



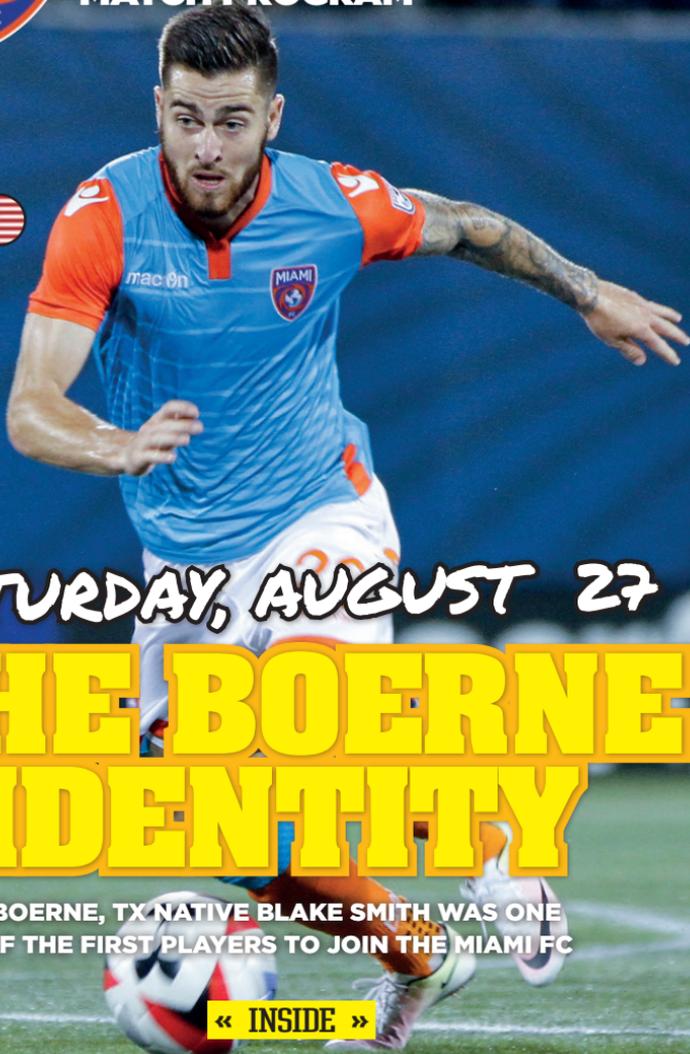
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► Blake  
Smith



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# A LETTER FROM THE CEO

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**iami FC Supporters,**

As Miami FC's CEO, I want to thank each and every one of you for your loyalty and support in attending tonight's match during the inaugural season of Miami's only professional soccer team. We are the growing heartbeat of passionate fans in a passionate city. We are a Club for the community, by the community. Miami is a futbol town, and we are its Futbol Club - YOUR Miami FC!

We are committed to delivering unforgettable moments packed with world-class soccer; unique match day experiences and unprecedented access to our global roster coached by international soccer legend, Alessandro Nesta. For those fans who attended our last home game effected by the weather, thank you for returning!

After a difficult loss to the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, Nesta and the boys traveled to Oklahoma and captured three vital points, winning in stoppage time thanks to a beautiful goal from Ariel Martinez. They then travelled to Ottawa to face the Fury. Tonight, they face top league contenders Minnesota United FC. Your support - from the ever faithful #DADEBRIGADE to the passionate soccer moms and dads, and everyone in between - remains a critical part of our continued success on the field.

Tonight is also **Back to School Night!** I hope you were able to take advantage of the special \$1 ticket for kids, and enjoy the commemorative Miami FC flags sponsored by Modelo Especial. We also hope you enjoyed the massive #DADEBRIGADE tailgate party outside Gate 5. It has become a weekly tradition where fans and supporters can gather to celebrate the club, the beautiful game and each other.

You the Fans are the lifeblood of our organization and we look forward to a long and lasting relationship. As CEO, feedback is very important to our future success. You can reach me on Twitter (@CEOMiamiFC), Facebook (CEOMiamiFC) or directly via email at CEO@MiamiFC.com. We always welcome your thoughts on improvements, or any way we can enhance your experience.

**Thank you for your tremendous support!**

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CEO, The Miami FC  
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**I** **T IS IMPORTANT FOR A TEAM TO HANDLE ADVERSITY AND I THINK WE SHOWED WE CAN. AFTER A TOUGH LOSS TO THE STRIKERS, IT WAS CRUCIAL THAT WE LEFT OKLAHOMA WITH THREE POINTS TO KEEP OUR PLAYOFF DREAMS ALIVE.**

THE FIRST HALF DID NOT GO ACCORDING TO PLAN AS WE STRUGGLED TO PUT SHOTS ON GOAL AND KEEP RAYO FROM CREATING SCORING CHANCES.

WE FINALLY PAID THE PRICE WHEN OKC TOOK AN EARLY LEAD IN THE MATCH.

**WITH OUR BACKS AGAINST THE WALL, THIS TEAM RESPONDED BETTER THAN I COULD HAVE EVER HOPED FOR!**

INSTEAD OF ACCEPTING DEFEAT ON THE ROAD WE PUSHED BACK AND STOLE THREE POINTS IN SPECTACULAR FASHION. IT IS MATCHES LIKE THIS, THAT SHOW A TEAM'S TRUE COLORS AND THIS TEAM IS READY FOR ANY SITUATION.

**NO MATTER HOW TOUGH.**

**TONIGHT, WE CLOSE OUT A THRILLING SEASON SERIES AGAINST MINNESOTA UNITED FC.**

THE LOONS HUMBLING US AT THE END OF THE SPRING SEASON, BEATING US **3-1** IN OUR FIRST TRIP TO MINNESOTA. IN ANOTHER DISPLAY OF GREAT FORTITUDE, THE SQUAD MADE THE TRIP NORTH AGAIN IN THE FALL SEASON, THIS TIME DOMINATING THE LOONS **4-0**.

As we continue to climb the table with our eye on the Fall Season title and a deep run in the playoffs, we need you more than ever. Be loud tonight as we look to take down one of the top clubs in the league!!!

**AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TO SUPPORT US.  
FORZA MIAMI!!!!**





**ALESSANDRO  
NESTA**  
HEAD COACH

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**BLAKE  
SMITH**

**“AS A CHILD  
I COULDN'T HAVE  
IMAGINED ANY  
OTHER JOB”**

Blake Smith, the 25-year-old midfielder, has played for MLS-side Montreal Impact, Indy Eleven of the NASL, and overseas for Yverdon Sport FC of Switzerland. Since his childhood, Blake dreamed of becoming a professional soccer player. Now, as an integral part of the Miami FC roster, Smith continues to make his dream a reality alongside former teammate and now head coach, Alessandro Nesta.

### **⚡ HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PLAYER?**

I would say some of my best attributes are my speed and stamina. I grew up running long distances in high school, so I believe my pace and endurance are pretty big assets for the position that I play as an outside midfielder.

### **⚡ GROWING UP, DID YOU ALWAYS ASPIRE TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SOCCER PLAYER?**

As a child, I couldn't have imagined any other job or field. For me, being able to make my childhood dream a reality every day, is a great accomplishment.

### **⚡ WAS YOUR FAMILY SUPPORTIVE WITH YOUR DECISION TO PURSUE A CAREER IN SOCCER?**

My family was very supportive. My older brother has always pushed me to play soccer ever since I started to walk, so he has definitely been one of my biggest supporters. But, my family in general, has definitely supported me throughout my whole career.

### **⚡ WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO KIDS WHO ARE PURSUING A SOCCER CAREER?**

My only advice would be to give 100% every single day. Even when practice is over, work on something

specific to your position and always leave everything you have out on the field. Don't listen to any negative comments or influences, because only you can determine your future.

### **⚡ WHAT HAS YOUR EXPERIENCE BEEN LIKE AT MIAMI FC?**

It's been a very positive experience thus far. We kind of had a rough start because we had to set up a new team pretty much from scratch, which is never easy, but Miami is an incredible city with a lot to offer, which has made my transition here really easy.

### **⚡ WHAT HAS YOUR CAREER BEEN LIKE SO FAR?**

I went to the University of New Mexico for three and a half years before being drafted to Montreal Impact. I went on loan to Indy Eleven for a little while, returned to Montreal, and played in Switzerland to stay fit. One day I received a call from Nesta because we had played together in Montreal, and after speaking to him and my agent, I realized this was the best opportunity for me.

### **⚡ WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE TRAVELED TO SO FAR?**

I think every place I've lived in is very unique in its own way. The friendships and people that you're around can influence the

## **PREVIOUS CLUBS**



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experience of where you're living. I've met some really cool people throughout and each place has had both good and bad experiences. No complaints about Miami though!

**🔗 IF YOU COULD CHOOSE A PROFESSION OTHER THAN SOCCER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

If only I had been gifted with height, I would've liked to be a basketball player. But, since I don't have the height, the decision was kind of made for me!

**🔗 WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY AS A PROFESSIONAL SOCCER PLAYER?**

Probably the day I was drafted. Realizing that your dream came true and hearing them call your name, lets you see that all your hard work really paid off. It was something very special.

Second to that, I would say is playing in the CONCACAF Champions League Final.

**🔗 WHAT ARE YOUR OBJECTIVES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON?**

To get on track and get to the top of the table, if possible. This is a brand new season for us. We are just looking ahead and hoping to make the playoffs and finish on top.

**WHO IS BLAKE SMITH?**

**Name:** Blake Smith

**Date of birth:** 01/17/1991

**Age:** 25

**Place of birth:**

San Antonio, Texas

**Favorite Food:** Steak, pizza, and sushi

**Hobbies:** Eating, watching TV/ movies, and going to the beach

**What TV show are you watching at the moment?** : Game of Thrones

**Favorite Movie:** Gladiator

**Favorite Sport, other than soccer:** Basketball

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# IMMOVABLE OBJECT MEETS THE UNSTOPPABLE FORCE

The third and final episode of the series between the Miami FC and Minnesota United this season will be played tonight, for the first time at FIU Stadium.

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VS





Dario Cvitanich





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**T**HE CLIMB CONTINUES. The Miami FC has kept a secure spot in the top five in the last few weeks as it continues to climb the table. The team's character grows stronger after every match, and things are looking better and brighter. With a 4-0 win away against Minnesota, a bitter loss to local rivals, the Fort Lauderdale Strikers (2-0), and a fantastic win over Rayo OKC (2-1), the squad travelled to Ottawa then home to tally another victory.

The last time the Miami FC played in Minnesota, the squad captured three points after scoring four goals for the first time in club history, and earning their first road win ever. The Miami FC was just a point below the Loons in the Fall Season standings with 14 points, before the match against Ottawa Fury.

**MOVE YOUR FEET, LOSE YOUR SEAT.** The Miami FC tallied another important victory last Saturday night when they faced Rayo OKC at Miller Stadium. A match that seemed out of reach suddenly turned to celebration after a late equalizer and extra time game winner snatched the three points for Miami FC and secured their position in the top five in the Fall Season table.

The first half started somewhat slow, with both teams looking to score the first goal of the match. As always, goalkeeper Daniel Vega made crucial saves to keep the match level. However,

Rayo managed to find the net to enter halftime with a 1-0 lead.

Starting the second half, the Miami FC would find its rhythm and speed, making a great comeback with the help of some substitutes. Build-up play from the back would eventually find the foot of Pablo Campos who scored the late equalizer, after a flawless cross from Blake Smith. In stoppage time, a late corner kick found Ariel Martinez, who delivered a perfect chip over Rayo's goalkeeper to secure the 2-1 victory and steal three points for Miami FC.

**IT IS A BIG DEAL.** After breaking several records in franchise history the last time these two sides met, the Miami FC is ready for another matchup against a club already focused on its MLS debut in 2017. The home squad is ready to keep the momentum going for all 90+ minutes of this highly anticipated match.

The Miami FC must be physically aggressive and fast attacking to keep the offense moving forward against Minnesota as United's defensive performance has been inconsistent lately. However, forward Christian Ramirez is the NASL top scorer with 13 goals this season, so the squad must keep an eye on him. If the home team keeps a strong and solid defense, while creating chances with height and depth on the field, Miami FC should walk away with another three points.



WE TRIED ADDING SPEED AND HEIGHT IN THE SECOND HALF AND WE WON. IT FEELS GREAT."



<b>HEAD COACH</b> <b>ALESSANDRO NESTA</b>	<b>SPRING &amp; FALL SEASON STANDINGS</b>		
	<b>9</b> POSITION	<b>21</b> POINTS	<b>22</b> GOALS



**Nickname:** Sandro  
**Place of birth:** Rome, Italy  
**Date of birth:** March 19, 1976

## SENIOR CAREER



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ITALY NATIONAL TEAM

**T**he Miami FC is led by first-time head coach Alessandro Nesta. Nesta is one of the world's most decorated defenders after being a fixture in Serie A and the Italian National Team. After a strong career with the Lazio youth academy, Nesta turned pro at just 16 years old and made his first appearance at 17. He was named the team captain as a 21-year-old, leading the side to a Coppa Italia title and UEFA Cup Final appearance. Nesta would go on to make 193 appearances for Lazio as the club would continually compete for Serie A and Champions League titles. Nesta would leave Lazio in 2002, when he moved to Italian giant's AC Milan. In his first season with the club, he won

the Champions League and the Coppa Italia. For his performance he was named the Serie A Defender of the Year and to the UEFA Team of the Year. His second season would see AC Milan win Serie A while setting a points record. Nesta would play 10 seasons for AC Milan and cement himself as one of the best defenders of all time. At the tail end of his career Nesta moved to the MLS and got his first taste of US soccer. He would play two seasons with the Montreal Impact, leading them to the 2013 Amway Canadian Championship and the club's first MLS playoff appearance. In 2014 Nesta decided to retire and was chosen to lead the Miami FC in its inaugural NASL season in 2016.

## TITLES

- 1 FIFA World Cup
- 1 UEFA Championship
- 1 FIFA Club World Cup
- 3 UEFA Super Cup
- 2 UEFA Champions League
- 1 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup
- 3 Serie A
- 4 Supercoppa Italiana
- 3 Coppa Italia
- 1 Canadian Championship



HEAD COACH  
**CARL  
CRAIG**

SPRING & FALL SEASON STANDINGS

**4**  
POSITION

**31**  
POINTS

**31**  
GOALS

Place of birth: Newcastle, England

Date of birth: October 30, 1965

## YOUTH CAREER



**NEWCASTLE  
UNITED  
(ENGLAND)**

**C**arl Craig joined the Minnesota coaching staff in early March 2010 after a long history coaching youth soccer in Minnesota.

The Newcastle upon Tyne native moved to the United States in 1994 as part of his involvement with Coerver Coaching. He has coached for the Eden Prairie Soccer Club, Minneapolis United, Westside FC, Wings Soccer Club, Shattuck-St. Mary's, Minneapolis South High School and Richfield High School.

He was also head coach of Twin City Phoenix of the Premier

Development League and the Minnesota Blast of the National Premier Soccer League. Craig holds multiple coaching licenses from several different federations.

He has an A license from UEFA, a full badge from the English FA, an advanced diploma from the Dutch KNVB, a diploma from the Italian federation and an A license and national youth instructor's license from the United States Soccer Federation.

He also has a premier coaching diploma from the National Soccer Coaches.

### Team Managed:

2010–2015  
Minnesota United FC  
(assistant)

2015–  
Minnesota United FC



## COACH

► **Alessandro Nesta**

Technical Director:

Mauro Pederzoli

Assistant Coach:

Lorenzo Rubinacci

Goalkeeper Coach:

Vincenzo Benvenuto

Head of Performance and

Fitness: Paolo Pacione



GOALKEEPERS



**#1**

► **Sebastian Evers**

Goalkeeper

Date of Birth:

01/02/1991

Age: 25

Country: USA

Weight: 180 lbs

Height: 6-1



**#17**

► **Daniel Vega**

Goalkeeper

Date of Birth:

06/03/1984

Age: 32

Country: Argentina

Weight: 200 lbs

Height: 6-2



**#33**

► **Lionel Brown**

Goalkeeper

Date of Birth:

09/17/1987

Age: 28

Country: USA

Weight: 180 lbs

Height: 6-0



**#24**

► **Joe Franco**

Defender

Date of Birth:

01/29/1990

Age: 26

Country: USA

Weight: 150 lbs

Height: 5-9



**#28**

► **Gabriel Farfán**

Defender

Date of Birth:

06/29/1988

Age: 28

Country: USA

Weight: 160 lbs

Height: 5-9



**#6**

► **Ariel Martínez**

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

05/09/1986

Age: 30

Country: Cuba

Weight: 171 lbs

Height: 5-11



**#7**

► **Roberto Alterio**

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

08/31/1990

Age: 25

Country: Venezuela

Weight: 175 lbs

Height: 5-10



**#8**

► **Wilson Palacios**

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

07/29/1984

Age: 31

Country: Honduras

Weight: 180 lbs

Height: 5-10



**#21**

► **Calvin Rezende**

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

01/21/1993

Age: 23

Country: USA

Weight: 155 lbs

Height: 5-7



**#22**

► **Jonny Steele**

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

02/07/1986

Age: 30

Country: N.Ireland

Weight: 165 lbs

Height: 6-0



**#23**

► **Blake Smith**

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

01/17/1991

Age: 25

Country: USA

Weight: 150 lbs

Height: 5-9



**#26**

► **Michael Lahoud**

Midfielder

Date of Birth:

09/15/1986

Age: 29

Country: Sierra Leone

Weight: 162 lbs

Height: 5-8

DEFENDERS

MIDFIELDERS

MIDFIELDERS



#2

▶ Jonathan Borrajo

Defender  
 Date of Birth:  06/02/1987  
 Age: 29  
 Country: USA  
 Weight: 165 lbs  
 Height: 5-8



#3

▶ Brad Rusin

Defender  
 Date of Birth:  09/05/1986  
 Age: 30  
 Country: USA  
 Weight: 210 lbs  
 Height: 6-5



#5

▶ Mason Trafford

Defender  
 Date of Birth:  08/21/1986  
 Age: 29  
 Country: Canada  
 Weight: 210 lbs  
 Height: 6-2



#16

▶ Hugo Leroux

Defender  
 Date of Birth:  01/07/1992  
 Age: 24  
 Country: France  
 Weight: 185 lbs  
 Height: 6-0



#18

▶ Rhett Bernstein

Defender  
 Date of Birth:  09/10/1987  
 Age: 29  
 Country: USA  
 Weight: 200 lbs  
 Height: 6-1

DEFENDERS



#10

▶ Kwadwo Poku

Midfielder  
 Date of Birth:  02/19/1992  
 Age: 24  
 Country: Ghana  
 Weight: 185 lbs  
 Height: 6-1



#13

▶ Conner Rezende

Midfielder  
 Date of Birth:  01/21/1993  
 Age: 23  
 Country: USA  
 Weight: 145 lbs  
 Height: 5-7



#14

▶ Robert Baggio Kcira

Midfielder  
 Date of Birth:  01/09/1994  
 Age: 22  
 Country: USA  
 Weight: 165 lbs  
 Height: 6-0



#19

▶ Dane Richards

Midfielder  
 Date of Birth:  12/14/1983  
 Age: 32  
 Country: Jamaica  
 Weight: 153 lbs  
 Height: 5-7



#20

▶ Richie Ryan

Midfielder  
 Date of Birth:  01/06/1985  
 Age: 31  
 Country: Ireland  
 Weight: 164 lbs  
 Height: 5-8

MIDFIELDERS



#9

▶ Jaime Chávez

Forward  
 Date of Birth:  07/17/1987  
 Age: 28  
 Country: USA  
 Weight: 181 lbs  
 Height: 6-1



#11

▶ Aaron Dennis

Forward  
 Date of Birth:  02/24/1993  
 Age: 23  
 Country: USA  
 Weight: 180 lbs  
 Height: 6-2



#12

▶ Dario Cvitanich

Forward  
 Date of Birth:  05/16/1984  
 Age: 32  
 Country: Argentina  
 Weight: 170 lbs  
 Height: 5-9



#77

▶ Vincenzo Rennella

Forward  
 Date of Birth:  10/08/1988  
 Age: 27  
 Country: France  
 Weight: 172 lbs  
 Height: 6-2



#83

▶ Pablo Campos

Forward  
 Date of Birth:  01/29/1983  
 Age: 33  
 Country: Brazil  
 Weight: 204 lbs  
 Height: 6-3

FORWARDS

## VISITING TEAM

- ▶ **Founded:** 2010
- ▶ **City:** Minneapolis, Minn. (382,578)



- ▶ **Stadium**  
National Sports Center  
(10,000)

### ▶ History

- Won the 2014 NASL Spring Championship, losing only once.
- Defeated English Premier League side Swansea City in 2014, 2-0.



### COACH

#### ▶ Carl Craig

**Assistant Coach:**

Peter Rivard

Ian Fuller

**Goalkeepers Coach:**

Paul O'Connor

### ▶ VS. The Miami FC

- The Miami FC and Minnesota United have played twice, both in Minnesota
- Minnesota took the first match 3-1 and the Miami FC took the second match 4-0.
- Forward Christian Ramirez leads the NASL in goals with 13.

### GOALKEEPERS

- #1 ▶ Aaron Perez
- #12 ▶ Steward Ceus
- #24 ▶ Kristian Nicht
- #33 ▶ Sammy Ndjock

### DEFENDERS

- #2 ▶ Justin Davis
- #3 ▶ Jeb Brovsky
- #5 ▶ Tiago Calvano
- #6 ▶ Brent Kallman
- #22 ▶ Kevin Venegas
- #31 ▶ Damion Lowe

### MIDFIELDERS

- #4 ▶ Aaron Pitchkolan
- #7 ▶ Ibson
- #9 ▶ Bernardo Añor
- #10 ▶ Ben Speas
- #13 ▶ Jamie Watson
- #14 ▶ Jack Blake
- #17 ▶ Lance Laing
- #18 ▶ Daniel Mendes
- #23 ▶ Greg Jordan
- #77 ▶ Juliano Vicentini

### FORWARDS

- #8 ▶ Danny Cruz
- #11 ▶ Stefano Pinho
- #15 ▶ Ismaila Jome
- #21 ▶ Christian Ramirez
- #29 ▶ J.C. Banks



## STANDINGS



### 2016 FALL SEASON TABLE

P	Team	Pld	Pts
1	<b>FC Edmonton</b>	9	22
2	<b>New York Cosmos</b>	10	20
3	<b>Indy Eleven</b>	10	19
4	<b>Minnesota United FC</b>	10	15
5	<b>Miami FC</b>	8	14
6	<b>Rayo OKC</b>	10	13
7	<b>Carolina RailHawks</b>	9	12
8	<b>Fort Lauderdale Strikers</b>	10	11
9	<b>Jacksonville Armada FC</b>	11	10
10	<b>Ottawa Fury FC</b>	9	9
11	<b>Tampa Bay Rowdies</b>	10	8
12	<b>Puerto Rico FC</b>	10	7

### TOP ASSISTS

	Nazmi Albadawi	7
	Kevin Venegas	6
	Joe Cole	4
	<b>Jonathan Borrajo</b>	4
	<b>Dario Cvitanich</b>	4
	Juan Arango	4
	Dylan Mares	4
	Jemal Johnson	3
	Jose Angulo	3
	Lucky Mkosana	3

### SAVES

	Matt VanOekel	70
	<b>Daniel Vega</b>	66
	Daniel Fernandes	65
	Romuald Peiser	46
	Jon Busch	44
	Matt Pickens	43
	Akira Fitzgerald	40
	Sammy Ndjock	37
	Sean Lewis	35
	Jimmy Maurer	34

### TOP GOALSCORER

	Christian Ramirez	13
	Eamon Zayed	12
	Michel	8
	Carl Haworth	7
	Héctor Ramos	7
	Juan Arango	7
	Adam Moffat	7
	<b>Dario Cvitanich</b>	6
	<b>Ariel Martinez</b>	5



**T**HE KIDS ARE WHAT MAKE THE 'BEAUTIFUL GAME' SUCH A WONDERFUL GAME TO PLAY. I PERSONALLY WANT TO WELCOME ALL PARENTS AND THEIR LITTLE FOOTBALLERS-TO-BE TO A FIELD OF DREAMS AS THEY SEE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL IN MIAMI.

*School's back and it's back to hitting the books and studying hard. I hope that we here at Miami FC offer a bit of a "reprieve" from the stress and excitement that the first week of school has to offer with back-to-school night.*

**Miami** is looking for some home cooking as they came home with significant points in their recent two-match road swing up north. At this stage of the season, the men in orange and blue are well aware that there are **27 POINTS** up for grabs and if their objective is to get to the playoffs, they must obtain as many of them as possible.

THEIR RECENT RUN OF FORM PROMISES EVEN MORE COMPETITIVE MATCHES AND THE PROSPECT TO HAVE SOME POST-SEASON ACTION IN MIAMI, **BUT THEY FIRST HAVE TO FACE A VERY DIFFICULT OPPONENT.** A WIN FOR THE MIAMI FC WOULD HAVE THEM BATTLING FOR A SPOT AT THE PODIUM IN THE NASL'S FALL SEASON.

MINNESOTA UNITED WILL MAKE THEIR FIRST AND LAST APPEARANCE AT FIU STADIUM TONIGHT, AS THEY ARE LOOKING TO END THEIR TIME IN NASL WITH A LEAGUE TITLE. THIS CRUCIAL MEET SEES BOTH SQUADS FIGHTING FOR FOURTH PLACE AND ULTIMATELY THE TOP SPOT IN THE TABLE.

**FOR "THE LOONS" IT'S A CHANCE TO AVENGE THEIR WORST HOME LOSS EVER IN FRANCHISE HISTORY. ON THE FLIPSIDE, THAT MATCH MARKED THE BIGGEST WIN IN MIAMI'S SHORT CLUB HISTORY. THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING AT MIAMI AS THE BEST POSSIBLE**

**JUAN  
ARANGO**  
VOICE OF THE MIAMI FC



PLACE TO BEGIN TO TURN AROUND A POOR RUN OF FORM THAT HAS SEEN THEM ONLY WIN ONE OF THEIR LAST SIX MATCHES.

ALSO, MINNESOTA UNITED HAVE NOT WON ON THE ROAD SINCE APRIL 10 WHEN THEY DEFEATED EDMONTON 2-0.

WITH ALL THESE TRENDS FAVORING THE MIAMI FC, MINNESOTA IS POISED TO TURN THINGS AROUND AND MOVE ON WITH A SECOND NASL TITLE UNDER THEIR BELT.

ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOT HAVE MIDFIELD PLAYMAKER, IBSON, AVAILABLE FOR ACTION DUE TO SUSPENSION AND **STEFANO PINHO WITH A SEASON-ENDING INJURY, A GREAT AMOUNT OF THE OFFENSIVE BURDEN WILL FALL ON MIDFIELDER BEN SPEAS.**

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Despite a sour 2-0 derby loss in unfavorable conditions, things are looking better and brighter for the Miami FC.

Improvements in the squad and better team play have seen the team go undefeated in 5 of the last 7 matches, including a tight loss against the Cosmos and a 4-0 shattering of Minnesota United, the best win so far in the team's history.

The solution for repeating the feat is simple: buckle down and play to the heights of which they're capable.

Player talent is sure to take the Miami FC far, with star goalkeeper Daniel "Indio" Vega among the league leaders in shots stopped and a strong midfield with Poku, Mike Lahoud, and Ariel Martinez, among those continuing to

inspire creativity and create chances.

Meanwhile, Minnesota United have struggled on the road and players may be thinking about events beyond the end of this season. Major changes loom for the Loons and that could mean an unsettled squad that's already suffered from a dip in form during the fall season, as well as, unfit players following a busy schedule that saw them play seven matches in four weeks.

At the time of writing, the Miami FC sit one point off the fourth place Loons, with the same goals scored but the Miami FC has the advantage with a game in hand. That should give Miami impetus to bring forth the offense against United and replicate at home the job they did in Minnesota.

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MIAMI,**

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WOAAAAAH,  
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SCHEDULE & PROMOTIONS

8.27



### Minnesota United

Back to School

\$1 tickets for all kids  
Giveaway: Miami FC Flag for the first  
5,000 fans courtesy of Modelo Especial

9.14



### Carolina RailHawks

First Responders

Mexican Heritage Night  
Giveaway: Miami FC t-shirt for first 2,500 fans

9.23



### Puerto Rico FC

Pediatric Cancer  
Awareness Night

Giveaway: Miami FC t-shirt for first  
2,500 fans

9.28



### Ottawa Fury

College Night

\$1 tickets for all college students with ID  
Giveaway: Miami FC Cap

10.8



### Rayo OKC

Dog Days of Soccer

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benefit the Humane Society of Greater  
Miami.  
Giveaway: Miami FC Mini Soccer Ball

10.14



### Tampa Bay Rowdies

Octoberfest |  
Breast Cancer  
Awareness Night

Giveaway: Miami FC Inaugural  
Season Scarf  
Pregame: Octoberfest celebration with  
live music, dancing and variety of beer  
selections.

10.28



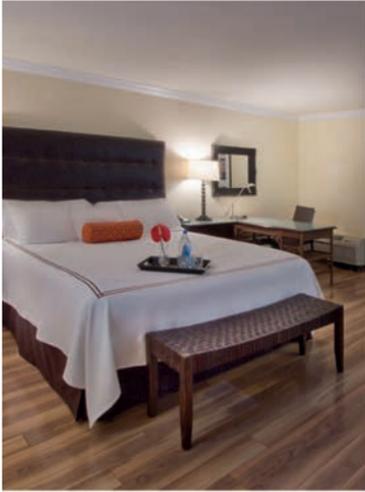
### Edmonton

Fan Appreciation  
Night

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