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# MATCHDAY PREVIEW

## RENO 1868 FC HOSTING SILVER STATE CUP RIVAL LAS VEGAS LIGHTS FC



RENO Nev. – On Saturday, Reno 1868 FC hosts southern rival, Las Vegas Lights FC, in a Silver State Cup showdown at Greater Nevada Field.

Reno 1868 FC is coming off of a bye week after earning a point on the road against Tacoma Defiance. The club currently sits at seventh in the USL Western Conference Standings with 17 points.

“The guys needed a little break so it’s good we’re going to be really fresh for this game,” Head Coach Ian Russell said.

During the match against Tacoma Defiance, Reno was down 1-0 until forward Brian Brown found the back of the net off Seth Casiple’s corner kick to tie the game up. Brown is currently Reno’s leading goal scorer with seven goals and also leads the club in assists with four.

Las Vegas Light FC are also coming off of a draw in USL Championship play after a scoreless match against Tulsa Roughnecks FC. Most recently, the club was defeated 5-3 by Orange County FC in the Third Round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

“Vegas looks a lot more organized this year,” Russell said. “Eric Wynalda has done a good job with them. They have some good strikers, Ochoa and Parra, and they’re a lot less direct this year.”

This match will be the first time that Reno 1868 FC midfielder, Raul Mendiola, will play against his former club. Mendiola signed with Reno 1868 FC ahead of the 2019 season after being the top goal scorer for the Lights in 2018 with ten goals while also notching four assists.

“Raul was really one of their key players last year and we think he’s got a good chance to get to the next level,” Russell said. “I think Raul is excited for this game and he’s been training really well so I expect a good game from him.”

Saturday’s match kicks off at 7:15 p.m. and gates open at 6:15. The first 1,000 fans through the gates will receive a Kevin Partida bobblehead.

# STADIUM MAP

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## WESTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS



Pos.		P	W	L	T	GD	Pts	Form	
1	New Mexico United	13	6	1	6	12	24	D W D W W	▼
2	Portland Timbers 2	12	6	2	4	8	22	D L W D W	▼
3	Phoenix Rising FC	12	5	2	5	12	20	D L W W W	▼
4	Fresno FC	11	5	1	5	9	20	W L W W D	▼
5	OKC Energy FC	12	5	4	3	0	18	D W L D W	▼
6	Tulsa Roughnecks FC	12	4	3	5	4	17	W D D D D	▼
7	Reno 1868 FC	11	4	2	5	4	17	W L D W D	▼
8	El Paso Locomotive FC	11	4	2	5	3	17	W W D W D	▼
9	LA Galaxy II	13	4	4	5	-6	17	W L D D D	▼
10	Rio Grande Valley FC	12	4	4	4	1	16	D W L D W	▼
11	Las Vegas Lights FC	12	4	5	3	0	15	D W W L D	▼
12	Austin Bold FC	12	4	5	3	-2	15	L W D L L	▼
13	Orange County SC	12	3	3	6	2	15	D W D D D	▼
14	Sacramento Republic FC	11	4	5	2	-3	14	D L W L L	▼
15	Real Monarchs SLC	12	3	6	3	-3	12	L L D L L	▼
16	San Antonio FC	12	3	6	3	-4	12	W L D D L	▼
17	Tacoma Defiance	14	2	9	3	-26	9	L L D D D	▼
18	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	12	2	8	2	-11	8	L L L L L	▼

## EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS



Pos.		P	W	L	T	GD	Pts	Form
1	Tampa Bay Rowdies	12	7	0	5	14	26	D D W W W
2	New York Red Bulls II	12	7	3	2	13	23	W D L L W
3	Nashville SC	13	6	3	4	10	22	L W D W D
4	North Carolina FC	11	5	2	4	9	19	W D L D W
5	Saint Louis FC	10	5	1	4	6	19	L D W D D
6	Indy Eleven	10	5	2	3	6	18	L D D W D
7	Ottawa Fury FC	10	5	2	3	5	18	W D W W D
8	Louisville City FC	12	5	4	3	1	18	W L W D D
9	Charleston Battery	11	4	2	5	3	17	W D D L D
10	Atlanta United 2	12	3	5	4	-6	13	L L D D D
11	Bethlehem Steel FC	13	3	6	4	-8	13	D D L D L
12	Birmingham Legion FC	11	3	5	3	-9	12	L D L D L
13	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	9	2	1	6	1	12	W D D D D
14	Memphis 901 FC	12	2	6	4	-5	10	L L D W D
15	Loudoun United FC	9	2	4	3	-2	9	W L D W L
16	Charlotte Independence	12	1	6	5	-9	8	D D L D D
17	Swope Park Rangers	11	1	6	4	-11	7	W L D D L
18	Hartford Athletic	12	1	9	2	-18	5	L D L W D





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**#2 EMRAH KLIMENTA (D)**

HEIGHT: 5'11"  
WEIGHT: 170 LBS  
DOB: 10/3/97

Klimenta, 28, signed with Reno 1868 FC early into the 2019 season. The defender joins Reno after a lengthy career with Sacramento Republic FC. Klimenta became Republic FC's all-time leader in minutes, appearances, and starts for the club. The defender had 102 total appearances, nine goals and five assists.

**#3 BENJAMIN GALINDO CRUZ (D)**

HEIGHT: 6'2"  
WEIGHT: 187 LBS  
DOB: 3/10/99

Galindo Cruz, 19, joins Reno on loan from Chivas de Guadalajara. The forward made four appearances for the Mexican club in the 2018-2019 season and two in the previous season. He is the son of Benajmin Galindo who made 65 appearances and scored 28 goals for the Mexico national football team.

**#5 ZACH CARROLL (D)**

HEIGHT: 6'4"  
WEIGHT: 185 LBS  
DOB: 3/16/94

Carroll, 24, returns to Reno 1868 FC after a standout 2018 season. The 6-foot-3 defender was the team captain for the 2018 season and had 30 appearances. He scored two goals and had two assists for the club. Carroll was named Reno's Defensive Player of the Year for 2018.

**#6 THOMAS JANJIGIAN (D)**

Janjigian, 24, returns for his third season with Reno 1868 FC. The 6-foot-4 defender made 20 appearances for the club in 2018 and four in 2017. He was called up to play for MLS affiliate San Jose Earthquakes in the 2017 U.S. Open Cup.

HEIGHT: 6'2"  
WEIGHT: 190 LBS  
DOB: 11/10/94

**#8 WILL SEYMORE (M)**

Seymore, 24, returns to Reno 1868 FC after being loaned to the club from FC Cincinnati towards the end of the 2018 season. The midfielder made four starts and nine appearances for FC Cincinnati while recording one of the highest passing accuracies on the team (83 percent) and won half of his aerial duels. Before joining FC Cincinnati in 2017, Seymore played for Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2 for two years (2015-2017)

HEIGHT: 6'1"  
WEIGHT: 180 LBS  
DOB: 2/29/92

**#9 DANNY MUSOVSKI (F)**

Musovski, 23, was drafted by the San Jose Earthquakes in the second round of the 2018 MLS SuperDraft and then loaned to Reno 1868 FC for the 2018 season. The forward had five goals, 11 clearances and five interceptions in 17 game appearances last season.

HEIGHT: 6'2"  
WEIGHT: 190 LBS  
DOB: 11/30/94

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**#10 LINDO MFEKA (M)**



HEIGHT: 5'5"  
WEIGHT: 155 LBS  
DOB: 3/30/94

Mfeka, 24, a returning midfielder for Reno 1868 FC helped score four goals in the 2018 season. The South American native, added three assists while boasting an 85 percent pass success rate in his 24 starts.

**#11 DUKE LACROIX (D)**



HEIGHT: 5'9"  
WEIGHT: 154 LBS  
DOB: 10/14/93

Lacroix, 25, a returning defender for Reno 1868 FC helped score one goal and five assists with an 82 percent pass success rate in the 2018 season. He added to his 2018 campaign with 35 clearances, 7 blocks, and 40 interceptions in 28 games.

**#12 MATT BERSANO (GK)**



HEIGHT: 6'1"  
WEIGHT: 185 LBS  
DOB: 9/10/92

Bersano, 26, will spend time with Reno 1868 FC for the third season in a row. The Goalkeeper was signed to the San Jose Earthquakes in 2017 and spent back-to-back seasons with Reno. In 2017, he started 28 games and accumulated 2,520 minutes, making 73 saves and tallying nine clean sheets for Reno. In 2018, he made 11 starts for Reno and was selected to the USL Team of the Week in Week 30. He was named Reno 1868 FC's Goalkeeper of the Year in 2018.

**#13 NATHAN AUNE (D)**

HEIGHT: 6'4"  
WEIGHT: 185 LBS  
DOB: 10/27/96

Aune, 22, was drafted by the San Jose Earthquakes in the second round of the 2019 MLS SuperDraft. The defender was a four-year starter at Seattle University where he scored six goals and had one assist in his 80 appearances. His senior year he was named to the All-Western Athletic Conference First Team as well as the United Soccer Coaches All-West Region Second Team.

**#14 ERIC CALVILLO (M)**

HEIGHT: 5'7"  
WEIGHT: 138 LBS  
DOB: 9/10/92

Calvillo, 21, was signed to the San Jose Earthquakes for the 2018 season and spent time with both the San Jose Earthquakes and Reno 1868 FC in the 2018 season. He made 10 starts in 11 total appearances for Reno as well as two starts in three total appearances in MLS play. The midfielder scored one goal for Reno 1868 FC and was selected to the USL Team of the week during week 27 of the 2018 season.

**#15 YOSIMAR HERNANDEZ (D)**

HEIGHT: 5'9"  
WEIGHT: 150 LBS  
DOB: 09/14/97

Hernandez, 21, was signed to Reno at the beginning of the 2019 season. Hernandez was called up to the U.S U-15 National team in 2011. The defender spent four years on the UC Riverside Men's Soccer team and was one of six players in 2016 to see action in all of the team's 20 matches.

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**#16 BRENT RICHARDS (D)**

HEIGHT: 5'10"  
WEIGHT: 167 LBS  
DOB: 5/20/90

Richards, 28, a returning defender for Reno 1868 FC boasted 122 clearances, 16 blocks, and 73 interceptions in the 2018 season. He added to a stellar defensive season with four assists and a 73 percent pass success rate in 33 games.



HEIGHT: 5'9"  
WEIGHT: 170 LBS  
DOB: 05/24/1996

Apodaca, 22, was signed to Reno 1868 FC at the beginning of the 2019 season. The forward was selected 55th overall in the 2018 MLS Super-Draft by the Philadelphia Union. He later signed with the club's USL affiliate, Bethlehem Steel FC, where he spent the 2018 season. He had 17 appearances for the club, scored two goals and had two assists.

**#18 JT MARCINKOWSKI (GK)**

HEIGHT: 6'1"  
WEIGHT: 182  
DOB: 05/09/1997

Marcinkowski, 21, will spend time with Reno 1868 FC for the second season in a row. Signed to the San Jose Earthquakes as a Homegrown Player in 2017, the goalkeeper spent time with both the Earthquakes and Reno in 2018. Marcinkowski started five times for San Jose and 24 for Reno. Marcinkowski was selected to USL's Team of the Week in week two of the 2018 season and was named Reno 1868 FC's Rookie of the Year in 2018.

**#20 MARKY HERNANDEZ (M)**

Hernandez, 22, was signed to Reno 1868 FC at the beginning of the 2019 season. The midfielder spent two years at Golden West Junior College and then played his junior and senior years at Cal State Fullerton. In his two seasons with the Titans he appeared in 40 games, had four goals, and four assists.

HEIGHT: 5'5"  
WEIGHT: 145 LBS  
DOB: 08/07/1996

**#21 COREY HERTZOG (F)**

Hertzog, 28, was signed to Reno 1868 FC in 2019. The forward formerly played for Saint Louis FC and boasts 45 goals and 12 assists in the 120 career appearances of his USL career. In 2018, he recorded four goals and three assists in 26 appearances. He added to his career with 12 appearances in the MLS for the Vancouver Whitecaps where he recorded one goal and had one assist.

HEIGHT: 6'0"  
WEIGHT: 172 LBS  
DOB: 8/01/90

**#22 SIAD HAJI (M)**

Haji, 19, was selected by the San Jose Earthquakes with the number 2 overall pick in the first round of the 2019 MLS SuperDraft. Haji was signed to the club as a Generation Adidas player. The midfielder spent his freshman year of college at New England College where he had nine goals in 14 games. He then spent the 2017 and 2018 seasons at Virginia Commonwealth University where he notched two goals and eight assists in 17 appearances in 2017. The midfielder made 18 starts from 18 appearances scoring five goals and 10 assists in the 2018 season.

HEIGHT: 5'8"  
WEIGHT: 150LBS  
DOB: 12/1/99

**#23 SAM GLEADLE (M)**

HEIGHT: 5'10"  
WEIGHT: 155 LBS  
DOB: 3/20/96

Gleadle, 22, returns to Reno 1868 FC after two non-USL appearances in the 2018 season. Before signing with Reno 1868 FC, Gleadle spent time with USL League 2 (formerly USL PDL) club Albuquerque Sol FC after graduating from the University of New Mexico, where he was four-year starter.

**#24 GILBERT FUENTES (M)**

HEIGHT: 5'6"  
WEIGHT: 146 LBS  
DOB: 2/21/02

Fuentes, 17, signed as a homegrown player in 2018 for the San Jose Earthquakes. The young midfielder made his MLS debut on October 21st against the Colorado Rapids, going in as a substitute in the 89th minute. During the 2018 season, Fuentes made four appearances for Reno 1868 FC.

**#25 DAMION LEWIS (GK)**

HEIGHT: 6' 5"  
WEIGHT: 177LBS  
DOB: 1/03/1995

Lewis, 23, signed to Reno at the beginning of the 2019 season. He joins Reno after playing two seasons at Chico State. In 2018 he made 61 saves for the program. Lewis saw First Team All-CCAA honors and was the conference's Defensive Player of the Year in 2017. Prior to his career at Chico State, the goalkeeper played two seasons in the Cal State Northridge program.

**#40 RAUL MENDIOLA (M)**

Mendiola, 24, a new signing for the Reno 1868 FC formerly played for the LA Galaxy II and Las Vegas Lights. In the USL he recorded 18 goals and 17 assists in 85 appearances.

HEIGHT: 5'10"  
WEIGHT: 155 LBS  
DOB: 5/18/94

**#84 SETH CASIPLE (M)**

Casiple, 24, a returning midfielder for Reno 1868 FC scored four goals with three assists in the 2017 season. In his 28 appearances he recorded an 83 percent pass success rate.

HEIGHT: 5'9"  
WEIGHT: 165 LBS  
DOB: 8/23/93

**#97 SERGIO RIVAS (M)**

Rivas, 21, was drafted 26th overall by the San Jose Earthquakes in the 2019 MLS SuperDraft. The midfielder spent four years at Seattle University where he made 85 appearances, scored 19 goals and notched 27 assists. Rivas also spent time with USL League Two club, Albuquerque Sol FC.

HEIGHT: 5'11"  
WEIGHT: 170 LBS  
DOB: 10/3/97

## #99 BRIAN BROWN



HEIGHT: 5'11"

WEIGHT: 165 LBS

DOB: 12/29/92

Brown, 26, returns to Reno 1868 FC after a breakout 2018 season. The forward scored 17 goals which ranked top 5 in the USL. Combined with the three goals he scored in 2017, Brown became the all-time leading goal scorer for Reno.

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## **IAN RUSSELL** HEAD COACH

Russell played for the University of Washington and later started his professional career with the Seattle Sounders of the USL First Division in 1998 and 1999. Russell was drafted by the San Jose Earthquakes in 2000 and continued to play seven seasons in MLS. Six of those seasons came with the Earthquakes, where Russell helped the team win two MLS Cups in 2001 and 2003. In 2008, Russell returned to the Earthquakes as an assistant coach, a position he held for eight seasons. He helped lead the club to the postseason twice, while earning the Supporters' Shield for best regular season record (19-6-9) in 2012. Russell was also instrumental in the Quakes' international and collegiate scouting efforts, and briefly helped oversee the club's youth development as the academy's technical director. He served as the Earthquakes interim head coach for the final two games of the 2014 season and holds a U.S. Soccer Federation "A" coaching license.



## **CHRIS MALENAB** ASSISTANT COACH

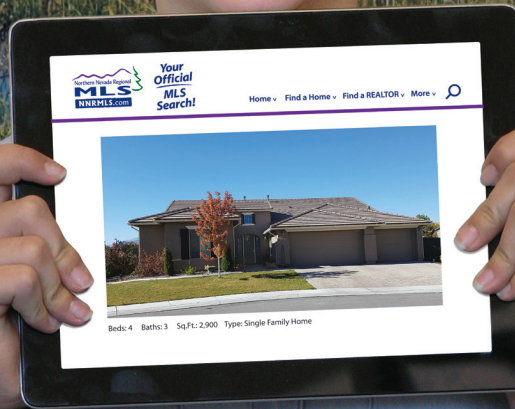
Malenab joins Reno 1868 FC after spending the past four years as an assistant coach and video analyst at Sacramento Republic FC. During the 2014 inaugural season of the Sacramento Republic FC, Malenab served as an assistant coach to Predrag Radosavljević (Preki) during the club's championship campaign. From 2015 to 2017 Malenab served as video analyst for the Sacramento Republic FC under head coach Paul Buckle. Malenab started his coaching career coaching and serving as technical director at various youth clubs in the greater Sacramento area while coaching high school soccer. Along with his youth coaching experience, Malenab has served as an assistant coach at the college level, at Cosumnes River College (NJCAA), California State University Stanislaus (NCAA D-II) and San Joaquin Delta College (NJCAA).

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## **CASEY TATE**

### **ASSISTANT COACH**

Tate joined the Reno 1868 FC staff in 2017 and served as an Assistant Coach under Head Coach Ian Russell for the inaugural season. He came to Reno 1868 from the University of Nevada where he spent 8 seasons as the Assistant Coach for the Wolf Pack Soccer program, being promoted to Head Coach Interim for the 2016 season. Tate helped lead the Pack to two postseason appearances and in 2016 posted the program's highest win total since its inaugural season in the Mountain West Conference. He has also been involved in the Reno/Tahoe youth soccer community for the past eight years and was the Director for several elite local clubs.



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