



SAINT LOUIS FC

OFFICIAL GAME NOTES



HOME



USL RECORD: **6-4-4**

VS

AWAY



USL RECORD: **9-3-2**

MATCH INFO

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| COMPETITION: | USL Championship |
| DATE: | 9/26/2020 |
| KICKOFF: | 7:00 p.m. CT |
| VENUE: | West Community Stadium |
| FORECAST: | Hi: 88°F Low: 63°F Clear |
| REFEREE: | Sergii Demianchuk |
| ARS: | Matt Geringer & Matthew Rodman |
| FOURTH OFFICIAL: | Jervis Atagana |
| STREAM: | ESPN+ |

HEAD-TO-HEAD

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| OVERALL: | 2-6-5 | |
| HOME: | 1-3-2 | Last Time: 1-1 draw on 8/29/2020 |
| AWAY: | 1-3-3 | Last Time: 0-3 loss on 9/12/2020 |

GROUP E STANDINGS

| Pos. | Team | GP | W | L | D | GD | Pts. |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----|---|---|---|-----|------|
| 1. | Louisville City FC | 14 | 9 | 3 | 2 | +14 | 29 |
| 2. | Indy Eleven | 14 | 7 | 5 | 2 | +4 | 23 |
| ----- playoff line ----- | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Saint Louis FC | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | +1 | 22 |
| 4. | Sporting KC II | 14 | 4 | 9 | 1 | -9 | 13 |

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2020 USL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

| DATE | TIME | OPPONENT | VENUE | RESULT |
|------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 3/7 | 7:00 p.m. CT | The Miami FC | West Community Stadium | 4-1 W |
| 7/11 | 6:00 p.m. CT | @Indy Eleven | Lucas Oil Stadium | 2-0 L |
| 7/18 | 7:00 p.m. CT | @Louisville City FC | Lynn Family Stadium | 0-1 W |
| 7/26 | 4:00 p.m. CT | Indy Eleven | West Community Stadium | 1-0 W |
| 8/1 | 7:30 p.m. CT | @Memphis 901 FC | AutoZone Park | 1-0 L |
| 8/5 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Sporting KC II | West Community Stadium | 1-1 D |
| 8/8 | 7:00 p.m. CT | FC Tulsa | West Community Stadium | 0-2 L |
| 8/15 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Sporting KC II | West Community Stadium | 3-1 W |
| 8/22 | 6:00 p.m. CT | @Pittsburgh Riverhounds | Highmark Stadium | 2-2 D |
| 8/29 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Louisville City FC | West Community Stadium | 1-1 D |
| 9/4 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Sporting KC II | West Community Stadium | 3-2 W |
| 9/12 | 6:30 p.m. CT | @Louisville City FC | Lynn Family Stadium | 3-0 L |
| 9/19 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Sporting KC II | West Community Stadium | 3-2 W |
| 9/23 | 6:00 p.m. CT | @Indy Eleven | Lucas Oil Stadium | 1-1 D |
| 9/26 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Louisville City FC | West Community Stadium | - - |
| 10/3 | 7:00 p.m. CT | Indy Eleven | West Community Stadium | - - |

2020 HOME & AWAY RECORD

| OVERALL | | | HOME | | | AWAY | | |
|---------|----|----|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
| 6-4-4 | | | 5-1-2 | | | 1-3-2 | | |
| G | GA | GD | G | GA | GD | G | GA | GD |
| 20 | 19 | +1 | 16 | 10 | +6 | 4 | 9 | -5 |

MATCH PREVIEW

Saint Louis FC hosts Louisville City FC for the final time this Saturday, September 26th in what promises to be the most important game in the rivalry yet as a win will keep Saint Louis FC alive in the playoff hunt and bring the Kings' Cup to St. Louis for the first time in history.

Saint Louis FC is coming off a dramatic 1-1 draw away to Indy Eleven on Wednesday night that saw Sam Fink and Todd Wharton receive second yellow card cautions to finish the game with only nine men. The result means Saint Louis FC needs to win on Saturday to control their own destiny as Indy Eleven remains one point ahead in the Group E Standings with a match against Sporting KC II next Wednesday to set up a season finale for the final playoff position.

Louisville City FC is coming off a 4-1 win against Memphis 901 FC with Cameron Lancaster scoring a brace and Brian Ownby and Corben Bone each tallying as well. They secured their playoff position thanks to the draw between Indy Eleven and Saint Louis FC on Wednesday night and will finish top of the group regardless of the next two matches with their three wins over Indy being the tie-breaker should they win out.



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TEAM MATCHUP

Saint Louis FC

Steve Trittschuh

6-4-4

3rd (Group E)

20

19

Sam Fink & Todd Wharton

Blackwood & Cicerone (5)

Todd Wharton (4)

Todd Wharton (22)

Kyle Morton (46)

TEAM PROFILES

Head Coach

USL Record

Conference Position

Goals Scored

Goals Conceded

Suspensions

TEAM LEADERS

Goals

Assists

Chances Created

Saves

Louisville City FC

John Hackworth

9-3-2

1st (Group E)

25

11

-

Cameron Lancaster (9)

Antoine Hoppenot (5)

Corben Bone (33)

Benjamin Lundt (26)

2020 PLAYER STATS

| No. | Player | GP | Minutes | Goals | Assists | Key Passes | Pass % | YC | RC |
|-----|----------------------------|----|---------|-------|---------|------------|--------|----|----|
| 2. | Paris Gee | 14 | 1143 | - | 1 | 15 | 79% | 2 | - |
| 3. | Phanuel Kavita | 13 | 1170 | 1 | - | - | 84% | 1 | - |
| 4. | Sam Fink | 14 | 1078 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 81% | 3 | 1 |
| 5. | Wal Fall | 13 | 968 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 80% | 1 | - |
| 6. | Daniel Fischer | 7 | 142 | - | - | 1 | 80% | 1 | - |
| 7. | Todd Wharton | 14 | 1175 | - | 4 | 22 | 87% | 3 | 1 |
| 8. | Guy Abend | 10 | 318 | - | 1 | 4 | 71% | - | - |
| 9. | Russell Cicerone | 14 | 1166 | 5 | - | 19 | 76% | - | - |
| 10. | Elhadji Mour Samb | 7 | 453 | 2 | - | 5 | 73% | - | - |
| 11. | Joaquin Rivas | 11 | 520 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 83% | 2 | - |
| 13. | Kadeem Dacres | 12 | 355 | 1 | - | 3 | 81% | - | - |
| 14. | Tyler Blackwood | 12 | 772 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 72% | 1 | - |
| 17. | Oscar Umar | 10 | 744 | - | - | 3 | 81% | 3 | - |
| 21. | Tobi Adewole | 8 | 584 | - | - | - | 77% | 1 | - |
| 22. | Kyle Greig | 11 | 850 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 67% | 1 | - |
| 23. | Richard Bryan | 12 | 458 | - | - | 5 | 82% | 1 | - |
| 28. | Jérémy Gagnon-Laparé | 9 | 653 | - | 1 | 4 | 80% | - | - |
| 29. | Nikiphoros (Nichi) Vlastos | 2 | 6 | - | - | - | 60% | - | - |

| No. | Player | GP | Minutes | Saves | Save % | Clean Sheets | Goals Allowed |
|-----|-------------|----|---------|-------|--------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | Kyle Morton | 12 | 1080 | 46 | 74% | 2 | 13 |
| 18. | John Berner | 2 | 180 | 6 | 66% | - | 3 |



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2020 TEAM ROSTER

| No. | Name | | Position | Height | Weight | Age | Hometown |
|-----|----------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|--------|-----|------------------------------|
| 1. | Kyle Morton | | GK | 6'4" | 190 | 26 | West Chester, PA |
| 2. | Paris Gee | (Paris G) | D | 5'10" | 170 | 26 | Burnaby, Canada |
| 3. | Phanuel Kavita | (Fan-well Ka-veet-a) | D | 6'1" | 185 | 27 | Lumbumbashi, DR Congo |
| 4. | Sam Fink | | D | 6'2" | 190 | 27 | Edwardsville, IL |
| 5. | Wal Fall | (Wall Fall) | M | 6'3" | 165 | 27 | Frankfurt, Germany |
| 6. | Daniel Fischer | | D | 6'1" | 170 | 23 | Bruck An Der Leitha, Austria |
| 7. | Todd Wharton | | M | 6'0" | 170 | 26 | Richmond, VA |
| 8. | Guy Abend | (Guy Ah-bend) | M | 6'0" | 180 | 29 | Netanya, Israel |
| 9. | Russell Cicerone | (Russell Ciss-er-roni) | M | 5'10" | 170 | 25 | Bloomfield Hills, MI |
| 10. | Elhadji Mour Samb | (More Sam) | F | 6'0" | 150 | 26 | Saly, Senegal |
| 11. | Joaquin Rivas | | M | 5'11" | 170 | 28 | Las Vegas, NV |
| 13. | Kadeem Dacres | (Ka-deem Day-kers) | M | 5'8" | 155 | 29 | Rosedale, NY |
| 14. | Tyler Blackwood | | F | 6'2" | 160 | 29 | London, England |
| 17. | Oscar Umar | (Oscar Ew-mar) | M | 5'11" | 170 | 27 | Tamale, Ghana |
| 18. | John Berner | | GK | 6'3" | 190 | 29 | St. Louis, MO |
| 21. | Tobi Adewole | (Tobi Ad-a-wall-e) | D | 6'3" | 195 | 24 | Cheverly, MD |
| 22. | Kyle Greig | (Kyle Greg) | F | 6'2" | 185 | 30 | Stevens Point, WI |
| 23. | Richard Bryan | | D | 5'10" | 160 | 25 | Enfield, England |
| 28. | Jérémy Gagnon-Laparé | (Gagnon-La-per-ray) | D | 5'11" | 165 | 25 | Sherbrooke, Canada |
| 29. | Nichi Vlastos | (Nee-chee Vlas-tos) | M | 5'11" | 175 | 20 | Casper, WY |

SAINT LOUIS FC INJURY REPORT

| No. | Name | Position | Status | Injury | Timeline |
|-----|----------------------|----------|--------|-------------|----------------|
| 17. | Oscar Umar | M | Out | Undisclosed | Out for Season |
| 28. | Jérémy Gagnon-Laparé | D | Out | Undisclosed | Out for Season |



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HEAD COACH

STEVE TRITTSCHUH
HEAD COACH



Trittschuh joins Saint Louis FC after managing Colorado Switchbacks FC during the 2015-2019 seasons. He was appointed the club's first head coach in 2015 and led the team to a 14-10-4 record and league second-best 53 goals scored as they finished third in the USL Championship Western Conference. Trittschuh's second year in charge would be similar as the team finished third in the USL Championship Western Conference with a 14-9-7 record in 2016. In his last two seasons with Colorado Springs, Trittschuh compiled a record of 15-28-8.

Trittschuh was born in Granite City, Illinois and attended Southern Illinois University Edwardsville where he was inducted into the SIUE Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011. He began his professional career for the St. Louis Steamers in 1987 and would represent the United States in the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics before signing with the Tampa Bay Rowdies. Trittschuh played for the U.S. Men's National Team in the 1990 FIFA World Cup and then signed with Czechoslovakia club Sparta Prague where he made 13 appearances and scored one goal in a season culminating with a league championship. He would also become the first American to play in the European Cup, the predecessor to the UEFA Champions League. Stints with the Tampa Bay Rowdies, St. Louis Ambush, and Montreal Impact would follow before Trittschuh signed with the Colorado Rapids in 1996. He would make 98 appearances and score 11 goals for the club before finishing his playing career at the Tampa Bay Mutiny in 2001. In total, Trittschuh made 317 club appearances and scored 39 goals while also making 37 international appearances with two goals scored before starting a coaching career as an assistant with the Colorado Rapids in 2002.

ASSISTANT COACH

MAX ROGERS
ASSISTANT COACH



Max Rogers is entering his third season with Saint Louis FC and first season as the assistant to Steve Trittschuh. He was born in Grantham, England and graduated from Edinburgh Napier University with a Bachelor of Science honors degree in Sport and Exercise Science. He started his coaching career at St. Mirren FC in the Scottish Premiership in 2014 and was named the Assistant Head of Youth Development while also assisting with the reserve team and serving as the first team opposition scout. Rogers then joined the Orlando City SC Development Academy in 2016 and was in charge of Methodology and Player Development for both the academy teams and USL team. While serving in the Development Academy, he coached at the U13 and U16 levels and assisted for the U18 squad that reached the USSDA Championship quarterfinals in 2017. He currently holds a UEFA A License, UEFA B License, and the UEFA Elite Youth A License.

GOALKEEPING COACH

BRIAN JONES
GOALKEEPING COACH



Brian Jones is entering his sixth season as the goalkeeping coach and has been with the club since the beginning in 2015. He is a St. Louis-native who played professionally for Sint-Niklaas in Belgium, Olivais-Muscovide in Portugal, and the Kansas City Wizards in MLS.

After his playing career was over, Jones was hired as the goalkeeper coach at SIUE where he coached from 2007-2014. Jones was promoted to co-head coach at SIUE in 2014 and helped lead the Cougars to the program's first MVC title and an appearance in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. During his tenure, he mentored John Berner who is now playing for the club.

Jones resides in St. Louis with his wife, Rebecca, and son, Remi.



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STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH

NATHAN STEINMETZ
DIRECTOR OF HIGH PERFORMANCE



Nathan Steinmetz oversees Medical, Strength & Conditioning, Dietetics, Sport Psychology/Mental Training, and Social Welfare as the Director of High Performance for the STLFC first-team and STLFC Academy teams.

Steinmetz earned his Master's Degree in Sport Psychology from the University of Tennessee while working with multiple teams in the NCAA Division I athletics program. He coached at various levels including the US Youth Soccer National League and Midwest Regional League over a 17-year career before joining St. Louis Scott Gallagher in 2016.

Steinmetz holds a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, K-12 Physical Education and Health, and is a NSCA Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

ATHLETIC TRAINER

JACOB TANNER
ATHLETIC TRAINER



Jacob Tanner is an athletic trainer for Mercy Sports Medicine with his primary focus being Saint Louis Football Club.

Tanner was the head athletic trainer with the St. Louis Ambush of Major Arena Soccer League during the 2017-2018 season. During the off-season, he continued growing his orthopedic therapy skills in the Mercy Sports Medicine Therapy Clinic working with active individuals of all ages.

Tanner is a certified and licensed athletic trainer as well as certified in Functional Movement Screening for athletes. He received a Bachelor's degree in Sports Medicine and Athletic Training from Missouri State University where he was a member of the athletic training student organization as well as the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta.

Tanner previously worked as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Lindenwood University where he was the athletic trainer for their softball, football, and baseball teams while completing his masters degree in human performance. He has been a member of the National Athletic Trainer's Association since 2010.

KIT MAN

NELSON HERNANDEZ
KIT MAN



Nelson Hernandez is a St. Louis native and currently resides in Fenton with his wife, Samantha. He began his time with Saint Louis Football Club as a Team Operations intern in 2016. In addition to his duties with the first team, he also works closely with St. Louis Scott Gallagher where he currently coaches two teams. Nelson graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Sports Management from Missouri Baptist University.



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2020 PLAYER BIOS & STATS

1



KYLE MORTON

GOALKEEPER

HEIGHT: 6'4" **WEIGHT:** 190 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 3/31/1994 **AGE:** 26
HOMETOWN: WEST CHESTER, PA

| | GP | Min. | Saves | Save % | Clean Sheets |
|------|----|------|-------|--------|--------------|
| 2020 | 12 | 1080 | 46 | 74% | 2 |
| 2019 | 26 | 2370 | 52 | 70% | 14 |

Morton was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania and developed in the Philadelphia Union youth system before attending James Madison University. He would make 69 appearances and average 1.13 goals against with a 75.8% save percentage throughout his collegiate career while also playing for Reading United AFC, Lehigh Valley United and OKC Energy U23s in USL League Two over the 2015-2016 seasons. Morton signed his first professional contract with Rochester Rhinos in 2017 before joining Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC the following season. He would play 2,370 minutes over 26 appearances and kept a league joint-best 14 clean sheets as Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC finished top of the Eastern Conference in 2019.

2



PARIS GEE

DEFENDER

HEIGHT: 5'10" **WEIGHT:** 170 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 7/5/1994 **AGE:** 26
HOMETOWN: BURNABY, CANADA

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp. % | Tackle Comp. % | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|--------------|----------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 14 | 1143 | - | 1 | 79% | 56% | 11 | 2 | - |
| 2019 | 19 | 1176 | 0 | 1 | 73% | 58% | 11 | 1 | - |

Gee was born in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada and developed in the Vancouver Whitecaps FC youth system before playing for Simon Fraser University in NCAA Division II for one season in 2012. He would sign his first professional contract for NK Rudeš of the Croatian second division in 2014 and make 35 appearances over two seasons. Gee then moved to Tulsa Roughnecks FC (now FC Tulsa) and made 52 appearances during 2017 USL Championship season with three goals scored and six assists over 33 games. After signing with Saint Louis FC, he made 19 appearances and contributed one assist during the 2019 USL Championship season.



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PHANUEL KAVITA

DEFENDER

3



HEIGHT: 6'1" **WEIGHT:** 185 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 3/9/1993 **AGE:** 27
HOMETOWN: LUBUMBASHI, DR CONGO

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 13 | 1170 | 1 | - | 84% | 81% | 16 | 1 | - |
| 2019 | 34 | 3060 | 1 | - | 86% | 52% | 41 | 3 | - |

Kavita was born in Lubumbashi, DR Congo and moved to the United States to develop in the Real Salt Lake AZ academy. He attended Clemson University where he started in all 81 games during the 2011-2014 seasons and captained the team during his junior and senior years. He was named to the all-ACC Tournament team in 2014 as he led Clemson to win the ACC Tournament championship. Kavita signed a homegrown contract with Real Salt Lake in 2015 before joining USL-affiliate Real Monarchs SLC where he made 38 appearances and scored one goal during the 2015-2016 seasons. He then joined Puerto Rico FC in the NASL at the start of the 2017 Spring season where he made 27 appearances and scored one goal. Kavita joined Saint Louis FC at the start of the 2018 season and made 31 appearances with 2,565 minutes and tallied one goal and one assist. He followed up that playoff campaign by playing every minute across 34 league games with one goal scored in 2019.

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SAM FINK

DEFENDER

HEIGHT: 6'2" **WEIGHT:** 190 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 5/8/1993 **AGE:** 27
HOMETOWN: EDWARDSVILLE, IL

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 14 | 1078 | 1 | 1 | 81% | 61% | 12 | 3 | 1 |
| 2019 | 33 | 2836 | 7 | 1 | 80% | 56% | 13 | 2 | - |

Fink was born in Bridgeton, Missouri and played in the St. Louis Scott Gallagher Academy youth system. He attended Wake Forest University from 2011-2014 where he served as the team captain and played every minute during his senior year. Fink then signed with Saint Louis FC in March 2015 and would be one of only two players in the entire league to play every minute of every game during the 2015 season. In total, Fink appeared in 53 games and scored four goals for his hometown club during the 2015-2016 seasons. He would join Oklahoma City Energy FC at the start of the 2017 season and make 17 appearances for the club in a season that finished in the Western Conference Finals of the USL Cup.

Fink returned to his hometown club at the start of the 2018 season and played 2,881 minutes over 33 appearances and tallied one goal and two assists during the season, including the game-winning goal away to Reno 1868 FC to spur Saint Louis FC to a four-game win streak in the middle of the season. He also made 33 appearances during the 2019 season and co-led the team with seven goals.

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2020 PLAYER BIOS & STATS

WAL FALL

MIDFIELDER

5



HEIGHT: 6'3" **WEIGHT:** 165 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 9/8/1992 **AGE:** 27
HOMETOWN: FRANKFURT, GERMANY

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp. % | Tackle Comp. % | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|----|---|--------------|----------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 13 | 968 | 1 | 3 | 80% | 75% | 17 | 1 | - |
| 2019 | 30 | 2505 | 10 | 3 | 80% | 67% | 50 | 10 | 1 |

Fall spent last season with Ottawa Fury FC where he made 30 appearances and co-led the team with ten goals to qualify for the USL Championship Playoffs. He was born in Frankfurt, Germany and developed in the SV Wehen Wiesbaden system before signing for FC Nurnberg II in 2011 where he made 27 appearances and scored three goals. Fall then moved to a number of European clubs, including SV Waldhof Mannheim, SC Austria Lustenau and BSV Schwarz-Weiß Rehden where he accumulated 73 appearances with five goals scored. He would make his USL Championship debut in 2016 after signing for the Rochester Rhinos and went on to make 53 appearances and score 13 goals before his first stint with Saint Louis FC. Fall rejoins the club after making 22 appearances with five goals and two assists during the 2018 campaign.

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DANIEL FISCHER

DEFENDER

HEIGHT: 6'1" **WEIGHT:** 170 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 7/22/1997 **AGE:** 23
HOMETOWN: BRUCK AN DER LEITHA, AUSTRIA

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp. % | Tackle Comp. % | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|--------------|----------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 7 | 142 | - | - | 80% | 100% | 3 | 1 | - |
| 2019 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Fischer was born in Hainburg an der Donau, Austria and developed in the AKA St. Polten system. He recently graduated from Young Harris College where he made 54 appearances and scored seven goals with nine assists over his career. Fischer also played 178 minutes over three appearances for the Cincinnati Dutch Lions in USL League Two during the 2019 season.



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2020 PLAYER BIOS & STATS

TODD WHARTON

MIDFIELDER

7



HEIGHT: 6'0" **WEIGHT:** 170 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 2/8/1994 **AGE:** 26
HOMETOWN: RICHMOND, VA

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 14 | 1175 | - | 4 | 87% | 64% | 14 | 3 | 1 |
| 2019 | 34 | 2928 | 6 | 1 | 87% | 68% | 24 | 6 | - |

Wharton spent last season at Portland Timbers 2 where he led the team with 2,928 minutes played across all 34 league games. He scored six goals, provided one assist and created 39 key chances with a remarkable 87% passing accuracy. Wharton was born in Richmond, Virginia and developed in the Richmond Strikers youth system before attending the University of Virginia where he made 85 appearances and scored 11 goals over his collegiate career that included an NCAA Championship in 2014. He also featured for the Portland Timbers U-23s in 2015 and earned USL League Two All-League honors as he led the team to the postseason. Wharton signed his first professional contract with Rio Grande Valley FC at the start of the 2016 season and made 63 appearances with six goals and eight assists for club over three seasons before signing with Portland Timbers 2.

8



GUY ABEND

MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT: 6'0" **WEIGHT:** 180 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 11/8/1990 **AGE:** 29
HOMETOWN: NETANYA, ISRAEL

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 10 | 318 | - | 1 | 71% | 75% | - | - | - |
| 2019 | 19 | 1287 | - | 1 | 78% | 75% | 12 | 5 | - |

Abend was born in Netanya, Israel but moved to Washington D.C. at an early age where he spent six years before moving back to Israel to play in the Maccabi Netanya F.C. youth system. He signed his first professional contract with Maccabi Netanya F.C. of the Israeli Premier League in 2008 where he made one league appearance before joining Hapoel Rishon LeZion in 2011. Abend made 84 appearances and scored two goals with the Israeli club where he also won the domestic cup in 2012. He would move to Louisville City FC at the start of the 2015 season and made 63 appearances with six goals scored during his tenure, including 23 starts in the 2017 USL Cup championship season. Abend spent the 2018 USL season with Reno 1868 FC where he appeared in 21 matches and tallied one assist in a season that finished in the USL Cup Western Conference Semi-finals. He would join Saint Louis FC in 2019 and make 19 appearances and contribute one assist in a campaign that was limited due to injury.



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RUSSELL CICERONE

MIDFIELDER

9



HEIGHT: 5'10" **WEIGHT:** 170 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 11/17/1994 **AGE:** 25
HOMETOWN: BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 14 | 1166 | 5 | - | 76% | 70% | 7 | - | - |
| 2019 | 33 | 2538 | 5 | 3 | 69% | 54% | 25 | 2 | - |

Cicerone was born in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan where he developed in the Vardar Freiburg Academy. He played collegiately at the University of Buffalo where he made 71 appearances and scored 42 goals from 2013-2016 while also playing for the Michigan Bucks in USL League Two during the 2015-2016 seasons. Cicerone made 22 appearances and scored 20 goals for the League Two side, including an average of a goal-per-game with 16 goals and five assists during the club's 2016 USL PDL championship-winning season. He would be selected by the Portland Timbers in the fourth round of the 2017 MLS SuperDraft and join Portland Timbers 2 where he made 29 appearances and scored one goal during the 2017 USL season. Cicerone was then signed by FC Cincinnati where he made 10 appearances and scored one goal as the club finished as regular season champions before falling to New York Red Bulls II in the second round of the USL Cup Playoffs. He joined Saint Louis FC last season and made 33 appearances with five goals scored and three assists, including a memorable game-winner against Nashville SC during a five-game winning streak.

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MOUR SAMB

FORWARD

HEIGHT: 6'0" **WEIGHT:** 150 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 1/4/1994 **AGE:** 26
HOMETOWN: SALY, SENEGAL

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 7 | 453 | 2 | - | 73% | 100% | 6 | - | - |
| 2019 | 19 | 1491 | 8 | 5 | 78% | 84% | 19 | 3 | - |

Samb was born in Saly, Senegal and developed with local club Diambars before signing a three-year trainee contract with LOSC Lille after successful trials with the French club in 2013. He made 41 appearances and scored seven goals for LOSC Lille B squad before moving back to Diambars following an injury. Samb then signed for Norwegian second-division club Tromsø Idrettslag where he made 25 appearances over the 2017-2018 seasons before joining Ottawa Fury FC. He scored eight goals and tallied five assists with 20 key passes over 19 appearances during the 2019 season as Ottawa Fury FC made the USL Championship Playoffs.



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JOAQUIN RIVAS

MIDFIELDER

11



HEIGHT: 5'11" **WEIGHT:** 170 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 4/26/1992 **AGE:** 28
HOMETOWN: LAS VEGAS, NV

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 11 | 520 | 1 | 1 | 83% | 33% | 7 | 2 | - |
| 2019 | 6 | 392 | 1 | 1 | 79% | - | 1 | - | - |

Rivas was born in Santa Ana, El Salvador but grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada and was named the Nevada Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior in high school. He attended the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) where he made 67 appearances and scored 11 goals during his collegiate career. Rivas would join Kitsap Pumas for the 2014 USL League Two season where he made 13 appearances before signing with Sacramento Republic FC at the start of 2015. He would make 19 appearances for Sacramento over a two-year span before joining Tulsa Roughnecks FC (now known as FC Tulsa) in 2017. Rivas made 61 appearances with 17 goals scored in his two seasons in Tulsa and finished as the team-leading scorer with 12 goals during the 2018 USL Championship season. He joined Saint Louis FC in 2019 and made six appearances with one goal and one assist in a season that was shortened by injury.

Rivas has also made three appearances and scored one goal for the El Salvador national team, including a recent appearance against Guatemala in a friendly in Los Angeles, CA on March 6th, 2019.

KADEEM DACRES

MIDFIELDER

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HEIGHT: 5'8" **WEIGHT:** 155 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 8/25/1991 **AGE:** 28
HOMETOWN: ROSEDALE, NY

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 12 | 355 | 1 | - | 81% | 37% | 6 | - | - |
| 2019 | 33 | 2214 | 4 | - | 72% | 66% | 37 | 3 | - |

Dacres was born in Rosedale, New York and developed in the Met Oval Academy before graduating from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County in 2013. He played for the Jersey Express in the PDL during the 2011-2012 seasons and made 18 appearances and scored seven goals. He also played for Reading United in the PDL during the 2013 season where he made 12 appearances and scored three goals. Dacres was drafted by the Chicago Fire in the 2014 MLS SuperDraft before signing with Arizona United in the USL where he played in 24 matches and scored three goals during the 2014 season. He then signed with Louisville City FC and made 49 appearances and scored eight goals over the 2015-2016 seasons. Dacres then joined FC Cincinnati and played in 22 matches during the 2017 season. He has been with Saint Louis FC since 2018 and made 33 appearances with four goals scored during the recent 2019 campaign.



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TYLER BLACKWOOD

FORWARD

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HEIGHT: 6'2" **WEIGHT:** 160 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 7/24/1991 **AGE:** 29
HOMETOWN: LONDON, ENGLAND

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 12 | 772 | 5 | 1 | 72% | 30% | 3 | 1 | - |
| 2019 | 26 | 1810 | 7 | 2 | 65% | 61% | 14 | 1 | - |

Blackwood was born in London, England where he developed in the Northampton Town and Barnet youth systems before accepting a scholarship at the University of Tampa. He made 33 appearances and scored 24 goals from 2011-2013 for the Spartans before transferring to University of South Florida where he made 10 appearances and scored four goals in 2014. Blackwood also played for the Orlando City U23s in USL League Two during the 2013 season where he led the league with 15 goals scored in 14 appearances. He then signed his first professional contract with Queen's Park Rangers where he made one appearance before being loaned to Newport County in English League Two where he scored one goal in three appearances. Blackwood would return to the United States in 2016 as he signed with Arizona United in the USL Championship and go on to make 26 appearances and score eight goals. He then signed with Sacramento Republic for a first stint in 2017 where he made 34 appearances and scored six goals as the team finished the season in the USL Championship Conference Semifinals. Blackwood would move to Swope Park Rangers in 2018 where he made 34 appearances with eight goals scored before re-signing with Sacramento Republic for a second spell at the start of 2019 season. He joined Saint Louis FC in August 2019 and made an immediate impact with six goals scored over 13 appearances.

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OSCAR UMAR

MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT: 5'11" **WEIGHT:** 170 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 2/20/1993 **AGE:** 27
HOMETOWN: TAMALE, GHANA

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 10 | 744 | - | - | 81% | 54% | 21 | 3 | - |
| 2019 | 24 | 1538 | - | - | 78% | 58% | 32 | 6 | 3 |

Umar was born in Tamale, Ghana and moved to the United States in 2008 as part of the Right to Dream Academy. He attended Villanova University where he appeared in 74 games and scored five goals and tallied 12 assists during his collegiate career. Umar then played for Ocean City Nor'easters in 2016 in the USL PDL and West Chester United of the NPSL in 2017 where he made five appearances for each club, respectively. He would sign for Richmond Kickers midway through the 2017 USL season and made 36 appearances for the club. Umar would join Saint Louis FC in 2019 and made 24 appearances last season.



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JOHN BERNER

GOALKEEPER

18



HEIGHT: 6'3" **WEIGHT:** 190 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 2/14/1991 **AGE:** 29
HOMETOWN: ST. LOUIS, MO

| | GP | Min. | Saves | Save % | Clean Sheets |
|------|----|------|-------|--------|--------------|
| 2020 | 2 | 180 | 6 | 66% | - |
| 2019 | - | - | - | - | - |

Berner was born in St. Louis and attended Southern Illinois University Edwardsville where he made 34 appearances over the 2010-2014 seasons and kept ten clean sheets with a 75% save percentage. He earned Missouri Valley Conference Goalkeeper of the Year honors in 2012 and 2013 and was drafted as the 35th pick in the 2014 MLS SuperDraft by Colorado Rapids. Berner made five appearances for the MLS side in 2014 before joining affiliate-club Charlotte Independence on loan. He made 38 appearances for the USL Championship club and kept 12 clean sheets over the 2015-2016 seasons before joining Phoenix Rising FC at the start of the 2017 season. Berner then spent time with Phoenix Rising FC and Oklahoma City Energy FC before sitting out the 2019 season to rehabilitate an injury.

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TOBI ADEWOLE

DEFENDER

HEIGHT: 6'3" **WEIGHT:** 195 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 10/14/1995 **AGE:** 24
HOMETOWN: CHEVERLY, MARYLAND

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp. % | Tackle Comp. % | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|--------------|----------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 8 | 584 | - | - | 77% | 66% | 9 | 1 | - |
| 2019 | 35 | 3050 | 2 | - | 77% | 64% | 36 | 4 | - |

Adewole was born in Cheverly, Maryland and attended George Washington University where he made 64 appearances and scored five goals over the 2013-2016 seasons. He also played for the Jersey Express in USL League Two and made four appearances for the club in 2016. Adewole would sign his first professional contract with Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC in 2017 and go on to make 74 appearances for the club over the past three USL Championship seasons. He played 3,050 minutes over 35 appearances in 2019 and anchored a defense that kept a league-best 18 clean sheets and only conceded 32 goals as the team secured first-place the USL Championship Eastern Conference.



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KYLE GREIG

FORWARD

22



HEIGHT: 6'2" **WEIGHT:** 185 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 2/22/1990 **AGE:** 30
HOMETOWN: STEVENS POINT, WI

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 11 | 850 | 3 | 1 | 67% | 75% | 14 | 1 | - |
| 2019 | 31 | 2146 | 7 | 4 | 64% | 57% | 44 | 4 | - |

Greig was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin and played at Benedictine College during the 2008-2012 seasons. He made 74 appearances and scored 43 goals during his collegiate career and also played for the Kansas City Brass in USL League Two where he made 41 appearances and scored 10 goals. Greig signed his first professional contract with the Wilmington Hammerheads in 2013 and made 26 appearances with six goals scored during the USL campaign. He moved to OKC Energy FC and played in 51 games with 16 goals scored during the 2014-2015 seasons before joining the Vancouver Whitecaps organization. Greig would make 27 appearances and score 11 goals for Whitecaps FC 2 during the 2016 season to earn a spot on the Vancouver Whitecaps senior-team for the 2017 MLS season. He was then loaned to FC Cincinnati in July 2017 and made 12 appearances with one goal throughout the remainder of the season. Greig joined Saint Louis FC in 2018 and led the team in scoring with 13 goals over 1,940 minutes played to finish second in STLFC history for goals scored in a single season (Irvin Herrera – 14 goals – 2016). He would follow that up with seven goals and four assists over 31 appearances during the 2019 season.

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RICHARD BRYAN

DEFENDER

HEIGHT: 5'10" **WEIGHT:** 160 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 9/13/1995 **AGE:** 24
HOMETOWN: ENFIELD, ENGLAND

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 12 | 458 | - | - | 82% | 58% | 3 | 1 | - |
| 2019 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Bryan was born in Enfield, England and attended Lander University where he totaled 56 appearances with four goals and 12 assists. He would play for Mississippi Brilla in USL League Two during the 2018 season where he scored four goals and provided two assists over 14 appearances before joining Des Moines Menace the following season where he played in six games and contributed one goal and one assist. Bryan also played for Detroit City FC in the NPSL where he made eight appearances and scored one goal in 2019.



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JÉRÉMY GAGNON-LAPARÉ

DEFENDER

28



HEIGHT: 5'11" **WEIGHT:** 165 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 3/9/1995 **AGE:** 25
HOMETOWN: SHERBROOKE, CANADA

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 9 | 653 | - | 1 | 80% | 63% | 7 | - | - |
| 2019 | 33 | 2428 | - | - | 82% | 59% | 50 | 6 | 1 |

Gagnon-Laparé was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada and developed in the Montreal Impact youth system before signing a professional Homegrown Player contract with the club in 2014. He would make 29 appearances and score one goal for FC Montreal in the USL Championship while also making six appearances for the MLS side during the 2014-16 seasons. Gagnon-Laparé would then sign with AS Vitre and make 37 appearances and score two goals for the fourth-tier French club over the 2016-17 seasons before returning to Canada to sign with Ottawa Fury FC. He played 2,428 minutes over 33 appearances with 21 key passes during the 2019 season as Ottawa Fury FC made the playoffs. Gagnon-Laparé has also appeared in five matches for the Canada National Team and made his debut in August 2013 as an eighteen-year-old.

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NIKIPHOROS VLASTOS

MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT: 5'11" **WEIGHT:** 175 LBS
BIRTHDATE: 2/2/2000 **AGE:** 20
HOMETOWN: CASPER, WY

| | GP | Min. | G | A | Pass Comp.% | Tackle Comp.% | Fouls | YC | RC |
|------|----|------|---|---|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----|
| 2020 | 2 | 6 | - | - | 60% | - | - | - | - |
| 2019 | 3 | 88 | - | - | 90% | 100% | 32 | - | - |

Vlastos was born in Casper, Wyoming and joined the club in 2015 as a 15-year-old where he spent time between the U15 and U17 Academy teams. He started to train with Saint Louis FC in 2017 while also playing for the STLFC Academy U19 team, where he scored three goals in 21 appearances in U.S. Soccer Development Academy competitions. This Academy season, Vlastos played in 29 games and scored two goals as the U19 team finished in third place in the USSDA Playoffs. Vlastos became the first player in club history to sign a professional contract with the club after an Academy contract in July 2019. He made his first-team debut in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup against Des Moines Menace (USL League Two) where he played all 120+ minutes in the penalty shootout win. Vlastos then made his league debut on July 13th as he was substituted on against Charlotte Independence and played 16 minutes, completing 17 of 19 passes and recording one key pass.