

### Friendly #1 2/10/18 3:00рм

### 2018 USL Schedule

3/17	Louisville City FC	3:00 PM
3/24 😤	Pittsburgh Hounds	5:00 PM
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 😤	Pittsburgh Hounds	6:00 PM
6/2 👸	Penn FC	6:30 PM
6/9 govern	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	6:00 PM
9/18 pining	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	1:00 PM
	Home - White Road - Gray	

### **Matchup Notes**

This will be Nashville SC's first match as a USL club, and its first match against a fully professional club.

The last time professional teams from Atlanta and Nashville played 2001 when the Atlanta Silverbacks and Nashville Metros were a part of the A-League.

That season the home team won all four matchups with the Metros winning three of the four.

The final game in the series occured on August 1, 2001. The Metros won 1-0 on a goal scored by forward Jeff Houser.

### **Nashville SC Projected XI**



# Roster



#### NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Hometown (Previous Club, League)
0	Micah Bledsoe	GK	6-5	205	23	Cincinnati, Ohio (Louisville City FC, USL)
2	Justin Davis	D	5-9	177	29	Novi, Mich. (Minnesota United, MLS)
3	Ropapa Mensah	F	6-1	170	20	Accra, Ghana (Harrisburg City Islanders, USL)
4	Ramone Howell	MF	6-0	166	22	Portmore, Jamaica (Valparaiso, College)
5	Liam Doyle	D	6-4	199	25	Douglas, Isle of Man (Swope Park Rangers, USL)
6	Josh Hughes	MF	5-7	164	26	Peachtree City, Ga. (Harrisburg City Islanders, USL)
7	Ryan James	MF/D	5-8	152	23	Mississauga, Canada (Rochester Rhinos, USL)
8	Robin Shroot	F	6-2	165	29	London, England (IL Hødd, Norway)
9	Michael Cox	F	6-2	191	25	Calgary, Canada (Orlanda City B, USL)
10	Lebo Moloto	MF	5-8	157	27	Polokwane, South Africa (Swope Park Rangers, USL)
11	Charlie Dennis	MF	6-2	192	22	Brighton, England (Palm Beach Atlantic, College)
12	Tucker Hume	F	6-4	203	24	Austin, Texas (Ottawa Fury, USL)
13	lan McGrath	MF	6-3	180	21	New Lenox, III. (Evansville, College)
14	Jordan Dunstan	D	6-2	203	24	Mississauga, Canada (Bryan College, College)
15	Michael DeGraffenreidt	D	5-7	166	23	Baltimore, Md. (Louisville, College)
16	Martim Galvao	MF	5-8	154	22	Lisbon, Portugal (Pfeiffer, College)
17	Michael Reed	MF	6-1	166	30	Albuquerque, N.M. (San Antonio FC, USL)
18	Matt Pickens	GK	6-2	201	35	Washington, Mo. (Tampa Bay Rowdies, USL)
19	Alan Winn	F	5-11	162	35	Garland, Texas (North , USL)
20	Matt LaGrassa	MF	5-9	177	25	Elk Grove, Calif. (Reno 1868, USL)
21	C.J. Cochran	GK	6-3	206	26	Alpharetta, Ga. (OKC Energy, USL)
22	Bradley Bourgeois	D	5-9	181	23	Cypress, Texas (Tulsa Roughnecks, USL)
23	Taylor Washington	D	5-10	171	24	Somers, N.Y. (Pittsburgh Riverhounds, USL)
27	Kosuke Kimura	D	5-6	155	33	Yokohama, Japan (Tulsa Roughnecks, USL)
28	London Woodberry	D	6-1	158	26	McKinney, Texas (New England Revolution, MLS)
30	Bolu Akinyoke	MF	6-1	202	23	Lagos, Nigeria (North Carolina FC, NASL)
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#### **TECHNICAL STAFF**

Head Coach:	Gary Smith (1st season)
Assistant Coach:	David Proctor (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)
Goalkeeping Assistant:	Kyle Rhoelke (1st season)

#### **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Ropapa Mensah: roh-PAH-puh MEN-suh
Lebo Moloto: LAY-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: buh-LOO ack-in-yoh-DEE



# **News and Notes**

#### 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 WORLDS 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.

#### THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM

Due to the expanded 34 game schedule, Nashville SC will see four Eastern Conference foes three times a piece this season. Those four "regional rivals" are Cincinnati FC, Louisville City FC, Charlotte Independence and Atlanta United 2. Nashville SC will play FC Cincinnati and Atlanta United 2 twice at home while the club will travel twice to Louisville City FC and Charlotte Independence.

#### PLAYING A LEAGUE UP (OR TWO)

Coach Gary Smith and forward Robin Shroot have some experience playing teams in a league above (like Atlanta United). In 2012, both were a part of Stevenage, of English League One, and met Tottenham Hotspur of the English Premier League for a spot in the FA Cup Quarterfinal. After earning a replay in with a 0-0 draw at home, Smith and Shroot fell 3-1 at White Hart Lane against a side that included Jermaine Defoe, Emmanuel Adebayor, Luke Modric and Scott Parker.

#### 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.

#### SILVERBACK, WAY BACK

Shroot, Kimura and Pickens aren't the only Nashville SC players Gary Smith has coached. Former Atlanta Silverbacks Kosuke Kimura, Josh Hughes, C.J. Cochran and Michael Reed were with Coach Smith in 2015 in the NASL as the team went 7-12-11, missing the playoffs.

#### 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. Nashville SC has yet to name a captain for the 2018 season.

#### 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.

#### DES MOINES PIPELINE

Strangely, several Nashville SC players played for the Des Moines Menace, a USL PDL team. Justin Davis, Ramone Howell, Lebo Moloto and Matt LaGrassa all suited up for the Menace at some point in their amateur careers.

### 2018 QUICK FACTS

#### **GENERAL INFO**

Location	Nashville TN
Founded	
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
Opened	
Surface	Bermuda Tifway 419

#### **CLUB HISTORY**

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

#### CANADIEN CONNECTION

Jordan Dunstan and Ryan James both hail from Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. A suburb of Toronto, the city holds more than 700,000 people.

#### LOBO DUO

Michael Reed and Justin Davis played together back in college at the University of New Mexico. On Sept. 13, 2009 the pair led the Lobos to an upset win over No. 10 Notre Dame 2-1 in overtime. Davis scored both goals while Reed provided the assist on the tying goal.

#### NASHVILLIAN BY COLLEGE

Third keeper Micah Bledsoe is familiar with Nashville. He spent the four years of his college career at Lipscomb University in south Nashville. As one of the best keepers in Bisons' history, Bledsoe has had many good moments on the pitch in Nashville.



#### 2018 USL EASTERN STANDINGS

	Points	Record
ATL UTD 2	0	0-0-0
Bethlehem Steel FC	0	0-0-0
🐯 Charleston Battery	0	0-0-0
😽 Charlotte Indepenence	0	0-0-0
🐞 FC Cincinnati	0	0-0-0
🗑 Indy Eleven	0	0-0-0
🕀 Louisville City FC	0	0-0-0
Nashville SC	0	0-0-0
😽 New York Red Bulls II	0	0-0-0
🧯 North Carolina FC	0	0-0-0
🐨 Ottawa Fury FC	0	0-0-0
💿 Penn FC	0	0-0-0
😤 Pittsburgh Riverhounds	0	0-0-0
Richmond Kickers	0	0-0-0
👼 Tampa Bay Rowdies	0	0-0-0
🚓 Toronto FC II	0	0-0-0

#### USL TEAM OF THE WEEK

	Player	Team	
GK			
D			
D			
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MF			
MF			
MF			
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#### LEAGUE NOTES

#### USL ALIGNMENT

With the addition of seven teams and the loss of two, the league realigned prior to the 2018 season. 17 teams will play in the Western Conference, 16, including Nashville SC, in the Eastern.

#### **NEW ADDITIONS**

Nashville SC is one of six newcomers to the USL this season. Three of the clubs are independent expansion franchises, Nashville SC, Fresno FC and Las Vegas Lights FC. Two more clubs, Indy Eleven and North Carolina FC move to the USL from the NASL. Finally, Atlanta United 2 is a new affiliate club joining the USL.

#### EASTERN SCHEDULE LAYOUT

Each Eastern Conference team will play a "home-and-home" with the other 15 teams in the conference. The other four contests will incorpororate a third game against four of the teams in the East or, for a few teams, will include some games against the West. Nashville SC will not play a team in the USL Western Conference until the USL Cup Final.

#### MAKING IT OFFICIAL

A rule change in 2018 will change the time when a league contest can be made official. Starting this season, games will be made official in the 70th minute. Previously, a USL game would count if it had lasted until halftime.

#### AN EXTRA SPOT

Another new USL rule will give teams a chance to put one player on Injured Reserve, "IR", during the course of the season and have him not use a roster spot. This player must have a medically-verified season-ending injury and must stay on IR the rest of the season.

#### WHEELING AND DEALING

Teams will be allowed to trade or sell international roster spots throughout the course of the season. Coming in to 2018, each team was granted seven international roster slots. Regardless of how many roster slots are used by each club throughout 2018, the number will reset to seven at the end of the season.

#### USL STAT LEADERS GOALS

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### **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

# **Gary Smith**

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.

# **Broadcast Bios**

	0	MICAH BLEDSOE / USA / KEEPER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS	FAST FACTS
	Minutes N/A Saves N/A	Played last year for Louisville City FC as their third keeper in their run to the 2017 USL Cup ChampionshipSigned with LCFC on March 28 following a successful two-week trial with the clubPlayed collegiately at Lipscomb University in Nashville (2013-2017)Lipscomb's all-time
	Goals Allowed N/A Shots Faced N/A	leader in wins (26), save pct. (.735) and shutouts (15).
	2	JUSTIN DAVIS / USA / DEFENDER
00	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS	FAST FACTS
	Points N/A Goals N/A	Previously been at Minnesota United FC (2011-2017)Holds Minnesota United club record for games played with 171Three time NASL Beat XI (2014, 2015, 2016)Top scoring defender in the NASL scoring five goals for Minnesota United FC in 2015Selected 32nd overall in 2010
	Assists N/A Shots N/A	MLS SuperDraft by Real Salt LakePlayed for Des Moines Menace USL PDL from 2007-2008 scoring three goals in two seasonRanks top ten in University of New Mexico appearances (77), goals (20), and assists (18)Favorite lunchbox item: Cosmic BrowniesPre-game jam: Single Ladies by BeyonceWould play golf if not playing soccer.
	3	ROPAPA MENSAH / GHANA / FORWARD
-	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A	FAST FACTS On loan at Nashville SC from Inter Allies in GhanaYoungest player on Nashville SC roster at 20 years oldPlayed last year for Harrisburg City
	Goals N/A	Islanders (now Penn FC) on IoanScored seven goals and two assists in 2017 with a 73.1% Passing success rateNamed to USL Team of the
	Assists N/A Shots N/A	Week (Week 26) for Harrisburg City Islanders last season two goals scored for Inter Allies in 2016Born in Accra, Ghana.
	4	RAMONE HOWELL / JAMAICA / MIDFIELDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS	FAST FACTS
E	Points N/A Goals N/A	Nashville SC is first professional teamPlayed four years at Valparaiso University (2014-2017)Made 67 appearances for Valpo with seven total goalsScored match-winner against Belmont University in Nashville at E.S. Rose Park in 2016Played in the USL PDL for the Des Moines
	Assists N/A Shots N/A	Menace in 2016Played internationally for Jamaica at the U-17 and U-23 levelFavorite pizza topping is chickenFavorite athlete growing up: Cesc FabregasFavorite cartoon character: Jerry from 'Tom and Jerry'.
	5	LIAM DOYLE / ISLE OF MAN / DEFENDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS	FAST FACTS
-	Points N/A Goals N/A	Played in 2017 at Swope Park Rangers of the USLScored two goals in 18 starts totaling 1,598 minutes last seasonAppeared in 28 matches with Harrisburg City in 2016Selected 67th overall in 2016 MLS SuperDraft by D.C. UnitedPlayed college soccer at Ohio St. (2012-2015)
	Assists N/A Shots N/A	Third Team Preseason All-American by College Soccer News in 2015Team Captain as a senior for Ohio State UniversityFirst Team All-Big Ten Conference Selection in 2014Ohio State MVP and Athlete of the Year in 2013 with 13 goals and 13 assistsNickname:Doyler/DoyleyMost used emoji: crying laughing faceCelebrity crush is Michelle Keegan.
	6	JOSH HUGHES / USA / MIDFIELDER
360	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS	FAST FACTS
T	Points N/A Goals N/A	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
	Assists N/A Shots N/A	2013 for BerryMember of 2012 SAA Champion Berry team in 2012Favorite lunchbox item: Fruit SnacksPre-game jam: Ramble On by Led ZeppelinWould play golf if not playing soccer.
	7	RYAN JAMES / CANADA / MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER
36	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS	FAST FACTS
E.	Points N/A Goals N/A	Comes to Nashville SC from Rochester Rhinos (2016-2017)Started in 33 of 34 matches played in 2017 totaling almost 3,000 minutesDrafted 52nd overall in 2016 MLS SuperDraft by Sporting KCPlayed college soccer at Bowling GreenSenior CLASS award finalist in 2015Racked
	Assists N/A Shots N/A	up 15 assists in collegiate careerFavorite lunchbox item: applePre-game jam: P.Y.T. by Michael JacksonWould play baseball if not playing soccer.
	8	ROBIN SHROOT / GREAT BRITAIN / FORWARD
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS	FAST FACTS
-	Points N/A Goals N/A	First professional soccer season in the U.S. after a 12-year career in EuropePreviously played for IL Hødd in Norway scoring 12 goals last year in 30 appearancesHas made stops throughout English football at Staines Town, AFC Wimbledon, Harrow Borough, Birmingham City, Walsall,
	Assists N/A Shots N/A	Burton Albion, Cheltenham Town and StevenagePlayed for Gary Smith at StevenageFaced off against Tottenham Hotspur in 2012 while at Stevenage holding the Spurs to a 0-0 draw before falling in the replay 3-1Nickname: ShrootyMost used emoji: Geek faceCelebrity crush: Alicia Vikander.
	9	MICHAEL COX / CANADA / FORWARD
26	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS	FAST FACTS
C.	Points N/A Goals N/A	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 appearancesBegan pro career at FC Edmonton (NASL 2011-2013) scoring nine goalsFavorite pizza
	Assists N/A Shots N/A	topping: Pineapple and chickenFavorite athlete growing up: Thierry HenryFavorite cartoon character: Spiderman.
	10	LEBO MOLOTO / MIDFIELDER
00	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS	FAST FACTS
E.	Points N/A Goals N/A	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 assistsBefore that played with Pittsburgh Riverhonds (USL 2016-2016)
	Assists N/A	First player to ally three assists in a game in USL history in 2016. Selected 54th overall in the 2013 MLS SuperDraft by Seattle Sounders
	Shots N/A	Played internationally with South Africa at U-17 level in 2008 Played USL PDL with Des Moines Menace from 2009-2013 scoring 11 goals and



# **Broadcast Bios**

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	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS Nashville SC is first professional clubPlayed collegiately at Shorter University (2014-2015) and Palm Beach Atlantic University (2016-2017) Over four year collegiate career, scored 31 goals including nine as a junior at PBA to lead his teamPlayed in the Southampton youth academy in EnglandInternationally represented England at the U-16, U-17, and U-18 levelsFavorite pizza topping: jalepenosHero growing up: Frank LampardFavorite cartoon character: Batman.
	12	TUCKER HUME / USA / FORWARD
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS Previously played for Ottawa Fury of USL (2017)Scored three goals in 23 appearances last seasonPlayed two years at the University of North Carolina (2015-2016)At UNC, scored 18 goals and 10 assists including a team-high 11 in 2015Voted team MVP by his teammates in 2015Played in the PDL for Austin Aztex in 2013Helped lead Aztex to PDL National Championship with three goals in 13 appearances Favorite pizza topping: SausageHero growing up: his dadFavorite cartoon character: Donald DuckHas a twin brother named Walker.
	13	IAN MCGRATH / USA / MIDFIELDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS First professional seasonPlayed collegiately for University of Evansville (2014-2017)Scored 26 goals in four years at Evansville including 12 as a senior and 11 as a junior12 goals and 30 points as a senior were both program bests in 2017Two-time All-Region Player in 2016, 2017.
	14	JORDAN DUNSTAN / CANADA / DEFENDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS First professional clubPlayed collegiately for Bryan College in Tennessee (2015-2017)Scored two goals and had eight assists in part of two seasons playedNamed Appalachian Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2016Played for Chattanooga FC in the NPSL while in collegeNickname: JayMost-used emoji: crying laughing faceCelebrity crush: Jennifer Lopez.
	15	MICHAEL DEGRAFFENREIDT / USA / DEFENDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS First full professional seasonSelected 60th overall in 2017 MLS SuperDraft by Houston DynamoInjured in training before the start of last season with HoustonPlayed collegiately at the University of LouisvilleStarted 76 of 77 collegiate matchesLed Louisville to a No. 6 national ranking as a senior in 2016American Athletic Conference All-Rookie Team in 2013Set school record for consecutive minutes played without allowing a goal in 2013Favorite lunchbox item: PB&JPre-game Jam: God's Plan by DrakeWould play basketball if not playing soccer.
	16	MARTIM GALVAO / PORTUGAL / MIDFIELDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS First professional seasonOnly former Nashville SC USL PDL player to make Nashville SC this seasonPlayed 23 matches in 2017 for Nashville SC PDLScored seven goals to lead Nashville SC PDL in scoringPlayed collegiately at Pfeiffer University (2015-2017)Named an NSCAA First Team All-American in 2015 with nine goals and 27 assists in 25 appearancesNickname: TiniHidden Talent: JugglingWould play tennis if not playing soccer.
	17	MICHAEL REED / USA / MIDFIELDER
(P.C.)	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS 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 captainThree goals scored with San Antonio FC in 2016 Played in 2015 with Atlanta SilverbacksStarted in all 29 matches in 2015 with Atlanta scoring one goal under Gary Smith Played from 2012- 2014 with Minnesota United alongside Justin DavisFavorite lunchbox item: banana, pearPre-game jam: Inside Out by Eve 6Would play baseball if not playing soccer.
	18	MATT PICKENS / USA / KEEPER
<b>S</b>	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Minutes N/A Saves N/A Goals Allowed N/A Shots Faced N/A	FAST FACTS Won MLS Cup in 2010 with Colorado Rapids alongside Gary Smith and defender Kosuke Kimura in 2010Won Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup in 2004 with Chicago FirePlayed 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 2017Recorded 10 shutouts in 2017Made two U.S. Open Cup appearances in 2015 and two more in 2016. Started pro career with Chicago Fire from 2003-2007Had a brief stint with Queens Park Rangers in England in 2008With Colorado Rapids from 2009-2013Played two matches in 2014 for New England RevolutionPart of five USMNT training camps.
	19	ALAN WINN / USA / FORWARD
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS The latest signing for Nashville SC, Winn comes to Nashville after participating in Colorado Rapids trainingWinn was 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 UNCWas named USC Second Team All-American in 2017 after an 11 goal seasonHas played internationally for U.S. U-18 team in 2014 at the Copa del Atlantico tournament in the Canary IslandsScored one of two goals for the U.S. at that tournament.
A CONTRACT	20	MATT LAGRASSA / USA / MIDFIELDER
No.	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS           Points         N/A           Goals         N/A           Assists         N/A           Shots         N/A	FAST FACTS Played last season for Reno 1868Made 31 starts for Reno in 32 appearances scoring one goal in 2017Completed 1,783 passes last year, the third-most in the USLWas with Tulsa Roughnecks on Ioan in 2016 where he played 18 matches with one goal scoredMade nine appearances for Des Moines Menace in 2011 and 2012 scoring twiceNickname: LaLaMost-used emoji: Winky face with tongue sticking outCelebrity crush: Zooey Deschanel.

# **Broadcast Bios**



	21	C.J. COCHRAN / USA / KEEPER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Minutes N/A Saves N/A Goals Allowed N/A Shots Faced N/A	FAST FACTS 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 seasonGave up just four goals in the last seven matches of the season for OKC including four shutoutsPlayed for Gary Smith with Atlanta Silverbacks in 2015Played collegiately for Georgia State (2011-2014)Program record for best goals-against average (1.33) at GaStFavorite lunchbox item: JuiceboxPre-game Jam: Sweet Lovin' by SigalaWould play golf if not playing soccer.
	22	BRADLEY BOURGEOIS / USA / DEFENDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS Played last year for Tulsa Roughnecks FC making 30 appearances with 24 startsCompleted 82% of his passes and won 87% of his tackles last seasonCame up as a Houston Dynamo youth academy player and signed with Houston Dynamo as a homegrown player in 2016Loaned to Rio Grande Valley FC Toros for the 2016 seasonScored one goal in six matchesPlayed collegiately at Tulsa from 2012-2015Made 81 appearances for Tulsa in four seasons recording 25 defensive shutoutsscored seven goals in collegeNickname: BMost-used emoji: crying laughing faceCelebrity crush: Jessica Biel.
	23	TAYLOR WASHINGTON / USA / DEFENDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS Played last season for Pittsburgh Riverhounds making 29 appearances with 28 startsSelected 23rd overall in the 2016 MLS SuperDraft by Phil- adelphia UnionSent on Ioan to Bethlehem Steel in 2016 where he made 28 appearancesIn 2015 played for D.C. United U-23 team and was named team captainPlayed collegiately for Boston University (2011-2012) and George Mason (2013-2015)Scored one goal at each college played forNickname: T-WashMost-used emoji: praying handsCelebrity crush: Emma Watson.
	27	KOSUKE KIMURA / JAPAN / DEFENDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS Won 2010 MLS Cup with Colorado Rapids under Gary Smith and with keeper Matt PickensLast season played for Tulsa Roughnecks where he made 24 appearancesPlayed for Coach Smith again in 2015 with Atlanta Silverbacks making 19 appearancesStarted pro career with Colora- do Rapids in 2007 after being drafted 35th overall in MLS Supplemental DraftFirst Japanese-born player in MLS historyScored match-winner in MLS Cup Semifinals in 2010 to send Colorado to MLS Cup FinalMade 17 appearances for Portland Timbers in 2012Played for New York Red Bulls in 2013-2014 recording five assists in 37 appearancesPlayed collegiately for Western Illinois (2203-2007).
	28	LONDON WOODBERRY / USA / DEFENDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS Spent past three years with New England RevolutionMade 46 appearances in three years with New England scoring one goalSigned a home- grown contract with FC Dallas in 2013 making eight appearances with three startsPlayed for Arizona United in 2014 making 24 appearances with three goals scoredPlayed collegiately for University of Maryland (2009-2012)Favorite lunchbox item: Honey BunsPregame Jam: I will be here by TiestoWould be playing baseball if not playing soccer.
	30	BOLU AKINYODE / NIGERIA / MIDFIELDER
	NASHVILLE SC HIGHS Points N/A Goals N/A Assists N/A Shots N/A	FAST FACTS Played last season for North Carolina FC in NASL making 22 appearancesStarted pro career in 2015 with New York Red Bulls II after coming up through the New York Red Bulls youth academyPlayed in 20 matches in 2015He scored his first professional goal on September 5, 2015 against Lousiville City FC, a game-winning header in a 3-2 victorySpent 2016 with Bethlehem Steel FC making 26 appearancesBorn in Lagos, NigeriaNickname: N/A (He needs one)Most-used emoji: Laughing faceCelebrity crush: Scarlett Johansson.



### **Broadcast Roster**



