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## **PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC (11-4-1)** AT LOUISVILLE CITY FC (11-3-2)

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020 >> 7:30 p.m. ET >> Lynn Family Stadium >> Louisville, KY

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#### PITTSBURGH LOUISVILLE

11-4-1 2nd 4-1-0 W1 Bob Lilley @RiverhoundsSC	Regular Season Record Group Standing Last Five Streak Head Coach Twitter Handles	11-3-2 15-0-( We John Hackworth @loucityfe
All-Time Head-to-		4.4
Referee		
		TBD
Assistants		TBC
Fourth Official		
Unavailable for S		TBD
	election	Xhelil Asan

#### STAT COMPARISON

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Hounds	Category	Louisville
2.44	Scoring Average	1.75
0.63	Opponent Scoring Average	0.75
39	Goals Scored	28
10	Goals Allowed	12
+29	Goal Differential	+16
23	Assists	22
10.75	Shots/Game	15.25
4.88	SOG/Game	4.88
28	Yellow Cards	23
0	Red Cards	0

#### **TEAM LEADERS**

Hounds	Category	Louisville
Ropapa Mensah, 6	Goals	Cameron Lancaster, 10
Kenardo Forbes, 8	Assists	Antoine Hoppenot, 6
Two tied, 14	Points	Cameron Lancaster, 22
Ropapa Mensah, 27	Shots	Cameron Lancaster, 52
Thomas Vancaeyezeele, 1,44	40 Minutes	Devon Williams, 1,422
Two tied, 4	Yellow Cards	Sean Totsch, 6
-	Red Cards	-
Danny Vitiello, 0.50	GAA*	Benjamin Lundt, 0.73
Danny Vitiello, .778	SV%*	Benjamin Lundt, .744

#### **EASTERN CONFERENCE QUARTERS**

- Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC will open the 2020 USL Championship Playoffs with an away match against Louisville City FC in the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals. Riverhounds SC finished second in Group F whereas Louisville won Group E this past regular season.
- Pittsburgh and Louisville met once this regular season, which resulted in a 3-1 come-from-behind win for the Hounds. The Black and Gold scored three straight goals, coming from Jordan Dover (45'), Robbie Mertz (46') and Anthony Velarde (51'). Devon Williams (18') scored Louisville's goal. This was the inaugural match at Lynn Family Stadium.
- This Saturday's game will mark a rematch of their 2019 Eastern Conference Semifinals showdown. Louisville won this game, 2-1, in extra time on Nov. 2 at Highmark Stadium. Pittsburgh jumped out to an early lead with a goal from Thomas Vancaeyezeele in the 11th minute, but Louisville came back with goals from Luke Spencer (51') and Paolo DelPiccolo (118')
- Pittsburgh has a 4-6-4 all-time record against Louisville, including a 4-1-1 mark in away matches.
- In club history, the Hounds hold an 8-12 record in playoff matches. This includes a 3-9 mark in away playoff matches. Pittsburgh has not won a road playoff game since 2004, when it defeated the Harrisburg City Islanders, 4-0, in the quarterfinals.
- The Hounds are 1-2 in postseason matches under head coach Bob Lilley. Both losses came during either extra time or penalties.
- This regular season, Pittsburgh set club records with 2.44 goals scored per game and 0.63 goals allowed per game.
- Defender Thomas Vancaeyezeele has played every minute this season for the Hounds.
- In 92 all-competition matches under head coach Bob Lilley, the Hounds have allowed just 0.82 goals per game.

#### **REGULAR SEASON RESULTS**

Home: 5-2-1 • Away: 6-2-0 • Group Play: 10-2-0

AUG Sat.	UST 1	Philadelphia Union II New York Red Bulls II	WPNT	W, 4-0 W. 4-1
Sun.	12	@Louisville City FC	ESPN2	W, 3-1
Sat.	18	@Philadelphia Union II	WPNT	W, 6-0
Wed.	<b>22</b>	Indy Eleven	ESPN2	<b>L, 0-1</b>
Sun.	26	@New York Red Bulls II	WPNT	L, 1-2

Sat.	8	New York Red Bulls II	WPNT	W, 4-1
Sat.	15	@Indy Eleven	WPNT	L, 0-1
Wed.	19	@Loudoun United FC	ESPN+	W, 2-0
Sat.	22	Saint Louis FC	WPNT	T, 2-2
Fri.	28	@Hartford Athletic	ESPN+	W, 3-0
SEP.	ТЕМВ	ER		
SEP'	TEMB	ER Loudoun United FC	ESPN+	W, 3-0
			ESPN+ WPNT	<b>W, 3-0</b> W, 3-0
Tue.	1	Loudoun United FC		
Tue. Sat.	<b>1</b> 5	Loudoun United FC @New York Red Bulls II	WPNT	W, 3-0

Philadelphia Union II

WPNT

W. 2-1

#### **CLUB NOTABLES**

Most Appearances	David Flavius (183)
All-Time Goals Leader	David Flavius (58)
All-Time Assists Leader	Kevin Kerr (27)
All-Time Record at Highmark Stadium	57-37-35

#### **SUPERLATIVES Opponent High Opponent Low** Category **Points** 5 (at New York 7/26) 0 (eight times) Goals 2 (two times) 0 (eight times)

6 (at Philadelphia 7/18)	0 (five times)	Assists	1 (four times)	0 (12 times)
20 (two times)	6 (two times)	Shots	17 (vs. Saint Louis 8/22)	1 (vs. Hartford 9/12)
11 (at Philadelphia 7/18)	1 (two times)	SOG	7 (vs. Saint Louis 8/22)	0 (vs. Hartford 9/12)
5 (vs. Saint Louis 8/22)	0 (vs. Hartford 9/12)	Saves	6 (vs. Philadelphia 10/3)	0 (vs. Hartford 9/12)
22 (vs. Indy 7/22)	7 (two times)	Fouls	19 (two times)	6 (three times)
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#### Last Game Summary

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### Riverhounds SC 2, Philadelphia Union II 1

Game 16 · Highmark Stadium · Oct. 3, 2020

Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (11-4-1) defeated Philadelphia Union II (2-11-3), 2-1, tonight at Highmark Stadium. Ray Lee got the Hounds on the board first in the 15th minute. Then, in the 61st minute, Jack McGlynn converted a penalty kick for Philadelphia to tie the game. A late goal from Albert Dikwa in the 90'+2 put the Hounds ahead for good.

**TEAM** 

**Hounds High** 

18 (at Philadelphia 7/18)

6 (at Philadelphia 7/18)

#### 2020 USL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS

**Hounds Low** 

0 (three times)

0 (three times)

Round/Opponent	W/L	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG	POSS	PA%	CK	OFF	FC	PK	PKG	YC	RC	OG	<u>S</u>
Eastern Conference Quarte	erfinals																
HOUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
@Louisville		-	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-

## **QUICK FACTS**

#### General Information

Name: Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC City/Zip: Pittsburgh, PA 15219 Founded: March 11, 1998 Nickname: Hounds

Colors: Black & Gold

Conference: USL Championship Eastern Conference

Venue: Highmark Stadium Capacity: 5,000 Owner: Tuffy Shallenberger

Website: www.riverhounds.com

## **RECORD WHEN...**

At home	5_2_1
On road	
In games decided by one goal	
In games decided by two goals or more	
vs. clubs with winning records	
vs. clubs with losing records	
vs. clubs with .500 records	1-0-0
Scoring first	10-1-1
Leading at half	9-0-1
Trailing at half	0-2-0
Tied at half	
Leading with 10:00 remaining	9-0-0
Trailing with 10:00 remaining	
Tied with 10:00 remaining	2-2-1
Leading with 5:00 remaining	
Trailing with 5:00 remaining	0-2-0
Tied with 5:00 remaining	
Outshooting opponent	
Being outshot by opponent	
Tying in shots with opponent	0-0-0
Scoring no goals	
Scoring one goal	
Scoring two goals	
Scoring three goals	
Scoring four or more goals	
Allowing no goals	
Allowing one goal	
Allowing two goals	
Allowing three goals	0-0-0
Allowing four or more goals	0-0-0
On weekdays	3-1-0
On weekends	8-3-1
In July	2-2-0
In August	4-1-1
In September	4-1-0
In October	1-0-0
Miscellaneous	
Current Streak	W1
Home Streak	
Road Streak	W4
Consecutive games with a goal	1
Consecutive games allowing one goal or less	

#### **ACTIVE ROSTER**

#### Roster Size: 24 • Returners: 9 • Newcomers: 15

#### **NUMERICAL**

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Hometown (Previous Club)
1	Danny Vitiello	GK	6-2	185	24	Massapequa, N.Y. (Nashville SC)
2	Mark Lindstrom*	D	6-3	200	24	Gavle, Gastrikland, Sweden (UNCW)
3	Ropapa Mensah	F	6-0	170	23	Accra, Ghana (Nashville SC)
4	Dani Rovira	М	5-9	145	23	Bogota, Colombia (University of Vermont)
5	Jordan Dover	D	5-8	150	25	Ajax, Ontario, Canada (Rochester Rhinos)
6	Xhelil Asani	D	6-1	165	25	Kičevo, North Macedonia (SKA Khabarovsk)
7	Ryan James	D	5-8	155	26	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada (Nashville SC)
8	Dakota Barnathan	M	6-2	165	25	Massapequa, N.Y. (Ottawa Fury FC)
9	Albert Dikwa	F	5-11	161	22	Garoua, Cameroon (Saint Louis FC)
10	Steevan Dos Santos	F	6-4	208	31	Mindelo, Cape Verde (Ottawa Fury FC)
11	Kenardo Forbes	M	5-10	165	32	Kingston, Jamaica (Rochester Rhinos)
12	Danny Griffin*	M	5-9	165	22	Wethersfield, Conn. (Providence College)
14	Robbie Mertz	M	5-7	150	23	Pittsburgh, Pa. (University of Michigan)
<u>15</u>	Anthony Velarde	M	5-7	160	24	Reedley, Calif. (Fresno Pacific University)
16	Mark Forrest	F	6-3	195	23	Douglassville, Pa. (Lehigh University)
17	Thomas Vancaeyezeele	D	5-11	180	26	Caen, France (University of Charleston)
18	Tomas Gomez	GK	6-1	196	27	Webster Groves, Mo. (Saint Louis FC)
20	Tony Walls	D	5-11	185	30	Wauwatosa, Wis. (Chattanooga Red Wolves SC)
21	Patrick Bunk-Andersen	D	6-2	172	25	Hvidovre, Denmark (Toronto FC II)
22	Hunter Ashworth*	D	6-5	180	22	Laguna Beach, Calif. (UCSB)
23	Ray Lee	D	5-11	176	27	Kansas City, Mo. (Chattanooga FC)
24	Anthony Mwembia*	GK	6-2	191	24	Toulouse, France (Bowling Green State University)
33	Lukas Fernandes*	F	5-10	165	22	Rochester, N.Y. (Temple University)
34	Skylar Thomas	D	6-4	198	27	Scarborough, Ontario, Canada (Valour FC)

#### **ALPHABETICAL**

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Hometown (Previous Club)
6	Xhelil Asani	D	6-1	165	25	Kičevo, North Macedonia (SKA Khabarovsk)
22	Hunter Ashworth*	D	6-5	180	22	Laguna Beach, Calif. (UCSB)
8	Dakota Barnathan	M	6-2	165	25	Massapequa, N.Y. (Ottawa Fury FC)
21	Patrick Bunk-Andersen	D	6-2	172	25	Hvidovre, Denmark (Toronto FC II)
9	Albert Dikwa	F	5-11	161	22	Garoua, Cameroon (Saint Louis FC)
10	Steevan Dos Santos	F	6-4	208	31	Mindelo, Cape Verde (Ottawa Fury FC)
5	Jordan Dover	D	5-8	150	25	Ajax, Ontario, Canada (Rochester Rhinos)
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#### **TECHNICAL STAFF**

Head Coach: Bob Lilley Assistant Coach: Dan Visser
Goalkeeping Coach: Michael Behonick

#### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

XHELIL ASANI	JA-LEEL A-SAAN-EE
Dakota BARNATHAN	BAR-NUH-THUN
Albert DIKWA	DEEK-WA
TOMAS GOMEZ	TOE-MAS GO-MEZ
ROPAPA MENSAH	ROH-PAH-PUH MEN-SUH
Anthony MWEMBIA	MWEM-BEE-A
Thomas VANCAEYEZEELE	VAN-KAY-YAH-ZEEL
Anthony VELARDE	VEY-LAR-DEH
Danny VITIELLO	VIT-EE-EL-OH

\* Rookie

# **INDIVIDUAL STATS**

### REGULAR SEASON PLAYER STATISTICS

IND	IVIDUAL														
<u>No.</u>	Name	GP	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG	FC	T	CL	PK	PKG	YC	RC
2	Mark Lindstrom	9	332	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	11	0	0	2	0
3	Ropapa Mensah	16	1,072	6	2	14	27	15	30	8	7	0	0	1	0
4	Dani Rovira	10	380	0	1	1	0	0	5	11	4	0	0	0	0
5	Jordan Dover	15	1,240	1	1	3	7	3	23	25	13	0	0	2	0
6	Xhelil Asani	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Ryan James	16	1,355	5	0	10	7	6	12	32	17	0	0	0	0
8	Dakota Barnathan	8	196	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	3	0	0	2	0
9	Albert Dikwa	6	245	3	0	6	15	7	7	1	0	0	0	1	0
10	Steevan Dos Santos	14	879	5	1	11	19	11	20	12	7	0	0	4	0
11	Kenardo Forbes	12	906	0	8	8	9	3	6	23	9	0	0	0	0
12	Danny Griffin	16	1,208	2	2	6	5	3	14	18	6	0	0	1	0
14	Robbie Mertz	16	1,391	5	4	14	12	8	16	27	3	2	1	2	0
15	Anthony Velarde	15	629	5	2	12	7	5	18	5	0	2	2	2	0
16	Mark Forrest	11	257	1	0	2	4	3	4	7	1	1	1	0	0
17	Thomas Vancaeyezeele	16	1,440	1	0	2	7	4	15	28	34	0	0	3	0
20	Tony Walls	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
21	Patrick Bunk-Andersen	7	396	0	0	0	2	1	1	6	5	0	0	0	0
22	Hunter Ashworth	4	253	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	8	0	0	1	0
23	Ray Lee	9	688	1	2	4	2	1	4	12	11	0	0	1	0
33	Lukas Fernandes	12	278	2	0	4	6	5	2	5	2	0	0	0	0
34	Skylar Thomas	16	1,254	1	0	2	10	3	28	24	53	0	0	4	0
GOA	ALKEEPERS														
No.		GP		MIN		GA		SV			CS		SV%		GAA
1	Danny Vitiello	8		720		4		14			5		.778		0.50

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### REGULAR SEASON LEAGUE HONORS

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720

### USL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK (by last name)

Jordan Dover (Week 3) Kenardo Forbes (Week 4, Week 6)

Danny Griffin (Week 4)

Tomas Gomez

Anthony Mwembia

Ryan James (Week 10, Week 12)

Robbie Mertz (Week 3, Week 7, Week 11)

Danny Vitiello (Week 9)

#### USL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER OF THE WEEK (by last name)

Ryan James (Week 10)

## \*PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC \*

# **TEAM STATS AND BRACKET**

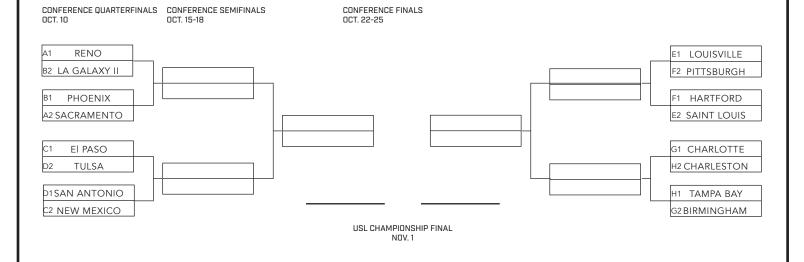
Opponent	W/L/T	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG	POSS	PA%	CK	OFF	FC	PK	PKG	YC	RC	OG	
HOUNDS	W	3	3	9	6	4	34.6	68.0	9	2	17	0	0	2	0	0	
@Louisville		11	1	3	11	3	65.4	81.9	4	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	
HOUNDS	W	6	6	18	15	11	63.3	77.3	7	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	
@Philadelphia		0	0	0	4	1	36.7	60.6	0	11	6	0	0	11	0	0	
@HOUNDS	L	0	0	0	9	1	53.7	72.1	6	3	22	0	0	5	0	0	
Indy		1	0	2	7	3	46.3	66.2	3	2	11	0	0	2	0	0	_
HOUNDS	L	1	1	3	8	2	47.2	66.6	2	2	17	0	0	3	0	0	
@New York		2	11	5	9	4	52.8	65.8	1	2	19	11	11	3	0	0	
@HOUNDS	W	4	3	11	8	5	62.0	78.6	7	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	
Philadelphia		0	0	0	9	3	38.0	67.9	3	0	17	0	0	3	0	0	
@HOUNDS	W	4	1	9	20	8	49.4	63.5	5	1	20	1	1	2	0	0	
New York		1	1	3	9	2	50.6	65.5	2	0	15	0	0	1	0	0	
HOUNDS	L	0	0	0	7	4	55.8	81.0	5	1	17	1	0	2	0	0	
@Indy		111	11	3	4	2	44.2	75.6	2	4	12	0	0	3	11	0	
HOUNDS	W	2	2	6	6	3	52.9	81.6	2	2	10	0	0	2	0	0	
@Loudoun		0	0	0	10	3	47.1	80.9	6	11	12	0	0	2	11	0	
@HOUNDS	Т	2	0	4	10	6	40.5	71.3	2	1	13	0	0	2	0	0	
Saint Louis		2	0	4	17	7	59.5	78.4	3	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	_
HOUNDS	W	3	2	8	9	4	57.1	84.8	1	2	7	0	0	1	0	0	
@Hartford		0	0	0	10	4	42.9	79.2	6	0	15	0	0	11	0	0	
@HOUNDS	W	3	0	6	14	8	45.6	75.4	7	3	15	2	2	1	0	0	
Loudoun		0	0	0	10	4	54.4	82.2	3	2	6	11	0	3	0	0	
HOUNDS	W	3	1	5	7	4	43.8	60.0	3	2	16	0	0	2	0	0	
@New York		0	0	0	6	1	56.2	67.3	4	2	19	0	0	4	0	11	
@HOUNDS	W	5	1	11	10	5	58.9	41.1	7	1	11	1	1	0	0	0	
Hartford		0	0	0	11	0	84.6	76.0	11	11	10	0	0	4	0	0	
HOUNDS	W	1	1	3	10	4	48.8	78.4	1	7	18	0	0	2	0	0	
@Loudoun		0	0	0	6	2	51.2	75.8	11	0	10	0	0	1	1	0	
@HOUNDS	L	0	0	0	13	1	74.0	82.0	8	2	9	0	0	1	0	0	
Hartford		1	0	2	3	2	26.0	49.3	3	2	18	1	0	5	1	0	_
@HOUNDS	W	2	2	6	20	8	60.9	79.4	5	7	14	0	0	3	0	0	
Philadelphia		1	0	2	9	2	39.1	65.3	5	1	10	11	1	2	0	0	

### TEAM STATISTICS

	G	Α	SH*	SOG	CK	OFF	FC	YC	RC	PK	PKG	OG	GA	SV	POS%
TOTAL:	39	23	172	78	72	43	222	28	0	5	4	0	10	32	-
AVG:	2.44	1.44	10.75	4.88	4.50	2.69	13.88	1.75	0.00	0.31	0.25	0.00	0.63	2.00	53.0

<sup>\*</sup>Includes blocked shots

#### **USL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS BRACKET**



## MATCH-BY-MATCH LINEUPS

July 12: @Louisville City FC (W, 3-1)

Tomas Gomez

Dani Rovira (Dakota Barnathan 63')

Hunter Ashworth (Danny Griffin 67') Thomas Vancaeyezeele

Skylar Thomas Jordan Dover Rvan James Kenardo Forbes

Robbie Mertz Anthony Velarde (Lukas Fernandes 90'+5) Ropapa Mensah (Mark Forrest 67')

Aug. 8: vs. New York Red Bulls II (W, 4-1) Aug. 15: @Indy Eleven (L, 0-1)

Tomas Gomez Ryan James

Ray Lee (Hunter Ashworth 84') Thomas Vancaeyezeele

Skylar Thomas Jordan Dover

Kenardo Forbes (Dakota Barnathan 84') Danny Griffin (Anthony Velarde 78') Robbie Mertz (Lukas Fernandes 84')

Steevan Dos Santos Ropapa Mensah (Dani Rovira 78')

Sept. 1: vs. Loudoun United FC (W, 3-0)

Danny Vitiello Ryan James

Thomas Vancaevezeele

Mark Lindstrom (Skylar Thomas 64')

Jordan Dover Danny Griffin

Robbie Mertz (Dakota Barnathan 89') Anthony Velarde (Steevan Dos Santos 64') Lukas Fernandes (P. Bunk-Andersen 65')

Ropapa Mensah (Albert Dikwa 45') Mark Forrest

Oct. 3: vs. Philadelphia Union II (W, 2-1)

Danny Vitiello

Ray Lee (Anthony Velarde 69') Patrick Bunk-Andersen

Thomas Vancaeyezeele Skylar Thomas

Rvan James

Danny Griffin

Kenardo Forbes Robbie Mertz (Mark Lindstrom 90'+5)

Steevan Dos Santos

Ropapa Mensah (Albert Dikwa 69')

July 18: @Philadelphia Union II (W, 6-0) July 22: vs. Indy Eleven (L, 0-1)

Tomas Gomez Ryan James Hunter Ashworth Thomas Vancaeyezeele

Tomas Gomez

Kenardo Forbes

Steevan Dos Santos

Thomas Vancaeyezeele

Danny Griffin

Robbie Mertz

Danny Vitiello

Skylar Thomas

Jordan Dover

Ryan James

Ray Lee

Ryan James

Skylar Thomas Jordan Dover (Dani Rovira 72')

Robbie Mertz (Steevan Dos Santos 81') Kenardo Forbes

Ray Lee (Anthony Velarde 71')

Skylar Thomas (Mark Lindstrom 73')

Jordan Dover (Lukas Fernandes 88')

Ropapa Mensah (Mark Forrest 87')

Mark Lindstrom (P. Bunk-Andersen 61')

Danny Griffin (Lukas Fernandes 87')

Ropapa Mensah (Albert Dikwa 62')

Steevan Dos Santos (A. Velarde 66')

Robbie Mertz (Dani Rovira 87')

Thomas Vancaeyezeele

Danny Griffin (Dakota Barnathan 72') Anthony Velarde (Lukas Fernandes 63') Ropapa Mensah (Mark Forrest 64')

Mark Forrest (Steevan Dos Santos 68') Ropapa Mensah (Anthony Velarde 88') Aug. 19: @Loudoun United FC (W, 2-0) Aug. 22: vs. Saint Louis FC (T, 2-2)

Danny Griffin (Lukas Fernandes 68')

Danny Vitiello

Tomas Gomez

Skylar Thomas

Jordan Dover

Robbie Mertz

Kenardo Forbes

Thomas Vancaeyezeele

Dani Rovira

Rvan James

Ryan James

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Kenardo Forbes Robbie Mertz

Anthony Velarde (Ropapa Mensah 86')

Steevan Dos Santos

Lukas Fernandes (Mark Forrest 86')

Sept. 5: @New York Red Bulls II (W, 3-0) Sept. 12: vs. Hartford Athletic (W, 5-0) Sept. 19: @Loudoun United FC (W, 1-0) Sept. 26: vs. Hartford Athletic (L, 0-1)

Danny Vitiello Ray Lee

Patrick Bunk-Andersen Thomas Vancaeyezeele

Skylar Thomas (Mark Lindstrom 64') Jordan Dover

Ryan James (Lukas Fernandes 86') Danny Griffin

Robbie Mertz (Dani Rovira 78')

Anthony Velarde (Albert Dikwa 64') Ropapa Mensah (Mark Forrest 86')

Danny Vitiello Ryan James Hunter Ashworth Thomas Vancaeyezeele Skylar Thomas

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Kenardo Forbes

Robbie Mertz

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Tomas Gomez

Ray Lee

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Patrick Bunk-Andersen (M. Lindstrom 87')

Thomas Vancaeyezeele Skylar Thomas Jordan Dover

Ryan James Danny Griffin

Robbie Mertz (Tony Walls 89') Ropapa Mensah (Steevan Dos Santos 65') Steevan Dos Santos

Albert Dikwa (Dani Rovira 87')

July 26: @New York Red Bulls II (L, 1-2) Aug. 1: vs. Philadelphia Union II (W, 4-0)

Tomas Gomez Dani Rovira

Rvan James Thomas Vancaeyezeele Skylar Thomas

Jordan Dover Kenardo Forbes (Dakota Barnathan 69') Robbie Mertz (Lukas Fernandes 78')

Danny Griffin Ropapa Mensah (Anthony Velarde 54')

Steevan Dos Santos (Mark Forrest 69')

Aug. 28: @Hartford Athletic (W, 3-0)

Tomas Gomez

Ryan James Ray Lee (Mark Lindstrom 77')

Thomas Vancaeyezeele Skylar Thomas (P. Bunk-Andersen 82')

Jordan Dover Danny Griffin

Kenardo Forbes (Ropapa Mensah 10') Anthony Velarde (Mark Forrest 82')

Robbie Mertz

Steevan Dos Santos (D. Barnathan 77')

Danny Vitiello Ray Lee (Anthony Velarde 52')

Patrick Bunk-Andersen (K. Forbes 67') Thomas Vancaeyezeele

Skylar Thomas (Mark Forrest 85') Jordan Dover (Dani Rovira 45')

Ryan James Danny Griffin Robbie Mertz

Ropapa Mensah (Albert Dikwa 52')

# GOAL LOG

#### **RIVERHOUNDS SC**

7/12: @LOU - Jordan Dover 45' (Kenardo Forbes) 7/12: @LOU - Robbie Mertz 46' (Ropapa Mensah)

7/12: @LOU - Anthony Velarde 51' (Ropapa Mensah) 7/18: @PHI - Ropapa Mensah 29' (Danny Griffin)

7/18: @PHI - Danny Griffin 37' (Robbie Mertz) 7/18: @PHI - Anthony Velarde 59' (Kenardo Forbes)

7/18: @PHI - Lukas Fernandes 67' (Danny Griffin) 7/18: @PHI - Steevan Dos Santos 81' (Kenardo Forbes)

7/18: @PHI - Steevan Dos Santos 87' (Kenardo Forbes) 7/26: @NY - Skylar Thomas 9' (Kenardo Forbes) 8/1: PHI - Steevan Dos Santos 22' (Kenardo Forbes)

8/1: PHI - Thomas Vancaeyezeele 36' (Kenardo Forbes)

8/1: PHI - Steevan Dos Santos 42'

8/1: PHI - Ryan James 65' (Anthony Velarde) 8/8: NY - Robbie Mertz (P) 3'

8/8: NY - Robbie Mertz 61' 8/8: NY - Ropapa Mensah 65' (Ray Lee)

8/8: NY - Anthony Velarde 80' 8/19: @LDN - Steevan Dos Santos 7' (Dani Rovira)

8/19: @LDN - Lukas Fernandes 11' (Robbie Mertz) 8/22: STL - Ropapa Mensah 16' 8/22: STL - Robbie Mertz 40'

8/28: @HFD - Ryan James 11' (Anthony Velarde)

8/28: @HFD - Danny Griffin 22'

8/28: @HFD - Ryan James 50' (Jordan Dover)

9/1: LDN - Mark Forrest (P) 5 9/1: LDN - Anthony Velarde (P) 8' 9/1: LDN - Albert Dikwa 88' 9/5: @NY - Ropapa Mensah 45' 9/5: @NY - Preston Kilwien (OG) 51' 9/12: HFD - Ryan James 13'

9/12: HFD - Ropapa Mensah 27' 9/12: HFD - Anthony Velarde (P) 42' 9/12: HFD - Ryan James 47'

9/12: HFD - Ropapa Mensah 61' (Robbie Mertz) 9/19: @LDN - Albert Dikwa 81' (Steevan Dos Santos)

10/3: PHI - Ray Lee 15' (Robbie Mertz) 10/3: PHI - Albert Dikwa 90'+2 (Kenardo Forbes)

#### **OPPOSITION**

7/12: @LOU - Speedy Williams 18' (Corben Bone) 7/22: IND - Tyler Pasher 90'+7

7/26: @NY - Omar Sowe 34' (Caden Clark)

7/26: @NY - Deri Corfe (P) 90'+5 8/8: NY - Dantouma Toure 90'+3 (Cherif Dieve)

8/15: @IND - Tyler Pasher 13' (Andrew Carleton) 8/22: STL - Kyle Greig 45'+1 8/22: STL - Wal Fall 57' 9/26: HFD - Ever Guzman 36'

10/3: PHI - Jack McGlynn (P) 63'

Assists in parentheses

9/5: @NY - Robbie Mertz 58'

## **TECHNICAL STAFF**

#### HEAD COACH BOB LILLEY



Experience: Enters 20th season (third with PIT)

Date Hired: November 14, 2017

Hometown: Fort Monmouth, New Jersey

Alma Mater: George Mason University (1987)

Accolades: 2015 USL Cup Champion 2006 USL-1 Champion USL Hall of Fame Five-time Coach of the Year

Announced as the club's 10th head coach in its history on Nov. 14, 2017, Bob Lilley will enter his third season at the helm for Riverhounds

In 2019, Lilley led the club to a 19-4-11 regular season record, which totals the most single-season wins in team history, and the USL Championship Eastern Conference regular season championship. The club also made the postseason in 2018, when it hosted the first-ever playoff match at Highmark Stadium. Lilley has posted a 34-9-25 regular season record with the Hounds, including shutting out opponents in 34 of these 68 matches.

Lilley came to Pittsburgh after coaching the USL Championship-side Rochester Rhinos, which he led during two separate stints (2014-17 and 2010-11). In his six seasons with the Rhinos, Lilley compiled an 82-39-51 regular season record, which includes a 2015 mark of 17-1-10 en route to winning Coach of the Year honors and the USL Cup. He also was named Coach of the Year in 2010, when Rochester won the USSF Division 2 Professional League regular season title. The Rhinos made the playoffs in every season under Lilley and achieved at least a fourth-round finish in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup from 2014-17.

Before joining the Rhinos ahead of their 2010 season, Lilley spent the 2007-08 campaign as head coach of the Detroit Ignition of the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL). He earned Coach of the Year honors, as the Ignition logged a 22-8 record and won the league's regular season championship.

For three seasons (2005-07), Lilley served as head coach for the Vancouver Whitecaps of the USL First Division. While with the club, he guided the Whitecaps to a 33-20-31 overall regular season record and a league championship in 2006.

From 2002-03, Lilley was the head coach for the Montreal Impact of the USL A-League. He directed the club to the playoffs both years and Hometown: amassed a regular season record of 32-15-9, in addition to winning Coach of the Year honors in 2003.

The Fort Monmouth, New Jersey native began his head-coaching career with the Hershey Wildcats, which he led from 1997-01. In his five seasons with the USL A-League club, he compiled an 86-46-6 overall regular season record and was named Coach of the Year in 1997, his first-ever campaign as a head coach. Hershey made the playoffs each season with Lilley at the helm, including a trip to the A-League final in 2001

Across his 19 seasons of head-coaching experience at every level, Lilley holds an all-time record of 289-137-122, has logged at least a .500 winning percentage during each regular season and has led his team into the postseason every year. He also has won two league titles and earned Coach of the Year honors five times. In 2010, he was inducted into the USL Hall of Fame as a coach.

Lilley played professionally with the Orlando Lions of the American Soccer League from 1989-90 (two seasons) and the Maryland Bays of the American Professional Soccer League in 1991 (one season). He also played professional indoor soccer with the Hershey Impact of the National Professional Soccer League (NPSL) from 1988-91 (three seasons), the Harrisburg Heat of the NPSL from 1991-97 (six seasons) and the Pittsburgh Stingers of the Continental Indoor Soccer League in 1994 (one season).

From 1984-87, Lilley played collegiately at George Mason University, where he was a four-year starter and team captain. He was inducted into the George Mason Men's Soccer Hall of Fame in 2011.



# ASSISTANT COACH

- Fourth-full season with club
- Joined the staff in July 2016
- West Chester, Pennsylvania native

Dan Visser enters his fourth-full season as an assistant coach with Riverhounds SC after originally joining the club in July 2016.

Prior to arriving in Pittsburgh, Visser served as an assistant coach at the United States Naval Academy during its 2015 campaign. The Midshipmen finished this season with an 8-9-1 overall record.

From 2013-14, Visser was head coach at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts. The Lions held a 3-14-0 record during his first year and improved to 5-12-1 during his second season at the helm.

Visser began his coaching career at the NCAA Division III level, serving as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. During his two years at Eastern, the Eagles compiled a 21-11-2 record and had 11 student-athletes earn All-Conference honors.

The West Chester, Pennsylvania native played collegiately as a midfielder at Messiah College for four seasons before graduating in 2008. During this period, the team won three national championships and accumulated an 89-6-2 record. The two-time team captain also received Regional All-America honors in 2007.



# GOALKEEPING COACH MICHAEL BEHONICK

- First season with club
- Joined the staff in August 2020
- Bohemia, New York native

Goalkeeping coach Michael Behonick enters his first season with Riverhounds SC in 2020. Also still serving as an assistant coach for the University of Pittsburgh men's soccer program, Behonick brings a wealth of experience to the club.

This year will mark Behonick's fifth season with the Panthers. In 2019, he helped lead the team to a 10-8-2 record en route to receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament Championship for the first time since 1965.

Prior to arriving with the Panthers, Behonick coached at Penn State University for two seasons (2014-2016) and the University of Virginia for five seasons (2010-2016).

A product of American University, the Bohemia, New York native was drafted by D.C. United in the 2003 MLS SuperDraft. He played seven seasons professionally as a goalkeeper across MLS, USL A-League, USL Pro Soccer League, USL Second Division and NASL.

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#### **BROADCAST NOTES**



#### **DANNY VITIELLO**

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2020	8/8	6-2-0	14	4	0.50	.778

GK • 6-2 • 185 • Massapequa, NY

- Team of the Week after CS at LDN (8/19)
- First career clean sheet at LDN (8/19)
- Made pro debut at NY (7/26)

Saves: 4 vs. LDN (9/1) GA: 2 at NY (7/26) Clean Sheets: 5

Minutes: 81 vs. STL (8/22)

Minutes: 88 vs. IND (7/22)

Goals: 2 vs. HFD (9/12)

Assists: 2 at LOU (7/12)

Minutes: 90 (two times)

Assists: 1 at LDN (8/19)

Points: 1 at LDN (8/19)



### MARK LINDSTROM

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	9/4	332	0	0	0	0	0

D • 6-3 • 200 • Gavle, Sweden

- Made pro debut at IND (8/15)
- Competed at UNCW from 2016-19
- 4x All-Colonial Athletic Association

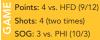


#### **ROPAPA MENSAH**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	16/14	1,072	6	2	14	27	15

#### F • 6-0 • 170 • Accra, Ghana

- Two assists in club debut at LOU on 7/12
- Club second-best 6 G with NSH in 2019
- U-23 Ghana NT for 2019 Africa Cup of Nations



Goals: 0

Assists: 0

Points: 0

Shots: 0

SOG: 0

SOG: 3 vs. PHI (10/3)



## **DANI ROVIRA**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	10/4	380	0	1	1	0	0

#### M • 5-9 • 145 • Bogota, Colombia

- First career assist at LDN (8/19)
- 8 GP with PIT as rookie in 2019
- 33 GP (23 starts) with Vermont (2017-18)





### JORDAN DOVER

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	15/14	1,240	1	1	3	7	3

#### D • 5-8 • 150 • Ajax, ON

- Team of the Week after goal at LOU (7/12)
- 70 career games played (68 starts) with PIT
- Competed for Guyana NT during 2019 Gold Cup



Points: 2 at LOU (7/12) Shots: 2 vs. NY (8/8) SOG: 1 (three times)



## **XHELIL ASANI**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	_	_	_	_	-	_	_

#### D • 6-1 • 165 • Kičevo, North Macedonia

- Spent 2019 with SKA Khabarovsk in Russia
- Eight pro seasons spent in Europe
- Has played in six different European countries





## **RYAN JAMES**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	16/15	1,355	5	0	10	7	6

#### D • 5-8 • 155 • Mississauga, ON

- Player of the Week for Week 10
- First career brace at HFD (8/28)
- Career-high 5 G and 10 PTS this season

#### Minutes: 90 (14 times) Goals: 2 (two times) Assists: 0

- Points: 4 (two times)
- Shots: 2 (two times)
- SOG: 2 (two times)



#### **DAKOTA BARNATHAN**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	8/2	196	0	0	0	0	0

#### M • 6-2 • 165 • Massapequa, NY

- Career-high 24 GP with OTT in 2019
- Recorded first pro points with OTT in 2019 (2 A)
- Played role in SKC II advancing to 2017 final

#### Minutes: 65 at LDN (8/19) Goals: 0

Minutes: 87 at I DN (9/19) Goals: 1 (three times)

- Assists: 0 Points: 0
- Shots: 0
- SOG: 0

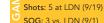


### **ALBERT DIKWA**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	6/1	245	3	0	6	15	7

#### F • 5-11 • 161 • Garoua, Cameroon

- Scored a goal in club debut vs. LDN (9/1)
- Arrives with PIT after suiting up for STL in 2019
- 6 GP for U-20 Cameroon National Team



SOG: 3 vs. LDN (9/1)

Points: 2 (three times)



#### STEEVAN DOS SANTOS

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	14/9	879	5	1	11	19	11

#### F • 6-4 • 208 • Mindelo, Cape Verde

- Leads PIT with three headed goals
- 108 career USL Championship points
- 150 career GP in USL Championship

Minutes: 90 (six times) Goals: 2 (two times) Assists: 1 at LDN (9/19)

Points: 4 (two times) Shots: 3 (two times) SOG: 3 vs. PHI (8/1)



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#### **BROADCAST NOTES**



#### **KENARDO FORBES**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	12/11	906	0	8	8	9	3

#### M • 5-10 • 165 • Kingston, Jamaica

- 2019 MVP Finalist
- 3x All-League (2016, 2018, 2019)
- First in league history with 39 career assists

Minutes: 90 (eight times) Goals: 0

Assists: 3 at PHI (7/18) Points: 3 at PHI (7/18)

Shots: 3 vs. PHI (10/3) SOG: 1 (three times)

Minutes: 90 (nine times)

Goals: 1 (two times) Assists: 2 at PHI (7/18)



#### DANNY GRIFFIN

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	16/13	1,208	2	2	6	5	3

#### M • 5-9 • 165 • Wethersfield, CT

- Team of the Week after 4-pt showing @PHI (7/18)
- No. 49 pick in 2020 MLS SuperDraft (Columbus)
- Started all 80 GP at Providence (2016-19)

Points: 4 at PHI (7/18) Shots: 2 at PHI (7/18) SOG: 1 (three times)

Minutes: 90 (seven times)

Goals: 2 vs. NY (8/8) Assists: 1 (four times)

Points: 4 vs. NY (8/8)



#### **ROBBIE MERTZ**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	16/16					12	8

#### M • 5-7 • 150 • Pittsburgh, PA

- 3x Team of the Week in 2020
- Led PIT midfield with 6 G in 2019
- No. 76 pick in 2019 MLS SuperDraft (Colorado)

Shots: 3 vs. NY (8/8) SOG: 2 vs. NY (8/8) Minutes: 89 at LOU (7/12)

Goals: 1 (five times) Assists: 1 (two times)

Points: 2 (five times)

Shots: 2 vs. HFD (9/12) SOG: 1 (five times)



#### ANTHONY VELARDE

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	15/6	629	5	2	12	7	5

#### M • 5-7 • 160 • Reedley, CA

- Leads PIT with 71 percent conversion rate
- 25 GP as rookie with PIT in 2019
- 3 G and 4 A in 2019

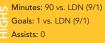


#### MARK FORREST

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	11/2	257	1	0	2	4	3

#### F • 6-3 • 195 • Douglassville, PA

- PKG vs. LDN (9/1)
- No. 1 seed-clinching GW goal in 2019 finale
- No. 77 pick in 2019 MLS SuperDraft (Chicago)



Points: 2 vs. LDN (9/1) Shots: 2 vs. HFD (9/26) SOG: 1 (three times)

Minutes: 90 (16 times)

Goals: 1 vs. PHI (8/1) Assists: ()

Points: 2 vs. PHI (8/1)

Shots: 1 (seven times) SOG: 1 (four times)



## THOMAS VANCAEYEZEELE

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	16/16	1,440	1	0	2	7	4

### D • 5-11 • 180 • Caen, France

- 1x All-League (2019)
- Single-season club record 2,909 MIN in 2018
- French Guiana NT in 2019 Nations League



### **TOMAS GOMEZ**

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2020	8/8	5-2-1	18	6	0.75	.750

#### GK • 6-1 • 196 • Webster Groves, MO

- 2x Golden Gloves (2016, 2017)
- 33 CS in 85 GP in USL Championship
- No. 60 pick in 2015 MLS SuperDraft (Columbus)

Saves: 5 vs. STL (8/22) GA: 2 vs. STL (8/22) Clean Sheets: 3

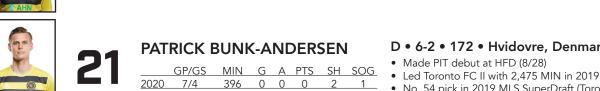


### **TONY WALLS**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	1/0	11	0	0	0	0	0

#### D • 5-11 • 185 • Wauwatosa, WI

- Made PIT debut at LDN (9/19)
- Spent '19 with Chattanooga of USL League One
- Captained Lilley's 2015 title-winning ROC team



#### D • 6-2 • 172 • Hvidovre, Denmark

- No. 54 pick in 2019 MLS SuperDraft (Toronto)



#### **HUNTER ASHWORTH**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	4/3	253	0	0	0	0	0

#### D • 6-5 • 180 • Laguna Beach, CA

- Made pro debut at LOU on 7/12
- 4 GP for U-20 New Zealand NT
- 3 GP for U-17 New Zealand NT

SOG: 0 Minutes: 90 (two times)

Minutes: 1 at LDN (9/19)

Goals: 0

Assists: 0 Points: 0

Goals: 0 Assists: 0

Points: 0

Shots: 0

Shots: 1 (two times) SOG: 1 vs. PHI (10/3)

Minutes: 90 (two times)

Goals: 0

Assists: 0 Points: 0

Shots: 0

SOG: 0



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#### **BROADCAST NOTES**



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#### **RAY LEE**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	9/9	688	1	2	4	2	1

D • 5-11 • 176 • Kansas City, MO

- Started all 30 of his GP with HFD in 2019
- 28 GP and 3 A with PIT in 2018
- No. 71 pick in 2015 MLS SuperDraft (Philadelphia)

Minutes: 90 (three times)
Goals: 1 vs. PHI (10/3)

Assists: 1 (two times)
Points: 2 vs. PHI (10/3)

Shots: 1 (two times)
SOG: 1 vs. PHI (10/3)



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#### **ANTHONY MWEMBIA**

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2020	-	-	-	-	-	_

GK • 6-2 • 191 • Toulouse, France

- Bowling Green product enters rookie season
- Captained BGSU to 2019 MAC Tourney Final
- 2x All-MAC First Team (2016, 2019)

Saves: 
GA: 
Clean Sheets: -



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#### **LUKAS FERNANDES**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	12/3	278	2	0	4	6	5

#### F • 5-10 • 165 • Rochester, NY

- Made pro debut at LOU on 7/12
- Temple University product enters rookie season
- 2x All-American Athletic Conference (2018, 2019)

Minutes: 86 at LDN (8/19)
Goals: 1 (two times)
Assists: 0

Points: 2 (two times)
Shots: 2 (two times)

SOG: 2 at PHI (7/18)



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#### SKYLAR THOMAS

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2020	16/14	1,254	1	0	2	10	3

#### D • 6-4 • 198 • Scarborough, ON

- 111 career GP in USL Championship
- No. 11 pick in 2015 MLS SuperDraft (Toronto)
- 5 GP and 1 G with U-23 Canada National Team

Minutes: 90 (10 times)
Goals: 1 at NY (7/26)

Assists: 0

Points: 2 at NY (7/26)
Shots: 4 vs. IND (7/22)

SOG: 1 (three times)