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COLORADO SPRINGS SWITCHBACKS FC
MEDIA GUIDE





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Who We Are

The Colorado Springs Switchbacks Football Club is an organization shaped by our owner, Ed Ragain, who is a man of big vision. Ed is a successful engineer and businessman who founded and built a Colorado-based engineering firm into an international engineering leader. Ed's company, ME Engineers, has designed many of the largest sporting venues, health care systems, and airports around the world. He has personally written the broadcast lighting design guidelines for FIFA, MLS, NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL, and the Olympic Broadcast Systems. Sports have been central to Ed's professional interest which he now brings to Colorado Springs with the Switchbacks FC

Our Mission: To engage our community and industry by selling soccer through excellence in competition and production quality to create sustained excitement around our brand and sport.

Our Vision: To inspire greatness in Colorado Springs through professional soccer.

Our Core Values:

- We value **EXCELLENCE** – a work product so good that it inspires those around us to be better.
- We value the practice of **FINISHING STRONG** – we leave no loose ends and leave no open doors for failure to creep in.
- We value our **FAMILY** – taking care and looking after one another.
- We value our City, **COLORADO SPRINGS** – we are champions for this City.

Value Proposition: We are the only brand in the city whose success directly correlates to the brand of Colorado Springs as a whole. Our success is the city's success and our failure is the city's failure.



Switchbacks FC Partners With A Vision

The Switchbacks are looking for partners that share a big vision for their organization and desire to use sports and entertainment to create and enhance their customer relationships. We are seeking partners who demand more out of their marketing budgets seeking higher quality marketing opportunities. At our core, the Switchbacks Football Club is a marketing company focused on generating quality content and experience for soccer fans in Colorado Springs. Critical to our success are partners who want a unique and exciting platform to engage and drive business. The Switchbacks FC desires to understand our partners' business needs and develop a unique and custom approach to generate success. Our goal is to create fewer but larger partnerships to increase value and return (More information available on request). Choose to believe! Choose to partner with the Switchbacks!

For more information on partnerships please contact Director of Partnerships, Gabriel Causse at (719)-368-8480 x106 or gabriel@switchbacksfc.com

Key Media Information

Covering the Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC

The Switchbacks FC communications department is always interested in helping members of the media in their coverage of Switchbacks soccer. Photos, information, statistics and travel plans are available through the communications department.

Interviews

All interviews must be arranged through the Switchbacks FC communications department at least 24 hours in advance. The Switchbacks have dedicated Thursdays as designated "Open Practices" for media. Practices will typically be held at Weidner Field from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Players can be held after practice for media wishing to interview them. Please contact Communications Manager, Joel Huber if you plan on attending practice.

Post-game interviews

After a brief cooling-off period, all players and coaches will be available for interviews ten minutes after the game. Please contact Communications Manager, Joel Huber to coordinate any post-match interviews.

Media Access

All requests for working press credentials and photo passes for Switchbacks FC events should be directed to the Switchbacks communications department.

Media Services

Media guides, game programs, match notes, rosters, and up-to-date results and statistics will be available at the press area to working members of the media at each Switchbacks home game.

Broadcast Services

All home USL games will be broadcast live on television and online courtesy of Comcast. Games will be broadcast in Colorado Springs in High Definition on channel 900 and in standard definition on channel 105. A live video stream can also be found online on the official USL YouTube channel.

Website

In collaboration with the USL, the Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC have launched their new website on the SportsEngine platform. Player bios, statistics, league standings, upcoming promotions, are now all available on www.switchbacksfc.com.

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Switchbacks FC Media Credential Policies

Thank you for your coverage of Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC. Please familiarize yourself with the information and policies in this document. These policies are enforced by the Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC's Communications Department & the United Soccer League (USL). If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Joel Huber, Communications Manager for the Switchbacks, at joel@switchbacksfc.com or 719-368-8480 ext. 104.

Credentials Conditions

Credentials are issued solely to provide stadium access to an individual with a legitimate working function at a game involving a member team of USL. The bearer must be on a specific assignment (as employee or agent for the organization to which this credential is issued). It is non-transferable. Any unauthorized use of credentials subjects bearer to ejection from the stadium and possible prosecution for criminal trespass. Resale or attempted resale is grounds for seizure and cancellation.

The use of any and all media of USL events or excerpts thereof shall be limited to news coverage by the accredited organization unless expressly authorized in writing by USL. Any other use including, but not limited to, advertising, promotional contests and sweepstakes or other trade purposes requires prior specific written approval from USL. Permission to film or tape USL games may be revoked at any time.

All ownership copyright and property rights in USL games, the telecast thereof and in the events and activities conducted in the stadium shall remain the sole property of USL, and no such rights are conferred or to be conferred on behalf of any other person or entity by the issuance of this credential.

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Media Access and Interviews

Media will be granted access to Switchbacks FC players and coaches with prior approval from the team's Communications Department. For interview requests, please contact Joel Huber at joel@switchbacksfc.com or 719-368-8480 ext. 104. No interviews will be authorized without Switchbacks FC's Communications Department approval and coordination. On match days, interviews will be granted approximately 10 minutes following the match. Interviews will be done in a press-conference style, on the northwest sideline. The Head Coach and at least one player will be made available at this time. No field access will be granted.

Front Office Staff Directory



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2017 Switchbacks FC Schedule

HOME	AWAY	DATE	TIME (MT)	STADIUM
Tulsa Roughnecks FC	Switchbacks FC	SAT, March 25th	6:00 PM	ONEOK Field
Switchbacks FC	Oklahoma City Energy FC	SAT, April 1st	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
San Antonio FC	Switchbacks FC	FRI, April 7th	6:00 PM	Toyota Field
Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	Switchbacks FC	WED, April 12th	5:00 PM	H-E-B Park
Switchbacks FC	Real Monarchs SLC	SAT, April 15th	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
Reno 1868 FC	Switchbacks FC	SAT, April 22nd	9:00 PM	Greater Nevada Field
Switchbacks FC	Seattle Sounders FC 2	SAT, April 29th	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
Switchbacks FC	Tulsa Roughnecks FC	FRI, May 5th	7:00 PM	Weidner Field
Portland Timbers 2	Switchbacks FC	WED, May 10th	1:00 PM	Providence Park
Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2	Switchbacks FC	SUN, May 14th	5:00 PM	Thunderbird Stadium
Real Monarchs SLC	Switchbacks FC	SAT, May 20th	7:00 PM	Rio Tinto Stadium
Switchbacks FC	Reno 1868 FC	SAT, May 27th	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
Switchbacks FC	Oklahoma City Energy FC	SAT, June 3rd	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
LA Galaxy II	Switchbacks FC	SAT, June 10th	9:30 PM	StubHub Track & Field Stadium
Swope Park Rangers	Switchbacks FC	WED, June 21st	5:30 PM	Swope Soccer Village
Switchbacks FC	San Antonio FC	SAT, June 24th	7:00 PM	Weidner Field
Switchbacks FC	Rio Grand Valley FC Toros	SAT, July 1st	7:00 PM	Weidner Field
Switchbacks FC	Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2	SAT, July 8th	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
Phoenix Rising FC	Switchbacks FC	SAT, July 15th	7:30 PM	Phoenix Rising FC Soccer Complex
Oklahoma City Energy FC	Switchbacks FC	SAT, July 22nd	5:30 PM	Taft Stadium
Switchbacks FC	Seattle Sounders FC 2	SAT, July 29th	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
Switchbacks FC	Portland Timbers 2	SAT, August 5th	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
Orange County SC	Switchbacks FC	TUE, August 8th	9:30 MT	Orange County Great Park
Real Monarchs SLC	Switchbacks FC	SAT, August 12th	7:00 PM	Rio Tinto Stadium
Switchbacks FC	LA Galaxy II	FRI, August 18th	7:00 PM	Weidner Field
Sacramento Republic FC	Switchbacks FC	SAT, September 2nd	9:30 PM	Pappa Murphy's Park
Switchbacks FC	Phoenix Rising FC	SAT, September 9th	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
Seattle Sounders FC 2	Switchbacks FC	SAT, September 16th	9:00 PM	Starfire Sports Complex
Switchbacks FC	Swope Park Rangers	SAT, September 23rd	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
Switchbacks FC	Orange County SC	SAT, September 30th	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
Switchbacks FC	Sacramento Republic FC	SAT, October 7th	6:00 PM	Weidner Field
Tulsa Roughnecks FC	Switchbacks FC	SAT, October 14th	5:00 PM	ONEOK Field

The Story Behind Our Crest

- The flow of the logo is crossing right to left to right to left portraying the movement of the switchback roads that mark the climb up Pikes Peak
- The outline of the shield is broken to reveal the letter "S" standing for Switchbacks
- The elongated hexagon is based on the Colorado Springs' flag
- The soccer ball and rays also replace the sun and rays of the Colorado Springs' flag
- The 5 red bars represent the 5 military bases in Colorado Springs. The red represents the blood they have shed for this country.
- Symbolic representation of Pikes Peak. Also reflective as on water on the bottom
- Blue symbolizes trust, loyalty, wisdom, confidence, intelligence, faith, truth, and heaven
- The cross-fleury has three flowering buds at each extension. The Switchbacks have input meaning into this icon to represent how we respond in times of trouble. 1. Stop (i.e. freaking out) 2. Remember (i.e. your constitution) 3. Believe (i.e. we will succeed)

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2017 Switchbacks Numerical Roster

#	Position	Name	Nationality	Hometown	Twitter Handle	Birthdate	Height	Wt.
1	GK	Moise Pouaty	Cameroon	Mbanga, Cameroon	none	1/19/1996	6' 3"	195
2	D	Josh Phillips	USA	Seattle, WA	@JoshPhillipsGU	11/6/1991	6' 0"	185
3	D	Pascal Eboussi	Cameroon	Enongal, Cameroon	none	3/14/1998	6' 4"	200
4	M	Luke Vercollone	USA	Pembroke, MA	@lukerverc	4/4/1982	5' 9"	153
5	D	Josh Suggs	USA	Las Cruces, NM	none	4/26/1996	6' 0"	175
6	D	Davy Armstrong	USA	Aurora, Colorado	@davy_armstrong	11/3/1989	5' 10"	165
7	F	Jun Gyeong Park	S. Korea	Jeongeup, South Korea	none	1/22/1993	5' 10"	175
8	M	Eddy Prugh	USA	Bozeman, MT	@EddyPrugh	11/3/1989	6' 0"	185
10	M	Masta Kacher	Canada	Montreal, Canda	@MastaKacher	11/8/1995	5' 11"	165
11	F	Ke Vaughn Frater	Jamaica	Kingston, Jamaica	@kevi_wevi_balla	12/14/1994	6' 0"	175
12	GK	Dan Jackson	Costa Rica	San Jose, Costa Rica	@ItsDanJackson	10/24/1993	5' 9"	175
13	D	Diego Gutierrez	Mexico	Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico	@dieguch13	10/24/1993	6' 1"	170
14	M	Rony Argueta	USA	Fountain Valley, CA	@Rony_Argueta8	1/4/1991	5' 8"	175
16	M	Jacob Cawsey	England	Scunthorpe, England	@JacobCawsey	5/7/1993	6' 0"	154
17	D	Sean McFarlane	Jamaica	Kingston, Jamaica	@seanmj77	4/4/1993	6' 0"	179
18	F	Aaron King	USA	Denver, CO	@gibron18	7/6/1984	6' 0"	170
22	F	Conner Bevans	USA	La Habra, CA	@ConnerBevans	11/22/1994	6' 0"	180
23	F	Shane Malcolm	Guam	Lauderhill, FL	@ShaneMalcolm23	10/13/1991	5' 9"	158
26	M	Chris James	New Zealand	Wellington, New Zealand	@Chris26James	4/4/1987	5' 9"	163
29	GK	Justin Luthy	USA	Dublin, OH	@thebigJL	4/16/1991	6' 0"	170
35	M	Taeseong Kim	S. Korea	Seoul, South Korea	none	10/27/1993	5' 9"	158
44	D	Jordan Burt	USA	Elkhart, IN	@_m_burt	8/11/1990	6' 1"	175
77	M	Jack Jones	USA	Golden, CO	@DollarJones	7/5/1987	6' 2"	170

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5	D	Josh Suggs	USA	Las Cruces, NM	none	4/26/1996	6' 0"	185
4	M	Luke Vercollone	USA	Pembroke, MA	@lu,everc	4/4/1982	5' 9"	153



#1 Moise Pouaty - Goalkeeper

Pouaty joins the Switchbacks after his recent call up to the Cameroon senior National Team against Tunisia on March 24. This will be the Lions' first friendly since winning the 2017 African Cup of Nations. Pouaty is then set to bring his international experience and goalkeeping talents to the USL where he hopes to make an immediate impact for Colorado Springs.

Date of Birth: 1/19/1996
Hometown: Mbanga, Cameroon
Height: 6' 3"
Weight: 195
Pronunciation: Mow-eez Pw-ah-tea



#2 Josh Phillips - Defender

Phillips is entering his third season with the Switchbacks after joining the club during the 2015 inaugural season. Before joining the Switchbacks he was a four-year starter at Gonzaga University where he helped the team to its first 10-win season since 2000. He then went on to play with the Seattle Sounders U23s in 2013 before playing for FC Tucson in 2014.

Date of Birth: 11/6/1991
Hometown: Seattle, WA
Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 185



#3 Pascal Eboussi - Defender

Eboussi joins the Switchbacks as one of Cameroon's most exciting young center back prospects; he looks to continue developing that talent and potential in USL this season. As a strong and aggressive defender, Pascal will immediately add an athletic presence in the Switchbacks' defense. Eboussi has trained with Rainbow FC Bamenda in Cameroon. Eboussi was recently recognized and awarded a spot in the Crystal Palace XI – a combine event identifying the best young footballing talents in Cameroon.

Date of Birth: 3/14/1998
Hometown: Enongal, Cameroon
Height: 6' 4"
Weight: 200
Pronunciation: Pass-cal Eh-boo-see



#4 Luke Vercollone - Midfielder

Vercollone is entering his third season with the Switchbacks after becoming the club's first ever signing ahead of the 2015 inaugural season. Vercollone became the first player to reach 100 games played in the USL during the Switchbacks 2015 season opener. Vercollone was named to the 2015 First Team All-League team and was a finalist for the league MVP. Vercollone has been in the league since 2006 after joining the Charleston Battery from the New England Revolution. Prior to his time with the Switchbacks he was with the Richmond Kickers.

Date of Birth: 4/4/1982
Hometown: Pembroke, MA
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 153
Pronunciation: Luke Verc-a-loan-ee



#5 Josh Suggs - Defender

Suggs is entering his 7th professional season, his second with the Switchbacks. Suggs lead the Switchbacks with 30 USL appearances totaling 2,648 minutes. Suggs was named to the USL Second-Team All League in 2016. He began his career with the Los Angeles Blues (now Orange County SC) in 2011. Suggs signed with the San Jose Earthquakes in 2012 (MLS) and then was loaned to the Tampa Bay Rowdies (then-NASL). He would then return to the Los Angeles Blues (USL) in 2012 before moving on to play for the Atlanta Silverbacks (then-NASL) in 2013.

Date of Birth: 4/26/1989
Hometown: Las Cruces, NM
Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 175



#6 Davy Armstrong - Defender

A native of Colorado, Davy Armstrong became the first Colorado Rapids Homegrown player in 2010. He would then join the Switchbacks' inaugural class during the 2015 campaign. Before turning professional, he was a high school All-American in 2009 and the 2008 Denver Post All-Colorado Player of the Year while at Rangeview High School in Aurora.

Date of Birth: 11/3/1991
Hometown: Aurora, CO
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 165



#7 Jun Gyeong Park - Forward

Park came to the Switchbacks in late August 2016 from rival club Real Monarchs SLC via free agency. Prior to his time in the USL, Park was a member of FC Seoul's reserves and academy in the Korean K-League. Following his time with FC Seoul, Park signed with Real Monarchs SLC prior to the start of the 2016 season. Park made 4 league appearances for the Switchbacks after signing in late August.

Date of Birth: 1/22/1993
Hometown: Jeongeup, South Korea
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 175
Pronunciation: Park



#8 Eddy Prugh - Midfielder

Prugh joins the Switchbacks having spent the past three seasons with Bodens BK of Sweden. Prugh appeared in 70 matches for the Swedish club during his tenure and tallied 26 goals. He became the captain of the club in just his second season with the team. Prugh was also nominated for the Unibet.com League Midfielder of the Year and a finalist for the Kurirenbollen, the award for best player in the North of Sweden.

Date of Birth: 11/3/1989
Hometown: Bozeman, MT
Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 185
Pronunciation: Eddy Prew



#10 Masta Kacher - Midfielder

Kacher is a Canadian-Algerian who moved to Montreal at a young age from his home country of Algeria. He would then begin his career in Montreal's Academy Program. With the U18 squad, he was part of the club's first experience in the USSDA (U.S. Soccer Development Academy) where he helped his team reach the semifinals in Seattle before finishing third in the USSDA playoffs. Kacher then went on to play for FC Montreal of the USL in their inaugural 2015 season.

Date of Birth: 11/8/1995
Hometown: Montreal, Canada
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 165
Pronunciation: Mas-ta Cash-air



#11 Kevaughn Frater - Forward

Frater joins the Switchbacks from Red Stripe Premier League side Harbour View based in Kingston, Jamaica. Frater became the team's leading goal scorer in his third year with the club, tallying seven goals including a hat-trick. He then went on loan to the Real Monarchs where spent the 2016 season. He made 19 appearances for the Monarchs including an appearance in a 1-0 victory over the Switchbacks at Switchbacks Stadium and the 0-0 draw at Rio Tinto in Salt Lake City. He finished the season with one goal for the Monarchs in a 3-2 comeback victory over Sacramento Republic FC.

Date of Birth: 12/14/1994
Hometown: Kingston, Jamaica
Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 175
Pronunciation: Kev-ahn Fray-ter



#12 Dan Jackson - Goalkeeper

Jackson becomes the first official goalkeeper signing for the Switchbacks' 2017 season. Prior to joining the club in 2016, Jackson had most recently spent time as the starting keeper for Denver University where he was ranked third in the 2015 NCAA rankings in goals against average (0.401), 10th in save percentage (0.833) and second in shutout percentage (0.63). He also received the 2015 Summit League Goalkeeper of the Year, Summit League First Team, Summit League Tournament MVP, and was a three-time Summit League Defensive Player of the Week.

Date of Birth: 10/24/1993
Hometown: San Jose, Costa Rica
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 175



#13 Diego Gutierrez - Defender

Gutierrez joins the Switchbacks haven been chosen by Head Coach Steve Trittschuh as one of the signees to come from the Switchbacks tryouts this February. Prior to joining the Switchbacks, Gutierrez spent time with Inter Playa del Carmen and Club Leon of the Mexico Segunda Division. He split his collegiate career between Houston Baptist University from 2012-2013 and the University of Texas at Tyler from 2013-2015. He has also spent time with Dallas City FC of the NPSL.

Date of Birth: 10/24/1993
Hometown: Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 170
Pronunciation: Dee-a-go Gu-tea-er-ez



#14 Rony Argueta - Midfielder

Argueta was one of the most crucial members of the Switchbacks 2016 squad. Trailing only Josh Suggs, Argueta played in 29 matches totaling 2,551 minutes. Primarily playing as a defensive midfielder, Argueta helped control the midfield for one of the best defenses in the league. Argueta was also able to add two assists and a long distance goal during the 2016 campaign where he received the Back Chat Supporters 2016 Young Player of the Season award.

Date of Birth: 1/4/1991
Hometown: Fountain Valley, CA
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 175
Pronunciation: Ron-ee Are-get-ah



#16 Jacob Cawsey - Midfielder

Cawsey spent his collegiate career at Bellevue University in Omaha, Nebraska where he was awarded back-to-back second-team all conference honors. Prior to joining the Switchbacks, Cawsey was a member of the St. Louis Lions [PDL] and was named to the 2014 All-Conference Team of the year [central]. Cawsey made 6 league appearances for the Switchbacks in addition to appearing in 3 Open Cup matches and an international match with Mainz 05 of the German top flight [Bundesliga] held at Weidner Field.

Date of Birth: 7/7/1993
Hometown: Scunthorpe, England
Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 154



#17 Sean McFarlane-Defender

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, McFarlane came to the United States when he was 11 before beginning his soccer career. He spent his first two years in college attending Saint Leo University before transferring to Florida International University. He joined the Panthers as a junior playing 31 career matches totaling 1,983 minutes. He tallied four goals and added an assist during his tenure as a defender.

Date of Birth: 4/4/1993
Hometown: Kingston, Jamaica
Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 179
Pronunciation: See-on Mc-far-lan



#18 Aaron King - Forward

King, a member of the Switchbacks' inaugural 2015 season, completed his 10th professional season during the 2016 campaign where he appeared in 17 league matches. King is a Colorado native and a 2000 Colorado State Champion with Smoky Hill High School (Denver). He was a 2005 second-team All-American during his time at North Carolina State where he scored 44 goals and added 15 assists. King has made a total of 43 league appearances for the Switchbacks tallying 7 goals and 2 assists during his two years with the team.

Date of Birth: 7/6/1984
Hometown: Denver, CO
Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 170



#22 Conner Bevans - Forward

Bevans featured for both Lane United FC and the Kitsap Pumas in the PDL, and competed collegiately at Gonzaga University, where he was a versatile player for the Bulldogs. Bevans played primarily as a forward for Gonzaga, but also played in midfield and defender roles during his senior year where he tallied 12 goals in 17 appearances.

Date of Birth: 11/22/1994
Hometown: La Habra, CA
Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 180



#23 Shane Malcolm - Forward

Malcolm is a Jamaican-born Guamanian who plays as an attacking midfielder for the Guam National Football Team. He qualifies to play for Guam through his paternal grandmother. Since joining the Guam National Team in 2014, Malcolm has 20 caps and two goals. Malcolm came to the United States when he was nine years old where he went on to play collegiate soccer for the High Point Panthers (Division 1). He played 76 matches for the Panthers and was named second-team All-Big South his senior year. Malcolm most recently spent time with Rovers FC (Guam) before joining the Switchbacks via free agency.

Date of Birth: 10/13/1991
Hometown: Lauderhill, FL
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 170



#26 Chris James - Midfielder

James comes to the Switchbacks by way of free agency. James most recently spent time with FC Haka of Finland's second division, Ykkönen. He made 23 appearances and tallied four goals during the 2016 campaign. James is an active member of the New Zealand National Football team where he has 21 caps and three goals including two in World Cup qualifiers. James' performance in 2006 earned him the New Zealand Soccer International Young Men's Player of the Year in 2006. With the New Zealand National Under-20 Team, he made 8 appearances and tallied 7 goals.

Date of Birth: 7/4/1987
Hometown: Wellington, New Zealand
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 163



#29 Justin Luthy - Goalkeeper

Luthy joins the Switchbacks via free agency having most recently spent time with Portland Timbers 2 of the USL's Western Conference. He made his professional debut in a 3-1 victory of Real Monarchs SLC in March 2015. Last season he made one appearance for the T2 squad at Saint Louis FC where he recorded four saves in a narrow 1-0 loss. Despite his limited playing time in the USL, Luthy trained with the Portland Timbers MLS squad throughout the 2016 campaign.

Date of Birth: 4/16/1991
Hometown: Dublin, OH
Height: 6' 0"
Weight: 170



#35 Taeseong Kim - Midfielder

Prior to his time with the Switchbacks, Kim played two years of college soccer in South Korea (U-League). He played in every match for Jungwon University. He was also a member of 1st IZ Sports Professional Soccer Combine in Korea and was picked up by FC Dallas coaching staff during the summer of 2015. He then trained with FC Dallas (MLS) for 5 months before signing with the Switchbacks. He was also the recipient of the Hummel Cup with the Most Assists and a President Cup Best Eleven Selection (MF).

Date of Birth: 10/27/1993
Hometown: Seoul, South Korea
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 158
Pronunciation: Tay-song Kim



#44 Jordan Burt - Defender

Burt has been with the Switchbacks since their 2015 inaugural season. In 2015 Burt appeared in 25 matches for the Switchbacks where he played a total of 1,742 minutes and provided 2 assists. He also received the BackChat "Young Player Of The Year" award at the conclusion of the Switchbacks 2015 season. Burt saw a dramatic increase in minutes played at 2,413 during the 2016 season. Prior to joining the Switchbacks, Burt was with the Carolina Railhawks (now North Carolina FC) of the North American Soccer League (NASL).

Date of Birth: 8/11/1990
Hometown: Elkhart, IN
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 175



#77 Jack Jones - Defender

Jones joins the Switchbacks as one of two players Head Coach Steve Tirttschuh selected from the Switchbacks open tryout in February. Jones most recently spent time with the Golden Strikers of the PASL. Jones has also spent time with FC Denver of the Colorado Amateur Soccer League.

Date of Birth: 7/5/1987
Hometown: Golden, CO
Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 170

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Tyler Rodriguez
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Geoffrey Donner M.D.
Orthopedic Doctor



John Pak M.D.
Orthopedic Doctor



Alex Simpson D.O.
Orthopedic Doctor



Nicholas Piantanida
Primary Care Physician



Steve Trittschuh - Head Coach

Trittschuh was named the head coach of the Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC on March 11, 2014, as the first head coach in the club's history. He has lead the Switchbacks to back-to-back playoff appearances and top-three regular season finish in the Western Conference.

Trittschuh was a high school All-American from Illinois, a full ride scholarship athlete to Southern Illinois University, a US Olympic athlete competing in the 1988 Seoul Olympics, a starter on the 1990 US National Team competing in the FIFA World Cup in Italy, the first American to play in

the European Championship Cup, played seven years in the MLS and competed for an MLS Cup with the 1997 Colorado Rapids. Trittschuh was an assistant coach with the Colorado Rapids from 2001 to 2006 and won one MLS reserve title. For the past several years, Coach Trittschuh has coached with the top youth clubs in the State of Colorado, most recently for the Colorado Storm, performs duties for MLS and US Soccer, and is a member of the Colorado Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame.



Wolde Harris - Assistant Coach

Wolde Harris joined Steve Trittschuh's staff in November of 2014 prior to the start of the Switchbacks' inaugural 2015 season.

Harris is a Jamaican football striker who played professionally in MLS and was the 1996 A-League MVP & Rookie of the Year. He earned twenty-eight caps with the Jamaican national team. His professional playing career spanned 10 years where he played for the Colorado Rapids, New England Revolution, and the Kansas City Wizards (now Sporting KC). He also played

with the Charleston battery of the USL, and Bodens BK (Sweden). Harris spent the majority of his college career at Clemson University where he left as the school's all-time scoring leader with 76 goals in three years.



Trey Harrington - Goalkeeper Coach

Coach Harrington is a member of the Evansville Purple Aces Hall of Fame. Harrington played for the Purple Aces from 1989-1992 where he earned NSCAA 2nd Team All-American honors in 1990. He was then named as an alternate for the 1992 US Olympic team. In 1990, he set the record for goals allowed (7), goals against average (0.26), minutes (2,389) and solo shutouts (14). He also holds the school record for most all-time saves (248) and tied for most solo shutouts (34). Harrington went on to play professionally for the Colorado Foxes for 6 years

before moving on to coaching in 1997. He was most recently the Director of Goalkeeping of the Colorado Storm before joining the Switchbacks in 2015.

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2016 Switchbacks FC Recap

Entering their second year into the league, the Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC looked to build on their inaugural season where the Switchbacks finished third in the Western Conference and a Western Conference semi-final appearance in the 2015 playoffs. The Switchbacks FC capped off their 2016 campaign with a consecutive top three finish in the Western Conference regular season standings. The Switchbacks post-season ended early with a 1-2 loss to Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2 at Weidner Field in the Western Conference Quarterfinals. The Switchbacks went 14-9-7 with 49 points on the season. They fell just one win (three points) shy of winning the Western Conference Regular Season Title. Of the Switchbacks 14 wins, 10 of them came at home where the Switchbacks outscored opponents 19 to 7 in the regular season with 9 shutouts. Overall, the Switchbacks were one of the best defensive teams in the league. Allowing only 27 goals, the Switchbacks ranked 4th overall in the league in goals allowed and 2nd in the Western Conference. After a successful season, Josh Suggs and Devala Gorrick represented the Switchbacks on the 2016 USL All-League 2nd team. The Switchbacks also set a number of attendance records with the regular season finale against Seattle Sounders FC 2 ending in a 2-1 victory in front of 4,308 fans.

2016 USL Post Season Recap

The 2016 USL playoff teams saw 8 teams from each conference compete for a USL title. In the Western Conference, Swope Park Rangers defeated LA Galaxy II, Orange County SC, and Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2 on their way to reaching the USL final. Sacramento Republic, Rio Grande Valley FC, and Switchbacks FC all saw early exits after losses to Orange County SC, Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2, and OKC Energy FC in the conference quarterfinals. Meanwhile, in the Eastern Conference, New York Redbulls II marched their way to the USL Final after winning two pk shootouts against Rochester Rhinos in the conference semifinals and then Louisville City FC in the Eastern Conference final. FC Cincinnati, Charlotte Independence, Richmond Kickers, and Orlando City B all saw early exits in the conference quarterfinals.

New York Red Bulls II proved they were the best team in the league by cruising to a 5-1 victory over Swope Park Rangers in the USL Final. New York Red Bulls II finished the regular season with 69 points, 61 goals scored, and 21 goals allowed, and a +40 goal differential; all of which were the best in the league.



2016 Western Conference Standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	GD
Sacramento Republic FC	30	14	6	10	52	43	27	16
Rio Grande Valley FC	30	14	7	9	51	47	24	23
Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	30	14	9	7	49	37	27	10
Swope Park Rangers	30	14	10	6	48	45	36	9
LA Galaxy II	30	12	7	11	47	52	42	10
Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2	30	12	9	9	45	44	44	0
Oklahoma City Energy FC	30	10	7	13	43	32	30	2
Orange County SC	30	12	14	4	40	39	41	-2
Portland Timbers 2	30	12	14	4	40	38	42	-4
San Antonio FC	30	10	12	8	38	36	36	0
Real Monarchs SLC	30	10	14	6	36	31	41	-10
Seattle Sounders FC	30	9	13	8	35	35	50	-15
Phoenix Rising FC	30	9	14	7	34	40	46	-6
Saint Louis FC	30	8	12	10	34	42	44	-2
Tulsa Roughnecks FC	30	5	21	4	19	25	64	-39

2016 Eastern Conference Standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	GD
New York Red Bulls II	30	21	3	6	69	61	21	40
Louisville City FC	30	17	4	9	60	52	27	25
FC Cincinnati	30	16	6	8	56	41	27	14
Rochester Rhinos	30	13	5	12	51	38	25	13
Charlotte Independence	30	14	8	8	50	48	29	19
Charleston Battery	30	13	8	9	48	38	33	5
Richmond Kickers	30	12	9	9	45	33	26	7
Orlando City B	30	9	13	8	35	35	49	-14
Wilmington Hammerheads FC	30	8	12	10	34	37	47	-10
Harrisburg City Islanders	30	8	15	7	31	37	54	-17
Bethlehem Steel FC	30	6	14	10	28	32	43	-11
Toronto FC II	30	7	18	5	26	36	58	-22
Pittsburgh Riverhounds	30	6	17	7	25	31	50	-19
FC Montreal	30	7	21	2	23	35	57	-22



2016 USL Individual Stats Leaders

2016 USL Team Stats Leaders

Goals Leaders

Rank	Player	G
1	Sean Okoli (CIN)	16
2	Brandon Allen (NY)	15
2	Jack McBean (LA)	15
4	Chandler Hoffman (LOU)	14
4	Irvin Herrera (STL)	14

Assists Leaders

Rank	Player	A
1	Villyan Bijev (POR)	10
2	Daniel Barrera (SAC)	9
3	Ayrton Pinheiro Victor (SPR)	7
3	Carlos Alvarez (SA)	7
3	Irvin Herrera (STL)	7

Points Leaders

Rank	Team	PTS
1	New York Red Bulls II	69
2	Louisville City FC	60
3	FC Cincinnati	56
4	Sacramento Republic FC	52
5	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	51
5	Rochester Rhinos	51
7	Charlotte Independence	50
8	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	49
9	Swope Park Rangers	48
9	Charleston Battery	48

Goals For Leaders

Rank	Team	G
1	New York Red Bulls II	61
2	LA Galaxy II	52
2	Louisville City FC	52
4	Charlotte Independence	48
5	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	47
6	Swope Park Rangers	45
7	Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2	44
8	Sacramento Republic FC	43
9	Saint Louis FC	42
10	FC Cincinnati	41

Minutes Leaders

Rank	Player	MIN
1	Hugh Roberts (RIC)	2,700
1	Charlie Ward (RGV)	2,700
3	Shawn McLaws (HAR)	2,699
4	Josh Suggs (COS)	2,648
5	Greg Cochran (SA)	2,631

YC Leaders

Rank	Player	YC
1	James Chambers (BET)	10
1	Luke Rooney (PHX)	10
3	Ashani Fairclough (WIL)	9
4	Wal Fall (ROC)	8
4	James Thomas (HAR)	8

Saves Leaders

Rank	Player	G
1	Mark Ridgers (OCB)	106
2	Alexander Mangels (TUL)	93
3	Eduardo Fernandez (SLC)	84
4	Devala Gorrick (COS)	82
5	Cody Laurendi (OKC)	80

Minutes Leaders

Rank	Player	MIN
1	Mitch Hildebrandt (CIN)	2,608
2	Devala Gorrick (COS)	2,451
3	Mark Ridgers (OCB)	2,451
4	Cody Laurendi (OKC)	2,340
5	Eduardo Fernandez (SLC)	2,160

Goals Against Leaders

Rank	Team	G
1	New York Red Bulls II	21
2	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	24
3	Rochester Rhinos	25
4	Richmond Kickers	26
5	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	27
5	Sacramento Republic FC	27
5	Louisville City FC	27
5	FC Cincinnati	27
8	Charlotte Independence	29
10	Oklahoma City Energy FC	30

Goals Differential Leaders

Rank	Team	G
1	New York Red Bulls II	40
2	Louisville City FC	25
3	Rio Grande Valley FC	23
4	Charlotte Independence	19
5	Sacramento Republic FC	16
6	FC Cincinnati	14
7	Rochester Rhinos	13
8	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	10
8	LA Galaxy II	10
10	Swope Park Rangers	9

Goals Allowed Average Leaders

Rank	Player	GAA
1	Tomas Gomez (ROC)	0.69
2	Ryan Meara (NY)	0.79
3	Gregory Ranjitsingh (LOU)	0.83
4	Dominik Jakubek (SAC)	0.83
5	Devala Gorrick (COS)	0.84

Saves Percentage Leaders

Rank	Player	%
1	Alexander Mangels (TUL)	78.2%
2	Devala Gorrick (COS)	78.1%
3	Tomas Gomez (ROC)	78.0%
4	Josh Ford (SA)	77.9%
5	Alexander Tambakis (CHS)	77.8%

2016 Switchbacks FC Stats Leaders

Goals Leaders		
Rank	Player	G
1	Mike Seth	8
2	Marty Maybin	7
3	Luke Vercollone	6
3	Miguel Gonzalez	6
5	Saeed Robinson	3

Assists Leaders		
Rank	Player	A
1	Mike Seth	5
2	Luke Vercollone	4
2	Josh Suggs	4
4	Saeed Robinson	3
5	Rony Argueta	2
5	Miguel Gonzalez	2

Minutes Leaders		
Rank	Player	MIN
1	Josh Suggs	2,648
2	Christian Ibeagha	2,575
3	Rony Argueta	2,551
4	Luke Vercollone	2,515
5	Devala Gorrick	2,451

Shots on Goal Leaders		
Rank	Player	SOG
1	Miguel Gonzalez	26
2	Luke Vercollone	25
3	Saeed Robinson	20
4	Mike Seth	20
5	Marty Maybin	16

Yellow Card Leaders		
Rank	Player	YC
1	Miguel Gonzalez	8
2	Christian Ibeagha	5
2	Taeseong Kim	5
4	Rony Argueta	4
4	Josh Phillips	4
4	Marty Maybin	4
4	Luke Vercollone	4



Switchbacks FC All Time Records

Individual Game Records					
Player	Statistic	Record	Date Recorded	Opponent	Result
Luke Vercollone	Points	6	April 17, 2015	Real Monarchs SLC	W 5-2
Luke Vercollone	Goals	2	September 11, 2016	Vancouver WhiteCaps FC 2	W 0-2
Miguel Gonzalez			September 9, 2015	Austin Aztex	W 3-0
			August 14, 2015	Sacramento Republic FC	D 3-3
			July 31, 2015	LA Galaxy II	W 2-0
			May 23, 2015	Phoenix Rising FC	W 5-0
			April 17, 2015	Real Monarchs SLC	W 5-2
			July 3, 2015	Austin Aztex	W 2-0
			June 10, 2015	Portland Timbers 2	W 3-1
			June 24, 2015	Orange County SC	W 5-0
			Septmeber 3, 2016	LA Galaxy II	W 3-0
September 12, 2015	Oklahoma City Energy FC	D 3-3			
Luke Vercollone	Assists	2	June 10, 2015	Portland Timbers 2	W 3-1
Mike Seth			April 17, 2015	Real Monarchs SLC	W 5-2
Devala Gorrick	Saves	8	May 30, 2015	LA Galaxy II	L 2-1

Season Records			
Player	Statistic	Record	Year Recorded
Luke Vercollone	Points	37	2015
Luke Vercollone	Goals	14	2015
Luke Vercollone	Assists	9	2015
Josh Suggs	Minutes	2,648	2016
Devala Gorrick	Saves	82	2016
Devala Gorrick	Shutouts	13	2016

Misc Records				
Statistic	Record	Recorded	Opponent	Result
Attendance	4,308	September 17, 2016	Seattle Sounders FC 2	W 2-1
Goals in a Game	5	June 24, 2015	Orange County SC	W 5-0
		May 23, 2015	Phoenix Rising	W 5-0
		April 17, 2015	Real Monarchs SLC	W 5-2

2017 USL Western Conference



COLORADO SPRINGS SWITCHBACKS FC

Founded: 2015
Stadium: Weidner Field
Stadium Capacity: 5,000
Stadium Altitude: 6,562 ft
2016 Record: 14-9-7 (3rd)



OKLAHOMA CITY ENERGY FC

Founded: 2013
Stadium: Taft Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 7,500
Stadium Altitude: 1,234 ft
2016 Record: 10-7-13 (7th)



PHOENIX RISING FC

Founded: 2014
Stadium: Phoenix Rising FC Soccer Complex
Stadium Capacity: 12,000
Stadium Altitude: 1,179 ft
2016 Record: 9-14-7 (13th)



REAL MONARCHS SLC

Founded: 2014
Stadium: Rio Tinto Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 20,213
Stadium Altitude: 4,438 ft
2016 Record: 10-14-6 (11th)



LA GALAXY II

Founded: 2014
Stadium: Stub Hub track & Field Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 2,000
Stadium Altitude: 49 ft
2016 Record: 12-7-11 (5th)



Orange County SC

Founded: 1998
Stadium: Orange County Great Park
Stadium Capacity: 5,000
Stadium Altitude: 226 ft
2016 Record: 12-14-4 (8th)



PORTLAND TIMBERS 2

Founded: 2014
Stadium: Merlo Field
Stadium Capacity: 4,892
Stadium Altitude: 159 ft
2016 Record: 12-14-4 (9th)



RENO 1868 FC

Founded: 2015
Stadium: Greater Nevada Field
Stadium Capacity: 9,013
Stadium Altitude: 4,482 ft
2016 Record: DID NOT COMPETE



RIO GRANDE VALLEY FC TOROS

Founded: 2015
Stadium: H-E-B Park
Stadium Capacity: 9,700
Stadium Altitude: 99 ft
2016 Record: 14-7-9 (2nd)



SAN ANTONIO FC

Founded: 2016
Stadium: Toyota Field
Stadium Capacity: 8,000
Stadium Altitude: 755 ft
2016 Record: 10-12-8 (10th)



SWOPE PARK RANGERS

Founded: 2015
Stadium: Swope Park Soccer Village
Stadium Capacity: 3,500
Stadium Altitude: 775 ft
2016 Record: 14-10-6 (4th)



VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC 2

Founded: 2014
Stadium: Thunderbird Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 3,500
Stadium Altitude: 264 ft
2016 Record: 12-9-9 (6th)



SACRAMENTO REPUBLIC FC

Founded: 2012
Stadium: Pappa Murphy's Park
Stadium Capacity: 11,442
Stadium Altitude: 30 ft
2016 Record: 14-6-10 (1st)



SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC 2

Founded: 2014
Stadium: Starfire Sports Complex
Stadium Capacity: 4,500
Stadium Altitude: 17 ft
2016 Record: 9-13-8 (12th)



TULSA ROUGHNECKS FC

Founded: 2013
Stadium: ONEOK Field
Stadium Capacity: 7,833
Stadium Altitude: 708 ft
2016 Record: 5-21-4 (15th)

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BETHLEHEM STEEL FC

Founded: 2016
Stadium: Goodman Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 16,000
Stadium Altitude: 295 ft
2016 Record: 6-14-10 (11th)



CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE

Founded: 2014
Stadium: Sportsplex at Matthews
Stadium Capacity: 2,300
Stadium Altitude: 747 ft
2016 Record: 14-8-8 (5th)



HARRISBURG CITY ISLANDERS

Founded: 2003
Stadium: FNB Field/Clipper Magazine Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 6,187
Stadium Altitude: 303 ft
2016 Record: 8-15-7 (10th)



NEW YORK RED BULLS II

Founded: 2015
Stadium: MSU Soccer Park at Pittser Field
Stadium Capacity: 3,000
Stadium Altitude: 438 ft
2016 Record: 21-3-6 (1st)



CHARLESTON BATTERY

Founded: 1993
Stadium: MUSC Health Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 5,100
Stadium Altitude: 16 ft
2016 Record: 13-8-9 (6th)



FC CINCINNATI

Founded: 2015
Stadium: Nippert Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 40,000
Stadium Altitude: 747 ft
2016 Record: 16-6-8 (3rd)



LOUISVILLE CITY FC

Founded: 2014
Stadium: Louisville Sluffer Field
Stadium Capacity: 13,131
Stadium Altitude: 444 ft
2016 Record: 17-4-9 (2nd)



ORLANDO CITY B

Founded: 2016
Stadium: Titan Soccer Complex
Stadium Capacity: 3,500
Stadium Altitude: 33 ft
2016 Record: 9-13-8 (8th)



OTTAWA FURY FC

Founded: 2011
Stadium: TD Place
Stadium Capacity: 24,000
Stadium Altitude: 218 ft
2016 Record: 5-7-10 (12th-NASL)



RICHMOND KICKERS

Founded: 1993
Stadium: City Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 22,611
Stadium Altitude: 207 ft
2016 Record: 12-9-9 (7th)



SAINT LOUIS FC

Founded: 2014
Stadium: World Wide Technology Soccer Park
Stadium Capacity: 5,500
Stadium Altitude: 415 ft
2016 Record: 8-12-10 (14th-WEST)



TORONTO FC II

Founded: 2014
Stadium: Ontario Soccer Centre
Stadium Capacity: 2,000
Stadium Altitude: 546 ft
2016 Record: 7-18-5 (12th)



PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS

Founded: 1998
Stadium: Highmark Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 3,500
Stadium Altitude: 733 ft
2016 Record: 6-17-7 (13th)



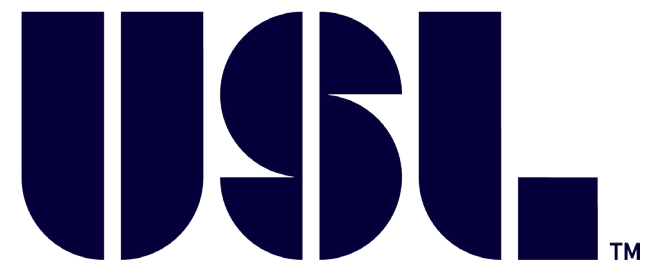
ROCHESTER RHINOS

Founded: 1996
Stadium: Capelli Sport Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 13,758
Stadium Altitude: 508 ft
2016 Record: 13-5-12 (4th)



TAMPA BAY ROWDIES

Founded: 2008
Stadium: Al Lang Stadium
Stadium Capacity: 5,500
Stadium Altitude: 5 ft
2016 Record: 5-8-9 (10th-NASL)



Weidner Field



On February 14th, 2017, the Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC announced that Weidner Apartment Homes had acquired the naming rights to Switchbacks Stadium. Weidner Apartment Homes Vice President - Public Relations, Greg Cerbana and Switchbacks President, Nick Ragain made the announcement at the Antlers Hotel in front of media and fans.

Weidner Field was originally built in 1985 at what is considered Coleman Park in a joint effort between the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the City of Colorado Springs. The intent was for the facility to be the host to US International matches and higher level competitive events.

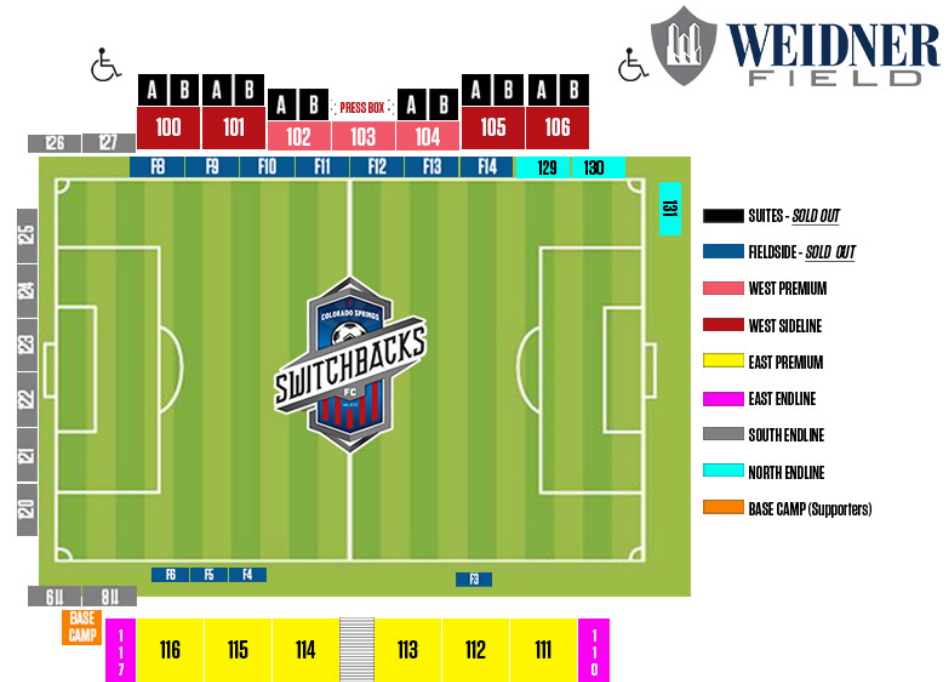
On June 14, 2014 the Colorado Springs City Council approved an agreement with the Switchbacks that gave the new USL franchise a ten-year lease on the site. The Switchbacks FC performed a \$3.0M renovation of the stadium that incorporated a 5,000 seat venue, press box, enhanced sports lighting, suite seating, broad cement concourses, restrooms, locker rooms, administrative offices, concessions and public Wi-Fi. The Switchbacks continue improvements for 2016 by adding an LED display and concourse improvements that include shade awnings.

Weidner Field can pack up to 5,000 Switchbacks FC fans.

- The west side of the stadium features VIP amenities including: suite seating and seats facing away from the summer sun. (Sections 100 – 106 and S1 – S6)
- The east side consists of reserved seating with views of Pikes Peak. (Sections 110 – 117)
- We also offer field level seating on both sides of the pitch for fans who want a close view of the action. (F1 – F16)
- Field level seating is available on both ends of the pitch for fans who want a close view of the action at a cost-effective rate (118-127, 129-131)
- Lastly, we offer Base Camp, which is a Supporter’s Zone for our loudest fans who are part of the independent supporter’s group called the Trailheads.

All in all, there isn’t a bad seat at Weidner Field!

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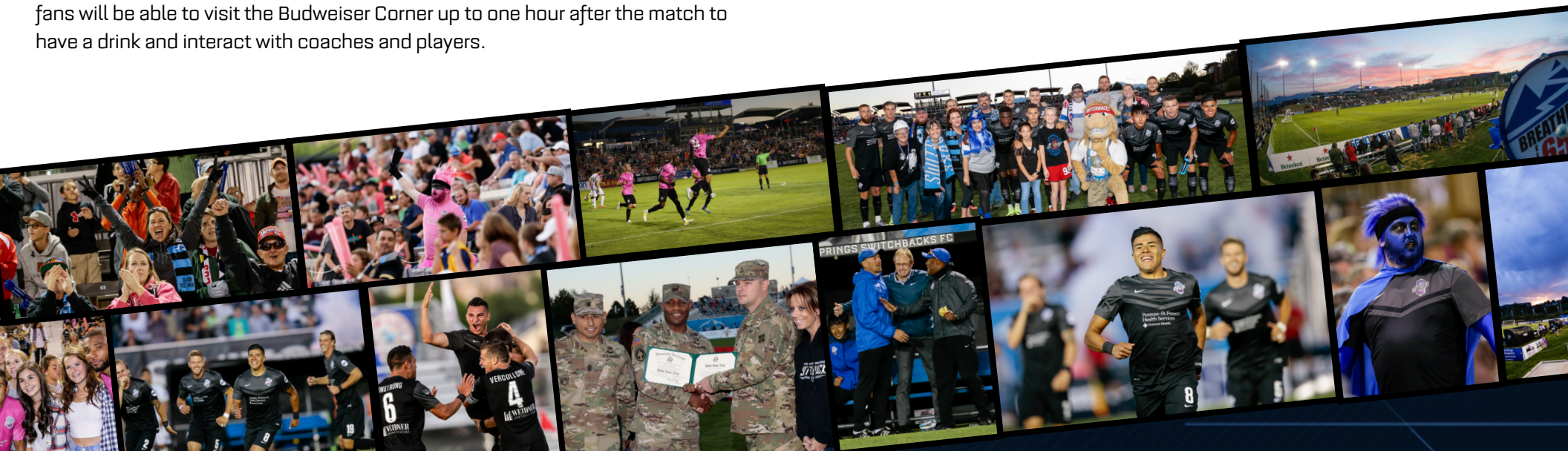
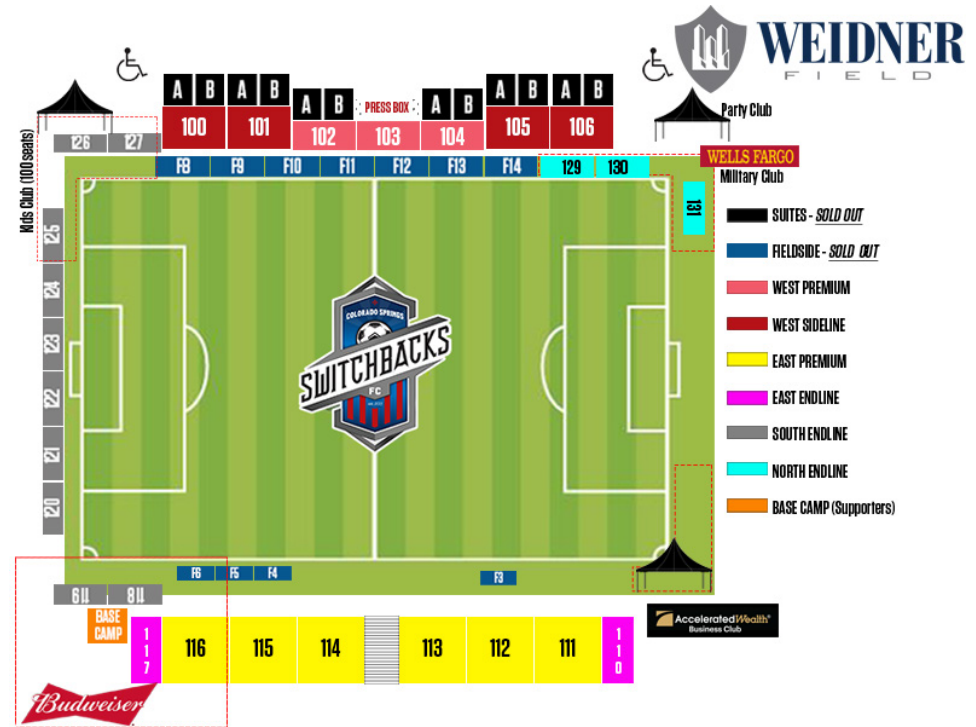


Weidner Field Amenities



The Switchbacks have been hard at work to offer a new and unique experience at Weidner Field in 2017. Thanks to the help of Switchbacks FC partners, the Switchbacks are able to offer three brand new experiences for fans.

- For businesses looking to network in a fun and exciting environment, the Accelerated Wealth Business Club is a perfect fit. The Switchbacks will be offering field level access, catering, player interactions, televisions for replay and much more! To learn more, contact Director of Partnerships, Gabriel Causee at (719) 368-8480 x106
- The Switchbacks will also be offering a party club on the West Concourse with catering and a covered area. To learn more, contact the ticketing team at (719)-368-8480 x1.
- Lastly, the Switchbacks have added the Budweiser Corner. Following the match, fans will be able to visit the Budweiser Corner up to one hour after the match to have a drink and interact with coaches and players.



2017 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Format



The Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC will also be participating in the 104th edition of the U.S. Open Cup, the oldest soccer tournament in the United States and the third-longest running open soccer tournament in the world.

The Switchbacks will enter the second round of the tournament along with 17 other USL Clubs: Charleston Battery, Charlotte Independence, FC Cincinnati, Harrisburg City Islanders, Louisville City FC, OKC Energy FC, Orange County SC, Phoenix Rising FC, Pittsburgh Riverhounds, Reno 1868 FC, Richmond Kickers, Rochester Rhinos, Sacramento Republic FC, Saint Louis FC, San Antonio FC, Tampa Bay Rowdies, and Tulsa Roughnecks FC,

On April 12th, US Soccer will announce the pairings for the first and second round games. The Switchbacks will be paired with a first round game geographically and then play the winner of that first round matchup.

Last season the Switchbacks defeated Harpo's FC 1-0 in the second round to advance to a third round match against fellow USL side Phoenix Rising FC, which they won 3-0 to advance to the 4th round where they would be paired with an MLS team. The Switchbacks were paired with the Colorado Rapids in the 4th round of the tournament which is where they saw their US Open Cup run end as they fell 0-1 after a 85th minute Rapids goal.

The Switchbacks will play their first game of the US Open cup in the second round on May 17th against the winner of their first round pairing.

First Round - May 10

56 Open Division Teams (17 local qualifiers, 21 PDL, 18 NPSL)

Second Round - May 17

28 First round winners + 18 USL clubs + 6 NASL

Third Round - May 31

26 second round winners

Fourth Round - June 14

13 third round winners + 19 MLS clubs

Round of 16 Draw - June 15

The Fourth Round winners will be divided geographically (regardless of league affiliation) into groups of four, with teams who are precluded from playing each other until the Final per tournament regulations (i.e. pro teams and their affiliated Open Division sides) placed in different groups. A random draw will determine the pairings within each group, resulting in a fixed bracket for the remainder of the tournament. Should a precluded pair of teams reach the Semifinal Round and be scheduled to face each other, the matches will be re-drawn after the quarterfinals to avoid this outcome.

Round of 16 - June 28

Fourth round winners face each other as determined by round of 16 draw

Quarterfinals - July 11

Semifinals - August 9

Final - September 20



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