



GAME NOTES

ORANGE COUNTY SC VS. SD LOYAL



Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Kickoff: 7:00 p.m. (PT)



Irvine, Calif.

Championship Soccer Stadium

Orange County SC

Records: 2-2-0 (6 pts)

SD Loyal SC

1-4-1 (4 pts)

2021 SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Match	Time (PT)	Competition	Result
April				
Fri. April 10	at Phoenix Rising	7 p.m.	USL	L 4-1
May				
Thurs. May 6	at RGV FC Toros	5 p.m.	USL	L 1-0
Thurs. May 13	at Tacoma Defiance	7 p.m.	USL	L 3-1
Sat. May 22	at Louisville FC	4 p.m.	USL	L 2-1
Sat. May 29	vs. Las Vegas Lights FC	7 p.m.	USL	W 2-1
June				
Sat. June 5	at Phoenix Rising FC	7:30 p.m.	USL	D 2-2
Wed. June 9	at Orange County SC	7 p.m.	USL	
Sat. June 12	vs. LA Galaxy II	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Sat. June 19	vs. Phoenix Rising FC	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Fri. June 25	at Las Vegas Lights	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Tues. June 29	vs. Oakland Roots SC	7:30 p.m.	USL	
July				
Sat. July 3	vs Sacramento Republic	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Wed. July 14	vs. Orange County SC	4 p.m.	USL	
Sat. July 24	vs. Phoenix Rising FC	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Thurs. July 29	at Tacoma Defiance	7 p.m.	USL	
August				
Sun. Aug. 1	at LA Galaxy II	5 p.m.	USL	
Sat. Aug. 7	vs. Real Monarchs SLC	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Sat. Aug. 14	vs. Tacoma Defiance	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Wed. Aug. 18	vs. Las Vegas Lights FC	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Sat. Aug. 21	vs. Orange County SC	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Sat. Aug. 28	at Sacramento Republic	8 p.m.	USL	
September				
Sun. Sept. 5	vs. LA Galaxy II	3 p.m.	USL	
Sat. Sept. 11	at Oakland Roots SC	5:30 p.m.	USL	
Sun. Sept. 19	vs. Tacoma Defiance	3 p.m.	USL	
Wed. Sept. 22	at Oakland Roots SC	7 p.m.	USL	
Sat. Sept. 25	at Las Vegas Lights FC	7 p.m.	USL	
October				
Sat. Oct. 2	at LA Galaxy II	7 p.m.	USL	
Sat. Oct. 9	vs. Sacramento Republic	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Sun. Oct. 17	vs. New Mexico United	3 p.m.	USL	
Wed. Oct. 20	at Orange County SC	7 p.m.	USL	
Sun. Oct. 24	vs. Oakland Roots SC	7:30 p.m.	USL	

BROADCAST INFORMATION

National

ESPN+

Local

Fox 5 San Diego

Spanish

Azteca America 33

UPDATES

@sandiegoloyal

#SDLoyal #OCvSD

PACIFIC DIVISION STANDINGS (As of Monday)

		P	W	L	T	GD	PTS
	PHOENIX RISING FC	6	4	1	1	10	13
	LA GALAXY II	7	3	2	2	6	11
	TACOMA DEFIANCE	4	2	1	1	1	7
	SACRAMENTO REPUBLIC	6	2	3	1	-1	7
	ORANGE COUNTY SC	4	2	2	0	1	6
	OAKLAND ROOTS	3	1	1	1	-2	4
	SD LOYAL	6	1	4	1	-6	4
	LAS VEGAS LIGHTS FC	5	1	4	0	-13	3

KNOW THE HOST

Club: Orange County SC
Founded: 1998
Location: Irvine, Calif.
Population: 212,375
Stadium: Championship Soccer Stadium
Capacity: 5,488



ABOUT ORANGE COUNTY SC

Orange County SC is coming off a 3-1 win against Sacramento Republic. It was the second time it beat Sacramento this season, giving coach Braeden Cloutier's team its only six points of the season. Orange County SC has had an up and down start to the season, opening with a against Tacoma Defiance, then its first win against Sacramento, then a loss to LA Galaxy II and its last win against Sacramento last weekend. This is the first time it faces SD Loyal since September when it lost 2-0 at Torero Stadium at USD. The start to the 2021 season is not much of a surprise for Orange County SC. After all, it is a team that had high expectations in 2020. But a lackluster attack and losses in five of its last seven games left the team without a playoff spot. The club spent the offseason trying to retool its attack. It brought back some of its dangerous attackers.

One of those will be a familiar face as Thomas Enevoldsen returns after spending the COVID-19 pandemic in his native Denmark on loan with Hobro IK. A finalist for the Championship's MVP award in 2018, Enevoldsen joins Adam Jahn, who is on loan from MLS side Atlanta United but later released. Add Ronaldo Damus, the 2019 USL League One Golden Boot-winner, and 6-foot-5 Finnish forward Eero Markkanen and Orange County already has a strong attacking front. These pieces replace losing Aodhan Quinn to Phoenix Rising FC. Midfielders Chris Wehan and Brent Richards were brought in to try and replace Quinn's creativity.

NOTABLE ARRIVALS

Chris Wehan, Midfielder: Former New Mexico standout returns home looking to shine

Adam Jahn, Forward: After season in Atlanta, powerful forward will be aiming for a big season

Brent Richards, Defender: Stellar two-way full back has been among Championship's best in recent years

Ronaldo Damus, Forward: Young forward will fight for goals as he joins from League One's North Texas

NOTABLE DEPARTURES

- Aodhan Quinn: Signed with Phoenix Rising FC
- Sean Okoli: Signed with Austin Bold FC
- Aaron Cervantes: Transferred to Glasgow Rangers FC (Scotland)
- Frederick Due: Signed with Sandefjord (Norway)

KNOW THE VISITOR

Club: San Diego Loyal
Founded: 2019
Location: San Diego, Calif.
Population: 3.2 Million
Stadium: Torero Stadium
Capacity: 6,100



ABOUT SD LOYAL

SD Loyal enters its second season after becoming an expansion and playing in its inaugural season in the USL Championship last year. It was a turbulent 2020 season for the club due the COVID-19 pandemic. It got to play its inaugural game in front of a sold-out home crowd then competition came to a halt in March. The league revamped the schedule and resumed play in July. SD Loyal went on to a 6-5-5 record under first-year coach Landon Donovan, finishing in fourth place in the Group B standings.

It finished the season with a forfeit in its regular season finale against Phoenix Rising FC after SD Loyal players walked off the pitch after a homophobic slur was used against one of its players before halftime. SD Loyal was in position to make a push for the playoffs before the forfeit. It was the second forfeit by SD Loyal in 2020. Donovan's team also forfeit a match against L.A. Galaxy II after a racial slur was used against one of its players.

Launched on June 19, 2019, San Diego Loyal is the newest member of USL Championship Western Conference. San Diego Loyal plays for America's Finest City and is led by some of the best in sport. The Club is led by Chairman Andrew Vassiliadis, who is the youngest principal owner in USL Championship. It was founded and led on the business-side by experienced soccer executive Warren Smith, a co-founder and former president of Sacramento Republic FC. Executive Vice President of Soccer Operations Landon Donovan, one of the most decorated soccer players in the U.S., leads the technical side as both EVP and Team Manager.

San Diego Loyal is built on four core pillars – Completion, Commitment, Connection, Camaraderie.

San Diego Loyal held training camp in late March and most of April 2021 at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center, which also serves as its training center. Donovan's roster played in four eight matches leading up to the 2021 USL Championship season opener at Pacific Division rival Phoenix Rising FC.

Home matches are played at Torero Stadium located on the University of San Diego campus. Torero stadium has hosted numerous important soccer events including the U.S. Women's National team and MLS clubs LA Galaxy, Chivas USA and Club Tijuana. It is also the home field to USD's football team, soccer teams and San Diego Legion Rugby team.

ALL TIME HEAD-TO-HEAD

Series stands at 1-1-1

Sept. 13, 2020: SD Loyal 2-0 Orange County SC
 Aug. 29, 2020: Orange County SC 0-0 SD Loyal
 Aug. 12, 2020: Orange County SC 2-0 SD Loyal

SD LOYAL INJURY REPORT

NONE

TONIGHT'S KITS



Orange County SC



OFFICIALS



SD LOYAL

PREVIOUS MATCHES

SD LOYAL at PHOENIX RISING FC June 5, 2021

SD Loyal plays to 2-2 draw at Phoenix Rising FC

Berry and Blake score to provide lead but home side finds pair of goals in stoppage time



Chandler, Ariz (June 5, 2021) –Players walked off the pitch staring at the ground and shaking their heads the last time San Diego Loyal SC was at Wild Horse Pass Stadium. Some even buried their face in their hands about a month ago.

This time, it was players looking around trying to figure out what had transpired in the final moments of an emotional finish of a 2-2 draw against host Phoenix Rising FC in front of nearly 9,000 fans. What appeared to be headed to another SD Loyal three points and a first win on the road quickly changed in the final seven minutes of the Week 7 USL Championship match.

Miguel Berry (14th minute) and Jack Blake (71st) had scored for manager Landon Donovan's team. SD Loyal (1-4-1, 4 points) led 2-0 with only six minutes of stoppage time to play. The seventh minute of added time provided just enough time for Phoenix Rising (4-2-1, 13 points) to score a pair of goals and salvage a point with the come-from-behind draw. Joseph Calistri (90+6) tied the game with a shot from the right side off one of a series of late consecutive corner kicks by the home team. Santi Moar cut the SD Loyal lead in half when he scored in extra time. He was all alone on the right side of the penalty box to find the deflected ball.

The turn of events came after Donovan's team came out attacking, putting pressure on Phoenix Rising, who came into the match as the Pacific Division leader. It was a deed SD Loyal set out to earn as it came here last month and lost 4-1 in the season opener for both teams. It was a different story this time. Donovan had his team ready for some redemption against the defending Western Conference champion and controlled most aspects of the game, creating chances with its attackers. Berry was one of them.

"At the start of the game, if you said we'd play that way and we'd tie the game, we would be okay with that," Donovan said. "We want more. And we know that we could be better. We were very, very good for most of the match, not perfect but very good. A little disappointing at the end to give up the goals of course. But still proud of the overall effort and I look at performance always more than I look at the results. Obviously, we want to win games but that was a really good performance against the best team in the league at their place."

Berry, who came on loan to SD Loyal last week, didn't waste his first chance at goal. The 6-foot-3 striker sent in a right-footed blast in between two defenders as he entered the penalty box from the right. Berry shed his mark as he won a loose ball after a bounce, leaving Phoenix Rising defender James Musa behind for a 1-0 lead. It was Berry's first goal with SD Loyal this season.

Blake added to the scoring and sent in his second goal of the season when he buried a blast from inches outside the penalty box. He faked out his defender then fired the ball into the right corner of the net, leaving Rawls diving without a chance for the SD Loyal 2-0 lead. The scoring plays were results of SD Loyal continuing to push up field while also maintain control of its back line. Phoenix did not have a shot on target until late in the game. One of them was Moar's goal. Moar scored with a right-footed shot that beat SD Loyal goalkeeper Trey Muse. Moar, who has scored in every match this season, cut the lead when he took a ball while being wide open on the right side of the penalty box. He didn't waste his chance, converting as he caught the SD Loyal defense off guard. Moar had several chances earlier in the match but couldn't get his shots on target. Adeseyi Adegkoya nearly scored for the home side in the 67th minute. And then there was Calistri, who rushed in wide open from the left side off the box to a loose ball. He struck the ball and beat Muse to tie the game and send SD Loyal players into disbelief. But Donovan said his team can learn from the result and not be disappointed.

"The confidence to play this way...we know how to beat Phoenix." Donovan said. "We have proven over the last 18 months. (We've proven) that we are almost the only team in this league that knows how to beat them consistently and that's powerful. We need that. We need that now over 90 minutes but in the first half the way we dominated the game is what we know we can do against them."

PREVIOUS MATCHES

SD LOYAL VS. LAS VEGAS LIGHTS FC May 29, 2021

SD Loyal gets first three points of season in home opener SD Loyal allows goals in each half in 2-1 loss to Louisville City FC



San Diego (May 29, 2021) - Chants, drums, applause and Torrey Green smoke. Those were some of the sights, sounds and smells at Torero Stadium at USD on Saturday night.

Fútbol was back with fans in the stands, and they got to see SD Loyal earn its first points of the 2021 USL Championship season with a 2-1 win against visiting Las Vegas Lights FC. It was the first soccer action at home with fans for SD Loyal (1-4-0, 3 points) since its inaugural match March 7, 2020. It played a handful of home matches with closed doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. The vibe was different during the Week 5 match against Pacific Division rival, the same one it faced on that inaugural game. This time, it was a hometown player who sent about 2,100 soccer hungry fans in attendance into frenzy.

Alejandro Guido scored his first goal of the season in the 56th minute. The Chula Vista native took a pass from Jack Blake from the right to near the top of the penalty box. It was there where Guido sent a low-rolling, right-footed shot past Las Vegas Lights goalkeeper Alex Rando. Guido celebrated his third goal in 10 games with SD Loyal since joining the club late last season. He raised his arms and shook them as he looked to the dark skies and then onto the loud stands.

"It just changes the game it changes the momentum," Guido said about having fans in the stands. "It gives you more energy in the 70th minute when your legs are getting tired. Just to hear them it's just inspiring."

And as for getting his goal after a handful of attempts that fell short?

"I said 'oh my God' I couldn't believe it. It just didn't want to go in and look at the kind of luck we're having. We stuck through it. We were patient and we were able to find a goal."

Corey Hertzog also found a goal of his own to celebrate. He sent in the game-winner in the 87th minute. He buried a shot after a series of shot were blocked in the six-yard box. Hertzog and Guido's scoring plays were part of SD Loyal's attempt to pressure Las Vegas early in the second half. SD Loyal had opportunities but couldn't break through. But things began to change assistant coach Nate Miller, who led the team for suspended manager Landon Donovan, sent in the recently signed striker Miguel Berry in the second half. Berry helped attract two or three defenders at times, allowing more space for others to create chances around a backline that finished without starter Mohamed Traore. That's how the loose ball amid a forest of legs and deflections got to Hertzog who put in the game-winner.

"Everything was about putting pressure on them today," Miller said about the plan against Las Vegas. "I thought our high pressure was good. We were able to settle in and take control. We did a good job sticking to the game plan, plugging away and eventually the moment came. You can see what Miguel Berry can do. He's just a handful. He occupied two, three, four defenders sometimes and really allowed us to come in through the lines."

Las Vegas (0-4-0) had taken a 1-0 lead with a 17th minute goal by Alvaro Quezada. He scored on a quick play seconds after SD Loyal's Blake threatened with dangerous header. Quezada sent in a pass from Caleb Jennings, who steered through two SD Loyal defenders all the way to the end line and rolled a pass back in. Quezada took the pass near the six-yard box, leaving Trey Muse without a chance. It was Las Vegas' third goal of the season. SD Loyal nearly found the net when Jack Blake headed a ball that looked to be heading just inside the top left corner. But Rando got his hands on it at the final moment. The ball then came off the crossbar in the 17th minute. Las Vegas was saved.

PREVIOUS MATCHES

SD LOYAL at Louisville City FC May 22, 2021

Long road ends with defeat

SD Loyal allows goals in each half in 2-1 loss to Louisville City FC



Louisville, Ky. (May 22, 2021) -Trey Muse jumped and grabbed on to his crossbar. The San Diego Loyal SC goalkeeper partially pulled his body up the bar as if he was trying to tear down the goal Saturday night.

Muse displayed his frustration. He had just blocked a penalty kick on a diving effort. But his block went right back to the shooter, who didn't waste the second chance. It was that type of game for Muse and SD Loyal in a 2-1 loss against host Louisville City FC at Lynn Family Stadium.

Cameron Lancaster took the penalty kick in stoppage time of the first half but Muse dove to make the save but the ball ricocheted back to Lancaster. He put the ball into the net after Muse stood up, but the goalkeeper had no chance the second time.

Louisville City FC converted the penalty kick after a questionable call a minute earlier. SD Loyal midfielder Jack Blake was whistled for a foul on Napo Matsoso. Blake and SD Loyal players argued with referee Ismir Pekic that Matsoso was never touched, to no avail. The home side would go into halftime with the lead.

SD Loyal (0-4-0) would leave its first ever trip to the Eastern Time Zone with its fourth-straight road loss. Coach Landon Donovan's team could not find an attacking rhythm after what appeared to be a fast start to the USL Championship Week 4 match. Instead, it was a set of unexpected plays and misfortunes for SD Loyal.

Louisville City FC (2-0-1, 7 points) scored again on a bazaar play, this time in stoppage time in the second half. Kyle Greig scored in stoppage time when he headed a volley in the penalty area. He made a half turn and was able to push the ball past Muse with his leg while facing away from the goal for a 2-0 lead. It added more to SD Loyal and Donovan's frustration. Donovan was sent off from the sideline with a red card soon after Greig's score.

SD Loyal answered the second Louisville City FC score with a blast by Jack Blake. The British midfielder fired a right-footed blast from about 25 yards out that hits the same crossbar where Muse hung on earlier in the match, ricocheting into the Louisville City FC net, also in stoppage time.

The late action in the match was a contrast of the rest of the game. It was mostly Louisville City FC creating the most danger after SD Loyal tried to come out with a fast attacking game. It began by sending up its lines, creating some opportunities, including a 16th minute shot by Alejandro Guido. The Chula Vista native sent a low but powerful bouncing shot that was saved by a diving Chris Hubbard to his left. SD Loyal then opted to wait for Louisville City FC in its territory, hoping for counter attacks on a warm and humid Kentucky night. Those opportunities were slim. Muse was the one with more save opportunities as Louisville City FC continued to push up field, ultimately getting a penalty call and an opportune goal by Greig, a second half substitute. Muse finished the match in his return to his hometown with nine saves.

LINEUP:

SD Loyal -16. Trey Muse, 29. Thomas Vancaeyezeele, 23. Hunter Ashworth, 4. Jack Metcalf, 6. Charlie Adams, 7. Jack Blake, 17. Collin Martin (81'- CJ Fodrey), 3. Elijah Martin, 10. Alejandro Guido (68'- 11. Tumi Moshobane), 12. Niki Jackson (68'-21. Corey Hertzog), 9. Ben Spencer (61'-2. Morgan Hackworth). Coach: Landon Donovan.

PREVIOUS MATCHES

SD LOYAL at Tacoma Defiance May 13, 2021

Another road loss for SD Loyal

A more fluid brand of soccer is not enough for SD Loyal in 3-1 loss at Tacoma Defiance



Tacoma, Wash. (May 13, 2021) –The last time San Diego Loyal SC came here, the atmosphere was a bit strange on that March 2020 night. There were no fans in the stands after the governor of Washington announced a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was the final time coach Landon Donovan's team would play until July.

It was also the place SD Loyal earned its first ever win. It was different Thursday night. There was a handful of fans in attendance with local health regulations a bit more relaxed. Those few got to see SD Loyal drop its third-straight game with a 3-1 loss against host Tacoma Defiance at Cheney Stadium.

Tacoma Defiance (1-0-1, 4 points) got a first half goal and a pair in the second. All three were essentially counter attacks despite SD Loyal (0-3-0) creating many scoring opportunities during the Week 3 match. Carlos Anguiano (44th minute), Alec Diaz (51st) and Danny Robles (90+) scored for the home side. It was Tacoma's first win of the season following a draw against LA Galaxy II while SD Loyal has started the season with three road matches, all losses.

But it was SD Loyal, who led in every statistical category except scoring, appeared to have an advantage. It came out looking to attack, creating many chances in the first half and later in the match. Tacoma took advantage of SD Loyal's missed scoring opportunities and converted those into scores on counter attacks.

Anguiano scored after taking a low-rolling ball from near the top of the penalty box and fired it with his left foot. The blast caught SD Loyal goalkeeper Trey Muse without a chance at his line against his former team.

Anguiano's goal came during a time in the match in which SD Loyal was moving up lines and attacking. Donovan's team had a handful of chances before the Tacoma Defiance score. It was Ben Spencer who started the dangerous plays and eventually found the net in the 29th minute. But it didn't count. His goal was called off after he was whistled offsides. He had put back a shot inside the six-yard box after Tacoma goalkeeper Christian Herrera slid to make a block. Spencer also had a header come off the crossbar in the 34th minute.

The SD Loyal attack continued with midfielder Alejandro Guido also forcing Herrera to make a one-handed save. Herrera got a piece of Guido's blast, deflecting it off the left post. Then it was Jack Blake with another shot that was saved by Herrera. Spencer had another try with a header a minute before Tacoma took one of its few opportunities and converted with Anguiano's goal.

SD Loyal's attacking persistence eventually paid off.

Jack Metcalf tied the game with a 51st minute goal. He put back a shot by Charlie Adams. Herrera dove to make a standout save on Adams' volley but the ball was left rolling for a wide open Metcalf who sent in his first goal with SD Loyal. Metcalf's goal came after SD Loyal came out attacking in the second half similarly to what it did in the first.

But the lead lasted not for long.

Tacoma took another counterattack that ended with Diaz sending in a cross by Alex Villanueva from left to right. Diaz charged the SD Loyal goal down the middle of the box wide open. All Diaz had to do was tap it in past Muse. Robles scored three minutes into stoppage time to seal the win for Tacoma.

PREVIOUS MATCHES

SD LOYAL at RGV FC May 6, 2021

SD Loyal allows late goal in loss to RGV FC

Vicente Sanchez finds net in 87th minute of SD Loyal's second road match



Edinburg, Texas (May 6, 2021) -It was a quick turnaround. San Diego Loyal was back on the road after only three days of practice and having to travel in its season opener. There was not much time to make adjustments as it headed to Texas for another primetime match.

This time it was SD Loyal's first trip to the Southeastern tip of the Lone Star State Thursday as it played to a 1-0 loss against Rio Grande Valley FC in a Week 2 non divisional match at H-E-B Park. The modifications by coach Landon Donovan appeared to have worked. SD Loyal appeared to be heading into its first points of the season as it showed some stability on defense and displayed a bit more fluid brand of an attack against Toros.

But all that didn't matter after second half substitute Vicente Sanchez buried a header into the back of the SD Loyal net late in the USL Championship match. Sanchez, who was out of soccer a few months ago, sent in a goal past Trey Muse in the 87th minute to secure the win for the Toros after what was tightly contested Week 2 match. Muse stood at his goal line after unable to make a play against a wide open Sanchez who scored from near the penalty spot. Sanchez connected on a bending cross by Christian Sorto from left to right.

SD Loyal (0-2-0) defenders looked for answers after the scoring play after showing significant improvement from a loss at Phoenix Rising last week. Donovan made some shifting in the lineup against Toros (2-0-0, six points). Part of the changes included replacing starting defender Grant Stoneman who was out with a lower body injury, but Donovan had veteran and team captain Sal Zizzo. Newcomer Josh Yaro also appeared to have settled into the center back position next to Zizzo. Donovan also sent in midfielder Alejandro Guido in the First XI this time around. SD Loyal was able to pressure RGVFC with a handful of dangerous shots, including one that almost tied the game in stoppage time. Elijah Martin sent a header towards goal from the left side and appeared to be going in, but it was headed away at the last moment by a RGVFC defender.

Tumi Moshobane also had a chance on a quick shot in the 70th minute from near the six-yard box but it was saved by Tyler Deric at the goal line. Martin also nearly scored in the 58th when he fired a low shot from left to right looking for the right lower corner but Deric was able to cut it off with his foot to end any danger. SD Loyal appeared to have scored in the 22nd minute but Cory Hertzog was whistled offside on the play. He took a pass from the right into the box and tapped it in with his right foot but the goal was annulled. Muse also had a handful of key saves. He stopped shots by Erik Pimentel and Sorto, both with a foot at the last moment. Muse also had to dive to block another shot by Pimentel from about 25 yards out. Donovan's team will now return to San Diego for another short week of practice before heading back on the road to visit Tacoma Defiance Thursday May 13.

LINEUP:

SD Loyal -16. Trey Muse, 3. Elijah Martin, 29. Thomas Vancaeyezeele, 14. Joshua Yaro, 4. Jack Metcalf, 6. Charlie Adams, 17. Collin Martin, 7. Jack Blake, 8. Sal Zizzo (c), 10. Alejandro Guido (62'- 11. Tumi Moshobane), 21. Corey Hertzog (68'- 9. Ben Spencer). Coach: Landon Donovan.

Rio Grande Valley FC: 1. Tyler Deric, Carter Manley, 3. Grant Robinson, 4. Erik Pimentel, 5. Juan David Cabezas (c), 6. James Murphy, 21. Wan Kuzain, 8. Rodrigo Lopez, 20. Christian Sorto, 9. Elvis Amoh (74'- Vicente Sanchez), 24. Alexis Cerritos. Coach: Wilber Cabrera

PREVIOUS MATCHES

SD LOYAL at Phoenix Rising FC April, 30, 2021

SD Loyal opens season with loss at Phoenix Rising FC

Trey Muse has handful of saves in team's first of three-straight road



Chandler, Ariz. (April 30, 2021) -Trey Muse leaned forward and put his hands on his knees Friday night. He looked toward midfield, perhaps trying to decipher what transpired.

The 21-year-old San Diego Loyal SC goalkeeper had made standout saves throughout the night but it was not enough in a 4-1 loss against host Phoenix Rising FC in the USL Championship season opener for both teams.

Muse stopped shot after shot in his debut with SD Loyal but it was Jon Bakero (39th minute), Santi Moar (55th), Aodhan Quinn (67th) and (Kevon Lambert (80th) found the net for the home side at its inaugural match at its new Wild Horse Pass Stadium. Muse helped keep the match close, allowing only Bakero's goal in the first half that featured Phoenix Rising consistently attacking.

Bakero tapped in a right-footed shot after Muse blocked a Ryan Flood shot. Flood sent a blast from about 20-yards out but Muse was there to block it but the ball ricocheted straight to Bakero. He didn't waste his chance in front of a 50-percent capacity crowd at the 10,000 seat stadium.

The scoring play was part of a constant pressure by Phoenix Rising for most of the first half. Muse spent it making a handful of saves. Bakero was the first to shoot 11 minutes into the game, sending a blast high over the crossbar. Muse had to make saves on a shot by Rufat Dadashov and Solomon Asante. Dadashov also sent a shot off the right post in the 15th minute and he also thought he had scored a minute earlier. His low-rolling shot inside the right post was annulled. He was offside.

Phoenix Rising (1-0-0, 3 points) began the second half much like the first 45 minutes. It continued to pressure with two early shots, one by Asante and Flood. Moar would give Phoenix Rising a 2-0 when he also put back a Muse save.

SD Loyal (0-1-0) cut the lead to 2-1 when Ben Spencer sent in a cross by Alejandro Guido intended for Jack Blake but it was deflected to Spencer on the pass. Spencer tapped it in from near the six-yard box for his first goal with SD Loyal.

Phoenix Rising added two more against Manager Landon Donovan's team that began its second season in the USL. Quinn scored with a shot from the left side after a pass by Moar gave him plenty of space. He took his shot from left to right past Muse into the right wall of the SD Loyal net. Kevon Lambert closed out the scoring by sending a low shot inside the right post.

LINEUP:

SD Loyal -16. Trey Muse, 5. Grant Stoneman (45th -3. Elijah Martin), 29. Thomas Vancaeyezeele, 14. Joshua Yaro, 4. Jack Metcalf, 6. Charlie Adams (c), 17. Collin Martin, 7. Jack Blake (86th -8. Sal Zizzo), 11. Tumi Moshobane (46th -10. Alejandro Guido) -, 21. Corey Hertzog (86th- 2. Morgan Hackworth), 12. Niki Jackson (61st- 9. Ben Spencer). Coach: Landon Donovan.

Phoenix Rising FC: Phoenix Rising FC: 24. Andre Rawls, 2. Darnell King, 3. Tobi Adewole, 41. James Musa, 4. Ryan Flood, 27. Kevon Lambert, 10. Jon Bakero, 14. Aodhan Quinn, 20. Solomon Asante (c), 7. Santi Moar, 9. Rufat Dadashov. Coach: Rick Schantz

SD LOYAL ROSTER



No.	Pos	Name	Age	Place of Birth
1	GK	Austin Guerrero	32	San Diego, Calif.
2	M	Morgan Hackworth	24	Winston-Salem, N.C.
3	D	Elijah Martin	24	Fresno, Calif.
4	D	Jack Metcalf	29	Liverpool, England
5	D	Grant Stoneman	25	Wheaton, Illi.
6	M	Charlie Adams	26	Hendon, England
7	M	Jack Blake	26	Nottingham, England
8	D	Sal Zizzo	32	San Diego, Calif.
9	F	Ben Spencer	26	Albuquerque, N.M.
10	M	Alejandro Guido	27	Chula Vista, Calif.
11	M	Tumi Moshobane	26	Soweto, South Africa
12	F	Niki Jackson	25	Scottsdale, Ariz.
14	D	Joshua Yaro	27	Kumasi, Ghana
16	GK	Trey Muse	21	Louisville, KY
17	M	Collin Martin	26	Chevy Chase, MD
18	D	Jack Maher	21	Caseyville, Illinois
21	F	Corey Hertzog	30	Reading, Penn.
22	GK	Antony Siah	23	Tucson, Ariz.
23	D	Hunter Ashworth	23	Laguna Beach, Calif.
24	M	Miguel Ibarra	31	Lancaster, Calif.
25	D	Jordan Chavez	24	San Diego, Calif.
28	D	Josh Kenworthy	18	San Diego, Calif.
29	D	Thomas VancaeyeZeele	26	Caen, France
33	DEF	Callum Montgomery	24	Nanaimo, Canada
40	F	Calvin Jay Fodrey	17	San Diego, Calif.
41	D	Ian Mai	16	San Diego, Calif.
50	M	Xavi Gnaulati	16	San Deigo, Calif.
77	F	Miguel Berry	23	San Diego, Calif.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE



No.	Pos	Name	
1	GK	Austin Guerrero	(GHE-REH-ROW)
2	M	Morgan Hackworth	(HAK-WORTH)
3	D	Elijah Martin	(MAR-TIN)
4	D	Jack Metcalf	(MHET-KALF)
5	D	Grant Stoneman	(STONE-MAHN)
6	M	Charlie Adams	(AH-DAMS)
7	M	Jack Blake	(BLHAKE)
8	D	Sal Zizzo	(ZEE-ZZOW)
9	F	Ben Spencer	(SPEN-CER)
10	M	Alejandro Guido	Ah-leh-jan-dro (GHEE-DOW)
11	M	Tumi Moshobane	Two-Me (MO-SHO-BAW-NEH)
12	F	Niki Jackson	
14	D	Joshua Yaro	(YAR-OH)
16	GK	Trey Muse	(MEUW-Z)
17	M	Collin Martin	(MAR-TIN)
18	D	Jack Maher	
21	F	Corey Hertzog	(HERT-ZOG)
22	GK	Antony Siah	(SEE-AA-HA)
23	D	Hunter Ashworth	(ASH-WORTH)
24	M	Miguel Ibarra	Me-ghel (E-BAR-RAW)
25	D	Jordan Chavez	(SHAA-VEHZ)
28	D	Josh Kenworthy	(KEHN-WER-DHY)
29	D	Thomas VancaeyeZeele	(VAN-KAY-YAH-ZEEL)
33	D	Callum Montgomery	(KAHL-UM)
40	F	Calvin Jay Fodrey	(FAW-DR-EE)
41	D	Ian Mai	(MAH-IY)
50	M	Xavi Gnaulati	
77	F	Miguel Berry	Me-ghel
	D	Callum Montgomery	

TEAM STATISTICS (As of Monday)

6
Games

1
Wins

1
Draws

4
Lost

16.7%
Games won

7
Position

DEFENSE

13
Goals conceded

2.2
Per game

0
Clean sheets

1
Penalties conceded

Tackles



Duels



Aerial duels



DISTRIBUTION

Passes



2,785
Total passes

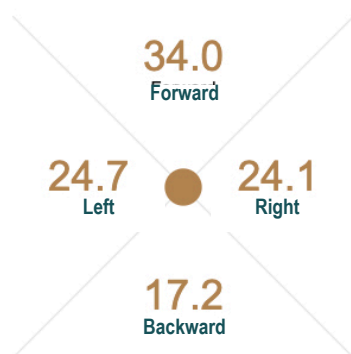
2,257
Successful passes

464.2
Passes per 90 mins.

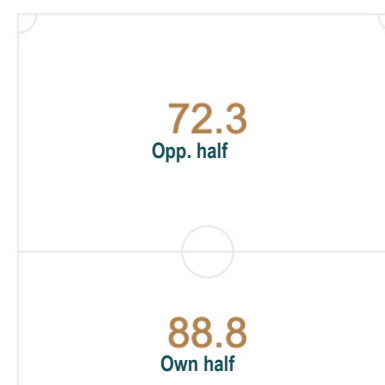
Long passes



Pass direction %



Passing accuracy by area %



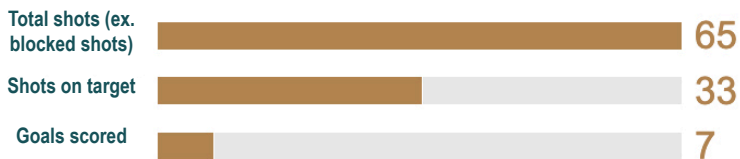
80
Total open play crosses

20
Success crosses

53.0%
Average possession

TEAM STATISTICS (As of Monday)

ATTACK



10.8%
Conversion Rate

77.1
Mins. per goal



0
Left foot goals



7
Right foot goals



0
Headed goals



0
Other

0

Penalties scored

0

Penalties missed

4

Goals inside the box

3

Goals outside the box

0

Direct free kick goals

DISCIPLINE

69

Fouls won

65

Fouls conceded

11

Yellow cards

0

Red cards

LEAGUE RANK (TOTAL)

ATTACKING

GOALS T12 (7)

SHOTS 7 (78)

CONVERSION RATE 21 (11%)

GOALKEEPING

CLEAN SHEETS T27 (0)

GOALS CONCEDED 3 (13)

DISTRIBUTION

PASSES 6 (2,785)

ACCURACY T4 (81%)

DISCIPLINE

FOULS CONCEDED 22 (65)

YELLOW CARDS T22 (11)

RED CARDS T16 (0)

SEASON HEAD TO HEAD



ORANGE COUNTY SC VS. SD LOYAL

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Hora: 7:00 PM PDT

Kickoff: 7:06 PM PDT | ESPN+



SAN DIEGO LOYAL	MINUTES		ORANGE COUNTY
Jack Metcalf	540	360	Brent Richards
Trey Muse	540	360	Michael Orozco
Jack Blake	532	360	Patrick Rakovsky
Collin Martin	509	360	Rob Kiernan
Thomas Vancaeyezeele	471	356	Christopher Wehman
Charlie Adams	450	350	Ronaldo Damus
Elijah Martin	416	292	Eero Markkanen
Alejandro Guido	336	282	Nathan Smith
Corey Hertzog	336	256	Rhys Breen
Ben Spencer	272	254	Mikko Kuningas
Josh Yaro	187	216	Brian Iloski
Sal Zizzo	174	203	Thomas Enevoldsen
Niki Jackson	152	151	Thomas McCabe
Miguel Ibarra	145	78	Kevin Alston

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	SHOTS		ORANGE COUNTY
Jack Blake	20	5	Eero Markkanen
Alejandro Guido	11	5	Thomas Enevoldsen
Corey Hertzog	10	4	Christopher Wehman
Ben Spencer	7	4	Ronaldo Damus
Miguel Berry	4	3	Brent Richards
Elijah Martin	4	2	Rob Kiernan
Niki Jackson	4	2	Thomas McCabe
Tumi Moshobane	3	1	Michael Orozco
Hunter Ashworth	3	1	Brian Iloski
Jack Metcalf	2	1	Mikko Kuningas
Thomas Vancaeyezeele	2		
Charlie Adams	1		
Collin Martin	1		
Miguel Ibarra	1		
Josh Yaro	1		
Jordan Chavez	1		

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	GOALS		ORANGE COUNTY
Jack Blake	2	2	Christopher Wehman
Jack Metcalf	1	2	Eero Markkanen
Ben Spencer	1	1	Mikko Kuningas
Corey Hertzog	1	1	Ronaldo Damus
Alejandro Guido	1	1	Brian Iloski
Miguel Berry	1		

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	ASSISTS		ORANGE COUNTY
Jack Blake	1	2	Brent Richards
Jack Metcalf	1	1	Thomas Enevoldsen
Charlie Adams	1	1	Christopher Wehman
Collin Martin	1	1	Mikko Kuningas

SEASON HEAD TO HEAD

ORANGE COUNTY SC VS. SD LOYAL



Referee: Michael Radchuk
Assistant Referee: Christian Lara
Assistant Referee: Jose Vega
Fourth Official: Brandon Stevis



SAN DIEGO LOYAL	CHANCES CREATED		ORANGE COUNTY	SAN DIEGO LOYAL	CROSSES		ORANGE COUNTY
Jack Metcalf	11	8	Christopher Wehan	Jack Metcalf	27	10	Brent Richards
Jack Blake	10	3	Eero Markkanen	Jack Blake	18	5	Christopher Wehan
Charlie Adams	9	2	Brent Richards	Charlie Adams	11	2	Mikko Kuningas
Collin Martin	8	2	Mikko Kuningas	Alejandro Guido	4	2	Brian Iloski
Ben Spencer	5	2	Thomas Enevoldsen	Collin Martin	3	1	Nathan Smith
Corey Hertzog	3	2	Ronaldo Damus	Sal Zizzo	3	1	Thomas Enevoldsen
Alejandro Guido	2	1	Jack Imperato	Ben Spencer	3	1	Ronaldo Damus
Miguel Ibarra	2	1	Brian Iloski	Tumi Moshobane	3	1	Avionne Flanagan
Sal Zizzo	1	1	Nathan Smith	Thomas Vancaeyezeele	2	1	Adam Jahr
Thomas Vancaeyezeele	1	1	Adam Jahr	Corey Hertzog	2		
Elijah Martin	1			Miguel Ibarra	2		
Niki Jackson	1			Elijah Martin	1		
Miguel Berry	1						
Morgan Hackworth	1						

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	SHOTS ON TARGET		ORANGE COUNTY
Jack Blake	9	4	Eero Markkanen
Corey Hertzog	5	2	Christopher Wehan
Alejandro Guido	4	1	Thomas Enevoldsen
Elijah Martin	3	1	Ronaldo Damus
Tumi Moshobane	3	1	Brent Richards
Ben Spencer	2	1	Michael Orozco
Niki Jackson	2	1	Brian Iloski
Miguel Berry	1	1	Mikko Kuningas
Jack Metcalf	1		
Thomas Vancaeyezeele	1		
Charlie Adams	1		
Miguel Ibarra	1		

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	TACKLES		ORANGE COUNTY
Collin Martin	15	9	Ronaldo Damus
Jack Blake	13	6	Michael Orozco
Elijah Martin	12	6	Christopher Wehan
Charlie Adams	8	5	Nathan Smith
Jack Metcalf	8	4	Thomas Enevoldsen
Thomas Vancaeyezeele	7	3	Rob Kiernan
Alejandro Guido	6	3	Brian Iloski
Hunter Ashworth	5	2	Brent Richards
Josh Yaro	5	2	Thomas McCabe
Ben Spencer	2	1	Patrick Rakovsky
Corey Hertzog	2	1	Mikko Kuningas

SEASON HEAD TO HEAD



ORANGE COUNTY SC VS. SD LOYAL

Stadium Name: Championship Soccer Stadium
Stadium Address: 8272 Great Park Blvd.
Irvine, CA 92618
Field Dimensions: 120 x 75
Field Surface Type: Grass



SAN DIEGO LOYAL	CLEARANCES		ORANGE COUNTY
Josh Yaro	18	17	Rob Kiernan
Hunter Ashworth	9	12	Brent Richards
Jack Metcalf	8	6	Rhys Breen
Thomas Vancaeyezeele	8	6	Nathan Smith
Collin Martin	7	3	Thomas Enevoldsen
Elijah Martin	7	3	Michael Orozco
Trey Muse	6	2	Kevin Alston
Corey Hertzog	5	2	Thomas McCabe
Jack Blake	4	2	Christopher Wehan
Sal Zizzo	4	1	Eero Markkanen
Grant Stoneman	3	1	Brian Iloski

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	FOULS WON		ORANGE COUNTY
Alejandro Guido	12	9	Mikko Kuningas
Jack Blake	8	7	Brian Iloski
Elijah Martin	7	6	Ronaldo Damus
Ben Spencer	7	3	Nathan Smith
Collin Martin	6	3	Thomas Enevoldsen
Corey Hertzog	6	2	Adam Jahr
Charlie Adams	5	2	Brent Richards
Tumi Moshobane	5	2	Christopher Wehan
Jack Metcalf	2	2	Thomas McCabe
Thomas Vancaeyezeele	2	2	Eero Markkanen
Josh Yaro	2	1	Jack Imperato
Niki Jackson	2	1	Michael Orozco
Hunter Ashworth	1		
Jack Maher	1		

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	FOULS CONCD.		ORANGE COUNTY
Jack Blake	15	8	Ronaldo Damus
Collin Martin	12	8	Eero Markkanen
Ben Spencer	8	4	Rob Kiernan
Elijah Martin	6	4	Rhys Breen
Niki Jackson	5	4	Thomas McCabe
Alejandro Guido	4	3	Brian Iloski
Jack Metcalf	3	3	Michael Orozco
Thomas Vancaeyezeele	2	2	Avionne Flanagan
Josh Yaro	2	2	Adam Jahr
Hunter Ashworth	2	2	Brent Richards
Corey Hertzog	1	1	Kevin Alston
Charlie Adams	1	1	Mikko Kuningas

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	YELLOW CARDS		ORANGE COUNTY
Collin Martin	3	3	Mikko Kuningas
Jack Metcalf	2	2	Christopher Wehan
Jack Blake	1	2	Rob Kiernan
Elijah Martin	1	2	Thomas McCabe
Charlie Adams	1	1	Rhys Breen
Thomas Vancaeyezeele	1	1	Eero Markkanen
Ben Spencer	1	1	Ronaldo Damus
Corey Hertzog	1	1	Michael Orozco

SD LOYAL LAST MATCH



PHOENIX RISING 2-2 SAN DIEGO LOYAL

Saturday June 5

Referee: Eljio Arreguin

CHANGES FROM LAST GAME

Yaro in for Vancaeyezeele

Berry in for Spencer

Hertzog in for Guido

SUBSTITUTIONS

69' Vancaeyezeele on for Hertzog

75' Hackworth on for Ibarra

75' Moshobane on for Collin Martin

75' Spencer on for Berry

90' Zizzo on for Blake

GOALS

19' Berry

71' Blake

YELLOW CARDS

65' Elijah Martin

68' Hertzog

SAN DIEGO LOYAL				PHOENIX RISING		
1st Half	2nd Half	90 Min	Statistic	1st Half	2nd Half	90 Min
0	2	2	Goals	1	1	2
13	19	32	Total Shots (including blocked shots)	4	6	10
0	3	3	Shots On Target	2	4	6
7	9	16	Shots Off Target	2	0	2
6	7	13	Blocked Shots	0	2	2
8	14	22	Shots from inside the box	4	2	6
5	5	10	Shots from outside the box	0	4	4
3	3	6	Headed Shots	0	0	0
8	10	18	Corners taken	4	3	7
3	7	10	Fouls Conceded	4	3	7
9	15	24	Open Play Crosses	9	3	12
0	1	1	Offsides	1	0	1
12	21	33	Duels Won	18	26	44
40.00%	44.70%	42.90%	Duels Won (%)	60.00%	55.30%	57.10%
188	165	353	Total Passes	268	189	457
84.60%	73.90%	79.60%	Passing Accuracy	86.20%	78.30%	82.90%
42.30%	49.50%	45.50%	Possession	57.70%	50.50%	54.50%

HOW ORANGE COUNTY SC LINED UP LAST GAME



SACRAMENTO REP 1-3 ORANGE COUNTY

Saturday June 5

Referee: Ismir Pekmic

CHANGES FROM LAST GAME

Alston in for Smith

Iloski in for Enevoldsen

SUBSTITUTIONS

68' Flanagan on for Markkanen

76' McCabe on for Breen

78' Smith on for Alston

GOALS

22' Damus

49' Markkanen

87' Iloski

YELLOW CARDS

66' Breen

77' Kuningas

90+2 McCabe

SACRAMENTO REPUBLIC				ORANGE COUNTY SC		
1st Half	2nd Half	90 Min	Statistic	1st Half	2nd Half	90 Min
0	1	1	Goals	1	2	3
2	8	10	Total Shots (including blocked shots)	2	5	7
0	5	5	Shots On Target	1	2	3
1	1	2	Shots Off Target	1	2	3
1	2	3	Blocked Shots	0	1	1
2	3	5	Shots from inside the box	2	3	5
0	5	5	Shots from outside the box	0	2	2
1	0	1	Headed Shots	0	1	1
0	0	0	Corners taken	0	1	1
10	3	13	Fouls Conceded	6	9	15
3	7	10	Open Play Crosses	3	4	7
1	1	2	Offsides	1	0	1
21	15	36	Duels Won	20	28	48
51.20%	34.90%	42.90%	Duels Won (%)	48.80%	65.10%	57.10%
264	205	469	Total Passes	196	202	398
85.20%	81.00%	83.40%	Passing Accuracy	85.20%	78.70%	81.90%
57.20%	50.70%	54.10%	Possession	42.80%	49.30%	45.90%

SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

GOALKEEPERS



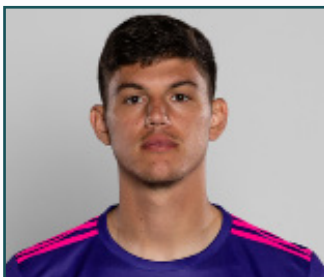
GK

#1

AUSTIN GUERRERO

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	SAVES	S. FACED	GA	YC	RC
	2	2	180	11	15	4	0	0

Guerrero is back for another season with his hometown team. He's coming off a 2020 season in which he made two appearances with 11 saves during SD Loyal's inaugural season, logging 180 minutes. He had two starts in front of the goal, including a critical match down the stretch against LA Galaxy II while SD Loyal was in the middle of a playoff push.



GK

#16

TREY MUSE

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	SAVES	S. FACED	GA	YC	RC
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Muse signed with the Seattle Sounders FC as a Homegrown Player ahead of the 2019 season and the skilled rookie started in 21 of 22 appearances as the primary goalkeeper for the club's USL side, Tacoma Defiance. The collegiate All-American and National Champion at the University of Indiana was named one of the top 10 goalkeepers to watch by the USL Championship last season. He played in every preseason match for SD Loyal heading into 2021 season.



GK

#22

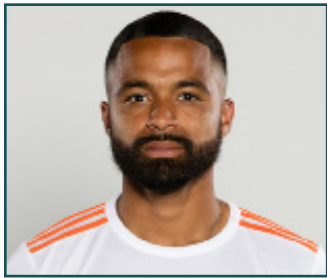
ANTONY SIAHA

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	SAVES	S. FACED	GA	YC	RC
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Siaha signed with SD Loyal March of 2021 as one of the later additions as the team had begun training camp. Siaha is a graduate of Tucson High School, where he won a state title his senior year and spent his youth soccer career at Real Salt Lake Academy. He played college soccer starting in 2016 at Cal State Bakersfield followed by stints at Ottawa University Arizona (NAIA) and Benedictine University at Mesa. Prior to signing with SD Loyal, Siaha was signed with 1904 FC (NISA) and San Diego Sockers (MASL), where he was believed to be the tallest goalkeeper in the MASL history. Siaha stands out under goal for his size, quickness and awareness.

SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

DEFENDERS



D

#3

ELIJAH MARTIN

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
	15	12	1082	0	1	6	3	1	1

Martin started the SD Loyal inaugural season as part of the Team 1 first 11, working the left side of coach Landon Donovan's three-man defensive backline. He quickly became a dominant force on the field, often helping to control the pace of a match and had a touch in many scoring chances and game-changing plays. He played in 15 games in 2020 with 12 starts. He is an experienced defender at the USL Championship level, playing 31 games for the now defuncted Fresno FC in 2019. He started in 28 of those games, logging 2,550 minutes that year.



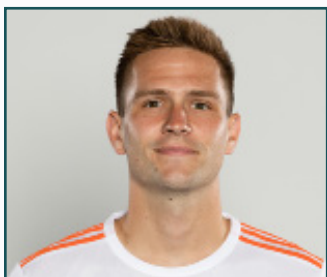
D

#4

JACK METCALF

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
	15	14	1269	0	4	2	1	2	0

Metcalf scored the first ever goal for SD Loyal at its home field at the University of San Diego's Torero Stadium. It came in a 1-0 win against Panama's Costa del Este in a friendly match. It was SD Loyal's final preseason match before beginning play in the USL Championship. He became a staple in coach Landon Donovan's lineup. He played in 15 matches with 14 starts in 2020.



D

#5

GRANT STONEMAN

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
	14	14	1269	1	0	7	3	6	1

Stoneman made his USL Championship debut while starting for SD Loyal in the team's debut match. Stoneman was part of Team 1 first 11 in the opener against Las Vegas Lights. He earned a spot as the starting defender on the right side of Landon Donovan's defensive line. He started in 14 matches in 2020 and scored a goal. Stoneman played in the USL League One and USL League Two before joining SD Loyal. He played in 23 games with Lansing Ignite and 18 with Chicago FC United of the USL League 2 from 2017 to 2018.

SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

DEFENDERS



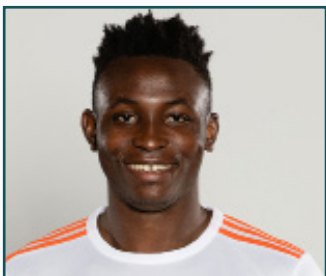
D

#8

SAL ZIZZO

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	10	9	792	4	0	0		0	1	0

Zizzo is perhaps the most experienced player on the team. The defender is a 15-year veteran who had retired in 2018 but decided to join Landon Donovan to start SD Loyal in 2020. Zizzo leads a group of defenders as a leader and respected veteran. He returns for the second season with SD Loyal after starting in nine of 10 games he played in. Zizzo helped shape the backline not only as a savvy veteran but as a leader for youngsters on the roster.



D

#14

JOSHUA YARO

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	14	13	1168	0	0	0		0	1	0

Yaro signed with SD Loyal prior to the start of the 2021 season. Yaro came into training camp and earned a spot on manager Landon Donovan's roster after standing out in a handful of pre-season scrimmages. He went on to start in the last two preparation matches. He came to the U.S. from Ghana on a scholarship to Cate School in California before playing college soccer at Georgetown University for three years. Selected No. 2 overall in the 2016 MLS SuperDraft by the Philadelphia Union, Yaro made 23 appearances in three seasons before a stint with Bethlehem Steel FC. He played in 45 matches the last two seasons with San Antonio FC.



D

#25

JORDAN CHAVEZ

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0

Chavez returned to his hometown with a chance to play professionally in front of his family. He got his first professional experience with SD Loyal in 2020. He grew up in Chula Vista in the South Bay of San Diego County where he played at Mater Dei Catholic High. He went on to play at UNLV where he played from 2015 to 2018. He started in 67 games during his college career. Chavez also played with club Albion SC in San Diego. SD Loyal is his first experience with a USL Championship club.

SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

DEFENDERS



D

#28

JOSH KENWORTHY

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0

Kenworthy is one of the four players who earned a spot on the 2021 roster after tryouts with the team during the preseason. The defender saw some action during scrimmages in the Spring, catching the eyes of the coaching staff. He is part of the club's first ever USL Championship Academy.



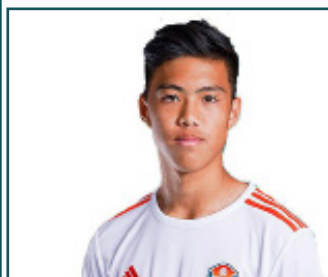
D

#29

THOMAS VANCAEYEZEELE

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	17	17	1530	1	0	7		4	3	0

Vancaeyezeele signed with SD Loyal in December 2020. The defender from French Guian arecently played for Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, where he was a key starter and instrumental in the club's success. He helped the team finish at the top of the USL Championship's Eastern Conference in 2019. He earned All-USL First team honors in 2020 and All-USL Second team honors in 2019 during three seasons with the Riverhounds. Vancaeyezeele's career in the USL has totaled over 80 regular-season appearances, five goals and over 7,000 minutes in regular-season play. He's proven to be an elite defender with 194 clearances and 170 interceptions.



D

#41

IAN MAI

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0

Mai was part of a handful of trialists who participated in the 2021 preseason. He got a chance to play in several scrimmages in the Spring 2021 and earned a spot on the team as one of the USL Championship Academy players.

SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

DEFENDERS



D

#23

HUNTER ASHWORTH

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	4	3	253	0	0	0		0	1	0

Ashworth joined SD Loyal in May after the start of the 2021 season. He was inserted into the starting lineup soon after his arrival. Ashworth started in two of the SD Loyal four road matches to start the 2021 season. Before coming to California, he played for the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC alongside current SD Loyal defender, Thomas Vancaeyezeele. He made his USL Championship debut in July 2020 in a match against Louisville City. Prior to joining the league, he played college soccer at University of San Francisco and UC Santa Barbara and played overseas for the New Zealand national team at the U17, U20, and U23.



D

#18

JACK MAHER

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	1	1	90	0	0	1		1	0	0

Maher came to SD Loyal on loan from MLS side Nashville SC and was the second overall pick in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft. He joined Charlotte Independence of the USL Championship in March of 2020 also on loan. He also played for St. Louis FC. Maher moved on to Indiana University, where he excelled in two seasons as a starter at center-back. Voted the Big Ten Conference Freshman of the Year in 2018,

MIDFIELDERS



M

#24

MIGUEL IBARRA

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0

Ibarra joined SD Loyal after playing with Club Leon of Liga MX and MLS clubs Minnesota United FC and most recently, Seattle Sounders FC. The native Californian capped with the USMNT on three occasions from 2014-2015 and has been one of the few American second division players called to the national team. After spending seven seasons with Minnesota United FC, Ibarra was a beloved star for the club, especially during its NASL era.

SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

MIDFIELDERS



M

#2

MORGAN HACKWORTH

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	7	4	375	0	0	1		0	0	0

Hackworth began to see more time on the pitch in the later part of the 2020 season. He played in seven games, logging 375 minutes. Coach Landon Donovan gained more and more confidence in Hackworth as he was part of the team's boost in the later part of its inaugural season. Hackworth came here in February 2020 after spending the 2019 season playing for Memphis 901. He played in 16 games with seven starts at Memphis in 2019 with 661 minutes.



M

#6

CHARLIE ADAMS

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	15	14	1265	1	0	10		4	4	0

Adams will be tattooed into SD Loyal history. The British scored the first official goal in SD Loyal history in a 1-1 tie against Las Vegas Lights in the team's debut. It was also his first score in a USL Championship match since 2018. Adams has been a USL Championship journeyman, playing for a handful of clubs in the league throughout his career. His first stint in USL Championship came with Louisville City in 2015. He came to play in the United States after spending 2012 to 2014 playing for minor league teams in England. Adams went on to be a regular in the lineup, starting in 14 of the 15 games he played in 2020 in his first season with SD Loyal.



M

#7

JACK BLAKE

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	13	10	982	1	1	14		5	4	0

Blake was one of the first off season acquisitions for SD Loyal in the offseason. The English native left Real Monarchs of the USL as the team captain. His leadership on and off the pitch played a large role in guiding the club to its first USL trophy in 2019. Blake has 61 games, 4,544 minutes, 11 goals and six assists. He played stints Tampa Bay Rowdies, Jacksonville Armada and Minnesota United. He played with Nottingham Forest in England before that.

SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

MIDFIELDERS



M

#10

ALEJANDRO GUIDO

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	5	4	300	2	2	7		5	0	0

Guido returns for his second stint with SD Loyal, this time wearing No. 10. He was a key to the team's offensive boost late in the 2020 season. Guido played in five matches for the Loyal in 2020 after arriving on loan from LAFC. He scored two goals and assisted in two as well. Guido is a Chula Vista native, who signed to remain under contract through the 2021 season. He was signed to the squad Sept. 1, 2020 on loan from LAFC. The midfielder became an impact player immediately. He helped spark an offense with his presence at midfield. He helped set up an assist in his first match with SD Loyal and went on to score two goals in a win against Orange County SC, just a few days after signing.



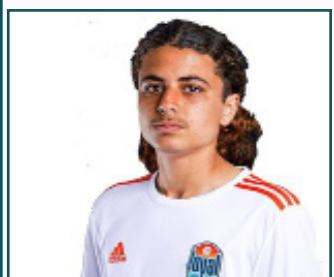
M

#17

COLLIN MARTIN

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	14	14	1094	1	1	6		3	0	0

Martin is an experienced midfielder who was named to the starting line up in the team's second game. He led the midfield in the center of that five-man line against Tacoma Defiance, helping his team to a 2-1 win. Martin set up SD Loyal's first goal in that game, sending an assist via a free kick to Francis Atuahene, who charged the ball at the Defiance goal line. Martin went on to be a regular in the lineup, starting in the 14 matches he played in 2020.



M

#50

XAVI GNAULATI

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0

Gnaulati was added to the 2021 roster as a USL Championship Academy player toward the later part of the preseason. The youngster got a chance at a trial on the team and saw some minutes, impressing the coaching staff. He's a player with quick ball skills and settled in smoothly with that the coaches want at midfield. He is a San Diego native who played for a handful of local youth clubs.

SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

FORWARDS



F

#9

BEN SPENCER

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	11	3	338	0	0	7		3	3	0

Spencer is an experienced player who was added to the SD Loyal roster right before the re-start of the 2020 season after the COVID-19 halt. He played in 11 matches and started in three in SD Loyal's first season. The New Mexico native surged out of the Chivas USA and Real Salt Lake's youth academy and eventually landed a professional contract in Norway's top-flight league. He returned to the United States to play in the then NASL Indy Eleven franchise and later moved to Toronto FC after the MLS side acquired his rights from Real Salt Lake.



F

#11

TUMI MOSHOBANE

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	14	8	892	1	0	14		12	2	0

Moshobane is a versatile striker who adds a diverse attack for SD Loyal. He was part of the team's first ever win, a 2-1 victory at Tacoma Defiance. He went on to start in eight games in 2020, playing 14 in total. Moshobane came to the United States in 2015 and began to play soccer at the collegiate level at Kankakee Community College in Illinois. From there, he transferred to Olivet Nazarene University from 2016 to 2018 where his uncle, Vincent Mkhwanazi, is one of the most decorated players to come out of Olivet Nazarene University's soccer program and is from Moshobane's hometown.



F

#77

MIGUEL BERRY

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	7	7	630	3	2	6		3	1	0

Berry returned to the club after scoring three goals on seven appearances while on loan for SD Loyal during the 2020 season. Born in Barcelona and raised in San Diego's Poway, he was selected seventh overall in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft by Columbus Crew. Maher, 21, is on loan from MLS side Nashville SC and was the second overall pick in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft.

SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

FORWARDS



F

#21

COREY HERTZOG

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	18	18	1440	8	4	41		24	5	0

Hertzog came to San Diego from the now defuncted Reno1868. He has 64 goals and 18 assists in the 155 appearances of his USL career. He was a Penn State All-American prior to making his first professional appearance. He was drafted by MLS side New York Red Bulls 13th overall in the 2011 MLS SuperDraft. Hertzog is a dangerous striker with speed and a nose for goal. The striker had stints at various other professional teams including Vancouver Whitecaps FC, Tampa Bay Rowdies, Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC and Saint Louis FC. Most recently, Hertzog was with Reno 1868 FC for two seasons, scoring 27 goals and assisting on 10 others before the team folded due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.



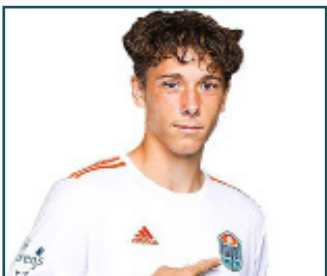
F

#12

NIKI JACKSON

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0

Jackson was added to the SD Loyal roster in February 2020. He was on loan with USL side Colorado Springs Switchbacks before signing with SD Loyal. He was part of Major League Soccer side's Colorado Rapids youth system. He was selected 73rd overall in the 2018 MLS SuperDraft by Colorado Rapids. He scored his first career goal during his MLS debut in a 2018 match against New England Revolution. Following, he was loaned to United Soccer League side Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC and most recently in 2019 with Charlotte Independence scoring five goals. Prior to being drafted, Jackson played at Grand Canyon University where he scored 41 goals over his collegiate career and was named WAC Offensive Player of the Year.



F

#40

CALVIN JAY FODREY

2020 SEASON:	GP	GS	MP	G	A	SHOTS	S.	GOAL	YC	RC
	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0

Fodrey is part of the USL Championship Academy players for SD Loyal but he's also a local kid who stood out during the 2021 preseason. He got enough playing time that he even scored a goal in the team's second preparation match against MLS side LA Galaxy.

SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

MANAGER



LANDON DONOVAN

Regarded as one of the greatest U.S. soccer players in history, Landon Donovan brings his extensive knowledge of the game to San Diego Loyal's technical staff. During his 19-year professional career, Donovan's accomplishments span both his time domestically and internationally. In total, he played for five professional teams covering three leagues: Bayer 04 Leverkusen and Bayern Munich (Bundesliga); Everton (Premier League); San Jose Earthquakes and LA Galaxy (Major League Soccer). He played in six MLS Cups, Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup and two MLS Supporters' Shields. Individually, he was named to an MLS record 14-consecutive MLS All-Star games from 2001-2014, was honored with the Landon Donovan MVP Award in 2009 and won the Golden Boot in 2008, as well as being one of just two players to be named MLS Cup MVP twice. He continues to lead in MLS record books with assists (136), playoff goals (25) and co-leads MLS in playoff assists (14). He is second to Chris Wondolowski with most regular-season goals at 145. Donovan's contributions to the U.S. Men's National Team continues to dominate the record books. He leads the U.S. men in goals (57), assists (58), second in appearances (157) and is the only American player to surpass both 50 goals and 50 assists in his career. He was the fastest American to earn 100 caps and played for the U.S. in three FIFA World Cups. His individual awards include the only American to win the Golden Ball Award, FIFA's Best Young Player of the World Cup in 2002, the CONCACAF Gold Cup MVP in 2013, the Gold Cup Best XI four times and U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year a record four times.

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH



NATE MILLER

Miller is in his second season with SD Loyal as the associate head coach. Miller joined the team in 2020 after serving as head coach of the Spring Arbor University men's soccer program for six seasons, where his accomplishments include an overall record of 86-32-15, one league championship title, two regular season titles and being named 2018 Crossroads League Coach of the Year. Miller was also the general manager and head coach of Lansing United – a former member of the Premier Development League (PDL) – and, in 2019, was the inaugural head coach of USL League One expansion side Lansing Ignite FC.