

CHARLOTTE FOOTBALL CLUB

GAME NOTES

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CHARLOTTE FC vs VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC
BANK OF AMERICA STADIUM
5:00 PM SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

REFEREE: Nima Sighafi
ASSISTANTS: Nick Aranga, Ian McKay
FOURTH OFFICIAL: Calin Radosav
VAR: Armando Villareal
AVAR: Tom Supple

PLAYER AVAILABILITY REPORT

OUT	
Vinicius Mello	(left foot surgery)
Chris Hegardt	(left knee surgery)
Adam Armour	(left knee surgery)
Yordy Reyna	(left thigh injury)
Pablo Sisniega	(concussion)
QUESTIONABLE	
Christian Fuchs	(right thigh injury)
SUSPENDED	
N/A	

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Name	Pronunciation
Harrison Afful	harrison AW-full
Jordy Alcivar	yor-dee al-SEE-var
Adam Armour	adam ar-mer
Ben Bender	Ben Bender
Brandt Bronico	brant brow-nih-coh
Guzman Corujo	gooz-MAWN coh-ROO-ho
Alan Franco	Alan Franco
Christian Fuchs	Christian fooks
McKinze Gaines	mi-kin-zee gains
Chris Hegardt	Chris hay-gart
Kamil Jozwiak	kah-meel JOO-zvee-ahk
Kristijan Kahlina	chris-tee-yawn kah-LEE-nah
Jaylin Lindsey	Jaylin Lindsey
Christian Makoun	Christian mah-koon
George Marks	George Marks
Joseph Mora	Joseph mor-ah
Titi Ortiz	tee-tee or-TEEZ
Yordy Reyna	yor-dee ray-nah
Daniel Rios	Daniel ree-ohs
Sergio Ruiz	sair-hee-oh ROO-eez
Andre Shinyashiki	Andre shin-ee-ya-shee-kee
Vinicius Mello	vin-EE-see-oos mell-oh
Koa Santos	koh-ah san-tohs
Pablo Sisniega	Pablo sees-NEE-ay-guh
Jan Sobocinski	yawn so-boh-CHIN-skee
Karol Swiderski	care-uhl SHWEE-dare-skee
Kerwin Vargas	care-ween vahr-gahs
Anton Walkes	an-tawn walks
Adrian Zendejas	ah-dree-AHN zen-deh-hahs

2022 CLTFC INAUGURAL SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME(ET)/RESULT	TV
2/26	at D.C. UNITED	6PM L, 0-3	MLS LIVE ON ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
3/5	LA GALAXY	7:30PM L, 0-1	FOX
3/13	at ATLANTA	4:30PM L, 1-2	FS1, FOX
3/19	NEW ENGLAND	7PM W, 3-1	MLS LIVE ON ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
3/26	CINCINNATI	5PM W, 2-0	UNIMAS, TUDN
4/2	at PHILADELPHIA	7:30PM L, 0-2	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
4/10	ATLANTA	1:30PM W, 1-0	ESPN
4/16	at NEW ENGLAND	7:30PM L, 1-2	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
4/23	at COLORADO	9PM D, 0-0	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
4/30	at ORLANDO	7:30PM L, 1-2	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
5/7	MIAMI	3:30PM W, 1-0	UNIMAS, TUDN
5/14	MONTREAL	7PM L, 0-2	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
5/22	VANCOUVER	5PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
5/29	at SEATTLE	9:30PM	FS1, FOX DEPORTES
6/11	RBNY	3PM	ABC, ESPN DEPORTES
6/18	at COLUMBUS	7:30PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
6/25	at MONTREAL	7:30PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
6/30	AUSTIN	7PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
7/3	at HOUSTON	8:30PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
7/9	NASHVILLE	7PM	FS1, FOX DEPORTES
7/16	at INTER MIAMI	8PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
7/23	at TORONTO	7:30PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
7/30	COLUMBUS	7PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
8/3	DC	7PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
8/6	CHICAGO	7PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
8/13	at LAFC	10:30PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
8/17	at NYC	TBD	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
8/21	ORLANDO	7PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
8/27	TORONTO	7PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
9/3	at CINCINNATI	7:30PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
9/10	NYC	7PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
9/17	at CHICAGO	8PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
10/1	PHILADELPHIA	7PM	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN
10/9	AT RBNY	TBD	MLS LIVE on ESPN+, WSOC/WAXN

MLS OVERALL: 4-7-1

HOME: 4-2-0

AWAY: 0-5-1



BROADCAST INFORMATION

TV (ENGLISH) - WAXN/WSOC
TALENT: ERIC KRAKAUER (play-by-play), LLOYD SAM (analyst), KATIE WITHAM (sideline)

TV (SPANISH) - TELEMUNDO CHARLOTTE
TALENT: JAIME MORENO (play-by-play), ANTONIO RAMOS (analyst)

LOCAL RADIO (ENGLISH) - WFNZ
TALENT: WILL PALASZCZUK (play-by-play), JESSICA CHARMAN (analyst)

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QUOTE SHEET

SERGIO RUIZ



On the differences between the 4-4-2 and 4-3-3 systems:

“They’re two different systems but on the pitch they are similar. We play with more midfielders with the 4-1-3-2 [4-4-2]. But these outside midfielders can play more like wingers. But with a 4-3-3 we are more compact.

“For us wingers are important because we have fast wingers like McKinze [Gaines], Kamil [Józwiak], and Yordy [Reyna]. But we play with the same mentality and with the same focus on the victory. We have a lot of players on the roster who can play.

“But It doesn’t matter the system for me, it’s the attitude, it’s the commitment to the team and the idea that the coach gives us. So it’s only to play and to win.”

On the differences between the 4-4-2 and 4-3-3 systems:

“We are 28 – 29 players, Vini [Mello] and Chris [Hegardt] are back, and we have different options on the roster. The competition is high. If you want to play you have to train hard and do good things.

“I was the first signing and right now I see the roster and it’s incredible. Because we have great, great players with a lot of different skills and abilities. I think we are a really competitive group and team. We just need time to adjust things, this league is very hard, and we have to be ready to compete in each game.

“We are waiting this week to win to get back on track. We need to win against Vancouver and we are training hard to achieve this victory.”

MIGUEL ÁNGEL RAMÍREZ



On what he learned from the defeat against Montreal:

“I learned one more time that my players don’t give up in any circumstance. We finished the game believing we could tie, and this is something amazing from this group. They don’t care about the score, they try to go, to score, to get more chances. You didn’t see anyone with their head down and giving up during the game. They wanted to try again, to try again, to this is something I learned from my boys.”

On his assessment of the team’s performance one-third of the way through the season:

“For me, I didn’t feel in any game that we weren’t able to compete. I never saw a game that we played where there was a huge, huge difference between an opponent and us that would be normal. Would be logical to have this gap between MLS teams and an expansion Club.

“I believe we are working, we are learning, we are growing but being able to compete is the most important thing. To be competitive.”

2022 CLTFC STARTING LINEUPS

DATE OPPONENT LINEUP

2/26	at D.C. United	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Makoun DF Fuchs DF Mora MF Bronico MF Franco F Gaines F Ortiz F Reyna
3/5	LA Galaxy	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Makoun DF Fuchs DF Mora MF Bronico MF Franco F Ortiz F Swiderski F Reyna
3/13	at Atlanta	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Makoun DF Fuchs MF Bronico MF Franco MF Ortiz F Bender F Swiderski F Gaines
3/19	New England	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Makoun DF Fuchs MF Bronico MF Franco MF Alcivar MF Bender F Swiderski F Rios
3/26	Cincinnati	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Fuchs DF Mora MF Jones MF Ruiz MF Alcivar MF Bender F Swiderski F Rios
4/2	at Philadelphia	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Walkes DF Fuchs DF Mora MF Bronico MF Ruiz MF Alcivar MF Bender F Swiderski
4/9	Atlanta	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Fuchs DF Mora MF Bronico MF Franco MF Alcivar MF Bender F Swiderski F Rios
4/16	at New England	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Fuchs DF Mora MF Bronico MF Franco MF Alcivar MF Bender F Swiderski F Rios
4/23	at Colorado	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Fuchs DF Mora MF Bronico MF Franco MF Ortiz MF Alcivar F Swiderski F Rios
4/30	at Orlando	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Makoun DF Fuchs MF Bronico MF Franco MF Ortiz MF Alcivar F Swiderski F Rios
5/7	Miami	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Fuchs DF Mora MF Bronico MF Ruiz MF Bender F Gaines F Swiderski F Jozwiak
5/14	Montreal	GK Kahlina DF Lindsey DF Corujo DF Makoun DF Mora MF Bronico MF Franco MF Ruiz MF Bender F Swiderski F Shinyashiki
5/22	Vancouver	
5/29	at Seattle	
6/11	RBNY	
6/18	at Columbus	
6/25	at Montreal	
6/30	Austin	
7/3	at Houston	
7/9	Nashville	
7/16	at Inter Miami	
7/23	at Toronto	
7/30	Columbus	
8/3	D.C.	
8/6	Chicago	
8/13	at LAFC	
8/17	at NYC	
8/21	Orlando	
8/27	Toronto	
9/3	at Cincinnati	
9/10	NYC	
9/17	at Chicago	
10/1	Philadelphia	
10/9	at RBNY	

CHARLOTTE FC SEASON STATISTICS (MLS)

2022

Position	Name	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
D	Harrison Afful	4	0	75	0	0	0	0
M	Jordy Alcivar	10	7	608	1	1	4	0
D	Adam Armour	5	0	81	1	0	1	0
M	Ben Bender	12	8	770	1	3	0	0
M	Brandt Bronico	12	11	962	0	1	4	0
D	Guzman Corujo	12	12	1080	0	0	2	0
M	Alan Franco	10	9	784	0	1	2	0
D	Christian Fuchs	11	11	955	1	0	2	0
F	McKinze Gaines	8	3	202	0	0	0	0
M	Chris Hegardt	2	0	7	0	0	0	0
F	Kamil Jozwiak	3	1	91	0	0	1	0
M	Derrick Jones	3	1	89	0	0	0	0
D	Jaylin Lindsey	12	12	1051	0	0	1	0
D	Christian Makoun	9	7	672	0	0	1	0
D	Joseph Mora	8	8	694	0	0	0	0
M	Titi Ortiz	10	5	390	1	0	3	0
F	Yordy Reyna	7	2	251	0	1	0	0
M	Sergio Ruiz	10	4	374	0	1	0	0
F	Daniel Rios	12	6	584	0	1	1	0
F	Vinicius Mello	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	Koa Santos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F	Andre Shinyashiki (total w/ COL)	2 (9)	1 (2)	102 (246)	1 (2)	0	0 (1)	0
D	Jan Sobocinski	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F	Karol Swiderski	11	11	928	4	1	0	0
F	Kerwin Vargas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	Anton Walkes	3	1	50	0	0	0	0

Position	Name	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	SV	GA	GAA
GK	Kristijan Kahlina	12	12	1080	59	44	15	1.25
GK	George Marks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GK	Pablo Sisniega	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GK	Adrian Zendejas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

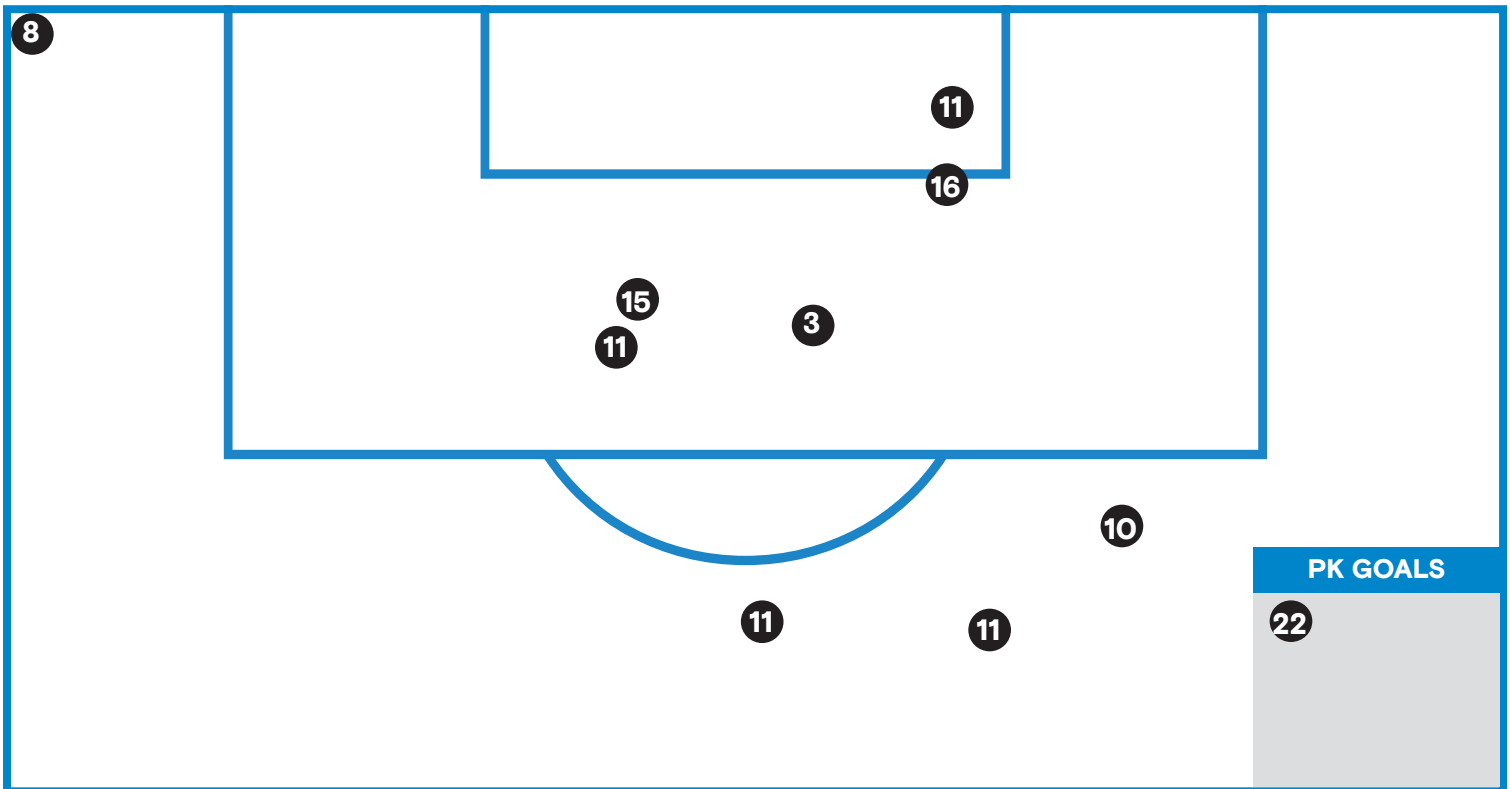
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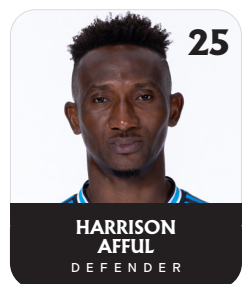
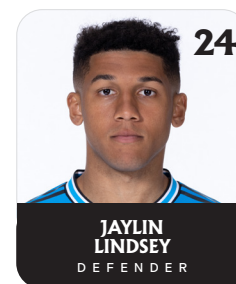
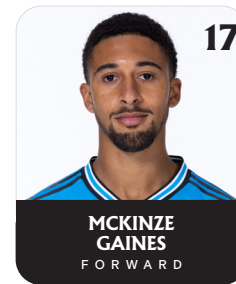
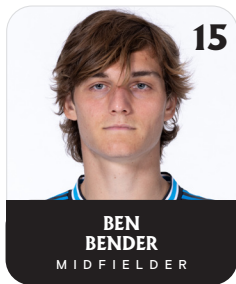
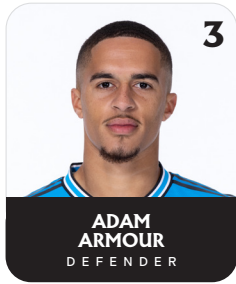
PLAYER	TOTAL	RF	LF	H	PK	FK
Karol Swiderski	4	1	3	0	0	1
Adam Armour	1	0	0	1	0	0
Ben Bender	1	1	0	0	0	0
Jordy Alcivar	1	1	0	0	0	0
Titi Ortiz	1	1	0	0	0	0
Christian Fuchs	1	0	1	0	1	0
Andre Shinyashiki	1	1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0

RF = Right Foot Goal LF = Left Foot Goal H = Header

CHARLOTTE FC MLS GOAL CHART (CLICK TO SEE EACH GOAL)



HEADSHOTS



ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL

LAST	FIRST	NO.	POS.	HT	DOB (AGE)	ROSTER CATEGORY	PLAYER CATEGORY
Afful	Harrison	25	Defender	5'7	7/24/1986 (35)	Senior	
Alcívar	Jordy	8	Midfielder	5'8	8/5/1999 (22)	Senior	International, Young Designated Player
Armour	Adam	3	Defender	5'9	9/27/2002 (19)	Supplemental Slots 25-28	
Bender	Ben	15	Midfielder	6'0	3/7/2001 (20)	Supplemental Slots 21-24	Generation Adidas
Bronico	Brandt	13	Midfielder	5'9	6/20/1995 (26)	Senior	
Corujo	Guzman	4	Defender	6'2	8/2/1996 (25)	Senior	International
Franco	Alan	21	Midfielder	5'8	8/21/1998 (23)	Senior	International
Fuchs	Christian	22	Defender	6'2	4/7/1986 (35)	Senior	
Gaines	McKinze	17	Forward	5'11	3/2/1998 (23)	Senior	
Hegardt	Chris	19	Midfielder	5'9	1/6/2002 (20)	Supplemental Slots 25-28	Homegrown
Jozwiak	Kamil	7	Forward	5'9	4/22/1998 (23)	Senior	International, Designated Player
Kahlina	Kristijan	1	Goalkeeper	6'2	7/24/1992 (29)	Senior	International
Lindsey	Jaylin	24	Defender	5'10	3/27/2000 (21)	Supplemental Slots 29-30	Homegrown
Makoun	Christian	14	Defender	6'1	3/5/2000 (21)	Senior	
Marks	George	31	Goalkeeper	6'1	11/10/1999 (22)	Signed	
Mello	Vini	9	Forward	5'11	8/19/2002 (19)	Senior	International, U22 Initiative
Mora	Joseph	28	Defender	5'9	1/15/1993 (29)	Senior	
Ortiz	Titi	10	Forward	5'6	8/20/1992 (29)	Senior	International
Reyna	Yordy	26	Forward	5'7	9/17/1993 (28)	Senior	International
Rios	Daniel	12	Forward	6'1	2/22/1995 (27)	Senior	International
Ruiz	Sergio	6	Midfielder	5'7	12/16/1994 (27)	Senior	International
Santos	Koa	36	Defender	5'10	9/21/1999 (22)	Signed	
Shinyashiki	Andre	16	Forward	5'9	6/11/1997 (24)	Senior	
Sisniega	Pablo	23	Goalkeeper	6'3	7/7/1995 (26)	Senior	
Sobociński	Jan	2	Defender	5'11	3/20/1999 (22)	Senior	International
Swiderski	Karol	11	Forward	6'0	1/23/1997 (25)	Senior	International, Designated Player
Walkes	Anton	5	Defender	6'2	2/8/1997 (25)	Senior	International
Vargas	Kerwin	18	Forward	5'9	1/2/2002 (20)	Senior	International, U22 Initiative
Zendejas	Adrian	30	Goalkeeper	6'5	8/30/1995 (26)	Supplemental Slots 21-24	

NUMERICAL

NO.	FIRST	LAST	POS.	HT	DOB (AGE)	ROSTER CATEGORY	PLAYER CATEGORY
1	Kristijan	Kahlina	Goalkeeper	6'2	7/24/1992 (29)	Senior	International
2	Jan	Sobociński	Defender	5'11	3/20/1999 (22)	Senior	International
3	Adam	Armour	Defender	5'9	9/27/2002 (19)	Supplemental Slots 25-28	
4	Guzman	Corujo	Defender	6'2	8/2/1996 (25)	Senior	International
5	Anton	Walkes	Defender	6'2	2/8/1997 (25)	Senior	International
6	Sergio	Ruiz	Midfielder	5'7	12/16/1994 (27)	Senior	International
7	Kamil	Jozwiak	Forward	5'9	4/22/1998 (23)	Senior	International, Designated Player
8	Jordy	Alcivar	Midfielder	5'8	8/5/1999 (22)	Senior	International, Young Designated Player
9	Vini	Mello	Forward	5'11	8/19/2002 (19)	Senior	International, U22 Initiative
10	Titi	Ortiz	Forward	5'6	8/20/1992 (29)	Senior	International
11	Karol	Swiderski	Forward	6'0	1/23/1997 (25)	Senior	International, Designated Player
12	Daniel	Rios	Forward	6'1	2/22/1995 (27)	Senior	International
13	Brandt	Bronico	Midfielder	5'9	6/20/1995 (26)	Senior	
14	Christian	Makoun	Defender	6'1	3/5/2000 (21)	Senior	
15	Ben	Bender	Midfielder	6'0	3/7/2001 (20)	Supplemental Slots 21-24	Generation Adidas
16	Andre	Shinyashiki	Forward	5'9	6/11/1997 (24)	Senior	
17	McKinze	Gaines	Forward	5'11	3/2/1998 (23)	Senior	
18	Kerwin	Vargas	Forward	5'9	1/2/2002 (20)	Senior	International, U22 Initiative
19	Chris	Hegardt	Midfielder	5'9	1/6/2002 (20)	Supplemental Slots 25-28	Homegrown
21	Alan	Franco	Midfielder	5'8	8/21/1998 (23)	Senior	International
22	Christian	Fuchs	Defender	6'2	4/7/1986 (35)	Senior	
23	Pablo	Sisniega	Goalkeeper	6'3	7/7/1995 (26)	Senior	
24	Jaylin	Lindsey	Defender	5'10	3/27/2000 (21)	Supplemental Slots 29-30	Homegrown
25	Harrison	Afful	Defender	5'7	7/24/1986 (35)	Senior	
26	Yordy	Reyna	Forward	5'7	9/17/1993 (28)	Senior	International
28	Joseph	Mora	Defender	5'9	1/15/1993 (29)	Senior	
30	Adrian	Zendejas	Goalkeeper	6'5	8/30/1995 (26)	Supplemental Slots 21-24	

PLAYER BIOS

2022 FIRST TEAM



1

KRISTIЈAN KAHLINA

@KAHLINA_K

General: Charlotte FC acquired Kahlina from Bulgarian champions Ludogorets Razgrad. The 29-year-old goalkeeper

made 36 appearances across all competitions keeping 13 clean sheets over his year-and-a-half spell with Ludogorets. He joined at the end of the 2020-2021 season, starting the club's final five league matches and helped wrap up Ludogorets' tenth consecutive Bulgarian title.

Prior to his move to Charlotte, the Croatian started 10 league matches this season and featured in Champions League qualifying rounds and the Europa League group stage.



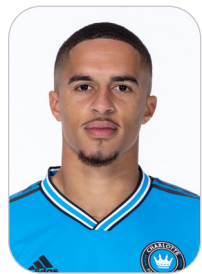
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JAN SOBOCINSKI

@JANSOBOCINSKI

General: Charlotte FC acquired Sobocinski from LKS Lodz in his native Poland. Sobociński, a left-footed central defender,

represented his country in the 2019 U-20 World Cup. Sobociński joined the youth ranks at Łódź in 2015, and was loaned to Polish third-division side Gryf Wejherowo for first-team experience in 2017-18. Upon returning to Łódź the following season, he became a first-team regular. Sobociński has recorded a total of 165 professional appearances with 12 goals. He has represented Poland at youth level 16 times, most recently in the U21 team.



3

ADAM ARMOUR

@AEARMOUR

General: Charlotte FC acquired Armour in June 2021. The Cary native played with the U.S. U-17 Men's National Team roster for the 2019 FIFA U-17

World Cup in Brazil and the 2019 Concacaf U-17 Championship. The 18-year-old played a total of 19 games with the team.

Born to parents from Dominica and Jamaica, the U.S. youth international signed with the German second division FC Nürnberg in the fall of 2020 before returning to his home state with CLTFC.



4

GUZMAN CORUJO

@CORUJOGUZMAN

General: Charlotte FC acquired Corujo from his hometown club Nacional in Uruguay. The 25-year-old center back has played

over 100 matches for Nacional since debuting as a professional for the Uruguayan club in 2017.

A two-time champion of Uruguay's Primera División in 2019 and 2020, Corujo featured 22 times for Nacional in the Copa Libertadores, the top continental club competition in South America.



5

ANTON WALKES

@ANTONWALKES

General: Charlotte FC acquired Walkes from Atlanta United in the 2021 MLS Expansion Draft. In 2021, Walkes had a career year with Atlanta United,

starting 32 games with two goals and two assists. The versatile defender came through the Tottenham Hotspur academy, originally going on loan to Atlanta in 2017 before joining Portsmouth in 2018. In 2020, Atlanta acquired the center back permanently and in three total seasons with the club, he compiled 71 appearances with 65 starts, four goals, and three assists.



6

SERGIO RUIZ

@SERGIO.RUIZ.
ALONSO

General: Charlotte FC acquired Ruiz as the Club's first-ever signing from Spanish second-division side Racing Santander,

whom he represented as captain. Ruiz represented Racing in the past three seasons, after graduating from its reserve team in 2016. His six goals and seven assists in the 2018-19 campaign helped earn Racing promotion to the Spanish Second Division.

Ruiz spent 2021 on loan with Las Palmas in the Spanish Second Division.



7

KAMIL JOZWIAK

@KAMIL.JOZWIAK7

General: Charlotte FC acquired Jozwiak from English Championship side Derby County on a Designated Player contract.

The 23-year-old, who is teammates with Karol Swiderski on the Polish national team, played 61 times for Derby across all competitions. Józwiak started all three matches for Poland in last summer's European Championship and played eight of 10 in this World Cup Qualifying cycle. In total, the winger has 22 caps with three goals for the national team.

Jozwiak began his career in his native Poland with Lech Poznan playing 123 matches after graduating their academy. He scored 17 goals and added 17 assists for Poznan to earn a move to Derby County. Jozwiak also spent a season on loan at GKS Katowice.



8

JORDY ALCIVAR

@JORDY_ALCIVAR13

General: - Alcívar played 83 times for his boyhood club LDU Quito, scoring five goals and contributing six assists. He started all six matches in LDU's Copa

Libertadores campaign this season and scored a brace during second leg of the club's Round of 16 Copa Sudamericana fixture against Gremio to put his side through on aggregate against the Brazilians.

Alcívar was key to Ecuador's youth national team success over the course of the 2019 season. The midfielder made four appearances for the title winning U-20s at the South American Championships which qualified Ecuador to the 2019 FIFA U-20 World Cup later that summer.

A third-place finish was on the cards for Ecuador in that competition, the country's best finish at a U-20 World Cup. Alcívar played six matches and put in a 112 minute shift in the third-place playoff against Italy, a 1-0 win for Ecuador.

PLAYER BIOS



9

VINI MELLO
@VINI_MELLO02

General: The Internacional academy product debuted for the senior team in February 2021 by starting and playing 72 minutes in a 1-0 victory against

Juventude in the Campeonato Gaúcho. Shortly after making his senior debut, Mello began working under the leadership of current CLTFC head coach Miguel Ángel Ramírez.

Mello played 13 times for Internacional in 2021, including 8 matches in Serie A and 3 in the prestigious Copa Libertadores. Since 2020, the young Brazilian played in 28 games for the Internacional U20 side, scoring 15 goals. He first played for the U20s as a 16-year-old in 2019.



10

TITI ORTIZ
@CRISTIANORTIZ_20

General: Charlotte FC acquired Ortiz on loan from Club Tijuana with an option to purchase. Ortiz, who goes by "Titi", joined Independiente del Valle in

early 2020 and played 31 games for CLTFC head coach Miguel Ángel Ramírez. He scored nine goals and added six assists for the Ecuadorian club that season across the domestic league and Copa Libertadores. He went on to score 19 goals total for IDV before earning a move to Tijuana.

Ortiz has played in Argentina, Uruguay, Peru, Ecuador and Mexico across his career. He made his first major impact in senior football at Racing Club de Montevideo in the Uruguayan Primera Division where he broke through as a teenager and scored six goals across 37 games.

He then signed for Club Atlético Independiente where he was sent on loan for a pair of spells in Peru. For Universidad de San Martín de Porres he scored 27 goals and contributed 10 assists over 58 appearances. For 20-time Peruvian champion Sporting Cristal, he made 82 appearances with 19 goals and 17 assists.



11

KAROL ŚWIDORSKI
@SWIDER9

General: Charlotte FC signed Świdorski as the Club's first-ever Designated Player from PAOK. Świdorski, who

broke through with the Polish national team in 2021 and earned a spot on their roster for last summer's European Championship, joined PAOK in 2018 and scored 35 goals in 135 appearances while adding 14 assists. In Greece, Świdorski won three trophies including the 2018-19 Super League Greece and two Greek Cups.

The 25-year-old striker made his debut for Poland in March 2021 where he scored off the bench in a 3-0 World Cup Qualifier win against Andorra. Świdorski would go on to make nine total appearances during the qualifying campaign, netting five goals en route to helping Poland to a second-place finish in Group I. With the second-place finish, Świdorski and Poland will enter the UEFA World Cup Qualifying Playoffs in March to try and book their spot in the 2022 World Cup.

Świdorski played in all three matches for Poland during last summer's EURO 2020 which included starting in tandem with 2021 Ballon d'Or Striker of the Year, Robert Lewandowski, during a 1-1 draw against Spain.

The striker began his career in his native Poland when he signed his first professional contract with Jagiellonia Białystok. He would score 25 goals in 128 appearances for Jagiellonia before being bought by PAOK.



12

DANIEL RÍOS
@DRIOSCAL

General: – Ríos signed as Nashville SC's first player and played 30 games for the club in Major League Soccer scoring five goals.

Ríos is also familiar with the Carolinas, having appeared in 31 games for North Carolina FC in the USL Championship, scoring 20 goals and adding 3 assists during his time in Raleigh.



13

BRANDT BRONICO
@BRONIBRO13

General: Charlotte FC acquired Bronico from the Chicago Fire in exchange for swapping fourth-round picks in the 2022 MLS

SuperDraft. Bronico joined Charlotte FC after four seasons (2017-20) with the Chicago Fire. A fan favorite in Chicago, Bronico made 66 appearances, including 40 starts, notching two goals and eight assists in his four seasons with the Fire. Bronico joined Chicago as a third-round choice (47th overall) in the 2017 SuperDraft.

Bronico played collegiately for the Charlotte 49ers from 2013-16, scoring 25 goals and adding 23 assists. As a senior in 2016, Bronico was named the Conference USA Player of the Year and second-team All-America after scoring nine goals, including four game-winners.

A native of High Point, N.C., Bronico played on youth teams for NC Fusion and Carolina Dynamo.



14

CHRISTIAN MAKOUN
@CHRISTIANMAKOUN

General: Charlotte FC acquired Makoun from Inter Miami in exchange for the No. 1 Allocation Ranking spot. As a teenager,

Makoun signed as Miami's third-ever player ahead of their debut 2020 season. He then had a breakout season in 2021, playing in 26 games with 23 starts and two goals.

The center back has begun to break through with the Venezuelan national team and has been called up to the senior squad for multiple World Cup Qualifiers this cycle. Makoun has been named as a substitute in Venezuela's last five CONMEBOL World Cup Qualifiers but has yet to make his senior debut.

As a 17-year-old, he played for the Venezuela U-20s with two appearances at the 2017 U-20 World Cup. Two years later, he captained the side for all nine games at the 2019 U-20 South American Championship.

Makoun's youth development began in the Zamora FC academy in his native Venezuela. He made 34 total senior appearances for his boyhood club on either side of a 2018 loan to Italian giant Juventus, where he amassed experience across their youth teams.

PLAYER BIOS

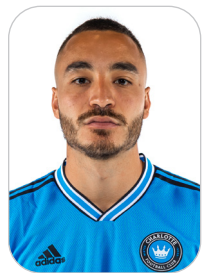


15

BEN BENDER

General: Charlotte FC drafted Bender 1st overall in the 2022 MLS SuperDraft. Bender finished his sophomore season with seven goals and five assists in 18 appearances, leading

his team to a 12-4-2 overall record. The midfielder was named a United Soccer Coaches First Team All-American and the Big Ten Midfielder of the Year. He was one of eight elite collegiate underclassmen signed to a Generation adidas contract.



16

ANDRE SHINYASHIKI

General: Charlotte FC signed forward Andre Shinyashiki from the Colorado Rapids in 2022.

Shinyashiki, who was named the 2019 MLS Rookie of the Year following a seven goal and three assist season, has played 86 league matches for the Rapids. The Brazilian scored 16 goals and added six assists during his time in Colorado.

Shinyashiki was the 5th overall pick in the 2019 MLS SuperDraft out of Denver University.



17

MCKINZE GAINES

@MCKINZE

General: Charlotte FC acquired Gaines from Austin FC in the 2021 MLS Expansion Draft. In 2021 for Austin FC, McKinze Gaines

appeared in nine games with one start and one goal. Before arriving in Austin, the young forward spent the 2020-2021 season with German 2. Bundesliga side Hannover 96 and Regionalliga's Hannover 96 II, where he made nine starts and scored one goal.



19

CHRIS HEGARDT

@CRHEGARDT_

General: Charlotte FC acquired Hegardt and his Homegrown Priority from the Seattle Sounders for \$50,000 in GAM. Hegardt played 31 games for

Georgetown across two seasons where he scored three goals and added six assists. The Hoyas won the 2021 BIG EAST Conference Tournament and earned the number three overall seed in the 2021 NCAA Tournament before falling in the Final Four.

Prior to his time at Georgetown, the San Diego native was part of the Seattle Sounders' academy where he won the 2019 Generation adidas Cup. Hegardt made his professional debut with the Sounders' USL affiliate, Tacoma Defiance, in 2019 and went on to play 17 games overall.



20

DERRICK JONES

@21_DJONES

General: - Jones played 20 matches and started 14 for Houston in 2021. The midfielder has appeared in 64 regular season matches across stints with Houston,

Nashville SC and the Philadelphia Union.

Jones is a former U.S. youth international and played four matches in the 2017 FIFA U-20 World Cup as the U.S. advanced to the quarterfinals.



21

ALAN FRANCO

@ALAN_FRANCO21

General: Charlotte FC acquired Alan Franco on loan from Atlético Mineiro with an option to purchase. Franco reunites with head coach Miguel

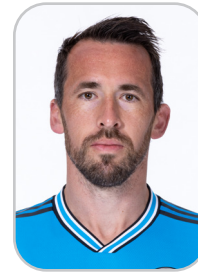
Ángel Ramírez in Charlotte. The midfielder was an instrumental part of Ramírez's Independiente del Valle squad that triumphed in the 2019 Copa Sudamericana, starting all 11 matches and adding two goals in the tournament.

Franco has 18 caps and one goal for the Ecuadorian National Team, including appearances in nine out of 14 games during the current CONMEBOL World Cup Qualification cycle. Ecuador currently sit in third place and an automatic qualification spot with four

games remaining.

The Ecuadorian debuted for his boyhood club, Independiente del Valle, as a 17-year-old in 2016, going on to make 75 appearances with five goals and six assists.

After his success at Independiente, Franco moved to Atlético Mineiro in Brazil's first division in 2020. Across two seasons he accumulated 47 appearances while scoring three goals.



22

CHRISTIAN FUCHS

@FUCHS_OFFICIAL

General: Charlotte FC acquired Fuchs from Premier League side Leicester City. The former Austrian national team

captain won the 2015-16 Premier League title and the 2020-21 English FA Cup.

Fuchs played for Bundesliga's Bochum, Mainz and Schalke before joining Leicester City in 2015. Throughout his six years at City, the 35-year-old made 152 appearances and excelled in the UEFA Champions League as the team reached the last-eight during their campaign at Europe's highest level.



23

PABLO SISNIEGA

@PABLOSISNIEGA

General: Charlotte FC acquired Sisniega from LAFC for \$50,000 in GAM with an additional \$50,000 in performance-based incentives. The 26-year-

old Real Sociedad product joined LAFC in 2019 and made 32 appearances for the club over three seasons, including eight starts with one shutout in 2021. After coming through the La Liga side's academy, Sisniega made his debut for Real Sociedad B in 2014 as a 19-year-old. He would go on to make 38 starts and keep 14 clean sheets in the Segunda Division B.

PLAYER BIOS



24

JAYLIN LINDSEY
@JAYLINLINDSEY

General: Charlotte FC acquired Charlotte native Jaylin Lindsey, along with his Homegrown rights, from Sporting Kansas City for \$100,000 in GAM with

\$225,000 GAM in performance-based incentives. Lindsey made 34 MLS appearances with 27 starts for Sporting KC over 4 years. An experienced U.S. youth international, Lindsey racked up 31 appearances for the U-17 national team along with appearances for both the U-15 and U-20 teams.

In 2017, defender was named to the CONCACAF U-17 Championship Best XI as the U.S. qualified for the 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup. There, Lindsey started and played 90 minutes in all three group stages games before an injury ruled him out of the knockout rounds as the U.S. eventually fell in the Quarterfinals.

Before joining the Sporting Kansas City academy in 2015, Lindsey played for local youth club Charlotte Soccer Academy.



25

HARRISON AFFUL
@KINGHARRISON25

General: Charlotte FC acquired longtime Columbus Crew defender Afful as a free agent. The 35-year-old right back was

a stalwart for the Columbus Crew for seven years, starting at least 20 matches in each of the last six seasons. Afful has played in 164 regular season matches and contributed six goals with 18 assists. In addition, the Ghanaian has 17 playoff appearances including an MLS Cup title with Columbus in 2020 where he played all 90 minutes in a 3-0 win over the Seattle Sounders.

Afful has earned 83 caps for his country and started two of Ghana's three group stage games at the 2014 World Cup, registering an assist against Germany. The right back has featured in three World Cup Qualifying cycles and five Africa Cup of Nations tournaments. Prior to playing in Major League Soccer, Afful came through the academy at Ghanaian club Fetteh Feyenoord. He spent two years with the Feyenoord

senior team before going on loan for a further two years to another Ghanaian club, Asante Kotoko.

After four years of professional soccer in Ghana, Afful left his home country to join Esperance Tunis of the Tunisian first division. He spent six seasons with Tunis and racked up almost 180 appearances and won four league titles. While in Tunisia, he played 52 times in the CAF Champions League and led ES Tunis to the 2011 title which earned the Club a berth in the 2012 FIFA Club World Cup.



26

YORDY REYNA
@YORDYREYNA26

General: Charlotte FC acquired Reyna as a free agent. The 28-year-old Peruvian international has spent the last six seasons in Major League Soccer

between the Vancouver Whitecaps and D.C. United. Reyna has played 100 regular season matches where he has added 24 goals and 19 assists.

Reyna has earned 28 caps for his country and featured in two World Cup qualifying cycles. He also played in the 2015 Copa America, where he started for Peru in a 2-0 victory over Paraguay in the Third Place Play-Off.



28

JOSEPH MORA
@JOSEPH_MORACR

General: Charlotte FC acquired Mora from D.C. United in the 2021 Expansion Draft. Mora spent four years with D.C. United, registering four assists in 99

appearances and 83 starts for the Black-and-Red. The left back also played extensively for Costa Rican youth national teams, featuring at the 2009 FIFA U17 World Cup and 2011 FIFA U20 World Cup, and now has four caps for the senior national team. Mora counts as a domestic player.



30

ADRIAN ZENDEJAS
@MRZ3ND

General: Charlotte FC signed Adrian Zendejas as a free agent. Zendejas made 54 total appearances for Swope Park Rangers,

Sporting KC's USL Championship affiliate after joining the club in 2016. He made his SKC debut in the 2018 U.S. Open Cup, starting in victories over Real Salt Lake and FC Dallas and went on to make five total appearances. Zendejas has also spent time on MLS rosters at Nashville SC and Minnesota United FC.



31

GEORGE MARKS
@GEORGEMARKS_24

General: - Charlotte FC drafted Marks in the third round of the 2022 MLS SuperDraft. Marks was a three-year full-time

starter for at Clemson University, leading them to the 2021 NCAA National Championship in his senior year. He recorded 47 wins, 21 shutouts, and 6,031 minutes for the Tigers, all good for 3rd all-time in program history. The Raleigh, North Carolina native attended two U-20 U.S. National Team Camps and was a member for the North Carolina FC Youth Academy.



36

KOA SANTOS
@KOA_SANTOS

General: Charlotte FC signed Santos following a successful preseason trial with the Club. Over four years for San Diego State University, Santos appeared

in 58 games with 40 starts in the Pac-12, one of the premier NCAA Division I men's soccer conferences. He also led the Portland Timbers U23s to the 2021 Western Conference Championship in USL League Two, starting 10 of 11 games with two goals and three assists.

TECHNICAL STAFF



MIGUEL ANGEL RAMIREZ



Copa Sudamericana
(2019)

BIRTHPLACE: Las Palmas
TITLE: Head Coach
PREVIOUS CLUBS COACHED:
Internacional, Independiente del
Valle, Qatar national soccer teams

Ramírez, 36, joins Charlotte FC after coaching Brazilian club Porto Alegre Internacional in 2021, part of Brazil's top-flight Série A league.

Prior to Internacional, Ramírez led the Ecuadorian club, Independiente del Valle for two seasons (2019-2020), capturing a Copa Sudamericana title just months into his first head coaching job in 2019.

Considered the second-most prestigious international competition in all of South America pitting many of the top clubs on the continent, the Copa Sudamericana tournament win was the first international title in Independiente's history, a significant accomplishment for a manager in his first true head coaching opportunity.

Ramírez' talent for player development was ingrained in all of that 2019 season's success in Ecuador. He had coached the club's youth team in 2018 and 2019, instilling the winning attitude that eventually led to the international win.

A native of Las Palmas, Spain, Ramírez began to train as a coach in the lower categories of the Union Deportiva Las Palmas and Deportivo Alaves, in Spain. He moved to Greece in 2011 with AEK FC, Panathinaikos and Olympiacos. Ramírez also spent six years at the Aspire Academy in Doha, Qatar, where he coached the Under-12, Under-13, Under-16 and Under-17 sides. He also served as head coach of the Under-17 and Under -14 Qatar national soccer teams and was assistant coach for the Under-19 side.



**CHRISTIAN
LATTANZIO**
ASSISTANT COACH

General: Born in Italy, he served as the assistant coach for New York City FC from 2016-2018 and Technical Coordinator for Manchester City's Elite Development Squad.



MIKEL ANTIA
ASSISTANT COACH

General: The 49-year-old joins the new MLS expansion team from professional Chinese football club Dalian Pro FC., where he served as assistant from 2019-2021.



ANDY QUY
GOALKEEPER COACH

General: Quy, who spent over a decade with Stoke City during their spell in the Premier League, joins the Club with a decorated list of former goalkeepers who studied under his wing.

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BOX SCORES

MLS GAME 1



CLTFC 0
DC UNITED 3

DATE: February 26, 2022
Audi Field

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - N/A
DC - Estrada (37, 45+6'), Kamara (65')

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - Ortiz (YC 26')
DC - Najjar (YC 15'), Estrada (YC 42'), Hines-Ike (YC 85'), Perez (YC 87')

REFEREES

Referee: Victor Rivas
Assistants: Jason White, Gianni Facchini
4th Official: Eric Tattersall

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	11	5	15	2	6	1
DC	11	4	13	2	3	5

MLS GAME 2



CLTFC 0
LA GALAXY 1

DATE: March 5, 2022
Bank of America Stadium

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - N/A
LAG - Alvarez (77')

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - Fuchs (YC 37')
LAG - Coulibaly (YC 45+1')

REFEREES

Referee: Jair Marrufo
Assistants: Ian Anderson, Kyle Atkins
4th Official: Kevin Broadley

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	5	3	11	2	3	5
LAG	21	6	9	1	7	3

MLS GAME 3



CLTFC 1
ATLANTA UTD 2

DATE: March 13, 2022
Mercedes-Benz Stadium

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - Armour (66')
ATL - Martinez (60'), Mulraney (90+6')

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - Ortiz (YC 30'), Franco (YC 36'), Bronico (YC 75'), Rios (84')
ATL - Campbell (YC 87'), Alonso (YC 90+1')

REFEREES

Referee: Guido Gonzales
Assistants: Jason White, Ian McKay
4th Official: Nima Saghafi

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	12	7	16	2	5	6
ATL	14	8	8	6	11	6

MLS GAME 4



CLTFC 3
NE REV 1

DATE: March 19, 2022
Bank of America Stadium

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - Swiderski (6', 57'), Bender (64')
NE - Gil (54')

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - Alcivar (YC 29'), Kahlina (YC 53'), Franco (YC 89'), Armour (YC 90+5')
NE - Gonzalez (YC 29'), Bye (YC 90+2')

REFEREES

Referee: Marcos Deoliveira
Assistants: Andrew Bigelow, Diego Blas
4th Official: Thomas Snyder

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	15	5	12	0	6	4
NE	18	5	14	2	6	2

MLS GAME 5



CLTFC 2
CINCINNATI 0

DATE: March 26, 2022
Bank of America Stadium

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - Swiderski (6', 55')
CIN - N/A

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - N/A
CIN - Badji (YC 75'), Cameron (YC 85')

REFEREES

Referee: Alex Chilowicz
Assistants: Mike Rottersman, Matthew Nelson
4th Official: Lukasz Szpala

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	10	6	14	1	3	5
CIN	14	5	10	1	3	4

MLS GAME 6



CLTFC 0
PHI 2

DATE: April 2, 2022
Subaru Park

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - N/A
PHI - Carranza (4'), Gazdag (46')

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - N/A
PHI - Martinez (YC 19'), Aaronson (YC 90+2')

REFEREES

Referee: Tim Ford
Assistants: Corey Parker, Kevin Lock
4th Official: Ismir Pekmic

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	10	1	8	3	6	4
PHI	9	6	14	2	5	1

BOX SCORES

MLS GAME 7



CLTFC 1
ATLANTA UTD 0

DATE: April 10, 2022
Bank of America Stadium

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - Alcivar (11')
ATL - N/A

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - Bronico (YC 74'), Fuchs (YC 74'), Lindsey (YC 74')
ATL - Ibarra (YC 83')

REFEREES

Referee: Allen Chapman
Assistants: Cameron Blanchard, Jeremy Kieso
4th Official: Fotis Bazakos

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	16	4	17	0	6	6
ATL	15	6	9	0	5	3

MLS GAME 8



CLTFC 1
NE REVOLUTION 2

DATE: April 16, 2022
Gillette Stadium

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - Ortiz (85')
NE - Buksa (8'), Polster (72')

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - Makoun (YC 57')
NE - Polster (YC 29'), Bye (YC 87')

REFEREES

Referee: Pierre-Luc Lauziere
Assistants: Kyle Atkins, Walt Heatherly
4th Official: Sergii Demianchuk

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	8	6	13	1	2	4
NE	13	6	14	1	6	5

MLS GAME 9



CLTFC 0
COLORADO 0

DATE: April 23, 2022
Dick's Sporting Goods Park

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - N/A
COL - N/A

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - Alcivar (YC 44'), Corujo (YC 53'), Ortiz (YC 63')
COL - Lewis (YC 66')

REFEREES

Referee: Ismir Pekic
Assistants: Jason White, Ian McKay
4th Official: Drew Fischer

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	16	5	13	0	8	0
COL	11	0	8	2	5	5

MLS GAME 10



CLTFC 1
ORLANDO 2

DATE: April 30, 2022
Exploria Stadium

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - Fuchs (60' PK)
ORL - Teixeira (16'), Torres (45+1')

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - Corujo (YC 28'), Alcivar (YC 54'), Bronico (YC 60')
ORL - Teixeira (18'), Schlegel (YC 59'), Jansson (YC 88')

REFEREES

Referee: Fotis Bazakos
Assistants: CJ Morgante, Kevin Klingler
4th Official: Natalie Simon

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	8	1	13	1	4	2
ORL	7	4	11	2	1	0

MLS GAME 11



CLTFC 1
MIAMI 0

DATE: May 7, 2022
Bank of America Stadium

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - Shinyashiki (68')
MIA - N/A

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - Bronico (YC 32')
MIA - N/A

REFEREES

Referee: Rubiel Vazquez
Assistants: Chris Elliott, Jose da Silva
4th Official: Ricardo Fierro

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	14	7	9	3	11	6
MIA	12	6	7	0	3	6

MLS GAME 12



CLTFC 0
MONTREAL 2

DATE: May 14, 2022
Bank of America Stadium

SCORING SUMMARY

CLT - N/A
MTL - Mihailovic (58'), A. Johnston (67')

DISCIPLINARY SUMMARY

CLT - Alcivar (YC 86'), Jozwiak (YC 90+2')
MTL - J. Torres (YC 45+6'), Mihailovic (YC 56')

REFEREES

Referee: Silviu Petrescu
Assistants: Jeremy Hanson, Cory Richardson
4th Official: Matthew Corrigan

STATS

	SH	SOG	FOUL	OFF	CK	SV
CLT	15	4	7	0	5	1
MTL	13	3	13	1	5	3