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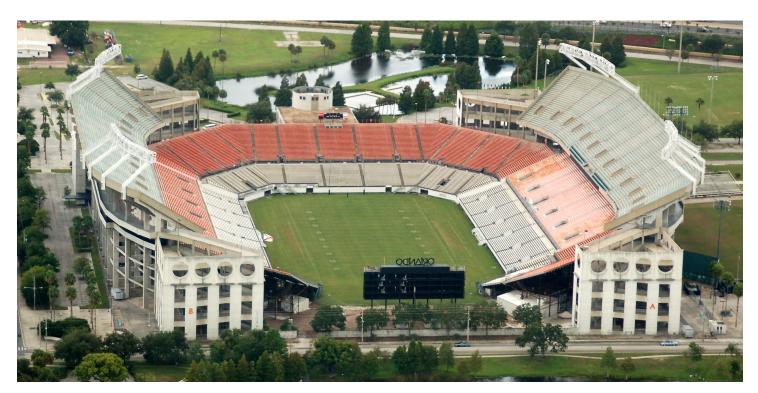
USL PRO CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

USL PRO Championship Press Conference Friday, September 6 2 p.m., Amway Center, Orlando

USL PRO Championship Game Saturday, September 7 7:30 p.m., Florida Citrus Bowl No. 2 Orlando City vs. No. 5 Charlotte Eagles

FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL

Opened in 1936, the Citrus Bowl has previously been the host for the 1994 FIFA World Cup, which saw countries such as Holland, Mexico, the Republic of Ireland, Belgium and Morocco grace its playing surface. The venue also hosted the 1998 Major League Soccer All-Star game. With a current capacity of 70,000, the stadium has also been the traditional host of both the Citrus Bowl, now the Capital One Bowl, and the Tangerine Bowl, now the Russell Athletic Bowl, which has seen national college football powers such as the University of South Carolina, University of Alabama, University of Nebraska and Louisiana State University compete in Orlando in recent seasons.

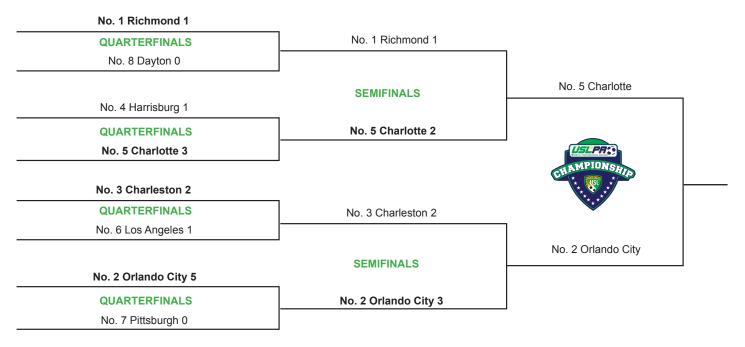




2013 USL PRO STANDINGS

| Team | Pts | GP | W | L | Т | GF | GA |
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| Richmond Kickers | 55 | 26 | 15 | 1 | 10 | 51 | 24 |
| Orlando City | 54 | 26 | 16 | 4 | 6 | 54 | 26 |
| Charleston Battery | 45 | 26 | 13 | 7 | 6 | 48 | 29 |
| Harrisburg City Islanders | 44 | 26 | 14 | 10 | 2 | 55 | 39 |
| Charlotte Eagles | 41 | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 44 | 39 |
| Los Angeles Blues | 40 | 26 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 52 | 37 |
| Pittsburgh Riverhounds | 38 | 26 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 36 | 33 |
| Dayton Dutch Lions | 37 | 26 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 43 | 46 |
| Wilmington Hammerheads | 36 | 26 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 35 | 39 |
| VSI Tampa Bay FC | 32 | 26 | 9 | 12 | 5 | 41 | 39 |
| Rochester Rhinos | 28 | 26 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 25 | 39 |
| Phoenix FC Wolves | 22 | 26 | 5 | 14 | 7 | 28 | 41 |
| Antigua Barracuda FC | 0 | 26 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 11 | 91 |

2013 USL PRO PLAYOFF RESULTS



USL PRO RULES

STANDINGS TIEBREAKERS

The breaking of ties in the final standings, playoffs and finals is accomplished by applying the following criteria, in order of importance:

1. Head-to-head record based on total points in League games.

2. Total wins in League games.

3. Goal difference in League games.

4. Goals scored in League games.

5. Total points within smallest group.

6. Ranking based on points earned against top four division finishers. This tiebreaker will not be used if four (4) or fewer teams comprise the group. If number of games is unequal, then point percentage applies.

7. Point percentage outside / smallest division or conference in League games.

8. Total points in all regular season and Open Cup qualifying games combined. If number of games is unequal, then point percentage applies.

9. FIFA Fair Play – Team with fewest disciplinary points in League games. (If number of games is unequal, points will be divided by games played to arrive at a common basis for comparison.)

10. Lottery conducted by USL.

SCHEDULES

Each team plays 24 games during the regular season. Every team will play its league opponents at least once, with an emphasis placed on regional rivalries to complete the schedule.

PLAYOFFS

The top six teams advance to the postseason with the highest remaining seed hosting the league championship. The top two teams receive a bye to the semifinals, with the four remaining teams opening the playoffs in the quarterfinals. The regular-season champion will then meet the lower remaining seed in the semifinals, with the No. 2 seed facing the higher remaining seed. The semifinal winners will meet in the USL PRO Championship Game.

SINGLE PLAYOFF MATCHES

All matches in the USL PRO Playoffs are single elimination, with games being decided by two full 15-minute periods of extra time should the game end tied after regulation. If still tied after extra time, penalty kicks are used to determine the winner.

CHARLOTTE EAGLES (10-5-11)



TEAM BIO

Now in the club's 21st season, the Charlotte Eagles are one of the three longest-tenured clubs in USL PRO. After narrowly missing the postseason in each of the first two seasons of USL PRO, the Eagles returned to the postseason for the first time since 2009 with a revamped squad that included 18 new faces at the start of the season. Led by the forward duo of Jorge Herrera and Christian Ramirez, the Eagles have been a strong road team, losing just twice on their travels this season in the regular season before a pair of road wins earned a place in the championship game.

CURRENT PLAYER ROSTER

| No. | Player | Pos. | DOB | Cou |
|-----|-------------------|------|----------|-------|
| 3 | Evan Harding | Μ | 9/12/84 | Cana |
| 4 | Brady Bryant | D | 2/13/82 | Unite |
| 5 | Ben Newnam | D | 4/18/91 | Unite |
| 6 | Fejiro Okiomah | D | 11/10/90 | Unite |
| 8 | Ben Page | F | 4/9/85 | Unite |
| 10 | Jorge Herrera | Μ | 9/11/80 | Colo |
| 11 | Juan Guzman | Μ | 8/31/88 | Unite |
| 12 | Sergio Villasenor | M | 3/12/87 | Mexi |
| 13 | Matt Gold | D | 6/14/88 | Unite |
| 15 | Christian Meza | F | 7/11/90 | Unite |
| 16 | Drew Yates | Μ | 5/14/88 | Unite |
| 17 | Christian Ramirez | F | 4/4/91 | Unite |
| 18 | Stephen Okai | Μ | 9/27/89 | Ghar |
| 19 | William Prado | Μ | 1/19/88 | Unite |
| 20 | Nate Thornton | Μ | 7/13/88 | Unite |
| 21 | Paul Islas | Μ | 9/14/91 | Unite |
| 22 | Stefan Smith | F | 8/11/89 | Antig |
| 23 | Juan Nino | M | 6/15/90 | Colo |
| 24 | Eric Reed | GK | 12/7/83 | Unite |
| 25 | Brock Duckworth | GK | 4/19/89 | Unite |
| 26 | Alonso Jimenez | GK | 9/19/87 | Mexi |
| 28 | Samuel Asante | M | 8/13/89 | Ghar |
| 29 | Nick Courtney | D | 11/30/87 | Unite |
| 32 | James Moore | D | 12/20/87 | Unite |
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| Maryland Concordia Mobile Concordia | Orange Count Reading Unite |
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2013 RESULTS

| Date 4/13 4/19 | Opponent Antigua Rochester | Result W 2-0 D 0-0 |
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| 4/23 | Orlando | D 1-1 |
| 4/26 | Pittsburgh | W 2-0 |
| 5/4 | at Richmond | D 3-3 |
| 5/14 | Charleston | W 1-0 |
| 5/21 | Sounders U23* | W 3-0 |
| 5/23 | at Phoenix | D 2-2 |
| 5/25 | at Los Angeles | L 4-3 |
| 5/29 | Chicago* | L 2-0 |
| 6/1 | Harrisburg | L 4-0 |
| 6/5 | at Charleston | D 2-2 |
| 6/14 | Chicago Reserves | W 2-1 |
| 6/21 | Tampa Bay | W 1-0 |
| 6/22 | at Wilmington | D 0-0 |
| 6/28 | at Dayton | D 2-2 |
| 6/29 | at Chicago Reserves | W 2-1 |
| 7/4 | at Pittsburgh | W 3-2 |
| 7/6 | at Rochester | D 2-2 |
| 7/13 | Wilmington | W 3-2 |
| 7/20 | Dayton | D 0-0 |
| 7/25 | Los Angeles | D 3-3 |
| 7/27 | Phoenix | L 4-0 |
| 8/2 | Richmond | L 1-0 |
| 8/7 | at Harrisburg | W 2-1 |
| 8/10 | Antigua | W 5-0 |
| 8/16 | at Tampa Bay at Orlando | D 3-3 |
| 8/17 | | L 1-0 |
| 8/24 8/31 | at Harrisburg+ at Richmond+ | W 3-1 W 2-1 |
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| | Open Cup PRO Playoffs | |

TEAM HISTORY

| Year | League | W-L-T | Pts | Playoffs |
|------|--------|-----------|-----|--------------|
| 1993 | PDL | 5-11-0 | 52 | |
| 1994 | PDL | 10-8-0 | 95 | Div. Final |
| 1995 | USL-2 | 14-6-0 | 126 | Conf. Final |
| 1996 | USL-2 | 12-4-0 | 36 | Final |
| 1997 | USL-2 | 12-6-0 | 32 | Final |
| 1998 | USL-2 | 11-7-0 | 31 | Quarterfinal |
| 1999 | USL-2 | 14-4-0 | 63 | Semifinal |
| 2000 | USL-2 | 11-4-3 | 54 | Champions |
| 2001 | USL-1 | 14-10-2 | 66 | First Round |
| 2002 | USL-1 | 10-4-4 | 50 | First Round |
| 2003 | USL-1 | 6-15-7 | 25 | |
| 2004 | USL-2 | 14-4-2 | 44 | Final |
| 2005 | USL-2 | 13-5-2 | 41 | Champions |
| 2006 | USL-2 | 8-4-8 | 32 | Final |
| 2007 | USL-2 | 11-7-2 | 35 | Semifinal |
| 2008 | USL-2 | 13-2-5 | 44 | Final |
| 2009 | USL-2 | 8-5-7 | 31 | Final |
| 2010 | USL-2 | 5-8-7 | 22 | |
| 2011 | USL PR | O 9-9-6 | 33 | |
| 2012 | USL PR | O 11-10-3 | 36 | |

CHARLOTTE EAGLES (10-5-11)

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REGULAR SEASON STATS

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| 6 | Fejiro Okiomah | 26 | | 2,250 | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 25 |
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| 8 | Ben Page | 2 | | 51 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 10 | Jorge Herrera | 22 | | 1,885 | | 24 | 10 | 4 | 40 | 17 |
| 11 | Juan Guzman | 20 | | 1,396 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 14 |
| 12 | Sergio Villasenor | 14 | | 495 | | 5 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| 13 | Matt Gold | 26 | | 2,214 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| 15 | Christian Meza | 16 | | 745 | | 10 | 4 | 2 | 24 | 10 |
| 16 | Drew Yates | 23 | | 1,239 | | 12 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 26 |
| 17 | Christian Ramirez | 23 | | 1,401 | | 21 | 8 | 5 | 35 | 4 |
| 18 | Stephen Okai | 24 | | 1,825 | | 9 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 16 |
| 19 | William Prado | 11 | | 467 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| 20 | Nate Thornton | 23 | | 1,205 | | 7 | 3 | 1 | 28 | 20 |
| 21 | Paul Islas | 11 | | 593 | | 6 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 2 |
| 22 | Stefan Smith | 22 | | 606 | | 5 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 7 |
| 23 | Juan Nino | 1 | | 45 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 28 | Samuel Asante | 21 | | 1,537 | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 31 |
| 29 | Nick Courtney | 14 | | 901 | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 32 | James Moore | 3 | | 132 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GOAL | KEEPER STATS | | | | | | | | | |
| GOAL | REEFER STATS | | | | | | | | | |
| No. | Player | GP | Min | GAA | GA | W | L | D | SO | Saves |
| 24 | Eric Reed | 25 | 2,238 | 1.528 | 38 | 10 | 4 | 11 | 8 | 101 |
| 26 | Alonso Jimenez | 2 | 0.882 | 102 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
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OKAI SHINING IN ROOKIE SEASON

Last offseason was an anxious one for Charlotte Eagles coach Mark Steffens. As the veterans that had made up the core of his squad began to find opportunities with other sides in USL PRO, it appeared a season of rebuilding was in the cards for a side that hadn't made an appearance in the playoffs since 2009.

"That was one of my big concerns, coming into the second with 18 new players," Steffens said by phone recently. "Knowing that the league seems to get better every year, knowing the Richmond's, Orlando's and Charleston's and some of the other teams have a lot of veterans ... to lose so many last year and to have 18 new guys, a few things really made me anxious."

As it turned out, Steffens need not have worried. Not only did his side jell well enough to earn a place in the playoffs, it is now set to play for the USL PRO Championship against Orlando City.

At the heart of this success have been a number of rookies, one of the more notable being midfielder Stephen Okai. A former standout with Reading United in the PDL, where he was twice named an All-Eastern Conference selection, and the 2012 NAIA Player of the Year for the University of Mobile, Okai was an MLS SuperDraft selection of Reading's MLS partner the Philadelphia Union in January.

When that opportunity, and another tryout with the Seattle Sounders, didn't work out, though, Okai knew where he wanted to be to start his professional career.

"One of the coaches [in Charlotte] had been watching me for three years," Okai said of Eagles assistant David Dixon, "I told him what was going on, and they wanted me to come and play for them, and that's how I ended up playing for the Charlotte Eagles."

Unlike many of the rookies who joined Charlotte following the club's combine earlier this year, Okai was signed as soon as he became available to the Eagles. In his first few days of practice, Steffens was immediately impressed with the young talent Dixon had recommended he sign.

"When we first got him, the first couple of days, I remember thinking, 'Oh my goodness, this is like getting a 22-year-old veteran player'," Steffens said. "He's so mature, so calm on the ball, that's the neat thing about a couple of our rookies, and I think the reason why our rookies have done well, most of our rookies have a lot of composure and don't panic in difficult situations or tight spaces."

Okai has quickly fit into a side that has also seen fellow rookies Christian Ramirez, Fejiro Okiomah and Ben Newnam play significant minutes, and make significant contributions



toward the club's success. Okai attributes part of that to the bond the players share due to the club's ministry and work off the field in the community, but also to the veterans that have helped him learn how to be a professional on and off the field.

"Guys like Drew Yates and Matt [Gold], they're cool guys and I've really loved the way they started the season," Okai said. "Someone like Drew, he didn't get much playing time, but as a professional player he showed that you don't have to be sitting out and talking, all you have to do is fight and keep pushing. I saw all of these things from these two guys, and it has really helped me a lot because I think perseverance always leads to success."

Okai has also built new aspects to his game. While Steffens noted that Okai is a player who prefers to pick the ball up deep in midfield from the Eagles' defense, the veteran coach has encouraged his young midfielder to try to become more proactive when the Eagles are on the attack. While not known for his finishing, Okai contributed four goals this season as his ability to read where situations could open up offensively from his central position.

"He's also extremely good with the ball, he's a very good passer, and when he wants he can get into the attack and do some damage too," Steffens said. "He doesn't do it a lot, but he has that ability to pick the right time to get into the attack and be creative and dangerous in the attacking third. ... He doesn't get into the attack as often as I'd like, but when he does, he's good, no question."

Okai's creative prowess was on display again in last Saturday's semifinal against the top-seeded Richmond Kickers, with his through-ball to Nate Thornton leading to the game-winning goal in the Eagles' 2-1 victory. Now, with the club 90 minutes from its first championship since 2005, Okai and the Eagles are eager to take advantage of their opportunity against the Lions.

"That would mean a lot," he said. "That would be the biggest accomplishment for us, especially for the first-year players. You're a rookie and you're going to play in the championship, [that's] a huge accomplishment, so we're praying and waiting to see what God has in store for us."



TEAM BIO

Orlando City has had remarkable success since its inception prior to the 2011 USL PRO season. Twice the league's regular-season champion, the Lions won the 2011 USL PRO Championship in a penalty shootout after a thrilling final against the Harrisburg City Islanders. Led by head coach Adrian Heath, Orlando has had 10 players named to the USL PRO All-League First Team in the past three season, and has seen four players make the jump to Major League Soccer.

CURRENT PLAYER ROSTER

| No. | Player | Pos. | DOB | Country | College | PDL Club | Last Club |
|-----|------------------|------|----------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Miguel Gallardo | GK | 10/24/84 | Mexico | | Austin Aztex U23 | Austin Aztex |
| 3 | Jonathan Mendoza | Μ | 1/26/90 | United States | Stetson | Orlando City U23 | |
| 4 | lan Fuller | Μ | 8/31/79 | United States | Clemson | | Charleston Battery |
| 6 | Anthony Pulis | Μ | 7/21/84 | England | | | Aldershot |
| 8 | Erik Ustruck | D | 1/4/85 | United States | Santa Clara | | FC Tampa Bay |
| 9 | Dom Dwyer | F | 7/30/90 | England | South Florida | | Sporting Kansas City |
| 10 | Adama Mbengue | Μ | 12/1/93 | Senegal | | Orlando City U23 | |
| 11 | Christian Duke | Μ | 6/5/91 | United States | San Diego | | Sporting Kansas City |
| 13 | Justin Clark | D | 10/17/88 | United States | Rollins | | |
| 14 | Luke Boden | D | 11/26/88 | England | | | Sheffield Wednesday |
| 15 | Dennis Chin | F | 6/4/87 | United States | Rollins | Central Florida Kraze | Central Florida Kraze |
| 16 | Freddie Braun | Μ | 5/13/88 | United States | Louisville | Portland Timbers U-23s | Portland Timbers |
| 17 | James O'Connor | Μ | 9/1/79 | England | | | Sheffield Wednesday |
| 18 | Kevin Molino | Μ | 6/17/90 | Trinidad & Tobago | | | Ma Pau SC |
| 20 | Jean Alexandre | Μ | 8/24/86 | Haiti | Lynn | Ventura County Fusion | San Jose Earthquakes |
| 21 | Jon Kempin | GK | 4/8/93 | United States | | | Sporting Kansas City |
| 22 | Rob Valentino | D | 12/21/85 | United States | San Francisco | San Jose Frogs | FC Tampa Bay |
| 23 | Long Tan | F | 4/1/88 | China | | Vancouver Whitecaps U-23 | D.C. United |
| 24 | Brian Fekete | D | 4/26/91 | United States | Tampa | GPS Portland Phoenix | |
| 27 | Renan Boufleur | D | 1/4/90 | Brazil | | | Phoenix FC |
| 28 | C.J. Sapong | F | 12/27/88 | United States | James Madison | Reading United | Sporting Kansas City |
| 29 | Kevin Ellis | D | 6/30/91 | United States | Barton CC | Kansas City Brass | Sporting Kansas City |
| 30 | Sean Kelley | GK | 4/15/88 | United States | George Mason | Northern Virginia Royals | Austin Aztex |
| 77 | Jamie Watson | Μ | 4/10/86 | United States | North Carolina | Austin Aztex U23 | Austin Aztex |

2013 RESULTS

| Date 4/7 4/10 4/14 4/19 4/23 4/27 5/4 5/12 5/17 5/18 5/21 5/25 5/28 6/7 6/9 6/12 6/26 6/29 7/3 7/5 7/11 7/4 | Opponent at Phoenix at Los Angeles Rochester Los Angeles at Charlotte Dayton Antigua at Seattle Reserves at Harrisburg at Rochester at Ocala* Wilmington Colorado* Phoenix Antigua at Kansas City* at Chicago* Richmond at Wilmington at Charleston Charleston | Result W 3-1 L 1-0 W 3-1 W 3-2 D 1-1 W 4-0 W 7-2 W 2-0 D 2-2 W 1-0 W 2-1 W 4-1 W 3-1 W 2-0 W 1-0 U 2-2 D 1-1 L 2-0 D 2-2 D 1-1 W 2-1 W 2-1 D 2-2 |
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| 8/30 | Charleston+ | W 3-2 |
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TEAM HISTORY

ORLANDO CITY (16-4-6)

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REGULAR SEASON STATS

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|-------|------------------|----|-------|-------|----|----|---|----|----|-------|
| 3 | Jonathan Mendoza | 19 | 740 | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 7 | |
| 4 | lan Fuller | 7 | 88 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | |
| 6 | Anthony Pulis | 17 | 1,264 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 18 | |
| 8 | Erik Ustruck | 11 | 654 | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 6 | |
| 9 | Dom Dwyer | 13 | 1,017 | | 31 | 15 | 1 | 52 | 22 | |
| 10 | Adama Mbengue | 14 | 768 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 7 | |
| 11 | Christian Duke | 21 | 1,340 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 23 | |
| 13 | Justin Clark | 6 | 425 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | |
| 14 | Luke Boden | 24 | 2,155 | | 5 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 13 | |
| 15 | Dennis Chin | 25 | 1,286 | | 13 | 5 | 3 | 37 | 11 | |
| 16 | Freddie Braun | 20 | 1,104 | | 5 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 24 | |
| 17 | James O'Connor | 19 | 1,470 | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 10 | |
| 18 | Kevin Molino | 16 | 1,296 | | 7 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 17 | |
| 20 | Jean Alexandre | 11 | 425 | | 4 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 14 | |
| 22 | Rob Valentino | 24 | 2,125 | | 12 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 21 | |
| 23 | Long Tan | 23 | 1,005 | | 6 | 2 | 2 | 33 | 12 | |
| 24 | Brian Fekete | 7 | 469 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | |
| 27 | Renan Boufleur | 13 | 1,170 | | 4 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 13 | |
| 28 | C.J. Sapong | 5 | 397 | | 4 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 10 | |
| 29 | Kevin Ellis | 5 | 284 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| 77 | Jamie Watson | 20 | 1,376 | | 27 | 10 | 7 | 42 | 14 | |
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| No. | Player | GP | Min | GAA | GA | W | L | D | SO | Saves |
| 1 | Miguel Gallardo | 15 | 1,221 | 0.958 | 13 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 44 |
| 21 | Jon Kempin | 9 | 804 | 1.119 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 34 |
| 30 | Sean Kelley | 4 | 315 | 0.857 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
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VALENTINO LEADING FROM THE BACK

As Orlando City's players sat in the locker room before their quarterfinal against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds in this year's USL PRO Playoffs, the pregame talk swung back a year, and the Lions' opening game of the 2012 playoffs against the Wilmington Hammerheads.

Then, coming off a season in which the side had lost just once in the regular season, the Lions were stunned early, falling into a two-goal deficit in the opening 10 minutes on their way to a 4-3 loss.

"We talked about it before the game and said, 'remember what happened a year ago'," said Rob Valentino. "Last year we said all the right things, but then we went out there and our actions spoke differently and we said we didn't want to have that feeling of disappointment coming in here again, because it was the worst thing in the world."

In both their quarterfinal against the Riverhounds, and semifinal against the Charleston Battery, the Lions' focus has been evident. Scoring goals early and often, Orlando returns to the USL PRO Championship Game this Saturday night with a renewed intensity at it seeks to claim a second title in three seasons.

"I couldn't have dreamed for anything better, to be honest," Valentino said. "To come here and see where we started from the beginning in Orlando is very special to me. On the field I've been very happy playing here, and that's down to Adrian [Heath], lan [Fuller] and the guys that we have here making things fun when we come into practice and into games, we just have a lot of fun with each other."

Some would make the case that Valentino has been as responsible as anyone for setting that tone since his arrival in Orlando. Signed ahead of the start of the club's first season in Florida, Valentino was named the 2011 USL PRO Defender of the Year, and has been named to the All-League First Team in three consecutive seasons, making him one of the more respected center backs in the league.

While appreciative of the accolades he has earned while with the Lions, Valentino passes the credit around.

"Personal things are great," he said. "Anybody would be lying if they said those things aren't fun to get, and people like that stuff, but for me, at the end of the day, those things wouldn't be possible without the great players that I play with, and without the coaching staff.

"I think if I look at myself honestly. I'm not the most talented player; I work extremely hard and I pride myself on that, but having a coach like Adrian, and being able to learn from Adrian and Ian's experience in the league, it's molded me into a better player every single year." His words, however, belie Valentino's play, which has often been crucial to his side's success. A prime example came against Pittsburgh two weeks ago, moments after the Lions had taken a 2-0 lead, as the Riverhounds pushed forward to try and respond quickly to their early deficit. After a



move down the right was switched across the field, Valentino read the play and was on hand to make a sliding clearance inside the six-yard box on Rob Vincent's shot from the left, keeping Pittsburgh off the board.

While Valentino is making things difficult for opponents on the field, however, off the field he is playing his part in keeping things fun within the Orlando locker room. Valentino believes keeping the atmosphere light in the locker room and on the practice field has been important to the club's success on the field, and has enjoyed the team spirit within a locker room that has its fair share of engaging personalities.

"The guys that we have here making things fun when we come into practice and into games, we just have a lot of fun with each other," Valentino said. You look at it, and when people enjoy being around each other like that, you're going to be successful."

That atmosphere, according to Valentino, has permeated the entire club, from the front office to even the upper management.

"You know people want to be happy where they're working, and I think people in the front office have fun around each other," he said. "You'll go in there and there will be six of the young guys that work together, they're all in the back laughing and telling jokes while they're getting their work done, then you've got all the people at the top, Phil [Rawlins] and those guys just like being around each other, it's just really fun to see that, and then you come into the locker room and all the guys feel welcome with each other."

While the Lions' locker room is welcoming, their home turf has been anything but for visitors. One win away from the title, Valentino is expecting the same early effort from the Lions as they battle the Eagles on Saturday night.

"I think we have to stick to what we did last game and come out strong," he said. "Come out with that energy, come out with that passion, if we can get off to a good start like that and keep on consistently, I think we'll put in another good performance."

If the rest of the Lions match Valentino's intensity, and put in the performance he anticipates, a second championship will likely be within their grasp.

2013 AWARDS

POINT LEADERS

| Rank | Player Name | Team | GP | Pts |
|------|-------------------|---------------|----|-----|
| 1. | Jose Angulo | Pittsburgh | 24 | 34 |
| 2. | Dom Dwyer | Orlando | 13 | 31 |
| 3. | Sainey Touray | Harrisburg | 22 | 28 |
| | Lucky Mkosana | Harrisburg | 25 | 28 |
| 5. | Jamie Watson | Orlando | 20 | 27 |
| 6. | Gibson Bardsley | Dayton | 22 | 25 |
| 7. | Jorge Herrera | Charlotte | 22 | 24 |
| | Dane Kelly | Charleston | 23 | 24 |
| 9. | Joseph Ngwenya | Richmond | 20 | 23 |
| | Mauricio Salles | Tampa Bay | 23 | 23 |
| 11. | Matt Fondy | Los Angeles | 10 | 22 |
| 12. | Chris Cortez | Los Angeles | 23 | 21 |
| | Christian Ramirez | Charlotte | 23 | 21 |
| 14. | Brian Ownby | Richmond | 19 | 20 |
| 15. | George Davis IV | Los Angeles | 24 | 18 |
| 16. | Chad Burt | Tampa Bay | 20 | 17 |
| | Nicki Paterson | Charleston | 24 | 17 |
| | Brandon Swartzen | druber Dayton | 24 | 17 |
| | Nate Robinson | Richmond | 25 | 17 |
| | Daniel Steres | Wilmington | 25 | 17 |

GOAL LEADERS

| Rank | Player Name | Team | GP | Goals |
|------|-----------------|-------------|----|-------|
| 1. | Dom Dwyer | Orlando | 13 | 15 |
| | Jose Angulo | Pittsburgh | 24 | 15 |
| 3. | Lucky Mkosana | Harrisburg | 25 | 13 |
| 4. | Sainey Touray | Harrisburg | 22 | 11 |
| | Dane Kelly | Charleston | 23 | 11 |
| 6. | Matt Fondy | Los Angeles | 10 | 10 |
| | Jamie Watson | Orlando | 20 | 10 |
| | Jorge Herrera | Charlotte | 22 | 10 |
| | Mauricio Salles | Tampa Bay | 23 | 10 |
| 10. | Joseph Ngwenya | Richmond | 20 | 9 |
| | Gibson Bardsley | Dayton | 25 | 9 |
| | Chris Cortez | Los Angeles | 21 | 9 |

ASSIST LEADERS

| Rank | Player Name | Team | GP | Assists |
|------|-------------------|-------------|----|---------|
| 1. | Matt Dallman | Pittsburgh | 23 | 12 |
| 2. | Rodrigo Lopez | Los Angeles | 23 | 11 |
| 3. | Nate Robinson | Richmond | 25 | 9 |
| 4. | Jamie Watson | Orlando | 20 | 7 |
| | Gibson Bardsley | Dayton | 25 | 7 |
| 6. | Brian Ownby | Richmond | 19 | 6 |
| | Tom Parratt | Wilmington | 19 | 6 |
| | Sainey Touray | Harrisburg | 22 | 6 |
| | Drew Yates | Charlotte | 23 | 6 |
| 10. | Chad Burt | Tampa Bay | 20 | 5 |
| | Joseph Ngwenya | Richmond | 20 | 5 |
| | Sascha Görres | Richmond | 21 | 5 |
| | Christian Ramirez | Charlotte | 23 | 5 |
| | Luke Boden | Orlando | 24 | 5 |

GAA LEADERS (Minimum 1,080 minutes played)

| Rank | Player Name | Team | GP | GAA |
|------|------------------|-------------|----|-------|
| 1. | Andrew Dykstra | Richmond | 21 | 0.863 |
| 2. | Miguel Gallardo | Orlando | 15 | 0.958 |
| 3. | Odisnel Cooper | Charleston | 22 | 1.090 |
| 4. | Carl Woszczynski | Los Angeles | 12 | 1.153 |
| 5. | Hunter Gilstrap | Pittsburgh | 21 | 1.190 |
| 6. | Alex Horwath | Tampa Bay | 23 | 1.453 |
| 7. | Andrew Weber | Phoenix | 14 | 1.481 |
| 8. | Nick Noble | Harrisburg | 26 | 1.500 |
| 9. | Eric Reed | Charlotte | 25 | 1.528 |
| 10. | Kristian Nicht | Rochester | 24 | 1.562 |

2013 USL PRO STATISTICAL AWARDS

Scoring Champion Jose Angulo, Pittsburgh Riverhounds

Golden Boot Dom Dwyer, Orlando City Jose Angulo, Pittsburgh Riverhounds

Assist Champion Matt Dallman, Pittsburgh Riverhounds

GAA Champion

Andrew Dkystra, Richmond Kickers

2013 USL PRO ALL-LEAGUE 1ST TEAM

GK – Andrew Dykstra, Richmond Kickers

- D Colin Falvey, Charleston Battery
- D Henry Kalungi, Richmond Kickers

D - Rob Valentino, Orlando City

D – William Yomby, Richmond Kickers

MF – Matt Dallman, Pittsburgh Riverhounds

- MF Joseph Ngwenya, Richmond Kickers MF - Jamie Watson, Orlando City
- F Jose Angulo, Pittsburgh Riverhounds

F - Dom Dwyer, Orlando City

- F Sainey Touray, Harrisburg City Islanders

2013 USL PRO ALL-LEAGUE 2ND TEAM

GK - Nick Noble, Harrisburg City Islanders

D - Danny Earls, Rochester Rhinos

- D Josh Rife, VSI Tampa Bay FC
- D Andrew Marshall, Pittsburgh Riverhounds
- D Daniel Steres, Wilmington Hammerheads
- MF Michael Azira, Charleston Battery
- MF George Davis IV, Los Angeles Blues
- MF Jorge Herrera, Charlotte Eagles
- F Gibson Bardsley, Dayton Dutch Lions
- F Matt Fondy, Los Angeles Blues
- F Lucky Mkosana, Harrisburg City Islanders

2013 AWARD FINALISTS

Most Valuable Player Finalists

Jose Angulo, Pittsburgh Riverhounds Joseph Ngwenya, Richmond Kickers Jamie Watson, Orlando City

Rookie of the Year Finalists

Nate Robinson, Richmond Kickers Daniel Steres, Wilmington Hammerheads Donald Toia, Phoenix FC Wolves

Coach of the Year Finalists

Patrick Bal, Dayton Dutch Lions Leigh Cowlishaw, Richmond Kickers Mark Steffens, Charlotte Eagles

Goalkeeper of the Year Finalists

Andrew Dykstra, Richmond Kickers Nick Noble, Harrisburg City Islanders Eric Reed, Charlotte Eagles

Defender of the Year Finalists

Colin Falvey, Charleston Battery Rob Valentino, Orlando City William Yomby, Richmond Kickers

USL PRO



WHAT IS USL PRO?

USLPRO is the strongest, best operated and most experienced North American men's professional soccer league below MLS, both on and off the field. In 2013 USL PRO began a groundbreaking, multi-year partnership with MLS that will enhance the development of professional players in North America, strengthen the competition in both leagues, and establish a solid foundation for future collaboration.

Focused on franchise stability and longevity, USL PRO features 13 teams participating in the 2013 season, including expansion teams in Phoenix and Tampa.

The league is focused on aggressive but deliberate growth by adding teams fully capable of meeting USL and US Soccer standards, which are located in markets that further promote regional league play. In addition to league play, USL PRO teams compete in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup as well as various domestic and international exhibitions. USL PRO is the longest-standing pro league affiliate member of US Soccer.





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CUP COMPETITIONS

In addition to league play, USL PRO clubs compete in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, serving as both David and Goliath as the tournament field narrows. This season was another impressive one for USL PRO clubs, with Orlando City reaching the quarterfinals and the Charleston Battery reaching the fourth round, both defeating MLS opposition along the way.

Orlando's run in the competition was the best in club history, as the Lions took a 3-1 victory against the Colorado Rapids at the Florida Citrus Bowl in the third round before stunning defending champion Sporting Kansas City 1-0 at Sporting Park in the fourth round. The Lions' run finally came to an end at the hands of four-time winner the Chicago Fire. Charleston, meanwhile, had its best run in the tournament since reaching the quarterfinals in 2010 as the Battery took victory against 2012 MLS Supporter's Shield winner the San Jose Earthquakes at Blackbaud Stadium. The Battery then took Real Salt Lake to extra time before being eliminated at Rio Tinto Stadium.

Orlando's success continued the tradition of strong Open Cup runs by USL PRO clubs, with the Lions becoming the sixth different USL PRO side since 2010 to reach the last eight of the competition.

LEAGUE STRUCTURE

With 13 teams in a single-table format, USL PRO maintained its traditional regional rivalries while also ensuring that each club met in the regular season to maintain competitive balance. A 26-game regular season also included two meetings each with MLS Reserve League teams in 2013.

With quality ownership and experienced coaches, USL PRO has quickly established itself as a proving ground for professional soccer players aiming to take their game to the top level of soccer in the United States and overseas.







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2013 USL PRO TEAMS

- Antigua Barracuda FC

- Dayton Dutch Lions
- Los Angeles Blues
- Orlando City
- Phoenix FC Wolves
- Pittsburgh Riverhounds
- Richmond Kickers
- Rochester Rhinos
- VSI Tampa Bay FC
- Wilmington Hammerheads

2014 EXPANSION

- Oklahoma City





USL PRO CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

| Year | | | Р | ks | | |
|------|--------------------|---|---|----|---|---------------------------|
| 2012 | Charleston Battery | 1 | | | 0 | Wilmington Hammerheads |
| 2011 | Orlando City | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | Harrisburg City Islanders |