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OPPONENT

RICHMOND KICKERS (0-0-0, 0 PTS) **VS FC TUCSON (0-0-0, 0 PTS)**

Saturday, April 2, 2022 / 6:30 PM / // City Stadium, Richmond, Virginia

MATCHDAY 1: #RICvTUC



RECORD **LEAGUE STANDING LAST 5 MATCHES** STREAK

HEAD COACH

On April 2, 2022, the Richmond Kickers kick off their unprecedented 30th consecutive season of operation as a professional soccer team. In a season that will be marked by nostalgia for the club, the team begins its season against one of their modern rivals when they host FC Tucson at City Stadium.

MATCH PREVIEW

 $_{\mbox{\scriptsize 0-0-0}}$ The two sides faced off three times including the USL League T-1st One Playoff Quarterfinals during the 2021 season. Tucson earned 0-0-0 a 1-0 victory over the Kickers in the quarterfinals down in the O desert despite the Kickers effectively dominating the matchup. Jon Pearlman

MATCH INFO

COMPETITION DATE KICKOFF LOCATION **FORECAST** REFEREE ASST. REFEREE **4TH OFFICIAL** BROADCAST

Darren Sawatzky

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USL League One Regular Season Saturday, March 2, 2022 6:30 pm ET City Stadium, Richmond, Virginia 67F/41F, Partly Cloudy Danielle Chesky Jake Brochu, Jordan Davis

Online: ESPN+

The Roos registered double the amount of shots to Tucson while placing five shots on target to Tucson's one shot on target. However, it was Tucson's one shot on target that proved to be the game winner in the 87th minute.

Despite the disappointing end, the 2021 season proved to be another step in the right direction for the club helmed by Chief Sporting Officer and Head Coach Darren Sawatzky. The Kickers made the playoffs for the first time since the 2016 season and Emma Richards had their second-straight winning season after not having a winning season since 2016.

STAT COMPARISON

TV: WTVR CBS 6

Richmond		FC Tucson
0	GOALS SCORED	0
0	GOALS ALLOWED	0
0	GOAL DIFFERENTIAL	0
0	ASSISTS	0
0	SHOTS/GAME	0
0	SOG/GAME	0
0	CLEAN SHEETS	0
0	YELLOW CARDS	0
0	RED CARDS	0

2021 TEAM LEADERS Richmond **GOALS** 18, Terzaghi ASSISTS 4, Vinyals 70, Terzaahi SHOTS 2430, Fitzgerald MINUTES 131, Magalhâes **CLEARANCES** 76, Magalhâes INTERCEPTIONS 32, Two Tied BLOCKS 23, Barnathan 10, Fitzgerald **CLEAN SHEETS** 4, Lapsley

The Kickers return back-to-back USL League One MVP and Golden Boot winner Emiliano Terzaghi along with USL League One Goalkeeper of the Year Akira Fitzgerald. The two League One First f 1 teamers lead a group that returned 12 total players. Amongst the O returners also include key contributors like Jonathan Bolanos, o Nil Vinyals, Matt Bolduc, Zaca Moran, and Jalen Crisler who all n played significant minutes and factored heavily into the starting lineup for the club.

A dressing room that features a core of players with at least two and three years experience with the club, the Kickers are looking $^{\circ}$ to reload with 12 new players that look to be key additions in making contributions and solidifying the team's depth.

New to the group looking to factor heavily are outside backs Stuart Ritchie and Stephen Payne who both bring Youth National Team and European experience to the Richmond flanks. Adding FC Tucson to the attack are international newcomers Leonardo Baima and 9, $\operatorname{Dennis}\,$ Matthew Bentley. Baima is a Boca Juniors academy product who 8, Dennis has already registered several assists during the preseason and 52 ,Corfe is building a strong relationship with Terzaghi. Bentley aims to 2520, Lapsley shoulder some of the goal-scoring load for Terzaghi, as the strik-89, Fox er/winger hybrid proved to be a top goal-scorer with USL League 50, Schenfeld Two side Lionsbridge FC and at the collegiate level

OUICK HITS

- The home opener's title sponsor is Guerra Sáenz, PL--Immigration Attorneys who have been an incredible offs after an 87th-minute goal and only shot on target for the hosts broke the partner in helping the Kickers bring international players to the club.
- Coach Sawatzky has the opportunity to reach his 20th win at the helm of the club on Saturday after posting With the clock winding down, in the final 10 minutes of regular time, FC Tucson 8-6-2 and 11-10-7 records in his first two seasons with the Kickers.
- The Kickers will open the season in their new green 93' Legacy Kit by Adidas. The shirt pays homage to the ing Tucson to 1-0 in the 87th minute. Despite having three additional minutes of original '93ers who wore green during the inaugural season.
- City Stadium features a brand new hospitality area situated behind the north end goal. The Party Perfect The Kickers were unlucky not to earn a result in the desert as the attack pro-Pitchside Patio offers fans the opportunity to see a match at a whole new angle all while enjoying local craft duced twice as many shots as the hosts including five shots on target while beverages. It's the perfect place for companies and groups to book an outing.
- The team will be walked out by Columbia Soccer Club Sparta Black

2022 SCHEDULE & RECORD

LEAGUE RECORD: 0-0-0

HOME: 0-0-0 // AWAY: 0-0-0

TV/STREAM TIME/RESULT

	OF F CHILLY	11/01/01/11	,
APR 2	FC TUCSON	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
APR 9	NORTHERN COLORADO HAILSTORM FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
Apr 17	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	7 pm
Apr 22	Charlotte Independence	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	7 pm
MAY 7	FORWARD MADISON FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
MAY 14	UNION OMAHA	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
May 20	FC Tucson	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	10 pm
May 28	North Carolina FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	7 pm
JUN 1	CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES SC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
JUN 4	SOUTH GEORGIA TORMENTA FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
JUN 11	CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
JUN 18	NORTHERN COLORADO HAILSTORM FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
Jun 23	Forward Madison FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	8 pm
JUL 2	NORTH CAROLINA FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	7 PM
Jul 8	Charlotte Independence	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	7 pm
JUL 16	GREENVILLE TRIUMPH SC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
Jul 23	Central Valley Fuego FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	10:30 pm
Jul 27	North Carolina FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	7 pm
Aug 2	Northern Colorado Hailstorm FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	9 pm
AUG 6	FC TUCSON	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
Aug 13	Greenville Triumph SC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	7 PM
Aug 20	Central Valley Fuego FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	10:30 pm
AUG 27	UNION OMAHA	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
SEP 7	SOUTH GEORGIA TORMENTA FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
Sep 14	Union Omaha	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	8 PM
Sep 17	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	7:30 pm
SEP 24	CENTRAL VALLEY FUEGO FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM
Oct 1	South Georgia Tormenta FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	7:30 pm
Oct 8	Forward Madison FC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	8 pm
OCT 15	GREENVILLE TRIUMPH SC	CBS 6.3/ESPN+	6:30 PM

USL LEAGUE ONE STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	D	GD	PTS
Central Valley Fuego FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charlotte Independence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forward Madison FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenville Triumph SC	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Colorado Hailstorm FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RICHMOND KICKERS	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Georgia Tormenta FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Tucson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union Omaha	0	0	0	0	0	0
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CLUB RECORDS

Appearances	Ronnie Pascale (304)
Goals (All-Time)	Matthew Delicâte (94)
Goals (Single Season)	Kevin Jeffrey (20)
Assists (All-Time)	Mike Burke (63)
Assists (Single Season)	Ruben Espinoza (12)
GAA (Single Season)	Ronnie Pascale (0.74, 2007)
Shutouts (All-Time)	Ronnie Pascale (97)
Shutouts (Single Season)	Mike McGinty (2000), Andrew Dykstra (2013) (12)

The Richmond Kickers' (11-10-7) first playoff run since the 2016 season ended on the road at FC Tucson (11-10-7) in the quarterfinals of the USL League One play-

was able to find a go-ahead goal off of a Derri Corfe shot into the far post, bringstoppage time, the Kickers were unable to find an equalizer

holding Tucson to only one shot on target. Ultimately, the Kickers were built to withstand a siege and were dangerous off the ball.











NEWS & NOTES

RECORD IN 2021 WHEN...

At home	8-1-5
On road	
In games decided by one goal	
In games decided by two goals or more	
vs. clubs with winning records	
vs. clubs with losing records	6-6-2
vs. clubs with .500 records	3-1-1
Scoring first	
Leading at half	4-1-1
Trailing at half	2-3-2
Tied at half	2-4-2
Leading with 10:00 remaining	8-1-1
Trailing with 10:00 remaining	1-5-0
Tied with 10:00 remaining	2-1-3
Leading with 5:00 remaining	
Trailing with 5:00 remaining	0-7-0
Tied with 5:00 remaining	1-0-3
Outshooting opponent	5-6-3
Being outshot by opponent	6-4-4
Tying in shots with opponent	
Scoring no goals	
Scoring one goal	
Scoring two goals	
Scoring three goals	
Scoring four or more goals	
Allowing no goals	
Allowing one goal	
Allowing two goals	
Allowing three goals	
Allowing four or more goals	
On weekdays	
On weekends	
In April	
In May	
In June	
In July	
In August	
In September	
In October	
In November	0-1-0
MISCELLANEOUS	0

MISCELLANEOUS	
Current Streak	0
Home Streak	O
Road Streak	0
Consecutive games with a goal	0

THE UNPRECENTED 30TH SEASON

Kicking off for the first time in May 1993, the Richmond Kickers are the longest, continuously operating pro soccer club in the country. 2022 marks the 30th season of operation for the club that has been a staple in the American soccer landscape.

The club is using the season as an opportuniy to look to its past to inspire the next generation of soccer fans in Richmond, Va. Working with current Kickers' Club Chairman and former 93er, Rob Ukrop, the club will honor past club greats in its marketing and matches during the season.

93' LEGACY JERSEY SET: AN ODE TO OUR HISTORY

A modern take on a classic design. The '93 Legacy Jersey Set from Adidas was designed to pay homage to original green tops and blue tops worn by the 1993 inaugural season team.

Famous for wearing Red, the club is changing up this year with a new green shirt that features dark green pinstripes paired with white shorts for home matches. On the road, the team will wear a white shirt that features diagonal red pinstripes and blue sleeves as a callback to the all blue secondary kits from '93.

The red, white, and blue color scheme which were all colors on the orginal away jersey were also chosen to show support for the USMNT and USWNT U-20 teams who are in major international competitions this year.

KEY RETURNERS TO RVA

Terzaghi and Fitzgerald return to Richmond fresh off of multiple postseason awards and First Team selections.

Bolanos returns for a third season as he's seen increased production each season for the Kickers, the second-leading goal scorer in 2021 with five goals, Bolanos is aiming to reach new heights.

Jalen Crisler picks up the mantle as leader of the defense after Ivan Magalhães' retirement at the end of the 2021 season. Crisler was heavily underrated when it came to the weekly and postseason honors, but he was a force to be reckoned with in the danger area and was one of the best at headed clearances.

GOOD THINGS COME IN THREES?

Emiliano Terzaghi has effectively been the face of USL League One since his arrival ahead of the 2020 season. The Argentine talisman is the most lethal goal-scorer the league has seen in its early years, and he returns for a third season in Richmond to continue building on the success he's created for the club and for himself.

As Richmond looks to return to the postseason in 2022 and possibly bring home silverware, Terzaghi will once again propel the Kickers from the front as he aims for a third-straigh MVP title and third-straight Golden Boot.

REVENGE MATCH?

During media availibilty in the lead up to the home opener, Coach Sawatzky, Akira Fitzgerald, and Matt Bolduc were all answered if this is a revenge match.

While they were all quick to say that they are more focused on winning the home opener to get the 2022 season off on the right foot, they didn't shy away from the notion that they didn't need any additional motivation when they learned Tucson would be the season opener opponent.



ROSTER

2022 ROSTER

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#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	DOB	AGE	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE	LAST CLUB
1	Fitzgerald, Akira	GK	5'11"	175	07/17/87	33	Chiba, Japan	Wake Forest University	Tampa Bay Rowdies
2	Barnathan, Dakota	D	6'1"	176	11/9/94	27	Massapequa, N.Y.	Virginia Commonwealth	FC Tucson
3	Cole, Chris	D	6'1"	180	02/03/96	25	Duvall, WA	Seattle Pacific University	Seattle Sounders U23s
4	Fitch, Simon	D	6'1"	170	2/26/99	23	Richmond, VA	Virginia Commonwealth	VCU
5	Ritchie, Stuart	D	5'9"	150	9/10/01	20	Pleasanton, CA		Hannover 96 II
6	Moran, Zaca	М	5'7"	159	02/22/96	25	Caucete, Argentina		River Plate
7	Bolduc, Matt	М	5'8"	150	10/12/94	26	Hancock, NH	University of Massachusetts	Harrisburg City Islanders
8	Bryant, Ethan	М	5'11"	130	08/20/01	19	Longview, TX		San Antonio FC
9	Bentley, Matthew	F	6'1"	178	5/23/98	23	London, England	Missouri State University	Lionsbridge FC
10	Vinyals, Nil	М	5'11"	155	09/21/96	24	Barcelona, Spain	Withrop University	South Georgia Tormenta FC
11	Baima, Leonardo	F	5'9"	168	10/5/92	29	San Jorge, Argentina		Club Atlético Central Norte
13	Causey, Austin	GK	6'1"	175	08/20/01	19	Concord, MA		New England Revolution Academy
14	Pavone, Luke	М	5′10"	160	03/29/95	26	Rochester, NY	Buffalo State College	Hapoel Petach-Tikvah
15	Crisler, Jalen	D	6'4"	200	08/29/94	26	Everett, WA	Gonzaga University	Forward Madison FC
17	Bolanos, Jonathan	М	5'10"	140	05/20/98	22	Miramar, FL	High Point University	High Point University
20	Molina, Christian	М	5'4"	130	4/28/1998	23	Katy, TX	Northern Illinois	Union Omaha
22	Payne, Stephen	D	5'10"	155	6/16/1997	24	Birmingham, AL	UCLA	Vilaverdense FC
23	Olsen, David	F	6'0"	160	2/5/96	26	Auburn, WA	Seattle University	Seattle Sounders 2
24	Aune, Nathan	D	6'4"	195	10/27/96	24	Arlington, WA	Seattle University	Union Omaha
27	O'Dwyer, Chandler	М	6'2"	175	3/1/99	23	Lingfield, England	Christian Brothers	Christian Brothers
29	Will Palmquist	GK	6'1"	185	12/3/97	24	Denver, CO	University of Denver	New Mexico United
30	Mumford, Eli	GK	6'0"	170	3/4/04	18	Chapel Hill, N.C.	,	North Carolina FC Academy
32	Terzaghi, Emiliano	F	5'6"	154	03/06/93	28	Buenos Aries, Argentina		San Martin De Burzaco
99	Candela, Vincenzo	М	5'8"	158	9/28/94	27	Bogotá, Columbia		South Georgia Tormenta FC
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER & PRONUNCIATION

#	NAME	POS	PRONUNCIATION
24	Aune, Nathan	D	AWW-knee
11	Baima, Leonardo	F	Lay-oh-nar-doh BY-muh
2	Barnathan, Dakota	D	Bar-nuh-than
9	Bentley, Matthew	F	_
17	Bolanos, Jonathan	М	Bo-LAN-yos
7	Bolduc, Matt	М	BOL-duck
8	Bryant, Ethan	М	
99	Candela, Vincenzo	М	Vin-Chen-zo Can-del-uh
13	Causey, Austin	GK	CAUSE-e
3	Cole, Chris	D	
15	Crisler, Jalen	D	CRIZ-ler
4	Fitch, Simon	D	
1	Fitzgerald, Akira	GK	AH-keer-ah
20	Molina, Christian	М	Mo-lina
6	Moran, Zaca	М	ZAAC-ah MORE-an
30	Mumford, Eli	GK	
27	O'Dwyer, Chandler	М	
23	Olsen, David	F	
29	Palmquist, Will	GK	Palm-kwis-t
14	Pavone, Luke	М	PA-vone
5	Ritchie, Stuart	D	
32	Terzaghi, Emiliano	F	Ter-ZOG-ee
02			NILL Vin-yalls

Sawatzky, Darren Elovaara, Mika Fitzgerald, Akira Smetanick, Ray Perez, Rodrigo

Suh-WATT-ski ME-kah El-OH-var-ah AH-keer-ah Smeh-tan-ick

TECHNICAL STAFF

CHIEF SPORTING OFFICER AND HEAD COACH HEAD ASSISTANT COACH GOALKEEPING COACH DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL ATHLETIC TRAINER

Darren Sawatzky Mika Elovaara Akira Fitzgerald Ray Smetanick Rodrigo Perez

INJURIES/SUSPENSIONS/CALL-UPS

INJURIES

OUT - Luke Pavone (lower body) OUT - Ethan Bryant (lower body)

SUSPENSIONS NONE

NATIONAL TEAM CALL-UPS None



STATISTICS

				2021	REGU	JLAR-	SEAS	ON S	TATIS	TICS					
#	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	A	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
1	Fitzgerald, Akira	27	27	2,430	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	4	0	2	0
2	Monticelli, Juan Pablo	18	16	1,357	10	3	2	1	46	34	11	4	36	5	0
3	Cole, Chris	18	14	1,276	8	2	1	2	41	27	4	12	15	2	0
4	Magalhães, Ivan	26	26	2,335	11	5	1	1	131	76	32	25	22	4	1
5	Antley, Ian	1	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
6	Moran, Zaca	25	25	2,227	8	2	1	3	32	37	8	32	51	10	1
7	Bolduc, Matt	28	22	1,905	13	5	1	2	15	10	1	27	24	3	0
8	Bryant, Ethan	12	11	884	6	3	0	0	6	6	3	8	13	0	0
10	Vinyals, Nil	26	24	2,021	15	11	2	4	12	17	3	19	30	7	0
11	Anderson, Oalex	24	4	708	30	9	3	3	1	6	0	22	20	4	0
13	Causey, Austin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Pavone, Luke	20	6	720	3	1	0	0	23	10	1	13	14	3	0
15	Crisler, Jalen	27	27	2,342	13	5	0	0	119	32	32	15	32	9	0
16	Taublieb, Zev	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Bolanos, Jonathan	28	24	2,021	35	17	5	1	5	9	2	24	42	6	0
18	Gallegos, Damian	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Gonzalez, Hernan	19	4	339	7	2	0	1	7	0	0	8	12	3	0
20	Calvo, Esteban	23	23	1,938	2	0	0	0	42	30	8	34	41	6	1
21	Alves, Stanley	12	6	512	12	5	0	1	8	10	1	8	4	1	0
22	Ulysse, Denso	2	0	39	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
23	Falck, Victor	22	16	1,516	11	4	0	1	20	12	4	16	16	2	0
24	Aune, Nathan	14	3	458	2	0	0	0	19	10	3	6	13	2	0
27	Johnson, Ty	1	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
31	Kwesele, Mumbi	3	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
32	Terzaghi, Emiliano	27	27	2,311	70	40	18	2	8	5	2	63	48	8	0
44	Aviza, Austin	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	Dubose, Devante	3	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
88	Vickers, Cameron	8	1	129	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	2	1	0
	TOTAL	416	308	27,681	256	114	35	18	568	339	116	343	388	80	3

	2021 GOALKEEPER STATISTICS												
#	PLAYER	GP	MIN	GAA	GC	SF	SV	SAVES %	CS				
1	Fitzgerald, Akira	27	2430	1.26	34	122	88	72.1%	10				
13	Causey, Austin	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.0%	0				
44	Aviza, Austin	1	90	2.00	2	5	3	60.0%	0				
	TOTAL	28	2520	1.29	36	127	91	71.7%	10				

2021 TEAM STATISTICS

GOUIS	35
Total Shots	258
Shots on Target	114
Goal Conversion Rate %	13.6%
Goals Conceded	36
Clean Sheets	10
Penalties Conceded	1
Tackle Success Rate %	65.4%
Duels Success Rate %	46.70%
Aerial Duels Success Rate %	48.60%
Pass Success Rate %	75.50%
Total Passes	9,293
Successful Passes	7,012
Fouls Won	343
Fouls Conceded	440
Yellow Cards	80
Red Cards	3



2022 RICHMOND KICKERS

TV/RADIO ROSTER



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Ethan **BRYANT** MF | 5'11" | 130 Longview, TX



Christian MOLINA

Matthew **BENTLEY**





Austin CAUSEY GK | 6'1" | 175 Concord, MA



Jalen CRISLER Luke **PAVONE** DF16'4"1200 MF | 5'10" | 160 Everett, WA Rochester, NY







Austin CAUSEY







Jonathan **BOLANOS** MF | 5'10" | 140 Miramar, FL

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Stephen PAYNE DF | 5'10" | 155 <u>B</u>irmingham, AL



David OLSEN F | 6'0" | 160 Aubrun, WA

Nathan AUNE DF | 6'4" | 195 Arlington, WA

Chandler O'DWYER MF | 6'2" | 175 Lingfield, England

Will **PALMQUIST** GK | 6'1" | 185 Denver, Co

Eli MUMFORD GK | 6'0" | 170 Chapel Hill, NC

Emiliano TERZAGHI FW | 5'6" | 154 Buenos Aires, Argentina

Vincenzo CANDELA MF | 5'8" | 158 Bogotá, Columbia



Darren SAWATZKY Chief Sporting Officer & Head Coach Seattle, WA

Mika **ELOVAARA** Assistant Coach Oulu, Finland

Akira FITZGERALD Goalkeeping Coach Chiba, Japan



RICHMOND KICKERS

TECHNICAL STAFF

DARREN SAWATZKY, CHIEF SPORTING OFFICER AND HEAD COACH



Named the eighth head coach of the Kickers on November 6, 2019, and later adding the title of Chief Sporting Officer on November 19, 2020, Darren Sawatzky is ushering in a new era for one of the most historic clubs in U.S. Soccer.

Coming into his third season with Richmond, Sawatzky looks to build on the success of the 2020 and 2021 seasons. In his first season with the club, he led the team to an 8-6-2 record, the first winning record for the club in four years, and had the team into the hunt for the USL League One final heading into the final match of the season. Under his leadership, the club was able to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic without a single positive test. His scouting heading into his first season with Richmond found the 2020 USL League One MVP and Golden Boot winner, Emiliano Terzaahi.

The Kickers made their first postseason appearance since the 2016 season during Sawatzky's second season at the helm. The club finished with a second-straight winning record in the regular season as Terzaghi and Akira Fitzgerald led the team from either end of the pitch. Terzaghi won his second-straight MVP and Golden Boot award while Fitzgerald was named Goalkeeper of the Year. Both players finished as All-League First Team.

Sawatzky made the cross-country move to Richmond after a campaign with USL League One side FC Tucson, bringing in experience with coaching in the league. This was the first professional season for Tucson, after serving as a USL League Two club for the previous seven years.

Before joining Tucson, Sawatzky made a name for himself in the coaching ranks within the Seattle Sounders FC system. He led the Seattle Sounders U23 USL League Two squad along with directing the Development Academy, producing talents such as current United States National Team players Jordan Morris (Seattle Sounders) and DeAndre Yedlin (Galatasaray). During his time with the U23s, Sawatzky coached current Kickers center backs Nathan Aune and Jalen Crisler.

Serving as an assistant coach in their final two USL seasons, Sawatzky served under current Sounders head coach Brian Schmetzer. The club claimed the Commissioner's Cup and the League Championship during his first season in 2007.

The Seattle native also had a stint steering the Guam National Team, coaching former Kickers defender Alex Lee.

He holds a USSF A License and a French Federation Formation license.

Starting his professional playing career in Major League Soccer, Sawatzky was drafted by the New England Revolution in 1996, playing two seasons before moving on to the Dallas Burn in 1998. He went on to sign with the Charleston Battery later that year. Sawatzky was back in MLS the next year with the Colorado Rapids. A year later, Sawatzky found himself back in his hometown, signing with the Seattle Sounders,

MIKA ELOVAARA, ASSISTANT COACH



Entering his fourth season with the Kickers, Elovaara came to the club after serving as the Commissioner of the Boys Elite Clubs National League (ECNL).

He was a four-year letter winner at the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW). A four-year starter in college, he is the all-time leader in games started for the NCAA Division I Seahawks while earning his BA in English.

Elovaara followed his collegiate career with over 150 professional matches in Finland. Receiving his MA of English Philology from the University of Oulu in Finland in 2002, Elovaara continued his studies, earning his Doctor of Philosophy in Cultural Studies in 2007.

Fluent in three languages, Elovaara holds a USSF A Senior License, UEFA B License, and UEFA Football Strength and Conditioning diploma.

AKIRA FITZGERALD, GOALKEEPING COACH



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Before making the move to the River City, Fitzgerald spent two seasons with USL Championship side Tampa Bay Rowdies. He notched 26 saves and recorded four clean sheets in 13 appearances with the Rowdies. Over two different stints with North Carolina FC, he made 82 appearances for the club, making 406 saves. Fitzgerald earned a contract with Major League Soccer expansion side New York City FC in 2015 in between his time with North Carolina FC.

An NCAA National Champion in 2007, Fitzgerald spent four years at Wake Forest University. He made 73 appearances with the Demon Deacons, earning Second Team All-ACC honors in his senior season and was one of 30 candidates for the 2010 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for men's soccer after an ACC-leading 81 save season.





#1 AKIRA FITZGERALD

GOALKEEPER



eight: 5'11" Weight: 175 DOB: July 17, 1987

Hometown: Chiba, Japan College: Wake Forest University Last Club: Tampa Bay Rowdies

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#2 DAKOTA BARNATHAN

DEFENDER



eight: 6'1" Weight: 176 DOB: November 9, 1994

Hometown: Massapequa, N.Y. College: Virginia Commonwealth Last Club: FC Tucson

Barnathan joins the Kickers after playing for USL League One side, FC Tucson during the 2021 season. He started 19 of 26 matches and recorded 1,654 minutes played while wearing the captain's armband 12 times including Tucson's sole trip to City Stadium last season.

He is a defender comfortable having the ball at his feet to cycle play or break the opposing team's forward lines. Off the ball, Barnathan is an anchor who appreciates getting stuck into a tackle.

During his first stint in the River City, Barnathan was a captain of the VCU men's soccer team that earned consecutive Atlantic 10 Conference Championship appearances in 2015 and 2016. Barnathan was a rock for Coach Dave Giffard as he started every single match during his sophomore, junior and senior seasons while proving to be a jack of all trades as he was deployed in central defense, outside back, and even in the midfield.

Barnathan's versatility earned him Atlantic 10 All-Conference First Team honors in his final season with the Rams. Two months later, he was selected 59th overall in the 2017 MLS SuperDraft third round by FC Dallas.

Prior to playing for Tucson, Barnathan spent his first four years as a professional in the USL Championship. He made his professional debut with Swope Park Rangers in 2017 and played two seasons with the affiliate of Sporting Kansas City. During that time, Barnathan started 23 of 25 appearances including a start in the 2017 USL Final against Louisville City FC.

The Massapequa, N.Y. native made the move north to Ottawa Fury FC for the 2019 season. He featured as a consistent starter for the Canadian side as a member of a defense that earned nine clean sheets while making 22 starts over 24 appearances. Barnathan spent the truncated 2020 season as a member of Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC and made eight appearances in the black and yellow.

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#3 CHRIS COLE

DEFENDER



Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 180 **DOB:** February 3, 1996

Hometown: Duvall, WA College: Seattle Pacific University Last Club: Seattle Sounders U23s

The Duvall, Wash. native started his career in Richmond as a trialist in early 2021 after impressing at the winter combine and in the preseason. His commitment to earning his first professional contract was undeniable as he commuted each day to Richmond from Virginia Beach while staying with family in the area. He signed with the club on April 29, 2021.

Cole's impact was immediate as he nearly scored a go-ahead goal off the bench in his professional debut at Fort Lauderdale CF on May 2. He went on to make 15 starts in 19 appearances while amassing 1,366 minutes on the pitch. Six months after making his debut, Cole started on the left flank in the Kickers' first playoff match since the 2016 season.

In his first season in Red, Cole showed off his skills as an attacking outside back with closing speed that allowed him to patrol both halves of the left side. He finished the season with one goal and two assists – both coming off crosses. On the defensive side, he ranked fifth on the team with 42 clearances while winning more than 65 percent of his tackles.

Cole earned his signature moment in front of the home supporters late in the season when he scored an equalizing set-piece header in the Kickers' home finale against rivals Forward Madison FC. As Nil Vinyals' corner kick service drifted to the back post from the left wing, Cole crashed into the six-yard area and leaped over his marker to steer the ball into the back of the net. The Kickers went on to win the match 3-2 and claim the Henny Derby for the second-straight season.

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#4 SIMON FITCH

DEFENDER



eight: 6'1" **Weight:** 170 **DOB:** February 26, 1999

Hometown: Richmond, VA College: Virginia Commonwealth Last Club: VCU

Fitch returns to the Kickers after previously featuring for the club as a Richmond United Academy player during the 2016 and 2017 seasons. The Richmond native's signature appearance as a youth player came in July 2017 against Swansea City FC in an international friendly at City Stadium. Fitch took the pitch across from the likes of former Chelsea and current Roma star striker Tammy Abraham and current Crystal Palace forward Jordan Ayew.

From 2018-21, Fitch represented his hometown as a member of the VCU men's soccer team where he started every single match for head coach Dave Giffard. He was a member of the Atlantic-10 All-Academic team each season.

Fitch enjoyed an exceptional senior season, logging a team-high 1,691 minutes played while leading the team with three game-winning goals – including the winner over No. 7 Wake Forest – from the left back position. He also recorded two assists during the season including an assist on 2021 Kickers member Damian Gallegos' first collegiate goal which earned the Rams a 1-1 draw over No. 4 UNC.

Fitch earning his spot on the Kickers as a full professional fulfills a childhood dream to play for his hometown club as it prepares for its historic 30th consecutive season.

"I still remember coming to games at City Stadium at a very young age to watch players like Mike Burke, Sascha Görres, and Ronnie Pascale. As a kid growing up in Richmond, I idolized these guys and dreamed of one day following in their footsteps."

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2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





#5 STUART RITCHIE

DEFENDER



eight: 5'9" Weight: 150 DOB: September 10, 2001

Hometown: Pleasanton, CA **College:** N/A **Last Club:** Hannover 96 II

Ritchie is a versatile left back that thrives in a supporting role going forward, utilizing his speed to make overlapping runs or cut inside to progress the ball into dangerous areas. While mirroring the traits of the modern offensive-minded fullback, Ritchie relishes the opportunity to patrol the defensive area and get stuck into a tackle.

The Pleasanton, Calif. native comes to Richmond by way of Germany after the 20-year-old spent three seasons in the Hannover 96 system. Prior to joining Die Roten, Ritchie spent two seasons developing in The Netherlands with FC Groningen.

After growing up playing youth soccer in Northern California and spending one season in the San Jose Earthquakes' academy, Ritchie made the move to Groningen at age 16. While growing up in the system that produced the likes of Arjen Robben and Virgil van Dijk, Ritchie progressed quickly, playing one season with the U17s before moving up to the U19 team at the beginning of the 2018-19 season. He would transition into the U23 team shortly after and would close out the season training with Gronigen's first team and playing in friendly matches.

During the summer of 2019, Ritchie made the move to Hannover 96 in central Germany after the club expressed interest in the left back and American Hannover players Sebastian Soto and Chris Gloster sold Ritchie on the club. He played the most minutes of any U19 player that season while also being called up for the U23 matchday squad, however, the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic ended the season early.

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#6 ZACA MORAN

MIDFIELDER



Height: 5'7" **Weight:** 159 **DOB:** February 22, 1996

Hometown: Caucete, Argentina College: N/A Last Club: River Plate

La máquina (the machine) enjoyed a fruitful first season in Richmond as he started all 26 matches he appeared in, amassing 2,317 minutes played – fourth most of any outfield player.

Moran provided a metronomic consistency to the Kickers' engine room as he thrived in a holding role. The former River Plate man led the team with an 80 percent passing accuracy while almost 78 percent of his passes went forward to transition the team from defense to attack. He would add three assists to his tally which finished tied for second on the team.

USL League One awarded Moran weekly honors during Weeks 3 and 27 with Moran's performances in Week 27 proving vital in the club making its first playoff appearance since 2016.

The week began with Moran clamping down on Forward Madison in a midweek 1-0 win for the Kickers against a fellow playoff hopeful. He would lead the Kickers in passes in the opponent's half, tackles, and blocks while winning 100 percent of his aerial duels. Then, four days later on the weekend, Moran would deliver one of the goals of the year – and the league's October goal of the month – from outside of the box to spark a comeback and propel the Reds to a 2-1 win on the road against North Texas SC.

"Last year I had great feelings playing at City Stadium. The support from the fans has been incredible and we must play for them in each game. They deserve it!"

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2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#7 MATT BOLDUC

MIDFIELDER



Height: 5'8" **Weight:** 150 **DOB:** October 12, 1994

Hometown: Hancock, NH College: University of Massachusetts Last Club: Harrisburg City Islanders

Bolduc was a consistent presence across the pitch for the Reds during the 2021 season. The veteran made 29 appearances -- tied for the team high -- while starting 22 of those matches. Whether he was required on the right wing or in the center of the park, Bolduc was relied upon to link play and get the ball forward into dangerous areas.

A tenacious attacker, Bolduc's signature highlight of the 2021 season came in the opening seconds against New England Revolution II on June 5. The Kickers built up play from the left side, with Jonathan Bolanos carrying the ball into the box and then finding Bolduc with a key pass. Bolduc, who timed his run perfectly, shook his defender to receive the pass and finish the shot into the back of the net in the opening 26 seconds of play — the fastest Kickers' goal scored in the USL League One era.

Bolduc was a key piece of the Kickers' attacking threat through the season, as he finished third on the team with 30 chances created. He recorded two assists, including the goal that sparked the Kickers' comeback at South Georgia Tormenta FC, when he served up Emiliano Terzaghi to score the first of two unanswered Kickers' goals in the second half.

Bolduc has been a fixture in the River City since he joined the club for the 2017 season from the Harrisburg City Islanders. He is closing in on 100 total appearances for the club while he is one of three Richmond Kickers players to reach 50 USL League One appearances wearing red.

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#8 ETHAN BRYANT

MIDFIELDER



 Height: 5|||*
 Weight: 130
 DOB: August 20, 2001

 Hometown: Longview, TX
 College: N/A
 Last Club: San Antonio FC

Bryant joined the Kickers on loan from USL Championship side San Antonio FC on August 12, 2021. The Longview, Texas native quickly slotted into the matchday roster and made his first appearance for the club off of the bench on August 14 against New England Revolution II before starting the remaining 12 matches of the 2021 season including the team's USL League One Quarterfinal match at FC Tucson.

The 20-year-old quickly became a fan-favorite with his tenacious versatility in the Kickers' engine room. Capable of playing box-to-box to more advanced roles and even slotting on the right wing, Bryant grew into the side rapidly as the team mounted its playoff push, including a five-match winning streak that extended from late September to mid-October.

Bryant finished second on the team amongst players with a minimum of 10 appearances in passing accuracy (66.3%) in the opponent's half. On top of his work in the middle, Bryant was a threat in the attack as he placed 57 percent of his shots on target. He was also effective in disrupting the opponent's attacks as he recorded a 64% successful tackle rate.

"I really enjoyed my time in Richmond in 2021. I felt welcomed and valued by the club from day one, and that's a big reason I wanted to return."

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





#9 MATTHEW BENTLEY

FORWARD



Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 178 **DOB:** May 23, 1998

Hometown: London, England College: Missouri State University Last Club: Lionsbridge FC

The London native caught the eyes of the Kickers' technical staff following a fruitful 2021 campaign at the USL League Two side. Playing just over an hour's drive down 164, Bentley bagged nine (9) goals and three (3) assists in 16 appearances. Following the conclusion of the 2021 League Two season, Bentley accepted an invitation to train with the Kickers' first team during the summer months.

Bentley was an exceptional college soccer player at Missouri State University, picking up Missouri Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year and First Team All-American honors while finishing as a MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist as one of the top players in Division I soccer in 2019.

The forward scored 15 goals including six (6) game-winning goals during his landmark senior season. The MSU Bears would earn a top-10 ranking while finishing as a finalist in the Missouri Valley Conference Championship and taking No. 8 University of Central Florida to the brink in the second round of the NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament.

Bentley was selected in the fourth round (88th overall) in the MLS SuperDraft by Minnesota United FC.

The signing of Bentley marked the second time a Lionsbridge FC player made the move inland after goalkeeper Joe Rice signed with the Kickers in 2019

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#10 NIL VINYALS

MIDFIELDER



 Height: 5'11"
 Weight: 155
 DOB: September 21, 1996

 Hometown: Barcelona, Spain
 College: Winthrop University
 Last Club: South Georgia Tormenta FC

Last year, Vinyals slotted right into the Kickers' lineup in his first season with the club. The Barcelona native started 25 of his 27 appearances and finished with the fifth-most minutes played of the Kickers' outfield players. He returns to Richmond primed to pull the strings for Sawatzky during the club's historic 30th consecutive season.

Vinyals thrived in the role of the team's facilitator, leading the Reds with four assists and 51 chances created – ranking fifth-best in the league for chances created. His performances were recognized by USL League One's weekly honors twice when Vinyals was named Player of the Week during Week 9 and was named to the Team of the Week during Week 25.

The Week 9 Player of the Week award highlighted an exceptional night when the Kickers earned a 3-2 victory over New England Revolution II on June 5. Vinyals served up the 'hockey assist' for the Kickers' first goal in the opening 27 seconds of play – the fastest goal scored by the club since joining USL League One – before assisting the final two goals including the aame winner.

"Playing in front of the Red Army, the best supporters in the league, is something that I never take for granted. Last year we were very strong at home and that has to continue if we want to win a title in 2022."

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#11 LEONARDO BAIMA

FORWARD



Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 168 **DOB:** October 5, 1992

Hometown: San Jorge, Argentina College: N/A Last Club: Club Atlético Central Norte

The San Jorge, Argentina native has enjoyed a career that began at the world-renowned Boca Juniors before additional stops in Argentina's first and second division, Paraguay, and Croatia over his 10-year career.

Most recently, Baima played for Club Atlético Central Norte in Argentina's third division. He joined the club in the spring of 2021 and quickly impacted the squad, including converting a decisive penalty in only his third start for the club that secured a point for Central Norte.

Baima is a versatile player that excels at connecting play with a left foot capable of making a pass anywhere on the pitch. In transition, he has the agility to progress the ball forward quickly and is comfortable interchanging positions in build-up to create chances in the attack.

"My style is ball possession and shooting from outside the area and from set-pieces. I seek to be able to help with the creation of the team's play."

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#13 AUSTIN CAUSEY

GOALKEEPER



 Height: 6'l"
 Weight: 175
 DDB: August 20, 2001

 Hometown: Concord, MA
 College: N/A
 Last Club: New England Revolution Academy

Causey returns for his second professional season with the Reds following a successful apprenticeship under USL League One Goalkeeper of the Year and Kickers' goalkeeping coach Akira Fitzgerald during the 2021 season. He signed his first professional contract at the age of 19 with the club in April 2021 after impressing the technical staff during a trial period in the preseason. The rookie went on to make the Kickers' gameday roster in 23 matches including the team's USL League One Quarterfinal match at FC Tucson.

A natural shot stopper who thrives on frustrating opposing strikers, Causey joined the Kickers following a successful run in the New England Revolution Academy from 2016-19. The goalkeeper featured for both the U17 and U19 teams and registered 20 appearances during his time with the U19 team. Before his time in New England, Causey began his academy career with Richmond United during the 2015-16 season while making 16 appearances across the U14 and U16 teams.

Causey made history signing his rookie contract with the Kickers making him the first second-generation Kickers' pro player. Austin follows in the footsteps of his father Jeff Causey who was the goalkeeper for the Kickers during the 1995 season when the Reds collected its historic double by winning the Lamar Hunt US Open Cup and the USISL Championship. The elder Causey would go on to start for DC United in the inaugural season of the MLS before finishing his career at New England Revolution making 64 appearances with the Massachusetts-based club.

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2022	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%	0





#14 LUKE PAVONE

MIDFIELDER



Height: 5'10" **Weight:** 160 **D0B:** March 29, 1995

Hometown: Rochester, NY **College:** Buffalo State College **Last Club:** Hapoel Petach-Tikvah

Pavone has been a constant presence in the Kickers' dressing room since the 2019 season when he was brought in under then Head Coach David Bulow. Since joining the Reds, he has thrived in a Swiss Army Knife role, playing all over the field including as a forward and as an outside back.

The 26-year-old is best known for the intensity he brings to any role on the pitch. Mixing pace with endurance, Pavone relishes pressing defenders in a forward position before flying down the wings to track down opposing attackers in transition.

His versatility has shown in his two seasons under Sawatzky. During the 2020 season when he made 11 starts in 14 appearances, Pavone was utilized in a center forward role that allowed him to attack opposing defenses from the tip of the spear. He played additional roles in 2021 when early-season injuries required Pavone to play on the defense. He would finish the season with 21 appearances and six starts including his postseason debut at FC Tucson in the USL League One Quarterfinals.

The Rochester N.Y. native's flexibility as a player has been emblematic of the new era of Kickers' soccer. Pavone's focus is solely on the team's success as it looks to improve upon its 2021 finish that ended with its first postseason appearance since 2016.

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#15 JALEN CRISLER

DEFENDER



Height: 6'4" Weight: 200 DOB: August 29, 1994
Hometown: Everett, WA College: Gonzaga University Last Club: Forward Madison FC

Crisler was a constant for the Reds during the 2021 season as the Everett, Wash. native started 28 matches in the Kickers backline. His 2,432 minutes played ranked the highest of any outfield player on the team

In his first season in the River City, Crisler was a part of a suffocating Richmond backline that finished tied for second in USL League One with 10 clean sheets. He was instrumental in negating danger in the penalty area as he ranked first on the team with a whopping 86 aerial duels won while finishing tied for first on the team with 33 blocks and finishing second on the team with 26 aleganous.

On the attacking end, Crisler proved to be a threat on set-pieces thanks to his combination of size and positional awareness. This was best exemplified during the Kickers' home match on June 19, 2021, when they hosted eventual title winners Union Omaha. Down a goal late in the second half, Zaca Moran served up a free kick from the left wing towards the far post. Crisler rose up above his marker and headed the ball on frame that ricocheted off an Omaha defender and into the back of the net for the equalizer.

Crisler is ooking to build upon a strong first season in Richmond where he earned USL League One Team of the Week honors in Weeks 7 and 15 and helped lead the Kickers to its first playoff appearance since 2016.

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#17 JONATHAN BOLANOS

MIDFIELDER



Height: 5'10" Weight: 140 DDB: May 20, 1998
Hometown: Miramar, FL College: High Point University Last Club: High Point University

After an encouraging rookie campaign during the truncated 2020 season, Bolanos took another step forward in 2021, starting 25 matches in 29 appearances including a start in the Kickers' first playoff match since 2016. He was a fixture on the matchday team sheet as he finished the season with 2,101 minutes played, ranking seventh on the team.

Bolanos will look to improve upon a sophomore season that saw him as a key contributor on the attacking end. He ranked second on the team with five goals scored while notching one assist. Combining straight-line speed with the ability to cut inside and turn defenders around, Bolanos was able to create 40 chances which ranked second on the team.

Bolanos started the 2021 season with a bang, bagging the team's first goal on the road at New England Revolution II. In the 35th minute, he made a blazing run in transition before smashing the ball into the onion bag at Gillette Stadium. The Kickers went on to win the match 3-0.

The Miramar, Fla. native sparked another key road win when the Kickers faced off at eventual USL League One finalists, Greenville Triumph SC, on August 22, 2021. In the opening minute of the second half, Bolanos received the ball from a Zaca Moran tackle and raced up the left wing. As he approached the penalty area, he cut inside and ripped a low-driven worm burner from outside the box that beat the keeper.

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2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#20 CHRISTIAN MOLINA

MIDFIELDER



Height: 5'4" **Weight:** 130 **DOB:** April 28, 1998

Hometown: Katy, TX **College:** Northern Illinois University **Last Club:** Union Omaha

Molina specializes as a forward player that can operate both in the center midfield as well as push out wide. Using his positional fluidity, Molina creates chances across the attacking third by setting up teammates or combining to create space and get into scoring positions.

The 23-year-old makes the move to the River City after two seasons with Union Omaha where he made his professional debut. While a member of the Owls, Molina was a part of a squad that ended the 2020 season as USL League One finalists before lifting the trophy at the end of the 2021 season.

USL League One fans will remember Molina's wonder strike from outside the box during the 2020 season that opened the scoring in Union Omaha's dramatic 2-1 win on the road at eventual league champions Greenville Triumph SC.

The Katy, Texas native spent two years with the Houston Dynamo academy from 2014-16 before enrolling at Northern Illinois University where he played all four years. He made 35 starts in 59 appearances for the Huskies while notching three goals and seven assists. He earned Academic All-MAC honors his sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

In the summers as a college player, Molina played for USL League Two side Brazos Valley Calvary in Bryan, Texas. He was a member of the team from 2017-19 and was a part of two straight first-place finishes in the Mid-South regular season. BVC earned their best-ever finish in 2019 when they made it to the USL League Two Playoff Conference Final.

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2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





Last Club: Vilaverdense FC

#22 STEPHEN PAYNE

DEFENDER



 Height: 5'10"
 Weight: 155
 DOB: June 16, 1997

 Hometown: Birmingham, AL
 College: UCLA

ready to start the next stage of his career after gaining valuable experience overseas

Payne joins the Kickers after spending the first four years of his professional career playing in Portugal; most recently playing for Vilaverdense in Portugal's third division. He now returns to the states

Payne caught the eyes of US Soccer as he was coming up as a youth player. He earned two invitations to the U-18 men's national team camps in 2014. While in camp, Payne had the opportunity to play in a top CONCACAF rivalry moth against Canada. The Stars and Stripes went on to win the match against the Canacks 2-1. He earned one call up to the U-20s camp in London in April 2017 as the team prepared for the 2017 FIEA I-20 World Cun

Prior to turning professional, Payne played one season of college soccer at UCLA in 2015. As a freshman, Payne played in 13 matches while notching one goal and one assist

Stephen comes from a family of athletes and is the middle child of Oyeleke and Mojemilat Payne. Oyeleke and Mojemilat are both from Nigeria but met while they were both collegiate athletes in Huntsville, Alabama where Oyeleke played soccer for the University of Alabama in Huntsville and Mojemilat ran track for Alabama A&M University, Stephen's older sister Toni plays professionally for Sevilla in Spain while also playing for Nigeria's Women's National Team. Stephen's younger sister Nicole plays college soccer at the University of West Virginia and is also a member of the Nigerian Women's National Team.

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#23 DAVID OLSEN

FORWARD



Height: 6'0" Weight: 160 DOB: February 5, 1996
Hometown: Aubrun, WA College: Seattle University Last Club: Seattle Sounders 2

The Auburn, Wash. native joins the Kickers after most recently playing with then-USL Championship side Seattle Sounders FC 2 – now known as Tacoma Defiance playing in MLS NEXT Pro – during the 2018 season. An untimely injury cut short his first years as a professional as he was flashing lethality in front of the net as a college soccer and development academy player.

As a college soccer player at Seattle University, Olsen proved to be one of the finest strikers in NCAA Division I as he scored a nation-high 16 goals including four [4] game-winning goals in 2015 while adding an assist to his overall points tally. The nationally-ranked Redhawks went on to win the Western Athletic Conference Championship and made it to the NCAA Tournament third round. Olsen was named WAC First Team All-Conference, WAC All-Tournament Team, WAC Tournament MVP, NSCAA First Team All-West Region, NSCAA First Team All-American, and finished as a MAC Hermann semifinalist.

Before transferring to his hometown university, Olsen spent his freshman year at San Diego State University. With the Aztecs, he scored seven goals and notched one assist in 19 appearances.

During his ascent up to the professional ranks of the Sounders system, Olsen played with the Seattle Sounders U-18 team where he registered 35 goals in two seasons during the 2015 and 2016 PDL seasons. He was offered his first professional contract ahead of the 2017 USL season.

During the Kickers' 2022 preseason, Olsen flashed his closing speed to score a game-winning tap-in at the back post against the VCU men's soccer team. Leonardo Baima dribbled the ball up the left wing before delivering a ball right across the goalmouth, and Olsen came sliding in to deflect the ball back towards the goal and beat the keeper:

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#24 NATHAN AUNE

DEFENDER



Height: 6'4" Weight: 195 DDB: October 27, 1996
Hometown: Arlington, WA College: Seattle University Last Club: Union Omaha

Aune returns for a second season with the Reds after proving his ability to be a jack of all trades in 2021. While predominantly lining up as a centerback, Aune also showed off his dynamic athleticism in a holding midfielder role and even lining up as a striker when needed.

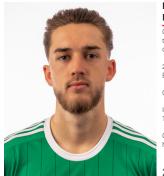
The Everett, Wash. native made 15 appearances and four starts including a start in the Kickers' playoff match at FC Tucson – the club's first since the 2016 season.

One of Aune's most memorable performances came at South Georgia Tormenta FC on July 24, 2021, when he was subbed on in the 30th minute following an injury. He patrolled the defensive half without conceding a foul and was involved in transition completing 70 percent of his passes in the opponent's half as well as creating one chance. Aune was immense as the Kickers' pulled off a stunning comeback to draw the hosts late after trailing 0-2 in the 63rd minute, and he was awarded the Keiter Player of the Match for his performance.

1	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	Ω	Ω	Ο	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ο	Ω

#27 CHANDLER O'DWYER

MIDFIELDER



 Height: 6'2"
 Weight: 175
 DOB: March 1, 1999

 Hometown: Lingfield, England
 College: Christian Brothers Univers

College: Christian Brothers University Last Club: Christian Brothers University

O'Dwyer joins the Kickers for his first professional season after putting an exclamation point on his college soccer career at Christian Brothers University during the Fall 2021 season. The Lingfield, England native divided time playing in both the number 8 and 10 roles on his way to scoring 12 goals across nine separate matches and assisting two more before earning Division II Scholar All-American, Gulf South Conference Offensive Player of the Year, and First Term All-Reapin honors.

2021 proved to be a very successful year for the midfielder who transferred to CBU in January as a graduate student with an extra year of eligibility because of the COVID-19 pandemic canceling the 2020 season. The Buccaneers took the pitch in the spring, and O'Dwyer notched five goals and one assist in a truncated season that saw CBU finish as GSC finalists.

On top of completing two successful seasons inside of a calendar year, O'Dwyer also graduated with a Master of Business Administration and was named to GSC's All-Academic Team with a 3.87 GPA.

In between the spring and fall semesters at CBU, O'Dwyer played for USL League Two side, Des Moines Menace. The Menace, who has operated since 1994, enjoyed an exceptional 2021 season, winning the USL League Two Championship as well as regular-season champions with an 11-1-0 record. O'Dwyer made 13 appearances for the club including the final, and he added one goal to his tally for the Menace.

O'Dwyer joins fellow Des Moines Menace alum Jonathan Bolanos who also signed his first professional contract with the Richmond Kickers. Now, the Englishman is looking forward to enjoying the atmosphere of another historic club as it prepares to celebrate its 30th consecutive season.

10	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



#29 WILL PALMQUIST

GOALKEEPER



Height: 6'1" Weight: 185 DOB: December 3, 1997

College: University of Denver Last Club: New Mexico United

Palmquist prides himself on his abilities as a modern goalkeeper capable of building play from the back using his talents as a distributor. As the last line of defense, he combines aggressive instincts with quick reactions to come off his line and stifle play or deliver as a shot stopper.

Palmquist joins after spending his rookie season at New Mexico United in USL Championship. While he did not make an appearance for the Black and Yellow after signing in August 2021, the Denver native credits his time in New Mexico as an opportunity to learn how to be a professional athlete in a veteran-driven, high-character dressing room.

Before signing as a professional, Palmquist played college soccer with the University of Denver Pioneers. Over four seasons, he played in 40 matches while holding a 0.89 goals against average (GAA). He finished his college career with an exclamation point during the Spring 2021 season that was shortened by COVID-19. In eight matches, he posted a 6-2-0 record while recording three clean sheets and holding a 0.625 GAA which ranked 15th in the country.

	GP	GS	MIN	GAA	GC	SF	SV	SAVES %	CS
2022	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00%	0

#30 ELI MUMFORD

GOALKEEPER



eight: 6'0" Weight: 170 DDB: March 4, 2004

Hometown: Chapel Hill, N.C. College: N/A Last Club: North Carolina FC Academy

The Chapel Hill, N.C. native joins the Kickers after previously playing for Wake FC during the 2021 season. Prior to joining Wake FC, Mumford played for North Carolina FC's academy from U12 to U17.

As the third player to sign a USL Academy contract under Sawatzky, Mumford's signing marks the continued emphasis on identifying young talent for development and providing a modernized pathway to professional soccer.

Mumford has the opportunity to not only develop for the professional ranks but also to do so under the tutelage of one of his idols growing up. The Kickers' Goalkeeping Coach and starting goalkeeper, Akira Fitzgerald, was a member of the Carolina Railhawks (now known as North Carolina FC) from 2011-16.

Growing up, Mumford was considered undersized but, while he waited on a growth spurt, he worked on developing into a modern, technical goalkeeper who is comfortable with the ball at his feet and playing out of the back to initiate play. He related to Fitzgerald who made up for a perceived lack of height with a commanding presence in the box and natural shot-stopping ability.

/	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#32 EMILIANO TERZAGHI

FORWARD



Height: 5'6" **Weight**: 154 **DOB:** March 6, 1993

Hometown: Buenos Aires, Argentina **College:** N/A **Last Club:** San Martin De Burzaco

In his first two seasons in Richmond, Terzaghi has planted his flag as USL League One's marquee player after consecutive seasons earning league MVP awards and finishing as the league's goal-scoring leader along with countless team of the week honors.

In 2021, Terzaghi earned Cleer Audio Player of the Month honors during the months of July and October, and he was regularly featured in the league's weekly honors earning Cleer Audio Player of the Week in week I3 as well as recognition in the Cleer Audio Team of the Week during weeks 5, 17, 19, 25, 26, 28, and 30.

The Argentine talisman delivered 18 goals, including six game-winners, averaging a goal every 133.4 minutes. At the most important time of the season, Terzaghi bagged four game-winners and a brace during the Kickers' five-match winning streak late in the season that propelled the club into the playoffs for the first time since the 2016 season.

Almost as impressive as his lethal goal-scoring threat is Terzaghi's offensive efficiency. While leading the league with 72 shots and placing 42 shots on target, Terzaghi would finish the season with a 25 percent conversion rate which led the Kickers and exceeded his expected gools (xo=17). Terzaghi's hustle, intelligence, and positional awareness allowed him to score 17 of his 18 goals from inside the 18-yard box. Beyond his prolific scoring, Terzaghi verted per game, and along with setting the new single-season goal-scoring record and becoming the league's all-time leading goal scorer in 2021 (28 career goals), he also assisted two goals, including the game winner against North Texas SC on July 3, 2021.

On top of the league accolades and record-setting statistics, Terzaghi recently earned local recognition from the Richmond Region Tourism Foundation's inaugural RVA Sports Awards. He was nominated for Male Athlete of the Year alongside VCU men's basketball alumnus and current Denver Nuggets guard Na'Shon 'Bones' Hyland.

1	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	Α	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#99 VINCENZO CANDELA

MIDFIELDER



leight: 5'8" Weight: 158 DOB: September 28, 1994

Hometown: Bogotá, Columbia **College:** N/A **Last Club:** South Georgia Tormenta FC

Candela joins the Kickers after spending the 2021 season with USL League One rivals, South Georgia Tormenta FC. While representing the Statesboro, Ga. club, Candela made seven starts in 20 appearances, providing a metronomic presence on the ball. He completed more than 87 percent of his total passes – ranking third on the team – while notching one assist and making five key passes in the attack.

Before joining the Kickers' 2020 preseason, Candela was a member of long-time Kickers' rivals Charleston Battery in the USL Championship. He was a member of legendary coach Mike Anhaeuser's squad during the 2018 and 2019 seasons. Candela started 39 of 46 matches and recorded 3,641 minutes played over two seasons. Candela scored one goal during the 2019 season while contributing a combined four assists and 28 key passes over his two seasons in black and vellow

"I have played in City Stadium in the Championship, and I absolutely love the history behind it and the passion the fans bring to the game. Playing against the Kickers last year showed me how determined the team is to win games and I wanted to be a part of it."

	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	A	CL	INT	BLK	FW	FC	YC	RC
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0