



# NEW YORK COSMOS vs MINNESOTA UNITED FC

DATE: 5/30/15 KICKOFF: 8:00PM VENUE: NSC STADIUM



## MATCH INFORMATION

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015

LOCATION: NSC STADIUM

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## 2015 SPRING STANDINGS

#	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	New York Cosmos	8	5	3	0	14	5	9	18
2	Minnesota United FC	7	3	3	1	11	8	3	12
3	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7	3	3	1	8	6	2	12
4	Jacksonville Armada FC	7	3	1	3	12	11	1	10
5	Carolina RailHawks	8	2	4	2	10	9	1	10
6	FC Edmonton	7	2	2	3	15	17	-2	8
7	Atlanta Silverbacks	8	1	5	2	7	9	-2	8
8	Ottawa Fury FC	7	2	2	3	5	8	-3	8
9	Ft Lauderdale Strikers	7	2	1	4	7	8	-1	7
10	San Antonio Scorpions	7	2	1	4	9	14	-5	7
11	Indy Eleven	7	1	3	3	6	9	-3	6

## TECHNICAL STAFF

NAME	POSITION
GIOVANNI SAVARESE	HEAD COACH
CARLOS LLAMOSA	ASSISTANT COACH
ALECKO ESKANDARIAN	ASSISTANT COACH
GUILLERMO VALENCIA	GOALKEEPER COACH
SIMONE LUCCHESI	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH
JACK GAETA	MANAGER OF TEAM OPERATIONS
LUKE SASSANO	ASSISTANT TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
ALYSSA ALPERT	ATHLETIC TRAINER

## 2015 SPRING SCHEDULE

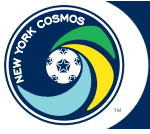
Sat. April 04	vs Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	W 1-0
Sat. April 11	at Indy Eleven	D 1-1
Sat. April 18	vs Tampa Bay Rowdies	W 2-0
Sat. April 25	at Atlanta Silverbacks	D 0-0
Sat. May 02	vs Ottawa Fury FC	W 1-0
Sun. May 10	vs FC Edmonton	W 4-2
Sat. May 16	at Carolina Railhawks	D 2-2
Sat. May 23	vs San Antonio Scorpions	W 3-0
Sat. May 30	at Minnesota United FC	8:00 PM
Sat. June 13	vs Jacksonville Armada FC	7:00 PM

## COSMOS ROSTER

#	P	NAME	Ht	Wt	DoB	Place of Birth
1	G	Jimmy Maurer	6' 3"	189 lbs	10/14/1988	Lawrenceville, USA
2	D	Hunter Freeman	6'	169 lbs	1/8/1985	Tyler, USA
3	D	Hunter Gorskie	5' 10"	158 lbs	6/27/1991	New York, USA
4	D	Carlos Mendes	5' 10"	184 lbs	12/25/1980	Mineola, USA
5	D	Samuel Catalino Cáceres Arza	6'	180 lbs	3/20/1989	Asunción, Paraguay
6	D	Rovério Rodrigues de Barros	6'	154 lbs	1/17/1984	Igarassu, Brazil
7	A	Raúl González Blanco	5' 11"	165 lbs	6/27/1977	Madrid, Spain
11	M	Andrés Alexander Flores Mejía	5' 6"	149 lbs	8/31/1990	El Salvador
12	G	Kyle Zobeck	6'	180 lbs	2/6/1990	Coralville, USA
13	A	Sebastián Ignacio Guenzatti Vareña	5' 10"	149 lbs	7/8/1991	Montevideo, Uruguay
14	M	Daniel Szetela	5' 10"	167 lbs	6/17/1987	Clifton, USA
16	M	Adam Moffat	6'	173 lbs	5/15/1986	Glasgow, Scotland
17	D	Ayoze García Pérez	5' 7"	149 lbs	11/22/1985	Puerto de la Cruz, Spain
18	A	Mads Stokkelien	6' 2"	184 lbs	3/15/1990	Kristiansand, Norway
19	M	Marcos Antonio Senna da Silva	5' 8"	160 lbs	7/17/1976	São Paulo, Brazil
20	M	Walter Restrepo	5' 8"	169 lbs	6/21/1988	San Diego, USA
21	A	David Diosa	5' 6"	138 lbs	12/4/1992	Medellín, Colombia
22	M	Leonardo Fernandes	6'	173 lbs	12/23/1991	Sao Paulo, Brazil
23	A	Haji Wright	6'2"	177 lbs	3/27/1998	Los Angeles, USA
24	G	Brian Holt	5'9"	165 lbs	11/14/1988	USA
25	M	Hagop Chirishian	5' 6"	145 lbs	11/1/1989	Hollywood, USA
28	M	Jimmy Mulligan	5' 8"	149 lbs	8/12/1991	Medford, USA
30	G	Keasel Broome	6'	190 lbs	9/18/1991	Delaware, USA
77	A	Lucky Mkosana	5' 8"	170 lbs	9/30/1987	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

## 2015 FALL SCHEDULE

Sun. July 05	vs Indy Eleven	7:00 PM
Sat. July 18	at Jacksonville Armada FC	7:30 PM
Sat. July 25	at Indy Eleven	7:30 PM
Sun. Aug. 02	vs Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	5:00 PM
Wed. Aug. 05	vs Minnesota United FC	7:30 PM
Sat. Aug. 08	at Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	7:30 PM
Sat. Aug. 15	vs San Antonio Scorpions	7:00 PM
Sat. Aug. 22	at Carolina Railhawks	7:30 PM
Wed. Aug. 26	at Ottawa Fury FC	7:00 PM
Sun. Aug. 30	vs Carolina Railhawks	4:00 PM
Sat. Sept. 05	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:30 PM
Sat. Sept. 12	vs Jacksonville Armada FC	7:00 PM
Sat. Sept. 19	at Minnesota United FC	8:00 PM
Tue. Sept. 22	vs Ottawa Fury FC	7:30 PM
Sun. Sept. 27	at FC Edmonton	4:00 PM
Sun. Oct. 04	vs Atlanta Silverbacks	5:00 PM
Wed. Oct. 07	at Atlanta Silverbacks	7:30 PM
Sun. Oct. 11	vs FC Edmonton	5:00 PM
Sat. Oct. 24	at San Antonio Scorpions	8:30 PM
Sat. Oct. 31	vs Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:00 PM



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***COSMOS PRONUNCIATION GUIDE***

#	NAME	FIRST	LAST
1	Jimmy Maurer	Jimmy	Mow-er
2	Hunter Freeman	Hun-ter	Free-man
3	Hunter Gorskie	Hun-ter	Gohr-ski
4	Carlos Mendes	Car-los	Men-dez
5	Samuel Cáceres	Sam-ual	Ca-ser-ey-s
6	Rovério	Ro-verseeo	
7	Raúl Blanco	Rah-ul	Blan-ko
11	Andrés Flores	Ahn-dréas	Flor-ez
12	Kyle Zobeck	Kyle	Zoh-behk
13	Sebastián Guenzatti	Suh-bash-chuhn	Gwen-zaati
14	Daniel Szetela	Daniel	Zee-tella
16	Adam Moffat	Adam	Mahff-it
17	Ayoze	Aigh-yo-say	
18	Mads Stokkelien	Mats	Stock-a-lin
19	Marcos Senna	Mar-cos	Sen-na
20	Walter Restrepo	Wal-ter	Res-treh-poh
21	David Diosa	Da-vid	Dee-ohsa
22	Leonardo Fernandes	Leo-nar-doh	Fer-nan-dez
23	Haji Wright	Hah-gee	Right
24	Brian Holt	Bri-an	Hohlt
25	Hagop Chirishian	Hag-up	Chir-rish-ian
28	Jimmy Mulligan	Jimmy	Mull-a-gen
30	Keasel Broome	Key-sel	Broome
77	Lucky Mkosana	Lucky	Ko-sana

The pronunciations are listed in United Press International phonetic style



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## PREVIOUS MATCH REPORT

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. –The New York Cosmos (5-3-0, 18 points) maintained their undefeated start to the season with a comprehensive 3-0 win over the San Antonio Scorpions in front of 5,032 fans at Hofstra's Shuart Stadium.

"What made it complete was we never went down, [we were never] being comfortable," Cosmos coach Giovanni Savarese said. "We just kept going at them, pressuring them. Even at 3-0 we kept on making sure we stayed on the game plan. We played like it was 0-0 until the 92nd minute. It was one of the most complete games we played so far in the past three years."

The victory extended the Cosmos' unbeaten streak to eight games as they moved six points clear of Minnesota United and the Tampa Bay Rowdies atop the NASL spring season standings.

"Today was a complete match in all aspects," Raúl said. "We had in front of us a very good team, technical and physical and I think the response from the team today was very good, the performance, the mentality. We are very happy, but now we have to go forward in the same way."

Raúl had given the Cosmos the lead in the 18th minute, calmly slotting a low penalty kick to the right of Scorpions goalkeeper Daryl Sattler. Former Cosmos midfielder Joseph Nane pulled down forward Lucky Mkosana and referee Kevin Terry Jr. immediately pointed to the spot.

Moments after clearing a deep cross by Billy Forbes, Ayoze played a perfect free kick into the box where Roversio powered in a downward header from the edge of the six yard box for his first goal of the season in the 81st minute. "Roversio read the game very well," Savarese said. "I remember one of the plays he had the composure and calmness to steal the ball, play from the side and play from the back. He had a very good game today for sure."

Five minutes later, Leo Fernandes made it 3-0 when he put a glancing header into the net for his third goal of the season after Mkosana headed on a ball pulled back from the end line by Raúl.

Fernandes, on loan from the Philadelphia Union, matched Raúl's team-leading goal total with his third.

"It was a good counterattack. Raúl created some space. I made a far post run and Lucky made a near post run," Fernandes said. "He headed it and I was in the right place at the right time and I was able to get it in the back of the net." San Antonio (2-1-4), which won the previous four meetings against the Cosmos, had few quality scoring chances. Goalkeeper Jimmy Maurer made just three saves to earn his fifth clean sheet of the season.

"We played very well, really limited their chances," Maurer said. "They're a good team, they have some dangerous guys, but our energy level, focus and commitment was just top notch all game. It showed in the scoreline at the end."

It was the first match of what will be four matches in 11 days for the Cosmos, who host the Jersey Express in the third round Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup at St. John's Belson Stadium Wednesday night (kickoff is at 7:30 pm ET).

Savarese is hopeful Spanish midfielder Marcos Senna (hamstring) will be able to return to full training Monday and said he could be included in the lineup for the U.S. Open Cup.

"We need to maintain what we did today," Savarese said. "Today we had a very good match, we did very well, we were very aggressive to pressure to win balls to score goals. We need to maintain that. We cannot be comfortable at any moment."



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NASL PLAYER OF THE WEEK	
NAME	WEEK
Carlos Mendes	Week 6
Raúl	Week 8

NASL BEST XI	
NAME	WEEK
Jimmy Maurer	Week 1
Marcos Senna	Week 1, Week 2, Week 4
Rovério	Week 1, Week 3, Week 8
Raúl	Week 2, Week 8
Walter Restrepo	Week 3
Carlos Mendes	Week 4, Week 6
Samuel Cáceres	Week 5
Lucky Mkosana	Week 5, Week 6
Leo Fernandes	Week 6
Andrés Flores	Week 7
Adam Moffat	Week 8

### 2015 COSMOS RECORD WHEN...

		HOME	AWAY	OVERALL
SCORING FIRST:	W	4	1	4
	T	0	0	0
	L	0	0	0
CONCEDING FIRST:	W	0	0	0
	T	0	2	2
	L	0	0	0
LEADING AT HT:	W	4	0	4
	T	0	0	0
	L	0	0	0
TIED AT HT:	W	0	1	1
	T	0	1	1
	L	0	0	0
DOWN AT HT:	W	0	0	0
	T	0	2	2
	L	0	0	0

2015 OVERALL INDIVIDUAL STATS - COSMOS								
#	P	NAME	GP/S	GLS	AST	YEL	RED	MIN
1	G	Jimmy Maurer	8/8	0	0	0	0	720
2	D	Hunter Freeman	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
3	D	Hunter Gorskie	8/8	0	0	2	0	720
4	D	Carlos Mendes	8/8	2	0	1	0	720
5	D	Samuel Cáceres	1/1	0	0	0	0	90
6	D	Rovério	7/7	1	0	1	0	604
7	A	Raúl	8/8	3	0	2	0	651
11	M	Andrés Flores	4/0	1	0	0	0	46
13	M	Sebastián Guenzatti	6/0	0	0	0	0	95
14	M	Daniel Szetela	8/8	0	0	1	0	692
16	M	Adam Moffat	7/1	0	0	0	0	201
17	D	Ayoze	7/7	0	2	3	0	581
18	A	Mads Stokkelien	6/3	0	0	1	0	301
19	M	Marcos Senna	7/7	1	0	1	0	544
20	M	Walter Restrepo	8/8	0	3	1	0	686
21	A	David Diosa	1/0	0	0	0	0	26
22	M	Leo Fernandes	8/8	3	2	1	0	687
24	G	Brian Holt	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
25	M	Hagop Chirishian	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
28	M	Jimmy Mulligan	1/0	0	0	0	0	27
77	A	Lucky Mkosana	7/5	2	1	2	0	440

P = Position | GP/S = Games Played/Started | GLS = Goals | AST = Assists | YEL = Yellow cards | RED = Red cards | MIN = Minutes played

### 2013-2015 COSMOS RECORD WHEN...

		HOME	AWAY	OVERALL
SCORING FIRST:	W	14	8	22
	T	3	3	6
	L	0	0	0
CONCEDING FIRST:	W	1	2	3
	T	2	3	5
	L	3	5	8
LEADING AT HT:	W	12	4	16
	T	2	1	3
	L	0	0	0
TIED AT HT:	W	2	5	7
	T	4	6	10
	L	0	2	2
DOWN AT HT:	W	1	1	2
	T	1	2	3
	L	3	3	6

### OVERALL HOME STATS

YEAR	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA
2013	7	5	2	0	15	7
2014	14	6	5	3	18	12
2015	4	4	0	0	10	2
Overall	25	15	7	3	43	21

### OVERALL AWAY STATS

YEAR	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA
2013	7	4	2	1	7	5
2014	13	5	4	4	19	15
2015	4	1	3	0	4	3
Overall	24	10	9	5	30	23



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## SPRING 2015 STARTING LINEUPS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	GK	DEFENDERS	MIDFIELDERS	FORWARDS	GOALS	UNUSED SUBS
4/4/15 vs FTL	Ft Lauderdale Strikers	W 1-0	Maurer	Gorskie, Mendes, Rovérsio, Ayoze (Mulligan 63')	Szetela, Senna	Restrepo, Raúl, (Guenzatti 53'), Stokkelien, Fernandes (Moffat 83')	Fernandes (59')	Holt, Flores, Chirishian, Mkosana
4/11/15 vs IND	Indy Eleven	D 1-1	Maurer	Gorskie, Mendes, Rovérsio, Ayoze	Szetela, Senna	Restrepo (Guenzatti 82'), Raúl (Mkosana 75'), Stokkelien, Fernandes (Flores 89')	Raúl (65')	Moffat, Diosa, Holt, Mulligan
4/18/15 vs TBR	Tampa Bay Rowdies	W 2-0	Maurer	Gorskie, Mendes, Rovérsio, Ayoze	Szetela, Senna	Restrepo, Raúl (Mkosana 93'), Stokkelien (Guenzatti 78'), Fernandes (Moffat 86')	Senna (11'), Fernandes (48')	Holt, Flores, Diosa, Mulligan
4/25/15 vs ATL	Atlanta Silverbacks	D 0-0	Maurer	Gorskie, Mendes, Rovérsio (Diosa 64'), Ayoze	Szetela, Senna	Restrepo, Raúl, Mkosana (Guenzatti 66'), Fernandes (Stokkelien 83')		Holt, Flores, Cáceres, Moffat
5/2/15 vs OTT	Ottawa Fury	W 1-0	Maurer	Gorskie, Cáceres, Mendes, Ayoze	Szetela, Senna	Restrepo, Raúl, Mkosana, Fernandes (Moffat 72')	Mkosana (14')	Holt, Flores, Guenzatti, Stokkelien, Diosa, Mulligan
5/10/15 vs FCE	FC Edmonton	W 4-2	Maurer	Gorskie, Mendes, Rovérsio, Ayoze	Szetela, Senna (Moffat 84')	Restrepo (Guenzatti 66'), Raúl (Flores 76'), Mkosana, Fernandes	Mendes (2', 36'), Raúl (23'), Mkosana (49')	Holt, Cáceres, Stokkelien, Diosa
5/16/15 vs CAR	Carolina RailHawks	D 2-2	Maurer	Gorskie, Mendes, Rovérsio, Ayoze (Stokkelien 78')	Szetela (Flores 62'), Senna (Moffat 10')	Restrepo, Raúl, Mkosana, Fernandes	Futty Danso (06) '90+1, Flores ('90+6)	Holt, Cáceres, Diosa, Guenzatti
5/23/15 vs SAS	San Antonio Scorpions	W 3-0	Maurer	Gorskie, Mendes, Rovérsio, Ayoze	Szetela, Moffat	Restrepo (Flores '90+2), Raúl, Mkosana (Stokkelien '90+2), Fernandes	Raúl (PK '18), Rovérsio ('81), Fernandes ('86)	Holt, Cáceres, Freeman, Guenzatti, Mulligan

### WORTH A NOTE

#### THE STREAK CONTINUES

Last Saturday the Cosmos beat the defending NASL postseason champions, the San Antonio Scorpions, 3-0 at Shuart Stadium to remain the only undefeated team in the league. Through eight games the Cosmos have five wins and three draws for a league-best 18 points. On the road this season New York is 1-3-0 (WDL).

#### DEFENSE STANDING TALL

The Cosmos have allowed just five goals this year in league play, the lowest total in the NASL. Cosmos goalkeeper Jimmy Maurer's 21 saves lead the NASL. Maurer made three saves in last Saturday's win over San Antonio to earn his fifth clean sheet of the season.

#### BALANCED ATTACK

Seven Cosmos have scored this season. Raúl and Leo Fernandes each have three goals to lead the team. The Cosmos' 13 goals this season trail only FC Edmonton's 15, and New York's 62 shots are most in the NASL. Over their last three league games the Cosmos have scored nine goals, and they've scored 12 in their last four after a 3-0 U.S. Open Cup win over Jersey Express on May 27.

#### SERIES HISTORY

The Cosmos have never lost to Minnesota United FC. In five previous matchups New York has earned three wins and two draws. The most recent matchup was a scoreless draw on October 18, 2014 at NSC Stadium. Neither team has scored more than one goal in any of the five meetings between the teams.

### BATTLE AT THE TOP

While the Cosmos sit atop the NASL Standings, Minnesota United FC is right behind them in the second position with 12 points and one fewer game played. The Cosmos are in control of their own destiny for the NASL's spring title. A win over United FC on the road could clinch first place and a postseason berth for the Cosmos, while Minnesota needs a win or draw to stay alive in the race.



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**SPRING 2015 DETAILED GAME STATS**

4/4/15 vs FTL	NYC	FTL
Goals	1	0
Possession		
Corners	7	11
Shots on Target	3	6
Shots off Target	5	8
Fouls	16	15
Offsides	2	4
Saves	6	2

4/11/15 vs IND	NYC	IND
Goals	1	1
Possession	60%	40%
Corners	13	5
Shots on Target	11	6
Shots off Target	3	4
Fouls	15	20
Offsides	0	1
Saves		

4/18/15 vs TBR	NYC	TBR
Goals	2	0
Possession	53%	47%
Corners	2	3
Shots on Target	5	2
Shots off Target	2	4
Fouls	14	23
Offsides	2	2
Saves	2	3

4/25/15 vs ATL	NYC	ATL
Goals	0	0
Possession	55%	45%
Corners	3	8
Shots on Target	6	1
Shots off Target	7	0
Fouls	6	13
Offsides	0	1
Saves	1	2

5/2/15 vs OTT	NYC	OTT
Goals	1	0
Possession	55%	45%
Corners	6	2
Shots on Target	3	4
Shots off Target	3	2
Fouls	11	13
Offsides	6	3
Saves	2	0

5/10/15 vs FCE	NYC	FCE
Goals	4	2
Possession	55%	45%
Corners	9	6
Shots on Target	9	4
Shots off Target	9	10
Fouls	9	4
Offsides	2	2
Saves	0	0

5/16/15 vs CAR	NYC	CAR
Goals	2	2
Possession	75%	25%
Corners	15	1
Shots on Target	0	0
Shots off Target	0	0
Fouls	9	12
Offsides	1	3
Saves	0	2

5/23/15 vs SAS	NYC	SAS
Goals	3	0
Possession	52%	48%
Corners	4	6
Shots on Target	6	3
Shots off Target	4	5
Fouls	11	19
Offsides	3	2
Saves	3	3

**NYC VS MNU STATS FROM 2014**

5/12/14 vs MNU	NYC	MNU
Goals	1	0
Possession	53%	47%
Corners	7	2
Shots on Target	6	2
Shots off Target	7	2
Fouls	7	17
Offsides	2	2
Saves	2	5

8/23/14 vs MNU	NYC	MNU
Goals	1	1
Possession	46%	54%
Corners	4	2
Shots on Target	4	1
Shots off Target	7	4
Fouls	12	11
Offsides	0	4
Saves	1	3

10/18/14 vs MNU	NYC	MNU
Goals	0	0
Possession	50%	50%
Corners	4	2
Shots on Target	2	4
Shots off Target	7	5
Fouls	16	9
Offsides	2	4
Saves	3	4



**ABOUT THE COSMOS**

The New York Cosmos began play in 1971, spending 14 seasons in the North American Soccer League, winning five Soccer Bowl trophies and bringing some of the biggest names in world soccer to the USA. This included Pelé, Franz Beckenbauer, Giorgio Chinaglia and Carlos Alberto.

It had been nearly 30 years since the Cosmos, an iconic global soccer club, played in a professional league. Yet throughout their absence, the club maintained a loyal and dedicated fan following.

On Aug. 3, 2013, the New York Cosmos returned to the NASL with a sell-out win at Hofstra University's Shuart Stadium, before embarking on a season that would see the Cosmos win the 2013 North American Soccer League Fall Season. The club closed out its inaugural season by winning the 2013 Soccer Bowl with a 1-0 victory against the Atlanta Silverbacks on Nov. 9, 2013 at Atlanta Silverbacks Park, Atlanta, GA. The 2013 championship was the sixth NASL title in the club's history.

The Cosmos also submitted a privately-funded economic development proposal in 2013 to the State of New York to build a world-class 25,000-seat professional soccer stadium at Belmont Park. More information about the proposal and renderings can be found at [www.newcosmosstadium.com](http://www.newcosmosstadium.com).

For more information on the New York Cosmos, please visit the club's official website at [www.newyorkcosmos.com](http://www.newyorkcosmos.com), join us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @NYCosmos.



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**ABOUT THE NASL**

The new North American Soccer League (NASL) was officially founded in November 2009 when a group of 2nd division men's professional soccer team owners banded together to form North American Soccer League, LLC for the purpose of creating a team-owned and operated professional soccer league in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

In February 2011, the NASL received provisional recognition from the United States Soccer Federation as the exclusive second division men's professional league (D-2) and the inaugural season kicked off on the evening of April 9, 2011.

The NASL member teams are:

- Atlanta Silverbacks
- Carolina RailHawks
- FC Edmonton
- Fort Lauderdale Strikers
- Indy Eleven
- Jacksonville Armada FC
- Minnesota United FC
- New York Cosmos
- Ottawa Fury FC
- San Antonio Scorpions FC
- Tampa Bay Rowdies

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