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BLAINE, MINN.**

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GAME PREVIEW

BLAINE, Minn. – After an scoreless draw on Saturday night, the Atlanta Silverbacks (7-11-10, 32 points) need to collect maximum points away to Minnesota United (13-10-5, 49 points) in order to keep their playoff hopes alive.

The Silverbacks will face a challenge against the Loons, who are currently on an eight-game unbeaten run at home, not having lost since the final game of the Spring Season.

Minnesota has been a cut above the rest. In fact, they've scored more goals – 36 – than any other team in the NASL. Only 13 of those 36 goals were scored on their home field, though. What has assured the Loon's postseason spot has been their defense. Playing away from NSC Stadium, the team has given up 20 goals. Only the Carolina RailHawks have conceded more with 25. At home, Minnesota has allowed only four goals through the Fall Season. That's the lowest of any team in the league.

Minnesota, while a great team, isn't unstoppable. It's three losses during the Fall Season came at the hands of the RailHawks, New York Cosmos and – in it's previous match – Indy Eleven. Out of those three, only the Cosmos have a winning record, showing that the Loons do slip up every now and then.

During the two clubs' last meeting, Atlanta took an early lead with a 9th minute goal from Pedro Mendes. The Silverbacks ultimately fell 2-1 at Atlanta Silverbacks Park.

Saturday night is likely to be the toughest game Atlanta has played all season, but three points are absolutely necessary to ensure the season doesn't end on Halloween weekend.

No.	Name.	Pos.
1	Steward Ceus	GK
2	Rauwshan McKenzie	D
3	Paul Black	D
4	Simon Mensing	D
5	Mohammed Issahaku	D
6	Josh Hughes	D
7	Jon Okafor	MF
8	Dominic Oppong	MF
9	Jaime Chavez	F
10	Hans Denissen	MF
11	Bryce Billington	GK
12	Shaka Bangura	F
13	Chris Christian	D
15	Abdul Bangura	D
17	Michael Reed	MF
18	Matt Horth	F
19	Kyle Porter	F
20	Paulo Mendes	MF
21	C.J. Cochran	GK
22	Pedro Mendes	F
23	Michal Mravec	MF
25	Ferrey Sousa	MF
27	Kosuke Kimura	D
33	Junior Burgos	MF

WHERE TO FIND IT

WATCH:

U.S. (National) – ESPN 3
Europe – ESPN Player
Middle East – ESPN Player
North Africa – ESPN Player
Brazil – WatchESPN
Latin America and the Caribbean – ESPN Play
Oceania – ESPN3.com

READ:

www.AtlantaSilverbacksFC.com
www.NASL.com

MULTIMEDIA

www.Public.NASL.com

No.	Name.	Pos.
1	Mitch Hildebrandt	GK
2	Justin Davis	D
3	Cristiano Dias	D
4	Aaron Pitchkolan	MF
5	Tiago Calvano	D
6	Brent Kallman	D
7	Kevin Venegas	D
8	Ibson	MF
9	Pablo Campos	F
11	Kalif Alhassan	MF
13	Jamie Watson	MF
14	Brian Kallman	D
16	Tyle Polak	D
17	Yago Silva	MF
18	Daniel Mendes	F
19	Alejandro Vela	MF
20	Andrei Gotsmanov	MF
21	Christian Ramirez	F
23	Greg Jordan	MF
24	Andrew Fontein	GK
29	J.C. Banks	F
33	Sammy Ndjock	GK
77	Juliano Elizeu Vicentini	MF
99	Geison Moura	F

NASL COMBINED STANDINGS

P	Team	Pld	Pts
1	Ottawa Fury FC	29	55
2	New York Cosmos	28	50
3	Minnesota United FC	28	49
4	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	28	38
5	Tampa Bay Rowdies	28	36
6	FC Edmonton	29	34
7	Carolina RailHawks	28	32
8	Atlanta Silverbacks	28	32
9	San Antonio Scorpions	28	30
10	Indy Eleven	28	30
11	Jacksonville Armada FC	28	30



LAST TIME OUT

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Silverbacks (7-11-10, 32 points Combined Table) split points with the Tampa Bay Rowdies (9-9-10, 36 points) in their first visit to Atlanta Silverbacks Park on Saturday. Neither team could crack the other in the scoreless affair, with just one shot — a swerving free kick by Junior Burgos — between both teams.

"Every one of our boys came out with energy and positivity, especially after the sour taste left from our last match (a loss to the New York Cosmos)," Silverbacks coach Gary Smith said. "I think it fair to say that we were the better side, with maybe the exception of the final minutes of the first half. We asked the right questions of Tampa Bay, but the final ball just wasn't there. All in all, this is a good result and we will build off it and prepare to play at Minnesota (next week)."

Atlanta's third and final match with the Rowdies certainly got off to a fast start, with both teams pushing the pressure early on. For the first 10 minutes, the bulk of the action went in Atlanta's favor. The Silverbacks sent in multiple crosses and Burgos would have tallied early off of a free kick had it not been for Matt Pickens' diving save.

Not to be outdone, the Rowdies continued to push and earned themselves a corner kick in the 15th minute. Freddy Adu's cross met defender Stefan Antonijevic's head, but the big man's shot went just wide of the post. Forward Brian Shriver came close only a few minutes later with a cheeky chip spinning just over the crossbar.

Atlanta was struck a major blow in the 21st minute when the creative Burgos had to be replaced due to injury. Midfielder Michal Mravec substituted on to fill Burgos' void.

For the remaining 24 minutes of the first half, neither team seemed to get a handle on the match. Adu was given multiple free kick opportunities, each fizzling before becoming anything dangerous. The same happened with Atlanta's corner kick opportunities.

To the dismay of both teams, they entered the half scoreless.

The start of the second half started slow, up until the 55th minute when Paul Black made a swerving run into the 18-yard-box. Pedro Mendes followed suit a minute later and the team earned three consecutive corners starting in the 58th minute. The experienced Pickens was able to thwart the dangerous attempts.

Whatever Smith said at halftime had an impact. For the majority of the second half, Atlanta pounced on every Rowdies mistake and quickly countered. Tampa Bay's defense was forced to bail it out time and time again.

Late substitutions of Matt Horth and Shaka Bangura helped to increase pressure on the Rowdies' backline, but the Silverbacks weren't able to knick a goal before the final whistle. The match ended scoreless, keeping Atlanta in playoff contention.

Match Report:

Starting XI:

ATLANTA SILVERBACKS FC: HEAD COACH - Gary Smith

(3-5-2) Steward Ceus, Paul Black, Simon Mensing(C), Rauwshan McKenzie, Kyle Porter, Paulo Mendes (87' – Matt Horth), Junior Burgos (22' – Michal Mravec), Michael Reed, Kosuke Kimura, Pedro Mendes (76' – Shaka Bangura), Jaime Chavez

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES: CJ Cochran, Abdul Bangura, Josh Hughes, Jonathan Okafor

TAMPA BAY ROWDIES: HEAD COACH – STUART CAMPBELL

(4-4-2) Matt Pickens, Ben Sweat, Stefan Antonijevic, Tamika Mkandawire(C), Rich Balchan, Freddy Adu, Richard Menjivar (82' – Verner Välimaa), Justin Chavez, Corey Hertzog (90+ – Jeff Michaud), Georgi Hristov, Brian Shriver (67' – Darwin Espinal)

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES: Kamil Čontofalský, Willie Hunt, Zak Boggs, Robert Hernandez

Caution Summary:

27' – ATL: Kyle Porter
70' – TBR: Freddy Adu



ATLANTA SILVERBACKS 2015 STATISTICS

SPRING RECORD: 1W-5D-4L (8 points / 10th Place)

FALL RECORD: 6W-6D-6L (24 points / T-5th Place)

COMBINED RECORD: 7W-11D-10L (32 points / 8th Place)

HOME RECORD: 4W-7D-3L

AWAY RECORD: 3W-4D-7L

TEAM STATISTICS

#	Pos	Name	Team	GP/S	Gls	Ast	Yel	Red	Min
1	G	Ceus, Steward	ATL	20/20	0	0	1	0	1800
2	D	McKenzie, Rauwshan	ATL	27/27	1	0	3	1	2344
3	D	Black, Paul	ATL	27/27	0	2	2	0	2386
4	D	Mensing, Simon	ATL	27/27	0	1	7	1	2417
5	D	Gautrat, Fabrice		3/1	0	0	0	0	96
5	D	Issahaku, Mohammed	ATL	4/1	0	0	0	0	124
6	D	Hughes, Josh	ATL	12/8	0	0	1	0	816
7	M	Okafor, Jonathan	ATL	17/11	1	0	3	0	1145
8	M	Oppong, Dominic	ATL	13/10	0	0	2	0	864
9	F	Chávez, Jaime	ATL	26/20	7	7	3	1	1684
10	F	Denissen, Hans	ATL	12/3	1	0	0	0	368
11	G	Billington, Bryce	ATL	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
12	F	Bangura, Shaka	ATL	27/12	3	1	0	0	1152
13	D	Christian, Christopher	ATL	2/1	1	0	0	0	96
14	M	Harley, Alex	ATL	3/1	0	0	1	0	104
15	D	Bangura, Abdul	ATL	6/3	0	0	0	0	197
17	M	Reed, Michael	ATL	27/27	1	0	1	0	2410
18	F	Horth, Matt	ATL	17/7	0	0	0	0	636
19	M	Porter, Kyle	ATL	27/25	2	1	2	0	2208
20	M	Ferreira Mendes, Paulo	ATL	12/7	0	0	2	0	654
21	G	Cochran, C.J.	ATL	8/8	0	0	0	0	720
22	F	Ferreira Mendes, Pedro	ATL	17/14	7	2	2	0	1148
22	D	Sawchak, Kevin		1/0	0	0	0	0	2
23	M	Mravec, Michal	ATL	12/7	1	0	4	1	658
25	M	Sousa, Ferretty	ATL	2/0	0	0	0	0	37
27	D	Kimura, Kosuke	ATL	17/17	0	0	1	0	1530

GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

#	Pos	Name	Team	GP/S	GA	SV	Y/R	Min	GAA
1	G	Ceus, Steward	ATL	20/20	27	63	1/0	1800	1.35
21	G	Cochran, C.J.	ATL	8/8	11	22	0/0	720	1.38
11	G	Billington, Bryce	ATL	0/0	0	0	0/0	0	0.00

TEAM GP GOALS SHOTS FOULS YEL RED

Atlanta Silverbacks	27	30	130	332	38	4
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2015 SILVERBACKS WHEN ...

HOME AWAY OVERALL

SCORING FIRST:

W	3	3	6
L	1	0	1
T	3	2	5

CONCEDING FIRST:

W	1	0	1
L	2	7	9
T	2	1	3

LEADING AT HT:

W	3	1	4
L	0	0	0
T	0	2	2

TIED AT HT:

W	1	2	3
L	1	2	3
T	5	2	7

DOWN AT HT:

W	0	0	0
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SCORING BREAKDOWN

GOALS SCORED BY ATL

(MIN.)	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL
1-15	2	2	4
16-30	1	1	2
31-45	4	2	6
FIRST HALF TOTAL:	7	5	12
46-60	4	3	7
61-75	1	4	5
75-90	2	4	6
SECOND HALF TOTAL:	7	11	18

GOALS CONCEDED BY ATL

(MIN.)	HOME	AWAY	OVERALL
1-15	2	0	2
16-30	5	4	9
31-45	0	5	5
FIRST HALF TOTAL:	7	9	16
46-60	3	4	7
61-75	1	4	5
75-90	3	7	10
SECOND HALF TOTAL:	7	11	22



ATLANTA SILVERBACKS INFORMATION

ATLANTA SILVERBACKS ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	DOB	Height	Weight	Home-town	Previous Club
1	Steward Ceus	GK	3-26-87	6-6	210	New York City, N.Y.	Närpes Kraft (Finnish 2nd Div.)
2	Rauwshan McKenzie	D	11-19-86	6-1	185	Hoffman Estates, Ill.	Portland Timbers (MLS)
3	Paul Black	D	1-18-90	6-0	179	Middleton, England	Cheltenham Town (English Lg. 2)
4	Simon Mensing	D	6-27-82	6-2	161	Wolfenbuttel, W. Germany	Livingston (Scottish Championship)
5	Mohammed Issahaku	D	10-25-87	6-2	185	Norcross, Ga.	CD FAS (El Salvador)
6	Josh Hughes	D	11-3-91	5-10	155	Peachtree City, Ga.	Berry College (NCAA)
7	Jon Okafor	MF	8-25-89	6-1	184	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Arizona United SC (USL)
8	Dominic Oppong	MF	1-21-86	6-0	180	Toronto, Canada	AC Oulu (Finnish 2nd Div.)
9	Jaime Chavez	F	7-17-87	6-0	180	Industry, Calif.	Cal FC (USASA)
10	Hans Denissen	MF	3-9-84	5-11	159	Tilburg, Netherlands	New York Cosmos
11	Bryce Billington	GK	1-10-96	6-2	185	Cumming, Ga.	W. Forsyth High School
12	Shaka Bangura	F	2-9-86	5-7	165	Freetown, Sierra Leone	Barito Putera (Indonesia Super Lg.)
13	Chris Christian	D	3-27-89	6-1	175	West Orange, N.J.	Liberty Professionals (Ghana)
15	Abdul Bangura	D	1-10-86	6-1	194	Freetown, Sierra Leone	Atlanta Silverbacks Reserves (NPSL)
17	Michael Reed	MF	10-28-87	6-0	175	Albuquerque, N.M.	Minnesota United
18	Matt Horth	F	5-3-89	6-3	190	Cleveland, Ohio	Leiknir Reykjavik (Iceland 2nd Div.)
19	Kyle Porter	F	1-19-90	6-0	180	Toronto, Canada	DC United (MLS)
20	Paulo Mendes	MF	5-13-90	6-0	170	Goiânia, Brazil	New York Cosmos (NASL)
21	C.J. Cochran	GK	9-17-91	6-4	220	Alpharetta, Ga.	Georgia State (NCAA)
22	Pedro Mendes	F	5-13-90	6-0	170	Goiânia, Brazil	Minnesota United (NASL)
23	Michal Mravec	MF	6-10-87	6-3	180	Žilina, Slovakia	Podbeskidzie (Poland)
25	Ferrey Sousa	MF	12-25-90	5-5	150	D.R. Congo	FCM Aubervilliers (French 4th Div.)
27	Kosuke Kimura	D	5-14-84	5-9	160	Kobe, Japan	Widzew Łódź (Poland)
33	Junior Burgos	MF	8-14-88	5-11	172	Santa Ann, El Salvador	Jaguars (Colombia)

PRONOUNCIATION GUIDE

Steward Ceus	Stoo-er-D Sooz
Jonathan Okafor	Oh-kah-For
Dominic Oppong	Dahm-n-ek Oh-Pah-nng
Jaime Chavez	High-Meh Sha-Vez
Hans Denissen	Hah-Nz Deh-neh-Zen
Shaka Bangura	Shah-Kah Ban-Goo-Rah
Kosuke Kimura	Koh-Skeh Ke-moo-Rah
Mohammed Issahaku	Moh-aah-Med Iz-ah-Ha-Koo

Carl Cochran Jr. (CJ)	See-Jay Kah-Kraan
Ferrey Sousa	Ferr-it-Ee So-Za
Rauwshan McKenzie	Ra-Shawn Mick-Ken-See
Michal Mravec	Mee-Kal mm-Rah-Vich
Abdul Bangura	Ab-Dool Ban-Goo-Rah
Pedro Mendes	Pay-Droh Mehn-Dez
Paulo Mendes	Pah-Loh Mehn-Dez
Junior Burgos	Boor-Goh-Ss

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Gary Smith
Assistant Coach	Steve Guppy
Assistant Coach	Rob Di Figlio
Assistant Coach	Tony Annan
Goalkeeper Coach	Dan Dawson
Goalkeeper Coach	Guacho Pinho
Director of Scouting	Ricky Clarke
Video Coordinator	Bert Leonard
Athletic Trainer	Sydney Wolfe

TEAM AWARDS

Team of the Week

Spring Week 1 - Simon Mensing
 Spring Week 2 - Kyle Porter
 Spring Week 3 - Shaka Bangura; Rauwshan McKenzie
 Spring Week 4 - Steward Ceus
 Spring Week 5 - Steward Ceus
 Spring Week 7 - Paul Black

Fall Week 2 - Paul Black; Michael Reed
 Fall Week 3 - Paul Black
 Fall Week 4 - Jaime Chavez; Simon Mensing
 Fall Week 5 - Steward Ceus; Jaime Chavez; Pedro Mendes
 Fall Week 6 - Pedro Mendes
 Fall Week 8 - Jaime Chavez
 Fall Week 9 - Rauwshan McKenzie, Junior Burgos
 Fall Week 12 - Pedro Mendes
 Fall Week 13 - Paul Black

Play of the Week

Fall Week 3 - Jaime Chavez
 Fall Week 5 - Pedro Mendes
 Fall Week 6 - Junior Burgos
 Fall Week 12 - Pedro Mendes

Player of the Week

Fall Week 6 - Pedro Mendes

ALL-TIME HEAD TO HEAD RECORDS

Record Against Teams	Total Record	Home Record	Road Record
Fort Lauderdale Strikers	7-7-5	5-2-2	2-5-3
Carolina Railhawks	4-3-11	2-1-5	2-2-6
Minnesota United	4-3-10	1-3-5	3-0-5
Indy Eleven	2-2-2	0-2-2	2-0-0
FC Edmonton	7-2-8	3-1-4	4-1-4
Montreal Impact	1-1-2	1-0-1	0-1-1
NY Cosmos	0-3-5	0-2-2	0-1-3
Ottawa Fury FC	1-2-3	1-2-1	0-0-2
Puerto Rico Islanders	2-1-5	2-0-2	0-1-3
San Antonio Scorpions	3-3-7	3-2-2	0-1-5
Tampa Bay Rowdies	3-6-6	1-3-3	2-3-3



ATLANTA SILVERBACKS INFORMATION

#1 STEWARD CEUS

GOALKEEPER



Steward Ceus, a 27-year-old goalkeeper with international appearances for the Haitian national team, was signed on Jan. 14, 2015. He reunites with head coach Gary Smith, who drafted him as the 37th overall selection in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft. Smith and Ceus were together with the Colorado Rapids from 2009-11. Ceus' MLS debut came late in 2012 when he started the final three matches of the season. He made one regular season appearance for the Rapids in 2013 before moving to Finland to play with Närpes Kraft Fotbollsförening in 2014. Ceus has earned seven caps for the Haitian national team.

#13 CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIAN

DEFENDER

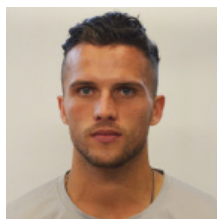


On March 17, the Club announced the addition of Christopher Christian after a preseason trial with two appearances in friendlies. With professional experience

in both Europe and Africa after four years as a starting center back with four goals and an assist at Villanova, Christian offers versatility with both athletic and technical ability but also as a seasoned veteran. He played for Polish second-division side Motor Lublin in 2012-13 before joining Ghanaian Premier League side Liberty Professionals in 2013-14

#3 PAUL BLACK

DEFENDER — FULL BACK



Before signing with Atlanta in January 2015, the English full back played for Cheltenham Town in England's League Two. Black is seasoned with 132

appearances in the English lower divisions — including 103 matches with League One side Oldham Athletic. The Manchester City youth product joined Oldham after becoming a regular in the starting eleven during the 2006-07 season and serving as captain for the youth squad.

#4 SIMON MENSING

DEFENDER — CENTER BACK

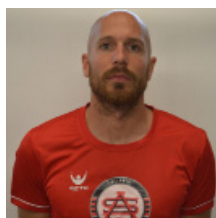


Mensing has featured in both the English League Championship and the Scottish Premier League throughout his 15-year career. Mensing appeared 148 times for

Hamilton Academical, starting with a three-month loan deal in 2007. After netting three goals in five matches, Hamilton signed Mensing permanently, making way for the club's promotion to the Scottish Premier League in 2007-08 as Division One champions. The steady center back served as captain for Scottish club Livingston, appearing in 27 matches with a pair of strikes — including a penalty kick conversion in his debut in 2013.

#10 HANS DENISSEN

FORWARD

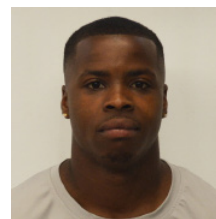


2013 NASL Best XI selection Hans Denissen joined Atlanta in February 2015 after spending 2014 with the New York Cosmos. Before that, was a member of the

San Antonio Scorpions before that, including an award-winning 2013 campaign during which he tallied 12 league goals. A former Dutch youth international, Denissen started his senior career in 2003 with hometown club Willem II, featuring in both the Eredivisie and Europa League.

#25 FERRETY SOUSA

MIDFIELDER

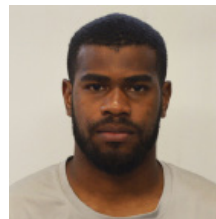


Originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sousa grew up in Raleigh, N.C. The 5-foot-6 midfielder played for the Carolina RailHawks U-23 team

when they won the USASA national championship in 2011. Before joining the Silverbacks, Sousa most recently played with French side FCM Aubervilliers before participating in the NASL Combine in 2013.

#2 RAUWSHAN MCKENZIE

DEFENDER



The 6-foot-1 center back has appeared in 39 MLS matches since 2008, nailing down defensive duties for the Kansas City Wizards (2008-09), Real Salt Lake (2010-11), Chivas USA (2012) and the Portland Timbers (2013-14). The 28-year-old was originally drafted by the Kansas City Wizards in the 2008 MLS SuperDraft out of Michigan State — where he earned Freshman All-Big-10 team and 1st Team All-Big-10 honors.

#22 PEDRO MENDES

FORWARD

The 25-year-old forward — most remembered for his Goal of the Year-winning right-footed strike from 30 yards out against the Tampa Bay Rowdies — boasts a resume for scoring timely goals.

#23 MICHAL MRAVEC

MIDFIELDER



The University of Alabama-Birmingham alumnus spent the last four seasons patrolling the pitch in Europe. After being drafted by Major League Soccer's Sporting Kansas City, he combined for 32 appearances with a trifecta of first-division European clubs: FC Emmen (Holland, 2011-12), MŠK Žilina (Slovakia, 2013) and Podbeskidzie (Poland, 2014). Mravec made his Europa League debut in the 2013-14 campaign as MŠK Žilina challenged NK Olimpija Ljubljana.

#12 SHAKA BANGURA

FORWARD



Sierra Leonean forward Shaka Bangura was re-signed by the Atlanta Silverbacks on Feb. 12, 2015. Bangura appeared in six matches — starting five — with Atlanta in 2014. Bangura offers a wealth of football

experience across the globe, boasting a resume featuring runs in the Indonesia Super League, Cypriot First Division, Thai Premier League and U.S. Soccer's third-tier USL.



ATLANTA SILVERBACKS INFORMATION

#21 CARL COCHRAN JR.

GOALKEEPER



Metro Atlanta goal-keeping product C.J. Cochran made the most of his Silverbacks preseason trial, signing his first professional contract with the Club in March 2015. The 6-foot-4 keeper and Alpharetta native constructed an impressive career at Georgia State, earning Sun Belt and College Sports Madness Independent Defensive Player of the Week honors, TopDrawerSoccer.com Mid-season Top 100 Freshmen to Watch honors and two CAA Rookie of the Week honors. Cochran played more than 4,345 minutes with a 23-22-2 record in 48 career starts.

#8 DOMINIC OPPONG

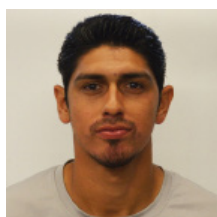
MIDFIELDER



A fresh face at defensive midfielder, the 29-year-old Ghanaian-born Oppong featured for FC Edmonton in 37 matches in 2011-12 before joining AC Oulu in the Finnish second division last year. He made 23 appearances in Finland's Ykkönen, finishing 13-8-6 in fourth place and just three points off a promotion into the first division. He debuted for the Canadian Under-20 Men's National Team in 2005, appearing in all three group-stage matches at the Francophone Games in Niamey, Niger.

#9 JAIME CHAVEZ

FORWARD



Chavez, 27, joined the Club in April 2015 and scored 12 goals in all competitions in his first NASL season. He led the team with 31 total appearances, scoring nine goals in 27 league matches and three goals in four U.S. Open Cup games. Before signing for Atlanta, Chavez played at Cal FC of the USASA. Chavez started his senior career with PDL side Hollywood United Hitmen in 2009, standing as the club's leading scorer in its inaugural season with 10 goals. He remained with the Hitmen the following year, and again led the team in scoring with 11 goals.

#17 MICHAEL REED

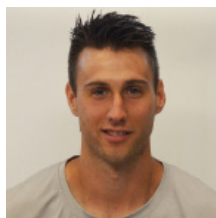
MIDFIELDER



Box-to-box central midfielder and NASL veteran Michael Reed signed for the Silverbacks in February 2015. Reed, a 27-year-old Albuquerque, N.M., native, featured for Minnesota in 31 appearances after debuting in 2012. He scored his only goal with Minnesota in Week 7 of the 2013 Spring Season, equalizing against the Tampa Bay Rowdies. Reed played collegiate soccer at the University of New Mexico, finishing his NCAA

#18 MATT HORTH

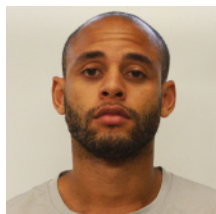
FORWARD



The Silverbacks' first-ever NASL goalscorer, forward Matt Horth was the club's leading scorer in 2011 and 2012 and re-signed with the team on Jan. 14, 2015. Horth, who has previously been recognized as NASL Player of the Month for his scoring efforts, returns to the Silverbacks after runs with the New England Revolution, Rochester Rhinos, and Icelandic club Leiknir Reykjavík. The 25-year-old forward led the Silverbacks in scoring in both 2011 and 2012 with 18 goals in 49 appearances.

#19 KYLE PORTER

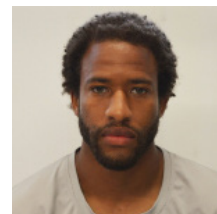
FORWARD



Canadian international and 2013 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup champion Kyle Porter joined the Atlanta Silverbacks after signing on for the 2015 campaign. Porter spent the past two seasons playing for D.C. United, including their Open Cup run, and a loan spell with the Richmond Kickers. Porter, a Canadian international at the Under-17, U-20 and senior level, made his debut for Canada's National Team on Jan. 26, 2013, in a 4-0, loss to Denmark as a 70th minute substitute.

#7 JON OKAFOR

MIDFIELDER



Okafor signed with Atlanta on Feb. 3, 2015, after 28 appearances with Arizona United in 2014. The 5-foot-11 wide midfielder was drafted by Chivas USA in 2011 but never signed. Instead, he played at Finland's MYPA with 30 appearances and a pair of goals. In 2014, he featured in 28 matches for Arizona United with three goals.

#5 MOHAMMED ISSAHAKU

DEFENDER

Mohammed Issahaku, a 6-foot-2 backliner with Norcross roots, added depth to the Silverbacks defense while also bringing his experiences from the CONCACAF Champions League when he earned promotion from the Silverbacks Reserves on July 8, 2015. The 27-year-old featured in 13 matches for El Salvadorian side CD FAS in 2014, scoring a goal.

27 KOSUKE KIMURA

DEFENDER - FULL BACK



Kimura — the first Japanese-born player to ever play in Major League Soccer. Atlanta is Kimura's fifth club in a nine-year professional career with spells with the Colorado Rapids (2010 MLS Cup), Portland Timbers and New York Red Bulls (2013 Supporters' Shield).