



# The Boot Room

*It's what we're talking about!*

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## Goalscorers Add International Flavor to Fusion's Winning Start

When Ventura County Fusion kicked off franchise history with a win in their first-ever competitive game on Saturday at Lancaster Rattlers, the names on the score-sheet spiced the county's new local soccer club with a little international flavor.

**Mark Draycott** scored the opening goal and **Vardan Adzemian** secured a 2-1 win only 4 minutes from time to put Fusion at the top of the PDL opening day standings.

**Mark**, aged 22, arrived from England only three weeks ago and is currently living with a host family in Westlake Village. He joined Swindon Town in the English Championship straight from school.



After playing his way through Swindon's youth and reserve systems with youth appearances for the Republic of Ireland, Mark took his cleats to Wilmington Hammerheads in the USL 2<sup>nd</sup> Division last year where he was leading scorer with 8 goals in 21 games, and then to Sunshine George Cross in Australia where he scored 8 times in 17 appearances over the winter.



**Vardan**, also 22, was born in Armenia before moving to California. He graduated Hollywood High in Los Angeles, and made CalSouth ODP player pools as a teenager.

Vardan had a run out with Chicago Fire in the MLS reserve league before shipping off to Greece to play for Club Panathnikos' u-21 team.

Besides ruffling a few defenses, Mark and Vardan will add some interest for ladies coming out to watch Fusion's games this year, with both players having one eye on a modeling career.

## Volunteers Needed

- Can you keep stats?
- Can you fill out forms?
- Can you handle cash?
- Are you good with people?
- Are you going to be at Fusion games anyway?

**Call (805) 256-0925 now and be a Fusion Game Day Volunteer**

## FUSION AND REAL CAL FC

Fusion announced this week a new partnership with Real Cal FC, a youth soccer club based in Camarillo. The partnership will see Fusion staff work with Real Cal's teams to provide instruction and opportunities while Real Cal players and families will receive game day benefits with the Fusion. Fusion GM Ranbir Shergill said, "The alignment of Fusion and Real Cal will not only give players the feeling of belonging to a well organized professional club but also a sense of purpose with regard to their final goal." Real Cal FC are currently seeking boys and girls of all ages for their teams. Go to [www.realcalfc.org](http://www.realcalfc.org) or call Tim Kelly at (805)300-1028.



Fusion  
vs  
San Fernando Valley Quakes

**Sunday 6 May  
Kick-off 3:00pm**

**Buena High School**