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MATSOSO'S RETURN A 'DEFINITE BONUS' DURING LOUCITY'S PLAYOFF PUSH

By Haley Simpson

When a late-season trade from the Tampa Bay Rowdies landed Antoine Hoppenot with Louisville City FC last year, all he wanted to do was make an impact.

And boy, did he deliver.

Trailing in 1-0 in the 90th minute of the 2019 Eastern Conference Final, the boys in purple were doing everything they could to keep their season alive for one more game.

Stoppage time ticking away, Oscar Jimenez set up a corner kick that was only halfway cleared by Indy Eleven. Hoppenot wound up bagging the equalizer in an eventual 3-1 victory that sent LouCity to its third straight USL Championship Final.

"That was a big moment for us as a team," Hoppenot said. "Getting traded mid-season, you want to make sure that you do something memorable."

Nearly a year out from that moment, they're still talking about Hoppenot's strike with LouCity in the cusp of a similar opportunity, hosting, of all teams, his former side Tampa Bay at 7:30 p.m. Saturday inside Lynn Family Stadium for another national semifinal.

"I'll never forget Antoine's goal up in Indy, and that was at the very end of the game off a corner kick," LouCity coach John Hackworth said. "I had this feeling that we would score."

LouCity — 6-for-6 making the Eastern Conference Final since beginning play

in 2015 — saw Hoppenot come up big for the boys in purple last weekend, too. The forward placed a beautiful cross to striker Cameron Lancaster, who settled and scored an early game winner against Saint Louis FC in the conference semifinal.

It's plays like that one that have cemented Hoppenot — he currently leads the club with seven assists — as a key component of Louisville's offensive attack. The native of France is currently playing at the top of his game and that hasn't gone unnoticed by LouCity's coaching staff.

"Having him for the second year now, he feels that much more a part of our culture, what we do, and he really enjoys it," Hackworth said. "I said it earlier that when a player is enjoying their football, you see the best things out of them, and Antoine epitomizes that."

The Rowdies half of last year's trade has also proven beneficial. Forward Lucky Mkosana has provided crucial minutes for Tampa Bay off the bench in recent weeks, coming in as a sub to score in both the club's playoff wins thus far.

On Saturday, Hoppenot and Mkosana will meet their former sides, now as more permanent fixtures.

Should we expect more Hoppenot heroics?

"This year," he said, "I think just try and do the same thing and winning the championship is the goal."

TEAM ROSTERS



1	CHRIS HUBBARD	GK
3	ALEXIS SOUAHY	D
4	SEAN TOTSCH	D
5	JIMMY OCKFORD	D
6	WES CHARPIE	D
8	AKIL WATTS	D
9	LUKE SPENCER	F
10	BRIAN OWNBY	F
11	NIALL MCCABE	MF
13	CORBEN BONE	MF
14	ABDOU THIAM	F
15	PAT MCMAHON	D
17	CAMERON LANCASTER	F
19	OSCAR JIMENEZ	D
22	GEORGE DAVIS IV	F
27	NAPO MATSOSO	MF
29	ANTOINE HOPPENOT	MF
36	PAOLO DELPICCOLO	MF
38	ARDA BULUT	F
39	BEN LUNDT	GK
42	JONATHAN GOMEZ	D
45	DAMIR BEGANOVIC	MF
61	ELIJAH WYNDER	MF
77	JASON JOHNSON	F
80	DEVON "SPEEDY" WILLIAMS	MF
91	MUAMER UGARAK	M

1	EVAN LOURO	GK
2	OBAFEMI AWODESU	D
3	FORREST LASSO	D
4	LEWIS HILTON	MF
5	JORDAN SCARLETT	D
7	YANN EKRA	MF
8	ZACH STEINBERGER	MF
9	KYLE MURPHY	F
10	KEVIN MENDOZA	MF
11	LEO FERNANDES	MF
13	SEBASTIAN GUENZATTI	F
14	MALIK JOHNSON	F
16	MAX LACHOWECKI	D
17	JUAN TEJADA	F
18	DOMINIC ODURO	MF
19	ADAM NAJEM	MF
21	MACKLIN ROBINSON	GK
22	JORDAN DOHERTY	MF
23	SEBASTIAN DALGAARD	MF
24	MUSTAPHA DUMBUYA	D
25	IAN MCGRANE	GK
26	HAYDEN MORGAN	MF
27	LANDON AMERES	F
33	AARON GUILLEN	D
44	ALEX DAVEY	D
77	LUCKY MKOSANA	77

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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.



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

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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 clubs in the MLS (Tampa Bay Mutiny, Miami Fusion and New England Revolution). Prior to LouCity, Budnick had a successful law career 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



D
ALEXIS SOUAHY

#3

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 19 GS - 1,614 MIN | 1 G | 2 A | 2 YC | 1 RC
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 85 MIN | 78.9% PA



D
SEAN TOTSCH

#4

2019 SEASON: 33 GP | 26 GS - 2,365 MIN | 1 G | 1 A | 88 CL | 2 YC
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 90 MIN | 74.5% PA | 1 SH | 1 YC



D
JIMMY OCKFORD

#5

2019 SEASON: 16 GP | 16 GS - 1,422 MIN | 2 G | 66 CL | 4 YC
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 5 MIN (SUB) | 50% PA



D
WES CHARPIE

#6

2019 SEASON: 28 GP | 28 GS - 2,392 MIN | 1 A | 63 CL | 8 YC
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 28 MIN (SUB) | 81.8% PA



D
AKIL WATTS

#8

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

LAST MATCH: vs SKC | 75 MIN | 78.3% PA | 2 KP



F
LUKE SPENCER

#9

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

LAST MATCH: vs STL | 16 MIN (SUB) | 28.6% PA | 1 KP



MF/F
BRIAN OWNBY

#10

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 20 GS - 1,849 MIN | 2 G | 5 A | 4 YC | 1 RC

LAST MATCH: vs STL | 62 MIN | 65.4% PA | 1 SH | 1 KP

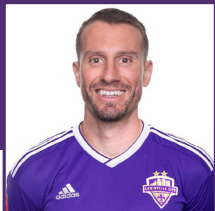


MF
NIALL McCABE

#11

2019 SEASON: 33 GP | 32 GS - 2,924 MIN | 3 G | 6 A | 2 YC | 1 RC

LAST MATCH: vs SKC | 90 MIN | 81.8% PA | 1 SH | 3 KP



MF
CORBEN BONE

#13

2019 SEASON: GP 6 | GS 2 - 186 MIN

LAST MATCH: vs STL | 90 MIN | 91.8% PA | 2 SH | 1 KP



F
ABDOU THIAM

#14

2019 SEASON: 26 GP | 12 GS - 1,236 MIN | 3 G | 4 A | 4 YC
LAST MATCH: @ STL | 34 MIN (SUB) | 100% PA | 1 SH



D
PAT McMAHON

#15

2019 SEASON: 17 GP | 10 GS - 1,141 MIN | 1 G | 2 A | 30 CL | 4 YC
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 62 MIN | 77.5% PA | 1 SH



F
CAMERON LANCASTER

#17

2019 SEASON: 18 GP | 7 GS - 730 MIN | 5 G | 1 A
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 74 MIN | 82.4% PA | 1 G | 3 SH | 1 KP



D
OSCAR JIMENEZ

#19

2019 SEASON: 37 GP | 37 GS - 3,341 MIN | 1 G | 7 A | 59 CL | 4 YC
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 90 MIN | 87.5% PA | 1 SH | 1 KP



MF
GEORGE DAVIS IV

#22

2019 SEASON: 32 GP | 12 GS - 1,215 MIN | 3 G | 2 A | 1 YC
LAST MATCH: vs SKC | 24 MIN (SUB) | 75% PA | 1 CL | 2 KP



MF
NAIPO MATSOSO

#27

2019 SEASON: 23 GP | 20 GS - 1,701 MIN | 5 G | 1 A | 4 YC | 1 RC
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 28 MIN (SUB) | 54.5% PA



MF/F
ANTOINE HOPPENOT

#29

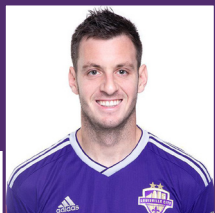
2019 SEASON: 30 GP | 20 GS - 1,978 MIN | 5 G | 2 A | 4 YC
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 90 MIN | 62.5% PA | 2 SH | 1 A | 1 KP



MF
KENNEY WALKER

#32

2019 SEASON: 31 GP | 24 GS - 2,123 MIN | 1 G | 5 A | 1 YC
LAST MATCH: vs SKC | 15 MIN (SUB) | 100% PA



MF
PAOLO DeIppiccolo

#36

2019 SEASON: 17 GP | 10 GS - 915 MIN | 2 G | 3 YC
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 90 MIN | 79.3% PA



F
ARDA BULUT

#38

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



GK
BEN LUNDT

#39

2019 SEASON: 12 GP | 12 GS - 1,080 MIN | 27 SV | 11 GA | 4 CS
LAST MATCH: vs STL | 90 MIN | 10 SV | CLEAN SHEET | 1 YC



D
JONATHAN GOMEZ

#42

2019 SEASON: N/A

LAST MATCH: vs. MEM | 67 MIN | 73.3% PA | 1 SH



MF
DAMIR BEGANOVIC

#45

2019 SEASON: N/A

LAST MATCH: N/A



MF
ELIJAH WYNDER

#61

2019 SEASON: N/A

LAST MATCH: vs LDN | 23 MIN (SUB) | 100% PA | 1 SH



F
JASON JOHNSON

#77

2019 SEASON: 15 GP | 5 GS - 458 MIN | 3 G | 1 A | 7 KP

LAST MATCH: vs PIT | 15 MIN (SUB) | 75% PA | 1 KP | 1 A

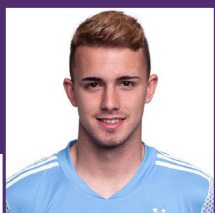


MF
DEVON "SPEEDY" WILLIAMS

#80

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

LAST MATCH: vs STL | 90 MIN | 92.2% PA | 1 YC



GK
MUAMER UGARAK

#91

2019 SEASON: N/A

LAST MATCH: N/A

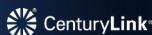
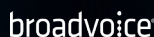


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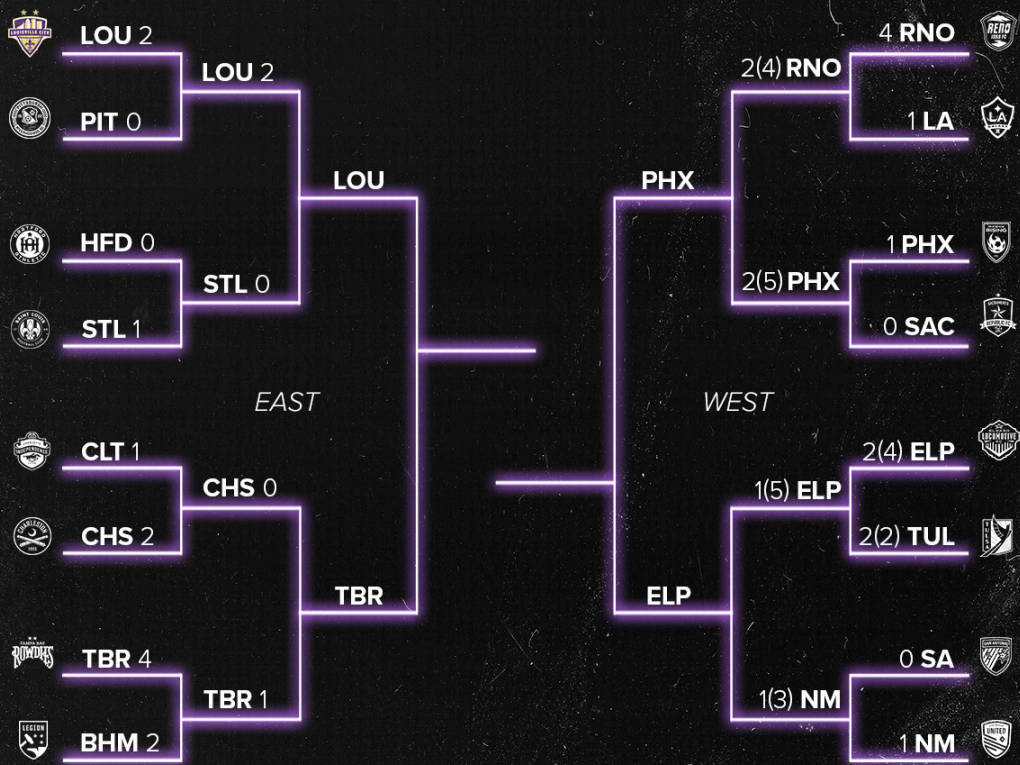


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