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RECORD: 0-0-3 (0pts)

## AWAY



RECORD: 2-2-0 (8 pts)

VS

## MATCH INFO

COMPETITION: Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC vs Sacramento Republic

DATE: Saturday, April 6th, 2024

KICKOFF: 6:00 PM MT

LOCATION: Weidner Field, Colorado Springs, CO

FORECAST: 43°, Partly Cloudy, Wind WNW 25 MPH

REFEREE: Brad Jensen

AR'S: Matthew Schwartz, Stephen McGonagle

4th OFFICIAL: JT Belzer

ESPN+ | 740 KVOR

## PREVIOUS GAME RECAP

The Colorado Springs Switchbacks went to Texas to battle San Antonio FC and ended with a final score of 2-0.

The air was intense in San Antonio with this being the first time the teams have faced off since the 2023 USL Championship playoffs. In the 34', Juan Tejada drew a penalty in the 18, giving San Antonio a penalty kick. With the intense anticipation between San Antonio player Juan Agudelo and Switchbacks Goalkeeper Christian Herrera, Agudelo took the shot and Herrera quickly blocked the shot, keeping the score at 0-0.

Going into the second half, both teams were itching to get the first goal. In the 75', San Antonio player Lucas Silva snuck the ball into the net, giving San Antonio the first goal of the night. The Switchbacks were not backing down and kept applying pressure, especially with Quenzi Huerman and Ronaldo Damus repeatedly taking shots on target. With a few minutes left, San Antonio player Hugo Mbongue scores making the final score 2-0

## 2024 SCHEDULE

| DATE     | OPPONENT                    | TIME(MT)/RESULT | VENUE                                    |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 3/9/24   | @ Miami FC                  | 2-0 L           | Florida International University Stadium |
| 3/16/24  | vs. Detroit City FC         | 2-1 L           | Weidner Field                            |
| 3/23/24  | @ San Antonio FC            | 2-0 L           | Toyota Field                             |
| 4/6/24   | vs. Sacramento Republic     | 6:30 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 4/13/24  | @ Phoenix Rising FC         | 8:30 PM         | Phoenix Rising Stadium                   |
| 4/20/24  | vs. Indy Eleven             | 6:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 4/27/24  | @ Oakland Roots             | 8:00 PM         | Pioneer Stadium                          |
| 5/4/24   | vs. El Paso Locomotive      | 7:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 5/11/24  | @ Hartford Athletic         | 5:00 PM         | Trinity Health Stadium                   |
| 5/17/24  | vs. Rhode Island FC         | 7:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 6/1/24   | vs. Oakland Roots           | 7:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 6/8/24   | @ Memphis 901 FC            | 6:30 PM         | AutoZone Park                            |
| 6/15/24  | vs. Orange County SC        | 7:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 6/18/24  | @ Las Vegas Lights FC       | 8:30 PM         | Cashman Complex                          |
| 6/22/24  | @ New Mexico United         | 7:00 PM         | Rio Grande Credit Union                  |
| 6/29/24  | vs. Monterey Bay FC         | 7:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 7/4/24   | vs. FC Tulsa                | 7:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 7/13/24  | @ Birmingham Legion         | 5:30 PM         | Protective Stadium                       |
| 7/26/24  | vs. Las Vegas Lights FC     | 7:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 8/3/24   | vs. Phoenix Rising FC       | 2:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 8/10/24  | @ North Carolina FC         | 5:30 PM         | WakeMed Soccer                           |
| 8/17/24  | @ Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC | 5:00 PM         | Highmark Stadium                         |
| 8/24/24  | vs. New Mexico United       | 7:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 8/28/24  | vs. Memphis 901 FC          | 7:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 9/1/24   | @ FC Tulsa                  | 4:00 PM         | ONEOK Field                              |
| 9/7/24   | vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies       | 7:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 9/14/24  | vs. Charleston Battery      | 6:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 9/21/24  | @ El Paso Locomotive FC     | 7:00 PM         | Southwest University Park                |
| 9/28/24  | vs. Loudoun United FC       | 6:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 10/9/24  | @ Orange County SC          | 8:00 PM         | Championship Soccer Stadium              |
| 10/12/24 | vs. San Antonio FC          | 6:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |
| 10/19/24 | @ Monterey Bay FC           | 8:00 PM         | Cardinale Stadium                        |
| 10/26/24 | @ Sacramento Republic FC    | 6:00 PM         | Weidner Field                            |

## Previous Meetings

|     |     |     |                      |
|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|
| COS | 2-0 | SAC | September 24th, 2023 |
| SAC | 4-0 | COS | April 16th, 2023     |
| COS | 2-1 | SAC | October 30th, 2022   |
| SAC | 3-0 | COS | August 18th, 2022    |

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## Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC 2024 Roster

### PROPER WAYS TO ADDRESS THE CLUB

**OK to Use:** Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC, Colorado Springs Switchbacks, Colorado Springs, Switchbacks FC, Switchbacks

**DO NOT USE:** Colorado Switchbacks FC, Colorado Switchbacks, Colorado **\*\*NEEDS TO BE COLORADO SPRINGS, NOT JUST COLORADO\*\***

### NUMERICAL

| Jersey # | First Name Last Name    | Position(s) | Pronunciation      | DOB        | Height | Weight | Nationality   |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|--------|--------|---------------|
| 1        | Christian Herrera       | GK          |                    | 4/20/1997  | 6' 7"  | 210    | United States |
| 2        | Koa Santos              | D           |                    | 9/21/1999  | 5'10"  | 159    | United States |
| 3        | Wahab Ackwei            | D           | Ak-WEY             | 10/19/1996 | 6'0"   | 163    | Ghana         |
| 4        | Delentz Pierre          | D           | DUH-Lents          | 09/16/2000 | 6'1"   | 174    | United States |
| 5        | Matt Mahoney            | D           |                    | 4/17/1995  | 5' 11" | 165    | United States |
| 7        | Tyreek Magee            | M           |                    | 8/27/1999  | 5' 6"  | 150    | Jamaica       |
| 8        | Jonas Fjeldberg         | F           | fyeld-berg         | 9/30/1998  | 5' 10" | 165    | Norway        |
| 9        | Ronaldo Damus           | F           | DAH-mus            | 9/2/1998   | 5' 11" | 181    | Haiti         |
| 10       | Zach Zandi              | M           | ZAN-dee            | 7/18/1996  | 5' 6"  | 145    | United States |
| 11       | Quenzi Huerman          | F           |                    | 7/21/2000  | 6'0"   | 170    | France        |
| 13       | Steven Echevarria       | M           | Etch-eh-va-ree-Yuh | 4/9/1996   | 5' 8"  | 158    | United States |
| 14       | Duke Lacroix            | D           | la-KWAH            | 10/14/1993 | 5' 9"  | 158    | United States |
| 17       | Jairo Henriquez         | M           | HI-row en-REE-kez  | 8/31/1993  | 5' 7"  | 152    | El Salvador   |
| 18       | Aidan Rocha             | M           |                    | 12/25/2000 | 5'8"   | 160    | United States |
| 19       | Marco Rios              | F           |                    | 12/24/2005 | 6'1"   | 160    | United States |
| 20       | Yosuke Hanya            | M           | YOS-Kay HON-Yuh    | 1/30/1999  | 5'8"   | 160    | Japan         |
| 21       | Alex Andersson          | F           |                    | 9/27/2000  | 6'1"   | 185    | Sweden        |
| 23       | Joe Rice                | GK          |                    | 3/6/1996   | 6'4"   | 190    | United States |
| 27       | Juan Tejada             | F           | Wan tay-HADA       | 1/14/1997  | 5' 7"  | 160    | Panama        |
| 41       | James Musa              | D           | MOO-sa             | 4/1/1992   | 6' 1"  | 170    | New Zealand   |
| 46       | Dillon Clarke           | M           | Clark              | 4/20/2006  | 5' 11" | 146    | United States |
| 80       | Devon "Speedy" Williams | M           |                    | 4/8/1992   | 5' 9"  | 155    | Jamaica       |
| 99       | Maalique Foster         | M/F         | ma-LEEK            | 11/5/1996  | 5' 7"  | 149    | Jamaica       |



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## San Antonio FC 2024 Roster

| <u>Jersey #</u> | <u>Name</u>       | <u>Position(s)</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1               | Danny Vitiello    | GK                 |
| 2               | Jack Gurr         | D                  |
| 3               | Damia Viader      | D                  |
| 4               | Lee Desmond       | D                  |
| 5               | Jared Timmer      | D                  |
| 6               | Shane Wiedt       | D                  |
| 7               | Trevor Amann      | F                  |
| 8               | Rodrigo Lopez     | M                  |
| 9               | Juan Herrera      | F                  |
| 10              | Cristian Parano   | M                  |
| 11              | Russell Cicerone  | F                  |
| 14              | Da'vian Kimbrough | F                  |
| 15              | Rafael Jauregui   | M                  |
| 17              | Jonathan Ricketts | D                  |
| 19              | Nick Ross         | M                  |
| 20              | Blake Willey      | M                  |
| 24              | Conor Donovan     | D                  |
| 29              | Arnold Lopez      | M                  |
| 40              | Aldair Sanchez    | D                  |
| 41              | Luis Garcia       | D                  |
| 42              | F. Contreras      | F                  |
| 55              | Chibuike Ukaegbu  | D                  |
| 96              | Luis Felipe       | M                  |
| 99              | Jared Mazzola     | GK                 |

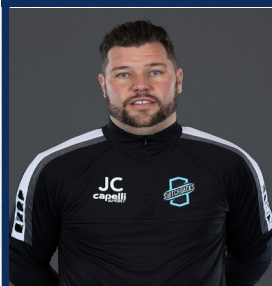


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## HEAD COACH: James Chambers



James Chambers will be in his first season as the Head Coach in 2023, after being promoted in January. Chambers joined the Switchbacks in 2021 after a storied career as a player and one season coaching with the Philadelphia Union Academy. Chambers began working in the Philadelphia Union pre-academy on a part-time basis while still playing for the Bethlehem Steel FC. He retired as a player in 2019, but continued his career rise as a full time coach for the Philadelphia Union Academy. The Union Academy is known for producing some of the most promising young talent in the United States, most recently including Brenden Aaronson, Mark McKenzie, Auston Trusty, Matt Real, Matt Freese, and many more. Chambers was elevated to Technical Director this past January.

## TECHNICAL DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT COACH: Alan McCann



Alan McCann joined the Switchbacks' in 2021 as the club's Director of Sports Performance and Assistant Coach. He previously served as the Head Coach of the Philadelphia Union's USL League Two affiliate, Reading United in 2018 & 2019. McCann led Reading United to a 22-3-5 record in two seasons with an undefeated regular season in 2018, alongside winning Mid-Atlantic Division, Eastern Conference & finishing as USL League Two Runners-Up in both years. 46 players progressed into the professional ranks during his two years in charge. He was named USL League Two Coach of the Year for both 2018 & 2019. In 2021 he took the reins at Ocean City Nor'easters in USL League Two finishing with a 10-2-3 record. 10 players progressed into the professional ranks during his year in charge. In the same year, McCann served as an Assistant Coach at NCAA DII powerhouse Palm Beach Atlantic University winning a Sunshine State Conference Regular Season Championship. From 2018-2022 McCann served as a Scouting Director for the USL League Two Scouting Network.

## DIRECTOR OF SPORTS PERFORMANCE AND ASSISTANT COACH: Matt Besemer



Matt Besemer is the newest Director of Performance for the 2024 season. Besemer has previously worked with the Armstrong State University Women's soccer team, Orlando City Soccer Club, Athlete Training and Health, the Houston Dash, and Hartford Athletic. During his time with the Houston Dash, he helped the team win the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup.

## GOALKEEPER COACH: Calle Brown



The newest goalkeeper coach, Calle Brown, joined the Switchbacks late in the 2023 season. Brown started his professional career back in 2011 and has since played for Northern Virginia Royals, Pittsburgh Riverhounds, Houston Dynamo, Rio Grande Valley FC Toros, Seattle Sounders FC 2, and Loudoun United FC





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## #1 Christian Herrera

Goalkeeper

Hometown: Las Cruces, New Mexico

Acquired: 2022

DOB: 4/20/97

Height: 6' 7"

Weight: 218



Herrera, 26, is going into his third season with the Switchbacks. For the 2023 season, Herrera stepped up as the lead goalkeeper, making 27 appearances with 82 saves, 10 clean sheets, and 20 clearances. A solid goalkeeper in 2022 as well, Herrera earned 28 saves and seven clearances in seven games played, with a save rate of 68.3%. Herrera's professional career began with the USL side Real Monarchs, playing on their academy team. Herrera spent the 2016 season on loan to C.F. Pachuca, and the 2017 season on loan to Portland Timbers II, before signing with the Swope Park Rangers for 2018. In 2019 he moved to Orlando City B, before spending 2020 between Oakland Roots and Tacoma Defiance. Herrera officially joined Tacoma Defiance for 2021, on loan from the Oakland Roots. In 2021, Herrera notched three clean sheets in eighteen matches, with a 69% save success rate and twenty clearances.

| GP | MIN | SV | GA | CS | YC |
|----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| 3  | 270 | 7  | 6  | 0  | 0  |

## #2 Koa Santos

Defender

Hometown: Waikoloa, Hawaii

Acquired: 2024

DOB: 9/21/199

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 155



His first season with the Switchbacks, Santos, 24, joined Loudoun United FC in 2023, where he earned two assists, 30 key passes, 31 clearances, 37 tackles, and 27 interceptions. The Hawaii native played for San Diego State University; while there he netted two goals and had three assists in his 58 appearances. Santos made history by being the first men's soccer player from Hawaii to play in the PAC-12. The defender made his professional debut playing for the MLS team, Charlotte FC, on June 25th, 2022 against Club de Foot Montreal. A notable moment in Santos's MLS career was when he recorded an assist in the Open Cup Match against the Richmond Kickers. Santos was then sent on a loan to USL League One with Charlotte Independence where he made 19 appearances, scored one goal, had two assists, 23 interceptions, and 24 clearances.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 2  | 138 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 1  |

## #3 Wahab Ackwei

Defender

Hometown: Accra, Ghana

Acquired: 2024

DOB: 10/19/24

Height: 6' 2"

Weight: 163



Ackwei comes to the Switchbacks most recently from former USL Championship side Rio Grande Valley FC. Throughout the 2023 season, he netted two goals, had 66 clearances, won 14 tackles, and held a passing accuracy of 80.8%. The Ghana native started his professional career playing in the Ghana Premier League for Inter Allies FC from 2014-2017. The following year, Ackwei made seven appearances for New York Red Bulls II. Ackwei, 27, played two seasons starting in 2019 with the Richmond Kickers recording 29 interceptions, 97 clearances, and 22 tackles. In 2021, Ackwei was signed to play for Loudon United FC for a season making nine appearances.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 0  | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |

## #4 Delentz Pierre

Defender

Hometown: Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Acquired: 2024

DOB: 9/16/00

Height: 6' 1"

Weight: 174



The 23-year-old returns back to Colorado Springs again on loan from Real Monarchs SLC. Pierre joined the Switchbacks near the end of the 2023 season, making six appearances for the side. For the majority of the 2023 season, Pierre played for Real Monarchs SLC, recording one goal in 1,121 minutes of action. Delentz has also made a pair of appearances for RSL in the 2023 season's Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, helping the side claim victories against the USL Championship's Las Vegas Lights FC and MLS's Portland Timbers FC. Before his college career, Delentz competed for the Monarchs as a USL Academy signing in the 2019 USL Championship season, making four appearances for the side before departing for college in the fall.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 1  | 90  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |



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## #5 Matt Mahoney

Defender

Hometown: Poughkeepsie, NY  
DOB: 4/17/1995  
Acquired: 2020  
Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 165



A veteran of the team, Mahoney joins the Switchbacks for his fourth year this 2024 season. For the past three seasons, Mahoney has made 128 appearances, netted three goals, had seven assists, and played 11,081 minutes with the club. In 2023, as Captain, Mahoney posted 112 clearances, 128 duels won, and 40 interceptions. This seasoned player earned a solid spot in the starting eleven for every game he played in throughout the season. Previously he played two seasons with Sacramento Republic FC and two seasons with Bethlehem Steel FC. In his professional career, Mahoney has recorded 167 appearances, seven goals, nine assists, and he's made the playoffs in all seven seasons of play. Mahoney also earned a Team of the Week mention in week 11 of the 2020 season, as well as weeks 14, 14, and 29 of 2022.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 3  | 270 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |

## #7 Tyreek Magee

Midfielder

Hometown: Kingston, Jamaica  
DOB: 8/27/24  
Acquired: 2023  
Height: 5' 6"  
Weight: 150



A midfielder who joined the team midseason last May, Magee quickly made an impact with the team, playing just over 1,000 minutes in 25 games through the season. A versatile midfielder, Magee held an average passing accuracy of 84.4% and 26 key passes, in addition to notching three goals and two assists for himself. Magee was also named to Team of the Week for the USL Championship for week 24. Before joining the Switchbacks in May 2023, the 24 year old played for KAS Eupen, where he made five appearances for the Belgian side, all of which were substitutions. He competed for 88 minutes among those appearances. The native of Kingston, Jamaica is also a member of the Jamaican Men's National Team, with whom he has competed in four different international competitions, the most notable being the 2019 Gold Cup, and qualification matches for the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 0  | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |

## #8 Jonas Fjeldberg

Forward

Hometown: Jessheim, Norway  
DOB: 9/30/98  
Acquired: 2023  
Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 165



Fjeldberg will be entering his second season with the Switchbacks after being acquired midway through 2023. The winger made an instant impact last season with a total of 20 appearances, earning one goal, two assists, and holding a passing accuracy of 71.1%. The Norwegian native attended the University of Dayton and played for their men's soccer team for four seasons, earning 22 goals and 21 assists. Fjeldberg started his professional career in 2021 when he was drafted in the MLS SuperDraft by FC Cincinnati. In late 2021, he was loaned to Rio Grande Valley FC Toros. Before joining the Switchbacks, Fjeldberg played for Indy Eleven and earned eight goals in 28 appearances.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 2  | 57  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |

## #9 Ronaldo Damus

Forward

Hometown: Hinche, Haiti  
DOB: 9/12/24  
Acquired: 2024  
Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 181



Damus, 24, spent the 2023 season on loan from GIF Sundsvall to San Diego Loyal SC, playing a total of 1,964 minutes and racking up 15 goals. Before joining SD, he signed with GIF Sundsvall back in 2022. Throughout his first season in Sweden's Allsvenskan, the country's first division, he recorded five goals and two assists in 27 matches. The forward made his professional debut in USL League One in 2019 with North Texas SC, and helped the team win the USL League One Players' Shield and the USL League One Final in his first year with the club. He was named to the 2019 USL League One All-League First Team and won the USL League One Golden Boot with 16 goals. In 2021, Damus jumped to the USL Championship with Orange County SC, where he earned 18 goals and three assists in 31 games. as Orange County, and was named USL Championship Final MVP.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 3  | 253 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |



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## #10 Zach Zandi

### Midfielder

Hometown: Westchester, Pennsylvania

Acquired: 2020

DOB: 7/18/96

Height: 5' 6"

Weight: 142



Zandi, 27, is entering his fourth season with the Switchbacks. With a strong start to his 2023 season, unfortunately a major injury had him out of commission for most of the year. Despite this, Zandi has made an incredible impact with the Switchbacks. In the 2021 and 2022 seasons, Zandi made 35 appearances and earned six goals and four assists, and completed 604 passes, with a passing accuracy of 76.7%. Zandi is an attacking midfielder that made the jump to the USL Championship after having a successful college career at Villanova University. The Pennsylvania native recorded three goals and six assists in his first professional season with Bethlehem Steel FC before joining the Switchbacks in 2021. That year, he made 15 appearances and notched a goal in his first season with the Switchbacks.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 3  | 70  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |

## #11 Quenzi Huerman

### Forward

Hometown: Vannes, France

Acquired: 2024

DOB: 7/21/00

Height: 6' 0"

Weight: 170



Starting his first year with the Switchbacks, Huerman spent 2023 with the University of North Carolina, racking up 1,467 minutes, 10 goals, and seven assists. He was also selected as a Third Team All-American honoree, making him the 50th All-American selection in history for UNC. Earlier in Huerman's collegiate career, he played for Palm Beach Atlantic University from 2019-2021 and Seton Hall University in 2022. Throughout his college career, he played in 49 games, accruing 13 goals and 16 assists. With an extensive list of accolades, Huerman was named to the 2021 All-SSC First Team and was SSC Player of the Year while attending Palm Beach Atlantic University. Huerman made his professional debut with USL League Two in 2022, playing for Asheville City SC for two seasons where he earned a total of 23 appearances, nine goals, and seven assists. In 2023, he was named USL League Two South Central Divisional Player of the Year.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 3  | 148 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  |

## #13 Steven Echevarria

### Midfielder

Hometown: Slate Hill, New York

Acquired: 2020

DOB: 4/9/96

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 155



Echevarria, 27, is a seasoned player going into his fourth season with the Switchbacks. Throughout the 2023 season, the midfielder played 1,706 minutes, earned three goals, had one assist, and held a passing accuracy of 83.2%, building on his legacy of steadfast play. In 2022 he earned 20 starts in 33 games played, where he notched two assists, 13 key passes, and held a passing accuracy over 84%. Echevarria signed with the Switchbacks after training with the team throughout 2020. The New York native signed with the New York Red Bulls Academy in 2011 before playing a four-year career at Wake Forest where he appeared in 79 games, totaling seven goals and six assists. Echevarria played with NYRB II in the USL Championship in 2018 where he made 19 appearances as the team made it to the Eastern Conference Final.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 3  | 207 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  |

## #14 Duke LaCroix

### Defender

Hometown: New Egypt, New Jersey

Acquired: 2023

DOB: 10/14/93

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 158



Lacroix joins the Switchbacks for year two in COS, after an impactful mark on the pitch that saw him earn one goal, two assists, 34 clearances, and 21 interceptions in 24 appearances. Previously, Lacroix, 29, signed with Sacramento Republic FC in 2021 and spent two seasons with the team. Across his two seasons there, Lacroix earned a goal and five assists, as well as completing 41 key passes. He had over 60 clearances and over 70 interceptions. In 2015 he signed with Indy Eleven for a season where he earned three goals in 31 appearances. He spent 2017 with Orange County and then spent two seasons with Reno 1868. With a lot of movement on the field, Lacroix has earned himself 15 professional goals and 17 assists as a winger.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 3  | 270 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  |





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## #17 Jairo Henriquez (HI-row en-REE-kez)

Midfielder

Hometown: San Salvador, El Salvador  
DOB: 8/31/93  
Height: 5' 6"  
Weight: 152



Henriquez, entering into his third season with the Switchbacks, made quite a memorable and impressive impact on the team in 2023: making 23 appearances, scoring six goals, earning two assists, and playing a total of 1,449 minutes. In 2022 he earned four goals and four assists in only 15 appearances with the team after joining halfway through the season. In January 2015, Henriquez signed with Municipal Limeno for the Clausura 2018, and then signed with Santa Tecla for the Apertura 2018. Henriquez is most known for his international play, standing for the El Salvador national team on the 2012 and 2013 U-20 teams, the 2014 U21 team, the 2015 U23 team, and making over 30 appearances since 2015 with the El Salvador national team. In 2021 he helped lead the team to a Gold Cup victory over Trinidad and Tobago, and won both their rounds for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers. He has represented the El Salvador team as Captain several times since 2021.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 2  | 135 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0  |

## #18 Aidan Rocha

Midfielder

Hometown: Brookeville, Maryland  
DOB: 12/25/00  
Height: 5' 8"  
Weight: 160



Rocha, 22, started his professional career in 2023 when he joined Loudoun United FC in March 2023. During that season Rocha showed real talent as a midfielder with two assists, 15 key passes, 41 clearances, and a passing accuracy of 82.7%. The Maryland native started his career at Georgetown University, where he had five goals and six assists in his 69 appearances. In 2023, he was selected 60th overall in the MLS SuperDraft by D.C. United and spent the preseason playing with them in the Coachella Valley Invitational.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 1  | 16  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |

## #19 Marco Rios

Forward

Hometown: Pueblo, CO  
DOB: 12/24/05  
Height: 6' 1"  
Weight: 160



Starting his Switchbacks career in 2023 with a USL Academy contract, Pueblo native Rios made a total of five appearances for COS, recording two goals and holding an 85.7% passing accuracy. Rios, 17, was also in the starting eleven for the second round of the 2023 US Open Cup, earning one assist. Rios will be the first player to jump from a USL Academy contract to a professional contract for Switchbacks FC, and the organization is excited for this milestone. Before joining the Switchbacks Rios was an impactful player for Real Colorado, one of Colorado's major youth programs.

| GP | MIN | G | A | YC | RC |
|----|-----|---|---|----|----|
| 0  | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  |

## #20 Yosuke Hanya

Midfielder

Hometown: Tokyo, Japan  
DOB: 1/30/99  
Height: 5' 8"  
Weight: 160



Hanya, 25, joins the Switchbacks for his first season on loan from Colorado Rapids 2 of MLS Next Pro. Since joining the Rapids 2 in 2022, he has made 50 appearances, played for a total of 4,165 minutes, had 17 goals, 13 assists, and was named to the 2023 MLS NEXT Pro Best XI. The midfielder formed an impressive list of achievements throughout his college career: in his Junior year he was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team. Finishing his senior year in 2021, he earned a spot on the United Soccer Coaches First-Team All-Region, First-Team All-Atlantic 10 selection, and United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Region honoree. As a graduate student, he was named to the Atlantic 10 Second-Team and United Soccer Coaches All-Region Third-Team. Hanya started his career playing for FC Tokyo U-15 from 2011-2013, and helped the team win the Prince Takamado Trophy. The Japanese native made his first mark in his international career, earning a spot on the Japan U-16 National Team in 2014 and was also a member of the Japan U-19 National Team in 2018.

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## #21 Alex Andersson

Forward

Hometown: Helsingborg, Sweden

Acquired: 2024

DOB: 9/27/00

Height: 6' 1"

Weight: 185



Andersson, 23, made a heavy impact on the pitch throughout his four years playing for the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs - racking up a total of 2,749 minutes and earning 25 goals and nine assists. The forward formed an impressive list of achievements throughout his college career. His freshman year he was named to RMAC Freshman of the Year and to the RMAC Second Team. In his second season, Andersson was rightfully named RMAC Player of the Year and found a spot on the All-RMAC First Team and RMAC All-Academic First Team. Then in his junior year, he was named to the RMAC All-Tournament Team and the RMAC All-Academic Honor Roll. For the 2023 season, his final at UCCS, Andersson was named to the All-RMAC First Team and United Soccer Coaches All-South Central Region Team. During the summer of 2023, Andersson played in USL League 2 with Asheville City FC, earning five goals in 10 games.

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## #23 Joe Rice

Goalkeeper

Hometown: Fairfax, Virginia

Acquired: 2024

DOB: 3/6/96

Height: 6' 4"

Weight: 190



Rice, 27, recently spent the 2023 season playing for Hartford Athletic. During his last season, he earned two clean sheets and had 53 saves in 18 appearances. Collegiately, Rice played in six games for Virginia Commonwealth University and helped the team win the Atlantic 10 Men's Soccer Championship Cup in 2018. During his college years, he also made appearances in the National Premier Soccer League for Chesterfield United FC and Virginia Beach City FC. Rice began his professional USL career in 2019 and has played for Richmond Kickers, New England Revolution II, Loudoun United, Detroit City FC, and Hartford Athletic. In 2020 Rice earned USL League One Save of the Year when playing with New England Revolution II. Throughout his years in USL League One and USL Championship, Rice racked up 16 clean sheets in 56 appearances.

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## #27 Juan Tejada

Forward

Hometown: Panama City, Panama

Acquired: 2023

DOB: 1/14/97

Height: 5' 7"

Weight: 160



Tejada was a late acquisition in 2023, joining the team in June right before the team's match against Las Vegas Lights FC. Despite the truncated season, Tejada was able to put up 1,400 minutes across 20 appearances for the Switchbacks. The forward earned five goals and four assists, and held an overall passing accuracy rate of 76.6%. Acquired by Indy Eleven in July of 2022 via transfer from the Tampa Bay Rowdies, Tejada earned two goals and two assists in his 28 appearances for Indy. Signed by Tampa Bay Rowdies in 2019 as a preseason trialist, Tejada had a big impact his rookie season, earning 10 goals in 2019 for the Florida side. In his three seasons with the team he earned 13 goals and three assists across 68 appearances, and helped Tampa in five postseason matches as well. Tejada also has some international experience, playing for Panama's U-17, U-20, and U-23 teams as well as making an appearance with the national team in 2020 for friendlies in Europe, ultimately making his senior debut against the USMNT.

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## #41 James Musa

Defender

Hometown: Plymouth, England

Acquired: 2023

DOB: 4/1/92

Height: 6' 1"

Weight: 170



Musa, 30, comes to the Switchbacks after four years with Phoenix Rising FC, with a brief stint at Minnesota United of the MLS in 2020. Musa played 19 matches in the 2022 season where he earned one goal and completed 64 clearances. In 2021, he put two goals under his belt in 32 games of play, and defensively he completed 103 clearances and 56 interceptions. Musa got his start in soccer in 2010 on the Wellington Phoenix's U-21 team. He signed a deal in 2011 with Waitakere City of the Northern League in New Zealand, before playing in the FIFA U-20 World Cup. He also was named to the 18-man team for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. He played with Team Wellington from 2011-2012, 2013-2014, and then 2014-2015. In 2016, Musa made the jump across the pond and signed a deal with the then USL side, Saint Louis FC. He spent a single season each with Saint Louis FC, Swope Park Rangers, and Sporting Kansas City, before settling with Phoenix in 2018.

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## #80 Devon "Speedy" Williams

Midfielder

Hometown: Kingston, Jamaica  
Acquired: 2023  
DOB: 4/8/92  
Height: 5' 7"  
Weight: 155



Williams, 30, joins the Switchbacks for his second season, after 2023 saw him play in 35 games, earning four assists, and winning 105 duels. He also made 39 key passes, and held a passing accuracy of 84.2%. Before joining COS, he played with USL Championship side The Miami FC after signing with them in 2021. With Miami Williams made 53 appearances, starting in all 29 games played in 2022, and notched three goals. In 2021 he was also named the USL Championship's Player of the Week after earning a brace in Miami's win against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC. Williams brings three Championship titles with him to the Springs, winning in 2016 with New York Red Bulls II and then with Louisville City in 2017 and 2018. In 2017 he signed with Louisville City, where he spent four prolific seasons, captaining in 2019. While there he notched nine goals and seven assists, leading the league in completed passes in the 2020 campaign.

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## #99 Maalique Foster

Midfielder

Hometown: Portmore, Jamaica  
Acquired: 2023  
DOB: 11/5/96  
Height: 5' 7"  
Weight: 149



His second season with the Switchbacks, Foster, 26, made a name for himself quickly and tallied 2,394 minutes in 34 games played. His speed on the wing earned him four goals and four assists, with a 75.6% passing accuracy. He also made 49 key passes, the most of any player last season for the Switchbacks. Before joining the Switchbacks, Foster played for Republic FC in 2021, tallying eight goals and one assist, as well as completing 16 key passes. In the 2022 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Semifinal, his Panenka penalty kick against Sporting Kansas City helped Republic FC advance to the final after a penalty shootout. Foster's previous experience in the USL Championship includes a stint with Rio Grande Valley FC in 2019, where he netted three goals and four assists in 11 matches. He was also part of the 2019 Gold Cup squad that advanced to the tournament's semifinals and competed for the country in CONCACAF Nations League.

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## Match Briefing



VS



COS v SAC | April 6, 2024 | 6:00 PM MT

## Injury Report

## Match Officials

Referee: Brad Jensen

AR's: Matthew Schwartz, Stephen McGonagle

Fourth Official: JT Belzer

## Discipline Report

COS: None

SAC: None

## Game Hashtags

#COSvSAC - Matchup hashtag

#Forthesprings

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