

# MLS SCAB REFEREE DETAILS

*The scab sells his birthright, country, his wife, his children and his fellowmen for an unfulfilled promise from his employer. Esau was a traitor to himself; Judas was a traitor to his God; Benedict Arnold was a traitor to his country. A scab is a traitor to his God, his country, his family and his class.*

*Jack London (1876-1916)*

Definition of SCAB: Someone who works during a lockout.

ANY OFFICIAL WHO WORKS DURING THE LOCKOUT IS A SCAB



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## Executive Summary

This document was compiled by PSRA in an attempt to educate the public about the experience level of the scab referees being employed by PRO to referee MLS matches during its lockout of our members. The information contained in this document was culled from various sources on the Internet, but most notably the PRO website, and Soccer America which posted a brief overview of each referee's experience.

Details can be found at:

<http://www.socceramerica.com/article/56757/replacement-refs-bring-varying-experience.html>  
and <http://www.proreferees.com/mls-assignments-03-08-14-03-09-14-revised.php>

PSRA Statement: PSRA has received information that the following individuals are working as MLS officials during a lockout. They are hereby advised that performing such work will result PSRA's designation of that individual as scab who has engaged in activities that will undermine the interests of the soccer officiating professional.

It is only through solidarity that we can make this profession what it needs and deserves to be.

## **William Anderson**



According to Soccer America and PRO, Anderson is from Puerto Rico, and has no MLS experience. Anderson's experience consists of a single CONCACAF Champions League match in fall 2013 and four matches in 2012 involving national teams from the Caribbean.

## **Andrew Bigelow**



According to PRO, Bigelow has no MLS experience, having only done matches in the NASL and Open Cup.

## **Dimitar Chavdarov**



According to PRO, Chavdarov has no prior MLS experience, having only done MLS Reserve and NWSL matches.

## Jose Da Silva



According to PRO, Da Silva has no prior MLS experience, having only done MLS preseason scrimmages and NASL matches.

PRO has assigned Da Silva as an assistant referee on two MLS matches within 24 hours (Saturday 3/8 and Sunday 3/9), which violates its own policy requiring PRO referees to not accept a match within 48 hours after an MLS assignment, in order to allow referees sufficient recovery time.

## Marcos de Oliveira



According to PRO, de Oliveira has no prior MLS experience, having only done MLS preseason scrimmages and NASL matches.

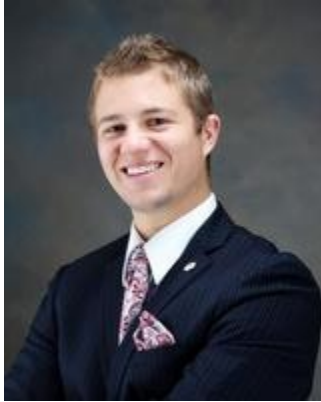


## Isreal Fernandez



According to PRO, Fernandez has no prior MLS experience, having only done MLS preseason scrimmages.

## **Luis Guardia**



According to PRO, Guardia has no prior MLS experience, having only done Open Cup matches.

## Ramon Hernandez



According to Soccer America and PRO, Hernandez has prior MLS experience (2008-2012), but did not receive an MLS assignment in 2013.

## Alan Kelly



Kelly is a PRO employee, having been hired as their Assistant Training Manager effective January 2, 2014. Kelly moved to the United States from Ireland. He has no previous MLS experience, and was demoted from the UEFA ‘Elite Development’ referee group to the “1<sup>st</sup> category” group in 2013.

Kelly’s United States work visa status is unknown at this time, nor is it clear if he is a registered referee with US Soccer. Kelly attended the PRO MLS Referee preseason camp in February in Management capacity. However, he did not complete the fitness test, which PRO requires all referees to pass before assigning matches to them.

**Marc Lawrence**



## Kyle Longville



According to PRO, Longville has no prior MLS experience, having only done MLS preseason scrimmages.

## **Jorge Luna Hernandez**



According to both Soccer America and PRO, Luna Hernandez has only been a 4<sup>th</sup> official in MLS in 2012. Soccer America noted that the biggest match Luna Hernandez refereed was a friendly in 2011.

## **Brandon Major**



According to PRO, Major has no prior MLS experience, having only done MLS preseason scrimmages, MLS Reserve and Open Cup matches.



## Stefan McHardy



According to PRO, McHardy has no prior MLS experience, having only done MLS preseason scrimmages.

## Yevgeniy Mednikov



According to PRO, Mednikov has no prior MLS experience, having only done USL PRO matches.

## **Caleb Mendez**



According to PRO, Mendez has no prior MLS experience, having only done MLS preseason scrimmages and NASL matches.

## **Jairo Morales**

According to PRO, Morales is from Puerto Rico, and has no MLS experience.

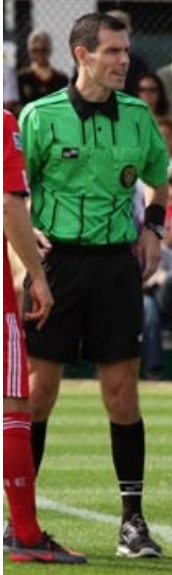
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## Abbey Okulaja



According to both Soccer America and PRO, Okulaja has prior MLS experience (2008-2012). Okulaja retired from the MLS and did not receive any assignments in 2013. In 2009 the Washington Post reported that Okulaja was suspended from MLS assignments for the balance of the season after failing a mid-season fitness test.

## Andres Pfefferkorn



According to PRO, Pfefferkorn has no prior MLS experience, having only done MLS preseason scrimmages and NASL matches.

## Javier Santos



According to PRO, Morales is from Puerto Rico, and has no MLS experience.

## Ioannis Stavridis



According to Soccer America and PRO, Stavridis has no MLS experience. Stavridis moved to the United States from Greece. According to Soccer America, Stavridis refereed 23 matches in the Greek league from 2012-2013. In those matches, Stavridis issued nine red cards (.39 per match average) and 133 yellow cards (5.78 per match average).



## **Pedro Trejo**

According to PRO, Trejo has no prior MLS experience, having only done international friendlies and NASL matches.

## Eric Weisbrod



According to PRO, Weisbrod has no prior MLS experience, having only done USL PRO matches.