



GAME NOTES

SD LOYAL at PHOENIX RISING FC



Friday, April 30, 2021
Kickoff: 7 p.m. (PT)

Chandler, Ariz.
Wild Horse Pass Stadium



SD Loyal

Records: 0-0-0 (0 pts)

Phoenix Rising FC

0-0-0 (0 pts)

2021 SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Match	Time (PT)	Competition	Result
April				
Fri. April 10	at Phoenix Rising	7 p.m.	USL	
May				
Thurs. May 6	at RGV FC Toros	5 p.m.	USL	
Thurs. May 13	at Tacoma Defiance	7 p.m.	USL	
Sat. May 22	at Louisville FC	4 p.m.	USL	
Sat. May 29	vs. Las Vegas Lights FC	7 p.m.	USL	
June				
Sat. June 5	at Phoenix Rising FC	7:30 p.m.	USL	
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	at Las Vegas Lights FC	7:30 p.m.	USL	
Sat. July 3	vs. LA Galaxy II	11 a.m.	USL	
Wed. July 14	vs. Orange County SC	7:30 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	
	vs. Phoenix Rising FC	5 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/Local

ESPN2

UPDATES

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PACIFIC DIVISION STANDINGS

		P	W	L	T	GD	PTS
	SD LOYAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PHOENIX RISING FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SACRAMENTO REPUBLIC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	LA GALAXY II	0	0	0	0	0	0
	OAKLAND ROOTS	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TACOMA DEFIANCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ORANGE COUNTY SC	0	0	0	0	0	0
	LAS VEGAS LIGHTS FC	0	0	0	0	0	00

KNOW THE HOST

Club: Phoenix Rising FC
Founded: 2014
Location: Chandler, Ariz.
Population: 192,364
Stadium: Wild Horse Pass Stadium
Capacity: 10,000



ABOUT PHOENIX RISING FC

Phoenix Rising FC is coming off one of its best seasons as it reached the USL Championship final in 2020 under a revamped schedule. It was scheduled to play Tampa Bay Rowdies after winning the Western Conference title after beating El Paso Locomotive FC in penalty kicks. But the championship final was canceled due to a COVID-19 outbreak in the within the Rowdies organization. Phoenix Rising FC had earned the right to host the USL Championship final but gave up homefield advantage to the Eastern Conference champion due to outcry that came from SD Loyal's forfeit of its regular season finale. Phoenix Rising FC went on to finish the regular season with a 11-3-2 record with 35 points, good enough to win Group B. The 35 points was tied for second best behind the now defunct Reno 1868 FC 36 points in the Group A standings.

Phoenix Rising FC played 12 preseason matches in 2021, finishing with a 2-0-10 record. It's last pair of preparation matches were last week. Phoenix would split the games, losing 4-0 to the fellow USL Championship side before coming back to beat the League One club 2-1.

The performances mirrored Phoenix's preseason as the club finished with half of its losses being to MLS' Sporting Kansas City, Colorado Rapids, Portland Timbers and Real Salt Lake. Phoenix was slated to travel to Seattle to take on the Sounders, but that match was canceled due to a false COVID-19 positive in Rising's camp. Rising only managed to keep one clean sheet in those 12 matches. That shutout came in the second leg of two 75-minute games against Colorado Springs Switchbacks. Both teams were playing their second units. Phoenix Rising FC enters the 2021 season without its starting goalkeeper Zac Lubin, who is out indefinitely with a lower-back strain. Center back James Musa has been nursing a bilateral calf injury recently and only played 80 minutes against Tucson.

OPENING NIGHT AT A NEW STADIUM

Phoenix Rising FC has a new homeground: Wild Horse Pass Stadium. Tonight's match is the first official competition at the new facility. The 10,000 capacity stadium is part of a massive sports and entertainment project on Gila River Indian land.

THE LAST TIME THEY MET

The Sept. 30, 2020 match ended in a forfeit. SD Loyal led at halftime but the team decided not to return to the pitch in protest after a homophobic slur was used against one of its players. Phoenix Rising FC won the first meeting 2-0 on Aug. 15 at its former home ground Casino Arizona Field.

ALL TIME HEAD-TO-HEAD

PHOENIX RISING FC Leads series 2 -1-0
 PHX 2-1 SD Loyal Aug. 15, 2020
 PHX 2-3 SD Loyal Sept. 19, 2020
 SD Loyal FORFEIT Sept. 30, 2020

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.

SD LOYAL INJURY REPORT

NONE

TONIGHT'S KITS



Phoenix Rising FC



OFFICIALS



SD LOYAL

LOOKING AHEAD



PHOENIX RISING FC VS. SD LOYAL

Date: Friday, April 30, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM PT

Kickoff: 7:08 PM PT (ESPN2)



1 – San Diego Loyal SC travels to Phoenix for the 3rd time in club history. The previous meetings were at Casino Arizona Field within 5 weeks of each other in August/September 2020. Phoenix won the first game 2-0, before San Diego turned the tables to win 3-2.

2 – While their most recent meeting was overshadowed in the Loyal's final regular season game of 2020 was overshadowed by an on-field incident and a forfeit, Loyal were leading the game 3-1 at the time, including what would have been the Loyal's first-ever goal directly from a free kick, when Rubio Rubin scored in the 45th minute. As the game was forfeited, this goal has been annulled.

3 – Discounting the forfeited game, Loyal scored 12 of their 23 total points in the 6 games prior to their ill-fated meeting with Phoenix. Loyal only scored 7 goals in the opening 10 games of the 2020 season, but after the acquisition of Alejandro Guido – and subsequently Rubio Rubin – they broke through for 10 goals in 5 games (13 goals in 5 ½ games, if you included the forfeited final game). Rubin has joined MLS side Real Salt Lake in 2021 and contributed 2 assists in their 2-1 against Minnesota United last weekend.

4 – Rubin is one of 18 players who appeared for the Loyal last year who do not return for the 2021 season. That list of players also include Joe Greenspan (the 2019 USL Defender Of The Year who spent most of last year out injured), Tarek Morad, whose 89.0% pass accuracy from the center of defense led the entire Loyal roster, and goalkeeper Jon Kempin, whose 0.54 goals-per-90 would have set an all-time USL Championship record, had Pittsburgh's Danny Vitiello not recorded an even-better 0.50 goals-per-90!

5 – The Loyal begin 2021 having not trailed at any point in their final 6 league games of 2020 – 7 if you include the forfeited game. That came after a period in which they went 506 minutes – over 5 ½ games – without ever leading their opponents in mid-season.

6 – Some players have changed their squad numbers over the offseason. Tumi Moshobane has exchanged #15 for #11 this year, while Ben Spencer moves from #29 to #9. Last but not least, Alejandro Guido was #33 in his late-season appearances, but now wears #10.

7 – To say Guido was the team's talisman in 2020 would be more than just a feeling. Joining with only 6 games remaining last year, Guido never played beyond the 75th minute of any game, yet all of the Loyal's 10 goals (13 including the forfeited game) were scored when Guido was on the pitch. Discounting the minutes when Guido was on the pitch, Loyal scored just once in their final 11 games (Carlos Alvarez in the 1-3 loss to Reno).

8 – Guido scored 2 goals of his own last season, but his contribution to the team is not just statistical – he never touched the ball in the box in the 3-2 win in Phoenix and only made 12 passes in his 45 minutes on the pitch. Both his off-the-ball running as well as his ability to time his passes freed up space for Jack Metcalf on the right wing, who led the Loyal in passes for the only time all year in that game.

9 – San Diego Loyal were very shot-shy in 2020. No player on the team took more than 15 shots all season, with the most coming from Francis Atuahene (who is no longer with the team). The offseason acquisition of Corey Hertzog massively changes that statistic, as he took nearly three times as many shots as any Loyal player last year (41), the same number as Phoenix Rising striker Rufat Dadashov.

LOOKING AHEAD



PHOENIX RISING FC VS. SD LOYAL

Stadium Name: Phoenix Rising Soccer Complex
Stadium Address: 19593 S. 48th St. Bldg
Chandler, AZ 85226
Field Dimensions: 116 x 76
Field Surface Type: Grass



10 – San Diego officially conceded 18 goals in the 2020 season, 1 more than Phoenix Rising. However, that total includes the 3-0 forfeited game, which San Diego were winning 3-1 at the time. Had those numbers been applied instead, Loyal only conceded 16 goals compared to Phoenix's 20 goals.

11 – The Loyal never received a red card in their first 13 league games last season – notwithstanding Irvin Parra's red card in the preseason friendly against Costa del Este – but then saw reds in 3 straight games to end the year. Grant Stoneman received a 2nd yellow in the 97th minute of the 3-2 win vs Phoenix on September 19, before Elijah Martin also saw a 2nd yellow in the 89th minute of the 1-1 draw with LA Galaxy II only four days later. Finally – and unfortunately – Collin Martin erroneously saw red in the forfeited Phoenix game, although it was almost immediately rescinded.

12 – Coincidentally, the only penalties conceded by both San Diego and Phoenix last season were both awarded on July 25, both were for handballs and neither of them were directly converted. Loyal's came while leading 1-0 in first half stoppage time home to Las Vegas on July 25, due to a Grant Stoneman handball. Jon Kempin saved both the Jose Carrera penalty and his rebound, only for Rashawn Dally to score at the third attempt. For Phoenix, Joe Farrell handballed in the 62nd minute of their 1-0 loss to Orange County, but Aodhan Quinn hit his penalty kick over the bar.

13 – Charlie Adams has been on the winning side against Phoenix Rising 4 times in the last 3 years, twice for Real Monarchs, once for Orange County and once for San Diego. Along similar lines, Carlos Alvarez scored for Las Vegas Lights the last time Phoenix lost by more than one goal (a 5-2 defeat on October 10 2018)

14 – Loyal's Ben Spencer made 18 appearances for Phoenix Rising in the 2019 season scoring 5 goals. He will hope to get among the goal rush this weekend, as the Loyal have never scored a goal whenever he has come on as a substitute – and they have only scored once ever when he has been on the pitch. He played more minutes (338) than any other Loyal striker without scoring in 2020.

15 – Loyal have never lost when they have scored first and have never lost when they have been leading a half-time. Conversely, they have never won a game in which they have conceded first.

16 – Phoenix Rising scored 5 goals in stoppage time last season, six if you include Solomon Asante's 90th minute penalty versus LA Galaxy II on August 22.

Referee: Jon Freeman
Assistant Referee: Seth Martin
Assistant Referee: Stephen McGonagle
Fourth Official: Isaiah Vlad

PREVIOUS MATCHES

SD LOYAL vs. University of San Diego April, 23, 2021

Preseason ends with another win

San Diego Loyal beats USD at Torero Stadium in final preparation match



San Diego (April 23, 2021) –Training camp, preparation matches and double scrimmages are over. And so is nearly two months of constant work towards what is next: the USL Championship season.

San Diego Loyal completed its preseason schedule with a 5-0 win against USD Toreros Friday night at Torero Stadium.

Coach Landon Donovan's team was back at its home stadium for a match for the first time since the end of the 2020 regular season in September. It was a spring of preparing for the franchise's second season. Donovan got a chance to test his squad and see what players were ready to be part of the final roster and worthy of his first eleven.

"In my opinion it's been almost a perfect preseason," Donovan said. "We played a variety of different teams, some very good teams. We finished the preseason with almost three full 90-minute performances from our guys, so, they are fit and ready to start the season. Most importantly, no injuries. We are very happy with how it's gone and we're ready for Phoenix now."

Against USD, Donovan fine tuned the final details heading into the season opener next week against Phoenix Rising FC.

Newcomers Jack Blake and Niki Jackson both sent in a pair of goals. Ben Spencer also found the net for SD Loyal in the preseason finale.

SD Loyal played eight preseason dates against Cal United Strikers FC, 1904 FC of the NISA and college teams Azuza Pacific and Cal State Fullerton in addition to USD. Donovan's also played against Seattle Sounders and LA Galaxy, both of MLS.

PREVIOUS MATCHES

SD LOYAL vs. Cal State Fullerton and Azuza Pacific April, 17, 2021

A set of wins against college teams

San Diego Loyal beats Cal State Fullerton and Azuza Pacific



(Chula Vista, Calif.) Collin Martin walked away from near the penalty box pumping his fist Saturday. The midfielder had just scored after beating the goalkeeper on a one-on-one play.

It was a brief celebration from the 26-year-old from Maryland. And he had reason to as he sent in his goal in a 4-1 win against Cal State Fullerton at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center. It was the second win in a pair of preseason matches for SD Loyal, heading into the USL Championship opener April 30.

Martin broke away after taking the ball on the Cal State Fullerton side of the pitch. He sped up with only the goalkeeper to beat. That's when Martin made his move left then right to get past the goalkeeper. He ran freely to send a low, rolling shot from right to left into an open net in the 40th minute.

Martin's goals gave SD Loyal a 3-0 lead after Corey Hertzog (31st minute) and Jack Metcalf (35th) had previously scored. Hertzog converted a penalty kick after Martin was taken down in the penalty area. Metcalf fired and buried a right-footed shot from just inside the 16-yard box.

But the scoring didn't end there for SD Loyal. Jack Blake blasted a free kick into the net for a 4-1 lead in the 48th minute. Cal State Fullerton scored in the 63rd minute.



This were the sixth and seventh preseason games for SD Loyal as it heads into its second season. Coach Landon Donovan used two sets of lineups that included a handful of trialists.

"We are really starting to gel now," Donovan said. "It generally takes time in preseason with new faces. We are really happy how today went and we're 13 days away now. We've gotten a lot of different looks and the good thing is guys have to figure out and solve problems. They are doing a great job at that. The team is really growing and there is a lot of accountability on the field."

The first lineup led SD Loyal to a 2-1 win against Azuza Pacific in the day cap of the preseason doubleheader. Ben Spencer

scored a pair of goals in the day cap to help his team to a 2-1 win in the preseason affair. Spencer put back a loose ball in the area in his first goal and converted a penalty kick.

Donovan's team now heads into its final preparation match Friday April 23 against USD at Torero Stadium, a week from its season opener at Phoenix Rising FC.

"I am really happy where we are, we've made a lot of good progress," Donovan said. "We have a really good opportunity Friday night against USD to really be sharp and play well and then we have probably the best team in the season. So, we have to be ready to go."



SD Loyal 4, Cal State Fullerton 1 SCORING



1-0-30th Corey Hertzog (SD)
2-0-35th -Jack Metcalf (SD)
3-0 -40th -Collin Martin (SD)
4-0 -48th -Jack Blake (SD)



LINEUP:

SD Loyal -16. Trey Muse, 4. Jack Metcalf, 6. Charlie Adams, 7. Jack Blake, 8. Sal Zizzo, 12. Niki Jackson, 17. Collin Martin, 21. Corey Hertzog, 29. Thomas Vancaeyezeele, Trialist 3, Trialist 4.
Coach: Landon Donovan.

PREVIOUS MATCHES

SD LOYAL VS. SEATTLE SOUNDERS April 10, 2021

Preseason continued in The Emerald City against MLS powerhouse San Diego Loyal visited Seattle Sounders for a set of scrimmages



Seattle - (April 10, 2021) -The plan was to lineup the best possible opponents in the preseason. At least that's what San Diego Loyal SC coach Landon Donovan wanted. He wanted to put his players in the best position and face top-notch competition. That included facing one of Major League Soccer's top clubs. Enter Seattle Sounders.

Donovan's squad made the trip north to visit the two-time MLS Cup champions Saturday for a pair of 90-minute scrimmages. SD Loyal showed quality of play in the day and night set of scrimmages as Seattle won both with 1-0 scores at Lumen Field.

Will Bruin scored in the sixth minute of the night cap affair in what was Seattle's final preseason match heading into its season opener against Minnesota United FC Friday. He put back a loose ball inside the box. Seattle nearly scored again in the 50th minute when a shot came off the post.

SD Loyal nearly tied it in the 75th minute when Tumi Moshobane smacked a shot from inside the box off the post. It was one of a handful of chances created by Donovan's team. There were also some defensive plays that stood out. Goalkeeper Trey Muse made a one-handed diving save in the 87th minute against the team he was sent from on loan to SD Loyal.

Seattle won the day game 1-0 with a 70th minute goal by its academy midfielder Juan Alvarez.



Seattle Sounders 1, SD Loyal 0
SCORING
1-0--6th- Will Bruin (SEA)



LINEUP:

SD Loyal -16. Trey Muse, 2. Morgan Hackworth, 4. Jack Metcalf, 5. Grant Stoneman, 6. Charlie Adams, 7. Jack Blake, 8. Sal Zizzo, 11. Tumi Moshobane, 17. Collin Martin, 21. Corey Hertzog, 29. Thomas Vancaeyezeele. Coach: Landon Donovan.

PREVIOUS MATCHES

SD LOYAL vs. NEW MEXICO UNITED April 3, 2021

Preparation match with USL Championship taste

San Diego Loyal faced New Mexico United in its first full run of play this preseason



San Diego Loyal 1, New Mexico United 2
SCORING

0-1-27th -Amando Moreno (NMU)
1-1-64th -Grant Stoneman (SD)
1-2-86th -Devon Sandoval (SD)



Chula Vista. (April 3, 2021) -The regular season is one step closer. San Diego Loyal Soccer Club got its first taste of 2021 USL Championship competition as it played to a 2-1 loss against New Mexico United in a preseason match Saturday.

It was the first full run of play for coach Landon Donovan's team as it had previously played sets of multiple scrimmages each weekend last month. This time, it was a USL Championship opponent it will see in the regular season.

Saturday's match at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center saw Charile Adams and Grant Stoneman connect for SD Loyal's goal in the 64th minute of the exhibition match. Adams floated a pass from left to right, finding Stoneman at the six-yard box. That's where the 6-foot-2 defender connected via a header as he went to the ground, sending his shot into the net inside the far post.

It was a collective scoring play for SD Loyal but New Mexico got scores from Amando Moreno (27th minute) and the game-winner by Devon Sandoval in the 86th minute. Moreno scored on a shot from the top of the box. Sandoval put back a shot off a deflection. Sandoval's goal came after SD Loyal continued to attack and create chances in the second half. Tumi Moshobane, Corey Hertzog and Alejandro Guido threatened the New Mexico United goal. Moshobane sent a shot on frame while Guido and Hertzog had back-to-back shots before Stoneman finally scored for Donovan's team.

Goalkeeper Trey Muse kept the game tied with a handful of saves, including a standout one in the 70th minute. But New Mexico United finished off the scoring with Sandoval's goal.

This was SD Loyal's fourth preseason affair. It will now prepare for another preparation match at Major League Soccer side Seattle Sounders April 10. It will then finish the preseason with a game against Cal State Fullerton April 17. The USL Championship season opener is at Phoenix Rising April 30.

LINEUP:

SD Loyal -16. Trey Muse, 3. Elijah Martin (45th-Miguel Ibarra), 4. Jack Metcalf, 5. Grant Stoneman, 6. Charlie Adams, 10. Alejandro Guido, 11. Tumi Moshobane, 12. Niki Jackson (45th-Sal Zizzo), 17. Collin Martin, 21. Corey Hertzog, 29. Thomas Vancaeyezeele. Coach: Landon Donovan.

SD LOYAL vs. 1904FC March 28, 2021

First clash between San Diego clubs comes in preseason form

San Diego Loyal beats 1904FC in pair of scrimmages Sunday



First Scrimmage
San Diego Loyal 6, 1904FC 0
SCORING



9th -1-0 Corey Hertzog (SD)
27th -2-0 Morgan Hackworth (SD)
53rd- 3-0 Niki Jackson (SD)
57th -4-0 Niki Jackson (SD)
61st -5-0 Corey Hertzog (SD)
66th -6-0 Sal Zizzo (SD)

Chula Vista. (March 28, 2021) -It was the first of perhaps many to come. San Diego Loyal SC faced 1904FC in the battle between the city's two professional teams. And there was no shortage in goals as SD Loyal beat the National Independent Soccer Association (NISA) team in a pair of scrimmages Sunday at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center.

Coach Landon Donovan's team beat 1904FC 6-0 in the first of two 75-minute scrimmages that were divided into 45-minute halves, a 15-minute break and another 30 minutes of actions in each. SD Loyal won the second scrimmage 3-1.

It was a morning and afternoon of goals for the USL Championship club as SD Loyal broke out with a flurry of goals while using two sets of lineups. It was a day that paired two San Diego teams in a highly anticipated meeting.

"It's great to have two teams here that people care about, because for so long it has been zero teams," Donovan said. "I thought it was great to get everyone together. It's obvious there is a lot of talent in this part of the country and I thought it was a really great day."

It was a day of converting chances for SD Loyal. Donovan's team opened up the scoring in the shutout win of the first scrimmage with a goal by Corey Hertzog as he converted a penalty kick nine minutes into the session. Morgan Hackworth extended the lead to 2-0 with a header in the 27th minute. Jackson added two more (53rd and 57th). Hertzog (61st) scored his second of the session before Sal Zizzo ended the scoring with a chip shot off the crossbar in the 66th minute.

The scoring continued in the second scrimmage with 1904FC finding the net first with a shot by Romario Lomeli via header in the eighth minute. SD Loyal answered with a Miguel Ibarra put back off a goalkeeper deflection. Charlie Adams got in the scoring action after putting away a shot that came off a triangulation of passes. Adams finished off a tap pass from Tumi Moshobane, who took a pass by Jack Blake. The scoring play began with a pass from Ben Spencer.

Blake got a goal of his own in the 45th minute of the session when he sent a header into the back post to close out the scoring for the day.

"Playing a local team, the guys wanted to win," Donovan said. "This game certainly meant more for both teams. Scoring nine goals is great. I'm not sure I've seen more scoring chances in my life. I think we keep progressing."

LINEUP:

SD Loyal -1. Austin Guerrero, 2. Morgan Hackworth, 8. Sal Zizzo, 10. Alejandro Guido, 12. Niki Jackson, 21. Corey Hertzog, 25. Jordan Chavez and three trialists. Coach: Landon Donovan.

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
21	F	Corey Hertzog	30	Reading, Penn.
22	GK	Antony Siaha	23	Tucson, Ariz.
25	D	Jordan Chavez	24	San Diego, Calif.
28	D	Josh Kenworthy	18	San Diego, Calif.
29	D	Thomas VancaeyeZeele	26	Caen, France
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.

Manager: Landon Donovan

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE



No.	Pos	Name	
1	GK	Austin Guerrero	(GE-REROU)
2	M	Morgan Hackworth	(HH-AEK-WERTH)
3	D	Elijah Martin	(MA-ART-AHN)
4	D	Jack Metcalf	(MEHT-K-AE-F)
5	D	Grant Stoneman	(S-TOW-N-MAH-N)
6	M	Charlie Adams	(AE-D-AH-M-Z)
7	M	Jack Blake	(B-L-EY-K)
8	D	Sal Zizzo	(Z-IH-Z-OW)
9	F	Ben Spencer	(S-P-EH-N-S-ER)
10	M	Alejandro Guido	Ah-leh-jan-dro (GUEE-DOW)
11	M	Tumi Moshobane	Two-Me (MO-SHO-BAW-NEH)
12	F	Niki Jackson	(JH-AE-K-S-AH-N)
14	D	Joshua Yaro	(YA-R-OH)
16	GK	Trey Muse	(M-Y-UW-Z)
17	M	Collin Martin	(MA-ART-AHN)
21	F	Corey Hertzog	(HH-ER-T-Z-AH-G)
22	GK	Antony Siah	(SEE-AA-HA)
25	D	Jordan Chavez	(SH-AA-V-EH-Z)
28	D	Josh Kenworthy	(K-EH-N-W-ER-DH-IY)
29	D	Thomas VancaeyeZeele	(VAN-KAY-YAH-ZEEL)
40	F	Calvin Jay Fodrey	(FAW-DR-IY)
41	D	Ian Mai	(M-AH-IY)
50	M	Xavi Gnaulati	

Manager: Landon Donovan

TEAM STATISTICS (2020 FINAL)

16
Games

6
Wins

5
Draws

5
Lost

37.5%
Games won

4
Position

DEFENSE

15
Goals conceded

0.9
Per game

5
Clean sheets

1
Penalties conceded

Tackles



Duels



Aerial duels



DISTRIBUTION

Passes



6,942
Total passes

5,643
Successful passes

462.8
Passes per 90 mins.

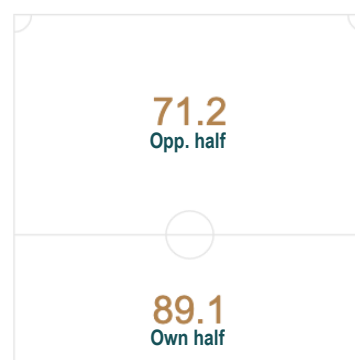
Long passes



Pass direction %



Passing accuracy by area %



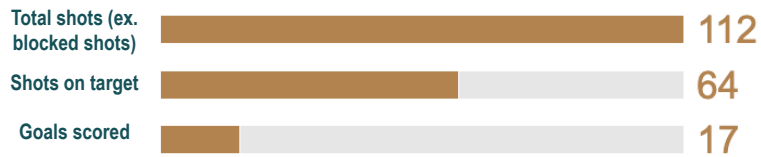
127
Total open play crosses

28
Success crosses

53.0%
Average possession

TEAM STATISTICS (2020 FINAL)

ATTACK



15.2%
Conversion Rate

84.7
Mins. per goal



6
Left foot goals



9
Right foot goals



2
Headed goals



0
Other

1

Penalties scored

0

Penalties missed

14

Goals inside the box

3

Goals outside the box

0

Direct free kick goals

DISCIPLINE

197
Fouls won

197
Fouls conceded

44

Yellow cards

2

Red cards

LEAGUE RANK (TOTAL)

ATTACKING

GOALS T30 (17)

SHOTS 33 (154)

CONVERSION RATE T19 (15%)

GOALKEEPING

CLEAN SHEETS T9 (5)

GOALS CONCEDED 31 (15)

DISTRIBUTION

PASSES 14 (6,942)

ACCURACY T4 (81%)

DISCIPLINE

FOULS CONCEDED 25 (197)

YELLOW CARDS 4 (44)

RED CARDS T9 (2)

SEASON HEAD TO HEAD



PHOENIX RISING FC VS. SD LOYAL

Stadium Name: Phoenix Rising Soccer Complex
Stadium Address: 19593 S. 48th St. Bldg
Chandler, AZ 85226
Field Dimensions: 116 x 76
Field Surface Type: Grass



SAN DIEGO LOYAL	MINUTES		PHOENIX RISING FC
Thomas	1,530	1,709	Corey Whelan
Vancaeyezeele*			
Corey Hertzog*	1,440	1,697	Damell King
Jack Metcalf	1,269	1,603	Kevon Lambert
Charlie Adams	1,265	1,537	Solomon Asante
Grant Stoneman	1259	1530	Zac Lubin
Collin Martin	1094	1465	Rufat Dadashov
Elijah Martin	1082	1440	Aodhan Quinn*
Jack Blake*	982	1220	Samuel Stanton
Jon Kempin	892	1208	Jon Bakero
Tumi Moshobane	892	1192	Junior Flemmings
Carlos Alvarez	884	1157	A.J. Cochran
Sal Zizzo	792	1066	Joseph Farrell
Emrah Klimenta	691	945	Edward Delgado*
Francis Atuahene	533	944	Tobi Adewole*

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	PASSES		PHOENIX RISING FC
Grant Stoneman	880	934	Aodhan Quinn*
Thomas	870	916	Corey Whelan
Vancaeyezeele*			
Collin Martin	641	830	Kevon Lambert
Jack Metcalf	623	755	A.J. Cochran
Charlie Adams	569	733	Jon Bakero
Elijah Martin	542	636	Damell King
Emrah Klimenta	503	633	José Aguinaga
Sal Zizzo	494	486	Solomon Asante
Corey Hertzog*	478	442	Tobi Adewole*
Jack Blake*	463	428	Zac Lubin
Carlos Alvarez	410	399	Samuel Stanton
Jon Kempin	329	315	Noah Billingsley*
Tumi Moshobane	268	276	Junior Flemmings

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	LONG PASSES		PHOENIX RISING FC
Jon Kempin	168	173	Aodhan Quinn*
Grant Stoneman	143	166	Edward Delgado*
Thomas			
Vancaeyezeele*	137	160	Zac Lubin
Charlie Adams	93	135	Corey Whelan
Emrah Klimenta	80	126	A.J. Cochran
Elijah Martin	69	122	Jon Bakero
Sal Zizzo	69	108	Damell King
Collin Martin	68	105	Kevon Lambert
Jack Metcalf	58	105	José Aguinaga
Jack Blake*	54	102	Tobi Adewole*
Corey Hertzog*	47	57	Solomon Asante
Jake Fenlason	43	46	Damion Lowe

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	PASS ACC%		PHOENIX RISING FC
Tarek Morad	89.0	86.0	Corey Whelan
Collin Martin	87.4	85.6	José Aguinaga
Carlos Alvarez	86.6	85.0	Jordan Schweitzer
Sal Zizzo	85.8	84.2	Lagos Kunga
Beverly Makangila	85.6	83.2	Joseph Farrell
Elijah Martin	84.9	83.0	A.J. Cochran
Thomas			
Vancaeyezeele*	84.4	82.8	Eric Dick
Charlie Adams	84.0	81.5	Samuel Stanton
Emrah Klimenta	83.7	81.0	Kevon Lambert

SEASON HEAD TO HEAD

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	CROSSES		PHOENIX RISING FC
Jack Metcalf	47	76	Solomon Asante
Jack Blake*	19	46	Iván Gutiérrez*
Elijah Martin	15	33	Prince Saydee*
Corey Hertzog*	11	28	Santi Moar
Tumi Moshobane	9	26	Damell King
Sal Zizzo	8	20	Aodhan Quinn*
Charlie Adams	8	17	Jon Bakero
Morgan Hackworth	8	17	Junior Flemmings
Collin Martin	5	16	Corey Whelan
Carlos Alvarez	5	16	Noah Billingsley*
Thomas Vancaeyezeele*	2	16	Joey Calistri
Emrah Klimenta	2	7	Samuel Stanton

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	CHANCES CREATED		PHOENIX RISING FC
Corey Hertzog*	27	51	Solomon Asante
Jack Blake*	22	36	Jon Bakero
Jack Metcalf	20	31	Rufat Dadashov
Tumi Moshobane	14	28	Santi Moar
Charlie Adams	11	19	Damell King
Carlos Alvarez	11	18	Aodhan Quinn*
Collin Martin	10	18	Samuel Stanton
Elijah Martin	6	17	Junior Flemmings
Grant Stoneman	6	13	Prince Saydee*
Eric Avila	6	12	Kevon Lambert
B. Spencer	5	11	Iván Gutiérrez*
Alejandro Guido	4	10	Corey Whelan
Miguel Berry	4	7	Owusu-Ansah Kontor
Sal Zizzo	2	7	Jordan Schweitzer

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	GOALS		PHOENIX RISING FC
Corey Hertzog*	8	14	Junior Flemmings
Rubio Rubín	5	11	Rufat Dadashov
Alejandro Guido	2	8	Solomon Asante
Miguel Berry	2	4	Aodhan Quinn*
Francis Atuahene	2	3	Samuel Stanton
Jack Blake*	1	2	Jon Bakero
Tumi Moshobane	1	2	Santi Moar
Charlie Adams	1	2	Jordan Schweitzer
Carlos Alvarez	1	2	A.J. Cochran
Collin Martin	1	1	Damell King
Grant Stoneman	1	1	Prince Saydee*
Thomas Vancaeyezeele*	1	1	Kevon Lambert
Irvin Parra	1	1	Iván Gutiérrez*
		1	Lagos Kunga

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	ASSISTS		PHOENIX RISING FC
Jack Metcalf	4	9	Solomon Asante
Corey Hertzog*	4	8	Santi Moar
Alejandro Guido	2	4	Rufat Dadashov
Miguel Berry	2	4	Jon Bakero
Elijah Martin	1	4	Iván Gutiérrez*
Jack Blake*	1	3	Prince Saydee*
Collin Martin	1	3	Kevon Lambert
		2	Junior Flemmings
		2	Aodhan Quinn*

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	SHOTS ON TARGET		PHOENIX RISING FC
Corey Hertzog*	24	30	Solomon Asante
Tumi Moshobane	12	28	Junior Flemmings
Rubio Rubín	8	19	Rufat Dadashov
Francis Atuahene	7	10	Santi Moar
Jack Blake*	5	8	Aodhan Quinn*
Alejandro Guido	5	6	Prince Saydee*
Irvin Parra	5	4	Samuel Stanton
Charlie Adams	4	3	Jon Bakero
Carlos Alvarez	4	3	Kevon Lambert
Thomas Vancaeyezeele*	4	3	Damell King
		3	Iván Gutiérrez*
		3	Jack Barnby
		3	Jordan Schweitzer

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	SHOTS		PHOENIX RISING FC
Corey Hertzog*	41	52	Solomon Asante
Francis Atuahene	15	45	Junior Flemmings
Tumi Moshobane	14	41	Rufat Dadashov
Jack Blake*	14	20	Santi Moar
Charlie Adams	10	19	Aodhan Quinn*
Rubio Rubín	9	18	Jon Bakero
B. Spencer	7	17	Kevon Lambert
Carlos Alvarez	7	13	Prince Saydee*
Grant Stoneman	7	12	Samuel Stanton
Thomas Vancaeyezeele*	7	10	Damell King
Alejandro Guido	7	8	Iván Gutiérrez*
Miguel Berry	6	7	A.J. Cochran
Elijah Martin	6		
Collin Martin	6		

SEASON HEAD TO HEAD

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	MINS PER GOAL		PHOENIX RISING FC
Rubio Rubín	54	85	Junior Flemmings
Alejandro Guido	150	133	Rufat Dadashov
Corey Hertzog*	180	192	Solomon Asante
Miguel Berry	216	251	Jordan Schweitzer
Irvin Parra	230	360	Aodhan Quinn*
Francis Atuahene	266.5	406.7	Samuel Stanton
Carlos Alvarez	884	448.5	Santi Moar
Tumi Moshobane	892	578.5	A.J. Cochran
Jack Blake*	982	604	Jon Bakero
Collin Martin	1094	683	Prince Saydee*

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	YELLOW CARDS		PHOENIX RISING FC
Collin Martin	7	7	Kevon Lambert
Grant Stoneman	6	6	Aodhan Quinn*
Emrah Klimenta	5	5	Darnell King
Corey Hertzog*	5	3	Rufat Dadashov
Jack Blake*	4	2	Tobi Adewole*
Charlie Adams	4	2	Solomon Asante
Thomas Vancaeyezeele*	3	2	José Aguinaga
Carlos Alvarez	3	2	Joey Calistri
B. Spencer	3	2	Jack Bamby
Jon Kempin	2	2	Damion Lowe
Jack Metcalf	2	2	Prince Saydee*
Tumi Moshobane	2		
Eric Avila	2		

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	CLEARANCES		PHOENIX RISING FC
Grant Stoneman	53	49	Darnell King
Joseph Greenspan	40	44	A.J. Cochran
Thomas Vancaeyezeele*	36	38	José Aguinaga
Emrah Klimenta	32	38	Tobi Adewole*
Jack Metcalf	25	33	Corey Whelan
Tarek Morad	23	27	Kevon Lambert
Jon Kempin	20	16	Aodhan Quinn*
Sal Zizzo	17	15	Damion Lowe
Elijah Martin	15	15	Noah Billingsley*
Corey Hertzog*	10	13	Rufat Dadashov
Jack Blake*	9	13	Zac Lubin

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	FOULS WON		PHOENIX RISING FC
Charlie Adams	33	47	Junior Flemmings
Corey Hertzog*	27	38	Solomon Asante
Tumi Moshobane	23	33	Rufat Dadashov
Elijah Martin	17	20	Aodhan Quinn*
Collin Martin	16	19	Kevon Lambert
Francis Atuahene	13	19	Santi Moar
Alejandro Guido	11	16	Tobi Adewole*
Jack Blake*	11	13	Darnell King
Thomas Vancaeyezeele*	11	11	Iván Gutiérrez*
Jack Metcalf	11	11	Prince Saydee*
Beverly Makangila	11	10	José Aguinaga
Morgan Hackworth	8	10	Noah Billingsley*
Grant Stoneman	8	10	Samuel Stanton
Carlos Alvarez	7	10	Jon Bakero
Irvin Parra	6	5	Jordan Schweitzer
B. Spencer	5	5	Joseph Farrell
Emrah Klimenta	4	5	Joey Calistri
Sal Zizzo	4	5	Damion Lowe
Miguel Berry	4		

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	TACKLES WON		PHOENIX RISING FC
Thomas Vancaeyezeele*	23	24	Noah Billingsley*
Elijah Martin	16	23	Kevon Lambert
Grant Stoneman	15	23	Aodhan Quinn*
Jack Blake*	13	22	Darnell King
Collin Martin	12	19	Tobi Adewole*
Sal Zizzo	10	18	Samuel Stanton
Charlie Adams	9	11	Jon Bakero
Jack Metcalf	8	10	Solomon Asante
Carlos Alvarez	8	9	A.J. Cochran
Emrah Klimenta	6	9	Corey Whelan
Corey Hertzog*	6	9	Jordan Schweitzer

SAN DIEGO LOYAL	FOULS CONCD.		PHOENIX RISING FC
Collin Martin	29	41	Kevon Lambert
Jack Blake*	22	30	Darnell King
Carlos Alvarez	19	25	Aodhan Quinn*
Grant Stoneman	18	16	Junior Flemmings
Thomas Vancaeyezeele*	17	16	Rufat Dadashov
B. Spencer	14	15	José Aguinaga
Irvin Parra	13	14	Santi Moar
Beverly Makangila	11	13	Tobi Adewole*
Charlie Adams	10	13	Jon Bakero
Corey Hertzog*	10	13	Corey Whelan
Elijah Martin	9	12	A.J. Cochran
Francis Atuahene	9	11	Solomon Asante
Emrah Klimenta	9	11	Iván Gutiérrez*
			Noah Billingsley*
			Damion Lowe

LAST MATCH VS. PHOENIX RISING FC

STATISTICS ANNULLED FROM RECORD BOOKS)

	SAN DIEGO LOYAL 0-3 PHOENIX RISING FC
	Wednesday September 30 Referee: Joseph Salinas
	CHANGES FROM LAST GAME
	SUBSTITUTIONS
	GOALS
	2' Berry (Metcalf)
	20' Rubin (Metcalf)
	45' Rubin
	YELLOW CARDS
	31' Stoneman
	45+8 C Martin STRAIGHT RED (rescinded)

SAN DIEGO LOYAL			Statistic	PHOENIX RISING FC		
FH	SH	FT		FH	SH	FT
3			Goals	1		
9			Total Shots (including blocked shots)	6		
5			Shots On Target	4		
4			Shots Off Target	2		
			Blocked Shots			
			Shots from inside the box			
			Shots from outside the box			
			Headed Shots			
1			Corners taken	2		
7			Fouls Conceded	7		
12			Open Play Crosses	9		
1			Offsides	1		
			Duels Won			
			Duels Won (%)			
278			Total Passes	184		
85.0%			Passing Accuracy	78.0%		
60.0%			Possession	40.0%		

HOW PHX LINED UP LAST TIME VS. SD LOYAL



SAN DIEGO LOYAL 0-3 PHOENIX RISING FC

Wednesday September 30

Referee: Joseph Salinas

CHANGES FROM LAST GAME

SUBSTITUTIONS

45' Farrell for Lowe

GOALS

45' Stanton (Flemmings)

YELLOW CARDS

27' Stanton

28' Calistri

45+5 Moar

45+6 Farrell

SAN DIEGO LOYAL				PHOENIX RISING FC		
FH	SH	FT	Statistic	FH	SH	FT
3			Goals	1		
9			Total Shots (including blocked shots)	6		
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SD LOYAL 2021 ROSTER BY POSITIONS

GOALKEEPERS



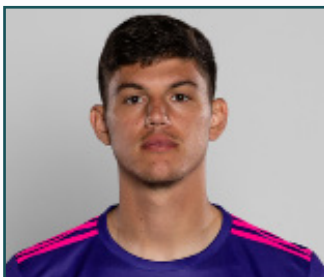
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#1

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.



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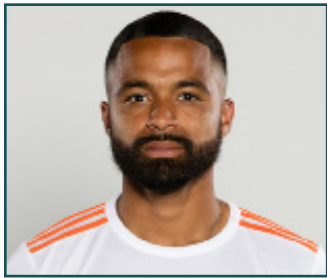
ANTONY SIAHA

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



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#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.



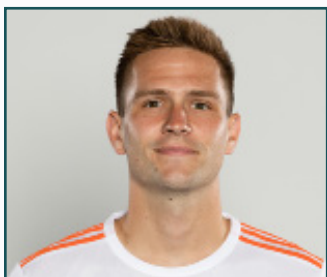
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#4

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.



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#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.



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#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.



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#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.



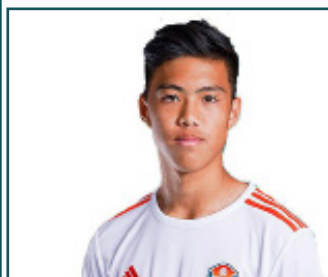
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#29

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.



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#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

MIDFIELDERS



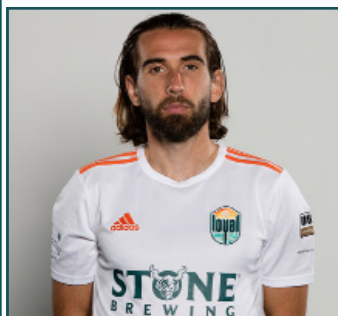
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#2

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.



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#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.



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#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.

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MIDFIELDERS



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#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.



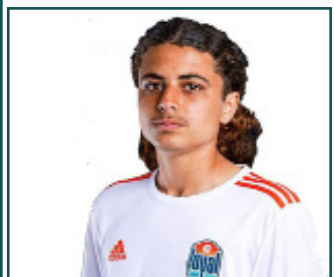
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COLLIN MARTIN

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.



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#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.

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FORWARDS



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#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. He has experience in the United Soccer League where he played with Toronto FC II, eventually making his way into the USL Championship with Phoenix Rising FC. Spencer also has national team experience. He was part of the United States National team in the Under-18 category in which he scored three goals in six matches.



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#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. After sitting out the 2016 season, Moshobane shined in 2017 and 2018, scoring 17 goals and seven assists in 40 appearances while earning all-conference and honorable mention All-American honors in NAIA. Before that, Moshobane he had played in the South African Premiere Soccer League's youth system with the Kaizer Chiefs. He eventually saw time with the first team and impressed enough that he was also called to South Africa's team that was looking to secure a spot in the 2016 Olympic Games. Things didn't work for Moshobane in South Africa and decided to come to the United States. His first minutes in professional soccer in the United States came with Lansing United of the National Premier Soccer League.

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#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.



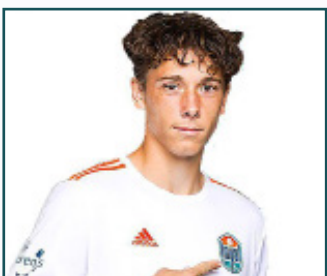
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NIKI JACKSON

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.



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#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.

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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.