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#### MATCH INFORMATION

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 4

LOCATION: YUKON MILLER STADIUM

KICKOFF: 8 PM CST

TV:Cox Channel 703 (Local)

STREAM: ESPN3

## **MATCH OFFICIALS**

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	SPRING STANDINGS								
P TEAM		GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	New York Cosmos	9	6	0	3	14	6	8	18
2	Indy Eleven	8	3	5	0	11	7	4	14
3	3 FC Edmonton		4	2	3	13	6	1	14
4	Minnesota United FC	8	4	1	3	10	10	3	13
5	Carolina Railhawks	8	4	1	3	8	9	1	13
6	Tampa Bay Rowdies	8	3	3	2	9	7	1	12
7	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	8	3	3	2	9	9	0	12
8	Rayo OKC	8	2	2	4	9	11	-2	8
9	Ottawa Fury FC	8	2	2	4	7	11	-4	8
10	Miami FC	8	1	3	4	6	12	-6	6
11	Jacksonville Armada FC	8	1	2	5	4	10	-6	5

2016 SPRING SCHEDULE						
DATE	OPPONENT	KO/ Score				
April 2	Vs. FC Edmonton	Draw-0-0				
April 9	Vs. Carolina RailHawks	Lost 3-2				
April 16	Bye Week	-				
April 23	At Miami FC	Won 3-2				
April 30	Vs. Indy Eleven	Lost 1-2				
May 7	At Jacksonville Armada FC	Won 1-0				
May 14	At Tampa Bay Rowdies	Draw, 1-1				
May 21	Vs. Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Lost, 1-2				
May 28	At New York Cosmos	Lost, 0-1				
June 4	Vs. Minnesota United FC	8 pm CT				
June 11	At Ottawa Fury FC	6 pm CT				

	RAYO OKC 2016 PLAYER ROSTER								
#	Р	NAME	HT	WT	DOB	PLACE OF BIRTH	PRONUNCIATION		
1	GK	Caleb Patterson-Sewell	6 - 3	190	05/20/87	Hendersonville,	SUE-uhl		
2	D	Rauwshan McKenzie	6 - 1	185	11/19/86	Hoffman Estates, IL	Ruh-SHAWN		
3	D	Moises Hernandez	6 - 0	155	03/05/92	Dallas, TX			
4	D	Juanan	6 - 4	190	04/27/87	Majorca, Spain	JUAN-in		
6	М	Richard Menjivar	5 - 8	160	10/31/90	Los Angeles, CA	MENJEE-var		
7	F	Billy Forbes	5 - 9	165	12/13/90	Providenciales, T&C			
8	М	Tyler Gibson	5 - 9	145	01/12/91	Knoxville, TN			
9	F	Georgios Samaras	6 - 4	180	02/21/85	Heraklion, Greece	George-ee-oss SAM-ah-rass		
10	М	Sebástian Velásquez	5 - 7	150	02/11/91	Medellin, Colombia	Vel-AZ-kwess		
11	М	Pecka	5 - 7	150	05/02/89	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil			
13	D	Hugo Rhoads	6 - 1	170	08/08/94	West Linn, OR			
14	М	Jarad Van Schaik	6 - 1	185	12/11/88	Portland, OR	Van-SHAKE		
18	М	Marvin Chávez	5 - 5	145	11/03/83	La Ceiba, Honduras			
19	D	lan Svantesson	6-6	215	08/31/93	Orlando, FL	Svan-TESS-on		
20	М	Derek Boateng	6-0	185	05/02/83	Accra, Ghana	Boh-AH-teng		
22	GK	Daniel Fernandez	6 - 5	215	09/25/83	Edmonton, Canada			
24	М	Yuma	5 - 9	150	10/08/85	Madrid, Spain	YOU-mah		
27	М	Kosuke Kimura	5 - 9	155	05/14/84	Kobe, Japan	KOSS-kay key-more-ah		
31	D	Michel	6-2	170	06/09/81	Vitoria, Brazil	ME-shell		
55	F	Robbie Findley	5 - 9	165	08/04/85	Phoenix, Ariz.	Fin'd-LEE		
98	D	Futty Danso	6 - 3	190	04/27/83	Serrekunda, Gambia	FUH-tee DAN-soh		

NASL WEEK 10					
(Home team first, times CST)					
Fort Lauderdale Strikers vs. New York Cosmos	6 p.m, Sat				
Carolina RailHawks vs. Jacksonville	6:30 p.m. ,Sat				
Tampa Bay Rowdies vs. Ottawa Fury FC	6:30 p.m., Sat				
Miami FC vs. Indy Eleven	7 p.m., Sat				
Rayo OKC vs. Minnesota United FC	7 p.m., Sat				
Bye: FC Edmonton	-				

NASL WEEK 9 SCORES			
Jacksonville Armada FC- 4, Indy Eleven-2			
New York Cosmos- 0, Rayo OKC- 1			
Miami FC-1, FC Edmonton- 0			
Ottawa Fury FC- 1, Fort Lauderdale Strikers- 2			
Minnesota United FC- 0, Tampa Bay Rowdies- 2			
Bye: Carolina RailHawks			



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## THE MATCH UP

The Week-10 matchup featuring Rayo OKC (2-2-4) and Minnesota United FC (4-1-3) will be the first meeting in history between the two teams. Rayo is currently ranked eighth in the league with eight points after coming off of consecutive defeats to the Fort Lauderdale Strikers and the New York Cosmos. Rayo currently trails the Tampa Bay Rowdies and the Strikers by one point. Rayo is tied in points with Ottawa Fury FC in the NASL table. However, Rayo owns the tiebreak due to its superior goal differential. Minnesota is sitting in fourth place of the league with 13 points after coming off of a 2-0 loss to the Rowdies. Rayo looks to notch its first home win in history on Saturday.

#### LAST MATCH

### OKC Energy FC- 2, Rayo OKC- 1

Rayo OKC lost its fourth consecutive home match, and its third consecutive overall, after falling to its cross-town rival, OKC Energy FC, 2-1, in the third round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup. The Scissortails lost the match in spite of outperforming the Energy in possession, duels won, aerial duels won, intercepted passes, shots on goal, shot accuracy, total passes completed and tackles won. Rayo got off to a hot start as the scoring chances came early and often for the Scisscortails. The first chance came in the fourth minute when Georgios Samaras was served a long ball by Billy Forbes that gave Samaras an open shot on goal. However, Samaras was declared offsides on the play by the line judge.

The next minute, Ian Svantesson, who made his second start for the Scisscortails, fired a shot from the top of the box that went slightly right of the near post. The next opportunity for Rayo came in the 17th minute when Michel, who leads the North American Soccer League in goals scored with five, rifled a shot from 30 yards out that required a kneeling save from Energy goalkeeper, Cody Laurendi. Seven minutes later, Forbes took a shot from the far-right corner of the touchline that bent onto frame. The shot would have gone in if not for a phenomenal diving save from Laurendi. In the 38th minute, Svantesson put a header directly on frame on the goal. However, the shot was saved by Laurendi. The next minute, Svantesson headed a key pass to Michel, who belted a shot that barely went over the crossbar.

In the 42nd minute, Rayo finally broke through. Off of a goalkeeper deflection on a shot by Samaras, Forbes hammered home an open shot on goal to give Rayo a 1-0 lead. However, the lead was short lived as the Energy struck back just three minutes later when Sebastian Dalgaard converted on a right-footed shot from the center of Rayo's box, tying the score at 1-1. Kalen Ryden was credited with the assist. In the second half, both teams had a proportional amount of chances to score. The Energy's two best chances in the second half came off of shots from Dalgaard. Rayo's two best chances came off of a header from Svantesson in the 68th minute and from a Michel free kick in injury time.

Neither the Energy nor Rayo was able to convert on its second-half chances, and the match went into overtime tied at 1-1. In the extra periods, fatigue began to set in for Rayo as the Energy began seized control of the match. In all, Rayo OKC was outshot by the Energy, 6-1, in the overtime periods. The Energy nearly scored eight minutes into the first overtime period when Wojciech Wojcik headed a cross to Rayo's far post. However, Daniel Fernandes extended his whole body to make a diving, punching save on the shot, preventing a goal. However, Rayo's defense wasn't able to hold. In the 16th minute of overtime, Kyle Hyland scored on a cross from Michael Harris after heading the ball from the center of the box to the bot-

tom-right portion of Rayo's goal.

From that point on, the Energy was able to bunker in on defense. Rayo did, however, have an excellent chance to tie the game in the 109th minute. On the play, Futty Danso headed a cross from the center of the Energy's box toward the bottom-left portion of the goal. However, the ball bounced off the post and was eventually cleared by the Energy. In the waning moments of the match, frustration may have become a factor as two Rayo players received red cards in the final five minutes of overtime. Regardless, the match ended 2-1 in favor of the Energy.

#### THE COACHES

Alen Marcina, Rayo OKC: The first head coach in Rayo OKC history, Marcina has kept his team undefeated while on the road. Marcina was the head coach of the San Antonio Scorpions and in 2014, in his first season, the Surrey, British Columbia, Canada native led them to the NASL Championship. Marcina played professionally for eight years from 2002 through 2009. After a e career at Barry University in Miami, Fla., he started his playing career in the Pacific Coast Soccer League with New Westminster Khalsa and finished in the NASL with Miami FC. At 36 years old, Marcina is the youngest head coach in the NASL.

"New York is the past champions two out of the past three years, so obviously that's a big challenge ahead of us. At that same time, we've been very good on the road. We are going there prepared and focused on getting a result against a very tough opponent."-

Carl Craig, Minnesota United FC: Craig joined the Minnesota coaching staff in early March 2010 after a long history coaching youth soccer in Minnesota. The Newcastle upon Tyne native moved to the United States in 1994 as part of his involvement with Coerver Coaching. He has coached for the Eden Prairie Soccer Club, Minneapolis United, Westside FC, Wings Soccer Club, Shattuck-St. Mary's, Minneapolis South High School and Richfield High School. He was also head coach of Twin City Phoenix of the Premier Development League and the Minnesota Blast of the National Premier Soccer League. Craig holds multiple coaching licenses from several different federations. He has an A license from UEFA, a full badge from the English FA, an advanced diploma from the Dutch KNVB, a diploma from the Italian federation and an A license and national youth instructor's license from the United States Soccer Federation. He also has a premier coaching diploma from the National Soccer Coaches.

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

## On game plan vs. Minnesota United FC:

"Minnesota is one of the best organizations in the league. They have a very good squad, a very successful squad. They've won multiple times over the last few years, be it spring or fall season. Off the top of my head they have five or six of the NASL's best 11 on their roster. They have a ton of depth from top to bottom. We know it is going to be a stern challenge. With us it is unfortunate with some players suspended and a few injuries. So we are limited on bodies, but at the same time as I always say, no excuses. This is an opportunity for other guys to step up and take advantage of the opportunity. Our job is to continue to prepare and put the best foot forward and get the guys ready for Minnesota." -Alen Marcina

#### On winning at Yukon Miller Stadium:

"Saturday is obviously a big game for us. It is about time we get a



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win at home. I think it should happen. e just need to keep being aggressive and keep attacking. We need to keep pressing and finally put some of these shots into the back of the net." -Ian Svantesson

## BY THE NUMBERS

- 50 The average per-game possession percentage netted by Rayo OKC through six matches.
- 90.2 The average per-game possession percentage netted by Rayo OKC in its half of the pitch, which is the best percentage in the league.
- 28/63 The fraction of Rayo's shots on target to its total shots on goal, which amounts to a shot accuracy of 44.4 percent.
- 2-0-0 Rayo's record against teams that run either 4-1-2-1-2 or 4-3-3 formations.
- 33.3 The percentage of Rayo's goals that have been placed in the bottom-left portion of an opponent's goal frame.
- 7 The number of Rayo's goals that have been scored off of left-footed shots, and the highest amount of left-footed goals scored by a team in the NASL. Five of these goals have come from Michel.
- 491 The amount of minutes Rayo has either led or has been tied with an opponent. Rayo has only spent 19 percent of its game minutes trailing an opponent.
- 100 The percentage of tackles won by Derek Boateng against the Tampa Bay Rowdies. He won all seven of the tackles he attempted.
- 55.6 The percentages of Rayo's goals that have been scored from the center portion of the attacking third.
- 4 The number of goals Rayo has scored from inside an opponent's 18-yard box, excluding goals scored from inside the 6-yard box.
- 7 The number of points Rayo has accumulated after playing three games in the Eastern Time Zone. OKC has gone 2-1-1 in that stretch.
- 104 The amount of tackles Rayo has successfully won. The Scissortails have won 75.9 percent of possible tackles against opponents.
- 2 The number of clean sheets that Rayo has earned this season.

#### GOOOOL!

Rayo defender/midfielder Michel notched his fifth goal of the season against the Fort Lauderdale Strikers last Saturday after hammering home a left-footed penalty kick into the upper-right corner of the Strikers' net. The goal gives Michel the most goals scored by a single player in the NASL this season. With 16 shots this season, the native Brazilian is tied for the second-highest amount of shots taken in the league. Michel has accounted for 55.6 percent of Rayo's goals thus far, which is one of the highest production percentages in the NASL.

## FEEL THE FERN

Rayo goalkeeper Daniel Fernandez has been a busy, but successful, man in the net this season. Opponents have reeled off a total of 120 shots against the Scissortails, and 34 of those shots have been on target. Luckily, Fernandez has been able to save 23 shots, which is tied for the second-best mark in the NASL. On the flip side, Fernandez has conceded 11 goals, which is tied for the second-highest total in the league. He has also played a total of 720 minutes in goal, which is tied for the second-highest amount in the NASL.

## KOSUKE THE CROSSER

Rayo's right defender Kosuke Kimura has been a force to be reckoned with during this season. On top of being a useful defender,

Kimura also serves as a useful attacking defender up the right side of the field, providing Rayo with 28 crosses in the past nine games, which averages out to be 36 percent of the team's total crosses this season. Kimura has played, started and finished every game this season, making him a consistent force on the backline. In the last game against the New York Cosmos, Kimura won 100 percent of his duels and had 23 percent of the clearances out of Rayo's defensive third. Kimura has been responsible for a total of 21 of Rayo's clearances, averaging about two clearances a game. Kimura has also accumulated a total per-game passing accuracy of 83 percent. His passing accuracy in Rayo's offensive half is 80 percent, and his accuracy in the defensive half is 86 percent. Additionally, Kimura has had played a total of 720 minutes and has won 12 aerial duels this season. Kimura may not be the tallest on pitch but can be found in the center of the box clearing out any dangerous ball that comes his way and away from Rayo's goal.

#### EVERYONE GETS A BRAND NEW CARD

After being administered three red cards against the New York Cosmos last Saturday, Rayo OKC now leads the NASL in red cards netted this season. Michel, Goergios Samaras and Billy Forbes all received red cards that night. Previously, Minnesota United FC held the lead with two red cards. As a side note, Derek Boateng will be out against Minnesota due to yellow-card accumulation. Boateng currently leads the NASL with five yellow cards netted this season, which has resulted in a one-game suspension. Despite having the most red cards in the league, Rayo has only committed 162 fouls, which ranks as the third least in the league. Rayo has also earned the fourth-least amount of yellow cards with a total of 16. Minnesota does have one more yellow card than Rayo, putting its count at 17. Saturday's match will be Rayo's chance to either continue the newly-found card streak or put an end to it.

## JUST PASSING THROUGH

The Scissortails' passing has been exceptional during the spring portion of the North American Soccer League season. Rayo OKC leads the league in all three statistical measures for passing accuracy. Rayo has netted a season-average accuracy of 80.6 percent. In addition, Oklahoma City has completed 90.2 percent of the passes it has attempted in its own half of the pitch. OKC has also completed 69.8 percent of its passes while attacking in the opponents' half of the pitch. Rayo is second in the NASL in long-ball accuracy with an average completion mark of 49.5 percent, and OKC is third in the league with 2,650 total passes completed. Individually, Rayo has three players who rank in the top 10 of the NASL for total passes completed. Derek Boateng ranks fifth with 435, Kosuke Kimura seventh with 415 and Michel ranks 10th with 383.

#### POLAR OPPOSITES

After losing its third home match in a row last Saturday, Rayo's streak disparity between games played at home and games played on the road became increasingly polarizing. Overall, OKC is averaging a win rate of 25 percent, a loss rate of 50 percent, a mark of 1.38 goals conceded per game and a mark of 1.0 points per game. All four statistical measures fall below the league's averages. However, the variances between the averages aren't notably significant. The opposite is true when examining Rayo's home statistics. At Yukon Miller Stadium, Rayo is averaging a win rate of zero percent, a loss rate of 75 percent and a mark of 0.25 points per game. The rest of the league's home averages include a win rate of 44 percent, a loss rate of 29 percent and a mark of 1.6 points per game. On the road,



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the Scissortails rank better than the league averages for points per game, winning percentage, losing percentage, goals per game and goals conceded per game. Most notably, Rayo is averaging, in regard to road games, 19 percent less defeats, 21 percent more wins and 0.62 more points per game in comparison to the rest of the NASL.

#### **CLASH OF CLANS**

Despite Minnesota United FC (4-1-3) being ranked fourth in the North American Soccer League, while Rayo OKC (2-2-4) is ranked eighth in the league, Rayo has better statistics than Minnesota in terms of defense, distribution and attack. Rayo's captain Michel is the league's leading goal scorer with five goals. Trailing behind Michel by one goal, Minnesota's Christian Ramirez has netted four goals on the season. Ramirez has the chance to be tied or possibly clench the top spot and be the leading goal scorer in the NASL. This prospect will be made easier for Ramirez because of the fact that Michel is sitting out this game due to a red card he was administered against the New York Cosmos. Entering Saturday's match, Rayo holds better defensive statistics than Minnesota. Rayo has won 76 percent of its tackles, whereas Minnesota has only won 71 percent of its tackles. Although Minnesota has out shot Rayo, 92-83, Rayo has a better shot accuracy by five percentage points. Rayo also has a higher passing accuracy rate by five percent compared to Minnesota.

## STREAKY THE SCISSORTAIL

As previously mentioned, Rayo OKC's statistics vary tremendously between home and away games, which is further highlighted by the team's current streaks and trends. Overall, OKC has gone threestraight matches without earning a victory, which is a streak that includes a current two-match losing skid. At Yukon Miller Stadium, Rayo is riding a four-game winless streak along with a three-game losing streak. In regard to away games, OKC lost its first road game Saturday against the New York Cosmos. Before Satursday's match, Rayo had scored a goal in its last six matches. Oklahoma City has given up scores in its last three home matches and its last three matches overall.

#### WHO ARE YOU?

#### Minnesota United FC:

The Spanish stars Raúl and Marcos Senna helped lead the Cosmos to an unprecedented seventh NASL championship last November. But now they have hung up their cleats and Giovanni Savarese, who doubles as the club's coach and sporting director, has taken a slightly different tack in beefing up the club's roster with quality players front to back.

Savarese landed the former Croatian international and veteran striker Niko Kranjčar, on a short-term contract -- for now -- through the Spring Season. Three players on loan -- defender Jimmy Ockford (Seattle of MLS) midfielder/defender Michael Lahoud (Philadelphia of MLS) and forward Yasmani Duk (Sport Boys Warne of Bolivia) – provide flexibility and quality. The captain and Best XI defender Carlos Mendes returns to anchor the back line. The Kenyan international David Ochieng will provide defensive depth while Ayoze remains perhaps the club's most intriguing, skillful, and unsung player on the left side of the defense.

With Senna retired, more will be asked of Danny Szetela as he works to forge a new understanding with the Venezuelans Juan Arango and Yohandry Orozco in the midfield. Ruben Bover looks to continue

to build on his breakout season in 2015, when he played for both the Cosmos B team (winner of the NPSL title) and the senior side.

## What They're Saying:

Shortly after the New York Cosmos raised the Soccer Bowl Trophy last November, Minnesota United sprang into action when it swooped to acquire two of the most exciting forces on offense in the NASL – the 2016 Golden Ball (MVP) and Golden Boot (top scorer with 16 goals and seven assists) winner Stefano Pinho from Fort Lauderdale; and the Jamaican international Lance Laing (eight goals, seven assists) from Edmonton, who was a member of the NASL Best XI. Now teamed with Christian Ramirez, the No. 2 leading goalscorer with 12 goals and six assists, the Loons boast three of the top nine goalscorers from last year. Danny Cruz, 26, and Ben Speas, 25, also joined the club to add to its attacking depth.

As potent as Minnesota appears to be up front, the wide play of defenders Justin Davis (five goals, two assists) and Kevin Venegas (two goals, six assists) gives the high-scoring Loons (a league-leading 54 goals last year) another dimension going forward.

What They're Saying:

"We certainly have the firepower to achieve what we're trying to achieve: winning a championship." – Coach Carl Craig

"I do want to be on top of the platform raising a trophy, that's what drives us [as players]." –Forward Christian Ramirez



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## PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

#### **Derek Boateng**

POS: Midfielder HT: 6-0 WT: 185 lbs Country: Ghana

Boateng has started in all seven games Rayo OKC has played in this season. He is among the league leaders in passing accuracy, completing 83.4 percent through seven games. With that percentage Boateng has attempted 415 passes, the third most in the league. Boateng has also won 51 duels, 18 tackles and created four chances. He has also intercepted 20 passes and has cleared ten balls in the Rayo OKC third. Boateng leads the league with four yellow cards, if he records another in the Spring Season he will have to serve a one match suspension.

NASL Team of the Week: -

#### Marvin Chavez

POS: Midfielder HT: 5-5 WT: 145 lbs Country: Honduras

Chavez started in Rayo OKC's first two games before having to be subbed out during OKC's loss to the Carolina RailHawks with an apparent leg injury. He assisted on Rayo OKC's first ever goal in club history and created three chances through two matches.

NASL Team of the Week: -

#### Futty Danso

POS: Defender HT: 5-9 WT: 190 lbs Country: Gambia

Danso has played in all 630 minutes for Rayo OKC this season, he is also one of the league leaders in passing accuracy; completing 87.7 percent of his passes. Danso has 32 clearances, 12 interceptions and has blocked three shots. He also has won eight tackles and 26 duels. Danso's 32 clearances are ranked eighth in the league.

NASL Team of the Week: -

## **Daniel Fernandes**

POS: Goalkeeper HT: 6-5 WT: 215 lbs Country: Canada

Fernandes is currently tied for third in the league with 19 saves on 29 shots faced through seven games. The OKC goalkeeper also has recorded two clean sheets. Fernandes has conceded ten goals this season, the second most in the league.

NASL Team of the Week: Week 6

### Robbie Findley

POS: Forward HT: 6-1 WT: 165 lbs Country: United States

Findley is among the team leaders in goals scored (2), shots on target (5), and total shots (9). Findley has started in four of the five games he has played in this season. The only time Findley subbed on he headed in the game-winning goal against Jacksonville Armada FC.

NASL Team of the Week: -

#### **Billy Forbes**

POS: Forward HT: 5-9 WT: 165 lbs Country: T&C

Forbes has started in six of seven appearances so far this season; firing ten total shots with four on target and one reaching the back of the net. Forbes has also won 33 duels and ten tackles as well as intercepting six passes. Forbes is among the team leaders in chances created (8) and has one assist on the season.

NASL Team of the Week: Week4, Week 5

## Tyler Gibson

POS: Midfielder HT: 5-8 WT: 145 lbs Country: United States

Gibson has appeared in three matches this season, subbing on in all. Gibson has won three duels, two tackles and has completed 82.4 percent of his passes.

NASL Team of the Week: -

#### **Moises Hernandez**

POS: Defender HT: 6-0 WT: 155 lbs Country: United States

Hernandez is on loan from MLS side FC Dallas for the entirety of the 2016 season. He has started in all three games he has been eligible for at left back and has played all 270 minutes. Hernandez has pushed the attack, creating three chances and successfully completing three of five attempted crosses. Hernandez has also won 15 duels and six tackles as well as nine interceptions.

NASL Team of the Week:

#### Juanan

POS: Defender HT: 6-4 WT: 190 lbs Country: Spain

Juanan has started in three of the four matches he has appeared in this season. He has cleared 15 balls, intercepted nine balls and has won all three of his attempted tackles. Juanan also has a passing percentage of 79.4 percent.

NASL Team of the Week: -

## Kosuke Kimura

POS: Midfielder HT: 5-9 WT: 155 lbs Country: Japan

Kimura has played in all 630 minutes for Rayo OKC at the right back position. He is among the league leaders in passing accuracy at 84.4 percent, his 391 pass attempts rank fourth in the league. Kimura has been effective on the defensive end; clearing 16 balls, intercepting 12 passes, winning nine tackles and 21 duels. He also has created three chances on the offensive end.

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#### Rauwshan McKenzie

POS: Defender HT: 6-1 WT: 185 lbs Country: United States

McKenzie started in Rayo's first four matches, playing all 360 minutes in those games. He leads the league in passing accuracy (min. 150 passes) at 97.3 percent. McKenzie also has 15 clearances, 7 interceptions and has blocked four shots.

NASL Team of the Week: -

### Richard Menjivar

POS: Midfielder HT: 5-8 WT: 160 lbs Country: United States

Menjivar has played in all seven of OKC's matches, starting in five. He has created eight chances and fired three shots with two of them being on target. Menjivar is among the team leaders in passing percentage (87.2) and has won nine tackles and 28 duels.

NASL Team of the Week: Week 6

#### Michel

POS: Defender HT: 6-2 WT: 170 lbs Country: Brazil

Michel, the team's captain, is the league-leader in goals scored (5), four of his five have come from inside of the box with the only other coming off of a free-kick. All five of his goals have come from his left foot. Michel is also tied for second in the league in shots attempted (16). He is also ranked seventh in the league in total passes attempted with 373 and ranked fourth in the league in total crosses with 39. Michel has also played all 630 minutes and has won 40 duels in seven matches.

NASL Team of the Week: Week 1, Week 7

#### <u>Pecka</u>

POS: Midfielder HT: 5-8 WT: 150 lbs Country: Brazil

Pecka is tied for fourth in the league with assists (2). He recorded both of them in Rayo OKC's first win in club history against fellow expansion side Miami FC. Pecka started in Rayo's first six games but missed the previous match against the Fort Lauderdale Strikers due to a leg injury. He has won ten tackles and 27 duels as well as intercepting 5 passes and clearing seven balls. Pecka is among the league leaders in passing accuracy at 89.8 percent.

NASL Team of the Week: Week 4

## **Hugo Rhoads**

POS: Defender HT: 6-1 WT: 170 lbs Country: United States

The 21-year-old rookie from Portland, Oregon has yet to appear in the 2016 campaign. Rhoads was named to the All-WCC second team in 2014.

NASL Team of the Week: -

## **Georgios Samaras**

POS: Forward HT: 6-4 WT: 180 lbs Country: Greece

Samaras has appeared in five matches so far for Rayo OKC, starting in two of them. He has created three chances and completed 84.6 percent of his passes. Samaras has fired three total shots with two of them being on target.

NASL Team of the Week: -

#### Caleb Patterson- Sewell

POS: Goalkeeper HT: 6-3 WT: 190 lbs Country: United States

The 29-year-old has yet to make an appearance this season at goalkeeper with Daniel Fernandes' strong start. Patterson-Sewell has played for nine different clubs over the period of 11 years, highlighted by 29 appearances for Portuguese club, Athletico CP.

NASL Team of the Week:

#### lan Svantesson

POS: Defender HT: 6-6 WT: 215 lbs Country: United States

T<mark>he rookie</mark> made his professional debut last week against the Fo<mark>rt Lau</mark>derdale Strikers when he subbed on for Georgios Samaras in the 54th minute. Svantesson nearly tied the game with a header in the match's closing stages. The shot was his only one of the match and was on target.

NASL Team of the Week:

## <u>Jarad Van Schaik</u>

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POS: Midfielder HT: 6-1 WT: 185 lbs Country: United States

Van Schaik has appeared in two matches for Rayo, starting in both. He won four tackles and 12 duels during that time as well as clearing 13 balls with seven interceptions.

NASL Team of the Week: -

### Sebastian Velasquez

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POS: Midfielder HT: 5-7 WT: 150 lbs Country: Colombia

Velasquez has appeared in four games, starting in two. He has won nine tackles and completed 83.8 percent of his passes. Velasquez has also created two chances as well as fired three shots with one of them being on target.

NASL Team of the Week: -

POS: Midfielder HT: 5-9 WT: 150 lbs Country: Spain

Yuma has appeared in two matches so far this season, only logging 35 minutes of time. He has been accurate passing the ball (84.2) and has won two of three attempted tackles.

NASL Team of the Week: -





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INDIVIDUAL PLAYER STATISTICS								
NAME	#	GOALS	ASSISTS	PASSING ACCURACY	CHANCES CREATED	GAMES PLAYED	MIN PLAYED	STARTS
Derek Boateng	20	0	0	83.0%	6	8	627	8
Marvin Chavez	18	0	1	76.5%	3	2	141	2
Feutty Danso	98	0	0	86.9%	1	8	720	8
Daniel Fernandez	22	0	0	61.7%	0	8	720	8
Robbie Findley	55	2	0	77.4%	2	5	336	4
Billy Forbes	7	1	1	70.8%	8	8	648	7
Tyler Gibson	8	0	0	81.8%	0	4	90	0
Moises Hernandez	3	0	0	68.8%	3	4	360	4
Juanan	4	0	0	78.7%	0	5	361	4
Kosuke Kimura	27	0	0	83.4%	3	8	720	8
Rauwshan McKenzie	2	0	0	97.3%	0	4	360	4
Richard Menjivar	6	0	0	85.9%	8	8	633	6
Michel	31	5	1	73.4%	8	8	666	8
Pecka	11	0	2	89.8%	4	6	428	6
Hugo Rhoads	13	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
Georgios Samaras	9	0	0	83.3%	5	6	278	3
Ian Svantesson	19	0	0	50.0%	1	2	89	1
Jarad Van Schaik	14	0	0	77.1%	0	2	180	2
Sebastian Velasquez	10	0	0	84.5%	2	4	203	2
Yuma	24	0	0	82.6%	0	3	47	0



GAMES					_
8 2 Games Played Won		2 Drawn	4 25. Lost Game W		
DEFENCE					
11 Goals Conceded Po		1.4 er Game	2 Clean Sho	eets	O Penalties conceded
137 104 Tackles Tackles Won		715	369 Duels Won	171 Aerial du	•







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## **Derek Boateng**

Country: Ghana

Boateng represented his native Ghana at the 2006 and 2010 FIFA World Cups and has experience playing in more than 180 division one-level professional matches in leagues including the English Premier League, German Bundesliga and Spanish la Liga. The 32-year-old defensive midfielder comes to Oklahoma City after playing with Eibar in La Liga in 2015.

He began his professional career in Greece first with Kalamata and then Panathinaikos. After spells with Crete and with AIK in Sweden, he scored 8 goals in 72 appearances with Beitar Jerusalem, winning the fifth Israeli Premier League championship in the club's history. Boateng joined Getafe in Spain via FC Köln of Germany then spent time at Dnipro in the Ukraine and Fulham in the EPL.

He has made 46 international appearances for Ghana and was a FIFA World Youth Championship runner up for his country in 2011.

## Marvin Chávez

Country: Honduras

The 32-year-old La Ceiba, Honduras native comes to Oklahoma City after playing with the San Antonio Scorpions of the North American Soccer League in 2015, where he played in 27 matches and scored 4 goals. He represented Honduras at the 2014 FIFA World Cup and at the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2009 and 2013 and in the Copa Centroamericana in 2011, totaling 48 international appearances so far for the country of his birth.

The 5-5 midfielder played for Chivas USA and Colorado Rapids in 2014, San Jose Earthquakes from 2012 through 2013 and FC Dallas from 2009 through 2011. He was named an MLS All-Star in 2012 after leading San Jose in assists with 13 on the season. Chávez began his career by making 26 appearances and scoring 6 goals for Victoria (2005-2008) and then Marathón (2008-2010) in the Liga Nacional de Honduras.

## Futty Danso

Country: Gambia

The 32-year-old Serrekunda, Gambia native Mamadou 'Futty' Danso comes to Oklahoma City after playing with the Carolina RailHawks of the NASL in 2015. The defender is a member of the Gambia National Team and has won 10 caps since 2011.

Danso returned to RailHawks after enjoying success at the club's U-23 level back in 2008, when he played in the USL Premier Development League.

Danso played college soccer at North Carolina Wesleyan College and Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia, where he scored 35 goals while playing both the defender and forward positions. He was a two-time All-Southern States Athletic Conference selection, was named SSAC's 2007 Newcomer of the Year following his first season at SPSU, became the first Hornet to receive All-America honors in 2008 and was named to the honorable-mention team. In 2009, he was signed by the Portland Timbers of the USL First Division.

Danso played in 16 games as a rookie with the Timbers and was a member of the Timbers backline that shared the league lead for fewest goals allowed during the regular season. He eventually aided the club to a first-place finish in the USL First Division and the 2009 USL First Division Commissioner's Cup. Danso logged 2,950 minutes with the USSF Division 2 before the team joined MLS. He would eventually clock 5,437 with the Timbers senior team and scored a career-high three goals.Danso then joined Montreal Impact and played five games with the USL team before he joined the senior team, where he registered 231 minutes in three matches.

### Daniel Fernandes

Country: Canada

The 32-year-old Edmonton, Canada native comes to Oklahoma City after playing with the San Antonio Scorpions of the NASL and Panthrakikos of the Greek Super League in 2015. The goalkeeper was a member of the 2010 Portugal World Cup roster and has played in some of the top leagues around the world such as the German Bundesliga and the Netherlands Eredivisie.

Fernandes was born in Edmonton, Alberta, to a Portuguese father and Czech mother. He began his international career appearing for the Canadian U-20 squad. He made his senior debut for the Portuguese national team in 2007 when he appeared in a friendly against Kuwait. He made a second appearance for the country in 2009 when he played a friendly against Finland. He also made the 23-man squad for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

The 6'5 keeper has played for nine different clubs in four different countries around Europe in his career. His first major stint as a professional came in 2005 when he joined the Greek side PAOK FC as their starting keeper. He played for the club for three years and made 86 starts during that span. In 2008, he joined German club VfL Bochum, and made his Bundesliga debut in a match on August 16 of that year against Karlsruher SC. He played with seven more clubs from 2009-2015 all over Europe. His most recent club was the Greek side Panthrakikos FC where he was on loan from the Dutch FC Twente.

## Robbie Findley

Country: USA

The US international forward signed for Rayo OKC from Toronto FC, having spent the two previous seasons with Real Salt Lake.

Findley made his US MNT debut in October 2007, while playing for the team that drafted him out of Oregon State, the LA Galaxy. He made three appearances at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, towards a total of 11 international caps.

Findley scored three goals in 25 appearances in the Englsih Championship with Nottingham Forest, having found the net on his debut in a League Cup clash with local rivals Notts County. He made 7 appearances on loan at Gillingham before returning to Real Salt Lake, where he had scored 29 times in 96 appearances from 2007 to 2010.

## **Billy Forbes**

Country: Turks and Caicos

The Turks and Caicos international led the NASL in assists in 2014 and helped the San Antonio Scorpions to the 2014 NASL Championship. Forbes has more assists than any other NASL player during the past two NASL seasons. The striker had a breakout rookie year in 2014 with seven assists and also scored four goals in 22 starts before adding the title-winning goal in the Championship final. Forbes has made six appearances for his national team in World Cup Qualifying and in 2015 scored his first international goal.

Prior to joining the Scorpions, he played with Premier Development League (PDL) team Southern West Virginia's King's Warriors and led the team in scoring with seven goals and three assists. Forbes played college soccer at Lubbock Christian University and was the first All-American in the program's history.

Forbes speaks English, French, and Creole and friends tell him he's an excellent cook. In his free time, he also likes to play basketball and this past offseason took a mission trip to Haiti.



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## Tyler Gibson

Country: USA

The 25-year-old Knoxville, Tenn. native comes to Oklahoma City after playing his rookie year with the San Antonio Scorpions of the NASL in the 2015. Gibson was a four-time All-Atlantic 10 Conference selectee while playing for UNC Charlotte.

Gibson was a four-year starter, was named an Academic All-American his senior year, and was twice on the Hermann Award (soccer's version of the Heisman Trophy) watch list. In 2013, he scored the game-winning penalty kick in the Conference-USA title game and in 2010 he was named the Atlantic-10 Midfielder of the Year.

Tyler enjoys hiking, camping, kayaking, biking - anything outdoors. He is the middle of three children with two sisters and has a marketing degree from UNC Charlotte.

## Moises Hernandez

Country: Guatemala

Hernandez was called to the Guatemalan National Team on several occasions. He started two games in the Gold Cup against Trinidad & Tobago and Mexico. Hernandez recorded four more appearances in friendlies. Moises was also a member of the U.S. U-20 National Team, most recently selected by coach Thomas Rongen for the U-20 Men's National Team Camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from January 2 to January 13, 2011.

Hernandez is a home-grown player from Dallas, TX. He began his professional career at 18 when he signed his first contract with FC Dallas' Reserve team. Hernandez was not eligible to play in MLS matches during the 2010 season, but made his professional debut against 2010 UEFA Champions League winner, Inter Milan. Was loaned by FC Dallas in 2010 to Guatemalan first division side Communicaciones and played four matches. In 2013 Hernandez was loaned to Deportivo Saprissa of the Costa Rican First Division, he made 17 appearances for a total of 1,424 minutes including 16 starts. In 2014 Hernandez returned from loan and started the first match of the season at center back. In 2015 Hernandez made 14 appearances for FC Dallas and was named in the MLSsoccer.com's top 75 list. He started and played 45 minutes against Sporting KC on US Open Cup. FCD won both games in which he recorded an assist, both at home against San Jose in March and Toronto in April.

### Juanan

Country: Spain

Known as Juanan, Juan Antonio González Fernandez arrives in Oklahoma from Leganés of Spanish La Liga's Segunda Division, after spells in Germany and Hungary.

He made more than 100 appearances for the B teams of Deportivo de la Coruña and Real Madrid in Spain then played 34 times for Fortuna Düsseldorf, helping the German side win promotion to the Bundesliga.

## Kosuke Kimura

Country: Japan

Kimura played 19 matches in the 2015 NASL season with the Atlanta Silverbacks and boasts vast MLS experience, having played nearly 200 matches in the league during his professional career. He played eight seasons from 2007 through 2014 with the Colorado Rapids, Portland Timbers and New York Red Bulls, respectively.

Kimura — the first Japanese-born player to ever play in Major League Soccer won a MLS Cup, a Supporters' Shield, and six CONCACAF Champions League appearances and played for Polish club Widzew Łódź in early June, participating in 952 total minutes in 12 matches for the I Liga club.

Born in Kobe, Japan, Kimura spent his youth career in the Kawasaki Frontale (J-League) system before moving stateside to play collegiately at Western Illinois University from 2003-2006. With the Leathernecks, the defender won team MVP honors and even joined Thunder Bay Chill in the Premier Development League for a season, giving him his first taste of North American club soccer.

## Rauwshan McKenzie

Country: USA

The 29-year-old Illinois native is another former Atlanta Silverbacks veteran in the Rayo OKC ranks. He spent six years in MLS having played his college soccer for Michigan State University from 2004-2007. He was an All-Big 10 freshman in 2004 and in his senior season of 2007 he was named to the All-Big 10 First Team.

Professionally, McKenzie played for the Kansas City Wizards in 2008 and 2009, Real Salt Lake in 2010 and 2011, Chivas USA in 2012, the Portland Timbers in 2013 and 2014 and the NASL's Atlanta Silverbacks in 2015.

Aside from his more than 3,100 MLS minutes, McKenzie played 180 minutes against Mexican powerhouse Cruz Azul in two CONCACAF Champions League appearances for Real Salt Lake and one for Portland - where he scored his first career goal in a 4-2 victory over CD Olimpia.

## Richard Menjivar

Country: El Salvador

Born in Los Angeles but of Salvadoran descent, Menjivar, 24, played for the United States Under-18 team but is now a regular member of El Salvador's senior national team. The midfielder has 29 caps for El Salvador. He started eight matches for El Salvador in 2014 and was called up for friendly matches against Argentina and Guatemala in 2015.

Menjivar, who ended the 2015 season with the Tampa Bay Rowdies, helped the San Antonio Scorpions to an NASL Championship in 2014, making 19 starts and playing 1,703 minutes. He spent 2013 with the Atlanta Silverbacks, making 22 appearances and playing 1,924 minutes in his first NASL season, helping the team to the Soccer Bowl final.

Menjivar has played in the NASL Championship match in both of his seasons in the league. For his efforts in Atlanta, Menjivar earned a spot on the 2013 NASL Best XI.

the Brisbane Premier League. He is eligible to represent Australia at international level.



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#### Michel

Country: Brazil

The 34-year-old Vitória, Brazil native Michel Garbini Periera, more commonly

known as

Michel, is the first club captain in Rayo OKC history and comes to Oklahoma City

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playing with FC Dallas, where he scored 12 goals in 74 appearances between 2013 and 2015.

The defender began his career with Atlético Mineiro where he played 47 times, scoring 5 goals, before transferring to one of Belgium's top clubs Standard Liege. After two seasons he returned to Brazil with Atlético Paranaense, Nautico and Vila Nova. He earned 4 Under-23 caps for Brazil.

In 2010 Michel established himself with Aris in Greece, playing in 52 games, including all 12 of the club's Europa League games that season.

He established himself as a dead ball threat at FC Dallas, scoring 12 goals in 74 appearances the past three seasons.

#### Pecka

Country: Brazil

The 26-year-old Rio de Janeiro native Wellington Paeckart, known as Pecka, comes to Oklahoma City after playing with Real Salt Lake of the MLS in 2015. The midfielder played four seasons in the NASL with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers from 2011 through 2014 before playing in the MLS for one season last year.

Pecka, who played for the Brazilian Youth National Team, started his career with the storied Flamengo club before making his mark with the Strikers, where he scored 3 goals in 60 appearances.

## Hugo Rhoads

Country: USA

The 21-year-old West Linn, Ore. native comes to Oklahoma City as a rookie in professional soccer. The defender spent the past four years playing NCAA soccer at the University of Portland, where he was named to the West Coast Conference All-Conference Team for four consecutive seasons. He also played with the Portland Timbers Under 23s.

His great grandfather Hudson Hellmich ran track and played baseball at the University of Illinois in the 1920s and coached track and baseball at Washington University. His great grandfather Herbert Rhoads played football at Wheaton and was a pitcher in the Chicago Cubs farm system in the 1920s.

### Georgios Samaras

Country: Greece

Veteran Greece international striker Georgios Samaras arrived in Oklahoma from Al Hilal of the Saudi Arabia Pro League, where he played in 2015.

The targetman has scored 9 goals in 81 appearances for Greece, having scored as a 21-year-old on his debut against Belarus in 2006. He represented his country in the 2010 and 2014 FIFA World Cup finals.

Samaras emerged as a striking threat with Heerenveen in the Netherlands, scoring 25 times in 88 games, earning a transfer to Manchester City of the English Premier League for a fee of six million UK pounds, which was a record fee for a Greek player.

In 2008 he signed for Celtic of the Scottish Premier League and enjoyed a glittering career with the Glasgow giants, scoring 48 times in 156 appearances as Celtic won four league championships, two Scottish Cups and two Scottish League Cups. Samaras played briefly with West Bromwich Albion in the English Premier League before heading to Saudi Arabia on loan.

#### Caleb Patterson-Sewell

Country: USA

Patterson-Sewell brings seven years of professional experience Rayo OKC, having started his career with the Carolina RailHawks. In 2010, Patterson-Sewell played for the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, and in 2011 he went back to Carolina for a second stint with the RailHawks.

Since 2011, the 28-year-old Hendersonville, Tenn. native has played in the Liga Portuguesa de Futebol Profissional with Atletico CP, Vitoria Setubal and Gil Vicente.

He began his career in Australia, where his family moved when he was two years old, playing with Toowoomba Raiders and Mt. Gravatt in the Brisbane Premier League. He is eligible to represent Australia at international level.

## Ian Svantesson Country: USA

The 22-year-old Orlando, Fla. native kicks off his rookie professional season having spent the past four years playing at the University Alabama Birmingham, where he was a four-time Conference USA All-Conference player.

## Jarad Van Schaik

Country: USA

Van Shaik played with the Charleston Battery of the United Soccer League in 2015, where he was team captain.

He began his career with Portland Tumbers U23s before spending two seasons with the Puerto Rico Islanders of the NASL, making 40 appearances, scoring three times. The University of Portland product was drafted by Real Salt Lake of MLS in 2011.

## Sebástian Velásquez

Country: Colombia

The 25-year-old Colombian has the honor of being the first player signed by NASL expansion club Rayo OKC in 2015.

He made 12 appearances during the debut MLS seas<mark>on of</mark> New York City FC in 2015, having made 55 appearances during three seasons with Real Salt Lake.

## Yuma

Country: Spain

The 30-year-old Madrid native Javier Monsálvez, more commonly known as Yuma, comes to Oklahoma City after playing with the Spanish Puerta Bonita, which is the Tercera Division in Spain.

Between 2005 and 2011 he played 62 times, scoring once, for Rayo Vallecano then played in the Segunda Division of Spanish La Liga for the past six years with Fuenlabrada (on loan), Salamanca and Ontinyent.







ABOUT RAYO OKC					
Team Name	RAYO OKC				
Established	2016				
League	North American Soccer League				
Stadium (Capacity)	Miller Stadium, Yukon High School (6,500 to 11,000)				
Team Colors	Red and White with gold Trim				
Official Team Crest	Modeled after La Liga's Rayo Vallecano de Madrid				
Mascot	ScissorTailed Flycatcher (Official State Bird of Oklahoma)				
Ownership	Raúl Martín Presa and Sean Jones				
Managing Partner	Sold Out Strategies, Brad Lund and DeBray Ayala				
General Manager	Eric Newendorp				
Head Coach	Alen Marcina				
Individual Game Tickets	\$12 to \$40				
Season Ticket	\$189 to \$510				
Parking	On-site Parking				
Contact	Rayo OKC				
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#### **OWNERS**

Raul Martín Presa, owner of Rayo Vallecano since 2011, is the majority owner of the Oklahoma City club. Under Martín Presa's leadership, Rayo has seen steady growth on and off the field, remaining in Spain's top-tier La Liga division for five of its six seasons. Rayo Vallecano is currently playing is Spain's Segunda Division.

Oklahoma native Sean Jones joins Martín Presa as the club's minority owner. Jones owns and operates The Broadway Clinic, Mariposa MedSpa, and several other Oklahoma City area healthcare companies. He also owns Oklahoma City FC, which advanced to the 2015 WPSL Final Four this past summer.

## WINNING THE NASL CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced in 2014 as the North American Soccer League's new postseason format, The Championship is a four-team, single-elimination tournament that crowns the league's annual champion.

#### HOW DO YOU GET THERE?

<u>Spring Season Winner:</u> The first berth into The Championship is awarded to the winner of the Spring Season (April - June), the first of two seasons on the annual NASL schedule.

<u>Fall Season Winner:</u> The second berth into The Championship is awarded to the winner of the Fall Season (July - November).

Next Best Two Teams In Combined Standings: In addition to the winners of the Spring and Fall Seasons being awarded a place in The Championship, two more teams will clinch postseason spots by virtue of the league's Combined Standings. The two teams that have the best combined records (Spring and Fall Season) – and that didn't win either the Spring or Fall Season – will enter the postseason tournament.

#### HOW ARE THE SEEDS DETERMINED?

<u>Scenario A –</u> Two Different Winners In Fall And Spring Season

#1 Seed: Out of the two teams that win the Spring or Fall Season, the top seed goes to the team with a better combined record (Spring and Fall) than the other.

#2 Seed: Out of the two teams that win the Spring or Fall Season, the #2 seed goes to the team with the second best combined record (Spring and Fall).

#3 Seed: Excluding the two teams that won either the Spring or Fall Seasons, the third seed goes to the team with the best overall record in the Combined Standings (Spring and Fall).

#4 Seed: Excluding the two teams that won either the Spring or Fall Seasons, the final seed goes to the team with the second best overall record in the Combined Standings (Spring and Fall).

#### Scenario B - One Team Wins Both Seasons

Should any one team win both the Spring and Fall Seasons, then the three remaining spots in The Championship would go to the teams with the top three records in the Combined Standings (Spring and Fall), excluding of course the team that won the Spring and Fall titles.

### **HOW IT WORKS?**

<u>The Championship Semifinals</u>: The #1 and #2 seeds will each host a semifinal match. The #1 seed will host the #4 seed, while the #2 seed will host the #3 seed.

<u>The Championship Final:</u> The winner of each semifinal match will advance in the tournament, and the advancing team with the highest seed will host The Championship Final.

#### WHAT"S THE PRIZE?

<u>Soccer Bowl Trophy:</u> The winner of The Championship Final will be awarded the Soccer Bowl trophy, which dates all the way back to the NASL Golden Era. The winning team will have its name engraved on the trophy to mark the achievement.