

What they're saying

"Yes, I played against his father [Andranik]. I still have the scars on my right leg to prove it in case no one believes me."

— D.C. United coach Ray Hudson, who made Alecko Eskandarian the No. 1 pick in the MLS SuperDraft, on his NASL encounters with the New York Cosmos' Andranik Eskandarian.

"I picked up some scars from him, too, playing against him in the backyard,"

— Alecko on his father.

"We don't sit in our hotel rooms and think, 'Is women's soccer just going to crumble up and blow away in the wind if we don't win a championship?'"

— U.S. defender Brandi Chastain on the pressure to win the 2003 Women's World Cup. (*San Diego Union-Tribune*)

"People say to me all the time that I don't score often enough with my head."

— Frenchman Thierry Henry, the leading scorer in the English Premier League, after scoring his first goal on a header for English club Arsenal. The goal, the second of his third hat trick of the season, came in a 3-1 victory over West Ham. The goal was the 103rd he's scored for the Gunners. (*Sky Sports*)

"He failed there because he didn't believe in himself."

— Former German great Juergen Klinsmann, speaking at the NSCAA Convention, on Landon Donovan's misses against Germany in last year's World Cup quarterfinal match. Klinsmann said Americans still lacked the competitive edge.

"I just thought it was time now, and the bass were beckoning, so it's done."

— Jim Lennox, who built Hartwick, a Division III New York school, into a Division I national power, on retiring after 27 seasons. (*Oneonta Star*)

"I was a local kid from Lauderhill, and FIU gave me the opportunity to excel at the Division I level and propel myself to the professional ranks."

— Tyrone Marshall, a defender for MLS champion Los Angeles and one of more than 30 Florida International alumni who went on to play pro soccer. The Florida school announced in early January it was dropping men's soccer. (*Miami Herald*)