



Atlanta United 2 6W-10L-4D, 22 pts 9th, Eastern Conference



Tampa Bay Rowdies 12W-3L-6D, 42 pts 2nd, Eastern Conference



Championship

Saturday, July 30, 7 p.m. ET Al Lang Stadium, St. Petersburg, FL Broadcast: ESPN+

Head Coach:

Mark Lowry, 1st Season

Statistical Leaders:

Goals: Stefano Pinho (7), Manuel Arteaga (5), Aris Briggs (2), Jonas Fjeldberg (2)

Assists: Solomon Asante (3), Stefano Pinho (3), Manue Arteaga (2)

Head Coach:

Neill Collins, 5th season

Statistical Leaders:

Goals: Leo Fernandes (11), Jake LaCava (10), Steevan Dos Santos (4), Sebastian Dalgaard (4)

Assists: Leo Fernandes (5), Lewis Hilton (4), Jake LaCava (3), Dayonna Harris (2)

2022 Rowdies Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
3.13	@ Birmingham	1-1 Draw
3.19	vs Indy	2-0 Win
3.23	@ Atlanta	3-0 Win
3.26	vs Hartford	1-1 Draw
4.2	@ Oakland	1-0 Draw
4.9	vs Miami	2-0 Loss
4.16	vs Tulsa	3-1 Win
4.23	@ New York	1-1 Draw
4.27	@ Memphis	3-1 Loss
4.30	v San Diego	3-2 Loss
5.15	@ Phoenix	5-1 Win
5.21	vs Pittsburgh	3-1 Win
6.1	@ Tulsa	1-1 Draw
6.4	vs Louisville	1-0 Win
6.11	@ Miami	2-1 Win
6.18	vs Charleston	1-1 Draw
6.25	@ Pittsburgh	5-2 Win
7.2	vs Memphis	2-0 Win
7.9	@Hartford	3-2 Win
7.16	@Loudoun	4-1 Win
7.23	vsAtlanta	3-1 Win
7.30	@ Indy	7 pm ET
8.6	vs Detroit	7:30 pm ET
8.13	@ Louisville	7:30 pm ET
8.20	@ Colorado	9 pm ET
8.27	vs Orange County	7:30 pm ET
9.3	vs Las Vegas	7:30 pm ET
9.10	@ Charleston	7 pm ET
9.17	@ Detroit	7:30 pm ET
9.23	vs Birmingham	7:30 pm ET
9.28	vs El Paso	8 pm ET 10
10:1	@ Monterey	pm ET 7:30
10.8	vs Loudoun	pm ET 7:30
10.15	vs New York	pm ET

Last Meeting:

The Rowdies last met Indy in the second match of the season on March 19. Tampa Bay recorded a 2-0 victory that night at Al Lang Stadium.

Club Connections:

Tampa Bay and Indy recently exchanged players. last week. Tampa Bay sent forward Juan Tejada to Indy and received midfielder Nicky Law in return. Rowdies defender Conner Antley spent the 2020 season in Indy beofre joining Tampa Bay in 2021.

LAST TIME OUT: 3-1 vs Atlanta United 2

Starting XI:

GK: Cochran

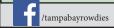
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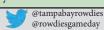
M: Dalgaard, Hilton, Wyke, Areman

F: LaCava, Dos Santos, Fernandes

Scoring Summary:

- Dos Santos, 25'
- Dos Santos (Fernandes), 38'
- Fernandes (Penalty), 68'









Team Information

Location	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Inaugural Season	2010
Colors	Green and Gold
Stadium	Al Lang Stadium
Surface	Natural grass (Celebration Bermuda)
Capacity	

Technical Staff

	Head Coach	Neill Collins
	Assistant Coach	Neill Collins Stuart Dobson
	Assistant Coach	Jonathan Stead Eric Wilde Pete Calabrese
	Assistant Coach	Eric Wilde
	Performance Coach	Pete Calabrese
4	Athletic Trainer	Eric Streich
	Soccer Operations Manager	Juan Serna

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Roster size	25
Goalkeepers	3
Defenders	
Midfielders	
ForwardsUnique Nationalities	
United States	11
England	3
Mexico	1
Brazil	1
Canada	
Denmark	1
France	2
Cuba	1
Republic of Congo	1
Jamaica	1
Cape Verde	1
Uruguay	1
Zimbabwe	1

Brand Guidelines

On first reference, use Tampa Bay Rowdies. On following references, either Tampa Bay or Rowdies is acceptable. Tampa, Tampa Rowdies, St. Pete, St. Pete Rowdies or any other usage is incorrect.

The Rowdies play their home matches at Al Lang Stadium in Downtown St. Petersburg. It is correct to say the team plays in St. Petersburg, St. Pete or the Tampa Bay area. It is incorrect to say the team plays in *Tampa*.

For scoreboards or other abbreviations, TBR is the correct tricode. TAM, ROW and any other abbreviation are incorrect and must be avoided.

2022 Tampa Bay Rowdies Roster

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No.	Pos.	Name	DOB	Hometown	Height	Weight
1	GK	CJ Cochran	9.17.1991	Alpharetta, Georgia	6-4	201
2	D	Conner Antley	3.22.1995	Atlanta, Georgia	6-0	170
4	M	Lewis Hilton	10.22.1993	Newquay, England	5-8	150
5	D	Jordan Scarlett	7.8.1995	Montego Bay, Jamaica	6-0	190
6	M	Junior Etou	6.1.1994	Republic of Congo	5-10	155
7	M	Yann Ekra	12.10.1990	Paris, France	5-10	171
8	М	Jake Areman	3.9.1996	West Long Branch, NJ	5-9	154
19	F	Jake LaCava	1.12.2001	New Milford, Connecticut	6-1	170
21	М	Dayonn Harris	8.29.1997	Milton, Ontario, Canada	5-6	160
11	M	Leo Fernandes	12.23.1991	São Paulo, Brazil	6-1	175
13	F	Sebastian Guenzatti	7.8.1991	Montevideo, Uruguay	5-11	170
27	M	Laurence, Wyke	9.20.1996	Bolton, England	6-1	180
33	D	Aaron Guillen	6.23.1993	Chihuahua, Mexico	6-1	168
15	D	Timmy Mehl	6.30.1992	Manhattan Beach, California	6-1	170
31	М	Nicky Law	3.29.1988	Plymouth, England	5-10	158
10	F	Steevan Dos Santos	9.17.1989	Mindelo, Cape Verde	6-4	200
56	GK	Raiko Arozarena	3.27.1997	Pinar Del Rio, Cuba	5-11	178
22	F	Kyle Greig	2.22.1990	Stevens Point, WI	6-2	176
23	М	Sebastian Dalgaard	8.23.1991	Odense, Denmark	6-1	185
77	F	Lucky Mkosana	9.30.1987	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe	5-10	165
24	D	Robert Castellanos	5.11.1998	Palmdale, California	6-2	181
46	D	Santi Castaneda	11.13.2004			
47	D	Tate Johnson	7.10.2005			
30	GK	Phil Breno	12.11.1995	Mount Airy, Maryland	6-2	
14	D	Ian Antley	3.22.1995	Atlanta, Georgia	6-0	

This weekend, the Tampa Bay Rowdies are set for their first trip to the Circle City since 2019. They travel to face an Indy Eleven side that has struggled in the standings over the last two months, but wins have always been hard to come for the Rowdies in trips up to Indianapolis. In seven total away days versus Indy, Tampa Bay's only victory was the club's first trip there back in 2014 during Indy's inaugural season.

"Where a team is in the standings doesn't necessarily correlate with how difficult the matchup will be," said Rowdies Head Coach Neill Collins. "On any given day, you can get the toughest game against a team you least expect it from. My expectations are we'll have a very tough matchup. They've got a coach that's working very hard to turn things around. It'll probably be a very short time until he does that."

Indy snapped a five-match scoreless drought in last week's home matchup with Memphis 901 FC but only secured a point in the match. Overall, Indy is winless in eight straight outings. First-year Head Coach Mark Lowry no doubt has impressive attacking options at his disposal with veteran forwards Solomon Asante and Stefano Pinho. The club also picked up a new option last week in a trade with Tampa Bay that saw Indy receive forward Juan Tejada and Indy send midfielder Nicky Law to Tampa Bay. Both players made their debuts for their new clubs last weekend and are likely to play a key role for in the final stretch of the season.

Law entered at the half of last week's 3-1 win over Atlanta United 2 and provided a steady influence on the match from center midfield.

"Nicky showed everyone why we brought him here," said Collins. "He brought a real calmness, real quality on the ball. He's got great fitness. What a great debut for Nicky. That was very pleasing to see."

Historic Scoring Pace

Heading into the weekend, the Rowdies sit second in the league's scoring charts with 44 tallies through their first 21 matches. This year's squad is outpacing all previous seasons by a large margin. At this point last year, the Rowdies has notched 33 goals, which itself was a club-best compared to all past seasons in the modern era.

"I look at previous seasons, with how well we've done and how strong we've been, and I don't think we've ever created the quantity and quality of chances," said Collins. "I believe it's only a matter of time before you start converting when you create like that, and we have. Saturday was the most shots any team had in the league up to that point. We've worked hard and we're constantly trying to get better at that part of the game."

Pronunciation Guide:

Yann Ekra: yahn eck-ruh

Sebastian Guenzatti: gwen-zah-tee

Aaron Guillen: gee-YEN(first syllable rhymes with knee)

Laurence Wyke: whyke

Lucky Mkosana: emm-ko-sah-nah Raiko Arozarena: rye-ko ah-row-zah-rina

Leo Fernandes: fer-nan-dez Conner Antley: ant-lee

Lewis Hilton: hill-tun (like the hotel)

Jordan Scarlett: scar-let Juan Tejada: tay-ha-da

Steevan Dos Santos: stee-ven dos san-tos

Davonn Harris: day-on Sebastian Dalgaard: dahl-gard **Jake Areman:** Are-man **Iunior Etou:** eh-two

Timmy Mehl: mell (rhymes with bell) Robert Castellanos: ka-stuh-laa-nowz Thomas Vancaeyezeele: VAN-cay-zeal

Injury Report

OUT: Robert Castellanos

QUESTIONABLE: Conner Antley, Lucky Mkosana, Thomas Vancaeyezeele

Upcoming Milestones

- Sebastian Guenzatti is two goals away from breaking the Rowdies all-time scoring record of 60 goals held by Georgi Hristov.
- Guenzatti is 2 appearances away from his 150th appearance for the Rowdies. He currently ranks second in the modern era in appearances.
- Lucky Mkosana is 4 appearances away from his 100th appearance for the Rowdies.
- Keeper CJ Cochran is two clean sheets away from his 30th shutout in the USL Championship.





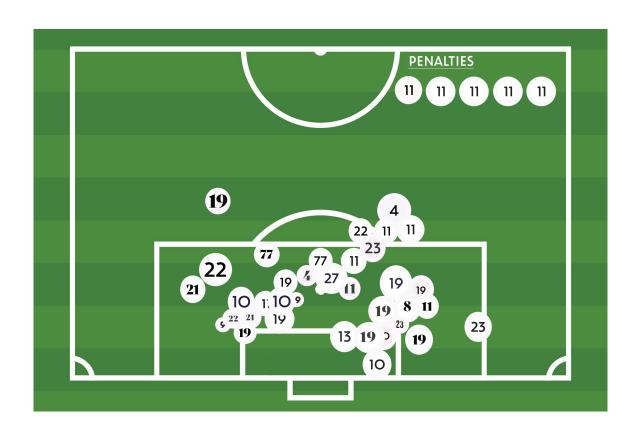
2022 USL Championship Stats

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No.	Pos.	Name	GP	GS	Minutes	Goals	Assists	YC	RC
2	D/M	Conner Antley	17	16	1437			4	
4	M	Lewis Hilton	20	20	1,747	2	4	3	
5	D	Jordan Scarlett	19	16	1,378			6	1
6	M	Junior Etou	14	3	517			4	
7	M	Yann Ekra	19	14	1,167		2	1	
8	M	Jake Areman	15	11	887	1			
31	M	Nicky Law	1		45		-1	2	
10	F	Steevan Dos Santos	12	10	769	4		2	1
11	M	Leo Fernandes	20	18	1,517	11	5		-
13	F	Sebastian Guenzatti	20	9	906	1	2	1	
15	D	Timmy Mehl	3	1	114	-		1	-
19	F	Jake LaCava	21	17	1,412	10	3	1	
21	M	Dayonn Harris	13	3	439	2	2	3	-
22	F	Kyle Greig	14	8	652	2	2		
23	M	Sebastian Dalgaard	18	15	1,333	4	2	1	
24	D	Robert Castellanos	1	1	12	-			
27	D/M	Laurence Wyke	20	18	1,597	1	1	8	
33	D	Aaron Guillen	21	21	1,881			7	
77	F	Lucky Mkosana	14	1	264	2			
46	D	Santi Castaneda	1		1				
47	D	Tate Johnson				-		-	
3	D	Thomas Vancaeyezeele	8	5	445			4	
14	D	Ian Antley	1		1				

2022 USL Championship Goakeeper Stats

No.	Name	GP	GS	Minutes	Saves	GC	CS	GAA	Save %
1	CJ Cochran	17	17	1,530	29	14	5	0.82	67.4%
56	Raiko Arozarena	4	4	360	7	8		2	46.7%
30	Phil Breno								

2022 Rowdies Goal Map



The Last Time The Rowdies...

	Opponent (Player)	Date
Clean Sheet For	vs Louisville (1-0 Win)	June 5, 2022
Clean Sheet Against	vs Miami (1-0 Loss	Apr, 9, 2022
Brace For	vs Atlanta (Dos Santos)	July 23, 2022
Brace Against	Orange County (Damus)	Nov. 28, 2021
Hat Trick For	@ North Carolina (Guenzatti)	Sept. 1, 2018
Hat Trick Against	vs Minnesota (O. Daley)	Nov. 2, 2013
Penalty For	vs Atlanta (Fernandes)	July 23, 2022
Penalty Against	@ Pittsburgh (Cicerone)	Oct. 10, 2021
Reduced to 10 Men	vs Hartford (Scarlett)	July 9, 2022
Opponent Reduced to 10 Men	vs PHX (Farrel , 59') (5-1 Win)	May 15, 2022

	Opponent (Player/Score)	Date
Own Goal For	vs Miami 2-1 Win	June 11, 2022
Own Goal Against	Louisville (Lasso)	Nov. 20, 2021
Won by ≥ 2 Goals	vs Atlanta (3-1 Win	July 23, 2022
Won by ≥ 3 Goals	vs Loudoun (4-1 Win)	July 16, 2022
Won by ≥ 4 Goals	vs Phoenix (5-1 Win)	May 15 2022
Lost by 2 Goals	vs Memphis 3-1)	Apr. 27, 2022
Lost by 3 Goals	Penn FC (3-0)	May 4, 2019
Lost by ≥ 4 Goals	@ New York (5-0)	April 14, 2018

#1 | CJ Cochran | GK



First season in Tampa Bay. On loan from OKC Energy FC. Has over 100 appearances in net as a professional. Made 31 appearances for OKC in 2021.

#4 | Lewis Hilton | CM Secondary positions: CDM, CAM



Thirds season in Tampa Bay ... Made 35 appearances in 2021, recording 2 goals and 5 assists. Played two seasons with Saint Louis FC prior to the Rowdies... Tallied 3 assists for the Rowdies in 2020 ... Played for the Charlotte Independence prior to Saint Louis.

#2 | Conner Antley |D



Second season in Tampa Bay. Appeared in 32 matches in 2021 and recorded 6 assists. Spent 2020 at Indy Eleven. Won USL League One Defender of the year award with South Georgia Tormenta FC in 2019.

#5 | Jordan Scarlett | CB



Third season in Tampa Bay. Appeared in 35 matches or the Rowdies in 2021 and scored his first professional goal. Played every minute of 2020 season up until being subbed off with an injury midway through first half of Eastern Conference Semifinal. Before joining the Rowdies, Scarlett spent 3 seasons at New York Red Bulls II. Third Round MLS SuperDraft pick by Red Bulls in 2017.

#15 | Timmy Mehl | CB



First season in Tampa Bay. Appeared in 39 total matches for Loudoun United FC in 2020 and 2021. Spent time with North Carolina FC and Chattanooga Red Wolves in 2019.

#7 | Yann Ekra | CM Secondary positions: CDM, CAM



Third season in Tampa Bay ... Scored one goal appearances for 2020. Made 17 appearances in 2019, tallying two assists ... Spent four seasons with Charlotte Independence, making a total of 70 league appearances Spent four years with the Harrisburg City Islanders before making 101 league appearances.

#8 | Jake Areman | LWB Secondary position: CAM



First season in Tampa Bay. Spent previous 4 seasons with Charlotte Independence, scoring 4 goals in 84 appearances.

#11 | Leo Fernandes | LWB Secondary positions: LW, CAM



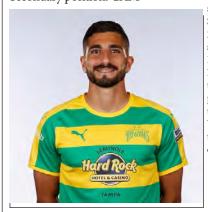
Sixth season in Tampa Bay ... Made 30 appearances in 2021, scoring 9 goals and recording 5 assists. Made 17 appearances in 2020. and posted 5 goals and 3 assists. Joined the Rowdies prior to the 2017 season after spending the previous four seasons with the Philadelphia Union, though much of that time was spent out on loan ... Played for the Harrisburg City Islanders in 2013 and 2014, scoring five goals ... Played for the New York Cosmos in 2015, scoring 10 goals and winning the NASL Soccer Bowl ... Named NASL Young Player of the Year in 2015 ... Played for the Bethlehem Steel in 2016, scoring once.

#10 | Steevan Dos Santos | CF Second season in Tampa



Second season in Tampa bay. Scored 12 goals in 23 appearances in 2021. Spent 2019 and 2020 seasons in Pittsburgh, notching 15 total goals. Has recorded 51 goals in USL Championship play since 2015

#13 | Sebastian Guenzatti | CF Sixth season in Tampa Bay. Rowdies Secondary position: CAM club captain. Scored a Rowdies single-



Sixth season in Tampa Bay. Rowdies club captain. Scored a Rowdies single-season scoring record 22 goals in 2021. Scored 10 goals in 18 appearances in 2020. Scored 19 goals in 2019... Scored second hat trick in modern Rowdies history in a 3-0 win over North Carolina FC in 2018 ... Joined the Rowdies midseason in 2017 after playing the previous four seasons for the New York Cosmos in the NASL ... Won the NASL Soccer Bowl three times with the Cosmos ... Previous clubs include Huracan (Uruguay).

#21 | Dayonn Harris | M



Second season with the Rowdies. Made 20 appearances in 2021, recording 1 assist. ... Spent 2020 with Real Monarchs after being drafted in first round by MLS' Real Salt Lake.

#19 | Jake LaCava | F



First season in Tampa Bay. Spent previous two season at New York Red Bulls II. Signed with MLS' New York Red Bulls before going on loan to Rowdies.

#24 | Robert Castellanos | D



First season in Tampa. On loan from MLS' Nashville SC. Made one appearance for Nashville in 2021 and scored a goal in the match. Prior to joining Nashville, Castellanos had a 3-year stint with RGV FC. Signed his first professional contract in 2017 with LA Galaxy II.

#56 | Raiko Arozarena | GK



Second season in Tampa Bay. Recorded one clean sheet in two appearances in 2021. Previously played in Mexico for Cafetaleros de Chiapas and Venados. Younger brother of Tampa Bay Rays outfielder Randy Arozarena.

Loaned to Forward Madison FC in USL League One on July 12, 2022.

#9 | Nicky Law | M





#77 | Lucky Mkosana | CF Fourth consecutive season in Tampa Bay. Also spent 2013 and 2014 seasons in Tampa Bay. Scored 4 goals in 15 appearances in 2021. Scored 4 goals in 11 appearances in 2020.

#33 | Aaron Guillen | CB



Third season in Tampa Bay. Played in 35 matches in 2021 and earned a spot on the USL's All-League Second team. One of two Rowdies players who played every minute in 2020. Previously played for North Carolina FC and FC Tulsa.

#22 | Kyle Greig | F



First Season in Tampa Bay. Spent 2021 season with Louisville FC, scoring 5 goals in 30 appearances. Has tallied over 60 goals during his 10-year career in the USL.

#23 | Sebastian Dalgaard | LWB Third season in Tampa Bay ...

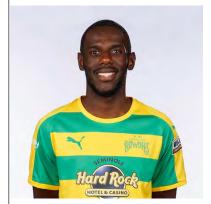
Secondary positions: RWB



Recorded 2 assists and 1 goal in 36 appearance during 2021. Tallied 2 passists and made 16 appearances in 2020. Spent 2019 with Hartford Athletic ... Scored five goals and added two assists for the Athletic ... Previous clubs include OKC Energy FC and Saint Louis FC in the USL Championship, as well as FC Fyn, BK Marienlyst, Bronshoj BK and Middelfart G&BK in his native Denmark.

#6 | Junior Etou | M

First season in Tampa Bay. Spent previous two seasons with Charlotte Independence.



#27 Laurence Wyke | M



Second Season in Tampa Bay. Made 31 appearances in 2021, recording 1 goal and 6 assists. Prior to joining the Rowdies, Wyke was with Atlanta United in MLS and Atlanta United 2 in USL Championship.

#46 | Santi Castaneda | D

First season with Tampa Bay. Signed a USL Academy contract on April 4. Made his professional debut as a substitute in Tampa Bay's Open Cup win over The Villages SC. Member of Florida Premier FC academy.

#47 | Tate Johnson | D

First season with Tampa Bay. Signed a USL Academy contract on April 4. Made his professional debut as a substitute in Tampa Bay's Open Cup win over The Villages SC. Member of Tampa Bay United academy.

#3 | Thomas Vancaeyezeele | D | First season in Tampa Bay. Acquired from Birminoham Lexico PC through transfer or

First season in Tampa Bay. Acquired from Birmingham Legion FC through transfer on May 26. Appeared in 8 matches for Legion FC prior to his move to Tampa Bay. Born in Caen, France and has represented French Guina at the international level as recently as 2021 when he helped the country reach the final round of CONCACAF Gold Cup qualifying. Selected to the USL All-League Second Team in 2018 and then earned a spot on the USL All-League First team in 2020 while with Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC.

#30 Phil Breno GK	First season in Tampa Bay. Joined the Rowdies on loan from USL League One side Forward Forward Madison FC on July 12, 2022. Made 39 appearances in two seasons with Forward Madison. Spent the 2019 and 2020 seasons with the Charleston Battery, making 15 appearances in all competitions.	#14 Ian Antley D	First season in Tampa Bay. Spent the 2020 and 2021 seasons with the Richmond Kickers, making 10 appearances. While attending Mercer University, Antley also spent time with Seattle Sounders FC U-23s and Birmingham Hammers. Antley is the twin brother of Rowdies defender Conner Antley.





Neill Collins

Head Coach

Collins was appointed head coach of the Tampa Bay Rowdies on May 18, 2018. He joined the Rowdies as a player prior to the 2016 season and made 67 appearances for the club as a center back before transitioning to the role of head coach. Collins holds a UEFA A license. A native of Troon, Scotland, Collins began his playing career for the amateur Glasgow club Queen's Park in 2001. As he progressed into the professional ranks, Collins signed with Dumbarton in 2002 became moving to England to sign with Sunderland in 2004. While with Sunderland, Collins had loan spells with Hartlepool United, Sheffield United and Wolves. He joined Wolves on a permanent basis in 2007 and later joined Preston North End on a permanent deal after a loan spell there. From Preston North End, Collins signed with Leeds United in 2010 after another successful loan spell. Collins signed with Sheffield United in 2011 and would spend five seasons there, making nearly 200 appearances for the Blades with a short loan to Port Vale. From Sheffield United, Collins made the jump to the United States by signing with the Rowdies. His professional career spanned 598 competitive matches. Collins was voted USL Championship Coach of the Year in 2021 after leading the Rowdies to the best record in the regular season.



Stuart Dobson Assistant Coach

Dobson joined the Tampa Bay Rowdies before the 2015 season as the goalkeeper coach. He has continued on as an assistant coach with an emphasis on working with the Rowdies' goalkeepers. Prior to joining the Rowdies, Dobson served as the goalkeeper coach at the University of Akron. Born in England, Dobson came to the United States to begin his

professional career in 1995 with the Continental Indoor Soccer Leagues's Portland Pride. In a professional career that lasted until 2006, Dobson played for a number of indoor professional teams, including the Tampa Bay Terror in 1996-97. Dobson then got into coaching with the indoor New Jersey Ironmen in 2007. He also served as goalkeeper coach for the UC-Santa Barbara Gauchos from 2008 to 2012 prior to joining Akron in 2013.



Assistant Coach

Stead jumped quickly into coaching 2021. After in retiring in May, Stead took a job Hartford Athletic's on During Coaching staff. 20-year nearly career in England, Stead made over 500 appearances and scored 120 goals.





Eric Wilde Assistant Coach

Wilde joined the Rowdies after three seasons as a member of USL League One side Forward Madison's technical staff.

About the Rowdies

The Tampa Bay Rowdies are a professional soccer club and a member of the United Soccer League, beginning with the 2017 USL season. The Rowdies' home stadium is Al Lang Stadium in downtown St. Petersburg, Fla. The Rowdies were reborn in 2010 and quickly reestablished themselves as one of the United States' premier soccer clubs, winning the North American Soccer League's Soccer Bowl Champions in 2012.

The original Tampa Bay Rowdies were born in 1975 as an expansion team in the North American Soccer League. From 1975-1984, the Rowdies were one of the most successful teams in the NASL, winning the Soccer Bowl Championship in 1975 and reaching the final again in 19778 and 1979. The Rowdies featured iconic players such as Rodney Marsh, Derek Smethurst, Farrukh Quraishi, Perry Van Der Beck, Mike Connell and Steve Wegerle while winning over the hearts of the people of Tampa Bay and creating an internationally-recognized brand.

The Rowdies attracted a sellout crowd to their first home game in May 2010 at Tampa's Steinbrenner Field and have continued to boast strong local fan support. In 2011, the Rowdies moved across Tampa Bay to St. Petersburg's Al Lang Stadium, which has been home ever since.

In December of 2018, the ownership group of the Tampa Bay Rays of Major League Baseball purchased the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

USL Championship

The United Soccer League (USL) is the largest professional soccer organization in North America, possessing nearly a decade of experience in bringing the world's game to communities across the United States and Canada. Overseeing The USL Championship, USL League One, and USL League Two, the organization is built on a proven and recognized model in international football and counts more than 100 clubs in its membership.

Based in Tampa, Fla., the USL has grown over the past decade into a model organization with strong corporate partnerships, stable organizational leadership, and a dedicated staff that provides outstanding support to member clubs and outside partners. Sanctioned by the U.S. Soccer Federation and Canadian Soccer Association, the USL is #UnitedForSoccer, moving the game forward in the United States and Canada.

Al Lang Stadium

Fully renovated in 2015 and situated on the downtown St. Petersburg waterfront next to the Salvador Dali Museum and Mahaffey Theater, the iconic stadium used to be the spring training home of the Tampa Bay Rays. Since construction, several other Major League Baseball teams, including the Baltimore Orioles, New York Mets, New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals have used the stadium as their headquarters for spring training.

The St. Petersburg Athletic Park at the current site of Al Lang Stadium was the spring home for the Boston Braves and New York Yankees from 1923 until after World War II, hosting such greats as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Stan Musial. The first incarnation of the current field was built for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1947.



