

MLS 2003 SuperDraft

As expected, Soccer America College Player of the Year Alecko Eskandarian was selected by D.C. United with the No. 1 pick in the MLS SuperDraft.

• Eskandarian, a junior forward from the University of Virginia, was one of 13 college underclassmen and high school players MLS signed to Project-40 contracts. The first five picks were P-40 players: Eskandarian, Ricardo Clark (MetroStars), Nate Jaqua (Chicago), Mike Magee (MetroStars) and David Stokes (D.C. United). • Magee, a member of the U.S. under-20 national team, was one of four players who decided to skip college to sign with MLS.

High school senior Arturo Alvarez (U.S. U-18s) was picked by San Jose in the second round. U.S. under-17 stars Guillermo Gonzalez (No. 8 pick) and Eddie

Gaven (No. 12) were taken by Los Angeles and the MetroStars, respectively.

• Two foreigners were taken in the first round: SMU's Brazilian midfielder, Diego Walsh (Columbus), and Connecticut's Jamaican international, Shavar Thomas (Dallas). • Ten trades took place during the draft. Players moving included midfielder Brad Davis (MetroStars to Dallas), goalie Matt Reis (Los Angeles to New England), defender Jimmy Conrad (San Jose to Kansas City), forward Brian Mullan (Los Angeles to San Jose) and defender Nelson Akwari (MetroStars to Columbus). The rights to unsigned

Honduran international Alex Pineda Chacon went from New England to Los Angeles in the Reis deal.

• For the first time, A-League players weren't eligible for the MLS draft.



ROUND 1

Pick	Team	Player	Pos.	2002 Team
1	D.C. United	Alecko Eskandarian	F	Virginia (P40)
2	MetroStars	Ricardo Clark	M	Furman (P40)
3	Chicago	Nate Jaqua	F	Portland (P40)
4	MetroStars	Mike Magee	F	U.S. U-20s (P40)
5	D.C. United	David Stokes	D	North Carolina (P40)
6	San Jose	Todd Dunivant	D	Stanford
7	Columbus	Diego Walsh	M	SMU (BRA)
8	Los Angeles	Guillermo Gonzalez	M	U.S. U-17s (P40)
9	New England	Pat Noonan	F	Indiana
10	Dallas	Shavar Thomas	D	Connecticut (JAM)

ROUND 2

Pick	Team	Player	Pos.	2002 Team
11	D.C. United	Brian Carroll	M	Wake Forest (P40)
12	MetroStars	Eddie Gaven	M	U.S. U-17s (P40)
13	San Jose	Arturo Alvarez	F	U.S. U-18s (P40)
14	D.C. United	Doug Warren	G	Clemson
15	Dallas	Jason Thompson	F	Eastern Illinois (P40)
16	Los Angeles	Scot Thompson	D	UCLA
17	MetroStars	Tim Regan	D	Bradley
18	Chicago	Damani Ralph	F	Connecticut (JAM)
19	Los Angeles	Arturo Torres	F	Loyola Marymount
20	Los Angeles	Ricky Lewis	D	Clemson (P40)

ROUND 3

Pick	Team	Player	Pos.	2002 Team
21	Dallas	David Comfort	G	Virginia
22	New England	Dimelon Westfield	F	Clemson (TRI)
23	San Jose	Roger Levesque	M	Stanford
24	Chicago	Logan Pause	M	North Carolina (P40)
25	Chicago	Ryan Mack	M	Indiana
26	Chicago	Phil Swenda	F	Seton Hall
27	Colorado	Jason Cole	D	Saint Louis
28	Colorado	Alex Blake	F	Williams (JAM)
29	New England	Kyle Singer	G	Boston College
30	MetroStars	Tim Glowienka	D	South Carolina

ROUND 4

Pick	Team	Player	Pos.	2002 Team
31	D.C. United	Hayden Woodsworth	M	Messiah
32	MetroStars	Kenny Arena	M	Virginia
33	Kansas City	Taylor Graham	D	Stanford
34	Dallas	Mike Tranchilla	F	Creighton
35	Chicago	Rob Friend	F	UC Santa Barbara
36	San Jose	Josh Saunders	G	California
37	Columbus	Michael Ritch	F	Auburn-Montgomery
38	Colorado	Matt Crawford	M	North Carolina
39	San Jose	Jamil Walker	F	Santa Clara
40	Los Angeles	Hamid Mehreioskouei	F	Bradley

ROUND 5

Pick	Team	Player	Pos.	2002 Team
41	D.C. United	John Swann	D	Indiana
42	MetroStars	Jacob LeBlanc	M	Virginia (P40)
43	Kansas City	Jack Jewsbury	M	Saint-Louis
44	Chicago	Chad Dombrowski	M	Wisc.-Milwaukee
45	Dallas	Michael Mariscalco	M	Butler
46	San Jose	Johanes Maliza	M	Stanford
47	Rutgers	Guy Abrahamson	D	Rutgers
48	Columbus	Casey Schmidt	F	Boston College
49	MetroStars	Marco Velez	M	Barry (PUE)
50	Los Angeles	Jimmy Frazelle	M	UCLA

ROUND 6

Pick	Team	Player	Pos.	2002 Team
51	D.C. United	Michael Behonick	G	American
52	Dallas	Andy Rosenband	F	Ohio State
53	Kansas City	Kevin Friedland	D	SMU
54	Chicago	Ryan Futagaki	M	UCLA
55	Los Angeles	Joe Barton	G	Cal State Northridge
56	San Jose	Frank Sanfilippo	M	San Jose State
57	New England	pass		
58	Columbus	Jake Traeger	M	Ohio State
59	D.C. United	pass		
60	Kansas City	Byron Carmichael	F	Marshall