

FC CINCINNATI

USL REGULAR SEASON | MATCH #28

FC Cincinnati (18-3-6, 60 pts.) at Louisville City FC (13-5-8, 47 pts.)

Saturday, September 8, 2018 | 7:30 p.m.

Louisville Slugger Field | Louisville, Ky.



TV: WSTR 64 | **Stream:** ESPN+

Talent: Tom Gelehrter (play-by-play), Kevin McCloskey (analyst)

INJURY UPDATES

QUESTIONABLE:

OUT: Matt Bahner (ankle), Richie Ryan (lower leg)

SERIES HISTORY

Louisville leads in USL meetings, 4-3-2 ... Cincinnati is 2-3-1 at home overall, including a 1-3-1 mark in USL play, and 1-1-1 away

Date	Result	Score	H/A	Stadium
04/16/16	L	2-3	H	Nippert Stadium
06/25/16	D	0-0	A	Louisville Slugger Field
07/23/16	W	2-0	H	Nippert Stadium
04/22/17	D	1-1	H	Nippert Stadium
05/31/17 ^	W	1-0	H	Nippert Stadium (U.S. Open Cup)
07/15/17	W	3-2	A	Louisville Slugger Field
08/12/17	L	0-5	A	Louisville Slugger Field
04/07/18	L	0-1	H	Nippert Stadium
05/26/18	L	0-2	H	Nippert Stadium

TEAM COMPARISONS

CINCINNATI	LOUISVILLE
27	Games Played 25
18-3-6	Overall 13-5-8
10-2-3	Home 6-2-5
8-1-3	Away 7-3-3
60	Points 47
First/USL East	Standings Second/USL East
55	Goals Scored 52
26	Goals Allowed 32
+29	Goal Differential 20
2.04	Goals Per Game 2.08
0.96	Goals Allowed Per Game 1.28
36	Assists 39
11	Shutouts 9
344	Total Shots 415
132	Shots on Target 143
52.0	Average Possession 56.0
77.9	Passing Success Rate 78.1
348	Fouls 297
290	Fouls Drawn 285
53	Yellow Cards 42
1	Red Cards 2

2018 SCHEDULE

USL: 18-3-6

OVERALL: 20-5-6

USL HOME: 10-2-3

USL AWAY: 8-1-3

NON-USL: 2-2-0

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	TIME
MARCH			
Sat. 17	at Charleston Battery	W	1-0
Sat. 31	at Indy Eleven	W	1-0
APRIL			
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
MAY			
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
JUNE			
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
JULY			
Sat. 7	at Nashville SC	T	0-0
Sat. 14	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	W	2-0
Wed. 18	CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE	W	2-0
Sat. 21	NEW YORK RED BULLS II	W	2-1
Sat. 28	INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY: RCD ESPANYOL	L	2-3
AUGUST			
Sat. 4	NASHVILLE SC	T	1-1
Sun. 12	PENN FC	W	1-0
Sat. 18	CHARLESTON BATTERY	W	3-0
Wed. 22	at Atlanta United 2	W	5-1
Sat. 25	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	L	2-1
SEPTEMBER			
Sat. 1	PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC	W	2-1
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.
OCTOBER			
Sat. 6	at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC		7 p.m.
Sat. 13	at Nashville SC		8:30 p.m.

Home games in CAPS

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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	[^] 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 (penalty) 62', König (Ledesma) 69'
Wed., May 23	[^] 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	[^] 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 SC	T	0-0	10-3-5	1	18,228	---
Sat., July 14	Tampa Bay Rowdies	W	2-0	11-3-5	1	25,416	Ledesma (Bone) 54', König (Welshman) 84'
Wed., July 18	Charlotte Independence	W	2-0	12-3-5	1	25,251	Keinan (ua) 7', Lasso (Walker) 20'
Sat., July 21	New York Red Bulls II	W	2-1	13-3-5	1	23,602	Lasso (Ledesma) 17', Barrett (Ledesma) 35'
Sat., July 28	FRIENDLY: RCD Espanyol	L	2-3			16,135	Cicerone (Welshman) 5', Ledesma (McLaughlin) 76'
Sat., Aug. 4	Nashville SC	T	1-1	13-3-6	1	27,426	König (Albadawi) 1'
Sun., Aug. 12	Penn FC	W	1-0	14-3-6	1	24,249	Ledesma (ua) 80'
Sat., Aug. 18	Charleston Battery	W	3-0	15-3-6	1	27,142	Ledesma (ua) 21', Bone (Albadawi) 45'+1', Thomas (own goal) 90'+5'
Wed., Aug. 22	at Atlanta United 2	W	5-1	16-3-6	1	1,638	Bone (Welshman) 18', Albadawi (McLaughlin) 25', Alashe (ua) 53', Albadawi (ua) 55', Welshman (Cicerone) 87'
Sat., Aug. 25	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	W	2-1	17-3-6	1	5,963	Ledesma (penalty) 2', Ledesma (penalty) 86'
Sat., Sept. 1	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	W	2-1	18-3-6	1	25,735	Keinan (Ledesma) 80', Adi (Walker) 88'
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	8:30 p.m.					

[^] - 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	18	18	1,620	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	20	0	0
2	Matt Bahner	7	6	514	0	0	0	0	6	8	0	0	10	3	13
3	Forrest Lasso	23	22	2,034	2	0	15	3	13	27	7	0	168	28	36
4	Tyler Gibson	1	0	23	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
5	Nazmi Albadawi	21	20	1,713	9	3	29	18	18	22	0	0	9	0	13
6	Kenney Walker	23	18	1,592	3	2	11	6	15	25	2	0	29	12	35
7	Russell Cicerone	8	4	379	1	1	10	8	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
8	Will Seymore **	5	1	158	0	0	2	1	3	3	0	0	4	1	2
9	Fanendo Adi	5	1	129	1	0	5	4	9	7	1	0	2	0	0
10	Emery Welshman	22	11	1,009	3	4	27	16	19	24	4	0	3	2	1
11	Danni König	23	15	1,372	10	1	26	16	23	29	5*	0	8	2	4
12	Pa Konate	3	2	150	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	4	0	2
13	Michael Lahoud	19	13	1,237	0	2	2	0	7	9	0	0	12	8	34
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
17	Mark Village	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Spencer Richey	9	9	810	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0
19	Corben Bone	25	23	2,018	5	4	27	12	13	5	0	0	6	1	31
20	Jimmy McLaughlin	22	8	885	2	1	11	3	18	11	0	0	3	2	6
21	Dekel Keinan	19	19	1,656	1	0	8	1	10	39	7	0	107	22	33
23	Blake Smith	23	22	1,915	1	4	10	4	21	18	4	1	41	3	53
24	Tomi Ameobi	3	0	11	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
27	Fatai Alashe	3	3	188	1	0	3	2	6	7	1	0	2	1	2
29	Paddy Barrett	11	11	990	1	0	6	3	18	23	5	0	52	9	21
32	Justin Hoyte	22	22	1,980	0	2	5	3	6	4	1	0	39	8	19
45	Emmanuel Ledesma	24	23	1,978	13	10	55	25	48	54	8	0	8	3	25
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	15	65	50	.769	0.83	10-2-6	8	6	10	0	0*	2	20
18	Spencer Richey	11	32	21	.656	1.22	8-1-0	3	4	2	0	0*	2	5
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.

** Currently on loan with another USL club

^ No longer with the club



GELEHRTER'S GREAT FINDS

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

BREAKING DOWN THE UNBEATEN STREAK

With FC Cincinnati now unbeaten in their last 16 games (12-0-4), it's an appropriate time to take a closer look at their dominance since June 2nd

- The Orange & Blue had not trailed in a match since June 13th until last Saturday when Romeo Parks tallied for Pittsburgh in the 57th minute. The Orange & Blue went 1161 minutes without trailing before going down 1-0
- During the 16 match unbeaten streak, the club has led for 776 minutes (53.9%), been tied with their opponent for 546 minutes (37.9%) and only trailed three times for a total of 118 minutes (8.2%)
- The team has scored two or more goals in 13 times during the unbeaten streak

CHAPTER #10 OF THE RIVER CITY RIVALRY:

Saturday marks the 10th meetings between FC Cincinnati & Louisville City FC, the 9th in USL play and the final regular season meeting between the clubs. Six players have been a regular part of the derby since the first meeting in April 2016

- Kenney Walker – has started six of the eight USL matches versus Louisville City
- Corben Bone – 791 minutes against Louisville City the past three years
- Jimmy McLaughlin – 8 appearances and 513 minutes in the series
- Greg Ranjitsingh – 7 starts, four clean sheets and 0.86 GAA versus FC Cincinnati
- Paco Craig – 8 consecutive starts, 720 minutes against the Orange and Blue
- Kyle Smith – The Cincinnati native is the only player for either side to start and play every minute of the previous 9 meetings

FC CINCINNATI TO CONCLUDE SEASON SERIES WITH LOUISVILLE CITY FC

- The Orange and Blue will square off with Louisville City FC for the third and final time of the 2018 USL regular season on Sept. 8
- Louisville City remains the only Eastern Conference team against which FCC has not picked up points this season
- Saturday's match will see the USL's top goalscorer, Cameron Lancaster (18), square off with the USL's leader in assists, Emmanuel Ledesma (11)
- Cincinnati (55) and Louisville (52) both rank in the top three in the USL's Eastern Conference - top five overall - in goals scored this season

ORANGE AND BLUE CLINCH PLAYOFF BERTH

- FC Cincinnati became the first team to clinch a berth in the 2018 USL Cup Playoffs with a 2-1 win over Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC on Sept. 1
- FCC has now earned a spot in the USL Cup Playoffs in each of its three seasons in the league: 2016, 2017 and 2018 ... the 2018 postseason is set to begin on Saturday, October 20

FCC SEEKS TO EXTEND CLUB-RECORD FIVE-GAME WINNING STREAK

- FC Cincinnati claimed its fifth consecutive USL win – the longest winning streak in club history -- when the Orange and Blue defeated Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, 2-1, on Sept. 1
- FCC previously won four consecutive games, two of which were U.S. Open Cup contests, in May 2017
- During the current streak, FCC has outscored its opposition 13-3 and has posted two clean sheets

FC CINCINNATI ON LONGEST UNBEATEN RUN IN CLUB HISTORY

- FCC enters Saturday's match riding a 16-game unbeaten run during which time FCC is 12-0-4 in USL play ... this is the longest undefeated run in club history

- FC Cincinnati recently completed its third-consecutive unbeaten month, having posted an unbeaten record in June (4-0-2), July (3-0-1), and August (4-0-1) ... overall, FCC has tallied seven unbeaten months in club history
- During the run, FCC is 8-0-2 at home and 4-0-2 on the road
- The club's previous longest undefeated run was 11 games in the first half of the 2016 season (7-0-4)

KONATE, LAHOUD CALLED IN FOR INTERNATIONAL DUTY

- Defender Pa Konate and midfielder Michael Lahoud have been called in to their respective national teams for upcoming Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers
- Lahoud and Sierra Leone will face Ethiopia on Sunday, Sept. 9, at Hawassa International Stadium in Awassa, Ethiopia
- Lahoud has four caps for Sierra Leone, which is competing in Group F of Africa Cup of Nations Qualifying with Ghana, Kenya and Ethiopia ... Sierra Leone comes into the Sept. 9 match day with a 1-0-0 record in group play
- Konate, who has previously represented his native Sweden at the senior international level, is using his one-time FIFA nationality switch to play for his ancestral Guinea, where his father was born
- Guinea will host the Central African Republic on Sept. 9 in Conakry ... Guinea is in Group H of qualifying and has a 1-0-0 record in group play, which also includes Central African Republic, Ivory Coast and Rwanda

DAMET, STERN RECEIVE CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

- FCC assistant coach Yoann Damet and goalkeepers coach Jack Stern signed contract extensions through the 2020 MLS season on Sept. 5.
- Damet is currently in his second season in Cincinnati after joining Koch's staff ahead of the 2017 campaign
- Prior to arriving in the Queen City, Damet spent three years with the Montreal Impact as its U-18 head coach after working with the club's U-12, U-16 and U-18 squads in various coaching roles ... in addition, Damet was tasked with creating the Pre-Academy programs from U-8 through U-12 age groups as the Impact's Pre-Academy coordinator
- Stern is currently in his first season in Cincinnati, joining Koch's staff in December 2017 as the club's goalkeepers coach after four seasons with the Montreal Impact
- Stern started in Montreal as the Head of Academy Goalkeeping and in three seasons and helped produce the Impact's MLS and USL goalkeepers, as well as members of the Canada National Team at both the senior and youth levels ... in his final season in Montreal in 2017, Stern was elevated to the club's Head of Goalkeeping and served as the first team's goalkeepers coach

FC CINCINNATI SUPPORTING CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- This September, FC Cincinnati is working with several local non-profit organizations to bring greater visibility to their respective efforts in the childhood cancer field
- At each of the team's three home games in September, FCC will host different organizations as the club's Community Outreach Partner, which is presented by Home City Ice
- The Orange and Blue will host Cancer Free Kids for the match against Toronto FC II on Sept. 16 ... Cancer Free Kids seeks to eradicate cancer as a life-threatening disease in children by funding promising research that might otherwise go un- or under-funded
- Cincinnati will also host The Cure Starts Now for FCC's match against Indy Eleven on Sept. 29 ... The Cure Starts Now focused on research to find a cure for DIPG, a rare form of pediatric brain cancer
- FCC welcomed the Dragonfly Foundation for the club's match against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC on Sept. 1 ... The Dragonfly Foundation helps pediatric cancer patients find strength, courage and joy throughout treatment and recovery in the form of support and comfort services
- In addition to the club's community partners, goalkeeper Evan Newton, FCC and Cincy Shirts have collaborated on a fundraising effort for Cincinnati Children's Hospital ... specially designed t-shirts – featuring Newton's silhouette a making heart-shaped hands symbol while diving for a save – are available for purchase through Cincy Shirts ... all profits from the sale of the special-edition



shirts will be donated to Cincinnati Children's Hospital

ADI RECORDS FIRST GOAL AS FC CINCINNATI PLAYER

- Forward Fanendo Adi recorded his first goal as an FC Cincinnati player against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC on Sept. 1 ... the goal was Adi's first in the USL and it secured all three points for the Orange and Blue just moments before the match's final whistle
- Following a lengthy ovation from FC Cincinnati supporters, striker Fanendo Adi made his FC Cincy debut against Nashville on August 4 in the 73rd minute of the match
- In 17 minutes of match action, Adi recorded a headed attempt on frame, which Nashville goalkeeper Matt Pickens put over the bar to concede a corner kick
- Adi followed up his debut with another substitute appearance, logging 13 minutes played against Penn FC on August 12
- The club's first MLS Designated Player recorded two shots on target 17 minutes played against Charleston on August 18
- Adi recorded his first start for the Orange and Blue at Tampa Bay on August 25

FC CINCINNATI SETS SINGLE-SEASON ATTENDANCE RECORD

- After drawing a crowd of 27,142 on Saturday, Aug. 18 against Charleston, FC Cincinnati set the club's single-season attendance record at 352,709 with three regular-season home matches still remaining
- After drawing a crowd of 25,735 on Saturday, Sept. 1 against Pittsburgh, FC Cincinnati's single-season attendance mark improved to 378,444 with two regular-season home matches still remaining
- The Orange and Blue surpassed their own USL single-season attendance high of 339,181 set in 2017

FCC SETS CLUB RECORD FOR SINGLE-MATCH GOAL TOTAL

- FC Cincinnati made history on Aug. 22 at Atlanta when the club tallied five goals in a USL match for the first time in its three-year history
- FC Cincinnati has scored four goals on five separate occasions, most recently on June 16 against the Richmond Kickers

ALASHE RECORDS FIRST GOAL AS AN FC CINCINNATI PLAYER

- Fatai Alashe recorded his first goal in just his second appearance as an FC Cincinnati player on Aug. 22 at Atlanta
- The goal was Alashe's first professional goal since Oct. 1, 2016, which came as a member of the San Jose Earthquakes (MLS) vs. Real Salt Lake
- Alashe netted five goals over four seasons with the Earthquakes

KÖNIG SCORES FASTEST GOAL IN FC CINCINNATI HISTORY

- Danni König set the record for fastest goal in club history when he scored 28 seconds into the match against Nashville on August 4
- König's first-minute goal was the fourth goal to be scored within the first five minutes of play for the Orange and Blue across all competitions
- Emmanuel Ledesma scored from the penalty spot in the second minute when FCC defeated the Tampa Bay Rowdies, 2-1, on August 25
- 1st minute - Danni König vs. Nashville SC (August 4, 2018)
- 2nd minute - Emmanuel Ledesma at Tampa Bay Rowdies (August 25, 2018)
- 3rd minute - Djiby Fall against Richmond Kickers (July 9, 2017)
- 4th minute - Djiby Fall against Charleston Battery (June 17, 2017)
- 5th minute - Austin Berry against New York Red Bulls II (September 16, 2017)

CLEANING UP IN THEIR OWN END

- FC Cincinnati comes into Saturday's match against Louisville City FC allowing just five goals in the last 11 matches ... FCC allowed just one goal throughout July
- With 11 clean sheets through 27 games, FC Cincinnati has already eclipsed its 2017 mark of seven shutouts and the current mark is the club's single-sea-



2018 AWARDS & HONORS

NAZMI ALBADAWI

USL Team of the Week	Week 10
USL Team of the Week (Bench)	Week 15
USL Goal of the Week	Week 10
USL Goal of the Week	Week 16
USL Team of the Week	Week 24

PADDY BARRETT

USL Team of the Week	Week 22
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CORBEN BONE

USL Team of the Week	Week 8
USL Team of the Week (Bench)	Week 16

DEKEL KEINAN

USL Team of the Week	Week 1
USL Team of the Week	Week 25

FORREST LASSO

USL Team of the Week	Week 13
USL Team of the Week	Week 19

EMMANUEL LEDESMA

USL Mid-Season Most Valuable Player (fan-voted)	June
USL Player of the Month	Week 10
USL Player of the Week	Week 7
USL Team of the Week	Week 8
USL Team of the Week	Week 10
USL Team of the Week (Bench)	Week 12
USL Team of the Week	Week 14
USL Goal of the Week	Week 14
USL Goal of the Week	Week 23

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

HEAD COACH ALAN KOCH

USL Midseason Coach of the Year (fan vote)

son record, surpassing 10 shutouts in 2016

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

- FC Cincinnati claimed the club's fifth consecutive win at Nippert Stadium when it defeated New York Red Bulls II (July 21)
- The Orange and Blue's five-match home winning-streak – which was snapped against Nashville on August 4 – is the longest in club history:
- 5 wins - June 16-July 21, 2018
- 3 wins - August 12-September 1, 2018, June 24-July 27, 2017, June 11-July 2, 2016
- 2 wins - four times

FC CINCY SETS SECOND-LONGEST SHUTOUT STREAK IN CLUB HISTORY

- FC Cincinnati's shutout stretch of 399 minutes across all competitions was snapped against New York Red Bulls II (July 21)
- The streak is now the second-longest such streak in club history:
- 405 minutes (includes playoff match) - Sept. 5-Oct. 1, 2016
- 399 minutes – June 27-July 21, 2018
- 343 minutes – May 7-June 4, 2016

FCC DUO ON CARD WATCH

- Dekel Keinan and Blake Smith enter Saturday's game on card watch



- Keinan has received seven cards on the year, while Smith has received four cards this season
- If either player picks up a yellow card, he will be forced to miss a game while sitting out a one-game yellow-card suspension
- Keinan has already sat out one game ... the center back missed the June 2 game at New York Red Bulls while serving his suspension after his fifth yellow card

MID-SEASON LEAGUE HONORS FOR ORANGE AND BLUE

- The USL conducted fan polling for its midseason awards and a pair of FC Cincinnati talents were honored
- Emmanuel Ledesma was voted the league's midseason Most Valuable Player, earning 55 percent of the fan vote among five players ... Phoenix Rising FC's Solomon Asante finished second in voting with 21 percent
- Head coach Alan Koch was voted the midseason Coach of the Year ... Koch recorded 49 percent of the vote, besting Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC skipper Bob Lilley (19 percent)

HISTORIC TRIO OF GOAL SCORERS

- So far in 2018, Danni König, Emmanuel Ledesma and Nazmi Albadawi have combined for 30 of FC Cincinnati's 55 goals ... that is more than eight USL clubs have scored this season
- Should Nazmi Albadawi find the net one more time, it will mark the first time three FC Cincinnati goal scorers have reached double digits in a same single season
- Additionally, this is the first time in club history the Orange and Blue have three goal scorers with 7+ goals in a same single season
 - **2016:** Sean Okoli (16), Andrew Wiedeman (7), Jimmy McLaughlin (4)
 - **2017:** Djiby (12), Danni König (11), Jimmy McLaughlin (5)
 - **2018:** Emmanuel Ledesma (11), Danni König (10), Nazmi Albadawi (9)

2019 COMING SOON

- FC Cincinnati started accepting \$50 deposits on new 2019 season tickets on July 2 and the Season Ticket Members' renewal process began on Aug. 12
- The holders of the club's current 18,000 season tickets do not need to put deposits down for 2019 season tickets and instead will follow the normal renewal process
- 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
- This season, FCC sold out of its season ticket inventory in mid-June and the club expects to reach capacity for 2019 season tickets at some point

GOAL-SCORING TEAR ...

- FC Cincinnati is tied for second in the USL in goals with 55 - four back of league leader New York (59 in 27 games) but has also been hot as the weather has heated up
- Since June 2, Cincinnati has posted multiple goals in 13-of-16 USL games, including every game in June ... since June 2, FCC has scored 35 goals in 16 games, a 2.19 goals per game average
- After notching three goals in its first four games overall, FCC has posted a multiple-goal game in 18-of-23 USL games since
- Included in that total are 10 two-goal games, four three-goal games, three four-goal games, and one five-goal game in league play
- Cincinnati also totaled seven goals in three U.S. Open Cup games
- In USL play, FCC has been shut out just three times this season - both meetings by Louisville City FC (1-0 on April 7 at Nippert Stadium and 2-0 on May 26 at Nippert Stadium) - and at Nashville SC (0-0 on July 7 in Nashville at Nissan Stadium)

KEEPING IT CLEAN THIS SUMMER

- Since June 2, the FCC goalkeepers have allowed just 11 goals in 16 USL games and have posted eight shutouts in league play - and nine overall
- Evan Newton shut out North Carolina FC on June 9 on the road, Richmond



Kickers on June 16 at Nippert Stadium, Ottawa Fury FC at Nippert Stadium on June 30, at Nashville SC on July 7 at Nissan Stadium, Tampa Bay Rowdies on July 14 at Nippert Stadium and Charlotte Independence on July 18 at Nippert Stadium

- Spencer Richey stood tall in a 0-0 draw against MLS' Minnesota United FC in the fourth round of the U.S. Open Cup on June 6, but ultimately fell in penalty kicks. Richey recorded consecutive USL shutouts for the first time when he blanked Penn FC (August 12) and Charleston (August 18) in a pair of home contests

GIBSON MAKES USL DEBUT

- After being sidelined for nearly six months due to a preseason injury which required surgery, Tyler Gibson made his USL debut for FC Cincinnati on August 4 against Nashville SC
- Gibson entered the match in place of Kenney Walker in the 67th minute ... in 23 minutes of action, Gibson was a perfect 3-of-3 in duels and recorded 24 touches
- Gibson made his FC Cincinnati debut across all competitions on July 28 in the club's international friendly against RCD Espanyol
- Six weeks ago, Gibson 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, he broke his left fibula, tore the deltoid ligament and the ligament between his fibula and tibia

THREE ADDITIONS BOLSTER FC CINCINNATI

- In the summer international transfer window, FC Cincinnati fine-tuned its roster for the stretch run of the 2018 season
- Forward Fanendo Adi, midfielder Fatai Alashe, and defender Pa Konate have been added to the roster
- Adi - who joins FC Cincinnati from Major League Soccer's Portland Timbers - will play for the Orange and Blue for the remainder of the 2018 USL season, before becoming FCC's first ever Designated Player in MLS in 2019
- Alashe - who comes in to FC Cincy from Major League Soccer's San Jose Earthquakes - will also join FC Cincinnati for the remainder of the 2018 USL season and will be part of the club's inaugural MLS roster in 2019
- Konate - who joins the Orange and Blue from Serie A's S.P.A.L. - is on loan to FC Cincinnati for the remainder of the 2018 USL season, with an option to purchase for the 2019 MLS season
- With the transactions, FC Cincinnati's roster currently stands at 25 active players with five USL spots open to sign or add additional players

PA-MODOU KAH JOINS FCC TECHNICAL STAFF

- FC Cincinnati added former Norway international and MLS center back Pa-Modou Kah to its technical staff as a member of the scouting staff on August 8
- Kah joins FC Cincinnati from Vancouver Whitecaps FC, where he was an assistant coach with the club's MLS team and was the head coach of its Under-18 squad
- The center back played in four MLS seasons with Portland (2013-14) and Vancouver (2015-16), totaling 70 appearances, including 68 starts
- Kah played for Whitecaps FC 2 (2016) where he served as a player-coach under current FCC head coach Alan Koch

FCC PLAY THIRD EVER INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY

- FC Cincinnati played La Liga's RCD Espanyol in an international friendly, presented by Cincinnati Bell, on Saturday, July 28
- Russell Cicerone scored the first ever goal by an FC Cincinnati player in an international friendly after finishing a feed from Emery Welshman
- Tyler Gibson and Mark Village made their FC Cincinnati debuts across all competitions ... the pair entered the game at the start of the second half and logged 27 minutes of playing time
- FCC celebrated its 2019 entry into MLS with a commemorative poster giveaway to fans in attendance ... the club also held 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

CENTER BACKS COMBINE FOR TWO GOALS...AGAIN

- For a second consecutive match, two FC Cincinnati center backs scored for the Orange and Blue against New York Red Bulls II (July 21)
- Forrest Lasso found the scoresheet via a header off an Emmanuel Ledesma corner kick in the 17th minute of action
- In the 38th minute, Paddy Barrett scored his first FC Cincinnati goal on a header following a long pass from Ledesma on a free kick from just outside the center circle
- Just three days earlier Dekel Keinan and Forrest Lasso scored the first two goals by FC Cincinnati center backs for the 2018 USL season

LEDESMA'S LEADING THE WAY

- Emmanuel Ledesma is one of only two players in the USL this season who is ranked in the top 10 in both goals and assists ... Ledesma is joined by Orange County SC's Thomas Enevoldsen who ranks second in goals (16) and is tied for seventh in assists (8)
- Ledesma comes into the weekend tied for sixth in goals (13) and first in assists (10)

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
- eight of his nine goals on the season have come in the last 18 league games (which includes 17 starts)
- After tallying 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 König's game-winning goal at New York on June 2, although he was not credited with an assist
- He saw his four-game goal-scoring streak snapped at Nashville on July 7 after netting goals in each of four prior 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)
- He added his second brace of the season at Atlanta on August 22

KING KÖNIG

- In just over a year since joining the club, Danni König has emerged as FC Cincinnati's most prolific goal scorer
- König is the club's all-time leading goal scorer (both all competitions and USL games only), netting 21 goals in 47 appearances for the Orange and Blue since May 2, 2017 ... all of his goals have come in USL regular-season play
- With his game-winning goal at North Carolina on June 9 - putting FCC up 1-0 in the 37th minute - Danni König netted his 17th career goal with the Orange and Blue to take the club's career lead in goals
- On the club's USL goal list, König is five ahead of Sean Okoli (16), while Djiby tallied 16 goals in all competitions to share second place with Okoli on that chart
- König's 21 strikes at FC Cincinnati breakdown like this:
 - Five (5) game-winners
 - Two (2) penalty kicks
 - Eight (8) in the first half
 - 13 in the second half
 - Two (2) have come in second-half stoppage time, each time a crucial, match-tying goal
 - 14 have been scored at Nippert Stadium
 - 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 OF THE EAST

- FC Cincinnati enters the weekend atop the Eastern Conference standings for the 18th week in the last 19 - and for every week since the start of June
- FCC has 60 points from 27 games and holds a 13-point lead over second-place team Louisville City FC (47 points in 26 games)
- Cincinnati's 60 points are the most in the USL overall, leading Western Conference leaders Real Monarchs SLC (53 pts. in 27 games) by seven points
- FC Cincinnati (2.22 points per game) is the only club in the USL who is averaging more than 2.00 points per game

ROAD WARRIORS EARLY ON ...

- FC Cincinnati played 10 of its first 20 games of the season away from Nippert Stadium and has posted a 8-1-3 record on the road so far this year
- Away from home, the Orange and Blue have out-scored their hosts 24-13 on the season, averaging 2.00 goals on the road
- Defensively, FCC is holding its hosts to 1.08 goals per game with four shutouts: at Charleston Battery on March 15, at Indy Eleven on March 31, at North Carolina on June 9 and at Nashville SC on July 7
- Of Cincinnati's 60 points on the season, 27 of them have come away from Nippert Stadium ... FCC has taken 27-of-36 available points away from home this season and has claimed points in 11-of-12 games on the road

... BUT HOMEBODIES OVER THE SUMMER

- While FCC has spent considerable time on the road so far this season, that changed over the summer
- Between mid-July through mid-August, Cincinnati played six straight USL games - from July 14 through August 18 - in front of the record-setting, raucous crowds at Nippert Stadium
- The Orange and Blue played their first road game since July 7 when they began a two-game road trip in Atlanta (Aug. 22) followed by Tampa Bay (Aug. 25)
- After an 0-1-1 start at home in 2018, FCC is now 10-2-3 at Nippert Stadium this year with the two losses both coming to Louisville City FC (April 7 and May 26)

ROAD RUN IN PERSPECTIVE

- So far this season, Cincinnati has posted an 8-1-3 road record in USL play, collecting points in 11-of-12 games ... FCC has earned 27 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 ... the club set a new club record for road wins in a season (8) road points in a season (27) with still 5 of its 17 total USL road games left to play

SPREADING THE WEALTH

- Fourteen different FCC players have netted goals in 2018, led by 13 goals from Emmanuel Ledesma and 10 goals from Danni König
- Nazmi Albadawi has added nine goals, Corben Bone has tallied five times, while Emery Welshman and Kenney Walker have registered three goals
- Jimmy McLaughlin, Forrest Lasso, and Dekel Keinan have each netted a pair, while Fatai Alashe, Russell Cicerone, Blake Smith, Paddy Barrett, and Fanendo Adi each have scored single goals
- FC Cincinnati's 55 goals so far this season are second most in the 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 22 goals and 12 assists in the 22 games since
- Additionally, three of König's last eight goals have been set up Ledesma
- In fact, in those 22 games, one or both players have been kept off the score-sheet just five times since April 21: a 2-0 loss to Louisville on May 26, the 2-2 draw against Bethlehem Steel FC on June 13 (which Ledesma missed because of a yellow-card accumulation suspension), the 0-0 draw at Nashville SC on July 7, the 2-0 win over Charlotte on July 18 (which König did not see action in), and the 5-1 win at Atlanta on August 22 (which König did not see action in and Ledesma missed because of a yellow-card accumulation suspension)

MANU-V-P

- Emmanuel "Manu" 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 and is now having an MVP-caliber season for Cincinnati
- In 25 appearances for FC Cincinnati this year, Ledesma is tied for sixth in the USL in goals (13) and leads the USL in assists (11) - and leads both categories for all FC Cincinnati players
- He was the USL June Player of the Month after earning a runner-up finish in the May USL Player of the Month voting ... additionally, USL fans voted him the overwhelming USL Midseason Most Valuable Player
- In the last 20 games he's played, Ledesma has scored all 13 of his goals and recorded eight assists overall as FCC went 15-2-3 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 and June's Player of the Month

GOALKEEPER UNION SO FAR THIS SEASON

- Because of injury, FCC have used two different goalkeepers through the first 27 games of the season
- Evan Newton (10-2-6) started the first five games before a hip injury sidelined him for four games ... Newton returned to the field for the Orange and 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 12 of the last 16 league games
- In Newton's stead, Spencer Richey (8-1-0) stepped into goal for the four USL games in Newton's injury absence and started the Orange and Blue's match against New York Red Bulls II (July 21) ... Richey then made three consecutive starts against Penn FC (August 12), Charleston Battery (August 18), and at Atlanta United 2 (August 22)
- Between the two 'keepers, Cincinnati have posted 11 USL shutouts: eight by Newton and three by Richey ... FCC is tied for sixth in the USL in shutouts, four back of league leader Pittsburgh (15)
- Newton is tied for seventh in the USL in shutouts, and his 50 saves rank 20th in the league overall, despite not playing in nine games

CORBEN'S CUTTING UP THE MIDFIELD

- Corben Bone has been one of FCC's top players so far this season, with some career-best two-way play in the midfield
- An original Orange and Blue member, Bone ranks fourth on the team in goals (5) and is tied for second in assists (4)
- He also leads all Cincinnati players in minutes played (2,108) and appearances (26).
- So far this season, he has completed 28 key passes and posted an 84.3 percent pass completion rate - the third-highest mark on the squad among players who've started more than half the team's games
- In one of his best games this season, Bone not only scored what proved to be 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

CORBEN'S CAREER YEAR

- Corben Bone's five goals and four assists - through 27 USL games - has



already out-paced his entire 2017 season total ... Bone is tied for 35th in the USL in assists this season

- Last year, in 29 appearances, Bone scored two goals and added three assists ... in 2016, Bone collected a career-high five assists

SMITH SURGING FORWARD

- Blake Smith is the squad's top-scoring defender this season, netting one goal and adding four assists in 23 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 König 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 tied with Corben Bone and Emery Welshman for second-most on the team, behind Ledesma's league-leading 10 ... overall, he's tied for 35th 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
- Cicerone added the first ever goal scored by an FC Cincinnati player in an international friendly when he scored on July 28 against RCD Espanyol
- He notched his first FC Cincinnati assist on August 22 at Atlanta

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 be 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 König's opening goal
- On the season, Walker has scored three goals and added two assists

RYAN HAS HIS TOUCH

- Richie Ryan dropped right into place in the Orange and Blue's central midfield after joining the club from Miami FC this winter
- The Irishman ranks second in passing percentage with an 87.7 percent mark, while his 854 passes are tied for fifth on the squad
- Additionally, his 62.7 passes per 90 minutes are tops among regular players in Cincy
- Overall, he has nine key passes so far this season from his deep-lying position



- However, after exiting the Orange and Blue's midweek game at Toronto on June 27, Ryan has missed the last 10 games with a lower-leg injury and is expected to miss several weeks overall

CENTERS OF ATTENTION

- Cincinnati has used four different center backs this season in league play: captain Dekel Keinan (20 starts, 1,746 minutes), Forrest Lasso (22 starts, 2,034 minutes), Paddy Barrett (11 starts, 990 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 19 appearances - including 13 starts ... overall, he has 22 appearances and 16 starts in all competitions ... he's collected two assists so far in USL action and his 89.4 passing percentage is the best on the team among all players regardless of playing time
- 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

CINCINNATI WELCOMES MILLIONTH FAN ACROSS ALL COMPETITIONS

- FC Cincinnati welcomed its one millionth fan across all competitions on June 30 vs. Ottawa Fury FC
- That total includes fans that attended regular season matches, international friendlies, U.S. Open Cup contests and a USL Cup Playoffs match
- FC Cincinnati has seen an increase in average attendance and total attendance for USL regular season matches in each of the club's three seasons
- 2016 -17,296 Average (259,437 Total)
- 2017 -21,199 Average (339,181 Total)
- 2018 -25,194 Average (352,709 Total)

FC CINCINNATI CELEBRATES THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF CLUB'S FOUNDING

- Sunday, Aug. 12 marked the third anniversary of the club's creation
- In three seasons, FC Cincinnati has amassed a 46-19-24 record in USL regular season play
- FCC has qualified for the USL Cup Playoffs in each of its first two USL seasons and is currently on pace to secure the Eastern Conference's top seed in the 2018 USL Playoffs
- In 2017, the Orange and Blue made a run to the U.S. Open Cup semifinals, becoming the first non-MLS team to reach the semifinals since the Richmond Kickers did so in 2011

ATTENDANCE LEADERS

- FC Cincinnati leads the USL in both total and average attendance so far in 2018
- FCC's home attendance average of 25,230 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 (11,371)
- The team's total attendance of 378,444 through its first 14 home games is also tops in the league, and is currently the USL single-season attendance record ... it has more than doubled the second-highest team (Sacramento Republic FC), which has welcomed 147,829 fans to 13 games
- Between U.S. and Canadian-based professional teams, the Orange and Blue's average ranks fourth highest overall, behind Atlanta United (MLS -



50,863), Seattle Sounders FC (MLS - 40,706) and Toronto FC (MLS - 26,876)

THE ORIGINAL GUARD

- Three players from FC Cincinnati's inaugural season in 2016 are still members of the Orange and 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 Guttler 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 four: Nazmi Albadawi, Matt Bahner, Newton, and Richey ... additionally former FCC player and current fitness coach Austin Berry is also engaged
- The Orange and Blue's third goalkeeper - Mark Village - is already married, having wed his wife Caitlin in August of 2017



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
CIN – Blake Smith (unassisted) 18'

Misconduct Summary

CHA – Ataula Guerra (caution) 51', Jared Van Schaik (caution) 80', Quinton Griffith (ejection) 92'
CIN – 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
CIN – Emery Welshman (Emmanuel Ledesma) 26'

Misconduct Summary

IND – Reiner Ferreira (caution) 41', Jack McNerney (caution) 49+'
CIN – 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

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

Misconduct Summary

CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 35'
LOU – Cameron Lancaster (caution) 47', 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 Dobrowski, 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'
CIN – Nazmi Albadawi (Emery Welshman) 71'

Misconduct Summary

BET – Prosper Chiluya (caution) 66', Cory Burke (caution) 83'
CIN – 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

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

Misconduct Summary

CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 68', Dekel Keinan (caution) 88', Lance Laing (caution) 91+'
 PGH – 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
 CIN – Kenney Walker (unassisted) 68', Corben Bone (Emmanuel Ledesma) 69', Emmanuel Ledesma (unassisted) 77'

Misconduct Summary

OTT – Adonijah Reid (caution) 63'
 CIN – 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'
 CIN – Kenney Walker (penalty) 7', Jimmy McLaughlin (Corben Bone) 41', Corben Bone (Michael Lahoud) 54'

Misconduct Summary

IND – Ayoze (caution) 88'
 CIN – 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

CIN – 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

CIN – 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'), Oliver Shannon, Andrew Carleton, Jon Gallagher, Laurent Kissiedou (Laurent Kissiedou 46'). 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'
 CIN – Danni König (Emmanuel Ledesma) 51'

Misconduct Summary

CLT – Alex Martinez (caution) 68'
 CIN – 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 Doun.

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

CIN – 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

CIN – 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

CIN – 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'
 CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (Blake Smith) 65', Danni König (unassisted) 77'

Misconduct Summary

NY – Lucas Stauffer (caution) 69'
 CIN – 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

NC – None

CIN – Danni König (unassisted) 37', Jimmy McLaughlin (unassisted) 87'

Misconduct Summary

NC – None

CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 26', Danni König (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'

CIN – Nazmi Albadawi (unassisted) 66', Russell Cicerone (Blake Smith) 68'

Misconduct Summary

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

CIN – Danni König (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 König 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

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

RIC – None'

Misconduct Summary

CIN – 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

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

CIN – Nazmi Albadawi (Emmanuel Ledesma) 8', Emery Welshman (Nami Albadawi) 38', Emmanuel Ledesma (Emery Welshman) 40'

Misconduct Summary

TOR – Kyle Bjornethun (caution) 45', Dante Campbell (caution) 88'

CIN – 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

CIN – Danni König (Blake Smith) 16', Nazmi Albadawi (Corben Bone) 92+'
 OTT – none

Misconduct Summary

CIN – 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 König (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 Wiethaeuper-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

GAME 18 | JULY 7, 2018
Nissan Stadium | Nashville, Tenn.
 Attendance: 18,288

Teams	1H	2H	F
Nashville SC	0	0	0
FC Cincinnati	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

None

Misconduct Summary

NAS – Lebo Moloto (caution) 15'
 CIN – Dekel Keinan (caution) 17'

Nashville SC: Matt Pickens, Justin Davis, Liam Doyle, Bradley Bourgeois (London Woodberry 53'), Kosuke Kimura, Matt LaGrassa (Ish Jome 79'), Michael Reed, Bolu Akinyode, Alan Winn (Taylor Washington 72'), Brandon Allan, Lebo Moloto. Bench: Micah Bledsoe, Ropapa Mensah, Ryan James, Tucker Hume.

FC Cincinnati: Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Dekel Keinan ©, Justin Hoyte, Michael Lahoud, Kenney Walker, Corben Bone (Russell Cicerone 82'), Nazmi Albadawi, Emmanuel Ledesma (Jimmy McLaughlin 73'), Danni König (Emery Welshman 78'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Will Seymore, Matt Bahner, Paddy Barrett.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
Nashville SC	20	3	8	1	4	3	59.0%
FC Cincinnati	11	3	9	4	5	3	41.0%

Records

Nashville SC 7-3-6
 FC Cincinnati 10-3-5



GAME 19 | JULY 14, 2018
Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio
 Attendance: 25,416

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	0	2	2
Tampa Bay Rowdies	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (Corben Bone) 54', Danni König (Emery Welshman) 84'
 TBR – none

Misconduct Summary

CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 63'
 TBR – Junior Flemming (caution) 23'

FC Cincinnati: Evan Newton, Blake Smith (Matt Bahner 94+'), Forrest Lasso, Dekel Keinan ©, Justin Hoyte, Michael Lahoud, Kenney Walker, Corben Bone, Nazmi Albadawi (Jimmy McLaughlin 90'), Emmanuel Ledesma (Emery Welshman 84'), Danni König. Bench: Spencer Richey, Will Seymore, Paddy Barrett, Russell Cicerone.

Tampa Bay Rowdies: Cody Mizell, Max Lachowecki, Kyle Porter, Tamika Mkandawire, Hunter Gorskie, Joe Cole ©, Afrim Taku (Leo Fernandes 61'), Dom Oduro, Kwadwo Poku (Leon Taylor 71'), Junior Flemmings, Stefano Bonomo (Georgi Hristov 77'). Bench: Akira Fitzgerald, Martin Vinggaard, Michael Nanchoff, Sebastian Guenzatti.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	19	4	20	0	10	3	58.1
Tampa Bay Rowdies	10	3	13	0	6	1	41.9

Records

FC Cincinnati 11-3-5
 Tampa Bay Rowdies 6-8-4

GAME 20 | JULY 18, 2018
Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio
 Attendance: 25,251

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

Scoring Summary

CIN – Dekel Keinan (unassisted) 7', Forrest Lasso (Kenney Walker) 20'
 CLT – none

Misconduct Summary

CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 67', Emery Welshman (caution) 87'
 CLT – Bilal Duckett (caution) 28', Eamon Zayed (caution) 65', Kay Voser (caution) 87'

FC Cincinnati: Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Dekel Keinan, Justin Hoyte, Corben Bone, Michael Lahoud, Jimmy McLaughlin (Russell Cicerone 76'), Kenney Walker, Emmanuel Ledesma (Nazmi Albadawi 90'), Emery Welshman. Bench: Spencer Richey, Paddy Barrett, Matt Bahner, Danni König, Will Seymore.

Charlotte Independence: Andrew Dykstra, Donnie Smith, Henry Kalungi, Bilal Duckett (Samuel Vines 81'), Je-Vaughn Watson, Yann Ekra (Eamon Zayed 60'), Kay Voser (Mutaya Mwape 88'), Kevan George, Jake Areman, Jorge Herrera, Cordell Cato. Bench: Brandon Miller, Ricardo Perez, Greg Jordan.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	16	5	9	2	9	2	52.0
Charlotte Independence	15	2	8	1	4	3	48.0

Records

FC Cincinnati 12-3-5
 Charlotte Independence 7-7-6



GAME 21 | JULY 21, 2018
Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio
 Attendance: 27,107

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

Scoring Summary

CIN – Forrest Lasso (Emmanuel Ledesma) 17', Paddy Barrett (Emmanuel Ledesma) 35'
 NY – Own Goal (Danni König) 25'

Misconduct Summary

CIN – Paddy Barrett (caution) 22', Blake Smith (caution) 60'
 NY – Andrew Tinari (caution) 14', Tom Barlow (caution) 53', Lucas Stauffer (caution) 80'

FC Cincinnati: Spencer Richey, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Paddy Barrett, Matt Bahner, Kenney Walker ©, Corben Bone (Will Seymore 90'), Nazmi Albadawi, Jimmy McLaughlin, Emmanuel Ledesma (Russell Cicerone 83'), Danni König (Tomi Ameobi 90'+1'). Bench: Evan Newton, Sem De Wit, Matt Bahner, Michael Lahoud.

New York Red Bulls II: Evan Louro, Lucas Stauffer, Hassan Ndam, Jordan Scarlett (Kevin Politz 40'), Niko De Vera, Cristian Casseres Jr., Steven Echeverria (Christopher Lema 77'), Tom Barlow, Amando Moreno, Andrew Tinari, Jared Stroud (Brian White 65'). Bench: Scott Levene, Jose Aguinaga, Andrew Lombard, Wahab Ackwei.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	8	2	18	1	6	3	41.5
New York Red Bulls II	15	3	13	1	5	0	58.5

Records

FC Cincinnati 13-3-5
 New York Red Bulls II 8-6-7

GAME 22 | AUGUST 4, 2018
Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio
 Attendance: 27,426

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	1	0	1
Nashville SC	0	1	1

Scoring Summary

CIN – Danni König (Nazmi Albadawi) 1'
 NSH – Tucker Hume (Ropapa Mensah) 85'

Misconduct Summary

CIN – Forrest Lasso (caution) 30', Kenney Walker (caution) 60', Danni König (caution) 71'
 NSH – Ropapa Mensah (caution) 90'+1', Justin Davis (caution) 90'+3'

FC Cincinnati: Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Dekel Keinan, Justin Hoyte, Michael Lahoud, Kenney Walker (Tyler Gibson 67'), Corben Bone, Nazmi Albadawi (Jimmy McLaughlin 76'), Emmanuel Ledesma, Danni König (Fanendo Adi 73'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Matt Bahner, Russell Cicerone, Paddy Barrett.

Nashville SC: Matt Pickens, Justin Davis, Liam Doyle, London Woodberry, Kosuke Kimura (Ismaila Jome 66'), Taylor Washington, Boluwatife Akinyode, Michael Reed (Lebo Moloto 74'), Matt LaGrassa, Tucker Hume, Alan Winn (Ropapa Mensah 66'). Bench: Brandon Allen, Ryan James, C.J. Cochran, Jordan Dunstan.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	4	3	13	0	3	4	47.6
Nashville SC	19	5	7	0	7	2	52.4

Records

FC Cincinnati 13-3-6
 Nashville SC 8-6-7



GAME 23 | AUGUST 12, 2018
Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio
 Attendance: 24,249

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	0	1	1
Penn FC	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (ua) 80'
 PEN – none

Misconduct Summary

CIN – none
 PEN – Prince Baffoe (caution) 43', Ken Tribbett (caution) 79', Lucky Mkosana (caution) 83'

FC Cincinnati: Spencer Richey, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Paddy Barrett ©, Justin Hoyte, Michael Lahoud, Corben Bone, Emmanuel Ledesma, Nazmi Albadawi (Kenney Walker 58'), Russell Cicerone (Jimmy McLaughlin 68'), Danni König (Fanendo Adi 77'). Bench: Evan Newton, Fatai Alashe, Matt Bahner, Sem De Wit.

Penn FC: Romauld Peiser, Jake Bond, Ken Tribbett ©, Kyle Venter, Marco Franco (Pedro Galvão 58'), Walter Ramirez, Dan Metzger (Miguel Jaime 78'), Richard Menjivar, Prince Baffoe, Lucky Mkosana, Isaac Osae (Tommy Heinemann 67'). Bench: Paulo Júnior, Aaron Dennis, Haruna Shaibu, Sean Lewis.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	11	2	15	2	4	2	56.8
Penn FC	15	2	14	2	4	1	43.2

Records

FC Cincinnati 14-3-6
 Penn FC 6-8-8

GAME 24 | AUGUST 18, 2018
Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio
 Attendance: 27,142

Teams	1H	2H	F
FC Cincinnati	2	1	3
Charleston Battery	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (ua) 21', Corben Bone (Nazmi Albadawi) 45'+1', Skylar Thomas (own goal) 90'+5'
 CHS – none

Misconduct Summary

CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (caution) 13', Paddy Barrett (caution) 53'
 CHS – Tah Anunga (caution) 30', Ian Svantesson (caution) 87'

FC Cincinnati: Spencer Richey, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Paddy Barrett ©, Justin Hoyte, Fatai Alashe (Michael Lahoud 62'), Corben Bone, Kenney Walker, Nazmi Albadawi, Emmanuel Ledesma, Emery Welshman (Fanendo Adi 73'). Bench: Evan Newton, Matt Bahner, Dekel Keinan, Jimmy McLaughlin, Russell Cicerone.

Charleston Battery: Joe Kuzminsky, Neveal Hackshaw, Taylor Mueller ©, Skylar Thomas, Vincenzo Candela (Ian Svantesson 75'), Tah Anunga, Jarad van Schaik, O'Brian Woodbine (Nicholas Rittmeyer 13'), Kotaro Higashi (Patrick Okonkwo 64'), Gordon Wild, Ataulla Guerra. Bench: Odisnel Cooper, Leland Archer, Victor Mansaray, Angelo Kelly-Rosales.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	8	6	7	2	5	1	54.0
Charleston Battery	6	1	14	2	6	4	46.0

Records

FC Cincinnati 15-3-6
 Charleston Battery 11-4-10

**GAME 25 | AUGUST 22, 2018**

Coolray Field | Lawrenceville, Ga.

Attendance: 1,638

Teams	1H	2H	F
Atlanta United 2	0	1	1
FC Cincinnati	2	3	5

Scoring Summary

ATL – Shawn Nicklaw (ua) 65'

CIN – Corben Bone (Emery Welshman) 18', Nazmi Albadawi (Jimmy McLaughlin) 25', Fatai Alashe (ua) 53', Nazmi Albadawi (unassisted) 55', Emery Welshman (Russell Cicerone) 87'

Misconduct Summary

ATL – George Bello (caution) 16', Jon Gallagher (caution) 90'+1'

CIN – Pa Konate (caution) 36', Fatai Alashe (caution) 45'+1'

Atlanta United 2: Mitch Hildebrandt, George Bello (Lagos Kunga 67'), A.J. Cochran, Tyler Ruthven, Jack Metcalf ©, Andrew Wheeler-Omiunu (Kevin Barajas 61'), Andrew Kendall-Moullin, Jon Gallagher, Shawn Nicklaw, Laurent Kissiedou (Dylan Gaither 80'), Devon Sandoval. Bench: Paul Christensen, Nicolas Caraux.

FC Cincinnati: Spencer Richey, Pa Konate (Blake Smith 62'), Forrest Lasso, Dekel Keinan ©, Justin Hoyte, Fatai Alashe (Michael Lahoud 71'), Kenney Walker, Corben Bone (Russell Cicerone 55'), Nazmi Albadawi, Jimmy McLaughlin, Emery Welshman. Bench: Evan Newton, Paddy Barrett, Sem de Wit, Danni König.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
Atlanta United 2	12	4	9	0	4	5	53.5
FC Cincinnati	19	10	12	1	4	3	46.5

Records

Atlanta United 2 3-13-7

FC Cincinnati 16-3-6

GAME 26 | AUGUST 25, 2018

Al Lang Stadium | St. Petersburg, Fla.

Attendance: 5,963

Teams	1H	2H	F
Tampa Bay Rowdies	0	1	1
FC Cincinnati	1	1	2

Scoring Summary

TBR – Kwadwo Poku (ua) 75'

CIN – Emmanuel Ledesma (penalty) 2', Emmanuel Ledesma (penalty) 86'

Misconduct Summary

TBR – Afrim Taku (caution) 1', Joe Cole (caution) 15', Kwadwo Poku (caution) 43', Zac Portillos (caution) 68', Dominic Oduro (caution) 80', Abdoulaye Diakité (caution) 82', Abdoulaye Diakité (ejection) 85', Michael Nanchoff (caution) 90'+7'

CIN – Blake Smith (caution) 50', Blake Smith (ejection) 62', Paddy Barrett (caution) 88', Evan Newton (caution) 90'+2'

Tampa Bay Rowdies: Daniel Vega, Tarek Morad, Abdoulaye Diakité, Hunter Gorskie, Zac Portillos, Joe Cole © (Michael Nanchoff 56'), Dominic Oduro, Kwadwo Poku, Afrim Taku (Georgi Hristov 68'), Sebastián Guenzatti (Leo Fernandes 75'), Junior Flemmings. Bench: Akira Fitzgerald, Tamika Mkandawire, Martin Vingard, Leon Taylor.

FC Cincinnati: Evan Newton, Blake Smith, Forrest Lasso, Paddy Barrett ©, Justin Hoyte, Fatai Alashe (Kenney Walker 55'), Michael Lahoud, Jimmy McLaughlin, Nazmi Albadawi (Danni König 78'), Emmanuel Ledesma, Fanendo Adi (Pa Konate 67'). Bench: Spencer Richey, Dekel Keinan, Russell Cicerone, Emery Welshman.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
Tampa Bay Rowdies	31	6	23	2	13	1	55.9
FC Cincinnati	7	3	12	1	0	5	44.1

Records

Tampa Bay Rowdies 7-11-7

FC Cincinnati 17-3-6

**GAME 27 | SEPTEMBER 1, 2018**

Nippert Stadium | Cincinnati, Ohio

Attendance: 25,735

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

Scoring Summary

CIN – Dekel Keinan (Emmanuel Ledesma) 80', Fanendo Adi (Kenney Walker) 88'

PGH – Romeo Parkes (Kenardo Forbes) 57'

Misconduct Summary

CIN – Forrest Lasso (caution) 38', Fanendo Adi (caution) 88'

PGH – none

FC Cincinnati: Spencer Richey, Pa Konate (Michael Lahoud 66'), Forrest Lasso, Dekel Keinan ©, Justin Hoyte, Fatai Alashe (Jimmy McLaughlin 72'), Corben Bone, Kenney Walker, Nazmi Albadawi, Emmanuel Ledesma, Danni König (Fanendo Adi 75'). Bench: Evan Newton, Sem De Wit, Tyler Gibson, Emery Welshman.

Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC: Michael Kirk, Jordan Dover, Hugh Roberts, Joseph Greenspan (Dennis Chin 90'), Tobi Adewole, Mouhamed Dabo, Thomas Vancaeyezeele, Christiano François (Neco Brett 70'), Romeo Parkes (Ben Zemanski 78'), Kenardo Forbes ©, Kay Banjo. Bench: Andrew Lubahn, Todd Pratzner, Nathan Ingham, Benjamin Fitzpatrick.

Statistics	S	SOG	F	O	CK	Sv	Poss%
FC Cincinnati	9	4	10	3	3	4	65.2
Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	12	5	9	1	7	1	34.8

Records

FC Cincinnati 18-3-6

Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC 13-5-8



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 18 starts this season ... is 10-2-6 on the year with an 0.83 goals against average, and eight shutouts ... has made 50 saves on 65 attempts for a .769 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. ATL and May 12 at CLT ... returned to the roster to travel to Charlotte Independence (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 Battery (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 Kickers (June 13) for his fourth shutout of the season ... made all three saves against Ottawa Fury FC (June 30) for his fifth shutout of the year before repeating with three saves and his sixth shutout at Nashville SC (July 7) in the following game ... posted his third-straight shutout on July 14 against Tampa Bay Rowdies with three saves ... make it four straight clean sheets with a two-save effort against Charlotte Independence at home (July 18) ... served as backup to Spencer Richey against Penn FC after suffering a minor hip injury (August 12) ... Returned to the starting lineup and made five saves in 10th win of the season at Tampa Bay Rowdies (August 25).

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 SC (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 seven appearances, including six starts ... five 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) ... made his first substitute appearance of the year against Tampa Bay Rowdies (July 14) ... played 90 minutes for a fourth time against New York Red Bulls II at home (July 21).

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 SC (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 23 appearances, including 22 starts at center back ... has scored two goals on the season ... has picked up seven 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 FC (June 9) ... scored his first goal of the season, heading a Kenney Walker free kick in against Charlotte Independence at home (July 18) ... scored for a second consecutive match, heading home a corner from Emmanuel Ledesma against New York Red Bulls II (July 21) ... leads the team with 168 clearances and 28 blocks and has added 36 interceptions ... has won 119-of-151 aerial duels this season, and 153-of-218 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 SC (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 made one appearance this season after suffering a broken leg during preseason training that required surgery ... returned to full training the third week of June ... made FC Cincinnati debut and played 27 minutes as a second-half substitute in international friendly against RCD Espanyol (July 28) ... made first USL appearance and recorded 23 minutes played against Nashville SC (August 4).

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 21 games, including 20 starts in the central midfield ... has scored nine goals and added three assists ... 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 ... made his first appearance off the bench against Charlotte (July 18) ... recorded an assist on Danni König's fastest goal in club history against Nashville SC (August 4) ... added third assist of the season on Emmanuel Ledesma's goal against Charleston Battery (August 18) ... recorded his second brace of the season at Atlanta United 2 (August 22) ... earned USL Team of the Week for a second time for his two-goal week in Week 24.

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.



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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 23 matches, starting 18 ... has netted three goals, which have come on 11 shots (six on target), and has added two assists ... 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 Eleven (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) ... picked up his first assist of the year, setting up Forrest Lasso's headed free-kick goal against Charlotte Independence (July 18) ... wore the captain's armband against New York Red Bulls II (July 21) ... registered his second assist of the season on Fanendo Adi's game-winning goal against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (September 1).

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 SC (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 eight appearances, including four 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) ... drew his first substitute appearance at Nashville SC (July 7), almost handing FCC a win in the waning minutes ... played seven minutes in a substitute appearance against New York Red Bulls II (July 21) ... scored FC Cincinnati's first ever goal in an international friendly against RCD Espanyol (July 28) ... Made fourth start and played 68 minutes against Penn FC (August 12) ... recorded first assist as an FC Cincinnati player and played 35 minutes in a substitute appearance at Atlanta United 2 (August 22) ... has been a member of the 18 five 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 SC (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.



FANENDO ADI

Position: Forward
Birthdate: October 10, 1990
Hometown: Lagos, Nigeria
Height: 6-4
Weight: 185
Twitter: @fanendo
How Acquired: On loan from Portland Timbers (MLS)

FCC IN 2018: Has made five appearances on the year, including one start at center forward ... made FC Cincinnati debut, recorded one shot on goal, and played 17 minutes against Nashville SC (August 4) ... made a second consecutive substitute appearance and played 13 minutes against Penn FC (August 12) ... Made third consecutive appearance and tallied a USL season-high two shots on goal in 17 minutes of action against Charleston Battery (August 18) ... Made first FC Cincinnati start at center forward at Tampa Bay Rowdies (August 25) ... scored the game-winning goal – his first as an FC Cincinnati player – against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (September 1).

POR (MLS) IN 2018: Appeared in 14 games and made nine starts ... scored three goals and added two assists ... started the club's season opener and recorded an assist at LA (March 4) ... registered second assist against FC Dallas (March 24) ... started five consecutive games from April 14 through May 19 ... scored first goal of 2018 against Minnesota United FC (April 14) ... tallied for a second consecutive match against NYCFC (April 22) ... scored a goal in his final match with the club as a second-half substitute against Houston (July 28).

2018 U.S. OPEN CUP (w/ POR): Started and played 75 minutes in the Round of 16 match against LA ... Recorded the game-winning assist.

Joined FC Cincinnati on loan from the Portland Timbers (MLS) ... made 126 appearances, including 102 starts over five years with Portland (2014-18) ... scored the second-most goals in Timbers history (54) ... added 14 assists ... started all 22 appearances in 2017, contributed ten goals and three assists ... matched a career-high with 33 starts and set a career-high with 30 appearances, tied a career-high with 16 goals and added two assists in 2016 ... set a career-high of 33 appearances with 23 starts, scored a career-high 16 goals and contributed three assists in 2015 ... captured first career MLS Cup ... made 24 appearances, including 24 starts, scored nine goals with four assists in MLS debut season of 2014 ... prior to joining MLS, Adi played for a number of teams in Europe from

2011-14 including FC Copenhagen (2013-14), AS Trenčín (2012-13, 2009-11), SC Tavriya Simferopol (2011-12), FC Dynamo Kyiv (2011), and FC Metalurh Donetsk (2011) ... made two appearances with FC Copenhagen in the Danish Superliga in 2014 ... made a combined 10 league appearances with FC Copenhagen and AS Trenčín and scored a combined 10 goals with two assists in 2013 ... started three UEFA Champions League matches with FC Copenhagen against Juventus, at Real Madrid, and at Galatasaray ... started four Europa League Qualifiers with AS Trenčín and scored three goals ... made a combined 25 appearances, including 17 starts, with AS Trenčín in the Slovak Super Liga and SC Tavriya Simferopol in the Ukrainian Premier League and scored four goals with three assists in 2012 ... made a combined 12 appearances, with seven starts, with Dynamo Kyiv and FC Metalurh Donetsk, both in the Ukrainian Premier League, and scored one goal with one assists in 2011.



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 22 games, starting 11 at forward ... has scored three goals and added four assists ... 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) ... recorded an assist on Danni König's goal against Tampa Bay Rowdies (July 14) ... registered the Orange and Blue's first ever assist in an international friendly on Russell Cicerone's goal against RCD Espanyol (July 28) ... returned the starting lineup after serving a three-match suspension and played 73 minutes against Charleston Battery (August 18) ... recorded a goal and an assist for a second time this season at Atlanta United 2 (August 22).

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 SC (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.



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**DANNI KÖNIG****Position:** Forward**Birthdate:** December 17, 1986**Hometown:** Tingbjerg, Denmark**Height:** 6-2**Weight:** 170**Twitter:** @KingKönig9**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 23 games, starting 15 ... has 10 goals on just 16 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 Riverhounds SC (April 21) ... also drew a starting nod at Ottawa Fury FC, playing 89 minutes ... netted his second goal of the season, converting a 2-on-1 break-in against Atlanta United 2 (May 5) to open FCC's scoring ... at Charlotte Independence (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 FC (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 Kickers (June 16) ... put FCC up in the 16th minute against Ottawa Fury FC (June 30) with what proved to be the game-winning goal ... netted his ninth goal of the year on July 14 vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies ... recorded the fastest goal in club history by tallying 28 seconds into the match against Nashville SC (August 4).

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 Brönshöj BK during that same season ... in 50 appearances with Vestsjaelland, he scored eight goals and four assists.

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**PA KONATE****Position:** Defender**Birthdate:** April 25, 1994**Hometown:** Malmö, Sweden**Height:** 5-10**Weight:** 155**Twitter:** @KonateP**How Acquired:** On loan from S.P.A.L. (Serie A) for one year with a purchase option.

FCC IN 2018: Has made three appearances, including two starts at left back ... made FC Cincinnati debut and logged 61 minutes played at Atlanta United 2 (August 22) ... played 23 minutes in a substitute appearance at Tampa Bay Rowdies (August 25) ... started and played 86 minutes at left back in home debut against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (September 1) ... received a call-up to the Guinea national team for its 2019 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against Central African Republic on September 9.

2018 U.S. OPEN CUP: Was not on roster for U.S. Open Cup.

Joined FC Cincinnati on loan from S.P.A.L. (Serie A) ... captured four Allsvenskan



titles with Malmö FF (2013, 2014, 2016, 2017) ... appeared in six UEFA Champions League games in 2014-15 and 2015-16 - including matches against Juventus, Atletico Madrid, Olympiacos, Shakhtar Donetsk and Paris Saint-Germain ... appeared in three of Malmö's 2014-15 and 2017-18 UEFA Champions League Qualifiers ... started twice for S.P.A.L. in the 2017 Coppa Italia ... appeared in 55 Allsvenskan matches with Malmö FF from 2013-17 ... made seven league appearances with Malmö in 2017 ... Made a career-high 22 league appearances in 2016 ... Appeared in 10 league matches in 2015 ... Made 11 league appearances in 2014 ... Recorded five appearances in 2013.

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**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 19 appearances, including 13 starts in the central midfield ... made his Orange and 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 United 2 (May 5) ... started as the deep-lying midfielder against Ottawa Fury FC (June 30) and completed 66-of-68 passes for a 97.1 percent mark for the game ... received a call-up to the Sierra Leone national team for its 2019 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against Ethiopia on September 9 ... his 89.4 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 SC (May 23) ... started and played all 120 minutes in the central midfield 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.

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**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 ... 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 has missed the last six games (June 30 to present).



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 Sligo 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.

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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 a USL 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) ... made FC Cincinnati debut and played 27 minutes as a second-half substitute in international friendly against RCD Espanyol (July 28).

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 nine matches, four of which were consecutive starts from April 28 at Ottawa Fury FC through May 12 at Charlotte Independence ... is 8-1-0 on the season with a .656 save percentage and a 1.22 GAA with three shutouts ... stopped all three shots in a 3-0 win at Ottawa Fury FC in his FCC debut on April 28 ... made four saves at Indy Eleven (May 3) ... made three saves against New York Red Bulls II (July 21) ... registered a shutout performance and made two saves against Penn FC (August 12) ... recorded second consecutive shutout and made one save against Charleston Battery (August 18) ... made three saves in third consecutive win at Atlanta United 2 (August 22) ... made four saves against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (September 1).

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 SuperDraft 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 26 games, starting 24, and leads the team in minutes played (2,108) ... has scored five goals (a new career high) and has added four assists ... has not been shown a card yet this season and committed just five fouls ... recorded his first assist of the season against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (April 21), setting up Danni König'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 Fury FC (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) ... picked up his fourth assist of the season on Emmanuel Ledesma's game-winning goal against Tampa Bay Rowdies (July 14) ... scored in first-half stoppage time against Charleston Battery (August 18) ... scored for a second consecutive match at Atlanta United 2 (August 22) ... was not available for selection for the first time this season at Tampa Bay Rowdies (August 25) ... returned to the starting lineup against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (September 1).

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 SuperDraft 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 23 games, making eight starts for a total of 903 minutes ... has scored two goals on 11 shots this season and added one assist ... 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) ... registered the assist on Emmanuel Ledesma's goal in the international friendly against RCD Espanyol (July 28) ... recorded first assist of the 2018 campaign at Atlanta United 2 (August 22) ... drew a penalty and played 90 minutes at Tampa Bay Rowdies (August 25).

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 19 games in which he's appeared ... has scored one goal ... has played the full 90 in 18 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 seven yellow cards so far this season ... has made 115 clearances this season, 22 blocks and added 36 interceptions ... has won 73-of-107 aerial duels so far this season ... earned USL Team of the Week honors after the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC game (April 21) ... missed the June 2 game at New York Red Bulls II while serving a one-game yellow-card accumulation suspension ... scored his first goal of the season on July 18 against Charlotte Independence ... returned to the starting lineup after missing two games due to injury on August 22 at Atlanta United 2 ... scored for a second time on September 1 against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC ... named to USL Team of the Week for Week 25.

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 made 23 appearances, including 22 starts at left back ... has missed three games with two ankle injuries ... has netted one goal and added four assists - tied for second-most on the team and tied for 35th 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 Ciccone's first-career goal on June 13 against Bethlehem Steel ... made first substitute appearance of the season at Atlanta (August 22) ... was given FC Cincinnati's first red card of the season at Tampa Bay (August 25) ... served a one-match suspension against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (September 1) ... has an 81.3 percent passing rate ... on the back line, has added 42 clearances, three blocks and 54 interceptions - most on the team ... additionally, he's won 114-of-190 duels overall and 34-of-56 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.



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 three appearances, all 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) ... entered as a second-half stoppage time substitute against New York Red Bulls II (July 21).

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 SC (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/Bolungarvík, 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.



FATAI ALASHE

Position: Midfielder
Birthdate: October 21, 1993
Hometown: Northville, Mich.
Height: 6-0
Weight: 170
Twitter: @FataiPrince27
How Acquired: On loan from Vancouver Whitecaps FC (MLS)

FCC IN 2018: Has started all four of his USL appearances this season ... made FC Cincinnati debut in a start at central midfield and played 62 minutes against Charleston Battery (August 18) ... recorded his first goal for the Orange and Blue at Atlanta United 2 (August 22) ... started and played 55 minutes at Tampa Bay Rowdies (August 25) ... started and played 72 minutes against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (September 1).

SJ (MLS) IN 2018: Appeared in 12 games and made two starts for a total of 353 minutes ... Made first appearance of the year as a second-half substitute against Minnesota United FC (March 3) ... Made first start of the year against Houston (April 14) ... Played 27 minutes in a substitute appearance at Minnesota United FC (May 12) ... Began a streak of five consecutive appearances and made longest substitute appearance of the season at Chicago (June 2) ... Started and played 89 minutes vs. LA (June 30) ... Made final appearance with the Earthquakes at Montreal, logging four minutes of action (July 14).

2018 U.S. OPEN CUP (w/ SJ): Started at defensive midfield and played all 90 minutes against the Portland Timbers (June 6) in the fourth round.

Joined FC Cincinnati on loan from the San Jose Earthquakes (MLS) ... Made 17

appearances and 13 starts with San Jose, and two appearances on loan with Reno 1868 in 2017 ... Made 28 appearances and 27 starts for second consecutive year and added three goals and an assist in 2016 ... Logged a career high 2,335 minutes played ... Was named to MLS 24 under 24 list (#19), presented by EA Sports ... Made 28 appearances and 27 starts and contributed a pair of goals and a pair of assists as a rookie in 2015.



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 11 of his USL appearances this season at center back ... has scored one goal ... 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 North Carolina FC (May 19), which came after he played a full 120 minutes earlier in the week in Open Cup play ... scored first goal as an FC Cincinnati player against New York Red Bulls II (July 21) ... A USL Team of the Week honoree for Week 22 after recording a match-high five tackles and seven clearances against Penn FC (August 12) ... captained the Orange and Blue for a second consecutive match against Charleston (August 18) ... wore the captain's armband at Tampa Bay (August 25) ... served a one-match suspension for yellow-card accumulation against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (September 1) ... has added 51 clearances, nine blocks and 21 interceptions in 990 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.



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 23 matches in which he's played, seeing most of his time at right back, but also making three starts at left back ... leads all Orange and Blue defenders with 2,070 minutes played ... 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 41 clearances, 10 blocks and 19 interceptions ... has committed just four fouls on the season, and has drawn only a single caution.

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 loan 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: The frontrunner for the USL's 2018 Most Valuable Player Award ... voted the USL Midseason MVP by the league's fans, garnering 55 percent of the vote among five candidates ... has appeared in all 25 games for which he's been available, starting 24 ... leads the team in scoring, ranks first among FC Cincinnati goal scorers (13), and holds the assist lead (11) ... is tied for sixth in the USL in goals and leads the league in assists ... became the first player to record 10 goals and 10 assists in the USL on the year ... leads the team in shots (57) and key passes (49) ... 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 16 games he's played ... after a four-goal, one-assist month in which he added 16 key passes, was voted June's USL Player of the Month as FCC went 4-0-2 in the month ... 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) ... netted the game-winning goal against Tampa Bay Rowdies (July 14) ... recorded a multi-assist performance, tallying two helpers against New York Red Bulls II (July 21) ... scored in the international friendly against RCD Espanyol (July 28) ... notched the lone goal - his 10th of the season - against Penn FC (August 12) ... opened the scoring with his team-high 11th goal of the season against Charleston (August 18) ... was unavailable for selection at Atlanta on August 22 due to yellow-card suspension ... notched his third brace of the season, record-



ing both goals from the penalty spot at Tampa Bay (August 25) ... picked up his league-leading 11th assist on Dekel Keinan's goal against Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (September 1).

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: @semdewit4
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.



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)
9	Fanendo Adi	fah-NEN-doh AHH-dee	F	6-4	185	10/10/1990	Lagos, Nigeria	Portland Timbers (MLS)
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)
12	Pa Konate	PAH koh-NAH-tay	D	5-9	155	4/25/1994	Malmö, Sweden	S.P.A.L. (ITA)
13	Michael Lahoud	la-HUDE	M	5-8	162	9/15/1986	Freetown, Sierra Leone	Miami 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)
24	Tomi Ameobi	TOE-me ah-me-OH-be	F	6-3	185	8/16/1988	Newcastle upon Tyne, England	Edmonton FC (NASL)
27	Fatai Alashe	fuh-TIE uh-LAH-shay	M	6-0	170	10/21/1993	Northville, Mich.	San Jose Earthquakes (MLS)
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)

Head Coach: Alan Koch (second season) – KAHCH

Assistant Coach: Yoann Damet (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
2017	FC Cincinnati (USL)	12-10-10	6th	12th	Qtr
2018	FC Cincinnati (USL)	18-3-6	1st	T-1st	
TOTALS		30-13-16			