



NASHVILLE SC

2018 Inaugural Season



AT



Saturday, April 14
11:00am 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.	W 2-0
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

Nashville
(2-1-1) 7 pts

Indy
(2-1-0) 6 pts

Nashville SC will begin its longest road trip of the season when it travels to Indianapolis to face USL newcomer Indy Eleven. Indy Eleven moved over to the USL from the now cancelled North American Soccer League (NASL). This will be the first match between the sides.

Series History: N/A

Location: Lucas Oil Stadium (70,000 seats)

TV Broadcast: WUXP MyTV30

Digital Stream: ESPN+

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)
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, 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	36	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



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NATIONAL TV AUDIENCE

Nashville SC will host the USL's first nationally televised 'Game of the Week' on June 26 against Indy Eleven. It's the first of five national TV games for the league and one of 20 ESPN 'Games of the Week.' Nashville will host a second game of the week on September 18 against Tampa Bay Rowdies.

KEEP ON #WINN-ING

Nashville SC forward Alan Winn has had a good week. After scoring his first USL goal on Saturday, a game-winner, Winn made his first USL Team of the Week on Tuesday. The honor is a first for a Nashville SC player in the club's inaugural season. Winn's goal was also a candidate for "Goal of the Week" via a fan vote on the USL website. He won the vote in dominating fashion.

MENSAH AMONG BOYS

Ropapa Mensah scored the clinching goal on Saturday with a Charlotte defender draped on his back. It's his second goal in as many games, including friendlies, at First Tennessee Park. As a sub in all four games this season, Mensah has played just 81 minutes. In 2017, Mensah scored once every 200 minutes and is already on pace to beat that number in 2018.

NASL TO USL

Indy Eleven is one of two teams who made the transition this offseason from the North American Soccer League (NASL) to the USL joining North Carolina FC in making the jump. NASL was a USSF Division II league last year, but this season was cancelled due to lack of teams and funds.

SHORTS ON GOALS

The Eleven have been involved in three 1-0 contests to start the season. After opening with a 1-0 win over the Richmond Kickers, Indy lost to Cincinnati 0-1 before beating North Carolina FC 1-0 on April 7.

SCORING IN THE MLS

Indy Eleven forward Jack McNerney may be just 25 years old, but he knows how to score at a high level. McNerney has 36 MLS goals to his name, including 22 while with the Philadelphia Union. He also plied

his trade with Montreal, Columbus and LA Galaxy in the MLS as well before coming to Indianapolis.

INDOOR SOCCER

Indy Eleven play its home games at Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts. The stadium is a dome, seating 70,000. In its first home game, Indy Eleven drew 17,000 fans, the third largest crowd in the USL this season behind FC Cincinnati's home opener and Nashville SC's home opener at Nissan Stadium.

STARTING TO GEL

Nashville's offense got off to a slow start, but has gotten increasingly better. In the first two games, Nashville SC managed just 14 shots and only a handful on net. The last two contests, both wins for Nashville SC, the offense has put up 26 shots with 11 on target. The offense has scored three goals to go along with the six points. The team will continue to build chemistry on the upcoming road trip.

DEFENSE IS STREAKING

Nashville SC's backline and keeper Matt Pickens are on quite 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 294 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 three straight shutouts and is one of three USL keepers with three shutouts this season. In four games, Pickens has made 10 saves while just allowing two goals.

NEW TO NASHVILLE

David Edgar signed with Nashville SC on April 4, 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 made his first appearance in a Nashville SC

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 1-0-0
Opened 2015
Surface Bermuda Tifway 419

CLUB HISTORY

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

uniform on April 7 against Charlotte where he played four minutes to seal the victory.

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.

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

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ticket record. The supporters are less than 300 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.

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.

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.

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
3.31	Pickens	James	Davis	Doyle	Bourgeois	Washington	Reed	Akinyode	Moloto	Winn	Cox
4.7	Pickens	Kimura	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 1-0

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

4.7 vs. Charlotte Independence 1-0

24' Alan Winn - Left-footed strike into the left corner. Assist from Kimura.

4.7 vs. Charlotte Independence 2-0

90'+1 Ropapa Mensah - Chipped the Charlotte keeper while dragging a defender on his back. Assist from Pickens.

Stats and Stuff



TEAM COMPARISON



2-1-0
7th
0.67
0.33
+1
12.67
4.00
2
6
1

Record
Eastern Conf. Rank
Goals/Game
Opp. Goals/Game
Goal Differential
Shots/Game
Shots on Goal/Game
Clean Sheets
Yellow Cards
Red Cards

2-1-1
5th
0.75
0.50
+1
9.50
3.75
3
5
0

McInerney, 1
Braun, 1
McInerney, 8
Watson, 5
Ferreira, 2
Ouimette, 1
Fon Williams, 85.7
Fon Williams, 2

STAR WATCH

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

Cox, 1
Kimura, 1
Moloto, 11
Washington, 5
LaGrassa, 2
Pickens, 83.3
Pickens, 3

NASHVILLE SC RECORD WHEN....

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

ASSISTS

Kosuke Kimura	1
Matt Pickens	1

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
 Tampa Bay Rowdies	9	3-1-0
 Louisville City FC	9	3-0-0
 Charlotte Independence	7	2-1-1
 New York Red Bulls II	7	2-1-1
 Nashville SC	7	2-1-1
 FC Cincinnati	6	2-1-0
 Indy Eleven	6	2-1-0
 Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	5	1-0-2
 Atlanta United 2	5	1-0-2
 Bethlehem Steel FC	4	1-2-1
 Richmond Kickers	4	1-2-1
 Charleston Battery	4	1-2-1
 Penn FC	2	0-1-2
 North Carolina FC	0	0-3-0
 Toronto FC II	0	0-3-0
 Ottawa Fury FC	0	0-2-0

USL TEAM OF THE WEEK

	Player	Team
GK	Connor Sparrow	Real Monarchs SLC
D	Paco Craig	Louisville City FC
D	Ramon Martin del Campo	Fresno FC
D	Josh Suggs	Colorado Springs FC
MF	Tyler Pasher	Indy Eleven
MF	Leo Fernandes	Tampa Bay Rowdies
MF	Mark Segbers	Orange County SC
MF	Jaime Villarreal	Sacramento Republic FC
F	Alan Winn	Nashville SC
F	Augustine Williams	Portland Timbers 2
F	Neco Brett	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC

LEAGUE NOTES

WEEK 5 POTW - NICO BRETT

Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC forward Neco Brett has been voted the USL Player of the Week for Week 4 of the 2018 season. Brett scored a hat trick for the Hounds to cement their first win of the 2018 season on Saturday. Pittsburgh dominated offensively in a 4-0 victory against Toronto FC II at Highmark Stadium. Nashville SC's Alan Winn was nominated for POTW and was named to the Team of the Week for the first time.

USL HOSTING WOMEN'S CONCACAF

North Carolina FC's Sahlen's Stadium and Rio Grande Valley FC's H-E-B Park will host the 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship in October. The finalists and the third place finisher will punch their ticket to France for the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup.

RIVER CITIES CUP SHOWDOWN

FC Cincinnati welcomed their USL home opener-record crowd of 25,667 to Nippert Stadium for the first edition of the 2018 River Cities Cup, but Louisville took home a 1-0 victory. Cameron Lancaster's early goal in the 13' helped Louisville stay perfect as they are 3-0 headed into the fifth week of play.

TAMPA BAY ROUTES OTTAWA

The Tampa Bay Rowdies' strong run to start the 2018 USL regular season continued on Saturday, as the team earned an impressive 5-0 victory against Ottawa Fury FC at Al Lang Stadium. Georgi Hristov's third goal of the campaign proved to be the winner in the match, while the team added four more goals before all was said and done. Tampa Bay and Ottawa were tied nil-nil going into the 60' of play but an offensive barrage in the final 30 min led to the Rowdies 5-0 victory.

BATTLE FOR THE WEST

In a third consecutive shutout victory, Orange County SC's victory came at the expense of its 405 rival, the LA Galaxy II, on Saturday night. The win moved Orange County SC into the top spot in the Western Conference on goal differential but they have a big test coming up on Saturday against San Antonio FC.

USL STAT LEADERS

GOALS			ASSISTS			TOTAL SAVES		
Kharlton Belmar	SPR	5	Hadji Barry	SPR	3	Evan Louro	NYC	14
Jorge Herrera	CLT	4	Maikel Chang	SLC	3	Cody Mizell	TBR	14
Thomas Enevoldsen	OC	4	Bradley Kamdem Fewo	FRS	2	Fabián Cerda	TUL	14
Chris Cortez	PHX	3	Carlos Alvarez	LV	2	Ricardo Ferriño	LV	12
Andrew Tinari	NY	3	Justin Portillo	SLC	2	Evan Newton	CIN	11
Soloman Asante	PHX	3	Brian Shriver	RIC	2	John McCarthy	BST	11
Nico Brett	PIT	3	Brian White	NYC	2	Josh Cohen	SAC	11
Leo Fernandes	TBR	2	Caleb Calvert	CLT	2	Kyle Reynish	FRS	11



Broadcast Bios



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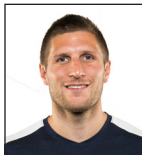
MICAH BLEDSOE / USA / KEEPER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

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).



2

JUSTIN DAVIS / USA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

Has started in all four 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 Best 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 1 vs Charlotte Independence - 4/4/18
Assists N/A
Shots 2 vs Charlotte Independence - 4/4/18

FAST FACTS

Scored his first Nashville SC USL goal in the 91' against CLT Independence in front of a home crowd...Subbed in during the second half of all four 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 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...



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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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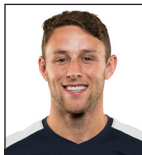
LIAM DOYLE / ISLE OF MAN / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

Started and played all 360+ 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-Big Ten Conference Selection in 2014.



6

JOSH HUGHES / USA / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

Has been on the active 18-man roster in two of four regular season matches...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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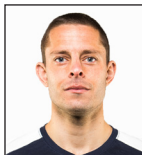
RYAN JAMES / CANADA / MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER

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.



8

ROBIN SHROOT / GREAT BRITAIN / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

Started two of the four 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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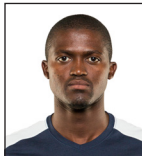
MICHAEL COX / CANADA / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals 1 vs Bethlehem Steel - 3/31/18
Assists N/A
Shots 4 vs Bethlehem Steel - 3/31/18

FAST FACTS

Scored Nashville SC's first ever regular season goal against Bethlehem Steel...Started three of the four USL regular season matches...Scored against Orlando City in the preseason...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

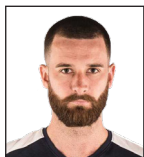
NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

Started and played in all four 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 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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DAVID EDGAR / CANADA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

Subbed on in the 87' against CLT making his Nashville SC debut...Signed with 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 Canadian National Team, scoring four goals...Wore the captains band for Canada in the 2015 CONCACAF Gold Cup.



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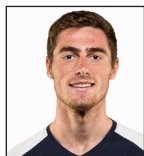
TUCKER HUME / USA / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

Played in two of four 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 teammate Alan Winn at UNC.



13

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

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 NPFL while in college...Nickname: Jay...Most-used emoji: crying laughing face...Celebrity crush: Jennifer Lopez.



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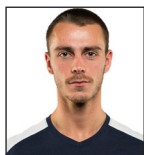
MICHAEL DEGRAFFENREIDT / USA / DEFENDER

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 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.



17

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 four regular season matches this season...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 4 vs Bethlehem Steel - 3/31/18
Goals Allowed 2 at Louisville City FC - 3/17/18
Shots Faced 4 vs Bethlehem Steel - 3/31/18

FAST FACTS

Recorded an assist against CLT Independence on 4/7/18...Started in goal for all four regular season matches and has three 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.



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ALAN WINN / USA / FORWARD

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals 1 vs Charlotte Independence - 4/4/18
Assists N/A
Shots 4 vs Charlotte Independence - 4/4/18

FAST FACTS

Scored his first professional goal and game winner against CLT Independence...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.



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MATT LAGRASSA / USA / MIDFIELDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

Has played in all four games this season and started in two...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 four 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.



22

BRADLEY BOURGEOIS / USA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

Goals N/A
Assists N/A
Shots 3 vs Charlotte Independence - 4/4/18

FAST FACTS

Started three of the four 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.



23

TAYLOR WASHINGTON / USA / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

Played in all four games this season and has two starts...Recorded an assist against Orlando City in the preseason...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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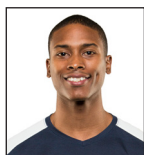
KOSUKE KIMURA / JAPAN / DEFENDER

NASHVILLE SC HIGHS

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

FAST FACTS

Recorded an assist against CLT Independence on a long ball played to Alan Winn...Played in all four 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.



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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

Started against Bethlehem Steel and CLT Independence...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.



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