas City, I want to put in another mention about the unique e-Letters that are part of every *Soccer America* subscription. *SoccerAmericaDaily* (Monday through Friday), *MLS Confidential* (twice a week) and *Women's Soccer Insider* (once a week) have become compulsive reading for thousands of our subscribers. I ran into a few folks, however, who still aren't receiving this extremely valuable news component of their magazine subscription. Each e-Letter is prepared by *Soccer America's* editors. *SoccerAmericaDaily* is news culled from the entire American soccer scene, then edited into a breezy, fast-reading update that lets you pick and choose what you're interested in. It's generally full-text so you don't have to go back and forth to links, although one of my favorite Daily features is "The Soccer Press." Our editors search the Internet every day and provide links to the most interesting soccer stories on the Web. *MLS Confidential* and *Women's Soccer Insider* are unique inside news and views. If you're not already receiving them, don't delay. E-mail your name, ZIP code and preferred e-delivery address to Janet@socceramerica.com. Or you can call Janet directly at (510) 559-2230. If you're a *Soccer America* subscriber, this is a benefit you want to take advantage of. And if it really does turn out that it's too much of a good thing, unsubscribe directions are at the end of every issue. ...

Filling in the 2003 soccer calendar

... The 2003 soccer calendar has finally filled in and *Soccer America* is shifting its publishing schedule slightly to better accommodate complete coverage. We'll be adding an extra week between some winter issues when the action is slow and expanding coverage later in the year when the action is at its most intense. Your subscription will of



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Home Depot Center, the permanent Southern California home of the U.S. national teams and the Los Angeles Galaxy, is taking shape for its spring debut.

course continue to include the U.S. Soccer Foundation Soccer Yellow Pages and a number of new expanded, double-issues. Coming in March will be the **2003 CAMP DIRECTORY** and the **MLS & WUSA PREVIEWS**. The **2003 FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP PREVIEW** is slated for Sept. 22. It's going to be 52 weeks of soccer excitement! ...

Give that person a raise

... Whomever came up with the idea of holding the MLS draft at the NSCAA convention deserves a raise! What a great event. It was a standing-room-only crowd that really CARED about the draft. Commissioner Don Garber was sufficiently pleased to already start talking about "next year" in Charlotte, where the 2004 convention will be held. Kudos to all ...

Flynn, Rothenberg face heart issues

... U.S. Soccer Secretary General **DAN FLYNN** and past president **ALAN ROTHENBERG** looked

healthy and fit during the MLS draft. It was hard to believe that Flynn was recovering from a December heart attack and Rothenberg was recovering from a December heart bypass surgery. Flynn had spent an hour shoveling snow on New Year's Eve when he began to feel ill. He ended up having the actual heart attack in the emergency room itself. "They were able to take care of it so fast that there wasn't much damage," he said. A very lucky man. ...

Kevin wins Zidane

... Congratulations to **KEVIN KALISH** of St. Peters, Mo. He is the winner of the autographed **ZINEDINE ZIDANE** jersey that *Soccer America* raffled off during the NSCAA convention. ...

New teen players award

... **ACCELERADE**, the energy drink by **PACIFIC HEALTH LABORATORIES Inc.**, is accepting nominations for its first Teen Soccer Players of the Month. The new award, for both a male and a female player, will appear monthly in *Soccer America* with the first award winners featured in the March 3 issue. The deadline for March nominations is Feb. 10. Selection will be based on soccer accomplishments, leadership qualities and community service. Nominees must be 15- to 18-year-old high school students and may be participating at any soccer level. Nominations can be made by coaches, parents, friends or peers. To nominate a player, e-mail a 100-word description of the player's accomplishments to soccernominations@yahoo.com. Nomination

e-mail MUST INCLUDE player's name, age, gender, hometown, e-mail, phone number and team name(s). No e-mail attachments, postal submissions or extra material accepted. Accelerade also asks that we remind our readers that nomination descriptions over 100 words or not fitting any other criteria will be disqualified. Selected players also will be required to provide a publication-quality COLOR photo. If you know a deserving boy or girl out there, e-mail your nomination TODAY. ...

Hyundai reups for 2006

... **HYUNDAI** will again be an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup, this time for Germany 2006. It's a four-year deal that includes official support of all other FIFA tournaments starting this year. So far, 10 other sponsors have activated their options or come on board for 2006: **ADIDAS, AVAYA, BUDWEISER, COCA-COLA, DEUTSCHE TELECOM, GILLETTE, MCDONALD'S, PHILIPS, TOSHIBA** and **YAHOO!** Hyundai became an official FIFA partner in 1999. ...