ATLANTA



| No. | Name. | Pos. | | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | Steward Ceus | GK | | | | | | |
| 2 | Rauwshan McKenzie | D | | | | | | |
| 3 | Paul Black | D | | | | | | |
| 4 | Simon Mensing | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Mohammed Issahaku | | | | | | | |
| 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 | Ferrety Sousa | MF | | | | | | |
| 27 | Kosuke Kimura | D | | | | | | |
| 33 | Junior Burgos | MF | | | | | | |
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WHERE TO FIND IT WATCH:

U.S. (National) – ESPN3 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

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www.Public.NASL.com



AUGUST 1 | 7:30 PM MICHAEL A. CARROLL STADIUM, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

REF: FOTIS BAZAKOS ARI: JOSHUA BROOKS AR2: KHALAK AL-LATAYFEH 4TH: AARON HERNANDEZ

GAME PREVIEW

INDIANAPOLIS - Head Coach Gary Smith and his surging Atlanta Silverbacks (3-6-6, 15 points) head to Michael A. Carroll Stadium to take on a tough Indy Eleven (4-6-4, 18 points) opponent.

Atlanta has racked up seven points in the last four games. It could also be argued that they should've been able to bring home ten. Either way, the Silverbacks are only five games into the Fall Season and almost have as many points as they did all spring. New players and formations have developed a confident Atlanta attack, and it's starting to pay dividends.

Jaime Chavez appears to be back in the form that made him such a crucial part of the team last year. Chavez's three goals in the Fall have now made him the team's leading goal-scorer. Atlanta's newly-acquired Junior Burgos, who appears to have reemerged in the squad after never missing a beat, now leads the team in assists and has been one of the best players during the Fall.

Indy Eleven has recorded five points in the fall and currently sit just three points away from a playoff spot. Atlanta's resurgence has placed them just six points out with plenty of games to play. The Silverbacks' match against Indy could be an important one to keep Atlanta flying up the table.

Indy has turned Michael A. Carroll Stadium into a fortress this season, only allowing one loss at home during NASL league play. Four out of their seven other home games were draws, as well. The team has yet to be defeated at home during the Fall Season, too.

Two players who won't be participating in the showdown will be Indy defender Eric Norales and Atlanta midfielder Michal Mravec. Both received red cards during last week's round of games.

Atlanta and Indy are level in their past four matches dating back to 2014. Both teams have only one win against the other, and the rest coming in draws. One player that is surely excited about facing the Eleven is Jaime Chavez. Chavez has three goals in team's last four outings against Indy.

BesuretocatchthematchthisSaturday(7:30p.m., ESPN3).



| o. | Name. | Pos. |
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| 1 | Keith Cardona | GK |
| 2 | Judson McKinney | D |
| 3 | Jaime Grias | D |
| 4 | Brad Ring | М |
| 5 | Erick Norales | D |
| 6 | Dylan Mares | М |
| 7 | Don Smart | М |
| 8 | Kleberson | М |
| 9 | Brian Brown | F |
| 12 | Greg Janicki | D |
| 14 | Duke Lacroix | F |
| 15 | Daniel Keller | D |
| 16 | Cory Miller | D |
| 17 | Dragan Stojkov | М |
| 18 | Kyle Hyland | D |
| 19 | Wojciech Wojcik | F |
| 20 | Sergio Peña | М |
| 21 | Dane Richards | Μ |
| 23 | Marco Franco | D |
| 24 | Kristian Nicht | GK |
| 27 | Victor Pineda | М |
| 35 | Jon Dawson | GK |
| 99 | Charlie Rugg | F |
| | | |

| NASL COMBINED STANDINGS | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| Р | P Team Pld Pt | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Ottawa Fury FC 15 24 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | New York Cosmos 13 22 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Tampa Bay Rowdies 14 22 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Carolina RailHawks 15 21 | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Minnesota United FC 14 21 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Indy Eleven 14 18 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Fort Lauderdale Strikers | 14 | 17 | | | | | |
| 8 | FC Edmonton | 15 | 17 | | | | | |
| 9 | San Antonio Scorpions 15 16 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Atlanta Silverbacks | 15 | 15 | | | | | |
| 11 | Jacksonville Armada | 14 | 15 | | | | | |



LAST TIME OUT

EDMONTON, Can. — Jaime Chavez entered Sunday afternoon's showdown against FC Edmonton with the reigning NASL Play of the Week. He left with two more goals and an assist in the 10-man Atlanta Silverbacks, 3-1, victory at Clarke Field.

After a scoreless first half, Chavez and Atlanta (3-6-6, 15 points Combined Table) hijacked the match with a pair of goals in the first 20 minutes of the second half. Late substitute Shaka Bangura sealed Edmonton's fate with an exclamation point in the 88th minute.

"We certainly had one or two more opportunities than we did in past matches," Silverbacks head coach Gary Smith said. "This new (3-5-2) formation has had some encouraging signs since we implemented it (at the beginning of the Fall season). Going into halftime, we felt confident. We found our breakthrough in the second half. After adding the second — and then third — we knew there were three points to be had."

Atlanta — in its third consecutive away match of the Fall Season — scored a season-high three goals against the Eddies. In the Spring's meeting between the two teams, Edmonton escaped with a 4-2 victory at Clarke Field on May 24.

The Silverbacks opened the scoring in the 49th minute when Pedro Mendes fired a rocket from close range from the far post. Edmonton goalkeeper Matt VanOekel made the initial save, but parried the rebound across the face of his own goal. That's where a stampeding Chavez tapped in the tie-shattering strike.

He completed his brace 15 minutes later. The over-the-top delivery from Junior Burgos caught the in-stride Chavez, who clinically headed the ball onto his left foot and into VanOekel's net.

Chavez's pair against Edmonton brings his season total to four in NASL play and five in all competitions.

Just six minutes after Atlanta's second goal, center official Juan Marquez reduced the visitors to 10 men with nearly 20 minutes left to play. Just four minutes after entering the match for Burgos, Michal Mravec was dealt a straight red card for a tackle in the 72nd minute.

It took 13 minutes for Edmonton to take advantage, but it destroyed Atlanta and Steward Ceus' clean sheet with a Tomi Ameobi goal in the 85th minute.

The Eddies' goal was negated just three minutes later. The cross-field ball from Chavez sprung Bangura for his third goal of the season after a calm rounding of VanOekel.

"There's no lacking in this group," Smith said. "We had to find the right formation and shape for everyone to fit into. Never at any point have I doubted this team. They showed (on Sunday) what I've never doubted. To this point on this trip, I felt we deserved more than we got. Today was a different story.

"We're delighted to put this victory in our pocket and now we are ready to move on."

Match Report:

Starting XI:

Atlanta Silverbacks: Head Coach - Gary Smith

(3-5-2) Steward Ceus (GK), Paul Black, Simon Mensing (C), Rauwshan McKenzie, Kyle Porter (Mohammed Issahaku - 83'), Junior Burgos (Michal Mravec - 68'), Michael Reed, Josh Hughes, Kosuke Kimura, Jaime Chavez, Pedro Mendes (Shaka Bangura - 65') Unused Substitutes: C.J. Cochran (GK), Hans Denissen

FC Edmonton: Head Coach - Colin Miller

Officials:

(4-5-1) Matt VanOekel (GK), Eddie Edward, Albert Watson (C), Mallan Roberts, Kareem Moses, Cristian Raudales, Tomas Granitto (Ritchie Jones - 58'), Michael Nonni (Sadi Jalali - 46'), Thiago de Freitas, Johann Smith; Frank Jonke (Tomi Ameobi - 65').

Unused Substitutes: Allan Zebie, Daryl Fordyce, Tyson Farago (GK), Marko Aleksic

| Referee: Juan Marquez | Assistant Referees: Marco Amuda, Peter Manastyrski |
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| | Scoring Summary: |
| 49': ATL - Jaime Chavez (Pedro Mendes) | 85': FCE - Tomi Ameobi (Albert Watson) |
| 66': ATL - Jaime Chavez (Junior Burgos) | 88': ATL - Shaka Bangura (Jaime Chavez) |
| | Caution Summary: |
| 26': FCE - Albert Watson (CAUTION) | 72': Michal Mravec (EJECTION) |
| 29': ATL - Simon Mensing (CAUTION) | |

MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK ONE: ATLANTA SILVERBACKS VS. INDY ELEVEN



MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK TWO: ATLANTA SILVERBACKS VS. OTTAWA FURY FC





3841 Tyler Ploeger Logan Brown Nick Uranga Guido Gonzalez Jr. clear, 70 degrees at kickoff



Ottawa Fury FC

- 1 Romuald Peiser
 - 2 Ryan Richter
 - 8 Nicki Paterson 🕹 34' 9 Tom Heinemann
 - 9 Tom Heinemann 11 Oliver Minatel • 74'
- 17 Carl Haworth
- 18 Brandon Poltronieri 29' 486'
- 27 Patryk Misik 🔹 76'
- 29 Mike Randolph
- 32 Colin Falvey
- 33 Rafael Alves

SUBSTITUTES

- 3 Mason Trafford
- 4 Drew Beckie 🔹 76' 📒 89'
- 16 Mohammed Dagnogo
- 20 Mauro Eustaquio * 86' 23 Andrew Wiedeman * 74'
- 24 Marcel DeBellis

MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK THREE: CAROLINA RAILHAWKS VS. ATLANTA SILVERBACKS





MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK FOUR: ATLANTA SILVERBACKS VS. NEW YORK COSMOS



MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK FIVE: FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS VS. ATLANTA SILVERBACKS



MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK SIX: MINNESOTA UNITED FC VS. ATLANTA SILVERBACKS



MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK SEVEN: ATLANTA SILVERBACKS VS. JACKSONVILLE ARMADA





SHOTS OFF TARGET

THROWINS

POSSESSION

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42%

Atlanta Silverbacks Formation 4-2-3-1 Jacksonville Armada Formation 3-5-2 Attendance 4736



- 4 Simon Mensing
- 7 Jonathan Okafor
- 8 Dominic Oppong
- 9 Jaime Chávez 🔸 78
- 10 Hans Denissen 🛞 1' 62' 12 Shaka Bangura 🔸 54'
- 17 Michael Reed
- 27 Kyle Miller

SUBSTITUTES

4

58%

- 5 Fabrice Gautrat
- 13 Christopher Christian
- 14 Alex Harlley * 62' 18 Matt Horth * 78'
- 19 Kyle Porter 🔷 54'
- 21 C.J. Cochran
- 25 Ferrety Sousa

- Jacksonville Armada
 - 1 Miguel Gallardo
 - 3 Lucas Trejo 📒 37' 6 Fabricio Ortiz 326
 - 7 Lucas Rodriguez 🔸 61'
 - 8 Bochy Hoyos
 - 9 Marcos Flores
 - 10 Alhassane Keita 🕲 20'
 - 11 Jemal Johnson 🔸 79'
 - 13 Matt Bahner
 - 14 Pascal Million 🔸 83' 16 Lucas Scaglia

SUBSTITUTES

- 2 Jordan Gafa
- 5 Nurdin Hrustic * 83'
- 12 David Sierra
- 15 Shawn Nicklaw 961'
- 17 Nicolas Perea
- 18 Tommy Krizanovic
- 26 Akeil Barrett * 79'

MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK EIGHT: FC EDMONTON VS. ATLANTA SILVERBACKS



MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK TEN: ATLANTA SILVERBACKS VS. SAN ANTONIO SCORPIONS



MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK ELEVEN: TAMPA BAY ROWDIES VS. ATLANTA SILVERBACKS



MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK TWELVE: TAMPA BAY ROWDIES VS. ATLANTA SILVERBACKS



MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK THIRTEEN: ATLANTA SILVERBACKS VS. JACKSONVILLE ARMADA



MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK FOURTEEN: FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS VS. ATLANTA SILVERBACKS





MATCH STATISTICS - WEEK SIXTEEN: FC EDMONTON VS. ATLANTA SILVERBACKS





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, III. | 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, Nethrlands | 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 | Ferrety 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 | Jaguares (Colombia) |

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Assistant Coach Assistant Coach Assistant Coach Goalkeeper Coach Goalkeeper Coach Director of Scouting Video Coordinator Athletic Trainer

Gary Smith Steve Guppy Rob Di Figlio Tony Annan Dan Dawson Guacho Pinho Ricky Clarke Bert Leonard Sydney Wolfe

ALL-TIME HEAD TO HEAD RECORDS

| Record Against Teams | Total Record | Home Record | Road Record |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fort Lauderdale Strikers | 6-7-5 | 4-2-2 | 2-5-3 |
| Carolina Railhawks | 3-3-10 | 1-1-5 | 2-2-5 |
| Minnesota United | 4-3-9 | 1-3-4 | 3-0-5 |
| Indy Eleven | 1-1-2 | 0-1-2 | 1-0-0 |
| FC Edmonton | 6-2-8 | 2-1-4 | 4-1-4 |
| Montreal Impact | 1-1-2 | 1-0-1 | 0-1-1 |
| NY Cosmos | 0-3-3 | 0-2-1 | 0-1-2 |
| 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 | 3-2-6 | 3-1-2 | 0-1-4 |
| Tampa Bay Rowdies | 3-6-6 | 1-3-3 | 2-3-3 |

PRONOUNCIATION GUIDE

Steward Ceus Jonathan Okafor **Dominic Oppong Jaime Chavez Hans Denissen** Shaka Bangura **Kosuke Kimura**

Stoo-er-D Sooz Oh-kah-For Dahm-n-ek Oh-Pah-nng High-Meh Sha-Vez Hah-Nz Deh-neh-Zen Shah-Kah Ban-Goo-Rah Koh-Skeh Ke-moo-Rah Mohammed Issahaku Moh-aah-Med Iz-ah-Ha-Koo **Ferrety Sousa Michal Mravec** Abdul Bangura **Pedro Mendes Paulo Mendes Junior Burgos**

Carl Cochran Jr. (CJ) See-Jay Kah-Kraan Ferr-it-Ee So-Za Rauwshan McKenzie Ra-Shawn Mick-Ken-See Mee-Kal mm-Rah-Vich Ab-Dool Ban-Goo-Rah Pay-Droh Mehn-Dez Pah-Loh Mehn-Dez Boor-Goh-Ss



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 threemonth 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 Sport-

ing 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 At-

lanta 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 goalkeeping 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 Midseason 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-yearold 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., na-

tive, 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).

INDY ELEVEN INFORMATION



INDY ELEVEN ROSTER

| ÖN | Name | Position | Height | Weight | Hometown Born (if different) |
|----|-----------------|----------|--------|--------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Keith Cardona | GK | 6-4 | 200 | Glen Rock, NJ |
| 2 | Judson McKinney | D | 6-1 | 185 | Cuyahoga Falls, OH |
| 3 | Jaime Frias | D | 6-0 | 175 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 4 | Brad Ring | М | 5-10 | 165 | Rockford, IL |
| 5 | Erick Norales | D | 5-11 | 165 | La Ceiba, Honduras |
| 6 | Dylan Mares | Μ | 5-9 | 160 | South Bend, IN |
| 7 | Don Smart | Μ | 5-9 | 170 | Kingston, Jamaica |
| 8 | Kleberson | Μ | 5-9 | 140 | Uria, Brazil |
| 9 | Brian Brown | F | 6-1 | 185 | Sandy Bay, Jamaica |
| 12 | Greg Janicki | D | 6-3 | 195 | New Baltimore, MI |
| 14 | Duke Lacroix | F | 5-9 | 155 | New Egypt, NJ |
| 15 | Daniel Keller | D | 6-0 | 165 | Carmel, IN |
| 16 | Cory Miller | D | 6-2 | 185 | Zionsville, IN |
| 17 | Dragan Stojkov | Μ | 5-9 | 160 | Strumica, Macedonia |
| 18 | Kyle Hyland | D | 5-7 | 155 | Bay Village, OH |
| 19 | Wojciech Wojcik | F | 6'4 | 209 | Elmwood Park, IL |
| 20 | Sergio Peña | М | 6-1 | 185 | Zamora, Honduras |
| 21 | Dane Richards | Μ | 5-7 | 153 | Montego Bay, Jamaica |
| 23 | Marco Franco | D | 5-11 | 155 | Chino Hills, CA |
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