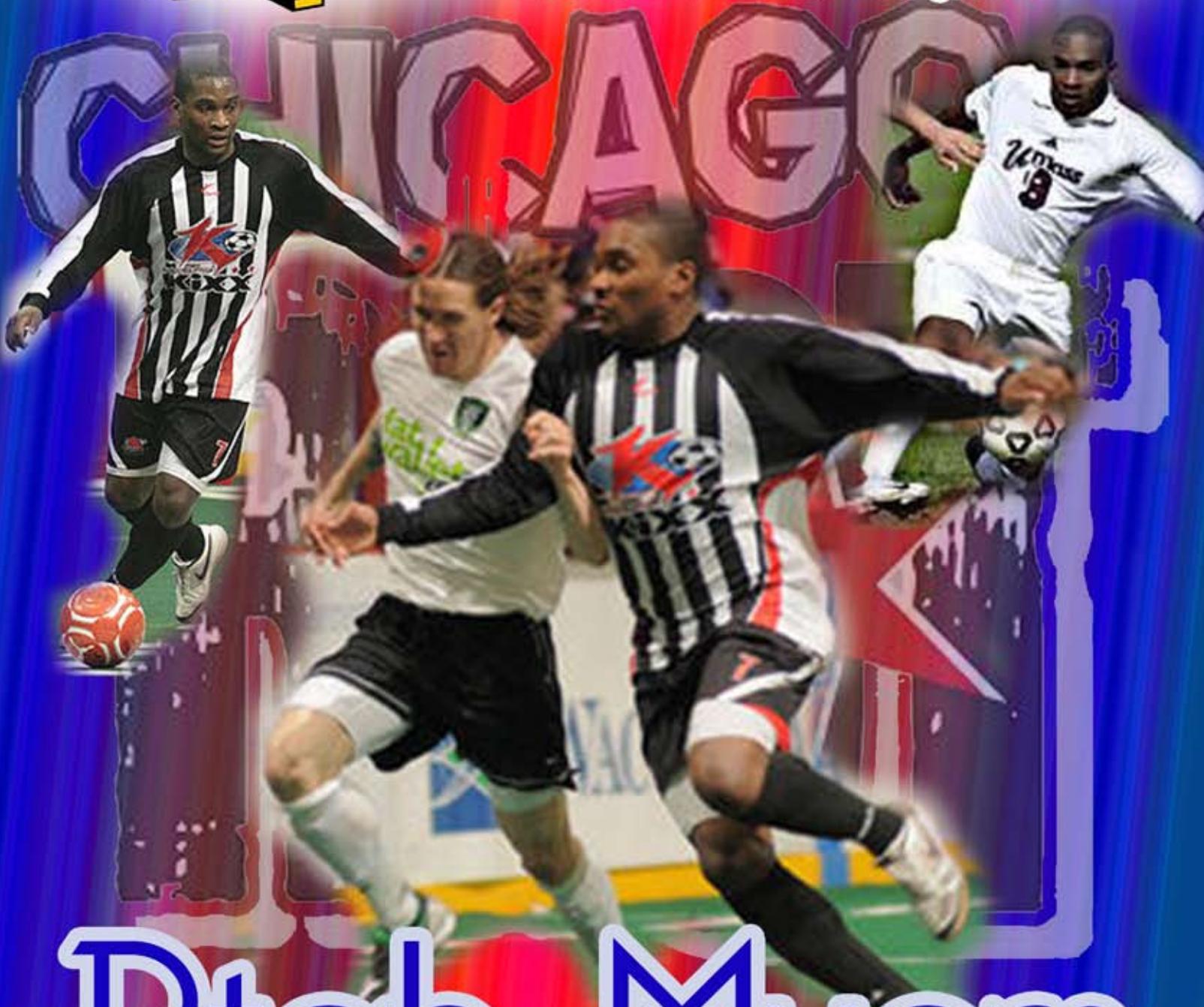


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2006	MISL	Philadelphia	30	1	11	-	12	5	30	16	25
2005	MISL	Philadelphia	30	-	-	11	11	7	18	4	19
2004	MISL	Philadelphia	35	-	-	6	6	3	9	6	34

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Sparta punished for fielding 'ill' players

The Czech football federation has punished Sparta Prague for fielding players the club claimed were not able to play an international match due to illness.

Federation spokesman Jaroslav Kolar says the disciplinary committee fined Sparta 750,000

koruna (\$41,900) Monday and banned coach Josef Chovanec for 10 weeks. Strikers Vaclav Kadlec and Tomas Pekhart were banned for two matches.

Kadlec and Pekhart were allegedly ill with a virus and unable to play Feb. 9 for the Czech under-21

team at the Netherlands. Using different names on their shirts, they played against Zenit St. Petersburg in Spain in a Feb. 8 warmup for last week's Europa League match against Liverpool.

Sparta issued an apology after Zenit published photos from the match.

AS Roma accepts Claudio Ranieri's resignation

AS Roma has accepted the resignation of coach Claudio Ranieri amid expectations that former star Vincenzo Montella will take over. Ranieri offered to quit following his team's 4-3 loss to Genoa in Serie A. Roma led 3-0 before Genoa fought

back with two goals each from Rodrigo Palacio and Alberto Paloschi.

It was Roma's fourth consecutive loss.

AS Roma says it has agreed to end Ranieri's contract, which was set to expire on June 30. Montella, a former

striker who played for Roma when it last won the Italian title in 2001, will reportedly take his place.



FIFA praised by WADA for anti-doping program



FIFA says the World Anti-Doping Agency has praised its anti-doping program to test football players for banned substances. FIFA says it's been told by WADA to expect inclusion in a report this year of sports federations which comply with the World Anti-Doping Code.

Football's governing body was approved on the last WADA compliance list in 2008 despite longstanding tension between the organizations. They made peace the next year.

WADA leaders held a joint news conference with FIFA medical experts at the 2010 World Cup

in South Africa, which was later declared clean of doping. FIFA says world football spends \$30 million (?22 million) annually conducting 33,000 tests, and catches about 10 players using performance-enhancing drugs.

Egypt to ask for African Cup postponement

Egypt's soccer federation will ask to have next month's African Cup of Nations qualifying match against South Africa postponed because of unrest at home. Egypt is scheduled to play in South Africa on March 24 in

Group G. Association spokesman Azmey Mejahed says Egypt will ask African federation officials to change the match to a later date. Hosni Mubarak was ousted as president on Feb. 11 after protests around the country.

The U.S. national team's exhibition against Egypt in Cairo on Feb. 9 was canceled.



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Ronaldinho's Flamengo reaches Guanabara Cup final

Goalkeeper Felipe made two penalty saves to help Flamengo defeat Botafogo 3-1 in a shootout in the semifinal of the Guanabara Cup on Sunday.

Brazil's most popular club will now play Boavista, which stunned Brazilian champion Fluminense in another penalty shootout after a 2-2 draw in regulation time on Saturday.

Ronaldinho's Flamengo drew Botafogo 1-1 in regulation at Engenhao stadium, with Ronaldo Angelim scoring for Flamengo in the 14th minute and Uruguay striker "El Loco" Abreu equalizing in the 49th.

The Guanabara Cup is the first stage of the Rio tournament, and its winner will play for the Rio state title against the Rio Cup champion.

In Sao Paulo, Palmeiras stayed atop the standings after a 0-0 draw at Mogi Mirim.

Felipe stopped the shots of Everton and Somalia, and midfielder Renato Caja sent Botafogo's final penalty wide to seal Flamengo's victory. Leo Moura, Renato and Fernando all scored their penalties for Flamengo. Angelim gave Flamengo the lead with a header off a corner, but Abreu equalized with a shot from near the penalty spot to send the match into the shootout.

Ronaldinho was held scoreless but created some significant scoring chances. His best opportunity was with an injury-time free kick that was saved by goalkeeper Jefferson. On Saturday, Fluminense was heavily favored to advance from its semifinal against Boavista at Engenhao but lost 4-2 in the shootout thanks in part to a missed penalty by Argentine playmaker Dario Conca, the most valuable player when Fluminense won the Brazilian title last year. Boavista twice came from behind in the 2-2 draw in regulation. It only reached the semifinals because Vasco da Gama struggled in the group stage and was eliminated.

Fluminense was still without former Chelsea playmaker Deco and striker Emerson because of injury.

The one-match Guanabara Cup final will be next Sunday at the Engenhao. Maracana stadium is not being used because of renovations ahead of the 2014 World Cup which will be played in Brazil. In the Sao Paulo state tournament, former Sporting striker Liedson scored his fifth goal in four matches to give Corinthians a 3-1 victory over Santos. Left back Fabio Santos scored the other two Corinthians' goals off a penalty kick and a free kick. Brazil midfielder Elano scored the lone goal for Santos, which was yet to lose in its first 10 matches in the Sao Paulo championship. Recently retired striker Ronaldo was honored by fans before the match at Pacaembu stadium, and all Corinthians players wore jerseys with numbers that included "9" on them.

Luiz Felipe Scolari's Palmeiras failed to get past a scoreless draw at Mogi Mirim, but it remained atop the standings with 20 points, one more than Corinthians and two more than both Sao Paulo and Santos. The top eight teams will advance to the quarterfinals of the Sao Paulo tournament. Sao Paulo routed Bragantino 4-0 at Morumbi stadium on Saturday despite a missed penalty kick by goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni, who is seeking his 99th career goal.

One of Sao Paulo's goals was scored by young midfielder Lucas, one of Brazil's most talked-about players after helping Brazil win the under-20 South American championship earlier this month in Peru. Lucas has just extended his contract with the Brazilian club, and now it includes an \$80 million (\$58 million) buyout clause, one of the biggest in Brazil.

Also Saturday, Copa Libertadores champion Internacional fell 5-4 in a penalty shootout against local club Cruzeiro to be eliminated from the Rio Grande do Sul state tournament. Inter played with its second-stringers because it is focused on this year's Latin American competition.



Estudiantes win second straight match



Estudiantes defeated Quilmes 1-0 on Sunday for their second straight victory in two matches in the Argentina Clausura football tournament.

Gabriel Mercado scored Estudiantes' only goal, which gave the defending Apertura champions six points from two games. Quilmes has lost its first two.

In the day's other match, River Plate defeated Huracan 2-0 with a 50th-minute goal from Erik Lamela and another in the 59th from Pablo Ferrari.

Mercado scored the deciding goal in first-half stoppage time, taking a ball in the area, spinning and scoring from 10 meters (yards).

Quilmes played with 10 men after Enzo Kalinski was sent off in the 32nd.

Estudiantes and Olimpo, which defeated Gimnasia on Friday 3-1, are the only two clubs that have won their first two matches.

Godoy Cruz plays Monday against San Lorenzo and could become the third team with a perfect record early in the season. Arsenal faces Tigre in the other Monday match.



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U.S. Soccer Provisionally Sanctions NASL As Division 2 League

The U.S. Soccer Board of Directors on Saturday sanctioned the North American Soccer League (NASL) to operate a Division 2 outdoor men's soccer league in the United States. However, the sanction is provisional, meaning the league will serve as the Division 2 league for 2011, but U.S. Soccer and the NASL will revisit the agreement after the 2011 season.

"Division 2 soccer is an important element in the success and popularity of the sport in the United States and we are pleased the NASL will play professional games in their markets this season," said U.S. Soccer President Sunil Gulati. "The Federation's continued interest is in sustainability and stability at the Division 2 level of professional soccer."

The NASL will have to meet further requirements set forth by the Board of Directors to be granted full sanctioning past 2011. After years of retirement, the NASL monkier returned in 2010, coexisting with the USL, the longtime second division league in America. That setup was provisional as well, and it appears the league which once boasted the New York Cosmos and the Los Angeles Aztecs has won out to take over the tier below MLS.

English FA Warns Players Who Use Social Network Sites

The FA have fired a warning shot to players making offensive comments on social networking sites, as they have maintained that those found to be guilty of breaking any rules would be punished.

Liverpool's former striker Ryan Babel - who recently joined Hoffenheim in January - was previously found guilty of improper conduct, and was fined a sum of £10,000 for posting a doctored picture of referee Howard Webb wearing a Manchester United shirt on his Twitter page.

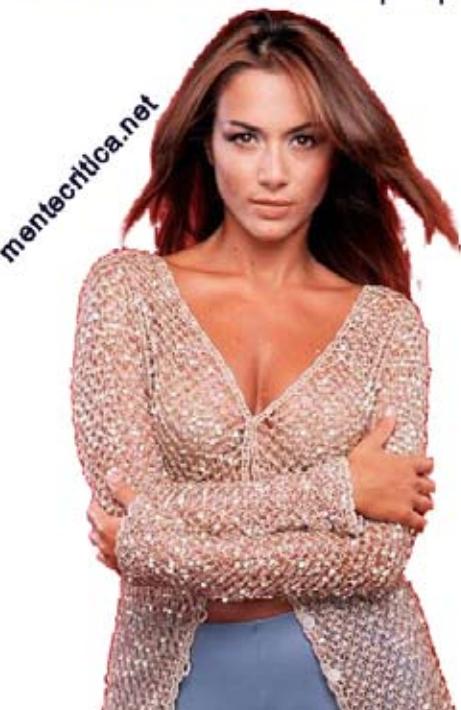
A statement on the official website of the FA reads: "Participants should be aware that comments made on such sites may be considered public comment, and that further to FA Rule E3, any comments which are deemed improper, bring the game into disrepute, or are threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting may lead to disciplinary action.

"Comments which are personal in nature or could be construed as offensive, use foul language or contain direct or indirect threats aimed at other participants are likely to be considered improper.

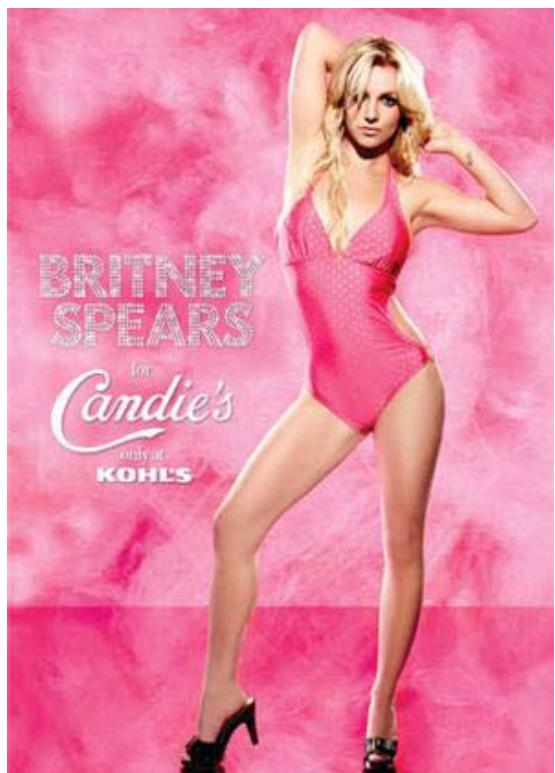
"Participants are required to act in the best interests of the game at all times and should be aware of this when using social networking websites. Furthermore, participants are reminded that postings on social networking sites which they believe to be visible to a limited number of selected people may still end up in the public domain and consequently, care should be exercised with regards to the contents of such postings.

"In addition, we would remind participants that social networking postings could also lead to civil proceedings being brought by affected parties."

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Hicks cleared to launch claim

Tom Hicks has won the right to launch a damages claim over the sale of Liverpool - yet the Reds are delighted with the High Court's verdict.

High Court judge Mr Justice Floyd ruled Hicks must bring any claims he has in the UK and is not able to pursue a lawsuit in the United States, where damages can be much more punitive, without the permission of an English court.

But even should he press ahead with legal action in this country Fenway Sports Group, the Royal Bank of Scotland and former chairman Sir Martin Broughton - who will be the subject of any claim - insist "there is no basis to challenge the propriety or validity of any actions".

FSG (then New England Sports Ventures) bought Liverpool for £300million back in October against the wishes of Hicks and co-owner George Gillett.

Hicks claimed he was the victim of an "epic swindle" and wanted Mr Justice Floyd to lift anti-suit orders which prevented him taking action in the Texas courts to halt the deal in which he claims he lost £140 million.

However, the judge dismissed the application, although he did vary the injunction to allow Hicks to make applications in the US in support of any proceedings in this country.

"We are delighted that Mr Justice Floyd has granted the applications requested by Sir Martin Broughton, RBS and NESV and that the anti-suit injunction prohibiting the former owners from commencing legal actions against these parties outside the EU has been upheld and clarified," read a Liverpool statement.

"Sir Martin, RBS and NESV continue to maintain that there is no basis to challenge the propriety or validity of any actions by them or any of those involved on their behalf in the sale of the club."

"They will continue to take all steps necessary to defend vigorously any litigation threatened or commenced by the club's former owners."

Mr Justice Floyd also dismissed an application to strike out or stay claims by Broughton seeking damages against Hicks for his actions while owner.

NESV's application to be allowed to join the Broughton action was granted by the judge.

Drogba looks to stake claim for Chelsea place

Didier Drogba will have a point to prove to manager Carlo Ancelotti when he returns to the Chelsea team for Saturday's FA Cup fourth-round replay against Everton at Stamford Bridge.

The Ivory Coast international, Chelsea's chief striker for the past six seasons, was dropped to the bench for Monday's Premier League match at Fulham to accommodate Fernando Torres, the club's recent 50 million pound (\$81 million) signing from Liverpool.

But with Torres cup-tied having played in the competition for Liverpool this season, Drogba will be back in the starting XI and will attempt to increase the goal threat of the holders, who haven't scored in their last two outings.

"I don't know if Didier was happy (with being dropped) but it doesn't matter - every player knows every game is important," Ancelotti said. "We wanted to rotate to maintain his condition and to give everyone in the squad great motivation."

With both Drogba and Torres preferring to play on their own up front and doubts persisting over whether they can make an effective double act, Drogba could find himself starting on the bench many more times this season.

A good performance against Everton, which is struggling in the bottom half of the Premier League and whose confidence is short, will give Ancelotti something to think about.

Everton, however, was arguably the better team in the first match at Goodison Park, which finished 1-1 after Chelsea forward Salomon Kalou's late equalizer, and the team is still packed with quality.

Assistant manager Steve Round acknowledges Everton needs to improve defensively if it is to progress to the last 16, where Reading lies in wait on March 1.

"Our clean sheet record is not as good as it has been in previous years, that's for sure," he said. "But we will go (to Chelsea) with a resilient attitude and high hopes, and try and go one better than last time and get through the tie."

The other fourth-round replay this weekend sees Manchester City host third-tier side Notts County after their 1-1 draw on Jan. 30.

City may not play its strongest team on Sunday, with its priority the Premier League and the Europa League, but it should have more than enough in its reserves to deal with County, which is managed by former England and Manchester United midfielder Paul Ince.

The winners host Aston Villa next on March 2.

The standout fifth-round matchup is non-league Crawley's visit to Old Trafford on Saturday to play Man United, an 11-time winner of the world's oldest cup competition.

United midfielder Paul Scholes said there will be no let-up by his side, which is chasing glory on three fronts as the season approaches its business end.

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Comets post 7-0 run to erase Riot's 4th-quarter advantage

The Chicago Riot could not hold onto a 7-2 lead in the fourth quarter as the Missouri Comets rattled off a 7-0 run en route to a 9-7 win Sunday in Major Indoor Soccer League action at the Independence Events Center.

The Riot has lost six straight on the road and dropped to 4-12 overall. The Comets improved to 5-11.

Chicago's hopes for the postseason are hanging by a thread, but the Riot is not mathematically out of the picture. The Riot needs to win its four remaining regular-season games and the third-place Omaha Vipers (7-10) need to lose their three remaining games just for Chicago to have a chance at the playoffs.

Novica "Novi" Marojevic had a three-point goal and Miodrag "Miki" Djirisilo and Eric Lukin added two-point goals for the Riot. In the net, Riot goalkeeper Jeff Richey had 16 saves, including eight in the first quarter. His counterpart, Missouri's Danny Waltman, had a game-high 21 saves. Next up for the Riot is a two-game home weekend set that includes an 8 p.m. match on Saturday, Feb. 26, against Missouri, followed by a 7 p.m. match on Sunday, Feb. 27, against Baltimore at the Odeum Sports and Expo Center in Villa Park, Ill. Following the Feb. 26 match, stick around afterward for a free performance by Chicago band Riot Inside at the upstairs Odeum Lounge.

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On Sunday, despite Missouri maintaining most of the possession during the opening minutes, the Riot got on the board first with Lukin's restart goal at the 3:48 mark of the first quarter for a 2-0 lead. Novi took the free kick at the top of the arc, tapped the ball to his right and Lukin slotted the ball in for the tally.

But the Comets were quick to respond with a Leo Gibson goal at the 4:31 mark to tie the score at 2-2. Missouri's Jamar Beasley took the initial shot, which was deflected by Riot defender Will Kletzien. However, the ball trickled to Gibson up top, and he had space to shoot.

In the second quarter, the Riot handled the bulk of the offensive possession, and Chicago also had a pair of breakaway chances that came up empty. With about 8 minutes remaining in the half, Semir Mesanovic's breakaway chance was broken up by Missouri's Brian Harris. Then with 4:30 left in the quarter, Waltman made a huge kick save with his right foot against Novi's breakaway. Novi attempted to beat Waltman to the right, but Waltman stayed with him to turn away the shot.

Shortly after the Riot defense held off the Comets' power play opportunity, Chicago took advantage of its own power play chance late in the third quarter when Vahid Assadpour was called for tripping. Novi's three-pointer at the 11:49 mark of the third gave the Riot a 5-2 lead.

The Riot then pushed its lead to 7-2 with a power play goal from Djirisilo at the 3:40 mark of the fourth quarter. The ball had bounced around in the left corner, popped out to Djirisilo and he punched it home for the goal.

But the Comets got right back into the mix with a Byron Alvarez penalty kick goal at the 5:43 mark of the fourth to cut the Riot's lead to 7-4. Shortly after one of Chicago's penalties expired later in the quarter, Assadpour tied the score at 7-7 with a three-point goal at the 8:26 mark. Missouri then garnered the lead at the 12:06 mark of the fourth with Alvarez's second goal of the game to take a 9-7 lead. His shot from the left side found the upper right corner of the net past Richey.

In the closing seconds, the Riot had one last attempt with Richey bringing the ball out himself past midfield. But Richey's three-point shot went into the stands with 0.5 seconds left as Missouri held on for the win.

Chicago Riot (4-12) at Missouri Comets (5-11)

February 20, 2011 -- Independence Events Center, Independence, Mo.

Missouri Comets 9, Chicago Riot 7

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First quarter

1. Chicago Riot - Eric Lukin (Novica Marojevic), restart goal, 3:48; 2. Missouri Comets - Leo Gibson (Jamar Beasley), 4:31.

Second quarter

No scoring

Third quarter

3. Chicago Riot - Novica Marojevic (Fred Degand), three-point power play goal, 11:49.

Fourth quarter

4. Chicago Riot - Miodrag "Miki" Djirisilo (unassisted), power play goal, 3:40; 5. Missouri Comets - Byron Alvarez, penalty kick goal, 5:43;

6. Missouri Comets - Vahid Assadpour (Lucas Rodriguez), three-point goal, 8:26; 7. Missouri Comets - Byron Alvarez (Tiguinho), 12:06.

PENALTIES:

Second quarter

14:00: Will Kletzien (Chicago Riot), misconduct, yellow card

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Third quarter

9:37: Chicago Riot, too many men (served by Ante Cop), blue card

11:37: Vahid Assadpour (Missouri Comets), tripping, blue card

Fourth quarter

2:50: Missouri Comets, too many men (served by Stefan Stokic), blue card

5:41: Semir Mesanovic (Chicago Riot), holding, blue card

6:23: Chicago Riot, too many men (served by Alex Megson), blue card

6:23: Jeff Kraft (Chicago Riot), misconduct, yellow card (third yellow resulted in blue card served by Betim Bekteshi)

12:06: Bryan Perez (Missouri Comets), excessive celebration, yellow card

13:45: Fred Degand (Chicago Riot), dissent, yellow card

13:45: Fred Degand (Chicago Riot), dissent, yellow card (issued red)

14:16: Novica Marojevic, dissent, yellow card (third yellow resulted in blue card served by Sandre Naumoski)

Saves: Jeff Richey (Chicago Riot) 16; Danny Waltman (Missouri Comets) 21

About the Chicago Riot:

The Chicago Riot is a member of the Major Indoor Soccer League and plays its home games at the Odeum Sports and Expo Center in Villa Park, Ill. The Riot is playing in its first season in the five-team MISL, which features the Chicago Riot, Baltimore Blast, Milwaukee Wave, Missouri Comets and Omaha Vipers. Next up for the Riot is a two-game home weekend set that includes an 8 p.m. match on Saturday, Feb. 26, against Missouri, followed by a 7 p.m. match on Sunday, Feb. 27, against Baltimore at the Odeum. Following the Feb. 26 match, stick around afterward for a free performance by Chicago band Riot Inside at the upstairs Odeum Lounge. For tickets and more information about the Riot, visit www.ChicagoRiotSoccer.com or call 630-708-6284.



Boca midfielder Riquelme injured again

Juan Roman Riquelme expects to miss Boca Juniors' match on Saturday against Racing because of his latest injury, raising questions about the health of the 32-year midfielder.

Riquelme said on Wednesday his right ankle was healing slowly since he sprained it during Sunday's stunning 4-1 loss against Godoy Cruz in their opening game of the Clausura.

Riquelme had surgery on his left knee in May 2010, played only a handful of games, then missed the final four games of the Apertura with Achilles' tendinitis.

"It has been a long time since I've been healthy," said Riquelme, who played with Barcelona and Villarreal in Spain before returning to Boca in 2007.

Riquelme tried to downplay the injury and said "it's a long season," suggesting he hoped to return for a match in 10 days against All Boys.



Protests in Yemen prompt soccer postponement



Soccer's ruling body has postponed Yemen's home qualifying game for the 2012 Olympics against Singapore because of anti-government protests.

FIFA says it agreed with the Asian Football Confederation to delay Wednesday's scheduled first-leg match by one week until March 2.

FIFA says the game could be switched to a neutral country if security "does not clearly improve in the next days." FIFA says the game must be played in a "totally safe and secure environment."

Protesters in Yemen are demanding the removal of President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Riot police fired tear gas and shots in the air to disperse crowds on what organizers called a "Friday of Rage" across the country.

Tax break for Sao Paulo WC stadium

Sao Paulo city officials say the government will give tax incentives for the construction of a stadium to be used in the opening match of the 2014 World Cup.

The incentives are intended to help Corinthians upgrade the project of its already planned stadium, increasing its seating capacity from 48,000 to 65,000, enough to host the opening match.

Sao Paulo wants to host the opener but the government had said that it would not use public money on stadiums. Corinthians, meanwhile, had said it did not want to build a venue for more than 50,000 people.

Sao Paulo had been without a stadium project since Morumbi was dropped because of a lack of financial guarantees. The Corinthians project has yet to be approved by FIFA.



FIFA and UEFA lose legal battle over TV coverage



A European Union high court has ruled that countries can keep all World Cup and European Championship games on free television, arguing against FIFA and UEFA, which sought the right to sell most matches to pay television.

Even though the General Court of the European Union acknowledged that the broadcasting rights to the competitions "constitutes a major source of their incomes," it said that the World Cup and European Championship were "single events" that could not be divvied up at will. Limiting the whole tournament to free television affects the income the federation can draw from their prime tournaments.

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Fan jailed for punching player in pitch invasion

A fan who punched a player during a pitch invasion has been jailed for 12 weeks and banned from attending football matches in England and Wales for six years.

Robert Fitzgerald ran onto the pitch and floored Stevenage defender Scott Laird with a right hook after the club's 3-1 win over Newcastle in a televised FA Cup third-round match on Jan. 8.

Fitzgerald targeted Laird because the player previously had a relationship with the 24-year-old supporter's current girlfriend.

Chairwoman Linda Nadauld told a court in Stevenage the "unprovoked and unexpected" attack was fueled by alcohol.

Nadauld says "the court must impose a deterrent sentence to stop this type of behavior and conduct on a football field."



FIFA suspends Israel coach over debt to Qatar club

FIFA has suspended Israel coach Luis Fernandez over a debt he owes to a club in Qatar.

FIFA says it told the Israeli federation of the ban Thursday because Fernandez has not obeyed a November 2009 ruling by the

governing body's disciplinary committee.

The 51-year-old Frenchman has a longstanding financial dispute with Qatari club Al Rayyan which he coached in 2005.

Fernandez, who took the Israel job last March, says on the federation website that he expects the problem will be solved before 2012 European Championship qualifying matches against Latvia and Georgia next month.

Federation president Avi Luzon, who is a UEFA executive committee member, says he'll meet with Fernandez next week.



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Salvador Cabanas Desperate To Return To Professional Football

Former America and Paraguay star Salvador Cabanas admitted that he is desperate to make a return to professional football, and believes that he will soon be able to step onto the pitch after an absence of more than a year.

The 30-year-old striker, who has been in intensive rehabilitation since being shot in the head last in a Mexico City nightclub, has recently started training again with Paraguayan outfit Libertad.

Despite the injuries sustained in the attack Cabanas has never given up hope of playing again, and confirmed in an exclusive interview with FoxSports that he cannot wait to step onto the field again.

"It is what I want the most in the world, it is what I am working so hard for now," he revealed from his home in Asuncion.

"Little by little I am recovering and it is going great. Playing again is my biggest dream."



Cabanas also had high praise for the kindness of Libertad in letting him train with the squad, telling the interviewer, "that motivates me even more. To be training with the group, kicking the ball again. It gives me more motivation to continue my recovery."

It is still not known when or even if the Paraguayan will be able to return, but there is one person who is certain that he will make a successful comeback.

"Of course, of course I will play again," Cabanas responded as the chat came to a close.

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STARS fundraiser held at Cafe Mezcal located in Pilsen 1454 W 18th St on Friday February 18th . Many came out to enjoy a warm and hearty Mexican dinner. Guests danced the night away listening to the beats of DJ Karloz and DJ Hersh. The Board personally introduced and formally thanked all of our guests.

Cafe Mezcal's colorful atmosphere and food provided for an inviting night. Menu included "Guisado de de Puerco" (Pork, rice and beans), "Guisado de Res" (Beef, rice and beans), "Guisado de Pollo" (Chicken, rice and beans), Birria (Spicy Mexican Stew made with Pork, side of rice), freshly made salsas, tasty cocktails and java.

Many exchanged contact information with peers while enjoying complementary drinks all night, listening to DJ spinning Karloz and Hersh, then were treated to salsa lessons by Edwin and much more!

Yolanda Sanchez, Executive Director, thanked everyone for showing their support, "... for joining us at Cafe Mezcal and allowing us to continue supporting our future leaders". Community leaders in Pilsen have shown their unconditional support. A special thanks to American Campaigns they have continuously provided their advertising services since STARS inception. Let's not forget our incredible entertainers that make our events a great success; DJ Karloz, DJ Hersh and Edwin.

Many amazing people continue to show their support by attending our fundraisers and thereby making STARS Project a reality. Understand that your support allows highschool students the opportunity to tutor and mentor middle school students, and offers an opportunity to inspire and introduce students to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) careers. This is why your ongoing contributions are greatly needed and appreciated. We definitely owe infinite thanks to many incredible individuals, and because of every single one of you, our students have access to these truly needed services.

It is incredible how our youth have placed their faith in the community, which continues to demonstrate that children need our support and confidence, we see our highschool and middle schoolers motivated and believing in themselves and reaching for the stars.

May you all be blessed, and please visit our website www.starsproject.com regularly to keep updated on all the incredible experiences our students and parents are experiencing because of your unwavering support.