

CALIFORNIA EMPERORS

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One of the fastest growing soccer communities in the U.S. became home to an APSL West club in October when the league approved the sale and relocation of the California Kickers.

The club's new home is the Inland Empire, an area east of Los Angeles that includes Riverside and San Bernardino — and some 70,000 soccer players of all ages. The team has been re-dubbed the "Emperors" and the University of Redlands' 7,000-seat Runner Stadium will be the club's new home ground.

California's transformation has been thorough. New owner is Realty Partners, a Los Angeles investment group headed by Dan Foley. Foley's son Dean is club president, and vice president/general manager is Jaime Legaspi, a Riverside resident who first recommended that Realty Partners become involved in the WSL Conference. Among the club's goals is the establishment of a farm system that will provide the Emperors with a steady flow of local talent in the



coming years.

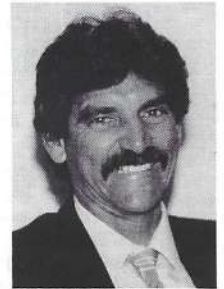
New coach is Rildo Menezes, a former teammate of Pele's on the Brazilian National Team, Santos F.C. and the New York Cosmos. Menezes won a Brazilian national championship once while with Botafogo and five more with Santos, and he scored a goal from his left back position in Brazil's 1966 World Cup match with Portugal. Menezes' assistants are Sam Khalil, who played forward in the NASL following a lengthy tenure as Egyptian National Team captain, and former MISL player Octavio Zambrano.



DEAN FOLEY
President



JAIME LEGASPI
VP General Mgr.



RILDO MENEZES
Coach

THE EMPERORS AT A GLANCE

Division: WSL South
1989 Finish: Fifth (as California Kickers)
President: Dean Foley
Vice President: Jaime Legaspi
General Manager: Jaime Legaspi
Assistant General Manager: David Bolton
Player Development Director: Ossama Khalil
Youth Development Director: Octavio Zambrano
Public Relations Director: David Bolton

Head Coach: Rildo Menezes (1st year)
Assistant Coaches: Ossama Khalil, Octavio Zambrano
Trainer: Skip Brown
Physician: Dr. Michael Vargas, Dr. Monroe Seiberling
Stadium: Ted Runner Stadium (University of Redlands),
1200 E. Colton Ave., Redlands
Capacity: 7,000
Dimensions: 110 yards by 65 yards
Surface: Grass
Training Site: School of the Deaf and Norte Vista H.S., Riverside
Home Uniforms: White jersey, blue shorts, blue stockings
Road Uniforms: Blue jersey, blue shorts, blue stockings

1990 CALIFORNIA SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Kickoff
Friday	April 27	at Portland Timbers	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	April 28	at Seattle Storm	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	May 5	L.A. HEAT	7:30 p.m.
Friday	May 11	SALT LAKE STING	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	May 20	PORTLAND TIMBERS	4:00 p.m.
Friday	May 25	at Salt Lake Sting	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 26	at Colorado Foxes	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	June 3	S.F. BAY BLACKHAWKS	4:00 p.m.
Friday	June 8	at Arizona Condors	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	June 9	at New Mexico Chiles	7:00 p.m.
Friday	June 22	COLORADO FOXES	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	June 30	ARIZONA CONDORS	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	July 1	at L.A. Heat	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	July 7	SAN DIEGO NOMADS	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	July 14	SEATTLE STORM	7:30 p.m.
Friday	July 20	NEW MEXICO CHILES	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	July 22	REAL SANTA BARBARA	2:30 p.m.
Saturday	July 28	at S.F. Bay Blackhawks	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	August 4	at San Diego Nomads	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	August 12	at Real Santa Barbara	5:00 p.m.