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Forward Madison FC vs. North Carolina FC | Saturday, May 15, 2021 - 7:00PM

Breese Stevens Field - Madison, WI

Featuring art by local artist Olivia Booth

# MATCH PREVIEW



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## Home At Last!

**Flamingos to play home opener against North Carolina FC on Saturday**

USL League One - Game 2

Forward Madison FC vs North Carolina FC

Saturday, May 15, 2021; 7 p.m. CT

Breese Stevens Field

Where to Watch

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Keep track of the official stats on the USL League One Match Center

Forward Madison FC will host its first regular season game at Breese Stevens Field in 601 days this Saturday, facing off against USL League One newcomers North Carolina FC. Gates will open at 6 p.m. CT and kickoff is set for 7 p.m. CT.

The Flamingos are currently ninth in the USL League One after drawing their opening match 1-1 against FC Tucson last week. The game was off to a fairly even start until Deri Corfe of FC Tucson scored the opening goal in the 51st minute, but new signing and co-captain Jake Keegan evened out the match for the Flamingos with his goal in the 67th minute.

Going into Saturday's match, head coach Carl Craig said he is hoping for the offense to create more goal-scoring opportunities.

"I thought we were a little trigger happy and I think we need to show a little bit more patience," Craig said. "That will allow us to get more players up the field so we can create better opportunities, rather than get up to the penalty area and blaze away."

The Flamingos have not played a home match at Breese since September 22, 2019, which Craig said has contributed to a sense of anticipation amongst the team.

"There's obvious excitement, but it's kind of calm, which is good," Craig said. "I think there's genuine, pos-

itive anticipation because a number of us in part came here for the atmosphere that this community builds in this football stadium.”

Looking at Forward Madison’s competitor, North Carolina FC sits 12th in the USL League One table after dropping their first match 2-1 against Greenville Triumph SC.

Saturday’s matchup will mark the first time these two teams have ever played against each other, as well as a reunion of sorts for defender Connor Tobin, who played for NCFC from 2014-18. North Carolina FC is new to USL League One this year after dropping down from the USL Championship, where it had played since 2018.

The Flamingos will be back at Breese following Saturday’s game, with a matchup against Union Omaha set for Wednesday, May 26.



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# 2021 AWAY KIT

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## # 1 | PHIL BRENO

2021	GP/GS	MIN	CS	GA	SV	SV%	YC/RC
	1/1	90	1	0	2	66.7%	0/0

GK | 25 | 6'2" | 105 LB | MT. AIRY, MD

- Arrives at Forward Madison following two years with the Charleston Battery in USL Champ'shp.
- Only FMFC player to defeat Greenville Triumph, which he did during 2019 US Open Cup.

PHIL  
BREE-no



## # 2 | RONALDO LOMELI

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	71	0	0	1	89.3%	0/0

DF | 23 | 5'5" | 140 LB | LOS ANGELES, CA

- Started every preseason game for FMFC.
- Can play as a right back or holding midfielder.
- Regular starter for UC-Riverside in 2018-19.

ro-NAL-do  
lo-MEL-ee



## # 3 | ERIC LEONARD

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	38	0	0	0	88.2%	0/0

MF | 25 | 5'9" | 165 LB | PALATINE, IL

- Leonard played in every Forward Madison USL game during the team's first two seasons.
- Can play as defensive midfielder or center back.

AIR-ik  
LEN-erd



## # 4 | GUSTAVO FERNANDES

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	90	0	0	1	79.2%	1/0

DF | 23 | 6'0" | 170 LB | WEST BABYLON, NY

- Played in 11 of 16 games in his rookie season in 2020, serving as FMFC's utility man.
- Brother Leo plays for USL Championship's Tampa Bay Rowdies.

goo-STAH-voe  
fer-NAN-des



## # 6 | AARON MOLLOY

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/0	52	0	0	1	88.6%	1/0

MF | 24 | 5'11" | 165 LB | DUBLIN, IRELAND

- Picked #16 in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft by the Portland Timbers.
- Father Trevor played pro in Ireland, scored over 100 goals in his career.

AIR-in  
muh-LOY



## # 7 | JAKE KEEGAN (C)

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	90	1	0	1	71.4%	0/0

FW | 29 | 5'9" | 159 LB | STORMVILLE, NY

- Scored 14 goals across the past two seasons with Greenville Triumph SC.
- Longtime veteran has also played in Ireland and for FC Edmonton.

JAKE  
KEY-ginn



## # 8 | MICHAEL VANG

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	72	0	0	1	85.7%	0/0

MF | 20 | 5'8" | 152 LB | SAINT PAUL, MN

- Top scorer for Forward Madison in 2020 season and voted team MVP by fans.
- Spent first part of 2021 preseason training with Chicago Fire FC (MLS).

MIKE-uhl  
VANG



## # 10 | CARLOS GOMEZ

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0/0

MF | 27 | 5'9" | 154 LB | MADRID, SPAIN

- Scored seven goals for Greenville Triumph in 2019, was part of title-winning team in 2020.
- Played for Rayo Vallecano's youth teams in Spain, Young Harris College in Georgia.

CAR-los  
GO-mez



## # 11 | HEATH MARTIN

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	0/0	0	0	0	0	00.0%	0/0

DF | 19 | 5'11" | 170 LB | KNOXVILLE, TN

- Runs a popular Instagram account, Nonstop Progress, with over 30,000 followers.
- Previously played for Atlanta United and DC United academy teams.

HEETH  
MAR-tin



## # 13 | CONNOR TOBIN (C)

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	90	0	0	2	90.2%	0/0

DF | 34 | 6'2" | 179 LB | FORT COLLINS, CO

- Team co-captain, has become fan favorite due to involvement with local supporters.
- Hired by the team as Community Engagement Manager prior to 2021 season.

CON-ner  
TOE-bin



### # 17 | DEREK GEBHARD

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	90	0	0	3	75%	0/0

FW | 25 | 6'0" | 150 LB | BLUE HILL, ME

- Played for Charlotte Independence in 2020, has spent past six years in U.S. second tier.
- Scored first goal in El Paso Locomotive history in 2018.

PRO NOUNCIATION  
CON-ner  
TOE-bin



### # 19 | JUSTIN SUKOW

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/0	18	0	0	0	83.3%	0/0

MF | 22 | 5'10" | 160 LB | SAN ANTONIO, TX

- Spent latter part of previous season as a rookie for Reno 1868 in USL Championship.
- Scored nine goals in 20 games for the Univ. of Loyola-Chicago in college.

PRO NOUNCIATION  
JUST-in  
SOO-ko



### # 20 | AUDI JEPSON

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	90	0	0	3	94.6%	0/0

MF | 26 | 5'9" | 161 LB | GREEN BAY, WI

- Grew up minutes from Lambeau Field and starred for UW-Green Bay in college.
- Played for Saint Louis FC (USL Ch'ship) in 2018-19, but meniscus injury forced him out in 2020.

PRO NOUNCIATION  
AWE-dee  
JEP-sin



### # 23 | TYLER ALLEN

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	0/0	0	0	0	0	92.9%	0/0

FW | 22 | 5'9" | 168 LB | HONOLULU, HI

- Spent rookie season with Reno 1868 (USL Ch'ship) in 2020, but did not appear in a game.
- Played regularly as a right back in college, but now usually lines up as a winger.

PRO NOUNCIATION  
TY-ler  
AL-en



### # 24 | AIDAN HOGAN

2021	GP/GS	MIN	CS	GA	SV	SV%	YC/RC
	0/0	0	0	0	0	00.0%	0/0

GK | 24 | 6'2" | 200 LB | KOHLER, WI

- Spent both 2020 and 2021 preseason on trial with FMFC.
- One of two Wisconsin players (with Audi Jepson) on the Flamingos' roster.

PRO NOUNCIATION  
AY-din  
HO-gin



### # 27 | CHRISTIAN DIAZ

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/0	13	0	0	0	100%	0/0

DF | 30 | 5'9" | 155 LB | GUADALAJARA, MX

- Named to USL League One Best XI in 2019, was finalist for Defender of the Year award.
- Started career with Atlas FC in Mexico at 17.
- Nickname is "Pato" ("Duck").

PRO NOUNCIATION  
CHRIS-tian  
DEE-az



### # 31 | NOAH FUSON

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/0	19	0	0	0	66.7%	0/0

FW | 21 | 6'1" | 165 LB | LOS ANGELES, CA

- Signed mid-season in 2020 to first professional contract, scored first goal 10/24/20 vs NE II.
- Trained with ex-England international Daniel Sturridge during preseason this year.

PRO NOUNCIATION  
NO-uh  
few-SAHN



### # 44 | JOSIAH TRIMMINGHAM

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	0/0	0	0	0	0	00.0%	0/0

DF | 24 | 6'2" | 210 LB | SAN JUAN, T&T

- Started 13/16 games for FMFC in 2020, earning the nickname "Tank" from teammates.
- Captained Trinidad & Tobago in friendly vs USA on Jan. 31 in Orlando.

PRO NOUNCIATION  
jo-SI-uh  
TRIM-ing-ham



### # 77 | JIRO BARRIGA TOYAMA

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	90	0	0	1	73.1%	1/0

DF | 26 | 5'9" | 166 LB | CHIBA, JAPAN

- Signed on 8/17, first professional contract
- Went straight from high school to i2i Soccer Academy in England

PRO NOUNCIATION  
JEER-oh  
buh-REE-guh  
toh-YAH-muh



### HEAD COACH | CARL CRAIG

- Over 25 years of coaching experience, including as a head coach for Minnesota United in 2016.
- One-time punk rocker during his youth; introduced the "Wonderwall" tradition in Minnesota.
- Also serves as FMFC's Technical Director.

PRONUNCIATION  
CARL  
CRAIG



### ASSISTANT COACH | NEIL HLAVATY

- Joined Flamingos in 2019 for first pro coaching job after lengthy playing career.
- Played from 2008-18, making stops in Europe and U.S. lower leagues.
- Marked milestone on 6/7/19, stepping in as head coach during Daryl Shore's suspension.

PRONUNCIATION  
NEE-uhl  
HLAV-a-tee



### ASSISTANT COACH | JIM LAUNDER

- Coached University of Wisconsin Men's Soccer from 1986-1996, winning national title in 1995.
- Previously managed Madison 56ers in National Premier Soccer League.
- Currently splits time between FMFC and Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association.

PRONUNCIATION  
JIM  
LAUN-der



### GOALKEEPER COACH | EMERSON LOVATO

- Previously served as assistant coach for DIII colleges, most recently at Newberry College (S.C.)
- First season on the Flamingos' coaching staff.

PRONUNCIATION  
EM-er-son  
lo-VAH-toh



### PERFORMANCE ANALYST | ERIC WILDE

- Graduated from Marquette University in 2016, specializes in video analytics.
- Has worked with FMFC since inaugural season in 2019.

PRONUNCIATION  
AIR-ic  
WIL-dee



### EQUIPMENT MANAGER | CHRIS STANTON

- Worked as operations manager for Lansing Ignite before joining FMFC in 2020.
- Also serves as team's Director of Soccer Operations.

PRONUNCIATION  
CHRIS  
STAN-tin



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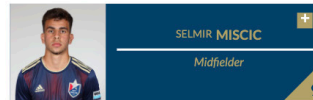
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# 2021 SCHEDULE

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**SAT - MAY 15 - 7pm**  
V. NORTH CAROLINA FC

**WED - MAY 26 - 7pm**  
V. UNION OMAHA

**SAT - MAY 29 - 7pm**  
@ TORMENTA FC

**TUE - JUNE 1 - TBD**  
@ FT. LAUDERDALE

**SUN - JUNE 6 - 5pm**  
V. UNION OMAHA

**SAT - JUNE 12 - 7pm**  
V. RICHMOND KICKERS

**SAT - JUNE 19 - 7pm**  
V. NEW ENGLAND REVS II

**WED - JUNE 23 - 7pm**  
@ GREENVILLE TRIUMPH

**WED - JUNE 30 - 7pm**  
V. NEW ENGLAND REVS II

**SAT - JULY 10 - 8pm**  
@ NORTH TEXAS SC

**FRI - JULY 16 - 7pm**  
@ UNION OMAHA

**SAT - JULY 24 - 7pm**  
V. FT. LAUDERDALE

**SAT - JULY 31 - TBD**  
@ CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES

**SAT - AUG. 7 - 7pm**  
@ UNION OMAHA

**SAT - AUG. 14 - 7pm**  
V. TORMENTA FC

**WED - AUG. 18 - 7pm**  
V. TORONTO FC II

**SAT - AUG. 21 - 7pm**  
V. NORTH TEXAS SC

**WED - AUG. 25 - TBD**  
@ NORTH CAROLINA FC

**WED - SEPT. 1 - 6:30pm**  
@ RICHMOND KICKERS

**SAT - SEPT. 11 - 7pm**  
V. RICHMOND KICKERS

**FRI - SEPT. 17 - TBD**  
@ TORONTO FC II

**TUE - SEPT. 21 - 7pm**  
@ NEW ENGLAND REVS II

**SAT - SEPT. 25 - 7pm**  
V. GREENVILLE TRIUMPH

**FRI - OCT. 1 - 5pm**  
@ NEW ENGLAND REVS II

**SAT - OCT. 16 - 6:30pm**  
@ RICHMOND KICKERS

**SAT - OCT. 23 - 7pm**  
V. FC TUCSON

**SAT - OCT. 30 - 7pm**  
V. CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES

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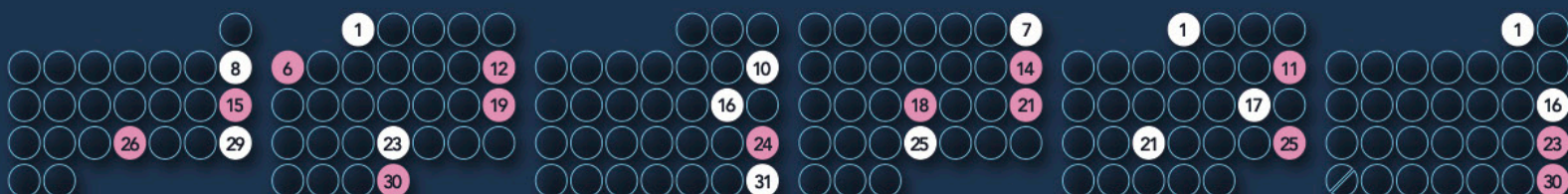
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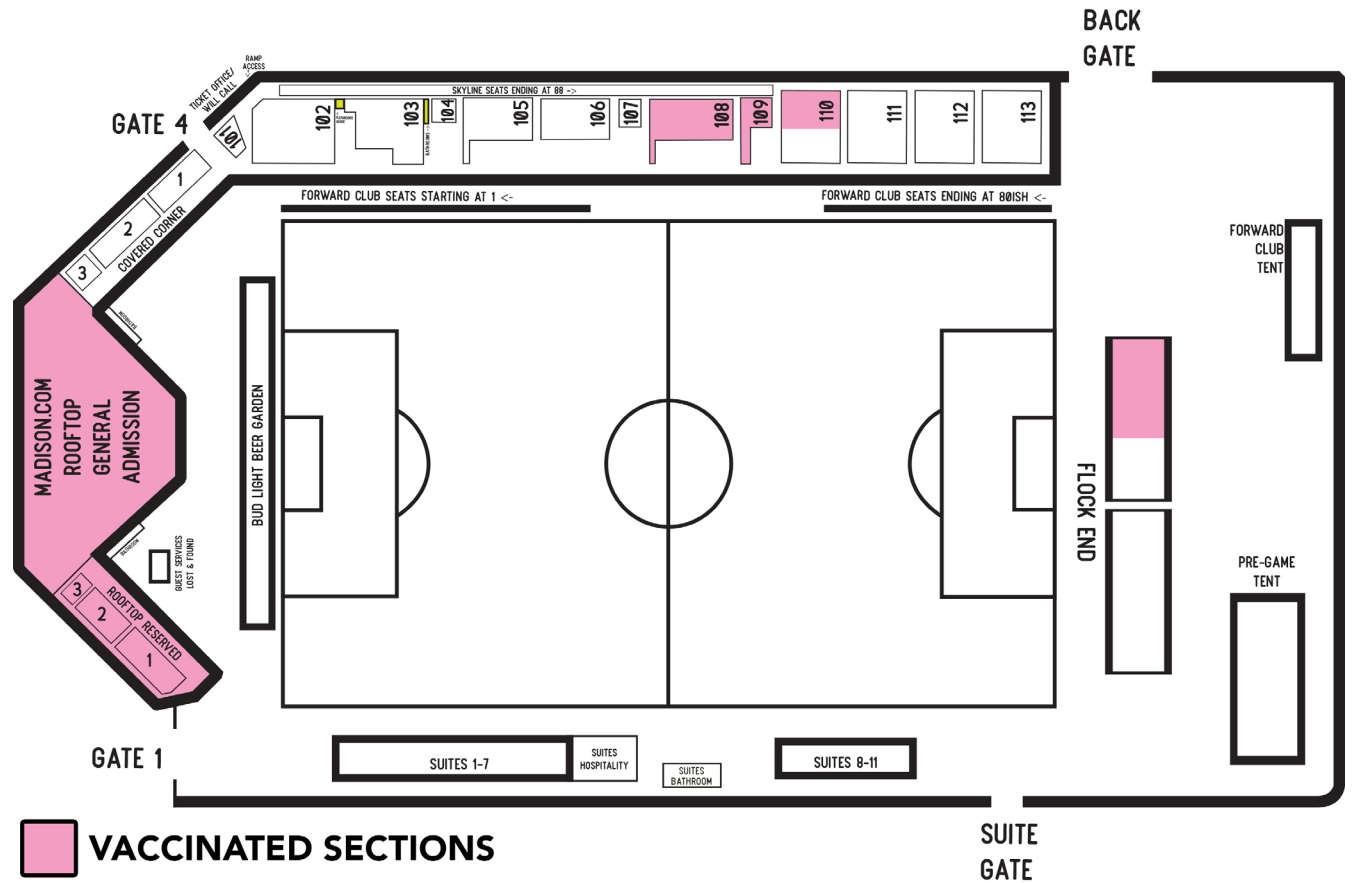


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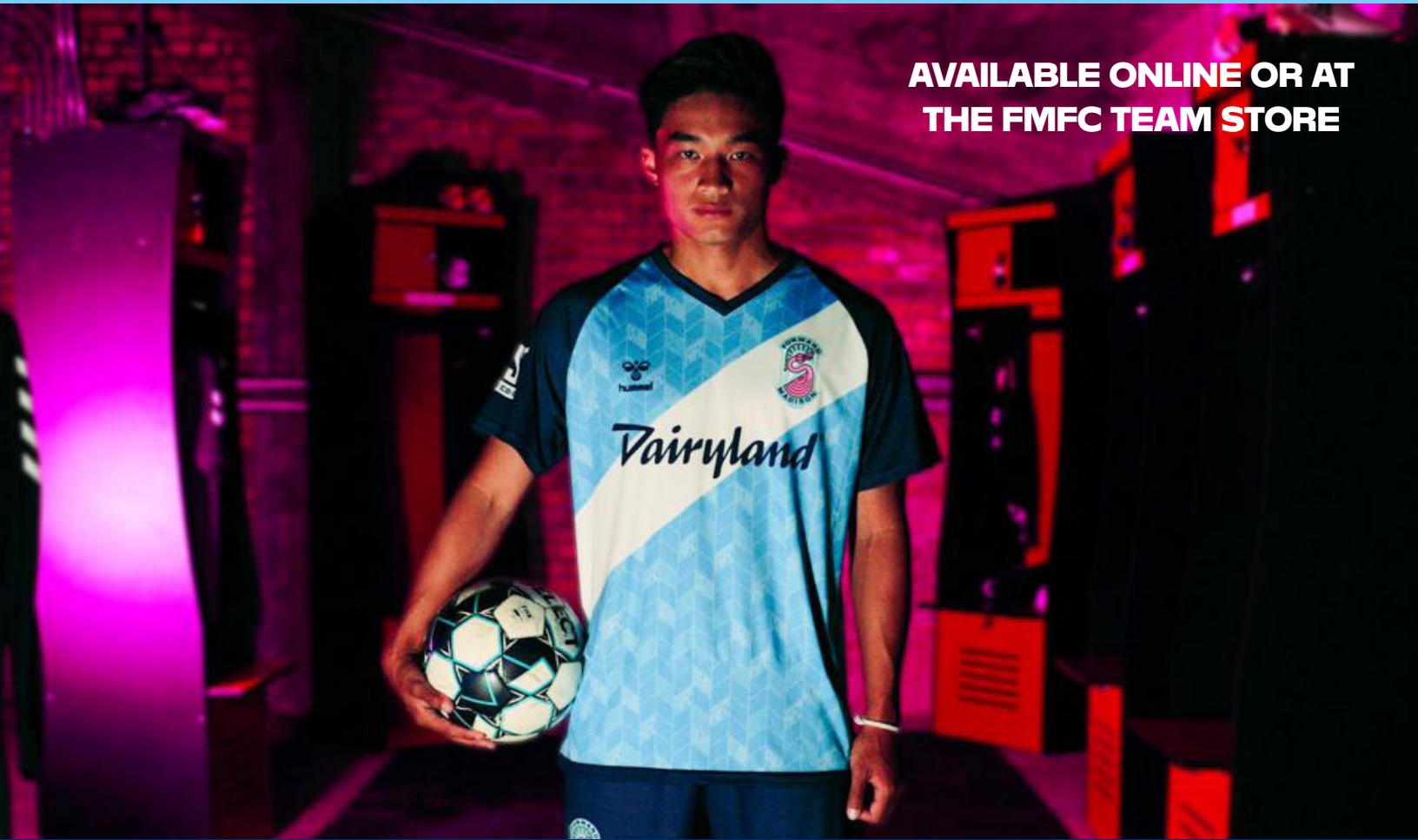


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