



# CHICAGO FIRE GAME NOTES

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## CHICAGO FIRE vs. COLUMBUS CREW LAMAR HUNT U.S. OPEN CUP PLAY-IN ROUND

Tuesday, June 10, 2008 – Shea Stadium – Peoria, Ill. – 7:00 PM CT

TV/RADIO: NONE – ONLINE VIDEO: [www.bradleybraves.com](http://www.bradleybraves.com) – MATCHTRACKER: [www.chicago-fire.com](http://www.chicago-fire.com)

### TONIGHT'S GAME

Tonight the Chicago Fire play the Columbus Crew in a Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup play-in game at Bradley University's Shea Stadium in Peoria, Ill...The winner of the game advances into the Round of 16 on July 1, with site and opponent to be announced later.

### FOR FIRE, U.S. OPEN CUP IS HISTORY

The Chicago Fire has enjoyed unparalleled success in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup since the team's inception in 1998, winning the Dewar Trophy 4 times – 1998, 2000, 2003, and 2006 – while finishing as the runners-up in 2004...The Fire have dominated play in the nation's oldest soccer competition, as evidenced by Chicago's 24-6-2 record (.781 winning percentage), 7 semifinal appearances and 5 finals in just 10 years.

### FIRE ARE ONE OF OPEN CUP'S BEST

The Fire is also one of only 7 clubs to win the U.S. Open Cup at least 3 times, and became the first to accomplish the feat since the New York Pancyprian-Freedoms won their third title in 1983. Chicago is also the last club to take home 4 titles since Maccabee SC of Los Angeles did so in 1973, 1975, 1977, and 1981...The Fire is not the only team from "The Windy City" to take home the Dewar Trophy, having brought home Chicago's 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th overall Open Cup titles...Other Chicago-based winners: Chicago Sparta (1938, 1940) Chicago Viking (1946,) Chicago Falcons (1953), Chicago A.A.C. Eagles (1990).

### CHICAGO – COLUMBUS U.S. OPEN CUP HISTORY

The Fire and Crew have met twice in Open Cup play, with Chicago winning both contests...The Fire won 2-1 over the Crew in the 4th Round on 7/20/04 at Crew Stadium in Columbus...Chicago captured its first Open Cup title on 10/30/98 with a 2-1 win over Columbus at Soldier Field...The Fire are 17-10-8 vs. Columbus all-time in MLS action.

### BUSCH TO FACE FORMER CLUB FOR FIRST TIME

Fire goalkeeper Jon Busch, a 2004 MLS All-Star with Columbus Crew (2002-2006) will face his former club for the first time...Busch guided Columbus to a Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup championship in 2002 and a MLS-record 18-game unbeaten run in 2004...Busch still remains the Crew's all-time saves leader (367) and ranks first in games played (84), games started (83), and minutes played (7,520)

### CHICAGO FIRE/ATHLETICO "RECOVERY ROOM" :: JUNE 6 PROBABLE

John Thorington – Back Spasms

### QUESTIONABLE

Wilman Conde – R Hamstring Strain, Patrick Nyarko – R Hip Strain

### DOUBTFUL

Kai Kasiguran – R Hip Tendonitis, Daniel Woolard – R Thigh Strain

### OUT

Lider Marmol – R knee meniscus tear

### LAST TIME OUT – FIRE LOSE TO D.C. UNITED 2-1

The Chicago Fire lost to D.C. United 2-1 Saturday in front of 19,256 at TOYOTA PARK in Bridgeview, Ill...Chad Barrett notched the first goal of the match in the 27th minute, with Cuauhtémoc Blanco recording the assist. United forward Jaime Moreno scored the equalizing goal in the 63rd minute, while forward Luciano Emilio tallied the game-winning strike in stoppage time...The loss was the Fire's first defeat to D.C. United at TOYOTA PARK (1-1-2), evened the all-time series at 13-13-7, and brought Chicago's 2008 home record to 2-3-0 through 5 games.

### FIRE HEAD COACH DENIS HAMLETT

Denis Hamlett was named the 4th head coach in Chicago history in January...He comes into tonight's game with a career record of 6-4-3 in MLS action as he was 0-1-2 as the club's interim coach for a portion of last season...A member of the Chicago Fire coaching staff since the inaugural 1998 campaign, the 39-year-old Costa Rican native previously held the position of Fire top assistant coach since 2001...With Hamlett's guidance, the Fire has won the 1998 MLS Cup, four Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cups (1998, 2000, 2003, 2006), four Conference championships (1998, 2000, 2001, 2003), as well as the MLS Supporters Shield (2003)...Most recently, Hamlett helped the "Men in Red" reach the Eastern Conference Championship game through the 2007 MLS Cup Playoffs.

### CHICAGO FIRE @ FC DALLAS ON SUNDAY

The Chicago Fire (6-3-1, 19 pts.) take to the road to face FC Dallas (3-5-4, 13 pts.) in the first of 2 regular season meetings on Sunday, June 15, at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, TX...Kickoff for the match is set for 2:00 p.m. CT...The Fire are coming off a 2-1 home loss to D.C. United on Saturday, while FC Dallas dropped their last game 2-1 to the New England Revolution on the road...This Sunday's game will be televised by My50 Chicago and TeleFutura, and will be on Chicagoland radio stations WNVR 1030-AM (Polish) and WRTO 1200-AM (Spanish).

### BLANCO VOTED MLS PLAYER OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

Chicago Fire midfielder Cuauhtémoc Blanco was voted May's MLS Player of the Month after registering 2 goals and 4 assists in 4 matches...He led the Fire to a 3-1-0 record during the month with all 3 wins coming on the road...This is Blanco's first Player of the Month award and the first Fire Player of the Month winner since former goalkeeper Matt Pickens won the award for October of 2007...Blanco provided his share of highlights in the month of May. He opened the campaign playing 90 minutes in a 3-0 victory at New England on May 3...In the Fire's second game of the month at D.C. United on May 8, he scored a spectacular goal in the 2-0 road victory that was voted Sierra Mist Goal of the Week for Week 7...Blanco capped the month with his most impressive game of the year at New York on May 25...He had a hand in all five goals in the Fire's 5-1 victory as he scored once and tallied three assists...His corner kick set up Chicago's fifth goal...That effort earned him MLS Player of the Week honors for Week 9.

### FIRE TO HOST EVERTON FC JULY 30 AT TOYOTA PARK

The Fire will play Everton FC from England's Barclays Premier League on Wednesday, July 30 at TOYOTA PARK...Kickoff for the match will be 7:30 p.m. CT...This game will fulfill Bonus Game 3 in the Fire's Season Ticket book...This is the second time the Fire has played a Premiership team as they hosted Derby County in 1999 at Soldier Field...English side Chelsea was the first Premiership club to play at TOYOTA PARK as the opponent for the 2006 Major League Soccer All-Star game.

### CHICAGO FIRE SOCCER TO PRESENT AUGUST 3 FC BARCELONA- CLUB DEPORTIVO GUADALAJARA MATCH

Chicago Fire Soccer is proud to announce it will present the Chicago visit by FC Barcelona on their "On Tour '08" as the Spanish club plays Mexico's Club Deportivo Guadalajara on Sunday, August 3...Kickoff for the game at Soldier Field is 6:00 p.m. CT...A special two-game package is on sale which includes a ticket to this match and the Fire's Saturday, Aug. 2 match vs. Chivas USA at TOYOTA PARK.



## 2008 CHICAGO FIRE ROSTER (as of June 9, 2008)

### ALPHABETICAL

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Hometown	College	Status
20	Mike Banner	M	5-10	160	10-20-84	Washington, D.C.	SIU-Edwardsville	DEV
19	Chad Barrett	F	5-11	180	4-30-85	Beaverton, OR	UCLA	
10	Cuauhtémoc Blanco	F	5-9	180	1-17-73	Mexico City, Mexico	--	DP/INT
2	C.J. Brown	D	6-0	185	6-15-75	Hayward, CA	San Jose State	
1	Jon Busch	GK	5-10	165	8-18-76	Albany, NY	UNC-Charlotte	
3	Calen Carr	F	6-0	150	10-4-82	Berkeley, CA	California	
22	Wilman Conde	D	6-2	188	8-29-82	Cali, Colombia	--	INT
9	Tomasz Frankowski	F	5-7	146	8-16-74	Bialystok, Poland	--	INT
8	Diego Gutierrez	D/M	5-7	155	11-3-72	Lee's Summit, MO	Rockhurst	
26	Andy Herron	F	5-9	155	3-2-78	Puerto Limón, Costa Rica	--	INT
0	Tyler Kettering	GK	6-1	190	7-24-84	Xenia, OH	Gardner-Webb	DEV
36	Kai Kasiguran	M	5-11	160	9-8-85	Oakwood Village, OH	Messiah College	DEV
33	Stephen King	M	5-8	153	3-6-86	Medford, NJ	Maryland	DEV
29	Peter Lowry	M/F	5-11	165	10-2-85	Fair Oaks, CA	Santa Clara	DEV
21	Justin Mapp	M	6-1	160	10-18-84	Brandon, MS	--	
23	Lider Marmol	D	6-1	195	10-2-85	Paraná, Paraguay	--	INT
28	Nick Noble	GK	6-4	200	9-1-84	Charleston, WV	West Virginia	
12	Patrick Nyarko	F	6-0	165	1-15-86	Kumasi, Ghana	Virginia Tech	DEV/Ga
7	Logan Pause	M	5-10	155	8-22-81	Hillsborough, NC	North Carolina	
5	Brian Plotkin	M	5-9	150	8-3-84	Naperville, IL	Indiana	DEV
6	Brandon Prideaux	D	6-0	170	8-18-76	Renton, WA	Washington	
32	Dasan Robinson	D	5-11	160	6-6-84	Elyria, OH	Dayton	
17	Chris Rolfe	F/M	5-8	145	1-17-83	Kettering, OH	Dayton	
25	Gonzalo Segares	D	5-11	162	10-13-82	San Jose, Costa Rica	Virginia Commonwealth	INT
4	Bakary Soumare	D	6-4	190	11-9-85	New York, NY	University of Virginia	Ga
11	John Thorrington	M	5-8	150	10-17-79	Palos Verdes, CA	--	
34	Austin Washington	D	6-0	175	9-26-85	Spokane, WA	Gonzaga	DEV
24	Daniel Woolard	D	5-10	155	5-22-84	Bedford, TX	Midwestern State	DEV

### NUMERICAL WITH PRONUNCIATION

No.	Player	Pos.	Pronunciation	Age	Place of Birth	2007 Club
0	Tyler Kettering	GK		23	Dayton, OH	Wilmington Hammerheads
1	Jon Busch	GK		31	Queens, NY	Chicago Fire
2	C.J. Brown	D		32	Eugene, OR	Chicago Fire
3	Calen Carr	F	KAY-len	25	Oakland, CA	Chicago Fire
4	Bakary Soumare	D	ba-CAR-ay SOO-marr-ay	21	Bamako, Mali	Chicago Fire
5	Brian Plotkin	M		23	Chicago, IL	Chicago Fire
6	Brandon Prideaux	D	pre-DOH	31	Seattle, WA	Colorado Rapids
7	Logan Pause	D/M		26	Hillsborough, NC	Chicago Fire
8	Diego Gutierrez	D/M	goo-TEE-air-ez	35	Bogota, Colombia	Chicago Fire
9	Tomasz Frankowski	F		33	Bialystok, Poland	CD Tenerife
10	Cuauhtémoc Blanco	F	quaw-TAY-mok BLAHN-ko	35	Mexico City, Mexico	Chicago Fire
11	John Thorrington	M		28	Johannesburg, South Africa	Chicago Fire
12	Patrick Nyarko	F	NEE-yah-koh	22	Kumasi, Ghana	Virginia Tech
17	Chris Rolfe	F/M		25	Kettering, OH	Chicago Fire
19	Chad Barrett	F		23	San Diego, CA	Chicago Fire
20	Mike Banner	M		23	Washington, DC	Chicago Fire
21	Justin Mapp	M		23	Brandon, MS	Chicago Fire
22	Wilman Conde	D	will-mahn CONE-day	25	Cali, Colombia	Chicago Fire
23	Lider Marmol	D	LEE-der MARR-mole	22	Paraná, Paraguay	Hercules CF
24	Daniel Woolard	D		24	Bedford, TX	Chicago Fire
25	Gonzalo Segares	D	seh-GARR-us	25	San Jose, Costa Rica	Chicago Fire
26	Andy Herron	F		30	Puerto Limón, Costa Rica	Puntarenas FC
28	Nick Noble	GK		22	Charleston, WV	Chicago Fire
29	Peter Lowry	M/F		22	Fair Oaks, CA	Santa Clara
32	Dasan Robinson	D	DAY-sahn	24	Evanston, IL	Chicago Fire
33	Stephen King	M		21	Medford, NJ	Maryland
34	Austin Washington	D		22	Spokane, WA	Gonzaga
36	Kai Kasiguran	M	CASS-eh-ger-an	22	Oakwood Village, OH	Messiah College

**Technical Director:** Frank Klopas

**Head Coach:** Denis Hamlett

**Assistant Coaches:** Mike Jeffries, Chris Armas, Daryl Shore

**INT** → International player

**GC** → Former foreigner playing as a domestic due to green card status

**DP** → Designated Player

**DEV** → Developmental player

**Ga** → Generation adidas signing