

RAYO OKC MATCH NOTES

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3-5-3 (13 PTS)

VS.

MNUFC



4-5-3 (17 PTS)

TONIGHT'S MATCH INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday, September 3 2016

KICKOFF: 7 p.m. CT

VENUE: NSC Stadium

CITY: Blaine, Minn.

BROADCAST: beIN SPORTS

RAYO OKC ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown	Previous Club
2	Rauwshan McKenzie	D	6-1	185	Hoffman Estates, Ill.	Atlanta Silverbacks (NASL)
3	Moises Hernandez	D	6-0	155	Dallas, Texas	FC Dallas (MLS)
5	Sebastien Ibeagha	D	6-2	187	Warri, Nigeria	Houston Dynamo (MLS)
6	Richard Menjivar	M	5-8	160	Los Angeles, Calif.	Tampa Bay Rowdies (NASL)
7	Billy Forbes	M	5-9	165	Providenciales, Turks & Caicos	San Antonio Scorpions (NASL)
8	Tyler Gibson	M	5-9	145	Knoxville, Tenn.	San Antonio Scorpions (NASL)
9	Georgios Samaras	F	6-4	180	Heraklion, Greece	West Bromwich Albion (England)
10	Sebastian Velasquez	M	5-7	150	Medellin, Colombia	New York City FC (MLS)
11	Pecka	M	5-7	150	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Real Salt Lake (MLS)
13	Hugo Rhoads	D	6-1	170	West Linn, Ore.	University of Portland (NCAA)
14	Jarad Van Schaik	M	6-1	155	Portland, Ore.	Charleston Battery (USL)
18	Marvin Chavez	M	5-5	145	La Cieba, Honduras	San Antonio Scorpions (NASL)
19	Ian Svantesson	D	6-6	215	Orlando, Fla.	University of Alabama-Birmingham (NCAA)
20	Derek Boateng	M	6-0	185	Accra, Ghana	SD Eibar (Spain)
21	Bryan Byars	GK	6-1	195	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Oklahoma City Energy (USL)
22	Daniel Fernandes	GK	6-5	215	Edmonton, Canada	San Antonio Scorpions (NASL)
23	Adrian Ables	M	6-1	175	Midwest City, Okla.	DePauw University (NCAA)
24	Yuma	M	5-9	150	Madrid, Spain	Puerta Bonita (Spain)
27	Kosuke Kimura	M	5-9	155	Kobe, Japan	Atlanta Silverbacks (NASL)
31	Michel	D	6-2	170	Vitoria, Brazil	FC Dallas (MLS)
49	Devon Sandoval	F	6-1	183	Albuquerque, Nm.	Real Salt Lake (MLS)
55	Robbie Findley	F	5-9	165	Phoenix, Ariz.	Toronto FC (MLS)
98	Futty Danso	D	6-3	190	Serrekunda, Gambia	Carolina RailHawks (NASL)

RAYO OKC TECHNICAL STAFF

Head Coach:	Gerard Nus	Barcelona, Spain
Assistant Coach:	David Vaudreuil	Canton, Conn.
Director of Performance:	Carlos Lorente	Sant Celoni, Spain
Equipment Manager:	Tyler Wythe	Yukon, Okla.

MINNESOTA UNITED FC ROSTER AND TECHNICAL STAFF

#1	Aaron Perez	MNU	Goalkeeper	#15	Ismaila Jome	MNU	Forward
#2	Justin Davis	MNU	Defender	#17	Lance Laing	MNU	Midfielder
#3	Jeb Brovsky	MNU	Defender	#18	Daniel Mendes	MNU	Forward
#4	Aaron Pitchkolan	MNU	Midfielder	#21	Christian Ramirez	MNU	Forward
#5	Tiago Calvano	MNU	Defender	#22	Kevin Venegas	MNU	Defender
#6	Brent Kallman	MNU	Defender	#23	Greg Jordan	MNU	Midfielder
#7	Ibson	MNU	Midfielder	#24	Kristian Nicht	MNU	Goalkeeper
#8	Danny Cruz	MNU	Forward	#29	J.C. Banks	MNU	Forward
#9	Bernardo Añor	MNU	Forward	#31	Damon Lowe	MNU	Defender
#10	Ben Speas	MNU	Forward	#33	Sammy Ndjock	MNU	Goalkeeper
#11	Stefano Pinho	MNU	Forward	#77	Juliano Vicentini	MNU	Midfielder
#12	Steward Ceus	MNU	Goalkeeper	Head Coach: Carl Craig		Goalkeeper Coach: Paul O'Connor	
#13	Jamie Watson	MNU	Midfielder	Assistant: Peter Rivard		Assistant: Ian Fuller	
#14	Jack Blake	MNU	Midfielder				

2016 SCHEDULE

Spring Season

SATURDAY, APRIL 2	EDMONTON	T 0-0
SATURDAY, APRIL 9	CAROLINA	L 2-3
Friday, April 22	at Miami	W 3-2
SATURDAY, APRIL 30	INDY	L 1-2
Saturday, May 7	at Jacksonville	W 1-0
Saturday, May 14	at Tampa Bay	T 1-1
SATURDAY, MAY 21	FORT LAUDERDALE	L 1-2
Saturday, May 28	at New York	L 0-1
SATURDAY, JUNE 4	MINNESOTA	W 1-0
Saturday, Jun 11	at Ottawa	T 1-1

Fall Season

SATURDAY, JULY 2	EDMONTON	T 1-1
Sunday, July 10	at Ottawa	W 1-0
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13	PUERTO RICO	T 2-2
SATURDAY, JULY 16	NEW YORK	W 3-0
Saturday, July 23	at Puerto Rico	L 0-1
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27	TAMPA BAY	W 1-0
SATURDAY, JULY 30	MINNESOTA	T 2-2
Sunday, August 7	at New York	T 1-1
Saturday, August 13	at Indy	L 1-2
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20	MIAMI	L 2-1
Saturday, August 27	at Tampa Bay	L 2-0
Saturday, September 3	at Minnesota	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	JACKSONVILLE	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 14	at Edmonton	8:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	FORT LAUDERDALE	7:00 P.M.
Saturday, September 24	at Jacksonville	6:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2	CAROLINA	6:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 8	at Miami	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 12	at Carolina	6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16	OTTAWA	6:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 22	at Fort Lauderdale	6:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30	INDY	6:00 P.M.

2016 FALL SEASON STANDINGS

	GP	W	D	L	PTS	GD
New York Cosmos	12	8	2	2	26	+14
FC Edmonton	10	7	2	1	23	+6
Indy Eleven	12	6	2	4	20	+3
Minnesota United FC	12	4	5	3	17	+4
Miami FC	10	4	4	2	16	+4
Rayo OKC	11	3	4	4	13	0
Fort Lauderdale Strikers	11	3	3	5	12	-3
Carolina RailHawks	10	3	3	4	12	-7
Ottawa Fury	11	3	2	6	11	-1
Tampa Bay Rowdies	10	3	2	6	11	-4
Jacksonville Armada FC	10	2	4	5	10	-8
Puerto Rico FC	11	1	5	5	8	-8

LAST TIME WE FACED MNUFC

Minnesota United and Rayo OKC each scored goals deep into second-half stoppage time in an improbable 2-2 draw at Miller Stadium on Saturday night.

After a scoreless first half, Rayo OKC (3W-3D-1L, 12 points) took the lead in the 60th minute. A free kick from Michel was headed by Futty Danso, and then glanced off Devon Sandoval, past Minnesota (3-1-1, 10) goalkeeper Steward Ceus. It was Sandoval's first goal in a Rayo OKC uniform. The Loons tied the match on Justin Davis' first goal of the year, in the 71st minute. Danny Cruz hit a long cross from the right that Davis met with a looping header from an extreme angle from about 10 years out.

Christian Ramirez scored his league-leading 12th goal of the year, off an assist from Ibson, and it seemed that the Loons would leave with the full three points. But Danso responded less than a minute later from a pass from Kosuke Kimura to rescue a point for the home team.

Injuries/Int'l duty

Sebastian Velasquez – hamstring
 Devon Sandoval – knee
 Richard Menjivar – Int'l duty for El Salvador

Head-to-head record all-time

Rayo OKC vs MNUFC 1W-1D-0L
 6/4/16 Rayo OKC, 1 – MNUFC, 0
 (Goal – Gibson)
 7/30/16 Rayo OKC, 2 – MNUFC, 2
 (Goals – OKC: Futty & Sandoval; MNUFC: Davis & Ramirez)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Rauwshan McKenzie	ruh-SHAWN
Moises Hernandez	MO-ziss
Sebastien Ibeagha	ibb-ee-AH-guh
Richard Menjivar	MEN-juh-vahr
Georgios Samaras	GEORE-ee-ohs SAM-uh-russ
Sebastian Velasquez	vel-AZ-kez
Pecka	PECK-uh
Hugo Rhoads	HUE-go
Jarad Van Schaik	JAIR-uhd van SHAKE
Marvin Chavez	SHAH-vez
Ian Svantesson	svan-TESS-uhn
Derek Boateng	BWA-tang
Bryan Byars	BUYERS
Daniel Fernandes	fur-NAN-dez
Adrian Ables	AY-bulls
Yuma	You-muh
Kosuke Kimura	KOSS-kay key-MORE-uh
Michel	muh-SHELL
Sandoval	SAN-do-Val
Futty Danso	FOOT-ee DAN-so

- **WINNING THE NASL CHAMPIONSHIP** Introduced in 2014 as the North American Soccer League's new postseason format, The Championship is a four-team, single-elimination tournament that crowns the league's annual champion. **HOW DO YOU GET THERE?** Spring Season Winner: The first berth into The Championship is awarded to the winner of the Spring Season (April - June), the first of two seasons on the annual NASL schedule. Fall Season Winner: The second berth into The Championship is awarded to the winner of the Fall Season (July - November). Next Best Two Teams In Combined Standings: In addition to the winners of the Spring and Fall Seasons being awarded a place in The Championship, two more teams will clinch postseason spots by virtue of the league's Combined Standings. The two teams that have the best combined records (Spring and Fall Season) – and that didn't win either the Spring or Fall Season – will enter the postseason tournament. **HOW ARE THE SEEDS DETERMINED?**
- Scenario A – Two Different Winners In Fall And Spring Season #1 Seed: Out of the two teams that win the Spring or Fall Season, the top seed goes to the team with a better combined record (Spring and Fall) than the other. #2 Seed: Out of the two teams that win the Spring or Fall Season, the #2 seed goes to the team with the second best combined record (Spring and Fall). #3 Seed: Excluding the two teams that won either the Spring or Fall Seasons, the third seed goes to the team with the best overall record in the Combined Standings (Spring and Fall). #4 Seed: Excluding the two teams that won either the Spring or Fall Seasons, the final seed goes to the team with the second best overall record in the Combined Standings (Spring and Fall). Scenario B - One Team Wins Both Seasons Should any one team win both the Spring and Fall Seasons, then the three remaining spots in The Championship would go to the teams with the top three records in the Combined Standings (Spring and Fall), excluding of course the team that won the Spring and Fall titles.
- **HOW IT WORKS?** The Championship Semifinals: The #1 and #2 seeds will each host a semifinal match. The #1 seed will host the #4 seed, while the #2 seed will host the #3 seed. The Championship Final: The winner of each semifinal match will advance in the tournament, and the advancing team with the highest seed will host The Championship Final. **WHAT'S THE PRIZE?** Soccer Bowl Trophy: The winner of The Championship Final will be awarded the Soccer Bowl trophy, which dates all the way back to the NASL Golden Era. The winning team will have its name engraved on the trophy to mark the achievement.