



CAROLINA CORE FC GAME NOTES

CAROLINA CORE FC AT CHICAGO FIRE FC II
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024, 7:00 PM (ET)



CAROLINA CORE FC



0-2-1 (2 pts)

CHICAGO FIRE FC II



1-0-3 (8 pts)

AT

MATCH INFORMATION

Date: April 22, 2024
Kickoff: 7:00 p.m. (EST)
Location: SeatGeek Stadium
Forecast: Overcast, 52 degrees

Referee: Calin Radosav
Assistant Referees: Art Arustamyan, Eric del Rosario, Igor Bychc

Where to Watch: MLS Season Pass on Apple TV
Talent: Mark Schoenster
Producer: Stefy Aguilera

CAROLINA CORE FC COMMUNICATIONS

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2024 REGULAR TEAM STATS

CAROLINA CORE FC		CHICAGO FIRE FC II
0-2-1	RECORD	1-0-3
0.66	POINTS PER GAME	2
3	GAMES PLAYED	4
15	LEAGUE POSITION	5
2	GOALS	9
1.5	GOALS/GAME	2.25
2	ASSISTS	5
5	GOALS ALLOWED	7
2.33	ALLOWED/GAME	1.75
-5	GOAL DIFFERENTIAL	2
16	SHOTS (ON GOAL)	28
32%	ON GOAL %	41%
49	FOULS COMMITTED	58
19	CORNERS	19
9	CAUTIONS	9
0	EJECTIONS	0

2024 CAROLINA CORE FC SCHEDULE

MARCH

17	Crown Legacy FC	D 1-1 (2-3 PENS)
21	Nova FC*	W 3-2
24	Atlanta United 2	L 4-0
31	New England Revolution II	L 2-1

APRIL

3	Vermont Green*	W 2-1
17	North Carolina FC*	L 1-0
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
23	Toronto FC II	7 pm ET

JUNE

1	Huntsville City FC	7:30 pm ET
7	Orlando City B	7 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 AT ATLANTA UNITED 2
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024



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	Josuha Rodriguez	YOH-SHU-AH	F	6-0	Puerto Cortes, Honduras
14	Jathan Juarez	JAY-THEN HWAR-EZ	D	5-5	San Antonio, TX
15	David 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	Paris, France
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 Bernardino, 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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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



CAROLINA CORE FC 2024 US OPEN CUP RECAP



FIRST US OPEN CUP MATCH

CAROLINA CORE 3 – 2 NOVA FC

Carolina Core FC competed in its first ever U.S. Open Cup match against Northern Virginia FC at UNCG Stadium in Greensboro, NC. The team recorded its first win in club history, coming back from 2-1 to secure a 3-2 victory over NOVA FC.

16-year-old Antigua and Barbuda international Drake Hadeed opened the scoring in the 18th minute, with his first ever professional goal.

Pachitoo Polanco would then score the equalizer in the 50th minute, marking his second goal in as many games.

In the 82nd minute, Josuha Rodriguez would find the net to secure the victory after running onto a backheel flick by Polanco. Rodriguez used his left foot to slot the ball into the bottom right corner of the goal, giving Carolina Core FC its first ever win as a franchise.



SUCCESS IN THE SECOND ROUND

CAROLINA CORE 2 – 1 VERMONT GREEN FC

The match on April 3rd marked Carolina Core FC's second game in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, after defeating Nova FC 3-2 in the first round. CCFC faced USL League 2 side Vermont Green FC on a rainy evening in Burlington, VT.

The squad went behind in the 28th minute of the match due to a penalty kick scored by VGFC forward Yaniv Bazini.

CCFC would score a penalty kick of their own in the 60th minute to bring the game level at 1-1. Forward Papa Ndoye slotted home a left-footed strike from the spot, scoring his first goal for CCFC in the process.

In the 70th minute, super-sub Josuha Rodriguez scored the game-winning goal off of a rebound with a strike into the roof of the net. This was Josuha Rodriguez's second goal in the competition, having also scored the winner against Nova FC in the first round.



UNTIL NEXT YEAR

CAROLINA CORE 0 – 1 NORTH CAROLINA FC

New MLS NEXT Pro independent club, Carolina Core FC, participated as one of three MLS NEXT Pro teams to make it to the 3rd round of the 2024 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

In their inaugural season, CCFC joins fellow MLSNP sides Chicago Fire FC II and NYCFC in the 3rd round. Carolina Core faced USL Championship side North Carolina FC on April 17 in Cary, North Carolina.

CCFC fell 1-0 on the night, marking the end of the team's first US Open Cup run.

Goalkeeper Alex Sutton made a season-high seven saves. The 23-year-old was vital in keeping CCFC in the match until the very end.



ROY LASSITER

HEAD COACH

PREVIOUS CLUB: HOUSTON DYNAMO 2 (ASSISTANT)

Growing up in North Carolina, Head Coach Roy has developed strong connections to the local community and brings a wealth of experience to his new position. He is a proud alum of NC State University, where he led the Wolfpack to the 1988 NCAA Championship Game.

Following a prolific college career, he joined Major League Soccer, where he would go on to hold the MLS single-season scoring record with 27 goals for the Tampa Bay Mutiny until it was broken in 2018.

A regular for both club and country, Lassiter represented the US Men's National Team, making 34 appearances and scoring four goals over the span of eight years. As a testament to his exceptional talent, Lassiter was selected as a three-time MLS All-Star and was a key contributor to the 1997 MLS Cup Champions, D.C. United.

Lassiter was inducted into the North Carolina Soccer Hall of Fame in 2011. Prior to joining the coaching ranks in his post-playing career, Coach Lassiter was the assistant coach for Houston Dynamo 2, as well as the Head Coach for the Houston Dynamo U-20 team for the 2022 and 2023 seasons, prior to joining Carolina Core FC.



AMADO GUEVARA

uh-mah-dough geh-var-ah

ASSISTANT COACH

PREVIOUS TEAM: PUERTO RICO (Senior & U20s)

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. Serving as an instrumental player for his nation, Guevara made an impressive 139 appearances scoring 27 goals for the Honduras 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.

Outside of his massive international success, Guevara has many 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. An MLS legend, during his time in MLS, Amado scored an astounding 41 goals.

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. Martinez served as 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

Williams started in Major League Soccer 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 win in 2009. With 97 appearances and 13 goals, Williams was a committed leader on the Jamaica National Team. 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 also 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

After playing professionally in Jamaica, Ricketts moved to England to play for Bradford City AFC, making 108 total appearances over four years. Having started his international career in 1998, Ricketts made 100 appearances for the Jamaican National Team between 1998 and 2013. In the midst of a fantastic international career, he joined the LA Galaxy in 2010, and after a sensational first season in MLS, was awarded MLS Goalkeeper of the Year in 2010. The following year Ricketts helped lead the LA Galaxy to win the MLS Cup, alongside superstar teammates Landon Donovan and David Beckham. Ricketts would go on to win his second MLS Goalkeeper of the Year award in 2013 while playing for the Portland Timbers.

Following his retirement in 2017, Ricketts embarked on his managerial career, Ricketts serving as the Goalkeeper Coach for FC Tulsa from 2017-2023 and the interim Head Coach for the 2022 season.



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

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GOALKEEPER

HT: 6-2

WT: 190

DOB: 05/26/2000

PREVIOUS CLUB: MARYLAND BOBCATS (NISA)

- 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.
- Alex saved two penalties in CCFC's first ever MLS NEXT Pro match.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	sv	CS	YC	RC
2024	3	3	285	8	0	0	0



ANDREW PANNENBERG

1

GOALKEEPER

HT: 6-2

WT: 190

DOB: 09/21/1998

PREVIOUS CLUB: HOUSTON DYNAMO 2

- During his red shirt sophomore year at Wake Forest, 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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	sv	CS	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	2	252	0	1	0	0



ANGEL AGUAS

ain-jill ah-gwas

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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.

MLS NEXT PRO	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

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	2	2	128	0	0	1	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	2	203	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	2	207	0	0	2	0



PAPA NDOYE

pa-pa en-doi

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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 hattricks in back-to-back matches to lead his team to two comeback victories.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	2	166	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	3	271	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	2	1	80	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



JOSUHA RODRIGUEZ

yoh-suh-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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	2	0	49	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	2	189	0	0	0	0



DAVID "PACHITOO" POLANCO

15

FORWARD

HT: 6-0

WT: 180

DOB: 02/09/1999

PREVIOUS CLUB: BARRY UNIVERSITY

- Throughout his time at Barry University, 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).
- Pachittoo scored the first goal in Carolina Core FC's history in a 1-1 draw against Crown Legacy FC. His goal took us to penalties, where we would win the shootout and secure a crucial second point over our Carolina rivals.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	2	152	2	0	1	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 IV.
- Fun Fact: Carlos Mario was born in Ibague, Colombia.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	2	145	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	1	1	70	0	0	1	0



NICHOLAS PECHENYI

pe-che-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.

MLS NEXT PRO	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	3	285	0	0	1	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	1	0	26	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	1	140	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	1	0	14	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	3	3	285	0	1	2	0



DRAKE HADEED

25

FORWARD

HT: 5-8

WT: 160

DOB: 11/21/2007

PREVIOUS CLUB: COLUMBUS CREW ACADEMY

- From 2020-2023, Drake 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.
- Drake made his professional debut in CCFC's inaugural match. He came on in the 80th minute and helped the team to a 1-1 draw against Carolina rivals Crown Legacy FC.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	1	0	14	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	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

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	2	2	177	0	0	1	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).

MLS NEXT PRO	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.

MLS NEXT PRO	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	YC	RC
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LAST
STARTING
XI



SUNDAY,
MARCH 31
L 1-0



HEAD COACH
ROY LASSITER

SUBSTITUTES

- 1 - PANNENBERG
- 5 - AGUAS
- 8 - OREJUELA
- 11 - LUGO
- 18 - WHITE IV
- 21 - CUEVAS
- 22 - GREGOIRE

SUBSTITUTIONS

- 18 - WHITE IV
- 21 - CUEVAS
- 8 - OREJUELA
- 5 - AGUAS
- 22 - GREGOIRE



LAST
STARTING
XI

CHICAGO FIRE FC II
US OPEN CUP

WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 17
L 1-0



HEAD COACH
L. TAILLANDIER

- SUBSTITUTES**
- 35 - OREGEL
 - 46 - CALLE
 - 58 - NESCI
 - 59 - BLAKE
 - 64 - CUPPS
 - 67 - GRANDA
 - 80 - STECHNIJ

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CAROLINA CORE FC PARTICIPATION CHART



Player	3/17 @CLFC	3/24 @ATL2	3/31 @REV2	4/14 @OCB	4/19 @CFII	4/27 @CHAT	5/8 @ATL2	5/19 @MIA2	5/23 @TFCII	6/1 v. HCFC	6/15 v. CIN2	6/22 @CHAT	6/28 @HCFC	7/7 @OCB
AGUAS	DNP	DNP	DNP											
BAILEY	DNP	DNP	NS											
BAZAES	NS	NS	NS											
CANETE	CM - 94'	CM - 93'	CM - 98'											
CHARLES	NS	NS	NS											
COVI	CB - 94'	CB - 93'	CB - 98'											
CUEVAS	NS	RWB - 26'	NS											
C. DIAZ	UNAV	CB - 93'	CB - 84'											
C.M. DIAZ	LWB - 46'	LWB - 67'	LWB - 32'											
EVANS	CM - 80'	CM - 93'	CM - 98'											
FREEMAN	ST - 14'	NS	NS											
GREGOIRE	LWB - 48'	LWB - 26'	LWB - 66'											
HADEED	CM - 14'	NS	NS											
JUAMPI	CB - 94'	CB - 34'	INJ											
JUAREZ	RWB - 94'	RWB - 67'	RWB - 28'											
LUGO	CM - 46'	DNP	CM - 32'											
MILLER	DNP	NS	NS											
NDOYE	ST - 80'	ST - 58'	ST - 28'											
OREJUELA	CM - 46'	CM - 93'	CM - 66'											
PANNENBERG	NS	NS	DNP											
PECHENYI	NS	NS	NS											
POLANCO	ST - 24'	ST - 58'	ST - 70'											
RODRIGUEZ	NS	ST - 35'	ST - 14'											
STACHUK	NS	NS	NS											
SUBAH	ST - 70'	ST - 35'	ST - 98'											
SUTTON	GK - 94'	GK - 93'	GK - 98'											
THOMAS	CB - 94'	CB - 59'	CB - 98'											
WHITE IV	DNP	DNP	RWB - 70'											

Player	7/13 v. CLFC	7/17 v. CHAT	7/27 v. NYCFC2	8/3 v. OCB	8/7 v. MIA2	8/16 @ CIN2	8/24 v. REVII	8/28 v. ATL2	9/1 v. RBNY2	9/11 v. PHL2	9/14 v. CLFC	9/22 @ COL2	9/29 v. HCFC	10/6 v. MIA2
AGUAS														
BAILEY														
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SUBAH														
SUTTON														
THOMAS														
WHITE IV														

Key
 Position-Minutes - Starting Position Minutes Played
 SUB-Minutes - Substitute-Minutes played
 DNP - Unused Substitute
 UNAV - Unavailable For Selection
 INJ - Injured
 SUS - Suspended
 INTL - Intl' Duty
 NS - Not Selected

EASTERN CONFERENCE		MP	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	NY RED BULLS II	5	3	0	2	14	10	4	13
2	PHILADELPHIA UNION II	5	3	0	2	11	4	7	12
3	INTER MIAMI II	5	3	1	1	12	12	0	10
4	CHATTANOOGA	4	2	0	2	12	5	7	9
5	CHICAGO FIRE II	4	1	0	3	9	7	2	8
6	COLUMBUS CREW 2	4	2	1	1	9	9	0	7
7	ORLANDO CITY B	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	6
8	NYCFC II	4	1	2	1	9	7	2	5
9	CROWN LEGACY FC	4	0	1	3	5	7	-2	5
10	FC CINCINNATI 2	5	1	3	1	6	10	-4	4
11	TORONTO FC II	3	1	2	0	4	5	-1	3
12	ATLANTA UNITED 2	3	1	2	0	6	8	-2	3
13	NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION II	4	1	3	0	6	11	-5	3
14	HUNTSVILLE CITY FC	5	0	2	0	8	10	-2	3
15	CAROLINA CORE FC	3	0	2	1	2	7	-5	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE		MP	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	VENTURA COUNTY FC	5	4	1	0	13	7	6	12
2	LAFC 2	5	3	1	1	10	7	3	11
3	SPORTING KC II	5	3	2	0	13	9	4	9
4	TACOMA DEFIANCE	5	3	2	0	12	10	2	9
5	ST. LOUIS CITY 2	5	2	1	2	6	5	1	9
6	NORTH TEXAS SC	4	1	0	3	4	3	1	8
7	THE TOWN FC	4	2	1	1	6	4	2	7
8	PORTLAND TIMBERS 2	5	1	1	3	6	6	0	7
9	WHITECAPS FC 2	4	1	1	2	8	7	1	6
10	REAL MONARCHS	4	1	2	1	5	7	-2	5
11	COLORADO RAPIDS 2	5	1	3	1	8	13	-5	4
12	AUSTIN FC II	3	1	2	0	2	4	-2	3
13	MNUFC 2	2	0	2	0	2	6	-4	0
14	HOUSTON DYNAMO 2	4	0	4	0	3	10	-7	0



2024 OUTFIELD PLAYER STATS (MLS NEXT PRO)

No.	Player	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	AST
4	K. THOMAS	3	2	252	0	1
5	AGUAS	0	0	0	0	0
6	JUAMPI	2	2	128	0	0
7	SUBAH	3	2	203	0	0
8	OREJUELA	3	2	207	0	0
9	NDOYE	3	2	166	0	0
10	EVANS	3	3	271	0	0
11	LUGO	2	1	80	0	0
12	CHARLES	0	0	0	0	0
13	RODRIGUEZ	2	0	49	0	0
14	JUAREZ	3	2	189	0	0
15	POLANCO	3	2	152	2	0
17	C.M. DIAZ	3	2	145	0	0
18	WHITE IV	1	1	70	0	0
19	PECHENYI	0	0	0	0	0
20	COVI	3	3	285	0	0
21	CUEVAS	1	0	26	0	0
22	GREGOIRE	3	1	140	0	0
23	FREEMAN	1	0	14	0	0
24	CANETE	3	3	285	0	1
25	HADEED	1	0	14	0	0
28	STACHUK	0	0	0	0	0
44	C. DIAZ	2	2	177	0	0
77	BAZAES	0	0	0	0	0
99	MILLER	0	0	0	0	0

2024 GOALKEEPER STATS

No.	Player	GP	GS	MIN	GAA	SO	SV
0	Alex Sutton	3	3	285	43%	0	8
1	Andrew Pannenberg	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	Robert Bailey	0	0	0	0	0	0

GOALS



POLANCO 2

ASSISTS



CANETE 1
K. THOMAS 1

GAMES STARTED



COVI 3
SUTTON 3
CANETE 3

PASS PERCENTAGE



RODRIGUEZ 100%
SUBAH 96.8%
EVANS 93.5%

SHOTS



EVANS 10
POLANCO 7
SUBAH 6

SHOTS ON TARGET



POLANCO 3
SUBAH 3
C.M. DIAZ 2

KEY ATTACKING PASSES



CANETE 9
EVANS 4
JUAREZ 4

MINUTES PLAYED



CANETE 270
COVI 270
SUTTON 270

SAVES



PANNENBERG 8