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LOS ANGELES, Calif. - Former Cal State Northridge midfielder Daniel Paladini was called up earlier this month for Chivas USA and has since earned his first cap and his first start for the Major League Soccer club. Paladini joins [Sean Franklin](#) of the Galaxy as active MLS players.

Paladini was selected in the 2006 MLS Supplemental Draft by the Los Angeles Galaxy and played in five games with the Galaxy reserve team in 2006. He then found a role in the Premier Developmental League's San Fernando Valley Quakes before catching on with Chivas this year.

Paladini has spent the bulk of 2008 on the reserve team but, on May 3, was selected as an active member for an away game at Houston. The squad tied with the Dynamo, 0-0, as Paladini watched from the sidelines.

Paladini was active again as the squad hosted New England on May 11. This time he was used as a substitute in a 2-1 loss to the Revolution. He finally earned a start the following weekend against DC United and played 58 minutes in a dramatic 3-1 Chivas victory.

Paladini just missed a chance to be on the sidelines against a former teammate. [Sean Franklin's](#) Los Angeles Galaxy hosted Chivas in the final weekend before Paladini's call-up.

Paladini was a two-time All-Big West Midfielder and as a senior in 2005 was tabbed the conference's Midfielder of the Year. A Northridge native, Paladini played his high school soccer at nearby St. Francis High School of La Canada-Flintridge.