

# FC CINCINNATI

## USL REGULAR SEASON | MATCH #18

**FC Cincinnati (10-3-4, 34 pts.) at Nashville SC (7-3-5, 26 pts.)**

**Saturday, July 7, 2018 | 8:30 p.m. ET (7:30 p.m. CT)**

**Nissan Stadium | Nashville, Tenn.**

**TV:** CW Cincinnati | **Talent:** Tom Gelehrter (play-by-play), Kevin McCloskey (analyst), Lindsay Patterson (sideline)

**Stream:** ESPN+



## INJURY UPDATES

**QUESTIONABLE:** Lance Laing (knee)

**OUT:** Tyler Gibson (leg), Richie Ryan (lower leg)

## SERIES HISTORY

Saturday's game will be the first-ever meeting between the clubs as Nashville SC is in its inaugural USL season this year.

Date	Result	Score	H/A	Location
n/a				

## TEAM COMPARISONS

CINCINNATI		NASHVILLE
17	Games Played	15
10-3-4	Overall	7-3-5
4-2-2	Home	5-1-1
6-1-2	Away	2-2-4
34	Points	26
First/USL East	Standings	Third/USL East
35	Goals Scored	17
21	Goals Allowed	10
+14	Goal Differential	+7
2.06	Goals Per Game	1.13
1.24	Goals Allowed Per Game	0.67
23	Assists	14
6	Shutouts	8
230	Total Shots	170
90	Shots on Target	61
53.0	Average Possession	51.0
78.4	Passing Success Rate	77.3
223	Fouls	168
181	Fouls Drawn	169
36	Yellow Cards	23
0	Red Cards	0

## 2018 SCHEDULE

**USL: 10-3-4**

**OVERALL: 12-4-4**

**USL HOME: 4-2-2**

**USL AWAY: 6-1-2**

**NON-USL: 2-1-0**

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	TIME
<b>MARCH</b>			
Sat. 17	at Charleston Battery	W	1-0
Sat. 31	at Indy Eleven	W	1-0
<b>APRIL</b>			
Sat. 7	LOUISVILLE CITY FC	L	0-1
Sat. 15	at Bethlehem Steel FC	T	1-1
Sat. 21	PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC	T	2-2
Sat. 28	at Ottawa Fury FC	W	3-0
<b>MAY</b>			
Wed. 2	at Indy Eleven	W	3-2
Sat. 5	ATLANTA UNITED 2	W	4-2
Sat. 12	at Charlotte Independence	L	1-4
Wed. 16	USOC Second Round: vs. Detroit City FC	W (aet)	4-1
Sat. 19	NORTH CAROLINA FC	W	4-1
Wed. 23	USOC Third Round: at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	W	3-1
Sat. 26	LOUISVILLE CITY FC	L	0-2
<b>JUNE</b>			
Sat. 2	at New York Red Bulls II	W	2-1
Wed. 6	USOC Fourth Round: vs. Minnesota United FC	T (L in PKs, 3-1)	0-0
Sat. 9	at North Carolina FC	W	2-0
Wed. 13	BETHLEHEM STEEL FC	T	2-2
Sat. 16	RICHMOND KICKERS	W	4-0
Wed. 27	at Toronto FC II	T	3-3
Sat. 30	OTTAWA FURY FC	W	2-0
<b>JULY</b>			
Sat. 7	at Nashville SC		8:30 p.m.
Sat. 14	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES		7:30 p.m.
Wed. 18	CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE (ESPN2)		8 p.m.
Sat. 21	NEW YORK RED BULLS II		7:30 p.m.
Sat. 28	INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY: RCD ESPANYOL		7:30 p.m.
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Sat. 4	NASHVILLE SC		7:30 p.m.
Sun. 12	PENN SC		6 p.m.
Sat. 18	CHARLESTON BATTERY		7:30 p.m.
Wed. 22	at Atlanta United 2		7 p.m.
Sat. 25	at Tampa Bay Rowdies		7:30 p.m.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Sat. 1	PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC		7:30 p.m.
Sat. 8	at Louisville City FC		7:30 p.m.
Sun. 16	TORONTO FC II		4:30 p.m.
Sat. 22	at Penn FC		7 p.m.
Wed. 26	at Richmond Kickers		7 p.m.
Sat. 29	INDY ELEVEN		7:30 p.m.
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Sat. 6	at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC		7 p.m.
Sat. 13	at Nashville SC		2 p.m.

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## 2018 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Score	Record	Standings	Att.	FCC Goal Scorers
Sat., March 17	at Charleston Battery	W	1-0	1-0-0	T-1	4,598	Smith (ua) 18'
Sat., March 31	at Indy Eleven	W	1-0	2-0-0	T-2	17,535	Welshman (Ledesma) 26'
Sat., April 7	Louisville City FC	L	0-1	2-1-0	T-6	25,667	---
Sun., April 15	at Bethlehem Steel FC	T	1-1	2-1-1	T-6	1,418	Albadawi (Welshman) 71'
Sat., April 21	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	T	2-2	2-1-2	6	24,505	König (Bone) 59', Walker (ua) 78'
Sat., April 28	at Ottawa Fury FC	W	3-0	3-1-2	5	2,785	Walker (ua) 68', Bone (Ledesma) 69', Ledesma (ua) 77'
Wed., May 2	at Indy Eleven	W	3-2	4-1-2	2	8,079	Walker (penalty) 7', McLaughlin (Bone) 41', Bone (Ledesma) 54'
Sat., May 5	Atlanta United 2	W	4-2	5-1-2	1	22,532	König (Ledesma, Walker) 26', Ledesma (Smith) 28', Bone (ua) 39', Ledesma (ua) 46'
Sat., May 12	at Charlotte Independence	L	1-4	5-2-2	T-1	2,314	König (Ledesma) 51'
Wed., May 16	<sup>^</sup> 2nd Rd: Detroit City FC (NPSL)	W (aet)	4-1			2,250	Welshman (Lasso, Haber) 35', Bone (Welshman) 94', Welshman (ua) 99', Welshman (McLaughlin) 110'
Sat., May 19	North Carolina FC	W	4-1	6-2-2	1	22,884	Albadawi (Ledesma) 11', Albadawi (Ledesma) 45', Ledesma (pen) 62', König (Ledesma) 69'
Wed., May 23	<sup>^</sup> 3rd Rd: Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	W	3-1			1,204	McLaughlin (Welshman) 39', Laing (ua) 61', Haber (ua) 62'
Sat., May 26	Louisville City FC	L	0-2	6-3-2	2	26,495	---
Sat., June 2	at New York Red Bulls II	W	2-1	7-3-2	1	613	Ledesma (Smith) 65', König (ua) 77'
Wed., June 6	<sup>^</sup> 4th Rd: Minnesota United FC	T	0-0			15,486	(Minnesota advances in PKs, 3-1)
Sat., June 9	at North Carolina FC	W	2-0	8-3-2	1	4,039	König (ua) 37', McLaughlin (ua) 87'
Wed., June 13	Bethlehem Steel FC	T	2-2	8-3-3	1	22,407	Albadawi (ua) 66', Cicerone (Smith) 68'
Sat., June 16	Richmond Kickers	W	4-0	9-3-3	1	28,026	Ledesma (König) 8', Albadawi (Lahoud) 36', König (Hoyte) 60', Ledesma (Hoyte) 67'
Wed., June 27	at Toronto FC II	T	3-3	9-3-4	1	288	Albadawi (Ledesma) 7', Welshman (Albadawi) 38', Ledesma (Welshman) 40'
Sat., June 30	Ottawa Fury FC	W	2-0	10-3-4	1	27,107	König (Smith) 16', Albadawi (Bone) 92+'
Sat., July 7	at Nashville FC	8:30 p.m.					
Sat., July 14	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:30 p.m.					
Wed., July 18	Charlotte Independence	8 p.m.					
Sat., July 21	New York Red Bulls II	7:30 p.m.					
Sat., July 28	FRIENDLY: RCD Espanyol	7:30 p.m.					
Sat., Aug. 4	Nashville SC	7:30 p.m.					
Sun., Aug. 12	Penn FC	6 p.m.					
Sat., Aug. 18	Charleston Battery	7:30 p.m.					
Wed., Aug. 22	at Atlanta United 2	7 p.m.					
Sat., Aug. 25	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:30 p.m.					
Sat., Sept. 1	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	7:30 p.m.					
Sat., Sept. 8	at Louisville City FC	7:30 p.m.					
Sun., Sept. 16	Toronto FC II	4:30 p.m.					
Sat., Sept. 22	at Penn FC	7 p.m.					
Wed., Sept. 26	at Richmond Kickers	7 p.m.					
Sat., Sept. 29	Indy Eleven	7:30 p.m.					
Sat., Oct. 6	at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	7 p.m.					
Sat., Oct. 13	at Nashville SC	2 p.m.					

<sup>^</sup> - Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup



## 2018 STATISTICS - USL REGULAR SEASON

No.	PLAYER	GP	GS	Minutes	G	A	Sh	SOG	FW	FC	YC	RC	CI	B	INT
1	Evan Newton	13	13	1,170	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	14	0	0
2	Matt Bahner	5	5	423	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	6	3	12
3	Forrest Lasso	13	12	1,134	0	0	8	0	7	16	5	0	90	19	20
4	Tyler Gibson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Nazmi Albadawi	11	11	961	7	1	25	14	8	7	0	0	6	0	5
6	Kenney Walker	13	10	828	3	0	8	5	9	15	1	0	12	5	20
7	Russell Cicerone	3	3	246	1	0	7	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Will Seymore	4	1	157	0	0	2	1	3	3	0	0	4	1	2
9	Tomi Ameobi	2	0	10	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
10	Emery Welshman	17	8	797	2	2	19	11	13	19	3	0	2	1	1
11	Danni Konig	16	9	879	8	1	21	13	13	19	4*	0	5	2	2
13	Michael Lahoud	10	7	626	0	2	1	0	3	6	0	0	7	4	19
14	Lance Laing	6	4	373	0	0	3	2	5	5	2	0	5	0	2
16	Richie Ryan	14	14	1,226	0	0	1	0	19	16	4*	0	17	5	46
18	Spencer Richey	4	4	360	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
19	Corben Bone	17	15	1,343	3	3	18	8	11	4	0	0	3	0	23
20	Jimmy McLaughlin	14	4	484	2	0	7	3	10	6	0	0	1	1	4
21	Dekel Keinan	14	14	1,206	0	0	5	0	8	32	6	0	79	15	25
23	Blake Smith	14	14	1,195	1	4	8	4	14	13	3	0	22	2	28
29	Paddy Barrett	7	7	630	0	0	2	2	11	15	2	0	27	4	14
32	Justin Hoyte	14	14	1,260	0	2	3	1	5	3	1	0	28	5	13
45	Emmanuel Ledesma	16	15	1,290	8	8	36	19	27	38	5	0	6	0	19
51	Sem de Wit	1	1	90	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1
92	Daniel Haber	7	2	201	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	2

No.	Player	GA	Shots	Svs.	Sv. %	GAA	Record	SHO	Ca	Pu	Dr	PKG	PKA	CI
1	Evan Newton	13	46	33	.717	1.00	7-2-4	5	5	6	0	0*	2	14
18	Spencer Richey	8	16	8	50.0	2.00	3-1-0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2
17	Mark Village	0	0	0	0	0.00	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**FIELD PLAYERS:** GP - Games Played; GS - Games Started; G - Goals; A - Assists; Sh - Shots; SOG - Shots on Target; FW - Fouls Earned; FC - Fouls Conceded; YC - Yellow Cards; RC - Red Cards; CI - Clearances; B - Blocks; INT - Interceptions; \* one of the PK attempts was off target

\* Benefited from USL Good Behavior Clause. Working number of yellow cards may be lower than what is listed.



## GELEHRTER'S GREAT FINDS

Each week, Tommy Gelehrter - the voice of the Orange & Blue - researches notes for his broadcast. Going forward, some of his gems will be featured in the weekly game notes.

FC Cincinnati is 7-0-2 in games that Emmanuel Ledesma has at least a goal or an assist. They are 4-0-1 in the five matches in which Ledesma is involved with multiple goals.

## THE START OF A RIVALRY BEFORE THE FIRST KICK OF THE SERIES

- Saturday's game is the first-ever between Cincinnati and Nashville in what is already considered a rivalry
- The teams will meet twice more this season: Aug. 4 at Nippert Stadium before closing the regular season on Oct. 13 at First Tennessee Park
- Next year - outside of potential preseason exhibitions and U.S. Open Cup matches - the teams will take a hiatus in the newly formed classico as Cincinnati ascends to Major League Soccer
- However, one year later in 2020, Nashville will come into MLS and the teams will be able to re-energize the rivalry in the country's top league

## SECOND HALF STARTS NOW

- Saturday's game at Nashville brings on the second half of Cincinnati's 2018 34-game USL campaign
- Through 17 games, FCC has a 10-3-4 record for a .706 winning percentage
- In 2016, the club posted its best midseason winning percentage with a .733 mark from a 9-2-4 record through 15 games in the 30-game season
- In 2017, Cincinnati had a .469 winning percentage through 16 games of its 32-game schedule - a 5-6-5 record

## JULY 18 GAME MOVES TO THE DUECE

- FC Cincinnati's home game at Nippert Stadium against the Charlotte Independence on Wednesday, July 18, will now be televised on ESPN2
- To accommodate the network change, the game will now kick off at 8 p.m.
- The Queen Cities Cup contest was originally scheduled to air on ESPNNews at 7:30 p.m. that night.
- The July 18 game will be the second meeting between the teams this season. On May 12, FCC traveled to Matthews, N.C., and fell 4-1 for their first road loss of the season.

## 2019 COMING SOON

- FC Cincinnati started accepting \$50 deposits on new 2019 season tickets this week
- The holders of the club's current 18,000 season tickets do not need to put deposits down for 2019 season tickets as they will receive standard renewal information in early August
- New fans who wish to secure season tickets in 2019 are encouraged to place deposits as certain seating sections are already at capacity, while others are reaching capacity

## INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY SET FOR JULY 28

- FC Cincinnati will face La Liga's RCD Espanyol in an international friendly, presented by Cincinnati Bell, on Saturday, July 28
- Kickoff at Nippert Stadium is set for 7:30 p.m.
- In addition to the game, FCC will celebrate its 2019 entry into MLS with a commemorative poster giveaway to fans in attendance. The club is also planning a special halftime program with guest speakers and a video presentation.
- Espanyol is a Barcelona-based club that was founded in 1900 and has won Copa del Rey - Spain's national cup championship - four times, most recently in 2006. The club has earned a pair of runner-up finishes in UEFA Europa League play, most recently in 2007. In 2017-18, one of Espanyol's signature wins came when the club defeated UEFA Champions League winners Real Madrid.

- Tickets to the game start at \$15 and are now on sale to the general public via [fccincinnati.com/tickets](http://fccincinnati.com/tickets) or by calling 513-977-KICK (5425).

## GOAL-SCORING TEAR ...

- FC Cincinnati not only holds the USL lead in goals (35), but has also been on fire as the weather has heated up
- FCC has tallied multiple goals in every USL game in June, scoring 12 goals in five games (2.20 per game)
- After notching three goals in its first four games overall, FCC has posted a multiple-goal game in 10-of-12 USL games since
- Included in that total are five two-goal games, three three-goal games and three four-goal games in league play
- Cincinnati also totaled seven goals in three U.S. Open Cup games
- In USL play, FCC has been shut out just twice this season - both times by Louisville City FC: April 7 (1-0 at Nippert Stadium) and May 26 (2-0 at Nippert Stadium).

## ... AND KEEPING IT CLEAN IN JUNE

- In June, the FCC goalkeepers allowed just six goals in six USL games in June, but posted three shutouts in league play - and four overall - in league play
- Evan Newton shut out North Carolina FC on June 9 on the road, Richmond Kickers on June 16 at Nippert Stadium and Ottawa Fury FC at Nippert Stadium on June 30
- Spencer Richey stood tall in a 0-0 draw against MLS' Minnesota Whitecaps FC in the fourth round of the U.S. Open Cup on June 6, but ultimately fell in penalty kicks
- Overall, when FCC returns home to Nippert Stadium on July 14 against the Tampa Bay Rowdies, Cincy will bring a 141-minute shutout streak into the game

## GOAL-DEN DUO

- The duo of Danni Konig and Emmanuel Ledesma have combined for 16 goals this season, the most between any two teammates in the USL
- With eight goals apiece, both Konig and Ledesma are tied for third in the league in goals
- Both sits one goal back of the league leaders - Kharlton Belmar (Swope Park Rangers) and Thomas Enevoldsen (Orange County SC) - who each have nine

## LEDESMA'S LEADING THE WAY

- Emmanuel Ledesma is the only player in the USL this season who is ranked in the top five in both goals and assists
- Ledesma comes into the weekend tied for third in goals (8) and tied for the USL lead in assists (8)
- Ledesma is one of only two players who are ranked in the top 10 in both goals and assists, joining Orange County SC's Thomas Enevoldsen - who is tied for first in goals (9) and tied for ninth in assists (4).

## NAZ HAS BEEN NASTY OF LATE

- Since returning to USL play on May 19 from a three-game absence with rib injury, Nazmi Albadawi has been a terror for opponents
- Six of his seven goals on the season have come in the last eight league games and he comes into July on a four-game goal-scoring streak
- After netting his first goal of the season at Bethlehem on April 15, the game-tying goal, he returned to the field against his former - and hometown - club North Carolina FC on May 19 where he had a brace
- He also set up Danni Konig's game-winning goal at New York, although he was not credited with an assist
- He also comes into the week having netted goals in each of the last four games (vs. Bethlehem Steel FC on June 13, vs. Richmond Kickers on June 16, at Toronto FC II on June 27 and vs. Ottawa on June 30)
- 23 of his 25 shots have come in the last eight USL games, as have 11-of-14 shots on target



## KING KONIG

- With his game-winning goal at North Carolina on June 9 - putting FCC up 1-0 in the 37th minute - Danni Konig netted his 17th career goal with the Orange and Blue to take the club's career lead in goals - all in 13 months since joining the club
- He now sits alone at the top of both the club's all-time and USL career goal-scoring charts with 19 goals
- In USL play, Konig is two ahead of Sean Okoli (16), while Djibi tallied 16 goals in both USL and U.S. Open Cup play combined
- Konig's 19 strikes at FC Cincinnati breakdown like this: Five (5) game-winners ... Two (2) penalty kicks ... Seven (7) in the first half ... 12 in the second half ... Two (2) have come in second-half stoppage time, each time a crucial, match-tying goal ... 13 have been scored at Nippert Stadium ... additionally, he has only one multiple-goal match with FCC: his first two goals in Cincinnati, May 20, 2017 versus Bethlehem Steel FC

## STILL AT THE TOP

- FC Cincinnati enters the weekend atop the Eastern Conference standings for the ninth week in the last 10 - and the entire month of June
- FCC has 34 points from 17 games and holds a six-point lead over second-place Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (28 points in 15 games)
- Cincinnati's 34 points are third-most in the USL overall, behind a pair of Western Conference clubs: Real Monarchs SLC (37 pts.) and Phoenix Rising FC (35 pts.)
- Additionally, Cincy's 2.00 points per game are second-best in the USL behind Real Monarchs SLC (2.17) ... they are the only two teams in the USL who are averaging at least 2.00 points per game

## ROAD WARRIORS THUS FAR ...

- FC Cincinnati has played nine of its first 17 games of the season away from Nippert Stadium and has posted a 6-1-2 record on the road so far this year
- Away from home, the Orange and Blue have out-scored their hosts 17-11 on the season, averaging 1.88 goals on the road
- Defensively, FCC is holding its hosts to 1.22 goals per game with three shutouts (at Charleston Battery on March 15, at Indy Eleven on March 31 and at North Carolina on June 9)
- Of Cincinnati's 34 points on the season, 20 of them have come away from Nippert Stadium ... FCC has taken 20-of-27 available points away from home this season

## ... BUT WILL BE HOMEBODIES THIS SUMMER

- While FCC has spent considerable time on the road so far this season, that is soon to be changing
- Between now and mid-August, Cincinnati plays six of its next seven games in front of the record-setting, raucous crowds at Nippert Stadium
- Included in that run are six straight league home games between July 14 and August 18
- After Saturday's contest at Nashville, the Orange and Blue won't play a road game again until Aug. 22 when they start a two-game road trip to Atlanta and Tampa Bay (Aug. 22, Aug. 25)

## ROAD RUN IN PERSPECTIVE

- So far this season, Cincinnati has posted a 6-1-2 road record in USL play, collecting points in 8-of-9 games ... FCC has earned 20 points on the road so far
- In 2017, Cincinnati went 4-8-4 in the club's 16-game USL road schedule and collected points in half the team's games - 8-of-16 - for just 16 points on the road all season
- In 2016 - the club's first year - Cincinnati went 7-5-4 away from home, collecting points in 11-of-16 games for 25 points
- FCC is on pace to shatter its best road performance this year, already one win shy of the club's record for road wins in a season (7) and five points back of its best point collection (2016) with still 8 of its 17 total USL road games left to play



## 2018 AWARDS & HONORS

### NAZMI ALBADAWI

USL Team of the Week	Week 10
USL Team of the Week	Week
USL Goal of the Week	Week 10
USL Goal of the Week	Week 16

### CORBEN BONE

USL Team of the Week	Week 8
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### DEKEL KEINAN

USL Team of the Week	Week 1
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### FORREST LASSO

USL Team of the Week	Week 13
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### EMMANUEL LEDESMA

USL Player of the Week	Week 10
USL Team of the Week	Week 7
USL Team of the Week	Week 8
USL Team of the Week	Week 10
USL Team of the Week	Week 12
USL Team of the Week	Week 14
USL Goal of the Week	Week 14

### EVAN NEWTON

USL Team of the Week	Week 3
USL Save of the Week	Week 1
USL Save of the Week	Week 3
USL Save of the Week	Week 13

### KENNEY WALKER

USL Team of the Week	Week 6
USL Goal of the Month	April

## SPREADING THE WEALTH

- Nine different FCC players have netted goals in 2018, led by eight goals each from Emmanuel Ledesma and Danni Konig
- Nazmi Albadawi has added seven goals, while Corben Bone and Kenney Walker all follow right behind with three goals apiece
- Emery Welshman and Jimmy McLaughlin have each netted a pair, while Russell Cicerone and Blake Smith each have scored single goals
- FC Cincinnati's 35 goals so far this season are first in USL

## TROUBLESOME TANDEM

- The front-running duo of Danni König and Emmanuel Ledesma has created havoc for opposing back lines since late-April
- Since uniting as a forward tandem at the start of the second half against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC on April 21, the pair has combined for 16 goals and eight assists in the 13 games since
- Additionally, three of Konig's last seven goals have been set up Ledesma
- In fact, in those 13 games, one or both players has been kept off the score-sheet just twice since April 21 - a 2-0 loss to Louisville on May 26 and the 2-2 draw against Bethlehem Steel FC on June 13, the latter of which Ledesma missed because of a yellow-card accumulation suspension

## LEDESMA LIGHTING IT UP

- Emmanuel Ledesma has turned heads in his first USL season after a year of standout play in the NASL with the New York Cosmos in 2017
- In 16 appearances for FC Cincinnati this year, Ledesma leads the team in both categories and ranks third in the USL in goals (8) and is tied for the USL lead in assists (8)





- In the last 11 games he's played, Ledesma has scored all eight of his goals and recorded seven assists overall as FCC went 8-2-1 in that run
- Ledesma has been voted to the USL Team of the Week five times this season (Weeks 7, 8, 10, 12 - bench and 14) and was the league's Player of the Week for Week 10

### GOALKEEPER UNION SO FAR THIS SEASON

- Because of injury, FCC have used two different goalkeepers through the first 16 games of the season
- Even Newton (7-2-4) started the first five games before a hip injury sidelined him for four games ... Newton returned to the field for the Orange & Blue's USOC Second-Round game against Detroit City FC on May 16, and then returned to the USL field against North Carolina FC on May 19, starting the last eight league games
- In Newton's stead, Spencer Richey (3-1-0) stepped into goal for the four USL games if Newton's injury absence
- Between the two 'keepers, Cincinnati have posted six shutouts: five by Newton and one by Richey.
- Newton is tied for eighth in the USL in shutouts, and his 33 saves are tied for 15th in the league overall, despite missing four games

### CORBEN'S CUTTING UP THE MIDFIELD

- Corben Bone has been one of FCC's top players so far this season, with two-way play in the midfield
- An original Orange & Blue member, Bone is tied for fourth on the team in goals (3) and is third in assists (3)
- He also leads all Cincinnati players in minutes played (1,343) and is one of just two players who has appeared in all 17 games
- So far this season, he has completed 19 key passes and posted an 83.6 percent pass completion rate - the second-highest mark on the squad among players who've started at least half the games
- In one of his best games this season, Bone not only what proved to the game-winning goal at Indy on May 2, but also set up Jimmy McLaughlin's late first-half goal to bring FCC back level

### CAREER YEAR AHEAD?

- Corben Bone's three goal and three assists - through 17 USL games - has matched and out-paced his entire 2017 season total
- Last year, in 29 appearances, Bone scored two goals and added three assists

### SMITH SURGING FORWARD

- Blake Smith is the squad's top-scoring defender this season, netting one goal and adding four assists in 17 USL appearances from his left back position
- Smith tallied the team's season-opening goal in FCC's 1-0 road win at Charleston on March 17 and then picked up his first assist on Emmanuel Ledesma's eventual game-winning goal against Atlanta
- At New York Red Bulls II on June 2, Smith set up Ledesma's game-tying goal in the second half and then put in the lofted cross against Bethlehem that Russell Cicerone headed home on June 13 ... on June 30, Danni Konig headed in his cross to put FCC up 1-0 early against Ottawa
- Smith has missed three games this season - two games in April and one in May - with ankle injuries
- His four assists this season are second-most on the team, behind Ledesma's league-leading eighth and he's tied for ninth in the USL in helpers

### ONE FIRST AFTER ANOTHER FOR CICERONE

- After a trio of successful appearances in U.S. Open Cup play, right-sided midfielder Russell Cicerone Made his debut in USL play for Cincinnati on June 9 at North Carolina ... he started and played 73 minutes in his league debut ... Cicerone finished the day with two shots - including one on target - and a team-best three crosses
- Four days later on June 13, he started his second straight game and added another first: his first USL goal ... against Bethlehem, he headed in a Blake



Smith cross to then put FCC up 2-1, a lead which they surrendered a minute later

- It was his first professional goal after not seeing time with Timbers 2 in his first pro season in 2017.

### WALKER HITS SCORING STRIDE EARLY ON

- Kenney Walker was a key factor in the FCC attack at the start of the season as the team's overhauled roster continued to gel ... in a four-game span, he registered three goals and one secondary assist
- After missing the team's third and fourth games after an in-game collision at Indy on March 31, he returned to the field on April 21 against Pittsburgh as a substitute and was integral to the team's success as the team headed in to May
- Against Pittsburgh, his second-half goal proved to the game's equalizer in the 2-2 draw
- On April 28 at Ottawa, Walker had a wonder-strike from just in front of the midfield line that earned him SportsCenter's No. 1 Play of the Day honors and then ultimately USL's April Goal of the Month award
- At Indy on May 2, Walker's successful PK attempt seven minutes in put FCC ahead early
- On May 2 against Atlanta, his long, angled through ball to Emmanuel Ledesma set up Danni Konig's opening goal

### RYAN HAS HIS TOUCH

- Richie Ryan dropped right into place in the Orange & Blue's central midfield after joining the club from Miami FC this winter
- The Irishman leads the club (regular players) in passing percentage with an 87.7 percent mark, while his 854 passes are also tops on the squad
- Additionally, his 62.7 passes per 90 minutes are tops in Cincy
- Overall, he has seven key passes so far this season from his deep-lying position
- However, after exiting the Orange and Blue's midweek game at Toronto last Wednesday, Ryan missed last Saturday's game with a lower-leg injury and is expected to miss several weeks

### CENTERS OF ATTENTION

- Cincinnati has used four different center backs this season in league play: captain Dekel Keinan (14 starts, 1206 minutes), Forrest Lasso (12 starts, 1134 minutes), Paddy Barrett (7 starts, 630 minutes) and Sem de Wit (1 start, 90 minutes)
- They have played in five different combinations so far this season: Keinan-Lasso ... Keinan-Barrett ... Lasso-Barrett ... Keinan-de Wit ... Lasso-de Wit
- The only combination that has yet to happen is Barrett-de Wit

### LAHOUD GETTING IN HIS GROOVE

- Michael Lahoud, acquired on April 18 after two seasons at NASL club Miami FC, has gotten himself integrated into the squad quickly
- In USL play, he has made 10 appearances - including seven starts ... overall, he has 13 appearances and 10 starts ... he's collected two assists so far in USL action
- Lahoud made his Cincinnati debut at Indy on May 2 with a start in the midfield ... in his FCC debut, the Sierra Leone international played a full 90-minute shift against the Eleven, picking up an assist on Corben Bone's game-winning goal ... he finished the game with an 87 percent passing completion rate, converting 40-of-46 passes
- He came on as a substitute for Jimmy McLaughlin against Atlanta three nights later on May 5 - posting an 81.3 percent passing rate - before again starting at Charlotte on May 12, where he had a 92.5 percent passing mark in 90 minutes
- On June 30, when he slotted into the deep-lying midfield spot in place of Richie Ryan, he completed 97.1 percent of his passes (66-of-68) against Ottawa
- He also started all three USOC games in the deep central midfield, including captaining the team at Pittsburgh in the third round on May 23 ... against



Detroit City on May 16, he had a 91.4 percent passing rate with a team-high 93 passes

- Before coming to Cincinnati, Lahoud played alongside current FCC teammates Richie Ryan and Blake Smith with Miami FC, making 52 appearances (50 starts) with one goal and five assists ... he was also the NASL 2016 Humanitarian of the Year
- Lahoud also played six seasons in MLS, first drafted by Chivas USA in 2009 before being traded to Philadelphia in 2012

### GIBSON GETTING GOING

- After a preseason injury which required surgery, Tyler Gibson is in the final stages of his rehabilitation
- Two weeks ago, he fully rejoined training sessions at Nippert Stadium
- In addition, he's been working with fitness coach Austin Berry after the session for added conditioning work
- On Feb. 4 in Florida, Gibson broke his left fibula, tore the deltoid ligament and the ligament between his fibula and tibia

### ATTENDANCE LEADERS

- Entering the week, FC Cincinnati led the USL in both total and average attendance so far in 2018
- FCC's home attendance average of 24,953 is already an 18 percent increase over the team's 2017 average of 21,199 on the season ... it's more than double the USL's second-place team in average attendance, Sacramento Republic FC (11,444)
- The team's total attendance of 199,623 through its first eight home games was also tops in the league ... it more than doubled second-highest team (Sacramento Republic FC), which has welcomed 91,553 fans to eight games
- Between U.S. and Canadian-based professional teams, the Orange and Blue's average ranks fourth highest overall, behind Atlanta United (MLS - 50,426), Seattle Sounders FC (MLS - 40,567) and Toronto FC (MLS - 26,302)

### THE ORIGINAL GUARD

- Three players from FC Cincinnati's inaugural season in 2016 are still members of the Orange & Blue this season
- Corben Bone, Jimmy McLaughlin and Kenney Walker all joined the team in the winter of 2015, ahead of the 2016 season
- All three rank in the club's top five in career minutes played, as well

### U.S. OPEN CUP RUN, 2018 EDITION

- FC Cincinnati advanced to the fourth round of the U.S. Open Cup for the second straight year
- The team's run in the 2018 edition of the cup began with a 4-1 after extra time win over NPSL's Detroit City FC on May 16 at Cincinnati's Gettler Stadium ... Emery Welshman factored in all four goals, netting a hat trick and setting up Corben Bone's game-winning goal in the extra session
- On May 23, Cincinnati traveled to USL foe Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC - who were previously undefeated at Highmark Stadium and had yet to allow a goal at home - and came away with a 3-1 win to advance to the Fourth Round
- On June 6, FCC and MLS' Minnesota United FC played to a 0-0 draw after extra time at Nippert Stadium, but MNUFC advanced in penalties, 3-1, to move on to the Round of 16.

### M-L-YES!

- On May 29, Major League Soccer announced that FC Cincinnati would be joining MLS as an expansion team in 2019
- At an announcement at Cincinnati's Rhinegeist Brewery, MLS Commissioner Don Garber welcomed the Carl H. Lindner III-led ownership group into the nation's top soccer league

### MISCELLANEOUS MLS NOTES

- FCC is 1-1-2 all-time against MLS teams in formal (non-preseason) competition
- Cincinnati has never lost to an MLS team in regulation as the one loss (vs. New York Red Bulls in 2017 U.S. Open Cup semifinals) came in extra time, and the two ties went to penalties (vs. Chicago Fire in the 2017 U.S. Open Cup Round of 16 and vs. Minnesota United FC in 2018 U.S. Open Cup Fourth Round) ... FCC advanced past Chicago, but Minnesota advanced

### BUSY BYE WEEKEND FOR THE KEEPERS BRINGS ENGAGED NUMBERS UP

- With the team's bye weekend on June 23, the FCC goalkeepers made the most of it
- Both Evan Newton and Spencer Richey proposed to their longtime girlfriends that weekend ... both women accepted the proposals
- Newton became engaged to his girlfriend, Kelly, in Cincinnati on Wednesday, June 20, while Richey proposed to his now-fiancé Elizabeth in Nashville on Friday, June 22.
- Those two new engagements bring the club's total current engagements to five: Nazmi Albadawi, Matt Bahner, Newton, Richey and Blake Smith ... additionally former FCC player and current fitness coach Austin Berry is also engaged.



**GAME 1 | MARCH 17, 2018**  
**MUSC Health Stadium | Charleston, S.C.**  
 Attendance: 4,598

Teams	1H	2H	F
Charleston Battery	0	0	0
FC Cincinnati	1	0	1

**Scoring Summary**

CHA – None  
 FCC – Blake Smith (unassisted) 18'

**Misconduct Summary**

CHA – Ataula Guerra (caution) 51', Jared Van Schaik (caution) 80', Quinton Griffith (ejection) 92'  
 FCC – Lance Laing (caution) 63', Forrest Lasso (caution) 85', Danni König (caution) 92', Ritchie Ryan (caution) 97'

**Charleston Battery:** Odisnel Cooper (GK), Quinton Griffith, Skylar Thomas, Taylor Mueller ©, Jarad van Schaik, Nicholas Rittmeyer (Gordon Wild 80'), Tah Anunga, Kotaro Higashi, Neveal Hacksaw (Victor Mansaray 88'), Ian Svantesson (Patrick Okonkwo 88'), Ataula Guerra. Bench: Vincenzo Candela, Joe Kuzminsky, Angelo Kelly-Rosales, Jay Bolt

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Dekel Keinan ©, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan, Kenney Walker, Lance Laing, Corben Bone (Will Seymore 72'), Emmanuel Ledesma (Daniel Haber 90'), Emery Welshman (Danni König 68'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Nazmi Albadawi, Matt Bahner, Paddy Barrett.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Svs	Poss%
Charleston	24	4	16	0	10	2	55.5
FC Cincinnati	9	3	15	0	3	4	44.5

**Records**

Charleston 0-1-0  
 FC Cincinnati 1-0-0

**GAME 2 | MARCH 31, 2018**  
**Lucas Oil Stadium | Indianapolis, Ind.**  
 Attendance: 17,535

Teams	1H	2H	F
Indy Eleven	0	0	0
FC Cincinnati	1	0	1

**Scoring Summary**

IND – None  
 FCC – Emery Welshman (Emmanuel Ledesma) 26'

**Misconduct Summary**

IND – Reiner Ferreira (caution) 41', Jack McNerney (caution) 49+'  
 FCC – Dekel Keinan (caution) 54', Forrest Lasso (caution) 74'

**Indy Eleven:** Owain Fon Williams, Reiner Ferreira (Brad Ring 44'), Carlyle Mitchell, Tyler Pasher, Karl Ouimette, Eugene Starilov, Nico Matern, Matthew Watson (Justin Braun 86'), Zach Steinberger, Ben Speas (Soony Saad 57'), Jack McNerney. Bench: Nathan Lewis, Juan Guerra, Brad Rusin, Ben Lundgaard.

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Dekel Keinan ©, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan, Kenney Walker (Will Seymore 17'), Lance Laing (Daniel Haber 65'), Corben Bone, Emmanuel Ledesma, Emery Welshman (Danni König 80'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Matt Bahner, Nazmi Albadawi, Paddy Barrett.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Svs	Poss%
Indy Eleven	22	6	7	1	3	1	51.4
FC Cincinnati	8	2	18	2	4	6	48.6

**Records**

Indy Eleven 1-1-0  
 FC Cincinnati 2-0-0



**GAME 3 | APRIL 7, 2018**  
**Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio**  
 Attendance: 25,667

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	0	0	0
Louisville City FC	1	0	1

**Scoring Summary**

FCC – None  
 LOU – Cameron Lancaster (unassisted) 13'

**Misconduct Summary**

FCC – Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 35'  
 LOU – Cameron Lancaster (caution) 47"  
 LOU – Ilija Ilic (caution) 94'

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Blake Smith (Daniel Haber 70'), Dekel Keinan ©, Forrest Lasso, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan, Corben Bone, Will Seymore (Danni König 57'), Lance Laing, Emmanuel Ledesma, Emery Welshman (Jimmy McLaughlin 76'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Matt Bahner, Nazmi Albadawi, Paddy Barrett.

**Louisville City FC:** Gregory Ranjitsingh, Sean Totsch, Pat McMahon (Shaun Francis 62'), Paco Craig, Kyle Smith, Paolo DelPiccolo ©, Oscar Jimenez, Devon Williams, Cameron Lancaster (Ilija Ilic 66'), George Davis IV (Niall McCabe 61'), Magnus Rasmussen. Bench: Tim Dobrowolski, Chris Hubbard, Alexis Souahy, Brian Ownby.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Svs	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	16	3	16	2	5	1	55.5
Louisville City FC	13	2	12	1	3	3	44.5

**Records**

FC Cincinnati 2-1-0  
 Louisville City FC 3-0-0

**Game 4 | April 15, 2018**  
**Goodman Stadium | Bethlehem, Pa.**  
 Attendance: 1,418

Teams	1H	2H	F
Bethlehem Steel FC	1	0	1
FC Cincinnati	0	1	1

**Scoring Summary**

BET – Cory Burke (Anthony Fontana) 15'  
 FCC – Nazmi Albadawi (Emery Welshman) 71'

**Misconduct Summary**

BET – Prosper Chiluya (caution) 66', Cory Burke (caution) 83'  
 FCC – None

**Bethlehem Steel FC:** John McCarthy ©, Brandon Aubrey, Josh Yaro (Eric Ayuk 46'), Matthew Mahoney, Prosper Chiluya, Derrick Jones, Santi Moar, Marcus Epps (Brandon Allen 79'), Brenden Aaronson (Mike Catalano 23'), Anthony Fontana, Corey Burke. Bench: Aiden Apodaca, Tomas Romero, Drew Skundrich, Chris Nanco.

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Matt Bahner (Lance Laing 63'), Dekel Keinan ©, Forrest Lasso, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan, Corben Bone, Nazmi Albadawi, Emmanuel Ledesma, Daniel Haber (Jimmy McLaughlin 80'), Emery Welshman (Danni König 76'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Will Seymore, Blake Smith, Sem de Wit.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Svs	Poss%
Bethlehem Steel FC	14	3	12	1	5	4	44.6
FC Cincinnati	18	5	10	4	8	2	55.4

**Records**

Bethlehem Steel FC 1-2-2  
 FC Cincinnati 2-1-1





**GAME 5 | APRIL 21, 2018**  
**Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio**  
 Attendance: 24,505

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	0	2	2
Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	1	1	2

**Scoring Summary**

FCC – Danni König (Corben Bone) 59', Kenney Walker (unassisted) 78'  
 PIT – Jordan Dover (unassisted) 6', Thomas Vancaeyezeele (Kenardo Forbes) 73'

**Misconduct Summary**

FCC – Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 68', Dekel Keinan (caution) 88', Lance Laing (caution) 91+'  
 PIT – Jordan Dover (caution) 36'

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Lance Laing, Forrest Lasso, Dekel Keinan ©, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan, Corben Bone, Jimmy McLaughlin (Kenney Walker 70'), Nazmi Albadawi, Emmanuel Ledesma, Danni König (Emery Welshman 79'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Russell Cicerone, Matt Bahner, Daniel Haber, Paddy Barrett.

**Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC:** Daniel Lynd, Thomas Vancaeyezeele, Tobi Adewole, Todd Pratzner, Ben Zemanski (Hugh Roberts 60'), Kevin Kerr © (Christiano Francois 60'), Mouhamed Dabo, Raymond Lee, Jordan Dover, Neco Brett, Kendardo Forbes (Andrew Lubahn 81'). Bench: Kyle Morton, Joseph Holland, Dennis Chin, Bakie Goodman.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Svs	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	13	5	17	3	4	0	63.8
Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	10	2	11	1	2	3	36.2

**Records**

FC Cincinnati 2-1-2  
 Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC 2-0-3

**Game 6 | April 28, 2018**  
**TD Place Stadium | Ottawa, Ontario**  
 Attendance: 2,785

Teams	1H	2H	F
Ottawa Fury FC	0	0	0
FC Cincinnati	0	3	3

**Scoring Summary**

OTT – None  
 FCC – Kenney Walker (unassisted) 68', Corben Bone (Emmanuel Ledesma) 69', Emmanuel Ledesma (unassisted) 77'

**Misconduct Summary**

OTT – Adonijah Reid (caution) 63'  
 FCC – Forrest Lasso (caution) 49', Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 56', Blake Smith (caution) 57'

**Ottawa Fury FC:** Maxime Crepeau, Chris Mannella, Colin Falvey, Sergio Manesio, Eddie Edward, Kevin Oliveira, Cristian Portilla (Jamar Dixon 60'), Gerardo Bruna (Sito Seoana 75'), Tony Taylor (Steevan Dos Santos 63'), Adonijah Reid, Carl Haworth ©. Bench: David Monsalve, Gabriel Wiethaeuper-Baldinotti, Doneil Henry, Thomas Meilleir-Giguere.

**FC Cincinnati:** Spencer Richey, Blake Smith, Dekel Keinan ©, Forrest Lasso, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan, Corben Bone, Kenney Walker, Nazmi Albadawi (Jimmy McLaughlin 72'), Emmanuel Ledesma (Daniel Haber 83'), Danni König (Emery Welshman 91+'). Bench: Mark Village, Matt Behner, Michael Lahoud, Paddy Barrett.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
Ottawa Fury FC	10	3	14	9	7	5	47.8
FC Cincinnati	14	8	16	7	1	3	52.2

**Records**

Ottawa Fury FC 0-4-1  
 FC Cincinnati 3-1-2



**GAME 7 | MAY 2, 2018**  
**Lucas Oil Stadium | Indianapolis, Ind.**  
 Attendance: 8,079

Teams	1H	2H	F
Indy Eleven	2	0	2
FC Cincinnati	2	1	3

**Scoring Summary**

IND – Jack McInerney (unassisted) 24', Ayoze (penalty) 30'  
 FCC – Kenney Walker (penalty) 7', Jimmy McLaughlin (Corben Bone) 41', Corben Bone (Michael Lahoud) 54'

**Misconduct Summary**

IND – Ayoze (caution) 88'  
 FCC – Forrest Lasso (caution) 60', Emery Welshman (caution) 72', Kenney Walker (caution) 76'

**Indy Eleven:** Owain Fon Williams, Ayoze, Brad Ring, Carlyle Mitchell, Karl Ouimette, Juan Guerra, Ben Speas (Matthew Watson 60'), Soony Saad, Zach Steinberger (Nathan Lewis 60'), Tyler Pasher, Jack McInerney. Bench: Jordan Farr, Nico Matern, Brad Rusin, Kevin Venegas.

**FC Cincinnati:** Spencer Richey, Matt Bahner, Paddy Barrett, Forrest Lasso, Blake Smith, Michael Lahoud, Corben Bone (Will Seymore 81'), Kenney Walker ©, Jimmy McLaughlin, Emery Welshman (Tomi Ameobi 86'), Daniel Haber (Emmanuel Ledesma 67'). Bench: Mark Village, Sen de Wit, Lance Laing, Russell Cicerone.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
Indy Eleven	17	6	5	1	6	2	47.3
FC Cincinnati	16	5	13	1	6	4	52.7

**Records**

Indy Eleven 3-2-1  
 FC Cincinnati 4-1-2

**GAME 8 | MAY 5, 2018**  
**Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio**  
 Attendance: 22,532

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	3	1	4
Atlanta United 2	2	0	2

**Scoring Summary**

FCC – Danni König (Emmanuel Ledesma, Kenney Walker) 26', Emmanuel Ledesma (Blake Smith) 28', Corben Bone (unassisted) 39', Emmanuel Ledesma (unassisted) 46'  
 ATL – Jon Gallagher (A.J. Cochran, Jack Metcalf) 31', Laurent Kissiedou (unassisted) 41'

**Misconduct Summary**

FCC – Dekel Keinan (caution) 30',  
 ATL – Laurent Kissiedou (caution) 37', Andrew Carleton (caution) 87'

**FC Cincinnati:** Spencer Richey, Blake Smith, Dekel Keinan, Forrest Lasso, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan, Kenney Walker, Corben Bone, Jimmy McLaughlin (Michael Lahoud 71'), Emmanuel Ledesma (Emery Welshman 65'), Danni König. Bench: Mark Village, Lance Laing, Paddy Barrett, Tomi Ameobi, Matt Bahner.

**Atlanta United 2:** Nicolas Caraux, A.J. Cochran, Kendall Edwards, Mikey Ambrose, Jack Metcalf ©, Christopher Goslin (Devon Sandoval 81'), Shawn Nicklaw (Jose Carranza 77'), Oliver Shannon, Andrew Carleton, Jon Gallagher, Laurent Kissiedou (Laurent Kissiedou 46'). Bench: Russell Shealy, Kevin Barajas, Andrew Kendall-Moulin.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	13	6	9	2	0	0	45.3
Atlanta United 2	14	2	10	2	5	2	54.7

**Records**

FC Cincinnati 5-1-2  
 Atlanta United 2 1-3-3



**GAME 9 | MAY 12, 2018**  
**Sportsplex at Matthews | Matthews, N.C.**  
 Attendance: 2,314

Teams	1H	2H	F
Charlotte Independence	2	2	4
FC Cincinnati	0	1	1

**Scoring Summary**

CLT – Cordell Cato (Jorge Herrera) 38', Yann Ekra (Alex Martinez) 47+', Kay Voser (Jore Herrera) 57', Eamon Zayed (Kay Voser) 87'  
 FCC – Danni König (Emmanuel Ledesma) 51'

**Misconduct Summary**

CLT – Alex Martinez (caution) 68'  
 FCC – Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 46+', Richie Ryan (caution) 71', Forrest Lasso (caution) 75', Dekel Keinan (caution) 85'

**Charlotte Independence:** Brandon Miller, Joel Johnson, Lee Jung-Soo, Samuel Vines, Jorge Herrera © (Daniel Steedman 92+'), Kay Voser, Cordell Cato (Jake Aremen 90'), Alex Martinez, Yann Ekra, Eamon Zayed (Ricardo Perez 92+'). Bench: Mutaya Mwape, Kainoa Likewise, Calvin Doum.

**FC Cincinnati:** Spencer Richey, Justin Hoyte, Forest Lasso, Dekel Keinan ©, Blake Smith (Jimmy McLaughlin 46'), Richie Ryan, Kenney Walker, Corben Bone, Michael Lahoud, Emmanuel Ledesma (Emery Welshman 71'), Danni König (Tomi Ameobi 85'). Bench: Evan Newton, Matt Bahner, Will Seymore, Paddy Barrett

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
Charlotte Independence	9	6	13	1	2	3	51.4
FC Cincinnati	15	7	10	0	4	5	48.6

**Records**

FC Cincinnati 5-2-2  
 Charlotte Independence 3-3-2

**GAME 10 | MAY 19, 2018**  
**Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio**  
 Attendance: 22,884

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	2	2	4
North Carolina FC	0	1	1

**Scoring Summary**

FCC - Nazmi Albadawi (Emmanuel Ledesma) 11', Nazmi Albadawi (Emmanuel Ledesma) 45', Emmanuel Ledesma (penalty) 62', Danni König (Emmanuel Ledesma) 69'  
 NC - Marios Lomis (Kyle Bekker) 86'

**Misconduct Summary**

FCC - Blake Smith (caution) 30', Danni König (caution) 75'  
 NC - Kyle Bekker (caution) 65'

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Paddy Barrett, Dekel Keinan ©, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan (Michael Lahoud 82'), Kenney Walker, Corben Bone, Nazmi Albadawi, Emmanuel Ledesma (Emery Welshman 71'), Danni König (Jimmy McLaughlin 84'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Sem De Wit, Matt Bahner, Russell Cicerone

**North Carolina FC:** Alex Tambakis, Peabo Doue, Michael Harrington, Fuffy Danso, D.J. Taylor, Austin de Luz © (Ulrich Ewolo 70'), Marcel Kandziora, Graham Smith (Bernhard Luxbacher 84'), Kyle Bekker, Steven Miller, Daniel Rios (Marios Lomis 70'). Bench: Austin Guerrero, Connor Tobin, Andre Fortune, Aaron Guillen.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	17	6	10	3	4	1	56.8
North Carolina FC	16	2	10	0	5	2	43.2

**Records**

FC Cincinnati 6-2-2  
 North Carolina FC 2-4-2



**GAME 11 | MAY 26, 2018**  
**Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio**  
 Attendance: 26,495

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	0	0	0
Louisville City FC	1	1	2

**Scoring Summary**

LOU - Cameron Lancaster (unassisted) 15', George Davis IV (Oscar Jimenez) 73'

**Misconduct Summary**

FCC - Paddy Barret (caution) 28', Richie Ryan (caution) 33', Dekel Keinan (caution) 81'  
 LOU - Paco Craig (caution) 55', Devon Williams (caution) 85'

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Matt Bahner, Dekel Keinan, Paddy Barrett, Justin Hoyte, Corben Bone, Richie Ryan, Kenney Walker (Michael Lahoud 73'), Nazmi Albadawi (Lance Laing 79'), Emmanuel Ledesma, Danni König (Emery Welshman 64'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Forrest Lasso, Russell Cicerone, Jimmy McLaughlin

**Louisville City FC:** Gregory Ranjitsingh, Paco Craig, Sean Totsch, Pat McMahon, Oscar Jimenez, Kyle Smith, Ilija Ilic (Brian Ownby 62'), Paolo DelPiccolo, Devon Williams, Magnus Rasmussen (George Davis IV 66'), Cameron Lancaster (Luke Spencer 30'). Bench: Tim Dombrowski, Chris Hubbard, Niall McCabe, Alexis Souahy

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	9	0	20	1	2	5	51.8
Louisville City FC	14	7	16	0	3	0	48.2

**Records**

FC Cincinnati 6-3-2  
 Louisville City FC 7-2-1

**GAME 12 | JUNE 2, 2018**  
**Red Bull Arena | Harrison, N.J.**  
 Attendance: 613

Teams	1H	2H	F
New York Red Bulls II	1	0	1
FC Cincinnati	0	2	2

**Scoring Summary**

NY – Amando Moreno (Jared Stout) 7'  
 FCC – Emmanuel Ledesma (Blake Smith) 65', Danni König (unassisted) 77'

**Misconduct Summary**

NY – Lucas Stauffer (caution) 69'  
 FCC – Emery Welshman (caution) 57', Paddy Barrett (caution) 62', Richie Ryan (caution) 71'

**New York Red Bulls II:** Scott Levene, Lucas Stauffer (Jordan Ballon 74'), Niko De Vera, Wahab Ackwei, Kevin Politz, Jared Stroud, Amando Moreno, Cristian Casseres Jr. (Steven Echeverria 63'), Christopher Lema, Andrew Tinari ©, Brian White (Tom Barlow 70'). Bench: Benjamin Mines, Matthew Frank, Jose Aguinaga, John Murphy.

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Paddy Barrett, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan ©, Michael Lahoud Kenney Walker 87', Corben Bone (Jimmy McLaughlin 63'), Nazmi Albadawi, Emmanuel Ledesma, Emery Welshman (Danni König 63'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Sem de Wit, Matt Bahner, Will Seymore

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
New York Red Bulls II	13	1	14	1	4	3	46.2
FC Cincinnati	8	5	16	4	5	0	53.8

**Records**

New York Red Bulls II 4-3-5  
 FC Cincinnati 7-3-2



**GAME 13 | JUNE 9, 2018**  
**Sahlen's Stadium at WakeMed Soccer Park | Cary, N.C.**  
 Attendance: 4,039

Teams	1H	2H	F
North Carolina FC	0	0	0
FC Cincinnati	1	1	2

**Scoring Summary**

NCFC - None

FCC -- Danni Konig (unassisted) 37', Jimmy McLaughlin (unassisted) 87'

**Misconduct Summary**

NCFC - None

FCC - Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 26', Danni Konig (caution) 53', Justin Hoyte (caution) 72'

**North Carolina FC:** Alex Tambakis, D.J. Taylor, Peabo Doue, Michael Harrington, Connor Tobin, Austin da Luz ©, Marcel Kandziora (Kyle Bekker 65'), Graham Smith, Ulrich Ewolo (Marios Lomis 65'), Daniel Rios. Bench: Wulito Fernandes, Austin Guerrero, Tiyi Shipalane, Andre Fortune, Aarón Guillén.

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Paddy Barrett, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan ©, Michael Lahoud (Corben Bone 61'), Nazmi Albadawi, Emmanuel Ledesma, Russel Cicerone (Jimmy McLaughlin 73') Danni König (Emery Welshman 82'). Bench: Mark Village, Matt Bahner, Sem de Wit, Will Seymore.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
North Carolina FC	20	5	11	0	6	4	51.6
FC Cincinnati	12	6	10	3	2	5	48.4

**Records**

North Carolina FC

3-6-2

FC Cincinnati

8-3-2

**GAME 14 | JUNE 13, 2018**

**Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio**  
 Attendance: 22,407

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	0	2	2
Bethlehem Steel FC	1	1	2

**Scoring Summary**

BST -- Derrick Jones (unassisted) 29', Fabian Herbers (Michee Ngalina) 69'

FCC -- Nazmi Albadawi (unassisted) 66', Russell Cicerone (Blake Smith) 68'

**Misconduct Summary**

BST - Olivier Mbaizo (caution) 53', Olivier Mbaizo (ejection) 52, Fabian Herbers (caution) 86'

FCC - Danni Konig (caution) 87'

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Dekel Keinan © (Forrest Lasso 36'), Sem De Wit, Matt Bahner, Nazmi Albadawi, Kenney Walker, Corben Bone, Russell Cicerone, Jimmy McLaughlin, Emery Welshman (Danni Konig 64'). Bench: Mark Village, Daniel Haber, Michael Lahoud, Will Seymore, Justin Hoyte

**Bethlehem Steel FC:** John McCarthy, Olivier Mbaizo, Matthew Mahoney, Brandon Aubrey, Matthew Real, Anthony Fontana (Drew Skundrich 61'), Derrick Jones, James Chambers ©, Santi Moar, Fabian Herbers (Benjamin Ofeimu 90'), Michee Ngalina (Chris Nanco 80'). Bench: Mike Catalano, Jeremy Rafanello, Kristopher Shakes, Prosper Chiluya

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	26	10	6	1	12	1	59.0%
Bethlehem Steele FC	10	3	14	0	1	8	41.0%

**Records**

FC Cincinnati

8-3-3

Bethlehem Steele FC

5-5-4



**GAME 15 | JUNE 16, 2018**

**Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio**  
 Attendance: 28,026

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	2	2	4
Richmond Kickers	0	0	0

**Scoring Summary**

FCC -- Emmanuel Ledesma (Danni König) 8', Nazmi Albadawi (Michael Lahoud) 36', Danni König (Justin Hoyte) 60', Emmanuel Ledesma (Justin Hoyte) 67'

NCFC - None'

**Misconduct Summary**

FCC -- Emery Welshman (caution) 82', Dekel Keinan (caution) 91+'

RIC -- Heviel Cordoves (caution) 33', Mekell Williams (caution) 90'

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Dekel Keinan ©, Paddy Barrett, Justin Hoyte, Richie Ryan, Michael Lahoud (Kenney Walker 76'), Corben Bone (Jimmy McLaughlin 83'), Nazmi Albadawi, Emmanuel Ledesma, Danni König (Emery Welshman 69'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Matt Bahner, Forrest Lasso, Russell Cicerone

**Richmond Kickers:** Richmond Kickers: Travis Worra, Austin Yearwood, Mekell Williams, Conor Shanosky, Alex Lee (William Yomby 69'), Braeden Troyer, Oscar Umar, Raul Gonzalez (Brian Shiver 56'), Yudai Imura (Scott Thomsen 86'), Luiz Fernando, Haviel Cordoves. Bench: Trevor Spangenberg, Neil Hlavaty, Fred Owusu Sekyere, Christopher Osei-Wusu

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	16	7	13	4	4	3	58.6
Richmond Kickers	10	3	14	0	2	3	41.2

**Records**

FC Cincinnati

9-3-3

Richmond Kickers

4-8-1

**GAME 16 | JUNE 27, 2018**

**Lamport Stadium | Toronto, Ontario**  
 Attendance: 288

Teams	1H	2H	F
Toronto FC II	1	2	3
FC Cincinnati	3	0	3

**Scoring Summary**

TFC - Ayo Akinola (Dante Campbell) 28', Robert Boskovic (Ryan Telfer) 70', Jordan Hamilton (Steffen Yeates) 75'

FCC -- Nazmi Albadawi (Emmanuel Ledesma) 8', Emery Welshman (Nami Albadawi) 38', Emmanuel Ledesma (Emery Welshman) 40'

**Misconduct Summary**

TFC -- Kyle Bjornethun (caution) 45', Dante Campbell (caution) 88'

FCC -- None

**Toronto FC II:** Toronto FC II: Borja Angoitia, Robert Boskovic, Dante Campbell, Julian Dunn-Johnson, Kyle Bjornethun (Ryan Telfer 46'), Liam Fraser ©, Gideon Waja (Steffen Yeates 71'), Luca Uccello, Malik Johnson, Jordan Hamilton, Ayo Akinola (Shaan Hundal 78'). Bench: Rimi Olatunji, Rocco Romeo, Noble Okello Ayo, Aiden Daniels

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Dekel Keinan ©, Paddy Barrett, Matt Bahner, Richie Ryan (Corben Bone 64'), Michael Lahoud, Emmanuel Ledesma, Nazmi Albadawi, Russell Cicerone (Jimmy McLaughlin 83'), Emery Welshman (Danni König 73'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Forrest Lasso, Justin Hoyte, Daniel Haber

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
Toronto FC II	15	4	17	0	3	2	53.2%
FC Cincinnati	12	5	11	3	2	1	46.8%

**Records**

Toronto FC II

0-12-3

FC Cincinnati

9-3-4



**GAME 17 | JUNE 30, 2018**  
**Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio**  
Attendance: 27,107

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	1	1	2
Ottawa Fury FC	0	0	0

**Scoring Summary**

FCC -- Danni Konig (Blake Smith) 16', Nazmi Albadawi (Corben Bone) 92+?  
OTT - none

**Misconduct Summary**

FCC -- Blake Smith (caution) 86'  
OTT - Kevin Oliveira (caution) 71'

**FC Cincinnati:** Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Dekel Keinan ©, Forrest Lasso, Justin Hoyte, Corben Bone, Kenney Walker (Emery Welshman 69'), Emmanuel Ledesma (Jimmy McLaughlin 78'), Nazmi Albadawi, Michael Lahoud, Danni Konig (Daniel Haber 94+'). Bench: Will Seymore, Matt Bahner, Paddy Barrett, Spencer Richey

**Ottawa Fury FC:** Maxime Crepeau, Onua Obasi, Thomas Meilleur-Giguere, Colin Falvey, Eddie Edward, Jamar Dixon, Chris Mannella, Kevin Oliveira, Adonijah Reid (Cristian Portilla 70'), Tony Taylor (Jimmy-Shammar Sanon 82'), Carl Haworth. Bench: Gabriel Wiethaueper-Balbinotti, Sergio Manesio, Nana Attakora, Kyle Porter, David Monsalve

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	11	6	8	2	6	3	56.1
Ottawa Fury	8	3	6	0	5	3	43.9

**Records**

FC Cincinnati 10-3-4  
Ottawa Fury FC 5-7-3



## 2018 PLAYER BIO UPDATES

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### EVAN NEWTON

**Position:** Goalkeeper

**Birthdate:** April 1, 1988

**Hometown:** Virginia Beach, Va.

**Height:** 6-2

**Weight:** 190 lbs.

**Twitter:** @NewtonEvan1

**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Jan. 5, 2018 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has made 13 starts this season ... is 7-2-4 on the year with an 1.00 goals against average, and five shutouts ... has made 33 saves on 46 attempts for a .717 save percentage ... started the first five games of the season before missing four USL games with a hip injury: April 28 at OTT, May 2 at IND, May 5 vs. AT and May 12 at CLT ... returned to the roster to travel to Charlotte (May 12) and served as the backup and jumped back into the starting lineup in the May 16 USOC game against Detroit City ... returned to USL action on May 19 against North Carolina FC ... made four saves in the season-opening shutout at Charleston (March 17) ... stopped all six shots at Indy Eleven (March 31), later earning USL Save of the Week and USL Team of the Week honors for a first-half double save ... stopped six shots against Louisville City FC (May 26) ... made five saves and posted the clean sheet at North Carolina FC (June 9) ... stopped all four shots vs. Richmond (June 13) for his fourth shutout of the season ... made all three saves against Ottawa (June 30) for his fifth shutout of the year.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started and made two saves in 120 minutes in FCC's second-round extra-time win over Detroit City FC (May 16) ... did not dress for FCC's third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds FC (May 23).

Spent the 2016 and 2017 seasons with Sacramento Republic (USL) after one season with the OKC Energy (USL) in 2015 ... signed with Arizona United (USL Pro) in 2014, making 28 appearances ... spent two seasons with the San Jose Earthquakes (MLS) in 2012 and 2013 ... originally drafted into MLS by the Houston Dynamo in the first round of the 2011 MLS Supplemental Draft ... played collegiately for his hometown Old Dominion University ... left the program as its all-time career leader in saves (254) and shutouts (36) ... earned NSCAA All-South Atlantic Region second-team honors in 2010 as a senior ... backed ODU to three straight NCAA Tournament appearances ... named the 2007 PDL Goalkeeper of the Year after allowing only three goals in 14 games for the Hampton Roads Piranhas.

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### MATT BAHNER

**Position:** Defender

**Birthdate:** March 12, 1990

**Hometown:** Cincinnati, Ohio

**Height:** 6-0

**Weight:** 174

**Twitter:** @Bahnes\_2

**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Jan. 16, 2017 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has made five appearances, all starts ... four of his starts came at right back and one (May 26 vs. Louisville) at left back for the injured Blake Smith ... made his season debut with a 63-minute shift at Bethlehem Steel (April 15) ... played all 90 at Indy Eleven (May 2) and also against Bethlehem Steel at home (June 13) and at Toronto FC II (June 27).

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started and played all three games and 330 minutes at right back of FCC's U.S. Open Cup run ... 120 minutes in the second-round win over Detroit City FC (May 16) and did not commit a foul ... 90 minutes in FCC's third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds FC (May 23) ... 120 minutes in the fourth-round tie - and loss in PKs - against MLS' Minnesota United FC

2017 USL Team of the Week honoree ... started in 25 of 27 fixtures in 2017, had two assists ... third on the team with 72 clearances and 126 duels won ... member of the Jacksonville Armada FC from 2015-2016 ... signed first professional contract with the Harrisburg City Islanders, playing there during the 2013 and 2014 seasons ... earned USL All-League First-Team honors in 2014 ... four-year starter at the University of Cincinnati ... 2012 Recipient of the David Decarlo Award for hard work and leadership after missing 2011 season due to injury ... Second Team All-Big East in 2010 ... four-year letter winner at Lakota West High School ... three-time all-Greater Miami Conference selection ... first-team team all-state selection during his senior year ... scored a total of 26 goals and tallied 19 assists during high school.

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### FORREST LASSO

**Position:** Defender

**Birthdate:** May 11, 1993

**Hometown:** Raleigh, N.C.

**Height:** 6-6

**Weight:** 210

**Twitter:** @folasso

**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Nov. 20, 2017 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has made 13 appearances, including 12 starts at center back ... has picked up five yellow cards and sat out the North Carolina FC game on May 19 while serving the one-game yellow-card suspension ... a USL Team of the Week honoree for Week 13 after an 11-clearance, 3-block and 2-interception game at North Carolina (June 9) ... leads the team with 90 clearances and 19 blocks and has added 20 interceptions ... has won 58-of-75 aerial duels this season, and 79-of-114 duels overall.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started and played all 120 minutes at center back in FCC's second-round win over Detroit City FC (May 16) and did not commit a foul, won three fouls and also collected an assist on Emery Welshman's first-half goal ... started and played all 90 minutes at center back in FCC's third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds FC (May 23).

Joined FCC from the Charleston Battery, where he played from 2015 through 2017 ... was a three-time member of the USL Team of the Week in 2017 and a USL All-League First team honoree ... joined the Battery out of Wofford University where he was a third-team NSCAA All-America selection ... 2014 All-South first-team and All-Southern Conference performer after 2012 and 2013 All-Southern Conference and 2011 Southern Conference All-Freshman Team laurels.

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### TYLER GIBSON

**Position:** Midfielder

**Birthdate:** Jan. 12, 1991

**Hometown:** Knoxville, Tenn.

**Height:** 5-9

**Weight:** 155

**Twitter:** @Tyler10Gibson

**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Nov. 21, 2017 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has yet to make an appearance this season after suffering a broken leg during preseason training that required surgery ... returned to full training the third week of June.

Moved to FC Cincinnati from the San Francisco Deltas of the NASL ... was a member of the 2017 NASL Championship roster with San Francisco ... spent the 2016 season with Rayo OKC of the NASL, making the 2016 playoffs ... signed his first pro contract with the San Antonio Scorpions in 2015 ... gained valuable experience





for the professional game at UNC Charlotte ... during his senior season, he was named Co-Captain of his team and won the Conference USA championship in 2013. a MAC Hermann Award Watch List member in 2012 and 2013 ... played in the College Cup championship game in 2011 ... earned A-10 Midfielder, Rookie of the Year and Freshman All-America honors in 2010

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## NAZMI ALBADAWI

**Position:** Midfielder

**Birthdate:** August 24, 1991

**Hometown:** Raleigh, N.C.

**Height:** 5-11

**Weight:** 165

**Twitter:** @NazmiAlbadawi

**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Jan. 15, 2018 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has appeared in 11 games, all starts ... has scored seven goals and added one assist ... netted a goal in his FCC debut at Charleston (March 15) ... missed three games with a rib injury suffered at Ottawa (April 28): May 2 at Indy, May 5 vs. Atlanta and May 12 at Charlotte ... returned to the USL lineup on May 19, netting the first brace of his USL career, including an 11th-minute swerving right-footed goal to the right Upper 90 and then a left-footed rising shot to the left Upper 90 in the 45th minute; also gained a game-high 10 possessions ... earned USL Team of the Week and USL Goal of the Week honors for his first goal of the game ... netted a goal and had a game-high eight shots against Bethlehem Steel (June 13) ... scored for the second game in a row against Richmond Kickers (June 16), pushing his season total to five ... put FCC on the board in the seventh minute and added his first USL assist at Toronto FC II (June 27) ... netted a goal for the fourth straight game with his 92nd-minute, stoppage-time goal against Ottawa (June 30) ... earned a place on the bench of the Week 16 USL Team of the Week after his two-goal week.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started in the central midfield and played 67 minutes against Detroit City FC (May 16) in the second round, his first action since April 21 ... created three chances in the game ... came on as a substitute at the start of the second extra time session against Minnesota United FC (June 6) in the fourth round.

Spent his entire career before joining FCC with USL newcomer North Carolina FC (formerly the NASL's Carolina Railhawks) ... NASL Best XI in 2016 and 2017 ... played in the 2017 NASL semifinals ... set the NASL single-season assist record (10) in 2016 ... attended NC State (2010-13) ... a second-team All-ACC selection in 2013.

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## KENNEY WALKER

**Position:** Midfielder

**Birthdate:** December 23, 1988

**Hometown:** Wickliffe, Ohio

**Height:** 5-9

**Weight:** 170

**Twitter:** @yennek\_reklaw

**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Dec. 7, 2015 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has appeared in 13 matches, starting 10 ... has netted three goals, which have come on eight shots (four on target) ... missed two games - April 7 vs. Louisville City and April 15 at Bethlehem Steel - with effects from an early collision at Indy Eleven on April 1 ... scored all of his goals in three successive games ... opened his season account on April 21 against Pittsburgh, tallying the game-tying goal and earning a spot on the bench of the USL Team of the Week ... struck a wonder-strike from 50+ yards - just before midfield - at Ottawa (April 28) which was SportsCenter's No. 1 Play of the Day and then went on to win USL Goal of the Month for April ... converted a penalty at Indy (May 3) as he wore the captain's armband with Dekel Keinan not traveling ... had game-highs with five tackles and



shared the team lead in interceptions (3) against North Carolina FC (May 19).

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Did not dress for FCC's opening USOC game against Detroit City FC (May 16) ... appeared as a substitute, playing 15 minutes, in FCC's third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds FC (May 23) ... started and played all 120 minutes in the fourth-round draw - and loss in PKs - against Minnesota United FC (June 6).

An original member of FC Cincinnati when the club was launched in 2016 ... received his third USL Team of the Week accolade after FCC's 4-3 win at Toronto FC II ... as named the Player of the Week after a goal and two assists against New York Red Bulls II ... recorded an assist against the New York Red Bulls in the semifinal round of the Open Cup ... led the Orange and Blue in assists with seven, added two goals ... in 2017, appeared in 25 matches for FCC, including 24 starts ... played three years with the LA Galaxy from 2012-15 ... helped the club capture three MLS Cup championships ... was the 38th pick overall in the 2012 MLS SuperDraft ... earned four starts and eight appearances in 2014 ... made his MLS debut in 2012 against Houston

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## RUSSELL CICERONE

**Position:** Forward

**Birthdate:** November 17, 1994

**Hometown:** Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

**Height:** 5-11

**Weight:** 170

**Twitter:** @r\_cicerone7

**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Nov. 21, 2017 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has made three appearances, all starts on the right wing ... made his first USL appearance - a start - for Cincinnati at North Carolina FC (June 9), recording a pair of shots ... started his second straight game and netted his first career professional goal against Bethlehem Steel (June 13), one of his seven shots on the night ... also started at Toronto FC II (June 27) ... has been a member of the 18 four other times.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Came on as a 60th minute substitute and played 60 minutes against Detroit City FC (May 16), his first action in an FCC uniform ... started and played 90 minutes on the right wing at right back in FCC's third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds FC (May 23) ... started on the right wing and played 77 minutes against Minnesota United FC (June 6).

Signed his first professional contract with the Portland Timbers 2 in 2017 ... appeared in 29 matches during his rookie campaign, scoring one goal ... drafted in the 3rd round of the 2017 MLS SuperDraft by the Portland Timbers ... played collegiately at Buffalo from 2013-16 ... earned First Team All-MAC 2013-16 ... won the MAC Player of the Year award in 2016 ... MAC Rookie of the Year in 2013

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## WILL SEYMORE

**Position:** Midfielder

**Birthdate:** Feb. 29, 1992

**Hometown:** Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Height:** 6-1

**Weight:** 180

**Twitter:** @WilliamSeesmore

**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Nov. 21, 2017 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has made four appearances this year, including one start ... made his lone start of the season on April 7 vs. Louisville City, seeing 57 minutes of action.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started in the central midfield and played all 120 minutes



against Detroit City FC (May 16) in the second round ... won four tackles in the game ... started and played all 90 minutes in the central midfield in FCC's third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds FC (May 23).

Drafted in the third round of the 2015 MLS Super Draft by FC Dallas ... signed his first professional contract with Vancouver Whitecaps 2 in 2015 and played under Alan Koch at WFC2 in 2016 ... attended Oregon State University from 2011-14 ... earned PAC-12 second-team honors during his senior season after honorable mention accolades in 2012 and 2013 ... scored seven goals and added nine assists in 73 games at Oregon State



## TOMI AMEOBI

**Position:** Forward  
**Birthdate:** August 16, 1988  
**Hometown:** Newcastle upon Tyne, England  
**Height:** 6-3  
**Weight:** 185  
**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on February 21, 2018 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has made two appearances, both as a substitute ... missed the first six games of the season with injury ... made his 2018 debut at Indy Eleven (May 2) with a four-minute stint before a 6-minute run-out at Charlotte (May 12).

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Did not dress for FCC's opening USOC game against Detroit City FC (May 16) ... played four substitute minutes in FCC's third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds FC (May 23) ... came on an extra time substitute in the fourth round against Minnesota United FC (June 6), playing 22 minutes at forward.

Played four seasons with the NASL's Edmonton FC from 2013-17 ... finished the 2017 season with six goals and two assists in 24 matches ... spent the majority of 2013 with VPS of the Finnish Premier Division scoring nine goals in 30 appearances ... before moving to Finland, Ameobi spent two seasons in Iceland. He spent 2012 with Grindavik and 2011 with BÍ/Bolungarvik, tallying 12 goals in 47 appearances for the two clubs ... played for multiple clubs in England from 2007-2011, playing for Whitley Bay (2010-2011), Forrest Green Rovers (2009-2010), Mansfield Town (2009), Gribsey Town (2008), Doncaster Rovers (2008-2009), and Scunthorpe United (2007-2008) ... signed his first professional contract with Leeds United of the English Championship in 2007 ... joined the Leeds United FC Academy in 2005, signing his first pro contract in 2007 ... prior to Leeds United, Ameobi spent three seasons with the Newcastle United academy from 2003-2005



## EMERY WELSHMAN

**Position:** Forward  
**Birthdate:** November 9, 1991  
**Hometown:** Mississauga, Ontario  
**Height:** 5-11  
**Weight:** 180  
**Twitter:** @Esawelsh  
**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Jan. 3, 2018 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has appeared in all 17 games, starting eight at forward ... has scored two goals and added one assist ... scored his first goal of the season at Indy Eleven (March 31), which proved to be the game-winner in the 1-0 victory ... collected his first assist of the season on Nazmi Albadawi's 71st-minute equalizer at Bethlehem Steel (April 15) ... netted a goal and added an assist in a visit to his hometown Toronto FC II (June 27).

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started and played all 120 minutes in the second round against Detroit City FC (May 16), factoring in all four goals in the 4-1 extra-time win ... netted FCC's first goal in the first half, then set up Corben Bone's game-winner



in the 94th minute before scoring back-to-back goals in the 99th and 110th minutes to complete the hat trick ... started at forward and recorded an assist in 86 minutes FCC's third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds FC (May 23) ... started and played 98 minutes against Minnesota United FC (June 6).

Joined FCC after playing the 2017 season with Puerto Rico FC in the NASL ... a member of Real Salt Lake in 2016, but was injured much of the year save for a few appearances for the Real Monarchs (USL) ... had a breakout season with the Real Monarchs in 2015 leading the team in scoring with seven goals and two assists ... spent the 2014 season with Ligue 1 Ontario side Sigma FC scoring 16 goals in 18 appearances ... drafted 16th overall in the 2013 MLS draft by Toronto FC ... attended Oregon State for two seasons from 2011-12 ... a two-time All-Pac 12 first team member ... began his college career at Siena where he earned MAAC offensive player of the year and MAAC first-team honors during his freshman and sophomore seasons.



## DANNI KÖNIG

**Position:** Forward  
**Birthdate:** December 17, 1986  
**Hometown:** Tingbjerg, Denmark  
**Height:** 6-2  
**Weight:** 170  
**Twitter:** @KingKonig9  
**How Acquired:** Traded to FCC on May 10, 2017 from OKC Energy FC (USL) in exchange for Andy Craven

**FCC IN 2018:** Has appeared in 16 games, starting nine ... has eight goals on just 13 shots on target and has added one assist ... his first goal of the year also came in his first start of the year against Pittsburgh (April 21) ... also drew a starting nod at Ottawa, playing 89 minutes ... netted his second goal of the season, converting a 2-on-1 break-in against Atlanta (May 5) to open FCC's scoring ... at Charlotte (May 12), for the second straight game, received a pass from Emmanuel Ledesma and converted for his third of the season ... yet again, collected a Ledesma set-up for a goal against North Carolina (May 19) ... tied the club's career goal-scoring marks - both USL and all-competitions - with his game-winning strike at New York Red Bulls II (June 2) ... secured the club's career goals record (17) as his own with his sixth of the season - another game-winner - at North Carolina FC (June 9) ... notched his seventh of the season against Richmond (June 16) ... put FCC up in the 16th minute against Ottawa (June 30) with what proved to be the game-winning goal.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Did not dress for any of FCC's three Open Cup games.

After being traded to FCC, saw action in five of six US Open Cup matches, recording an assist ... earned 13 starts and 23 appearances for the Orange and Blue in 2017 ... recorded the second-most goals on the team (11) - including three GWGs - and a lone assist for 23 points ... König was in his third season with Energy FC and had seen action in four matches before being traded to FCC on May 19 ... in 2016, scored four goals in 30 games to tie for the team-high last year ... was a USL MVP finalist in 2015 after scoring 21 goals (USL single-season record) and adding five assists for OKC in his debut season ... finished second in the 2015 Golden Boot race behind Louisville City FC's Matt Fondy ... played for Vestsjaelland during the 2013-14 season and was loaned to Brönshøj BK during that same season ... in 50 appearances with Vestsjaelland, he scored eight goals and four assists.



## MICHAEL LAHOUD

**Position:** Midfielder  
**Birthdate:** September 15, 1986  
**Hometown:** Freetown, Sierra Leone  
**Height:** 5-8  
**Weight:** 162  
**Twitter:** @MikeLahoud  
**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on April 18, 2018 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Signed with Cincy on April 18 ... has made 10 appearances, including seven starts in the central midfield ... made his Orange & Blue debut with a 90-minute run out at Indy Eleven (May 3) and recorded an assist on Corben Bone's second-half game-winning goal ... came on for a 19-minute shift against Atlanta (May 5) ... started as the deep-lying midfielder against Ottawa (June 30) and completed 66-of-68 passes for a 97.1 percent mark for the game ... his 89.6 passing percentage is the team's highest mark, regardless of number of games played

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started and played 120 minutes in the central midfield against Detroit City FC (May 16) in the second round ... posted a 91.4 passing rate on a team-high 93 passes ... started and captained the team in FCC's 3-1 third-round win at Pittsburgh Riverhounds FC (May 23) ... started and played all 120 minutes in the central midifeld against Minnesota United FC (June 6), and also converted the team's only penalty in penalties.

Played at the NASL's Miami FC for two seasons (2016-17) ... a two-time NASL Team of the Week honoree in 2017 ... helped Miami FC win the NASL Spring Season championship ... in 2017, appeared in 30 matches (29 starts) and playing 2,645 minutes ... the 2016 NASL Humanitarian of the Year ... played 1,872 minutes in 21 starts in 2016 ... played four seasons with the Philadelphia Union (MLS), making 58 appearances ... originally drafted ninth overall by Chivas USA in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft ... appeared in 64 matches with the Goats, making 46 starts ... a four-year starter at Wake Forest, and helped Wake win the 2007 NCAA Championship ... finished his collegiate career with 14 goals and 20 assists.



## LANCE LAING

**Position:** Defender/Midfielder  
**Birthdate:** February 28, 1988  
**Hometown:** Trelawny Parish, Jamaica  
**Height:** 6-1  
**Weight:** 185  
**Twitter:** @wone\_laing7  
**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Dec. 19, 2017 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has appeared in six games, making four starts ... has split time between left wing and left back ... started the first three games of the season at left midfield ... started at left back against Pittsburgh (April 21) ... has won all five of his tackles so far this season ... has missed the last six games (June 2 - June 30) with a knee sprain.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started at left back and played 85 minutes in the second round against Detroit City FC (May 16) with a 92.5 percent passing rate ... started and played 89 minutes at left back in FCC's third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds FC (May 23), also netting the game-winning goal on a free kick from 30 yards in the second half.

A member of the Jamaica National Team, where he's earned 12 caps ... was a member of Jamaica's 2015 Copa America and Gold Cup rosters ... featured in all three group stage matches in the 2015 Copa America ... joined FC Cincinnati from North Carolina FC (formerly NASL's Carolina Railhawks) where he spent 2017 ... a three-time NASL Best XI honoree, including 2017 ... spent one season with



Minnesota United in 2016 ... played three seasons with Edmonton FC (2013-15) ... began his pro career in the U.S. with the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers (2011-12) ... made more than 150 career NASL appearances ... played for Harbour View and Village United in Jamaica before coming to the U.S.



## RICHIE RYAN

**Position:** Midfielder  
**Birthdate:** Jan. 6, 1985  
**Hometown:** Tipperary, Ireland  
**Height:** 5-10  
**Weight:** 164  
**Twitter:** @richieryan20  
**How Acquired:** Joined FCC on Feb. 18, 2018 via transfer from Miami FC (NASL)

**FCC IN 2018:** Has started all 14 matches in which he played ... did not suit up at Indy Eleven (May 3) because of fixture congestion ... has a team-best (among players who've started at least half the games) 87.7 percent passing completion rate thus far and leads the team in passes (854), passes per 90 minutes (62.37) and interceptions (46) ... left the Toronto FC II game (June 27) in the 64th minute with a lower leg injury after a second-half tackle and missed the June 30 game against Ottawa.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Did not dress for any of FCC's three Open Cup games.

Came to FC Cincinnati from Miami FC (NASL) ... made 42 appearances for Miami FC over two seasons, helping the club win the 2017 Spring Season Title and advance to the NASL semifinals ... in 2016, Miami FC paid a record \$750,000 transfer fee to the Jacksonville Armada to acquire Ryan ... originally moved to North America in 2014 when he signed with Ottawa Fury and played two seasons in Ottawa ... played one season in his native Ireland with Shamrock Rovers after suiting up for Scotland's Dundee United in 2012 and 2013 ... between 2008 and 2011, made 111 appearances for Ireland's Silgo Rovers ... played two seasons for Belgium's Royal Antwerp FC before seeing time with England's Boston United ... before his permanent transfer to Scunthorpe in 2005, began his professional career with Sunderland in 2003.



## MARK VILLAGE

**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Birthdate:** November 25, 1991  
**Hometown:** Abbotsford, British Columbia  
**Height:** 6-1  
**Weight:** 185  
**Twitter:** @\_smalltown  
**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on November 21, 2017 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has not made an appearance this season, but served as Spencer Richey's backup in three games (April 28 - May 5) and Evan Newton's twice (June 9-13).

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Did not dress for FCC's opening USOC game against Detroit City FC (May 16), but backed up Spencer Richey at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23) in the third round.

Joined FCC after three seasons with Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2, where he first played under Alan Koch ... earned USL Save of the Month in October 2017 ... played collegiately at Canada's Fraser Valley ... a Canada West Second-Team All-Star in 2012-13 ... was the team's MVP award for the same season.





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**SPENCER RICHEY****Position:** Goalkeeper**Birthdate:** May 30, 1992**Hometown:** Seattle, Wash.**Height:** 6-2**Weight:** 194**Twitter:** @spencerichey18**How Acquired:** On loan from Vancouver Whitecaps FC (MLS)

**FCC IN 2018:** Has started four matches: April 28 at Ottawa through May 12 at Charlotte ... is 3-1-0 on the season with a .500 save percentage and a 2.00 GAA with one shutout ... stopped all three shots in a 3-0 win at Ottawa in his FCC debut on April 28 ... made four saves at Indy Eleven (May 3).

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Dressed and backed up Evan Newton in the second round against Detroit City FC (May 16) ... earned the win with a four-save effort in the third round at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23) ... made four saves in the fourth-round draw against Minnesota United FC (June 6), and also made one save in penalties before falling 3-1.

Joined FCC on loan from MLS side Vancouver Whitecaps FC in late November 2017 ... drafted by VWFC in the third round - 61st overall - in the 2015 MLS Super-Draft and then signed with the club ... played two seasons for WFC 2 under Alan Koch, and also saw action during the Whitecaps' 2016-17 CONCACAF Champions League run ... moved up to the MLS squad for the 2017 season and split time between Whitecaps FC and WFC 2 ... participated in a 2009 U.S. National Team Under-20 camp after making the 2009 U.S. Under-17 World Cup roster for the tournament in Nigeria ... played collegiate soccer at Washington ... started 17 games as a senior after breaking his leg during his junior campaign ... was a first-team All-Pac 12 honoree in 2012 after posting an 0.46 GAA.

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**CORBEN BONE****Position:** Midfielder**Birthdate:** September 16, 1988**Hometown:** Plano, Texas**Height:** 5-10**Weight:** 150**Twitter:** @corbenbone**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Dec. 7, 2015 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has appeared in all 17 games, starting 15, and leads the team in minutes played (1,343) ... has scored three goals (a new career high) and has added three assists (matches his career high) ... has not been shown a card yet this season and committed just four fouls ... recorded his first assist of the season against Pittsburgh (April 21), setting up Danni Konig's second-half goal to first level the score at 1-1 ... netted his first goal of the season in the following game, a 3-0 win at Ottawa (April 28) ... set up Jimmy McLaughlin's game-tying goal just before the interval and then scored the game-winning goal in the 54th minute at Indy Eleven (May 2) ... tallied FCC's final goal of the game against Atlanta United 2 (May 5) ... earned USL Team of the Week honors for his play in two games in Week 8 (April 30-May 6).

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Came on as a 67th minute substitute against Detroit City FC (May 16) in the second round, scoring the game-winning goal in the 94th minute -- part of his three shots (2 SOG) in the game ... did not dress for the third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23) ... started and played 105 minutes in the central midfield against Minnesota United FC (June 6).

In 2017, scored two goals and added three assists in 28 appearances, including the GWG at New York Red Bulls II to earn USL Team of the Week honors ... also netted against NYRB (MLS) in the semifinals of the 2017 U.S. Open Cup ... was



Cincy's team MVP in their inaugural season in 2016 after two selections to the USL Team of the Week ... played the 2015 season with the Wilmington Hammerheads (USL) ... a first-round selection (13th overall) by Chicago in the 2010 MLS Super-Draft and played four seasons with the Fire (2010-13) ... selected in Stage 1 of the 2013 MLS Re-Entry Draft by the Philadelphia Union, then signed with the club making two appearances in 2014 around a loan stint with Wilmington.

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**JIMMY McLAUGHLIN****Position:** Midfielder**Birthdate:** April 30, 1993**Hometown:** Malvern, Pa.**Height:** 5-8**Weight:** 150**Twitter:** @j\_mclaughliniii**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Dec. 7, 2015 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has appeared in 14 games, making four starts for a total of 484 minutes ... has scored two goals on seven shots this season ... netted the game-tying goal just before the break at Indy (May 3), setting up FCC's second-half win ... added an unassisted insurance goal at North Carolina FC (June 9).

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started and played all 120 minutes in the second round against Detroit City FC (May 16), picking up an assist on Emery Welshman's final goal to make it 4-1 ... had a game-high seven shots and four chances created ... started and played 90 minutes at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23), scoring the team's first goal in the 3-1 win while creating two chances ... started and played all 120 minutes against Minnesota United FC (June 6).

Appeared in 31-of-32 of FCC's regular-season matches in 2017, playing 2,400 minutes ... scored five goals and added three assists for 13 points ... a three-time member of the USL Team of the Week in 2017 ... also saw action in four Open Cup matches ... in 2016, earned three spots on various USL Teams of the Week ... in 2011, was the Philadelphia Union's second-ever Homegrown signee and made his MLS debut on Oct. 24, 2012 against Sporting KC ... loaned to Harrisburg City Islanders (USL) for short spells in 2012 and 2013 until he spent the full 2014 campaign on loan in Harrisburg ... in 2015, he was again loaned sparingly to Harrisburg ... signed with Cincinnati as an original player in November 2015

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**DEKEL KEINAN****Position:** Defender**Birthdate:** September 15, 1984**Hometown:** Rosh HaNikra, Israel**Height:** 6-1**Weight:** 179**Twitter:** @dekelkeinan**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on November 10, 2017 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** FCC club captain ... has started all 14 games in which he's appeared ... has played the full 90 in 13 contests, leaving the Bethlehem Steel (June 13) game in the 36th minute with a groin injury ... did not travel with the club to Indy Eleven (May 3) because of squad rotation and fixture congestion ... has been shown six yellow cards so far this season and missed the June 9 game at North Carolina while serving the one-game, yellow-card accumulation suspension ... has made 79 clearances this season, 15 blocks and added 25 interceptions ... has won 49-of-70 aerial duels so far this season ... earned USL Team of the Week honors after the Pittsburgh game (April 21) ... missed the June 2 game at New York Red Bulls II while serving a one-game yellow-card accumulation suspension.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Did not dress for FCC's first two USOC matches: the second-round game against Detroit City FC (May 16) or the third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23) ... started and played all 120 minutes at



center back against Minnesota United FC (June 6) in the fourth round and led the team with eight clearances, four interceptions and two blocks.

A former member of the Israel National Team (2007-13), earning 27 caps ... made six appearances during Israel's 2010 World Cup Qualifying cycle ... also played for Israel's Under-21 and Under-23 national teams ... came to FCC after a long tenure with Maccabi Haifa (2002-10 and (2-12-17) ... after beginning his professional career with Maccabi Haifa in 2002 -where he made 136 appearances with six goals - spent the 2004-05 season with Bnei Sakhniin and the 2005-06 campaign with Maccabi Netanya ... resigned with Maccabi Haifa in 2012 and stayed until 2017 ... between stints with Maccabi, moved to EPL side Blackpool for the 2010-11 season ... signed with Cardiff City for the 2011-12 campaign and saw loan spells with Crystal Palace and Bristol City during the year ... played 11 games during Haifa's 2009-10 UEFA Champions League run.



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## BLAKE SMITH

**Position:** Defender

**Birthdate:** January 17, 1991

**Hometown:** Boerne, Texas

**Height:** 5-9

**Weight:** 150

**Twitter:** @Besmith\_2

**How Acquired:** Signed by FCC on Feb. 5, 2018 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has started all 14 of his appearances at left back, playing 1,195 minutes total ... has missed three games with two ankle injuries ... has one goal and four assists - second-most on the team and tied for ninth in the USL - and is the club's highest-scoring defender ... netted the game's only goal in the season opener at Charleston (March 17) ... collected his first assist of the season with the set-up of Emmanuel Ledesma's first goal against Atlanta (May 5) ... missed the May 26 game vs. Louisville with an ankle injury ... recorded an assist on Ledesma's game-tying goal at New York Red Bulls II (June 2) ... set up Russell Cicerone's first-career goal on June 13 against Bethlehem Steel ... has an 82.5 percent passing rate ... on the back line, has added 22 clearances, two blocks and 28 interceptions - second most on the team ... additionally, he's won 71-of-119 duels overall and 20-of-32 aerial duels despite standing just 5-foot-9.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Came on as an 85th minute substitute at left back and played the final 35 minutes in the 4-1, extra time win over Detroit City FC (May 16) in the second round ... played 1 minute as a left-back sub at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23) in the third round ... started and played all 120 minutes against Minnesota United FC (June 6).

Joined FCC from NASL side Miami FC ... earned four NASL Team of the Week honors in 2017 ... recorded five assists in both 2016 and 2017 ... spent the 2015 season with Swiss side Yverdon Sport FC, making 14 appearances ... drafted by the Montreal Impact in the first round (eighth overall) in the 2013 MLS SuperDraft ... made 16 appearances as a rookie in 2013 before spending the 2014 campaign on loan to Indy Eleven (NASL) ... played collegiately at New Mexico from 2009-12 ... an NSCAA All-Far West Region performer and an All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation first-team honoree in 2012.



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## PADDY BARRETT

**Position:** Defender

**Birthdate:** July 22, 1993

**Hometown:** Waterford, Ireland

**Height:** 6-0

**Weight:** 198

**Twitter:** @PaddyBarrett42

**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on November 18, 2017 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has started all seven of his USL appearances this season at center back ... at Indy Eleven (May 3, made seven clearances and added one block ... had an 87.7 percent passing rate and added three clearances and one interception against NCFC (May 19), which came after he played a full 120 minutes earlier in the week in Open Cup play ... has added 27 clearances, four blocks and 14 interceptions in 630 minutes.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started at center back and played all 120 minutes against Detroit City FC (May 16) in the second round ... had six shots and a team-high 111 touches in the win ... did not dress for the third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23).

Most recently played for Ireland's Dundalak FC from 2014 through 2017 ... during the 2016-2017 season, played in a Europa League playoff match, part of his career-high 16 appearances in 2016 ... competed in Dundalak's UEFA Champions League Qualifiers in both 2015 and 2016 ... transferred to Dundalak from Galway United FC where he played one season ... began his professional career with Scotland's Dundee United FC.

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## JUSTIN HOYTE

**Position:** Defender

**Birthdate:** November 20, 1984

**Hometown:** London, England

**Height:** 5-10

**Weight:** 165

**Twitter:** @justinhoyte84

**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on March 29, 2017 as a free agent

**FCC IN 2018:** Has started all 14 matches in which he's played, splitting time between right back and left back ... his 1,260 minutes are tops along the back line ... played right back for the first three games of the season, before playing on the left in the next three games ... did not travel to Indy (May 3) as part of squad rotation and fixture congestion ... returned to the right side against Atlanta (May 5), where he has played since ... has registered 28 clearances, five blocks and 13 interceptions.

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Did not dress for any of FCC's three games: second round vs. Detroit City FC (May 16), third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23) or fourth round vs. Minnesota United FC (June 6).

In 2017, earned USL Team of the Week honors in Week 12 and started 16 of the 19 matches in which he played ... scored two goals, including the game-winning goal against Toronto FC II in the regular-season finale ... originally began his professional career with Arsenal (EPL), where he spent six seasons (2002-08) ... won the FA Youth Cup in 2001 with Arsenal during his nine-year stint with the Arsenal Academy ... spent the 2005-06 season on loan to Sunderland, where he made 27 appearances and scored one goal ... moved to Middlesbrough in 2008 for five seasons - adding two goals and nine assists in 162 games, including a lead spell to Millwall during the 2013-14 campaign ... made the permanent move to Millwall for the 2014-15 season and then spent the 2015-16 season with Dagenham & Redbridge of the National League ... earned 18 caps with Trinidad & Tobago between 2013 and 2016 ... originally played for England's youth national teams,





including 18 caps with the Under-21 squad, including four caps at the 2007 UEFA Under-21 Championship.

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## EMMANUEL LEDESMA

**Position:** Midfielder  
**Birthdate:** May 24, 1988  
**Hometown:** Quilmes, Argentina  
**Height:** 6-0  
**Weight:** 161  
**Twitter:** @LedeManu18  
**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Jan. 4, 2018 as transfer

**FCC IN 2018:** Has appeared in all 16 games for which he's been available, starting 15 ... started the first six games of the year before coming off the bench at Indy Eleven (May 2) ... started the season on the left flank before moving higher up as a withdrawn forward the last eight games he's played ... leads the team in scoring, both in goals (8) and adding a USL-leading and team-high eight assists ... leads the team in shots (36) and key passes (30) ... picked up his first FCC point at Indy Eleven (March 31), setting up Emery Welshman's game-winning goal in the 1-0 win ... assisted on Corben Bone's insurance goal and then scoring FCC's third and final goal at Ottawa (April 28), earning USL Team of the Week honors ... came off the bench at Indy Eleven (May 2) as part of squad rotation ... returned to the starting lineup against Atlanta (May 5), scoring a USL-career high two goals and adding an assist ... later picked up USL Team of the Week honors for Week 8 (April 30-May 6) ... collected an assist at Charlotte (May 12), setting up FCC's lone goal by Danni König ... factored in all four goals in FCC's 4-1 win over North Carolina (May 19), recorded a career-high three assists and converting a penalty attempt ... earned USL Team of the Week honors for the third time this season in Week 10, also copping USL Player of the Week honors for his play against North Carolina ... netted the game-tying goal at New York Red Bulls II (June 2), setting up the club's road win just minutes later ... picked up his fifth yellow card of the season at North Carolina FC (June 9) and missed the Bethlehem Steel FC game (June 13) ... netted a brace against Richmond Kickers (June 16), earning his fifth USL Team of the Week nod of the season in Week 14, as well as the USL Goal of the Week ... again factored in multiple goals (with a goal and an assist) at Toronto FC II (June 27).

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Did not dress for any of FCC's three games: second round vs. Detroit City FC (May 16), third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23) or fourth round vs. Minnesota United FC (June 6).

Joined FCC after playing the 2017 season with the New York Cosmos (NASL) ... came to the U.S. from Greece's Super League side Panetolikos in 2016 ... played three seasons with Middlesbrough (2012-15) in the English Championship ... made 56 appearances and scored eight goals with 'Boro ... signed his first professional contract with Italian Serie A's Genoa in 2008 ... saw time on loan to Queens Park Rangers, U.S. Salernitana and FC Crotone during the 2009 and 2010 seasons before a later successful stint at Walsall FC in England's League 1 helped his move to 'Boro.

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## SEM DE WIT

**Position:** Defender  
**Birthdate:** March 30, 1995  
**Hometown:** Harderwijk, Netherlands  
**Height:** 6-1  
**Weight:** 168  
**Twitter:** @semde Wit4  
**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on July 10, 2017

**FCC IN 2018:** Made his 2018 debut with a starting shift at center back against Bethlehem Steel (June 13), playing all 90 minutes

**2018 U.S. OPEN CUP:** Did not dress for FCC's opening USOC game against Detroit City FC (May 16) ... started at center back, making his season debut, in the third-round game at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23), playing all 90 minutes ... started at center back and played all 120 minutes against Minnesota United FC (June 6), taking one of the team's four penalty attempts.

In 2017, made nine starts in 10 appearances with FCC after signing with Cincinnati in July from Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2 ... tallied his first FCC goal against Ottawa ... was the Whitecaps FC 2's player of the year in 2016 ... spent four seasons in The Netherlands between 2012 and 2016 ... started his professional career with Almere City, making 27 appearances before moving to FC Dordrecht in 2014 ... signed with ADO Den Haag in 2014 and spent parts of 2014 on loan back to Dordrecht and 2015 to Fortuna Sittard.

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## DANIEL HABER

**Position:** Forward  
**Birthdate:** May 20, 1992  
**Hometown:** Toronto, Ontario  
**Height:** 5-10  
**Weight:** 170  
**Twitter:** @danielhaber92  
**How Acquired:** Signed with FCC on Nov. 15, 2017

**FCC IN 2018:** Has made seven appearances, including two starts ... made his season debut as a late sub at Charleston (May 17) and came on in the 65th minute at Indy Eleven (May 31) ... made his first start of the season at Bethlehem (April 15) and returned to the starting lineup at Indy (May 2).

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started and played 120 minutes in FCC's second-round win over Detroit City FC (May 16) ... recorded a secondary assist on Emery Welshman's game-tying goal in the first half ... started and played 75 minutes on the left wing at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (May 23) in the third round, recording the team's third goal in the 3-1 win ... came on as a substitute in extra time against Minnesota United FC (June 6), playing 28 minutes.

Earned five caps with the Canada National Team ... came to FCC from the Real Monarchs (USL) ... spent the 2016 season with Vancouver Whitecaps 2 under Alan Koch ... before moving to the U.S. and the USL, enjoyed spells with Hapoel Ironi Ramat (Israel), Ayia Napa (Cyprus) and Apollon Limassol (Cyprus) ... signed his first pro contract with Maccabi Haifa (Israel) ... played collegiately at Cornell (2010-12) and helped the Big Red win the 2012 Ivy Championship and was the 2012 Ivy League Player of the Year en route to first-team All-America honors that season.





## 2018 FC CINCINNATI ROSTER

No.	Name	Pronunciation	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthday	Hometown	Last Club
1	Evan Newton		GK	6-2	190	4/1/1988	Virginia Beach, Va.	Sacramento Republic (USL)
2	Matt Bahner	BAY-ner	D	6-0	175	3/12/1990	Cincinnati, Ohio	Jacksonville Armada FC (NASL)
3	Forrest Lasso	LASS-oh	D	6-6	210	5/11/1993	Raleigh, N.C.	Charleston Battery (USL)
4	Tyler Gibson		M	5-9	155	1/12/1991	Knoxville, Tenn.	San Francisco Deltas (NASL)
5	Nazmi Albadawi	NAHZ-me al-bah-DAH-see	M	5-11	167	8/24/1991	Raleigh, N.C.	North Carolina FC (NASL)
6	Kenney Walker		M	5-9	170	12/23/1988	Wickliffe, Ohio	LA Galaxy (MLS)
7	Russell Cicerone	sis-er-RONE-ee	F	5-11	170	11/17/1994	Detroit, Mich.	Portland Timbers 2 (USL)
8	Will Seymore		M	6-1	180	2/29/1992	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Whitecaps FC 2 (USL)
9	Tomi Ameobi	TOE-me ah-me-OH-be	F	6-3	185	8/16/1988	Newcastle upon Tyne, England	Edmonton FC (NASL)
10	Emery Welshman		F	5-11	180	11/9/1991	Mississauga, Ontario	Puerto Rico FC (NASL)
11	Danni König	KOO-neg	F	6-2	170	12/17/1986	Tingbjerg, Denmark	OKC Energy FC (USL)
13	Michael Lahoud	la-HUDE	M	5-8	162	9/15/1986	Freetown, Sierra Leone	Miami FC (NASL)
14	Lance Laing	LANG	D/M	6-1	185	2/28/1988	Trelawny Parish, Jamaica	North Carolina FC (NASL)
16	Richie Ryan		M	5-10	164	1/6/1985	Tipperary, Ireland	Miami FC (NASL)
17	Mark Village		GK	6-2	185	11/25/1991	Abbotsford, British Columbia	Whitecaps FC 2 (USL)
18	Spencer Richey		GK	6-1	194	5/30/1992	Seattle, Wash.	Vancouver Whitecaps FC (MLS)
19	Corben Bone		M	5-9	150	9/16/1988	Plano, Texas	Wilmington Hammerheads (USL)
20	Jimmy McLaughlin	muh-GLOCK-lin	M	5-8	150	4/30/1993	Malvern, Pa.	Philadelphia Union (MLS)
21	Dekel Keinan	DEH-kell kay-NAHN	D	6-1	179	9/15/1984	Rosh HaNikira, Israel	Maccabi Haifa (ISR)
23	Blake Smith		D	5-9	150	1/17/1991	Boerne, Texas	Miami FC (NASL)
29	Paddy Barrett		D	6-0	198	7/22/1993	Waterford, Ireland	Dundalk FC (IRL)
32	Justin Hoyte	HOYT	D	5-10	165	11/20/1984	London, England	Dagenham & Redbridge (ENG)
45	Emmanuel Ledesma	leh-DEHZ-mah	F	5-11	170	5/24/1988	Quilmes, Argentina	New York Cosmos (NASL)
51	Sem de Wit	de VIT	D	6-1	183	3/30/1995	Harderwijk, The Netherlands	Whitecaps FC 2 (USL)
92	Daniel Haber	HAY-burr	F	5-10	170	5/20/1992	Toronto, Ontario	Real Monarchs (USL)

**Head Coach:** Alan Koch (second season) – KAHCH

**Assistant Coach:** Yoann Dumet (second season) – YO-ahn dah-MAY

**Goalkeepers Coach:** Jack Stern (first season)

**Fitness Coach:** Austin Berry (first season)

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Aaron Powell

**Team Manager/Equipment Manager:** Teddy Kerr

**Operations & Video Assistant:** Diego Martinez



**ALAN KOCH**  
HEAD COACH

Alan Koch is in his second season as the head coach at FC Cincinnati. In 2017 Koch led the Orange and Blue to semifinal game of the U.S. Open Cup, guiding the team to wins over MLS sides Columbus Crew and Chicago Fire - a thrilling win in penalty kicks - as well as a victory over NASL Fall Champions, Miami FC. In USL action, FCC advanced to playoffs for the second consecutive season.

Koch joined FCC as the Director of Scouting and Analytics and Assistant Coach in December of 2016, before being named the club's second head coach the following February.

Koch spent two seasons as the head coach of Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2, taking the team from eight wins in 2015 to 12 victories this season with a sixth-place finish in the standings. In 2016, WFC2 won their first-ever playoff match against Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC, logging a come-from-behind 2-1 decision before posting a 3-2 win over Oklahoma City Energy FC to advance to the Western Conference final. In the conference championship, WFC2 fell to USL Cup finalists, Swope Park Rangers.

Koch is originally from Durban, South Africa and matriculated from Westville Boys High School.

Prior to joining the Whitecaps he coached at Simon Fraser University (SFU) for seven seasons, compiling a record of 126-21-7 and becoming the quickest coach in program history to reach 100 victories.

During his tenure at SFU, his teams won four Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) championships, two Division II regional titles and advanced to the NCAA Division II Final Four twice. He was voted the Conference Coach of the Year six consecutive years and led his team to a NCAA Top 10 ranking every year.

An All-American at SFU, Koch played professionally in the South African first division with Reservoir Hills United. He also signed with Preussen Krefeld in the German fourth division, adding a stint with Limerick FC in Ireland's first division. Before beginning his professional career, Koch was a member of the South African Olympic Team and captained the South African Schoolboys team.

Koch graduated with his bachelor's degree from SFU in 2000 and completed his master's degree in human resources from Midwestern State University in 2005. Koch and his wife, Amy, and daughter, Aurora, currently reside in North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Koch holds an NSCAA Premier Diploma with distinction, a Canadian "B" license, various South African licenses, a UEFA "B" badge and has completed both his UEFA "A" through the Irish Football Association and the Canadian "A" license.

### KOCH'S CAREER RECORD

Year	Team (League)	Record	East	Overall	Playoffs
2016	FC Cincinnati (USL)	12-10-10	6th	12th	Qtr
2017	FC Cincinnati (USL)	10-3-4	1st	3rd	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>22-13-14</b>			





1  
EVAN NEWTON - GK



2  
MATT BAHNER - D



3  
FORREST LASSO - D



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TYLER GIBSON - MF



5  
NAZMI ALBADAWI - MF



6  
KENNEY WALKER - MF



7  
RUSSELL CICERONE - F



8  
WILL SEYMORE - MF



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TOMI AMEOBI - F



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EMERY WELSHMAN - F



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DANNI KÖNIG - F



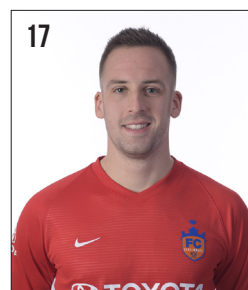
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MICHAEL LAHOUD - MF



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LANCE LAING - MF



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RICHIE RYAN - MF



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MARK VILLAGE - GK



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SPENCER RICHEY - GK



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CORBEN BONE - MF



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JIMMY MCLAUGHLIN - MF



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DEKEL KEINAN - D



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BLAKE SMITH - D



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PADDY BARRETT - D



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JUSTIN HOYTE - D



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EMMANUEL LEDESMA - MF



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SEM DE WIT - D



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DANIEL HABER - F



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ALAN KOCH - HC



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YOANN DUMET - AC



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JACK STERN - GC



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