



California Cougars Game Notes

Saturday Oct. 27th, 2007

California Cougars at Chicago Storm
Sears Center Melrose Park, IL

2007-2008 Regular Season Schedule			
Date		Opponent	Time
10/27	at	Chicago	5:00PM
11/10	vs.	Monterrey	7:00PM
11/17	vs.	Detroit	7:15PM
11/21	at	Orlando	4:35PM
11/25	vs.	Philadelphia	6:15PM
11/30	at	Philadelphia	4:05PM
12/01	at	Baltimore	4:35PM
12/09	vs.	Monterrey	6:15PM
12/15	vs.	Baltimore	7:15PM
12/30	vs.	New Jersey	6:15PM
1/04	at	Detroit	4:35PM
1/05	vs.	Chicago	7:15PM
1/13	vs.	Milwaukee	6:15PM
1/18	at	Orlando	4:35PM
1/19	at	New Jersey	11:00AM
1/27	vs.	Orlando	6:15PM
1/31	at	Monterrey	6:35PM
2/02	at	Milwaukee	4:00PM
2/15	vs.	Chicago	8:00PM
2/21	at	New Jersey	7:35AM
2/23	at	Philadelphia	4:05PM
2/29	at	Detroit	4:35PM
3/02	at	Milwaukee	12:00PM
3/08	vs.	New Jersey	7:15PM
3/13	at	Monterrey	6:35PM
3/16	vs.	Baltimore	6:15PM
3/22	vs.	Detroit	7:15PM
3/28	at	Chicago	5:00PM
3/30	vs.	Orlando	6:15PM
4/05	vs.	Philadelphia	7:15PM

Game Number: 1

Media Information:

1420 KSTN – Stockton, CA,
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Matchup: The Cougars begin their third year in the MISL. The Storm are in their fourth year of existence. California is 1-1 in home openers. The Blast defeated the Cougars 9-4 in the 2004-05 season opener at First Mariner Arena in Baltimore. The Cougars defeated the Philadelphia KiXX at the Stockton Arena 13-12 to open the 2006-07 season.

Injuries:

CAL: Vicente Figueroa - OUT-IR - Knee
CHI: Chris Brisson – Probable - Back
CHI: Fabinho - Out – Knee

Officials: Rich Grady, Kelly R. Ross, Jose Gesundheit, Tim Deters

Standings:

TEAM	GP	W	L	PCT	GB
Baltimore	1	1	0	1.000	--
New Jersey	1	1	0	1.000	--
Detroit	0	0	0	0.000	1/2
Milwaukee	0	0	0	0.000	1/2
Chicago	0	0	0	0.000	1/2
California	0	0	0	0.000	1/2
Monterrey	0	0	0	0.000	1/2
Orlando	1	0	1	0.000	1
Philadelphia	1	0	1	0.000	1

Veteran acquisitions: Forward Chris Handsor and midfielder Gordon Chin were both acquired by the Cougars in 2007 MISL Expansion Draft. The Cougars traded up in the draft to select both Handsor and Chin. California took Handsor in the second round with the 8th pick in the draft, Chin was taken in the next round with pick number 11. Sanaldo was acquired in exchange for the New Jersey Ironmen's first round expansion draft pick. The Cougars' obtained that pick by sending the rights to players Shaun David, Gary Brooks and Stefan Stokic to the Ironmen. California received the Ironmen's first, third and fourth round picks for the three players.

Rookies: Making their MISL debut with the Cougars are midfielder Kupono Low, defender Pedro Lupercio and forwards Luis Pinto and Naldo. Low a Fremont native was selected as the fourth pick in the first round of the 2007 MISL Supplemental Draft by the Cougars. He spent the off-season playing for the Carolina RailHawks of the United Soccer Leagues First Division (USL-1). The 28 year-old defender played in all 28 games for expansion Carolina in 2007. Low finished the year tied for 11th in the league with 16 points on six goals and four assists. Low was named to the USL-1 All-League Second team in his first season, fellow Cougar Brian Farber was also named to that team. The Cougars made 22 year-old Pedro Lupercio their second pick in the 2007 MISL College Draft, he was the 11th overall selection. The Dixon native makes the move from college midfielder to defender in the MISL. Lupercio was an offensive standout while at Sacramento State. In his 69 matches played Lupercio accumulated 10 career assists, ranking him fifth in Division I. program history. In 2005, Lupercio scored two goals and added two assists, while earning all-conference accolades.

Cougars' Road Record:

First Season: 3-12

2/4/06 Cougars @ Philadelphia 4-3

3/5/06 Cougars @ Milwaukee 9-7

3/24/06 Cougars @ Baltimore 5-4

Second Season: 1-14

1/6/07 Cougars @ Chicago 14-12

Overall Road Record: 4-26

Cougars at Storm Preview: Chicago won 5 of the 6 meetings between the two teams in the 2006-07 season... They split their season series 3-3 during the 2005-06 season... Overall the Storm leads the all-time series 8-4 over the Cougars...

Cougars: California's only road win came against the Storm (14-12) on 1/6/07... Vicente Figueroa scored 2 three point goals in that road victory...His first goal was on a restart and the second was the game winner... It was his 3rd game back from a knee injury... He finished the year with 17 points including 2 three-point goals, 1 two-point goal, and 2 assists against the Storm in 6 games played... Enrique Tovar led all scorers with 17 points against Chicago in 5 games... He finished the season with 7 (2pt) goals and 3 assists against the Storm... Ryan Hall picked up 10 blocks against his former team, he finished with a league leading 61 blocks for the season... He had 6 blocks in the Cougars 14-12 defeat of the Storm in Chicago on 1/6/07.

Storm: Mark Ughy recorded three two-point goals and one assist against the Cougars on 3/01/07... He finished with seven points in that game ... Ughy's best game came against the Detroit Ignition on 4/1/07, he had five goals including one three-point goal and four two-point goals for a total of 11 points... Stephen Armstrong lit the Cougars' defense for 24 points on the season... His nine goals against the Cougars were made up of three three-point goals, six two-point goals and three assists... Former Cougar John Ball returned to the Storm after a midseason trade that sent Semir Mesanovic and Elvir Kafedzic to the Cougars... Ball's first game as a member of the Storm in the 06-07 season came against the Cougars... He was held scoreless for that game, but would score in every other contest against the Cougars... Ball recorded a two-point goal and two assists against the Cougars in Stockton on 1/24/07... His highest point total against California came in Chicago on 3/18/07, Ball had five points with one three-point goal, one two-point goal and one assist.

California Cougars Numerical Roster 2007-2008

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
1	GK	Matt McDougall	10-18-82	6'0" / 170	Portland, OR	California Cougars	2
2	D	Ryan Hall	9-13-81	5'9" / 180	Great Falls, VA	California Cougars	5
3	D	Matt Caution	11-29-74	5'10" / 165	St. Louis, MO	California Cougars	8
4	D	Antonio Sutton	12-12-73	5'9" / 150	Fayetteville, NC	California Cougars	7
5	D	Evan McNeley	12-3-82	6'0" / 175	Bellevue, WA	California Cougars	2
6	M	Kupono Low	12-27-78	5'11" / 170	Honolulu, Hawaii	Carolina Railhawks	R
7	M	Brian Farber	4-15-82	5'8" / 155	Sandpoint, ID	California Cougars	3
8	D	Marcos Chantel	7-27-75	6'0" / 188	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	California Cougars	4
9	F	Enrique Tovar	6-4-79	6'0" / 200	San Jose, CA	California Cougars	3
10	M	Semir Mesanovic	1-1-81	5'10" / 168	Doboj, Bosnia	California Cougars	5
11	M	Nelson Santana	12-28-78	5'8" / 170	Colombia	California Cougars	2
13	M	Vicente Figueroa*	10-22-77	5'6" / 153	Guadalajara, Mexico	California Cougars	3
15	D	Pedro Lupercio	12-24-84	5'9" / 155	Mexico	Sacramento State	R
16	M	Eduardo Velez	10-13-81	5'9" / 147	Tijuana, Mexico	California Cougars	2
18	M	Gordon Chin	3-26-83	5'6" / 145	Burnaby, B.C.	Baltimore Blast	2
19	M	Craig Scheer	2-29-76	6'0" / 165	Cape Girardeau, MO	California Cougars	7
20	F	Naldo	2-6-76	6'1" / 187	Brazil	Los Angeles Galaxy	R
21	F	Luis Pinto	6-22-83	5'9" / 162	Brazil	Tejusa Futbol Club	R
23	F	Chris Handsor	1-14-72	6'1" / 195	Toronto, Canada	Chicago Storm	11
25	GK	Sanaldo	12-2-77	6'0" / 175	Feira de Santana, Brazil	Detroit Ignition	5

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Matt Caution is a seasoned veteran in the Major Indoor Soccer League. The 2007-08 season is Caution's third straight year with the Cougars. **2006-07:** suffered a season ending ankle injury in a 16-14 loss to the Milwaukee Wave on January 26, 2007. Despite the injury he ended his short 18 game season with 29 blocks and four points. Caution blocked 10 shots against the Baltimore Blast on January 20, 2007 in an 8 to 6 Cougars loss. **2005-06:** The Cougars acquired Caution during the 2005 expansion draft. He was the 12th overall selection by the Cougars. **2004-05:** Tallied 29 blocks, four goals and one assist in 35 games for the Steamers.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
1999-00	St. Louis	18	0	1	0	3	5	4	29
2000-01	Buffalo	29	0	7	0	0	14	2	42
2001-02	Cleveland	25	0	2	0	1	5	4	31
2003-04	St. Louis	26	---	---	3	1	4	18	30
2004-05	St. Louis	35	---	---	4	1	5	32	29
2005-06	California	17	---	---	1	1	2	16	13
2006-07	California	18	0	1	---	2	4	0	29
TOTALS		168	0	11	8	9	39	76	203

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8	D	Chantel, Marcos	7-27-75	6'0" / 188	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	California Cougars	3

The California Cougars acquired Chantel after the 2005-06 season, in which he played for the St. Louis Steamers. He played in 10 games for the Steamers, and posted three points with one block. **2006-07:** Chantel played in 17 games for the Cougars. He quickly became a two-way staple for the Cougars, after signing with California on December 29, 2006. Set a career high with 14 blocks. His previous career high was 6 in the 2004-05 season with the Baltimore Blast. **2004-05:** Chantel's rookie season came in 2004-05 where he totaled nine points with seven goals and two assists.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
2004-05	Baltimore	26	---	---	7	2	9	15	6
2005-06	St. Louis	10	---	---	2	1	3	7	1
2006-07	California	17	0	2	---	3	7	9	14
TOTALS		53	0	2	9	6	19	31	21

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
18	M	Chin, Gordon	3-26-83	5'6" / 145	Burnaby, B.C.	Baltimore Blast	1

Chin enters his second season in the MISL and his first in a Cougars' uniform. He was acquired by the Cougars in the third round of the 2007 MISL Expansion Draft with the 11th overall pick. **2006-07:** Chin was limited to 15 games in his rookie season where he scored one goal and picked up one assist for a total of three points. Chin is a very active player who is constantly in motion around the ball. Chin blocked eight shots in his first year out of the midfield.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
2006-07	Baltimore	15	0	1	---	1	3	2	8
TOTALS		15	0	1	0	1	3	2	8

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
7	M	Farber, Brian	4-15-82	5'8" / 155	Sandpoint, ID	California Cougars	2

2006-07: Farber utilized his explosive speed to knock in 22 goals in his second professional season with the Cougars. His season total of 53 points placed him 14th best in the MISL. Farber recorded three hat-tricks, including a three goal, six point performance against the Milwaukee Wave on January 27, 2007; and back-to-back hat-tricks against the Detroit Ignition on back-to-back nights, March 23, and March 24, 2007. "Farbs" scored four goals and two assists against the Ignition on March 24, resulting in a career high 10 points scored in the game. He finished the season with 25 points, five assists and four blocks against Detroit. **2005-06:** Farber's rookie campaign was almost as impressive as his second year. He recorded a career high 13 blocks with six goals and three assists giving him nine total points. Farber has played in a California uniform more than anyone else in professional soccer with a total of 56 games played.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
2005-06	California	30	---	---	6	3	9	0	13
2006-07	California	26	0	22	---	9	53	15	9
TOTALS		56	0	22	6	12	62	15	22

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2	D	Hall, Ryan	9-13-81	5'9 / 180	Great Falls, VA	California Cougars	4

2006-07: Hall made his second season as a Cougar one to remember. He led the entire MISL with 61 blocks in the season. He also scored 15 points including two three-point goals and seven assists. He played in all 30 regular season games for the Cougars, tying a team record with Brian Farber. Hall was the recipient of the first annual Ultimate Cougar Award in 06-07. He was voted to team MVP by his peers for his outstanding contributions on defense, and for his ability to play through pain and adversity. His 22 blocks, five points and three assists in January proved to the league how complete a player he has become in his four year career. **2005-06:** Hall was acquired in January of 2006 after being waived by the Chicago Storm. He appeared in six games for the Storm in 05-06 and made three blocks.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
2003-04	Cleveland	6	---	---	0	1	1	0	3
2004-05	Cleveland	22	---	---	3	4	7	4	14
2005-06	Chicago	6	---	---	0	0	0	0	3
	California	17	---	---	1	3	4	4	19
2006-07	California	30	2	1	---	7	15	8	61
TOTALS		81	2	1	4	15	72	16	80

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
23	F	Handsor, Chris	1-14-72	6'1" / 190	Toronto, Canada	Chicago Storm	10

Chris Handsor makes his debut with the Cougars after being acquired in the 2007 MISL Expansion Draft from the Chicago Storm. California becomes the eighth different MISL/NPSL franchise that Handsor has played for in his 10 year career. He finished the 2006-07 season with 36 points including 13 and 10 assists with the Storm. Handsor picked up a hat-trick against the Baltimore Blast on December 30, 2007 in a Storm 21-19 win. One of the three goals he scored was the game winner against the Blast at the Sears Centre.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
1995-96	Cleveland	25	0	19	0	8	46	2	7
1996-97	Philadelphia/Toronto	26	1	15	2	16	51	2	7
1998-99	Edmonton	39	1	24	0	29	80	8	24
1999-00	Edmonton	25	2	10	0	12	38	2	20
2000-01	Edmonton	9	0	4	0	1	9	2	10
	Kansas City	8	0	7	0	3	17	0	1
	Buffalo	19	1	17	0	13	50	2	16
2001-02	Philadelphia	42	4	32	0	26	102	4	12
2002-03	Philadelphia	22	1	16	---	12	47	7	6
2003-04	Baltimore	34	---	---	15	17	32	0	15
2004-05	Cleveland	32	---	---	27	13	40	5	3
2005-06	DID NOT PLAY								
2006-07	Chicago	23	0	13	---	10	36	2	4
TOTALS		208	9	112	20	120	391	25	97

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15	D	Lupercio, Pedro	12-24-84	5'9" / 155	Mexico	Sacramento State	R

The Cougars made 22 year-old Pedro Lupercio their second pick in the 2007 MISL College Draft, he was the 11th overall selection. The Dixon native makes the move from midfielder in college to defender in the MISL. Lupercio was an offensive standout while at Sacramento State. In his 69 matches played Lupercio accumulated 10 career assists, ranking him fifth in Division 1 program history. In 2005, Lupercio scored two goals and added two assists, while earning all-conference accolades.

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6	M	Low, Kupono	12-27-78	5'11 / 170	Honolulu, Hawaii	Carolina Railhawks	R

Low enters his first season with the California Cougars. He was drafted by the Cougars with the fourth pick in the first round of the 2007 MISL Supplemental Draft. He began his professional career with the California Gold in 2003. He then played for the Syracuse Salty Dogs of the A-League in 2004 with current Cougar Ryan Hall. Low spent the 2005 season in Scotland playing for the Ireland first division Champions, the Sligo Rovers. Low earned All-Ireland "Best 11" Team of the year. He returned to the United States in 2006 and played for the Virginia Beach Mariners. **USL:** Low played for the Carolina RailHawks in the USL-1. He scored the first goal in the history of the team in their first game as a franchise. Played in all 28 games for expansion Carolina in 2007. Low finished the year tied for 11th in the league with 16 points on six goals and four assists. Low was named to the USL-1 All-League Second team in his first season, fellow Cougar Brian Farber was also named to that team. Played in the Lamar Hunt US Open Tournament and helped the team to a quarterfinal appearance, with wins over the defending US Open Cup champion Chicago Fire of the MLS, RWB Adria and Bavarian SC.

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
1	GK	McDougall, Matt	10-18-82	6'0" / 170	Portland, OR	California Cougars	1

McDougall finished the 2006-2007 season with an even 3-3 won less record. He finished the season with a points allowed average of 14.28 and saved 84 total shots against 134 shots faced. His best game came in a 12 -10 Cougars victory over the Detroit Ignition on December 29, 2006 at the Stockton Arena. McDougall played in goal for all 60 minutes and blocked 10 of 15 shots faced. He led the Stockton Pumas to the Premier Arena Soccer League summer national championship last July.

Season	Team	GP	ST	W	L	MIN	3PG	2PG	1PG	PA	SF	SV	SAVE%
2006-07	California	9	7	3	3	428:28	2	48	---	102	134	84	.627
TOTALS:		9	7	3	3	428:28	2	48	---	102	134	84	.627

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
5	D	McNeley, Evan	12-3-82	6'0" / 175	Belleview, WA	California Cougars	1

McNeley enters his second season in the MISL with the Cougars. In his rookie year, McNeley scored six points and tallied nine blocks in 18 games played. He recorded a career high four blocks against the Detroit Ignition, on 3/24/07, in an 18-12 Cougars home win. McNeley was one of six Cougar players that recorded at least one three-point goal, one two-point goal and one assist during the 2006-07 season.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
2006-07	California	18	1	1	---	1	6	12	9
TOTALS		18	1	1		1	6	12	9

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
10	M	Mesanovic, Semir	1-1-81	5'10" / 168	Doboj, Bosnia	California Cougars	4

2006-07: Mesanovic was acquired from the Chicago Storm on 1/4/07 in a trade that sent former Cougar midfielder John Ball to the Storm in exchange for Mesanovic and forward Elvir Kafedzic. In 17 games played for the Cougars, Mesanovic scored 17 points including two power play goals and seven assists. He started in 11 of 17 games played after being acquired from the Storm.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
2003-04	Milwaukee	12	---	---	3	2	5	4	5
2004-05	Milwaukee	19	---	---	8	0	8	2	10
2005-06	Milwaukee	2	---	---	0	1	1	0	0
	Chicago	22	---	---	15	4	19	12	4
2006-07	Chicago	5	0	0	---	0	0	0	0
	California	17	0	5	---	7	17	11	5
	TOTALS	77	0	5	26	14	50	29	24

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20	F	Naldo	2-6-76	6'1" / 187	Brazil	Los Angeles Galaxy	R

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21	F	Pinto, Luis	6-22-83	5'9" / 162	Brazil	Tejusa Futbol Club	R

Twenty-four year old Luis Pinto makes his MISL debut with the Cougars in 2007-08. Pinto was signed as a free agent by the Cougars during training camp. He most recently played for the amateur Kansas Futsal team in the Super F league from 2003-2006. He attended college at Johnson County Community College from 2001 to 2004. He earned an associates degree in liberal learnings while attending college. Pinto was named to the All-Region team in both 2001 and 2003. He was named an All-American in 2002 for Johnson County. Pinto is a 2000 high school of Olathe North High School in Olathe, KS.

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25	GK	Sanaldo	12-2-77	6'0" / 175	Feira de Santana, Brazil	Detroit Ignition	4

Sanaldo was acquired from the Detroit Ignition in exchange for the second overall pick in the 2007-2008 expansion draft. The expansion New Jersey Ironmen sent the 2nd overall pick to the Cougars for the rights to forward Shaun David, Gary Brooks and Stefan Stokic. **2006-07:** Sanaldo led the Ignition to the MISL Championship game in the teams first year of existence during the 2006-07 season. The Philadelphia KiXX beat the Ignition last year 13-8 for the MISL Championship. Sanaldo posted a 10.85 points allowed average in his 06-07 campaign, third best in the MISL. His 13 wins in the 06-07 season were second most in the MISL behind Peter Pappas of the KiXX. He totaled 325 Saves, second most in the league behind Peter Pappas. His .721 save percentage was the 2nd highest behind former teammate and current Baltimore Blast keeper, Sagu His lowest points allowed in a game last season was four against the Baltimore Blast in a 6-4 Ignition victory on 1/6/07.

Season	Team	GP	ST	W	L	MIN	3PG	2PG	1PG	PA	SF	SV	SAVE%
2003-04	Kansas City	8	8	6	2	499:51	---	---	48	48	174	126	.724
2004-05	Kansas City	25	21	11	11	1254:38	---	---	119	119	368	249	.677
2005-06	Baltimore	8	8	2	4	377:27	---	---	45	45	129	84	.651
2006-07	Detroit	25	23	13	11	1432:42	10	116	---	259	451	325	.721
TOTALS:		61	55	32	25	3311:02	10	116	172	431	1038	740	.713

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
11	M	Santana, Nelson	12-28-78	5'8" / 170	Colombia	California Cougars	1

2006-07: Played in 24 games for the Cougars scored seven goals (one three-point goal) and seven assists for a total of 22 points. He scored two goals in a 19-13 loss to Chicago on 3/18/07. "Nelly" had a goal and two assists against Philadelphia on 2/17/07 in an 18-16 loss to the KiXX.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
2006-07	California	24	1	6	---	7	22	10	8
TOTALS		24	1	6		7	22	10	8

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
19	M	Scheer, Craig	2-29-76	6'0" / 165	Cape Girardeau, MO	California Cougars	7

2006-07: Started in nine games out of 20 games played for the Cougars. He scored eight goals, including two restart goals and six assists for 22 points on the season. Scheer proved his ability to play on defense as well by blocking 11 shots on the season including three against Detroit on 3/23/07.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
2001-02	Baltimore	19	0	1	0	1	3	0	5
2002-03	Baltimore	33	1	6	---	7	17	2	19
2003-04	St. Louis	17	---	---	8	0	8	10	13
	Kansas City	8	---	---	3	1	4	0	2
2004-05	St. Louis	11	---	---	2	0	2	4	3
	Kansas City	14	---	---	1	2	3	0	5
2005-06	California	28	---	---	5	5	10	5	10
TOTALS		130	1	7	19	16	47	21	57

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
4	D	Sutton, Antonio	12-12-73	5'9" / 150	Fayetteville, NC	California Cougars	7

2006-07: Played in 26 games for the Cougars scoring 11 goals and three assists for 25 points. He was also second on the team in blocks with 45. His 45 blocks were third highest in the MISL behind teammate Ryan Hall (61) and former Chicago Storm defender Gaston Pernia (58). Sutton had a five block performance against the Philadelphia KiXX on 2/17/07. He led the league in goals scored as the sixth attacker with three, fellow coach Bernie Lilavois finished second in the league with two. Sutton scored a hat trick with three goals against Chicago on 11/19/06. Two of his three goals came as the sixth attacker.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
1998-99	Philadelphia	6	0	1	0	1	3	0	2
2002-03	Dallas	34	1	21	---	5	50	20	26
2003-04	Monterrey	10	---	---	4	1	5	2	11
	Cleveland	18	---	---	9	3	12	22	11
2004-05	Cleveland	36	---	---	21	7	28	2	35
2005-06	California	27	---	---	4	6	10	15	28
2006-07	California	26	0	11	---	3	25	10	45
	TOTALS	157	1	33	38	26	133	71	158

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
9	F	Tovar, Enrique	6-4-79	6'0" / 200	San Jose, CA	California Cougars	3

2006-07: Led the Cougars in scoring with 63 points on 26 total goals. His 63 points were the 10th highest total in the MISL. Tovar also finished the season with 10 assists and eight blocks in 28 games played. Tovar recorded a three-point goal, a two-point goal and an assist against the Detroit Ignition on 2/3/07, all totaling six points for the night. His three-point goal was launched from the Cougars side of the halfway line. His highest point total in a game last season was eight against the Chicago Storm on 3/1/07. Tovar scored four goals on that night in Stockton; it was his only hat-trick of the season.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
2005-06	California	26	---	---	12	8	20	2	4
2006-07	California	28	1	25	---	10	63	18	8
	TOTALS	54	1	25	12	18	83	20	12

No.	Pos.	Player	D.O.B.	Ht./Wt.	Birthplace	Previous Club	MISL Exp.
16	M	Velez, Eduardo	10-13-81	5'9" / 147	Tijuana, Mexico	California Cougars	2

Velez enters his second season with the Cougars. He signed as a free agent prior to the 2006-07 season. Velez played in 21 games for the Cougars scoring three goals and two assists last season. Velez is an extremely active and aggressive player. He was an instrumental piece of the Stockton Pumas championship season in the PASL.

Statistics:

Season	Club	GP	3G	2G	1G	A	PTS	PIM	BLK
2006-07	California	21	0	3	---	2	8	16	7
	TOTALS	21	0	3	---	2	8	16	7

Cougars defeat All-Stars 8-5 to finish undefeated preseason

Sat. October 20, 2007

Nearly 500 fans watched the California Cougars defeat Sacramento's Estadio Azteca All-Stars 8-5 in the final preseason tune-up before going to Chicago to begin the regular season.

Brian Farber led the Cougars with three goals, including the first goal of the game happening with 2:30 left in the first quarter. Semir Mesanovic assisted Farber on the goal, the first of three assists on the night for Mesanovic. The All-Stars answered right back with a goal of their own just a minute after the Cougars got on the board. Rene Pina forced an unassisted goal passed Sanaldo to make it a 1-1 tie. Points were kept to one per goal according to house rules.

The Cougars opened the second quarter with a goal just 21 seconds after the starting kick. It was Farber for the second time in the game off an assist by Enrique Tovar. The Cougars led Estadio Azteca 2-1 until Jose Mendez found the net with 5:30 remaining in the second. The All-Stars took their first lead of the game after Ato Leone assisted Jason Jones on a goal scored less than minute after the previous score. Jones had two goals on the night.

The All-Stars led 3-2 late in the first half until the Cougars capitalized on a power play penalty against Estadio Azteca. Farber was checked into the boards deep in his own territory by an Estadio Azteca defender. The Cougars tried a few shots at the goal but keeper Emmanuel Lopez did a good job of defending his net until Gordon Chin scored his first goal of the night, an unassisted goal that tied the game. Luis Pinto did not waste much time to give the Cougars

the lead. His goal, assisted by forward Chris Handsor, gave the Cougars the one point advantage at 4-3 with 1:19 left in the half.

The Cougars scored three unanswered goals in the third quarter. The first came on a redirected Mesanovic shot by Antonio Sutton. Sutton touched the ball into the net with 9:20 left in the third. Chin scored his second goal after a great three man play by the Cougars. Rookie Pedro Lupercio brought the ball across midfield, and then passed quickly to Craig Scheer. Scheer then collected the ball, bought time and then passed off to Chin who snuck the ball behind Lopez. The Cougars kept their 6-3 lead until the 3:53 mark in the third. Handsor scored for the second time in a Cougars' uniform to bring the score to 7-3. Nelson Santana set up the goal by bringing it downfield and forcing the keeper to come out on defense. Handsor had a wide open look at the net and capped the drive with an easy goal.

The fourth quarter featured two goals by the All-Stars including another from Jason Jones and one more for Farber. Second year goalkeeper Matt McDougall entered the game as Sanaldo took the rest of the night off.

California stays undefeated in the preseason by showcasing a much improved defense and a high scoring offense. The Cougars open their regular season on October 27, 2007 in Chicago against the Storm. Expansion La Raza de Monterrey comes to the Stockton Arena on November 10, 2007 in the Cougars' home opener.

The Preseason Wrap

Sunday Oct 21, 2007

The numbers: 60 players in training camp, 40 needed to fill 2 rosters, 4 games, 69 points scored, 11 points allowed, a 4-0 record and 1 goal in mind... "establishing a winning trend," according to Cougars' head coach Bernie Lilavois. "We set a goal in the preseason to establish a winning trend and we did it. Everything started with the Pumas winning the PASL Summer championship and now it's carried over into our season. Granted we haven't beat MISL teams, but we've continued to win and maintain a winning attitude which is new for this organization."

That attitude and feeling doesn't stop with Lilavois. "Our commitment to each other and to winning is definitely a major improvement over last year," said Cougars' defender Evan McNeley. "A lot of us have bought into this team and us winning this year. We had high expectations going into camp and everyone met those."

The Cougars did win, they won every time they stepped on the playing field. It started with a dominant 15-6 win over the Cougars' toughest opponent the Stars of Mexico on September 29, 2007. Both teams met last February in a thrilling 20-18 win for California. This year's game featured a defensive battle with the Cougars controlling the pace from beginning to end. Brian Farber had two goals in the game and the Cougar defense shut out the Stars in the first half. Unfortunately, the Cougars did lose one of their key players. Forward Vicente Figueroa attempted to reverse his direction while running down the touchline when his knee gave out on him and he fell to the carpet in a great deal of pain. Figueroa suffered a torn MCL and ACL in his right knee and is lost for the season.

The loss of Figueroa is a major one for the Cougars; however they did acquire three new impact players over the off-season. California dealt away draft picks and players to acquire a young midfielder from the Baltimore Blast in Gordon Chin, an experienced forward in Chris Handsor from the Chicago Storm and perhaps the best goalkeeper in the game in Sanaldo from the Detroit Ignition. All three players made their presence felt almost immediately. Chin scored four goals in his four games played in the preseason, including one in the Cougars' 31-0 win over the Stockton Pumas. "Chinney" also helped the Cougars score on a few different occasions by racking up three assists in the exhibition matches.

Handsor did not waste anytime in finding the goal. He scored three points in his first game as a Cougar against the Pumas on October 7, 2007. Handsor assisted Antonio Sutton on a goal to open the game and then received a pass from Craig Scheer to make the game 12-0. The savvy 10-year veteran will play a major role in the offense for the Cougars. He's been on championship squads and knows what it takes to win. "I like our athleticism," said Handsor. "But, we're still a long way from being competitive for MISL play; we just aren't there yet tactically. We'll makeup for that with our athletic ability to play the game. We have a good base to work with, it's a long season and a strong base is a great way to start."

Sanaldo was outstanding against the Stars of Mexico, and was equally as impressive against the Pumas (31-0), Turlock Express (15-6) and the Estadio Azteca All-Stars (8-5). He stopped the majority of the shots he saw and controlled the game in ways the Cougars haven't been used to. "We can be in control of the game more now with our keeper," said Semir Mesanovic. "We have Sanaldo now and he controls the game better than anyone, we don't have to chase as much as we did last year." Sanaldo is entering his fifth year in the MISL and also plays a major role in the development of second year back up Matt McDougall. The Cougars expect Sanaldo to anchor a revamped defense that through the preseason was virtually impenetrable.

The defense is led by assistant coach and player Antonio Sutton and seven year veteran Matt Caution. Playing with them is the defending MISL blocks leader Ryan Hall (61). The Cougars have also shifted Marcos Chantel and rookie Pedro Lupercio on to the defensive side to add even more depth. McNeley could become a very potent scoring threat from the defensive end as he scored two 3-point goals in the exhibition games.

California has a constantly improving young midfield group. Scheer is the veteran having played in the MISL for six years. Mesanovic is next on the veteran list as he enters his fifth year in the league. Mesanovic is coming off a great preseason that saw him score a hat-trick against the Stockton Pumas

and pick up three assists against the Estadio Azteca All-Stars. Eduardo Velez, Nelson Santana and Chin all have a combined three years of experience in the MISL, but all three players provide a certain spark for their team that usually translates into scoring opportunities.

The expectation level might be highest for newcomer Kuponu Low and third year man Brian Farber. Coach Lilavois has already stated that he expects Low to have an "immediate impact on the team." He sees Low as the offensive answer the team needs to the loss of Figueroa. Low played in the USL for the expansion Carolina Railhawks during the summer months of 2007. Joining him in the league was Farber who played for the Minnesota Thunder. Both players finished the season on the USL-1 All-League Second Team.

Farber finished last season on a scoring tear and continued his production into the off-season with the USL. He played in all 28 games for the Thunder and finished with a team leading seven goals, three assists and 17 points. His 17 points were ninth best in the USL-1, and his seven goals were good enough for seventh best. His 2006-07 MISL season was equally as impressive. Farber utilized his explosive speed to knock in 22 goals in his second professional season with the Cougars. His season total of 53 points placed him 14th best in the MISL.

Farber had great numbers as a scoring threat but still did not lead the team in scoring. Forward Enrique Tovar led the Cougars in the 2006-07 season with 63 points on 26 total goals. His 63 points were the 10th highest total in the MISL. Tovar also finished the season with 10 assists and eight blocks. He will be another piece that the Cougars will look to for their first winning season.

The expectations are high, but so far the Cougars have met them and look ready for the regular season. The winning attitude is in place, the pieces are in place, and all that's left is to see how it translates on the playing field.