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SEEKING A SKC II SWEEP, LOUCITY LOOKS TO BE 'A LITTLE BIT SHARPER'

By Ysabella Leon

It was the 50th-minute header from Louisville City FC striker Cameron Lancaster that finally broke the stalemate last Saturday against Sporting KC II.

Upon further review, however, LouCity coach and sporting director John Hackworth says the boys in purple could have prevailed by a wider margin than 1-0.

"We need to see if there is that little bit of detail that we can improve on," Hackworth told reporters ahead of Wednesday's 8 p.m. rematch with Sporting KC II at Lynn Family Stadium. "For instance, when we talk about going over the film...[there was] a lot of discussion about those details and what we can collectively do better.

"Obviously, you have to think about what Sporting Kansas City is going to do differently — but focusing on us, if we can get that a little bit sharper and make the adjustment."

Hackworth said "there are some secrets," no doubt, both sides are keeping ahead of kickoff. Lineup rotation is likely with the short turnaround, and he cited a hard-fought game that may have left players nursing some minor ailments between games.

That's all before the opening whistle. Hackworth cited the mix of talented youth — SKC II started five academy players — and experience of players such as 29-year-

old captain Christian Duke in the midfield and 26-year-old Dillon Serna who will make a sweep difficult to accomplish.

"I think you saw two teams that play a very similar style, have very similar ideas, and that means it's a chess match the whole time," he said. "Which one of you can where the other down, where can you break down your opponent? We need to get some of those details right."

Last week, LouCity defender Pat McMahon likened back-to-back games against the same opponent to the Friday-Sunday scheduling commonplace in the USL's earlier days. Hackworth, formerly in charge of the U.S. U-17 Men's National Team, said he's experience this sort of swing in the international game but not professionally

"We're trying to figure out from our side how we can put out the best 11 possible," Hackworth said. "I'm sure Sporting Kansas City is doing the same. They have a more difficult task than we do because they have a game on the weekend, where we don't have a game.

"We might have a little bit more [of a] chance to take a risk, where they have to manage these three games in a week. It's going to be interesting and tough, from both of us, but I do expect you will see some new faces out there by necessity."

TEAM ROSTERS





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1	CHRIS HUBBARD	GK	33	DANNY BARBIR	D
3	ALEXIS SOUAHY	D	97	JOSH CHONG	F
4	SEAN TOTSCH	D	39	PETAR CUIC	D
5	JIMMY OCKFORD	D	46	JAKE DAVIS	MF
6	WES CHARPIE	D	32	CHRISTIAN DUKE	MF
7	MAGNUS RASMUSSEN	MF	72	RYAN FESSLER	MF
8	AKIL WATTS	D	96	WILSON HARRIS	F
9	LUKE SPENCER	F	71	MASON LEETH	D
10	BRIAN OWNBY	F	49	WILL LITTLE	MF
11	NIALL MCCABE	MF	80	FREDINHO MOMPREMIER	F
13	CORBEN BONE	MF	77	ENOCH MUSHAGALUSA	F
14	ABDOU THIAM	F	30	LUIS OLIVERA	D
15	PAT MCMAHON	D	42	REMI PRIEUR	GK
17	CAMERON LANCASTER	F	88	SAM RABEN	D
19	OSCAR JIMENEZ	D	84	JAHON RAD	MF
22	GEORGE DAVIS IV	F	48	KAVEH RAD	D
27	NAPO MATSOSO	MF	34	DOMINIK REŠETAR	F
29	ANTOINE HOPPENOT	MF	44	CAMDEN RILEY	D
36	PAOLO DELPICCOLO	MF	40	DILLON SERNA	D
39	BEN LUNDT	GK	43	BAILEY SPARKS	MF
42	JONATHAN GOMEZ	D	31	BROOKS THOMPSON	GK
45	DAMIR BEGANOVIC	MF	99	JARET TOWNSEND	MF
61	ELIJAH WYNDER	MF	35	DUVAL WAPIWO	MF
80	DEVON "SPEEDY" WILLIAMS	MF			

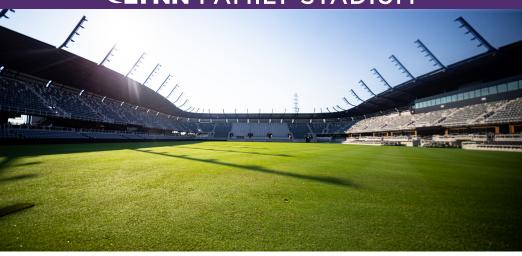
HEAD COACH | JOHN HACKWORTH HEAD COACH | PAULO NAGAMURA

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WELCOME TO CLYNN 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.

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.





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.

EASTERN CONFERENCE GROUP STANDINGS

GROUP E	GP	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
INDY ELEVEN	5	4	1	0	9	3	5	12
SAINT LOUIS FC	4	3	1	0	5	3	3	9
LOUISVILLE CITY FC	4	1	2	0	2	4	-2	3
SPORTING KANSAS CITY II	3	0	3	0	2	4	-3	0

GROUP F	GP	w	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
HARTFORD ATHLETIC	3	3	0	0	2	1	4	9
PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC	4	2	2	0	1	0	6	6
NEW YORK RED BULLS II	4	2	2	0	3	0	3	6
LOUDOUN UNITED FC	2	0	1	1	3	0	-2	1
PHILADELPHIA UNION II	4	0	3	1	11	1	-11	1

GROUP G	GP	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
BIRMINGHAM LEGION FC	3	2	0	1	5	1	4	7
CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	4
MEMPHIS 901 FC	4	0	2	2	2	3	-5	2
NORTH CAROLINA FC	2	0	1	1	4	9	-1	1

GROUP H	GP	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	4	2	0	2	5	3	2	8
CHARLESTON BATTERY	3	2	1	0	5	2	3	6
ATLANTA UNITED 2	4	0	3	1	3	8	-5	1
THE MIAMI FC	1	0	1	0	1	4	-3	0

JOHN **HACKWORTH**

Louisville City Football Club coach John Hackworth was hired in the middle of the 2018 season and promptly led the Club to its second USL Cup championship, completing the first back-to-back USL Cup titles in modern USL history.

Hackworth was hired on Aug. 2, 2018, taking over for previous coach James O'Connor who was hired with Orlando City of the MLS. After O'Connor left, Louisville City continued its season as a player-led team until Hackworth took over mid-August. Under Hackworth's direction, LouCity closed out the regular season well and then rolled through the 2018 USL playoffs with four impressive wins – outscoring the four playoff teams in their path 12-2.

"Hack came in with an impressive amount of experience and success throughout his career developing the abilities of some of our country's most exciting prospects," Louisville City FC President Brad Estes said. "In addition, his sharp eye for talent and ability to develop elite players, we were impressed with his ability to successfully lead our Club with a remarkable humility and focus down the stretch of the 2018 season. He was able to quickly establish himself as the lead of the group that was already assembled and then add new players who complimented the team's tremendous talent."

By the start of the 2018 Playoffs, Hackworth had molded the squad into a dominant force. Louisville City beat Indy Eleven 4-1, rolled over the Bethlehem Steel 2-0 and then crushed the New York Red Bulls 5-1 to make the USL Cup Final. Hackworth and Louisville City captured the club's second star with a 1-0 win over West Champion Phoenix Rising.

After the club conducted an international search for its next leader, Hackworth is Louisville City's second-ever head coach. The 48-year-old native of Dunedin, Fla., signed a contract spanning through the 2022 season.



"Those that know him have applauded his coaching acumen, but his character is what we are most excited about as we take Louisville City FC forward," Estes said of Hackworth.

Prior to Louisville City, 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.





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DANNY CRUZ

ASSISTANT COACH | PETERSBURG, VA

10-year professional veteran Danny Cruz was John Hackworth's first coaching hire at Louisville City. Cruz has known Hackworth since Cruz was 16, playing for Hackworth as part of elite youth development teams. Cruz, a native of Petersburg, Va., was a successful pro, playing 137 career games at the MLS level. The former UNLV star was a third round draft pick in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft before playing with Houston Dynamo, D.C. United and Philadelphia Union. A fiery competitor, Cruz brings intensity, experience and tactical knowledge to bolster Hackworth's technical staff.



SCOTT BUDNICK

GOALKEEPER COACH | LOUISVILLE, KY

After John Hackworth brought in Budnick as interim goalkeeper coach in August 2018, the move went so well that he was offered the permanent position on Jan. 7, 2019. A wealth of goalkeeping knowledge, Budnick's tactical mind and steady demeanor imbues the goalkeepers union with confidence and courage. Budnick gained his knowledge through decades of experience at William and Mary, with the Richmond Kickers and Hampton Roads Hurricanes in the USISL and playing stints in English and German as well as time with three blubs in the MLS (Tampa Bay Mutiny, Miami Fusion and New England Revolution). Prior to LouCity, Budnick had a successful law while coaching locally.

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GK **CHRIS HUBBARD**

#1

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 24 GS - 2,220 MIN | 78 SV | 29 GA | 5 CS **LAST MATCH:** vs STL | 90 MIN | 1 GA | 1 SV



ALEXIS SOUAHY

#3

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 19 GS - 1,614 MIN | 1 G | 2 A | 2 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 9 MIN (SUB) | 50% PA | 4 P | 2 SH



D SEAN TOTSCH

#4

2019 SEASON: 33 GP | 26 GS - 2,365 MIN | 1 G | 1 A | 88 CL | 2 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 90 MIN | 86.4% PA | 1 SH | 1 CL



D JIMMY OCKFORD

#5

2019 SEASON: 16 GP | 16 GS - 1,422 MIN | 2 G | 66 CL | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 31 MIN (SUB) | 80% PA | 1 SH



WES CHARPIE

#6

2019 SEASON: 28 GP | 28 GS - 2,392 MIN | 1 A | 63 CL | 8 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 59 MIN | 92.1% PA | 1 CL



MF
MAGNUS RASMUSSEN

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



AKIL WATTS

#8

#7

2019 SEASON: 4 GP | 3 GS - 236 | 8 CL **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 90 MIN | 76.7% PA | 2 CL | 1 FOUL



LUKE SPENCER

#9

2019 SEASON: 35 GP | 20 GS - 2,004 MIN | 10 G | 4 A | 2 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 20 MIN (SUB) | 62.5% PA | 1 SH



F BRIAN OWNBY

#10

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 20 GS - 1,849 MIN | 2 G | 5 A | 4 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 90 MIN | 85.3% PA | 4 SH | 5 FOULS



MF NIALL McCABE

#11

2019 SEASON: 33 GP | 32 GS - 2,924 MIN | 3 G | 6 A | 2 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 90 MIN | 76.9% PA | 1 SH | 1 A | 2 FOULS



MF CORBEN BONE

2019 SEASON: GP 6 | GS 2 - 186 MIN **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 81 MIN | 91.2% PA



ABDOU THIAM

2019 SEASON: 26 GP | 12 GS - 1,236 MIN | 3 G | 4 A | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs STL | 90 MIN | 83.7% PA | 1 SH | 1 FOUL



D PAT McMAHON

2019 SEASON: 17 GP | 10 GS - 1,141 MIN | 1 G | 2 A | 30 CL | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 90 MIN | 81.6% PA | 2 FOULS | 1 KP



CAMERON LANCASTER

2019 SEASON: 18 GP | 7 GS - 730 MIN | 5 G | 1 A **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 70 MIN | 64.3% PA | 1 G | 4 SH | 1 KP



D OSCAR JIMENEZ

2019 SEASON: 37 GP | 37 GS - 3,341 MIN | 1 G | 7 A | 59 CL | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 70 MIN | 76% PA | 2 KP | 2 FOULS | 1 YC

#14

#15

#17

#19

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F GEORGE DAVIS IV

#22

2019 SEASON: 32 GP | 12 GS - 1,215 MIN | 3 G | 2 A | 1 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs STL | 1 MIN (SUB) | 1 KP



MF NAPO MATSOSO

#27

2019 SEASON: 23 GP | 20 GS - 1,701 MIN | 5 G | 1 A | 4 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 90 MIN | 74.3% PA | 1 SH | 1 YC



ANTOINE HOPPENOT

#29

2019 SEASON: 30 GP | 20 GS - 1,978 MIN | 5 G | 2 A | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs STL | 73 MIN | 75% PA | 3 KP | 1 FOUL



MF PAOLO DelPICCOLO

#36

2019 SEASON: 17 GP | 10 GS - 915 MIN | 2 G | 3 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 55 MIN | 83.7% PA | 47 TOUCHES



GK **BEN LUNDT**

#39

2019 SEASON: 12 GP | 12 GS - 1,080 MIN | 27 SV | 11 GA | 4 CS **LAST MATCH:** vs SKC | 90 MIN | 2 SV | CLEAN SHEET



JONATHAN GOMEZ

2019 SEASON: N/A

LAST MATCH: vs SKC | 20 MIN (SUB)



MF **DAMIR BEGANOVIC**

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



MF **ELIJAH WYNDER**

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



MF **DEVON "SPEEDY" WILLIAMS**

2019 SEASON: 30 GP | 30 GS - 2,760 MIN | 1 G | 1 A | 7 YC

LAST MATCH: vs SKC | 90 MIN | 79.7% PA



GK **MUAMER UGARAK**

2019 SEASON: N/A LAST MATCH: N/A #91

#80

#42

#45

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3.7	@ NORTH CAROLINA FC	W 1-0
7.12	PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC	L 1-3
7.18	SAINT LOUIS FC	L 0-1
7.25	SPORTING KC II	W 1-0
7.29	SPORTING KC II	8:00 PM
8.8	INDY ELEVEN	8:00 PM
8.12	SPORTING KC II	8:00 PM
8.15	LOUDOUN UNITED FC	8:00 PM
8.26	INDY ELEVEN	8:00 PM
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