



Media Weekly Update - Wednesday, February 26, 2014

CALENDAR

**Friendly matches as announced by Member Associations*

Sunday, March 2, 2014

Men's Friendly

Barbados vs. Jamaica @ 7:30 pm ET – Waterford, Barbados – Barbados National Stadium

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Women - Algarve Cup

Japan vs. USA @ 7:45 am ET – Parchal, Portugal – Estadio Bela Vista

Women - Cyprus Women's Cup

Canada vs. Finland @ 7:30 am ET – Nicosia, Cyprus – GSP Nicosia (Field 3)

Men's Friendly

Ukraine vs. USA @ 2:00 pm ET – Kharkiv, Ukraine – Stadium Metallist

St. Lucia vs. Jamaica – Venue and time to be determined

Costa Rica vs. Paraguay @ 8:00 pm ET – San Jose, Costa Rica – Estadio Nacional

Honduras vs. Venezuela @ 6:00 pm ET – San Pedro Sula – Estadio Olímpico Metropolitano

Mexico vs. Nigeria @ 8:30 pm ET – Atlanta, GA, USA – Georgia Dome

Friday, March 7, 2014

Women - Algarve Cup

Sweden vs. USA @ 8:30 am ET – Albufeira, Portugal – Estadio Municipal

Women - Cyprus Women's Cup

Italy vs. Canada @ 9:30 am ET – Larnaka, Cyprus – GSZ Stadium

Monday, March 10, 2014

CONCACAF Champions League – Quarterfinals, First Leg

Alajuelense vs. Arabe Unido @ 10:00 pm ET – Alajuela, Costa Rica – Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

CONCACAF Champions League – Quarterfinals, First Leg

San Jose Earthquakes vs. Toluca @ 10:00 pm ET – Santa Clara, CA, USA – Buck Shaw Stadium

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

CONCACAF Champions League – Quarterfinals, First Leg

Sporting Kansas City vs. Cruz Azul @ 8:00 pm ET – Kansas City, KS, USA – Sporting Park

LA Galaxy vs. Club Tijuana @ 10:00 pm ET – Carson, CA, USA – StubHub Center

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CONCACAF Champions League News

San Jose's Fucito ready for CCL challenge

As the San Jose Earthquakes prepare for their CONCACAF Champions League (CCL) quarterfinal series against Toluca, they will lean on the one member of the team that has found prior success in the tournament: Mike Fucito.

Arabe Unido peaking before CCL quarterfinals

A seventh-place finish was not Arabe Unido's objective when it kicked off the 2013 Panamanian Apertura last July, but the first few weeks of 2014 Clausura have depicted a more agreeable story.

At goalkeeper, Sporting KC is in good hands

It's never easy to replace a goalkeeper like Jimmy Nielsen, but that was the task for Sporting Kansas City, following the Dane's retirement two days after the club captured the 2013 MLS Cup.

CONCACAF News

Costa Rica int'l Gonzalez joins Columbus Crew

The Columbus Crew announced Friday the signing of Costa Rica international Giancarlo Gonzalez. The 26-year-old defender joins the Black & Gold from Norway's Valerenga, where he made 27 appearances and scored three goals over one and a half seasons.

U.S. women to face China in Commerce City

The United States will meet China in a women's international friendly on April 6 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City, Colorado, it was announced on Thursday.

Canada international Dunfield inks Oldham deal

Canada international Terry Dunfield has signed a contract that will take him through the end of the current season with Oldham Athletic, the English League One club announced Thursday.

Mexico unveils roster for Nigeria friendly

Head coach Miguel Herrera announced Thursday a 24-man roster for Mexico's pre-World Cup friendly against Nigeria on March 5 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Georgia.

Grassroots course a hit in St. Vincent

St. Vincent and the Grenadines played host to the latest CONCACAF Grassroots program, which concluded on Saturday at the Arnos Vale Stadium in Kingstown with a hugely popular football festival, attended by over 140 schoolchildren.

Chivas USA sold to MLS

Major League Soccer on Thursday announced it has purchased Chivas USA from Jorge Vergara and Angelica Fuentes. Effective immediately, MLS will assume responsibility for operating the club and will appoint an experienced sports executive shortly to serve as its president. Head Coach Wilmer Cabrera, who joined the club January 9, will continue in his position and report to the new president.

Webb urges business leaders to invest in youth and sports

FIFA Vice President and CONCACAF President Jeffrey Webb urged business leaders to invest in youth and sports during a speech at the Cayman Economic Outlook conference on Thursday.

Mexico U17s split tour openers, Argentina next

The Mexico under-17 national team prepared for its upcoming friendly against Argentina with a 1-0 win over Uruguay's Fenix on Wednesday.

Luis Angel Firpo tops El Salvador U20s in friendly

Luis Angel Firpo defeated the El Salvador under-20 national team 3-2 in a well-played friendly on Wednesday.

Metapan's Muñoz looks for more successes in 2014

At 32-years-old, Nicolas Muñoz is maintaining excellent form and he doesn't plan on slowing down.

Monterrey makes coaching change

Less than a year after winning a third straight CONCACAF Champions League title, Monterrey has made its second managerial change, when the club announced Tuesday that Jose Guadalupe Cruz has been relieved of his duties.

Former Grenada int'l Roberts ponders retirement

Almost 14 months after suffering a hip injury, the return of former Grenada international Jason Roberts to the field remains in question.