



U.S. OPEN CUP



Kansas City Wizards versus Colorado Rapids



Wednesday, June 4, 2008 - Overland Park, Kansas - Shawnee Mission District Stadium - 7:00 p.m. CT

English TV: None Spanish TV: None

English Radio: None Spanish Radio: None **Live Running Commentary on HillcrestRoad.blogspot.com**

KANSAS CITY WIZARDS

League: Major League Soccer
Country: United States
Home City: Kansas City
Founded: 1996
MLS Championships: 1
U.S. Open Cup Titles: 1
Coach: Curt Onalfo (USA)
Captain: Jimmy Conrad (USA)

COLORADO RAPIDS

League: Major League Soccer
Country: United States
Home City: Colorado
Founded: 1996
League Championships: 0
U.S. Open Cup Titles: 1
Coach: Fernando Clavijo (URG)
Captain: Pablo Mastroeni (USA)

NOTABLES

UNDEFEATED IN "CUP" PLAY...Kansas City has won both exhibition "cups" they have competed in during the 2008 season. The Wizards defeated MLS team Real Salt Lake 1-0 in the preseason Saturn Cup, held in Norman, Oklahoma. Kansas City also captured the inaugural New Mexico Cup last Saturday, defeating CSD Municipal of Guatemala 2-0 behind two goals from Colombian forward Ivan Trujillo.

DREADFUL JUNE FOR COLORADO...Kansas City attempts to keep their streak against Colorado alive Wednesday in the U.S. Open Cup qualifier. The Wizards have never lost to the Rapids in the month of June, nor have they lost to Colorado since July 8 2006. Since then going 1-0-2 in the last three including two ties last year.

U.S. OPEN CUP WOES...The Wizards have never beaten the Rapids in Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup play. The teams have crossed paths twice in the midseason tournament, with Colorado winning 3-2 in both matches in '03 and '96. Both teams have each won an Open Cup title, the Rapids in 1999 and the Wizards in 2004. The winner of this matchup will advance to the Open Cup Round of 16

OPEN SUCCESS...Missouri has the fourth most Open Cup champions of all states. The state falls behind New York, California and Pennsylvania with twelve Cups all time, the Wizards contributing one of those in 2004. A team from Kansas has never won a U.S. Open Cup in the history of the tourney.

GAME COVERAGE...even though there are TV or Radio covering the game from Shawnee Mission District Stadium, Metro Sports will be on location from 6:00 to 6:15 with live shots of warm-ups and also will be interviewing players. They will also have game highlights after the game is concluded. Also the Wizards official blog, Hillcrest Road, will run live commentary at www.HillcrestRoad.blogspot.com

ARNAUD ATOP...Davy Arnaud sits atop the list of scorers in U.S. Open Cup play along with former Wizards Igor Simuntentkov with five goals all-time. Simuntentkov scored both goals in a 2003 loss to Colorado along with two goals in the 2004 tournament, including the game winning goal in the cup final at Arrowhead Stadium. Arnaud also had three goals in the 2004 cup. His other two goals came in 2005. The two played together with the Wizards from 2002-2004 while Simuntentkov was with the team.

PHONETICAL ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Pronunciation
22	Arnaud, Davy	M	are-NO
16	Colombano, Eloy	M/F	CO-lam-BAH-no
12	Conrad, Jimmy	D	
17	Espinoza, Roger	M	
2	Harrington, Michael	M/D	
1	Hartman, Kevin	GK	
15	Hohlbein, Aaron	D	Hole-BINE
14	Jewsbury, Jack	D/M	
30	Kraus, Michael	D	
24	Kronberg, Eric	GK	Krahn-Burg
25	Leathers, Jonathan	D	
7	Lopez, Claudio	F	
10	Marinelli, Carlos	M	
24	Marquess, Matt	D	mar-KWESS
13	McKenzie, Rauwshan	D	rah-SHAWN
8	McMahen, Ryan	M	
11	Morsink, Kurt	M	MORE-sink
3	Myers, Chance	M/D	
31	Pardo, Boris	GK	
33	Pizarro, Nelson	M	puh-ZAR-oh
29	Pore, Ryan	M/F	
19	Sealy, Scott	F	
26	Souter, Kevin	M	SOO-ter
23	Trujillo, Ivan	F	EE-von true-HEE-yo
9	Victorine, Sasha	M	Vic-tor-eeen
20	Wahl, Tyson	D	Wall
21	Watson, Lance	M	
5	Zavagnin, Kerry	M	za-VAG-nin