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# OKC Energy FC Swope Park Rangers

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# Match Preview

OKC Energy FC

# Swope Park Rangers

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Second half goals from Reno 1868 FC's
Kevin Partida and Lindo Mfeka extended
OKC Energy FC's run without a point to
a club-record six straight matches – the
longest such streak since OKC's inaugural
season in 2014. The Greens started the
match on the front foot and looked
dangerous on several occasions. It
appeared that the scoring drought might
come to an end after a few near misses
on corners from Miguel González and
crosses from Alex Dixon and Kyle Hyland.

The clean sheet for Reno marks the third straight match Energy FC has been unable to find the back of the net. It also extends their scoreless streak to 339 minutes. Jaime Siaj was the last OKC goal scorer on March 31 away to Fresno FC. Other notes from the match include Matt VanOekel tying a season high with four saves and midfielder Philip Rasmussen made his season debut and played eight mintues. This was Rasmussen's first game action since suffering a knee injury on June 24, 2017, against Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2.

Saturday's match is the first meeting of the season between the two clubs. All time, Energy FC owns a 4-3-0 mark against Swope, including a 2-1-0 mark at home.

The last meeting between the two teams was in the Western Conference Finals of the 2017 USL Cup Playoffs. The teams played to a 0-0 draw through regulation and the two extra time sessions. What followed was an epic 11-round shootout that was ultimately decided by the goalkeepers. Energy FC goalkeeper C.J. Cochran made three key saves during the shootout, while Sporting KC keeper Adrian Zendejas stopped four shots AND scored the game-winner in the shootout to advance his club to the USL Cup Finals. Players from the 2018 roster that played in that playoff match include Alex Dixon, Miguel González, Juan Pablo Guzmán, José Barril. Kyle Hyland, Jon Brown and José Angulo.

A match after having their best possession stats of the season, Energy FC posted their worst possession stats of the season. Largely because the team played with

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10 men for the final 53 minutes of the match after Miguel González was given a red card in the 37th minute. Energy FC possessed the ball for 43.7 percent in the first half and only 29.8 percent in the second half.

Energy FC's loss to Reno 1868 FC was the team's third straight loss on the road and sixth straight loss overall. The three straight road losses ties a franchise record, while the six straight losses overall also tie a franchise record set twice in the 2014 season. The three straight home losses also tie a mark set twice during the 2014 campaign.

One of the challenges the Greens have faced this season is scoring goals. The team enters the match this weekend without a goal in 339 consecutive minutes. The last tally was a Jaime Siaj goal against Fresno on March 31. Only one other time in franchise history has the team gone north of the 400-minute mark without a goal. That was late in the 2014 campaign, when the team went scoreless for 445 consecutive minutes.

Energy FC's three goals scored is among the fewest in the league. LA Galaxy II, Toronto FC, Penn FC and Ottawa Fury FC have scored just two goals in their respective matches thus far this season. The Greens are on a similar streak at home. Francis Atuahene's goal six minutes into the home opener on March 17 was the team's first and only goal scored at home this season. Entering the match Saturday, they're looking to snap a 354-minute scoreless streak at home.

Energy FC's 1-6-0 start is not the start that the technical staff drew up before the season started. That doesn't mean that the season is lost though. The 2017 season saw the club start with a 2-4-1 mark through seven matches. The team wound up making the postseason and playing in the Western Conference Finals. The 2016 season had a similar start as the team was 2-1-4 through seven matches and qualified for the postseason.

Miguel González's red card in the match last Saturday was his second as a member of Energy FC. That makes him the third

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player in franchise history to be assessed two red cards in their Energy FC career. The other two are teammate Jose Barril and former Energy FC captain Michael Thomas.

Open Cup is on the horizon! Energy FC U23s have drawn FC Wichita in the first round of the 2018 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup on May 9. This marks the second straight season the U23s have qualified for the event. Last season they advanced to the second round with a win over Tulsa Athletic before falling to Tulsa Roughnecks FC. The winner of the match against FC Wichita moves on to face Tulsa Roughnecks FC on May 16.

The U23s aren't the only team competing in the U.S. Open Cup. The first team plays

the winner of the NTX Rayados / Fort
Worth Vaqueros match during the second
round of the tournament. Regardless
of opponent, the match will be played
on the road at 7:30 p.m. on May 16.

The Energy FC roster and technical staff continue to have an international flair as the team is represented by 11 different countries: United States, Jamaica, Colombia, Denmark, England, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Spain, Wales, Ghana and Nigeria. The representation of Nigeria (Christian Ibeagha) brings the number of countries that have had players play for Energy FC to 18.

# The Opponent



#### **SWOPE PARK RANGERS**

2018 RECORD: 3-1-3 LOCATION: KANSAS CITY, KS HOME FIELD: CHILDREN'S MERCY PARK MLS AFFILIATE: SPORTING KC HEAD COACH: PAULO NAGAMURA

#### **SCHEDULE**

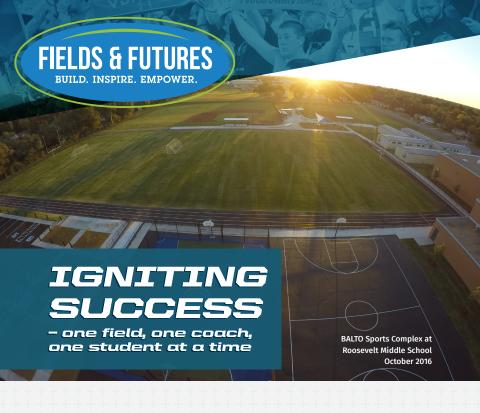
March 17	at Kello 1000 FC	4-3 (11)
March 24	vs. Seattle Sounders FC 2	4-2 (W)
March 31	at Las Vegas Lights FC	2-1 (L)
April 4	vs. Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	1-0 (W)
April 7	at San Antonio FC	1-1 (D)
April 21	at Phoenix Rising FC	2-2 (D)
April 28	vs. Saint Louis FC	1-1 (D)
May 5	at Energy FC	7 p.m.
May 9	at Real Monarchs SLC	8 p.m.
May 19	at Rio Grande Valley FC	7:30 p.m.
May 26	vs. Phoenix Rising FC	2 p.m.
June 2	at Saint Louis FC	7:30 p.m.
June 9	at Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	7 p.m.
June 13	vs. Real Monarchs SLC	7:30 p.m.
June 17	at Fresno FC	8 p.m.
June 24	vs. Las Vegas Lights FC	4 p.m.
July 5	at Seattle Sounders FC 2	9 p.m.
July 10	vs. Sacramento Republic FC	7:30 p.m.
July 14	at Portland Timbers 2	9 p.m.
July 18	vs. Orange County SC	7:30 p.m.
July 22	vs. Rio Grande Valley FC	9:30 p.m.
August 1	at LA Galaxy II	9:30 p.m.
August 4	at Orange County SC	9 p.m.
August 11	vs. Portland Timbers 2	7:30 p.m.
August 19	vs. Reno 1868 FC	4 p.m.
August 25	at San Antonio FC	7:30 p.m.
August 29	vs. Tulsa Roughnecks FC	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	vs. Energy FC	4 p.m.
Sept. 9	vs. Fresno FC	4 p.m.
Sept. 15	vs. Saint Louis FC	2 p.m.
Sept. 19	vs. San Antonio FC	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Tulsa Roughnecks FC	7 p.m.
October 3	at Sacramento Republic FC	9:30 p.m.
October 14	vs. LA Galaxy II	4 p.m.



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#### What started in 2012

as an effort to rebuild 42 athletic fields for Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS), in hopes of growing student participation in sports and getting more kids on a better path to graduation, has become something much bigger. From day one, there was a belief that all children deserve a safe place to play and the chance to belong to something bigger than themselves – where important life lessons can be taught and lifetime friendships can be formed. But without a field, how could they play?

Fast forward to 2018 and now it's easy to see what it's really about. Each new athletic field is bringing a renewed sense of hope and pride to the school and

community it serves. Rosters are growing. Coaches are staying. Culture is improving. Students are getting their swagger back. Parents and communities are re-engaging. Home games are now the norm instead of the exception.

Athletics is once again proving to be a powerful connector and catalyst for positive, sustainable change. And perhaps best of all, statistics are reinforcing the belief if students play, they stay and if they stay, they graduate. Two consecutive years of OKCPS statistics showed 99% of senior student-athletes graduated versus 81% of their non-athlete peers. More students graduating means more young adults better prepared to achieved their post-high school goals, and provide for their future families.



And it starts with a safe place to play and a committed, caring coach. It starts with opportunity.

Fields & Futures, working closely with OKCPS Athletics, the Wes Welker Foundation, Oklahoma Cleats for Kids, OKC Police Athletic League, OKC Parks and Recreation, Energy FC and others, is working hard to remove obstacles and provide children the opportunities and resources they deserve.

Energy FC co-owners, Liz and Tim McLaughlin, founded Fields & Futures with the belief sports

can be a game-changer and life-changer for young students. So when you see \$2 of each Energy FC ticket donated to Fields & Futures, or you hear about Energy FC players and coaches working with young teams and players in the community, it's because we want to invest in a future where all children have the opportunity to play and benefit from all sports has to offer.

#### Thank you for your support!





To our club, it means that you're a part of some of the most passionate fans in the United States and that you help serve as the face of our great city and club. It means that you are part of a larger mission of helping unite and build support for soccer in this great city.

As a whole, by demonstrating the OKC Standard, we will create new Greens. And at the same time, reflect the heart of the entire community.

#### MLS Code of Condut

Actions that are unacceptable include, but are not limited, to:

- » Physical harm or threats of physical harm to others
- » Disrespectful and/or hateful public speech (verbally or online)
- » Leading, participating, and/or encouraging in inappropriate chants
- » Throwing any objects onto the field of play during a match

#### **Every Green should expect to:**

- » Watch the game in a safe, clean and healthy environment.
- » Be treated in a courteous, consistent and professional manner.
- » Be treated with dignity and respect by other spectators attending the game and those organizing the event.
- » "Passionately support" the Energy, provided that the support is in good taste and neither adversely impacts the event experience of fellow spectators nor negatively impacts the game.
- » Displays of good sportsmanship.
- » Timely and accurate information related to the game.

It is up to every fan to display what it means to be a Green and to utilize the OKC Standard and to ensure everyone does, as well. If you see individuals acting in a way that violates the OKC Standard, please inform them and us of their unacceptable behavior. Everyone must be held accountable for their individual actions.

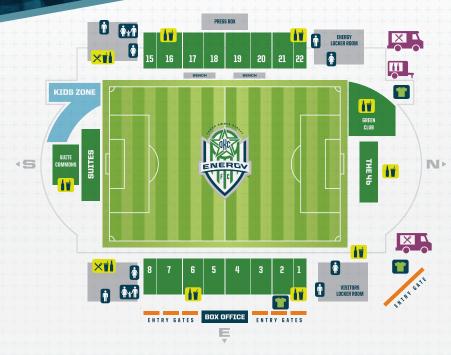
Slurs, derogatory language, physical harm and/or threats of physical harm toward anyone are completely unacceptable and will be dealt with in the strictest possible terms. Any Green who doesn't demonstrate the OKC Standard, whether at home or on the road, is subject to sanctions, including ejection, banishment and arrest.

Our energy comes from how we band together as one club, one city. We know that if the Greens believe in passionately supporting the team and embodying the OKC Standard, we will clearly display this club's and city's greatness.

Every Green must be responsible for their own actions as we are responsible for protecting our organization and the reputation of our wonderful community.

Visit EnergyFC.com/Code-of-Conduct to read the full code of conduct.

# Taft Stadium



#### **Inclement Weather Policy**

Energy FC understands games played outside are subject to changing weather conditions. Energy FC games will be played as scheduled ... rain or shine. If there are weather concerns, fans will be notified at the game and given choices about what their plan of action should be.

#### **Post-Match Autographs**

Following the game, fans are permitted to make their way to the west side track for a 15-minute autograph session with the players. The players will retire to the locker room to stretch and rehydrate. Following that period of time, the players will return to the pitch. The clock starts when the first player makes their way onto the pitch.

#### **Additional Questions?**

Find our full list of FAQs at EnergyFC.com/FAQ

# Chants

#### O-K-C Energy

Oh! Kay! See! Energy! Oh! Kay! See! Energy! Oh! Kay! See! Energy! Oh! Kay! See! Energy!

#### Oh, When The Greens!

TO THE TUNE OF "WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN"

#### [Ouieter]

Oh, when the Greens
Go marching in.
Oh, when the Greens
Go marching in.
I want to be in that number
When the Greens go marching in.

#### [Louder]

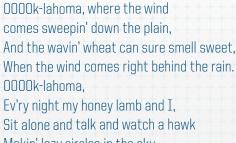
(Capo) Oh, when the Greens!
(Crowd) Oh, when the Greens!
(Capo) Go marching in!
(Crowd) Go marching in!
(Together) Oh, when the
Greens go marching in!
I want to be in that number!
When the Greens go
marching in!



# Chants

#### Oklahoma!

IN THE 46TH MINUTE



Sit alone and talk and watch a hawk Makin' lazy circles in the sky.

We know we belong to the land (yo-ho) And the land we belong to is grand!

And when we say

Yeeow! Aye-yip-aye-yo-ee-ay!

We're only sayin'

You're doin' fine, Oklahoma!

Oklahoma O.K.!

## Come on City TO THE TUNE OF "YANKEE DOODLE"

Come on city, score a goal, it's really very simple,
Put the ball into the net and we'll go bloody mental!
La la la la-lalal
La la la la-lalal
La la la la-lalala
And we'll go bloody mental!







NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HOMETOWN
33	Bryan Rebellon	D	Puerto Gaitan, Colombia
36	Tyler Blackwood	F	London, England
44	Parker Maher	D	Joplin, MO
48	Kaveh Rad	+ $-$ D $+$ $+$	Durham, NC
49	Will Little	М	Johnson City, TN
58	Dakota Bamathan	D	Massapequa, NY
66	Jahon Rad	М	Durham, NC
67	Ryan Fessler	M	Charlotte, NC
70	Darrin MacLeod	GK	Waterloo, Ontario
71	Chase Minter	М	Heath, TX
72	Justin Bilyeu	D	St. Louis, MO
77	Camilo Benitez	M	Ibarra, Ecuador
79	Christian Herrera	GK	Las Cruces, NM
80	Sean Karani	М	Wichita, KS
85	Felipe Hernandez	М	Nashville, TN
86	Roman Knox	М	Shawnee, KS
92	Kadju Barry	F	Rochester, NY
93	Rodrigo Saravia	М	Guatemala City, Guatemala
96	Wilson Harris	F	Los Angeles, CA
97	Matheus Silva	D	Taboao da Serra, Brazil
98	Sebastian Cruz	М	Fresno, CA
99	Massimo McGuire	D	Olathe, KS



NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	BIRTHPLACE
2	Richard Dixon	D ++	5'10"	175	Hanover, Jamaica
3	Kyle Hyland	D	5'7"	165	Bay Village, OH
4	Callum Ross	+ $-$ D $+$ $+$	6'2"	180	Newcastle, England
5	Christian Ibeagha	D + +	6'2"	190	Port Harcourt, Nigeria
7	Philip Rasmussen	М	6'0"	185	Copenhagen, Denmark
8	Juan Pablo Guzmán	M	5'9"	152	Charlotte, NC
9	José Angulo	+ F $+$ $+$	5'11"	180	Clifton, NJ
10	Miguel González	+ F + +	5'8"	150	Michoacan, Mexico
11	Alex Dixon	М	5'8"	170	Bay City, TX
13	Justin Chávez	M	5′10″	185	Oklahoma City
14	José Barril	М	6'0"	180	Madrid, Spain
16	Bryan Byars	GK	6'2"	200	Oklahoma City
17	Jonathan Brown	М	5'11"	190	Wales
19	Max Gunderson	- D	5'8"	160	Arcata, CA
20	Joseph Adjei	D	6'2"	210	Ghana
22	Juan Niño	М	5'9"	170	Bogata, Colombia
23	Shawn McLaws	D	5'10"	165	Edmond, OK
26	Coady Andrews	D	6'2"	225	Shawnee, KS
30	Matt Van Oekel	GK	6'4"	220	Chesapeake, VA
32	Jaime Siaj	F	6'2"	195	Madrid, Spain
34	Jordan Cano	D	6'1"	170	Plano, TX
52	Ema Twumasi	F	5'8"	170	Accra, Ghana
57	Francis Atuahene	F	5'9"	170	Accra, Ghana

# Soccer Operations



# HEAD COACH & TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

#### Steve Cooke

Steve Cooke is the second coach in Energy FC history and assumed his role as head coach and technical director in December 2017.

Most recently, Cooke served as a coach at several levels with the Colorado Rapids of MLS. His career with the Rapids began in 2010 when he was named technical director within their development academy. After two years, he added the title of assistant coach with the first team to his duties, which he held until the middle of the

2017 season when he was named interim head coach of the club.

Prior to joining the Rapids, the Sheffield, England, native worked as technical director for Neusport Football Club in Las Vegas from 2007-2010 and spent 10 years in Arizona as a director of coaching for Serano Soccer Club and SC Del Sol.

Cooke originally moved to the United States in 1996 after six years with Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, then of the English Premier League, as youth team coach and centre of excellence director.

A graduate of Carnegie College, England, he owns his UEFA "A" Coaching License, USSF "A" Coaching License and he recently completed his Pro License course. He is one of four coaches in the USL and one of 30 in total that have earned their Pro License from U.S. Soccer. In addition to those elite qualifications, Cooke was part of the first Elite Formation Coaches License course conducted by the French Football Federation in conjunction with Major League Soccer.



ASSISTANT COACH, HEAD COACH U23 Jon Pearlman



ASSISTANT COACH

Danny Stone



GOALKEEPER COACH
Lexi Vizarelis

# Players



## **GOALKEEPERS**



16 Bryan Byars
OKLAHOMA CITY



30 Matt Van Oekel CHESAPEAKE, VA

### **DEFENDERS**



2 Richard Dixon HANOVER, JAMAICA



3 Kyle Hyland **BAY VILLAGE, OH** 



4 Callum Ross NEWCASTLE, ENGLAND

# players



## **DEFENDERS**



5 Christian Ibeagha
PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA



19 Max Gunderson ARCATA, CA



20 Joseph Adjei



23 Shawn McLaws **EDMOND, OK** 



26 Coady Andrews **SHAWNEE, KS** 



34 Jordan Cano PLANO, TX

# Players



## **MIDFIELDERS**



7 Philip Rasmussen COPENHAGEN, DENMARK



8 Juan Pablo Guzmán CHARLOTTE, NC



11 Alex Dixon BAY CITY, TX



13 Justin Chávez OKLAHOMA CITY



14 José Barril MADRID, SPAIN



17 Jonathan Brown **WALES** 

# Players



## **MIDFIELDERS**



22 Juan Niño **BOGATA, COLOMBIA** 

### **FORWARDS**



9 José Angulo CLIFTON, NJ



10 Miguel González **MICHOACAN, MEXICO** 



32 Jaime Siaj MADRID, SPAIN

# players



## **FORWARDS**

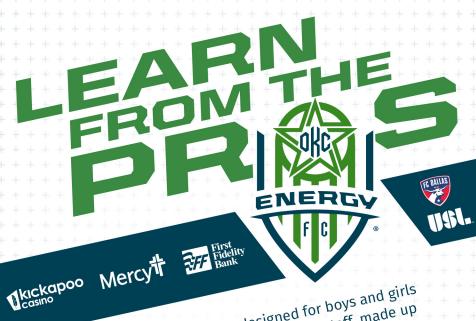


52 Ema Twumasi ACCRA, GHANA



57 Francis Atuahene ACCRA, GHANA





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# SEASON SCHEDULE .ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL



#### MARCH

SAT	17	7:00 P.M.	VS. TUL	
SAT	24	9:00 P.M.	@ PHX	
WED	28	7:00 P.M.	VS. OC	
SAT	31	9:00 P.M.	@ FRE	

#### APRIL

SAT		7:00 P.M.	VS. PORT
SAT	14	7:30 P.M.	@ SPR
SAT	21	7:00 P.M.	VS. STL
SAT	28	9:00 P.M.	@ RENO

#### MAY

SAT	5	7:00 P.M.	VS. SPR
WED		7:00 P.M.	VS. PHX
SAT	19	7:00 P.M.	VS. COS
CAT	26	7:00 P.M	@ TIII

#### JUNE

SAT		7:30 P.M.	VS. RENO
SUN	10	3:30 P.M.	@ SEA
WED	13	9:00 P.M.	@ POR
SAT	16	7:30 P.M.	VS. RGV
SAT	23	7:30 P.M.	VS. LA

#### JULY

WED	4	7:30 P.M.	@ SAN
SAT		7:30 P.M.	VS. COS
WED	11	7:30 P.M.	VS. LAS
SAT	21	10:00 P.M.	@ SAC
WED		7:30 P.M.	VS. FRE
SΔT	28	7:30 P.M	VS SAN

#### AUG.

	SAT	4	7:00 P.M.	@ COS
	WED	8	7:30 P.M.	@TUL
	SAT	11	7:30 P.M.	VS. RM
	SAT	18	7:30 P.M.	@ RGV
-	SAT	25	7:30 P.M.	VS. SEA

#### SEPT.

SAI	8	9:00 P.M.	@ OC
WED	12	9:30 P.M.	@ LA
SUN	23	6:00 P.M.	VS. SAC
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#### OCT.

WED	3	8:00 P.M.	@ RM
SAT	13	7:30 P.M.	@ STL

#### LEGEND

#### HOME GAMES

#### AWAY GAMES

os/	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	RENO /	Reno 1868 FC
RE /	Fresno FC	RGV /	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros
A /	LA Galaxy II	SAC /	Sacramento Republic FC
AS /	Las Vegas Lights FC	STL /	Saint Louis FC
)C /	Orange County FC	SAN /	San Antonio FC
HX /	Phoenix Rising FC	SEA /	Seattle Sounders FC 2
ORT /	Portland Timbers FC 2	SPR /	Swope Park Rangers
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