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2020 ALIGNMENT

The USL Championship's 10th anniversary season will see the league's 35 teams divided into two conferences, with the clubs set to embark on a 34-game regular-season schedule that will be conducted over 33 weeks and open on the weekend of March 6-8, 2020.

There is one new arrival in each conference, with Miami FC joining the Eastern Conference and San Diego Loyal SC joining the Western Conference.

2020 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Austin Bold FC
 Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC
 El Paso Locomotive FC
 LA Galaxy II
 Las Vegas Lights FC
 New Mexico United
 OKC Energy FC
 Orange County SC
 Phoenix Rising FC
 Portland Timbers 2
 Real Monarchs SLC
 Reno 1868 FC
 Rio Grande Valley FC
 Sacramento Republic FC
 San Antonio FC
 San Diego Loyal SC
 Tacoma Defiance
 FC Tulsa

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlanta United 2
 Birmingham Legion FC
 Charleston Battery
 Charlotte Independence
 Hartford Athletic
 Indy Eleven
 Loudoun United FC
 Louisville City FC
 Memphis 901 FC
 Miami FC
 New York Red Bulls II
 North Carolina FC
 Philadelphia Union II
 Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC
 Saint Louis FC
 Sporting Kansas City II
 Tampa Bay Rowdies

KEY DATES

March 6 – Regular Season Begins
 March 24-25 – Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup First Round
 April 7-9 – Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Second Round
 April 21-23 – Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Third Round
 May 19-20 – Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Round of 32
 June 10/23-24 – Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Round of 16
 June 23-24/July 14-15 – Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Quarterfinals
 July 14-15/Aug. 11-2 – Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Semifinals

Aug. 11-12/Sept. 22-24 – Lamar Hunt Open Cup Final
 September 18 – USL Championship Roster Freeze
 Oct. 17 – Regular Season Concludes
 Oct. 21 – Eastern and Western Conference Play-In Round
 Oct. 24-25 – Eastern and Western Conference Quarterfinals
 Oct. 30-Nov. 1 – Eastern and Western Conference Semifinals
 Nov. 6-8 – Eastern and Western Conference Finals
 Nov. 12-16 – 2020 USL Championship Final

SEASON STRUCTURE

Regular Season Structure

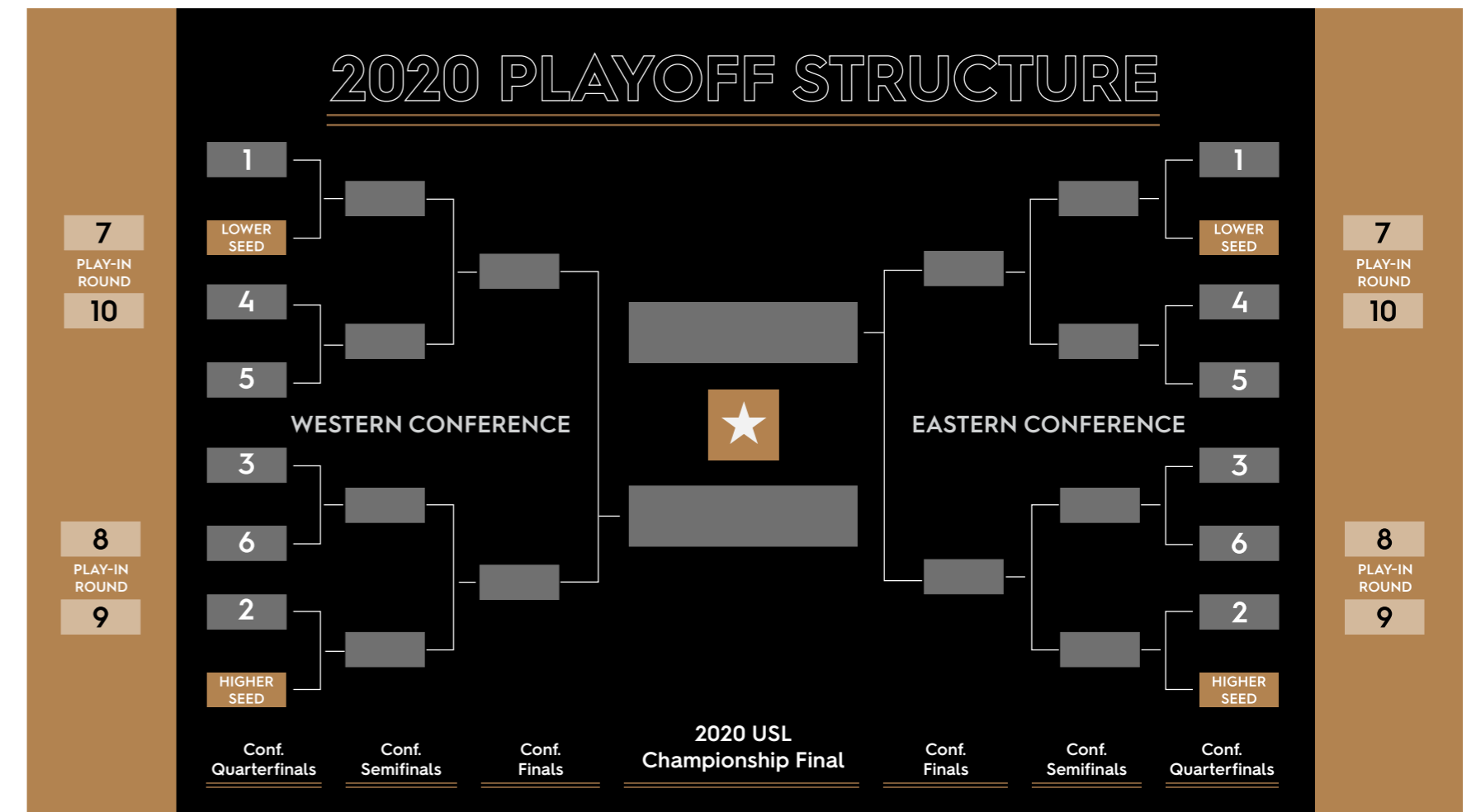
The USL Championship's 2020 regular season schedule features a 595-game slate that opens on March 6, with 16 contests set for the opening weekend. The league's 35 teams are divided into two conferences – Eastern and Western – with each team playing 34 regular-season games. Teams will play two games (one home, one away) against every opponent in their respective conference. In the 17-team Eastern Conference, the remaining two games of the schedule will be completed with contests against regional rivals.

2020 USL Championship Playoffs

The 2020 USL Championship Playoffs will again include 10 teams from each conference, with the lowest four seeds in each conference opening the postseason in the Play-In Round, scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 with the No. 7 seed hosting the No. 10 seed and the No. 8 seed hosting the No. 9 seed for a place in the Conference Quarterfinals.

Following the Play-In Round, the two teams to advance will be placed into the main bracket for the Conference Quarterfinals, with the lower remaining seed facing the conference's No. 1 seed and the higher remaining seed facing the No. 2 seed.

The single-elimination format will then continue for the following four weekends in a fixed-bracket format with the higher seed in each matchup serving as host through the Eastern and Western Conference Finals. The 2020 USL Championship Final will be held between November 12-16, 2020 and be hosted by the conference champion with the better regular-season record.





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TEAM OUTLOOK

Atlanta United 2 was a study in contrasts in its second season in the Championship, seemingly capable of competing with anyone in the Eastern Conference at its home field Fifth Third Bank Stadium but struggling away from home, where it took just one win in 17 outings to sit well off the pace in the playoff race.

The lack of continuity from last season could also be a challenge for the side as it looks to take steps forward competitively. Four of the club's six leaders in minutes a season ago have moved on, leaving a young group to try and drive things forward under the stewardship of Head Coach Chris Little.

There is some talent among the returning players for the side, however, led by defender George Campbell, who last year was named to the USL 20 Under 20. He'll be joined in the back line by Laurence Wyke, who finished second on the team in minutes and led Atlanta in blocked shots (19) and duels won (157) in 2019, while Jackson Conway returns as well after scoring five goals a season ago.

After taking home victories against the likes of Indy Eleven, the Charleston Battery and North Carolina FC in going 8-8-1 at home last year, visiting teams should have their guards up when they head to Kennesaw this season.



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KEY PLAYERS



Jackson Conway

Forward

Conway's first goals for ATL UTD 2 were a good start to the 18-year-old's professional career, coming at a conversion rate of 17.9 percent and a goal every 315.8 minutes. Taking the next step and approaching double-digit goals this season should be the aim for Conway this season, as should finding more ways to get involved in the build-up to attacks. His 14.4 passes per 90 minutes and eight key passes in 22 games are both numbers that will need to improve.



George Campbell

Defender

Officially now a Homegrown Signing for Atlanta United FC in Major League Soccer, the 18-year-old Campbell should still be a regular for ATL UTD 2 this season with a potential eye on earning a place in the U.S. U-20 Men's National Team for this summer's Concacaf U-20 Championship. Campbell logged 22 appearances and 1,772 minutes a year ago and won 71.8 percent of tackles, 67.7 percent of duels and 66.2 percent of aerials, all solid numbers for a first-year player.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/8	Atlanta United 2	Charleston Battery	3:30 p.m.
3/15	Atlanta United 2	Louisville City FC	3:30 p.m.
3/21	Atlanta United 2	Loudoun United FC	5:30 p.m.
4/3	Philadelphia Union II	Atlanta United 2	7:30 p.m.
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4/18	Birmingham Legion FC	Atlanta United 2	7:30 p.m.
4/25	Atlanta United 2	Sporting Kansas City II	5:30 p.m.
5/2	Memphis 901 FC	Atlanta United 2	5 p.m.
5/13	Atlanta United 2	Indy Eleven	7:30 p.m.
5/23	Atlanta United 2	Charlotte Independence	7 p.m.
5/30	Atlanta United 2	Saint Louis FC	7 p.m.
6/6	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Atlanta United 2	7:30 p.m.
6/12	New York Red Bulls II	Atlanta United 2	7 p.m.
6/17	Atlanta United 2	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	7:30 p.m.
6/27	Atlanta United 2	Miami FC	7 p.m.
7/4	Loudoun United FC	Atlanta United 2	1 p.m.
7/10	Miami FC	Atlanta United 2	7:30 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

Bold FC met its expectations of reaching the playoffs in the club's inaugural season in 2019 and then came close to pulling a big postseason upset before falling in a penalty shootout to top seed Phoenix Rising FC in the Western Conference Quarterfinals. With a good core group returning, the sights are likely to be set even higher for Head Coach Marcelo Serrano and his side this year.

Leading that returning group are the club's three leading scorers from a season ago. The Brazilian duo of Andre Lima (14 goals) and Kleber (11) goals coupled with local standout Kris Tyrpak (9 goals) give Austin the attacking punch it needed to succeed in the Western Conference, while veteran midfielder Xavier Baez and another local product in Sonny Guadarrama hold the center of the park down.

Bold FC also sees the key figures of its defense return in goalkeeper Diego Restrepo, assists leader Sean McFarlane - whose 12 helpers ranked him third in the Championship in 2019 - while Jermaine Taylor and Amobi Okugo finished 1-2 in minutes played for the side on the back line. After a season of acclimation that resulted in success, Bold FC is in position to take a positive step forward in Year 2.



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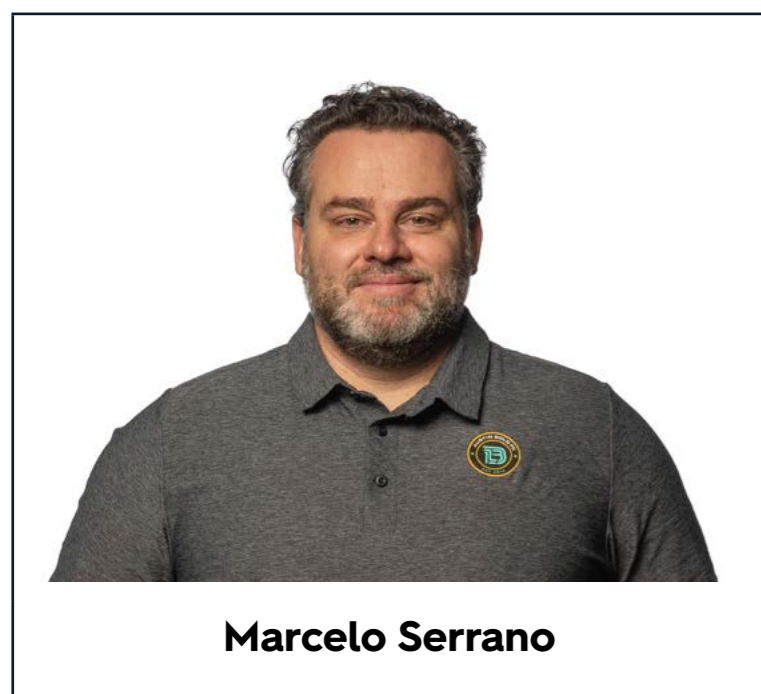
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HEAD COACH



Marcelo Serrano

KEY PLAYERS



Sean McFarlane
Defender

McFarlane ranked third in the Championship in assists as he was given license to attack down the right side of Bold FC's lineup consistently throughout the 2019 season. The Jamaican's total of 204 crosses from open play was 53 more than the second player on the list - new Bold FC signing Ish Jome, who could fulfill a similar role down the left this season - as he provided consistent service to Austin's attackers. Will there be more of the same this season? Bold FC fans certainly hope there will.



Billy Forbes
Midfielder

There are plenty of familiar faces back in Austin's squad this season, but a notable newcomer is Billy Forbes, who joins the club after exiting San Antonio FC midway through last season. The Turks & Caicos captain will be looking for a return to form domestically after a standout 2017 that saw him earn All-League honors and after the success fellow former SAFC players Diego Restrepo and Kris Tyrpak found for Bold FC a season ago it could be an ideal landing spot for the winger to find his feet again.

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5/23	Austin Bold FC	Portland Timbers 2	8:30 p.m.
5/26	Tacoma Defiance	Austin Bold FC	10 p.m.
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7/8	Austin Bold FC	Phoenix Rising FC	8:30 p.m.
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7/25	FC Tulsa	Austin Bold FC	8 p.m.
8/8	Sacramento Republic FC	Austin Bold FC	11 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

Birmingham Legion FC was the lone first-year side to reach the playoffs in the Eastern Conference in 2019, and while it faltered down the stretch before outlasting Saint Louis FC to the finish line the side then produced one of the best games of the postseason in a 3-2 victory on the road against North Carolina FC before falling to top-seeded Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC.

Looking to build on its inaugural success, Legion FC went out and bolstered its attack with the Jamaican forward Neco Brett – who earned All-League honors a season ago in Pittsburgh – while also securing the permanent signing of Brian Wright after his solid 2019 season with the club on loan from the New England Revolution. Add in the return of the Championship’s third-leading scorer Chandler Hoffman from injury and Birmingham should show improvement in an attack that ranked 35th in the league with 35 goals in 34 regular season games last season.

Some of the key pieces in Birmingham’s defense, led by goalkeeper Matt Van Oekel, are set to return after the side ranked tied for sixth with 12 shutouts in the 2019 season. That shutout record, though, belied a defense that conceded 51 times during the regular season. To that end, the side has added to its defense with the arrival of former Columbus Crew SC center back Alex Crognale, who will be tasked with helping provide more consistency on the back line in Legion FC’s second year.



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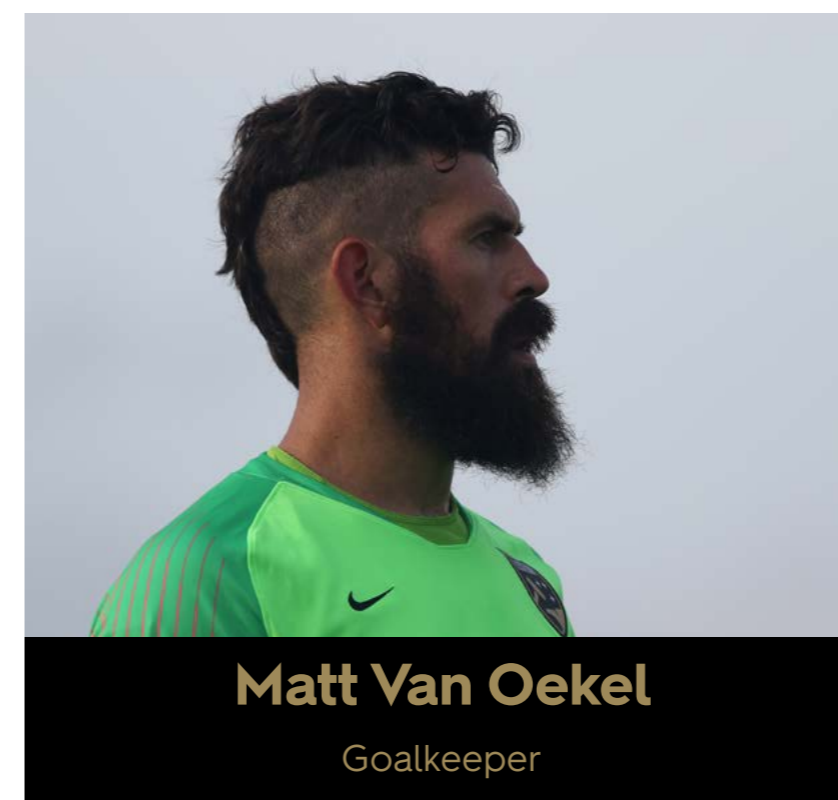
Tom Soehn

KEY PLAYERS



Neco Brett
Forward

As the slightly-altered saying might go, if you can’t beat them, sign them. Brett racked up four goals in Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC’s elimination of Legion FC last October to end Birmingham’s inaugural season with a bump, but there’s much more than simply one big game. With 39 goals in the Championship’s regular season and playoffs at an average of a goal every 184.4 minutes, Brett has a similar scoring pedigree to Chandler Hoffman, and gives Legion FC a chance at a potent two-headed attack.



Matt Van Oekel
Goalkeeper

The veteran shot-stopper was maybe the most important player for Legion FC in 2019. He ranked fifth in the Championship with 11 shutouts and 14th in the league with 82 saves while playing error-free – Van Oekel only made one mistake that led to a shot in 2019 according to Opta – which was essential to the side securing its place in the postseason. Van Oekel’s save percentage was below league average at just 61.7 percent, though, and while he made some crucial saves in key scenarios, finding a higher level of consistency could help Legion FC rise in the standings in 2020.

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3/15	Birmingham Legion FC	Charleston Battery	5 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

The Battery kept their streak of remaining the lone side to reach the USL Championship Playoffs in every season of the league's history alive with back-to-back victories to close the regular season, but this offseason brought plenty of changes to the club with the introduction of a new ownership group led by Rob Salvatore, and a new home venue at the Patriots Point Soccer Stadium.

The one constant, however, is General Manager and Head Coach Mike Anhaeuser, who has consistently shown the ability to produce playoff-quality sides throughout his tenure at the club. Now entering his 27th season at the club as a player, assistant coach and since 2005, Head Coach, Anhaeuser has a solid contingent of players set to return, although he will have to factor for three key absences as the season starts. How the Battery handle the departures of defender Taylor Mueller (Tacoma Defiance), midfielder Tah Brian Anunga (Nashville SC) and goalkeeper Joe Kuzminsky on loan to Maccabi Haifa in Israel will make things interesting early on.

That said, there is plenty of returning talent at Anhaeuser's disposal, led by the club's 2019 Most Valuable Player Jarad van Schaik and Guyana international AJ Paterson on the back line. Also back in the squad is Bermuda international Zeiko Lewis, who led the side with eight goals and five assists a season ago, and he'll be supported by a cast including Nicque Daley, Romario Piggott and Arthur Bosua who should all be expected to take a step forward in productivity this season.

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Mike Anhaeuser



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KEY PLAYERS



Jarad van Schaik
Defender

With more than 150 appearances in the Championship across the regular season and playoffs to his name, Jarad van Schaik has been an important figure for the Battery across both his stints with the club. That experience figures to mean even more this year after a standout 2019 campaign for the 31-year-old with his former center back partner Taylor Mueller having headed back to the Pacific Northwest. While his versatility has allowed him to play numerous positions in the past, a solid run by Van Schaik in the heart of defense is going to be key for Charleston this season.



Zeiko Lewis
Forward

Lewis had a team-best eight goals in the 2019 season and finished tied with Kotaro Higahi with five assists, but on top of that the creativity he showed in 27 appearances proved a major catalyst for the Battery's attack. The 25-year-old should be available for a fuller campaign this season in Charleston after featuring for Bermuda at the 2019 Concacaf Gold Cup last summer and that could see an increase in numbers overall for the former New York Red Bulls SuperDraft selection. If that happens, the Battery should be humming again in the final third on the way to another postseason berth.

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7/12	Philadelphia Union II	Charleston Battery	2:30 p.m.
7/18	Charleston Battery	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	7 p.m.
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8/30	Indy Eleven	Charleston Battery	1 p.m.
9/5	New York Red Bulls II	Charleston Battery	7 p.m.
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9/16	Charleston Battery	Indy Eleven	7 p.m.
9/19	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Charleston Battery	7:30 p.m.
9/26	Miami FC	Charleston Battery	7:30 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

A massive stumble out of the gates under Head Coach Jim McGuinness left too steep a hill to climb for the Independence in 2019 as a good midseason revival when Mike Jeffries returned to the sideline faded late on and left the side on the outside of the postseason picture for a second consecutive season. And while Jeffries is back at the helm to start 2020, there's going to be a new cast of characters in place for the Independence this season.

Leading the way is forward Dane Kelly, who arrives in Charlotte looking to add to his Championship-best goalscoring record of 77 regular season goals. The Jamaican forward will look to forge a chemistry with returning attacking midfielder Enzo Martinez and give Charlotte the sort of attack that can propel it back into the playoff conversation.

There are other notable returnees to the Independence's roster this season in goalkeeper Brandon Miller, defender Hugh Roberts and midfielder Kevan George, but what might be most notable is those that have departed. From legendary forward Jorge Herrera - who sat second to Kelly in goals in the Championship's record book - and combative midfielder Alex Martinez, Charlotte's other newcomers will have some big shoes to fill as the side looks for a bounce-back season before its move to Memorial Stadium in 2021.



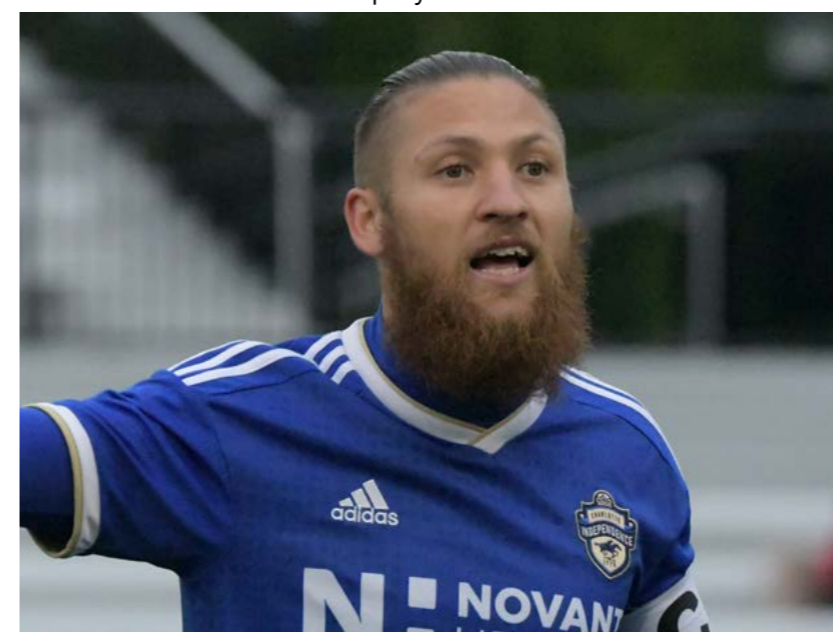
KEY PLAYERS



Dane Kelly

Forward

For many players, a season that saw them score 10 goals and add five assists would be a perfectly respectable return, but those numbers didn't tell the full story for Kelly in his 2019 season with Indy Eleven. More so, it was the frustrating missed opportunities that could have seen the 28-year-old surpass 80 regular-season goals in the Championship last year that defined the Jamaican's campaign. As he joins the Independence, Kelly will be looking to regain the clinical nature his finishing has shown in the past as he looks to propel his new side back into the playoffs.



Enzo Martinez

Forward

As much as Jorge Herrera has meant to the Charlotte soccer community, Martinez has been the figurehead for the Independence since their launch for the 2015 season. With 35 goals and 24 assists in 117 league appearances for the club, the local standout has been in some ways the best way to judge how the Independence's season will go. During two standout seasons in 2016 and 2017, the Independence reached the postseason as Martinez earned All-League honors. Last season brought seven goals and nine assists, a solid return, but not enough on its own to carry the side forward. Martinez and the club will both be hoping for more in 2020.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/8	Sporting Kansas City II	Charlotte Independence	5 p.m.
3/14	Charlotte Independence	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	7 p.m.
3/21	Charlotte Independence	New York Red Bulls II	7 p.m.
4/3	North Carolina FC	Charlotte Independence	7 p.m.
4/11	Charlotte Independence	Charleston Battery	7 p.m.
4/18	Charlotte Independence	Indy Eleven	7 p.m.
4/25	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Charlotte Independence	7:30 p.m.
5/6	Loudoun United FC	Charlotte Independence	7 p.m.
5/9	Charlotte Independence	Hartford Athletic	7 p.m.
5/13	Charlotte Independence	Charleston Battery	7 p.m.
5/23	Atlanta United 2	Charlotte Independence	7 p.m.
5/30	Memphis 901 FC	Charlotte Independence	8:30 p.m.
6/6	Saint Louis FC	Charlotte Independence	8 p.m.
6/12	Charlotte Independence	North Carolina FC	7 p.m.
6/20	Philadelphia Union II	Charlotte Independence	7 p.m.
6/24	Charlotte Independence	Birmingham Legion FC	7 p.m.
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10/3	Louisville City FC	Charlotte Independence	7 p.m.
10/10	Charlotte Independence	Philadelphia Union II	7 p.m.
10/17	Charlotte Independence	Sporting Kansas City II	7 p.m.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

There's nowhere to go but up for the Switchbacks after a disappointing 2019 season that saw the club's first Head Coach Steve Trittschuh depart midseason and the side finish bottom of the Western Conference. What has transpired since, however, could inspire confidence in a revival for the side on the field under 2018 USL Championship Coach of the Year Alan Koch before the club moves into its new 8,000-seat downtown home for the 2021 season.

Koch was appointed late in the 2019 season and initially observed as interim coach Wolde Harris led the side before Koch took over for the final two games of the season. Then this offseason a host of new faces arrived with Koch, who led FC Cincinnati to a record-setting season two years ago in the club's final season in the Championship. Arriving at Weidner Field are players like former Vancouver Whitecaps FC goalkeeper Sean Melvin, veteran forward Christian Volesky and Jamaican midfielder Andre Lewis.

While some well-known faces return to Colorado Springs, including midfielder Rony Argueta and versatile defender Jordan Burt, how the newcomers fare should hold the key to success this season. After taking both Whitecaps FC 2 and Cincinnati to the playoffs, Koch has the experience to pull a squad that can contend for a first playoff appearance since the 2016 season.



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HEAD COACH



Alan Koch

KEY PLAYERS



Jordan Burt
Defender

If midfielder Luke Vercollone was the face of the Switchbacks at the club's launch, that mantle has now passed to Jordan Burt, who last season became the club's all-time leader in appearances (146) and minutes (11,827). Nominally a defender, Burt's versatility was on full display in the 2019 season as he led the side with seven goals while spending time on the club's front line. Wherever he lines up in 2020, though, Burt should be a mainstay for the club after playing 83 percent of the club's regular season minutes in his career.



George Lebesse
Midfielder

With more than 150 appearances in South Africa's top-flight and six caps for the country's national team, the 30-year-old Lebesse brings a lot of experience with him to his first professional experience outside his native country. Twice a league champion with Kaizer Chiefs, the Switchbacks believe the new experience will reinvigorate Lebesse's career and provide skill and leadership that can help the side move back toward the playoff positions this season.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/7	OKC Energy FC	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	8 p.m.
3/14	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	San Antonio FC	5 p.m.
3/22	Portland Timbers 2	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	8 p.m.
3/27	LA Galaxy II	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10:30 p.m.
4/4	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	New Mexico United	7 p.m.
4/11	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	Orange County SC	7 p.m.
4/18	Las Vegas Lights	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10:30 p.m.
4/25	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	8:30 p.m.
5/5	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	Reno 1868 FC	9 p.m.
5/9	San Diego Loyal	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10 p.m.
5/16	FC Tulsa	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	8 p.m.
5/23	Phoenix Rising FC	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10:30 p.m.
5/29	Real Monarchs SLC	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10 p.m.
6/6	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	Sacramento Republic FC	8 p.m.
6/10	El Paso Locomotive FC	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	9 p.m.
6/20	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	San Diego Loyal	8 p.m.
6/27	Austin Bold FC	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	8:30 p.m.
7/1	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	Las Vegas Lights	9 p.m.
7/4	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	Real Monarchs SLC	8 p.m.
7/18	Reno 1868 FC	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10:30 p.m.
7/25	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	OKC Energy FC	8 p.m.
8/1	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	Portland Timbers 2	8 p.m.
8/9	New Mexico United	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	9 p.m.
8/15	Tacoma Defiance	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10 p.m.
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10/17	Orange County SC	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10 p.m.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

A top-six finish and an appearance in the Western Conference Final of the 2019 USL Championship Playoffs made for an exhilarating first season for Locomotive FC, which stood as the best expansion side of the seven newcomers to the Championship last campaign. With some key figures having departed this offseason, though, all eyes will be on El Paso as it looks to take another step forward.

With Head Coach Mark Lowry at the helm, however, that certainly should be possible. Considered one of the brightest young coaches in North America, the 34-year-old molded a side that led the Championship in passing accuracy and finished second in average possession per game, controlling tempo with a patient style that proved incisive when the opportunity presented itself.

The biggest question, though, will be finding an attacking edge after the departure of leading scorer Jerome Kiesewetter (12 goals) to Inter Miami CF and the creative Sebastian Velasquez (5 goals, 25 key passes). Omar Salgado will be expecting a bigger campaign than his three goals in 2019, while Alexy Bosetti should have a chance to hit his stride more confidently after his midseason arrival, but after scoring 42 goals in 34 regular season games last season, a bump in goals is likely going to be needed to create a bump in the standings.



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HEAD COACH



Mark Lowry

KEY PLAYERS



Omar Salgado
Forward

There were some standout moments for Salgado as he represented his hometown club in its first season, but overall the season was a frustrating one as he registered only three goals and a 4.5 percent shot conversion rate in 37 appearances. The law of averages says both those numbers should rise in 2020, and it would be a welcome return to form for the former No. 1 selection in the MLS SuperDraft and U.S. U-20 international and for the passionate Locomotive FC supporters.



Logan Ketterer
Goalkeeper

Locomotive FC fans got to see the best of Logan Ketterer regularly throughout the 2019 season. His four penalty-kick saves on six shots were the most by any goalkeeper in the Championship as he ranked fourth in the league with 13 shutouts and registered 70 saves overall for the campaign. There was also a downside, however, as Ketterer finished tied for the league-lead with three errors that led to opposition goals. If the 26-year-old can clean up that aspect of his game, though, it could lead to an even better second season for El Paso and potentially put Ketterer in the picture for end-of-season honors.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/6	Orange County SC	El Paso Locomotive FC	10 p.m.
3/14	El Paso Locomotive FC	Portland Timbers 2	9:30 p.m.
3/21	New Mexico United	El Paso Locomotive FC	9:30 p.m.
3/29	Tacoma Defiance	El Paso Locomotive FC	4:30 p.m.
4/4	El Paso Locomotive FC	LA Galaxy II	9:30 p.m.
4/18	FC Tulsa	El Paso Locomotive FC	8 p.m.
5/2	Reno 1868 FC	El Paso Locomotive FC	10 p.m.
5/6	El Paso Locomotive FC	OKC Energy FC	9 p.m.
5/14	El Paso Locomotive FC	San Diego Loyal	9 p.m.
5/23	El Paso Locomotive FC	Real Monarchs SLC	9:30 p.m.
5/30	Sacramento Republic FC	El Paso Locomotive FC	10:30 p.m.
6/6	Phoenix Rising FC	El Paso Locomotive FC	10:30 p.m.
6/10	El Paso Locomotive FC	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	9 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

A late-season revival ensured the Athletic didn't finish at the bottom of the Eastern Conference standings at the end of the club's first season, but the ongoing challenges the side faced on the field in 2019 led to major changes at the club as it resets for Year 2 at Dillon Stadium. Former Tunisian international Radhi Jaidi arrives having previously led Premier League club Southampton FC's U23 side and is looking to bring a new standard of accountability to the club this year.

There will be some familiar faces for Jaidi to build around in Hartford, however, with Mads Jorgensen back to potentially anchor the center of midfield and midseason arrival Danny Barrera on hand to provide his playmaking and set piece ability. The side has also added more defensive depth for the new season, including 2019 League One All-League selection Kevin Politz from Greenville Triumph SC and former Fresno FC defender Sam Strong.

The biggest acquisition of the offseason, though, was forward Ever Guzman, who arrives after previous success saw him become the leading scorer in San Antonio FC's history. How the Mexican forward combines with returning attackers Alex Dixon and Mac Steeves could hold the key to success for the Athletic as it looks to reward the strong fanbase that backed it throughout its inaugural season.



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Radhi Jaidi

KEY PLAYERS



Alex Davey
Defender

A graduate of the Chelsea FC Academy, Davey brought a high level of pedigree when he signed for Hartford midway through the 2019 season, and while he wasn't able to completely stabilize the club's back line after his arrival, the Athletic showed improvement on home turf with Davey in the lineup with a 1.25 goals-against average and two shutouts in eight games. The 25-year-old will be surrounded by plenty of new faces this season, but he can be the anchor around which Hartford can start to form a solid base.



Ever Guzman
Forward

Having scored 24 goals in 63 Championship games for San Antonio FC, the spotlight is going to be firmly fixed on the veteran Mexican forward as he looks to boost Hartford's attack this season. Guzman has averaged a goal every 166.9 minutes in the Championship, a rate that puts him in the same class as players like Memphis 901 FC's Brandon Allen, OKC Energy FC's Jaime Chavez and Birmingham Legion FC's Neco Brett over the past three seasons. He'll need to find a consistent connection with Danny Barrera and the rest of the Athletic's attacking pieces to maintain that level and help the side to success.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/13	New York Red Bulls II	Hartford Athletic	7 p.m.
3/21	Hartford Athletic	Charleston Battery	4 p.m.
3/28	Saint Louis FC	Hartford Athletic	8 p.m.
4/4	Hartford Athletic	Memphis 901 FC	7 p.m.
4/18	Hartford Athletic	Miami FC	7 p.m.
4/25	Hartford Athletic	Philadelphia Union II	7 p.m.
5/4	Indy Eleven	Hartford Athletic	7 p.m.
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5/30	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Hartford Athletic	7 p.m.
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6/25	Hartford Athletic	Saint Louis FC	8 p.m.
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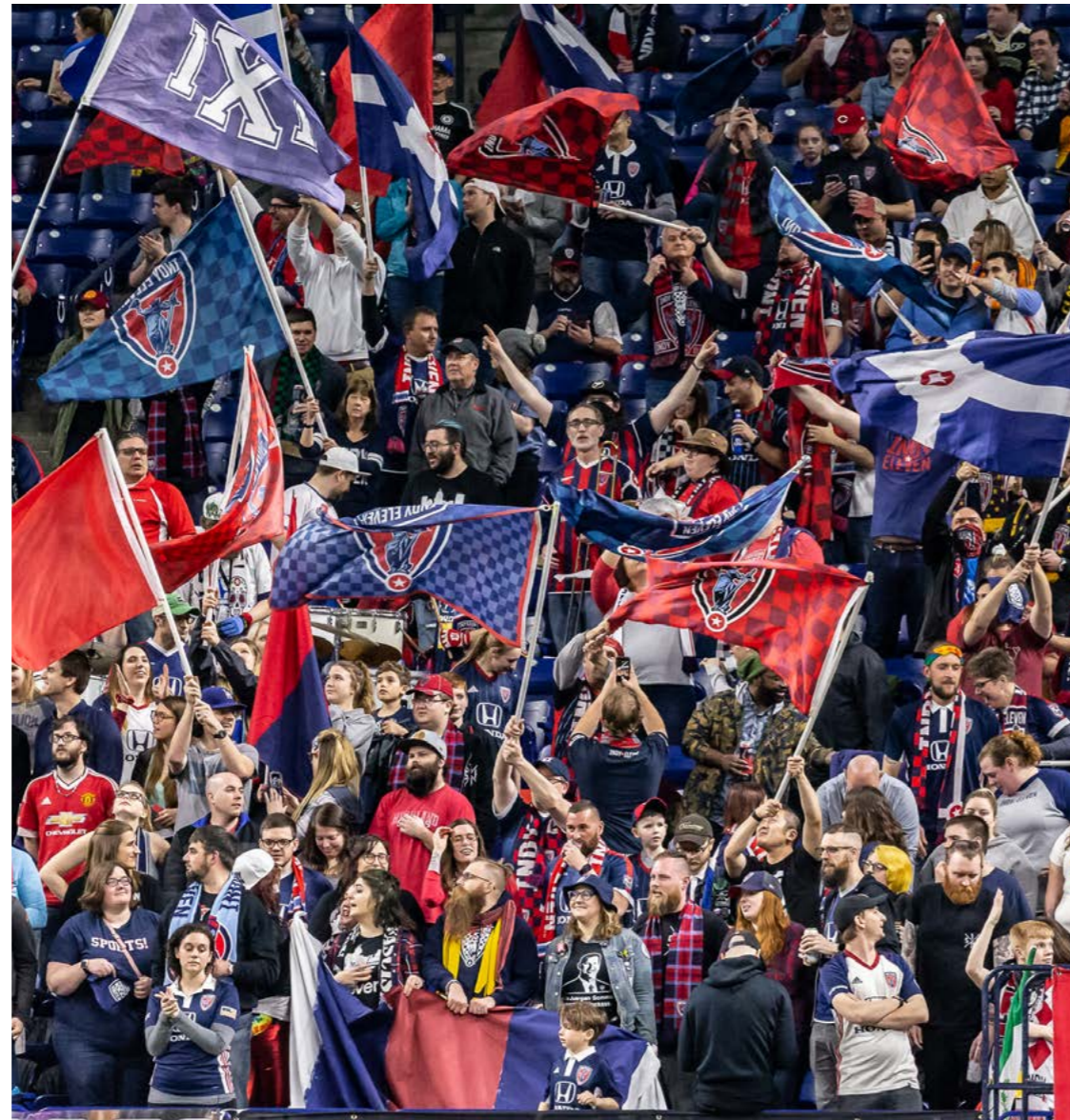
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TEAM OUTLOOK

With a bolstered squad, Indy Eleven took the expected jump forward to becoming one of the serious contenders in the Eastern Conference in 2019 and were just seconds away from hosting the 2019 USL Championship Final before a miraculous comeback by Louisville City FC ended Indy's season on a disappointing note. With most of the squad returning, however, Head Coach Martin Rennie's side looks likely to be one of the teams to beat in the 2020 season.

After conceding fewer than a goal-per-game in the regular season, the core of Indy's defense is back for another year with goalkeeper Evan Newton aiming to add to his Championship-record tally of 47 shutouts. 2019 All-League selection Neveal Hackshaw is joined by Karl Ouimette and Paddy Barrett, while Ayoze and newcomer Carl Haworth should give opponents problems down either flank with their ability to deliver from open play and set pieces.

Haworth is the main newcomer to the squad, joining fellow Canadians Ouimette and Tyler Pasher, who thrived in his new attacking role for the Eleven to the tune of 13 goals and four assists. Maybe the most intriguing new face, though, is Andrew Carleton, who joined the Eleven on a season-long loan from Atlanta United FC. The 19-year-old could add some additional flair to Indy's attack this season if he can find the groove that made him a standout for the U.S. U-17 National Team in 2017.



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Martin Rennie

KEY PLAYERS



Tyler Pasher
Forward

A new formation installed by Head Coach Martin Rennie meant finding a new role for Tyler Pasher last season with Ayoze the first-choice at left wing-back, but the Canadian had a breakout season while leading the team with 13 goals to more than double his career total in the Championship. Pasher came through in the clutch regularly for the side, notching two goals in the postseason, as his speed and ability to cut past defenders proved difficult for opponents to handle. The 25-year-old will have a chance to hit even greater heights this year and help Indy to its first USL Championship Final.



Carl Haworth
Defender

A major offseason arrival for the Eleven, Haworth could provide the balance that helps the club's attack become even more dangerous in the 2020 season. No player scored more goals from set pieces than Haworth in the 2019 season for Ottawa Fury FC, and his 10 goals showed that even a move to right back couldn't limit the nose for goal Haworth was noted for as a forward early in his career. The 30-year-old's versatility could be useful for Head Coach Martin Rennie, though, as he could slot into multiple positions as needed throughout the season.

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3/7	Memphis 901 FC	Indy Eleven	7 p.m.
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8/30	Indy Eleven	Charleston Battery	1 p.m.
9/5	Indy Eleven	Memphis 901 FC	7 p.m.
9/12	Louisville City FC	Indy Eleven	7 p.m.
9/16	Charleston Battery	Indy Eleven	7 p.m.
9/19	Indy Eleven	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	7 p.m.
9/27	Indy Eleven	New York Red Bulls II	TBD
10/10	Indy Eleven	Sporting Kansas City II	7 p.m.
10/14	Loudoun United FC	Indy Eleven	1 p.m.
10/17	Indy Eleven	Atlanta United 2	7 p.m.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

Powered by a midseason change on the sidelines, the LA Galaxy II made their first postseason appearance since the 2016 season last year as Head Coach Junior Gonzalez led the side to a 7-4-4 record over its final 15 games to finish ninth in the Western Conference. Gonzalez returns to the sidelines this season and brings with him a good number of returnees that will be looking to return Los Dos to the success of their early years.

All three of the club's leading scorers should be back with the side, with both midfielder Kai Koreniuk (9 goals) and forward Augustine Williams (7 goals) potentially being joined by Ethan Zubak (9 goals) on loan from the Galaxy. There's also solid returning depth in midfield with Adrian Vera approaching 100 appearances for the club and young Panamanian international Carlos Harvey back in the squad as well.

After struggling for two seasons, the uptick at the end of 2019 provided a return to the sort of form that made the Galaxy II a contender in the Western Conference previously. If its young players continue to come into their own - and get some solid support from experience on loan from the club's MLS squad - there's reason to believe those days of contention could return.



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KEY PLAYERS



Kai Koreniuk
Midfielder

Having previously made appearances for the Netherlands U-18 National Team, the Florida native's upside saw him arrive at the Galaxy II with positive expectations. Koreniuk lived up to those with nine goals and four assists in the 2019 season, and a level of play that saw him called up to the Galaxy's squad for a Leagues Cup match against Liga MX's Xolos de Tijuana. If Koreniuk has the same impact for Los Dos this season it would not only help the club contend for a second consecutive postseason berth but could earn a chance to join the Galaxy on a permanent basis.



Carlos Harvey
Midfielder

The past year was a positive one for Harvey, who first made his debut for Panama's National Team and followed it up by helping the country advance to the knockout stage of the 2019 FIFA U-20 World Cup for the first time. Individually, he was also named to the USL 20 Under 20 as his presence in the middle of the Galaxy II midfield showed off both his ball-winning and distribution. After being named to the preliminary roster for the 2019 Concacaf Gold Cup, if the 20-year-old can take another step forward this season for Los Dos it could mean even bigger things for him on the international scene as World Cup Qualifying gets ready to open in the fall.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/8	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	LA Galaxy II	7:30 p.m.
3/13	LA Galaxy II	Austin Bold FC	10:30 p.m.
3/21	LA Galaxy II	Sacramento Republic FC	8 p.m.
3/27	LA Galaxy II	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10:30 p.m.
4/4	El Paso Locomotive FC	LA Galaxy II	9:30 p.m.
4/11	New Mexico United	LA Galaxy II	9:30 p.m.
4/15	LA Galaxy II	Reno 1868 FC	10:30 p.m.
4/26	LA Galaxy II	Las Vegas Lights	10 p.m.
5/2	OKC Energy FC	LA Galaxy II	8 p.m.
5/13	LA Galaxy II	Real Monarchs SLC	10:30 p.m.
5/22	Tacoma Defiance	LA Galaxy II	10 p.m.
5/31	San Diego Loyal	LA Galaxy II	8 p.m.
6/6	San Antonio FC	LA Galaxy II	8:30 p.m.
6/13	Las Vegas Lights	LA Galaxy II	10:30 p.m.
6/21	LA Galaxy II	Portland Timbers 2	6:30 p.m.
6/27	LA Galaxy II	Phoenix Rising FC	10 p.m.
7/3	Reno 1868 FC	LA Galaxy II	10:30 p.m.
7/18	Sacramento Republic FC	LA Galaxy II	11 p.m.
7/25	Orange County SC	LA Galaxy II	10 p.m.
8/1	LA Galaxy II	El Paso Locomotive FC	10 p.m.
8/5	LA Galaxy II	OKC Energy FC	10 p.m.
8/8	LA Galaxy II	Tacoma Defiance	10 p.m.
8/16	LA Galaxy II	San Antonio FC	10 p.m.
8/22	Real Monarchs SLC	LA Galaxy II	10 p.m.
8/26	LA Galaxy II	FC Tulsa	10:30 p.m.
8/29	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	LA Galaxy II	8 p.m.
9/5	LA Galaxy II	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	10 p.m.
9/12	Phoenix Rising FC	LA Galaxy II	10:30 p.m.
9/18	FC Tulsa	LA Galaxy II	8 p.m.
9/23	LA Galaxy II	Orange County SC	10:30 p.m.
9/26	LA Galaxy II	New Mexico United	10 p.m.
10/3	Austin Bold FC	LA Galaxy II	8:30 p.m.
10/10	Portland Timbers 2	LA Galaxy II	10 p.m.
10/17	LA Galaxy II	San Diego Loyal	10 p.m.

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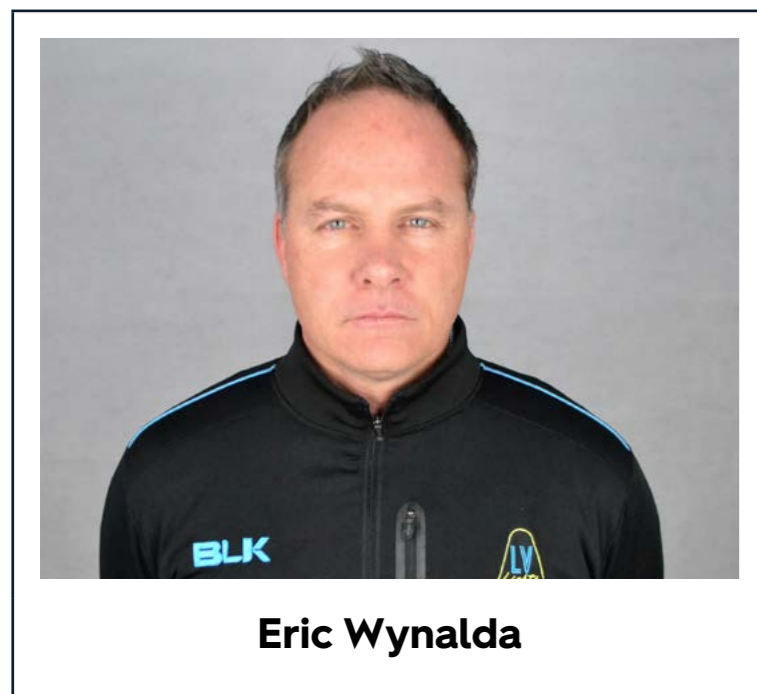
TEAM OUTLOOK

It wasn't enough to earn Lights FC a first trip to the USL Championship Playoffs, but Head Coach Eric Wynalda's first season at the helm did produce a notable improvement in points and the standings for the fans at Cashman Field. With some new faces at both ends of the field, Las Vegas will be hoping to take the next step and put itself into postseason contention in its third season in the league.

Leading the way among the new arrivals are two experienced center backs with Ramon Martin Del Campo arriving from Fresno FC and Jordan Murrell from Valour FC of the Canadian Premier League. The duo has combined for 165 appearances in the Championship over their respective careers, with Del Campo anchoring a Foxes side that earned a third-place finish in the Western Conference last season. Joining returning goalkeeper Thomas Olsen and defenders Javan Torre and Gabe Robinson, Las Vegas will expect an improvement on its back line.

At the other end of the field are former Philadelphia Union II forward Seku Conneh and North Carolina FC forward Yamikani Chester, who'll be tasked with helping replace the production of the departed Irvin Parra, now with San Diego Loyal SC. Conneh returns to the Championship after a two-season absence, but after recording 10 goals to help the Union II reach the postseason in 2017 could be a good addition to the side. Chester, meanwhile, recorded five goals for NCFC last season, while also representing Malawi in World Cup Qualifying and Africa Cup of Nations Qualifying late last season.

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KEY PLAYERS



Ramon Martin Del Campo
Defender

A former member of the U.S. U-23 National Team, Del Campo is coming off back-to-back strong seasons with Fresno that saw him rank seventh in clearances (284) and win 65 percent of duels, 68.4 percent of aerials and 78.5 percent of tackles over 63 appearances. Providing more of that solid play in 2020 will be essential for a Las Vegas back line that has been an Achilles heel for the club, conceding 130 goals in 68 regular season games at an average of 1.9 per game. If Del Campo and his fellow new arrivals can shore up the back line it would be a major boost to Lights FC's postseason chances this campaign.



Yamikani Chester
Midfielder

Five goals might not seem like a big return for an attacking midfielder, but the underlying numbers for Yamikani Chester could make him a threat to do big things for Las Vegas this season after being used sparingly by North Carolina FC this past season. Chester scored at a rate of a goal every 194 minutes in the 2019 season with a shot conversion rate of 20.8 percent in less than 1,000 minutes of action. With the potential those minutes could more than double this season, the Malawi international could produce a major uptick in production and help Las Vegas find the attacking punch it will need to earn a postseason berth.

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3/7	San Diego Loyal	Las Vegas Lights	10 p.m.
3/14	Las Vegas Lights	Sacramento Republic FC	10:30 p.m.
3/21	FC Tulsa	Las Vegas Lights	8 p.m.
3/25	New Mexico United	Las Vegas Lights	9 p.m.
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4/18	Las Vegas Lights	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10:30 p.m.
4/26	LA Galaxy II	Las Vegas Lights	10 p.m.
5/2	Las Vegas Lights	Real Monarchs SLC	10:30 p.m.
5/9	Las Vegas Lights	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	10:30 p.m.
5/16	Austin Bold FC	Las Vegas Lights	8:30 p.m.
5/30	Las Vegas Lights	New Mexico United	10:30 p.m.
6/5	Tacoma Defiance	Las Vegas Lights	10 p.m.
6/9	Portland Timbers 2	Las Vegas Lights	10 p.m.
6/13	Las Vegas Lights	LA Galaxy II	10:30 p.m.
6/20	Las Vegas Lights	OKC Energy FC	10:30 p.m.
6/27	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	Las Vegas Lights	8:30 p.m.
7/1	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	Las Vegas Lights	9 p.m.
7/4	Las Vegas Lights	Austin Bold FC	10:30 p.m.
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10/17	San Antonio FC	Las Vegas Lights	8:30 p.m.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

The final kick to the finish line came to late too earn a postseason berth in Loudoun United FC's inaugural season, but the four consecutive victories provided a glimpse at what the future could hold for the club as it enters its second season with a talented group of young players. Those youngsters will be needed to come to the fore after some key departures this offseason left Head Coach Ryan Martin with some gaps to fill in his lineup.

Among the most notable to move on was forward Kyle Murphy, who headed this offseason to Eastern Conference rival the Tampa Bay Rowdies after leading United with 13 goals. Also gone is Gordon Wild, who was not retained by D.C. United despite scoring 11 goals in the 2019 season between stints with ATL UTD 2 and Loudoun. The good news is that the side does return forward Alioune Ndour, who lit up the league with five goals in four games to close the season and will be looking for more as he leads Loudoun's attacking line this season.

Ndour will be joined in United's attack - at least at the start of the season - by Estonian forward Erik Sorga, who is being tipped to make the transition to D.C.'s squad sooner rather than later. But the biggest focus for Loudoun this season should be players like 16-year-old Moses Nyeman and 17-year-old Griffin Yow, who last year was the first goalscorer in Loudoun's history. The U.S. youth internationals should figure prominently in 2020 at Segra Field as they look to take the next step in their budding careers.

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KEY PLAYERS



Erik Sorga
Forward

Sorga arrived with Loudoun in January off the back of a prolific stint with FC Flora in his native Estonia. The 20-year-old scored 78 goals in 91 appearances for the club and has already earned his first cap and recorded his first goal for the Estonian National Team. A potential comparison for Sorga could be New York Red Bulls' Mathias Jorgensen, who scored 11 goals for the Red Bulls II last season. If Sorga can match that output - or even improve on it - Loudoun could be in playoff contention at the end of the season and Sorga could be on his way to D.C.'s squad.



Moses Nyeman
Midfielder

The second-youngest signing in D.C. United's history when he joined the club late last season, Nyeman became the third-youngest goalscorer in the Championship's history when he tallied against Louisville City FC aged just 15 years, 8 months and 23 days old last July. What is most striking about the U.S. youth international, though, is his ability on the ball. Nyeman recorded a pass-completion rate of 86.6 percent on 49.5 passes per 90 minutes during his first professional season, earning a place on the USL 20 Under 20, and his influence on games should only go from strength to strength in Year 2.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/21	Atlanta United 2	Loudoun United FC	5:30 p.m.
3/27	Miami FC	Loudoun United FC	7:30 p.m.
4/15	Indy Eleven	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
4/18	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
5/1	New York Red Bulls II	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
5/6	Loudoun United FC	Charlotte Independence	7 p.m.
5/9	Louisville City FC	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
5/13	Loudoun United FC	North Carolina FC	7 p.m.
5/16	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Loudoun United FC	7:30 p.m.
5/24	Sporting Kansas City II	Loudoun United FC	5 p.m.
6/6	Loudoun United FC	Charleston Battery	6:30 p.m.
6/14	Loudoun United FC	Memphis 901 FC	4 p.m.
6/20	Loudoun United FC	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	6:30 p.m.
6/27	North Carolina FC	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
7/4	Loudoun United FC	Atlanta United 2	1 p.m.
7/8	Loudoun United FC	Hartford Athletic	7 p.m.
7/11	Saint Louis FC	Loudoun United FC	8 p.m.
7/17	Loudoun United FC	Sporting Kansas City II	7 p.m.
7/25	Loudoun United FC	Birmingham Legion FC	6:30 p.m.
7/29	Loudoun United FC	New York Red Bulls II	7 p.m.
8/1	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
8/8	Charleston Battery	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
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8/19	Loudoun United FC	Philadelphia Union II	7 p.m.
8/22	Memphis 901 FC	Loudoun United FC	8:30 p.m.
8/30	Loudoun United FC	North Carolina FC	1 p.m.
9/5	Loudoun United FC	Tampa Bay Rowdies	6:30 p.m.
9/12	Charlotte Independence	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
9/19	Loudoun United FC	Louisville City FC	6:30 p.m.
9/26	Hartford Athletic	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
10/4	Birmingham Legion FC	Loudoun United FC	5 p.m.
10/14	Loudoun United FC	Indy Eleven	1 p.m.
10/17	Loudoun United FC	Miami FC	7 p.m.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

Louisville City FC came within a game of making more USL Championship history last November, only to be thwarted in its bid to claim a third consecutive USL Championship Final by Real Monarchs SLC. There seems little reason to believe Head Coach John Hackworth's side won't be among the leading contenders for the title again this season, however, with a strong squad set to open the club's beautiful new 11,700-seat Lynn Family Stadium in April.

Once again, the core of the side returns with 16 players remaining from a season ago. Among those are longtime LouCity standouts like Oscar Jimenez - who earned his first All-League selection a season ago - the club's all-time leader in appearances Niall McCabe, and midfielder Magnus Rasmussen, who had a career season in leading LouCity in goals in 2019. Also back are more recent additions like Antoine Hoppenot and Abdou Thiam, both of whom had their options exercised after positive campaigns.

As set as LouCity seemed overall, the club's handful of new arrivals also bring a strong Championship pedigree. Both defender Jimmy Ockford (San Jose Earthquakes) and midfielder Corben Bone (FC Cincinnati) have previously earned All-League honors, while the return to the club on loan of forward Cameron Lancaster - who set a Championship record with 25 goals in the 2018 regular season - only adds to the potential for the side to become the first in league history to claim the title on three occasions.

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KEY PLAYERS



Jimmy Ockford
Defender

A midseason arrival at Nashville SC last campaign on loan from the San Jose Earthquakes, Ockford quickly showed why he's earned a reputation as one of the better central defenders in the Championship since joining Reno 1868 FC in 2017. An All-League selection that season, Ockford helped Nashville rise to second place in the Eastern Conference as the side conceded only seven goals in 16 games when he appeared in the lineup. The 27-year-old should provide another high-level talent for a strong squad looking to make a title run again.



Speedy Williams
Midfielder

With 87 appearances over the past three seasons, Williams has been one of the central figures in Louisville City FC reaching three consecutive USL Championship Finals and putting himself back into the Jamaican National Team squad in the process. Williams completed 85.3 percent of his passes in 2019 while recording an average of 63.2 passes per 90 minutes, one of the keys to Louisville holding a league-best 58 percent average possession mark in the 2019 season. That smoothness on the ball should keep him in the international picture as Jamaica gears up for 2022 World Cup Qualifying this fall.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/7	North Carolina FC	Louisville City FC	2:30 p.m.
3/15	Atlanta United 2	Louisville City FC	3:30 p.m.
3/21	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Louisville City FC	7 p.m.
4/4	Indy Eleven	Louisville City FC	7 p.m.
4/11	Louisville City FC	Birmingham Legion FC	7 p.m.
4/17	Louisville City FC	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7 p.m.
4/26	Louisville City FC	New York Red Bulls II	3 p.m.
4/29	Philadelphia Union II	Louisville City FC	7:30 p.m.
5/9	Louisville City FC	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
5/16	Hartford Athletic	Louisville City FC	7 p.m.
5/23	Louisville City FC	Miami FC	7 p.m.
5/30	Louisville City FC	Charleston Battery	7 p.m.
6/7	Sporting Kansas City II	Louisville City FC	5 p.m.
6/13	Saint Louis FC	Louisville City FC	8 p.m.
6/20	Louisville City FC	Indy Eleven	7 p.m.
6/27	Louisville City FC	Philadelphia Union II	7 p.m.
7/1	Louisville City FC	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	7 p.m.
7/10	New York Red Bulls II	Louisville City FC	7 p.m.
7/18	Louisville City FC	Atlanta United 2	7 p.m.
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8/29	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Louisville City FC	7:30 p.m.
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9/12	Louisville City FC	Indy Eleven	7 p.m.
9/19	Loudoun United FC	Louisville City FC	6:30 p.m.
9/26	Birmingham Legion FC	Louisville City FC	7:30 p.m.
10/3	Louisville City FC	Charlotte Independence	7 p.m.
10/10	Memphis 901 FC	Louisville City FC	8 p.m.
10/17	Louisville City FC	North Carolina FC	7 p.m.

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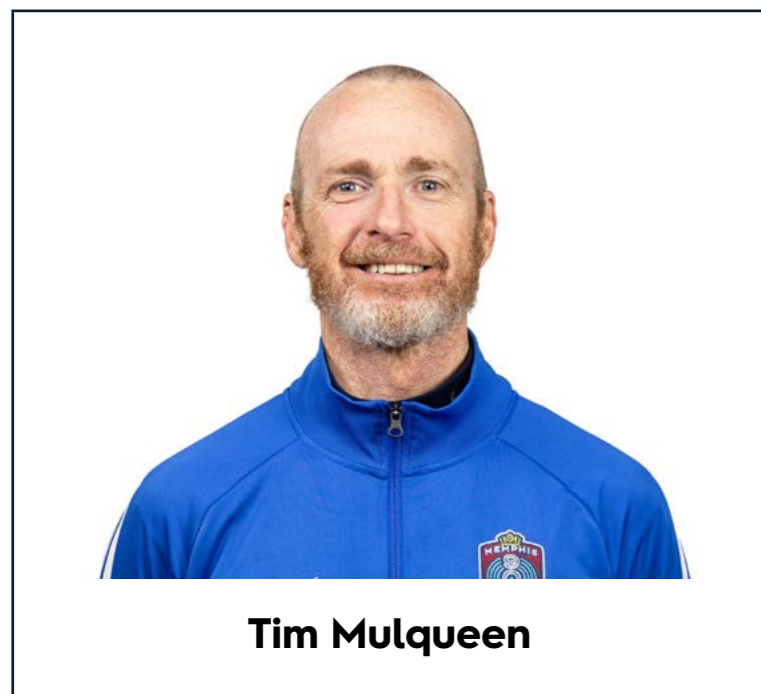
TEAM OUTLOOK

Memphis 901 FC was theoretically in contention for a playoff place down the stretch of its inaugural season, but four consecutive defeats to end the campaign left the side in 15th place after a start that saw it win just one of its first 10 games. Those early struggles, though, allowed 901 FC to evaluate and make moves during the season that should stand the club in better stead as it moves into year two with what on paper looks like a stronger squad.

For that jump forward to arrive, though, the side is going to need to be much better in the attacking third after scoring only 37 goals in 34 regular season games a season ago. The midseason arrival of Brandon Allen – who enters 2020 with 44 goals in 98 regular season games – was one of the moves that should help that rate long-term, but the support Allen gets from the returning Pierre Da Silva and new arrivals Rafael Mentzingen – a USL League One All-League selection last year – and Jean-Christophe Koffi is going to be crucial to those efforts.

Defensively, though, Memphis should have a solid back line to build around. Returning captain Marc Burch was joined midseason by experienced center back Liam Doyle and this offseason saw the arrival of former Championship All-League selection Zach Carroll. The club's hashtag on social media may be #DefendMemphis but producing a stingy defensive record may also be the most direct route to a playoff berth for Head Coach Tim Mulqueen's side this year.

HEAD COACH



Tim Mulqueen



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Michael Reed
Midfielder

There will be plenty of people rooting for Michael Reed to rebound strongly as he arrives in Memphis after a stellar season last year for Nashville SC was cut short by a dislocated ankle injury suffered in August. If back to his best, though, the veteran midfielder should provide a valuable presence both in the middle of the park and on set pieces, from which over the past three seasons Reed has recorded six of his nine assists for San Antonio FC and Nashville SC.



Liam Doyle
Defender

Liam Doyle's midseason arrival from Nashville SC was one of the long-term building blocks Memphis aimed to put into place for this season and potentially beyond, and the Isle of Man center back certainly brought plenty of experience and ability to hold the defensive line with him to AutoZone Park. Over the past three seasons, Doyle ranks sixth in the Championship in clearances with 394 while winning 76.5 of contested tackles and 57 percent of duels. After conceding 52 goals last season, 901 FC will be hoping Doyle and his cohorts can muster a strong defensive effort this year.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/7	Memphis 901 FC	Indy Eleven	7 p.m.
3/14	Memphis 901 FC	Saint Louis FC	8 p.m.
3/22	Sporting Kansas City II	Memphis 901 FC	5 p.m.
3/28	Memphis 901 FC	Birmingham Legion FC	8 p.m.
4/4	Hartford Athletic	Memphis 901 FC	7 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

Maybe the biggest news of the offseason in the USL Championship was the arrival of Miami FC in December. Bringing with it a history of success over its first four seasons, General Manager Paul Dalglish and Head Coach Nelson Vargas are aiming to lead the side into immediate contention in the Eastern Conference with a collection of retained talent from the club's most recent squad and some notable new additions.

The ambition of the side was in evidence in its first signing, which saw former Championship All-League selection Romario Williams join the club. The Jamaican international's scoring rate of a goal every 140.94 minutes in 64 appearances between the Charleston Battery and ATL UTD 2 over the past four seasons gives Miami a standout scoring threat, and the addition of Sebastian Velasquez (El Paso Locomotive FC) and Vincent Bezecourt (New York Red Bulls) should provide plenty of support in the attacking end.

There are some notable names among the club's returnees, though, including veteran winger Lloyd Sam - who fans should remember from his days with the Red Bulls and D.C. United - and players like Miguel Gonzalez and Brenton Griffiths who also have solid Championship experience. After attracting good crowds to Riccardo Silva Stadium in the club's first two seasons, Miami is ready to return to a bigger spotlight as part of the Championship this year.



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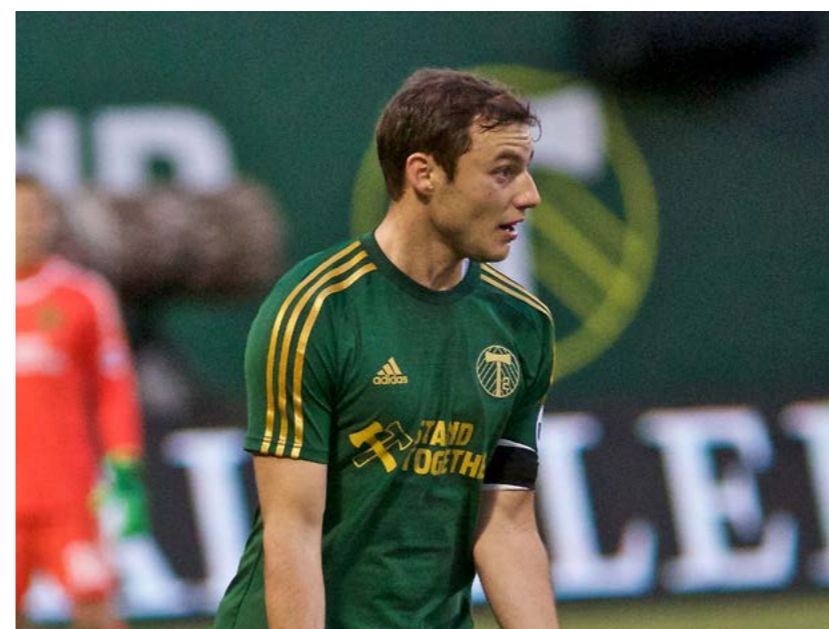
Nelson Vargas

KEY PLAYERS



Romario Williams
Forward

While it wanted to retain a core group of players as it moved to the Championship, Miami knew it needed to make a splash with its first signing as part of its new league. Enter Romario Williams, who has been prolific over his time in the league, sending Miami soccer fans a message that the club was ready to compete with the best the Championship has to offer this season. For the 25-year-old, a big season could see a chance to regain a place in the Jamaica National Team as World Cup Qualifying begins this fall, which is plenty of incentive to keep up his impressive scoring rate at this level.



Tomas Granitto
Midfielder

After featuring for the Sporting Kansas City II side that reached the USL Championship Final in its inaugural season in 2016, Tomas Granitto returns to the Championship having turned heads with Miami last season. So much so, in fact, that the 26-year-old made his debut for the El Salvador National Team and saw action again this January in the country's exhibition content against Iceland in California. A solid holding midfielder, Granitto's experience in the club's system is going to be key as the new arrivals look to coalesce around him.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/7	Saint Louis FC	Miami FC	8 p.m.
3/13	Miami FC	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:30 p.m.
3/22	Birmingham Legion FC	Miami FC	5 p.m.
3/27	Miami FC	Loudoun United FC	7:30 p.m.
4/11	Miami FC	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:30 p.m.
4/18	Hartford Athletic	Miami FC	7 p.m.
4/25	Miami FC	Memphis 901 FC	7:30 p.m.
5/1	Miami FC	Sporting Kansas City II	7:30 p.m.
5/10	Charleston Battery	Miami FC	2 p.m.
5/15	Miami FC	Philadelphia Union II	7:30 p.m.
5/23	Louisville City FC	Miami FC	7 p.m.
5/29	Miami FC	Indy Eleven	7:30 p.m.
6/7	Miami FC	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	7:30 p.m.
6/11	Miami FC	Birmingham Legion FC	7:30 p.m.
6/27	Atlanta United 2	Miami FC	7 p.m.
7/1	Miami FC	Charlotte Independence	7:30 p.m.
7/5	Charleston Battery	Miami FC	6 p.m.
7/10	Miami FC	Atlanta United 2	7:30 p.m.
7/17	Miami FC	Saint Louis FC	7:30 p.m.
7/25	Memphis 901 FC	Miami FC	8:30 p.m.
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8/30	Philadelphia Union II	Miami FC	2:30 p.m.
9/6	Sporting Kansas City II	Miami FC	5 p.m.
9/11	Miami FC	North Carolina FC	7:30 p.m.
9/18	Miami FC	Hartford Athletic	7:30 p.m.
9/23	North Carolina FC	Miami FC	7 p.m.
9/26	Miami FC	Charleston Battery	7:30 p.m.
10/2	New York Red Bulls II	Miami FC	7 p.m.
10/9	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Miami FC	8 p.m.
10/17	Loudoun United FC	Miami FC	7 p.m.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

Arguably no club made a bigger first impression on the Championship than New Mexico United in 2019 as the raucous atmosphere at Isotopes Park and communal sense of identity saw the club lead the league in attendance and reach the postseason at the first try. Now the club – which briefly led the Western Conference early in the season – will look to become a serious contender as it steps into Year 2 with some intriguing new additions.

Leading the way among those new arrivals is center back Kalen Ryden, fresh off helping Real Monarchs SLC claim victory in the 2019 USL Championship Final. The experienced center back will be a key piece for his new side, which for all its fireworks in attack leaked goals consistently, which resulted in a fight to the finish for a place in the playoffs. United recorded only four shutouts in the regular season, tied for fifth-fewest in the league, putting pressure on Ryden and fellow defensive newcomer David Najem (Tampa Bay Rowdies) to help fill the gaps in front of goalkeeper Cody Mizell.

There should be little concern that New Mexico will continue to fill up the net in 2020, though, with the returning trio of Albuquerque native Devon Sandoval, Chris Wehan and Daniel Bruce being joined by two playmakers in former New York Red Bulls II standouts Andrew Tinari and Amando Moreno and ex-Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC forward Romeo Parks. With Head Coach Troy Lesesne's side committed to playing open, entertaining soccer, there should be plenty of excitement for United's fans again this season.

HEAD COACH



Troy Lesesne



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KEY PLAYERS



Chris Wehan
Midfielder

Since being named the Championship's Rookie of the Year in 2017 for Reno 1868 FC, Wehan has been among the best all-around attacking talents in the league. With 22 goals, 19 assists and 151 chances created in 74 appearances, the former University of New Mexico standout is one of only eight players in the league to record at least 20 goals, 15 assists and 150 chances created over the past three seasons. Coming off a career-best 10 goals in 2019 for United, the 26-year-old should be aiming even higher this season, which could carry New Mexico to greater heights.



Amando Moreno
Midfielder

One of the notable departures for United this offseason was Santi Moar to Phoenix Rising FC, but in Amando Moreno they might have an ideal replacement as he joins the club from Chicago Fire FC. Bringing experience from both Liga MX with Xolos de Tijuana and MLS with the Fire, the 24-year-old had a stellar season for the New York Red Bulls II in his only previous Championship season, recording 11 goals and four assists as the side reached the Eastern Conference Final of the 2018 USL Championship Playoffs. Moreno's finishing ability and creativity should mesh well with the rest of United's attacking options.

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3/7	Austin Bold FC	New Mexico United	8:30 p.m.
3/14	FC Tulsa	New Mexico United	8 p.m.
3/21	New Mexico United	El Paso Locomotive FC	9:30 p.m.
3/25	New Mexico United	Las Vegas Lights	9 p.m.
4/4	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	New Mexico United	7 p.m.
4/11	New Mexico United	LA Galaxy II	9:30 p.m.
4/18	Sacramento Republic FC	New Mexico United	10:30 p.m.
4/25	New Mexico United	Real Monarchs SLC	9:30 p.m.
5/9	San Antonio FC	New Mexico United	8:30 p.m.
5/16	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	New Mexico United	8:30 p.m.
5/23	New Mexico United	Orange County SC	9:30 p.m.
5/27	Portland Timbers 2	New Mexico United	2 p.m.
5/30	Las Vegas Lights	New Mexico United	10:30 p.m.
6/10	New Mexico United	OKC Energy FC	9 p.m.
6/13	New Mexico United	Phoenix Rising FC	9:30 p.m.
6/20	Reno 1868 FC	New Mexico United	10:30 p.m.
6/30	New Mexico United	Tacoma Defiance	9 p.m.
7/10	Real Monarchs SLC	New Mexico United	10 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

The New York Red Bulls II's run of reaching at least the Eastern Conference Final of the USL Championship Playoffs came to an end in 2019 with the streak broken at three consecutive seasons by Indy Eleven, and as is typical the offseason produced plenty of changes for Head Coach John Wolyniec to contend with, including the signing of All-League selections Jared Stroud and Chris Lema to MLS contracts.

That said, it seems hard to believe that the days of the Red Bulls II being an Eastern Conference contender are departing that easily. While some notable names have moved on – both goalkeeper Evan Louro (Tampa Bay Rowdies) and Vincent Bezecourt (Miami FC) headed to the Sunshine State this offseason after having their options declined by the Red Bulls – there are returnees like midfielders Kyle Zajec and Omar Sowe and forward Sebastian Elney looking to burnish their reputations with the side.

There's also the depth of the Red Bulls squad meaning players like new Homegrown signing John Tolkin will continue to see action for the side, with the 17-year-old having registered three assists in 13 appearances a season ago. Then there's the arrival of 16-year-old Caden Clark from the Barca Residency Academy, signed to a professional deal as one of the top-rated prospects in the country. Change is always a given at MSU Soccer Park, but the Red Bulls II always seem to find a way to contend regardless.



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KEY PLAYERS



Kyle Zajec
Midfielder

Four years after making his debut for the New York Red Bulls II as an Academy signing in the club's first year, Kyle Zajec became a regular in midfield after a stellar collegiate career at Georgetown University saw him continue his progression up the club's hierarchy. Zajec will be aiming to take another step forward in his second professional season after recording four goals and completing 80.8 percent of his passes last campaign, linking play through the center of the field in the Red Bulls II's fast-paced attack.



Omar Sowe
Midfielder

When Omar Sowe signed professional terms with the Red Bulls II last August, according to the New Jersey Star-Ledger he became the first player from Harrison High School to join the professional ranks in more than four decades. After scoring two goals in six appearances down the stretch for New York last season, the 19-year-old Gambian-American will enter his first full season at the club looking to make a serious impact and continue a rapid upward trajectory within the club's development system.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/7	New York Red Bulls II	Tampa Bay Rowdies	3 p.m.
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3/21	Charlotte Independence	New York Red Bulls II	7 p.m.
3/27	New York Red Bulls II	Indy Eleven	7 p.m.
4/2	Charleston Battery	New York Red Bulls II	7 p.m.
4/11	New York Red Bulls II	Saint Louis FC	3 p.m.
4/17	New York Red Bulls II	Memphis 901 FC	7 p.m.
4/26	Louisville City FC	New York Red Bulls II	3 p.m.
5/1	New York Red Bulls II	Loudoun United FC	7 p.m.
5/8	New York Red Bulls II	Birmingham Legion FC	7 p.m.
5/17	Sporting Kansas City II	New York Red Bulls II	5 p.m.
5/24	New York Red Bulls II	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	5 p.m.
5/30	North Carolina FC	New York Red Bulls II	7 p.m.
6/12	New York Red Bulls II	Atlanta United 2	7 p.m.
6/20	Memphis 901 FC	New York Red Bulls II	8:30 p.m.
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9/16	Atlanta United 2	New York Red Bulls II	7:30 p.m.
9/19	Saint Louis FC	New York Red Bulls II	8 p.m.
9/27	Indy Eleven	New York Red Bulls II	TBD
10/2	New York Red Bulls II	Miami FC	7 p.m.
10/10	Tampa Bay Rowdies	New York Red Bulls II	7:30 p.m.
10/17	Hartford Athletic	New York Red Bulls II	7 p.m.





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TEAM OUTLOOK

The appointment of Dave Sarachan as Head Coach produced a positive second season in the Championship for North Carolina FC, which just fell short of a top-six finish after comfortably qualifying for the postseason. But a gut-punch elimination at the hands of Birmingham Legion FC brought the season to an abrupt end on home turf, leaving more to be attained as the side enters 2020.

The biggest challenge for NCFC this campaign will be bridging the gap between being a solid playoff contender and a side that can challenge for the Eastern Conference overall. From one perspective, that seems within reach; NCFC went 7-4-1 in the regular season against sides it finished below last campaign, including season sweeps of the Tampa Bay Rowdies and New York Red Bulls II, but only went 9-6-7 against sides that finished below it in the standings. If North Carolina can win more of the games on paper it's supposed to, then top-four contention should be within reach.

To accomplish that, the side has added new faces throughout the spine of the side. Center back Conor Donovan returns to his home state to add to the club's defensive depth, while the experience of Pecka arrives in midfield from San Antonio FC and explosive forward Hadji Barry joins the side having scored 39 goals in the Championship previously in his career. Add that to returning names like goalkeeper Alex Tambakis, midfielders Nazmi Albadawi and Ben Speas and former U.S. U-20 Manny Perez - again on loan from Celtic FC - and there's a lot of potential in the squad.

HEAD COACH



Dave Sarachan



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KEY PLAYERS



Nazmi Albadawi
Midfielder

While NCFC said goodbye to one club legend this offseason with the retirement of Austin da Luz, the permanent return of another in Nazmi Albadawi will give the club a major figure to build around in the center of midfield as well as a creative hub in the attacking third. A Raleigh, N.C. native, Albadawi stands as the club's all-time leader in assists after recording four goals and five assists in 19 appearances a season ago on loan from FC Cincinnati. Still in his prime at 28 years old, there should be plenty more in reserve to help NCFC find the next level this season.



Hadji Barry
Forward

If there was one thing missing from North Carolina FC's attack in 2019, it was a player who could consistently find the back of the net. With the arrival of Hadji Barry this offseason, the side looks to have addressed that. While scoring 33 goals over the past three seasons is nice, what may be more impressive is Barry's ability to take the chances he gets. Among forward with at least 25 goals since the start of the 2017 season, his 30.8 shot conversion rate is second in the league, meaning he doesn't need a big number of chances to be prosperous.

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Date	Home	Away	Time
3/7	North Carolina FC	Louisville City FC	2:30 p.m.
3/14	North Carolina FC	Philadelphia Union II	2:30 p.m.
3/21	Tampa Bay Rowdies	North Carolina FC	7:30 p.m.
4/3	North Carolina FC	Charlotte Independence	7 p.m.
4/11	Atlanta United 2	North Carolina FC	5:30 p.m.
4/15	Sporting Kansas City II	North Carolina FC	8 p.m.
4/25	North Carolina FC	Birmingham Legion FC	7 p.m.
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5/23	Indy Eleven	North Carolina FC	7 p.m.
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7/18	Hartford Athletic	North Carolina FC	7 p.m.
7/25	North Carolina FC	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7 p.m.
8/2	New York Red Bulls II	North Carolina FC	5 p.m.
8/6	North Carolina FC	Indy Eleven	7 p.m.
8/15	North Carolina FC	Sporting Kansas City II	7 p.m.
8/23	Philadelphia Union II	North Carolina FC	2:30 p.m.
8/30	Loudoun United FC	North Carolina FC	1 p.m.
9/5	North Carolina FC	Atlanta United 2	7 p.m.
9/11	Miami FC	North Carolina FC	7:30 p.m.
9/19	North Carolina FC	Charlotte Independence	7 p.m.
9/23	North Carolina FC	Miami FC	7 p.m.
9/26	Saint Louis FC	North Carolina FC	8 p.m.
10/2	North Carolina FC	Charleston Battery	7 p.m.
10/10	Birmingham Legion FC	North Carolina FC	7:30 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

A second consecutive season out of the postseason race – and the lowest points total since the club’s inaugural season – resulted in changes at OKC Energy FC this offseason, starting with the appointment of John Pascarella as the club’s new Head Coach. Most recently an assistant coach at Major League Soccer’s Minnesota United FC, Pascarella takes the reins as a Head Coach for the first time in the professional ranks but did achieve notable success with the Des Moines Menace in USL League Two previously in his career, winning the league’s regular season with an undefeated record in the 2018 season.

Pascarella will have some familiar faces to work with from last season’s squad, led by club mainstays in goalkeeper Cody Laurendi and defender Kyle Hyland, experienced midfielder Rafael Garcia and forwards Omar Gordon and Cordell Cato. As it looks to reverse a downward trend over the past two seasons, though, the club has been aggressive in free agency, bringing aboard veteran forward Jaime Chavez – who scored 12 goals in 29 appearances for Fresno FC a season ago – and Cuban forward Frank Lopez from the LA Galaxy II as a means to replace the departed Deshorn Brown.

How the new faces – which also include dependable midfielder Charlie Ward (Ottawa Fury FC) and another pair of former Fresno players in Arun Basuljevic and Zach Ellis-Hayden – mesh with the returning squad is going to be the challenge for Pascarella. On paper, Energy FC should be a playoff contender again, but a positive start to the season would go a long way to restoring the club’s confidence.

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John Pascarella



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KEY PLAYERS



Jaime Chavez
Forward

Brought in to provide attacking punch in his previous stop at Fresno FC, Jaime Chavez more than lived up to his billing with 12 goals that helped the Foxes to a postseason berth. The 32-year-old’s scoring rate of a goal every 162.2 minutes during the regular season and playoffs highlighted his nose for goal in the penalty area, with his four headed goals placing him tied for third in the Championship in 2019. With Deshorn Brown now playing in the India Super League, Chavez’s ability to find the net is going to be crucial to OKC’s playoff chances.



Atiba Harris
Defender

The biggest issue Energy FC faced in 2019 was its defensive frailty, where the side allowed the most shots and conceded the most goals in a regular season in its history. OKC’s 537 shots faced ranked 31st in the Championship, and when the side made mistakes it was punished with six of the 10 shots the side allowed due to defensive turning into goals for the opposition. To avoid a similar outcome this season, experienced center back Atiba Harris will have to marshal his troops far better this season. If he can, it would be a major step back toward playoff contention.

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Date	Home	Away	Time
3/7	OKC Energy FC	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	8 p.m.
3/14	Reno 1868 FC	OKC Energy FC	9:30 p.m.
3/22	Tacoma Defiance	OKC Energy FC	4:30 p.m.
3/29	Sacramento Republic FC	OKC Energy FC	5 p.m.
4/4	OKC Energy FC	Austin Bold FC	8 p.m.
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4/25	Phoenix Rising FC	OKC Energy FC	10:30 p.m.
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5/23	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	OKC Energy FC	8:30 p.m.
5/29	Orange County SC	OKC Energy FC	10 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

With postseason appearances in four of the past five seasons, and a steady upturn in attendance at Championship Soccer Stadium, Orange County SC has carved out a solid niche as a perennial contender in the Western Conference under the leadership of President of Soccer Operations and General Manager Oliver Wyss and Head Coach Braeden Cloutier. After elimination at the hands of eventual title-winner Real Monarchs SLC last postseason, OCSC will be aiming for another playoff run in 2020 with a side that has bolstered its ranks again this offseason.

The most notable arrival, though, is a well-known face to OCSC fans with Thomas Enevoldsen back in the fold after recording 15 goals in a 2019 season split between Indy Eleven and Sacramento Republic FC. He's joined by former Reno 1868 FC midfielder Seth Casiple, who could form a solid partnership in the center of the field with fellow San Diego native Aodhan Quinn, while the back line has added former Rangers FC defender Rob Kiernan to the returning Michael Orozco and Kevin Alston.

Orange County continues, however, to be a place that is looking to nurture young talent. After signing both United States U-17 international goalkeeper Aaron Cervantes prior to the 2018 season, in 2019 it signed Francis Jacobs from its Academy, making him at 14 years old the youngest male professional in American soccer history. This offseason, meanwhile, it acquired another notable young player by signing United States U-20 international Blake Malone after his freshman season at the University of North Carolina. All three of Cervantes, Jacobs and Malone will be names to watch in the upcoming campaign.

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Braeden Cloutier



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KEY PLAYERS



Thomas Enevoldsen
Forward

In his first season with Orange County SC, Thomas Enevoldsen burst onto the scene in the Championship with 20 goals and 10 assists across the regular season and playoffs to earn nomination for the league's Most Valuable Player award. He returns after putting up 15 goals and six assists between stints at Indy Eleven and Sacramento Republic FC in 2019, which would be a fine season for most forwards in the league, but with the chance to reach 50 regular season goals in just three seasons within view, the Dane will be aiming high again as he tries to lead OCSC back to the top of the Western Conference's standings.



Michael Orozco
Defender

The former United States Men's National Team defender's arrival midway through the 2019 season was a major coup for Orange County, bringing Michael Orozco home after spending much of the decade in Liga MX. Now 34 years old, Orozco may be on the tail-end of his career, but the experience he can provide to Orange County's youngsters - not only the club's homegrown players but those that arrived on loan from Rangers FC under the new partnership between the clubs - will be invaluable on top of the minutes he'll provide in the center of defense.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

After back-to-back playoff appearances in 2017-18, and the club's first postseason victory two years ago, the bottom fell out for the Philadelphia Union II last season as it dropped to 16th place in the Eastern Conference. Defensive issues were at the root of the side's descent as the Union II conceded 78 goals in 34 regular season games, and while Faris set a club record with 11 regular season goals it wasn't enough to make up for the deficiencies elsewhere.

As the new season arrives it may be a big ask for new Head Coach Sven Gartung's side to return to playoff contention, too. Veteran midfielder James Chambers, who had been a figure of continuity in the midfield, departed the club in the offseason, while forward Seku Conneh - who provided solid backing to Faris in attack - joined Las Vegas Lights FC.

The Union II do have some bright spots returning, including defender Jamoi Toney, who last year earned his first selections to the Jamaican Men's National Team. There should also be help from the Union's MLS squad through players like forwards Michee Ngalina and Jack de Vries and midfielder Cole Turner. It's going to be a big ask, however, for the young group to return the side to its former place as a playoff contender.



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HEAD COACH



Sven Gartung

KEY PLAYERS



Jamoi Toney
Defender

After making nine appearances for the Union II in 2019, 6-foot-6 center back Jamoi Toney should step into a larger role for the club this season after the extension of his loan agreement from Cavalier FC. While his league action was limited last season, the potential the 20-year-old brings was evident on the field as he won 56 percent of duels, 59.4 percent of aerials and 68.8 percent of tackles last season. Maintaining those numbers for a full campaign could see the future open up wide both at the domestic and international level for the youngster.



Cole Turner
Midfielder

Officially added to the Philadelphia Union's roster on January 1, 2020 as a Homegrown signing, Cole Turner should still see the majority of his action on loan with the Union II this season after making 25 appearances for the club last season. The 18-year-old showed off his passing range during the past campaign, completing 80.7 percent of passes at a rate of 47.8 passes per 90 minutes, but as a holding midfielder the side will need an improvement in his defensive work, where he lost the majority of his duels and aerials and averaged 1.03 interceptions per 90 minutes.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

Phoenix Rising FC rewrote the USL Championship's regular-season Record Book in 2019, setting new highs in the big three categories of total wins (24), total points (78) and total goals (89) amongst other remarkable feats. At the center of the campaign was a 20-game winning streak that doubled the league's previous mark, but the season ended in disappointment with elimination by Real Monarchs SLC in the Western Conference Semifinals of the 2019 USL Championship Playoffs.

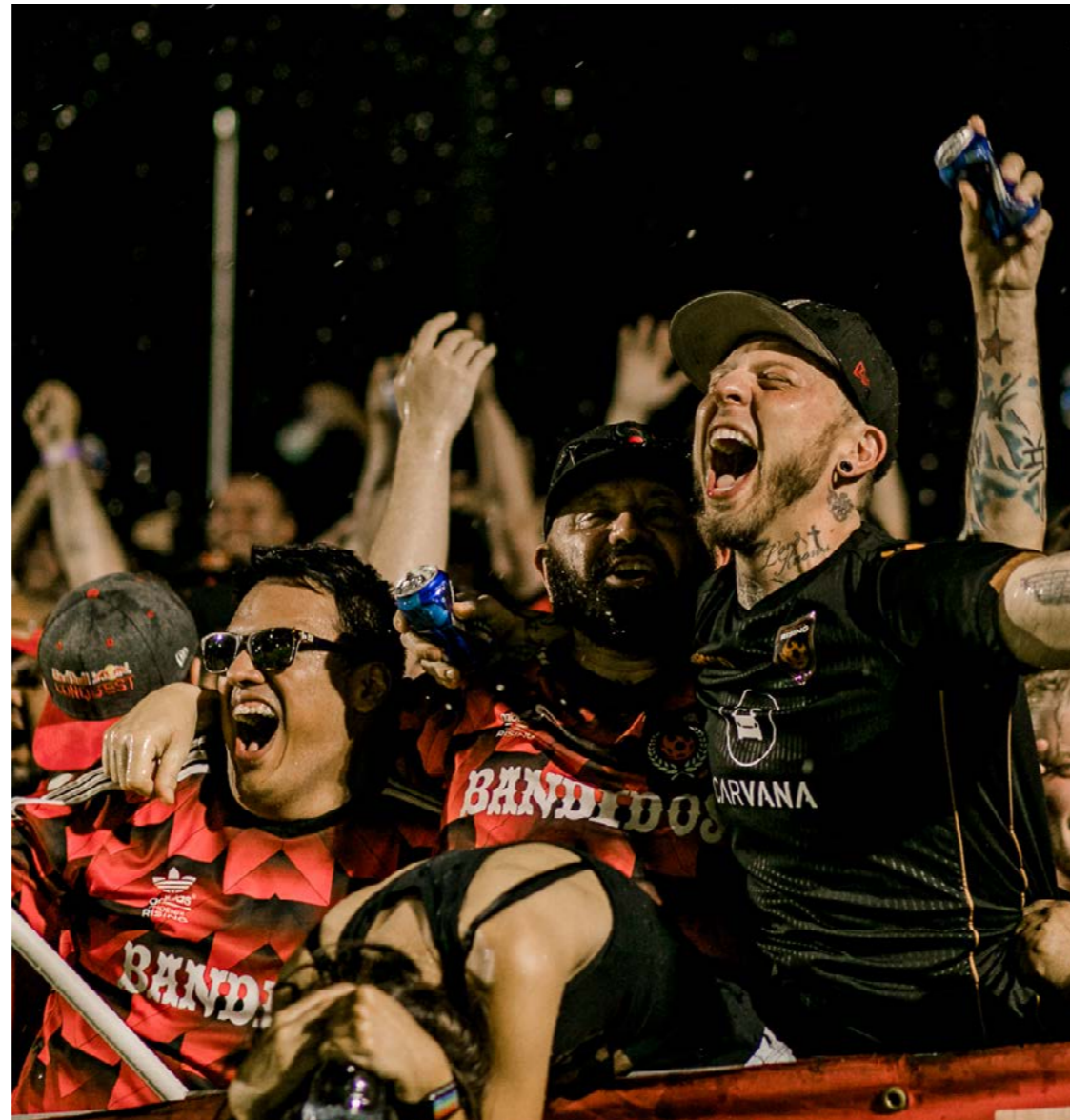
Claiming the postseason crown, then, will be at the forefront of Rising FC's goals for the new season, and it will have plenty of familiar faces to lead the way. At the top of the list is 2019 Championship Most Valuable Player Solomon Asante, who through two seasons in the league has accumulated 36 goals and 26 assists. He'll be joined in attack by Jamaican international Junior Flemmings - who also had a stellar 2019 campaign with 16 goals and seven assists - and newly-arrived Azerbaijani international Rufat Dadashov, who looks set to replace the departed Adam Jahn, transferred to Atlanta United FC this offseason.

The bulk of Phoenix's new arrivals, though, have come in the midfield where Jack Barmby has arrived from San Antonio FC and Jordan Schweitzer from Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC. The club also picked up attacking midfielder Santi Moar from New Mexico United to offer another wide option in attack, and made a permanent signing of former loanee Jon Bakero, previously of Toronto FC. All-in-all, it's a recipe for another successful season in the desert, and one that may end in happier fashion come November.

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KEY PLAYERS



Solomon Asante
Forward

If the biggest question for Phoenix Rising FC is how it improves on a record-setting season, the same could be asked individually of Solomon Asante, who became only the second player to lead the Championship in goals and assists in a single season to sweep to the league's Most Valuable Player award. Given the high standards the Ghanaian playmaker has set over his first two seasons, which have also seen him record 206 chances created - the most of any player in the Championship - it's hard to imagine that big a drop-off for the 29-year-old, especially given the quality of his surrounding teammates.



AJ Cochran
Defender

A new arrival at the start of the 2019 season, AJ Cochran quickly settled in as a key figure for Rising FC as he claimed Championship All-League honors for the first time. Entering his fifth full season in the Championship in 2020, Cochran was solid in his defensive duties for Phoenix last year, winning 66.3 percent of duels, 68.5 percent of aerials and 76.3 percent of tackles, but it was his ability to move possession out of the back that made him so valuable to Rising FC's success. After helping the side tie for the fewest goals conceded in the Western Conference in 2019, more of the same will be expected this year.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

The 2019 season brought more firsts for Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC; for the first time, the club finished on top of the USL Championship's Eastern Conference standings, and it claimed its first postseason victory before a dramatic extra-time defeat to Louisville City FC in the Eastern Conference Semifinals of the 2019 USL Championship Playoffs. The progress the club has made in Head Coach Bob Lilley's first two seasons has been undeniable, but now after departures on the playing side the question will be whether a third consecutive top-four finish is in the offing.

The Hounds will have a different look at key positions as they kick off the 2020 season with 2019 Championship Defender of the Year Joe Greenspan departed to San Diego Loyal SC, and leading scorer Neco Brett headed to Birmingham Legion FC. Add in the retirement of midfield talisman Kevin Kerr and other mainstays like Tobi Adewole and Mouhamed Dabo moving on and there are gaps to be filled.

While that's the case, there should be little doubt that Lilley will find a way to keep his side in contention. He has, importantly, his midfield general in Kenardo Forbes and an emerging standout in Thomas Vancaeyezeele, whose first two seasons in Pittsburgh have bought him to the international stage with French Guiana. New arrival Ropapa Mensah (Nashville SC) has shown promise in his previous Championship outings and could make a formidable attacking duo next to Steevan Dos Santos. Most important, though, the structure that Lilley insists on from all his teams should keep things moving in the right direction this year.

HEAD COACH



Bob Lilley



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KEY PLAYERS



Kenardo Forbes
Midfielder

There have been fewer players as dependable over the past five seasons as Kenardo Forbes, and his first selection to the USL Championship All-League First Team in 2019 was well deserved as he once again showed why he's arguably the best two-way central midfielder in the Championship. Over the past three seasons, Forbes has not only won possession at a league-best rate - his 841 recoveries are more than any other player - but has also been a stellar distributor with 22 assists, 39 Big Chances Created and 181 Chances Created overall according to Opta. Add in his durability - Forbes has made at least 30 appearances every season since joining the Rochester Rhinos in 2015 - and you have a foundation piece the Hounds can continue to build around this season.



Thomas Vancaeyezeele
Defender

Nothing has ever been handed to Thomas Vancaeyezeele, which is likely why he has flourished in his first two seasons in the Championship under the tutelage of Bob Lilley. The NCAA Division II Player of the Year in 2017, Vancaeyezeele went undrafted the following January, but that oversight by Major League Soccer's clubs allowed him to arrive in Pittsburgh with something to prove. Sixty-seven appearances later, and a Championship All-League Second Team selection under his belt last year, the 25-year-old's versatility has been a key to the Hounds' success. Vancaeyezeele's ability to play both in the back line or as a ball-winning midfielder will continue to make Pittsburgh a difficult side to break down in 2020.

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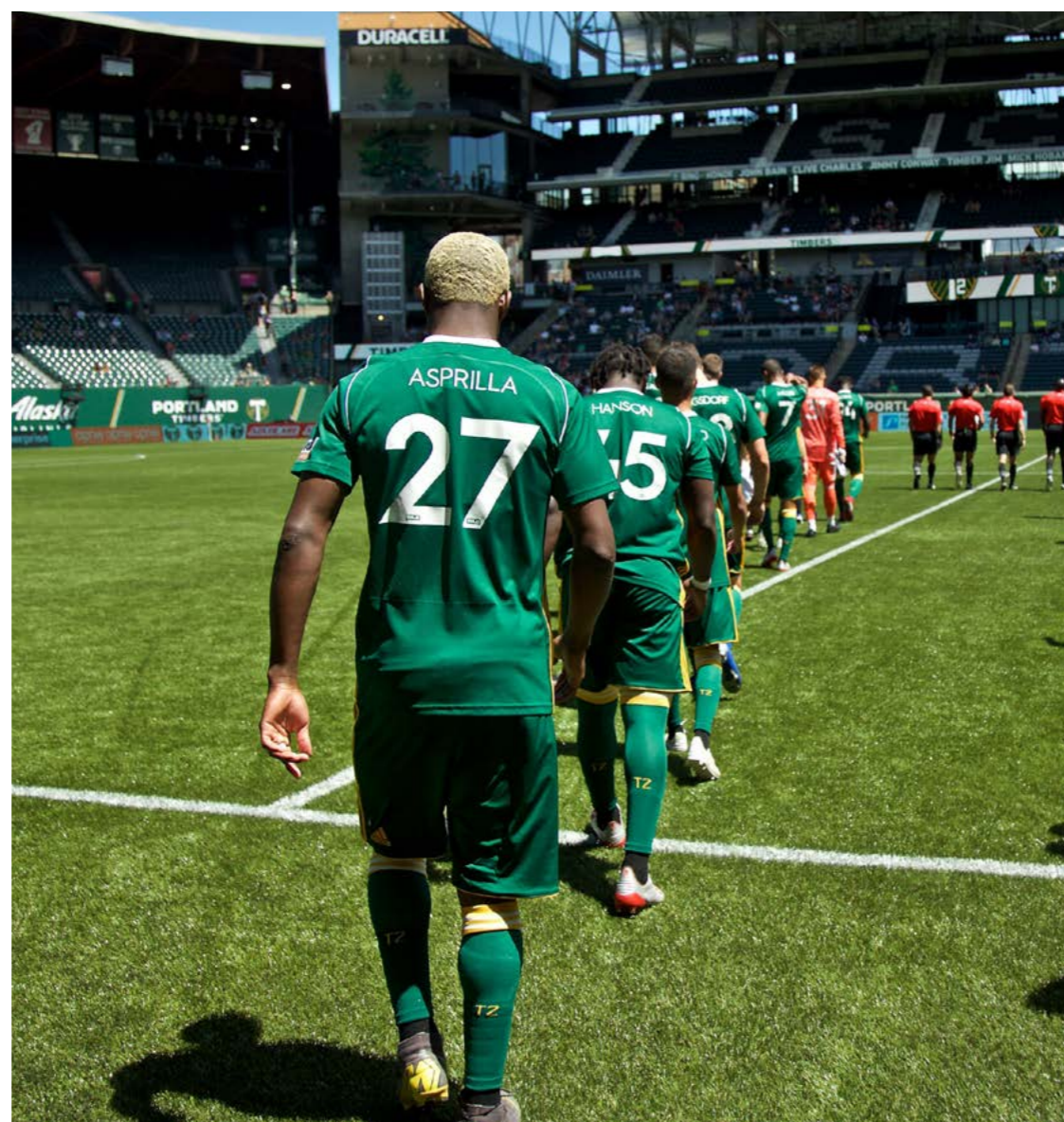
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TEAM OUTLOOK

The Portland Timbers 2 were one of the most entertaining sides in the USL Championship in 2019, recording 65 goals in the regular season to rank fifth in the league. Unfortunately for Head Coach Cameron Knowles' side, it also conceded 71 times to leave the side short of the playoff positions after being part of the postseason field in 2018. A cluster of talented players return, however, and should help T2 remain part of the postseason conversation this year.

Leading the group is Oregon native Carlos Anguiano, who was named to the 2019 USL 20 Under 20 during a season that saw him record a passing accuracy rate of 88.9 percent on 47.5 passes per 90 minutes, while also posting two goals, five assists and 22 key passes. The side also retained forward Gio Calixtro (6 goals, 2 assists) and Ryan Sierakowski (8 goals, 2 assists), goalkeeper Jake Leeker and the defensive trio of Harold Hanson, Max Ornstil and Niko De Vera.

A familiar face could return to the midfield this season, too, with Blake Bodily having been signed to a Homegrown Player contract by the Timbers after earning Pac-12 Player of the Year honors at the University of Washington. Bodily was one of T2's early USL Academy signings in 2015 and made 35 appearances for the side over three seasons before joining the Huskies. He could be joined in the T2 midfield this time around by newcomers Marcus Epps (New York Red Bulls) and Ken Krolicki (Montreal Impact) both of whom bring solid experience to the squad.



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Cameron Knowles

KEY PLAYERS



Ryan Sierakowski
Forward

The former Chicago FC United standout's first professional season was a positive one overall, but now Ryan Sierakowski will be looking to become more prolific after posting eight goals and two assists for T2 in 2019. Sierakowski made good use of opportunities that came his way, finishing the season with a 26.7 shot conversion rate and showing off his ability to finish with both feet and from outside the penalty area, from where he notched three of his eight tallies. If Sierakowski can post double-digit goals this campaign, T2's postseason chances would get a solid boost.



Marcus Epps
Midfielder

After a 2019 season split predominantly between the New York Red Bulls II and Memphis 901 FC, Marcus Epps arrives in Portland looking to navigate a path back to the top flight. The former University of South Florida winger has shown flashes of what he can do, but five goals, four assists and a passing accuracy rate of 71.7 percent in a combined 33 appearances last season wasn't consistent enough to keep him in the Red Bulls organization. The 25-year-old should get plenty of opportunity to get on track with T2 as he tried to live up to the potential he showed collegiately, and if he clicks with the club's young talent it could be big for both the player and the side moving forward.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

It took a piece of USL Championship history, but Real Monarchs SLC added to its trophy collection by claiming victory in the USL Championship Final for the first time to cap a remarkable collective season in 2019. Now, with Jamison Olave installed permanently as Head Coach, the side will defend its crown with some familiar faces still part of the squad and a stellar homefield advantage to lean on.

Over the past two seasons, the Monarchs have made Zions Bank Stadium one of the toughest places to visit in the Championship. Since its opening on April 30, 2018, the Monarchs have posted a 23-4-6 record in the regular season for the most home regular-season wins of any side in the Championship over that span. That has been aided most recently by the likes of midfielder Jack Blake, who returns for his second full season at the club after serving as a central piece in 2019's postseason run with 11 goals and 51 chances created.

After notching 84 goals across the regular season and playoffs in 2019, the Monarchs have also added some new pieces to potentially fill the gaps left by forwards Douglas Martinez and Maikel Chang, both now officially RSL players. Among those are two recent USL League One standouts in Chris Bermudez (Greenville Triumph SC) and Joe Gallardo (Richmond Kickers) as well as former Phoenix Rising FC midfielder Devin Vega. The experience of players like Kalen Ryden, departed to New Mexico United, may be missed short-term, but the Monarchs have the talent to be a solid contender once again.

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KEY PLAYERS



Jack Blake
Midfielder

After lifting the trophy last November as the Monarchs' captain, the big question for Jack Blake was whether he would remain part of the club for its title defense. On December 18, his return was officially announced, giving the side the fulcrum of its midfield to build around again in 2020. Blake's impact was substantial for Real last season, most notably in the playoffs where he recorded three of his 11 goals on the season. With a new crop of talent to work with, the Englishman's experience is going to make sure the standards don't slip and keep Real in the middle of the postseason contenders.



Joe Gallardo
Midfielder

Having previously represented the U.S. U-17 and U-19 National Teams, Joe Gallardo has had to work his way back after hitting a bump in the road early in his professional career. After earning one of the final slots on the Richmond Kickers' roster in USL League One last season, though, the 22-year-old showed why he was a highly-regarded prospect coming through the youth academies at CF Monterrey and Orlando City SC. After earning All-League First Team honors in League One with the Kickers last campaign, Gallardo will get the chance to make the next step toward the top flight with the Monarchs this season.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/7	San Antonio FC	Real Monarchs SLC	8:30 p.m.
3/14	Real Monarchs SLC	Phoenix Rising FC	5 p.m.
3/21	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	Real Monarchs SLC	8:30 p.m.
3/25	Real Monarchs SLC	Austin Bold FC	9 p.m.
3/28	Real Monarchs SLC	FC Tulsa	3 p.m.
4/4	San Diego Loyal	Real Monarchs SLC	10 p.m.
4/12	Portland Timbers 2	Real Monarchs SLC	8 p.m.
4/17	Real Monarchs SLC	Tacoma Defiance	9 p.m.
4/25	New Mexico United	Real Monarchs SLC	9:30 p.m.
5/2	Las Vegas Lights	Real Monarchs SLC	10:30 p.m.
5/9	Real Monarchs SLC	Orange County SC	3 p.m.
5/13	LA Galaxy II	Real Monarchs SLC	10:30 p.m.
5/23	El Paso Locomotive FC	Real Monarchs SLC	9:30 p.m.
5/29	Real Monarchs SLC	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10 p.m.
6/13	Real Monarchs SLC	Reno 1868 FC	10 p.m.
6/17	FC Tulsa	Real Monarchs SLC	8 p.m.
6/24	Real Monarchs SLC	Sacramento Republic FC	10 p.m.
6/27	Real Monarchs SLC	OKC Energy FC	10 p.m.
7/4	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	Real Monarchs SLC	8 p.m.
7/10	Real Monarchs SLC	New Mexico United	10 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

Reno 1868 FC posted its best regular season record in its short history in 2019, winning 18 games and reaching 60 points for the first time as it took second place in the Western Conference. The hopes of a postseason run came to an end early, though, with Donner Pass Derby rival Sacramento Republic FC knocking 1868 FC out of the playoffs in the Western Conference Quarterfinals to bring the curtain down on the club's third campaign.

There should be plenty of reason for optimism at Greater Nevada Field as the new season arrives, however, with 1868 FC looking set to remain one of the most explosive squads in the Championship. The side sees the return of leading scorer Corey Hertzog, whose 18 goals proved a career high and earned the veteran a fourth selection to the Championship's All-League Team. He's joined by the club's all-time appearance leader Brent Richards, and Nevada native Kevin Partida, who joins the club on a permanent deal after spending time on loan from the San Jose Earthquakes previously.

The club's new arrivals should help at either end of the field, too, with Foster Langsdorf arriving after recording 21 goals over the past two seasons for the Portland Timbers 2 and Christiano Francois coming off a season in which he recorded eight goals and six assists for Ottawa Fury FC. Defensively, meanwhile, former Seattle Sounders FC center back Tony Alfaro joins the club with the chance to take the position of the departed Zach Carroll (Memphis 901 FC).

HEAD COACH



Ian Russell



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KEY PLAYERS



Corey Hertzog
Forward

Things never quite clicked for Corey Hertzog in 2018 with Saint Louis FC, but his arrival in Reno brought about a return to form that saw the 29-year-old forward have a career year with 18 goals in the regular season. Hertzog has now recorded 62 regular-season goals in the Championship, good for fourth all-time, and if he can come close to the same pace as last season – where he recorded a goal every 145.7 minutes – then he could further close the gap to all-time leader Dane Kelly at the top of the list. It's not all about goals for Hertzog anymore, he recorded a career-best six assists a season ago, but his finishing ability remains among the best in the league.



Brent Richards
Defender

No-one has spent more time on the field for Reno 1868 FC than Brent Richards, whose 91 appearances and 7,744 minutes played across the regular season and playoffs are both club records. The veteran fullback returns for the club's fourth season having been instrumental in the positive play Reno has produced, recording 13 assists and 91 chances created while foraging forward down the flank. The 29-year-old will have some new teammates on the back line this season but should be expected to maintain his high level of play as one of Head Coach Ian Russell's club cornerstones.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/6	Tacoma Defiance	Reno 1868 FC	10 p.m.
3/14	Reno 1868 FC	OKC Energy FC	9:30 p.m.
3/21	Austin Bold FC	Reno 1868 FC	8:30 p.m.
3/25	Sacramento Republic FC	Reno 1868 FC	10:30 p.m.
3/28	Reno 1868 FC	Portland Timbers 2	9:30 p.m.
4/4	Reno 1868 FC	Las Vegas Lights	9:30 p.m.
4/15	LA Galaxy II	Reno 1868 FC	10:30 p.m.
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5/5	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	Reno 1868 FC	9 p.m.
5/16	Orange County SC	Reno 1868 FC	10 p.m.
5/23	Reno 1868 FC	FC Tulsa	10:30 p.m.
5/29	Phoenix Rising FC	Reno 1868 FC	10:30 p.m.
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6/13	Real Monarchs SLC	Reno 1868 FC	10 p.m.
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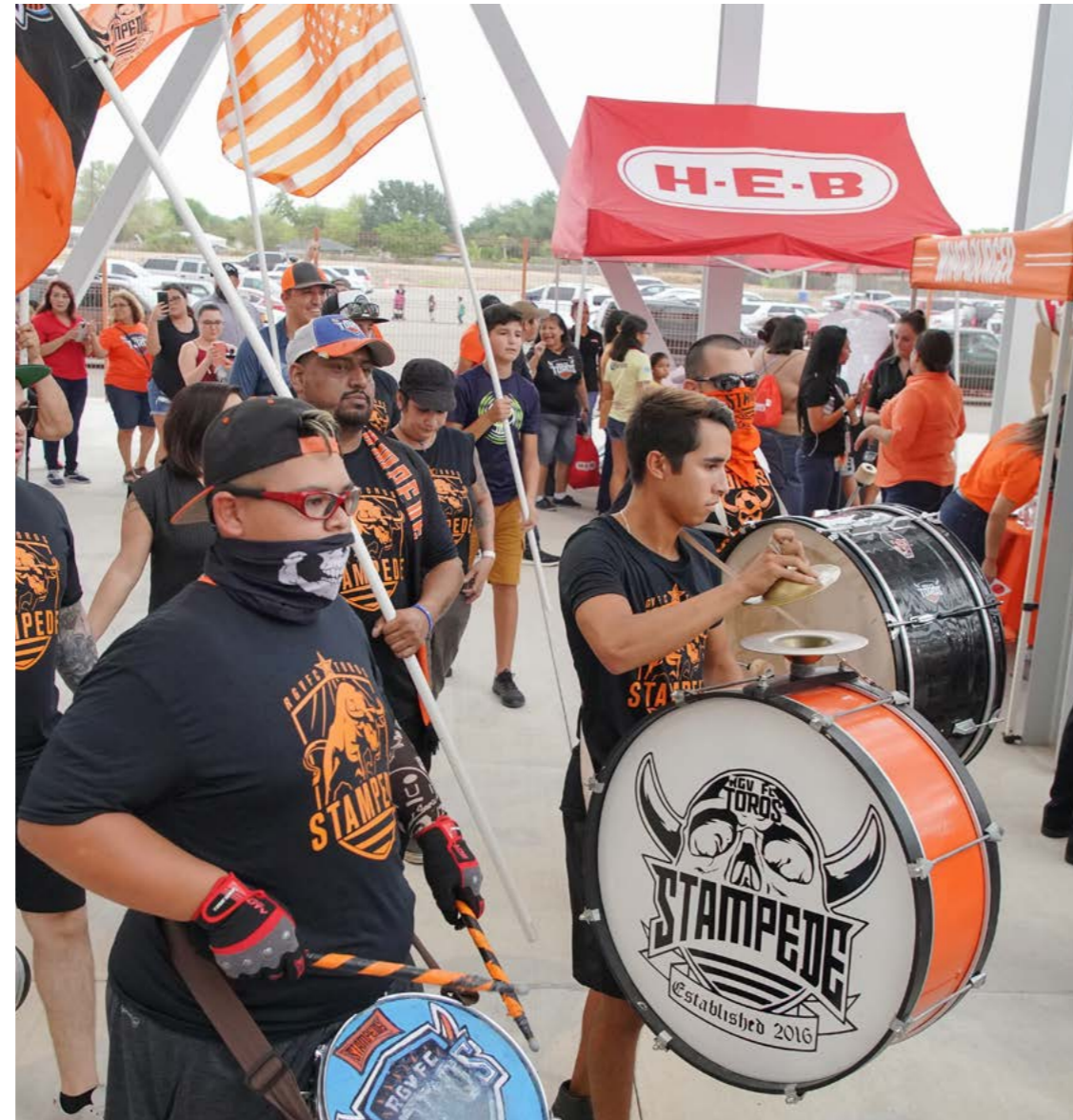
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TEAM OUTLOOK

For a second consecutive season, Rio Grande Valley FC ended the regular season on a positive note, but it wasn't enough to pull the side into the playoff picture. The question for 2020, then, is whether the side led by Head Coach Gerson Echeverry can build on the positive momentum it built going 4-0-1 in its last five outings in 2019, or whether the offseason changes at the club will see it go back to square one.

The Toros have some notable talent returning to try and lead the way, with Isidro Martinez coming off a season in which he logged eight assists and 68 key passes for the side. The side has also added a new attacking threat in Kyle Edwards, who will be a known commodity to local soccer fans after scoring seven goals in 13 appearances for the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley last fall.

The club will also get a full season from Jamaican forward Deshane Beckford, who scored one goal in three starts late last season and saw his loan from Montego Bay United renewed. Maybe the biggest new addition for the Toros, though, is in the front office where Ron Patel arrives as President. After successfully launching New Mexico United over the past two years, Patel will be looking to achieve a similar connection between club and community in South Texas and to add vocal support at H-E-B Park.



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Isidro Martinez
Midfielder

A native of Brownsville, Texas, located about an hour's drive from the Toros' home in Edinburg, Isidro Martinez could be considered one of the first homegrown players to emerge from the club's local area. A collegiate standout at UTRGV, Martinez's rookie season saw him notch eight assists and 68 key passes, good for fifth and seventh respectively in the Western Conference. The 22-year-old should look to add more goals this season - he found the net just once in 2019 - but if those arrive a chance to step up to a higher level of competition could be around the corner, and could get RGVFC into playoff contention.



Deshane Beckford
Forward

Beckford logged limited minutes in his first stint with the Toros last season, but the Jamaica U-23 international certainly seems to have the potential to make an impact over a full season for the club. His presence will be key for RGVFC to replace the firepower of the departed Carlos Small, who led the club with 12 goals a season ago prior to his return to CA Arabe Unido in his native Panama. The 21-year-old will need to find early chemistry with his fellow forwards - including Edwards - to help power the Toros to a solid start to the campaign.

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Date	Home	Away	Time
3/8	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	LA Galaxy II	7:30 p.m.
3/14	San Diego Loyal	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	10 p.m.
3/17	FC Tulsa	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	8 p.m.
3/21	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	Real Monarchs SLC	8:30 p.m.
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4/11	OKC Energy FC	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	8 p.m.
4/18	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	San Antonio FC	8:30 p.m.
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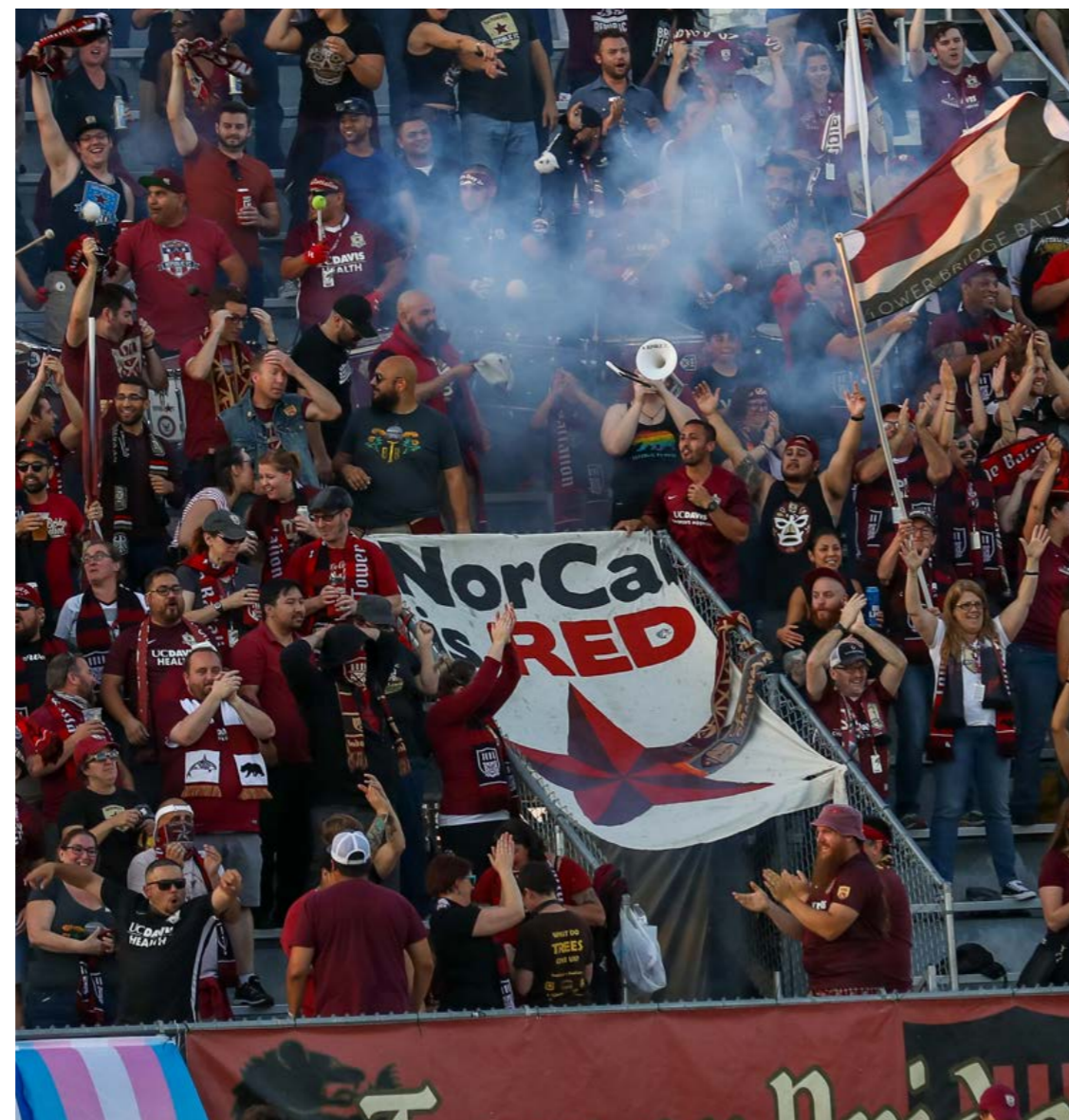
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TEAM OUTLOOK

An up-and-down 2019 season saw Sacramento Republic FC reach the Western Conference Semifinals for a second time in three seasons but come up short in its quest for a second title despite another stellar campaign from club talisman Cameron Iwasa. That brought about changes this offseason, with former Real Monarchs SLC Head Coach Mark Briggs taking the helm after working in the club's Academy since his departure from Utah.

Briggs will have plenty of talent to work with at Papa Murphy's Park, with Iwasa among an attacking group that also sees Sam Werner and Villyan Bijev return and a solid back four led by Israeli veteran Dekel Keinan also retained by the club. There are exciting newcomers, too, with former Nashville SC forward Kharlton Belmar arriving looking to recapture the form that made him a standout for Sporting Kansas City II in previous years.

Maybe the most anticipated offseason arrival, though, is that of Rodrigo Lopez, who returns to the club after competing for Toluca and Veracruz in Liga MX after his departure following the 2015 season. The 32-year-old was a key figure for Sacramento in its inaugural season when it claimed victory in the USL Championship Final, and the veteran midfielder will receive a warm welcome home as he looks to help add another star to the club's crest.



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HEAD COACH



Mark Briggs

KEY PLAYERS



Cameron Iwasa
Forward

Already Republic FC's all-time leading scorer going into the 2019 season, Cameron Iwasa added the title of the club's all-time appearance leader last year in a stellar campaign that saw him lead the club with 17 goals and also notch six assists. The 26-year-old enters the new season just two goals from becoming the ninth player in the Championship's history to reach the half-century mark in the regular season, and with a solid group of support around him could rise even higher in the all-time rankings while helping Republic FC push to add to its silverware collection.



Rodrigo Lopez
Midfielder

There was no-one more beloved by Sacramento Republic FC's fans over the club's first two seasons than Rodrigo Lopez, who recorded 24 goals and 15 assists in the club's colors and provided its first scrapbook moment during the club's Miracle at Bonney comeback victory in the Semifinals of the 2014 USL Championship Playoffs. Now 32 years old, Lopez is likely to find a different role in the side as a deeper-lying playmaker, but his experiences playing in Liga MX and the leadership he aims to bring can provide a major boost to the squad around him as he returns to Papa Murphy's Park.

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7/11	Sacramento Republic FC	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	11 p.m.
7/18	Sacramento Republic FC	LA Galaxy II	11 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

The 2019 season produced some major highs for Saint Louis FC, including a memorable run to the Quarterfinals of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup that rekindled memories of the city's rich history with the tournament. But two major downturns in form during the middle and end of the season - where STLFC picked up only one point in its final six outings - put paid to the club's postseason hopes as it finished one point out of the playoff places.

When Saint Louis was on its game, though, it showed it could compete with some of the best clubs in the Eastern Conference. The job for new Head Coach Steve Trittshuh - who arrives after the departure of Anthony Pulis to join the staff at MLS expansion side Inter Miami CF - will be to find more consistency throughout the season. To aid that, the club has also added some notable pieces to central positions with both Wal Fall and Mour Samb arriving from Ottawa Fury FC and Tobi Adewole from Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC.

Samb's speed and eye for goal - which saw him notch eight goals in 19 appearances for Ottawa - should provide a good foil to returning forward Kyle Greig and Tyler Blackwood, with the latter's arrival midseason in 2019 helping spark a five-game winning streak that put the side in position for a playoff berth. Fall's arrival, meanwhile, will help mitigate the departure of Lewis Hilton to the Tampa Bay Rowdies as he looks to partner with Guy Abend to make a solid central duo.

HEAD COACH



Steve Trittshuh



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KEY PLAYERS



Sam Fink
Defender

With 119 appearances in the Championship's regular season and playoffs under his belt for the club, there's no-one more associated with Saint Louis FC than stalwart center back Sam Fink. The St. Louis native produced arguably the most memorable moment in the 2019 campaign for the side with his stoppage-time winner against FC Cincinnati in the Round of 16 in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, but as he enters his fifth season with the club the lack of postseason success has remained elusive. The 26-year-old would like nothing more than to change that this year, being part of a solid back line would certainly go a long way to helping that cause.



Wal Fall
Midfielder

The level of success in the postseason has varied from club to club, but wherever Wal Fall has suited up in the Championship over the past four seasons, a playoff berth has as well. Now, as he returns to Saint Louis after helping Ottawa Fury FC reach the postseason a year ago, the 27-year-old central midfielder will look to pick up where he left off in the 2018 season when he helped STLFC to its only postseason berth in club history. Fall has been a two-way threat for clubs in the past, with his 10-goal season for Fury FC in 2019 a career-best in the Championship. His ability to win possession and distribute, though, is what he does best while making life difficult for opposing players.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/7	Saint Louis FC	Miami FC	8 p.m.
3/14	Memphis 901 FC	Saint Louis FC	8 p.m.
3/21	Saint Louis FC	Indy Eleven	8 p.m.
3/28	Saint Louis FC	Hartford Athletic	8 p.m.
4/11	New York Red Bulls II	Saint Louis FC	3 p.m.
4/18	Saint Louis FC	Charleston Battery	8 p.m.
4/25	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Saint Louis FC	7 p.m.
5/2	Saint Louis FC	Tampa Bay Rowdies	8 p.m.
5/9	Saint Louis FC	Sporting Kansas City II	8 p.m.
5/16	Birmingham Legion FC	Saint Louis FC	7:30 p.m.
5/24	Philadelphia Union II	Saint Louis FC	2:30 p.m.
5/30	Atlanta United 2	Saint Louis FC	7 p.m.
6/6	Saint Louis FC	Charlotte Independence	8 p.m.
6/13	Saint Louis FC	Louisville City FC	8 p.m.
6/20	North Carolina FC	Saint Louis FC	7 p.m.
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6/28	Saint Louis FC	Memphis 901 FC	8 p.m.
7/4	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Saint Louis FC	6 p.m.
7/11	Saint Louis FC	Loudoun United FC	8 p.m.
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10/11	Charleston Battery	Saint Louis FC	2 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

San Antonio FC had its playoff destiny in its hands going into the final weekend of the 2019 regular season, but a draw at home left the side on the outside of the postseason positions for the second consecutive season and led to changes on the sideline and in the squad. Former assistant coach Alen Marcina will lead the side into the new season as it looks to reestablish itself as the contender it looked to be shaping into after a second-place finish in the 2017 season.

There are some familiar faces back with the squad, though, including a talented collection of youngsters led by 2019 Championship Young Player of the Year Cristian Parano. Also back are dependable defenders Josh Yaro and Kai Greene as well as goalkeeper Matt Cardone. A SAFC mainstay over the club's first four seasons, Cardone will have competition between the sticks this season from 2019 MLS SuperDraft First Round selection Dayne St. Clair, who arrives on loan from Minnesota United FC.

SAFC has dipped into the South American well again for other new faces, meanwhile, with former Chicago Fire FC forward Luis Solignac joining the club alongside fellow Argentines Gonzalo Di Renzo – on loan from Primera Division side CA Lanus – and Ignacio Bailone. The biggest key to success for SAFC in 2020, though, may be showing more resilience to adversity after earning only five points from losing positions in the last campaign.

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Alen Marcina



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Josh Yaro
Defender

The No. 2 selection in the 2016 MLS SuperDraft, Josh Yaro arrived in San Antonio looking to get his career back on track after being unable to break through with the Philadelphia Union. The 25-year-old Ghanaian made 32 appearances for SAFC in his first year at the club and put up stellar passing numbers showing his ability to build out of the back, but lost the majority of his aerial duels and sat below the 60 percent mark in both tackles and duels. If San Antonio is going to improve defensively after conceding 57 goals in 34 games last season, Yaro is going to need to lead the way.



Cristian Parano
Midfielder

Arriving in a new country as a 19-year-old, Cristian Parano quickly adapted to his new surroundings in San Antonio and may have found a launching pad for a career that had seen him compete in the Academy's of both Boca Juniors and River Plate during his upbringing in Argentina. Parano recorded seven goals and six assists in 32 appearances in his first season while also logging 109 completed dribbles to lead the Championship. With the arrival of fellow countrymen Luis Solignac and Gonzalo Di Renzo to join SAFC's attack this season, Parano will be aiming to break into double digits in at least one, if not both, the goals and assists category this season.

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3/7	San Antonio FC	Real Monarchs SLC	8:30 p.m.
3/14	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	San Antonio FC	5:30 p.m.
3/21	San Antonio FC	Phoenix Rising FC	8:30 p.m.
3/28	Las Vegas Lights	San Antonio FC	10:30 p.m.
4/5	Portland Timbers 2	San Antonio FC	8 p.m.
4/11	San Antonio FC	Tacoma Defiance	8:30 p.m.
4/18	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	San Antonio FC	8:30 p.m.
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10/17	San Antonio FC	Las Vegas Lights	8:30 p.m.

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TEAM OUTLOOK

The lone first-year club in the USL Championship in 2020 arrives in America's Finest City, and has an intriguing mix of experienced heads and new talent in both the front office and on the field. Founded by former Sacramento Republic FC executive Warren Smith, the side will be led on the sideline by U.S. soccer legend Landon Donovan, who has brought in an experienced staff to assist him and a talented squad that could contend for a playoff berth in its inaugural season.

SD Loyal's experience starts at the back, with first signing and San Diego native Sal Zizzo being joined by 2019 Championship Defender of the Year Joe Greenspan and former USL Championship Final-winner Emrah Klimenta in the club's defensive corps. Other notable names include midfielders Raul Mendiola - who enters the season fourth all-time in Championship history with 29 assists - and Collin Martin, and forward Irvin Parra, who scored 15 goals for Las Vegas Lights FC in the 2019 Championship season.

Another name to watch will be Tumi Moshobane, who earned USL League One All-League First Team honors last season, while players like midfielders Carlos Alvarez and Charlie Adams will also have a chance to make a positive impression. The biggest storyline of the season, though, will be how Donovan fares in his transition to the coaching ranks in a city that appears ready for a club to call its own.



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Landon Donovan

KEY PLAYERS



Joe Greenspan
Defender

Having cemented himself as one of the top defenders in the Championship over the past two seasons with Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, Joe Greenspan appears set to be one of the cornerstones SD Loyal will build its club around on the field. The 27-year-old recorded 334 clearances, won 263 of 351 aerials (74.9 percent) and 338 of 495 duels (68.3 percent) while helping the Hounds finish top of the Eastern Conference last season. A former Navy standout, Greenspan can help set the tone for what his new club will be.



Irvin Parra
Forward

It may be forgotten after the exploits of some players the past two seasons, but Irvin Parra was the first player in the Championship's history to record double-digit goals and assists in a season in 2017, and his record in the league has been impressive in since returning to the United States from Germany in 2016. Parra has recorded 27 goals and 19 assists in 67 appearances in the Championship and could be a key figure in SD Loyal's attack as the club looks for inaugural season success.

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4/26	Portland Timbers 2	San Diego Loyal	3 p.m.
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5/31	San Diego Loyal	LA Galaxy II	8 p.m.
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6/24	San Diego Loyal	Phoenix Rising FC	10 p.m.
6/27	San Diego Loyal	Reno 1868 FC	10 p.m.
7/3	San Diego Loyal	Portland Timbers 2	TBD
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TEAM OUTLOOK

After reaching the USL Championship Playoffs in each of its first three seasons, Sporting Kansas City II struggled in the 2019 season as it finished tied for the most goals conceded in the Eastern Conference and bottom of the standings. There were some bright spots within the squad, however, and those returning players could help Paulo Nagamura's squad bounce back this season in a tough Eastern Conference.

At the top of that list is forward Wilson Harris, who surged toward the end of the season to finish with 12 goals in 25 appearances at a strike rate of a goal every 125.3 minutes. The 20-year-old was backed by another stellar campaign by midfielder Felipe Hernandez, who recorded eight goals - four of which came from outside the penalty area - and five assists on his way to signing a Homegrown Player contract with Sporting Kansas City midseason.

There will be a familiar face back at the club this season to help guide the youthful talent on the field as Christian Duke - who previously was the club's first signing before the 2016 season - returns after his spell with Orange County SC. Having the 28-year-old back in the center of midfield should help stabilize the side, with the chance he could surpass 15,000 minutes of action in the Championship this regular season with another strong campaign.



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Paulo Nagamura

KEY PLAYERS



Wilson Harris
Forward

There was a sense of anticipation as to what 2019 would bring for Wilson Harris in preseason, and while he took time to get going in his second season for SKC II, at the end of the campaign he had caught fire in front of goal. The 20-year-old scored 10 goals in his last 11 appearances of the season and did so in efficient style needing only 19 shots on goal to post his 12 goals total in the campaign. If Harris can pick up where he left off last season, he'll provide the consistent threat up front his side needs to get back in playoff contention.



John Pulskamp
Goalkeeper

The 18-year-old shot-stopper had a tough go of things in 14 appearances for Sporting KC II in 2019, conceding 34 goals and posting a save percentage of 57.5 percent behind a porous defense. There's no questioning John Pulskamp's upside, though, given his place in January's United States U-20 National Team squad. With former SKC goalkeeper Adrian Zendejas now in Nashville, and Eric Dick out on loan to Phoenix Rising FC for the season, Pulskamp looks set to get the majority of the minutes this season and make his case for inclusion at the Concacaf U-20 Championship this summer.

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3/8	Sporting Kansas City II	Charlotte Independence	5 p.m.
3/14	Sporting Kansas City II	Indy Eleven	5 p.m.
3/22	Sporting Kansas City II	Memphis 901 FC	5 p.m.
4/4	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Sporting Kansas City II	7:30 p.m.
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4/25	Atlanta United 2	Sporting Kansas City II	5:30 p.m.
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5/30	Birmingham Legion FC	Sporting Kansas City II	7:30 p.m.
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6/13	Indy Eleven	Sporting Kansas City II	7 p.m.
6/20	Charleston Battery	Sporting Kansas City II	7 p.m.
7/2	New York Red Bulls II	Sporting Kansas City II	7 p.m.
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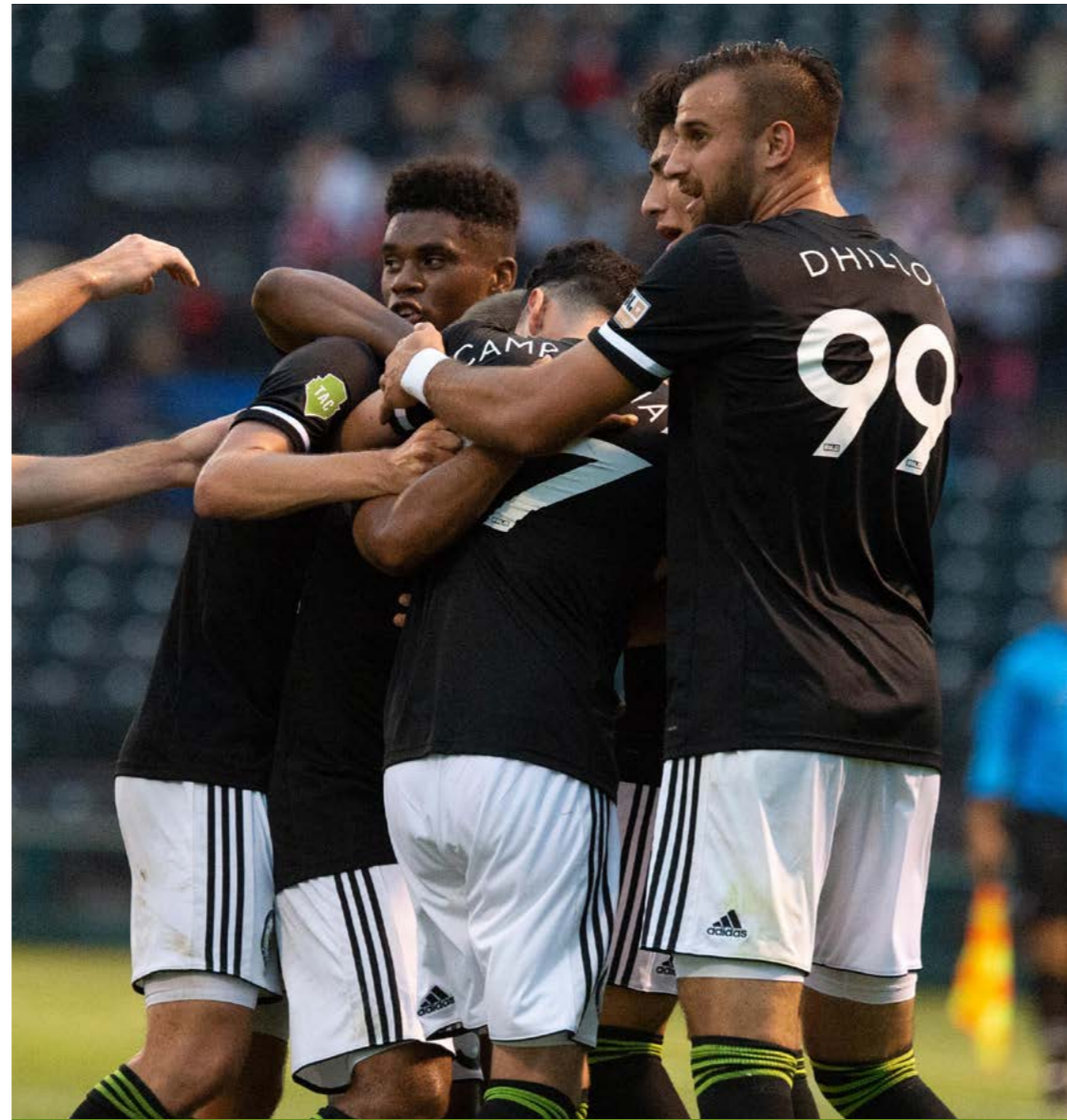
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TEAM OUTLOOK

There were some spectacular moments during the 2019 season for Tacoma Defiance, including dominant home victories against Las Vegas Lights FC and San Antonio FC and a memorable near-miss against Phoenix Rising FC, but the way the young side ended the campaign on a five-game undefeated streak gave some optimism that a brighter future lay ahead.

Now the new season is here, and Head Coach Chris Little has some added experience at his disposal following the offseason arrival of Washington native and former Charleston Battery center back Taylor Mueller. The 31-year-old will look to lead from the back and help shore up a defense that conceded 82 goals in the 2019 regular season alongside the young talents of Sam Rodgers and Nick Hinds.

Tacoma will be hoping its late-season surge - which was led offensively by Alfonso Ocampo-Chavez and Azriel Gonzalez - will lead to breakout seasons for the two young players. The 17-year-old Ocampo-Chavez - already signed to Homegrown contract by Seattle Sounders FC - and 18-year-old Gonzalez combined for 10 goals last regular season, but should both hope to take aim at their first double-digit seasons if the Defiance are to contend for a first playoff berth since 2015.



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Chris Little

KEY PLAYERS



Azriel Gonzalez
Midfielder

After recording 45 appearances over the past three seasons, this could be the year for Azriel Gonzalez to take a step forward and play a bigger role in leading Tacoma creatively. To do that, the 18-year-old will need to be more proactive in gaining possession and making cleaner passes when he does; Gonzalez recorded an average of 23.6 passes per 90 minutes in the 2019 season and completed only 71.2 percent of his passes, notching three assists on 12 key passes. Part of a group of young players that have grown up together in the Sounders Academy and now in Tacoma, Gonzalez's time to shine is now.



Taylor Mueller
Defender

The Championship's all-time leader in regular season minutes (16,556), Taylor Mueller had been a fixture in the Charleston Battery's defense for most of the last decade, but this offseason decided the time was right to return to his home state with the Defiance. The experience the 31-year-old will bring to the young side will certainly be invaluable, but after being named to the 2018 Championship All-League Team, Mueller is far from done as a player in his own right and should offer a strong matchup against the Western Conference's leading forwards.

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3/6	Tacoma Defiance	Reno 1868 FC	10 p.m.
3/11	Tacoma Defiance	San Diego Loyal	10 p.m.
3/22	Tacoma Defiance	OKC Energy FC	4:30 p.m.
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TEAM OUTLOOK

Following a stellar start to the 2019 regular season that saw the side open with a 13-game undefeated streak, the Tampa Bay Rowdies faded down the stretch to win only once in their final seven games before being eliminated in the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals to end Head Coach Neill Collins' first full season at the helm. With a reinvigorated roster, however, the Rowdies look set to be a serious contender in the Eastern Conference this season.

The biggest changes for Tampa Bay come at the back, where an entirely new back line and goalkeeper will start the 2020 season from the final game of 2019. Leading the new arrivals is center back Forrest Lasso, who arrives from FC Cincinnati after recording his third consecutive Championship All-League First Team selection while on loan to Nashville SC last season. He's joined by Aaron Guillen (North Carolina FC), Jordan Scarlett (New York Red Bulls II) and Norwich City FC loanee Louis Lomas, who will look to replicate the stellar play Caleb Richards produced during his loan stint with the Rowdies from the Canaries in 2019.

There are more familiar faces further up the field, though, with captain and 2019 leading scorer Sebastian Guenzatti back to lead the line alongside first-year standout Juan Tejada, veteran Lucky Mkosana and newcomer Kyle Murphy, who had a solid 2019 campaign with Loudoun United FC. Add in midfielder and likely new set piece specialist Lewis Hilton (Saint Louis FC) to the mix and there's plenty of potential for the Rowdies to threaten for a high finish.

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Neill Collins



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Sebastian Guenzatti
Forward

Stepping into a leading role for the first time since arriving in Tampa Bay in 2017, Sebastian Guenzatti rewarded the faith of the Rowdies' coaching staff with a career year. His 19 goals across the regular season and playoffs placed him tied for third in the Championship and earned Championship All-League Second Team honors. Now all eyes will be on the 28-year-old as he looks to produce an encore and provide enough of the goals the Rowdies will need to compete with the best in the Eastern Conference.



Forrest Lasso
Defender

The Rowdies were among the best defensive sides in the Championship last season, but the offseason saw familiar faces move on after the side posted only two shutouts in its final 17 games of the regular season. Enter Forrest Lasso, who last season arrived on loan at Nashville SC and helped solidify a defense that formed the foundation for the club's second-place finish in the Eastern Conference. The 2018 Championship Defender of the Year, Lasso has been a physical presence in his prior stops at the Charleston Battery, Cincinnati and Nashville and should be a centerpiece for the club's back three this campaign.

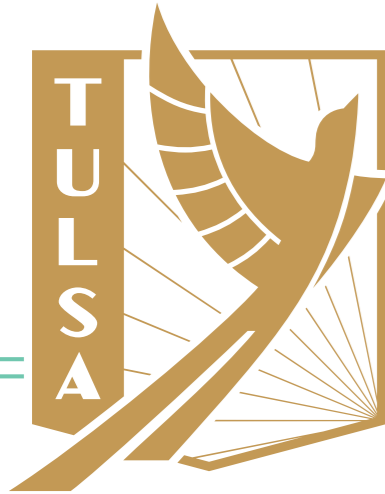
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TEAM OUTLOOK

Entering its sixth season in the USL Championship, almost everything has changed for the club that calls the Oil Capital of the World its home. There's a new ownership group led by J.W. Craft, a new name and colors, some key new additions to the front office led by President James Cannon - formerly of Nashville SC - and a new belief that the side will have the horses to challenge for its second postseason berth in its history.

Not everything has changed, though. Head Coach Michael Nsien was retained by the new ownership group for the new campaign, and the club's breakout performer in Rodrigo Da Costa is back after finishing second in the Championship with 13 assists and recording nine goals in his first season at the club. Veteran defender Cyprian Hedrick and midfielder Christian Altamirano are also back with the side, with Altamirano having notched seven goals a season ago.

Some of the excitement around the club, however, comes from some the return of Da Costa and the new arrivals to ONEOK Field, led by the former Nashville SC duo of Bradley Bourgeois and Lebo Moloto. The new season marks a return to Tulsa for Bourgeois, who was on the 2017 side that reached the postseason, while Moloto's playmaking ability that saw him record 10 assists and six goals last season should team well with Da Costa. Add in the potential firepower of former Miami FC duo Ariel Martinez and Dario Suarez and the new-look Tulsa could be a force to be reckoned with.



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Michael Nsien

KEY PLAYERS



Lebo Moloto
Midfielder

Since arriving in the league before the 2015 season, the South African has been one of the top assist-men in the Championship. Moloto has recorded 27 assists in 139 regular-season appearances to go with his 26 goals, putting him fourth in the league over the past five seasons. With plenty of attacking options surrounding him, the 2018 Championship All-League selection should have plenty of opportunity to add to those numbers and lead a charge up the standings alongside his former Nashville teammate Bradley Bourgeois.



Rodrigo Da Costa
Midfielder

The story of Rodrigo Da Costa, from almost giving up the game before arriving in Florida from his native Brazil to play collegiately, to the Florida Soccer Soldiers to the professional ranks in Tulsa, is a remarkable one. So was his first professional season, which saw him record nine goals and 13 assists to become the lone player voted to the 2019 Championship All-League Team from a non-playoff team. The 26-year-old will look to add to his impressive start with a bigger backing ensemble in 2020, and hopefully a place in the postseason.

2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Home	Away	Time
3/7	Sacramento Republic FC	FC Tulsa	10:30 p.m.
3/14	FC Tulsa	New Mexico United	8 p.m.
3/17	FC Tulsa	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	8 p.m.
3/21	FC Tulsa	Las Vegas Lights	8 p.m.
3/28	Real Monarchs SLC	FC Tulsa	3 p.m.
4/4	FC Tulsa	Phoenix Rising FC	8 p.m.
4/11	Austin Bold FC	FC Tulsa	8:30 p.m.
4/18	FC Tulsa	El Paso Locomotive FC	8 p.m.
4/25	Orange County SC	FC Tulsa	10 p.m.
5/2	FC Tulsa	Portland Timbers 2	8 p.m.
5/12	OKC Energy FC	FC Tulsa	8 p.m.
5/16	FC Tulsa	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	8 p.m.
5/23	Reno 1868 FC	FC Tulsa	10:30 p.m.
5/30	FC Tulsa	Tacoma Defiance	8 p.m.
6/6	San Diego Loyal	FC Tulsa	10 p.m.
6/17	FC Tulsa	Real Monarchs SLC	8 p.m.
6/27	San Antonio FC	FC Tulsa	8:30 p.m.
7/8	FC Tulsa	Orange County SC	8 p.m.
7/11	FC Tulsa	San Diego Loyal	8 p.m.
7/18	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	FC Tulsa	8:30 p.m.
7/25	FC Tulsa	Austin Bold FC	8 p.m.
8/1	Phoenix Rising FC	FC Tulsa	10:30 p.m.
8/8	FC Tulsa	Reno 1868 FC	8 p.m.
8/15	Las Vegas Lights	FC Tulsa	10:30 p.m.
8/22	FC Tulsa	San Antonio FC	8 p.m.
8/26	LA Galaxy II	FC Tulsa	10:30 p.m.
8/29	Portland Timbers 2	FC Tulsa	3 p.m.
9/5	El Paso Locomotive FC	FC Tulsa	9:30 p.m.
9/12	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	FC Tulsa	8 p.m.
9/18	FC Tulsa	LA Galaxy II	8 p.m.
9/26	FC Tulsa	Sacramento Republic FC	8 p.m.
10/2	New Mexico United	FC Tulsa	9:30 p.m.
10/10	Tacoma Defiance	FC Tulsa	10 p.m.
10/17	FC Tulsa	OKC Energy FC	8:30 p.m.

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USL EXECUTIVE STAFF

Alec Papadakis

USL Chief Executive Officer

Papadakis has served as the USL's top executive since 2009. A former franchise attorney with four decades' worth of domestic and international experience, Papadakis is the CEO and Managing Partner of NuRock Soccer Holdings and a Pro Council representative on the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors.

A former player for the Atlanta Chiefs and Boston Minutemen, Papadakis had a long, successful career in the U.S. at both the professional and collegiate level. He helped Atlanta to a 1971 regular-season championship and Boston to a 1974 regular-season crown. Papadakis was a three-time, First Team All-American at Hartwick College (New York) and he also attended Ibero-American University in Mexico City before receiving his law degree at the University of Akron in 1976.

Papadakis' legal focus has been U.S. and European franchise transactions. He also has practiced in the area of commercial real estate, acquisitions, development, financing and leasing. He was the founder and first president of the Hellenic Franchise Association and holds affiliations with the Board of Advisors of International Quarterly, the International Franchise Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors for the Hellenic American Institute in Washington, D.C. In 2020, through Papadakis' leadership, the USL teamed with the Economist to host the Sports Business Summit for Southeast Europe in Athens, Greece. During Papadakis' tenure as the USL's CEO, the organization has expanded its professional membership by almost 400 percent, and produced growth in league attendance over the past decade of 1,125 percent as the USL Championship and League One welcomed more than 3,000,000 fans during the 2020 season.

Jake Edwards

USL President

Edwards has served as USL President since March 2, 2015. Since his arrival at the USL, he has played an integral role in creating and implementing the league's long-term strategic plan, Destination 2020, which also focusing on expansion, the launch of media and commercial properties, the league's partnership with Major League Soccer and stadium development. Edwards oversees a significant portion of the 60-plus staff at USL HQ in Tampa, Fla., as well as managing relationship with club owners and the daily servicing of its 40-plus professional clubs.

Edwards, who joined the USL as the league's Vice President in 2013, is a Manchester native and former professional soccer player whose career began in 1998 and spanned 11 years, mostly for English Football League clubs such as Wrexham AFC, Yeovil Town FC, Exeter City FC, Burton Albion FC as well as USL Championship side the Charleston Battery. Edwards played collegiately for James Madison University in Virginia.

After completing his MBA from Warwick Business School in 2009, Edwards was hired by Octagon, the global sports sponsorship agency. Based in Octagon's London office, Edwards served as a business strategy consultant in the company's rights holder side of the business.

Justin Papadakis

USL Chief Operating Officer

Papadakis was named the USL President of Commercial Ventures in December of 2014 and in May of 2016 began his role as the league's Chief Operating Officer.

Arriving by way of DDR Corp, now called SITE Centers, Papadakis served as the real estate company's leasing director for three years before advancing as the company's business development director. Papadakis holds a Juris Doctorate from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and earned a dual degree in Public Policy and Economics at Duke University, where he also played four seasons for the Blue Devils' Men's Soccer program. Papadakis is also a member of YPO, New York Metro Chapter.

Since joining the organization, Papadakis has led USL's expansion efforts across the USL Championship and League One. Over the past four years he has facilitated an unprecedented surge in soccer-specific and mixed-use stadium developments anchoring economic live, work and play projects across the country, extending far beyond the pitch while amplifying the fan experience for current and future USL communities.

Court Jeske

USL Executive Vice President

Jeske joined the USL as Executive Vice President in January of 2020, bringing his extensive experience in the North American soccer industry to the organization's senior management team.

Jeske previously served as both the Vice President of International Business for Major League Soccer & Soccer United Marketing, where for eight years he was a key figure in the organization's strategic orchestration of international events for CONCACAF, the Mexican National Team, the United States Men's and Women's National Teams and elite clubs throughout Europe.

Jeske then served as the founding Chief Executive Officer and a minority owner of Nashville SC as it launched its professional era in the USL Championship, during which time the club set Championship records for season ticket sales in an inaugural season and corporate partnership revenue. Since joining the USL, Jeske has played a key role in positioning the organization for the new decade, including leading the completion of a new United States media rights agreement with ESPN and new agreements with Premier Partners to lead the organization's commercial representation. Selected to the Sports Business Journal's prestigious Forty Under 40 list of leading young sports executives in 2018, Jeske is also currently is a member of the Soccerex USA Advisory Board. He graduated with a degree in Business Management from the University of Oklahoma before earning the FIFA Master-M.A. in International Sports Business from the International Center for Sports Studies.

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CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

DISCIPLINE & CONDUCT

League Disciplinary Power

The League shall have the authority to suspend, fine, disqualify, or otherwise discipline players, team officials, or competing Teams for On-Field Misconduct and for off-field misconduct deemed by the League to be detrimental to the League, any Team, or the sport of soccer (“**Detrimental Off-Field Misconduct**”). “**On-Field Misconduct**” shall include misconduct that occurs in any stadium or playing facility, in and/or around the stadium or playing facility (involving any person(s) or property in or around the stadium or playing facility), including, but not limited to: the playing field, locker rooms, parking lots, spectator stands or other spectator facilities, and other back-of-house and underground areas, including those used by television production and other media), and which occurs at, during or in connection with any match or tournament in which the player competes.

The League Disciplinary Committee

The League Disciplinary Committee is a panel of League Directors covering the competition, operations, and compliance departments. As delegates of the President, this committee makes decisions about discipline for Detrimental Off-Field Misconduct and On-Field Misconduct, subject to the review of the President. The League Disciplinary Committee makes decisions with a view towards allowing for a competitive, but fair, environment for all Teams to compete against each other.

Independent Disciplinary Panel

The Independent Disciplinary Panel is comprised of three outside members, consisting of a former professional coach, a former professional referee, and a former professional player. This panel is charged with the responsibility of reviewing any disciplinary matters deemed worthy of increased disciplinary measures (i.e. escalating a yellow card to a red card). Any disciplinary decisions rendered by the Independent Disciplinary Panel will be final and cannot be appealed.

Disciplinary Process

The League Disciplinary Committee reviews disciplinary issues (including all send-offs) reported by the Referee, in addition to other incidents of On-Field Misconduct or Detrimental Off-Field Misconduct. The Disciplinary Committee conducts this review using match videos, official reports, individual accounts, and other pertinent information. Depending on the timeliness of the reports and match videos, the Disciplinary Committee will make every effort to issue rulings on cases in advance of the Team’s next League Game.

Player Caution Accumulation

Players exceeding the caution accumulation plateau(s) will begin serving their suspension in their next match. If a player receives two cautions in one match, these cautions will not count toward a player’s caution accumulation total. The USL also reserves the right to reevaluate player accumulation plateaus for player eligibility rulings, including playoffs, with the reserved power to postpone suspensions to the following season.

Players and staff accumulating the following number of caution/yellow cards throughout the season will be sanctioned as follows:

- Five total cautions - Fine
- Eight total cautions - one game suspension and fine
- 11 total cautions - two game suspension and fine
- 14 total cautions - three game suspension and fine

Caution accumulation suspensions can only affect regular-season games. For those players who reach a caution accumulation suspension at the end of the sea-son that suspension will not be implemented in any potential playoff games that season. Accumulations will be wiped clean at the end of the season. If a player exceeds 14 cautions in a season, the league reserves the right to fine and suspend the player at its discretion.

Good Behavior Incentive

A player will automatically reduce his yellow card accumulation total by one yellow card each time he appears in five consecutive league games without a card or supplemental discipline. For clarity, a player cannot have a negative yellow card accumulation total; the Good Behavior Incentive reset can only reset to a zero-card total. This incentive will be automatically applied a maximum of three times through the course of the USL season.

For example, a player on his third caution of the season appearing in five consecutive league matches without receiving a card or supplemental discipline removes one (1) caution from his cumulative total, leaving the player with a total of two. This player now has two remaining Good Behavior Incentive opportunities for the 2018 Season. If that player completes five more consecutive league matches without receiving a card or supplemental discipline, one more caution is removed from his cumulative total leaving the player a total of one caution and one more Good Behavior Incentive opportunity.

Serving Suspensions During the Regular Season

Any player and/or coach sent off/dissmised during a regular season game will be fined and will be suspended from the next league regular season game. A person who serves as both player and coach may not return as a player or a coach until the suspension has been served. For the purposes of determining accumulations and game suspensions, any games that count as part of a team’s official League schedule shall be utilized.

Final Regular Season Game Send-off

Any player or coach sent off in a final regular season match must serve the suspension in the first playoff match, unless the season is over, in which case the suspension will be served in the team’s first League game the following season.

Suspension during the Playoffs

Any player and/or coach that is sent off or dismissed during the playoffs will be suspended from, at minimum, the next playoff game, unless the season is over, in which case the suspension will be served, at minimum, in the team’s first League game the following season.

Major Game Misconduct

The League Disciplinary Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may impose discipline (including fines and suspensions) against players, coaches or other team staff for Major Game Misconduct, regardless of whether the misconduct in question resulted in a card being awarded by the Match Official or was included in the Referee Game Report. “Major Game Misconduct” is defined by the League and may include, without limitation, fighting, provoking a fight, criticizing Match Officials with words or gestures, entering the Match Officials’ locker room, physical contact with Match Officials separate from Referee Assault, using excessive force, deliberate attempts to injure, spitting, provoking crowd disorders, profane language that can be heard by the crowd or broadcast audience, obscene gestures, racist, homophobic, or derogatory comments, improper conduct during the national anthem, taunting, abuse of spectators and others, failure to leave the field when instructed by the Match Official to do so, improper conduct following the award of a card, excessive delay tactics, excessive and obvious feigning of injuries, or other unsportsmanlike conduct detrimental to the League and the sport of soccer in general.

Red Card and Second Yellow Card Appeal

Within 24 hours after the completion of a match, a team may request a review of a red card or the second yellow card, if a player or staff member receives two yellow cards in a match, to rectify a case where a serious and obvious error has occurred.

Suspension and Fine Appeal

Within 24 hours after the USL Championship distributes its Weekly Discipline Report, a team may appeal a suspension and/or fine that is greater than the established minimum fine and suspension amounts. The USL Championship must receive the appeal in writing via email.

Cross League and Competition Suspensions

Players joining the USL (on loan or through transfer) may be subject to any suspension that has been levied by other competitions. The USL shall determine if it will permit a player who receives a red card or other supplemental discipline in another competition for an egregious act to play in USL matches. As per USSF policy, supplemental discipline issued for referee assault/abuse shall preclude the suspended individual from participating in any soccer competition until the suspension has expired.

Players who are suspended in any cup competition such as the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, Canadian Championship or CONCACAF Champions League are not automatically suspended in the USL. The USL will independently review the action and suspension and have the right to implement supplemental discipline in the USL Disciplinary Committee, if it determines the player’s behavior was deemed to be egregious.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER REGULATIONS

Player Classifications

A. Professional Player

A professional player is a player who signs a professional registration form with the team’s applicable Federation, a professional player contract with the USL Championship and receives, or has received, payment beyond actual and necessary expenses for playing soccer. Players on loan are not deemed professional players unless there is not a right to recall. A professional player may only be registered with one team and may play only for the team to which he is registered, except in the following two instances:

1. Team has filed a completed loan agreement and supplement with the League Office.
2. Player competes for another team in an exhibition, all-star, benefit or some other non-League game with the consent of the team holding his contract.

B. Academy Players

In addition to the 30 Active Players allowed on the Master Roster, a team may register up to five (5) active Academy Players, which do not count against the 30 players on the Master Roster and are allowed to participate in all competitions. After the first five Academy Players rostered, Academy Players will count against the Master Roster.

To be considered an Academy Player, all of the following must be in place: a) player is under the age of 21 as of the official start date of the current season, b) player cannot compete (or have ever previously have competed) in any NCAA or NAIA university or college soccer program, and c) player has never been signed or registered as a professional soccer player as recognized by FIFA. The Academy Player must play for a club which conducts its activities (home games and/or training) within the team’s franchise territory or play for a club which has a documented affiliation with the team. In the latter scenario, the affiliated club outside the territory of the team must not be in the territory of another Championship team, and the team must register all documented affiliate clubs with the League Office prior to the season or upon completion of the affiliation agreement. Additionally, teams with MLS affiliations can use the Academy Players of their MLS affiliate.

No Academy Player may register or participate as an Academy Player with more than one Championship club during a season. Academy players may not be loaned.

Academy Players that are classified as international count against a team’s maximum of seven international players. Academy Players must be registered as an amateur with the USL Championship team or its formally-recognized MLS affiliate. Teams may make Academy Players active or inactive on the Master Roster. Inactive Academy Players do not count towards the roster maximum or the international player maximum. There cannot be more than five (5) Academy Players listed on the Game Day Lineup.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Master Roster

A. Master Roster Guidelines

The Master Roster consists of up to 30 Active Players and is the official player roster of the team, as set by the USL Championship. Inactive Players do not count towards a team's Master Roster.

A maximum of seven (7) players on the Master Roster may be International Players, pending the trade or sale of International Roster Spots.

A professional team must carry 12 or more professional players on its Master Roster. Each club is allowed two Permanent Loan Assignment spots that count toward this minimum. These slots can be filled by players from any league, and these players cannot be recalled for any reason to meet the standard. Any violation of this standard will result in a fine being assessed at the League's discretion. Players loaned from leagues other than MLS with no right to recall also count toward this minimum.

Active Players consist of properly registered players on USL Championship contracts, players in on loan, and active Academy Players. Players who are signed to a USL Championship Standard Professional Player Contract and are not in on loan can only be active on the roster.

The only players that can be made inactive are players out on loan, in on-loan, or Academy Players. Inactive Players do not count against a team's International Player limit. In the interest of clarity, players on USL Championship Professional contracts cannot be made inactive.

B. Master Roster Changes

Whenever a team makes a change to its Master Roster, notification must be sent to USL Registration. Changes are not approved until the USL Championship confirms via e-mail.

C. Master Roster Freeze

No incoming transaction or player movement is allowed after the Roster Freeze date, including but not limited to: signing a player, receiving a player on loan, changing a player's active/inactive status, and/or replacing players. All trades, transfers and/or loans between teams must be finalized and approved by the USL Championship prior to this time. The USL Championship will not allow "deals in progress" or "extensions" to go beyond the deadline for any reason.

For purposes of visas and other pending documentation for incoming players, ALL documents must be approved by the USL Championship, and if warranted, by Major League Soccer and the U.S. Soccer Federation, prior to the Roster Freeze deadline. All players must be completely active on the Master Roster to compete in the USL Championship for the remainder of the season.

The date of the Roster Freeze is September 18th, 2020 at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

Any MLS player legitimately on the final Master Roster of a USL Championship team at the time of the Roster Freeze date will be permitted to compete for the Championship for the rest of the season, regardless of whether or not that player is subsequently traded or transferred to another MLS team. In this instance, a newly executed loan agreement is required by the USL Championship. However, if a player is sold or released from his contract with MLS, this will terminate the player's loan with the USL Championship team.

Any field player on loan from any other team (including intra-League loans) must play a minimum of five (5) games during the regular season to be eligible to play in the playoffs. One of these games must occur prior to the roster freeze date. This standard does not apply to goalkeepers.

Any Championship player who is sold to an MLS team after the Roster Freeze deadline may rejoin the Championship team on loan for the remainder of the season, as long as he assumes the spot on the roster he vacated when he was sold by the club. As long as the player played in a minimum of five (5) games during the season, either prior or after being sold, he is eligible to play in the playoffs.

SPECIAL EXEMPTION (GOALKEEPERS): In the unlikely event that a team is reduced to a single "available and healthy" goalkeeper due to National Team call-up or medically-verifiable injury, the team may petition the USL Championship in writing to be permitted to add a backup goalkeeper to its Master Roster. This may only be done in the event that at least two eligible and healthy goalkeepers are active with the club, participating in regular team activities, not on loan with another team, and listed on the final Master Roster submitted at the time of the Roster Freeze date. This backup goalkeeper will be permitted to remain on the team's roster until such time that one or more of the originally rostered goalkeepers becomes available and is able to compete. The USL Championship will have the power to reject the addition of a goalkeeper in this situation, if it feels its primary intent is to create a competitive advantage.

Player Loans

Loans may not extend beyond the length of the guaranteed contract or option term, provided the option has been exercised. Loan cancellation terms are outlined in the Loan Agreement. Academy Players may not be loaned.

Loan Guidelines

Championship > Championship: Each team is permitted to receive or loan a maximum of two players under contract from/to each Championship team in any given season. An individual player may not be intra-league loaned more than one time per season.

Championship > MLS: There is no restriction on the number of Championship players a team may send to compete in MLS. All loaned players shall remain on the Championship team's Master Roster. Additionally, for players to move freely between the two clubs throughout the season, the Championship and MLS clubs must have a documented affiliation with one another.

MLS > Championship: There is no restriction on the number of players on loan a Championship team may have from an MLS team at any given time. The team must have space on its Master Roster to add any player on loan. There is restriction on the total number of MLS players which compete on a given Championship team during the season. Additionally, for players to move freely between the two clubs throughout the season, the Championship and MLS clubs must have a

documented affiliation with one another.

Championship > League One: There is no restriction on the number of Championship players a team may send to compete in League One. All loaned players shall remain on the Championship Team's Master Roster. Additionally, for players to move freely between the two clubs throughout the season, the Championship and League One clubs have a documented affiliation with one another.

League One > Championship: There is no restriction on the number of players on loan a Championship team may have from a League One team at any given time. The team must have space on its Master Roster to add any player on loan. There is no restriction on the total number of League One players which compete on a given Championship team during the season. Additionally, for players to move freely between the two clubs throughout the season, the Championship and League One clubs must have a documented affiliation with one another.

Loan Players in the Playoffs

A loan player must compete (play in a match, not just be rostered) in at least five regular season matches for a specific Championship team to be eligible for the playoffs with that team. One of those games must occur prior to the Roster Freeze.

23-Man Game Day Player Pool

All players must be rostered (i.e. registered with the League and Federation) and active prior to their inclusion in a Team's 23-Man Game Day Player Pool. Suspended players cannot be included in the 23-Man Game Day Player Pool. Should a player be successfully rostered (provided all registration paperwork and ITC cleared before the applicable match registration deadline) and fall within the 48-24-hour window, they may be added to the 23-Man Game Day Player Pool; however, the change will be subject to the opposing team's approval in accordance with Master Roster Guidelines.

Teams are required to submit their 23-Man Game Day Player Pool of players that are available and active for a match 48-hours prior to each match. Between 48 and 24-hours prior to the match, any change to that Game Day Player Pool must be approved by the opposing team and the League. There will be no changes allowed to the 23-Man Game Day Player Pool less than 24 hours prior to a match. Failure to submit the 23-Man Game Day Player Pool 48 hours prior to the match will result in a minimum fine of \$500. Failure to submit the 23-Man Game Day Player Pool in alphabetical order will result in a minimum fine of \$50. All appropriate parties must be included on the correspondence for the standard to be met. All times are subject to change in accordance with the best interests of the game and in the spirit of the intent of this rule in the League's absolute discretion. The League reserves the right to override approvals or denials of the opposing team.

No player may be simultaneously active on the Master Roster of two separate teams in two different leagues. The only exception to this rule occurs if a player has been listed as active on a USL Championship team's 23-Man Game Day Player Pool, which is submitted to the League no later than 48 hours prior to the match. In such an instance, a player may remain active in both systems. Any player that does not meet this exception must be listed as inactive in the USL Championship registration system to participate on a separate team in a different league. No player may be listed on the active roster for two separate teams in two different leagues on the same day. Failure to meet this standard will result in a minimum fine of \$500.

If a player not included on the 23-Man Game Day Player Pool participates in the match in any capacity, including being available on the bench for selection, it will result in a minimum fine of \$1,000. On the day of the game, during the roster exchange, game day lineups must be cross-referenced with the 23-Man Game Day Player Pools from each club to ensure all players included on the lineup have also been included on the 23-Man Game Day Player Pool. In the event that any of the parties involved with the exchange identify that a player included on the lineup was not previously listed on the 23-Man Game Day Player Pool, the designated League contact listed on the match preview must be notified and the player will not be able to compete in the match. If this occurs, the team is permitted to replace the lineup spot with a player who has been included on the 23-Man Game Day Player Pool provided the opposing team has the same opportunity based on the number of available players at the match (i.e. the opposing team has 19 or more players available for selection). The home team and visiting team must also submit a copy of their Official Game Day Lineup to the League 60 minutes prior to the start of the match via the Teamworks platform to meet the standard.