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Forward Madison will host Charlotte Independence on Saturday, May 21st, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. CT. The match will take place at Breese Stevens Field where FMFC will also be welcoming the Green Bay Packers' running back AJ Dillion for photos with fans from 6 p.m. up until the match kick off! This will be the first ever battle between the club's, as Charlotte Independence has played in the USL Championship League up until this season.

The match will be an important one as the Flamingos sit at 9th in the standings, while Charlotte holds the 3rd best record in the league. FMFC is coming off a 2-0 loss to the Greenville Triumph on May 13th. Eric Leonard provided a boost and was awarded Mingo of the Match honors for his stellar defensive efforts to keep the Flamingos in the game. Looking ahead, Forward Madison will travel to Fresno, California to take on Central Valley Fuego FC on May 28th, 2022.

Charlotte Independence is entering Saturday's match following a match with Northern Colorado Hailstorm FC this Wednesday. After their game in Madison, Charlotte will head to South Carolina to take on the Greenville Triumph on June 4th.

#### Foward Madison FC (1-2-3)

Head Coach: Matt Glaeser

Charlotte Independence (3-1-2)

Head Coach: Mike Jeffries

Key Players to Watch:

#### Forward Madison

Jeremiah Streng: The Finnish striker has seen an uptick in minutes recently and has started the last three games for the Flamingos. Streng has been a force on the offensive end, registering six shots in the last four games. FMFC will need to get production from Streng if they want to be able to topple Charlotte on Saturday.

#### Key Match Up

#### **FMFC Strikers vs Charlotte Strikers:**

The key match up for this contest is the Forward Madison strikers of Jeremiah Streng, Nazeem Bartman, and Abdou Mbacke Thiam against the Charlotte Independence strikers of Miguel Ibarra, Khori Bennett, and Tresor Mbuyu, who leads the USL League One in goals with four. Charlotte's offense have been dominating the league this season, ranking second in goals (10), third in total shots (75), and third in shot conversion rate (18%). While their offense has been hot, their defense has struggled as they've allowed eight goals compared to Madison's seven goals conceded.

Coach Matt Glaeser will need to rely heavily on production from his strikers if they want to take down Charlotte on Saturday. Expect Glaeser to coach his strikers to push the ball on counter attacks and to be aggressive throughout the match. Jeremiah Streng will need to get some shots on the Charlotte goalkeeper early to get the Flamingos offense rolling from the start of the match.

#### Keys to the Match

- 1. Shots on Goal: Charlotte's defense has been one of the club's main weaknesses this season. If FMFC wants to take down a poor defensive team they will need to be able to get quality shots on goal throughout the match. In order to do this the FMFC strikers will need help from the Flamingos' midfielders to create quality chances to score.
- 2. Create Chances to Score: The key for FMFC to get shots on goal will be the club's ability to record corner kicks, set piece opportunities, as well as pushing the ball on counterattacks. If the Flamingos can get a decent amount of corners and penalty kicks in the match, they should have no problem logging shots on the Charlotte goalkeeper.

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#### # 0 | PARKER SMITH

22	GP/GS	MIN	cs	GA	sv	sv%	YC/RC
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



#### #1 PHIL BRENO

22	GP/GS	MIN	cs	GA	sv	<b>5V</b> %	YC/RC
20	6/6	540	1	7	14	66.7%	1/0



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

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

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





#### # 2 | CESAR MURRILO JR

22	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	6/5	388	0	0	2	81.9%	2/0

#### 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.





#### #3 ERIC LEONARD

22	GP/GS 6/6	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	6/6	527	0	0	0	88%	2/0

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

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





#### # 4 | MITCH OSMOND

22	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	6/6	540	0	0	1	85.1%	1/0

#### DF | 27 | 6'2" | 191 LB | SYNDEY, 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 Mich Oz-mend



#### # 6 | MELE TEMGUIA

752	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%YC/RC
2	1/0	13	0	0	0	84.6% -

#### DF | 26 | 6'2" | 194 LB | DARMSTADT, GER-

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





#### # 7 | MBACKE THIAM

22	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS% YC/RC
8	4/4	254	0	0	4	70.6% -

#### 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. Ap-doo Mm-ba-kay Te-um



#### #8|DREW CONNER

22	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%YC/RC
2	3/2	205	0	0	0	76.4% -

#### 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





#### # 9 | JEREMIAH STRENG

22	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS% YC/RC
20	6/3	372	1	0	9	70.5% -

 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

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

#### Jar-e-my-uh Stren-g



#### <u># 10 | MATHEUS CASSINI</u>

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

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

Has played in Italy, France, Croatia and

Muh-tay-us Cuh-see-knee



#### CHRISTIAN # 13 | ENRIQUEZ

22	GP/G5 5/5	MIN	G	A	Sн	PASS%	YC/RC
g	5/5	423	1	0	4	88%	-



#### # 15 | MIKEY MALDONADO

22	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	6/6	495	0	0	3	80.1%	4/0



#### # 16 | ALVIN JONES

22	GP/G5 3/2	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	3/2	146	0	0	0	73.3%	1/0



#### # 17 | DEREK GEBHARD

22	GP/GS 3/3	MIN	G	A	Sн	PASS%	YC/RC
20	3/3	214	0	0	1	79.8%	1/0



#### # 18 | ALANN TORRES

22	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PA\$\$%	YC/RC
×	1/0	33	-	-	-	83.3%	-



#### # 19 | JUSTIN SUKOW

22	GP/GS 6/1	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
R	6/1	168	0	0	2	88.5%	1/0



#### # 21 | CARL SCHNEIDER

22	GP/GS	MIN	cs	GA	Sv	<b>Sv</b> %	YC/RC
8		-	-	-	-	-	-



#### # 24 | NAZEEM BARTMAN

22	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
8	5/2	170	1	0	3	70.6%	3/0



#### # 27 | TAILOR BAILEY

22	GP/GS	MIN	cs	GA	Sv	5v%	YC/RC
20		-	-	-	-	-	-



#### ANDREW # 28 | WHEELER-OMIUNU

22	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
2	3/3	270	0	0	3	84.9%	3/0

#### #29 AUDI JEPSON

22	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
×	5/5	340	1	0	4	75.5%	-

#### 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.

#### 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

#### 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.

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

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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 innagural season.

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

- 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.

#### GK | 25 | 6'2" | 170 LB | GREENSVILLE, TN

- Joined FMFC via a season-long loan from the Oakland Roots
- Bailey was a three-sport athlete in high school and he played both goalkeeper and striker.

#### 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-lvy League First Team honoree

#### 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.

Chris-chin En-ree-kez

Mall-da-nah-do

Al-vin Jones

Der-ek Geb-hard

Al-en Tore-es

Just-in Soo-koo

Car-ul Shh-ni-dur

Nah-zeem Bart-men

Tay-lore Bay-lee

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

Awe-ded Jep-sin



#### #47 CYRUS RAD

22	GP/GS 4/1	MIN	G	Α	SH	PASS%	YC/RC
20	4/1	149	0	0	0	76.9%	0/1

#### 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.

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

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.

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.





#### 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

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 in involved in the Madison are community for many years.

Key-th Tee-my-ur



#### **EQUIPMENT MANAGER | DARIEN MORAN**

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

Dar-e-in More-an





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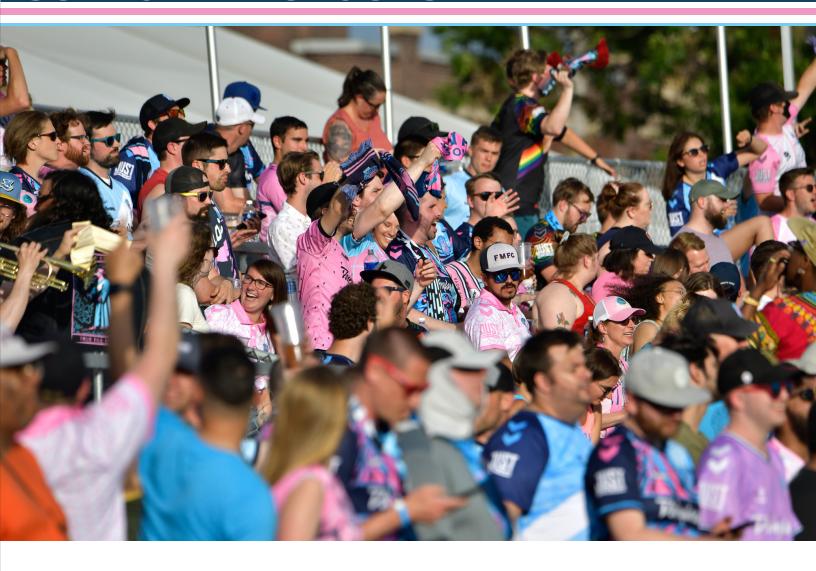
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