

## PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC (1-0-1) vs. MIAMI FC (0-1-1)

Friday, March 24 >> 7 p.m. ET >> Highmark Stadium >> Pittsburgh, Pa.  
TV: Pittsburgh's CW (WPCW-19) >> Streaming: CW (local) and ESPN+ (national)

### INSIDE THE MATCH



PITTSBURGH	Record	0-1-1
1-0-1	Conference Standing	T-8th
T-2nd	Last Five	0-1-1
W1	Streak	L1
Bob Lilley	Head Coach	Anthony Pulis
@RiverhoundsSC	Twitter	@TheMiamiFC

All-Time Head-to-Head	2-2-2
Referee	Gerald Flores
Assistant referees	Max Smith, Christian Little
Fourth official	Gary Gutierrez
Hounds injuries/inactives	OUT — Jahmali Waite (international duty — Jamaica)

### STAT COMPARISON

Hounds	Category	Miami
2.00	Scoring Average	0.50
1.00	Opponent Scoring Average	1.00
4	Goals Scored	1
2	Goals Allowed	2
+2	Goal Differential	-1
8.00	Shots/Game (excl. blocked)	7.50
4.00	SOG/Game	4.50
45%	Average possession	51%
3	Yellow Cards	4
0	Red Cards	0

### TEAM LEADERS

Hounds	Category	Miami
Albert Dikwa, 3	Goals	Florian Valot, 1
Three tied, 1	Assists	Paco Craig, 1
Albert Dikwa, 6	Points	Florian Valot, 2
Albert Dikwa, 4	Shots	Kyle Murphy, 5
Five tied, 180	Minutes	Five tied, 180
Three tied, 1	Yellow Cards	Four tied, 1
None	Red Cards	None
Jahmali Waite, 1.00	GAA	Adrián Zendejas, 1.00
Jahmali Waite, .667	SV%	Adrián Zendejas, .750

### GAME 3 - QUICK STRIKES

- Miami and Pittsburgh meet for the first time this season in a battle of playoff teams from a season ago. The Hounds were victorious in the most recent meeting between the teams, 4-1, on July 9, 2022, in Pittsburgh, a game in which the Hounds scored three goals from set pieces.
- This will be the 11th home opener at Highmark Stadium. In the previous 10 home openers on the South Side, the Hounds have a 3-5-2 record, but they were winners in the first home game last year, topping Hartford Athletic, 2-1.
- Albert Dikwa was this week's USL Championship Player of the Week after his first career hat trick in Saturday's 3-1 win on the road against Memphis. It was the second multi-goal game with the Hounds for Dikwa, who now has 19 goals for the club, the most among active players with the team.
- Robbie Mertz scored the Hounds' goal in the season-opening 1-1 draw at Birmingham. For the Pittsburgh native, it was his 14th goal overall for his hometown club, but only the second since he returned to the Hounds in July 2022 via a transfer from Atlanta United 2.
- Already this season, three players have recorded their first assist as a member of the team. Center back Arturo Ordóñez set up Mertz's goal in the season opener, while center back Pat Hogan and forward Tola Showunmi each had an assist in the win over Memphis. For both Ordóñez and Showunmi, it was also their first assist at the professional level.
- Hogan also was selected to this week's USL Championship Team of the Week, joining Dikwa on the league's top 11.
- Goalkeeper Jahmali Waite is away with the Jamaican National Team for their CONCACAF Nations League match Sunday night against Mexico at Estadio Azteca in Mexico City. Waite recorded his second international appearance and first clean sheet with the Reggae Boyz on March 14, when he was in goal for the team's 0-0 draw in a friendly with Trinidad & Tobago.
- Hounds captain Kenardo Forbes is the longest-tenured player on the team entering his sixth season, but he remains among the league's best after a Second Team All-USL Championship selection in 2022. Forbes has been on one of the All-League teams all five seasons in Pittsburgh, and last season, the USL Championship's all-time assists leader had his first 10-assist regular season.
- In 165 matches under Lilley in all competitions, the Hounds are 84-35-46 and have allowed just 157 goals, an average of 0.95 goals per game.

### SUPERLATIVES

Hounds High	Hounds Low	Category	Opp High	Opp Low
3 (3/18 at Memphis)	1 (3/11 at Birmingham)	Goals	1 (3/11 vs. Tulsa)	0 (3/18 vs. New Mexico)
1 (two times)	N/A	Goals All.	1 (two times)	N/A
9 (3/18 at Memphis)	8 (3/11 at Birmingham)	Shots	16 (3/11 vs. Tulsa)	8 (3/18 vs. New Mexico)
5 (3/18 at Memphis)	3 (3/11 at Birmingham)	SOG	7 (3/11 vs. Tulsa)	2 (3/18 vs. New Mexico)
2 (two times)	N/A	Saves	4 (3/18 vs. New Mexico)	2 (3/11 vs. Tulsa)
13 (3/11 at Birmingham)	11 (3/18 at Memphis)	Fouls	14 (3/11 vs. Tulsa)	13 (3/18 vs. New Mexico)

### MILESTONE TRACKER

- Already the team's all-time assists leader, Kenardo Forbes has 157 appearances in all competitions for the Hounds, tying him for third in team history with original Hounds team member Gary DePalma (1999-2004).
- With an assist in the Eastern Conference Semifinals against Louisville, Robbie Mertz moved into a tie for ninth in club history with 13 assists in all competitions. One ahead of him on the list is the player he set up on that goal, Russell Cicerone, who had 14 assists with the Hounds.
- Albert Dikwa has scored 19 goals since joining the Hounds midway through the 2020 season. His next goal will make him the 11th player to reach the 20-goal plateau with the club.

### 2023 SCHEDULE & RECORD

#### USL Championship Record: 1-0-1

Home: 0-0-0 • Away: 1-0-1 • Conf.: 1-0-1 • All comp.: 1-0-1

#### MARCH

Sat. 11	@Birmingham Legion FC	WPCW	D, 1-1
Sat. 18	@Memphis 901 FC	ESPN+	W, 3-1
Fri. 24	Miami FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Tues. 28	@FC Tulsa	ESPN+	8 p.m.

#### APRIL

Wed. 5	*Rochester New York FC	W, 1-0 (forfeit)	
Sat. 8	@Colorado Springs Switchbacks	WPCW	8 p.m.
Sat. 15	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 22	@El Paso Locomotive FC	ESPN+	9:30 p.m.
Sat. 29	@Indy Eleven	ESPN+	7 p.m.

#### MAY

Fri. 5	@Monterey Bay FC	ESPN+	10 p.m.
Sat. 13	Birmingham Legion FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 20	Las Vegas Lights FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sun. 28	@Loudoun United FC	ESPN+	6 p.m.

#### JUNE

Sat. 3	Phoenix Rising FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 10	Charleston Battery	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 17	@Oakland Roots SC	ESPN+	10 p.m.
Sat. 24	San Diego Loyal SC	WPCW	7 p.m.

#### JULY

Sat. 1	Louisville City FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 8	Sacramento Republic FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Wed. 12	@Louisville City FC	WPCW	8 p.m.
Sat. 15	Detroit City FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 22	@Charleston Battery	ESPN+	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 26	Indy Eleven	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 29	Memphis 901 FC	WPCW	7 p.m.

#### AUGUST

Sat. 5	Tampa Bay Rowdies	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 12	Hartford Athletic	WPCW	7 p.m.
Wed. 16	@Orange County SC	ESPN+	10 p.m.
Wed. 23	@Hartford Athletic	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Sat. 26	@San Antonio FC	WPCW	9 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER

Sat. 9	Loudoun United FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 16	@Miami FC	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Sat. 23	New Mexico United	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 30	FC Tulsa	WPCW	7 p.m.

#### OCTOBER

Sat. 7	@Tampa Bay Rowdies	WPCW	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 14	@Detroit City FC	ESPN+	4 p.m.

\*Denotes U.S. Open Cup matches

### CLUB NOTABLES

Most Appearances ..... David Flavius (195)  
All-Time Goals Leader ..... David Flavius (62)  
All-Time Assists Leader ..... Kenardo Forbes (44)  
All-Time Record at Highmark Stadium ..... 75-42-46

### Last Game Summary

#### Riverhounds SC 3, Memphis 901 FC 1

Game 2 • AutoZone Park, Memphis, Tenn. • March 18, 2023  
Albert Dikwa scored the 12th hat trick in Riverhounds history and first since 2021 to give the team its first victory of the new season. The Cameroonian striker found the net in the fifth, 39th and 71st minutes, which provided more than enough scoring to overcome a seventh-minute goal by Memphis' Bruno Lapa.

LAST TIME OUT

FAST FACTS

**General Information**  
 Name: Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC  
 City/Zip: Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
 Founded: March 11, 1998  
 First match: May 1, 1999  
 Nickname: Hounds  
 Colors: Black & Yellow  
 Conference: Eastern Conference  
 Venue: Highmark Stadium  
 Seating capacity: 5,000  
 Owner: Tuffy Shallenberger  
 Website: www.riverhounds.com

USL RECORD IN 2023 WHEN...

At home.....	0-0-0
On road .....	1-0-1
In games decided by one goal or fewer .....	0-0-1
In games decided by two goals or more.....	1-0-0
vs. clubs with winning records.....	0-0-0
vs. clubs with losing records.....	1-0-0
vs. clubs with .500 records .....	0-0-1
Scoring first.....	1-0-0
Conceding first.....	0-0-1
Leading at half.....	1-0-0
Trailing at half.....	0-0-1
Tied at half.....	0-0-0
Leading with 10:00 remaining.....	1-0-0
Trailing with 10:00 remaining .....	0-0-0
Tied with 10:00 remaining.....	0-0-1
Leading with 5:00 remaining .....	1-0-0
Trailing with 5:00 remaining .....	0-0-0
Tied with 5:00 remaining.....	0-0-1
Outshooting opponent .....	1-0-0
Being outshot by opponent .....	0-0-1
Tying in shots with opponent .....	0-0-0
Scoring no goals.....	0-0-0
Scoring one goal .....	0-0-1
Scoring two goals.....	0-0-0
Scoring three goals .....	1-0-0
Scoring four or more goals.....	0-0-0
Allowing no goals.....	0-0-0
Allowing one goal .....	1-0-1
Allowing two goals.....	0-0-0
Allowing three goals.....	0-0-0
Allowing four or more goals.....	0-0-0
In games reduced to 10 men .....	0-0-0
In games opponent was reduced to 10 men .....	0-0-0
On weekdays.....	0-0-0
On weekends .....	1-0-1
In March.....	1-0-1
Vs. Eastern Conference .....	1-0-1
Vs. Western Conference.....	0-0-0

Miscellaneous

Current Streak.....	W1
Home Streak.....	W1
Road Streak .....	W1

ACTIVE ROSTER

Roster Size: 23 • Returners: 10 • Newcomers: 13

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Hometown (Previous Club)
1	Christian Garner	GK	6'0"	180	23	Orleans, Mass. (Northwestern University)
3	Pat Hogan	D	6'3"	190	25	Matthews, N.C. (Charleston Battery)
4	Dani Rovira	D/M	5'9"	148	26	Bogotá, Colombia (University of Vermont)
5	Arturo Ordóñez	D	6'2"	178	25	Salou, Spain (University of Pittsburgh)
6	Nathan Dossantos	D	5'11"	170	23	Oakville, Ontario (Marshall University)
7	Langston Blackstock	F	6'2"	185	22	Marietta, Ga. (Clayton State University)
8	Junior Etou	M	5'9"	175	28	Brazzaville, Republic of Congo (Tampa Bay Rowdies)
9	Albert Dikwa	F	6'1"	165	25	Garoua, Cameroon (Saint Louis FC)
10	DZ Harmon	M	6'2"	190	26	Monrovia, Liberia (Charleston Battery)
11	Kenardo Forbes	M	5'9"	170	34	Kingston, Jamaica (Rochester Rhinos)
12	Michael DeShields	D	6'1"	185	24	Baltimore, Md. (New England Revolution II)
13	Luke Biasi	D	6'0"	180	23	Buford, Ga. (Syracuse University)
14	Robbie Mertz	M	5'7"	155	26	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Atlanta United 2)
15	Joe Farrell	D	6'2"	185	28	Blue Bell, Pa. (Phoenix Rising FC)
16	Burke Fahling	M	5'7"	163	25	Tupelo, Miss. (Charleston Battery)
18	Anders Bordoy	M	6'1"	155	18	New Kensington, Pa. (Riverhounds Academy)
19	Edward Kizza	F	5'9"	175	24	Kampala, Uganda (New England Revolution)
20	Trevor Zwetsloot	D	6'2"	178	23	Auckland, New Zealand (New England Revolution II)
22	Tony Lopez	F	6'1"	174	25	Sylmar, Calif. (Cal United Strikers)
23	Marc Ybarra	M	6'0"	180	24	Ann Arbor, Mich. (University of Michigan)
24	Tola Showunmi	F	6'3"	200	22	London, England (University of New Hampshire)
26	Jahmali Waite	GK	6'1"	198	24	Kingston, Jamaica (University of Connecticut)
32	Jonathan Gomes	GK	6'3"	185	24	Broward County, Fla. (Mercyhurst University)

ALPHABETICAL

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TECHNICAL STAFF

Head Coach: Bob Lilley  
 Assistant Coach: Dan Visser  
 Goalkeepers Coach: Jon Busch

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Luke BIASI	BEE-ah-see
ANDERS BORDOY	AHN-ders bor-DOY
Albert DIKWA	DEE-kwa
Junior ETOU	EH-too
Burke FAHLING	FAY-ling
Jonathan GOMES	GOMZ
Edward KIZZA	KIZ-uh
Arturo ORDÓÑEZ	or-DOE-nyez
TOLA SHOWUNMI	TOW-la SHOW-un-me
Marc YBARRA	EE-bar-uh
Trevor ZWETSLOOT	ZVET-sloot

► 2023 USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL

No.	Name	GP	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG	FC	T	CL	PK	PKG	YC	RC
3	Pat Hogan	2	169	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0
4	Dani Rovira	2	180	0	0	0	1	0	3	6	2	0	0	0	0
5	Arturo Ordóñez	2	180	0	1	1	2	0	6	4	4	0	0	0	0
6	Nathan Dossantos	2	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0
7	Langston Blackstock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Junior Etou	2	180	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
9	Albert Dikwa	2	169	3	0	6	4	3	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
10	DZ Harmon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Kenardo Forbes	2	165	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
12	Mike DeShields	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Luke Biasi	2	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0
14	Robbie Mertz	2	162	1	0	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
15	Joe Farrell	2	26	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
16	Burke Fahling	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
18	Anders Bordoy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Edward Kizza	2	117	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
20	Trevor Zwestloot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Tony Lopez	1	36	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
23	Marc Ybarra	2	180	0	0	0	1	1	4	2	5	0	0	1	0
24	Tola Showunmi	2	38	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

GOALKEEPERS

No.	Name	GP	MIN	GA	SV	CS	SV%	GAA	YC	RC
1	Christian Garner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Jahmali Waite	2	180	2	4	0	.667	1.00	0	0
32	Jonathan Gomes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

► 2023 HONORS

USL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Albert Dikwa - (Week 2)  
*First career hat trick in win at Memphis*

USL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK

*Robbie Mertz - Midfielder (Week 1)*

Albert Dikwa - Forward (Week 2)  
 Pat Hogan - Defender (Week 2)

*\* italics denote Bench selection*

## HEAD COACH BOB LILLEY



**Experience:**  
23rd season  
(sixth with PIT)

**Date Hired:**  
November 14, 2017

**Hometown:**  
Fort Monmouth, N.J.

**Alma Mater:**  
George Mason University  
(1987)

**Accolades:**  
2015 USL Cup Champion  
2006 USL-1 Champion  
USL Hall of Fame (2010)  
Five-time Coach of the Year

Announced as the club's 10th head coach in its history on Nov. 14, 2017, Bob Lilley is in his sixth season at the helm for Riverhounds SC.

Last year, Lilley led the Hounds to a 16-9-9 league record, good for fifth place in a tightly packed top of the USL Championship Eastern Conference. The playoff berth was the team's fifth in a row — a club record — and the team advanced to the conference semifinals for the second time in the past four seasons.

His time in Pittsburgh has been marked by new levels of success for the team, including a 17-8-7 record in 2021 and an 11-4-1 mark in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season. In 2019, Lilley led the club to a 19-4-11 regular-season record — the most single-season wins in team history — and the USL Championship Eastern Conference regular-season championship. The club also made the postseason in 2018, when it hosted the first-ever playoff match at Highmark Stadium. Lilley has posted a 78-30-42 regular-season record with the Hounds, which includes shutting out opponents in 63 out of 150 games.

Lilley came to Pittsburgh after coaching USL's Rochester Rhinos, which he led during two separate stints (2014-17 and 2010-11). In his six seasons with the Rhinos, Lilley compiled an 82-39-51 regular-season record, which includes a 2015 mark of 17-1-10 en route to winning Coach of the Year honors and the USL Cup. He also was named Coach of the Year in 2010, when Rochester won the USSF Division 2 Professional League regular-season title.

Before joining the Rhinos ahead of their 2010 season, Lilley spent 2007-08 as head coach of the Detroit Ignition of the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL), earning Coach of the Year honors as the Ignition logged a 22-8 record and won the league's regular-season championship.

For three seasons (2005-07), Lilley served as head coach for the Vancouver Whitecaps of the USL First Division, winning the league championship in 2006. From 2002-03, he led the Montreal Impact of the USL A-League, winning Coach of the Year honors in 2003. He began his pro head-coaching career with the Hershey Wildcats from 1997-01, and he was named Coach of the Year in 1997, his first-ever campaign as a head coach. Hershey made the playoffs each season under Lilley, including a trip to the A-League final in 2001.

Across 22 seasons of head-coaching experience at the pro level, Lilley holds an all-time record of 334-160-141. He has logged at least a .500 winning percentage during each regular season and has led his team into the postseason every year. He also has won two league titles, earned Coach of the Year honors five times, and in 2010, he was inducted into the USL Hall of Fame as a coach.

Before his coaching days, Lilley played at George Mason University from 1984-87, where he was a four-year starter and team captain. He was inducted into the George Mason Men's Soccer Hall of Fame in 2011. He also played professionally with the Orlando Lions of the American Soccer League (1989-90) and the Maryland Bays of the American Professional Soccer League (1991). He also played on the indoor circuit with the Hershey Impact (1988-91) and Harrisburg Heat of the National Professional Soccer League (1991-97) and the Pittsburgh Stingers of the Continental Indoor Soccer League in 1994.



### ASSISTANT COACH

#### DAN VISSER

- Eighth season with club
- Joined the staff in July 2016
- West Chester, Pa. native

Dan Visser enters his seventh full season as an assistant coach with Riverhounds SC after originally joining the club midway through the 2016 season as part of head coach Dave Brandt's staff.

Prior to arriving in Pittsburgh, Visser served as an assistant coach under Brandt at the United States Naval Academy during its 2015 campaign.

From 2013-14, Visser was head coach at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass., where the Lions made a two-win improvement in his second year over the first.

Visser began his coaching career at the NCAA Division III level, serving as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa. In two years at Eastern, the Eagles compiled a 21-11-2 record and had 11 student-athletes earn all-conference honors.

Visser played collegiately as a midfielder at Messiah College for four seasons before graduating in 2008. During this period, the team won three national championships and accumulated an 89-6-2 record. The two-time team captain also received Regional All-America honors in 2007.



### GOALKEEPERS COACH

#### JON BUSCH

- First season with club
- Joined the staff in Jan. 2023
- New York, N.Y. native

Jon Busch is in his first season as the goalkeepers coach for Riverhounds SC. He was previously the goalkeeping coach for Scottish Premiership side Hibernian, and before that, with Indy Eleven in the NASL and USL Championship.

Busch entered coaching after an impressive 21-year professional career that included 14 seasons in MLS. Busch first played in the A-League, where he was named the 2001 A-League Goalkeeper of the Year while helping the Hershey Wildcats reach the league final under Bob Lilley.

He was drafted by the Columbus Crew in the 2002 MLS Super Draft and played there until 2006 before joining the Chicago Fire from 2007-09. In 2008, his best year with the Fire, he was named MLS Goalkeeper of the Year after leading the league in save percentage and tying for the league lead in shutouts. Busch continued his career joining the San Jose Earthquakes in 2010, returning to the Fire in 2015 and finishing his playing career with Indy Eleven in 2016-17.

Busch also represented the United States in international play as part of the Under-17 team in the 1993 World Championship. He remained in the U.S. player pool and made his only start at the senior level in 2005, recording a shutout against Colombia, 3-0.

▶ 2023 USL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Eastern

Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
Louisville City FC	2	2-0-0	6	4	1	3
Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	2	1-0-1	4	4	2	2
Birmingham Legion FC	2	1-0-1	4	4	3	1
Loudoun United FC	2	1-0-1	4	4	2	2
Detroit City FC	2	1-1-0	3	3	2	1
Charleston Battery	2	0-0-2	2	2	2	0
Tampa Bay Rowdies	2	0-0-2	2	2	2	0
FC Tulsa	2	0-1-1	1	3	4	-1
Miami FC	2	0-1-1	1	1	2	-1
Indy Eleven	1	0-0-1	1	1	1	0
Hartford Athletic	2	0-1-1	1	4	6	-2
Memphis 901 FC	2	0-2-0	0	2	6	-4

Western

Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
San Diego Loyal SC	2	2-0-0	6	4	0	4
San Antonio FC	2	1-0-1	4	4	2	2
Colo. Springs Switchbacks	2	1-0-1	4	3	2	1
Sacramento Republic FC	2	1-0-1	4	2	1	1
Monterey Bay FC	2	1-1-0	3	5	4	1
New Mexico United	1	1-0-0	3	1	0	1
Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	2	0-0-2	2	2	2	0
Las Vegas Lights FC	1	0-0-1	1	1	1	0
Orange County SC	2	0-1-1	1	2	4	-2
Oakland Roots SC	2	0-1-1	1	2	4	-2
Phoenix Rising FC	2	0-1-1	1	1	4	-3
El Paso Locomotive FC	3	0-3-0	0	2	6	-4

*\*\*Through matches played Wednesday, March 22*

▶ 2023 GOAL LOG

RIVERHOUNDS SC

3/11: @BHM - Robbie Mertz 72' (Arturo Ordóñez)  
 3/18: @MEM - Albert Dikwa 5' (Pat Hogan)  
 3/18: @MEM - Albert Dikwa 39' (pen.)  
 3/18: @MEM - Albert Dikwa 71' (Tola Showunmi)

OPPOSITION

3/11: @BHM - Alex Crognale 28' (Jacob Rufe)  
 3/18: @MEM - Bruno Lapa 7' (Dylan Borczak)

**March 11: @Birmingham Legion FC (D, 1-1)**  
Jahmali Waite  
Nate Dossantos (Luke Biasi 79')  
Pat Hogan (Joe Farrell 79')  
Arturo Ordóñez  
Dani Rovira  
Junior Etou  
Kenardo Forbes  
Robbie Mertz (Burke Fahling 87')  
Marc Ybarra  
Albert Dikwa (Tola Showunmi 79')  
Edward Kizza (Tony Lopez 54')

**March 18: @Memphis 901 FC (W, 3-1)**  
Jahmali Waite  
Nate Dossantos (Luke Biasi 63')  
Pat Hogan  
Arturo Ordóñez  
Dani Rovira  
Junior Etou  
Kenardo Forbes (Joe Farrell 75')  
Robbie Mertz (Burke Fahling 75')  
Marc Ybarra  
Albert Dikwa  
Edward Kizza (Tola Showunmi 63')

▶ USL CHAMPIONSHIP LINE SCORES

Opponent	W/L/D	G	A	SH	SOG	POSS	PA%	CK	OFF	FC	PK	PKG	YC	RC	OG	SV
HOUNDS	D	1	1	8	3	53.0	79.0	5	3	13	0	0	1	0	0	2
@Birmingham		1	1	10	3	47.0	73.9	3	0	10	0	0	2	0	0	2
HOUNDS	W	3	2	11	5	35.8	63.1	4	4	11	1	1	2	0	0	2
@Memphis		1	1	8	3	64.2	76.7	3	0	14	0	0	4	0	0	2

▶ TEAM USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

	G	A	SH	SOG	CK	OFF	FC	YC	RC	PK	PKG	OG	GA	SV	POS%
TOTAL:	4	3	19	8	9	7	24	3	0	1	1	0	2	4	-
AVG:	2.00	1.50	9.50	4.00	4.50	3.50	12.00	1.50	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00	1.00	2.00	45%



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**CHRISTIAN GARNER**

	GP/GS	W/L/D	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2023	0/0	0-0-0	0	0	0.00	-

**GK • 6'0" • 180 • Orleans, Mass.**

- Started as grad transfer in '22 at Northwestern
- Previously played in ACC with Boston College
- Six shutouts in 28 matches for BC

Saves:  
GA:  
Clean sheets:

GAME HIGHS



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**PAT HOGAN**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/2	169	0	1	1	0	0

**D • 6'3" • 190 • Matthews, N.C.**

- Signed after two seasons with Charleston Battery
- 37 games played, two goals as a pro entering '23
- Conf. USA Defensive MVP in '20-21 at Charlotte

Minutes: 90 (3/18 at MEM)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 1 (3/18 at MEM)  
Points: 1 (3/18 at MEM)  
Shots: 0  
SOG: 0

GAME HIGHS



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**DANI ROVIRA**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/2	180	0	0	0	1	0

**D • 5'9" • 148 • Bogotá, Colombia**

- Second-most tenured Hounds player (fifth year)
- Career-high five assists in 2022
- Team leader with 66 tackles in 2021

Minutes: 90 (two times)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 0  
Points: 0  
Shots: 1 (3/11 at BHM)  
SOG: 0

GAME HIGHS



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**ARTURO ORDÓÑEZ**

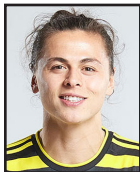
	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/2	180	0	1	1	2	0

**D • 6'2" • 178 • Salou, Spain**

- Started 35 of 38 games in first year (all comps.)
- First professional goal 6/25/22 vs. Tampa Bay
- Led Hounds with 124 clearances in 2022

Minutes: 90 (two times)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 1 (3/11 at BHM)  
Points: 1 (3/11 at BHM)  
Shots: 1 (two times)  
SOG: 0

GAME HIGHS



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**NATE DOSSANTOS**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/2	142	0	0	0	0	0

**D • 5'11" • 170 • Oakville, Ontario**

- Made 16 starts at left back in 2022 rookie year
- First season ended in Aug. after knee injury
- 2020 NCAA champion with Marshall

Minutes: 79 (3/11 at BHM)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 0  
Points: 0  
Shots: 0  
SOG: 0

GAME HIGHS



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**LANGSTON BLACKSTOCK**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**F • 6'2" • 185 • Marietta, Ga.**

- Played at Division II Clayton State University
- 32 goals, 12 assists in 65 games at CSU
- Led Peach Belt Conference in scoring in 2022

Minutes:  
Goals:  
Assists:  
Points:  
Shots:  
SOG:

GAME HIGHS



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**JUNIOR ETOU**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/2	180	0	0	0	0	0

**M • 5'9" • 175 • Brazzaville, Congo**

- Signed after 2022 season w/Tampa Bay Rowdies
- Broke into USL with Charlotte in 2020-21
- Played 7 seasons in France before coming to USL

Minutes: 90 (two times)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 0  
Points: 0  
Shots: 0  
SOG: 0

GAME HIGHS



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**ALBERT DIKWA**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	2/2	169	3	0	6	4	3

**F • 6'1" • 165 • Garoua, Cameroon**

- Career-high games (33), goals (11), ast. (4) in '22
- Made 100th USLC appearance 6/11/22 at CHS
- First career hat trick 3/18 at Memphis

Minutes: 90 (3/18 at MEM)  
Goals: 3 (3/18 at MEM)  
Assists: 0  
Points: 6 (3/18 at MEM)  
Shots: 4 (3/18 at MEM)  
SOG: 3 (3/18 at MEM)

GAME HIGHS



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**DZ HARMON**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**M • 6'2" • 190 • Monrovia, Liberia**

- Signed after two seasons with Charleston Battery
- Two goals, five assists in 54 games for CHS
- Played college soccer at Coastal Carolina

Minutes:  
Goals:  
Assists:  
Points:  
Shots:  
SOG:

GAME HIGHS



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**KENARDO FORBES**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/2	165	0	0	0	0	0

**M • 5'9" • 170 • Kingston, Jamaica**

- Six-time All-USL selection ('16, '18-'22)
- All-time USL Championship assist leader with 55
- First in Hounds assists (44); fourth in GP (156)

Minutes: 90 (3/11 at BHM)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 0  
Points: 0  
Shots: 0  
SOG: 0

GAME HIGHS





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MIKE DESHIELDS

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0

D • 6'1" • 185 • Baltimore, Md.

- Signed after 2022 with NE Revolution II (MLSNP)
- Previously played in USLC with Loudoun in '21
- Fifth overall pick in 2021 MLS Draft by DC United

Minutes:  
Goals:  
Assists:  
Points:  
Shots:  
SOG:



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LUKE BIASI

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/0	38	0	0	0	0	0

D • 6'0" • 180 • Buford, Ga.

- 14 appearances in first pro season w/Hounds
- Made appearances at both RB and LB as rookie
- Played in college at Syracuse and Memphis

Minutes: 27 (3/18 at MEM)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 0  
Points: 0  
Shots: 0  
SOG: 0



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ROBBIE MERTZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/2	162	1	0	2	3	1

M • 5'7" • 155 • Pittsburgh, Pa.

- Rejoined Hounds via transfer from ATL (7/20/22)
- Fourth overall season with team over two stints
- 11 total assists in 2022 (regular season & playoffs)

Minutes: 87 (3/11 at BHM)  
Goals: 1 (3/11 at BHM)  
Assists: 0  
Points: 2 (3/11 at BHM)  
Shots: 2 (3/18 at MEM)  
SOG: 1 (3/11 at BHM)



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JOE FARRELL

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/0	26	0	0	0	0	0

D • 6'2" • 185 • Blue Bell, Pa.

- Acquired via transfer from Phoenix Rising FC
- Led PHX to two Western Conf. titles ('18, '20)
- All-USL selection as rookie in 2016 w/Rochester

Minutes: 15 (3/18 at MEM)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 0  
Points: 0  
Shots: 0  
SOG: 0



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BURKE FAHLING

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/0	18	0	0	0	0	0

M • 5'7" • 163 • Tupelo, Miss.

- Signed after two years with Charleston Battery
- Played 2022 on loan with FC Tucson (USL1)
- Two goals in 27 games in '21 for CHS

Minutes: 15 (3/18 at MEM)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 0  
Points: 0  
Shots: 0  
SOG: 0



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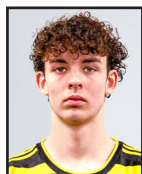
EDWARD KIZZA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/2	117	0	0	0	1	1

F • 5'9" • 175 • Kampala, Uganda

- Signed permanent deal after loan spell in 2022
- Two goals in '22 Eastern Conf. QF at BHM
- Previously under contract w/New England (MLS)

Minutes: 63 (3/18 at MEM)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 0  
Points: 0  
Shots: 1 (3/18 at MEM)  
SOG: 1 (3/18 at MEM)



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ANDERS BORDOY

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0

M • 6'1" • 155 • New Kensington, Pa.

- USL Academy signee announced 3/21/23
- Trained in Riverhounds Academy since age 9
- Senior at Kiski Area High School

Minutes:  
Goals:  
Assists:  
Points:  
Shots:  
SOG:



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TREVOR ZWETSLOOT

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0

D • 6'2" • 178 • Auckland, New Zealand

- Played last season with NE Revolution II (MLSNP)
- Represented New Zealand at U-19 and U-20 level
- Spent season in Werder Bremen Academy (GER)

Minutes:  
Goals:  
Assists:  
Points:  
Shots:  
SOG:



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TONY LOPEZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	1/0	36	0	0	0	1	1

F • 6'1" • 174 • Sylmar, Calif.

- Signed after three years with Cal United (NISA)
- 10 goals, four assists in 42 matches for Cal Utd.
- Also played professionally in Brazil, Germany

Minutes: 36 (3/11 at BHM)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 0  
Points: 0  
Shots: 1 (3/11 at BHM)  
SOG: 1 (3/11 at BHM)



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MARC YBARRA

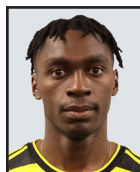
	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/2	180	0	0	0	1	1

M • 6'0" • 180 • Ann Arbor, Mich.

- Appeared in 23 matches as first-year pro
- Nine starts was 3rd among Hounds rookies in '22
- 2021 Big Ten Midfielder of the Year at Michigan

Minutes: 90 (two times)  
Goals: 0  
Assists: 0  
Points: 0  
Shots: 1 (3/18 at MEM)  
SOG: 1 (3/18 at MEM)





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**TOLA SHOWUNMI**

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/0	38	0	1	1	2	1

**F • 6'3" • 200 • London, England**

- Third-team All-American at New Hampshire in '21
- Picked in 3rd round of 2022 MLS Draft by Atlanta
- First professional assist 3/18 at Memphis

GAME HIGHS	Minutes: 27 (3/18 at MEM)
	Goals: 0
	Assists: 1 (3/18 at MEM)
	Points: 0
	Shots: 2 (3/11 at BHM)
	SOG: 1 (3/11 at BHM)



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**JAHMALI WAITE**

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2023	2/2	1-0-1	4	2	1.00	.667

**GK • 6'1" • 198 • Kingston, Jamaica**

- Seven clean sheets in first professional season
- Three PK stops in playoff shootout win vs. BHM
- Two international appearances for Jamaica

GAME HIGHS	Saves: 2 (two times)
	GA: 1 (two times)
	Clean sheets: 0



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**JONATHAN GOMES**

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2023	0/0	0-0-0	0	0	0.00	-

**GK • 6'3" • 185 • Broward County, Fla.**

- Finished college career at D-II Mercyhurst
- Allowed only four goals in 21 games in 2022
- Named PSAC West Defensive Athlete of the Year

GAME HIGHS	Saves:
	GA:
	Clean sheets: