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'WE CAN'T PLAY WITH FEAR'; LOUCITY READIES FOR LYNN FAMILY STADIUM ENCORE

By Ysabella Leon

As Louisville City FC prepares to take to its home pitch again at 8 p.m. Saturday, coach and sporting director John Hackworth continues to reflect on lessons learned from last weekend's defeat.

The boys in purple allowed three unanswered goals in a 3-1 loss to Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC in Lynn Family Stadium's inaugural game, making for a rocky restart to the USL Championship season.

"What we took away from it is that we can't play with fear," Hackworth said. "We were tight, we were nervousa, and that showed. Pittsburgh presented us with problems, and we didn't go through the normal things that we go through to solve those problems."

But, Hackworth added, "This is a group that's always had a good response when we do have a setback, and that's the expectation for us."

LouCity hosts a familiar rival in Saint Louis FC, which has a new look under first-year coach Steve Trittschuh. Saint Louis also lost its first game back from the COVID-19 pandemic, dropping a 2-0 away decision to Indy Eleven.

"We're very anxious about setting this right and showing our fans that we are much better team than what we showed this past Sunday," Hackworth said.

Hackworth spoke of LouCity fine-tuning its mental game and fixing simple mistakes from the loss. Twice in the second half's first five minutes, for example, the boys in purple turned the ball over in their own half leading to opposing goals.

"It's like a fumble on the 2-yard line," Hackworth said. "You do not do that. It's bad tactics."

LouCity won't change how it plays but rather reinforce its philosophies.

"It's just the style that we believe in," the coach said.
"You watch other teams and they won't even try to
play out of the back. We try to play out of the back.
We do it so that we bring the opposition to us to
create space to play in behind them."

Third-year defender Alexis Souahy, who was part of that back line last weekend, says he and his teammates are ready to apply what they've learned against Saint Louis FC.

"I think the biggest thing for us was reviewing the game with the details and see what we did wrong and what was not right, and how to correct that — always having that problem-solving mindset," Souahy said. "Obviously we don't like losing games. We're a championship team...

"The game is behind us, and now we are just looking forward to the next game and making sure we do the right things."

Saturday's game is the first of four this season — two at home, two away — against Saint Louis FC. That's because LouCity's Kings' Cup rival is also part of the USL Championship's "Group E" along with Indy and Sporting KC II.

Hackworth has described occasions such as Saturday's as "mini-playoff" contests.

"These games, because of the aspect of only the top two advances (to the playoffs), are like six-point games," Hackworth said. "Especially coming off of Sunday, where we don't have the kind of result that we want...both teams, having lost on the weekend, are coming into a position playing their first divisional opponent. This game has added importance because of that."

TEAM ROSTERS





1	CHRIS HUBBARD	GK	1	KYLE MORTON	GK
3	ALEXIS SOUAHY	D	2	PARIS GEE	D
4	SEAN TOTSCH	D	3	PHANUEL KAVITA	D
5	JIMMY OCKFORD	D	4	SAM FINK	D
6	WES CHARPIE	D	5	WAL FALL	MF
7	MAGNUS RASMUSSEN	MF	6	DANIEL FISCHER	D
8	AKIL WATTS	D	7	TODD WHARTON	MF
9	LUKE SPENCER	F	8	GUY ABEND	MF
10	BRIAN OWNBY	F	9	RUSSELL CICERONE	MF
11	NIALL MCCABE	MF	10	MOUR SAMB	F
13	CORBEN BONE	MF	11	JOAQUIN RIVAS	MF
14	ABDOU THIAM	F	13	KADEEM DACRES	MF
15	PAT MCMAHON	D	14	TYLER BLACKWOOD	F
17	CAMERON LANCASTER	F	17	OSCAR UMAR	MF
19	OSCAR JIMENEZ	D	18	JOHN BERNER	GK
22	GEORGE DAVIS IV	F	21	TOBI ADEWOLE	D
27	NAPO MATSOSO	MF	22	KYLE GREIG	F
29	ANTOINE HOPPENOT	MF	23	RICHARD BRYAN	D
36	PAOLO DELPICCOLO	MF	28	JEREMY GAGNON-LAPARÉ	D
39	BEN LUNDT	GK	29	NICHI VLASTOS	MF
42	JONATHAN GOMEZ	D			
45	DAMIR BEGANOVIC	MF			
61	ELIJAH WYNDER	MF			

80 DEVON "SPEEDY" WILLIAMS MF

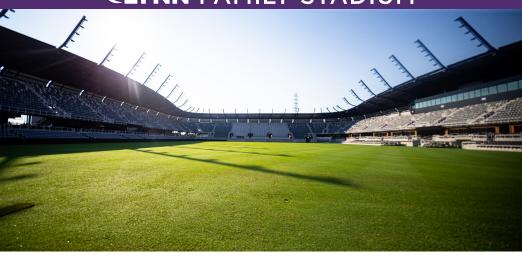
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HEAD COACH | JOHN HACKWORTH HEAD COACH | STEVE TRITTSCHUH



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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	2	2	0	0	6	2	4	6
SAINT LOUIS FC	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	3
LOUISVILLE CITY FC	2	1	1	0	2	3	-1	3
SPORTING KANSAS CITY II	1	0	1	0	1	2	-1	0

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

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

GROUP H	GP	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
CHARLESTON BATTERY	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	3
ATLANTA UNITED 2	2	0	2	Ο	0	2	-2	0
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**

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 24 GS - 2,220 MIN | 78 SV | 29 GA | 5 CS **LAST MATCH:** vs SLC | 90 MIN | 3 GA | 2 SV

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D ALEXIS SOUAHY

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 19 GS - 1,614 MIN | 1 G | 2 A | 2 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 90 MIN | 79.5% PA | 1 FOUL | 1 CL



D SEAN TOTSCH

2019 SEASON: 33 GP | 26 GS - 2,365 MIN | 1 G | 1 A | 88 CL | 2 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs SLC | 70 MIN | 84.7% PA | 1 FOUL



D JIMMY OCKFORD

2019 SEASON: 16 GP | 16 GS - 1,422 MIN | 2 G | 66 CL | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 55 MIN | 82.7% PA | 2 FOULS | 1 CL



WES CHARPIE

2019 SEASON: 28 GP | 28 GS - 2,392 MIN | 1 A | 63 CL | 8 YC **LAST MATCH:** @ NC | 90 MIN | 79.5% PA | 9 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



D **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



F LUKE SPENCER

#9

2019 SEASON: 35 GP | 20 GS - 2,004 MIN | 10 G | 4 A | 2 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 35 MIN (SUB) | 80% PA | 10 TOUCHES



F BRIAN OWNBY

#10

2019 SEASON: 24 GP | 20 GS - 1,849 MIN | 2 G | 5 A | 4 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 84 MIN | 84.2% PA | 3 SH | 1 CL



MF NIALL McCABE

#11

2019 SEASON: 33 GP | 32 GS - 2,924 MIN | 3 G | 6 A | 2 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 26 MIN (SUB) | 77.8% PA | 24 TOUCHES



MF CORBEN BONE

2019 SEASON: GP 6 | GS 2 - 186 MIN

LAST MATCH: vs PIT | 64 MIN | 64.7% PA | 1 A | 26 TOUCHES



ABDOU THIAM

#14

#13

2019 SEASON: 26 GP | 12 GS - 1,236 MIN | 3 G | 4 A | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 64 MIN | 1 SH | 55.6% PA | 33 TOUCHES



D PAT McMAHON

#15

2019 SEASON: 17 GP | 10 GS - 1,141 MIN | 1 G | 2 A | 30 CL | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** @ NC | 90 MIN | 84.1% PA | 3 CL



CAMERON LANCASTER

#17

2019 SEASON: 18 GP | 7 GS - 730 MIN | 5 G | 1 A **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 90 MIN | 3 SH | 77.8% PA | 1 FOUL



D OSCAR JIMENEZ

#19

2019 SEASON: 37 GP | 37 GS - 3,341 MIN | 1 G | 7 A | 59 CL | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 90 MIN | 86.5% PA | 107 TOUCHES | 74 P



F GEORGE DAVIS IV

#22

2019 SEASON: 32 GP | 12 GS - 1,215 MIN | 3 G | 2 A | 1 YC **LAST MATCH:** @ SLC | 2 MIN (SUB) | 100% PA



MF NAPO MATSOSO

#27

2019 SEASON: 23 GP | 20 GS - 1,701 MIN | 5 G | 1 A | 4 YC | 1 RC **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 35 MIN (SUB) | 95.8% PA | 2 FOULS



ANTOINE HOPPENOT

#29

2019 SEASON: 30 GP | 20 GS - 1,978 MIN | 5 G | 2 A | 4 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs PIT | 26 MIN (SUB) | 10 TOUCHES | 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 PIT | 90 MIN | 1 SV | 3 GA



JONATHAN GOMEZ

2019 SEASON: N/A

LAST MATCH: vs PIT | 6 MIN | 100% PA | 8 TOUCHCES



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 PIT | 90 MIN | 89% PA | 1 G | 2 SH | 1 KP



GK **MUAMER UGARAK**

2019 SEASON: N/A

#91

#80

#42

#45

#61



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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	8:00 PM
7.25	SPORTING KC II	8:00 PM
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
	@ SAINT LOUIS FC	8:00 PM 8:00 PM
8.29 9.5	@ SAINT LOUIS FC	8:00 PM
8.29 9.5	@ SAINT LOUIS FC @ INDY ELEVEN	8:00 PM 7:00 PM
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