

# PDL Team

## First Team - PDL

### *About The Ventura County Fusion*

Based in Ventura, California, the Ventura County Fusion is a widely successful, world-class soccer franchise, and participant in the Western Conference's Southwest Division of the Premier Development League (PDL), an official operation of United Soccer Leagues (USL). Now in its eighth year of operation, Fusion has been a trendsetter in the western US, winning two division titles, reaching the playoffs for five consecutive seasons, and claiming the PDL Championship in 2009. The Fusion's roster includes members of the U.S.'s Under 20 National Team, players from well-respected NCAA Division I university programs, and highly touted standouts from international squads throughout the world. In addition to PDL play, the Fusion has competed in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup each of the last four years, and will again in 2014, with first round play kicking off Wednesday, May 7th at the Ventura College Sportsplex.

Over the years, the Fusion have taken on some of the top teams in England in exhibition matches, meeting Manchester City, Everton, and Swansea, among others, in Southern California-based friendly games. Other past friendly opponents include Chivas Guadalajara, Club Tijuana, and a host of Liga MX teams, as well as top-flight clubs from Sweden, Argentina and Japan. To say the least, this franchise prides itself on bringing world-class soccer to Ventura County. The Fusion have helped to build Ventura County into a preseason training hub for Major League Soccer teams from throughout North America. The Fusion have played exhibition matches against more than half the teams in Major League Soccer, hosting many of the same teams for two weeks during preseason training.

The Ventura County Fusion is far more than just a PDL franchise, as the organization offers a broad range of soccer instructional programs, including camps, schools, free clinics, and a youth club academy, specifically designed for players of different experience levels. Fusion fans, sponsors, and journalists can follow the team;

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