



GAME NOTES

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MATCH INFORMATION



SOUNDERS FC 2
VS.
SACRAMENTO REPUBLIC FC



Kickoff: Saturday, March 21 | 7:30 p.m. PT
Location: Starfire Stadium | Tukwila, Wash.

Referee: Baboucarr Jallow
Assistants: Mike Rottersman, Joshua Haimes
Fourth official: Josh Wilkens

BROADCAST INFORMATION

Live Stream: SoundersFC.com
Announcers: Nathan Murphy, Aaron Heinzen

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Tonight, S2 looks to defeat a strong Sacramento Republic FC side that is coming off an impressive first season in USL. In 2014, Sac Republic entered the league in style, finishing second in the regular season behind Orlando City (who have since moved up to MLS) eventually winning the USL championship.

The Rave Green need to find a way to stop Sacramento forward and 2014 USL MVP finalist Rodrigo López, who scored 14 goals and notched 13 assists across all competitions last season.

In preseason play, S2's attack was strong with good link-up play between teammates Andy Craven and Pablo Rossi, and held a good line in the back with midfielder-turned-centerback Aaron Long.

Additionally, the team went 4-1-1, with their only loss coming from a thrilling rain-soaked battle against Whitecaps FC 2 with a final score of 4-3.

INAUGURAL MATCH

Tonight marks a significant shift in the trajectory of the Sounders FC organization.

The primary purpose of S2 is to give players a chance to develop as Sounders as they learn the system and are watched closely by the Sounders FC First Team coaching staff.

Soon, the players who you see on the pitch tonight could be the ones playing on the Xbox Pitch at CenturyLink Field. For now, they will battle it out here at Starfire, looking to impress coaches, fans and players alike.

2015 S2 SCHEDULE

March 21	Sacramento Republic FC	7:30 p.m PT
March 29	Whitecaps FC 2	4:00 p.m PT
April 11	Timbers 2	7:30 p.m PT
April 16	@ Tulsa Roughnecks FC	5:00 p.m. PT
April 18	@ OKC Energy FC	5:00 p.m. PT
April 26	@ Whitecaps FC 2	3:00 p.m. PT
May 1	OC Blues FC	7:30 p.m PT
May 9	@ Sacramento Republic FC	7:30 p.m PT
May 15	OKC Energy FC	7:30 p.m PT
May 22	@ Timbers 2	7:00 p.m PT
May 30	@ OC Blues FC	7:00 p.m PT
June 5	Tulsa Roughnecks FC	7:30 p.m PT
June 11	LA Galaxy II	7:30 p.m PT
June 20	@ Arizona United SC	6:30 p.m PT
June 25	Real Monarchs SLC	7:30 p.m PT
June 29	@ Timbers 2	7:00 p.m PT
July 4	@ Whitecaps FC 2	3:00 p.m PT
July 12	Arizona United SC	5:00 p.m PT
July 18	@ Colorado Springs FC	6:00 p.m PT
July 24	Timbers 2	7:30 p.m PT
August 1	@ Sacramento Republic FC	8:00 p.m PT
August 8	Whitecaps FC 2	7:30 p.m PT
August 19	Colorado Springs FC	7:30 p.m PT
August 23	@ LA Galaxy II	TBA
August 28	@ Real Monarchs SLC	6:00 p.m PT
September 5	@ Austin Aztex	7:30 p.m PT
September 11	OC Blues FC	7:30 p.m PT
September 17	Austin Aztex	7:30 p.m PT



SOUNDERS FC 2 WEEKLY NOTES

NEW BEGINNINGS

It is the very first game in S2's history, meaning that although players have been together for a short amount of time, they are coming out to prove a point.

With many in attendance, players who are loaned down from the First Team will hope to make an impression with the coaching staff about why they deserve a spot in the 18. At the same time, S2-contracted players are looking to build a name for themselves within the ranks of the Sounders organization. Expect a high-tempo, passionately fought match.

S2 will want to come out strong, hoping to make a statement in its first-ever game, while Sacramento looks to continue the momentum it carries from winning the league in 2014.

FAMILIAR FACES

Within the S2 roster tonight, many players will be recognizable to fans, even if they haven't been following the new club during the off-season.

Joining the S2 roster tonight are a number of First Team players on loan for the inaugural match. Throughout the season, players from the First Team will join S2 as they continue to develop within the organization. This gives players a chance to stay fit, train with players they will play with in years to come, as well as gain valuable, competitive minutes in a professional environment.

Coached by another familiar face in Ezra Hendrickson, a former Sounders FC Assistant Coach, the players will be closely watched by Sigi Schmid, Garth Lagerwey and the rest of the First Team technical staff.

HEAD COACH EZRA HENDRICKSON

During the off-season, Sounders FC appointed former Sounders FC Assistant Coach Ezra Hendrickson as the new Head Coach of Sounders FC 2. Hendrickson had spent the last six seasons also serving as the Sounders FC Reserve League Head Coach following a 14-year professional playing career.

"After six years of experience with the organization, Ezra has earned the respect of the players and has gotten to know our Academy very well," said S2 General Manager Andrew Opatkiewicz. "His years with the First Team will prove to be a huge asset as we look to develop a team that gives players valuable minutes in a professional environment."

Hendrickson was announced as a Sounders FC Assistant Coach on January 20, 2009, after a 14-year professional career, including 12 seasons in Major League Soccer. As a player, he spent parts of eight seasons alongside Sounders FC Head Coach Sigi Schmid, including three campaigns with the Columbus Crew prior to his retirement. He was a member of three MLS Cup championship teams, winning two with Schmid.

"This a great opportunity for Ezra and allows for good continuity in preparation for the S2 players, the First









Team and Seattle Sounders FC overall," said Sounders FC Head Coach Sigi Schmid. "Ezra knows what we're looking for, knows what it takes to play at this level, and he provides a great bridge from S2 to the Sounders FC First Team."

In four seasons as Sounders FC Reserve League Head Coach, Hendrickson led the Rave Green to a 19-13-7 record from 2011-14, including an 8-1-1 record and West Division championship in 2011. This season, the Seattle Reserves finished 3-1-3 and went unbeaten (1-0-3) against MLS Reserve opponents.

An NCAA All-American and business administration major at Drake University in Iowa, Hendrickson first played professionally with New Orleans of the USISL Select League (1995-96). A native of the island of St. Vincent in the Caribbean, Hendrickson earned his first international cap in 1995 and served 12 years as captain of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines national team.

The Layou, St. Vincent native earned his U.S. Soccer A Coaching License in December of 2008. He is a resident of Layou, St. Vincent, and has two daughters, Xavia and McKenzie.

SOUNDERS FC / S2 ROSTER

#	NAME	Position	Height	Weight	Age
1	Troy Perkins	GK	6-2	190	33
2	Clint Dempsey	F	6-1	170	32
3	Brad Evans	D/M	6-1	170	24
4	Tyrone Mears	D	5-11	163	32
5	Andy Rose	M	6-2	170	25
6	Osvaldo Alonso	M	5-11	150	29
7	Cristian Roldan	M	5-8	165	19
8	Gonzalo Pineda	M	5-10	166	32
9	Obafemi Martins	F	5-7	154	30
10	Marco Pappa	M	5-10	155	27
11	Aaron Kovar	M	5-10	155	21
12	Leonardo Gonzalez	D	6-1	174	34
13	Andrés Correa	D	5-10	175	21
14	Chad Marshall	D	6-4	190	30
15	Dylan Remick	D	6-0	165	23
17	Darwin Jones	F	5-10	175	22
19	Chad Barrett	F	5-11	185	29
20	Zach Scott	D	5-11	175	34
21	Jimmy Ockford	D	6-1	185	22
22	Charlie Lyon	GK	6-2	215	22
24	Stefan Frei	GK	6-3	195	28
 25	Aaron Long	D	6-1	173	22
27	Lamar Neagle	M/F	5-11	165	27
 30	Amadou Sanyang	M	6-0	155	23
31	Damion Lowe	D	6-3	175	21
 32	Duncan McCormick	M	5-11	160	19
33	Kenny Cooper	F	6-3	210	30
42	Micheal Azira	D	5-10	160	27
 44	Nick Miele	D	6-4	190	22
45	Giuliano Frano	M	5-11	163	21
 49	Saif Kerawala*	GK	6-3	173	17
 55	Pablo Rossi	M	5-11	150	29
66	Qudus Lawal	F	5-10	170	19
80	Victor Mansaray	F	5-11	180	18
 88	Sam Garza	F	5-11	160	25
91	Oniel Fisher	D/F	5-9	155	23
 99	Andy Craven	F	5-11	167	23

*Denotes amateur player

SACRAMENTO REPUBLIC FC ROSTER

#	NAME	Position	Height	Weight	Age
1	Dominik Jakubek	GK	6-1	195	35
2	Derek Foran	D	6-1	190	25
3	David Estrada	F	5-8	155	27
4	Matthias Bonvehi	D	5-9	150	25
6	Agustin Cazarez	M	5-7	145	25
7	Gilberto	M	6-1	172	26
8	Rodrigo Lopez	M	5-7	152	27
9	Gabe Gissie	F	6-0	172	18
10	Thomas Stewart	F	5-11	175	28
11	Max Alvarez	M	5-10	160	23
12	Nemanja Vuković	D	6-3	180	30
13	Adnan Gabeljic	F	6-3	197	22
16	Zev Taublieb	M	5-6	140	21
17	Justin Braun	F	6-2	195	27
18	Ivan Mirković	M	5-6	150	27
19	Octavio Guzman	M	5-10	175	24
20	James Kiffe	D	5-11	180	26
21	Mickey Daly	D	6-1	180	27
22	Gabe Gonzalez	M	6-4	205	27
23	Emrah Klimenta	D	6-1	180	24
24	Patrick McLain	GK	6-3	205	26
25	Joaquin Rivas	F	5-11	172	22
26	Alfonso Motagalvan	M	5-10	170	28
99	Bilal Duckett	D	6-3	180	26