

# TAMPA BAY ROWDIES

## Tampa Bay Rowdies



**NASL Fall Record (W-T-L)**

**4-3-8, 15 points**

**7th place**

**NASL Combined Record (W-T-L)**

**9-7-9, 34 points**

**5th place**

### Series History

Tampa Bay is 7-7-10 (W-T-L) against Minnesota United FC, including a 2012 Soccer Bowl victory over the Loons, then known as the NSC Minnesota Stars. After losing 2-0 in the first leg of that series in Minnesota, the Rowdies won the second leg 3-1 to force extra time, and, eventually a win in penalty kicks. Tampa Bay and Minnesota drew 0-0 on April 11 and the Loons beat the Rowdies 3-1 on August 22. Both previous meetings this year took place in St. Petersburg.

### The Championship Picture

The Rowdies are even on points with FC Edmonton for fourth place in the NASL Combined Standings, but trail the Eddies by four goals on goal differential, +2 to -2. FC Edmonton and Tampa Bay have 34 points, ahead of Fort Lauderdale in sixth place with 31 points, but a game in hand. Edmonton visits league-leading Ottawa Fury FC on Saturday, while the Strikers visit ninth-placed San Antonio.

### Scouting Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay arrives in Minnesota coming off a 1-1 draw against the Indy Eleven at Al Lang Stadium on Wednesday night. In that match, a pair of first-time Rowdies starters made a huge impact. Forward Long Tan, who arrived on loan from Arizona United SC on September 22, scored in his first start for the Rowdies since 2010. Midfielder Freddy Adu, also making his first start for the Rowdies, provided the assist on Tan's goal from a corner kick. Perhaps unlucky not to score himself, Adu proved dangerous on set pieces.

### Connecting the Squads

Rowdies midfielder Martín Núñez played one season in Minnesota, making 28 appearances (16 starts) in 2012 and logging 1,606 minutes with five goals.

Minnesota GK Andrew Fontein played for the Rowdies from 2013-2014, making four appearances (three starts.)

### Up Next

The Rowdies return home to host first-place Ottawa Fury FC at Al Lang Stadium on Saturday, October 10 before visiting the Atlanta Silverbacks the following weekend.

## Tampa Bay Rowdies at Minnesota United FC

Saturday, October 1, 2015  
8:00 ET

National Sports Center  
Stadium,  
Blaine, Minn.

The match can be seen live online  
at [ESPN3.com](http://ESPN3.com).

Follow us for live updates on Twitter at  
@RowdiesGameday.

## Minnesota United FC



**NASL Fall Record (W-T-L)**

**8-5-2, 29 points**

**2nd place**

**NASL Combined Record (W-T-L)**

**11-10-4, 33 points**

**2nd place**

### 2015 Schedule



#### SPRING SEASON

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
4.4	at San Antonio	3-1 W
4.11	MINNESOTA	0-0 D
4.18	at New York	2-0 L
4.25	JACKSONVILLE	3-2 W
5.2	at Carolina	1-1 D
5.9	at Ottawa	0-0 D
5.16	FORT LAUDERDALE	1-0 W
5.27	at Pittsburgh*	1-0 L
5.30	at Indy	2-2 D
6.6	EDMONTON	2-1 W
6.13	ATLANTA	3-0 W

#### FALL SEASON

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
7.4	ATLANTA	2-1 W
7.11	at San Antonio	3-0 L
7.18	EDMONTON	1-0 L
7.25	FORT LAUDERDALE	3-1 L
8.1	at Carolina	1-1 D
8.8	JACKSONVILLE	3-2 W
8.15	at Fort Lauderdale	2-1 L
8.19	at Indy	2-0 L
8.22	MINNESOTA	3-1 L
8.29	at Ottawa	2-2 D
9.5	NEW YORK	2-0 W
9.13	at Edmonton	1-0 L
9.19	SAN ANTONIO	2-0 W
9.26	at Jacksonville	2-0 L
9.30	INDY	1-1 D
10.3	at Minnesota	8:00 p.m.
10.10	OTTAWA	7:30 p.m.
10.17	at Atlanta	7:30 p.m.
10.24	CAROLINA	7:30 p.m.
10.31	at New York	7:00 p.m.

All times Eastern

Home games played at Al Lang Stadium in downtown

St. Petersburg

\* denotes U.S. Open Cup match

# TAMPA BAY ROWDIES MATCH NOTES



No.	Position	Name	DOB	Birthplace	Height	Weight	Pronunciation
1	GK	Kamil Čontofalský	Jul. 3, 1978	Kosice, Slovakia	6-3	205	kuh-meel shon-tuh-fal-ski
2	D	Darnell King	Sept. 23, 1990	Tampa, Florida	5-9	175	
3	M	Richard Menjivar	Oct. 31, 1990	Los Angeles, California	5-8	159	men-jih-var
4	D	Ben Sweat	Sept. 4, 1991	Palm Harbor, Florida	6-1	178	swet (rhymes with debt)
5	D	Stefan Antonijevic	Jan. 14, 1989	Buffalo Grove, Illinois	6-6	195	stef-on an-TOE-nee-yay-vich
7	M	Martin Núñez	Feb. 2, 1987	Montevideo, Uruguay	5-6	140	mar-TEEN noon-yez
8	M	Marcelo Saragosa	Jan. 22, 1982	Campo Grande, Brazil	6-0	176	
9	M	Freddy Adu	Jun. 2, 1989	Tema, Ghana	5-7	150	
10	M	Georgi Hristov	Jan. 10, 1985	Plovdiv, Bulgaria	6-0	182	jor-jee wrist-off
11	F	Corey Hertzog	Aug. 1, 1990	Reading, Pennsylvania	6-0	174	hurt-zog
13	M	Justin Chavez	Mar. 23, 1990	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5-11	175	
14	M	Jeff Michaud	Sept. 30, 1993	West Palm Beach, Florida	5-11	165	mish-odd
15	D	Zac Portillo	Jan. 19, 1992	Aurora, Colorado	5-9	153	pore-tee-yo-ss
16	M	Juan Guerra	Feb. 16, 1987	Caracas, Venezuela	5-9	162	gare-uh
17	D	Tamika Mkandawire	May 28, 1983	Mzuzu, Malawi	6-2	194	tuh-ME-kuh muh-CAN-duh-weer-ee
18	GK	Matt Pickens	Apr. 5, 1982	Washington, Missouri	6-3	200	
19	M	Verner Välimäa	Jan. 19, 1993	Coral Springs, Florida	5-7	160	ver-nare-ee vahl-ee-mah
20	F	Darwin Espinal	Jan. 16, 1995	San Pedro Sula, Honduras	5-11	163	espy-nahl
21	F	Brian Shriner	Aug. 5, 1987	Clearwater, Florida	5-10	150	shh-RYE-ver
22	M	Keith Savage	Aug. 9, 1985	Gulf Breeze, Florida	6-2	175	
23	M	Marquez Fernandez	Sept. 7, 1992	Baltimore, Maryland	5-8	160	mar-kez
24	GK	Chris Glodack	Jun. 19, 1993	Mount Holly, New Jersey	6-1	200	glow-dack
25	D	Rich Balchan	Jan. 18, 1989	Ann Arbor, Michigan	6-0	175	ball-shin
26	F	Robert Hernandez	Sept. 14, 1993	Caracas, Venezuela	5-5	145	
27	F	Long Tan	Apr. 1, 1988	Dalian, China	6-1	170	
28	F	Omar Salgado	Sept. 10, 1993	El Paso, Texas	6-4	200	sahl-gah-doe
29	F	Maicon Santos	Apr. 18, 1984	Paracambi, Brazil	6-2	200	my-cone san-toe-ss
33	F	Zak Boggs	Dec. 25, 1986	Marietta, Ohio	6-0	185	
44	D	Gale Agbossoumonde	Nov. 17, 1991	Lome, Togo	6-2	200	gah-lay ag-boss-oo-h-mon-day

## Technical Staff

CEO, Chairman & Governor: Bill Edwards

Assistant General Manager: Perry Van Der Beck

Head Coach: Stuart Campbell

Assistant Coach: Stuart Dobson

Assistant Coach: Eric Arbuzow



## Last Time Out:

Playing the middle game of a stretch of three matches in eight days, Rowdies Head Coach Stuart Campbell made four changes to his Starting XI that had lost to Jacksonville a few days earlier. Long Tan, Freddy Adu, Richie Menjivar and Stefan Antonijevic all entered the starting lineup. Corey Hertzog was the only substitute to enter the match.



## 2015 NASL Fall Standings

Team	GP	W	T	L	Pts.
Ottawa	15	10	4	1	34
Minnesota	15	8	5	2	29
Edmonton	15	7	4	4	25
New York*	15	6	5	4	23
Atlanta	15	6	4	5	22
Fort Lauderdale	14	5	5	4	20
Tampa Bay	15	4	3	8	15
San Antonio	14	3	5	6	14
Jacksonville	14	4	2	8	14
Indy	15	3	4	8	13
Carolina	15	3	3	9	12

## 2015 NASL Combined Standings

Team	GP	W	T	L	Pts.
Ottawa	25	12	9	4	45
Minnesota	25	11	10	4	43
New York*	25	11	10	4	43
Edmonton	25	9	7	9	34
Tampa Bay	25	9	7	9	34
Fort Lauderdale	24	8	7	9	31
Atlanta	25	7	9	9	30
Carolina	25	6	8	11	26
San Antonio	24	6	8	10	26
Jacksonville	24	7	5	12	26
Indy	25	6	8	11	26

\*clinched berth in The Championship

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## MATCH NOTES



### Starters By Match

	GK	RB	RCB	LCB	LB	CM	CM	CM	RF	CF	LF
SAS 4.4	Čontofalský	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Portillos	Saragosa	Savage	Hristov	Hernandez	Espinal	Hertzog
MNU 4.11	Čontofalský	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Portillos	Saragosa	Chavez	Hristov	Hernandez	Espinal	Hertzog
NYC 4.18	Čontofalský	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Guerra	Valimaa	Hristov	Hernandez	Santos	Hertzog
JAX 4.25	Čontofalský	Balchan	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Saragosa	Nuñez	Hristov	Boggs	Santos	Espinal
CAR 5.2	Pickens	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Saragosa	Nuñez (LM)	Hristov	Boggs (RM)	Santos	Hertzog (CF)
OTT 5.9	Pickens	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Saragosa	Menjivar	Nuñez	Boggs	Espinal	Hertzog
FTL 5.16	Pickens	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Saragosa	Menjivar	Hristov	Hernandez	Santos	Nuñez
PIT 5.27	<i>Pickens</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Mkandawire</i>	<i>Antonijevic</i>	<i>Sweat</i>	<i>Saragosa</i>	<i>Menjivar</i>	<i>Hristov</i>	<i>Hernandez</i>	<i>Santos</i>	<i>Nuñez</i>
IND 5.30	Pickens	Balchan	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Guerra	Menjivar	Hristov	Hertzog	Santos	Espinal
FCE 6.6	Pickens	King	Agbossoumonde	Mkandawire	Sweat	Guerra	Nuñez	Shriver	Hernandez	Hertzog	Espinal
ATL 6.13	Pickens	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Guerra	Nuñez	Shriver	Hernandez	Hertzog	Espinal
ATL 7.4	Pickens	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Guerra	Nuñez	Shriver	Hernandez	Hertzog	Espinal
SAS 7.11	Pickens	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Guerra	Nuñez	Shriver	Hernandez	Hertzog	Espinal
FCE 7.18	Pickens	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Guerra	Nuñez	Shriver	Hernandez	Hertzog	Espinal
FTL 7.25	Čontofalský	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Guerra	Nuñez	Hristov	Hernandez	Santos	Espinal
CAR 8.1	Čontofalský	King	Agbossoumonde	Mkandawire	Sweat	Guerra	Saragosa	Hristov	Shriver	Santos	Hertzog
JAX 8.8	Čontofalský	King	Agbossoumonde	Mkandawire	Sweat	Guerra	Saragosa	Hristov	Shriver	Santos	Nuñez
FTL 8.15	Čontofalský	King	Agbossoumonde	Mkandawire	Sweat	Guerra	Saragosa	Hristov	Shriver	Santos	Nuñez
IND 8.19	Pickens	Balchan	Agbossoumonde	Mkandawire	Sweat	Chavez	Menjivar	Hertzog (LM)	Shriver (RM)	Santos	Espinal (CF)
MNU 8.22	Pickens	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Guerra	Saragosa	Espinal (LM)	Shriver (RM)	Santos	Hristov (CF)
OTT 8.29	Pickens	Balchan	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Sweat	Guerra	Menjivar	Hertzog (LM)	King (RM)	Santos	Hristov (CF)
NYC 9.5	Pickens	Balchan	Mkandawire	Agbossoumonde	Sweat	Guerra	Saragosa	Hertzog (LM)	King (RM)	Santos	Hristov (CF)
FCE 9.13	Pickens	Balchan	Agbossoumonde	Mkandawire	Sweat	Guerra	Saragosa	Hertzog (LM)	Hernandez (RM)	Shriver	Hristov (CF)
SAS 9.19	Pickens	Balchan	Agbossoumonde	Mkandawire	Sweat	Guerra	Saragosa	Hertzog (LM)	King (RM)	Shriver	Hristov (CF)
JAX 9.26	Pickens	Balchan	Agbossoumonde	Mkandawire	Sweat	Guerra	Saragosa	Hertzog (LM)	King (RM)	Shriver	Hristov (CF)
IND 9.30	Pickens	King	Mkandawire	Antonijevic	Balchan	Guerra	Menjivar	Shriver (LM)	Adu (RM)	Tan	Hristov (CF)

*Italics denote U.S. Open Cup match*



## 2015 NASL Fall Season Game Recaps

### Fall Season

July 4 — vs Atlanta Silverbacks, 2-1 W

Tampa Bay beat Atlanta for the second consecutive match and became the first team to six wins with a 2-1 victory over Atlanta at Al Lang. The win also lifted the Rowdies into first place in the NASL Combined Standings. Each team benefitted from an own goal (committed by Atlanta's Rauwshawn McKenzie and Tampa Bay's Stefan Antonijevic), but it was Darnell King's first goal of the season that earned all three points for the Rowdies.

July 11 — at San Antonio Scorpions, 3-0 L

The Rowdies were blown out in Texas, falling 3-0 to the Scorpions in the most lopsided loss of the year. The Rowdies dominated possession, shots and corner kicks, but were unable to score. Defensively, Tampa Bay was caught on the counterattack for all three Scorpions goals.

July 18 — vs FC Edmonton, 1-0 L

Edmonton defender Mallan Roberts connected with a corner kick and put his header on frame, but Tampa Bay goalkeeper Matt Pickens made the save only to see the rebound carom off Rowdies defender Stefan Antonijevic's face and into the net for the decisive own goal.

July 25 — vs Fort Lauderdale Strikers, 3-1 L

A late comeback bid fell short as the Rowdies lost their third consecutive match. Goals by PC and Bruno Nunes in the 16th and 79th minutes, respectively, had the Strikers up 2-0 entering stoppage time. Second-half substitute Freddy Adu provided an assist for Maicon Santos to score in stoppage time. After a Rowdies corner, Fort Lauderdale's Stefano Pinho scored on a counterattack to make it 3-1.

August 1 — at Carolina RailHawks, 1-1 D

The Rowdies drew 1-1 in North Carolina for the second time in 2015, taking a brief lead before conceding a goal. Georgi Hristov finished a Darnell King cross in the 29th minute to put Tampa Bay ahead. Just three minutes later, Mark Anderson found a loose ball in the box and scored to even the match.

August 8 — vs Jacksonville Armada FC, 3-2 W

Maicon Santos starred as the Rowdies built a 3-0 lead before Jacksonville's Alhassane Keita scored two goals from dead ball situations to make the match interesting. Santos had two goals and assisted on the other, scored by Brian Shriver. Santos took the team lead with six goals, four of which have been scored against Jacksonville.

August 15 — at Fort Lauderdale Strikers, 2-1 L

Strikers goals by Stefano Pinho in the 4th minute and James Marcellin in the 43rd minute were too much to overcome. Maicon Santos scored in the 19th minute, his third match with a goal in four games. Santos' goal was his team-high seventh this season.

August 19 — at Indy, 2-0 L

After a scoreless first half, Indy's Dane Richards scored in the 60th minute and Erick Norales scored on a free kick 10 minutes later as the Rowdies fell to their second defeat in five days.

August 22 — vs Minnesota, 3-1 L

Juan Guerra's first goal of the season gave the Rowdies a lead in the 29th minute, but defending counterattacks continued to be a weakness, with all three Minnesota goals coming on the counter. Ibson scored before halftime, Justin Davis put Minnesota ahead in the 66th minute and Daniel Mendes scored in stoppage time as the Rowdies desperately chased an equalizer.

August 29 — at Ottawa Fury FC, 2-2 D

The Rowdies trailed 2-0 in the 31st minute due to goals by Paulo Junior and Oliver, but Tamika Mkandawire's 33rd minute goal cut the deficit in half. Tampa Bay piled the pressure on throughout the second half, but had to wait until the 87th minute for Darwin Espinal's equalizing goal.

September 5 — vs New York Cosmos, 2-0 W

Rowdies Head Coach Stuart Campbell earned his first win in charge in dramatic fashion, pummeling the Cosmos 2-0. The Cosmos only had one shot on target all night as goalkeeper Matt Pickens kept his fourth clean sheet of the season. Goals from Corey Hertzog (40th minute) and Darwin Espinal (76th minute) ensured Tampa Bay would earn all three points and climb back into fourth place in the Combined Standings.

September 13 — at FC Edmonton, 1-0 L

A slight redirection from Edmonton captain Albert Watson was all the Eddies needed to beat the Rowdies for the second time this season. Dustin Corea's corner kick found Watson at the near post, who redirected the ball to the back post, just beyond the fingertips of a diving Matt Pickens.

September 19 — vs San Antonio Scorpions, 2-0 W

Tampa Bay picked up its second-consecutive 2-0 win at home, beating the San Antonio Scorpions to vault over Fort Lauderdale and get back into playoff position. Two Rowdies goals were incorrectly called offside in the opening 10 minutes, but Tampa Bay persevered and won anyway. A Corey Hertzog PK in the 50th minute and Juan Guerra's 88th minute goal gave the Rowdies all three points.

September 26 — at Jacksonville Armada FC, 2-0 L

Inconsistency reared its lead again as the Rowdies followed up a 2-0 win with a 2-0 loss to then-last-placed Jacksonville. Tampa Bay had a handful of clear scoring chances in the first half, but fell behind in the 34th minute on a goal by Lucas Scaglia. Pascal Millien doubled Jacksonville's lead in the 74th.

September 30 — vs Indy Eleven, 1-1 D

Long Tan opener the scoring in the 63rd minute, tapping a Freddy Adu corner kick in at the back post, but the lead was short-lived. Four minutes later, an Indy free kick was blocked by the Rowdies wall, but Jaime Frias' speculative shot from 28 yards out on the rebound, took a deflection past the wrong-footed Matt Pickens to even the match,

## 2015 NASL Honors

### NASL Player of the Week

D Stefan Antonijevic (Spring, Week 1)

F Maicon Santos (Spring, Week 4)

### NASL Team of the Week

GK Matt Pickens (Spring, Week 7)

D Darnell King (Spring, Week 7; Fall, Week 1)

D Stefan Antonijevic (Spring, Weeks 1, 2 & 6)

D Rich Balchan (Spring, Week 9; Fall, Week 10)

D Tamika Mkandawire (Spring, Week 10; Fall, Weeks 9 & 10)

D Ben Sweat (Fall, Week 5)

D Gale Agbossoumonde (Fall, Week 12)

M Georgi Hristov (Spring, Week 1)

M Martín Núñez (Spring, Weeks 4, 5 & 11)

M Juan Guerra (Spring, Week 11)

F Darwin Espinal (Spring, Weeks 1 & 10)

F Maicon Santos (Spring, Week 4; Fall, Week 6)

F Robert Hernandez (Spring, Week 7)

F Brian Shriver (Spring, Week 10)

F Corey Hertzog (Fall, Weeks 1 & 12)

*Italics denote selection in most recent week*

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**MATCH NOTES**

No.	Position	Name	GP	GS	Minutes	Goals	Assists	YC	RC
1	GK	Kamil Čontofalský	8	8	720	--	--	--	--
2	D	Darnell King	23	21	1,904	1	2	4	--
3	M	Richard Menjivar	9	6	576	--	--	3	--
4	D	Ben Sweat	22	22	1,967	--	--	3	--
5	D	Stefan Antonijevic	16	16	1,373	1	1	3	1
7	M	Martín Núñez	16	12	1,062	3	1	2	--
8	M	Marcelo Saragosa	14	14	1,195	--	1	3	--
9	M	Freddy Adu	3	1	118	--	2	--	--
10	M	Georgi Hristov	23	18	1,708	2	9	2	2
11	F	Corey Hertzog	25	18	1,611	4	1	2	--
13	M	Justin Chavez	10	2	209	--	--	2	--
14	M	Jeff Michaud	1	--	<1	--	--	--	--
15	D	Zac Portillos	2	2	180	--	--	1	--
16	M	Juan Guerra	22	18	1,693	2	--	6	--
17	D	Tamika Mkandawire	25	25	2,250	1	--	7	--
18	GK	Matt Pickens	18	17	1,530	--	--	--	--
19	M	Verner Välimaa	2	1	103	--	--	--	--
20	F	Darwin Espinal	19	13	1,210	4	1	1	--
21	F	Brian Shriver	18	14	1,192	2	1	--	--
22	M	Keith Savage	1	1	33	--	--	1	--
23	M	Marquez Fernandez	1	--	<1	--	--	--	--
24	GK	Chris Glodack	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
25	D	Rich Balchan	10	9	817	1	--	--	--
26	F	Robert Hernandez	15	11	917	1	--	4	--
27	F	Long Tan	2	1	117	1	--	--	--
28	F	Omar Salgado	1	--	12	--	--	--	--
29	F	Maicon Santos	15	13	1,050	7	2	1	1
33	F	Zak Boggs	10	3	321	--	--	1	--
44	D	Gale Agbossoumonde	11	9	851	--	--	3	--

## Tampa Bay Rowdies Bios (Stats are NASL only)

**Freddy Adu:** Three appearances (one start) in 2015, playing 118 minutes ... Two assists ... Debuted vs FTL on 7.25 and provided an assist ... Signed by the club July 14, 2015 ... Played for Coach Thomas Rongen for the United States U-20 Men's National Team, including at two U-20 World Cups ... Has 17 caps for the senior United States Men's National Team, including two goals ... No. 1 pick in MLS SuperDraft in 2004, with D.C. United, where he played 2004-2006 ... Has also played for Real Salt Lake (2007) and Philadelphia Union (2011-2013) in MLS.

**Gale Agbossoumonde:** Eleven appearances (nine starts), playing 851 minutes ... Named to NASL Team of the Week, Fall Week 12 ... Made Rowdies debut as a stoppage time substitute at IND on 5.30 ... Made first start vs FCE on 6.6 ... Signed with the Rowdies on Dec. 22, 2014 ... Previously played under coach Thomas Rongen as a member of the United States Under-20 Men's National Team from 2008-2011 ... Has one senior cap with the USMNT, a friendly against South Africa on Nov. 17, 2010, his 19th birthday ... Started 2014 with Toronto FC before being traded to the Colorado Rapids ... Made 13 appearances for TFC in a little over a year ... Made professional debut with Miami FC in 2009 ... Signed with Estoril Praia (Portugal) in 2011 and had loan stints with Braga (Portugal), Djurgardens IF (Sweden), Eintracht Frankfurt II (Germany) and the Carolina RailHawks ... Spent 2007 at the IMG Academy in Bradenton.

**Stefan Antonijevic:** Sixteen appearances (16 starts) in 2015, playing 1,373 minutes ... One goal, scored at SAS on 4.4 One assist, for Darwin Espinal at OTT on 8.29 ... Named NASL Player of the Week, Spring Week One ... Thrice named to NASL Team of the Week in 2015 (Spring, Weeks 1, 2 & 6) ... Made Rowdies debut at SAS on 4.4 ... Signed with the Rowdies on January 6, 2015 ... Played 2013-2014 with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, where he made 39 appearances, 38 starts, and played 3,385 minutes in two seasons. Began college career at Marquette University in 2007, before playing three seasons at Valparaiso University ... Drafted by Sporting Kansas City in 2012 MLS Supplemental Draft but did not sign ... Has two caps for the Serbian Under-19 National Team, both earned in 2008.

**Rich Balchan:** Ten appearances (nine starts) in 2015, playing 817 minutes ... One goal, scored at IND on 5.30 ... Named to NASL Team of the Week, Spring Week Nine & Fall Week 10 ... Made Rowdies debut as a starter vs JAX on 4.25 ... Signed with the Rowdies on March 17, 2015 ... Spent last two seasons with Real Salt Lake in Major League Soccer, and two seasons before that with the Columbus Crew, also in MLS ... Played college soccer at Indiana before being drafted 12th overall by the Crew in the 2011 MLS SuperDraft ... Played for Coach Rongen on the United States U-20 team in 2008.

**Zak Boggs:** Ten appearances (three starts) in 2015, playing 321 minutes ... Made first start vs JAX on 4.25 ... Made Rowdies debut off the bench at SAS on 4.4 ... Signed with the Rowdies on February 24, 2015 ... Returned to professional soccer in 2014 with the Charlotte Eagles in the USL ... Was drafted 31st overall by the New England Revolution in the 2010 MLS SuperDraft ... Scored three goals for New England in 29 appearances (20 starts) ... Departed the Revs in the middle of his third season to accept a Fulbright Scholarship to study medical sciences at Leicester University in the UK ... 2011 MLS Humanitarian of the Year ... Finished college career at the University of South Florida after previously playing for West Virginia University and the University of Central Florida ... Played high school soccer at IMG Academy in Bradenton.

**Justin Chavez:** Ten appearances (two starts) in 2015, playing 209 minutes ... Made Rowdies debut off the bench as SAS on 4.4 ... Made first start vs MNU on 4.11 ... Signed with the Rowdies on February 5, 2015 ... Spent last two seasons, his first two as a professional, with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers ... Made 27 appearances (15 starts) for Fort Lauderdale, playing 1,477 minutes in two seasons ... Played college soccer at the University of Tulsa in his home state of Oklahoma.

**Kamil Čontofalšký:** Eight appearances (eight starts) in 2015, playing 720 minutes ... One clean sheet, vs MNU on 4.11 ... Made Rowdies debut at SAS on 4.4 ... Signed with the Rowdies on February 25, 2015 ... Spent the 2014 Fall Season, his first in North America, with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers ... Made 18 appearances for the Strikers, keeping five clean sheets ... Guided the Strikers to the NASL Championship Final ... Made professional debut for Trenčín (Slovakia) in 1995 ... Played for Košice (Slovakia), Bohemians 1905 (Czech Republic), Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia), AEL Limassol (Cyprus), AE Larissa (Greece) and Slavia Prague (Czech Republic) before signing for Fort Lauderdale ... Honors include winning the 2007/2008 UEFA Cup (now Europa League) and UEFA Super Cup with Zenit St. Petersburg ... Made 34 appearances for Slovakian National Team from 2002-2009.

**Darwin Espinal:** Away on international duty with Honduras Under-23 team at Olympic Qualifying Tournament ... Nineteen appearances (13 starts) in 2015, playing 1,210 minutes ... Four goals, scored at SAS on 4.4, vs FCE on 6.6, at OTT on 8.29 and vs NYC on 9.5 ... One assist ... Twice named to NASL Team of the Week, Spring Weeks 1 & 10 ... Made Rowdies and professional debut as SAS on 4.4 ... Signed with the Rowdies on December 23, 2014 ... Signed to his first professional contract after two seasons at Darton State College in Georgia ... Scored 52 goals and notched 29 assists in 35 games at Darton ... Twice named a First-Team All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association ... Played high school soccer at Taravella High in Coral Springs, where he was named the 2012-2013 Class 5A-4A High School Player of the Year.

**Marquez Fernandez:** One appearance (no starts), playing zero minutes ... Made professional debut as a second-half stoppage time substitute vs FCE on 6.6 ... Signed with the Rowdies on February 23, 2015 on first professional contract ... One of four players to sign after earning a trial from the Rowdies' invite-only combine ... Began college career at the University of Maryland before transferring to Maryland Baltimore-County ... Led UMBC to the College Cup semifinals as a senior, anchoring the backline ... Played for the Baltimore Bohemians in the PDL while in college.

**Chris Glodack:** Yet to appear in 2015 ... Signed with the Rowdies on February 23, 2015 on first professional contract ... One of four players to sign after earning a trial from the Rowdies' invite-only combine ... Most recently played for Clemson University in the NCAA ... Played high school soccer at IMG Academy in Bradenton.

**Juan Guerra:** Twenty-two appearances (18 starts) in 2015, playing 1,693 minutes ... Two goals, scored vs MNU on 8.22 and vs SAS on 9.19 ... Made Rowdies debut off the bench at SAS on 4.4 ... Made first start at NYC on 4.18 ... Signed with the Rowdies on December 19, 2014 ... Four caps for the Venezuelan National Team ... Spent the second half of 2014 with Deportivo Lara in the Venezuelan First Division, where he made 10 appearances, including nine starts ... Played for Carabobo in 2013 after two seasons with Caracas FC ... Spent 2011-2012 with Las Palmas in the Spanish Segunda Liga ... Played for Monagas in 2009-2010 and Caracas FC 2010-2011 in the Venezuelan First Division ... Played for Florida International University 2005-2007.

**Robert Hernandez:** Fifteen appearances (11 starts) in 2015, playing 917 minutes ... One goal, scored vs FTL on 5.16 ... Named to NASL Team of the Week, Spring Week Seven ... Made Rowdies debut at SAS on 4.4 ... Signed with the Rowdies on December 30, 2014 ... Joined Rowdies after four seasons Deportivo Anzoategui in the Venezuelan First Division ... Scored seven goals, made 87 appearances and played 6,445 minutes for Deportivo Anzoategui ... Four caps for the Venezuelan Under-20 National Team.

**Corey Hertzog:** Twenty-five appearances (18 starts) in 2015, playing 1,611 minutes ... Four goals, scored at SAS on 4.4, vs ATL on 6.13, vs NYC on 9.5 and vs SAS on 9.19 ... Named to NASL Team of the Week, Fall Weeks One and Twelve ... One assist, for Darnell King on 7.4 ... Joined Rowdies late in 2014 season and made six appearances, including four starts ... Also played for Orlando City SC in 2014, scoring four goals in 22 appearances ... Played in MLS for New York Red Bulls and Vancouver Whitecaps FC ... Drafted 13th overall in 2011 MLS SuperDraft ... Played collegiate soccer for Penn State ... Signed with the Rowdies on September 24, 2014.

**Georgi Hristov:** Twenty-three appearances (18 starts) in 2015, playing 1,708 minutes ... Two goals, scored vs ATL on 6.13 & at CAR on 8.1 ... Nine assists, most in the NASL ... Played last two seasons with the Rowdies ... 47 appearances, 46 starts ... 21 goals, 13 assists in Rowdies career ... Awarded the 2013 NASL Golden Ball as league MVP ... Also named in the 2013 NASL Best XI ... 9 goals and 4 assists in 2014 season ... 12 goals and 7 assists in 2013 season ... Led team in points in 2013 (31) and 2014 (22) ... Joined Rowdies after stints with Bulgaria's first division Lokomotiv Sofia and Slavia Sofia ... Played for first division teams in Bulgaria, Poland and Israel ... Leading goal scorer & league footballer of the year in the Bulgarian First Division with Botev Plovdiv ... Won the Bulgarian first division championship with Levski Sofia and competed in the UEFA Europa League in 2008 ... Signed with the Rowdies on March 8, 2013.

**Darnell King:** Twenty-three appearances (21 starts) in 2015, playing 1,904 minutes ... One goal, two assists ... Scored vs ATL on 7.4 ... Named to NASL Team of the Week twice, Spring Week Seven & Fall, Week One ... Made Rowdies debut at SAS on 4.4 ... Signed with the Rowdies on December 22, 2014 ... Named to NASL Best XI as a defender in 2014 ... Spent last three seasons with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, where he made 75 appearances, including 61 starts ... Played college soccer at Florida Atlantic University from 2008-2011, where he scored 17 goals and tallied 10 assists ... Played high school soccer at Gaither High School in Tampa, where he was named an All-County selection in 2008.

**Richard Menjivar:** Nine appearances (six starts) in 2015, playing 576 minutes for Tampa Bay ... Made Rowdies debut at OTT on 5.9 ... Acquired by the Rowdies in a trade on April 29, 2015 ... Played 14 minutes for San Antonio Scorpions before trade ... Made 19 appearances and won Championship with San Antonio in 2014, playing 1,703 minutes ... Spent 2013 with Atlanta Silverbacks, playing 1,924 minutes in 22 matches and reached NASL Final ... Member of amateur Cal FC team that reached the fifth round of the 2012 U.S. Open Cup team, upsetting the Portland Timbers on the way ... Twenty caps for the El Salvador national team.

**Jeff Michaud:** One appearance (no starts), playing zero minutes ... Made professional debut vs ATL on 6.13 ... Signed with the Rowdies on February 23, 2015 on first professional contract ... One of four players to sign after earning a trial from the Rowdies' invite-only combine ... Began college career at the University of Central Florida before moving to Eastern Florida State College ... Played high school soccer at Dwyer High School in West Palm Beach, Florida under current Rowdies assistant Eric Arbuzow ... Under Arbuzow, Michaud led the district in scoring as a sophomore, tallying 22 goals and 11 assists in nine games.

**Tamika Mkandawire:** Twenty-five appearances (25 starts) in 2015, playing 2,250 minutes ... One goal, scored at OTT on 8.29 ... Named to NASL Team of the Week, Spring Week 10 & Fall Weeks 9 & 10 ... Spent the 2014 NASL Fall Season with the Rowdies ... Served as vice captain and made 15 appearances, including 14 starts and scored three goals ... Captained Shrewsbury Town in English League One in 2013-2014 ... Previously played for Hereford United, Leyton Orient, Millwall and Southend United in England ... Signed for the Rowdies on July 4, 2014.

**Martín Núñez:** Sixteen appearances (12 starts) in 2015, playing 1,062 minutes ... Three goals, one assist ... NASL Team of the Week twice in a row, Spring Weeks 4 & 5 ... Scored vs JAX on 4.25 in first start ... Scored at CAR on 5.2 ... Scored vs ATL on 6.13 ... Made Rowdies debut vs MNU on 4.11 ... Signed with the Rowdies on December 23, 2014 ... Spent four of last five seasons with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, where he made 78 appearances and scored 17 goals ... Previously played for Minnesota United FC, Puerto Rico Islanders and Carolina RailHawks.

**Matt Pickens:** Eighteen appearances (17 starts) in 2015, playing 1,530 minutes ... Five clean sheets, at OTT on 5.9, vs FTL on 5.16, vs ATL on 6.13, vs NYC on 9.5 and vs SAS on 9.19 ... Named to NASL Team of the Week, Spring Week Seven ... Made season debut in stoppage time vs JAX on 4.25, finishing the match ... Made first start at CAR on 5.2 ... Played last season with the Rowdies, playing 2,094 minutes in 24 appearances ... Played 10 seasons in Major League Soccer before signing for the Rowdies ... Spent 2005-2007 with the Chicago Fire ... Spent second half of 2008 with England's Queen Park Rangers, but did not play ... Returned to MLS with Colorado Rapids in 2009 and was a member of Colorado's MLS Cup-winning team in 2010 ... Holds Rapids franchise records in games in goal (116), shutouts (29) and wins (41).

**Zac Portillo:** Out for six months following rupture of right Achilles tendon on 4.15 ... Two appearances (two starts) in 2015, playing 180 minutes ... Made Rowdies and professional debut at SAS on 4.4 ... Signed with the Rowdies on February 23, 2015 on first professional contract ... One of four players to sign after earning a trial from the Rowdies' invite-only combine ... Most recently played from Akron University in the NCAA, where Tampa Bay goalkeeper coach Stuart Dobson coached.

**Omar Salgado:** One appearance (no starts), playing 12 minutes ... Made Rowdies debut off the bench vs JAX on 8.8 ... Joined the Rowdies on loan from Mexico's Tigres UANL for the rest of the 2015 season ... Played for Coach Thomas Rongen for the United States Under-20 Men's National Team in 2010 and 2011 ... Product of Chivas Guadalajara youth academy ... No. 1 overall pick in the 2011 MLS SuperDraft by the Vancouver Whitecaps.

**Maicon Santos:** Fifteen appearances (13 starts) in 2015, playing 1,050 minutes ... Seven goals, two vs JAX on 4.25 & 8.8, one at IND on 5.30, one vs FTL on 7.25, one at FTL on 8.15 ... Two assists, for Brian Shriner goal vs JAX on 8.8 and for Tamika Mkandawire at OTT on 8.29 ... Twice named to NASL Team of the Week ... Made debut as a starter at NYC on 4.18 ... Signed with the Rowdies on February 4, 2015 ... Arrived with six years of high-level experience in Major League Soccer and Mexico's LigaMX ... Moved to North America in 2009 to join Chivas USA ... Played for Toronto FC from 2010-2011 and was first non-Canadian to ever captain the team ... Also played for FC Dallas, D.C. United and Chicago Fire in MLS ... Was a teammate of fellow Brazilian Marcelo Saragosa at both Chivas USA and D.C. United ... Most recently played for Puebla in LigaMX.

**Marcelo Saragosa:** Club captain ... Fourteen appearances (14 starts) in 2015, playing 1,195 minutes ... No goals, one assist ... Made Rowdies debut at SAS on 4.4 ... Signed with the Rowdies on February 3, 2015 ... Arrives with nine years of Major League Soccer experience under his belt ... Played for Los Angeles Galaxy (2004-2006), FC Dallas (2006-2009), Chivas USA (2009-2010) and D.C. United (2012-2013) in MLS ... Played in Azerbaijani Premier League for FC Absheron (2010-2011) and Ravan Baku (2011-2012) ... Played youth soccer in the vaunted Sao Paulo Academy in his native Brazil ... Best friend of Orlando City midfielder Kaka.

**Keith Savage:** Out for remainder of 2015 NASL season with torn right ACL suffered at SAS on 4.4 ... Re-signed with the Rowdies on January 29, 2015 after spending last four seasons with the club ... Current appearances leader for the Rowdies with 96 appearances (87 starts) in four years, racking up 7,542 minutes ... Has scored 12 goals for the Rowdies ... Drafted in 2008 MLS SuperDraft by Chivas USA as their only pick ... Went on to play for the Portland Timbers, now in Major League Soccer ... Played college soccer at the University of West Florida ... Son of Bruce Savage, who made 16 appearances for the United States national team and was a teammate of Coach Thomas Rongen at the Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

**Brian Shriner:** Eighteen appearances (14 starts) in 2015, playing 1,192 minutes ... Two goals, vs FCE on 6.6 and vs JAX on 8.8 ... One assist ... Named to NASL Team of the Week, Spring Week 10 ... Made season debut vs MNU on 4.11 ... Spent 2014 with the Rowdies, making 22 appearances (15 starts) and playing 1,312 minutes ... Scored two goals and had one assist ... Signed with the Rowdies on December 24, 2013 ... Spent the two prior seasons with the Carolina RailHawks ... Won NASL Golden Boot in 2013 as league's top goalscorer ... Scored 15 goals in 22 appearances with Carolina in 2013 ... Played for the Fort Lauderdale Strikers 2009-2011.

**Ben Sweat:** Twenty-two appearances (22 starts) in 2015, playing 1,967 minutes ... Named to NASL Team of the Week, Fall Week Five ... Made debut as a starter at NYC on 4.18 ... Signed with the Rowdies on March 2, 2015 ... Spent 2014 with Columbus Crew SC in Major League Soccer ... Drafted 14th overall by Columbus in the 2014 MLS SuperDraft ... Played high school soccer for Palm Harbor University High School, club soccer for Clearwater Chargers SC and starred at the University of South Florida before turning pro ... All-time leader in appearances (78) for USF.

**Long Tan:** Two appearances (one start) in 2015, playing 117 minutes ... One goal, scored vs IND on 9.30 ... Signed with the Rowdies on September 22, 2015, on a season-long loan from Arizona United SC ... Led Arizona in scoring in 2014 and 2015, scoring a total of 26 goals in 28 games ... Played for FC Tampa Bay Rowdies in 2010 inaugural season ... Has also played for Vancouver Whitecaps and D.C. United in MLS, as well as Orlando City in USL.

**Verner Valimaa:** Two appearances (one start) in 2015, playing 103 minutes ... Made professional debut vs MNU on 4.11 ... Made first start at NYC on 4.18 ... Signed with the Rowdies on March 30, 2015 on first professional contract ... A graduate of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill ... Originally from Finland, but raised in South Florida ... Has represented Finland at the U-20 level.



## Stuart Campbell – Head Coach

Stuart Campbell was appointed to the position of Tampa Bay Rowdies head coach on August 26, 2015. He had previously led the team against Minnesota United FC on August 22.

Campbell, 37, has been with the Rowdies since December 27, 2011, originally joining as a player for the 2012 season before transitioning to roles as an assistant coach and now interim head coach. In his first season with the Rowdies, Campbell played 31 matches as a defensive stalwart, guiding the Rowdies to the NASL Championship.

He served a player and assistant coach in 2013, before becoming a full-time assistant coach last season and resuming that role this year.

Campbell spent most of his playing career with Bristol Rovers, making 288 appearances for the Gas between 2004 and 2011. He was appointed captain in 2006 and led the club to the quarterfinals of the 2007-2008 FA Cup, the best result in Rovers' history. In 2011, Campbell was named interim manager with twelve games remaining in the season.

Campbell also played for Leicester City, Birmingham City and Grimsby Town in his playing career before joining the Rowdies. He also earned 14 caps for the Scottish National Team at the Under-21 level.

### 2015 Rowdies (NASL Only)

2015 Record When:	W-T-L
Scoring First	9-2-1
Opponent Scores First	0-3-8
Outshooting Opponent	7-5-2
Being Outshot	2-2-7
Same Number of Shots	0-0-0
Home Matches:	8-2-3
Away Matches:	1-5-6
Wearing Hoops:	7-4-4
Wearing Yellow:	2-3-5
On Grass:	9-4-6
On Turf:	0-3-3

### 2015 Goals Breakdown:

<u>Tampa Bay Rowdies</u>	
Scoring 0-15 Minute	3
Scoring 15-30 Minute	6
Scoring 31-45 Minute	5
Scoring in 1st Half Injury Time	1
Scoring 46-60 Minute	6
Scoring 61-75 Minute	4
Scoring 76-90 Minute	4
Scoring in 2nd Half Injury Time	1

### Opponents

<u>Opponents</u>	
Scoring 0-15 Minute	5
Scoring 15-30 Minute	4
Scoring 31-45 Minute	7
Scoring in 1st Half Injury Time	0
Scoring 46-60 Minute	5
Scoring 61-75 Minute	7
Scoring 76-90 Minute	2
Scoring in 2nd Half Injury Time	4

### 2015 Season - Rowdies Leaders (NASL Only)

#### Goals

1. Maicon Santos	7
2. Darwin Espinal	4
2. Corey Hertzog	4
4. Martín Núñez	3
5. Brian Shriner	2
5. Georgi Hristov	2
5. Juan Guerra	2
8. Stefan Antonijevic	1
8. Robert Hernandez	1
8. Rich Balchan	1
8. Darnell King	1
8. Tamika Mkandawire	1
8. Long Tan	1

#### Assists

1. Georgi Hristov	9
2. Darnell King	2
2. Maicon Santos	2
2. Freddy Adu	2
5. Marcelo Saragosa	1
5. Darwin Espinal	1
5. Corey Hertzog	1
5. Martín Núñez	1
5. Stefan Antonijevic	1
5. Brian Shriner	1

#### Points

1. Maicon Santos	16
2. Georgi Hristov	13
3. Darwin Espinal	9
3. Corey Hertzog	9
5. Martín Núñez	7

## About the Rowdies

The Tampa Bay Rowdies are a professional soccer club and a member of the North American Soccer League (NASL). The Rowdies home stadium is Al Lang Stadium in downtown St. Petersburg, Fl. The Rowdies were reborn in 2010 and quickly reestablished themselves as a premier club in the United States, winning the NASL Soccer Bowl Championship in 2012.

The Rowdies attracted a sellout crowd to their first home game in May 2010, and have continued to boast strong local fan support.

The original Tampa Bay Rowdies were born in 1975 as an expansion team in the North American Soccer League (NASL). From 1975-1984, the Rowdies were one of the most successful teams in the NASL, winning the Soccer Bowl Championship in 1975 and reaching the finals in 1978 and 1979. The Rowdies featured iconic players such as Rodney Marsh, Derek Smethurst, and Steve Wegerle while winning over the hearts of the people of Tampa Bay and creating an internationally recognized brand.

## North American Soccer League (NASL)

The new North American Soccer League (NASL) was officially founded in November 2009 when a group of second-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 team that emerges on top of the standings after 42 games played between April 6 and July 4 will earn the right to host the 2013 Soccer Bowl in November, to be joined by the Fall campaign champion as the NASL adopts a new split season format for the first time since returning to the American soccer scene in 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, San Antonio Scorpions FC, Ottawa Fury FC and Tampa Bay Rowdies. Miami FC and Puerto Rico FC will begin play in 2016. For more information about the NASL, visit [www.NASL.com](http://www.NASL.com). Follow the NASL on Twitter @NASLOfficial and Facebook at <http://www.Facebook.com/NASL.fans>.

## Al Lang Stadium

Fully renovated this year and situated on the downtown St. Petersburg waterfront next to the Salvador Dali Museum and Mahaffey Theater, the iconic stadium used to be home to the Tampa Bay Rays for their spring training. Over the years, several other Major League Baseball teams, including the Baltimore Orioles, New York Mets, New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals, have used the stadium as their headquarters for spring training.

The St. Petersburg Athletic Park at the current site of Al Lang Stadium was the spring home for the Boston Braves and New York Yankees from 1923 until after World War II, hosting such greats such as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Stan Musial. The first incarnation of the current field was built for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1947.

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