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MATCH PREVIEW

FC Cincinnati begins play in the USL Cup Playoffs on Saturday afternoon and is looking to galvanize Cincinnati as its quest for the USL Cup Championship begins. FCC concluded the USL Regular Season with a 23-game unbeaten run during which time FCC was 17-0-6 in USL play. With its draw against Nashville SC on October 13th, the Orange and Blue set the longest single-season unbeaten streak in USL history. Nashville climbed back into the playoff picture and secured their seed with last week's draw and their strong play recently can be attributed to its surging offense. Nashville has scored 20 goals in its last 10 games, the fourth-most of any Eastern Conference team in that span. This will be the fourth meeting between these two clubs with the winner advancing to the Eastern Conference Semifinals.



FC CINCINNATI

| # | NAME | POS | HT | WT | AGE |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 1 | Evan Newton | GK | 6'2 | 185 | 30 |
| 2 | Matt Bahner | D | 6'0 | 175 | 28 |
| 3 | Forrest Lasso | D | 6'6 | 210 | 25 |
| 4 | Tyler Gibson | M | 5'9 | 155 | 27 |
| 5 | Nazmi Albadawi | M | 5'11 | 167 | 27 |
| 6 | Kenney Walker | M | 5'9 | 170 | 29 |
| 7 | Russell Cicerone | F | 5'11 | 170 | 23 |
| 9 | Fanendo Adi | F | 6'4 | 185 | 28 |
| 10 | Emery Welshman | F | 5'11 | 180 | 26 |
| 11 | Danni König | F | 6'2 | 170 | 31 |
| 12 | Pa Konate | D | 5'10 | 154 | 24 |
| 13 | Michael Lahoud | M | 5'8 | 162 | 31 |
| 16 | Richie Ryan | M | 5'10 | 164 | 33 |
| 17 | Mark Village | GK | 6'1 | 185 | 26 |
| 18 | Spencer Richey | GK | 6'2 | 190 | 26 |
| 20 | Corben Bone | M | 5'9 | 150 | 29 |
| 20 | Jimmy McLaughlin | M | 5'8 | 150 | 25 |
| 21 | Dekel Keinan | D | 6'1 | 179 | 33 |
| 23 | Blake Smith | D | 5'9 | 150 | 27 |
| 24 | Tomi Ameobi | F | 6'3 | 185 | 30 |
| 27 | Fatai Alashe | M | 6'0 | 170 | 24 |
| 29 | Paddy Barrett | D | 6'0 | 198 | 25 |
| 32 | Justin Hoyte | D | 5'10 | 165 | 33 |
| 45 | Emmanuel Ledesma | M | 5'11 | 170 | 30 |
| 51 | Sem De Wit | D | 6'1 | 183 | 23 |

Head Coach: Alan Koch
Assistant Coach: Yoann Damet
Goalkeeping Coach: Jack Stern
Fitness Coach: Austin Berry

Pronunciation Guide:

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Matt Bahner | BAY-ner |
| 5 Nazmi Albadawi | NAHZ-me all-bah-DOW-ee |
| 7 Russell Cicerone | sis-er-ROAN-ee |
| 9 Fanendo Adi | fah-NEN-doh AHH-dee |
| 11 Danni König | Danny KUH-neg |
| 12 Pa Konate | PAH koh-NAH-tay |
| 20 Jimmy McLaughlin | muh-GLOK-lin |
| 21 Dekel Keinan | DEH-kel kay-NAAN |

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 27 Fatai Alashe | fah-TIE ahh-LAHSH-shay |
| 32 Justin Hoyte | HOYT |
| 45 Emmanuel Ledesma | le-DEZ-ma |
| 51 Sem de Wit | SEM da VIT |
| HC Alan Koch | KAW-ch |
| AC Yoann Damet | YO-ahn DAH-meh |



NASHVILLE SC

| # | NAME | POS | HT | WT | AGE |
|----|------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| 1 | Micah Bledsoe | GK | 6'5 | 205 | 23 |
| 2 | Justin Davis | D | 6'0 | 173 | 29 |
| 3 | Ropapa Mensah | F | 6'4 | 196 | 20 |
| 4 | Ramone Howell | M | 5'11 | 162 | 23 |
| 5 | Liam Doyle | D | 6'4 | 195 | 25 |
| 6 | Josh Hughes | M | 5'9 | 155 | 26 |
| 7 | Ryan James | M | 5'8 | 160 | 23 |
| 8 | Robin Shroot | F | 5'11 | 165 | 30 |
| 10 | Lebo Moloto | M | 5'10 | 160 | 27 |
| 11 | Ismaila Jome | M | 6'1 | 160 | 23 |
| 12 | Tucker Hume | F | 6'5 | 202 | 23 |
| 13 | Ian McGrath | M | 6'3 | 180 | 21 |
| 14 | Jordan Dunstan | D | 6'2 | 201 | 25 |
| 15 | Michael Degraffenreidt | D | 5'10 | 170 | 23 |
| 16 | Martim Galvao | M | 5'9 | 160 | 22 |
| 17 | Michael Reed | M | 6'0 | 175 | 30 |
| 18 | Matt Pickens | GK | 6'3 | 200 | 36 |
| 19 | Alan Winn | F | 5'10 | 162 | 22 |
| 20 | Matt Lagrassa | M | 6'0 | 175 | 25 |
| 21 | CJ Cochran | GK | 6'5 | 205 | 26 |
| 22 | Bradley Bourgeois | D | 5'11 | 185 | 24 |
| 23 | Taylor Washington | D | 5'11 | 170 | 24 |
| 27 | Kosuke Kimura | D | 5'9 | 150 | 33 |
| 28 | London Woodberry | D | 6'1 | 168 | 26 |
| 30 | Bolu Akinyode | M | 6'2 | 189 | 23 |
| 32 | Brandon Allen | F | 6'1 | 190 | 24 |

Head Coach: Gary Smith

Assistant Coach: David Proctor

Goalkeeper Coach: Matt Pickens



NASHVILLE SC

Nashville SC will be wondering if the glass slipper fits on Saturday as it looks to upset the USL regular season champions. At least one No. 1 seed has lost in its first USL playoff game in each of the last four years. Nashville will look to have Cincinnati continue that trend on Saturday. Another trend playing in Nashville's favor is its recent road record. Nashville has found results in five of its last six road games, including back-to-back road victories to finish the season.

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| DATE | DAY | OPPONENT | LOCATION | TIME/RESULT |
|-------|------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 3/17 | SAT. | AT CHARLESTON BATTERY | MUSC HEALTH STADIUM | W, 1-0 |
| 3/31 | SAT. | AT INDY ELEVEN | LUCAS OIL STADIUM | W, 1-0 |
| 4/7 | SAT. | LOUISVILLE CITY FC | NIPPERT STADIUM | L, 0-1 |
| 4/15 | SUN. | AT BETHLEHEM STEEL FC | GOODMAN STADIUM | D, 1-1 |
| 4/21 | SAT. | PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS | NIPPERT STADIUM | D, 2-1 |
| 4/28 | SAT. | AT OTTAWA FURY | TD PLACE | W, 3-0 |
| 5/2 | WED. | AT INDY ELEVEN | LUCAS OIL STADIUM | W, 3-2 |
| 5/5 | SAT. | ATLANTA UNITED 2 | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 4-2 |
| 5/12 | SAT. | AT CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE | SPORTSPLEX AT MATTHEWS | L, 1-4 |
| 5/19 | SAT. | NORTH CAROLINA FC | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 4-1 |
| 5/26 | SAT. | LOUISVILLE CITY FC | NIPPERT STADIUM | L, 0-2 |
| 6/2 | SAT. | AT NEW YORK RED BULLS II | RED BULL ARENA | W, 2-1 |
| 6/9 | SAT. | AT NORTH CAROLINA FC | WAKEMED SOCCER PARK | W, 2-0 |
| 6/13 | WED. | BETHLEHEM STEEL FC | NIPPERT STADIUM | D, 2-2 |
| 6/16 | SAT. | RICHMOND KICKERS | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 4-0 |
| 6/27 | WED. | AT TORONTO FC II | BMO FIELD | D, 3-3 |
| 6/30 | SAT. | OTTAWA FURY FC | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 2-0 |
| 7/7 | SAT. | AT NASHVILLE SC | FIRST TENNESSEE PARK | D, 0-0 |
| 7/14 | SAT. | TAMPA BAY ROWDIES | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 2-0 |
| 7/18 | WED. | CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 2-0 |
| 7/21 | SAT. | NEW YORK RED BULLS II | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 2-1 |
| 8/4 | SAT. | NASHVILLE SC | NIPPERT STADIUM | D, 1-1 |
| 8/12 | SUN. | PENN SC | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 1-0 |
| 8/18 | SAT. | CHARLESTON BATTERY | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 3-0 |
| 8/22 | WED. | AT ATLANTA UNITED 2 | COOLRAY FIELD | W, 5-1 |
| 8/25 | SAT. | AT TAMPA BAY ROWDIES | AL LANG STADIUM | W, 2-1 |
| 9/1 | SAT. | PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 2-1 |
| 9/8 | SAT. | AT LOUISVILLE CITY FC | LOUISVILLE SLUGGER FIELD | W, 1-0 |
| 9/16 | SUN. | TORONTO FC II | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 4-3 |
| 9/22 | SAT. | AT PENN FC | FNB FIELD | W, 2-1 |
| 9/26 | WED. | AT RICHMOND KICKERS | CITY STADIUM | W, 4-1 |
| 9/29 | SAT. | INDY ELEVEN | NIPPERT STADIUM | W, 3-0 |
| 10/6 | SAT. | AT PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS | HIGHMARK STADIUM | D, 0-0 |
| 10/13 | SAT. | AT NASHVILLE SC | FIRST TENNESSEE PARK | D, 3-3 |

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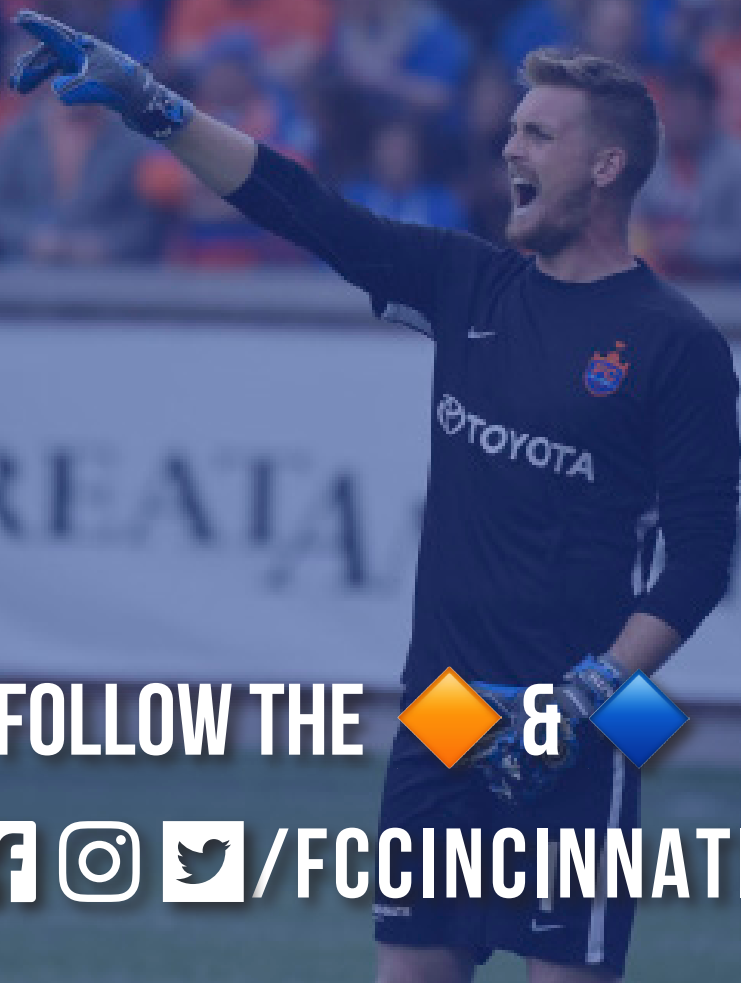
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