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2016 STRIKERS SCHEDULE



SPRING SEASON Home games in RED

Date	Opponent	Time	Broadcast / Result
SATURDAY, APRIL 2	MIAMI FC	7:00 PM	D 1-1
SATURDAY, APRIL 16	AT MINNESOTA UNITED FC	8:00 PM	L 3-0
SATURDAY, APRIL 23	JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	7:00 PM	D 1-1
SATURDAY, APRIL 30	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:00 PM	L 0-1
SATURDAY, MAY 7	AT CAROLINA RAILHAWKS	7:30 PM	W 1-3
SATURDAY, MAY 14	INDY ELEVEN	7:00 PM	D 0-0
SATURDAY, MAY 21	AT RAYO OKLAHOMA CITY	8:00 PM	W 1-2
FRIDAY, MAY 27	AT OTTAWA FURY FC	7:00 PM	W 1-2
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1	RICHMOND KICKERS*	11:00 AM	D 1-1 (2-0 PKS)
SATURDAY, JUNE 4	NEW YORK COSMOS	7:00 PM	W 2-1
SUNDAY, JUNE 12	AT FC EDMONTON	4:00 PM	L 2-1
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15	AT D.C. UNITED*	7:30 PM	D 0-0 (3-4 PKS)
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29	AT ORLANDO CITY SC*	7:30 PM	W 1-2 (AET)

FALL SEASON

SATURDAY, JULY 2	MIAMI FC	7:00 PM	D 1-1
SUNDAY, JULY 10	AT FC EDMONTON	4:00 PM	L 1-0
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13	AT INDY ELEVEN	7:30 PM	L 3-0
SATURDAY, JULY 16	CAROLINA RAILHAWKS	7:00 PM	L 0-1
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20	AT CHICAGO FIRE*	8:30 PM	L 3-0
SATURDAY, JULY 23	AT MINNESOTA UNITED FC	8:00 PM	L 3-1
SATURDAY, JULY 30	JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	7:00 PM	W 1-0
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6	AT TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	7:30 PM	L 2-1
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13	AT MIAMI FC	8:00 PM	W 0-2
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17	AT JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	6:30 PM	D 1-1
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20	OTTAWA FURY FC	7:00 PM	W 3-1
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31	MINNESOTA UNITED FC	7:30 PM	CBS SPORTS NETWORK
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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

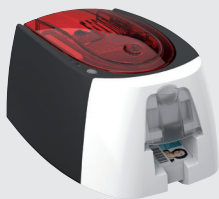
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The 2016 NASL season features 12 teams across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Miami FC and Rayo OKC began play in the Spring Season, and Puerto Rico FC joined in the Fall Season. The San Francisco Deltas will join the league in 2017.

- 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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AROUND THE NASL



After their debut match at Central Broward Stadium, the Strikers were off for Week 9 of the NASL Fall Season. While the Red & Gold took a break, the rest of the league played a slate of six matches, bringing the Fall season to it's midway point. On Wednesday, August 24, **Ottawa Fury FC** hosted **Miami FC** and the sides battled to a scoreless draw at TD Place.

On the weekend, the **New York Cosmos** hammered the **Carolina RailHawks** 6-1, and regained their place at the top of the Fall and Combined tables.

The **Tampa Bay Rowdies** jumped back into 5th place overall behind two goals from Joe Cole in a 2-0 victory over **Rayo OKC**. In South Florida, **Miami FC** played to a 1-1 draw with **Minnesota United FC**, while **Ottawa** was back in action at home with another 1-1 draw vs **Indy Eleven**. The weekend wrapped up with **FC Edmonton** hosting **Puerto Rico FC** and in a week ruled by low-scoring draws, this one did not dissappoint with a 0-0 finish. As a result, the **Eddies** were unable to take back the top position from **New York**, remaining tied in the Fall and behind by one point in the combined table.

As the final third of the 2016 schedule begins, the race to The Championship is in full swing. It's a three way race at the top between New York, Edmonton and Indy for both the overall #1 seed and the Fall Championship, while Minnesota will be looking to hold off the pack of Tampa Bay, Fort Lauderdale, Carolina and Rayo OKC for the final postseason spot.

2016 COMBINED STANDINGS AS OF 8/30/16

	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	New York Cosmos ^{*F}	21	13	2	6	41	23	+18	41
2	FC Edmonton [*]	20	12	4	4	18	10	+8	40
3	Indy Eleven ^{*S}	21	10	8	3	33	20	+13	38
4	Minnesota United FC [*]	21	9	5	7	32	24	+8	32
5	Tampa Bay Rowdies	21	7	6	8	24	26	-2	27
6	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	20	7	5	8	22	25	-3	26
7	Carolina RailHawks	20	7	5	8	28	37	-9	26
8	Rayo OKC	21	6	7	8	24	25	-1	25
9	Miami FC	20	5	8	7	23	27	-4	23
10	Ottawa Fury FC	21	5	5	11	19	25	-6	20
11	Jacksonville Armada FC	21	3	8	10	15	29	-14	17
12	Puerto Rico FC	11	1	5	5	9	17	-8	8

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MINNESOTA UNITED FC

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Founded: 2010

Home Stadium: National Sports Center

Head Coach: Carl Craig

2016 Record: 9-5-7 (32 points, 4th Place)

After 26 years of continuous professional soccer in the Twin Cities, 4 team names, and numerous owners, Minnesota United FC is heading to Major League Soccer (MLS) in 2017. But before the jump, the Loons have a fight to qualify for the NASL Championship and one last trip to Fort Lauderdale ahead of them.

Minnesota are led by 2016 league leading goal scorer and 2014 NASL Golden Boot winner Christian Ramirez. United veteran Kevin Venegas and former Striker Lance Laing also feature heavily in Minnesota's success.

Along with the Strikers, Minnesota United FC are one of just two teams to have qualified for the NASL postseason four times in the modern era, and will be looking for their fifth appearance and second championship in their final NASL season.

OPPONENT ROSTER



#	Position	Name
1	GK	Aaron Perez
2	D	Justin Davis
3	D	Jeb Brovsky
4	M	Aaron Pitchkolan
5	D	Tiago Calvano
6	D	Brent Kallman
7	M	Ibson
8	F	Danny Cruz
9	F	Bernardo Añor
10	F	Ben Speas
11	F	Stefano Pinho
12	GK	Steward Ceus
13	M	Jamie Watson
14	M	Jack Blake
15	F	Ismaila Jome
17	M	Lance Laing
18	F	Daniel Mendes
21	F	Christian Ramirez
22	D	Kevin Venegas
23	M	Greg Jordan
24	GK	Kristian Nicht
29	F	J.C. Banks
31	D	Damion Lowe
33	GK	Sammy Ndjock
77	M	Juliano Elizeu Vicentini



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)



15 AMAURI Forward

6'2" | 183 lbs | Born: 06/03/1980
Hometown: Carapicuíba, Brazil
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



17 BRYAN ARGUEZ Midfielder

6'0" | 170 lbs | Born: 10/02/1992
Hometown: Miami, FL
Joined Strikers: 2011 (2nd Season - Re-joined in 2016)



5 NANA ATTAKORA Defender

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





2016 FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS

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](#)



13 JORGE LUIS CORRALES Defender

5'9" | 168 lbs | Born: 05/20/1991
Hometown: Pinar del Rio, Cuba
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)



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](#)



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_\nson_8](#)



7 GEISON MOURA Forward

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



9 RAMÓN NUÑEZ Midfielder

5'7" | 155 lbs | Born: 11/14/1985
Hometown: Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Joined Strikers: 2016 (1st Season)



11 PAULO JR Forward

5'5" | 158 lbs | Born: 01/23/1989
Hometown: Teresina, Brazil
Joined Strikers: 2012 (3rd Season - Re-joined in 2016)



27 VICTOR PINEDA Midfielder

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





2016 FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS

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)



24 AURELIO SACO VÉRTIZ Defender

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



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)
[@luiszapa19](#)



99 HOTSHOT Mascot

7'0" | 200 lbs | Born: 04/09/2011
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Joined Strikers: 2011 (6th Season)
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A RETURN TO FORM FOR THE STRIKERS IN THE SUNSHINE STATE

Stuck in a bit of a midsummer slump, the Strikers went in to their July 30th finale at Lockhart Stadium sitting in eighth place with just 16 points in the overall table.

That match would begin a stretch of nearly two months where the club would not have to travel beyond the borders of the Sunshine State.

The finish at Lockhart would prove memorable, as Maicon Santos would break a scoreless draw with a late winner off a corner kick, sending the crowd into a frenzy and kicking off a run up the table for Fort Lauderdale.

Next up was a three game road trip stopping at each of the Strikers' Floridian rivals. First up was the only dissapointing result of August so far, where a comeback effort fell short and the Strikers fell 2-1 to their biggest rivals. Jose Angulo notched the Strikers lone goal and nearly tied the game up in stoppage time, but a Matt Pickens save denied the Strikers of a big road point.

A wild night in Miami was on tap for the second game of the road swing. Lightning moved into the area surrounding FIU Stadium as the players were preparing to warm up,

and did not relent for nearly 4 hours. The match kicked off after 11PM, setting up a late night/early morning clash to settle the season series between the two newest rivals in the league. Paulo Jr. gave the Strikers the lead late with a cheeky toe poke after maneuvering around defender Wilson Palacios. Minutes later Amauri, who only minutes before was substituted into the match in his debut for the Strikers, doubled the lead by smashing home a half-volley after collecting a pass from Jose Angulo at the end of a run down the length of the pitch.

Miami FC could not recover, and the Strikers would earn their second clean sheet in three matches. The victory not only was the first in the Fort Lauderdale-Miami series to not end in a 1-1 draw, but also made the Red & Gold the first and only professional club in Florida to have defeated every other professional club in Florida at least once in competitive play.

The final road match of the trip took the Strikers up I-95 to Jacksonville, for the last tangle with the Armada of 2016. Jose Angulo once again put the Strikers on top in the first half, but Jacksonville would equalize and a close back and forth match would progress throughout the second half.



KINGS OF FLORIDA - The Strikers defeated Miami FC on August 13, making them the first and only professional soccer club in Florida to have defeated each of the other four Floridian pro clubs in competitive play.

Amauri nearly stole three points for the Strikers at the death, but his lofted effort over goalkeeper Miguel Gallardo floated just over the bar and the two sides split the points. The Strikers, however, would take the season series and remain unbeaten

HOME COOKING

all-time vs Jacksonville, improving to a 4-2-0 record vs their blue-clad rivals from North Florida.

After only two days of rest, the next match would be at home, but in unfamiliar confines - the first ever game at the Strikers' new home ground, Central Broward Stadium vs Ottawa Fury FC.



The new digs would be kind to the Strikers early on, as scoring opened in the 20th minute via the Angulo-Amauri combo with a slick backheel pass that the Italian forward was able to slot home for the first ever goal at Central Broward Stadium.

Ottawa would equalize not long after, and had a chance to grab the lead with

a penalty kick. Carl Haworth of Ottawa stepped up to the spot, but his shot to the lower right corner was saved by Bruno, turning the momentum back in Fort Lauderdale's direction. The match would go to the 77th minute before being blown open with perhaps the goal of the season in the NASL.



A cross in from Paulo Jr. ricocheted off two Ottawa defenders, setting up Amauri for a spectacular overhead bicycle kick which snuck just under the bar and past Romuald Pesier to put the Strikers up 2-1. But the night's #1 SportsCenter play wasn't all, as just six minutes later an attempted clearance by former Striker Rafael Alves was misplaced and hit the back of the net, putting



the Strikers up 3-1, giving them all three points and locking up the season series vs Ottawa with one game still to play.

The victory vs Ottawa capped a successful five game stretch in which the Strikers posted a 3-1-1 record and a goals against average of 0.80. The result also saw the Strikers moving up the table, ending the night in 5th place overall, and within striking distance of Minnesota and the final postseason position.

After a week off, the Strikers now sit one point back of 5th place, with crucial home games vs three of the league's top four sides looming as Minnesota, New York and Indy make

their first visits to Central Broward Stadium. September 18 will see the Strikers travel to the Sooner State to face Rayo OKC, and then

return for their final match of the year vs a Florida club when the Rowdies visit Central Broward Stadium.

The series of matches through the end of September will likely determine the Strikers fate for the NASL Championship, with key games vs postseason contenders and crucial points on the line.



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BRUNO GOALKEEPER

Born: June 27, 1984

Hometown: São Paulo, Brazil

Ht: 6'5" **Wt:** 195 Lbs

Previous Club: Palmeiras (BRA / Série A)

Bruno is seeing a return to form in the Strikers Fall Season campaign, featuring in net for the last five games in which the club has posted a 3-1-1 record. During the recent stretch Bruno has compiled a 0.80 goals against average with two clean sheets, bringing his season average to 1.11 goals conceded per game.

Prior to arriving in Fort Lauderdale for the 2016 season, the tallest member of the Strikers spent the previous 10 years at Brazilian powerhouse Palmeiras, where he made 70 appearances with the club from São Paulo. Bruno also spent brief loan spells with Portuguesa and Santa Cruz during his time in Brazil.



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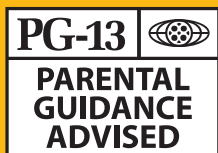
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