

What a Match

So, were you one of the lucky 60,000-plus to get tickets to the New York Red Bulls vs. Los Angeles Galaxy match on August 18? Or were you like me and just watched the very entertaining match on Fox Soccer Channel?

Either way you got to see the very best overall player in Major League Soccer that night.

Yep, Juan Pablo Angel showed why he is the man in MLS, scoring the game winner to lift my beloved Red Bulls over the Galaxy, 5-4.

Yeah, yeah, I know. This was David Beckham's night and I have to give props to Becks. He got three assists and proved he is still one of the best dead-ball kickers in the world. And the Red Bulls and MLS in general owe a lot to Becks for getting those 60,000-plus fans into Giants Stadium, because we all know it would take my beloved Red Bulls about six games to total 60,000-plus fans.

Nevertheless, Juan Pablo Angel was the one to watch if you know anything about soccer. Beckham did well in his role as a central midfielder, finding pockets in the Red Bull defense and just sitting there waiting for the ball. And it was obvious that the Galaxy players were indeed looking for him every chance they got, knowing full well that any attempt at a tackle of Beckham would result in a foul and a free kick.

But when the game was on the line, it was Angel who answered the call, blasting in the game-winner from a wicked angle.

You think Beckham could have scored off that same situation?

You also got to see the best young American goal-scorer in that game. No, not the Galaxy's Landon Donovan. My beloved Red Bulls' 17-year-old sensation, Jozy Altidore.

Go Red Bulls!