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VENUE: FIU STADIUM

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QUICK FACTS

Name: Miami FC or The Miami Football Club

Located: Miami Florida

Founded: May 20, 2015

Conference: USL Eastern Conference

Coach: Antonio Nocerino

Colors: 305 Aqua, Tormenta Orange, & Florida Blue

Website: miamifc.com

MATCH PREVIEW

Miami FC gears up to take on Charleston Battery in their first Eastern Conference matchup of the season. Miami faced Charleston twice last season, one match ended in a 1-1 draw, the second ended in a 2-1 win for Miami. Charleston's last game was a shutout against New Mexico United, winning 4-0. Miami faced Orange County SC last weekend, where they tied 2-2 with a brace scored by Allen Gavilanes.

2024 SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (EST)	RESULT
3/9	Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC	7:00 PM	2-0 (W)
3/16	Sacramento Republic FC	7:00 PM	0-1 (L)
3/23	@ Orange County SC	10:00 PM	2-2 (D)
3/30	Charleston Battery	7:00 PM	
4/6	@ Hartford Athletic	7:00 PM	
4/13	@ Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:00 PM	
4/20	Birmingham Legion FC	7:00 PM	
4/27	San Antonio FC	7:00 PM	
5/4	@ Pittsburgh Riverhounds	7:00 PM	
5/11	Indy Eleven	7:00 PM	
5/18	@ Phoenix Rising FC	9:00 PM	
5/25	North Carolina FC	7:00 PM	
6/1	Louisville City FC	7:00 PM	
6/8	@ Las Vegas Lights FC	10:00 PM	
6/19	@ FC Tulsa	8:00 PM	
6/22	Loudoun United FC	7:00 PM	
6/29	Detroit City Football Club	7:00 PM	
7/6	@ North Carolina FC	7:00 PM	
7/13	Rhode Island FC	7:00 PM	
7/20	@ Charleston Battery	7:00 PM	
7/27	Oakland Roots SC	7:00 PM	
8/3	@ Loudoun United FC	7:00 PM	
8/10	@ El Paso Locomotive FC	9:00 PM	
8/17	Memphis 901 FC	7:00 PM	
8/31	Tampa Bay Rowdies	7:00 PM	
9/7	@ New Mexico United	9:00 PM	
9/14	Hartford Athletic	7:00 PM	
9/22	@ Birmingham Legion FC	7:00 PM	
9/28	@ Indy Eleven	7:00 PM	
10/2	@ Louisville City FC	7:00 PM	
10/5	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	7:00 PM	
10/12	Monterey Bay FC	7:00 PM	
10/19	@ Detroit City Football Club	7:00 PM	
10/26	@ Rhode Island FC	7:00 PM	

MATCH KITS

HOME TEAM

AWAY TEAM

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INJURY & SUSPENSION REPORT

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ROSTER

NAME	POSITION	NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME PRONUNCIATIONS
Khadim NDIAYE	GK	1	April 12, 2000 (23)	Dakar, Senegal	KHAH-deem NDEE-y-eh
Allan ANIZ	D	2	May 11, 2003 (20)	Aracaju-Sergipe, Brazil	AL-uhn AN-EEZ
Jordan AYIMBILA	D	3	February 14, 2001 (23)	Accra, Ghana	JOHR-duhn A-y-eem-BIHL-a
Nicolas CARDONA	D	4	February 11, 1999 (25)	San Juan, Puerto Rico	nee-coh-lás CAR-DOH-nuh
Achille TRUCHOT	D	5	October 1, 2004 (19)	Paris, France	uh-SH-eel true-SHOW
Samuel BIEK	M	6	August 7, 1997 (26)	Marburg, Germany	SA-myool BY-ehk
Luis PEDRO	F	7	December 19, 2002 (21)	Sant'ana do Livramento, Brazil	loo-ees PEH-dhroh
Gabriel CABRAL	M	8	April 29, 1997 (26)	Petrópolis, Brazil	GEH-bree-uhl KA-brahl
Isaac ZULETA	F	9	August 10, 2003 (20)	Los Angeles, California	EYE-ZUHK sool-eh-ta
Frank LOPEZ	F	11	February 25, 1995 (29)	Cienfuegos, Cuba	frank LOH-pehs
Daniel GAGLIARDI	GK	12	January 21, 1997 (27)	Plantation, Florida	DA-nyuhl gag-lee-are-dee
Daltyn KNUTSON	D	13	March 1, 1997 (27)	Houston, Texas	DAL-tihn kuh-NUT-sihn
Manuel BOTTA	M	16	July 16, 2002 (21)	Salerno, Italy	manw-ehl BOW-ta
Benjamin MINES	F	17	May 13, 2000 (23)	Danbury, Connecticut	BEHN-juh-mihn mines
Michael VANG	M	21	May 13, 2000 (23)	Saint Paul, Minnesota	MA-ih-kuhl VANG
Benjamin OFEIMU	D	22	September 30, 2000 (23)	Southfield, Michigan	BEHN-juh-mihn oh-FEH-moo
Rocco GENZANO	F	23	May 15, 2004 (19)	Potenza, Italy	RAW-koh jehn-TSA-noh
Alejandro MITRANO	D	29	April 4, 1998 (25)	Maracaibo, Venezuela	AL-eh-HAN-droh meetr-a-noh
Chris JEAN-FRANCOIS	D	30	November 1, 2005 (18)	Port-au-Prince, Haiti	krihs JAHN-fran-swah
Felipe RODRIGUEZ	GK	31	May 14, 2004 (19)	Montevideo, Uruguay	fehl-ee-peh ruh-dreeg-ehz
David MEJIA	M	32	August 23, 2003 (20)	Seattle, Washington	DEH-vihd MEH-he-UH
Lucas DEPAULA	M	33	March 23, 2006 (17)	New Jersey, USA	loo-kuhs -deh-POW-lah
Mattia GAGLIARDI	F	67	August 15, 2004 (19)	Rome, Italy	maht-TEE-ah gag-lee-are-dee
Andrew BOOTH	M	80	July 16, 1997 (26)	Kingston, Jamaica	AN-drew BOOTH
Allen GAVILANES	M	99	August 24, 1999 (24)	North Plainfield, New Jersey	AL-uhn GA-vihl-an-ihs

NAME PRONUNCIATIONS

To access the audio version of the roster pronunciation, scan the QR code to the right or visit bit.ly/mfc24rosterpronunciation



HEADSHOTS

*ACADEMY CONTRACT



KHADIM NDIAYE
GOALKEEPER - #1
6'7 - 190



ALLAN ANIZ
DEFENDER - #2
5'9 - 176



JORDAN AYIMBILA
DEFENDER - #3
6'1 - 160



NICOLAS CARDONA
DEFENDER - #4
5'10 - #



ACHILLE TRUCHOT
DEFENDER - #5
6'0 - 165



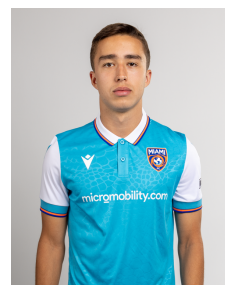
SAMUEL BIEK
MIDFIELDER - #6
6'3 - 185



LUIS PEDRO
FORWARD - #7



GABRIEL CABRAL
MIDFIELDER - #8
5'9 - #



ISAAC ZULETA
FORWARD - #9
6'0 - 164



FRANK LOPEZ
FORWARD - #11
5'7 - 176



DANIEL GAGLIARDI
GOALKEEPER - #12
6'3 - 220



DALTYN KNUTSON
DEFENDER - #13
6'2 - 195



MANUEL BOTTA
MIDFIELDER - #16
5'7 - 157



BENJAMIN MINES
MIDFIELDER - #17
5'9 - 155



MICHAEL VANG
MIDFIELDER - #21
5'8 - 154



BENJAMIN OFEIMU
DEFENDER - #22
6'4 - 205



ROCCO GENZANO
FORWARD - #23
5'6 - 156



ALEJANDRO MITRANO
DEFENDER - #29
5'11 - 170



CHRIS JEAN-FRANCOIS*
DEFENDER - #30
5'10 - 152



FELIPE RODRIGUEZ*
GOALKEEPER - #31
6'0 - 160



DAVID MEJIA
MIDFIELDER - #32
5'8 - 145



LUCAS DEPAULA*
MIDFIELDER - #33
5'9 - 165



MATTIA GAGLIARDI
FORWARD - #67
5'6 - 150



ANDREW BOOTH
MIDFIELDER - #80
6'0 - 175



ALLEN GAVILANES
MIDFIELDER - #99
5'8 - 145

PLAYER BIOS

1 KHADIM NDIAYE GOALKEEPER



Khadim Ndiaye signed with Miami FC after two seasons in Bulgaria's Efbet Liga, where he played for Tsarsko Selo and Hebar Pazardzhik. The 23-year-old also has experience playing in Italy, including Serie A's Atalanta BC, where he was with the club for two seasons. Ndiaye is a two-time Italian Youth Champion in Primavera with Atalanta Primavera. The following season he was a member of Atalanta's Serie A squad.

3 JORDAN AYIMBILA DEFENDER



The 22-year-old Ghana native joins Miami FC ahead of the 2024 season after playing the 2023 season with Las Vegas Lights FC. Ayimbila originally made his USL Championship debut in 2022 while on loan from Accra Lions FC of the Ghana Premier League. He spent the season with San Antonio FC, who went on to win the title that year. Previously, the defender played for Selangor FC in the Malaysia Premier League.

5 ACHILLE TRUCHOT DEFENDER



Raised in Miami, the French born 19-year-old joins Miami FC ahead of the 2024 season. In 2023, Truchot signed Team Vaud Yverdon Région et Broye in Switzerland. While Truchot was with Yverdon Sport, the team won the Challenge League and were promoted to the Super League. In 2021-2022, the right-back played Thonon Évian Grand Genève FC competing in the Championnat National 2 and Championnat National 3 in France.

7 LUIS PEDRO FORWARD



Miami FC acquired the 21-year-old from Brazilian club Itabirito FC. Prior to signing with Itabirito, Pedro played with União Frederiquense for the 2023 season. While with Frederiquense, Pedro scored five goals in 21 appearances, including helping the team advance during Copa FGF that season. The Brazilian then played for the U-20 squads of Cruzeiro-RS and Novo Hamburgo in 2022 before he signed with União Frederiquense.

9 ISAAC ZULETA FORWARD



Miami FC brings on the 20-year-old Colombian international Isaac Zuleta. Zuleta played with USL Championship team New Mexico United for the 2023 season. Prior to making his USLC debut, Zuleta was a key member of Getafe CF's U-19 team in Spain, where he tallied three hat tricks in three matches and 16 goals in 11 matches at the start of the season. On the international stage, he has represented Colombia on their youth national team at the U-19 and U-20 levels.

2 ALLAN ANIZ DEFENDER



The 20-year-old from Brazil joins Miami from SC Internacional U20 ahead of the 2024 season. Aniz was with the club for the 2022 and 2023 seasons where he competed in Copa São Paulo de Futebol Júnior (Copina) and CBF Brasileiro U20. In 2023, he assisted the team in making the Brasileiro U20 playoffs where they reached the quarterfinals. Throughout his youth career, Aniz won the Campeonato Gaúcho Sub-20 in 2022 and Campeonato Baiano Sub-20 in 2021.

4 NICOLAS CARDONA DEFENDER



The 24-year-old defender signs with Miami ahead of the 2024 season after two seasons for USL League One's Chattanooga Red Wolves SC. With the Red Wolves, Cardona had 54 appearances and scored four goals. Prior, the defender played for USL Championship's Hartford Athletic for the 2021 season. Cardona has ten appearances for the Puerto Rican National Team, he made his debut on January 9, 2021, at 21 years old.

6 SAMUEL BIEK MIDFIELDER



The defensive midfielder signs with Miami ahead of the 2024 season after playing in Rot-Weiß Erfurt in Germany. Biek had 31 appearances and over 2,000 minutes at the club. The German is familiar with the United Soccer League as he spent the 2020 and 2021 season playing for FC Tucson in League One prior to joining Austrian club SV Horn. 2024 will be the 26-year-old's first season in the USL Championship.

8 GABRIEL CABRAL MIDFIELDER



The 25-year-old Brazilian joined Miami in 2023 after successful season with USL League One Tormenta FC. During the 2022 campaign he scored three goals and three assists helping the club secure a spot in the playoffs and winning the 2022 USL League One Final. Cabral attended University of Charleston from 2015 to 2018 where he helped the team win the "MEC regular season" and was named "MEC All-Freshmen Team" for the 2016 season.

11 FRANK LOPEZ FORWARD



Lopez joins Miami after 25 appearances in 2023 with Rio Grande Valley FC Toros. During his time at RGV, López tallied 13 goals and six assists. On the USLC side, he also played for Oklahoma City Energy FC, Sacramento Republic FC, San Antonio FC, and LA Galaxy II. Internationally, López has represented Cuba on their youth national team at the U-17, U-20, and U-23 levels. During his stint, he scored twice during the 2015 Concacaf U-20 Championship.

PLAYER BIOS



12 DANIEL GAGLIARDI GOALKEEPER

South Florida native Daniel Gagliardi joins Miami ahead of the 2024 season. Gagliardi played in NISA for AC Syracuse Pulse for the 2022 season. Gagliardi also played for USL Championship's FC Tulsa and USL League One's Inter Miami CF II in 2021. Gagliardi attended Florida International University where he finished his college career with 132 saves, his senior year ranked first in C-USA Saves, and earned a spot on the All-CUSA Third Team. Gagliardi was drafted in the MLS by the Vancouver Whitecaps in the second round.



13 DALTYN KNUTSON DEFENDER

Knutson will be making his USL Championship debut with Miami after five seasons in League One. In League One, he played for both South Georgia Tormenta FC and Union Omaha, where he won the title with the latter. During his stint with Omaha, they made it to the Quarterfinals of the 2022 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, further than any League One club has advanced. He also was a member of the inaugural Tormenta FC squad in 2019.



16 MANUEL BOTTA MIDFIELDER

The 21-year-old comes from Italian club Audace Cerignola, where he played for three seasons. This includes the team's promotion from Serie D to Serie C. Born in Siano, Italy, the midfielder's youth career was spent with Benevento Primavera competing in Primavera 2 in the 2019-2020 season. Botta has tallied five goals and three assists throughout his 70 appearances and 3,405 minutes played.



17 BEN MINES FORWARD

Mines joined Miami ahead of the 2023 season. The 23-year-old made his debut in 2016 for the New York Red Bulls II as a USL Academy signing. After signing as a Homegrown Player for the Red Bulls, made six appearances and recording two goals and one assist in the MLS. In 2021, Mines joined FC Cincinnati after being selected in the MLS Waiver Draft, and that season went on loan to Orange County SC, where he helped OCSC claim the USLC title.



22 MICHAEL VANG MIDFIELDER

Vang comes to Miami after playing in MLS Next Pro for two seasons, he was with Columbus Crew 2 for 2022 and Portland Timbers 2 for 2023. Vang played in USL League One for Forward Madison FC from 2020-2021. During his time at Madison, he tallied four goals and two assists. On the international stage, Vang has recently been called up to the Laos National Team and has had three appearances for them in 2023.



22 BEN OFEIMU DEFENDER

Miami FC acquired Benjamin Ofeimu on January 25, 2022 ahead of the 2022 season. Ofeimu was born in West Bloomfield, Michigan but spent the majority of his youth career with Philadelphia Union. The 23-year-old joined Miami after spending the 2021 season with Birmingham Legion FC. Prior to being with the Alabama team, the defender played with Philadelphia Union for three seasons where he had 46 appearances.



23 ROCCO GENZANO FORWARD

The 19-year-old forward from Italy will be joining Miami and making his USL Championship debut in the 2024 season. Genzano signed with Lykos in July of 2023. Prior to this, he played for Potenza Calcio in Italy's Serie-C for the 2021-2022 season.



29 ALEJANDRO MITRANO DEFENDER

After playing for Las Vegas Lights FC for the 2023 season, Mitrano signs with Miami FC to continue his USL Championship campaign. The defender had 27 appearances for Vegas, including one in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup. Prior to moving to the States, Mitrano played for Monagas SC in Venezuela's Liga FUTVE Apertura in 2022. In 2020, he signed with CA Boston River to play in Uruguay's Primera División Apertura.



30 CHRIS JEAN-FRANCOIS DEFENDER

Chris Jean-Francois signed an Academy Contract with the Miami FC First Team in 2024. The 18-year-old was a part of the Miami FC USL Academy before signing the Academy Contract. Jean-Francois has also been called up to the Haiti U-20 National Team.



31 FELIPE RODRIGUEZ GOALKEEPER

Felipe Rodriguez signed an Academy Contract with the Miami FC First Team in 2024. The 19-year-old was a part of the Miami FC USL Academy before signing the Academy Contract.

PLAYER BIOS



32 DAVID MEJIA MIDFIELDER

Mejía joins Miami after four seasons with MLS Next Pro team Atlanta United II. He played with Atlanta from 2020-2023 chalking up 59 appearances. With Atlanta, the 20-year-old tallied eight goals and four assists. Atlanta United II was under the USLC prior to joining Next Pro. Mejía spent three seasons in the USL. With 2,265 minutes played in the league, he had 46 appearances and five goals. During 2022, Mejía was called up to the Peru U-20 National Team to in international friendlies.



33 LUCAS DEPAULA MIDFIELDER

Lucas Depaula signed an Academy Contract with the Miami FC First Team in 2024. The 17-year-old was a part of the Miami FC USL Academy before signing the Academy Contract.



67 MATTIA GAGLIARDI FORWARD

The club signed the 19-year-old from Italian club Sora Calcio 1907. Prior to this, Gagliardi was playing in Serie C for Potenza Calcio. From 2020 to 2022, Gagliardi was with Ascoli Picchio Primavera. He was a member of the U-17 and U-18 teams, where he tallied four goals and five assists. Later, he joined the club in Primavera B.



80 ANDREW BOOTH MIDFIELDER

After a successful season with Charleston reaching the USLC final, Booth continues his career with Miami. With Charleston, Booth had 51 appearances for the club, tallying six goals and four assists. In 2020, Booth won the League One Cup with Greenville Triumph SC. Booth attended Florida International University where he earned all-conference-honors and Conference USA Midfielder of the Year.



99 ALLEN GAVILANES MIDFIELDER

Gavilanes played in USL League One for Greenville Triumph SC from 2021 to 2023. During his time, he scored eight goals and 18 assists, taking the team to the playoffs three seasons in a row. During his inaugural season with Greenville, he was named Rookie of the Year. Gavilanes attended Marist College where he tallied 20 goals and 20 assists within 54 matches. The red fox was voted for MAAC Rookie of the Year, 2017 MAAC Offensive Player of the Year, and three-time MAAC All-First Team.

TECHNICAL & MEDICAL STAFF

HEAD COACH ANTONIO NOCERINO

Nocerino is uniquely qualified to achieve on-field success for Miami FC. As a Juventus youth academy product, the Naples, Italy native will bring extensive credibility to the Miami community. Coaching previously at Orlando City's Development Academy and Potenza Calcio in Italy where he showed significant growth and improvements in the squad, his experience as player, coach and mentor will assist in a successful transition into the head coach role.

Nocerino, who holds a UEFA Pro coaching license, has an extensive professional career as a player, including over 350 professional appearances since 2003 for global clubs such as 36-time Italian Serie-A champions Juventus, 19-time Serie-A Champions AC Milan, and 55 appearances with Orlando City in the MLS. His resilient work ethic resulted in earning Serie-A Team of the Year for his stellar performance during the 2011-12 season during his time at AC Milan. He was also an important member of their Champions League run to the Quarterfinals where they faced Barcelona.

Nocerino also holds the honor of representing Italy as a member of the National Team. The energetic and technical midfielder earned 15 caps for the Italian National Team including the 2012 Italian UEFA European Championship side that finished as runner-up against Spain.



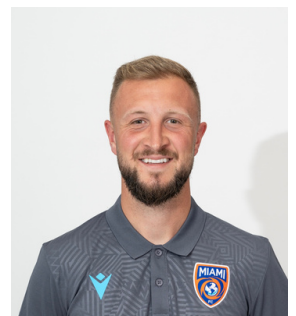
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ASSISTANT COACH



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SPORTS PERFORMANCE COACH



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GOALKEEPER COACH



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EQUIPMENT MANAGER



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2024 SEASON STATS

PLAYER	#	APPS	MINUTES	GOALS	ASSISTS	SHOTS	YC	RC
Allan ANIZ	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan AYIMBILA	3	1	36	0	0	0	0	0
Nicolas CARDONA	4	3	270	0	0	1	0	0
Achille TRUCHOT	5	0	75	0	0	0	0	0
Samuel BIEK	6	2	165	0	0	0	2	0
Luis PEDRO	7	3	122	0	0	1	0	0
Gabriel CABRAL	8	2	82	0	0	1	0	0
Isaac ZULETA	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frank LOPEZ	11	2	91	0	1	1	0	0
Daltyn KNUTSON	13	3	270	0	0	0	0	0
Manuel BOTTA	16	3	160	1	0	2	2	0
Benjamin MINES	17	2	85	0	0	1	1	0
Michael VANG	21	2	30	0	0	1	0	0
Benjamin OFEIMU	22	3	131	0	0	0	0	0
Rocco GENZANO	23	3	255	0	1	1	1	0
Alejandro MITRANO	29	3	270	0	0	1	1	0
Chris JEAN-FRANCOIS	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David MEJIA	32	3	103	0	0	1	0	0
Lucas DEPAULA	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mattia GAGLIARDI	67	3	129	0	0	3	0	0
Andrew BOOTH	80	3	255	1	0	4	1	0
Allen GAVILANES	99	3	246	1	0	6	0	0

GOALKEEPERS

PLAYER	#	APPS	MINUTES	SHUTOUTS	SAVES	YC	RC
Khadim NDIAYE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel GAGLIARDI	12	3	270	0	11	0	0
Felipe RODRIGUEZ	31	0	0	0	0	0	0