

PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC (0-0-0) at BIRMINGHAM LEGION FC (0-0-0)

Saturday, March 11 >> 7:30 p.m. ET >> Protective Stadium >> Birmingham, Ala.
TV: Pittsburgh's CW (WPCW-19) >> Streaming: CW (local) and ESPN+ (national)

INSIDE THE MATCH



PITTSBURGH BIRMINGHAM

0-0-0	Record	0-0-0
T-1st	Conference Standing	T-1st
0-0-0	Last Five	0-0-0
-	Streak	-
Bob Lilley	Head Coach	Tom Soehn
@RiverhoundsSC	Twitter	@bhmlegion

All-Time Head-to-Head	4-1-1
Referee	Sergii Demanchuk
Assistant referees	Ben Rigel, Zach McWhorter
Fourth official	Benjamin Meyer
Hounds injuries/inactives	None

STAT COMPARISON

Hounds	Category	Birmingham
0.00	Scoring Average	0.00
0.00	Opponent Scoring Average	0.00
0	Goals Scored	0
0	Goals Allowed	0
0	Goal Differential	0
0.00	Shots/Game (excl. blocked)	0.00
0.00	SOG/Game	0.00
-	Average possession	-
0	Yellow Cards	0
0	Red Cards	0

TEAM LEADERS

Hounds	Category	Birmingham
N/A	Goals	N/A
N/A	Assists	N/A
N/A	Points	N/A
N/A	Shots	N/A
N/A	Minutes	N/A
N/A	Yellow Cards	N/A
N/A	Red Cards	N/A
N/A	GAA	N/A
N/A	SV%	N/A

GAME 1 - QUICK STRIKES

- The Riverhounds enter their 24th season of play in 2023, making them the longest-running professional soccer club active in Pennsylvania and the second-longest-running in the USL Championship behind the Charleston Battery.
- The Hounds and Legion last met in the 2022 Eastern Conference Quarterfinals, in which the Hounds tied the match twice with goals by Edward Kizza before advancing on the 10th kick of the shootout with a 2-2 (8-7) final score.
- The shootout victory officially goes as a draw on the teams' record, making it the first in the series' history. The Hounds won the clubs' first four meetings before the Legion got their first win by topping the Hounds, 2-1, in their second regular-season meeting a year ago in Birmingham.
- This is the sixth consecutive season the Hounds have begun the year on the road and the 18th time in 24 seasons. The Hounds have won two of their last three season openers, including a 3-0 win last season in Memphis, and overall they are 7-8-8 in the first match of a new year.
- Hounds captain Kenardo Forbes is the longest-tenured player on the team entering his sixth season, but he remains among the league's best after a Second Team All-USL Championship selection in 2022. Forbes has been on one of the All-League teams all five seasons in Pittsburgh, and last season, the USL Championship's all-time assists leader had his first 10-assist regular season.
- Goalkeeper Jahmali Waite enters his second season with the Hounds after recording seven clean sheets and posting an even 1.00 goals-against average last year. In November, Waite also made his international debut for Jamaica, getting the start in a 1-1 draw against Cameroon.
- After Forbes, the next most-tenured Hounds player is defender Dani Rovira, who is in his fifth year with the team and posted a career-high five assists in 2022. Albert Dikwa, entering his fourth year, is the team's top returning scorer after 11 goals and four assists in 2022.
- Head coach Bob Lilley enters his sixth season in charge of the Hounds having never missed the postseason in 22 seasons as a professional head coach. With five straight years qualifying for the playoffs, the Hounds have the USL Championship's second-longest active streak behind Louisville City FC and the longest in team history.
- In 163 matches under Lilley in all competitions, the Hounds are 83-35-45 and have allowed just 155 goals, an average of 0.95 goals per game.

SUPERLATIVES

Hounds High	Hounds Low	Category	Opp High	Opp Low
N/A	N/A	Goals	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	Goals All.	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	Shots	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	SOG	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	Saves	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	Fouls	N/A	N/A

MILESTONE TRACKER

- Already the team's all-time assists leader, Kenardo Forbes finished the 2022 season with 155 appearances for the Hounds, which places him fourth in team history, two behind original Hounds team member Gary DePalma (1999-2004).
- With an assist in the Eastern Conference Semifinals against Louisville, Robbie Mertz moved into a tie for ninth in club history with 13 assists in all competitions. One ahead of him on the list is the player he set up on that goal, Russell Cicerone, who had 14 assists with the Hounds.
- Entering the season, Forbes is the team's active goals leader with 17 (tied for 11th all-time), and Albert Dikwa trails him by one with 16 (14th all-time).

2023 SCHEDULE & RECORD

USL Championship Record: 0-0-0

Home: 0-0-0 • Away: 0-0-0 • Conf.: 0-0-0 • All comp.: 0-0-0

MARCH

Sat. 11	@Birmingham Legion FC	WPCW	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 18	@Memphis 901 FC	ESPN+	5 p.m.
Fri. 24	Miami FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Tues. 28	@FC Tulsa	ESPN+	8 p.m.

APRIL

Wed. 5	*Rochester New York FC		7 p.m.
Sat. 8	@Colo. Springs Switchbacks	WPCW	8 p.m.
Sat. 15	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 22	@El Paso Locomotive FC	ESPN+	9:30 p.m.
Sat. 29	@Indy Eleven	ESPN+	7 p.m.

MAY

Fri. 5	@Monterey Bay FC	ESPN+	10 p.m.
Sat. 13	Birmingham Legion FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 20	Las Vegas Lights FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sun. 28	@Loudoun United FC	ESPN+	6 p.m.

JUNE

Sat. 3	Phoenix Rising FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 10	Charleston Battery	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 17	@Oakland Roots SC	ESPN+	10 p.m.
Sat. 24	San Diego Loyal SC	WPCW	7 p.m.

JULY

Sat. 1	Louisville City FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 8	Sacramento Republic FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Wed. 12	@Louisville City FC	WPCW	8 p.m.
Sat. 15	Detroit City FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 22	@Charleston Battery	ESPN+	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 26	Indy Eleven	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 29	Memphis 901 FC	WPCW	7 p.m.

AUGUST

Sat. 5	Tampa Bay Rowdies	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 12	Hartford Athletic	WPCW	7 p.m.
Wed. 16	@Orange County SC	ESPN+	10 p.m.
Wed. 23	@Hartford Athletic	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Sat. 26	@San Antonio FC	WPCW	9 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 9	Loudoun United FC	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 16	@Miami FC	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Sat. 23	New Mexico United	WPCW	7 p.m.
Sat. 30	FC Tulsa	WPCW	7 p.m.

OCTOBER

Sat. 7	@Tampa Bay Rowdies	WPCW	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 14	@Detroit City FC	ESPN+	4 p.m.

*Denotes U.S. Open Cup matches

CLUB NOTABLES

Most Appearances David Flavius (195)
All-Time Goals Leader David Flavius (62)
All-Time Assists Leader Kenardo Forbes (44)
All-Time Record at Highmark Stadium 75-42-46

Last Game Summary

Louisville City FC 2, Riverhounds SC 2 (5-3 pens.)

Eastern Conf. SF • Lynn Family Stadium, Louisville, Ky. • Oct. 29, 2022

The Hounds' fifth consecutive year in the playoffs ended in heartbreaking fashion, as Louisville advanced on penalty kicks. Russell Cicerone had staked the Hounds to a 2-0 lead early in the second half, but the home team rallied late with an 83rd-minute goal by Manny Perez and a penalty kick converted by Cameron Lancaster two minutes later.

LAST TIME OUT

FAST FACTS

General Information

Name: Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC
 City/Zip: Pittsburgh, PA 15219
 Founded: March 11, 1998
 First match: May 1, 1999
 Nickname: Hounds
 Colors: Black & Yellow
 Conference: Eastern Conference
 Venue: Highmark Stadium
 Seating capacity: 5,000
 Owner: Tuffy Shallenberger
 Website: www.riverhounds.com

USL RECORD IN 2022 WHEN...

At home.....	9-3-5
On road.....	7-6-4
In games decided by one goal or fewer.....	9-4-9
In games decided by two goals or more.....	7-5-0
vs. clubs with winning records.....	3-6-5
vs. clubs with losing records.....	9-2-3
vs. clubs with .500 records.....	4-1-1
Scoring first.....	14-3-4
Conceding first.....	2-6-3
Leading at half.....	9-1-4
Trailing at half.....	0-6-2
Tied at half.....	7-2-3
Leading with 10:00 remaining.....	15-0-1
Trailing with 10:00 remaining.....	0-8-0
Tied with 10:00 remaining.....	1-1-8
Leading with 5:00 remaining.....	15-0-1
Trailing with 5:00 remaining.....	0-8-0
Tied with 5:00 remaining.....	1-1-8
Outshooting opponent.....	13-4-5
Being outshot by opponent.....	2-3-3
Tying in shots with opponent.....	1-2-1
Scoring no goals.....	0-6-2
Scoring one goal.....	4-2-5
Scoring two goals.....	6-1-2
Scoring three goals.....	3-0-0
Scoring four or more goals.....	3-0-0
Allowing no goals.....	9-0-2
Allowing one goal.....	6-3-5
Allowing two goals.....	0-3-2
Allowing three goals.....	1-2-0
Allowing four or more goals.....	0-1-0
In games reduced to 10 men.....	1-2-1
In games opponent was reduced to 10 men.....	2-0-0
On weekdays.....	2-1-1
On weekends.....	14-8-8
In March.....	2-0-1
In April.....	3-2-0
In May.....	2-1-1
In June.....	0-3-1
In July.....	5-0-1
In August.....	2-1-2
In September.....	1-1-2
In October.....	1-1-1
Vs. Eastern Conference.....	14-6-6
Vs. Western Conference.....	2-3-3

Miscellaneous

Current Streak.....	D2
Home Streak.....	W1
Road Streak.....	D3
Longest unbeaten streak in 2022.....	7
Longest win streak in 2022.....	3 (two times)
Longest win streak in 2022 (all comps).....	3 (three times)

ACTIVE ROSTER

Roster Size: 21 • Returners: 10 • Newcomers: 11

▶ **NUMERICAL**

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Hometown (Previous Club)
1	Christian Garner	GK	6'0"	180	23	Orleans, Mass. (Northwestern University)
3	Pat Hogan	D	6'3"	190	25	Charlotte, N.C. (Charleston Battery)
4	Dani Rovira	D/M	5'9"	148	26	Bogotá, Colombia (University of Vermont)
5	Arturo Ordóñez	D	6'2"	178	25	Salou, Spain (University of Pittsburgh)
6	Nathan Dossantos	D	5'11"	170	23	Oakville, Ontario (Marshall University)
7	Langston Blackstock	F	6'2"	185	22	Marietta, Ga. (Clayton State University)
8	Junior Etou	M	5'9"	175	28	Brazzaville, Republic of Congo (Tampa Bay Rowdies)
9	Albert Dikwa	F	6'1"	165	25	Garoua, Cameroon (Saint Louis FC)
10	DZ Harmon	M	6'2"	190	26	Monrovia, Liberia (Charleston Battery)
11	Kenardo Forbes	M	5'9"	170	34	Kingston, Jamaica (Rochester Rhinos)
12	Michael DeShields	D	6'1"	185	24	Baltimore, Md. (New England Revolution II)
13	Luke Biasi	D	6'0"	180	23	Buford, Ga. (Syracuse University)
14	Robbie Mertz	M	5'7"	155	26	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Atlanta United 2)
15	Joe Farrell	D	6'2"	185	28	Blue Bell, Pa. (Phoenix Rising FC)
16	Burke Fahling	M	5'7"	163	25	Tupelo, Miss. (Charleston Battery)
19	Edward Kizza	F	5'9"	175	24	Kampala, Uganda (New England Revolution)
22	Tony Lopez	F	6'1"	174	25	Sylmar, Calif. (Cal United Strikers)
23	Marc Ybarra	M	6'0"	180	24	Ann Arbor, Mich. (University of Michigan)
24	Tola Showunmi	F	6'3"	200	22	Enfield, England (University of New Hampshire)
26	Jahmali Waite	GK	6'1"	198	24	Kingston, Jamaica (University of Connecticut)
32	Jonathan Gomes	GK	6'3"	185	24	Broward County, Fla. (Mercyhurst University)

▶ **ALPHABETICAL**

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Hometown (Previous Club)
13	Luke Biasi	D	6'0"	180	23	Buford, Ga. (Syracuse University)
7	Langston Blackstock	F	6'2"	185	22	Marietta, Ga. (Clayton State University)
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▶ **TECHNICAL STAFF**

Head Coach: Bob Lilley
 Assistant Coach: Dan Visser
 Goalkeepers Coach: Jon Busch

▶ **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Luke BIASI	BEE-ah-see
Albert DIKWA	DEE-kwa
Junior ETOU	EH-too
Burke FAHLING	FAY-ling
Jonathan GOMES	GOMZ
Edward KIZZA	KIZ-uh
Arturo ORDÓÑEZ	or-DOE-nyez
Tola SHOWUNMI	SHOW-un-me
Marc YBARRA	EE-bar-uh

► 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL

No.	Name	GP	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG	FC	T	CL	PK	PKG	YC	RC
2	Nate Dossantos	22	1,463	0	3	3	0	0	27	42	26	0	0	6	0
3	Shane Wiedt	32	2,532	2	2	6	11	3	31	41	75	0	0	7	0
4	Dani Rovira	29	1,399	0	5	5	8	1	36	46	13	0	0	2	0
5	Mekeil Williams	27	1,833	1	0	2	8	4	22	22	68	0	0	6	0
6	Angelo Kelly	23	807	0	0	0	7	2	20	26	13	0	0	3	0
7	Alex Dixon	32	2,218	4	7	15	42	22	13	20	9	1	0	2	0
8	William Eyang	4	63	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Albert Dikwa	33	2,206	11	4	26	52	30	47	21	4	0	0	2	0
10	Russell Cicerone	33	2,508	13	6	32	41	25	29	28	4	0	0	0	0
11	Kenardo Forbes	34	2,716	3	10	16	40	18	35	46	11	0	0	1	0
12	Danny Griffin	34	3,055	1	0	2	20	9	50	52	15	0	0	7	0
13	Luke Biasi	14	498	0	0	0	0	0	9	10	5	0	0	1	0
14	Robbie Mertz*	34	2,807	4	9	17	35	9	45	47	31	0	0	7	0
15	Arturo Ordóñez	31	2,779	1	0	2	19	4	34	31	124	0	0	8	1
16	Toby Sims	13	519	1	1	3	6	2	11	20	4	0	0	2	0
17	Edward Kizza**	18	354	1	0	2	14	6	17	8	2	0	0	2	0
18	Marc Ybarra	23	688	0	0	0	1	0	17	15	6	0	0	2	1
19	Wyatt Borso	2	89	0	0	0	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
21	Luis Argudo	20	543	1	1	3	7	3	26	12	3	0	0	2	0
22	Robby Dambrot	5	242	1	0	2	2	2	3	7	1	0	0	0	0
23	Jesse Williams	6	146	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0
27	Jelani Peters	31	1,944	2	0	4	10	4	28	38	89	0	0	3	1
29	Dane Kelly	23	1,017	7	2	16	29	13	28	8	4	0	0	4	1

GOALKEEPERS

No.	Name	GP	MIN	GA	SV	CS	SV%	GAA	YC	RC
1	Kevin Silva	11	990	16	24	3	.600	1.45	0	0
26	Jahmali Waite	21	1,890	21	34	7	.618	1.00	2	0
31	Chase Vosvick	2	180	1	5	1	.833	0.50	0	0

* Includes USLC stats with Atlanta; ** Includes USLC stats with Memphis

► 2022 HONORS

USL CHAMPIONSHIP ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

Kenardo Forbes - Second Team, Midfielder

Russell Cicerone - Forward (Week 10)
Kevin Silva - Goalkeeper (Week 10)

USL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Dane Kelly (Week 1)
Scored 100th career USLC goal, added an assist at Memphis 3/12

Russell Cicerone - Forward (Week 12)
Kenardo Forbes (2) - Midfielder (Week 17)
Russell Cicerone - Forward (Week 17)

Albert Dikwa (Week 5)
Two goals, assist at Tulsa 4/9; first multi-goal game as professional

Jelani Peters - Defender (Week 18)
Shane Wiedt - Defender (Week 18)

Shane Wiedt - Defender (Week 20)

Albert Dikwa - Forward (Week 21)

USL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER OF THE MONTH FINALIST

Dane Kelly (April) — finished 2nd in voting
League-leading five goals, 1.68 goals per 90 during month

Russell Cicerone (2) - Forward (Week 22)

Russell Cicerone - Forward (Week 24)

Albert Dikwa (2) - Forward (Week 25)

USL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK

Dane Kelly - Forward (Week 1)
Shane Wiedt - Defender (Week 1)
Chase Vosvick - Goalkeeper (Week 1)

Kenardo Forbes - Midfielder (Week 26)

Russell Cicerone (3) - Forward (Week 32)
Kenardo Forbes - Midfielder (Week 32)

Dane Kelly (2) - Forward (Week 4)

* italics denote Bench selection, number of 2022 selections in parentheses

Albert Dikwa - Forward (Week 5)

Kenardo Forbes - Midfielder (Week 7)
Dane Kelly (3) - Forward (Week 7)
Luis Argudo - Midfielder (Week 7)

Nate Dossantos - Defender (Week 9)
Danny Griffin - Midfielder (Week 9)

HEAD COACH BOB LILLEY



Announced as the club's 10th head coach in its history on Nov. 14, 2017, Bob Lilley is in his sixth season at the helm for Riverhounds SC.

Last year, Lilley led the Hounds to a 16-9-9 league record, good for fifth place in a tightly packed top of the USL Championship Eastern Conference. The playoff berth was the team's fifth in a row — a club record — and the team advanced to the conference semifinals for the second time in the past four seasons.

His time in Pittsburgh has been marked by new levels of success for the team, including a 17-8-7 record in 2021 and an 11-4-1 mark in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season. In 2019, Lilley led the club to a 19-4-11 regular-season record — the most single-season wins in team history — and the USL Championship Eastern Conference regular-season championship. The club also made the postseason in 2018, when it hosted the first-ever playoff match at Highmark Stadium. Lilley has posted a 78-30-42 regular-season record with the Hounds, which includes shutting out opponents in 63 out of 150 games.

Lilley came to Pittsburgh after coaching USL's Rochester Rhinos, which he led during two separate stints (2014-17 and 2010-11). In his six seasons with the Rhinos, Lilley compiled an 82-39-51 regular-season record, which includes a 2015 mark of 17-1-10 en route to winning Coach of the Year honors and the USL Cup. He also was named Coach of the Year in 2010, when Rochester won the USSF Division 2 Professional League regular-season title.

Before joining the Rhinos ahead of their 2010 season, Lilley spent 2007-08 as head coach of the Detroit Ignition of the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL), earning Coach of the Year honors as the Ignition logged a 22-8 record and won the league's regular-season championship.

For three seasons (2005-07), Lilley served as head coach for the Vancouver Whitecaps of the USL First Division, winning the league championship in 2006. From 2002-03, he led the Montreal Impact of the USL A-League, winning Coach of the Year honors in 2003. He began his pro head-coaching career with the Hershey Wildcats from 1997-01, and he was named Coach of the Year in 1997, his first-ever campaign as a head coach. Hershey made the playoffs each season under Lilley, including a trip to the A-League final in 2001.

Alma Mater: Across 22 seasons of head-coaching experience at the pro level, Lilley holds an all-time record of 334-160-141. He has logged at least a .500 winning percentage during each regular season and has led his team into the postseason every year. He also has won two league titles, earned Coach of the Year honors five times, and in 2010, he was inducted into the USL Hall of Fame as a coach.

Accolades: Before his coaching days, Lilley played at George Mason University from 1984-87, where he was a four-year starter and team captain. He was inducted into the George Mason Men's Soccer Hall of Fame in 2011. He also played professionally with the Orlando Lions of the American Soccer League (1989-90) and the Maryland Bays of the American Professional Soccer League (1991). He also played on the indoor circuit with the Hershey Impact (1988-91) and Harrisburg Heat of the National Professional Soccer League (1991-97) and the Pittsburgh Stingers of the Continental Indoor Soccer League in 1994.

Experience:
23rd season
(sixth with PIT)

Date Hired:
November 14, 2017

Hometown:
Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Alma Mater:
George Mason University
(1987)

Accolades:
2015 USL Cup Champion
2006 USL-1 Champion
USL Hall of Fame (2010)
Five-time Coach of the Year

ASSISTANT COACH

DAN VISSER



- Eighth season with club
- Joined the staff in July 2016
- West Chester, Pa. native

Dan Visser enters his seventh full season as an assistant coach with Riverhounds SC after originally joining the club midway through the 2016 season as part of head coach Dave Brandt's staff.

Prior to arriving in Pittsburgh, Visser served as an assistant coach under Brandt at the United States Naval Academy during its 2015 campaign.

From 2013-14, Visser was head coach at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass., where the Lions made a two-win improvement in his second year over the first.

Visser began his coaching career at the NCAA Division III level, serving as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa. In two years at Eastern, the Eagles compiled a 21-11-2 record and had 11 student-athletes earn all-conference honors.

Visser played collegiately as a midfielder at Messiah College for four seasons before graduating in 2008. During this period, the team won three national championships and accumulated an 89-6-2 record. The two-time team captain also received Regional All-America honors in 2007.

GOALKEEPERS COACH

JON BUSCH



- First season with club
- Joined the staff in Jan. 2023
- New York, N.Y. native

Jon Busch is in his first season as the goalkeepers coach for Riverhounds SC. He was previously the goalkeeping coach for Scottish Premiership side Hibernian, and before that, with Indy Eleven in the NASL and USL Championship.

Busch entered coaching after an impressive 21-year professional career that included 14 seasons in MLS. Busch first played in the A-League, where he was named the 2001 A-League Goalkeeper of the Year while helping the Hershey Wildcats reach the league final under Bob Lilley.

He was drafted by the Columbus Crew in the 2002 MLS Super Draft and played there until 2006 before joining the Chicago Fire from 2007-09. In 2008, his best year with the Fire, he was named MLS Goalkeeper of the Year after leading the league in save percentage and tying for the league lead in shutouts. Busch continued his career joining the San Jose Earthquakes in 2010, returning to the Fire in 2015 and finishing his playing career with Indy Eleven in 2016-17.

Busch also represented the United States in international play as part of the Under-17 team in the 1993 World Championship. He remained in the U.S. player pool and made his only start at the senior level in 2005, recording a shutout against Colombia, 3-0.

▶ 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Eastern

Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
y-Louisville City FC	34	22-6-6	72	65	28	+37
x-Memphis 901 FC	34	21-8-5	68	67	33	+34
x-Tampa Bay Rowdies	34	20-7-7	67	73	33	+40
x-Birmingham Legion FC	34	17-10-7	58	56	37	+19
x-Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	34	16-9-9	57	50	38	+12
x-Miami FC	34	15-9-10	55	47	32	+15
x-Detroit City FC	34	14-8-12	54	44	30	+14
FC Tulsa	34	12-16-6	42	48	58	-10
Indy Eleven	34	12-17-5	41	41	55	-14
Hartford Athletic	34	10-18-6	36	47	57	-10
Loudoun United FC	34	8-22-4	28	36	74	-38
Charleston Battery	34	6-21-7	25	41	77	-36
Atlanta United 2	34	6-23-5	23	39	85	-46
New York Red Bulls II	34	3-25-6	15	24	76	-52

Western

Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
y-San Antonio FC	34	24-5-5	77	54	26	+28
x-San Diego Loyal SC	34	18-10-6	60	68	55	+13
x-Colo. Springs Switchbacks	34	17-13-4	55	59	53	+6
x-Sacramento Republic	34	15-11-8	53	48	34	+14
x-New Mexico United	34	13-9-12	51	49	40	+9
x-Rio Grande Valley Toros	34	14-13-7	49	51	40	+11
x-Oakland Roots SC	34	11-10-13	46	51	46	+5
El Paso Locomotive FC	34	13-14-7	46	56	52	+4
Las Vegas Lights FC	34	12-13-9	45	40	50	-10
Phoenix Rising FC	34	12-16-6	42	50	58	-8
Los Angeles Galaxy II	34	11-16-7	40	53	63	-10
Monterey Bay FC	34	12-18-4	40	42	59	-17
Orange County SC	34	7-14-13	34	49	59	-10

x - qualified for playoffs; y - clinched first place & first-round bye

▶ 2022 GOAL LOG

RIVERHOUNDS SC

- 3/12: @MEM - Dane Kelly 45+3' (Alex Dixon)
- 3/12: @MEM - Russell Cicerone 64' (Dane Kelly)
- 3/12: @MEM - Albert Dikwa 76' (Alex Dixon)
- 3/19: HFD - Robby Dambrot 12'
- 3/19: HFD - Kenardo Forbes 51' (Dane Kelly)
- 3/26: @DET - Albert Dikwa 18'
- 4/2: LDN - Dane Kelly 65' (Albert Dikwa)
- 4/2: LDN - Dane Kelly 73' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 4/5: MD - Toby Sims 37' (Luis Argudo)
- 4/5: MD - Toby Sims 55' (Wyatt Borso)
- 4/9: @TUL - Albert Dikwa 6' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 4/9: @TUL - Alex Dixon 14' (Albert Dikwa)
- 4/9: @TUL - Dane Kelly 47' (Dani Rovira)
- 4/9: @TUL - Albert Dikwa 60' (Nate Dossantos)
- 4/23: ATL - Dane Kelly 20' (Alex Dixon)
- 4/23: ATL - Luis Argudo 29' (Nate Dossantos)
- 4/23: ATL - Dane Kelly 56' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 4/23: ATL - Russell Cicerone 76' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 5/7: BHM - Danny Griffin 4' (Nate Dossantos)
- 5/14: ELP - Russell Cicerone 46' (Alex Dixon)
- 5/21: @TBR - Alex Dixon 10' (Russell Cicerone)
- 5/28: @MIA - Russell Cicerone 38' (Alex Dixon)
- 5/28: @MIA - Alex Dixon 54' (Russell Cicerone)
- 6/4: DET - Albert Dikwa 30' (Luis Argudo)
- 6/25: TBR - Arturo Ordóñez 13' (Alex Dixon)
- 6/25: TBR - Russell Cicerone 75'
- 7/1: @NY - Alex Dixon 12' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 7/1: @NY - Russell Cicerone 19'
- 7/1: @NY - Russell Cicerone 67' (Dani Rovira)
- 7/6: IND - Albert Dikwa 79' (Dani Rovira)
- 7/9: MIA - Russell Cicerone 14' (Toby Sims)
- 7/9: MIA - Jelani Peters 49' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 7/9: MIA - Jelani Peters 61'
- 7/9: MIA - Shane Wiedt 69' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 7/16: @NM - Dane Kelly 75' (Russell Cicerone)
- 7/23: @HFD - Russell Cicerone 74' (Robbie Mertz)
- 7/23: @HFD - Shane Wiedt 90+4' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 7/30: TUL - Albert Dikwa 55' (Alex Dixon)
- 8/6: @IND - Russell Cicerone 13' (Dani Rovira)
- 8/6: @IND - Russell Cicerone 52' (Albert Dikwa)
- 8/20: NY - Robbie Mertz 21' (Russell Cicerone)
- 8/20: NY - Mekeil Williams 42' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 8/27: @ATL - Albert Dikwa 44' (Robbie Mertz)
- 8/27: @ATL - Albert Dikwa 71' (Dani Rovira)
- 9/4: @LDN - Russell Cicerone 26' (Albert Dikwa)
- 9/4: @LDN - Edward Kizza 73' (Shane Wiedt)
- 9/14: @BHM - Albert Dikwa 38' (Russell Cicerone)
- 9/24: OC - Albert Dikwa 4' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 10/9: @SAC - Kenardo Forbes 57' (Shane Wiedt)
- 10/15: OAK - Toby Sims 45+1' (Russell Cicerone)
- 10/15: OAK - Russell Cicerone 54' (Robbie Mertz)
- 10/15: OAK - Kenardo Forbes 75'

OPPOSITION

- 3/19: HFD - Juan Carlos Obregón Jr. 40' (Prince Saydee)
- 3/26: @DET - Maxi Rodriguez 73' (pen.)
- 4/9: @TUL - Kevin Silva 19' (own goal)
- 4/9: @TUL - J.J. Williams 80' (Rodrigo da Costa)
- 4/9: @TUL - Rodrigo da Costa 85' (Ronald Rodriguez)
- 4/16: @LV - Danny Trejo 27'
- 4/19: @CIN - Álvaro Barreal 95' (pen.)
- 4/19: @CIN - Álvaro Barreal 99' (Alvas Powell)
- 4/30: @LOU - Wilson Harris 20' (Amadou Dia)
- 4/30: @LOU - Enoch Mushagalusa 39' (Wilson Harris)
- 5/21: @TBR - Jake LaCava 36'
- 5/21: @TBR - Leo Fernandes 57' (Lewis Hilton)
- 5/21: @TBR - Lucky Mkosana 90+4' (Laurence Wyke)
- 5/28: @MIA - Junior Palacios 24' (Aeden Stanley)
- 5/28: @MIA - Adonijah Reid 45+2'
- 6/4: DET - Maxi Rodriguez 70' (Deklan Wynne)
- 6/11: @CHS - Augustine Williams 2'
- 6/11: @CHS - Andrew Booth 38' (Romario Piggott)
- 6/11: @CHS - Romario Piggott 45+3'
- 6/18: @RGV - Ricky Ruiz 34' (Luka Malesevic)
- 6/25: TBR - Kyle Greig 15' (Sebastian Dalgaard)
- 6/25: TBR - Leo Fernandes 20' (Yann Ekra)
- 6/25: TBR - Jake LaCava 41' (Sebastian Dalgaard)
- 6/25: TBR - Leo Fernandes 57' (Lewis Hilton)
- 6/25: TBR - Lucky Mkonsana 64'
- 7/9: MIA - Callum Chapman-Page 90+2'
- 7/16: @NM - Jerome Kieseewetter 1' (Neco Brett)
- 7/23: @HFD - Conor McGlynn 55' (Rashawn Dally)
- 8/13: MEM - Luiz Fernando 8'
- 8/13: MEM - Aaron Molloy 73' (Jeremy Kelly)
- 8/20: NY - John Murphy 44' (O'Vonte Mullings)
- 8/20: NY - Wiki Carmona 56' (Jordan Adebayo-Smith)
- 8/27: @ATL - Jackson Conway 66' (Ajani Fortune)
- 9/4: @LDN - Jonathan Benteke 89' (pen.)
- 9/14: @BHM - Enzo Martinez 50'
- 9/14: @BHM - Sadik Balarabe 66' (Enzo Martinez)
- 9/24: OC - Milan Iloski 90' (Erick Torres)
- 10/1: SA - Carter Manley 86' (Nicky Hernandez)
- 10/9: @SAC - Rodrigo López 54' (pen.)
- 10/15: OAK - Juan Azócar 8' (José Hernández)

**Italics indicate U.S. Open Cup goals



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CHRISTIAN GARNER

	GP/GS	W/L/D	S	GA	GAA	SV%
First pro season						

GK • 6'0" • 180 • Orleans, Mass.

- Started as grad transfer in '22 at Northwestern
- Previously played in ACC with Boston College
- Six shutouts in 28 matches for BC

Saves:
GA:
Clean sheets:

GAME HIGHS



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PAT HOGAN

(w/CHS)	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	14/8	783	1	0	2	4	1

D • 6'3" • 190 • Charlotte, N.C.

- Signed after two seasons with Charleston Battery
- 37 games played, two goals as a pro
- Conf. USA Defensive MVP in '20-21 at Charlotte

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:

GAME HIGHS



4

DANI ROVIRA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	29/16	1,399	0	5	5	8	1

D • 5'9" • 148 • Bogotá, Colombia

- Second-most tenured Hounds player (fifth year)
- Career-high five assists in 2022
- Team leader with 66 tackles in 2021

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:

GAME HIGHS



5

ARTURO ORDÓÑEZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	31/31	2,779	1	0	2	19	4

D • 6'2" • 178 • Salou, Spain

- Started 35 of 38 games in first year (all comps.)
- First professional goal 6/25/22 vs. Tampa Bay
- Led Hounds with 124 clearances in 2022

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:

GAME HIGHS



6

NATE DOSSANTOS

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	22/16	1,463	0	3	0	0	0

D • 5'11" • 170 • Oakville, Ontario

- Made 16 starts at left back in 2022 rookie year
- First season ended in Aug. after knee injury
- 2020 NCAA champion with Marshall

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:

GAME HIGHS



7

LANGSTON BLACKSTOCK

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
First pro season							

F • 6'2" • 185 • Marietta, Ga.

- Played at Division II Clayton State University
- 32 goals, 12 assists in 65 games at CSU
- Led Peach Belt Conference in scoring in 2022

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:

GAME HIGHS



8

JUNIOR ETOOU

(w/TBR)	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	23/5	771	0	1	1	5	2

M • 5'9" • 175 • Brazzaville, Congo

- Signed after 2022 season w/Tampa Bay Rowdies
- Broke into USL with Charlotte in 2020-21
- Played 7 seasons in France before coming to USL

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:

GAME HIGHS



9

ALBERT DIKWA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	33/24	2,206	11	4	26	52	30

F • 6'1" • 165 • Garoua, Cameroon

- Career-high games (33), goals (11), ast. (4) in '22
- Made 100th USLC appearance 6/11/22 at CHS
- Fourth season with Hounds

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:

GAME HIGHS



10

DZ HARMON

(w/CHS)	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	25/14	1,217	0	1	1	17	5

M • 6'2" • 190 • Monrovia, Liberia

- Signed after two seasons with Charleston Battery
- Two goals, five assists in 54 games for CHS
- Played college soccer at Coastal Carolina

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:

GAME HIGHS



11

KENARDO FORBES

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	34/29	2,716	3	10	16	40	18

M • 5'9" • 170 • Kingston, Jamaica

- Six-time All-USL selection ('16, '18-'22)
- All-time USL Championship assist leader with 55
- First in Hounds assists (44); fourth in GP (155)

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:

GAME HIGHS





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MIKE DESHIELDS

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	Did not play in USL						

D • 6'1" • 185 • Baltimore, Md.

- Signed after 2022 with NE Revolution II (MLSNP)
- Previously played in USLC with Loudoun in '21
- Fifth overall pick in 2021 MLS Draft by DC United

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:



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LUKE BIASI

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	14/7	498	0	0	0	0	0

D • 6'0" • 180 • Buford, Ga.

- 14 appearances in first pro season w/Hounds
- Made appearances at both RB and LB as rookie
- Played in college at Syracuse and Memphis

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:



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ROBBIE MERTZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	34/32	2,807	4	9	17	35	9

M • 5'7" • 155 • Pittsburgh, Pa.

- Rejoined Hounds via transfer from ATL (7/20/22)
- Fourth overall season with team over two stints
- 11 total assists in 2022 (regular season & playoffs)

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
Points: 0
Shots: 0
SOG: 0



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JOE FARRELL

(w/PHX)	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	31/29	2,607	1	1	3	24	9

D • 6'2" • 185 • Blue Bell, Pa.

- Acquired via transfer from Phoenix Rising FC
- Led PHX to two Western Conf. titles ('18, '20)
- All-USL selection as rookie in 2016 w/Rochester

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:



16

BURKE FAHLING

(w/TUC)	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	27/20	1,805	0	2	2	12	6

M • 5'7" • 163 • Tupelo, Miss.

- Signed after two years with Charleston Battery
- Played 2022 on loan with FC Tucson (USL1)
- Two goals in 27 games in '21 for CHS

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:



17

EDWARD KIZZA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	20/1	415	1	0	2	16	8

F • 5'9" • 175 • Kampala, Uganda

- Signed permanent deal after loan spell in 2022
- Two goals in '22 Eastern Conf. QF at BHM
- Previously under contract w/New England (MLS)

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:



22

TONY LOPEZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	Did not play in USL						

F • 6'1" • 174 • Sylmar, Calif.

- Signed after three years with Cal United (NISA)
- 10 goals, four assists in 42 matches for Cal Utd.
- Also played professionally in Brazil, Germany

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:



23

MARC YBARRA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	23/9	688	0	0	0	1	0

M • 6'0" • 180 • Ann Arbor, Mich.

- Appeared in 23 matches as first-year pro
- Nine starts was 3rd among Hounds rookies in '22
- 2021 Big Ten Midfielder of the Year at Michigan

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:



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TOLA SHOWUNMI

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
	First pro season						

F • 6'3" • 200 • Enfield, England

- Third-team All-American at New Hampshire in '21
- Picked in 3rd round of 2022 MLS Draft by Atlanta
- Returned to UNH, finished w/14 goals, six assists

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:



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JAHMALI WAITE

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2022	21/21	9-6-6	34	21	1.00	.618

GK • 6'1" • 198 • Kingston, Jamaica

- Seven clean sheets in first professional season
- Three PK stops in playoff shootout win vs. BHM
- Made debut for Jamaica vs. Cameroon (11/9/22)

GAME HIGHS

Saves:
GA:
Clean sheets:





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JONATHAN GOMES

____ GP/GS W/L/T S GA GAA SV%
First pro season _____

GK • 6'3" • 185 • Broward County, Fla.

- Finished college career at D-II Mercyhurst
- Allowed only four goals in 21 games in 2022
- Named PSAC West Defensive Athlete of the Year

GAME HIGHS
Saves:
GA:
Clean sheets:

