

2020 USL Championship Season

LOUISVILLE CITY FC GAME NOTES

2017 & 2018 USL CUP CHAMPIONS

LOUISVILLE CITY FC MEDIA INFORMATION

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2020 USL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

MARCH

7 North Carolina FC W 1-0

JULY

12 PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC

18 SAINT LOUIS FC

25 SPORTING KANSAS CITY II

29 SPORTING KANSAS CITY II

AUGUST

8 INDY ELEVEN

12 SPORTING KANSAS CITY II

15 LOUDOUN UNITED FC

26 INDY ELEVEN

29 Saint Louis FC

SEPTEMBER

5 Indy Eleven

12 SAINT LOUIS FC

16 Indy Eleven

19 MEMPHIS 901 FC

26 Saint Louis FC

OCTOBER

3 SPORTING KANSAS CITY II

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GAME INFORMATION

LOUISVILLE CITY FC (1-0-0; 3 pts)

VS

Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (0-0-0; 0 pts) Sunday, July 12, 2020 - 5:00 PM ET Lynn Family Stadium - Louisville, KY

LOCAL TV: ESPN2 LOCAL RADIO: 840 WHAS

STREAMING VIDEO: ESPN+

LIVE STATS: USLChampionship.com/

Match-Center

REFEREES:

Head Official: Eric Tattersall

ARs: Jeffery Swartzel & Chris Schurfranz

4th Official: Youssef Elmessoussi

SERIES HISTORY

LAST 3 MEETINGS

ALL-TIME OVERALL (6-3-4)
ALL-TIME HOME (1-3-1)
ALL-TIME AWAY (5-0-3)

WEEKEND OF FIRSTS

The USL Championship is the first team-based sports league returning to action in local markets amid the COVID-19 pandemic; LouCity will be the first team to host fans at its games in Kentucky; and, of course, both of these circumstances coincide with Lynn Family Stadium's inaugural game.

LYNN FAMILY STADIUM

The \$65 million stadium sits on a 10-acre parcel in the Butchertown neighborhood east of downtown. Normal capacity is 15,304, and the venue could range up to 25,000 for concerts. Unique to Lynn is a 72-foot Modelo bar in the open end, believed to be the longest of its kind in Kentucky. The jumbotron ranks second in size behind only Churchill Downs' Big Board.

ABOUT THE PITCH

The natural surface is made up of Tahoma 31 Bermuda overseeded with rye, and it can remain green year round thanks to a sub-air system that removes excessive moisture, but can also blow hot or cold air to keep grass at an ideal temperature. The lines measure 120 feet by 80, a major upgrade from the 105 by 75 pitch at LouCity's former home, Louisville Slugger Field.

UP TO 50 PERCENT

LouCity was approved for such a capacity, but due to physical distancing protocols, club ticket officials expect to be closer to 30% on Sunday. The group attending game is known as "Honorary Owners" — those who, before it was known whether fans could attend, kept their ticket funds pledged to the club amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

USL Championship clubs will complete a 16-game regular season with LouCity 1-0 after its March 7 victory at North Carolina FC. The majority of remaining games will come against "Group E" opponents Indy Eleven, Saint Louis FC and Sporting KC II. The USL previously approved unbalanced schedules allowing LouCity to host more than it travels.

RULE CHANGE

The USL Championship has approved the use of five substitutes for the remainder of the 2020 season, similar to other soccer leagues restarting around the world. Each club will be given three opportunities to make its substitutions during regular play. Likewise, substitutions may also be made at halftime without counting against a club's three in-game chances.

PAST PRECEDENT

Over the past three seasons, LouCity has posted a record of 22W-9L-11D between July 11 and Oct. 4. A similar tear to close out the 2020 campaign could leave the remainder of Group E in a battle for second place, putting the boys in purple in position to become the USL's first three-time champions.

CAM'S THE MAN

Forward Cameron Lancaster, the 2018 USL Golden Boot winner with a record 26 goals, has returned to LouCity after a season hiatus. This time he's on loan from Nashville SC from Major League Soccer, and the impact was felt immediately when Lancaster scored the lone goal in LouCity's 1-0 victory to begin 2020 at North Carolina FC.

FROM THE BEGINNING

Lancaster and midfielder Magnus Rasmussen have come and gone from LouCity's 2015 roster. Midfielder Niall McCabe, however, is the only player from the inaugural group of signings to have stayed throughout on the club's journey to opening Lynn Family Stadium. The native of Ireland remains a staple on the pitch, with his 2,924 minutes in 2020 ranking third-most on the team.

BETWEEN THE POSTS

LouCity's battle for the starting goalkeeper role could be a season-long battle between Louisville native Chris Hubbard and Bent Lundt, a 2019 MLS SuperDraft selection on loan from FC Cincinnati. Hubbard (79.9%) and Lund (71.1%) were near equal in their save percentage last season as Lunt filled in with Hubbard injured. Lundt got the starting nod and a clean sheet in LouCity's season-opening win at North Carolina FC in March. Hubbard's last outing was a 3-1 loss to Real Monarchs SLC in the USL Championship Final last November.

THE ESTOPINAL END

LouCity has ensured its late founder's legacy lives on within the club's new home. Architect and philanthropist Wayne Estopinal, who brought pro soccer to town, is the namesake behind the closed end of Lynn Family Stadium, the standing supporter zone. Estopinal, whose firm also designed the University of Louisville's similarly named Lynn Stadium, died in a November 2018 plane crash at age 63.

2020 INDIVIDUAL ACCOLADES

USL Save of the Week:

GK Ben Lundt - Week 1

FAMILIAR FACES

Head coach John Hackworth kept the core of the roster, returning 17 players from the 2019 Louisville City team which won the Eastern Conference Title. Ten of the 11 starters from Louisville City's 2019 USL Championship Final team returned for the 2020 season.

urning (17)		Newcomers (8)
Chris Hubbard	D	Jimmy Ockford
Ben Lundt	D	Jonathan Gomez*
Oscar Jimenez	D	Wes Charpie
Pat McMahon	MF	Corben Bone
Alexis Souahy	MF	Damir Beganovic*
Sean Totsch	MF	Elijah Wynder
Akil Watts	F	Cameron Lancaster
Paolo DelPiccolo	GΚ	Muamer Ugarak*
Napo Matsoso		
Niall McCabe		
Magnus Rasmussen		
Speedy Williams		
George Davis IV		
Antoine Hoppenot		
Brian Ownby		
Luke Spencer		
Devon "Speedy" Will	iams	*Academy
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- 3 Alexis Souahy (ah-LEX-ee Soo-WAH-hee)
- 4 Totsch (TOE-sh)
- **5** Ockford (AHK-ford)
- **7 Rasmussen** (RAS-mew-sen)
- 8 Akil (ah-KEEL)
- 11 Niall (NILE)

Deturning (17)

- 14 Abdou Thiam (ab-DOO JH-ahm, French JH)
- **19 Jimenez** (hi-MEN-ez)
- **27 Napo Matsoso** (NAH-poe Mah-SO-so)
- 29 Antoine Hoppenot (AN-twan O-pen-oh)
- **36 Paolo DelPiccolo** (POW-low del-PIC-oh-lo)
- 39 Lundt (Loont)
- 61 Elijah Wynder (e-LIE-juh WINE-dur)
- 91 Muamer Ugarak (Moo-a-mar OO-gar-ack)

ABOUT LOUISVILLE CITY FC

Since starting play in 2015, Louisville City FC has quickly established a reputation both for winning on the pitch and solid fan support off it.

Louisville City FC has advanced to the USL's Eastern Conference Final every season since starting play in 2015. In its second year, the club was the last remaining independent side – one that doesn't have an MLS affiliation – in the playoffs.

LouCity reached the pinnacle of the league in 2017, winning both the Eastern Conference regular-season title and the USL Cup Final for the first time.

Beginning in 2020, LouCity moved from Louisville Slugger Field to the new Lynn Family Stadium, a soccer-specific facility in the Butchertown neighborhood just east of downtown. It can accommodate 15,304 fans and will also be home to Racing Louisville FC of the National Women's Soccer League that starts play in 2021.

LouCity originally launched with the help of local architect Wayne Estopinal, a part-owner in Orlando City SC, a former USL member that moved up to MLS in 2015. The USL franchise shifted to Louisville, and James O'Connor, a native of Ireland and former Orlando City player, was hired as coach. John Neace currently serves as LouCity's chairman, heading a local ownership group.

In 2018, Louisville City FC became the first

USL team in history by winning back-to-back championships. LouCity has been under the direction of head coach John Hackworth since Aug. 2, 2018.

LouCity returned to the USL Championship's final in 2019, continuing the club's run of excellence.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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2020 LOUISVILLE CITY FC ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	НТ	WT	HOMETOWN	NATIONALITY	DoB	
1	HUBBARD, CHRIS	GK	6'3	203	Louisville, KY	USA	11/23/1994	
3	SOUAHY, ALEXIS	D	6'1	180	Seine-Saint-Denis, FRN	France	1/13/1995	
4	TOTSCH, SEAN	D	6'1	188	Oswego, IL	USA	9/16/1991	
5	OCKFORD, JIMMY	D	6'1	185	Yardley, PA	USA	6/10/1992	
6	CHARPIE, WES	D	6'0	174	Tarpon Springs, FL	USA	11/4/1992	
7	RASMUSSEN, MAGNUS	MF	6'1	163	Copenhagen, DEN	Denmark	4/18/1993	
8	WATTS, AKIL	D	6'0	157	Ft. Wayne, IN	USA	2/4/2000	
9	SPENCER, LUKE	F	6'2	195	Cincinnati, OH	USA	11/28/1990	
10	OWNBY, BRIAN	F	5'11	155	Glen Allen, VA	USA	7/16/1990	
11	McCABE, NIALL	MF	5'8	167	Dublin, Ireland	Ireland	10/6/1990	
13	BONE, CORBEN	MF	5'8	160	Plano, TX	USA	9/16/1988	
14	THIAM, ABDOU	F	6'0	162	Dakar, Senegal	Senegal	2/3/1992	
15	McMAHON, PAT	D	5'11	160	Bolingbrook, IL	USA	11/5/1986	
17	LANCASTER, CAMERON	F	6'0	190	London, England	England	11/5/1992	
19	JIMENEZ, OSCAR	D	5'8	156	Mount Vernon, WA	USA	11/3/1989	
22	DAVIS IV, GEORGE	F	5'9	160	Lima, OH	USA	8/5/1987	
27	MATSOSO, NAPO	MF	5'6	150	Maseru, Lesotho	Lesotho	5/27/1994	
29	HOPPENOT, ANTOINE	F	5'8	168	Paris, FRN	France	11/23/1990	
36	DelPICCOLO, PAOLO	MF	6'1	169	Wheat Ridge, CO	USA	5/28/1991	
39	LUNDT, BEN	GK	6'6	220	Berlin, Germany	Germany	9/24/1995	
42	GOMEZ, JONATHAN	D						
45	BEGANOVIC, DAMIR	MF						
61	WYNDER, ELIJAH	MF	6'1	170	Louisville, KY	USA	3/10/2003	
80	WILLIAMS, DEVON "SPEEDY"	"MF	5'8	147	Kingston, Jamaica	Jamaica	4/8/1992	
91	UGARAK, MUAMER	GK	6'0	186	Sanski Most, BiH	Bosnia & Herzegovina	1/22/02	

Head Coach: John Hackworth

Assistant Coach & Technical Director: Danny Cruz

Goalkeepers Coach: Scott Budnick

VP of Soccer Operations: Andrew DiLallo

Equipment Manager: Ben Hulsman

Director of Sports Performance: Stuart Wright

2020 REGULAR SEASON STATS

GOALS		TOTAL	GOALS CON	CEDED	TOTAL
LOU		1	LOU		0
USL Rank:	T-11		USL Rank:	T-24	
ASSISTS		TOTAL	FOULS CON	CEDED	TOTAL
LOU		0	LOU		9
USL Rank:			USL Rank:	T-29	
PASSES		TOTAL	CAUTIONS		TOTAL
LOU		464	LOU		0
USL Rank:	16		USL Rank:	T-28	
SHOTS		TOTAL	EJECTIONS		TOTAL
LOU		14	LOU		0
USL Rank:	T-11		USL Rank:	T-2	

2020 PLAYER & GOALKEEPING STATS

#	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	А	SH	KP (incl	l. A)	Υ	R
3	SOUAHY, ALEXIS	D	_	-	-	_	-	-	-		_	-
4	TOTSCH, SEAN	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
5	OCKFORD, JIMMY	D	1	1	90	0	0	0	0		0	0
6	CHARPIE, WES	D	1	1	90	0	0	0	0		0	0
7	RASMUSSEN, MAGNUS	MF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
8	WATTS, AKIL	D	1	0	45	0	0	0	1		0	0
9	SPENCER, LUKE	F	1	0	3	0	0	0	0		0	0
10	OWNBY, BRIAN	F	1	1	76	0	0	4	1		0	0
11	McCABE, NIALL	MF	1	1	90	0	0	0	1		0	0
13	BONE, CORBEN	MF	1	1	90	0	0	1	1		0	0
14	THIAM, ABDOU	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
15	McMAHON, PAT	D	1	1	90	0	0	0	1		0	0
17	LANCASTER, CAMERON	F	1	1	87	1	0	7	3		0	0
19	JIMENEZ, OSCAR	D	1	1	45	Ο	0	0	0		0	0
22	DAVIS IV, GEORGE	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
27	MATSOSO, NAPO	MF	1	1	90	Ο	0	0	0		0	0
29	HOPPENOT, ANTOINE	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
36	DelPICCOLO, PAOLO	MF	1	0	14	0	0	0	0		0	0
42	GOMEZ, JONATHAN	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
45	BEGANOVIC, DAMIR	MF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
61	WYNDER, ELIJAH	MF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
80	WILLIAMS, DEVON "SPEEDY	"MF	1	1	90	0	0	2	1		0	0
#	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SOG	SV	CS	W-L-D	
1	HUBBARD, CHRIS	GK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	
39	LUNDT, BEN	GK	1	1	90	0	0	0	2	1	1-0-0	
91	UGARAK, MUAMER	GK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	



HEAD COACH JOHN HACKWORTH

On Thursday, August 2, 2018, Louisville City Football Club announced the appointment of John Hackworth as the club's second-ever head coach. After an international search led to Hackworth, the 48-year-old native of Dunedin, Florida, signed a contract spanning through the 2022 season.

Hackworth had been in charge of the U.S. U-17 Men's National Team since 2015 and has served as an assistant to the U.S. Men's National Team since the beginning of this year. An experienced coach at the national level, Hackworth began with U.S. Soccer in 2002 when he first served as an assistant to then-U.S. U-17 Men's National Team head coach John Ellinger. Hackworth would go on to succeed Ellinger and lead the U-17's to finishes in the quarterfinals of the 2005 FIFA U-17 World Cup and Round of 16 in the 2007 FIFA U-17 World Cup. Following his time in charge of the U-17's, Hackworth also served as the inaugural Technical Director of the U.S. Soccer Development Academy.

Outside of his time with U.S. Soccer, Hackworth's experience extends to both the collegiate and professional levels of the game. He began as an assistant coach for the Wake Forest University women's and men's teams in 1993 and 1994. Hackworth was then named the head coach at the University of South Florida in 1998, where he led the Bulls to two NCAA Tournament Appearances.

In Major League Soccer, Hackworth spent five years with the Philadelphia Union, serving as the club's Youth Development Coordinator from 2009-12, and head coach from 2012-14 before returning to take charge of the U.S. U-17 Men's National Team.



ASSISTANT COACH DANNY CRUZ

On Thursday, September 27, 2018, Louisville City FC announced the addition of Danny Cruz as coach John Hackworth's first Assistant Coach.

A former assistant at Real Monarchs SLC, Cruz came on board after ending his playing career ahead of the 2018 USL regular season. Prior to taking on his role with the Monarchs, Cruz's

extensive playing career saw him register 137 career Major League Soccer appearances in total.

A native of Petersburg, Virginia, Cruz's decade-long playing career began with the Des Moines Menace, where current LouCity players Richard Ballard and Tim Dobrowolski have spent time. After leaving the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Cruz was drafted in the third round (41st overall) of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft by the Houston Dynamo. The former winger clocked time with the Dynamo, D.C. United, and Philadelphia Union in Major League Soccer before spending one year with Minnesota United and part of one year with the San Francisco Deltas in the NASL before leaving for Real Monarchs SLC in August 2017.



GK **CHRIS HUBBARD**

#1

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 24 GS - 2,220 MIN | 78 SV | 29 GA | 5 CS

LAST MATCH: vs SLC | 90 MIN | 3 GA | 2 SV



D **ALEXIS SOUAHY**

#3

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 19 GS - 1,614 MIN | 1 G | 2 A | 2 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** @ IND | 29 MIN (SUB) | 44.4% PA | 1 FOUL



D **SEAN TOTSCH**

#4

2019 SEASON: 33 GP | 26 GS - 2,365 MIN | 1 G | 1 A | 88 CL | 2 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs SLC | 70 MIN | 84.7% PA | 1 FOUL



D **JIMMY OCKFORD**

#5

2019 SEASON: 16 GP | 16 GS - 1,422 MIN | 2 G | 66 CL | 4 YC

LAST MATCH: @ NC | 90 MIN | 82.6% PA | 1 FOUL



D WES CHARPIE

#6

2019 SEASON: 28 GP | 28 GS - 2,392 MIN | 1 A | 63 CL | 8 YC

LAST MATCH: @ NC | 90 MIN | 79.5% PA | 9 CL



MF MAGNUS RASMUSSEN

#7

2019 SEASON: 36 GP | 35 GS - 3,045 MIN | 17 G | 3 A | 7 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs SLC | 90 MIN | 1 G | 5 SH | 1 FOUL



D **AKIL WATTS**

#8

2019 SEASON: 4 GP | 3 GS - 236 | 8 CL

LAST MATCH: @ NC | 45 MIN (SUB) | 82.6% PA



F LUKE SPENCER

#9

2019 SEASON: 35 GP | 20 GS - 2,004 MIN | 10 G | 4 A | 2 YC

LAST MATCH: @ NC | 3 MIN (SUB) | 100% PA



BRIAN OWNBY

#10

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 20 GS - 1,849 MIN | 2 G | 5 A | 4 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** @ NC | 76 MIN | 70.8% PA | 4 SH | 1 FOUL



MF NIALL McCABE

#11

2019 SEASON: 33 GP | 32 GS - 2,924 MIN | 3 G | 6 A | 2 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** @ NC | 90 MIN | 79.6% PA



MF **CORBEN BONE**

#13

2019 SEASON: GP 6 | GS 2 - 186 MIN

LAST MATCH: @ NC | 90 MIN | 47 P | 85.1% PA | 1 FOUL



F **ABDOU THIAM**

#14

2019 SEASON: 26 GP | 12 GS - 1,236 MIN | 3 G | 4 A | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs SLC | 30 MIN (SUB) | 2 SH | 87.5% PA



PAT McMAHON

#15

2019 SEASON: 17 GP | 10 GS - 1,141 MIN | 1 G | 2 A | 30 CL | 4 YC

LAST MATCH: @ NC | 90 MIN | 84.1% PA | 3 CL



⊢ CAMERON LANCASTER

#17

2019 SEASON: 18 GP | 7 GS - 730 MIN | 5 G | 1 A

LAST MATCH: @ NC | 87 MIN | 1 G | 7 SH | 64% PA | 3 FOULS



OSCAR JIMENEZ

#19

2019 SEASON: 37 GP | 37 GS - 3,341 MIN | 1 G | 7 A | 59 CL | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** @ NC | 45 MIN | 63.6% PA | 6 CL



F GEORGE DAVIS IV

#22

2019 SEASON: 32 GP | 12 GS - 1,215 MIN | 3 G | 2 A | 1 YC

LAST MATCH: @ SLC | 2 MIN (SUB) | 100% PA



MF **NAPO MATSOSO**

#27

2019 SEASON: 23 GP | 20 GS - 1,701 MIN | 5 G | 1 A | 4 YC | 1 RC

LAST MATCH: @ NC | 90 MIN | 91.5% PA | 1 FOUL



F ANTOINE HOPPENOT

#29

2019 SEASON: 30 GP | 20 GS - 1,978 MIN | 5 G | 2 A | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** @ IND | 90 MIN | 1 G | 2 SH | 70.8% PA



MF PAOLO DelPICCOLO

#36

2019 SEASON: 17 GP | 10 GS - 915 MIN | 2 G | 3 YC **LAST MATCH:** @ NC | 14 MIN (SUB) | 57.1% PA



GK **BEN LUNDT**

#39

2019 SEASON: 12 GP | 12 GS - 1,080 MIN | 27 SV | 11 GA | 4 CS

LAST MATCH: @ NC | 90 MIN | CS | 2 SV | 62.5% PA



JONATHAN GOMEZ

#42

2019 SEASON: N/A LAST MATCH: N/A



MF **DAMIR BEGANOVIC**

#45

2019 SEASON: N/A LAST MATCH: N/A



MF **ELIJAH WYNDER**

#61

2019 SEASON: N/A LAST MATCH: N/A



MF **DEVON "SPEEDY" WILLIAMS**

#80

2019 SEASON: 30 GP | 30 GS - 2,760 MIN | 1 G | 1 A | 7 YC **LAST MATCH:** @ NC | 90 MIN | 78% PA | 2 BLOCKED SHOTS



GK **MUAMER UGARAK**

2019 SEASON: N/A LAST MATCH: N/A