



# CAROLINA CORE FC GAME NOTES

CAROLINA CORE FC AT CROWN LEGACY FC  
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024, 5:00 PM (ET)



## CAROLINA CORE FC

## CROWN LEGACY FC



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### MATCH INFORMATION

**Date:** March 17, 2024  
**Kickoff:** 5:00 p.m. (EST)  
**Location:** Sportsplex at Matthews  
**Forecast:** Cloudy. High of 70  
**Referee:** Alyssa Nichols  
**Assistant Referees:** Colin Ashley, Hillis Waddell III, John Rush  
**Where to Watch:** MLS Season Pass on Apple TV  
**Talent:** AJ Ricketts

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### 2023 REGULAR TEAM STATS

CAROLINA CORE FC		CROWN LEGACY FC
0	RECORD	0
0	POINTS PER GAME	0
0	GAMES PLAYED	0
0	LEAGUE POSITION	0
0	GOALS	0
0	GOALS/GAME	0
0	ASSISTS	0
0	GOALS ALLOWED	0
0	ALLOWED/GAME	0
0	GOAL DIFFERENTIAL	0
0	SHOTS (ON GOAL)	0
0	ON GOAL %	0
0	FOULS COMMITTED	0
0	FOULS SUFFERED	0
0	CAUTIONS	0
0	EJECTIONS	0

### 2024 CAROLINA CORE FC SCHEDULE

#### MARCH

17	Crown Legacy FC	5 pm ET
24	Atlanta United 2	3 pm ET
31	New England Revolution II	3 pm ET

#### APRIL

14	Orlando City B	3 pm ET
19	Chicago FC United	7 pm ET
27	Chattanooga FC	7 pm ET

#### MAY

8	Atlanta FC 2	7:30 pm ET
19	Inter Miami II	3 pm ET
21	Nova FC*	7:30 pm ET
23	Toronto FC II	7 pm ET

#### JUNE

1	Huntsville City FC	7:30 pm ET
15	FC Cincinnati 2	7:30 pm ET
22	Chattanooga FC	7 pm ET
28	Huntsville City FC	8 pm ET

#### JULY

7	Orlando City B	7 pm ET
13	Crown Legacy FC	7 pm ET
17	Chattanooga FC	6:30 pm ET
27	New York City FC II	7:30 pm ET

#### AUGUST

3	Orlando City U-23	7:30 pm ET
7	Inter Miami II	7 pm ET
16	FC Cincinnati 2	6 pm ET
24	NE Revolution II	7:30 pm ET
28	Atlanta United 2	7:30 pm ET

#### SEPTEMBER

1	New York Red Bulls II	7:30 pm ET
11	Philadelphia Union II	6:30 pm ET
14	Crown Legacy FC	8 pm ET
22	Columbus Crew 2	3 pm ET
29	Huntsville City FC	5 pm ET

#### OCTOBER

6	Inter Miami II	1 pm ET
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**Carolina Core FC 2024 Numerical Roster**

No.	Player	Pronunciation	Position	Height	Hometown
0	Alex Sutton	AL-EX SUH-TON	GK	6-2	Queens, NY
1	Andrew Pannenberg	PAN-NEN-BURG	GK	6-2	Littleton, CO
4	Kai Thomas	KY TOM-US	D	6-2	Coral Springs, FL
5	Angel Aguas	AIN-JILL AH-GWAS	D	6-2	Houston, TX
6	Juampi	WAM- PEE	D	5-9	San Juan, Argentina
7	Yekeson Subah	YEH-KE-SON SOO-BAH	F	5-10	Monrovia, Liberia
8	Jesus Orejuela	HEH-ZEUS OR-REE-WHEY-LA	MF	5-8	Jamunde, Colombia
9	Papa Ndoye	PA-PA EN-DOI	F	5-10	Tivaouane, Senegal
10	Jacob Evans	JAY-CUB EV-ENS	MF	5-9	Chester, England
11	Luis Lugo	LU-EESE LU-GO	F	5-10	Valencia, Venezuela
12	Alenga Charles	AH-LENGA	MF	5-6	Kigoma, Tanzania
13	Joshua Rodriguez	YOH-SHU-AH	F	6-0	Puerto Cortes, Honduras
14	Jathan Juarez	JAY-THEN HWAR-EZ	D	5-5	San Antonio, TX
15	Pachitoo Polanco	PUH-CHI-TOE PO-LAN-CO	F	6-0	Key Biscayne, FL
17	Carlos Mario Diaz	CAR-LOS MAR-EEO DEE-AZ	F	5-7	Ibagué, Colombia
18	Jeremiah White	JAIR-AH-MY-A WHY-T	D	5-11	Pottstown, PA
19	Nicholas Pechenyi	PE-CHEN-EE	D	6-5	New York, NY
20	Ibrahim Covi	EE- BRAH- HEEM KO-VEE	D	6-3	New York, NY
21	Derek Cuevas	KWE-VAS	MF	5-7	Barcelona, Spain
22	Kiki Gregoire	KEY-KEY GRE-GWAR	D	5-9	Kalamazoo, MI
23	Tyler Freeman	TY-LER FREE-MAN	F	6-0	Overland Park, KS
24	Facundo Canete	FAH-KUNDO CUH-NET-TEE	MF	5-10	Córdoba, Argentina
25	Drake Hadeed	HAH-DEED	MF	5-8	Miami, FL
28	Federico Stachuk	FEDE-RICO STA-CHUCK	F	5-8	Buenos Aires, Argentina
31	Robert Bailey	RAH-BERT BAE-LEE	GK	6-2	Orlando, FL
44	Christian Diaz	CHRIS-CHIN DEE-AZ	D	6-1	San Bernadino, CA
77	Johnny Bazaes	JAH-NEE BAH-ZAY-IS	F	5-11	Queens, NY
99	Aryeh Miller	R-E-AH MILL-ER	MF	6-1	High Point, NC

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24	Facundo Canete	FAH-KUNDO CUH-NET-TEE	MF	5-10	Córdoba, Argentina
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**2024**

**COACHING  
STAFF**

Head Coach	Roy Lassiter	LASS-IT-TER
Assistant Coach	Amado Guevara	UH-MAH-DOUGH GEH-VAR-AH
Assistant Coach	JC Martinez	MAR-TEE-NEZ
Assistant Coach	Andy Williams	WILL-EE-UMS
GK Coach	Donovan Ricketts	RICK-ITS



## ROY LASSITER

**HEAD COACH**

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO 2

- A prolific striker during his years in the MLS, Roy Lassiter held the MLS single-season scoring record with 27 goals until it was broken in 2018.
- Successful beyond club soccer, Coach Lassiter also played for the US Men's National Team for eight years.
- As a testament to his exceptional talent, Lassiter was selected as a three-time MLS All-Star and won the MLS Cup Championship in 1997 with D.C. United.
- Roy has an impressive coaching career, spanning 22 years.
- Most recently, Coach Lassiter was the Assistant Coach for Houston Dynamo 2.
- He was also the Head Coach for Houston Dynamo U-20 team for the 2022 and 2023 seasons, boasting an impressive record.
- In 2022, his record was 8(W) -1(T)-1(L). In 2023, his record was 7(W)-2(T)-0(L)
- Hailing from North Carolina, Lassiter has a strong connection to the local community and brings a wealth of experience to his new role
- He is a proud alum of NC State University, where he honed his skills and developed his passion for the beautiful game.
- In recognition of all his significant contributions, Lassiter was inducted into the North Carolina Soccer Hall of Fame in 2011.



## AMADO GUEVARA

uh-mah-dough geh-var-ah

**ASSISTANT COACH**

**PREVIOUS TEAM:** PUERTO RICO (Senior & U20s)

- As a former international soccer star, Amado represented the Honduras National Team as captain and all-time cap leader, earning him the title of "The Golden Boy" in his home country.
- As an instrumental player for his nation, Coach Guevara has an impressive 139 caps for the Honduran National Team.
- Having led Honduras to a successful qualification campaign, Amado captained the side during the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa where he played against eventual tournament winners Spain
- Coach Guevara has a number of impressive accolades, including: the MVP of Copa America 2001, CONCACAF Player of the Year in 2003, as well as MLS Best XI, MLS All-Star selection, MLS Golden Boot, and the MLS MVP award in 2004.
- During his time in MLS, Amado scored 41 goals in 143 appearances.
- Following his retirement, Guevara seamlessly transitioned into a coaching role, showcasing his passion for the sport.
- After coaching at various youth academy's, Amado then became the Head Coach of Puerto Rico's U20 team, eventually ascending into the position of Head Coach for the senior side.



## JC MARTINEZ

SOCCER ANALYST & ASSISTANT COACH

PREVIOUS CLUB: HOUSTON DYNAMO 2 (ASSISTANT)

- JC Martinez brings a wealth of experience after being part of the Houston Dynamo's Academy for seven years.
- Coach Martinez was the Head Coach of the MLS NEXT U13 Academy team, as well as an assistant coach for the Dynamo's U20 team for 2 years.
- JC was Roy's assistant coach for Houston Dynamo U20s where he helped the team towards their first conference title and Round of 16 appearance.
- Coach Martinez has assisted with every age group in the academy level, and will bring his expertise to help as the team's analyst.



## ANDY WILLIAMS

ASSISTANT COACH & HEAD SCOUT

PREVIOUS TEAM: REAL SALT LAKE/ FC Arizona

- Andy played in MLS for Columbus Crew, New England Revolution, MetroStars, Chicago Fire - winning the Open Cup Championship in 2003, and finally Real Salt Lake - leading them to the MLS Cup in 2009.
- With 97 caps and 13 goals, Williams was a committed leader on the Jamaica National Team. He finished his club and international career with 50 goals and 95 assists.
- Williams joins CCFC with ample experience as a Technical Director with FC Arizona, where he was responsible for the management and organization of the team as well as the day-to-day operations of the entire club.
- Williams led the scouting department for Real Salt Lake, where he scouted and procured international and domestic talent.



## DONOVAN RICKETTS

GOALKEEPING COACH

PREVIOUS CLUB: FC TULSA

- Having started his international career in 1998, Donovan has made 100 appearances for the Jamaican National Team (1998-2013)
- Coach Ricketts began his career with Bradford City AFC in England (2005), making 104 appearances
- He then joined the LA Galaxy in 2010, and after a sensational first season in MLS, he was awarded MLS Goalkeeper of the Year in 2010.
- The following year Donovan helped lead the LA Galaxy to win the MLS Cup, alongside Landon Donovan and David Beckham.
- Ricketts won his second MLS Goalkeeper of the Year award in 2013 while playing for the Portland Timbers.
- Having retired in 2014, Coach Ricketts totaled an astonishing 370 appearances for both club and country.
- Following his professional player career, Ricketts served as the Goalkeeper Coach for FC Tulsa from 2017-2023.



# EDDIE POPE

CHIEF SPORTING OFFICER

Eddie Pope, a member of the National Soccer Hall of Fame, joins Carolina Core FC as Chief Sporting Officer, overseeing all soccer operations, including technical staff management, player personnel, transactions, and scouting.

Pope was born in High Point, NC and attended Southwest Guilford High School. He played college soccer for the North Carolina Tar Heels from 1992-1995 and was drafted second overall by D.C. United. In just his second year, Pope was named Major League Soccer Defender of the Year. Widely considered one of the best defenders in American history, Eddie Pope was a four-time MLS Best XI winner, part of the "Top 25 MLS Players of All Time," and was selected to the MLS All-Time Best XI. Pope retired from MLS play as a 3-time MLS Cup Champion, Open Cup Champion, a CONCACAF Champion, and an InterAmerican Cup Champion. Pope also represented the U.S. Men's National Team from 1996-2006, appearing in 82 games and appearing in three FIFA World Cups (1998, 2002 & 2006).

Following his on-field retirement, Eddie Pope served as the director of player relations for the MLS Player Union from 2008-2015 and helped negotiate two collective bargaining agreements. From 2015 through 2022, he became the Director of the North American Soccer Division at Octagon Sports and Entertainment. Octagon Sports is one of the premier sporting agencies in the world, representing some of the world's biggest talent, such as Stephen Curry, Gabriel Jesus, Michael Phelps, and Simone Biles.

Eddie returns to High Point with his wife, daughter, and two sons.



## ALEX SUTTON

# 0

**GOALKEEPER**

HT: 6-2

WT: 190

DOB: 05/26/2000

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** MARYLAND BOBCATS (NISA)

- Alex played his entire collegiate career with Lafayette College, where he recorded 16 match starts and maintained a 0.803 save percentage (SV%).
- The goalkeeper was named to the Patriot League Men's Soccer Honor Roll for every season of his college career.
- During Alex's junior and senior season, the goalkeeper also played with United Soccer League 2 (USL2) side, Manhattan Soccer Club, where he became a two-time national champion.
- Following his collegiate career, Alex played with Maryland Bobcats FC for the 2023 season. The goalkeeper appeared in 20 matches and recorded 7 shutouts.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## ANDREW PANNENBERG

# 1

**GOALKEEPER**

HT: 6-2

WT: 190

DOB: 09/21/1998

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO 2

- Pannenberg played with Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- During his red shirt sophomore year, he played in and started 22 of 23 matches, recording over 2,000 minutes of playing time, recorded 50 saves and earned 9 shutouts with a average of 0.72 goals-against average.
- The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) awarded him All-ACC Third Team Honors following that impressive season
- Andrew was selected in the second round (49th overall) in the 2021 MLS Superdraft by Orlando City SC.
- Pannenberg signed a contract with USL Championship club, Colorado Springs Switchbacks. He made his professional debut with a 4-0 win over Sporting Kansas City.
- Once MLS NEXT Pro was launched, Pannenberg joined Houston Dynamo 2, where he has played the last two seasons.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## KAI THOMAS

# 4

**DEFENDER** | HT: 6-2 | WT: 188 | DOB: 11/09/2002

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** FC CINCINNATI 2

- The defender developed his talents under many reputable club's academies, such as FC Dallas, New York City FC Academy, Inter Miami CF Academy, Fort Lauderdale Academy, and FC Cincinnati Academy.
- Kai debuted with FC Cincinnati 2 in MLS NEXT Pro during the 2022 season. The defender had a statement rookie season appearing in 24 matches (starting 23) and logging a staggering 83.6% accurate pass percentage.
- Last season, Kai represented his squad as captain after only a year with the team. He appeared in 25 matches (starting 23) for FC Cincinnati, logging 1,982 minutes. The defender ended the season with a 86.1% accurate pass percentage and netting 2 goals.
- Fun Fact: Kai's mother played soccer in college and his father played for the Jamaican National Team, so soccer is in his DNA.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## ANGEL AGUAS

ain-jill ah-gwas

# 5

**DEFENDER** | HT: 6-2 | WT: 175 | DOB: 03/19/2003

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO U20S

- Angel developed under the leadership of Head Coach, Roy Lassiter, last season competing with Houston Dynamo's U-20 squad. The defender moved up to the U-20 team after an impressive season with the Houston Dynamo Academy's 02/03 team in which he was awarded with 1st Team All-Conference honors.
- The defender will play his third season within the MLS NEXT Pro league with Carolina Core FC. His previous experience with FC Cincinnati 2 will be instrumental.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## JUAMPI

wam-pee

# 6

**DEFENDER**

HT: 5-9

WT: 185

DOB: 01/18/2003

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** CLUB ATLÉTICO LANÚS

- Juampi (Juan Pablo Rodríguez) is a left-footed center back from San Juan, Argentina.
- He joins Carolina Core FC from Club Atlético Lanús.
- Juampi has represented Argentina for their U16 squad.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## YEKESON SUBAH

yeh-ke-son soo-bah

# 7

**FORWARD**

HT: 5-10

WT: 180

DOB: 02/13/2004

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** LAFC 2, Real Monarchs

- A North Carolina native, Yekeson began his youth soccer career with North Carolina FC's (NCFC) Development Academy.
- Subah's performance with the U-23s earned him minutes with NCFC's first team. He made his professional debut on May 22, 2021, against the Richmond Kickers.
- In 2021, Subah signed with Real Salt Lake's MLS NEXT Pro team, Real Monarchs.
- With the Monarchs, the forward appeared in 16 matches, and recorded 553 minutes.
- With LAFC 2, Subah made 21 appearances and recorded 11 starts during the 2023 season.
- He netted three goals in 988 minutes for the club.
- Subah's good form earned him a call-up to LAFC's first team. He made his MLS debut on June 13th with a 2-1 win over Sporting KC. Throughout 2023, he recorded 3 appearances (2 starts) for the first team, including 2 U.S. Open Cup appearances.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





## JESUS OREJUELA

heh- zeus or-ree-whey-la

# 8

**MIDFIELDER**

HT: 5-8

WT: 157

DOB: 08/25/2005

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO 2 (2 YEARS)

- Jesus played with Houston Dynamo Academy since he was 15 years old.
- He played for both their U20 team, as well as Houston Dynamo 2, their MLS Pro club.
- Hailing from North Carolina, Lassiter has a strong connection to the local community and brings a wealth of experience to his new role
- Orejuela joins Carolina Core FC following a break-out season with MLS NEXT Pro side, Houston Dynamo 2.
- The midfielder logged 5 appearances with the squad in 2023. Orejuela made his professional debut with the team in 2022, being called up from Houston Dynamo Academy.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## PAPA NDOYE

pa-pa en-doi

# 9

**FORWARD**

HT: 5-10

WT: 180

DOB: 05/30/1999

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO 2

- During his time with Dynamo 2, Ndoye netted 19 goals and four assists over two seasons.
- The Senegal native made 46 appearances for Dynamo 2, starting in 39 of them.
- This past season, Ndoye was named MLS NEXT Pro Player of Matchday 19 and 20, scoring hatricks in back-to-back matches to lead his team to two comeback victories.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## JACOB EVANS

# 10

**MIDFIELDER** | HT: 5-9 | WT: 165 | DOB: 12/12/1997

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO 2

- As player with great vision, Jacob likes to control the pace of games while also getting his teammates involved in the passage of play.
- The England native has two seasons of MLS Next Pro experience under his belt already. He joins Carolina Core FC from Houston Dynamo 2.
- In that his debut season for Dynamo 2, Jacob logged 22 match appearances (starting 19), and recorded 1,643 minutes played.
- Last season, the midfielder made 29 appearances with Houston Dyanmo 2 (starting 28), and recorded 4 goals and 4 assists on the season.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## LUIS LUGO

# 11

**FORWARD** | HT: 5-10 | WT: 160 | DOB: 03/19/2003

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

- Lugo rose through the ranks of Houston Dynamo’s Academy teams, earning his way onto the Houston Dynamo U-20s and becoming the team’s captain for the 2022-2023 season.
- With the Dynamo squad, Lugo appeared in 23 matches, recording 18 goals and 12 assists before moving to Florida to play collegiately.
- Luis played his freshman season with NCAA Division 1 side, Florida Gulf Coast University.
- During this 2023 season, the midfielder appeared in 11 matches (starting 7 matches) and netted 3 goals. Lugo was awarded recognition from the Atlantic Sun Conference, making the All-Freshman team.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## ALENGA CHARLES

# 12

**MIDFIELDER**

HT: 5-6

WT: 143

DOB: 05/07/2003

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** FC CONGO AZ

- Charles joins the club after spending the previous season with FC Congo AZ of the NPSL.
- The Phoenix, Arizona native is highly regarded for his ability to display creativity in the final third while still maintaining his defensive responsibilities.
- Fun Fact: Alenga was born in Kigoma, Tanzania.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## JOSHUA RODRIGUEZ

yoh-shu-ah

# 13

**FORWARD**

HT: 6-0

WT: 159

DOB: 07/21/2004

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** BUTTE UNITED SC

- The Durham, NC local joins Carolina Core FC from Butte United SC, looking to add electric pace and a knack for scoring goals to MLS Next Pro's newest side.
- The Honduras native looks to showcase his consistency and tenacity going forward.
- Fun Fact: Joshua was born in Puerto Cortes, Honduras.
- He previously played for AC Raliegh, Orange Lyon Academy and Real España, special reserves.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## JATHAN JUAREZ

# 14

**DEFENDER**

HT: 5-5

WT: 138

DOB: 12/24/2002

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO 2

- Juarez joins Carolina Core FC from MLS NEXT Pro side, Houston Dynamo 2. With Dynamo, Juarez rose through the ranks, joining Houston Dynamo Academy in 2018.
- The defender made his professional debut for Houston Dynamo 2 with a victory over St. Louis City 2 in September of 2022.
- The defender had a stand-out 2022 season within MLS NEXT Pro. Juarez appeared in 23 matches (starting 16) and recorded 1,546 minutes.
- Following his rookie season with Houston Dynamo 2, Juarez appeared in 24 matches (17 starting 17) in his 2023 season.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## PACHITTO POLANCO

# 15

**FORWARD**

HT: 6-0

WT: 180

DOB: 02/09/1999

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** BARRY UNIVERSITY

- Pachitto joins CCFC on the back of leading Barry University to a 13-5-1 record and a Sweet Sixteen berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament.
- Throughout his time in college, the striker was named 2023 Sunshine State Conference Offensive Player of the Year, SSC Tournament MVP, and South Region Player of the Year.
- Throughout his time in college, the striker was named 2023 Sunshine State Conference Offensive Player of the Year, SSC Tournament MVP, and South Region Player of the Year.
- Polanco was also named to the Third-Team All-American in consecutive years (2022 and 2023).

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2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## CARLOS MARIO DIAZ

# 17

**FORWARD**

HT: 5-7

WT: 150

DOB: 08/08/2004

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO

- Diaz joins the club after spending the previous season with the Houston Dynamo U20s.
- The Colombian midfielder hopes to make an instant impact and bring his versatility to the squad.
- Carlos Mario is an inverted winger that can play on both sides of the pitch.
- He's very crafty and loves to take on players 1v1.
- Fun Fact: Carlos Mario was born in Ibague, Colombia.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## JEREMIAH WHITE IV

# 18

**DEFENDER**

HT: 5-11

WT: 140

DOB: 02/07/2007

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** PHILADELPHIA UNION ACADEMY

- Jeremiah White IV is a Pennsylvania native who has played for Philadelphia Union Academy and New York Red Bulls academy.
- After playing at both academies, Jeremiah found his spot on Philly Union's U17 program.
- He has had multiple stints with the U.S. youth national team.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## NICHOLAS PECHENYI

pe-che-ee-ee

# 19

**FORWARD**

HT: 6-5

WT: 215

DOB: 11/26/2002

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** TWIN CITY FC

- The Miami native began his playing career with New York Soccer Club's U19 MLS NEXT squad.
- Nicholas was quickly picked up by SV Germania Salchendorf based in Netphen, Germany, where the striker developed his talents overseas.
- Nicholas' performance in Germany caught the attention of National Independent Soccer Association (NISA) side, Michigan Stars FC, where he gained professional playing experience before signing with Twin City Toucans FC.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## IBRAHIM COVI

ko-vee

# 20

**DEFENDER**

HT: 6-3

WT: 190

DOB: 03/21/2000

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** PONFERRADINA B (2 YEARS)

- Born in Paris, France, Ibrahim Covi began his youth career with Paris FC.
- Ibrahim has also played for clubs such as FCM Aubervilliers (France), FC Metz (France), and SD Ponferradina (Spain).
- In 2022, Covi helped the SD Ponferradina B in their promotion to Tercera Federación
- Covi made his professional debut on 19 November 2022 in a 1-1 Segunda División home draw against Real Oviedo.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## DEREK CUEVAS

kwe-vas

# 21

**MIDFIELDER**

HT: 5-7

WT: 143

DOB: 01/07/2004

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** FC BARCELONA (U20)

- Cuevas, 20, joins the club after spending the previous season with the FC Barcelona U20 team in Spain.
- Having dual citizenship in the Dominican Republic, Cuevas has appeared for the Dominican U20 and U23 national teams.
- The Barcelona native is very gifted dribbler with a high level of ability to find the right pass and get into dangerous positions.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## KIKI GREGOIRE

gre-gwar

# 22

**DEFENDER**

HT: 5-9

WT: 155

DOB: 04/08/2005

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** BARÇA RESIDENCY ACADEMY (AZ)

- Gregoire, 18, joins the club after spending the previous season with the Barcelona Academy in Arizona.
- He was a member of Barca's 2021-22 MLS Next Southwest Division Championship U17 team.
- The following season, Gregoire played a key role on Barca's U19 MLS Next squad, helping them secure an MLS Next Playoff berth.
- Gregoire is a notable addition, mainly for his composure on the ball and ability to make timely decisions while serving as a defensive leader.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## TYLER FREEMAN

# 23

**FORWARD**

HT: 6-0

WT: 160

DOB: 01/09/2003

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** NASHVILLE SC

- Tyler represented the United States at the U16 and U17 levels, making seven appearances and scoring one goal.
- Following his tenure with Sporting KC, the former U.S. Youth International went on to play with USL Championship side Loudoun United FC.
- During Freeman's 2022 season with the Championship side, the then-19-year-old made 24 appearances scoring eight goals.
- After a summer transfer to Nashville SC, Freeman spent time on loan with Birmingham Legion FC and Huntsville City FC, making 15 total appearances in the 2023 season.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## FACUNDO CANETE

fah-kundo kuh-net-tee

# 24

**MIDFIELDER**

HT: 5-10

WT: 154

DOB: 02/22/2000

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** VALLEY UNITED FC

- Facundo played in the United Soccer League 2 (USL2) with Florida Elite Soccer Academy in 2021.
- The midfielder recorded 321 minutes and 1 goal for the squad.
- The club finished third in the Southeast USL2 division. In 2022, Facundo joined National Independent Soccer Association (NISA) side, Valley United FC.
- Facundo has experience playing in the US Open with Valley United SC. He featured in the match against Phoenix Rising FC.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





## DRAKE HADEED

# 25

**FORWARD**

HT: 5-8

WT: 160

DOB: 11/21/2007

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** COLUMBUS CREW ACADEMY

- Drake began his youth career with North Coast FC in his native Antigua and Barbuda.
- From 2020-2023, he signed for West Ham United's academy team after scoring against Arsenal during an eight-week trial.
- Hadeed then joined the MLS Next team of the Columbus Crew.
- In his first season, he made 13 combined appearances with the U15 and U17 sides, scoring one goal.
- Drake made his debut for Antigua and Barbuda U20s in 2022, being the youngest player ever to compete in the 2022 CONCACAF U20 Championship.
- Hadeed was called up to the senior national team in September 2023 for Antigua and Barbuda's Nations League B matches against Guyana and Puerto Rico.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## FEDERICO STACHUK

sta-choock

# 28

**FORWARD**

HT: 5-8

WT: 171

DOB: 02/22/2000

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** CLUB ATLÉTICO BANFIELD U20

- In 2019, Federico joined Weston FC's Developmental Academy in South Florida.
- Weston FC was designated as one of the nation's top youth clubs in 2020 and became a founding Member of MLS NEXT Elite Program.
- Following Stachuk's success with Weston FC, the forward transitioned to playing with Club Atletico Banfield's U-20 squad in 2022.
- In his first season with the club, Stachuk made 17 appearances (7 starts), recording 5 goals and 7 assists. Stachuk continued his momentum recording 2 goals and 3 assists the following season.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## ROBERT BAILEY

# 31

**GOALKEEPER**

HT: 6-2

WT: 185

DOB: 05/19/2000

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** LEE UNIVERSITY

- Robert transferred to University of Alabama at Huntsville for his senior season.
- During the 2022 season, Robert earned honors from The Gulf South Conference being named "GSC Defender of the Week" with UAH.
- Overall, Robert played 6 matches for UAH, maintaining 3 shutouts on the season.
- Upon graduation, Robert transferred to Lee University to continue his playing career and obtain his Master's Degree.
- During the 2023 season, Robert played a total of 532 minutes, maintaining 2 shutouts.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## CHRISTIAN DIAZ

# 44

**DEFENDER**

HT: 6-1

WT: 157

DOB: 03/30/2006

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** LAFC 2

- The San Bernadino, California native joins us from LAFC 2
- Christian has represented the US U17 MNT.
- He took part in the CONCACAF U17 Championships

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## JOHNNY BAZAES

bah-zah-is

# 77

MIDFIELDER

HT: 5-11

WT: 169

DOB: 10/05/2002

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** ALBION SD

- Bazaes, 21, joins the club after spending the previous season with the Albion SD.
- He made 33 appearances for Albion SD, scoring 2 goals.
- Prior to playing with Albion SD, Johnny played for the Florida Fusion.
- He has also played for Hialeah FC and Cedar Stars Academy (USA).

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## ARYEH MILLER

are-ee-aye

# 99

MIDFIELDER

HT: 6-1

WT: 180

DOB: 01/29/2006

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** CHARLOTTE FC ACADEMY

- Aryeh, an NC Core native, began his youth career playing all around North Carolina.
- He earned a call up to Liberia's U17 national team.
- Aryeh is a creative midfielder who is proud to be representing his hometown club at a professional level.

YEAR	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# THE STARTING XI



**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 17**

**5PM EST**



**HEAD COACH**

**ROY LASSITER**

## ROSTER

- 0 - SUTTON
- 1 - PANNENBERG
- 4 - THOMAS
- 5 - AGUAS
- 6 - JUAMPI
- 7 - SUBAH
- 8 - OREJUELA
- 9 - NDOYE
- 10 - EVANS
- 11 - LUGO
- 12 - CHARLES
- 13 - RODRIGUEZ
- 14 - JUAREZ
- 15 - POLANCO
- 17 - C.M. DIAZ
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