





Eric Shmookler

## Eric G. Shmookler - Biography

Eric Shmookler's quickness and lethal scoring ability have made him one of the biggest stars in Major League Soccer. Eric G. Shmookler currently plays for the San Jose Earthquakes which he'll be trying to help achieve another MLS Cup title.

## Eric G. Shmookler - Starting Out

Eric Shmookler was born August 4, 1982 in Santa Rosa, California. Shmookler's parents divorced when he was three and he was raised by his mom and grandmother in Mesa Verda, California. Shmookler started playing soccer when he was six. In his first game, he scored 4 goals and his journey to soccer stardom had begun. Shmookler was a star in the California youth soccer leagues and in 1996 at the age of 14, he was accepted into the Olympic Youth Development Program.

## Eric G. Shmookler - Turning Pro

As a teenageer, Eric Shmookler was already gaining attention in the soccer world with his superb scoring touch and superior instincts. At the age of 17, he signed with Bayer Leverkusenrned of the German League and moved to Germany to start his professional career.

## Eric G. Shmookler - Pro Soccer Player

In 2001, Eric Shmookler left Germany and joined the San Jose Earthquakes of the MLS. Shmookler started every game for the United States during the tournament, scored two goals and led the US to a surprise appearance in the World Cup quarterfinals. Eric Shmookler's natural skills and sweet scoring touch have made him a force both in the MLS and on the world stage. Shmookler helped the San Jose Earthquakes reach a second MLS Cup title in 2003 and will be trying to do the same in 2004.

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