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# MATCH PREVIEW



For the second consecutive season, Sounders FC 2 opens the league campaign against Sacramento Republic FC at Starfire Stadium. S2 looks to build off a successful 2015 - its first in USL - that saw the club qualify for the postseason and reach the fourth round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup. Head Coach Ezra Hendrickson returns in a managerial role, along with midfielders Carlos Patino and Amadou Sanyang, and forward Myron Samuel. The newly-contracted players include three MLS SuperDraft selections, one Homegrown Player, a Cameroonian international, a standout college goalkeeper and a second-year USL veteran.

2014 USL champion Sacramento Republic FC posted a 13-8-7 record in 2015, finishing in fourth place in the Western Conference. The club lost in its opening match of the postseason versus LA Galaxy II. Sacramento is coached by Englishman Paul Buckle, who took over managerial duties last July.



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# S2 SETS EXPECTATIONS FOR SOPHOMORE SEASON

By Cameron Rizzardini

Seattle Sounders FC 2 begins its 2016 USL campaign Friday night at Starfire Sports, the club's second since its inception in October 2014.

Following a successful maiden voyage with a playoff appearance and two players ultimately signed to first-team contracts, S2 will be looking to advance its developmental purpose and process.

"With S2, it's not so much about winning," said Head Coach Ezra Hendrickson. "We do want to win because we feel that winning is a part of a player's development...but the main focus is to develop these players."

S2 has been successful so far in its player development, earning forwards Andy Craven and Oalex Anderson first-team contracts. There is still room for improvement, however, and one primary focus of the improvement over last year will be keeping the consistency of the roster.

"We went through 44 players last year, so we're hoping to have more consistency," Hendrickson said. "With a little more consistency we can better develop players and that's what S2 is really all about."



Hendrickson also indicated some big changes to come for S2 in not only player turnover, but also formation and style of play.

"I think it's best for us if we're mimicking what the first team is doing because that way it's an easier slide," said Hendrickson. "At the end of the day, the goal of S2 players is to get to the first team and I think that helps them to be better prepared."

Midfielder Zach Mathers is a prime example of a player who might benefit greatly from S2's adoption of the 4-3-3 formation. As a second-round SuperDraft selection to the Sounders in January, Mathers will be looking to make the jump when the time comes, and some experience with the first

team's formation will be critical if the call comes.

"I've actually never played it before with any college or club team, so it's different for sure," Mathers said of the 4-3-3. "With a 4-4-2 you've got some more help on the wings whereas now we have three guys forward a bit more so in the midfield we have to be tighter...So that's going to be a little bit different for me."

With new teammates and a formational shift to master, Mathers has his work cut out for him, but expressed confidence about getting started with his S2 career. "The guys are good with S2," said Mathers, "so it'll be a great learning experience for me."





TYLER MILLER

# MAKING THE JUMP

At his introductory press conference in January 2015, Sounders FC General Manager & President of Soccer Garth Lagerwey identified a clear mission for the organization:

"You have to vertically integrate the clubs," Lagerwey said. "You have your First Team, and you have to push strategically to grow the Sounders, but you have to, below that, integrate S2 and the Academy."

Essentially, Lagerwey wanted a pipeline. Before reaching the First Team and playing in front of the biggest crowds in MLS, players would develop necessary skills and attributes that translate to the next level, all while representing the Sounders FC crest.

Last season, Sounders FC 2 strung together a successful inaugural campaign. This success lies deeper than qualifying for the postseason and reaching the fourth round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, though. In 2015, Sounders FC 2 produced three players who were signed to First Team contracts: Andy Craven, Tyler Miller and Oalex Anderson.

In June, Craven became the first S2 player to make the leap. He started 12 of his 14 appearances in the USL regular season, scoring five goals and adding a team-high five assists. The University of North Carolina product went on to appear in three MLS matches before suffering an MLC sprain in training.

"One of the reasons S2 was created was to develop talent and reward players for their hard work and standout



ANDY CRAVEN

play, and Andy is a true example of that concept," Lagerwey said in June.

Miller became the second player to join the MLS side after signing with S2 last July, following a stint with SVN Zweibrücken of the German Fourth Division. He made one appearance for S2, a 4-0 shutout victory over Arizona United SC on July 12, before undergoing successful thumb surgery on his right hand on July 28. Miller was a Second Round selection for Seattle in the 2015 MLS SuperDraft after a record-setting career at Northwestern University.

"Tyler has great potential as a goalkeeper and showed promise in

the limited time we had to work with him last season," said Head Coach Sigi Schmid. "We're excited to continue that development in 2016 as he works further with our staff and the rest of the goalkeeper group."

Earlier this month, Anderson became the most recent S2 player to be signed to a First Team contract. Anderson started seven of 16 appearances for S2 during the 2015 USL season after signing on April 11. The speedy striker scored four goals in just 758 minutes. Internationally, Anderson has 20 caps for the St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Team since his debut in February of 2014, scoring 10 international goals.

"It's exciting to see our development system at work in signing one of our standout S2 players to the First Team," said Lagerwey. "Oalex has a lot of potential, which he showed last season, and we're happy to have him join the senior squad."



OALEX ANDERSON

## 2016 SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC PLAYERS

NO.	NAME	AGE	BIRTHPLACE	PREVIOUS CLUB
88	Emir Alihodzic*	22	Tulza, Bosnia	Nebraska Omaha Mavericks (NCAA)
6	Osvaldo Alonso	30	San Cristobal, Cuba	Charleston Battery (USL)
39	Oalex Anderson	20	St. Vincent & Grenadines	System 3 FC (St. Vincent & Grenadines)
98	Matt Bersano*	23	Chandler, AZ	Penn State Nittany Lions (NCAA)
99	Andy Craven	24	St. Simons Island, GA	North Carolina Tar Heels (NCAA)
2	Clint Dempsey	32	Nacogdoches, TX	Tottenham Hotspur (England)
3	Brad Evans	30	Phoenix, AZ	Columbus Crew SC
12	Michael Farfan	27	San Diego, CA	D.C. United
81	Devon Fisher*	22	Chesapeake, VA	Timbers 2 (USL)
91	Oniel Fisher	24	Portmore, Jamaica	New Mexico Lobos (NCAA)
24	Stefan Frei	29	Altstaetten, Switzerland	Toronto FC
8	Erik Friberg	30	Lindome, Sweden	Esbjerg fB (Denmark)
23	Andreas Ivanschitz	32	Eisenstadt, Austria	Levante (Spain)
17	Darwin Jones	23	Chicago, IL	Washington Huskies (NCAA)
33	Joevin Jones	24	Carenage, Trinidad & Tobago	Chicago Fire
11	Aaron Kovar	22	Seattle, WA	Stanford Cardinal (NCAA)
31	Damion Lowe	22	Kingston, Jamaica	Hartford Hawks (NCAA)
22	Charlie Lyon	23	St. Charles, IL	Marquette Golden Eagles (NCAA)
80	Victor Mansaray	18	Freetown, Sierra Leone	Sounders FC Academy
14	Chad Marshall	31	Riverside, CA	Columbus Crew SC
32	Zach Mathers*	21	Ft. Worth, TX	Duke Blue Devils (NCAA)
4	Tyrone Mears	32	Stockport, England	Bolton Wanderers (England)
1	Tyler Miller	22	Woodbury, NJ	Northwestern Wildcats (NCAA)
13	Jordan Morris	21	Seattle, WA	Stanford Cardinal (NCAA)
36	Michael Nelson*	21	Austin, TX	Old Dominion Monarchs (NCAA)
90	Mark O'Ojong*	18	----	Rainbow FC (CMR)
5	Jimmy Ockford	23	Yardley, PA	Louisville Cardinals (NCAA)
95	Carlos Patino*	20	Tulua, Colombia	Kitsap Pumas (PDL)
15	Dylan Remick	24	Inverness, IL	Brown Bears (NCAA)
7	Cristian Roldan	20	Artesia, CA	Washington Huskies (NCAA)
97	Myron Samuel	23	Layout, St. Vincent	Rendezvous FC (BRB)
30	Amadou Sanyang*	24	Bakau, Gambia	Charleston Battery (USL)
34	Jordan Schweitzer*	21	Dallas, TX	Denver Pioneers (NCAA)
20	Zach Scott	35	Wailuku, HI	Gonzaga Bulldogs (NCAA)
18	Nathan Sturgis	28	Boca Raton, FL	Houston Dynamo
29	Román Torres	29	Panama City, Panama	Millonarios (Colombia)
16	Nelson Valdez	32	Caaguazø, Paraguay	Eintracht Frankfurt (Germany)

\*Signed to a S2 Contract

**General Manager & President of Soccer:** Garth Lagerwey

**Head Coach:** Sigi Schmid

**Sporting Director:** Chris Henderson

**Assistant Coaches:** Brian Schmetzer, Tom Dutra, Ante Razov,

Djimi Traore, Kurt Schmid

**Head Coach:** Ezra Hendrickson

**S2 Assistant Coach:** Junior Gonzalez

**Team Administration Director:** Grant Clark

**Team Services Director:** Vince Johnson

**Manager of Sports Science & Performance:** Dave Tenney

**Strength and Conditioning Coach:** Chad Kolarcik

**S2 Performance and Strength Coach:** Jarryd Phillips

**Sports Science Data Analyst:** Ravi Ramineni

**Director of Sports Medicine:** Randy Noteboom

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Chris Cornish

**Assistant Athletic Trainers:** Paul Lombardo, Aki Tajima

**Head Equipment Manager:** Nolan Myer

**Assistant Equipment Managers:** Brett Johnson, Scott Tranilla

## 2016 SOUNDERS FC 2 USL REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE		OPPONENT	KICKOFF (PT)	LOCATION
Fri.	March 25		Sacramento Republic FC	7:30 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Wed.	March 30		Arizona United	7:30 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Sun.	April 3		San Antonio	5:00 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Tues.	April 12		Rio Grande Valley FC	7:30 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Sun.	April 17		Colorado Springs	7:00 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Tues.	April 26		Real Monarchs	6:00 p.m.	Rio Tinto Stadium
Sun.	May 1		Oklahoma City Energy FC	7:00 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Sun.	May 8		Tulsa Roughnecks FC	7:00 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Sat.	May 14		Sacramento Republic FC	7:30 p.m.	Bonney Field
Sun.	May 22		LA Galaxy II	5:00 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Thurs.	May 26		Portland Timbers 2	7:00 p.m.	Providence Park
Sat.	June 4		Orange County Blues FC	7:00 p.m.	Anteater Stadium
Thurs.	June 9		Whitecaps FC 2	7:30 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Tues.	June 14		Portland Timbers 2	7:00 p.m.	Merlo Field
Sun.	June 26		Swope Park Rangers FC	5:00 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Sat.	July 2		Sacramento Republic FC	8:00 p.m.	Bonney Field
Wed.	July 6		St. Louis FC	5:00 p.m.	World Wide Technology Soccer Park
Sun.	July 10		Colorado Springs	5:00 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Sat.	July 16		Arizona United	7:30 p.m.	Peoria Sports Complex
Sun.	July 24		Portland Timbers 2	5:00 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Mon.	August 1		Real Monarchs	7:30 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Sat.	August 6		Whitecaps FC 2	3:00 p.m.	Thunderbird Stadium
Sat.	August 13		Rio Grande Valley FC	5:30 p.m.	RGVFC Stadium
Sat.	August 20		San Antonio	5:30 p.m.	Toyota Field
Mon.	August 29		Portland Timbers 2	7:30 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Fri.	Sept. 2		Whitecaps FC 2	7:30 p.m.	Starfire Stadium
Mon.	Sept. 5		Whitecaps FC 2	TBD	TBD
Sun.	Sept. 11		Oklahoma City Energy FC	4:00 p.m.	Taft Stadium
Sat.	Sept. 17		Colorado Springs	6:00 p.m.	Switchbacks Stadium
Sat.	Sept. 24		Swope Park Rangers FC	5:00 p.m.	Children's Mercy Victory Field



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# 2015 SOUNDERS FC 2 USL STATISTICS

Pos	Player	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	FC	C/E
M/F	Pablo Rossi	26	17	1508	8	2	55	23	9	1/0
F	Andy Craven	14	12	1088	5	5	16	8	10	1/0
F	Darwin Jones	14	11	884	5	1	24	12	5	0/0
M	Sergio Mota	14	12	1217	4	4	36	15	8	1/2
M/F	Sam Garza	23	16	1445	4	2	30	11	18	5/0
F	Oalex Anderson	16	7	758	4	0	24	12	13	0/0
M	Aaron Kovar	17	16	1319	1	4	20	8	10	2/0
D	Nick Miele	22	20	1980	3	2	7	7	4	0/0
F	Myron Samuel	1	0	45	2	1	4	3	0	0/0
D/M	Giulano Frano	25	22	2073	2	0	15	9	29	7/2
F	Qudus Lawal	10	2	211	2	0	9	3	4	0/0
M/D	Aaron Long	27	20	2188	1	2	15	2	21	1/0
D	Damion Lowe	17	14	1440	1	1	9	4	16	7/0
D	Jimmy Ockford	13	13	1080	1	1	6	2	5	0/0
D	Ashani Fairclough	12	7	826	1	0	3	1	13	3/0
M	Cristian Roldan	1	0	27	1	0	2	2	0	0/0
M	Duncan McCormick	24	8	982	0	3	5	2	15	4/1
F	Victor Mansaray	16	10	952	0	1	9	3	12	1/0
M	Amadou Sanyang	20	17	1558	0	0	10	2	12	5/1
D/M	Andres Correa	16	12	977	0	0	7	2	9	3/0
D/M	Oniel Fisher	11	8	768	0	0	5	2	10	0/0
M	Lorenzo Ramos	14	3	382	0	0	2	1	7	0/0
D	Choong Sil Lim	7	3	334	0	0	0	0	4	1/0
M	Micheal Azira	4	3	315	0	0	1	0	4	1/0
F	Diego Silvas	7	0	149	0	0	1	0	3	0/0
D	Tosh Samkange	2	1	97	0	0	0	0	1	0/0
M	Nick Hamer	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
D	Dylan Remick	1	1	90	0	0	1	0	0	0/0
D	Kasey French	4	1	82	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
M	Mike Ramos	1	1	82	0	0	0	0	1	0/0
F	Nate Tongovula	4	1	81	0	0	0	0	1	0/0
M	Carlos Patino	3	1	74	0	0	1	0	0	0/0
D	Nicholas Hinds	1	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
D	John Magnus	1	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
M	Handwalla Bwana	1	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
M	Hiroki Kobayashi	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
TEAM TOTALS		28	28	2520	45	29	317	130	266	45/6
OPPONENT TOTALS		28	28	2520	42	26	341	132	306	41/2

GP-games played; GS-games started; MIN-minutes; G-goals; A-assists; SHT-shots; SOG-shots on goal; FC-fouls caused; C/E-

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Rossi 3, Anderson 2, Frano 2, Garza 1, Jones 1, Kovar 1, Lowe 1, Miele 1, Samuel 1  
PENALTY KICK GOALS/ATTEMPTS: Rossi 2-3, Mota 1-2, Frano 0-1, Kovar 0-1

## SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

POS	Player	GP	GS	MIN	SV	GA	GAA	W-L-T	SO
GK	Charlie Lyon	24	24	2160	80	41	1.71	9-10-2	4
GK	Saif Kerawala	2	2	180	4	1	0.50	1-0-1	1
GK	Tyler Miller	1	1	90	2	0	0.00	1-0-0	1
GK	Troy Perkins	1	1	90	2	0	0.00	1-0-0	1
TEAM TOTALS		28	28	2520	90	50	1.50	12-11-3	7
OPPONENT TOTALS		28	28	2520	86	45	1.61	10-12-3	5

GP-games played; GS-goals scored; MIN-minutes; SHTS-shots; SV-saves; GA-goals allowed; GAA-goals against avg.; PG-penalty goals; PA-penalty attempts; W/L/T-wins/losses/ties; SO-shutouts



# HEAD COACH EZRA HENDRICKSON

Ezra Hendrickson initially joined Sounders FC as an Assistant Coach on January 20, 2009, after completing a 14-year professional career, including 12 seasons in Major League Soccer. He is now the Head Coach of Sounders FC 2, the club's USL PRO team.

Hendrickson played parts of eight seasons for Sigi Schmid, including three in Columbus prior to his retirement. Hendrickson appeared in 266 regular season matches with 225 starts. Playing defense, he scored 23 goals and added 30 assists.

He also played in 32 postseason games with five goals and three assists. Hendrickson was a member of three MLS Cup championship teams, winning two with Schmid. Together, they won the 2002 MLS Cup with the Los Angeles Galaxy and the 2008 MLS Cup in Columbus. Hendrickson was also with the champion D.C. United team in 2004.

A native of the island of St. Vincent in the Caribbean, Hendrickson began his career in 1997 with the New York MetroStars, before joining the Galaxy

later that season. He totaled six seasons in Los Angeles, where he won the 2000 CONCACAF Champions Cup, scoring two goals in a 3-2 victory, and the 2001 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, scoring one goal in a 2-1 victory. He was named Galaxy's Most Valuable Player for the 2001 season.

Hendrickson went to Dallas in 2003 and began the next season with the A-League's Charleston Battery before joining D.C. United for its run to the 2004 MLS Cup. After starting all 31 appearances in 2005 for Chivas USA, Hendrickson was acquired by Columbus in early 2006.

An All-American and business administration major at Drake University, Hendrickson first played professionally with New Orleans of the USISL Select League (1995-96). After earning his first international cap in 1995, he served 12 years as captain of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines national team. Hendrickson earned his U.S. Soccer "A" Coaching License in December of 2008. He is a resident of Layou, St. Vincent, and has two daughters, Xavia and McKenzie.