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Forward Madison FC vs. Union Omaha | Wednesday, May 26, 2021 - 7:00PM

Breese Stevens Field - Madison, WI

Featuring art by local artist Toni Pawlowsky



# MATCH PREVIEW



VS



## Battle of the birds!

**Flamingos to play Union Omaha at Breese Stevens Field on Wednesday**

USL League One - Game 3  
Forward Madison FC vs Union Omaha  
Wednesday, May 26, 2021; 7 p.m. CT  
Breese Stevens Field

Forward Madison FC is back at Breese Stevens Field on Wednesday, May 26 for a game against Union Omaha that figures to match up two teams with USL League One title aspirations. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Neither the Flamingos nor the Owls have lost a game yet this year, meaning FMFC head coach Carl Craig will have to have his team at its best to take all three points. Craig said he plans to keep focusing on a strong attack in order to break down a stingy Omaha defense.

"We've had an awful lot of the ball and an awful lot of possession in the opponent's half, but we haven't done enough with it," Craig said. "We've got to find ways to be more dangerous with having more of the ball and having more of the shots. We've got to get more shots on target. I think a lot of our averages will be with us if we get more on target."

Forward Madison is coming off a memorable home opener last Saturday, with Craig's team earning a last-second 1-0 victory against North Carolina FC. It looked like the game would end in a draw until Derek Gebhard scored the winning goal in the 92nd minute by tapping in Jake Keegan's deflected pass, claiming the Flamingos' first victory of the season.

Forward's opponent, Union Omaha, is setting a momentous tone to the start of its sophomore season. After finishing second in the USL League One regular season table the previous year, the Owls have started off strong in 2021, holding a 3-0-1 record. Greg Hurst and Evan Conway have set the pace for Omaha's fast start, scoring two goals each thus far.



Last season, Forward Madison and Union Omaha drew both of their matchups (1-1 in Omaha and 0-0 in Wauwatosa), and this Wednesday marks the first time the two teams face off in 2021.

Midfielder Eric Leonard, who has been with the Flamingos for all three of the team's seasons, was the only Forward Madison player to score against Union Omaha in 2020. Leonard stayed on the bench last Saturday after suffering an injury in FMFC's season opener, but has been involved in training in the lead-up to the Omaha match.

"One of the things I think we're building on is that we're even more dangerous off of set pieces," said Leonard, whose goal against the Owls in 2020 came off a free kick. "We know that Omaha is a good team, but if we can continue to exploit situations off our set pieces like you saw in the game last weekend and even in our first game, we can have a lot of chances. It's now about getting into the final third of those set pieces and finishing."

Following Wednesday's match, the Flamingos will hit the road for away games against South Georgia Tormenta FC on Saturday, May 29, and Fort Lauderdale CF on Tuesday, June 1.





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# 2021 AWAY KIT

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## # 1 | PHIL BRENO

2021	GP/GS	MIN	CS	GA	SV	SV%	YC/RC
2/2	180	1	1	3	75%	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 SC, which he did during 2019 US Open Cup.

PHIL  
BREE-no



## # 2 | RONALDO LOMELI

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
2/2	140	0	0	3	80.3%	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	37	0	0	0	93.8%	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
2/2	180	0	0	1	81.1%	2/0	

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
2/1	143	0	0	4	90%	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
2/2	180	1	0	1	67.6%	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
2/2	135	0	0	2	83.3%	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 SC 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
2/2	180	0	0	4	91.4%	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
	2/2	180	1	0	5	68.2%	1/0

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.

CON-ner  
TOE-bin



## # 19 | JUSTIN SUKOW

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
2/0	45	0	0	0	0	91.7%	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.

JUST-in  
SOO-koe



## # 20 | AUDI JEPSON

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	2/2	180	0	0	5	85.0%	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.

AWE-dee  
JEP-sin



## # 23 | TYLER ALLEN

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	2/2	141	0	0	1	88.5%	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.

TY-ler  
AL-en



## # 24 | AIDAN HOGAN

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

AY-din  
HO-gin



## # 27 | CHRISTIAN DIAZ

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
2/0	40	0	0	0	0	86.2%	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").

CHRIS-tian  
DEE-az



## # 31 | NOAH FUSON

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
2/0	39	0	0	0	0	63.6%	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.

NO-uh  
few-SAHN



## # 44 | JOSIAH TRIMMINGHAM

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

jo-SI-uh  
TRIM-ing-ham



## # 77 | JIRO BARRIGA TOYAMA

2021	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	2/2	180	0	0	1	78.4%	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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CHRIS  
STAN-tin



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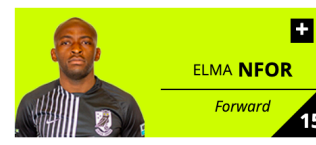
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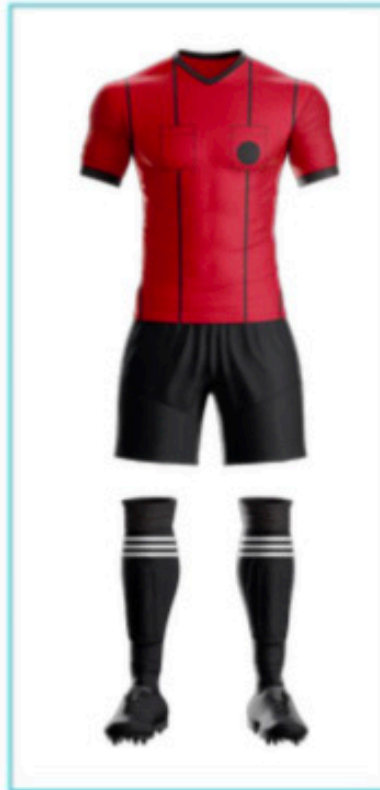


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HOME TEAM



OFFICIALS



AWAY TEAM

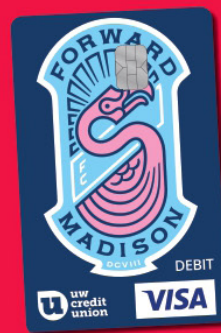




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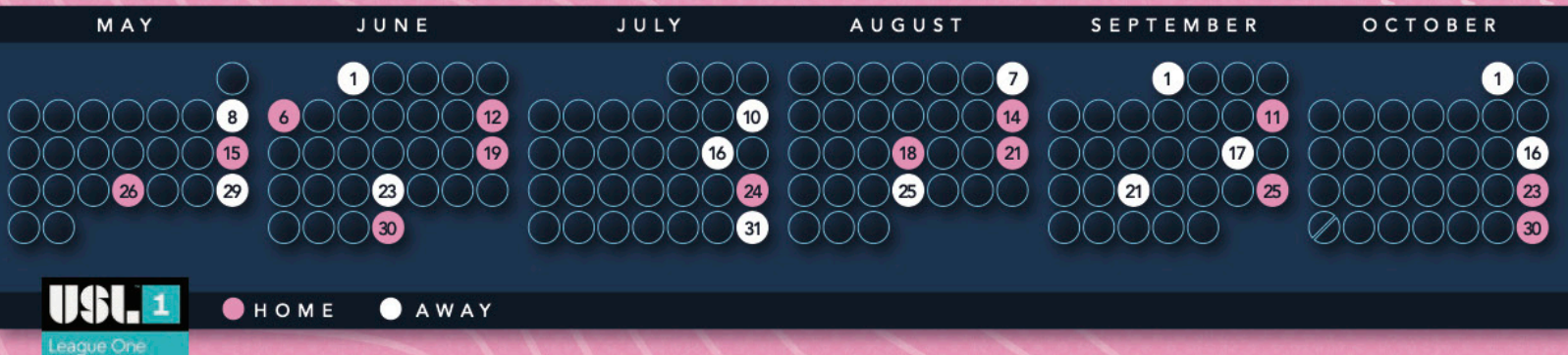




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<b>SAT - MAY 8 - 7pm</b> @ FC TUCSON	<b>SAT - AUG. 7 - 7pm</b> @ UNION OMAHA
<b>SAT - MAY 15 - 7pm</b> V. NORTH CAROLINA FC	<b>SAT - AUG. 14 - 7pm</b> V. TORMENTA FC
<b>WED - MAY 26 - 7pm</b> V. UNION OMAHA	<b>WED - AUG. 18 - 7pm</b> V. TORONTO FC II
<b>SAT - MAY 29 - 7pm</b> @ TORMENTA FC	<b>SAT - AUG. 21 - 7pm</b> V. NORTH TEXAS SC
<b>TUE - JUNE 1 - TBD</b> @ FT. LAUDERDALE	<b>WED - AUG. 25 - TBD</b> @ NORTH CAROLINA FC
<b>SUN - JUNE 6 - 5pm</b> V. UNION OMAHA	<b>WED - SEPT. 1 - 6:30pm</b> @ RICHMOND KICKERS
<b>SAT - JUNE 12 - 7pm</b> V. RICHMOND KICKERS	<b>SAT - SEPT. 11 - 7pm</b> V. RICHMOND KICKERS
<b>SAT - JUNE 19 - 7pm</b> V. NEW ENGLAND REVS II	<b>FRI - SEPT. 17 - TBD</b> @ TORONTO FC II
<b>WED - JUNE 23 - 7pm</b> @ GREENVILLE TRIUMPH	<b>TUE - SEPT. 21 - 7pm</b> @ NEW ENGLAND REVS II
<b>WED - JUNE 30 - 7pm</b> V. NEW ENGLAND REVS II	<b>SAT - SEPT. 25 - 7pm</b> V. GREENVILLE TRIUMPH
<b>SAT - JULY 10 - 8pm</b> @ NORTH TEXAS SC	<b>FRI - OCT. 1 - 5pm</b> @ NEW ENGLAND REVS II
<b>FRI - JULY 16 - 7pm</b> @ UNION OMAHA	<b>SAT - OCT. 16 - 6:30pm</b> @ RICHMOND KICKERS
<b>SAT - JULY 24 - 7pm</b> V. FT. LAUDERDALE	<b>SAT - OCT. 23 - 7pm</b> V. FC TUCSON
<b>SAT - JULY 31 - TBD</b> @ CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES	<b>SAT - OCT. 30 - 7pm</b> V. CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES







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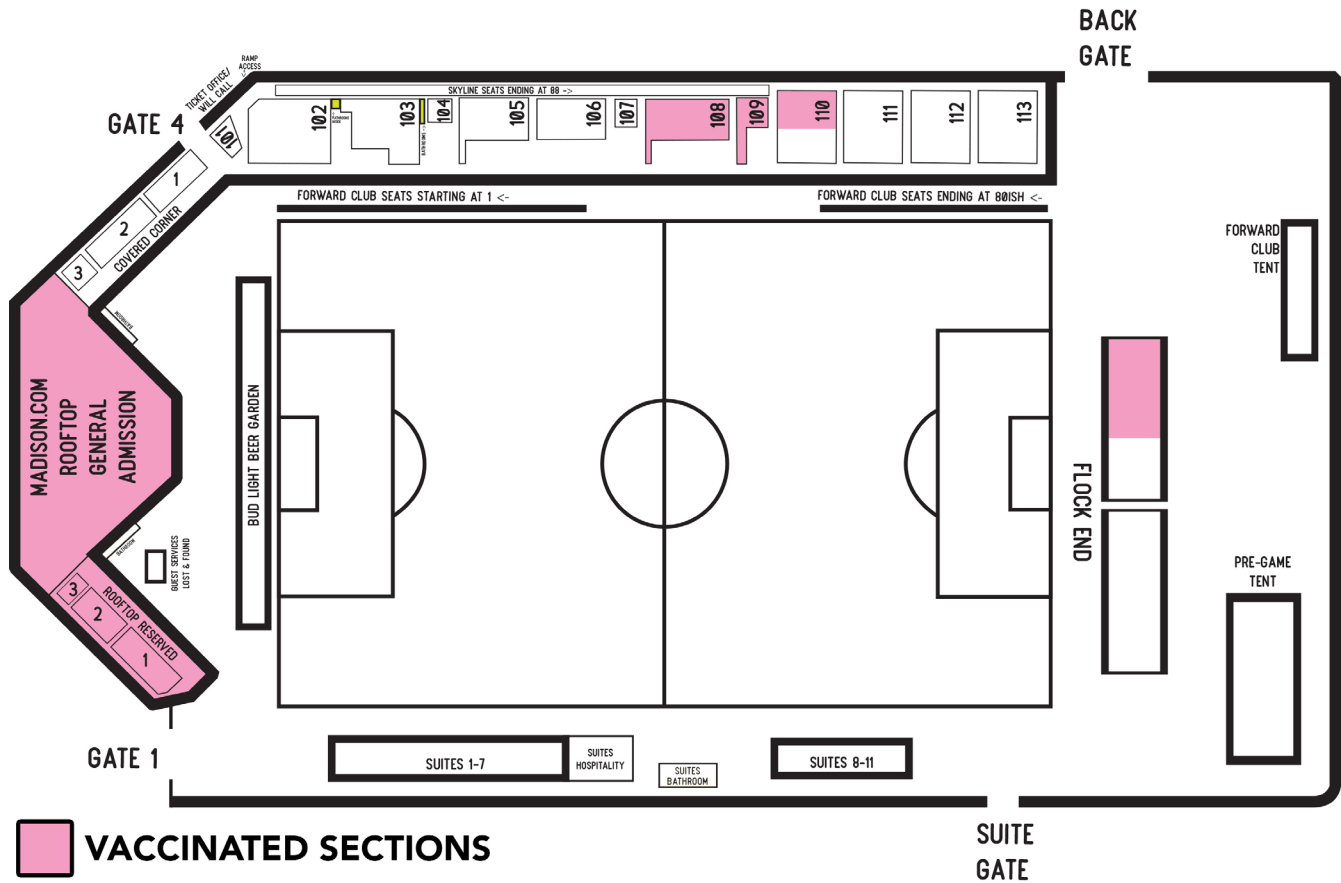
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