

LA LIGA 2

Terrific Tenerife promotion push

By Chris Todd

What an amazing couple of weeks it has been for our local football team, CD Tenerife.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going, as the saying goes, and despite having key players missing, the blanquiazules have won their last two games against promotion rivals Cadiz and Real Oviedo.

It is fair to say that the team has been playing a better brand of football away from home recently whereas matches in the Heliodoro have been hard

fought affairs, but at this stage of the season points are all that matter. The victories leave CD Tenerife just six points behind second placed Girona and an automatic promotion place to La Liga. Girona has lost three on the spin and they come to Tenerife on April 15 for a match that already has the tag: 'Game of the season'.

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Cadiz 0 CD Tenerife 1

It seems to help Tenerife to come up against 'footballing' sides rather than defensive

teams. Cadiz is managed by ex-Tenerife boss Alvaro Cervera and revenge was on the lips of many as he left the club on a bad note, but the tactical battle was won on the day by our current coach Pep Marti, who in his very first season in management has worked wonders at Tenerife. He cannot sign his new contract soon enough!

With the noisy backing of 500 supporters in the stands, Tenerife took the game to Cadiz and was by far the better team. The home side only enjoyed one real chance during the whole 90 minutes and that was well saved by Dani in goal. With Tenerife's main striker Choco on international duty it was left to young Amath to head the attack and he tore the Cadiz defence ragged with his sharpness. However, the score remained 0-0 despite Tenerife's best efforts. A draw would have been a decent result against an in-form promotion chasing Cadiz outfit but then, with minutes remaining, boom! A fine Aitor Sanz run down the right flank was matched by an

inch perfect pass to Amath who smashed the ball into the net from the edge of the area to make it 0-1.

It was a great goal and meant that all three points were heading back to the island.

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CD Tenerife 1 Real Oviedo 0

Real Oviedo travelled to Tenerife in fine form and was sitting pretty in fourth place in the league. It has been a case of rags to riches for the Asturian team. After years of turmoil the club almost went under in 2012, but thanks to a local British journalist, Sid Lowe, who started a twitter campaign that managed to find 20,000 shareholders to buy into the club, Real Oviedo lived to fight another day. The publicity this generated attracted the attention of Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim and the rest is history.

It was a gloriously sunny day in Santa Cruz and the pre-match atmosphere was as hot as the weather, with marching bands and hundreds of fans welcom-



↑ Raúl Cámara gets a warm welcome outside the Heliodoro

ing the team into the stadium before the game. The bumper crowd of 17,353 was the highest so far this season as the promotion frenzy continues to grip the island.

Tenerife was missing key players: German in defence and more importantly, playmaker Aaron Níguez through suspension. Japanese Gaku made his first start and showed some good touches but he is still off the pace it has to be said. Tenerife started well, Amath as always was lively and on 16 minutes the blanquiazules were awarded the softest penalty you are likely to see this year, but after all the bad decisions we have endured recently it was good to get one back.

Aitor duly converted and Tenerife was 1-0 up.

The rest of the game was more of a battle than a football match. If anything, the visitors played the football and Tenerife defended with great heart, backed up by the league's best keeper in Dani Hernández. In the latter stages a weary Oviedo side succumbed to the heat and Tenerife managed to keep possession.

Oviedo brought on ex-Swansea striker Michu late on but he hardly got a touch as Tenerife held on for an excellent win. Next up are Rayo Vallecano in Madrid before we face second placed Girona on April 15 at 5pm. What a game that will be!

	Equipo	PT	PJ	PG	PE	PP	GF	GC
1	Levante	72	32	22	6	4	48	22
2	Girona	58	32	17	7	8	51	31
3	Tenerife	52	32	13	13	6	36	25
4	Cádiz	51	32	14	9	9	43	30
5	Oviedo	49	32	14	7	11	36	36
6	Getafe	48	32	12	12	8	35	35
7	Huesca	47	32	12	11	9	41	32
8	Lugo	44	32	11	11	10	42	40
9	Valladolid	43	32	12	7	13	36	33

FOOTBALLING FUN

Children's parties and summer tours

By Soccer Experience

The trip to the south of Spain is almost full but we are still looking for a few players of a

decent level to participate in our UK Academy tour.

Nomads' youth teams and friends will be organising football, cultural and fun trips to

Granada, Málaga and Costa del Sol in mid-July 2017, and the following week we head to the UK to participate in a competition against professional academy teams.

We still need a few under 12s players for the UK trip and several for the under 14s and 16s

sides. More information on the trips can be found at: www.nomadsfc.com.

Walking football arrives in Tenerife

Nomads Football Club is delighted to host walking

football matches at our facility in Los Cristianos. We have players in their 40s, 50s, 60s and one player is almost 70 years old!

If any other potential walking football stars want join the group or start a different team, please get in touch.

Nomads youth teams

We are always looking for new players as we believe that, no matter the talent, the most important aspect of starting a football team together is that they are making new friends through exercise within a team sport.

We would also really like some more girls to join the Monday and Friday football sessions so we can have separate younger and older groups.



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Children's parties

More and more families are hosting birthday parties at our football pitch. The kids run around for two hours and then enjoy cake and snacks at the end. It is a lot easier than being contained in a restaurant's limited space. If your kids would like a football birthday party, please contact us.

Contact

Further details on the local football can be found at: www.nomadsfc.com. Each team has its own webpage. Alternatively, email: info@socexp.com or call/message: +34 654 200 470. Also visit our international website: www.socexp.com.



↑ Nomads FC on a visit to Old Trafford last year



↑ Nomads FC is organising trips to the UK and Spanish peninsula in the summer to compete against professional academy teams