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# MATCH PREVIEW

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7:00 PM CST | MADISON, WI

**Forward Madison FC vs Union Omaha**

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

**ESPN+**

**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 Bresse 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 | DOWNERS GROVE, IL

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

PRONUNCIATION  
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 MURRILO JR

2022	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
1/1	90	0	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	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	0	85.3%	-

DF | 27 | 6'2" | 191 LB | SYDNEY, 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	2	72%	-

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

- 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	1	66.7%	-

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

- Strengh 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%	-

**MF | 26 | 5'8" | 155 LB | SAO PAULO, BRAZIL**

- Has played in Italy, France, Croatia and Bulgaria

**PRONUNCIATION**  
Muh-tay-us  
Cuh-see-knee



## # 11 | ROJAY SMITH

2022	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
	1/1	45	0	0	0	88.9%	-

**FW | 25 | 5'11" | 165 LB | PORTMORE, JAMAICA**

- Smith played for the Northern Oklahoma College, where he scored 33 goals in 37 appearances

**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%	-

**MF | 23 | 5'8" | 168 LB | SAN DIEGO, CA**

- Played for the U.S. U-19 Men's National Team.
- Signed for Flamingos mid-season on 6/18.
- Before joining FMFC, was previously training with San Diego Loyal in the USL Championship.

**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%	-

**DF | 23 | 5'9" | 165 LB | SAN ANTONIO, TX**

- He has spent most of his professional career playing in the state of Texas, where he was born.
- He has played right back, but has also played centerback and center midfield.

**PRONUNCIATION**  
My-key  
Mall-da-nah-do



## # 16 | ALVIN JONES

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

**DF | 27 | 6'0" | 180 LB | TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

- Scored his first international goal against the United States in Couva in 2017.
- Played 1,937 minutes in the USL Championship.

**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

**MF | 24 | 5'10" | 160 LB | BLUE HILL, ME**

- Played for Charlotte Independence in 2020, has spent past six years in U.S. second tier.
- Scored first goal in El Paso Locomotive history in 2018.

**PRONUNCIATION**  
Der-ek  
Geb-hard



## # 18 | ALANN TORRES

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

**MF | 18 | 5'10" | 150 LB | ELKHART, IN**

- Pro debuted before his 18th birthday with Indy Eleven USL academy team.
- Racked up 139 minutes during regular season last season.

**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%	-

**MF | 24 | 5'10" | 165 LB | SAN ANTONIO, TX**

- Spent latter part of previous season as a rookie for Reno 1868 in USL Championship.
- Scored nine goals in 20 games for the Univ. of Loyola-Chicago in college.

**PRONUNCIATION**  
Just-in  
Soo-koe



## # 21 | CARL SCHNEIDER

2022	GP/GS	MIN	CS	GA	SV	SV%	YC/RC
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**DF | 29 | 5'10" | 165 LB | MADISON, WI**

- Grew up in Madison, WI, played at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and then played for FMFC in their inaugural season.

**PRONUNCIATION**  
Car-ul  
Shh-ni-dur



## # 23 | HEATH MARTIN

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

**DF | 20 | 5'11" | 170 LB | KNOXVILLE, TN**

- Runs a popular Instagram account, Nonstop Progress, with over 30,000 followers.

**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 HLA VATY

- 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

## 2022 Roster

No.	Name	
<b>Goalkeeper</b>		
24	 Rashid Nuhu	
33	 Kevin Piedrahita	
<b>Defender</b>		
2	 Emir Alihodzic	
4	 Alex Touche	
5	 Gabriel Claudio	
13	 Daltyn Knutson	
<b>Midfielder</b>		
6	 Chavany Willis	
8	 Joseph Brito	
10	 Hugo Kametani	
17	 John Searce	
22	 Conor Doyle	
26	 Dion Acoff	
30	 Yoskar Galvan	
<b>Forward</b>		
7	 Noe Meza	
16	 Alex Bruce	
19	 Ricardo Rivera	
23	 Giovanni Montesdeoca	
27	 Ryen Jiba	
<b>Manager</b>		
-	 Jason Mims	





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4/23

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MAYHEM

4/30

GREEN  
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GOLD  
NIGHT

5/21

BIKE  
TO  
BREEZE

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

INKED  
OUT  
NIGHT

9/24

FAN  
APPRECIATION  
NIGHT

10/08

# STADIUM MAP

## FORWARD MADISON • FC

The stadium map shows a 3D perspective of the stadium. The field is green with white markings. The stands are grey. There are seven gates labeled Gate 1 through Gate 7. Various service areas are marked with numbers 1 through 16. The map also shows the location of E. Washington Ave and N. Brearly St. There are two exits marked with red arrows. The map includes a legend for Food, Beverages, Hospitality, and Guest Services.

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1 - Festival Foods Grill	4 - BBQ Pit
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3 - Sassy Cow Ice Cream	6 - Brearly Street Grill

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7 - Crossbar Left	11 - Beer
8 - Crossbar Right	12 - Flock End Kiosk
9 - White Claw Stand	13 - Gate 1 Kiosk
10 - Gebhardt Galaxy Bar	

Hospitality	
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16 - Guest Services Tent	

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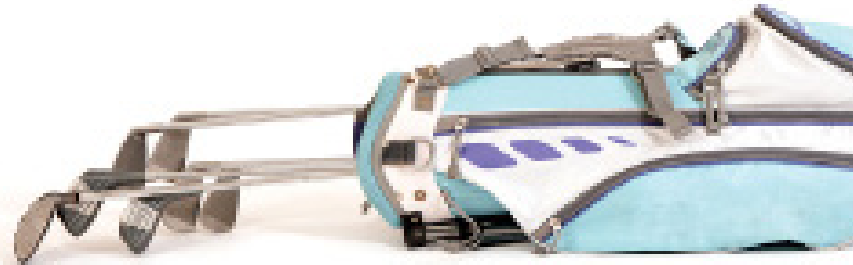
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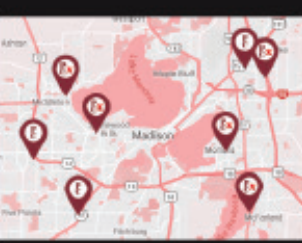
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