



NASHVILLE SC

2018 Inaugural Season



BETHLEHEM STEEL FC

Saturday, March 31
1:00pm CST

2018 USL Schedule

3/17		Louisville City FC	L 2-0
3/24		Riverhounds SC	T 0-0
3/31		Bethlehem Steel	1:00 PM
4/7		Charlotte Indepen.	7:30 PM
4/14		Indy Eleven	11:00 AM
4/24		Penn FC	5:30 PM
5/6		NY Red Bulls II	1:00 PM
5/13		Louisville City FC	5:00 PM
5/26		Charleston Battery	6:00 PM
5/30		Riverhounds SC	6:00 PM
6/2		Penn FC	6:30 PM
6/9		Tampa Bay Rowdies	6:30 PM
6/16		North Carolina FC	7:30 PM
6/26		Indy Eleven	7:30 PM
6/30		ATL UTD 2	7:30 PM
7/7		FC Cincinnati	7:30 PM
7/11		Charlotte Indepen.	6:30 PM
7/21		Ottawa Fury	6:00 PM
7/25		ATL UTD 2	7:30 PM
7/28		Toronto FC II	5:00 PM
8/4		FC Cincinnati	6:30 PM
8/10		Ottawa Fury	7:30 PM
8/18		Louisville City FC	6:30 PM
8/25		Bethlehem Steel	7:30 PM
8/28		Richmond Kickers	7:30 PM
9/1		Charlotte Indepen.	6:30 PM
9/8		North Carolina FC	4:00 PM
9/18		Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:30 PM
9/22		Charleston Battery	7:30 PM
9/26		ATL UTD 2	6:00 PM
9/29		N.Y. Red Bulls II	7:30 PM
10/6		Richmond Kickers	6:00 PM
10/9		Toronto FC II	7:30 PM
10/13		FC Cincinnati	7:30 PM

Home - White Road - Gray

Game Information

Nashville SC will have its second road trip of the season on Saturday when it travels up to Bethlehem, Pa. to take on Bethlehem Steel FC. Steel FC currently is 1-1-0, winning its home debut against the Richmond Kickers 4-1.

Series History: N/A

Location: Goodman Stadium (Lehigh University)
Capacity: 16,000

Stream: United Soccer League (YouTube)

Last Week's Starting XI



Roster



NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Hometown (Previous Club, League)
1	Micah Bledsoe	GK	6-5	205	23	Cincinnati, Ohio (Louisville City FC, USL)
2	Justin Davis	D	6-0	173	29	Novi, Mich. (Minnesota United, MLS)
3	Ropapa Mensah	F	6-1	196	20	Accra, Ghana (Harrisburg City Islanders, USL)
4	Ramone Howell	MF	5-11	162	22	Portmore, Jamaica
5	Liam Doyle	D	6-4	199	25	Douglas, Isle of Man (Swope Park Rangers, USL)
6	Josh Hughes	MF	5-9	155	26	Peachtree City, Ga. (Harrisburg City Islanders, USL)
7	Ryan James	MF/D	5-8	160	23	Mississauga, Canada (Rochester Rhinos, USL)
8	Robin Shroot	F	5-11	165	30	London, England (IL Hødd, Norway)
9	Michael Cox	F	6-2	185	25	Calgary, Canada (Orlando City B, USL)
10	Lebo Moloto	MF	5-10	160	27	Polokwane, South Africa (Swope Park Rangers, USL)
12	Tucker Hume	F	6-5	202	24	Austin, Texas (Ottawa Fury, USL)
13	Ian McGrath	MF	6-3	180	21	New Lenox, Ill.
14	Jordan Dunstan	D	6-2	203	24	Mississauga, Canada
15	Michael DeGraffenreidt	D	5-10	170	23	Baltimore, Md.
16	Martim Galvao	MF	5-9	160	22	Lisbon, Portugal
17	Michael Reed	MF	6-0	175	30	Albuquerque, N.M. (San Antonio FC, USL)
18	Matt Pickens	GK	6-3	201	35	Washington, Mo. (Tampa Bay Rowdies, USL)
19	Alan Winn	F	5-10	162	23	Garland, Texas
20	Matt LaGrassa	MF	6-0	175	25	Elk Grove, Calif. (Reno 1868, USL)
21	C.J. Cochran	GK	6-5	206	26	Alpharetta, Ga. (OKC Energy, USL)
22	Bradley Bourgeois	D	5-11	185	23	Cypress, Texas (Tulsa Roughnecks, USL)
23	Taylor Washington	D	5-11	171	24	Somers, N.Y. (Pittsburgh Riverhounds, USL)
27	Kosuke Kimura	D	5-9	150	33	Yokohama, Japan (Tulsa Roughnecks, USL)
28	London Woodberry	D	6-1	168	26	McKinney, Texas (New England Revolution, MLS)
30	Bolu Akinyode	MF	6-2	189	23	Lagos, Nigeria (North Carolina FC, NASL)

TECHNICAL STAFF

Head Coach:	Gary Smith (1st season)
Assistant Coach:	David Proctor (1st season)
Player/Assistant Coach:	Kosuke Kimura (1st season)
Player/Goalkeeper Coach:	Matt Pickens (1st season)
Technical Director:	Mike Jacobs (1st season)
Team Administrator:	Jeff Robben (1st season)
Strength and Conditioning:	Staci Daniels (1st season)
Video Coordinator:	Bert Leonard (1st season)
Assistant Goalkeeper Coach/Volunteer:	Kyle Roelke (1st season)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Ropapa Mensah:	roh-PAH-puh MEN-suh
Lebo Moloto:	LEE-bo moh-LOH-toh
DeGraffenreidt:	duh-GRAFF-en-rite
Martim Galvao:	mar-TEEM GAHL-vah
LaGrassa:	luh-GRAH-suh
Bourgeois:	BORE-jwah
Kosuke Kimura:	KOHS-kay kih-MOO-rah
Bolu Akinyode:	BOH-loo ack-in-yoh-DEE



News and Notes

PREVIOUS CLUB

Two Nashville SC players will be playing a former team on Saturday. For Taylor Washington, Bethlehem will be the second consecutive former club he has played. Washington played on loan for the Steel in 2016. Midfielder Bolu Akinyode was also a member of the '16 Steel that finished 11th in the USL Eastern Conference

TALE OF TWO GAMES

Bethlehem have played two games this season and the two matches have been very different for the Steel. In its 2018 opener, Bethlehem romped to a 4-1 win over the Richmond Kickers at home. Then last Saturday, the Steel lost 2-0 on the road to Tampa Bay Rowdies.

UNION WORKERS

The Bethlehem Steel FC name pays homage to a turn of the 20th century soccer team that played under the same name. Created by Bethlehem Steel Company owner Charles Schwab in 1914, the original Steel FC were one of the premier soccer teams in the U.S. at the time. The club won multiple championships in its 20 years of existence, including five "National Cup" titles, now known as the U.S. Open Cup.

MISSING OFFENSE

Unfortunately, Nashville SC holds the distinction of being the only USL club without a goal scored through its first two games this season. Nashville has earned a point; however, thanks to its shutout on March 24.

SLIM PICKENS

Keeper Matt Pickens earned Nashville SC's first-ever shutout with a brilliant night in goal in Nashville's first home game at Nissan Stadium. Pickens made two point-blank saves to keep the clean sheet and secure the club's first-ever USL point with a 0-0 draw. He was named Man of the Match at the game with the performance.

HISTORIC NIGHT AT NISSAN

Nashville SC fans showed up in droves for the club's first USL home game. Almost 19,000 fans showed up in the rain to witness Nashville SC's first earned point

of the USL-era. Giveaways at the game included gold rally towels and commemorative tickets while country music star SaraBeth Swagerty performed the national anthem.

2018 SEASON TICKET UPDATE

Another record that Nashville SC fans are closing in on is an USL inaugural season ticket record. The supporters are less than 500 season tickets away from surpassing the mark set by FC Cincinnati in its inaugural season of 6,103.

NISSAN'S SOCCER HISTORY

Nashville SC added to Nissan Stadium's memorable soccer history on March 24. The venue has hosted more than 20 professional soccer games in its history including CONCACAF Gold Cup group matches in 2017 and a match in the International Champions Cup between Manchester City and Tottenham last summer. The Premier League squads drew a record crowd for a soccer match in Nashville with over 56,000 people in attendance.

SEASON OPENING DISAPPOINTMENT

The task was always going to be tough for Nashville SC opening up its season at defending USL champs Louisville City. The hosts started their title defense on a strong note, scoring two second half goals to down Nashville 2-0.

HISTORIC STARTING XI

The club's first-ever Starting XI in the loss to Louisville consisted of Forwards: Michael Cox and Robin Shroot, Midfielders: Lebo Moloto, Michael Reed and Matt LaGrassa, Defenders: Ryan James, London Woodberry, Liam Doyle, Justin Davis and Kosuke Kimura, and Keeper: Matt Pickens.

PRESEASON RESULTS

Nashville SC has found a result in six of its seven preseason friendlies, three wins and three draws. The club beat Orlando City SC, Chattanooga FC and Lipscomb University and drew Chicago Fire, Ottawa Fury and FC Cincinnati.

LION TAMERS

Nashville SC got its first win in Orlan-

2018 QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFO

Location Nashville TN
Founded 2013
Colors Blue and Gold
League USL
Conference Eastern
Majority Owner John Ingram
CEO Court Jeske

FIRST TENNESSEE PARK

Capacity 10,000
Nashville SC Record at FTP 0-0-0
Opened 2015
Surface Bermuda Tifway 419

CLUB HISTORY

Nashville FC (NPSL) 2014-2016
Nashville SC (USL PDL) 2017
Nashville SC (USL) 2018

do in a closed scrimmage against the MLS side Orlando City SC. After falling behind 1-0 six minutes into the match, Nashville roared back with two goals in the second half on its way to a 3-1 victory. Moloto, Cox and Winn all scored against the Lions.

SINGING IN THE RAIN

On Feb. 10 at First Tennessee Park, the inaugural Nashville SC home friendly, drew just over 9,000 fans in spite of monsoon-like conditions. The sellout crowd saw Nashville SC take on Atlanta United FC of MLS. It was the first professional soccer game played by a team from Nashville since 2001.

FIRST GOAL IN CLUB HISTORY

The first Nashville SC goal in club history came off the foot of 20-year-old striker Ropapa Mensah in the 64' minute of the club's opening friendly against Atlanta United FC. The ball was well-worked to Mensah, starting with a long ball from Liam Doyle, off the head of Tucker Hume and then the foot of forward Alan Winn. Mensah chipped the ball over keeper Alec Kann to knot the game at 1-1.

News and Notes



ON THE TELLY

Thanks to broadcast partner, Sinclair Broadcast Group, 27 of Nashville SC's USL matches this season will be broadcast locally in Nashville. Fans will be able to find the games locally on WUXP MyTV30.

FROM THE GROUND UP

Nashville SC is a true "grassroots" club. Started in 2013, Nashville FC began as a supporter-owned soccer club and has climbed the ranks of American soccer. Now Nashville SC, the club will begin its first professional season in the USL in 2018.

THE WORLD'S GAME

Nashville SC features players from ten countries on its inaugural roster. Countries represented include the United States, Canada, Jamaica, England, Isle of Man, Portugal, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa and Japan.

LIFTING CUPS TOGETHER

Smith, Matt Pickens and Kosuke Kimura are used to winning championships together. The three won an MLS Cup in 2010 with Colorado Rapids. Pickens and Kimura each started and played all 120 minutes of a 2-1 extra time win over FC Dallas. Kimura scored the game-winning goal to send the Rapids to the MLS Cup Final against San Jose Earthquakes.

TRANSFER TRACKER

Midfielder Michael Reed holds the distinction of being the first transfer in the history of Nashville SC. Purchased from San Antonio FC, Reed brings six seasons of second division U.S. soccer experience to the club. Last season, Reed held the distinction of being SAFC's captain. He will wear the armband for Nashville in 2018.

WINNING THE MO-'LOTO'

Nashville SC executed its first trade early

on in its 2018 roster build as the club worked a deal with Swope Park Rangers. In exchange for "future considerations," Nashville SC was able to bring in attacking midfielder Lebo Moloto. Moloto was a key piece to Swope Park's run to the USL Cup Final last season scoring seven goals and adding four assists last season. He created 52 total chances in 2017 and completed more than 84% of his passes.

LONE ON LOAN

Nashville SC only has one player on loan this season. Ghanaian striker Ropapa Mensah, at just 20 years old, comes to Nashville on loan from Inter Allies in Ghana. Last season on loan with Harrisburg City Islanders (now Penn FC) Mensah scored seven goals in just 19 appearances, averaging a goal every 200 minutes. Nashville SC does have the option to purchase Mensah off loan this season.

STARTING XI

	GK	D	D	D	D	D	M	M	M	F	F
	PRESEASON										
2.10	Pickens	James	Davis	Woodberry	Bourgeois	Kimura	Reed	LaGrassa	Moloto	Shroot	Cox
2.21	Pickens	James	Davis	Doyle	Woodberry	Kimura	Reed	LaGrassa	Moloto	Shroot	Cox
2.23	Cochran	DeGraff.	(Trialist)	McGrath	Dunstan	Washington	Akinyode	Howell	Galvao	Hume	Winn
2.25					Closed Scrimmage						
3.1	Bledsoe	(Trialist)	DeGraff.	McGrath	Washington	Howell	Akinyode	(Trialist)	Galvao	Mensah	Winn
3.3	Pickens	James	Davis	Doyle	Woodberry	Kimura	Reed	LaGrassa	Moloto	Hume	Cox
3.10	Pickens	James	Bourgeois	Doyle	Woodberry	Washington	Akinyode	LaGrassa	Winn	Hume	Mensah
	REGULAR SEASON										
3.17	Pickens	James	Davis	Doyle	Woodberry	Kimura	Reed	LaGrassa	Moloto	Shroot	Cox
3.24	Pickens	James	Davis	Doyle	Bourgeois	Kimura	Reed	LaGrassa	Moloto	Shroot	Hume



Goal Summary

PRESEASON

2.10 vs. Atlanta United

64' Ropapa Mensah - A one-touch chip over the keeper for the first goal in club history. Assist from Winn.

2.23 vs. Ottawa Fury

2' PK Alan Winn - Converted after foul drawn by Tucker Hume.

2.25 at Orlando City SC

42' Lebo Moloto - Bending kick into upper 90 from 20 yards

2.25 at Orlando City SC

56' Michael Cox - Volley strike to give Nashville 2-1 lead. Assist from Washington.

2.25 at Orlando City SC

71' Alan Winn - Ground shot squeaks by keeper to give Nashville 3-1 lead. Assist from Moloto.

3.1 at Lipscomb University

50' Ian McGrath - Header in front of goal off free kick from Martim Galvao.

3.1 at Lipscomb University

75' Martim Galvao - Ground shot from 15 yards out into left side of net.

3.3 at FC Cincinnati

21' Matt LaGrassa - Left-footed shot from just outside the 18. Assist from Moloto.

3.3 at FC Cincinnati

86' PK Alan Winn - Converted after foul drawn by Robin Shroot. Tied game at 2-2.

3.10 at Chattanooga FC

20' PK Matt LaGrassa - Converted after inadvertent handball in the box.

3.10 at Chattanooga FC

30' Ropapa Mensah - Used strength to beat defender and worked his way around the keeper. Slotted home into empty net.

3.10 at Chattanooga FC

44' Tucker Hume - Danced around two CFC defenders and put it in with his left foot. Assist from LaGrassa.

REGULAR SEASON

Stats and Stuff



TEAM COMPARISON



1-1-0	Record	0-1-1
5th	Eastern Conf. Rank	11th
2.00	Goals/Game	0.00
1.50	Opp. Goals/Game	1.00
+1	Goal Differential	-2
12.50	Shots/Game	7.00
5.00	Shots on Goal/Game	2.00
0	Clean Sheets	1
1	Yellow Cards	3
0	Red Cards	0

STAR WATCH

Allen, 2	Goals	Moloto, 8
Epps/Catalano, 1	Assists	5 tied at 180
Allen, 5	Shots	3 tied at 1
4 tied at 180	Minutes	
Herbers, 1	Yellow Cards	Pickens, 1.00
	Red Cards	Pickens, 1
McCarthy, 1.50	Goals Against Avg.	
	Clean Sheets	

NASHVILLE SC RECORD WHEN....

AT HOME	0-0-1	ON SATURDAYS	0-1-1
ON ROAD	0-1-0	IN MIDWEEKS	0-0-0
1 GOAL GAMES	0-0-0	IN MARCH	0-1-1
2+ GOAL GAMES	0-1-0	IN APRIL	0-0-0
VS >/.500 CLUBS	0-2-0	IN MAY	0-0-0
VS <.500 CLUBS	0-0-0	IN JUNE	0-0-0
SCORING FIRST	0-0-0	IN JULY	0-0-0
UP AT HALF	0-0-0	IN AUGUST	0-0-0
DOWN AT HALF	0-0-0	IN SEPTEMBER	0-0-0
TIED AT HALF	0-1-1	IN OCTOBER	0-0-0
NOT SCORING	0-1-1	ALLOWING 0 GOALS	0-0-1
SCORING A GOAL	0-0-0	ALLOWING 1 GOAL	0-0-0
SCORING 2 GOALS	0-0-0	ALLOWING 2 GOALS	0-1-0
SCORING 3 GOALS	0-0-0	ALLOWING 3 GOALS	0-0-0
SCORING 4+ GOALS	0-0-0	ALLOWING 4+ GOALS	0-0-0

2018 NASHVILLE SC STAT LEADERS

GOALS

ASSISTS

INJURY REPORT

OUT

INJURY

London Woodberry

Left Knee Sprain

QUESTIONABLE

INJURY



Gary Smith



GARY SMITH FILE

All-time Record 76-67-66
 MLS Record 47-30-35
 MLS Titles 1 (2010)
 English League One Record 22-26-19
 NASL Record 7-11-12

Gary Smith, 49, was named as head coach for Nashville's first professional soccer club on April 12, 2017. While this is Smith's first time coaching in the USL, he has managed clubs the MLS, NASL and English League One and Two. In 2010, he led the Colorado Rapids to its second MLS Cup championship appearance winning its first MLS Cup. Smith begins his 21st season coaching after a 12-year playing career. It will be his seventh season as a head coach.

The Harlow, England, native began his youth career in the Arsenal youth system. Smith's father continues to be the head video scout for the club. In 1983, Smith joined Fulham's youth academy and made his first appearance in the 1985-1986 season. After four years with the club, Smith signed with Colchester United in 1987 and played 12 games with the club. Smith joined the Wycombe Wanderers in the second-half of the 1989-1990 season after playing one game for Enfield FC. In the two seasons that followed, Smith scored four goals in 66 appearances and cemented the club's trust as a starting central midfielder.

Smith's next few seasons were plagued with injuries that he would never fully recover from but was determined to continue his career regardless of his ailments. He bounced around to a few clubs including Welling United and Barnet FC. Smith played his last professional game with Barnet but after a rigorous rehabilitation process, began his amateur career in 1995 with Aylesbury United. Smith made 43 appearances in the 1996 campaign and made his final amateur appearance in a 3-1 victory over the Heybridge Swifts in April 1997. Injuries forced Smith to prematurely retire at the age of 29 but created a smooth transition into his coaching career after spending some time as a player-coach.

Less than one year after his retirement, Smith started his coaching career with Wimbledon FC. He worked toward his UEFA 'A' licence while with the club and received an offer from Wycombe Wanderers to coach their youth team once he received his coaching certification. In 2004, Smith was promoted to assistant first-team coach and filled in as the assistant manager due to the resignation of club manager, Tony Adams. The club stayed unbeaten under his watch until his interim title ceased and he resumed his position as the youth coach.

In June of 2005, Smith was offered the Assistant Academy Manager position at Watford FC leaving Wycombe to join John Gorman and his staff. After only a month with his new role, he was tasked with coaching the reserve team for Watford. Additionally, he was given the role of the U18 team manager taking on both responsibilities. In 2007, Smith returned to his Arsenal roots and worked as a scout for the club alongside his father.

In February 2008, Smith got his first taste of MLS when he was tasked to create an Arsenal academy within the Colorado Rapids due to an ownership demand for partnership. Smith caught his first huge break in his coaching career when he assumed the interim head coaching position after the resignation of Fernando Clavijo. He inherited a Colorado team that was at the bottom of the league rankings. Smith understood he had a mountain to climb but was prepared for the opportunity.

Smith was given a very short leash by owners but showed promise in his ten-game trial period. On November 11, 2008, the interim tag was removed from his title and Smith was given a three-year contract with the Colorado Rapids. In his first game as head coach, the Rapids lost

to Chivas USA 2-1 but quickly rebounded and beat Kansas City Wizards 2-1. The Rapids finished their first campaign under Smith in ninth-place after losing to Real Salt Lake to finish the season.

Only two years removed from taking his first head coaching job, Smith led his team on an unprecedented run that landed him among the best coaches in the MLS. After making some savvy preseason acquisitions, Smith managed to make the MLS Cup playoffs as the seventh-seeded team. Colorado's regular season play was outstanding and they finished atop the division in home wins. Smith pushed his club into the conference semifinals where they narrowly defeated Columbus Crew on penalties.

A week later, Colorado defeated the San Jose Earthquakes 1-0 at home sending them to the MLS Cup Final. On November 21, 2010, Smith's Rapids defeated FC Dallas 2-1 in extra-time, winning Colorado its first MLS Cup. Winning the MLS Cup also made Smith the first-ever English coach to win a cup in the MLS.

Smith's third season with the Rapids started hot but quickly became derailed with injuries to key players. As the reigning MLS champs, Colorado was invited to play in the CONCACAF Champions League for the first time in club history, but the experience was short-lived. They were knocked out in group stage play after losing to Santos Laguna, 2-0. The 2011 MLS season was Smith's last in his role as head coach of the Colorado Rapids. Smith led the team to a sixth-place finish and lost in the conference semifinals after defeating Columbus Crew in the wildcard round. Colorado announced that they were not extending Smith's contract only five days after the loss to Sporting KC in the conference semifinals.

A month removed from departing Colorado, Smith was named manager of Stevenage's League One team. He signed a two-year contract with the new club and won his first game at the helm sending the club to the FA Cup fifth-round for the first time in club history. Stevenage only won one league game out of 13 in his first season with nine draws.

Smith entered the 2012-2013 season trying to rebuild as many of the previous players left for different clubs. He managed to facilitate a league high eleven-game unbeaten run, finding themselves in second-place in the league. Stevenage drastically fell off the mark and lost three of the final four games of the season, falling into 15th place. Shortly after, Stevenage announced they were parting ways with Smith.

In December of 2014, Smith was named as the Atlanta Silverbacks head coach for the 2015 season after the NASL announced that it would take ownership of the club. The previous ownership group could not find additional funding and the NASL brought Smith in to boost morale for the club's future.

In April of 2017, Nashville SC made Gary Smith the first head coach in club history. Coach Smith lives in the Nashville area with his wife, Emma, and children, Millie, Summer, and Sonny.

2018 USL EASTERN STANDINGS

	Points	Record
 Charlotte Independence	6	2-0-0
 Tampa Bay Rowdies	6	2-0-0
 ATL UTD 2	3	1-0-0
 Louisville City FC	3	1-0-0
 Bethlehem Steel FC	3	1-1-0
 Indy Eleven	3	1-0-0
 FC Cincinnati	3	1-0-0
 Charleston Battery	3	1-1-0
 New York Red Bulls II	3	1-1-0
 Pittsburgh Riverhounds	1	0-0-1
 Nashville SC	1	0-1-1
 Penn FC	0	0-1-0
 North Carolina FC	0	0-1-0
 Ottawa Fury FC	0	0-1-0
 Toronto FC II	0	0-2-0
 Richmond Kickers	0	0-2-0

USL TEAM OF THE WEEK

	Player	Team
GK	J.T. Marcinkowski	Reno 1868 FC
D	Alex Cooper	Fresno FC
D	Mitchell Taintor	Sacramento Republic FC
D	Jarad van Schaik	Charleston Battery
MF	Maikal Chang	Real Monarchs SLC
MF	John Gallagher	Atlanta United 2
MF	Mikey Lopez	San Antonio FC
MF	Leo Fernandes	Tampa Bay Rowdies
F	Caleb Calvert	Charlotte Independence
F	Kharlton Belmar	Swope Park Rangers
F	Chris Cortez	Phoenix Rising FC

LEAGUE NOTES

SUPER SATURDAY

Nashville SC and Bethlehem Steel FC will be one of 16 matchups across the USL on Saturday, making it the single largest game day in league history. The games will be highlighted with a matchup of two Eastern Conference favorites in Louisville City and Tampa Bay Rowdies at Slugger Field in Louisville. In the West, USL newcomer Las Vegas will get their first crack at visiting Swope Park Rangers.

CORTEZ MAKES PHX HISTORY

Chris Cortez of the Tampa Bay Rowdies was named USL 'Player of the week' for Week 2 after he scored his first hat trick in Rising FC history and tagged an assist. Phoenix topped OKC Energy FC with a 4-1 victory on Saturday, March 24th. Cortez was up against Jon Gallagher of ATL United 2, Swope Park Rangers' Kharlton Belmar and Mikey Lopez of San Antonio FC for Player of the Week. Cortez dominated the poll results with 72% of the votes.

BELMAR BRACES

Swope Park Rangers' Kharlton Belmar has had a blazing start to the season. In both of the Rangers' games this season, Belmar has bagged two goals. Unsurprisingly, the forward leads the USL in scoring

and in total points. He also has two assists to his name from SWP's opening win.

SILVER STATE STALEMATE

Reno 1968 and Las Vegas Lights had their first taste of an in-state rivalry last Saturday when the two Nevada squads squared off for round one in the Silver State Cup. Neither team gained an advantage with a 1-1 draw in front of more than 9,000 fans at Cashman Field in Las Vegas. LVL opened the scoring in the 27' minute while Reno answered just a minute later in the 28'. Keep an eye on what should be an intense rivalry throughout the season.

LOUISVILLE CITY POSTPONED

The pitch conditions at Slugger Field in Louisville, Ky. were less than ideal for Nashville SC's season opener on March 17. Last Saturday, they were deemed unplayable and LCFC's game against North Carolina FC was postponed. No information regarding a make up date was released.

USL STAT LEADERS

GOALS			ASSISTS			TOTAL SAVES		
Kharlton Belmar	SPR	4	Hadji Barry	SPR	3	Cody Mizell	TBR	11
Chris Cortez	PHX	3	Carlos Alvarez	LV	2	Ricardo Ferriño Treviño	LV	11
Jon Gallagher	ATL	2	Kharlton Belmar	SPR	2	John McCathy	BST	10
Alex Mendoza	LV	2	Maikel Chang	SLC	2	Angelo Cavalluzzo	TOR	9
Andrew Tinari	NY	2	Benjamin Mines	NY	1	Fabian Cerda	TUL	8
Brandon Allen	BST	2	Billy Forbes	PHX	1	Diego Restrepo	SA	7
Augustine Williams	POR	2	Bradley Kamdem Fewo	FRS	1	Jake Fenlason	STL	7
Cordell Cato	CLT	2	Brian Brown	RNO	1	James Marcinkowski	RNO	7



Broadcast Bios



1

MICAH BLEDSOE / USA / KEEPER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Saves	N/A
Goals Allowed	N/A
Shots Faced	N/A

FAST FACTS

Yet to allow a goal in the preseason...Played the full 90 minutes against Lipscomb earning a 2-0 win...Subbed in for the final 20 minutes of a 1-1 draw against Ottawa...Played last year for Louisville City FC as their third keeper in their run to the 2017 USL Cup Championship...Signed with LCFC on March 28 following a successful two-week trial with the club...Played collegiately at Lipscomb University in Nashville (2013-2017)...Lipscomb's all-time leader in wins (26), save pct. (.735) and shutouts (15).



2

JUSTIN DAVIS / USA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals	N/A
Assists	N/A
Shots	N/A

FAST FACTS

Played all 90' against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds in the home opener...Started against Louisville City FC in the regular season opener...Started three of the six open preseason matches on the backline...Previously been at Minnesota United FC (2011-2017)...Holds Minnesota United club record for games played with 171...Three time NASL Beat XI (2014, 2015, 2016)...Top scoring defender in the NASL scoring five goals for Minnesota United FC in 2015...Selected 32nd overall in 2010 MLS SuperDraft by Real Salt Lake...Ranks top ten in University of New Mexico appearances (77), goals (20), and assists (18)...Favorite lunchbox item: Cosmic Brownies.



3

ROPAPA MENSAH / GHANA / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals	N/A
Assists	N/A
Shots	N/A

FAST FACTS

Subbed on in the 57' against Pittsburgh in the home opener...73' min against Louisville City FC in the season opener...Scored the first Nashville SC goal in club history in the 64' minute against Atlanta United of Feb. 10...Has played in all six open preseason matches...On loan at Nashville SC from Inter Allies in Ghana...Youngest player on Nashville SC roster at 20 years old...Played last year for Harrisburg City Islanders (now Penn FC) on loan...Scored seven goals and two assists in 2017 with a 73.1% Passing success rate...Named to USL Team of the Week (Week 26) for Harrisburg City Islanders last season...two goals scored for Inter Allies in 2016...Born in Accra, Ghana.



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RAMONE HOWELL / JAMAICA / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals	N/A
Assists	N/A
Shots	N/A

FAST FACTS

Played in four of six open preseason matches with two starts...Nashville SC is first professional team...Played four years at Valparaiso University (2014-2017)...Made 67 appearances for Valpo with seven total goals...Scored match-winner against Belmont University in Nashville at E.S. Rose Park in 2016...Played in the USL PDL for the Des Moines Menace in 2016...Played internationally for Jamaica at the U-17 and U-23 level...Favorite pizza topping is chicken...Favorite athlete growing up: Cesc Fabregas...Favorite cartoon character: Jerry from 'Tom and Jerry'.



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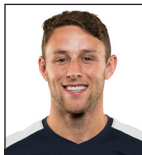
LIAM DOYLE / ISLE OF MAN / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals	N/A
Assists	N/A
Shots	N/A

FAST FACTS

Started at centerback against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds in the home opener and against Louisville City FC in the season opener...Played in five of the six preseason open matches with three starts...Played in 2017 at Swope Park Rangers of the USL...Scored two goals in 18 starts totaling 1,598 minutes last season...Appeared in 28 matches with Harrisburg City in 2016...Selected 67th overall in 2016 MLS SuperDraft by D.C. United...Played college soccer at Ohio St. (2012-2015)...Third Team Preseason All-American by College Soccer News in 2015...Team Captain as a senior for Ohio State University...First Team All-Big Ten Conference Selection in 2014...



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JOSH HUGHES / USA / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals	N/A
Assists	N/A
Shots	N/A

FAST FACTS

Played in two preseason matches against Atlanta United and Chattanooga FC...Comes to Nashville SC from Baltimore Blast of MASL...Played 22 matches with the Harrisburg City Islanders (now Penn FC) in 2016...Played for Gary Smith in 2015 with the Atlanta Silverbacks...Played his college soccer at Berry College (2010-2013)...Led team in goals with nine in 2013 for Berry...Member of 2012 SAA Champion Berry team in 2012...Favorite lunchbox item: Fruit Snacks...Pre-game jam: Ramble On by Led Zeppelin...Would play golf if not playing soccer.



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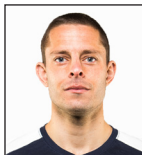
RYAN JAMES / CANADA / MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals	N/A
Assists	N/A
Shots	1 at Louisville City FC - 3/17/18

FAST FACTS

Played all 90' against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds in the home opener...Started in the season opener against Louisville City FC and had one shot...Played in five of six open preseason matches with four starts...Comes to Nashville SC from Rochester Rhinos (2016-2017)...Started in 33 of 34 matches played in 2017 totaling almost 3,000 minutes...Drafted 52nd overall in 2016 MLS SuperDraft by Sporting KC...Played college soccer at Bowling Green...Senior CLASS award finalist in 2015...Racked up 15 assists in collegiate career...Favorite lunchbox item: apple...Pre-game jam: P.Y.T. by Michael Jackson...Would play baseball if not playing soccer.



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ROBIN SHROOT / GREAT BRITAIN / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals	N/A
Assists	N/A
Shots	N/A

FAST FACTS

Started against Pittsburgh in the home opener and against Louisville City FC in the season opener...Started preseason games against Atlanta and Chicago and subbed in against Cincinnati and Chattanooga FC...First professional soccer season in the U.S. after a 12-year career in Europe...Previously played for IL Hødd in Norway scoring 12 goals last year in 30 appearances...Has made stops throughout English football at Staines Town, AFC Wimbledon, Harrow Borough, Birmingham City, Walsall, Burton Albion, Cheltenham Town and Stevenage...Played for Gary Smith at Stevenage...Nickname: Shrooty...



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MICHAEL COX / CANADA / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals	N/A
Assists	N/A
Shots	N/A

FAST FACTS

Started in the regular season opener against Louisville City FC...Scored against Orlando City...Has started three open preseason matches...Previously played for Orlando City B (2016-2017)...11 goals scored on 45 total shots in 2016 for Orlando City B (led team)...Played for KuPS (Finland) in 2014 scoring two goals in 11 appearances...Began pro career at FC Edmonton (NASL 2011-2013) scoring nine goals...Favorite pizza topping: Pineapple and chicken...Favorite athlete growing up: Thierry Henry...Favorite cartoon character: Spiderman.



10

LEBO MOLOTO / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals	N/A
Assists	N/A
Shots	6 vs PGH Riverhounds - 3/24/18

FAST FACTS

Played all 90' against PGH Riverhounds and had 6 shots with 2 on target...Started in season opener and had 3 shots against Louisville City FC...A goal and two assists in four open preseason matches...Scored against Orlando City...Became first player traded for in Nashville SC history when club acquired him for "future considerations" from Swope Park Rangers (2017)...Helped lead Swope Park to USL Cup Final with seven goals and four assists...Before that played with Pittsburgh Riverhounds (USL 2016-2016)...First player to tally three assists in a game in USL history in 2016...Selected 54th overall in the 2013 MLS SuperDraft by Seattle Sounders...



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TUCKER HUME / USA / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots 1 shot at Louisville City FC - 3/17/18

FAST FACTS

Started against Pittsburgh Riverhounds at Nissan Stadium...Subbed on in the 59' against Louisville City FC...Scored his first Nashville SC goal against Chattanooga FC...Played in Five of the six open preseason matches...Previously played for Ottawa Fury of USL (2017)...Scored three goals in 23 appearances last season...Played two years at the University of North Carolina (2015-2016)...At UNC, scored 18 goals and 10 assists including a team-high 11 in 2015...Voted team MVP by his teammates in 2015...Played in the PDL for Austin Aztex in 2013...Helped lead Aztex to PDL National Championship with three goals in 13 appearances...Roommates with teammate Alan Winn at UNC.



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IAN MCGRATH / USA / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Played in four of the five open preseason matches...Scored a goal against Lipscomb...Came on as a late second half sub against Atlanta United...First professional season...Played collegiately for University of Evansville (2014-2017)...Scored 26 goals in four years at Evansville including 12 as a senior and 11 as a junior...12 goals and 30 points as a senior were both program bests in 2017...Two-time All-Region Player in 2016, 2017.



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JORDAN DUNSTAN / CANADA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Has played in four of the six open preseason matches...First professional club...Played collegiately for Bryan College in Tennessee (2015-2017)...Scored two goals and had eight assists in part of two seasons played...Named Appalachian Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2016...Played for Chattanooga FC in the NPSL while in college...Nickname: Jay...Most-used emoji: crying laughing face...Celebrity crush: Jennifer Lopez.



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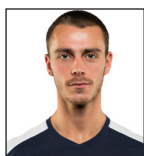
MICHAEL DEGRAFFENREIDT / USA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Played in four of the six open preseason matches...First full professional season...Selected 60th overall in 2017 MLS SuperDraft by Houston Dynamo...Injured in training before the start of last season with Houston...Played collegiately at the University of Louisville...Started 76 of 77 collegiate matches...Led Louisville to a No. 6 national ranking as a senior in 2016...American Athletic Conference All-Rookie Team in 2013...Set school record for consecutive minutes played without allowing a goal in 2013...Favorite lunchbox item: PB&J...Pre-game Jam: God's Plan by Drake...Would play basketball if not playing soccer.



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MARTIM GALVAO / PORTUGAL / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Scored a goal and added an assist against Lipscomb...Came on as a late sub against Atlanta United...First professional season...Only former Nashville SC USL PDL player to make Nashville SC this season...Played 23 matches in 2017 for Nashville SC PDL...Scored seven goals to lead Nashville SC PDL in scoring...Played collegiately at Pfeiffer University (2015-2017)...Named an NSCAA First Team All-American in 2015 with nine goals and 27 assists in 25 appearances...Nickname: Tini...Hidden Talent: Juggling...Would play tennis if not playing soccer.



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MICHAEL REED / USA / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Named team Captain for the 2018 USL Season...Started in season opener against Louisville City FC and the home opener vs Pittsburgh...Played in five of the six open preseason matches...Captained Nashville SC in first half against Atlanta United...First transfer in Nashville SC history from San Antonio FC (Terms of the deal were not disclosed)...Played previous two seasons for San Antonio FC (2016-2017)...Two goals scored on 21 shots in 2017 with San Antonio FC as its captain...Three goals scored with San Antonio FC in 2016...Played in 2015 with Atlanta Silverbacks...Started in all 29 matches in 2015 with Atlanta scoring one goal under Gary Smith...



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MATT PICKENS / USA / KEEPER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Saves 2 vs PGH Riverhounds - 3/24/18
Goals Allowed 2 at Louisville City FC - 3/17/18
Shots Faced 4 at Louisville City FC - 3/17/18

FAST FACTS

Started against Louisville City FC in season opener and against Pittsburgh in the home opener...Started in net in four open preseason matches...Tallied a win against Orlando City...Won MLS Cup in 2010 with Colorado Rapids alongside Gary Smith and defender Kosuke Kimura in 2010...Won Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup in 2004 with Chicago Fire...Played most recently with Tampa Bay Rowdies (2014-2017)...Made 96 appearances for Tampa Bay including leading them to a third-place Eastern Conference finish in 2017...Recorded 10 shutouts in 2017...Made two U.S. Open Cup appearances in 2015 and two more in 2016. Started pro career with Chicago Fire from 2003-2007...



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ALAN WINN / USA / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Scored three goals and added an assist in the preseason...Taken and converted two of NSH PKs this preseason...Drafted by Colorado with the 2nd pick in the 2nd round of the 2018 MLS SuperDraft (25th overall)...Played at the University of North Carolina from 2014-2017...Scored 23 goals and 14 assists in four years at UNC...Was named USC Second Team All-American in 2017 after an 11 goal season...Has played internationally for U.S. U-18 team in 2014 at the Copa del Atlantico tournament in the Canary Islands...Scored one of two goals for the U.S. at that tournament.



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MATT LAGRASSA / USA / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Started in the season opener against Louisville City FC and the home opener against Pittsburgh...Scored a PK and added an assist against Chattanooga FC...Scored his first Nashville SC goal against FC Cincinnati...Started four open preseason matches...Played last season for Reno 1868...Made 31 starts for Reno in 32 appearances scoring one goal in 2017...Completed 1,783 passes last year, the third-most in the USL...Was with Tulsa Roughnecks on loan in 2016 where he played 18 matches with one goal scored...Made nine appearances for Des Moines Menace in 2011 and 2012 scoring twice...Nickname: LaLa...Most-used emoji: Winky face with tongue sticking out...Celebrity crush: Zoëy Deschanel.



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C.J. COCHRAN / USA / KEEPER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Saves N/A
Goals Allowed N/A
Shots Faced N/A

FAST FACTS

Played in five of the six open preseason matches...Played last two seasons for OKC Energy (2016-2017)...Led OKC to USL Western Conference Finals appearance in 2017 after an injury to the OKC starting keeper late in the season...Gave up just four goals in the last seven matches of the season for OKC including four shutouts...Played for Gary Smith with Atlanta Silverbacks in 2015...Played collegiately for Georgia State (2011-2014)...Program record for best goals-against average (1.33) at GaSt...Favorite lunchbox item: Juicebox...Pre-game Jam: Sweet Lovin' by Sigala...Would play golf if not playing soccer.



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BRADLEY BOURGEOIS / USA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Started against Pittsburgh in the home opener...Played against Atlanta United and Chattanooga FC in the preseason...Played last year for Tulsa Roughnecks FC making 30 appearances with 24 starts...Completed 82% of his passes and won 87% of his tackles last season...Came up as a Houston Dynamo youth academy player and signed with Houston Dynamo as a homegrown player in 2016...Loaned to Rio Grande Valley FC Toros for the 2016 season...Scored one goal in six matches...Played collegiately at Tulsa from 2012-2015...Made 81 appearances for Tulsa in four seasons recording 25 defensive shutouts...scored seven goals in college...Nickname: "B"...Celebrity crush: Jessica Biel.



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TAYLOR WASHINGTON / USA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Subbed on in the 62' against Pittsburgh in the home opener and in the 85' against Louisville City FC in the season opener...Recorded an assist against Orlando City...Played in five of six open preseason matches...Played last season for Pittsburgh Riverhounds making 29 appearances with 28 starts...Selected 23rd overall in the 2016 MLS SuperDraft by Philadelphia Union...Sent on loan to Bethlehem Steel in 2016 where he made 28 appearances...In 2015 played for D.C. United U-23 team and was named team captain...Played collegiately for Boston University (2011-2012) and George Mason (2013-2015)...Scored one goal at each college played for...Nickname: T-Wash...



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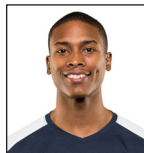
KOSUKE KIMURA / JAPAN / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Started in the season opener against Louisville City FC and in the home opener against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds...Started three open preseason matches...Won 2010 MLS Cup with Colorado Rapids under Gary Smith and with keeper Matt Pickens...Last season played for Tulsa Roughnecks where he made 24 appearances...Played for Coach Smith again in 2015 with Atlanta Silverbacks making 19 appearances...Started pro career with Colorado Rapids in 2007 after being drafted 35th overall in MLS Supplemental Draft...First Japanese-born player in MLS history...Scored match-winner in MLS Cup Semifinals in 2010 to send Colorado to MLS Cup Final...Made 17 appearances for Portland Timbers in 2012...



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LONDON WOODBERRY / USA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Started in the season opener against Louisville City FC...Started four open preseason matches...Spent past three years with New England Revolution...Made 46 appearances in three years with New England scoring one goal...Signed a homegrown contract with FC Dallas in 2013 making eight appearances with three starts...Played for Arizona United in 2014 making 24 appearances with three goals scored...Played collegiately for University of Maryland (2009-2012)...Favorite lunchbox item: Honey Buns...Pregame Jam: I will be here by Tiesto...Would be playing baseball if not playing soccer.



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BOLU AKINYODE / NIGERIA / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Subbed on in the 77' against Pittsburgh in the home opener...Played in five of six open preseason matches...Played last season for North Carolina FC in NASL making 22 appearances...Started pro career in 2015 with New York Red Bulls II after coming up through the New York Red Bulls youth academy...Played in 20 matches in 2015...He scored his first professional goal on September 5, 2015 against Louisville City FC, a game-winning header in a 3-2 victory...Spent 2016 with Bethlehem Steel FC making 26 appearances...Born in Lagos, Nigeria...Nickname: N/A (He needs one)...Most-used emoji: Laughing face...Celebrity crush: Scarlett Johansson.



Broadcast Roster

