

Saturday, April 7 7:30pm CST

2018 USL Schedule

3/17	Louisville City FC	L 2-0
3/24	Riverhounds SC	T 0-0
3/31	Bethlehem Steel	W 1-0
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 RIWING	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 Riwits	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

Nashville (1-1-1) 4 pts Charlotte (2-0-1) 7 pts

Nashville SC will play at First Tennessee Park for the first time in the USL and second time overall. The last time Nashville SC played at FTP, over 9,000 fans braved a monsoon to see Nashville's first-ever game.

Series History: N/A

Location: First Tennessee Park

Capacity: 8,500 seats

TV Broadcast: WUXP MyTV30 (John Freeman &

Braden Gall)

Radio Broadcast: 96.7 El Jefe

Last Week's Starting XI



Home - White

Road - Gray

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 (Orlanda City B, USL)
10	Lebo Moloto	MF	5-10	160	27	Polokwane, South Africa (Swope Park Rangers, USL)
11	David Edgar	D	6-4	190	30	Kitchener, Canada (Vancouver, MLS)
12	Tucker Hume	F	6-5	202	24	Austin, Texas (Ottawa Fury, USL)
13	Ian McGrath	MF	6-3	180	21	New Lenox, III.
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)	Athletic Trainer:	Sydney Wolfe (1st season)
Assistant Coach:	David Proctor (1st season)	Team Administrator:	Jeff Robben (1st season)
Player/Assistant Coach:	Kosuke Kimura (1st season)	Strength and Conditioning:	Staci Daniels (1st season)
Player/Goalkeeper Coach:	Matt Pickens (1st season)	Video Coordinator:	Bert Leonard (1st season)
Technical Director:	Mike Jacobs (1st season)	Assistant Goalkeeper Coach:	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-vaho
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

OFFENSE VS. DEFENSE

It'll be an unstoppable force vs. an immovable object on Saturday as the USL Eastern Conference's best offense visits a top defense through three games in 2018 at First Tennessee Park. Charlotte comes into the match with eight goals in three games and unbeaten. Nashville has allowed a paltry two goals in three games.

WORLD CUP CREDENTIALS

Independence defender Jungsoo Lee boasts quite the résumé. In the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, Lee scored two goals for South Korea in the group stage propelling the Asian side to the Round of 16. In total, Lee has five goals in 54 appearances for South Korea.

GOALS ON GOALS

While Nashville SC found its first goal of the season last weekend, Charlotte's Jorge Herrera has already bagged four goals this season. Herrera has been incredibly efficient scoring those goals on six shots. Last Saturday, Herrera scored twice helping Charlotte come from behind twice to draw Atlanta United 2 at home.

STARTING TO GEL

Nashville's offense got off to a slow start, but a breakthrough could be coming. In the first two games, Nashville SC managed just 14 shots and only a handful on net. Last Saturday in Bethlehem, Nashville peppered the Steel FC net with 12 shots and seven on target. The uptick in offense resulted in the club's first goal and signs of chemistry developing on the field were evident for the new club.

FIRST COMPETITIVE GOAL

While Ropapa Mensah will always be known for scoring the first Nashville SC goal in club history in a friendly, the first goal that will count was scored by Michael Cox. After earning a penalty in the 6' minute last Saturday, March 31 against Bethlehem Steel, Cox stepped up to the spot and confidently slotted the goal home giving Nashville SC its first-ever USL lead.

DEFENSE IS STREAKING Nashville SC's backline and keeper Matt Pickens are on a hot streak. The group has not allowed a goal since the 66' minute of the team's opener at Louisville City FC, a streak that sits at 204 minutes. That streak is the longest active streak in the Eastern Conference in 2018 and tied for the longest streak in the USL this season with Orange County SC keeper Andre Rawls.

SLIM PICKENS

Keeper Matt Pickens has earned backto-back shutouts and is one of five USL keepers with two shutouts this season. In three games, Pickens has made eight saves while just allowing two goals.

NEW TO NASHVILLE

David Edgar signed with Nashville SC this week, bolstering the defensive unit. Edgar comes to Nashville with both Premier League and MLS experience in his 13-year playing career. He suited up for Newcastle United and Burnley in the EPL and for Vancouver Whitecaps in the MLS. Edgar will wear the No. 11 for Nashville.

MOLOTO WITH WEEKLY HONOR Midfielder Lebo Moloto was named to the USL's Team of the Week bench after his performance against Bethlehem Steel FC. Moloto completed 92 pct. of his passes in the match.

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

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	
Surface	Bermuda Tifway 419

CLUB HISTORY

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

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.

News and Notes



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 Orlando 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.

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.

STARTING XI											
	GK	D	D	D	D	D	М	М	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 So	crimmage					
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
3.31	Pickens	James	Davis	Doyle	Bourgeois	Washington	Reed	Akinyode	Moloto	Winn	Cox



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

3.31 at Bethlehem Steel FC

6' PK Michael Cox - Converted after being pulled down from behind at the edge of the box. Resulted in a red card.

Stats and Stuff





TEAM COMPARISON



2-0-1	Record	1-1-1
1st	Eastern Conf. Rank	7th
2.67	Goals/Game	0.33
1.00	Opp. Goals/Game	0.67
+5	Goal Differential	-1
9.33	Shots/Game	7.00
5.00	Shots on Goal/Game	3.67
1	Clean Sheets	2
5	Yellow Cards	5
0	Red Cards	0

STAR WATCH

Herrera, 4
Two tied at 2
Calvert, 8
Two tied at 6
George, 2

Dykstra, 57.1 Dykstra, 1

Goals
Assists
Shots
Chances Created
Yellow Cards
Red Cards
Save Pct.
Clean Sheets

S	Cox, 1
ts	
S	Moloto, 9
reated	Washington, 4
ards	LaGrassa, 2
rds	
ct.	Pickens, 80.0
eets	Pickens, 2

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RECORD WHEN....

AT HOME	0-0-1	ON SATURDAYS	1-1-1
ON ROAD	1-1-0	IN MIDWEEKS	0-0-0
1 GOAL GAMES	1-0-0	IN MARCH	1-1-1
2+ GOAL GAMES	0-1-0	IN APRIL	0-0-0
VS >/=.500 CLUBS	1-2-0	IN MAY	0-0-0
VS <.500 CLUBS	0-0-0	IN JUNE	0-0-0
SCORING FIRST	1-0-0	IN JULY	0-0-0
UP AT HALF	1-0-0	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	1-0-1
SCORING A GOAL	1-0-0	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

Michael Cox 1

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 ofthe 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.

USL



2018 USL EASTERN STANDINGS

			Points	Record
	Charlotte Independ	ence	7	2-0-1
BOMPHE	Tampa Bay Rowdie	S	6	2-1-0
	Louisville City FC		6	2-0-0
	New York Red Bulls	s II	6	2-1-0
	FC Cincinnati		6	2-0-0
2	Atlanta United 2		4	1-0-1
	Nashville SC		4	1-1-1
STEEL STEEL	Bethlehem Steel		3	1-2-0
	Indy Eleven		3	1-1-0
R	Richmond Kickers		3	1-2-0
IAVICEN	Charleston Battery		3	1-2-0
(3)	Pittsburgh Riverhound	ds SC	2	0-0-2
(2)	Penn FC		1	0-1-1
Ġ	North Carolina FC		0	0-2-0
FURY	Ottawa Fury FC		0	0-1-0
	Toronto FC II		0	0-2-0

USL TEAM OF THE WEEK

	Player	Team
GK	Evan Newton	FC Cincinnati
D	Kalen Ryden	Real Monarchs SLC
D	Sean Reynolds	Saint Louis FC
D	Joel Huiqui	Las Vegas Lights FC
MF	Todd Wharton	Rio Grande Valley FC
MF	Brian Shriver	Richmond Kickers
MF	Paolo DelPiccolo	Louisville City FC
MF	Amando Moreno	New York Red Bulls II
F	Juan Pablo Caffa	Fresno FC
F	Jorge Herrera	Charlotte Independence
F	Thomas Enevoldsen	Orange County SC

LEAGUE NOTES

ENEVOLDSON HOT ON THE ROAD Orange County SC's Thomas Enevoldson has been voted Week 3's 'Player of the Week' after scoring four goals in the clubs past two road games. He notched his first hat-trick of the season against Tulsa Roughnecks FC and recieved a dominant 60 pct. of the vote for POTW.

RIVER CITY CUP SHOWDOWN
Louisville City FC and FC Cincinnati
prepare for one of the biggest rivalries in the USL. FC Cincinnati's home
opener is going to be a great matchup between two Eastern Conference
foes. The River City Cup is on the line
as both undefeated sides go head to
head Saturday at Nippert Stadium.

EAST BAY SPORTING DIRECTOR
Andy McDermott has been named as
the Sporting Director of the newest
USL franchise set to play in 2021.
The San Francisco area East Bay
team brings in McDermott who has
25 years of soccer experience split
between a professional career and a
stint on the coaching side.

CHARLOTTE MOVING STADIUMS Charlotte Independence are breaking ground on a \$32,000,000 renovation of American Legion Memorial Stadium that will be completed sometime in the next 3 years. Jim McPhilliamy, Independence managing partner says, "being able to play in the new stadium will put the Charlotte Independence in a position to grow the beautiful game here in the Queen City and create something our whole community can be proud of." Independence is currently off to the best start in the club's history with a 2-0-1 record that has put the side top of the Eastern Conference standings. Charolette is hopeful for the venue not only attract more fans to games, but also attract state-wide events in addition to providing a greater stage for the city's local rivalries in other sports.

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER
Charlotte Independence played
Atlanta United 2 on Saturday which
produced a 2-2 draw. ATL 2's George
Bello, who is only 16, created the
first goal of the match after his cross
deflected off a CLT defender for an
own goal. On the flip side of the age
spectrum, Jorge Herrera, 38, scored
two goals for Charlotte showing that
age could not slow down the conditioned Colombian.

USL STAT LEADERS

GOALS			ASSISTS			TOTAL SAVES	
Kharlton Belmar	SPR	4	Hadji Barry	SPR	3	Evan Louro	NYC
Jorge Herrera	CLT	4	Carlos Alvarez	LV	2	Cody Mizell	TBR
Thomas Enevoldsen	OC	4	Kharlton Belmar	SPR	2	Fabián Cerda	TUL
Chris Cortez	PHX	3	Maikel Chang	SLC	2	Ricardo Ferriño	LV
Andrew Tinari	NY	3	Justin Portillo	SLC	2	Evan Newton	CIN
Soloman Asante	PHX	3	Brian Shriver	RIC	2	John McCarthy	BST
Jon Gallagher	ATL	2	Brian White	NYC	2	Jake Fenlason	STL
Amando Moreno	NYC	2	Caleb Calvert	CLT	2	Kyle Reynish	FRS



Broadcast Bios



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MICAH BLEDSOE / USA / KEEPER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Saves N/A Goals Allowed N/A Shots Faced N/A



Did not allow a goal this 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).





JUSTIN DAVIS / USA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Has started in all three matches of the regular season...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.



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ROPAPA MENSAH / GHANA / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Goals N/A Assists N/A

1 vs Bethleham Steel - 3/31/18

FAST FACTS

Subbed in during the second half of all three matches of the regular season...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 (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 (Ity Islanders last season... two goals scored for Inter Allies in 2016...Born in Accra, Ghana.



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Shots

RAMONE HOWELL / JAMAICA / MIDFIELDER

FAST FACTS

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS
Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

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: lerry from Tom and Jerry'



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LIAM DOYLE / ISLE OF MAN / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A

Assists N/A

Shots 1 vs Bethleham Steel - 3/31/18

N/A

FAST FACTS

Started and played all 270+ min of the regular season...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-Bit Ten Conference Selection in 2014...



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<u>JOSH HUGHES / USA / MIDFIELDER</u>

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS
Goals N/A
Assists N/A

FAST FACTS Has been on the active 18-man roster in two of three regular season matches...Played in two preseason matchs 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 qolf if not playing soccer.



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Shots

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 all three regular season matches this season...Recorded a shot against Louisville City FC in the season opener...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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MICHAEL COX / CANADA / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals 1 vs Bethleham Steel - 3/31/18 Assists N/A

Shots 4 vs Bethleham Steel - 3/31/18

FAST FACTS

Scored Nashville SC's first ever regular season goal against Bethleham Steel...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.



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LEBO MOLOTO / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS
Goals N/A
Assists N/A

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

FAST FACTS

Started and played in all three regular season matches...Recorded 6 shots vs PGH Riverhounds in the home opener...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 Riverhonds (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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DAVID EDGAR / CANADA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A

FAST FACTS

Signed wth Nashville SC on April 4, 2018...Last played for Vancouver Whitecaps of MLS in 2016...Suffered serious knee injury while with Vancouver and missed the 2017 season...Started professional career at Newcastle United of the English Premier League...Made 23 Premier League appearances between Newcastle and Burnley, scoring two goals...Has played in 42 games for the Canadien National Team, scoring four goals...Wore the captains band for Canada in the 2015 CONCACAF Gold Cup.



12

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

Played in two of three regular season matches... Started against Pittsburgh Riverhounds at Nissan Stadium...Scored his first Nashville SC goal against Chattanooga FC in the preseason...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...Roommates with teammated Alan Winn at UNC.



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IAN MCGRATH / USA / MIDFIELDER

FAST FACTS

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

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

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NASHVILLE SC HIGHS
Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots N/A

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 Looez.



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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 in a preseason friendly...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 all three regular season matches this season...Played in five of the six open preseason matches...Captained Nashville SC in first half against Atanta 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 4 vs Bethleham Steel - 3/31/18 Goals Allowed 2 at Louisville City FC - 3/17/18 Shots Faced 4 vs Bethleham Steel - 3/31/18

FAST FACTS

Started in goal for all three regular season matches and has two shutouts...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 3 vs Bethleham Steel - 3/31/18

FAST FACTS

Started against Bethlehem Steel making his professional debut...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 1 vs Bethleham Steel - 3/31/18

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.



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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

Named to three 18-man active rosters in the regular season...Played in five of the six open preseason matches...Played last two season 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

1 vs Bethleham Steel - 3/31/18

FAST FACTS

Started two of the three regular season matches...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.



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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' agianst 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

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Played in all three regular season matches....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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Shots

BOLU AKINYODE / NIGERIA / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Goals N/A Assists N/A

FAST FACTS

N/A Started against Bethlehem Steel...Subbed on in the 77' against Pittsburgh in the home opener...Played in five of six open preseason N/A 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 Lousiville 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.



Broadcast Roster



















































