



HARTFORD ATHLETIC GAME NOTES

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GAME INFORMATION

HARTFORD ATHLETIC (2-0-0, 6 pts, 2nd Atlantic Div.) vs
PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC (0-1-0, 0 pts, 8th Atlantic Div.)

Saturday, May 15th, 2021 - 7:00 PM ET
Dillon Stadium, Hartford, CT

Local TV: WCTX MyTV9
Streaming: ESPN+
Online Updates: @HFDathletic on Twitter
Live Stats: USL MatchCenter

INJURY REPORT:

YOUNES BOUDADI QUESTIONABLE (HAMSTRING)

2021 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RESULT
April 30	@NEW YORK RED BULLS II	7:00 PM	W 3-2
May 08	@MIAMI FC	7:30 PM	W 1-0
May 15	PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS	7:00 PM	
May 29	REAL MONARCHS SLC	7:00 PM	
June 05	NEW YORK RED BULLS II	7:00 PM	
June 13	@CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE	7:00 PM	
June 19	LOUDOUN UNITED FC	7:00 PM	
June 26	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:00 PM	
July 04	@LOUDOUN UNITED FC	5:00 PM	
July 10	NEW YORK RED BULLS II	7:00 PM	
July 13	@TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:30 PM	
July 24	MIAMI FC	7:00 PM	
July 31	@PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS	7:00 PM	
August 04	MIAMI FC	7:00 PM	
August 07	@COLORADO SPRINGS	7:00 PM	
August 13	@TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:30 PM	
August 17	CHARLESTON BATTERY	7:00 PM	
August 22	@MIAMI FC	7:30 PM	
August 28	PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS	7:00 PM	
September 01	CHARLESTON BATTERY	7:00 PM	
September 04	@NEW YORK RED BULLS II	7:00 PM	
September 07	LOUISVILLE CITY FC	7:00 PM	
September 11	@CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE	7:00 PM	
September 18	@LOUDOUN UNITED FC	7:00 PM	
September 25	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:00 PM	
September 30	CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE	7:00 PM	
October 06	@NEW MEXICO UNITED	7:00 PM	
October 15	LOUDOUN UNITED FC	11:00 AM	
October 22	CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE	7:00 PM	
October 30	@PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS	7:00 PM	



HEAD COACH HARRY WATLING

On January 13th, Harry Watling was named the third Head Coach in Hartford Athletic's history. At 31-years-old, Watling is the youngest Head Coach in the USL Championship. Watling is UEFA A and B licensed, earning his B license at age 18 and A license at 26, one of the youngest coaches in England to have such licenses. Prior to his time at West Ham, Watling spent four years working in the Academy system at Millwall FC. He also spent five years at Chelsea FC where he worked under managers such as Jose Mourinho and Carlo Ancelotti. During his career he has coached players such as Declan Rice, Jack Wilshere, Callum Hudson Odoi, and many others.



TECHNICAL DIRECTOR LUIZ SILVA

Silva holds the roles of both Technical Director and Assistant Coach for Hartford. Prior to joining Hartford, Silva was the Head Coach of Volta Redonda FC U20 (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) in 2015 before joining América Mineiro on Brasileirão Série A (Brazilian Top Division) as Performance Analysis and Scouting in 2016. In 2018, Silva was named U20 and U23 Assistant Coach, before being invited to lead the Department of Scouting and Performance Analysis for the 2019 season. He joined Hartford Athletic as Director of Scouting and Performance Analysis in September of 2019 aiming to build the structure and processes for 2020 season.

LAST TIME OUT:

Hartford picked up 3 points in a 1-0 road win over Miami FC in the first USL Championship meeting between the two clubs. After a scoreless first 45 minutes, Preston Tabort Etaka came on as a substitute at the start of the second half and dominated the right wing. In the 59th minute, Conor McGlynn played a ball deep up the right side that Danny Barrera was able to chase down just before the ball went out of bounds. Barrera played a sneaky back heel pass to Tabort Etaka who cut inside and smashed the ball far post, into the upper corner for the only goal of the night!

MEET THE SKIPPER:

For the second consecutive season, Danny Barrera will wear the Captain's armband for Hartford Athletic. Barrera has impressed from the moment he took the pitch for Hartford. He is the club's all-time leader in Appearances (34) and Assists (11) and is the only player or coach remaining from the 2019 inaugural season roster. Barrera is the oldest player on the team and is the same age as Coach Watling and he'll undoubtedly be looked to by the players and staff as a leader this season.

PAY IT FORWARD:

It's undeniable that Harry Watling has assembled the deepest and most talented group of Forwards that the club has had in its three seasons thus far. Center Forwards Juan Carlos Obregon Jr. and Sebastian Elney have proven goal scoring ability in the USL Championship, and Bradford Jamieson IV, Preston Tabort Etaka, and Walmer Martinez all bring pace, energy, and excitement to the wings.

WEEKLY HONORS:

After earning two players to the USL Championship Team of the Week in Week 2, Preston Tabort Etaka brought Hartford Athletic back into the honors circle this week. Preston was named to the Honorable Mention for the Championship's Team of the Week and his goal against Miami FC was also a nominee for the USL Championship Goal of the Week.

ABOUT THE OPPONENT:

Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC come into this match on the heels of a 3-0 road loss to reigning Eastern Conference Champion Tampa Bay Rowdies. It is the only match the Hounds have played this season. Hartford and Pittsburgh are quite familiar with each other as the top two finishers in Group F in 2020 played each other 3 times. Both sides have seen quite a bit of roster turnover from last year including Forward Alex Dixon who signed with Pittsburgh in the offseason.

RETURNEES:

Danny Barrera, Alex Lara, Conor McGlynn, Arthur Rogers, Gabriel Torres, and Alfonso Vazquez make up the only six players who return from the 2020 squad that won eleven matches and finished at the top of Group F. Roster turnover is a bit of a pattern for the Club as only nine players were brought back in 2020 from the 2019 inaugural season roster.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

For the first time in Hartford Athletic history, the Club will have players who will need to report for International duties. Recent signee Juan Carlos Obregon Jr. could be Hartford Athletic's first ever Olympian. Obregon played a part in ending Team USA's qualifying bid for the 2021 Olympic games, scoring in the final minutes of the first half to put Honduras up 1-0 in a game they would win 2-1. With the win, Honduras qualified for the 2021 Olympics in Tokyo. Nicolas Cardona and new signing Giovanni Calderon have both been called for Puerto Rico's World Cup Qualifiers and Forward Walmer Martinez was just called for El Salvador's World Cup Qualifiers and 2021 Gold Cup Competition.

GOALKEEPER COMPETITION:

Jeff Caldwell and Carlos Merancio were brought in to compete for the starting Goalkeeper position according to Coach Watling. The two have taken very different paths to get to Hartford. Caldwell, an MLS SuperDraft first round pick has played in the NYCFC and New England Revolution systems along with a year on loan with USL Championship side Memphis 901 FC. Merancio, just 22 years old, has played two years with USL League One side FC Tucson. Either way, the competition is on in net.

BY THE NUMBERS

2021 HARTFORD ATHLETIC STATS

NO	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SH	Y	R
2	Alex Lara	DF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Younes Boudadi	DF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Nicolás Cardona	DF	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
5	Nii Armah Ashitey	MF	2	2	180	0	0	0	1	0
6	Arthur Rogers	MF	2	2	171	1	0	1	1	0
7	Bradford Jamieson IV	FW	2	2	135	0	0	1	0	0
8	Christian Gómez	MF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Sebastian Elney	FW	2	0	43	0	0	2	1	0
10	Danny Barrera	MF	2	2	180	1	1	5	0	0
11	Luka Prpa	MF	2	1	110	0	0	0	0	0
15	Tulu	DF	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0
16	Gabriel Torres	DF	2	2	180	0	1	0	0	0
17	Alfonso Vasquez	FW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Walmer Martinez	FW	2	2	142	0	1	2	1	0
20	Thomas Janjigian	DF	2	2	180	0	0	1	0	0
22	Richie Schlentz	DF	2	0	38	0	0	0	0	0
23	Preston Tabort Etaka	FW	1	0	45	1	0	3	1	0
28	Conor McGlynn	MF	2	2	160	0	0	2	0	0
29	Juan Carlos Obregón Jr.	FW	2	2	137	1	0	4	0	0

NO	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SOG	SV	CS
1	Carlos Merancio	GK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Jeff Caldwell	GK	2	2	180	2	1	7	5	1

2021

REGULAR SEASON STATS

GOALS

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	2	2	4
Opponent	0	2	2

SHOTS

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	8	13	21
Opponent	11	13	24

ASSISTS

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	2	1	3
Opponent	0	1	1

SOG

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	3	5	8
Opponent	3	4	7

FOULS CONCEDED

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	21	24	46
Opponent	11	18	29

OFFSIDES

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	2	0	2
Opponent	0	1	1

CAUTIONS

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	2	4	6
Opponent	4	3	7

EJECTIONS

	1	2	TOTAL
Hartford Athletic	0	0	0
Opponent	0	0	0

THE LAST TIME HARTFORD ATHLETIC...

Clean Sheet For May 8, 2021, 2-0 at MIA
Clean Sheet Against Oct. 10, 2020 1-0 vs STL
Brace For Alex Dixon, Sept. 20, 2020 at PHI
Brace Against R. James and R. Mensah, PIT, Sept. 12, 2020
Hat Trick For N/A
Hat Trick Against Hadji Barry, OTT, Sept. 22, 2019
Penalty Kick For Sept. 30, 2020, PIT (Goal - M. Jørgensen)
Penalty Kick Against Apr. 30, 2021, NYRBII (Goal - M. Egbo)
Reduced to 10 Men Sept. 26, 2020, at PIT (1-0 win)
Opponent Reduced to 10 Men Sept. 5, 2020, LDN (2-1 win)
Own Goal For Idan Cohen, @PHI, Sept. 30, 2020

Own Goal Against Jamoi Topey, PHI, Sept. 20, 2020
Won by 2 Goals Oct. 4, 2020, 2-0 at NYRBII
Won by 3 Goals Sept. 20, 2020, 3-0 at PHI
Won by 4 Goals Oct. 9, 2019, 4-0 vs BHM
Lost by 2 Goals Jul. 27, 2019, 4-2 vs PIT
Lost by 3 Goals Aug. 28, 2020, 3-0 vs PIT
Lost by 4 Goals Sept. 28, 2019, 4-0 at CHA
Lost by 5 Goals Sept. 12, 2020, 5-0 at PIT
Earliest Goal For Harry Swartz, 15 seconds, June 1, 2019
Earliest Goal Against Hadji Barry, 2', OTT, Sept. 22, 2019

2021 HARTFORD ATHLETIC

2021 RECORD WHEN

At Home	0-0-0
On the Road	2-0-0
On Grass	0-0-0
On Artificial Turf	2-0-0
Wearing Green	0-0-0
Wearing Grey	2-0-0
Scoring First	2-0-0
Conceding First	0-0-0
Leading at Halftime	1-0-0
Tied at Halftime	1-0-0
Trailing at Halftime	0-0-0

W-L-D

ALL-TIME LEADERS

Goals

1. Alex Dixon (11)
2. Wojciech Wojcik (7)
3. Jose Angulo, Danny Barrera (6)
4. Sebastian Dalgaard, Ever Guzmán, Mads Jørgensen, Harry Swartz (5)

Assists

1. Danny Barrera (12)
2. Alex Dixon, Raymond Lee, Harry Swartz, Wojciech Wojcik (4)
3. Jose Angulo, Gabriel Torres (3)
4. Kyle Curinga, Sebastian Daalgard, Ever Guzmán, Ryan Williams (2)

USL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK

ARTHUR ROGERS	WEEK 2
NII ARMAH ASHTEY	WEEK 2
PRESTON TABORT ETAKA (HONORABLE MENTION)	WEEK 3

AS OF 04/28/21

HARTFORD ATHLETIC ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	NATIONALITY	DOB	LAST CLUB
1	Carlos Merancio	GK	6'2"	186	Hermosillo, Mexico	Mexico	09/14/98	FC Tucson (USL League 1)
2	Alex Lara	DF	6'1"	178	Azusa, CA	USA	09/15/98	Cal St.-Northridge (NCAA)
3	Younes Boudadi*	DF	6'0"	171	Ypres, Belgium	BEL/MAR	01/23/96	Reno 1868 FC
4	Nicolás Cardona	DF	5'11"	170	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico	02/11/99	UB Conquense (Spain)
5	Nii Armah Ashitey*	MF	5'10"	146	Accra, Ghana	Ghana	03/01/00	Dreams FC (Ghana Premier)
6	Arthur Rogers*	MF	6'1"	175	London, England	UK	09/26/96	Univ. of Texas-RGV (NCAA)
7	Bradford Jamieson IV	FW	6'2"	157	Los Angeles, CA	USA	10/18/96	Vendsyssel FF (Denmark)
8	Christian Gómez*	MF	5'6"	148	Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela	Venezuela	02/23/99	Mineros De Guayana
9	Sebastian Elney	FW	6'1"	181	Boynton Beach, FL	USA	06/26/97	New York Red Bulls
10	Danny Barrera	MF	5'7"	170	Thousand Oaks, CA	USA	01/08/90	Cal FC (UPSL)
11	Luka Prpa	MF	5'10"	162	Wind Lake, WI	USA	07/27/98	RGV Toros FC
13	Jeff Caldwell	GK	6'2"	190	Todd, NC	USA	02/20/96	New England Revolution
15	Tulu	DF	6'2"	190	Adelphi, MD	USA/Togo	04/09/97	Sporting Club Ideal (POR)
16	Gabriel Torres*	DF	5'11"	161	Salvador, Brazil	Brazil	08/01/96	Chattanooga FC (NPSL)
17	Alfonso Vasquez	FW	5'7"	156	Windham, CT	USA	06/16/02	Windham High School
18	Walmer Martinez	FW	6'0"	165	Santa Cruz, CA	USA/SLV	08/17/98	Des Moines Menace (USL2)
20	Thomas Janjigian	DF	6'2"	171	Pleasanton, CA	USA	11/10/94	Reno 1868 FC
22	Richie Schlentz	DF	5'11"	160	West Chester, PA	USA	02/28/99	Reading United FC (USL2)
23	Preston Tabort Etaka*	FW	5'9"	174	Bamenda, Cameroon	Cameroon	06/10/98	San Antonio FC
28	Conor McGlynn	MF	6'4"	180	Middle Village, NY	USA	11/20/97	Sienna College (NCAA)
29	Juan Carlos Obregón Jr.	FW	5'9"	160	Brooklyn, NY	USA/Honduras	10/29/97	RGV Toros FC

* = international roster slot ^ = loaned out • = currently on loan

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Head Coach: Harry Watling
 Technical Director &
 Assistant Coach: Luiz Silva
 Athletic Trainer: Kevin Hoffman
 Team Administrator: Kes Husselbeck
 Team Physicians: Jay Kimmel and Jeff Brown

Harry Watling WATT-ling
 Nii Armah Ashitey KNEE, AR-mah, AH-she-tee
 Younes Boudadi YOU-ness, boo-DODD-ee
 Sebastian Elney ELL-knee
 Bradford Jamieson IV Pronounced like the whiskey
 Thomas Janjigian jan-JIG-EE-an
 Alex Lara LAR (rhymes with car)-ah
 Walmer Martinez WALL-mer
 Carlos Merancio mer-AN-see-oh
 Juan Carlos Obregón Jr. OH-ber-gone
 Luka Prpa PURR-puh
 Preston Tabort Etaka tay-BORT, ay-TAK-ah
 Tulu TOO-loo
 Alfonso Vazquez VAS-kez

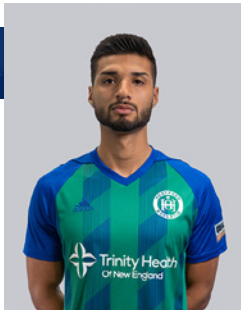


GK | CARLOS MERANCIO

#1

LAST SEASON: -**LAST MATCH:** -

Carlos Merancio is a 22-year-old goalkeeper from Hermosillo, Mexico. Merancio played two seasons for FC Tucson of USL League One. One of the Club's first signings in their short history, Merancio played in 22 matches, alternating the starting role while with the "Men in Black". He was named to the USL League One Team of the Week in Week 13 of 2020 after an 8 save performance against South Georgia FC. He is the second player Hartford has acquired from the League One ranks (Kevin Politz from Greenville Triumph in 2020).

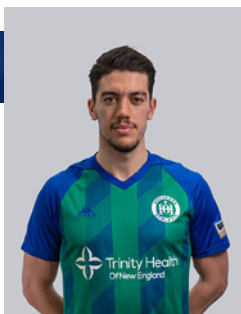


DF | ALEX LARA

#2

LAST SEASON: 13 GP / 6 GS - 750 min | 1 G | 1 A | 2 SH | 3 YC | 0 RC**LAST MATCH:** -

Alex Lara returns to Hartford for his second season in Green and Blue. As a rookie, Lara made his impact mostly as a substitute but will compete for a role in Head Coach Harry Watling's back line in Year 2. Lara assisted Gabriel Torres on the game winning goal against Loudoun United on September 5th of last season, his first professional assists. He scored his first goal in a 3-2 victory over Philadelphia Union II, streaking to the back post to tap home a corner kick that made it past the keeper.

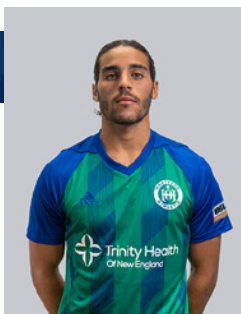


DF | YOUNES BOUDADI

#3

LAST SEASON: 7 GP / 2 GS - 263 min | 0 G | 2 A | 0 SH | 1 YC | 0 RC**LAST MATCH:** -

Younes Boudadi joins Hartford after spending the 2020 season with Reno 1868 FC, formerly of the USL Championship's Western Conference. Despite limited minutes in the pandemic shortened season, Boudadi worked efficiently, logging 2 assists and winning 24 of 27 duels. A product of Belgian giant Club Brugge's youth program, he moved to the US in 2016 to play college soccer. After four years spent between Boston College and Creighton, Younes was selected 102nd overall in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft by LAFC, but did not sign with the Club.



MF | NICOLÁS CARDONA

#4

LAST SEASON: -**LAST MATCH:** 1 GP / 0 GS - 9 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Although Nicolás Cardona hasn't made his professional debut at the club level, he has plenty of international experience, playing for his home country of Puerto Rico. He made his debut for the first team in February in a 1-0 win over Guatemala and looks to play an important role in Puerto Rico's World Cup Qualifiers. Cardona also played for Puerto Rico's National Team in a friendly match against Hartford Athletic at Dillon Stadium in the club's inaugural season in 2019. He credits the experience and the support from the Puerto Rican community as a large reason he signed for Hartford.

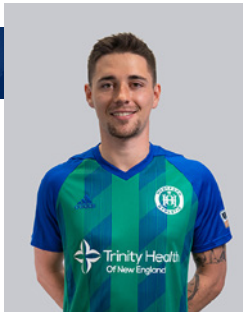


MF | NII ARMAH ASHITEY

#5

LAST SEASON: -**LAST MATCH:** 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 1 YC | 0 RC

Despite just turning 21-years-old in March, Nii Armah Ashitey has much more professional experience than his years suggest. He made his professional debut for Ghanaian club Still Believe FC in 2016 at just 15 years of age. Just two years later, he made his way to the Ghanaian Premier League with Crystal Palace FC. Ashitey's versatility will be key to his ability to get on the pitch this season, showing ability in both the midfield and at right back.



MF | ARTHUR ROGERS

#6

LAST SEASON: 16 GP / 9 GS - 973 min | 1 G | 0 A | 10 SH | 1 YC | 0 RC**LAST MATCH:** 1 GP / 1 GS - 81 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

His rookie season in Hartford went about as well as Arthur Rogers could have asked for. Rogers appeared in every match but one and started nine matches in 2020. He made his debut in the season's first match, coming on in the 67th minute of a 1-0 win over New York Red Bulls II. He scored one of the best goals of the season against Loudoun United, a right-footed rocket that curled into the near corner and just past the outstretched arms of a diving keeper. The goal was nominated for USL Championship's Goal of the Week. Rogers is expected to compete for a starting role in the midfield again in 2021.

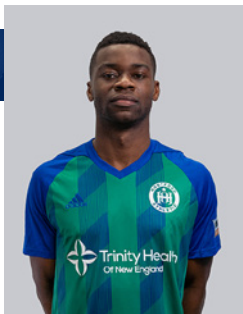


FW | BRADFORD JAMIESON IV

#7

LAST SEASON: -**LAST MATCH:** 1 GP / 1 GS - 45 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Bradford Jamieson IV is a 24-year-old forward with 79 matches worth of experience in the USL Championship. In 2014, at just 16 years old, the LA Galaxy product was named a finalist for USL Pro Rookie of the Year. Jamieson IV also made his MLS debut in 2014, coming off the bench and serving an assist to Robbie Keane. Jamieson IV spent the better part of the next five seasons bouncing back and forth between the Galaxy's MLS and USL sides, while also going on loan to fellow USL Championship side San Antonio FC in the 2019 season. Jamieson IV took his talents overseas in 2020, signing for Vendsyssel FF in the Danish 1st Division. He made 12 appearances and scored one goal before the pandemic.

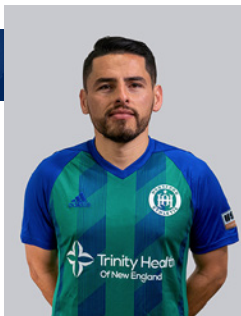


MF | SEBASTIAN ELNEY

#9

LAST SEASON: 12 GP / 8 GS - 710 min | 3 G | 0 A | 26 SH | 2 YC | 0 RC**LAST MATCH:** 1 GP / 0 GS - 30 min | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Sebastian Elney is a familiar face to most Hartford Athletic fans, spending the past two seasons with local rival New York Red Bulls II. Elney has scored twice against Hartford, both times at Dillon Stadium. The first came in 2019 in a 5-1 loss for Hartford and the second in 2020 in a 2-1 victory for the home side. Overall, Hartford fans will be happy to have Elney's 36 matches of USL Championship experience and goal-scoring prowess on their side. Coach Watling has predicted that Elney will be a big part of the offense this season and two goals in preseason action suggests that will be the case.

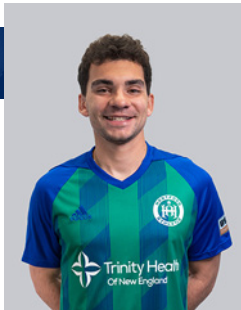


MF | DANNY BARRERA

#10

LAST SEASON: 17 GP / 16 GS - 1310 min | 2 G | 7 A | 24 SH | 4 YC | 0 RC**LAST MATCH:** 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 1 A | 2 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Danny Barrera has officially become the longest tenured member of Hartford Athletic. Barrera, who joined the club in June of the 2019 season, is the Club's all-time leader in both appearances (34) and assists (11). He also has the most goals for Hartford (5) of any returning player. Danny also went viral last year when his scorpion kick goal, deemed "The Immaculate Deflection" by Hartford Athletic supporters, put Hartford ahead 3-2 late in the match and helped clinch the Group F title for Hartford. Barrera, who at age 31 is the oldest player on the team and is as old as Coach Watling, has been named captain for the second consecutive season and is a leader for the youngest non-MLS2 squad both on and off the pitch.



MF | LUKA PRPA

#11

LAST SEASON: 10 GP / 7 GS - 569 min | 2 G | 1 A | 5 SH | 1 YC | 0 RC**LAST MATCH:** 1 GP / 0 GS - 20 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Prpa was the 34th overall pick in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft by the Houston Dynamo and was loaned to USL Championship affiliate RGV FC Toros where he played the 2020 regular season. Prpa made an impact on the attacking end with two goals and an assist and was tied for second on the team with 13 chances created. The Marquette midfielder will have lots of competition in the midfield to compete for minutes, but according to Coach Watling, Luka's overall talent is some of the best in the squad.

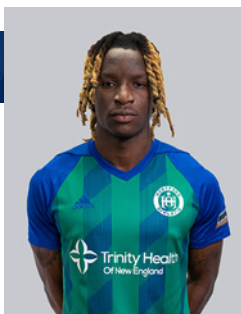


GK | JEFF CALDWELL

#13

LAST SEASON: -**LAST MATCH:** 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 GA | 3 SOG | 3 SV | 0 YC | 0 RC

Jeff Caldwell brings both MLS and USL Championship experience to this young Hartford side. Drafted 9th overall in the 2018 MLS SuperDraft by NYCFC, Caldwell spent his first season on loan with the USL Championship's Memphis 901 FC. Caldwell was the starting goalie for the second ever home game in Hartford Athletic history, leading Memphis to a 2-1 victory. Caldwell signed with New England Revolution in 2020 but did not see the field during the pandemic-shortened season.

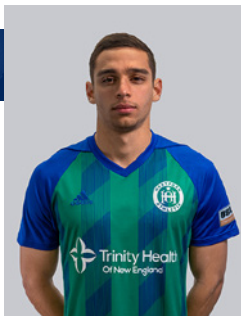


DF | TULU

#15

LAST SEASON: -**LAST MATCH:** 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Tulu comes to Hartford with experience in both Europe and the USL Championship. Invited in on trial, Tulu made a strong impression on the coaching staff and earned a contract after making starts in almost every preseason match this year. A physical force on the backline, Tulu will compete for minutes at the right center back position.



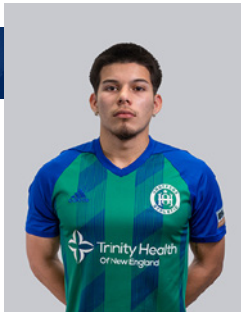
DF | GABRIEL TORRES

#16

LAST SEASON: 15 GP / 11 GS - 971 min | 2 G | 2 A | 4 SH | 3 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Gabriel Torres is one of six returnees from the 2020 season for Hartford Athletic. Gabi often played as the left winger in former Head Coach Radhi Jaidi's system, but his path to consistent minutes was blocked by Southampton loanee Tyreke Johnson. Nonetheless, Gabi was able to make an impact in the minutes he did play scoring the game-winning goal in a match against Loudoun United FC and being named to the USL Championship Team of the Week for his performance in Match Week 4.



FW | ALFONSO VAZQUEZ

#17

LAST SEASON: 5 GP / 2 GS - 167 min | 1 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: -

Alfonso Vazquez appeared mostly as a substitute in limited action for Hartford Athletic in 2020. On August 2nd, in his second appearance as a pro, the 19-year-old crushed one, bar down, for his first professional goal. Discovered during the Club's Open Tryouts in 2020, Vazquez is best known for being the all-time leading scorer in Connecticut High School history (149).



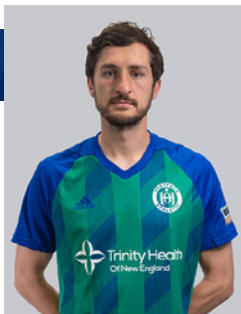
FW | WALMER MARTINEZ

#18

LAST SEASON: -

LAST MATCH: 1 GP / 1 GS - 70 min | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Walmer Martinez was a preseason signing, joining the club after advancing through the club's Invitational Combine. He graduated from Division II Cal State-Monterey Bay in 2019. In his senior season, he scored 13 goals, second most in California Collegiate Athletic Association. Despite only playing two seasons with the Otters, he finished his career second all-time in assists (16), and fifth all-time in goals scored (17). Martinez has played for USL League Two sides Santa Cruz Breakers FC and Des Moines Menace.



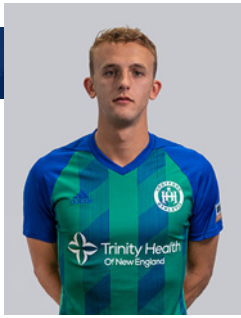
DF | THOMAS JANJIGIAN

#20

LAST SEASON: 17 GP / 16 GS - 1383 min | 0 G | 1 A | 7 SH | 2 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

At 26-years-old, Thomas Janjigian is the second oldest player on this young Hartford squad and has shown his leadership abilities throughout the preseason. Janjigian has four years of USL Championship experience with Reno 1868 FC under his belt. Playing mostly as a centerback, he has accumulated over 200 clearances, 30 blocks, and 100 interceptions. As one of the few left-footed left center backs in the league, Jiggy will be a very important piece for Hartford.



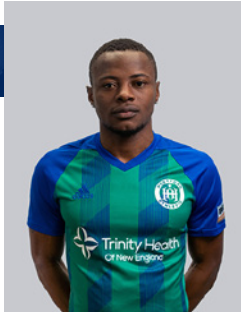
DF | RICHIE SCHLENTZ

#22

LAST SEASON: -

LAST MATCH: 1 GP / 0 GS - 20 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Richie Schlentz signed for Hartford in the middle of preseason after advancing from the club's Invitational Combine prior to preseason training. The left-footed defender played collegiately at Villanova University, missing only one match in his final two seasons. After graduation in 2020, Schlentz played for NPSL side West Chester United as well as USL League Two side Reading United AC where he made two appearances for the club in the US Open Cup.



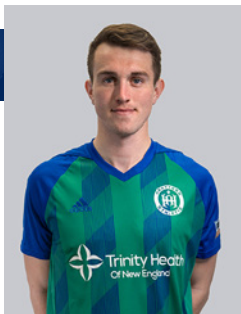
FW | PRESTON TABORT ETAKA

#23

LAST SEASON: 2 GP / 0 GS - 12 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: 1 GP / 0 GS - 45 min | 1 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 1 YC | 0 RC

Preston Tabort Etaka is expected to make a big impact in the Hartford squad this season. The 22-year-old played the 2019 season with Las Vegas Lights and scored 8 goals in 31 matches. He signed for San Antonio FC before the 2020 season but left the club at the start of the pandemic. Tabort Etaka has played for his home country, Cameroon, at the U20 level. He has made 3 appearances in the U20 Africa Cup of Nations. With lightning fast speed and a proven ability to score goals, Coach Watling is hoping Tabort Etaka proves to be a challenge for defenders.



MF | CONOR MCGLYNN

#28

LAST SEASON: 10 GP / 5 GS - 519 min | 1 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 1 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: 1 GP / 1 GS - 70 min | 0 G | 0 A | 2 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Conor McGlynn's 2020 season was a bit of a roller coaster. McGlynn was discovered at the Club's Open Tryouts and signed his first professional contract just days before the start of the pandemic. Upon the return to play, Conor made an instant impact, featuring in the Starting XI in his first professional match. Conor played every minute of the first 5 matches but suffered a knee injury that caused him to miss 7 games. He returned for the final 5 games of the season, making an impact off the bench. He scored his first professional goal in the regular season finale, a screamer from well outside the box that sealed victory and the Group F title for Hartford. The goal also landed on Sportscenter's Top 10 plays. Conor is again expected to make an impact in the midfield with both his defensive skills and offensive firepower.



FW | JUAN CARLOS OBREGÓN JR

#29

LAST SEASON: 13 GP / 7 GS - 700 min | 3 G | 1 A | 19 SH | 1 YC | 0 RC

LAST MATCH: 1 GP / 1 GS - 60 min | 0 G | 0 A | 2 SH | 0 YC | 0 RC

Honduran International Juan Carlos Obregón Jr. made waves back in March when he scored the opening goal in a match that eliminated the USMNT from Olympic Qualification. He was invited in on trial shortly thereafter and signed for Hartford just a few days before the start of the 2021 season. He is a proven goal scorer with two years of USL Championship experience at RGV FC Toros. He will compete with a talented but crowded group of forwards for minutes on the pitch this season.