



# CAROLINA CORE FC GAME NOTES

CAROLINA CORE FC VS. NEW YORK CITY II

Saturday, April 5th



CAROLINA CORE FC

NYCFC II

2025 CAROLINA CORE FC SCHEDULE



VS



0-1-1 (2 pts)

2-1-1 (8 pts)

## MATCH INFORMATION

DATE: APRIL 5th

KICKOFF: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: TRUIST POINT STADIUM  
(HIGH POINT, NC)

FORECAST: Cloudy, 76°

WHERE TO WATCH: MLS Season Pass

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## 2025 MLS NEXT PRO TEAM STATS

CAROLINA CORE FC		NYCFC II
0-1-1	RECORD	2-1-1
1	POINTS PER GAME	2
2	GAMES PLAYED	4
12	LEAGUE POSITION	2
1	GOALS	7
1	GOALS/GAME	1.75
0	ASSISTS	5
3	GOALS ALLOWED	6
1.5	ALLOWED/GAME	1.5
-1	GOAL DIFFERENTIAL	1
26	SHOTS	41
10	SHOTS (ON GOAL)	20
26	FOULS COMMITTED	47
6	CORNERS	23
5	CAUTIONS	10
0	EJECTIONS	1

### MARCH

13	Inter Miami II	D 1-1 (4-2 PENS)
20	Soda City FC	W 4-2
24	New York City FC II	L 2-1

### APRIL

1	Charlotte Independence	L 2-1
5	New York City FC II	7 pm ET
13	Chattanooga FC	3 pm ET
18	Toronto FC II	7 pm ET
23	Atlanta United 2	7:30 pm ET
26	Crown Legacy FC	7:30 pm ET

### MAY

4	New York Red Bulls 2	5 pm ET
10	Huntsville City FC	7 pm ET

### JUNE

1	Inter Miami II	7 pm ET
11	Orlando City B	7:30 pm ET
14	Chicago Fire FC II	7:30 pm ET
21	New York Red Bulls II	7:30 pm ET
28	Columbus Crew 2	6 pm ET

### JULY

4	Inter Miami II	7:30 pm ET
10	Crown Legacy FC	7 pm ET
13	Orlando City B	7 pm ET
19	Atlanta United 2	7:30 pm ET
30	Philadelphia Union II	7:30 pm ET

### AUGUST

2	New England Revolution II	7:30 pm ET
10	Huntsville City FC	7 pm ET
16	Chattanooga FC	7:30 pm ET
24	FC Cincinnati 2	6 pm ET

### SEPTEMBER

4	Crown Legacy FC	7 pm ET
13	Atlanta United 2	7:30 pm ET
21	Chattanooga FC	7 pm ET
27	Orlando City FC	7:30 pm ET

### OCTOBER

5	Huntsville City FC	1 pm ET
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## CAROLINA CORE FC 2025 Numerical Roster

No.	Player	Pronunciation	Position	Height	Hometown
0	Alex Sutton	AL-EX SUH-TON	GK	6-2	New York, NY
1	Andrew Pannenburg	PAN-EN-BURG	GK	6-2	Littleton, CO
2	Daniel Chica	CHEE-CUH	D	6-2	Leesburg, VA
3	Zion Scarlett	ZI-ON- SCAR-LET	D	6-2	Philadelphia, PA
4	Kai Thomas	KY TOM-US	D	6-2	Coral Springs, FL
6	Juan Pablo Rodriguez	WAN-PAB-LO	D	5-9	San Juan, Argentina
7	Yekeson Subah	YEH-KE-SON SOO-BAH	F	5-10	Monrovia, Liberia
9	David "Pachi" Polanco	PAH-CHEE	F	6-0	Key Biscayne, FL
10	Jacob Evans	JAY-CUB EV-ENS	MF	5-9	Chester, England
11	Anthony Sumo Jr.	AN-THO-NEE SOO-MOH	F	6-2	Monrovia, Liberia
12	Alenga Charles	AH-LEN-GA	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
17	Glory Nzingo	GLOR-EE N-ZEE-NGOH	MF	5-8	Dublin, Ireland
19	Mateo Sarmiento	SAR-ME-EN-TOE	MF	5-8	Bucaramanga, Colombia
20	Ibrahim Covi	EE-BRAH-HEEM KO-VEE	D	6-3	Staten Island, NY
21	Derek Cuevas	KWE-VAS	MF	5-7	Barcelona, Spain
22	Cristian "Kiki" Gregoire	KEY-KEY GRE-GWAR	D	5-9	Kalamazoo, MI
24	Facundo Canete	FAH-KUNDO CUH-NET-TEE	MF	5-10	Córdoba, Argentina
25	Drake Hadeed	HAH-DEED	MF	5-8	Miami, FL
26	Paul Leonardi	LEE-OH-NARDI	D	5-7	Marseille, France
29	Santiago Cambindo	CAM-BEAN-DO	MF	6-0	Ibagué, Colombia
31	Robert Bailey	RAH-BERT BAE-LEE	GK	6-2	Orlando, FL
77	Jonathan Bazaes	JAH-NEE BAH-ZY-ES	F	5-11	Queens, NY
99	Aryeh Miller	ARE-EE-AYE	MF	6-1	High Point, NC





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# CAROLINA CORE FC

## Fox Facts



### REMATCH AT THE POINT

#### CCFC Hosts Rematch With NYCFC II

Carolina Core FC is preparing for a significant rematch against NYCFC II following last week's road encounter. CCFC's visit to the Big Apple resulted in a narrow 2-1 defeat, with CCFC midfielder Jacob Evans getting on the scoresheet for The Foxes. During the match, The Core outshot their opponents 13-5 and forced the goalkeeper to make five saves. After Evans pulled one back in the 80th minute, NYCFC II's defense managed to keep CCFC at bay for the final 10 minutes, securing all three points.



### PLAYER TO WATCH

#### Facundo Canete at the Heart of the Midfield

Facundo Canete continues to demonstrate that he is a critical piece of CCFC's midfield presence. The Argentinian midfielder has already registered two goal contributions (one goal and one assist) in four matches across all competitions. However, Canete's defensive work rate sets him apart, as he boasts an 86% successful tackle rate, along with 18 duels won, 13 recoveries, and five interceptions in MLS Next Pro play. Facundo's contributions in the middle of the park have been pivotal to the results that The Foxes have achieved.



### NYCFC II AIMS TO BOUNCE BACK

#### NYCFC II Falls 3 - 2 in the New York Derby

New York City FC II dropped to second place in the Eastern Conference standings with eight points after its loss in the New York derby to New York Red Bulls II. In a game that looked like it was going to end in a 2-2 draw, New York Red Bulls II found a late goal in the 86th minute through 17-year-old Julian Hall. The loss puts an end to NYCFC II's unbeaten start to its MLS NEXT Pro campaign, and they will be looking to get back to winning ways by completing the double over The Foxes.





# CAROLINA CORE FC

## 2025 Coaching Staff



# DONOVAN RICKETTS

Previous Club: Carolina Core FC  
(Assistant/Goalkeeper Coach)

## HEAD COACH

- On October 18, 2024 Carolina Core FC announced the appointment of Donovan Ricketts as the new Head Coach. Ricketts joined CCFC during the 2024 season, serving as the Assistant and Goalkeeper Coach for the club's inaugural season, and will enter his second year with the club in 2025.
- 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.

# AMADO GUEVARA

Previous Team: Puerto Rico  
(Senior & U20s)

## ASSISTANT COACH



- 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 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.
- 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.





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## JC MARTINEZ

Previous Club: Houston Dynamo 2  
(Assistant)

### SOCCER ANALYST & ASSISTANT COACH

- 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 an assistant coach for the 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

Previous Club: Real Salt Lake,  
FC Arizona

### ASSISTANT COACH & HEAD SCOUT



- Williams starred 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.





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# 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.





# CAROLINA CORE FC

## 2025 Player Bios



### 0 ALEX SUTTON

GOALKEEPER

HT: 6-2

WT: 190

DOB: 05/26/2000

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** MARYLAND BOBCATS

- Sutton played with Maryland Bobcats FC for the 2023 season, appearing in 20 matches and recording 7 shutouts.
- During CCFC's inaugural season, Sutton started in 26 games and kept three clean sheets along with helping to three penalty kick shootout wins.
- In 2024, Sutton was also named MLS NEXT Pro August Co-Goalkeeper of the Month



### 1 ANDREW PANNENBURG

GOALKEEPER

HT: 6-2

WT: 190

DOB: 09/21/1998

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO 2

- A standout at Wake Forest University, Pannenburg was named to the The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) All-ACC Third Team Honors his sophomore year.
- Andrew would be selected in the second round (49th overall) of the 2021 MLS Superdraft by Orlando City SC.
- Pannenburg signed a contract with USL Championship club, Colorado Springs Switchbacks, making his professional debut with a 4-0 shutout victory over Sporting Kansas City.
- Following the creation of MLS NEXT Pro, Pannenburg joined Houston Dynamo 2, where he played his first two seasons.
- In 2024, Andrew played in two matches for CCFC, making six saves.





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## 2025 Player Bios



## 2 DANIEL CHICA

DEFENDER

HT: 6-2

WT: 174

DOB: 02/18/2002

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** LEXINGTON SC

- The Leesburg, VA., native signed his first professional contract in 2023 with USL Championship side Loudoun United FC, where he made 16 total appearances, registering 11 starts in all competitions. After his time with Loudoun United, Chica signed with Lexington SC in 2024. Shortly after, he made five appearances for the club during the USL League One regular season and USL Cup.
- After joining CCFC in the 2024 summer transfer window, Chica played nine matches for the club, starting in six and helping to keep three clean sheets.



## 3 ZION SCARLETT

DEFENDER

HT: 6-2

WT: 170

DOB: 05/05/2004

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** GREENVILLE TRIUMPH SC

- Scarlett, 20, joins Carolina Core FC after having played professionally with Columbus Crew 2 (2022-24) in MLS NEXT Pro and Greenville Triumph SC (2024) in USL League One.
- The experienced defender is also a former U20 Jamaican youth international, having made four appearances for the U20 Reggae Boyz with one goal.
- Most recently, Scarlett made 21 appearances during the 2024 USL League One regular season, highlighted by one goal and three assists.





# CAROLINA CORE FC

## 2025 Player Bios



### 4 KAI THOMAS

DEFENDER

HT: 6-2

WT: 188

DOB: 11/09/2002

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** FC CINCINNATI 2

- Thomas developed his talents under many notable 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.
- In 2023, Kai represented his squad as captain, appearing 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.
- Thomas was a key piece to CCFC in its inaugural season, with the defender playing 27 matches and starting in 26, while also notching two assists.



### 6 JUAN PABLO RODRIGUEZ

DEFENDER

HT: 6-2

WT: 185

DOB: 01/18/2003

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** CLUB ATLÉTICO LANÚS

- Rodriguez joined Carolina Core FC in 2024 from Club Atlético Lanús.
- Juan Pablo represented Argentina at the U16 level.
- Despite missing a large portion of the season through injury, Rodriguez returned to start in five matches and score one goal during the 2024 season.





# CAROLINA CORE FC

## 2025 Player Bios



### 7 YEKESON SUBAH

FORWARD

HT: 5-10

WT: 180

DOB: 02/13/2004

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** LAFC 2

- A North Carolina local, Subah returned to his home state after his time with LAFC.
- 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 stellar form earned him a call-up to LAFC's first team, where he made his MLS debut in a 2-1 win over Sporting KC. Subah would make two more appearances for the first team.
- Joining CCFC in 2024, Subah made 12 appearances and starting in four matches.



### 8 DRAKE HADEED

FORWARD

HT: 5-8

WT: 160

DOB: 11/21/2007

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** COLUMBUS CREW ACADEMY

- Hadeed spent his youth career with signed for West Ham United's academy before moving to Columbus Crew in MLS NEXT.
- Following impressive performances Hadeed would receive a call-up and make his debut for Antigua and Barbuda Men's National Team in 2023.
- As the club's first signing, Hadeed made his professional debut in CCFC's inaugural match, coming on in the 80th minute in a PK Shootout victory against Crown Legacy FC.
- Hadeed made five appearances in MLSNP for the club in 2024.





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## 2025 Player Bios



### 9 DAVID "PACHI" POLANCO

FORWARD

HT: 6-0

WT: 180

DOB: 02/09/1999

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** BARRY UNIVERSITY

- An alum of NCAA Division II Barry University, during his time there Pachi was named 2023 Sunshine State Conference Offensive Player of the Year, SSC Tournament MVP, and South Region Player of the Year. Pachi was also named to the Third-Team All-American in consecutive years (2022 and 2023).
- In his first season with CCFC, Pachi scored the first goal in Carolina Core FC's history in a PK Shootout victory over Crown Legacy FC.
- Pachi played 23 matches for the club, starting in 15 and scoring six goals.



### 10 JACOB EVANS

MIDFIELDER

HT: 5-9

WT: 165

DOB: 12/12/1997

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO 2

- The Chester, England native joined CCFC with two prior seasons of MLS Next Pro experience under his belt. Evans joined Carolina Core FC from Houston Dynamo 2 after making 51 appearances with the club.
- Evans played a large role in CCFC's first season, as he captained the club in all 28 matches in MLS NEXT Pro and registered eight goals, six assists, and a team-high 78 key passes.





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## 2025 Player Bios



## 11 ANTHONY SUMO JR

FORWARD

HT: 6-3

WT: 205

DOB: 04/26/1999

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Kalonji Pro-Profile

- Sumo, 25, joins Carolina Core FC after having played with Kalonji Pro-Profile (2020-2024) in the United Premier Soccer League (UPSL) and Apotheos (2023) in the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL)
- Sumo appeared for Kalonji Pro-Profile during the 2024-2025 UPSL regular season, highlighted by 21 goals and 10 assists, making him the fourth top goal-scorer in the league.
- The Monrovia, Liberia, native was a standout in the UPSL, scoring over 60 goals and registering over 30 assists in the span of four years.
- Throughout his four seasons spent in the UPSL, Sumo Jr. would win six Man of the Match awards for his outstanding displays.



## 12 ALENGA CHARLES

MIDFIELDER

HT: 5-6

WT: 143

DOB: 05/07/2003

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** FC CONGO AZ

- Alenga joined the club in 2024 after spending the previous season with FC Congo AZ of the NPSL.
- During the 2024 season, Alenga played in 18 matches (starting 17) and was second on the team for pass completion.





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## 2025 Player Bios



### 13 JOSHUA RODRIGUEZ

FORWARD

HT: 6-0

WT: 159

DOB: 07/21/2004

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** BUTTE UNITED SC

- The Durham, NC local joined Carolina Core FC from Butte United SC in 2024.
- In 2024, Rodriguez made 25 appearances (13 starts) for CCFC, where he scored five goals while registering 29 shots.



### 14 JATHAN JUAREZ

DEFENDER

HT: 5-5

WT: 138

DOB: 12/24/2002

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO 2

- Juarez joined Carolina Core FC in 2024 from MLS NEXT Pro side, Houston Dynamo 2.
- With Dynamo, Juarez rose through the ranks, after joining Houston Dynamo Academy in 2018, going on to make 47 appearances for Dynamo Dos.
- In his first season with Carolina Core FC, Juarez played in 27 matches for the club, starting in 23 games and registering one goal and one assist.



# CAROLINA CORE FC

## 2025 Player Bios



# 17 GLORY NZINGO

MIDFIELDER

HT: 5-8

WT: 174

DOB: 11/04/2004

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Swansea City AFC

- Nzingo joins Carolina Core FC on loan from EFL Championship side Swansea City AFC for the 2025 MLS NEXT Pro season.
- The Dublin, Ireland native played professionally with French club Stade de Reims (2021-23) in the French Third Division.
- Nzingo is a current Republic of Ireland under-21 international, having made two appearances for The Boys in Green during 2024.
- Most recently, Nzingo featured for the Swansea City under-21s, where he has scored nine goals in the 2024-25 campaign, including a hat trick against Crewe Alexandra FC.



# 19 MATEO SARMIENTO

MIDFIELDER

HT: 5-8

WT: 150

DOB: 7/23/2004

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Inter Miami CF

- Sarmiento, 20, joins Carolina Core FC after having played with Inter Miami CF Academy (2024) in the United Premier Soccer League (UPSL)
- The Bucaramanga, Colombia, native began his career playing with Weston FC in USL League Two, making seven total appearances during the 2022 season.
- Sarmiento would go on to sign and play collegiately for NCAA Division One Iona University, making eight appearances during the Fall 2023 season.
- After his time at Iona, Sarmiento would return to Florida and compete with Inter Miami CF Academy's UPSL side in 2024.



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## 2025 Player Bios



# 20 IBRAHIM COVI

DEFENDER

HT: 6-3

WT: 190

DOB: 03/21/2000

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** PONFERRADINA B

- After moving to Paris, France, at a young age Ibrahim Covi began his youth career with Paris FC.
- Covi has also played for clubs such as FCM Aubervilliers (France), FC Metz (France), and SD Ponferradina (Spain).
- Covi made his professional debut on 19 November 2022 in a 1-1 Segunda División home draw against Real Oviedo. During the 2022 season, Covi would help SD Ponferradina B in their promotion to Tercera Federación
- Joining CCFC in 2024, Covi started in 25 matches for The Foxes, grabbing three goals and securing three clean sheets.



# 21 DEREK CUEVAS

MIDFIELDER

HT: 5-7

WT: 143

DOB: 01/07/2004

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** FC BARCELONA-U20

- Cuevas, 20, joined the club in 2024 after spending the previous season with the FC Barcelona U20 team in Spain.
- Holding dual citizenship in the Dominican Republic, Cuevas has appeared for the Dominican U20 and U23 national teams.
- Cuevas was a key part of CCFC's inaugural season, as the winger appeared in 20 matches (starting 10) and recorded five assists.



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## 2025 Player Bios



# 22 CRISTIAN "KIKI" GREGOIRE

DEFENDER

HT: 5-9

WT: 155

DOB: 04/08/2005

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** BARÇA RESIDENCY ACADEMY

- Gregoire, 18, joined the club in 2024 after spending the previous season with the Barcelona Academy in Arizona, where he was a member of Barca's 2021-22 MLS Next Southwest Division Championship U17 team.
- During the 2024 season, Gregoire made 12 appearances, starting in eight matches and producing 12 key passes.



# 24 FACUNDO CANETE

MIDFIELDER

HT: 5-10

WT: 160

DOB: 02/22/2000

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** VALLEY UNITED FC

- Facundo joined CCFC in 2024 from NISA (National Independent Soccer Association) side Valley United FC.
- In 2024, Facundo ended the season as the top goal scorer and assist leader at CCFC, scoring 11 goals and providing seven assists in MLSNP.
- Following a stellar season, Canete was named MLS BEXT XI Honorable Mention.





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### 26 PAUL LEONARDI

DEFENDER

HT: 5-7

WT: 157

DOB: 04/23/2000

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** STADE LAVAL B

- Leonardi started his career in 2017 with AS Monaco U19, playing for the French giants in the UEFA Youth League.
- In 2018, he made the move to AC Ajaccio B in the French Fifth Division, where he made 11 appearances. After a three year stint with Ajaccio, he moved to AS Furiana-Aglia in the French Fourth Division, where he made eight appearances for the club during the Championnat Nation 3 (Fifth Division) season.
- He then moved to Stade Laval B in 2022 in the French Second Division. Leonardi made 11 appearances with 10 starts for the club during the 2023-24 Ligue 2 season.
- Following his addition in the 2024 summer transfer window, Leonardi played in four matches, with all four appearances coming off the bench.



### 29 SANTIAGO CAMBINDO

MIDFIELDER

HT: 6-0

WT: 165

DOB: 09/03/2003

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** HOUSTON DYNAMO U20

- The Ibagué, Colombia native joined CCFC from the Houston Dynamo U20s.
- Cambindo was a key piece to CCFC's midfield in 2024, as the Colombian made 22 appearances, starting 19.



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## 2025 Player Bios



**31** **ROBERT  
BAILEY**

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.
- Robert played 6 matches for UAH, and produced 3 shutouts on the season.
- In 2023, Robert transferred to Lee University to continue his playing career totaling 532 minutes and posting 2 shutouts.
- Robert joined Carolina Core FC prior to the 2024 season.



**77** **JOHNNY  
BAZAES**

MIDFIELDER HT: 5-11 WT: 169 DOB: 10/05/2002

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** ALBION SD

- Bazaes, joined CCFC in 2024 spending the previous season with the Albion SD, where he made 33 appearances, scoring 2 goals.
- In the 2024 MLSNP season, Bazaes made seven appearances and started in one match.



# CAROLINA CORE FC

## 2025 Player Bios



**99** **ARYEH  
MILLER**

MIDFIELDER

HT: 6-1

WT: 180

DOB: 01/29/2006

**PREVIOUS CLUB:** CHARLOTTE FC ACADEMY

- Miller, born in High Point, returned to CCFC as their first signing for the 2024 season after spending time with the Charlotte FC Academy.
- During the 2024 season, Miller registered nine appearances, starting in six matches in defense and in midfield.
- In 2024, Miller also received multiple call-ups to the Liberia U20 National Team

# LAST STARTING XI



Tuesday, April  
1st  
12-1



HEAD COACH  
DONOVAN  
RICKETTS

## SUBSTITUTES

77 - Bazaes  
29 - Cambindo  
99 - Miller  
17 - Nzingo  
9 - Polanco  
19 - Sarmiento  
0 - Sutton



# LAST STARTING XI



**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 30  
13-2**



## HEAD COACH

Matt Pilkington

## SUBSTITUTES

58 - P. Infuso

89 - D. Thomas

90 - D. McDermott

75 - E. Guarino

87 - J. Loura

80 - B. Klein

81 - S. Musu





# CAROLINA CORE FC

## Participation Chart



Player	3/13 vs. MIA	3/24 vs. NYC
Bailey	NS	NS
Bazaes	NS	NS
Cambindo	DNP	CM - 45'
Canete	CM - 90'	CAM - 90'
Charles	CM - 90'	CM - 90'
Chica	CB - 90'	CB - 90'
Covi	CB - 80'	CB - 90'
Cuevas	DNP	DNP
Evans	CAM - 90'	CAM - 90'
Gregoire	DNP	NS
Hadeed	CAM - 71'	CM - 45'
Juarez	LM - 90'	LM - 90'
Leonardi	RM - 90'	RM - 77'
Miller	DNP	DNP
Nzingo	NS	NS
Pannenberg	DNP	DNP
Polanco	ST - 80'	ST - 77'
J. Rodriguez	ST - 10'	ST - 13'
J.P. Rodriguez	CB - 90'	CB - 45'
Sarmiento	NS	NS
Scarlett	NS	RM - 13'
Subah	NS	NS
Sumo Jr	NS	NS
Sutton	GK - 90'	GK - 90'
Thomas	CB - 10'	CB - 45'

Player	3/13 vs. MIA
Bailey	
Bazaes	
Cambindo	
Canete	
Charles	
Chica	
Covi	
Cuevas	
Evans	
Gregoire	
Hadeed	
Juarez	
Leonardi	
Miller	
Nzingo	
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Sarmiento	
Scarlett	
Subah	
Sumo Jr	
Sutton	
Thomas	



# 2025 MLSNP Standings



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



# 2025

## MLSNP Regular Season Stats



### 2025 Outfield Player Stats

No.	Player	GP	GS	MIN	GLS	AST
2	Daniel Chica	2	2	180	0	0
3	Zion Scarlett	1	0	13	0	0
4	Kai Thomas	2	0	55	0	0
6	Juan Pablo Rodriguez	2	2	135	0	0
7	Yekeson Subah	0	0	0	0	0
9	David "Pachi" Polanco	2	2	157	0	0
10	Jacob Evans	2	2	180	2	0
11	Anthony Sumo Jr.	0	0	0	0	0
12	Alenga Charles	2	2	180	0	0
13	Josuha Rodriguez	2	0	23	0	0
14	Jathan Juarez	2	2	180	0	0
17	Glory Nzingo	0	0	0	0	0
19	Mateo Sarmiento	0	0	0	0	0
20	Ibrahim Covi	2	2	170	0	0
21	Derek Cuevas	0	0	0	0	0
22	Cristian Gregoire	0	0	0	0	0
24	Facundo Canete	2	2	180	0	0
25	Drake Hadeed	2	1	116	0	0
29	Santiago Cambindo	2	1	64	0	0
77	Johnny Bazaes	0	0	0	0	0
99	Aryeh Miller	0	0	0	0	0

### 2025 GOALKEEPER STATS

No.	Player	GP	GS	MIN	GA/G	SO	SV
0	Alex Sutton	AL-EX SUH-TON	2	180	1.5	0	0
1	Andrew Pannenberg	PAN-EN-BURG	0	0	0	0	0
31	Robert Bailey	RAH-BERT BAE-LEE	0	0	0	0	0



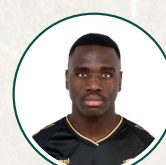
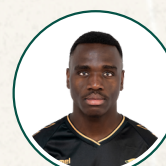
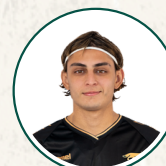


# 2025

## MLSNP Regular Season Individual Leaders



GOALS	EVANS	2
	CAMBINDO	0
	CANETE	0
ASSISTS	BAZAES	0
	CAMBINDO	0
	CANETE	0
GAMES PLAYED	ALENGA	2
	CAMBINDO	2
	CANETE	2
PASS PERCENTAGE	CAMBINDO	100
	RODRIGUEZ	100
	SCARLETT	100
SHOTS	POLANCO	6
	CANETE	4
	EVANS	4
SHOTS ON TARGET	CANETE	2
	EVANS	2
	POLANCO	2
KEY ATTACKING PASSES	EVANS	7
	POLANCO	4
	HADEED	3
MINUTES PLAYED	ALENGA	180
	CANETE	180
	CHICA	180
SAVES	BAILEY	0
	PANNENBERG	0
	SUTTON	0







# 2025 ROSTER

Carolina Core FC



## 2025 ROSTER



BAILEY



BAZAES



CAMBINDO



CANETE



CHARLES



CHICA



COVI



CUEVAS



EVANS



GREGOIRE



HADEED



JUAREZ



LEONARDI



MILLER



NZINGO



PANNENBERG



POLANCO



J. RODRIGUEZ



J.P. RODRIGUEZ



SARMIENTO



SCARLETT



SUBAH



SUMO JR.



SUTTON



THOMAS





# All-Time Stats

Carolina Core FC Stat Leaders (All Competitions)



CATEGORY	TOP SCORER	STAT	2nd	STAT	3rd	STAT
GOALS	Facundo Canete	12	Jacob Evans	10	Josuha Rodriguez	7
ASSISTS	Facundo Canete	8	Jacob Evans	6	Derek Cuevas	5
GAMES PLAYED	Jacob Evans	30	Jathan Juarez	29	Kai Thomas	29
SHUTOUTS	Alex Sutton	3	Andrew Pannenburg	0	Robert Bailey	0
SHOTS	Jacob Evans	65	Facundo Canete	59	David Polanco	44
GAMES STARTED	Jacob Evans	30	Alex Sutton	28	Kai Thomas	28
KEY ATTACKING PASSES	Jacob Evans	82	Facundo Canete	43	Jathan Juarez	25
MINUTES PLAYED	Jacob Evans	2579	Alex Sutton	2430	Kai Thomas	2419
SAVES	Alex Sutton	86	Andrew Pannenburg	6	Robert Bailey	0
FOULS SUFFERED	Jacob Evans	56	Facundo Canete	49	Jathan Juarez	36
SHOTS ON TARGET	Jacob Evans	23	Facundo Canete	21	David Polanco	15
CAUTIONS (YELLOWS)	Facundo Canete	10	Ibrahim Covi	9	David Polanco	7
PENALTY-KICK (GOALS)	Facundo Canete	6	Ibrahim Covi	3	David Polanco	0
CORNER KICKS	Jacob Evans	88	Facundo Canete	28	Jonathan Bazaes	3
WINS	Jacob Evans	15	Facundo Canete	15	Alex Sutton	13