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MATCH PREVIEW



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Forward Madison FC vs Union Omaha

Saturday, April 9th, 2022; 7:00 p.m. CT

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Location: Bresse Steven Field

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Forward Madison is set to face off against the defending USL League One Champions, Union Omaha. The match will take place at Breese Stevens Field on Saturday night at 7pm CT. This is the Flamingos home opening match for the USL League One 2022 season.

Forward Madison notched a 1-1 draw with Chattanooga Red Wolves SC in their season opener on April 2nd. Newcomer Nazeem Bartman scored a 95' minute goal to equalize the score for FMFC. Forward Madison continued their campaign with a battle with Cleveland SC in the 2nd Round of the US Open Cup this past Wednesday. FMFC moved on to the 3rd round of the Cup with a 3-0 win with goals from Justin Sukow, Cesar Murillo, and Nazeem Bartman.

Union Omaha began the 2022 campaign with a 2-1 win against Des Moines Menace in their 2nd Round matchup in the US Open Cup. They'll open their USL League One season in Madison.

Coaches and USL League One 2022 Records

Forward Madison FC (0-0-1)

Head Coach: Matt Glaeser

Union Omaha (0-0-0)

Head Coach: Jason Mims

Key Players to Watch:

Forward Madison:

Abdou Mbacke Thiam: The Senegalese Forward helped apply a lot of offensive pressure against Chattanooga FC. He looked aggressive in the opener and helped lead the team to take plenty of quality shot attempts. Watch out for Thiam challenging Omaha's back line.

Mitch Osmond: In his first match in the pink and blue, Osmond made an immediate impact on FMFC's defensive solidity. The Flamingos captain earned USL League One Team of the Week honors for his performance against Chattanooga. Expect another big game from the Australian defender.

Phil Breno: Almost no one had a better season opener than Breno, who made crucial saves and came up big when the Flamingos needed him most. The 6'2" goalkeeper proved himself with an impressive one-on-one breakaway save to hold Chattanooga to only one goal. The 26-year-old will be amped up for the challenge to prove himself once again, especially against the defending league champs.

Key Match Up

Forwards vs Forwards:

This match will feature two of the better offensive teams in the league. For Union Omaha, their Championship campaign last season was led offensively by Devin Boyce and Evan Conway. Boyce and Conway are now playing in the USL Championship League, which means other forwards are going to need to step up for the Owls. Omaha will likely have to primarily rely on Noe Meza, Ricardo Rivera, and Ryen Jiba for offense.

As for Forward Madison, the club faced some season-opening jitters in their match against Chattanooga, but converted 3 goals in the U.S. Open Cup match against Cleveland. The Flamingos will need big performances from Nazeem Bartman, Abdou Mbacke Thiam, Derek Gebhard and Audi Jepson in order to apply some pressure on the defending champs.

Keys to the Match

Fast Start: In what will be the season opener for Forward Madison, it'll be crucial for the club to start off quickly to get the crowd into the game. If the Flamingos can score an early goal, the crowd will gain some momentum and that'll only help the team play better. FMFC started slow against Chattanooga, so an early goal could provide the team with more confidence in their offense.

Stick to the System: Everyone will need to play within the system and stay focused to come away with the victory. Union Omaha is going to try to get Forward Madison out of its system, so FMFC players will need to stay disciplined and understand their positioning on the pitch.

Defensive Solidity: The back line will need to remain confident after back-to-back solid performances in order to shut down Omaha's offense. Eric Leonard and Mitch Osmond will need to continue to lead the Flamingos' defense and build from the back.

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0 | PARKER SMITH

2022

GP/GS	MIN	CS	GA	SV	SV%	YC/RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

GK | 21 | 6'5" | 215 LB | DOWNSERS GROVE, IL

- Played club soccer with Sockers FC in the U.S. Soccer Development Academy, and spent time during his youth career in Portugal

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Par-kur
Smith



1 | PHIL BRENO

2022

GP/GS	MIN	CS	GA	SV	SV%	YC/RC
1/1	90	0	1	2	66.7%	-

GK | 26 | 6'2" | 205 LB | MT. AIRY, MD

- Arrives at Forward Madison following two years with the Charleston Battery in USL Championship.

PRONUNCIATION

Phil
Bree-no



2 | CESAR MURRILLO JR.

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/1	90	0	0	0	77.8%	1/0

DF | 26 | 5'11" | 178 LB | EL PASO, TX

- Played collegiate soccer at the College of Charleston, captaining the squad all four seasons he was on it and featured in 66 matches.
- Won the USL League One with North Texas SC in 2019 and again with Greenville Triumph SC in

PRONUNCIATION

Say-sar
Mur-eo
Jr



3 | ERIC LEONARD

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/1	90	0	0	0	89.1%	-

MF | 26 | 5'9" | 165 LB | PALATINE, IL

- Leonard played in every Forward Madison USL game during the team's first two seasons.

PRONUNCIATION

Air-ik
Len-erd



4 | MITCH OSMOND

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/1	90	0	0	0	85.3%	-

DF | 27 | 6'2" | 191 LB | SYNDY, AUSTRALIA

- Named USL League Two Defender of the year while playing for Thunder Bay Chill in 2017; earned NAIA First Team All-American honors while playing for Rio Grande Red Storm.

PRONUNCIATION

Mich
Oz-mend



6 | MELE TEMGUIA

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

DF | 26 | 6'2" | 194 LB | DARMSTADT, GERMANY

- Scored his first professional career goal for Hume City FC in the Australian NPL.

PRONUNCIATION

Meh-lay
Tem-gee-ya



7 | ABDOU MBACKE THIAM

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/1	90	0	0	2	72%	-

FW | 30 | 6'0" | 161 LB | DAKAR, SENGAL

- Played collegiately for the UConn where he topped the stats leaderboard with 18 assists, 77 appearances and 46 goals.

PRONUNCIATION

Ap-doo
Mm-ba-kay
Te-um



8 | DREW CONNER

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MF | 28 | 5'11" | 172 LB | CARY, IL

- Earned All-Freshman, Second-Team All-Big Ten at UW-Madison and ranked as the 17th best Player in the Big Ten at the end of his senior season

PRONUNCIATION

Drew
Con-ner



9 | JEREMIAH STRENG

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/0	12	0	0	1	66.7%	-

FW | 20 | 6'2" | 200 LB | VAASA, FINLAND

- Streng has played in 27 Veikkausliiga (Finnish 1st division) matches, 35 Ykkönen (Finnish 2nd division) matches with 17 goals, and in 42 Kakkonen (Finnish 3rd division) matches.

PRONUNCIATION

Jar-e-my-uh
Stren-g



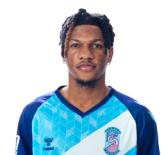
10 | MATHEUS CASSINI

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/0	45	0	0	0	76.2%	-

PRONUNCIATION

Muh-tay-us
Cuh-see-knee



11 | ROJAY SMITH

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%
1/1	45	0	0	0	88.9%

PRONUNCIATION

Row-jay
Smith



13 | CHRISTIAN ENRIQUEZ

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/1	78	0	0	0	97.3%	-

PRONUNCIATION

Chris-chin
En-ree-kez



15 | MIKEY MALDONADO

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/1	90	0	0	0	73%	-

PRONUNCIATION

My-key
Mall-da-nah-do



16 | ALVIN JONES

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PRONUNCIATION

Al-vin
Jones



17 | DEREK GEBHARD

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/1	70	0	0	0	75%	1/0

PRONUNCIATION

Der-ek
Geb-hard



18 | ALANN TORRES

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PRONUNCIATION

Al-en
Tore-es



19 | JUSTIN SUKOW

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/0	20	0	0	0	71.4%	-

PRONUNCIATION

Just-in
Soo-koe



21 | CARL SCHNEIDER

2022

GP/GS	MIN	CS	GA	SV	SV%	YC/RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PRONUNCIATION

Car-ul
Shh-ni-dur



23 | HEATH MARTIN

2022

GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PRONUNCIATION

He-th
Mar-tin



24 | NAZEEM BARTMAN

2022	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/0	45	1	0	2	81.8%	-

FW | 28 | 5'7" | 157 LB | CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

- Drafted by the Vancouver Whitecaps FC in the 2017 MLS SuperDraft.
- Made 13 appearances and scored a goal in his first season with the Whitecaps 2 Squad.

PRONUNCIATION
Nah-zeem
Bart-men

28 | ANDREW WHEELER-OMIUNU

2022	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	90	0	0	2	89.4%	1/0

MF | 27 | 5'9" | 170 LB | BELLINGHAM, MA

- Wheeler-Omiunu won the 2018 MLS Cup with Atlanta United
- Played collegiately for Harvard, where he was a 2x All-Ivy League First Team honoree

PRONUNCIATION
An-drew
We-lur
Oh-me-u-new

29 | AUDI JEPSON

2022	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	45	0	0	1	78.6%	-

MF | 27 | 5'9" | 155 LB | GREEN BAY, WI

- Grew up minutes from Lambeau Field and starred for UW-Green Bay in college.
- Played for Saint Louis FC (USL Ch'ship) in 2018-19, but meniscus injury forced him out in 2020.

PRONUNCIATION
Awe-dee
Jep-sin

47 | CYRUS RAD

2022	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

DF | 22 | 5'11" | 170 LB | DURHAM, NC

- Competed at N.C. State
- Played as a trialist for the Flamingos during the friendly against Atletico Morelia.

PRONUNCIATION
Sigh-rus
Rod

TECHNICAL STAFF



HEAD COACH | MATT GLAESER

- Last coached as an Assistant and Director of Goalkeeping for Sacramento Republic FC in the USL Championship.
- In 2019, Glaeser helped lead the Real Monarchs to their first ever USL Championship Title

PRONUNCIATION
Matt
Glay-zer

ASSISTANT COACH | NEIL HLAVATY

- Joined Flamingos in 2019 for first pro coaching job after lengthy playing career.
- Played from 2008-18, making stops in Europe and U.S. lower leagues.
- Marked milestone on 6/7/19, stepping in as head coach during Daryl Shore's suspension.

PRONUNCIATION
Nee-uhl
Hlav-a-tee

ASSISTANT COACH | JIM LAUNDER

- Coached University of Wisconsin Men's Soccer from 1986-1996, winning national title in 1995.
- Previously managed Madison 56ers in National Premier Soccer League.
- Currently splits time between FMFC and Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association.

PRONUNCIATION
Jim
Lawn-der

ASSISTANT COACH | JOHN PASCARELLA

- Spent the last two seasons as the Head Coach for USL Championship Team OKC Energy.
- Was the goalkeeping coach for the Kansas City Wizards (now Sporting KC) in the MLS, and helped coach the team to a 2013 MLS Cup Championship

PRONUNCIATION
John
Pass-car-el-uh

DIRECTOR OF SOCCER OPERATIONS | KEITH TIEMEYER

- Was an Assistant Coach for the University of Wisconsin - Madison men's soccer team and helped lead the team to two NCAA tournaments and a Sweet 16 appearance.
- He is from Missouri but has been involved in the Madison area community for many years.

PRONUNCIATION
Key-th
Tee-my-ur

EQUIPMENT MANAGER | DARIEN MORAN

- Grew up in Madison, it's his first season as FMFC's kitman

PRONUNCIATION
Dar-e-in
More-an

VISITORS ROSTER

UNION OMAHA

2022 Roster

No. Name

Goalkeeper

24	 Rashid Nuhu	
33	 Kevin Piedrahita	

Defender

2	 Emir Alihodzic	
4	 Alex Touche	
5	 Gabriel Claudio	
13	 Daltyn Knutson	

Midfielder

6	 Chavany Willis	
8	 Joseph Brito	
10	 Hugo Kometani	
17	 John Scearce	
22	 Conor Doyle	
26	 Dion Acoff	
30	 Yoskar Galvan	

Forward

7	 Noe Meza	
16	 Alex Bruce	
19	 Ricardo Rivera	
23	 Giovanni Montesdeoca	
27	 Ryan Jiba	

Manager

-	 Jason Mims
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4/09

BATTLE FOR MADISON

4/23

MARVEL MAYHEM

4/30

GREEN AND GOLD NIGHT

5/21

BIKE TO BREESE

6/04

PRIDE NIGHT

6/11

HÜTTENGAUDI

6/15

NATIONAL PINK FLAMINGO DAY

6/23

BAKE WITH FMFC

7/16

OUT OF THE PARK NIGHT

7/26

PAINT THE MOUNTAINS

7/30

SINGLE MINGO MINGLE

8/13

STARS AND STRIPES NIGHT

8/24

BARK IN THE PARK

9/10

PAJAMBOREE

9/17

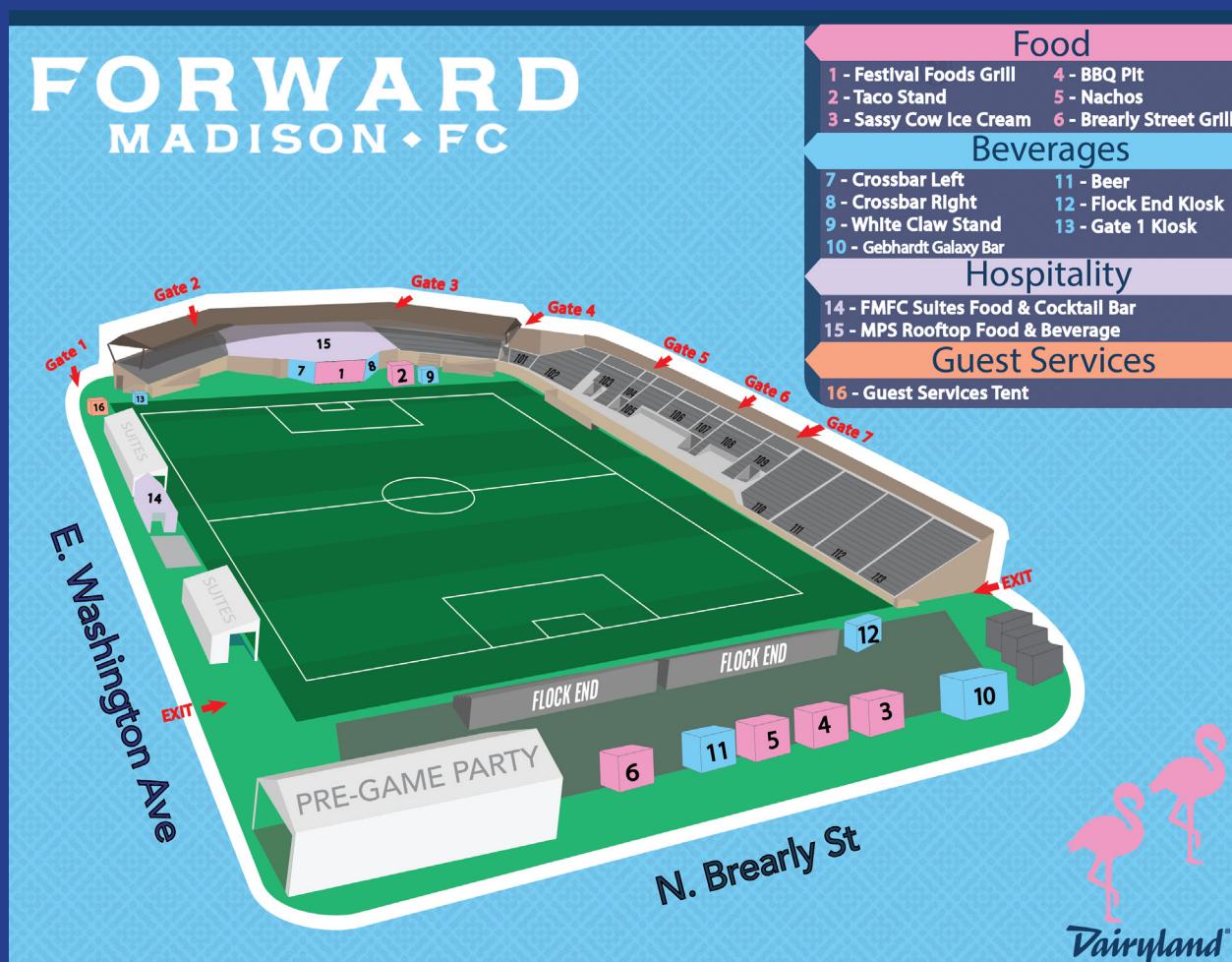
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9/24

FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT

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