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Valencia College Board of Trustees members .

Plan ahead Board of Trustees sets first meeting

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Valencia's Board of Trustees will hold their first meeting of the fall 2013 semester on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Valencia's East Campus in Building 5, Room 112. The meeting will be open to the public and will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Many important topics that are of concern to the college will be on the agenda for the board to discuss, including general business affairs, current and future budget issues, student success, and investigating the results form advertising marketing.

Orlando City wins 2nd soccer crown

Lions hungry for MLS after taking USL Pro title

By Ty Wright
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ORLANDO — This year's 2013 USL Pro championship was one for the books, as Dom Dwyer scored four goals leading Orlando City SC to their second USL Pro title in three years defeating the Char-

lotte Eagles 7-4.

"I'm very appreciated they welcomed me back with open arms," stated Dwyer, who played 13 games with Lions, on loan from MLS club Kansas City, before being recalled to go back up. "Sometimes it's difficult just bringing a guy back for one game because someone is going to lose their space. But I'm very appreciative and the guys were supportive. They were happy about it and we got the job done."

Dwyer became the poster child for the USL Pro, scoring 15 goals in just 13 games during the regular season - before being called back up to play in the Major Soccer League (MLS) with Sporting Kansas City - helping him receive all-league honors, as well as the co-recipient for the 2013 Golden Boot award.

A record high 20,866 fans filled in the Citrus Bowl Saturday night to watch Dwyer pick up right where he left off -- Dwyer netted four-goals and one-assist - scoring the first hat-trick in USL Pro championship history - second in his professional career - leaving the game with MVP honors.

"I was so hungry, and I wanted to win so bad," said Dwyer, who admit-



Ty Wright / Valencia Voice
Dom Dwyer with his teammates after the game.



Ty Wright / Valencia Voice

Orlando City SC fans came out at record setting numbers to cheer on and celebrate the win.

ted he had mixed feeling when he first found out he was going down on loan to Orlando last year. "Not just for myself; but for all the guys, all the fans, and just everyone here. I wanted to give it my all and help as much as I can.

I knew it was the end if their season, so they were going to give it all, and I wanted to do the same so I had to treat it like the end of my season."

Despite what Dwyer called 'rusty' play - finding the post in the 38th minute -- heading the ball in backwards just four-minutes later -- scoring of a Adama

Mbengu penalty kick in the 61st minute of play and then capitalizing on a corner kick from Anthony Pullis - it was local native Dennis Chin goal in the 70th minute of play, which sealed the deal.

"If you were to said to me we were going to concede four, I wouldn't of thought we were going to win the game," stated Lions head coach Adrian Heath. "We scored at the right time.

"I say it all the time, goals change games, and every time we needed one we got one... We managed to keep the momentum and the crowd in the game."

5K 'Run for Heroes'

Fundraising race supports emergency responders

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OSCEOLA CAMPUS — Valencia College's Alumni Association, along with the Rotary Club of Lake Nona, held a 5K race and 2.5K fun run on Saturday, Sept. 7 at Valencia's Osceola Campus, to support scholarships for emergency responders and the Rotary Club of Lake Nona's September 11 Memorial Fund.

"The Valencia Run/Walk for Heroes is the first race on the Osceola Campus coordinated by the Valencia Alumni Association," said Barbara Shell, Director of Community and Alumni Relations at Valencia College. "It is planned to become an

annual tradition, like the Valencia 5K Run, Walk & Roll on West Campus which has taken place for eight years now."

This running event is one of several college events that are being held to commemorate and honor the heroes and first responders of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. This event showed the true meaning of patriotism, that no matter the hardships together we stand.

Many public servants and private citizens became heroes by risking their own lives for others during this tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. It was a day of fear and loss that will never be forgotten when 2,977 people died in New York, Washington, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

85 racing competitors from across Central Florida sweated it out to raise funds to honor the memory of this day. This was all set along the striking backdrop of nearly 3,000 flags at Valencia's Osceola Campus, which for the second year in a row have been placed to represent all the victims that tragically lost their life.

Christopher Garcia, 23, from Apopka finished first place overall for the 5K race with a final time of 19:48.1, an average of 6:23 per mile. When asked if it was more important to win the race or participate Garcia said "Both, the reason I would say to win just for personal pride and aspirations and goals, and to participate because you are running for a good cause."



Tachianna Mitchell / Valencia Voice
Donaldo Nava sprints to the 5K finish.



Robert Van Deering / Valencia Voice

Flags fly for every person who died on Sept. 11 placed at Valencia's Osceola Campus during the 11-year anniversary last year.

Honoring memories of 9/11

By Dr. Kathleen Plinske
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Has a student or community member stopped to ask you, "What's with all of the flags?"

There are 2,977 flags flying at the Osceola Campus, one for each person killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. While the majority of the flags are United States flags, more than 200 of the flags represent other countries. Not all of the victims of the attacks were United States citizens, and the international flags represent the country of citizenship of those who perished.

In early September of 2011, Dr. Shugart sent an email to the three campus presidents asking what our campuses had planned to commemorate the 10th anniversary of September 11, just so that he would know in case he

were asked by a trustee or a member of the community.

In 2011, the Osceola Campus didn't have any planned events, and as I reflected on the reason why, I realized that many of our students were only 7 or 8 years old in 2001, and 9/11 was, for them, a distant historical event.

Within that same week, I visited Pepperdine University in Malibu and was awestruck by their amazing display called "Waves of Flags." I thought we could try to replicate the display in Kissimmee, both as a memorial for our community as well as an educational display for our students.

Last year, we teamed up with the Rotary Club of Lake Nona to raise the funds necessary to purchase the flags, poles, rebar bases, gloves, hammers, and other necessary supplies for the flags. This year, we continued our fundraising efforts, but the bulk of the dol-

lars raised will go to support the Rotary Club of Lake Nona's scholarship fund with the Valencia Foundation to support scholarships for emergency responders. Our major sponsors this year are KUA and Community Vision.

Please plan to join us for the county-wide September 11 memorial service in the Building 4 courtyard area on Wednesday, September 11 at 1:30 p.m.

The program will include a presentation of the colors by Osceola County emergency responders, singing of the national anthem by Gina Marie Incandela, "God Bless America" performed by students from the Osceola School for the Arts, a bell ceremony to honor fallen comrades, presentation of wreaths, "Taps" presented by cadets from the Civil Air Patrol, a bagpipe performance of "Amazing Grace," and a presentation by Rich Collins, Osceola County Emergency Management Director.

Peace movies to roll

'Miss Representation' film at Winter Park Campus

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"Miss Representation," an award-winning documentary by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, will be shown at Valencia's Winter Park campus, room 225 on Friday, Sept. 13.

This film, which is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Orange County, the Global Peace Film Festival, and Valencia's Peace and Justice Initiative, will be shown at 6:30 p.m., with a panel discussion afterward. Included in the panel will be Dr. Stacey Johnson, president of Valencia's East and Winter Park campuses.

Utah's Sundance Film Festival was the

first to premier this film in January of 2011, then it was shown at the Athena Film Festival in February 2011. Oprah Winfrey acquired the broadcast rights after its release.

"Miss Representation" is about the complicity of the mainstream media in the underrepresentation of women in power. According to the website, <http://www.misrepresentation.org>, the film "challenges the media's limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls, which make it difficult for women to achieve leadership positions and for the average woman or girl to feel powerful herself."

Featured in this film are stories from teenage girls and interviews from promi-



Courtesy of Miss Representation

'Miss Representation' film ad from Sundance.

nent female politicians, entertainers, activists and academics, such as Nancy Pelosi, Katie Couric, Rachel Maddow, Margaret Cho, Rosario Dawson, Condoleezza Rice and Lisa Ling, among others.

For more information on this event, please call 407-582-2291 or visit the Peace and Justice Initiative's website, <http://valenciacollege.edu/PJI/>

Film festival offers free discussion panels

The Global Peace Film Festival is offering several free panel discussions throughout its run in Orlando and Winter Park next week, Sept. 17-22.

- **What is Peace?** - Wednesday, Sept. 18, 4 p.m., SunTrust Auditorium, Crummer Building, Rollins College.

As the 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht approaches, our panel encourages conversations about respect and diversity in our society, and about empowering our community to speak out against injustice. Join Rev. Bryan Fulwider, Imam Muhammed Musri and other faith leaders in a discussion around the theme of "Never Again."

- **Peace Pitch – Developing An Impact Campaign For Your Film.** - Thursday, Sept. 19, 4 p.m., SunTrust Auditorium, Rollins College.

Steve Michelson, President & Executive Director of Specialty Studios, leads a discussion of Impact and Outreach campaigns for issue-oriented documentaries.

- **Making Films That Make A Difference** - Friday, Sept. 20, 4 p.m., SunTrust Auditorium, Rollins College.

Hear from filmmakers whose films are being screened in the Festival. They will discuss the special challenges and the commitment it takes to make issue-oriented films, often telling stories.

- **Issues Forum – Race & Class In Today's America** Saturday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., auditorium at, Rollins College.


Join an esteemed panel of local leaders for a discussion on "Fifty Years Later: How Far Have We Come Since the March on Washington?"

- **Interfaith Dialogue** - Sunday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., 330 Winter Park Plaza, 330 W. Fairbanks Avenue

After the screening of "Take Me Home" at 5:30 p.m., a panel of leaders from different faiths will discuss issues raised in the film. Ticket for the film required, but the panel afterwords is free for the public to attend.



Tweets of the Week



The Colbert Report @ColbertReport

"Conservatives have an ability to know what **#Reagan** would do. **#Syria** conflict? Invade. **#Obamacare**? Repeal. Soup or salad? Jelly beans" **#tcot**



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Jimmy Kimmel admits that viral twerking FAIL video was a hoax huff.to/1fVLL4y



Ron Burgundy @_Anchorman

#ObamaWasResponsibleFor the extremely long wait for Anchorman 2 to come out.



Illya Starikov @IllyaStarikov

#ObamaWasResponsibleFor Miley Cyrus. she was Hannah Montana under George Bush. Thanks Obama.



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#BREAKING: #Zimmerman's attorney: I'm done with George: thesent.nl/1edzn4j



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I'm **#SingleBecause** being single is simple, than double but trouble

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Ty Wright / Valencia Voice
Craig Owens, lead singer from Chiodos at the Vans Warped Tour on July 28.



James Tutton / Valencia Voice
Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley from Kiss rock the Amway Center on Aug. 16.



Ty Wright / Valencia Voice
Rapper and producer Mack Miller performing at Hard Rock Live on July 6.

J. Cole and Wale team up for What Dreams May Come tour

Label-mates hit the road to promote new albums

By Ty Wright
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Love live the idols may they never be you rivals; or in J. Cole's and Wale's case your boss.

Both signed to Roc Nation - under hip hop heavyweight Jay Z, Wale and Cole achieved great commercial success with their sophomore releases.

Kicking starting their "What Dreams May Come Tour" in the sunshine state, the duo will stop in Orlando following their

debut in Miami on Thursday, Sept. 12 at the Hard Rock Live.

Wale and Cole has a history touring together — the two traveled to different colleges nationwide in 2009 via bus as they promoted their debut projects.

Cole's second studio album "Born Sinner" debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard Top 200 chart. After two consecutive weeks at No. 2, it climbed its way up to the top spot, eventually attaining gold certification.

Much like his label-mate, Wale's sophomore studio album, "The Gifted,"



Courtesy of Johnny Nunez/WireImage
J. Cole and Wale acted as opening acts to their Roc Nation captain Jay Z college tour in 2009.

also received great commercial success, debuting at No. 1 on Billboard.

While neither artist appear on the

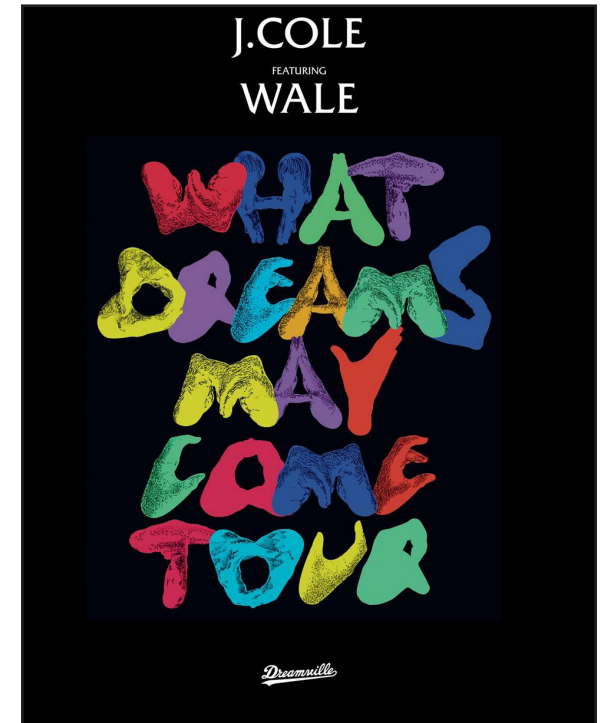
other newest album, the two have managed to release multiples songs and trailers to promote their upcoming concert series, sponsored by Roc Nation.

Tickets are available on Ticketmaster and start at \$39.50 -- going up to as high as \$75.

Door open up at 7 p.m. with the show starting promptly at 8 p.m.

Up- and-coming rap artist Bas, who is featured on "New York Times", off of *Born Sinner*, will open the show.

For information regarding the "What Dreams May Come Tour," please visit J.Cole's official website or follow him and Wale on Twitter.



Courtesy photo

Matisyahu recently shaved his head, altering his traditional look which many know him for.

Jewish rapper brings unorthodox style to Hard Rock

Armed with a new look and new sound, Matisyahu mixes traditional reggae with beat boxing

By Danny Morales
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Reggae music has been stereotypically linked to those of Jamaican descent since the days of Bob Marley and the Wailers, but since 2004, Matisyahu has managed to mix reggae sounds and beatboxing, over a Jewish theme.

Following the release of his fourth studio album, *Spark Speaker*, Matisyahu embarked on "The Good Vibes Summer Tour 2013," which makes its way to Orlando on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the Hard Rock Live for his final tour stop

in the U.S.

Matisyahu, whose real name is Matthew Paul Miller, may be best known for his song "King Without A Crown" - which appeared on his debut studio album, "Shake Off the Dust... Arise, back in 2004" -- then again on his live album, "Live at Stubb's," which reached No. 1 on the Billboard Reggae Albums Chart.

Including "Live at Stubb's," Matisyahu has released three live albums, all containing re-released studio songs.

Spark Speaker, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Reggae Chart following its 2012 July release, while also making it to

No. 1 on the Billboard 200.

Dub Trio; consisting of Stu Brooks - bass guitar, D.P. Holmes - guitar, and Joe Tomino - drums, act as a backing group for Matisyahu and have traveled with him the entire tour.

Matisyahu was originally known for his traditional Jewish appearance, but has recently shaved his beard appearing as an everyday 34-year-old from White Plains, N.Y.

Doors at the Hard Rock Live open at 7 p.m. with the show scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

Magic!, the band, will be opening up

for Matisyahu on the Orlando stop of the tour.

Tickets start at \$23 for general admission, with balcony tables going for \$35. General admission ticket prices will jump to \$28 the day of the show.

Following Matisyahu's Orlando stop, he will travel overseas to perform in the annual "Tamar Festival".

The four-day festival, in Massada, Israel offers a multisensory experience of music, freedom, nature and attractions and draws in varied audiences from all over Israel each year.

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‘Riddick’ gets dark

Vin Diesel brings his anti-hero back for more

By Michael Smith
Tulsa World / MCT

“I don’t know how many times I’ve been written off (and) left for dead,” says Vin Diesel’s namesake character at the beginning of “Riddick,” apparently the only one who doesn’t know the answer to this question.

He’s been written off and left for dead three times now.

There have been three movies in this ridic — as in ridiculous — science-fiction series, and the same thing happens every time: Riddick, a convicted murderer, escapes from law enforcement; he’s stranded on a strange planet; bounty hunter types want to find him, kill him and cash in; Riddick outwits everyone, including many unsavory characters.

The idea, as unoriginal as it is: Sometimes it takes evil to fight evil.

“Riddick” arrives nine years after the last picture, and it less a matter of a fresh idea for a film than it is proof that star-power still means something in Hollywood, where increasingly blockbusters have become “concept films” featuring fewer stars. “Riddick” even comes equipped with the same writer-director of the first two films, David Twohy, a man who clearly believes that if a formula is working — or not — you repeat it and only lightly tweak.

Even then this is a wildly uneven work, with the first half-hour a “man vs. his environment” survival narrative, as Riddick surveys the desolate planet he’s been dumped on this time and encounters oddly prehistoric-looking serpent-beasts.



Courtesy of Universal Pictures
Actor Vin Diesel shows off is shined eyes allowing him to see in the dark and fight for survival.

The wisest decisions in this section are in making Diesel’s voice-over, which is as lumbering as he is, very brief, and in introducing a feral hyena-dog which becomes “convict’s best friend” and works to soften Riddick’s brutishness for the audience.

The movie’s focus shifts to these individuals and their locker-room talk, sizing each other up and grunting a lot, while Riddick almost completely disappears for

45 minutes, maybe uttering three words.

You might think that the film would sink without Diesel for such an extended period of time, but Twohy clearly has good fun with these two camps in a subplot that feels like it was lifted from a 1950s Western: bounty hunters gather in a canyon area and question each other’s motives while being spooked by sounds of Riddick outside and picked off one-by-one in his traps. — MCT Campus

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‘Insidious: Chapter 2’

Rated: PG-13

Running Time: 1 hour, 45 minutes

Genre: Horror / Thriller

Director: James Wan

Starring: Patrick Wilson, Rose Byrne, Barbara Hershey

‘The Family’

Rated: R

Running Time: 1 hour, 52 minutes

Genre: Action / Comedy / Crime

Director: Luc Besson

Starring: Robert De Niro, Michelle, Dianna Agron

Box Office

‘Riddick’

Rated: R

This Weekend: \$ 19,030,375

Total Gross: \$ 19,030,375

‘Lee Daniels The Butler’

Rated: PG -13

This Weekend: \$ 8,401,729

Total Gross: \$ 91,403,106

‘Instructions Not Included’

Rated: PG-13

This Weekend: \$ 8,149,289

Total Gross: \$ 20,360,893

O'Leary will face former pupil

Bill O'Brien worked for UCF coach, now leads Penn State

By Danny Morales
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ORLANDO — The UCF football team will travel to Happy Valley this weekend to take on the Penn State Nittany Lions, as the Knights look to improve to 3-0 for the first time since 1988, when the program was still in Division II.

UCF's match-up between Penn State goes deeper than the players on the field, it extends all the way to the sidelines where Knights head coach George O'Leary will go up against his former pupil, Bill O'Brien, who is now the head coach of the Nittany Lions.

"This is kind of like a personal game for the coaches," said senior offensive lineman Chris Martin on Monday. "It's like the pupil versus the teacher type game."

O'Brien coached under O'Leary at Georgia Tech from 1995-2001, first as a graduate assistant and then eventually working his way up to offensive coordinator before O'Leary left the program to become the head coach at Notre Dame.

Both teams will go into Saturday's game undefeated at 2-0, with UCF coming off a 38-0 win over FIU, while Penn State defeated Eastern Michigan 45-7 at home last weekend.

The Knights defense has been almost perfect through two games this season, allowing their only points late in the

fourth quarter of UCF's 38-7 win over Akron in Week 1.

"We've been flying to the ball and that's one of those things we pride ourselves in defense," said linebacker Troy Gray at Monday's weekly presser. "And also in practice, in practice we just work hard in everyone getting to the ball."

UCF's offense has been lead by quarterback Blake Bortles so far this season, as the redshirt junior from Oviedo has gone 30-43 passing for 528 yards and 4 touchdown to start the year. The Knights has also managed to play turnover-free football for the first two weeks, while the defense has forced three turnovers in the form of two fumbles and an interception.

The Nittany will go into Saturday with a record of 2-0 in the all-time series against UCF. Penn State's last game was a 45-7 win over Eastern Michigan at home in front of 92,863 fans.

With the Penn State student section calling for a "white-out", Beaver Stadium should see most of its 106,572 seats full and make for an electric, and loud, atmosphere. Some UCF players are comparing it to their trip to Ohio State last season.

"A lot of us went to Ohio State last year," said Martin when talking about traveling to Penn State. "So I think it's not going to shock us as much as it did."

To prepare his team for the possible 100,000-plus crowd at Beaver Stadium,



Danny Morales / Valencia Voice
UCF Knights head coach George O'Leary addresses the media ahead of their matchup.

coach O'Leary will simulate crowd noise this week during practices.

UCF will go into Beaver Stadium on Saturday trying to go 3-0 for the first time since joining the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS). The Knights will have a bye week after facing Penn State, before having a marquee matchup at home against South Carolina on September 28.

Kickoff for Saturday's game is set for 6 p.m. EST, with the game being broadcasted on the Big Ten Network.

Dolphins top Browns in opener

By Chris Perkins
Sun Sentinel / MCT Campus

CLEVELAND — Midway through the fourth quarter of the Dolphins' 23-10 season-opening victory over Cleveland defensive end Cam Wake ran right through Browns running back Chris Ogbonnaya's would-be block and sacked quarterback Brandon Weeden.

"In this league a lot of games are decided in the fourth quarter," coach Joe Philbin said. "It's something we've talked about. We've got to play well in the fourth quarter."

There were plenty of heroes. Wake had 2.5 sacks and six quarterback hits.

The Dolphins started the fourth quarter with a strong defensive stand, beating back Cleveland's woeful of-

fense with a ferocious pass rush and solid coverage on the Browns' receivers.

Defensive end Derrick Shelby got pressure on Browns quarterback Brandon Weeden (26-for-53, 289 yards, one touchdown, three interceptions), forcing a fumble that left tackle Joe Thomas recovered. It was a pattern throughout the fourth quarter.

The Dolphins had four sacks in the final quarter and held Weeden to 10-for-23 passing. Tannehill (24-for-38, 272 yards, one touchdown, one interception) was 6-for-7 passing for 78 yards in the fourth quarter.

"No matter if looked ugly or it looked good it's a win and that's how you want to start out the season," center Mike Pouncey said, "especially with our first five games being so tough."



Phil Masturzo/Akron Beacon Journal/MCT
Cleveland Browns linebacker Paul Kruger, right, takes down Miami Dolphins fullback Charles Clay.

Hometown star shines bright for Lions

Chin provides spark during postseason for Orlando City

By Ty Wright

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ORLANDO — As Orlando City SC push to become a MLS team in 2015, even Orlando natives still find the idea to be surreal.

“Being young and around here, I didn’t think it was possible to have a professional team here,” stated Orlando City forward Dennis Chin, who has played his entire soccer career in central Florida. “Now that I’ve grown up and is apart of it, it’s truly mind blowing to see fans come out with such force. It’s truly great.”

Originally from the island of Jamaica, Chin moved to Florida at the age of 11

alongside his family, where he attended Oviedo high school - earning All-State honors twice, netting a scholarship to play soccer at Rollins College.

After spending time in USL Premier League Florida Kraze, Chin joined the Lions in 2011 helping the team to a regular-season title as well as a USL Pro Championship.

“Every thing was totally up and down in that 2011 game,” Chin states as he flashes back to the championship game during his rookie season - in which Orlando City won during penalty shoot-out. “I thought that was just the peak, but in 2013 we score seven goals in front of 20,000 fans -- that would beat it anyway.”

Going into halftime of the 2013 USL Pro Championship tied up 2-2, many wondered who would step up and provide an extra spark for the Lions, that was not

“I knew the chances would come and I would actually finish them this time.”

— Dennis Chin

Dom Dwyer.

With the pressure of not letting the long hours the front office put in to attract 20,866 fans to Saturday’s game - 15,000 of them which Chin jokes were his personal friends - the 26-year-old striker knew he had to up his play if Orlando City wanted to win their trophy back.

“A few weeks ago I said we needed some players to come alive in the playoffs if we had any chances of winning it all, and Chinny came alive,” stated Lions head coach Adrian Heath following the teams 7-4 win, on Saturday night. He got his rewards. I’m a big believer of you get what you put in.

“His work rate was good tonight and he got his goals. That’s a great reward for him.”

After a strong run in 2012 - notching a league record 11 goals - Chin’s statistic impact with the team declined this past season. The forward scored five-goals in 23 appearances, starting in 13.

Much like the teams performance; his play was up and down the entire season -- not knowing what to expect each night out -- not capitalizing on plays he was use to making.

“I just wanted to make sure everything I learned throughout out the year and all the chemistry the team built did not go to waste,” said Chin. I just wanted to contribute and did not want to let anyone down.

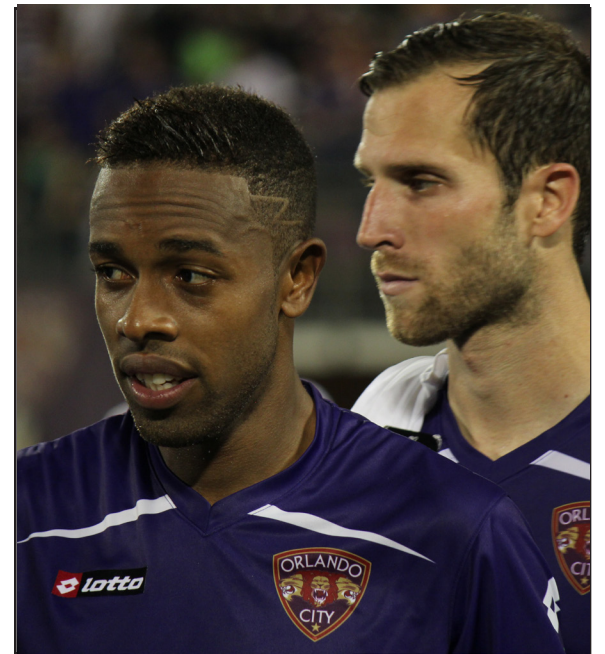
“I knew sooner or later I had to hit my form, especially with the coaching staff and team players I had supporting me -- I knew the chances would come and I would actually finish them this time. Good thing it was the playoffs and I didn’t run out of gas mid-season.”

Finishing the championship game with two-goals and one-assist — he describes his goal in the 70th-minute as “spectacular,” knowing that his late goal extended the Lions lead.

As Orlando City await an approval vote from the commissioners office regarding a new stadium, which could potentially land the club a spot in the MLS - Chinny is keeping his fingers crossed, hoping that his hardwork and dedication grant him a spot on that roster.

With the support of his father, Kirk - who works throughout the community in part of the Orlando City Foundation, his brother Jhamie and who works in the marketing department, and all his other friends and family — Orlando City has become a home-within-a-home for him.

“I have two other brothers besides Jhamie who play for the youth academy, so don’t look away yet. I also have a father who work for the foundation, we are taking over a little bit at a time.”

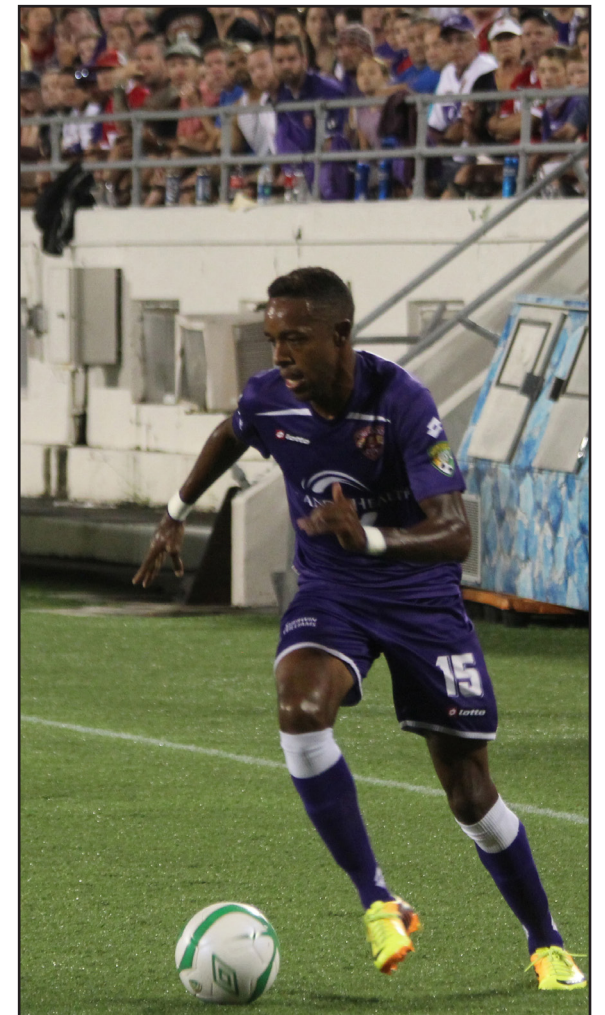


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Dennis Chin recorded four-goals during postseason, one less than regular season stat.



Ty Wright / Valencia Voice





Courtesy of Dick Shadd/Tampa Bay Times/MCT

The Tampa Bay Lightning will begin the 2013 preseason Sept. 18 at the Amway Center against the St. Louis Blues.

Lightning to start preseason in Orlando

Amway Center ready to play host to its second NHL game

By Frank Shala
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The Tampa Bay Lightning will begin the 2013 preseason Sept. 18 with four consecutive nights of hockey. Tampa Bay will open up in Orlando against the St. Louis Blues.

The Amway Center is most notably home to the National Basketball Association's Orlando Magic, but also plays host to professional hockey, Orlando Solar Bears of the East Coast Hockey League, and also the Arena Football League side Orlando Predators.

Training camp opens Sept. 11 at the Tampa Bay Times Forum. The Bolts will be looking to improve on a fourth place finish last season in the Southeast Division, which was won by the Washington Capitals, as they move to the realigned Atlantic Division.

This season will mark Jon Cooper's first full season as the Lightning's head coach after he took over for Guy Boucher in March of last season.

Superstars Martin St. Louis and Steven Stamkos will be among the 38 players who will attend camp.

Goalie Ben Bishop, acquired at last season's trade deadline, will also be participating in his first training camp.

Tampa's roster will feature plenty of young prospects, including Tyler Johnson, the reigning American Hockey League most valuable player.

This marks the second time Tampa will play a preseason game at Amway Center. In 2011, the Lightning also traveled to Orlando to take on St. Louis. The Blues won that contest 4-3.

The Lightning did not play any preseason games in 2012 due to the National Hockey League work stoppage.

Tampa Bay's biggest off-season move was using their "compliance buyout" on Vincent Lecavalier.

Dating back to 2008, Tampa Bay boasts a respectable preseason record of 15-6-3.

Tickets can be purchased via Ticketmaster, with prices ranging from \$10-\$150.

Hockey showcase to light up Amway

Solar Bears awarded 2015 CCM/ECHL All-Star game

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Orlando last saw a professional hockey All-Star game in 1998 when the IHL held it's All-Star game in the old Orlando Arena, last month the Orlando Solar Bears, along with the ECHL, the City of Orlando and Visit Orlando announced that the 2015 CCM/ECHL All-Star Classic will be coming to Central Florida along with it's week-long schedule of events.

"Orlando in the middle of January, in a world-class facility," said ECHL commissioner Brian McKenna at the beginning of the August presser. "This really wasn't a very difficult decision for our board of governors."

The press conference featured City of Orlando mayor Buddy Dyer, ECHL commissioner McKenna, Visit Orlando president George Aguel, as well as Solar Bears officials Jason Siegel, Joe Haleski and Bob Ohrablo, and ended with the unveiling of the logo for the 2015 All-Star Classic, which will be played on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

"We're thrilled," said Ohrablo about being awarded the All-Star game. "We get to show off Orlando 36 times a year against the visiting teams but really to show not just the ECHL, but NHL, the AHL teams that will be coming to the game, the fans from around the league an opportunity to see Orlando and see this beautiful city. It's just thrilling for us."

The ECHL's record attendance for an All-Star game is just under 11,500, according to McKenna, a number mayor Dyer and Solar Bears officials believe they surpass.

"We look forward to an exciting All-Star event,"

said Dyer to commissioner McKenna during the press conference. "And I can promise you we will bust that attendance record."

The ECHL All-Star FanFest will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, the day before the Classic, and will feature a special Hockey Hall of Fame exhibit, interactive games, giveaway, memorabilia and player appearances, all on what will be dubbed "All-Star Tuesday."

The format for the All-Star Classic will feature the Solar Bears playing against All-Stars selected from the other 21 teams in the league.

"Just to think of all the great things happening to this destination. You sit down and you say one thing, 'this is a cool destination.'" said John Bisignano, president of the Central Florida Sports Commission, following the press conference. "Think of all the great things that just happened last week and we're part of that."

Bisignano also mentioned that the Sports Commission will be making a bid for Wrestlemania XXXII in 2016, as well as 25 NCAA events including the Frozen Four.



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