

**Match Up:** Oakland Roots SC at Indy Eleven

**Competition:** USL Championship

**Date:** April 4, 2023

**Kick off time:** 4:00 PM PT

**Weather Forecast:** 61 degrees, partly cloudy

**Venue:** IU Michael A. Carroll Track & Soccer Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Match Preview:**

- Players back for year 3: Joseph Nane, Tarek Morad, Lindo Mfeka, Paul Blanchette, Emrah Klimenta, Memo Diaz
- Players back for year 4: Taylor Bailey, Johnny Rodriguez
- Oakland is coming off their first league win of the season on Saturday night. A 1-0 victory over New Mexico United.
- Johnny Rodriguez has scored 3 goals in 3 games in all competitions.
- This will be the first time that the two sides have met since Oakland joined the USL Championship.
- Neveal Hackshaw of Oakland Roots spent the previous 4 seasons with Indy Eleven.

**Last Meeting:**

- None

**Last Three Games:**

- April 4, 2023
  - OAK 3, ELF 1 (U.S Open Cup 2nd Round)
- April 1, 2023
  - OAK 1, NM 0
- March 19, 2023
  - RGV 1, OAK 1

**Injuries**

- None

**Discipline**

- None

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## Numerical Roster Oakland Roots

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Last Club
3	Kevin Wright	D	5-7	xxx	Essex, England	Appolon Symrnis FC
4	Joseph Nane	MF	6-2	184	Yaounde, Cameroon	ASIL Lysi
6	Tarek Morad	D	6-0	175	Los Angeles, California	San Diego Loyal
7	Napo Matsoso	MF	5-7	145	Maseru, Lesotho	Louisville City FC
8	Irakoze Donasiyano	MF	5-9	155	Roanoke, Virginia	Nashville SC
9	Dariusz Formella	MF	5-10	185	Gdynia, Poland	Sacramento Republic FC
10	Lindo Mfeka	MF	5-5	145	Durban, South Africa	Reno 1868 FC
11	Trayvone Reid	MF	5-11	167	Kingston, Jamaica	Harbor View FC
13	Neveal Hackshaw	D	6-1	xxx	La Horquetta, Trinidad and Tobago	Indy Eleven
14	Danny Barbir	D	6-5	190	Atlanta, Georgia	Sporting KC II
15	Daniel Gomez	MF	5-8	159	Manteca, California	Project 510
16	Ryan Her	MF	5-8	150	Sacramento, California	University of Pacific
17	Johnny Rodriguez	F	6-0	172	Fresno, California	Oakland Roots SC (NISA)
18	Anuar Jose Peláez Paba	F	6-0	182	Maicao, Colombia	Hermanos Colmenarez
19	Wolfgang Prentice	MF	6-0	165	Redondo Beach, California	Cal State Northridge
20	Paul Blanchette	GK	6-4	185	Palo Alto, California	Rio Grande Valley FC
21	Emrah Klimenta	D	6-1	178	Rožaje, SR Montenegro	San Diego Loyal SC
23	Memo Diaz	D/MF	5-7	160	El Paso, Texas	El Paso Locomotive
30	Bryan Tamacas	D	5-7	xxx	San Salvador, El Salvador	Alianza
34	Damrio McIntosh (a)	D/MF	5-9	175	Negril, Jamaica	Project 510
38	Etsgar Cruz (a)	F	5-5	135	Modesto, California	Project 510
39	Javier Bedolla-Vera (a)	MF	5-8	117	Newark, California	Project 510
47	Taylor Bailey	GK	6-1	170	Greeneville, Tennessee	Oakland Roots SC (NISA)
50	Thomas Camier (a)	D	6-1	172	Rambouillet, France	Project 510
61	Edwin Rodriguez (a)	GK	6-0	160	Pittsburgh, California	Project 510
62	Adan Corona (a)	GK	5-10	145	Stockton, California	Project 510
66	Ethan Kohler	MF	5-11	160	Campbell, California	San Jose Earthquakes 2
72	Edgardo Rito	D/MF	5-8	150	El Vígía, Venezuela	Patriotas Boyacá
99	Drew Murray	D	6-3	174	San Jose, California	San Jose Earthquakes 2

(a) = academy contract

**Head Coach:** Noah Delgado

**First Assistant Coach:** Gavin Glinton

**Second Assistant:** Dannylo Ayllon

**Goalkeeping Coach:** Peter Davis

**Performance Coach:** Matt Herold

**VP of Soccer:** Eric Yamamoto

**Technical Director:** Jordan Ferrell



## Alphabetical Roster Oakland Roots Pronunciation Guide

No.	Name	Pronunciation	Nickname
47	Taylor Bailey		
14	Danny Barbir	Bar beer	
39	Javier Bedolla-Vera (a)		
20	Paul Blanchette	Blan-chet	
50	Thomas Camier (a)	ka-me	
62	Adan Corona (a)	ah-dawn core-oh-nah	
38	Etsgar Cruz (a)	ets-gar	
23	Memo Diaz	meh mo DEE as	
8	Irakoze Donasiyano	Eee-rahh-cozy Dough-nah-see-yaa-no	Koze
15	Daniel Gomez	Dan-ee Go-mez	Danny
13	Neveal Hackshaw		
16	Ryan Her		
66	Ethan Kohler	coal-er	
9	Dariusz Formella	Dar-Ush	Darek
21	Emrah Klimenta	Em-raw klee-men-Ta	
7	Napo Matsoso	Nah-Po Maht-so-so	
10	Lindo Mfeka	lin do mm FEH ka	
34	Damrio McIntosh (a)	mac-in-tosh	
6	Tarek Morad	Tar-ik More ahd	
99	Drew Murray	Mur-ee	
4	Joseph Nane	Nah - nay	
18	Anuar Jose Peláez Paba	ahn-wahr	
19	Wolfgang Prentice	pren-Tis	Wolf
11	Trayvone Reid	tray-Von reed	
72	Edgardo Rito	ed-war-do ri-To	
61	Edwin Rodriguez (a)	Rod-ri-guez	
17	Johnny Rodriguez	John-ee Rod-ri-guez	
30	Bryan Tamacas	ta-ma-cus	
3	Kevin Wright	right	



## Oakland Roots Sports Club 2023 Roster and Player Bios

### **#3 Kevin Wright Signed Jan 18, 2023**

Wright is a member of the Sierra Leone National Team. He was born in Essex, England and made his debut for Sierra Leone on October 9, 2020. At age 10, he got his start at Chelsea's Youth Academy where he spent the next decade of his career. Wright helped Chelsea lift the FA Youth Cup in 2014. He made his professional debut for Carlisle United in 2016-2017 before moving to the Norwegian Second Division for the 2017-2018 season. He went on to play for Degerfors of the Swedish second tier before signing for Örebro in the first division where he made over 60 appearances. Wright most recently spent time with Apollon Smyrnis in the Greek second tier in 2022.

### **#4 Joseph Nane Re-Signed on Jan 21, 2023**

Nane's extensive professional experience began with Toronto FC in 2010 when he was drafted 53rd overall in the MLS SuperDraft. The Cameroon born, Nane made 10 appearances in Toronto helping the team lift the Canadian Championship. At the end of the 2010 season, he was traded to Colorado Rapids where he spent the full 2011 and 2012 seasons.

In 2013, Nane signed with the New York Cosmos of the NASL. In that season playing alongside Marco Senna, the New York Cosmos won the 2013 NASL Championship with the duo dominating midfield. Nane continued with the Cosmos in 2014 before playing the 2015 season with San Antonio also in the NASL. Since 2016, Nane has been abroad, playing three seasons in Kazakhstan and the last two seasons in Cyprus, before joining Oakland.

With Oakland in 2021, Nane made seven appearances with six starts and also started both playoff games. In 2022, Nane made 25 appearances scoring once.

### **#6 Tarek Morad Re-Signed on Dec 22, 2022.**

Tarek Morad was born in Los Angeles, California and raised in Chino Hills. The Center Back is entering his 10th season in the USL Championship. In 2014, Morad featured for Oklahoma City Energy before he headed to Louisville for three years. While in Louisville, Morad helped the Club win the 2017 USL Championship game. In 2018 and 2019, Morad played for the Tampa Bay Rowdies before spending 2020 in Southern California with San Diego Loyal. In total, Morad has featured in the League more than 100 times. In 2021, Morad made nine starts while playing in 17 total games. In 2022 with Oakland Roots, Morad made 30 appearances including 29 starts, helping the team reach the playoffs for a second consecutive season.

### **#7 Napo Matsoso signed Dec 8, 2022**

Matsoso was born and raised in Lesotho and most recently featured with Louisville in the USL Championship where he was part of the 2018 League winning side. Matsoso is a product of the University of Kentucky where he was a four-year player for the program. Following a standout collegiate career, Matsoso was selected 31st overall in the 2017 MLS Superdraft by the New England Revolution. He went on to play for Louisville City in the USL Championship from 2018-2022 making 89 appearances in the process while also lifting the 2018 USL Championship Trophy.

### **#8 Irakoze Donasiyano Signed Jan 31, 2023**

Donasiyano was born in a refugee camp in Tanzania and now represents his homeland of Burundi at the senior national level. The 24-year-old moved to the United States in 2007, settling with his family in Roanoke, Virginia. Donasiyano attended the University of Virginia from 2017-2020, making 65 appearances for the Cavaliers. Following graduation and a standout college career, Donasiyano was selected 20th overall in the 2021 MLS SuperDraft by Nashville SC. Donasiyano made one appearance for the MLS side, being loaned to the USL Championship in both 2021 and 2022 to OKC Energy and Phoenix Rising, respectively. In November of 2022, Donasiyano made his first appearance for the Burundi National team against Ivory Coast.

### **#9 Dariusz Formella Signed on Jan 18, 2022**

Formella was born and raised in Poland and most recently featured for Sacramento Republic where he made 51 appearances, scoring 17 times for the NorCal side. One of those goals came at Laney in 2021 against Oakland when he equalized in a match Oakland would go onto win 2-1. Formella got his start professionally playing for Arka Gdynia in the Polish Second Division. In 2013, he was signed by Lech Poznan, where he made nearly 100 appearances for the Polish top flight side. His final stop before coming to the United States was with Rakow Czestochowa. During his seven seasons in Poland, Formella won the Polish First Division in 2014-15, the Polish Cup in 2016-17 and two Polish Super Cups in 2015 and 2016. In his first season with Oakland Roots, Formella made 32 appearances, contributing four goals.

### **#10 Lindo Mfeka Re-Signed on Dec 8, 2021**

South African born midfielder Lindo Mfeka most recently featured as the number 10 for Reno 1868 FC in the USL Championship. Mfeka was drafted by the San Jose Earthquakes in 2017 and spent his first season on loan in Reno after making one MLS appearance as a rookie. Mfeka continued with Reno in 2018 and 2019 tallying 14 goals in 67 league appearances. Mfeka played his college soccer in South Florida for South Florida University following time with the U-17 South African National team. Mfeka's season ended early in 2021 with an injury in the final regular season game forcing him to miss the playoffs. Before the injury he would make 23 appearances, scoring twice in 2021. In 2022 Mfeka would fight through another injury season to contribute three goals in 23 games.

### **#11 Trayvone Reid signed Dec 12, 2022**

Reid was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica. The 22-year-old midfielder who most recently featured for Harbour View FC in the National Premier League, the top flight of Jamaican Soccer. During his only season with Harbour View, he helped the side lift the National Premier League Title in 2022.

### **#13 Neveal Hackshaw signed on Feb 23, 2023**

Hackshaw most recently featured for Indy Eleven for four seasons following three seasons with Charleston Battery. He has earned more than 150 appearances in the League to date. Hacksaw has featured for Trinidad and Tobago, his home country, on 28 occasions with the first appearance in 2015. The 27-year-old was born in La Horquetta in Trinidad and Tobago and scored twice for his national team in 2022 in back-to-back games in CONCACAF Nations League play.

### **#14 Danny Barbir Signed on Jan 18, 2022**

Barbir is a center back by trade who most recently played for Sporting Kansas City II. The 23 year old Atlanta native made 39 appearances scoring on four occasions for Sporting II, one appearance of which came at Laney College to end the 2021 regular season against Oakland Roots. Prior to his time at Sporting, Barbir was signed by Astra Giurgiu of the Romanian Second Division and loaned to SV Sandhausen in Germany, where he featured 11 times for their reserve side. His first professional appearances came when he was just 19 years old, playing for Vancouver Whitecaps USL side in 2017. As a youth player, Barbir was briefly part of the Manchester City youth set up before spending three seasons in West Bromwich Albion's youth set up. Barbir has made appearances for the U15, U17 and U19 US Youth National Teams. In his first season in Oakland, Barbir made 29 appearances with 26 starts on the back line.

### **#15 Daniel Gomez Signed on Dec 19, 2022**

Gomez is a 22-year-old midfielder who was the Project 510 Vice Captain in 2022 and is a Manteca, California native. His signing marks the first player to come through the USL League Two Project 510 team into the USL Championship first team and the third player to play for Project 510 and sign a professional first team contract following Joseph Restani and Tarn Weir. Gomez is a midfield product out of CSU Stanislaus in California's Central Valley.

### **#16 Ryan Her Signed on Dec 14, 2022**

Her is a 22-year-old Sacramento native who most recently featured for University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. Over five seasons, Her would make over 70 appearances for University of the Pacific, helping establish the team as one of the best in the West Coast Conference over that time.

### **#17 Johnny Rodriguez Re-signed on Dec 16, 2022**

Rodriguez, from California's Central Valley, helped lead the line for Roots in the Fall 2020 campaign, scoring in both the semi-final and final of the 2020 NISA Fall Championship Tournament. Before transferring to Northridge, Johnny led Fresno City College to the 2017 CCCAA State Championships and was named CCCAA Tournament MVP. While at Fresno City, he was chosen as the 2017 NSCAA Division III Junior College Player of the Year and was selected to the NSCAA Division III Junior College First-Team All-American in both 2016 and 2017. Johnny went on to play two years at Cal State Northridge, a Division 1 Big West program. As a Junior, he was second on the team in goals and tied for second in assists. In his senior year, he was named second-team All-Conference while ranking fourth in the Big West in goals scored. At the beginning of 2021, Rodriguez went down with an injury the night before the opening game. Despite the setback, he still made 20 appearances scoring twice, including a bicycle kick that won Oakland Roots Goal of the Year. In 2022, Rodriguez once again won Oakland Roots Goal of the Year, scoring two goals in 24 appearances all off the bench.

### **#18 Anuar Jose Palaez Paba Signed on Feb 2, 2023**

The 30-year-old Peláez Paba most recently featured for CD Hermanos Colmenarez in Venezuela. Peláez was born in La Guajira, Colombia and was the youngest of five brothers.

### **#19 Wolfgang Prentice Signed on Mar 11, 2022**

Wolfgang was born and raised in Redondo Beach California, and spent four years at Cal State Northridge. He was named part of the 2018 Big West Conference All-Freshman team. Before attending CSUN, Prentice spent time in the LA Galaxy Academy program and participated in the 2015 US National Team U-15 camp. Prentice spent most of the 2022 season on loan in USL League One with Northern Colorado Hailstorm, becoming a regular starter for the Third Division side. He made 12 appearances, scoring once for the Hailstorm.

### **#20 Paul Blanchette Re-Signed on Dec 2, 2022**

Paul came to Roots from Rio Grande Valley FC where he made ten appearances during the 2020 season. Paul is a Palo Alto native, which makes him another player with local ties. Having played in several different leagues both domestically and internationally throughout his career, he brings a wealth of experience to the team. Blanchette began the 2021 season on the bench before taking over as the full time goal keeper midway through the season. Blanchette made 23 appearances in the regular season as well as two more in the playoffs both of which were shutouts. In 2022, Blanchette made 20 starts, earning Player of the Week once and Save of the Week twice.

### **#21 Emrah Klimenta Re-Signed on Dec 25, 2022**

Emrah Klimenta has long ties to Oakland and the East Bay having first moved to the City of Oakland with his family upon emigrating from Montenegro. His family currently resides in the East Bay. Klimenta was part of the inaugural Sacramento Republic team that won the USL Championship in 2014. He played four seasons with the NorCal side, making 91 appearances and scoring nine goals all while becoming a fan favorite in that time. He spent a brief period of time in 2018 with MLS LA Galaxy before returning to Sacramento for the remainder of the 2018 season. Following his time in Sacramento, Klimenta spent a season in Reno and one in San Diego in 2019 and 2020, respectively. During his time in the USL, he has also been called up to represent his national team in Montenegro on seven occasions. Emrah earned the Roots 2021 Player of the Year, having led the team as captain and in minutes played. As captain, he made 29 appearances and 28 starts in 2021 scoring the game winning goal against Sacramento in the first rivalry match. Klimenta returned in 2022, making 27 appearances while scoring two more goals for Oakland.

### **#23 Memo Diaz Re-signed on Dec 2, 2022**

The attacking midfielder most recently played for his hometown side, El Paso Locomotive. While with El Paso, Diaz made 12 appearances in front of his friends and family. This was followed by two seasons in USL League Two with Landeno Heat and Midland Odessa Sockers. Diaz made 31 appearances for the Roots in 2021 and started both playoff games, becoming the go to right back option for Oakland. In 2022, Diaz saw time as both a right and left wing back option, making 21 appearances with seven of those off the bench.

### **#30 Bryan Tamacas signed on Feb 10, 2023**

The 27-year-old defender was born in the capital city of El Salvador in San Salvador and has represented his National Team at the senior level on 62 occasions. Tamacas most recently featured for Alianza in the Salvadoran top division. He previously played for Santa Tecla FC on two occasions after spending time with C.D. FAS. Tamacas has won the League Championship in El Salvador on multiple occasions for both Santa Tecla FC and Alianza. For the National Team, Tamacas made his debut in June of 2016 in a friendly match vs Armenia. Following his debut for the national team, Tamacas has gone on to be part of the 2017, 2019, and 2021 Gold Cup squads as well as being a part of the Salvadoran CONCACAF Nations League side. In 2021, at the Gold Cup, Tamacas was honored with the 'Fighting Spirit Award' for his efforts in the quarterfinal match against Qatar.

### **#34 Damrio McIntosh Re-Signed on March 9, 2023**

Damarrio McIntosh is a 15-year-old defender from Newark, California. McIntosh is also a product of Newark FC, and was the youngest member of the Project 510 squad, having been born in August of 2007. He scored the game winning goal for Project 510 late in a match vs Marin FC last spring. McIntosh was part of the Project 510 squad in 2022 that won both the USL League Two Southwest Division and the UPSL NorCal Division.

### **#38 Etsgar Cruz Re-Signed on March 9, 2023**

Etsgar Cruz is a 17-year-old forward from Modesto, California. He is a product of SUSC Halcones Youth Club and Ceres High School. Cruz was part of the Project 510 squad in 2022 that won both the USL League Two Southwest Division and the UPSL NorCal Division.

### **#39 Javier Bedolla-Vera Re-Signed on March 9, 2023**

Javier Bedolla-Vera is a 15-year-old midfielder from Newark, California and a product of 1974 Newark FC. Bedolla-Vera was part of the Project 510 squad in the 2022 season that won both the USL League Two Southwest Division and the UPSL NorCal Division.

### **#47 Taylor Bailey Re-signed on Apr 21, 2021**

Bailey was the starting keeper for Roots 2020 NISA season, starting both games of the NISA season before the Covid pandemic ended the season early. Taylor was born and raised in Greenville, Tennessee before starting his college career at Nova Southeastern University. After a short time in Florida, Bailey played for San Francisco Community College from 2017-2019 where he led the team as Captain. During the college offseason, Bailey also featured locally for USL League Two side SF City FC. In 2021, Bailey made three appearances, all starts while being on the bench for both playoff games. In 2022 Bailey spent a short portion of the year on loan with Forward Madison. He returned to Oakland to make four appearances with Roots.

### **#50 Thomas Camier Signed on March 9, 2023**

Thomas Camier is an 18-year-old defender originally born in Rambouillet, France. Camier grew up in Pleasanton, California starting in 2017. Camier just graduated from high school and is attending Las Positas College through online studies.



### **#61 Edwin Rodriguez Re-Signed on March 9, 2023**

Rodriguez is a 16-year-old Pittsburg High School student who has played for Newark FC since 2017. He was a member of the 2006 age group NPL National Championship team last year with Newark led by coach Ryan Medrano. Rodriguez was also part of the Project 510 squad in 2022 that won both the USL League Two Southwest Division and the UPSL NorCal Division.

### **#62 Adan Corona Signed on March 9, 2023**

Adan Corona is a 17-year-old goalkeeper from Stockton, California. Corona is currently a senior at Lincoln High School.

### **#66 Ethan Kohler Signed on Jan 26, 2023**

Kohler was born and raised in Campbell, California in the South Bay and has featured for the United States U-19 National Team, most recently called up in April of 2022. The 17-year-old, most recently featured with San Jose Earthquakes II in MLS Next Pro making 11 appearances for the Third Division side in 2022. Kohler is a Laurel Springs High School Senior who will be graduating in the Spring of 2023.

### **#72 Edgardo Rito Signed on Jan 21, 2022**

Rito got his start with Atletico El Vigia in the academy before making 26 appearances for the senior team. Rito spent the 2019 and 2020 season in USL with New York Red Bulls II where he made 34 appearances, scoring on two occasions. In 2016, Rito joined Yaracuyanos FC of the Venezuelan Second Division. He was then loaned to Mineros de Guayana for the subsequent season. During his stint with Mineros, Rito helped the Club qualify to the round of 16 of the Copa Venezuela. In 2017, he was loaned out again, this time to Colombian side Patriotas Boyacá. He appeared in 26 matches in all competitions, including an appearance in the Copa Sudamericana. For the 2018 season, Rito returned to Venezuela, joining Metropolitanos FC where he appeared in 17 matches for the Club. Most recently, Rito was with Patriotas Boyacá in Colombia. In his first season in Oakland, Rito earned First Team All USL honors at right back. He made 33 appearances, contributing 5 goals and 7 assists.

### **#99 Drew Murray Signed on Jan 27, 2023**

Murray was born and raised in San Jose, California and just featured for the United States U-19 National Team this January. The 17 year-old featured for San Jose Earthquakes II in MLS Next Pro, making two appearances for the South Bay side in 2022. In the Summer of 2022, Murray was part of the MLS Next All-Star team representing the Western Conference.