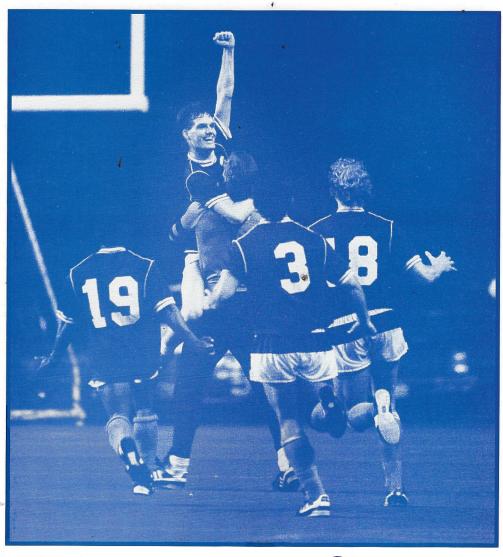
## WESTERN SOCCER ALLIANCE

# 1988 A American Airlines SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS









July 30, 7:30 p.m.

**Memorial Stadium** 

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#### **MARCELO BALBOA WSA** Player of the Year

Captain of the U.S. National Youth Team at the 1987 FIFA World Youth Championship in Chile... U.S. National Team sweeper this year... Scored game-winning goal in his first two Nomad matches this season... Fearless overlapper, unbeatable in the air... Named to '87 All-WSA Team.

#### **1988 SEASON IN REVIEW** Seattle Nips San Diego at the Wire

It's not how you start, it's how you finish. The Western Soccer Alliance's 1988 season certainly backed up that old saw as the defending champion San Diego Nomads led from opening night back on April 10 until the F.C. Seattle Storm overhauled them July 17, the very last day of the regular season. Ninety-eight days in first place for the Nomads and nothing to show from it but a playoff berth.

While Seattle and San Diego cruised in relative comfort to playoff spots, the San Diego Earthquakes claimed the third and final berth by a hair. The 'Quakes picked up one point on the last play to pull into a tie in total points with the L.A. Heat and, though posting the same overall record as L.A., got into the playoffs based on their regular-season wins over the Heat.

The WSA's fourth season also was highlighted by the U.S. debuts of Justin Fashanu of the English First Division, who served the L.A. Heat as player-coach, and Mexican National Team heroes Tomas Boy and Abuelo Cruz, who gave San Jose a lift. Yet the Alliance Society went to an American again as Scott Benedetti, a bright spot during a frustrating year for F.C. Portland, paced the league with eight goals.

A look back at the 1988 WSA season, week by week:

Week 1 — The defending champion Nomads, who closed out '87 with three straight wins, open the

WSA's fourth season with an easy 3-1 win at home.

Week 2 — Portland (3-2) and Seattle (1-0) gang up on visiting California; San Diego nips L.A. in a wide 3-2 overtime decision, the first of five consecutive wins in extra time or penalty kicks for the Nomads.

Week 3 — California trims visiting L.A., 3-2, on seven rounds of penalty kicks, the Kickers' fourth win in five meetings with their crosstown rival.

Week 4 — Two Canadian Soccer League powers begin their invasion of the WSA and the Alliance clubs go 2-1 as San Diego (1-0) and L.A. (2-1) topple the CSL champion Calgary Kickers and San Jose is rocked by the Vancouver 86ers, 3-0.

Week 5 — The WSA goes 4-2 against the Canadians during the busiest week of the campaign. California beats Calgary, 1-0, in the Battle of the Kickers; L.A. shades Vancouver, 2-1; San Diego ekes out a 2-1 penalty-kick decision over Vancouver; Calgary stops Portland, 3-1; Vancouver stages a rousing comeback

to stun California, 3-2, and Seattle dumps Calgary, 3-1.

Week 6 — Calgary turns back San Jose, 4-3, on penalties as Alex Basso's hat trick goes to waste; unbeaten Seattle wins at Portland, 3-1, to pull behind unbeaten San Diego in the standings.

Week 7 — Portland reaches a turning point, losing a 3-2 overtime heartbreaker at San Diego, then absorbing a 4-1 pounding at L.A. the following afternoon; host San Jose beats California, 3-0, with an overtime explosion, and Seattle trims Vancouver, 2-1, on penalties.

Week 8 — San Diego stuns host California, 4-3, on penalty kicks after both sides score clutch goals in overtime; Portland falls to Vancouver, 2-1, as the WSA completes play against the CSL clubs with a 7-5 record.

Week 9 — L.A. visits the Northwest, nipping Portland, 1-0, but absorbing a 5-0 thrashing at Seattle; San Jose beats visiting San Diego, 2-1, on penalty kicks to avenge its loss to the Nomads in the '87 WSA finals

and halt San Diego's record winning streak at six games.

Week 10 — San Jose travels south and blanks L.A., 2-0, in overtime and outlasts California, 4-2, in overtime.

 L.A. becomes the first side to stop Seattle, taking a 2-0 decision at home, but the Storm Week 11 rebounds to nip host San Diego, 1-0, in overtime to close within three points of the Nomads; and more hard times for Portland as the Oregon club tumbles at San Jose, 1-0, and California, 3-1.

Week 12 — San Jose equals San Diego's mark for consecutive wins as the 'Quakes beat visiting L.A., 1-0, in overtime; San Diego builds a seemingly insurmountable 17-point lead over the second-place Storm by edging Seattle, 1-0, and Portland, 4-3, in overtime despite Scott Benedetti's hat trick.

Week 13 — San Jose's streak is ended at Seattle, 3-0, but the 'Quakes rebound to top Portland, 3-1; L.A.

stays in the playoff chase by stopping San Diego, 2-1, at home.

Week 14 — San Diego wins its WSA-record ninth game, a 2-1 overtime match against visiting San Jose, but Seattle closes to within 10 points by slipping past Portland, 3-2, in overtime before a home crowd of 7,000; L.A. stays alive, rocking California, 3-0.

Week 15 — Seattle hits the road and picks up 17 points in beating California, 2-1, and San Jose, 3-1, to roar past San Diego and capture first place. The Western Soccer Alliance approves a Phoenix-based expansion club for the 1989 season.

Week 16 — Third-place San Jose defeats second-place San Diego, 2-1, in overtime and nine rounds of penalty kicks to open the WSA 1988 American Airlines Soccer Championships.

Week 17 — San Jose meets Seattle in the American Airines Championships finale at Memorial Stadium.

#### WESTERN SOCCER ALLIANCE STANDINGS FINAL (July 20, 1985)

Club	GP	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.*	Home	Road
FC Seattle Storm**	12	10	2	25	10	83	6-1	4-1
San Diego Nomads**	12	9	3	23	17	76	6-1	3-2
San Jose Earthquakes**	12	7	5	20	19	61	4-3	3-2
LA Heat	12	7	5	20	17	61	6-0	1-5
California Kickers	12	3	9	17	28	35	3-4	0-5
FC Portland	12	91	11	16	32	22	1-6	0-5

<sup>\* 6</sup> points for a win; 1 point for each goal scored up to a maximum of 3 \*\*Playoff qualifier

#### FC SEATTLE STORM 1988 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Age	Residence	Last Team			
1	Jeff Koch	GK	22	Renton, WA	FC Seattle STORM			
1	Rolf Norton	GK	20	Mercer Island, WA	U. of Puget Sound			
2	Don Farler	D	29	Seattle, WA	FC Seattle STORM			
3	Rick Blubaugh	D	23	Lynnwood, WA	FC Seattle STORM			
5	Tim Bartro	F	23	Tacoma, WA	Memphis Storm, AISA			
6	Bobby Bruch	M	21	Bellevue, WA	FC Seattle STORM			
7	Tad Willoughby	M	27	Bellevue, WA	FC Seattle STORM			
8	Craig Beeson	F	21	Everett, WA	FC Seattle STORM			
9	Chance Fry	F	23	Bellevue, WA	FC Seattle STORM			
10	Rob Goff	D	19	Woodinville, WA	Seattle Pacific Univ.			
12	John Hamel	M	21	Seattle, WA	FC Seattle STORM			
13	Dennis Gunnell	M	25	Seattle, WA	FC Seattle STORM			
14	Peter Hattrup	F	24	Seattle, WA	Tacoma Stars, MISL			
17	Daryl Green	D	22	Seattle, WA	FC Seattle STORM			
18	Grant Gibbs	D	23	Kent, WA	FC Portland			
19	Eddie Henderson	M	20	Seattle, WA	Univ. of Wash.			
22	Bernie James	D	29	Kirkland, WA	Tacoma Stars, MISL			
	Bill Crook	D	24	Auburn, WA	Tacoma Stars, MISL			
Head	I Coach:	Tom	my Jeni	kins				
Assist. Coach:			Jeff Stock					
Trainer:			Jim Dillon					
Manager:			Ron Nash					
Team Doctor:			Dr. Thomas Green					

#### SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES 1988 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Age	Last Team
1	Aram Kardzair	GK	27	San Francisco Greek Americans
2	John Nicholson	D	23	Celtic
3	Chris Wentzien	D	26	Celtic
6	Ralph Black	D	24	Tacoma Stars
7	Chris Dangerfield	F	32	Minnesota Strikers
9	Frank Van Den Brand Hornin	nge F	26	Celtic
10	Tomas Boy	F	36	Universidad de Nuevo Leon
13	Mike Whitlatch	D	26	Santa Clara Sporting
14	Dzung Tran	F	23	Milwaukee Wave
15	Jon Houston	M	24	Zabrab
16	Alex Basso	M	25	Sons of Italy
17	Joe Mihaljevic	F	27	Miami Sharks
18	Tony Salciccia	F	24	Milwaukee Wave
19	Mike Getchell	М	23	Tacoma Stars
21	Joe Silveira	D	29	Santa Clara Sporting
+22	Jorge Ibanez	F	22	Club America
23	Jacques Ladouceur	F	29	San Diego Sockers
24	Vince Da Silva	GK	21	Santa Clara Sporting
, 4 ,	Robbie Zipp (injured)			
20	Tim Graffe (injured)			
Coad	ch: 1	ony Zanotto		
Assis	st. Coaches:	Tomas Boy		

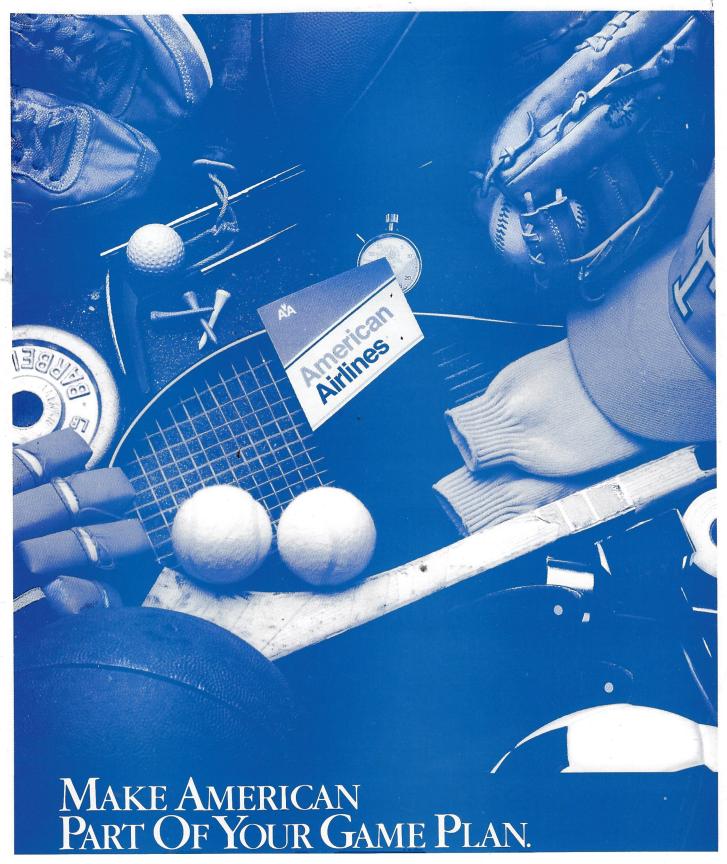
#### 1988 ALL WSA TEAMS

ALL WSA 1st TEAM		ALL WSA 2nd TEAM	
TODD STROBECK Portland	GK	BOBBY AMMANN L.A.	GK
MARCELO BALBOA San Diego	D	MARTIN VASQUEZ California	D
GRANT GIBBS Seattle	D	MARIO GONZALEZ San Diego	D
ARTURO VELAZCO San Diego	D.	DARYL GREEN Seattle	D
JEFF STOCK Seattle	D	DANNY PENA L.A.	D
PETER HATTRUP Seattle	MF	JEROME WATSON San Diego	MF
BILLY THOMPSON L.A.	MF	DZUNG TRAN San Jose	MF
TOMAS BOY San Jose	MF	CHRIS DANGERFIELD San Jose	MF
JUSTIN FASHANU L.A.	F	SCOTT BENEDETTI Portland	F
EDDIE HENDERSON Seattle	F	JOHN SISSONS San Diego	F
ABUELO CRUZ San Jose	F	CHANCE FRY Seattle	F

# FC SEATTLE STORM PROUDLY WEARS UNIFORMS BY:

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### 1988 FC Seattle Volunteers...

FC Seattle and the STORM would like to thank its staff of volunteers. The fun and excitement of a STORM game happens in part because of the loyal volunteers who give up a part of their weekend to help put on these extraordinary matches. The success of our club again this year lies with these many wonderful friends of FC Seattle.

#### THANKS, FRIENDS! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!

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#### \* \* GAME NOTES \* \*

The road to the Championship Game: Final standings not determined until the very last game of the season... the STORM embarks on 2-game road trip, 10 points out of first place... the STORM plays the California Kickers Saturday night, July 16th... Seattle wins, 2-1, and picks up 8 points... the team needs to outright win against San Jose, or at least score 2 goals to tie San Diego impoints... the players are on the road traveling to San Jose by 6:00 AM the next morning... 2 games in less than 24 hours... the temperature is 105 on the field... the STORM is leading 1-0 at halftime on a header by Grant Gibbs from a Tad Willoughby corner kick... Chris Dangerfield scores for the 'Quakes on a breakaway at 56:59... the team had to dig deep... they just didn't give up... Jeff Koch played like a wild man providing brilliant saves... John Hamel scored at 70:40... the STORM had their two goals! They took first place in the league due to tie breaking rules... Hamel iced the game at 86:53 with a second shot after his first one rebounded off the keeper... Seattle earned the maximum 9 points to end the regular season with 83 points, 7 ahead of San Diego... Dangerfield's goal for San Jose placed them in a tie with LA Heat for third place... the 'Quakes claimed the final playoff berth as they had beaten the Heat twice in league play. Seattle and San Jose have meet nine times during the regular season dating back to '85, and the STORM holds a 6-3-0 edge thanks to 3-0 and 3-1 wins this season.

First Playoff Game: San Diego Nomads hosted the Earthquakes on July 23rd... the 'Quakes took the lead on a penalty kick by Tomas Boy... at 89:30 (!) the Nomads equalized.. the two 10-minute overtimes yielded no goals... the Earthquakes prevailed finally 6-5, for the right to play Seattle tonight.

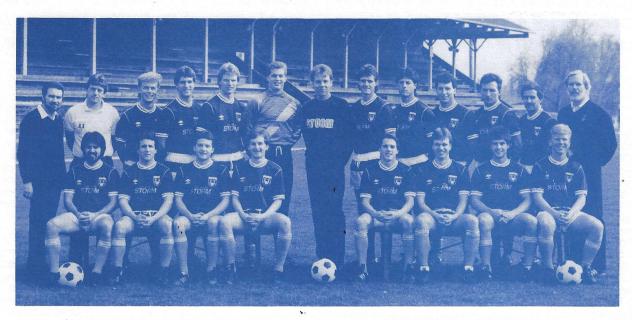
Roster Changes: JEFF STOCK injured his right knee (his *good* knee!) in the STORM's last home contest against FC Portland. BILL CROOK, formerly with the Tacoma Stars, was added to the STORM roster on July 11th, and played with the team on the recent California road trip.

MIKE GETCHEL, of the Earthquakes, received a red card in the playoff game against San Diego, so will not see action tonight. ABUELO CRUZ, the 'Quakes Mexican scoring ace, is not with the team now due to negotiations with several Spanish teams who are seeking his services for next year. ROBBIE ZIPP, former STORM player who moved to California and has been playing for the Earthquakes for the past three years, will not suit up tonight due to injury.

The STORM leaves on August 1st for their second tour of Great Britain. They will play five games against professional teams from various divisions of the English Football League. The team has been told to expect crowds of 15,000 to 20,000 for these pre-season exhibition games. (See program inserts for opponents and dates.) The STORM players and personnel will be headquartered in Durham, England, which is just north of Middlesbrough, for the duration of the tour. The team returns to the United States on August 16, 1988.

SPECIAL THANKS to Louis Pucci and the High School All City Marching Band. Our gratitude also to RUTH SIGUENZA who is performing the duties of Volunteer Coordinator tonight. We thank our ball boys tonight who are from the REBELS U-15 team, coached by Steve Estby, and the ROCKETS, U-12, coached by Dave McKay.

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# FC SEATTLE STORM 1988 GREAT BRITAIN TOUR



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August 6, 3 p.m. LINCOLN CITY



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August 13, 3 p.m. SUNDERLAND



August 15, 7:30 p.m.
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