

# **GAME NOTES**

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50	Saturday, July 23	, 2022 🔇				ESPN+	YURV			-	ca 33			
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	2022 SEASON SC				UPDATES									
Date	Match	Time (PT)	Comp.	Result										
	vs. LA Galaxy II vs Sacramento Republic	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	USL USL	W 2-1 W 2-0	@	sandiegoloya	l #9	SDLo	yal 🗄	#SDv	RGV			
Sat. March 23 Sat. March 26	at FC Tulsa at Phoenix Rising FC	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	USL USL	L 1-0 W 3-2		WESTERN CO	NFER	ENCE	STA	NDIN	GS			
April	0													
Sun. April 3 Wed. April 6	<b>vs. El Paso Locomotive</b> at San Diego Albion	<b>2 p.m.</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>USL</b> Open	<b>W 3-2</b> W 2-1		CLUB	Р	W	L	D	PTS			
Wed. April 9 Wed. April 13 Sat. April 16	at Oakland Roots Louisville City FC	7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	USL USL	W <b>4-1</b> D 2-2 L <b>5-2</b>		SAN ANTONIO FC	18	14	3	1	43			
Tue. April 19 Sat. April 30	at LA Galaxy at Tampa Bay Rowdies	7: 30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Open USL	L 1-0 W 3-2		S COLORADO SPRING	<b>s</b> 20	13	7	0	39			
<b>May</b> Sat. May 4	at New Mexico United	4 p.m.	USL	D 1-1		SAN DIEGO LOYAL S	<b>ic</b> 20	11	5	4	37			
Sat. May 21 Sat. May 28	at RGV FC Toros at LA Galaxy II	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	USL USL	L 2-1 D 2-2			<b>D</b> 19	9	3	7	34			
<b>June</b> Thurs. June 2	at NY Red Bulls II	4 p.m.	USL	D 2-2				/	5	,	54			
Sat. June 11 Sun. June 19 Sat. June 25	vs. Hartford Athletic vs. Las Vegas Lights vs. Indy Eleven	7 p.m. 3 p.m.	USL USL USL	W 3-0 L 2-1 W 5-0		EL PASO LOCOMOTIVE FC	22	9	7	6	33			
Wed June 29	vs. Orange County SC	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	USL	W 2-1		LA GALAXY II	21	9	9	3	30			
July Mon. July 4 Sat. July 9	at Colorado Springs <b>vs. LA Galaxy II</b>	6 p.m. <b>7 p.m.</b>	USL USL	W 3-2 L <b>5-0</b>	SACRAMENTO	SACRAMENTO	18	8	5	5	29			
Mon. July 18 Sat. July 23	vs. Colorado Springs vs. RGV FC Toros	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	USL USL	W 3-0										
Sat. July 30	at Orage County SC	7 p.m.	USL		FC	LAS VEGAS LIGHTS	F <b>C</b> 19	8	7	4	28			
	vs. San Antonio FC vs. Monterey Bay FC	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	USL USL				<b>c</b> 22	6	6	10	28			
Sat. Aug. 13 Sat. Aug. 20 <b>Sat. Aug. 24</b>	at Birmingham Legion at El Paso Locomotive <b>vs. Oakland Roots</b>	4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. <b>7 p.m.</b>	USL USL USL		TOROS	RIO GRANDE VALLE	<b>Y</b> 20	7	10	3	24			
<b>September</b> Sun. Sept. 3	at Monterey Bay FC	7 p.m.	USL			PHOENIX RISING FC	19	7	10	2	23			
Sat. Sept. 10 <b>Sat. Sept. 17</b>	at San Antonnio FC vs. Phoenix FC	5:30 p.m. <b>7 p.m.</b>	USL USL			ORANGE COUNTY S	<b>c</b> 20	4	9	7	19			
Sat. Sept. 24	at Las Vegas Lights	7 p.m.	USL											
October Sat. Oct. 1 Sun. Oct. 9 Sat. Oct. 15	at Orange County SC <b>vs. New Mexico United</b> at Sacramento Republic		USL <b>USL</b> USL			MONTEREY BAY FC	18	5	11	2	17			

### **KNOW THE VISITOR**

Club: Rio Grande Valley FC Toros Founded: 2015 Location: Edingburg, Texas Population: 101,170 Stadium: H-E-B Park Capacity: 9,735



#### ABOUT RIO GRANDE VALLEY FC

Rio Grande Valley FC is coming off a 1-0 loss against Las Vegas Lights Sunday. It has not won a match since beating Pittsburgh Riverhounds 1-0 on June 18. The team is 0-2-2 since then and comes in at No. 10 in the conference standings.

#### LOOKING AHEAD AT THE MATCH

Koke Vegas is settling in at the goalkeeper position like he said he hoped. The Spaniard earned his third shutout with SD Loyal this season in a 3-0 win against a fiery offensive club in Colorado Springs Switchbacks last week. Vegas credited his recent comfort at goal to his defense and the things he's learned from manager Landon Donovan since coming from La Liga this offseason. He hopes to continue that when SD Loyal hosts Rio Grande Valley FC Saturday.

"It's also been the community, the fans, the club, the coaches, my teammates, they've all helped make all this much easier," Vegas said in Spanish. "Having Landon as a coach, there's nothing better than having a coach who was also a player. He has a personal connection with the players, which I think is very important. That's what he has that is different from other coaches and other people. It's probably the most important key that can help you settle in when there's a change."

SD Loyal, the current third place team in the Western Conference, lost to Rio Grande Valley on May 21 on the road. It will try to change that as the team from Texas comes into the match No. 10 team in the standings.

Vegas made his SD Loyal debut in the season opener March 12 then got his first shutout the following week in a 2-0 win against Sacramento Republic at home. He has started in 17 games. He was subbed off during a match at NY Red Bulls II and missed the next two matches due to a lower body injury. Vegas returned against Indy Eleven and got his first shutout during a 5-0 SD Loyal home win. Then there was his second shutout last week against a Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC team that featured some of the more dangerous attacking players.

"It was a calm and peaceful game for me at goal," Vegas said in Spanish. "I hope there are many more like that. But that means that the team is playing well. It also means you have to be much more focused because you will have less opportunities to make plays. You have to make quality plays."

#### ALL TIME HEAD-TO-HEAD

May 6, 2021 - RGVFC 1-0 SD Loyal May 21, 2022 - RGVFC 2-1 SD Loyal



SD Loyal

### **KNOW THE HOST**

Club: San Diego Loyal SC Founded: 2019 Location: San Diego, Calif. Population: 3.2 Million Stadium: Torero Stadium Capacity: 6,100



#### ABOUT SD LOYAL

SD Loyal is in its third season after becoming an expansion and playing in its inaugural season in the USL Championship in 2020. It is coming off its first ever playoff appearance, a 2-0 loss against San Antonio FC in the first round. It was SD Loyal's first season playing more than 20 games with a revamped schedule that included 32 matches, mostly against teams in its geographical region. SD Loyal finished third in the Pacific Division with a 14-12-6 record and 48 points in a season that had several milestones.

It's first season in 2020 was a turbulent one for the club due the COVID-19 pandemic. It got to play its inaugural game in front of a sold-out home crowd then competition came to a halt in March. The league revamped the schedule and resumed play in July. SD Loyal went on to a 6-5-5 record under first-year coach Landon Donovan, finishing in fourth place in the Group B standings.

It finished the season with a forfeit in its regular season finale against Phoenix Rising FC after SD Loyal players walked off the pitch after a homophobic slur was used against one of its players before halftime. SD Loyal was in position to make a push for the playoffs before the forfeit. It was the second forfeit by SD Loyal in 2020. Donovan's team also forfeit a match against L.A. Galaxy II after a racial slur was used against one of its players.

Launched on June 19, 2019, San Diego Loyal is one of the newest members of USL Championship Western Conference. San Diego Loyal plays for America's Finest City and is led by some of the best in sport. The Club is led by Chairman Andrew Vassiliadis, who is the youngest principal owner in USL Championship. Team operations are led by President Ricardo Campos. The Executive Vice President of Soccer Operations Landon Donovan, one of the most decorated soccer players in the U.S., leads the technical side as both EVP and Team Manager. San Diego Loyal is built on four core pillars – Completion, Commitment, Connection, Camaraderie. San Diego Loyal holds training camps at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center.

Home matches are played at Torero Stadium located on the University of San Diego campus. It has hosted numerous important soccer events including the U.S. Women's National team and MLS clubs LA Galaxy, Chivas USA and Club Tijuana. It's also the temporary home to National Women's Soccer League's expansion team San Diego Wave FC.

#### WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- SD Loyal is coming off a 3-0 win against Colorado Springs Switchbacks at home Monday in a rescheduled match from May.
- SD Loyal currently sits in third place in the USL Championship Western Conference, after 20 matches with a 11W-5L-4D record
- and 37 points, two behind second place Colorado Springs.
  SD Loyal has scored the most goals in the USL Championship this
- season (44), two more than Louisville City FC and three ahead of Tampa Bay Rowdies.



**TONIGHT'S KITS** 

OFFICIALS



**Rio Grande Valley FC Toros** 

### **SD LOYAL ROSTER**



No.	Pos	Name	Age
2	Μ	Morgan Hackworth	25
3	D	Elijah Martin	25
4	D	Jack Metcalf	30
5	D	Grant Stoneman	26
6	Μ	Charlie Adams	27
7	Μ	Jack Blake	27
9	F	Kyle Vassell	29
10	Μ	Alejandro Guido	27
11	Μ	Tumi Moshobane	26
13	D	Camden Riley	25
14	F	Evan Conway	24
15	D	Nikko Boxall	30
17	Μ	Collin Martin	26
20	F	Nick Moon	25
23	F	Thomas Amang	24
25	GK	Koke Vegas	26
30	Μ	Andrew Carleton	21
32	D	Kyle Adams	25
40	F	Calvin Jay Fodrey	17
47	D	Tye Barton	17
50	Μ	Xavi Gnaulati	16
51	D	Davi Santos	17
60	GK	Duran Ferree	17
61	Μ	Isaiahs Gutierrez	17

**Place of Birth** 

Winston-Salem, N.C. Fresno, Calif. Liverpool, England Wheaton, III. Hendon, England Nottingham, England London, England Chula Vista, Calif. Soweto, South Africa Dallas, Texas Whitefish Bay, Wis. Auckland, New Zealand Chevy Chase, Md. Waukesha, Wis. Douala, Cameroon Antequera, Spain Powder Springs, Ga. Auckland, New Zealand San Jose, Calif. London, England Encinitas, Calif. Salvador, Brazil San Diego, Calif. San Diego, Calif.

### **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**



No.	Pos	Name
2	Μ	Morgan Hackworth
3	D	Elijah Martin
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(BOX-UHL)

Toe-moss (AH-MAHNG) Koh-kay (CAR-EL-TIN)

(FAH-DREE)

Cha-vi (NAH-LAH-TEE) Dah-vee (FUR-REE) Ee-say-ahs

### SD LOYAL 2022 ROSTER BY POSITIONS GOALKEEPERS



## KOKE VEGAS

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2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	SA	AVES	S. FACED	GA	YC	RC
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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The Spanish goalkeeper comes from Levante UD of La Liga. He is coming off a season at Mallorca of the Spanish second division where he appeared in one match after being sent there on loan. He has played for a handful of teams in that division but has had La Liga experience with Levante since 2017. Vegas became the SD Loyal starting goalkeeper at the start of the 2022 season. He quickly dispalyed his global experience, helping SD Loyal to its best start in franchise history. Prior to coming to San Diego, Vegas made his La Liga debut in May 2018, keeping a clean sheet in a 4-2 away loss against Celta de Vigo. He was loaned to second division club Deportivo La Coruña for a year after spending the campaign as a third-choice behind Oier Olazábal and Aitor Fernández in July 2019.



#### DEFENDERS



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# ELIJAH MARTIN

	2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOAL YC	RC
18	32	26	2465	1	3	14	6 7	0

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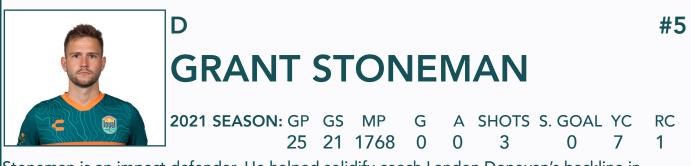
Martin returns for his third season with SD Loyal. The Fresno, Calif. native has continued to be a force on the flanks for Donovan's squad. Tallying one goal and three assists in 2021, Martin uses his speed and physicality to help in the attack. Martin was named to the league's Team of the Week in September 2021 and was also part of the first XI for the team's first ever post season match. Martin was also a consistent starter in the inaugural season for SD Loyal, working the left side of coach Landon Dono-van's three-man defensive backline. He has quickly became a dominant force on the field.



## D JACK METCALF

2021 SEASON: GP	GS MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
16	15 1394	1	1	3	3	2	0

The midfielder returns to the squad with perhaps more motivation than ever. The Liverpool native's 2021 season was cut short after he suffered a broken collar bone Aug. 2 that required season-ending surgery. Metcalf played in 16 matches, starting in 15. He scored one goal and recorded one assist in 1,394 minutes played.



Stoneman is an impact defender. He helped solidify coach Landon Donovan's backline in 2021, often being one of the more physical players on the field. Stoneman played in 25 games and started in 22 after missing some time due to injuries. He was on the field enough to cement himself as a team leader who had 30 interceptions and a 77-percent tackle rate. Stoneman made his USL Championship debut while starting for SD Loyal in the team's debut match against Las Vegas Lights.

#### **DEFENDERS**



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## **KYLE ADAMS**

2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOA	L YC	RC
29	27	2477	1	0	3	2	6	0

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Adams comes to San Diego from Real Monarchs and is an experienced defender with excellent passing skills. Playing in 29 matches in 2021, Adams had 42 interceptions and scored one goal in 2,477 minutes. He also had a two-year stint with fellow USL side Rio Grande Valley FC. Adams was the RGV FC team captain in 2018- 2019, playing in 52 games. He was signed by MLS side Houston Dynamo in 2020 but was sent back on loan to RGV FC.



#### #15 D NIKKO BOXALL 2021 SEASON: GP GS MP A SHOTS S. GOAL YC RC G 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 The 29-year-old joins coach Landon Donovan's team coming from Finnish side SJK, which plays in the Veikkausliiga, the highest soccer tier in Finland. An experienced player who has

spent time playing in Denmark and Germany, Boxall started his career in New Zealand and went on to play college soccer at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois where he played in 76 matches. He earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honors his senior season along with a hand-ful of other accolades during his time there.



Riley, a defender, comes from Rio Grande Valley FC where he played in 16 matches and started in 10 during the 2021 USL Championship season. The 25-year-old defender played 871 minutes helping his former team's back line. The Dallas, Texas native also played for Sporting Kansas City in 2020 and 2019. He played there after being selected in the second round of the 2019 MLS SuperDraft by Sporting Kansas City and was subsequently signed by its USL Champion- ship affiliate.



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## TYE BARTON

2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	SA	VES	S. FACED	GA	YC	RC
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Barton is one of six players to sign first team academy contracts for the 2022 USL Championship season. He was part of the SD Loyal Select team in 2021.



## DAVI SANTOS

2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Santos is one of three players to sign first team academy contracts heading into the 2022 USL Championship season. He was part of the SD Loyal Select team in 2021.

### MIDFIELDERS



## ANDREW CARLETON

2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Andrew Carleton came to San Diego after playing for Costa Rican first-division side Jicaral Sercoba. Carleton was Atlanta United FC's first home-grown signing before that, making his MLS debut May 20, 2017 at the age of 16. Before reaching the professional ranks, Carleton led the club to its first ever championship of any kind, scoringa brace in a 2-1 win over FC Dallas in the 2017 U.S. Soccer Development Academy U-15/16 Academy Championship Final.

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	2021 SEASON:	GP 0	GS 0	MP 0	G 0	A 0	SHOTS 0	s. goal 0	YC 0	RC 0
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USL Championship season. He was part of the SD Loyal Select team in 2021.

#### MIDFIELDERS



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## MORGAN HACKWORTH

2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
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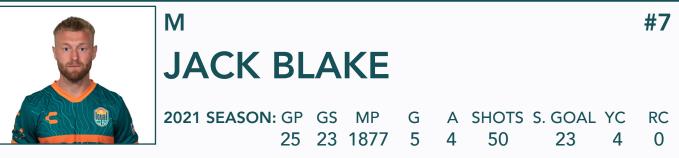
Hackworth returns for his third season with SD Loyal in 2022. A key defender in 2021, Hackworth has shown Landon Donovan and staff consistency and reliability especially when injuries keep starters out of the lineup during a lengthy season. He played in 17 games and started in two in 2021, but when he was on the field it was quality work from the North Carolina native. Hackworth also saw extensive time on the pitch in the later part of the 2020 season, playing in seven games, logging 375 minutes.



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CHARLIE ADAMS

2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
33	29	2614	1	4	15	9	7	0

As the team captain, Adams helped keep the squad working towards each match goals despite the ups and downs of losing streaks and then unbeaten weeks in 2021. The 27 year-old midfielder has been the heart of the midfield since his arrival in San Diego. He played in 33 matches while starting 29 in 2021. Adams showed off his quality as a ball distributor with an 87-per-cent pass accuracy and 29 accurate crosses. He had four assists while also displaying defensive capability with 64 interceptions and 58-percent of his challenges won last season. Adams will be tattooed into SD Loyal history. The English play maker scored the first official goal in SD Loyal history in a 1-1 tie against Las Vegas Lights in the team's debut.



Blake was an immediate impact player for SD Loyal in 2021 with his dangerous shot from outside the penalty box. The Englishman was tied for second in the league with four goals from beyond the box. He played in 25 matches, starting in 23, scoring five goals in a season that had him miss a handful of games due to injury. Blake returned in time for the playoffs, finishing the year with four assists and 1,877 minutes played.

#### **MIDFIELDERS**



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## ALEJANDRO GUIDO

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	2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
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went on to become a to	eam-changing force. `	The (	Chula V	'ista n	ative	helped	spark Don	ovan	's
team's attack in 2020, r	naking a push for a p	osts	eason b	erth.	But	it was in	2021 that	the	
veteran cemented himself as a team standout. He played in 31 games, of which he started 21.									
He had six goals and fo can rely on to insert at the bench, often chang	different spots on the	e sta	rting lin	eup a	and is			-	



## COLLIN MARTIN

2021 SEASON: GP	GS MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
25	24 2024	1	2	7	4	9	0

Martin has been a solid piece at midfield for SD Loyal the past two seasons. The Chevy Chase, Md. native is back for 2022 as one of the team leaders on and off the field. Martin started in 24 of the 25 matches he played in 2021, having one of the top pass rates on the team as the attack often began with Martin's creativity and his ability to steal and intercept balls. He scored a goal and had two assists in 2,024 minutes played but perhaps his best contribution came off the pitch. Martin is the winner of the 2021 USL Impact Player of the Year.



Gnaulati made enough of an impression in 2021 to earn a spot to train with the first team , eventually making it on the bench during the 2021 USL Championship season. He was added to the 2021 roster as a USL Championship Academy player toward the later part of the preseason.

#### FORWARDS



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## THOMAS AMANG

2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOA	L YC	RC
17	16	1,446	13	2	44	22	1	0

Amang comes to SD Loyal via a trade from USL Championship side Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC where he spent the 2021 season. Playing in 13 games, he scored three goals and logged one assist in 804 minutes. He started in 10 games as he was part of Colorado Springs' attacking force. His pro career began as a teenager in Norway, where he signed with Molde FK in Norway's top league at age 18 in 2016.



## TUMI MOSHOBANE

2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOAI	_ YC	RC
31	18	1812	10	2	33	19	3	0

Moshobane is back for more in 2022 after a breakout 2021 season. The speedy forward scored a team-leading 10 goals after playing in 31 matches, with 18 starts. Moshobane was a threat coming off the bench to help spark the SD Loyal offense. He also recorded four assists, finishing the season with 1,812 minutes played. A versatile striker who adds a diverse attack for SD Loyal, Moshobane was part of the team's first ever win, a 2-1 victory at Tacoma Defiance. Moshobane came to the United States in 2015 and played soccer at the collegiate level at Kankakee Community College in Illinois.



## **KYLE VASSELL** 2021 SEASON: GP GS MP G A SHOTS S. GOAL YC

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Vassell comes to San Diego from Cheltenham Town FC of England's League One. The 28year-old played in 16 games with his former club last season while scoring two goals and brings over a decade of experience competing in the English football league system. The powerful striker spent time training with SD Loyal last year, leaving a strong lasting impression on the coaching staff. He joins Evan Conway and Nick Moon as new striker options for coach Landon Donovan's arsenal this season.

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# **2021 SEASON:** GP GS MP G A SHOTS S. GOAL YC

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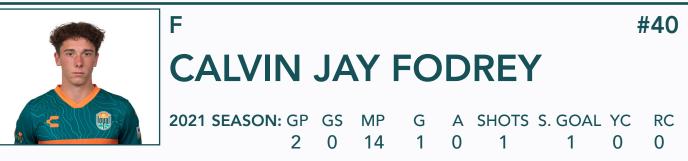
The 25-year-old comes from Indy Eleven where he is coming off playing in 29 USL Championship matches, starting in 19 in 2021. He scored three goals and recorded four assists last season. He gives SD Loyal versatility as he can play at different areas of the pitch. From Wisconsin, Moon not only has experience at the USL Championship level but has also played in League One where he played in 16 matches for Indy in 2020.



## EVAN CONWAY

2021 SEASON: GP	GS	MP	G	Α	SHOTS	S. GOAL	YC	RC
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Conway joins SD Loyal after playing with Union Omaha of USL League One last season where he played in 18 matches and started in 15. He scored 13 goals while playing 1,258 minutes and added an assist. He is a dynamic forward who can play multiple positions. The Wisconsin native also played with Ventura County Fusion of USL League 2 in 2019.



Fodrey was part of the USL Championship Academy players for SD Loyal in 2021 who eventually got a chance to practice and make his pro debut with the first team. He played in two matches, making his USL Championship debut on May 22, 2021 in a match against Louisville City FC. A local product who stood out during the 2021 preseason, Fodrey earned enough playing time that he even scored a goal in the team's second preparation match against MLS side LA Galaxy.

#### MANAGER



## LANDON DONOVAN

Regarded as one of the greatest U.S. soccer players in history, Landon Donovan brings his extensive knowledge of the game to San Diego Loyal's technical staff. During his 19-year professional career, Donovan's accomplishments span both his time domestically and internationally. In total, he played for five professional teams covering three leagues: Bayer 04 Leverkusen and Bayern Munich (Bundesliga); Everton (Premier League); San Jose Earthquakes and LA Galaxy (Major League Soccer). He played in six MLS Cups, the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup and earned two MLS Supporters' Shields. Individually, he was named to an MLS record 14-consecutive MLS All-Star games from 2001-2014, was honored with the Landon Donovan MVP Award in 2009 and won the Golden Boot in 2008, as well as being one of just two players to be named MLS Cup MVP twice. He still leads the MLS record books in assists (136), playoff goals (25) and co-leads MLS in playoff assists (14). He is second to Chris Wondolowski with most regularseason goals at 145. Donovan's contributions to the U.S. Men's National Team continues to dominate the record books. He leads the USMNT in goals (57), assists (58), second in appearances (157) and is the only American player to surpass both 50 goals and 50 assists in his career. He was the fastest American to earn 100 caps and played for the U.S. in three FIFA World Cups. His individual awards include the 1999 FIFA U-17 World Championship Golden Ball Award, FIFA's Best Young Player of the 2002 World Cup, the CONCACAF Gold Cup MVP in 2013, a Gold Cup Best XI selection four times and U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year a record four times.

### ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH



## NATE MILLER

Miller is in his third season with SD Loyal as the associate head coach. Miller joined the team in 2020 after serving as head coach of the Spring Arbor University men's soccer program for six seasons, where his accomplishments included an overall record of 86-32-15, one league champi-onship title, two regular season titles and being named 2018 Crossroads League Coach of the Year. Miller was also the general manager and head coach of Lansing United – a former mem-ber of the Premier Development League (PDL) – and, in 2019, was the inaugural head coach of USL League One expansion side Lansing Ignite FC.