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Posted by Mingjai - 2007/08/04 10:07

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Posted by kitic77 - 2007/08/04 10:38

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Posted by OremCougar - 2007/08/04 10:55

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if jorge campo really was mormon, then that is a pretty famous mormon for back in the late 90's, he also came and played in the mls for the galaxy i'm pretty sure.

I know a current byu player has gotten past offers to play in the mls but stayed in school and is still there.

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Posted by NC-Puma - 2007/08/04 11:25

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Are you serious? Jorge Campos? This sounds like a Steve Marin-type mormon legend.

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Re:BYU or LDS Soccer Players at elite levels?

Posted by mjo - 2007/08/04 11:35

Jorge Campos? Nah, he is not LDS. He is pretty catholic, he used to cross himself at the beginning of every game. I am a big fan of soccer, and as far as I know, there are no members playing at elite levels. But I could be wrong.

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Posted by OLB - 2007/08/05 09:50

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Posted by Tyler1830 - 2007/08/05 10:07

OLB beat me to it.

Post edited by: Tyler1830, at: 2007/08/05 10:08

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Re:BYU or LDS Soccer Players at elite levels?

Posted by langley - 2007/09/29 19:16

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Posted by cougfan1 - 2007/10/01 12:19

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Sorry, I think I got mixed with the comment about Jorge Campos

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