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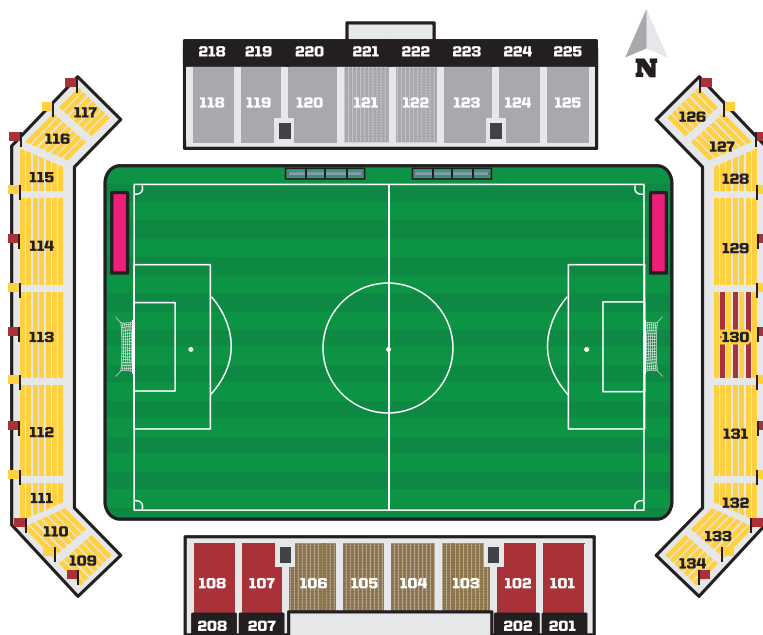




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# 2016 STRIKERS TICKET INFO



		FULL SEASON MEMBERSHIP (16 GAMES)	ADVANCE SINGLE TICKET	GAMEDAY SINGLE TICKET
	<b>MIDFIELD RESERVED</b> Section 103-106	\$315	\$20	\$25
	<b>SIDELINE GENERAL ADMISSION</b> Sections 101-102, 107-108	\$240	\$15	\$20
	<b>ENDLINE GENERAL ADMISSION</b> Section 109-117, 126-134	\$160	\$12	\$15
	<b>SUPPORTERS SECTION GA</b> Section 130	\$115*	N/A	N/A

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# 2016 STRIKERS SCHEDULE



## SPRING SEASON Home games in RED

Date	Opponent	Time	Broadcast
SATURDAY, APRIL 2	MIAMI FC	7:00 PM	SFL-TV / beIN SPORTS
SATURDAY, APRIL 16	AT MINNESOTA UNITED FC	8:00 PM	SFL-TV
SATURDAY, APRIL 23	JACKSONVILLE ARMADA	7:00 PM	SFL-TV
SATURDAY, APRIL 30	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:00 PM	SFL-TV / ONE WORLD SPORTS
SATURDAY, MAY 7	AT CAROLINA RAILHAWKS	7:30 PM	SFL-TV
SATURDAY, MAY 14	INDY ELEVEN	7:00 PM	SFL-TV
SATURDAY, MAY 21	AT RAYO OKLAHOMA CITY	8:00 PM	SFL-TV / ONE WORLD SPORTS
FRIDAY, MAY 27	AT OTTAWA FURY FC	7:00 PM	SFL-TV
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1	LAMAR HUNT US OPEN CUP RD 3*	TBA	TBA
SATURDAY, JUNE 4	NEW YORK COSMOS	7:00 PM	SFL-TV / ONE WORLD SPORTS
SUNDAY, JUNE 12	AT FC EDMONTON	4:00 PM	SFL-TV

## FALL SEASON

SATURDAY, JULY 2	MIAMI FC	7:00 PM	SFL-TV
SUNDAY, JULY 10	AT FC EDMONTON	4:00 PM	SFL-TV
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13	AT INDY ELEVEN	7:30 PM	SFL-TV / beIN SPORTS
SATURDAY, JULY 16	CAROLINA RAILHAWKS	7:00 PM	SFL-TV
SATURDAY, JULY 23	AT MINNESOTA UNITED FC	8:00 PM	SFL-TV
SATURDAY, JULY 30	JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	7:00 PM	SFL-TV
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6	AT TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:30 PM	SFL-TV / beIN SPORTS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13	AT MIAMI FC	8:00 PM	SFL-TV
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17	AT JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	6:30 PM	CBS SPORTS NETWORK
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20	OTTAWA FURY FC	7:00 PM	SFL-TV
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31	MINNESOTA UNITED FC	7:30 PM	CBS SPORTS NETWORK
SATURDAY, SEPT. 3	NEW YORK COSMOS	7:00 PM	SFL-TV / ONE WORLD SPORTS
SATURDAY, SEPT. 10	INDY ELEVEN	7:00 PM	SFL-TV / beIN SPORTS
SUNDAY, SEPT. 18	AT RAYO OKLAHOMA CITY	8:00 PM	SFL-TV
SATURDAY, SEPT. 24	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:00 PM	SFL-TV
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28	AT PUERTO RICO FC	7:30 PM	SFL-TV
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2	AT NEW YORK COSMOS	6:00 PM	SFL-TV / ONE WORLD SPORTS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8	AT CAROLINA RAILHAWKS	7:30 PM	SFL-TV / beIN SPORTS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12	FC EDMONTON	7:30 PM	SFL-TV / ONE WORLD SPORTS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15	PUERTO RICO FC	7:00 PM	SFL-TV
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22	RAYO OKLAHOMA CITY	7:00 PM	SFL-TV
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29	AT OTTAWA FURY FC	2:00 PM	SFL-TV

All home games at Lockhart Stadium. All times eastern.

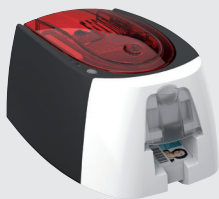
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# NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER LEAGUE



The 2016 NASL season features 12 teams across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Miami FC and Rayo OKC begin play in the Spring Season, and Puerto Rico FC join in the Fall Season. The San Francisco Deltas will join the league in 2017.

- Carolina RailHawks
- FC Edmonton
- Fort Lauderdale Strikers
- Indy Eleven
- Jacksonville Armada FC
- Miami FC
- Minnesota United FC
- New York Cosmos
- Ottawa Fury FC
- Puerto Rico FC
- Rayo OKC
- Tampa Bay Rowdies
- San Francisco Deltas (2017)

The competition is split into Spring and Fall Seasons, with the champions of each season earning a spot in the NASL Championship, the league's four-team postseason tournament in November. The Spring/Fall winner with the better overall record will receive the #1 seed.

The two teams with the next highest overall points total will qualify as The Championship's 3rd and 4th seeds. Seeds 1 & 2 will host the semifinals, and the highest advancing seed will host The Championship Final, with the winner receiving the Soccer Bowl trophy.



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# READY TO GO

## STRIKERS DEFENDER EXCITED FOR THE HOME OPENER

*by Darren Hendricks*

The 2016 season officially kicks off tonight, with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers playing host to Miami FC at Lockhart Stadium. Defender Julius James looks forward to the start of the season after a preseason that saw the club start earlier than any other professional team in the country.

“It’s exciting to finally start the season,” said James. “We are a bit weary of a long preseason, we played so many matches.”

The Strikers spent the preseason participating in the Florida Cup, with international matches and friendlies against some of the top teams in the world, followed by a two-week trip to China in which the Strikers played another four matches.

“We are excited to get out there and start the season. We are trying to keep ourselves as fresh as possible for this weekend.”

The Strikers will be hosting Miami FC, a brand new team of the North American Soccer League this season. Saturday will be their first competitive match. Playing a new team for the first time is always tough: sometimes there is no telling what a team can expect.

“We don’t know what to expect from Miami, except a tough match. It is like the teams we faced in China. We never faced them before so we knew they will bring new challenges, and we like new challenges.”

“We will treat them like we would any other team we face and just do our job, win. There is no such thing as a new team: you can’t think of a team as an expansion team, just a team, with new players. Our team is all new players, a lot of team has all new players. It doesn’t matter who the team is, they will bring serious competition. This league has fierce competition and this season will be a never ending battle from start to finish.”

The Strikers open the 2016 season in front of their home crowd at Lockhart Stadium. Being the home team for the opening game is exciting, but also poses its own challenges.

“We’ve had a lot of preparation and we have a very good coaching staff: we expect to win the game. That is what you expect from a team playing at home and we expect a competitive match against Miami. They have a good coaching staff and talent, it will be a great match.”



**JULIUS JAMES** **14**  
Midfielder



## STRIKERS SOCIAL MEDIA

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## KNOW YOUR OPPONENT

**MIAMI FC**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016**



**Founded: 2015**

**Home Stadium: Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium**

**Head Coach: Alessandro Nesta**

**2016: Inaugural Season**

Miami FC joins the NASL for 2016, and plays their first ever official match vs the Strikers at Lockhart Stadium. In addition to being the first ever meeting between these two clubs in the modern NASL, this marks the first time since the 1992 American Professional Soccer League season that teams from Fort Lauderdale and Miami have faced off against each other.

Miami FC is led by former Lazio, AC Milan and Italy National Team legend Alessandro Nesta, who is starting his first campaign as manager. The club is owned by Nesta's Italy and Milan teammate Paolo Maldini and businessman Riccardo Silva.

The club features two former Strikers - defender Jonnathan Borrajo and goalkeeper Lionel Brown, as well as Honduran international Wilson Palacios and former NASL leading goalscorer Pablo Campos.

Being the two geographically closest clubs in the NASL by far, the rivalry between Miami and Fort Lauderdale is sure to develop into one of the best in the league.



# OPPONENT ROSTER



#	Position	Name
1	GK	David Sierra
2	D	Jonathan Borrajo
3	D	Brad Rusin
4	D	Adailton Jose dos Santos
5	D	Mason Trafford
6	F	Ariel Martinez
7	M	Roberto Alterio
8	M	Wilson Palacios
9	F	Jaime Chavez
10	M	Matuzalem Francelino Da Silva
11	F	Aaron Dennis
12	F	Dario Cvitanich
13	D	Jorge Luis Corrales
14	M	Robert Baggio Kcira
15	M	Sergio Van Kantén
16	D	Hugo Leroux
17	GK	Mario Daniel Vega
18	D	Rhett Bernstein
19	M	Dane Richards
21	M	Calvin Rezende
22	M	Conner Rezende
23	M	Blake Smith
24	D	Joe Franco
33	GK	Lionel Brown
83	F	Pablo Campos



## TECHNICAL STAFF



### CAIO ZANARDI General Manager + Head Coach

Caio Zanardi was appointed Head Coach of the Strikers on December 2, 2015. Zanardi will oversee all soccer operations as general manager, a position he was appointed to in July 2015. Zanardi comes to the Strikers after nearly three years working for Brazil's national soccer federation (Confederação Brasileira de Futebol). Prior to his role at the highest level of Brazil's soccer pyramid, Zanardi served six years as soccer director for Al-Nasr Sports Club, a top team in the United Arab Emirates. "While I was happy in Brazil, I couldn't turn down this opportunity," said Zanardi. "I believe in where the Strikers are going and I want to be a part of it." Zanardi's coaching credentials include an English FA International License, learning at the hands of renowned soccer coaches Fabio Capello, Sven-Göran Eriksson, Louis van Gaal and Carlo Ancelotti. Zanardi's résumé includes time with Palmeiras, Audax/Pão de Açúcar - SP and Paulista de Jundiaí.



**PHILLIP DOS SANTOS**  
Assistant Coach



**RICARDO LOPES**  
Goalkeepers Coach



**CASSIANO COSTA**  
Strength + Conditioning



**BRUNO COSTA**  
Assistant GM



**LEANDRO ROSA**  
Physiologist



**MARTIN YACONIS**  
Sports Tech Engineer



**VICTOR CARDOSO**  
Team Administrator



**OLAF HENKE**  
U-23 Head Coach

# 2016 FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS



## 10 ADRIANINHO Midfielder

5'9" | 152 lbs | Born: 07/11/1980  
Hometown: Jundá, Brazil  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
@adrianinhomeia

## 44 GALE AGBOSSOUMONDE Defender

6'1" | 206 lbs | Born: 11/17/1991  
Hometown: Syracuse, NY  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
@galecuse17



## 18 JEAN-MARC ALEXANDRE Midfielder

5'11" | 190 lbs | Born: 08/24/1986  
Hometown: Delray Beach, FL  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)



## 19 JOSE ANGULO Forward

5'11" | 180 lbs | Born: 01/13/1988  
Hometown: Paterson, NJ  
Joined Strikers: 2015 (2nd Season)  
@j\_angulo18



## 5 NANA ATTAKORA Defender

6'1" | 185 lbs | Born: 03/27/1989  
Hometown: North York, Ontario, Canada  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)



## 20 CHRISTIAN BLANDON Midfielder

6'0" | 170 lbs | Born: 10/02/1992  
Hometown: Miami, FL  
Joined Strikers: 2015 (2nd Season)



## 1 BRUNO CARDOSO Goalkeeper

6'5" | 194 lbs | Born: 06/27/1984  
Hometown: São Paulo, Brazil  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
@BrunoCCardoso





# 2016 FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS

## 11 MATHEUS CARVALHO Forward

5'9" | 152 lbs | Born: 03/11/1992  
Hometown: Niteroi, Brazil  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)



## 2 DALTON Defender

6'1" | 174 lbs | Born: 02/05/1990  
Hometown: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)



## 16 LUIS FELIPE FERNANDES Midfielder

6'1" | 185 lbs | Born: 01/29/1996  
Hometown: Mineola, NY  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)



## 77 GABRIEL Defender

5'7" | 150 lbs | Born: 06/05/1981  
Hometown: São Paulo, Brazil  
Joined Strikers: 2015 (2nd Season)



## 92 GIUSEPPE GENTILE Forward

6'0" | 165 lbs | Born: 10/18/1982  
Hometown: Miami, FL  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
[@GiussilJuice7](#)



## 23 MANNY GONZALEZ Midfielder

5'6" | 150 lbs | Born: 06/03/1990  
Hometown: Pompano Beach, FL  
Joined Strikers: 2013 (4th Season)  
[@mannysgonzalez](#)



## 3 NEIL HLAVATY Midfielder

6'0" | 170 lbs | Born: 12/27/1986  
Hometown: Berwyn, IL  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
[@hlavatybud4](#)





# 2016 FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS



## 14 JULIUS JAMES Defender

6'0" | 170 lbs | Born: 07/09/1984  
Hometown: Maloney Gardens, Trinidad & Tobago  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
[@mrjuliusjames](#)

## 8 KLÉBERSON Midfielder

5'9" | 140 lbs | Born: 06/19/1979  
Hometown: Uraí, Brazil  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
[@kleber\\_\8](#)



## 7 GEISON MOURA Forward

5'10" | 171 lbs | Born: 07/16/1986  
Hometown: São Caetano do Sul, Brazil  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
[@GeisonMoura](#)



## 6 PC Midfielder

5'8" | 185 lbs | Born: 03/10/1994  
Hometown: São Paulo, Brazil  
Joined Strikers: 2015 (2nd Season)



## 27 VICTOR PINEDA Midfielder

5'11" | 152 lbs | Born: 03/15/1983  
Hometown: Bolingbrook, IL  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
[@VictorPineda93](#)



## 12 DIEGO RESTREPO Goalkeeper

6'0" | 195 lbs | Born: 02/25/1988  
Hometown: Miami, FL  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
[@diegorestrepogk](#)



## 98 MATIAS REYNARES Goalkeeper

6'1" | 185 lbs | Born: 10/25/1998  
Hometown: Weston, FL  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)





## 2016 FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS

### 24 AURELIO SACO VÉRTIZ Defender

6'0" | 180 lbs | Born: 05/30/1989  
Hometown: Miami, FL  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
[@Asacovertz](#)



### 29 MAICON SANTOS Forward

6'2" | 200 lbs | Born: 04/18/1984  
Hometown: Paracambi, Brazil  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)

### 21 LUIS ZAPATA Defender

5'10" | 170 lbs | Born: 04/24/1980  
Hometown: Cali, Colombia  
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)  
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## 6 PC MIDFIELDER

**Born:** March 10, 1994

**Hometown:** São Paulo, Brazil

**Ht:** 5'8" **Wt:** 155 Lbs

**Previous Club:** Corinthians

PC enters his second season with the Strikers after a standout debut campaign in 2015, where he finished third on the team in minutes, goals and assists with 2448, 6 and 4 respectively.

The young Brazilian featured on the NASL Team of the Week 4 times, won the Play of the Week in week 2 for his sensational game-winning goal vs Jacksonville, and was named Player of the Week twice. He was also a nominee for NASL Young Player of the Year and Golden Ball (MVP).



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# NEW YEAR



**THE STRIKERS PARTNERED WITH INARIA FOR THE 2016 SEASON TO CREATE BRAND NEW, FULLY CUSTOM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY UNIFORMS. BOTH KITS FEATURE A NUMBER OF CUSTOMIZED DETAILS INCLUDING UNIQUE NUMBER FONTS, A 3D RUBBER STRIKERS CREST, AND NEW SHORTS AND SOCK COLOR COMBINATIONS BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF 2016 UNIFORM COMBINATIONS TO FIVE.**

# NEW LOOK



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