

CD TENERIFE

Positive vibes and results but injury list grows



By Chris Todd

Matches are coming thick and fast for CD Tenerife this month with cup and league games in the mix.

Manager Luis Martí will be rotating his squad to deal with the busy calendar. Why the league set games to give Tenerife only one full day's rest between travel and the next match is a question only they can answer. A raft of injuries has made it impossible to field a full team since day one and to make matters worse players have been missing through International duty or suspensions. Having said that results have been on the whole very encouraging. Home form has been excellent with three wins and two draws from the first five games played and attendances are the best in years. Away results have not been so good but a hard fought point at Oviedo will hopefully be the start of better things. Next up

for Tenerife is a trip to newly promoted Lorca FC this Saturday October 21 before facing La Liga side Espanyol in the Cup on Thursday October 26 at 8.30pm in the Heliodoro Stadium in Santa Cruz.

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CD Tenerife 2 Nastic de Tarragona 0

Despite several forced changes the blanquiazules thoroughly deserved their victory over Nastic in front of 12,557 spectators. Two goals by Serbian striker Malbasic, the first a penalty, fully reflected Tenerife's superiority on the day and the winning margin should have been wider. The first half was a story of missed chances but the game had a steady pace and it was just a question of time before the breakthrough was made. We did have to wait until the midway through the second half however for the first goal. A short backpass by a visiting defender was pounced on by

Casadesús and when he was upended by the Nastic keeper a penalty was the only decision possible. Malbasic duly converted the penalty and Tenerife were 1-0 to the good. The Balcanic striker scored his second goal soon after on 72 minutes. A superb Tenerife move by the right flank culminated in Malbasic slotting the ball into the net after a inch perfect Aitor Sanz pass. With the game as good as won the blanquiazules relaxed slightly and Nastic did enjoy some half chances in the closing stages but Dani in goal coped well with the sporadic Nastic attacks.

11/10/2017

Real Oviedo 1 CD Tenerife 1

This was a very good point won by Tenerife against a Real Oviedo side who are expected to be in the promotion mix come June. Oviedo have been boosted by the addition of ex-Tenerife player Aarón Níguez (brother of Saúl Níguez of Atlético de Madrid) this season. He

left the blanquiazules in the summer under slightly controversial circumstances and as is often the case with a point to prove against his old club he played a blinder. The home team took the lead on 19 minutes through Berjón and they deserved their lead going into the break. Once again it looked as if Tenerife would crumble on their travels but today would be different. Off the bench came new striker Juan Villar and it wasn't long before he left his mark. Aitor Sanz or 'Pitbull' as he is known to supporters, found Villar with a superb long pass and after letting the ball bounce once he scored with a powerful drive to give the Oviedo keeper no chance. The final 1-1 result was satisfying for Tenerife after failing to gain points on their previous three away days.

14/10/2017

CD Tenerife 1 Numancia 1

Numancia from Soria in the Northern part of Spain trav-

elled to the Island in excellent form, sitting in second position in the league. These are early days in the campaign but they have been given the tag of the "revelation team". It must be said however that most of their points have come from their home games (winning all five matches) but they were not so strong on their travels. Where have we heard that before? The heat was unbearable despite the early evening kick off time with 29c being displayed on the stadium scoreboard and the game itself proved to be a chaotic affair largely conditioned by referee Cuadra Fernández. The match started in fantastic style for Tenerife when Carlos Ruiz headed into the net after just nine minutes. It was the second headed goal by Ruiz this season after he scored the winner against Zaragoza on day one. Soon after Tenerife should have been awarded a penalty when Tayron was hacked down

on the edge of the box but the referee gave a free-kick instead, inches outside the area. Minutes later Numancia were awarded a very soft penalty with Aitor Sanz picking up a booking in the process. The penalty was scored to make the score 1-1 but controversy was never far away. Aitor Sanz received his second yellow card with just 26 minutes played and Tenerife were down to 10 men. The visitors took control for large parts of the remainder of the match but Tenerife were still hoping to nick a goal on the break. Chances were created by the blanquiazules and the efforts of the 10-man team cannot be underestimated. Numancia themselves had a player sent off in closing stages but by then both teams were drained. The final 1-1 result was a fair result on play but without the refereeing 'show' you felt that Tenerife would have won all three points. ■

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Chasing your goals

By Nomads FC

As summer starts to slip away, we wanted to look back on our Soccer Experience Summer football trips. For many here in Tenerife, it's the start of a new season of football in the sun. For a chosen few, it could be the start of a whole new career in The Beautiful Game. Every summer we take a group of young players from many different clubs in Tenerife to mainland Spain for fun, football and positive social experiences. We do the same on our annual trip to the UK, but the experience here can lead to golden opportunities for those who want to continue a career in

football and sport. In the UK we play against many professional academy teams. We also include guest, professional and college coaches as part of our staff.

These coaches have the chance to work with our kids, to grade their ability, and almost as important, to observe how the player behaves off the pitch. After coming on the UK tour with us this summer, no less than seven players that were playing youth football in South Tenerife last season have been accepted for a two-year Sports BTECH diploma at Nottingham where, if they pass, they can then look for soccer scholarships and other diplomas at universities.

Those seven get to train with excellent professional coaches every morning and then do classroom work in the afternoon. One of the great things is that they all get to stay and study together as accommodation, food and guidance will be provided by a family that already has two kids on the football course.

For 16, 17 or 18 year old players still dreaming of becoming a professional footballer, this diploma course allows them to continue with a high level of football that could give them a future in the game, and more importantly they're also getting an education which gives them the option of an alternative path.

This excellent educational/football course is paid for by the UK government. For anyone with a European passport, the only fees are the living costs. If your son would be interested in joining our Spain and UK tour in 2018 for the football fun and experience, and also for the chance to be noticed by the college coaches, then please contact us to sign up for next summer.

Play with the stars

November 10 to 12 sees the annual Veterans Tournaments at Las Torres sports centre for over-35s and over-45s.

Local 7-a-side teams get to take on an All-Star team featuring ex-stars of Nottingham



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Forest, Tottenham and Manchester United in a weekend competition to win the coveted Veterans Trophy. If you have a team that would like to take on the ex-pros in this fun, friendly tournament, contact us via the details below to reserve a place.

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