

PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC (1-0-3) at COLORADO SPRINGS SWITCHBACKS FC (2-1-1)

Saturday, April 8 >> 8 p.m. ET >> Weidner Field >> Colorado Springs, Colo.
TV: Pittsburgh's CW (WPCW-19); Streaming: CW (local), ESPN+ (national)

INSIDE THE MATCH



PITTSBURGH CO. SPRINGS

1-0-3	Record	2-1-1
T-2nd (East)	Conference Standing	T-3rd (West)
1-0-3	Last Five	2-1-1
D2	Streak	W1
Bob Lilley	Head Coach	Stephen Hogan
@RiverhoundsSC	Twitter	@SwitchbacksFC

All-Time Head-to-Head	.....	First meeting
Referee	.....	Ricardo Fierro
Assistant referees	.....	John Krill, Matthew Seem
Fourth official	.....	JT Belzer
Hounds injuries/inactives	.....	OUT - Junior Etou (arm)

STAT COMPARISON

Hounds	Category	Colorado Springs
1.25	Scoring Average	1.00
0.75	Opponent Scoring Average	0.75
5	Goals Scored	4
3	Goals Allowed	3
+2	Goal Differential	+1
9.00	Shots/Game (excl. blocked)	8.50
3.25	SOG/Game	4.00
45%	Average possession	49%
8	Yellow Cards	10
0	Red Cards	0

TEAM LEADERS

Hounds	Category	Colorado Springs
Albert Dikwa, 3	Goals	Four tied, 1
Three tied, 1	Assists	Deshane Beckford, 3
Albert Dikwa, 6	Points	Deshane Beckford, 3
Albert Dikwa, 6	Shots	Romario Williams, 8
Arturo Ordóñez, 360	Minutes	Five tied, 360
Arturo Ordóñez, 2	Yellow Cards	M.Foster/R.Williams, 2
None	Red Cards	None
Jahmali Waite, 0.67	GAA	Christian Herrera, 0.75
Jahmali Waite, .714	SV%	Christian Herrera, .833

*Minimum 3 games to qualify for GK stats

GAME 5 - QUICK STRIKES

- The Hounds will face the Switchbacks for the first time ever on Saturday. Colorado Springs is the first of three USL Championship teams the Hounds have yet to face in their history, with matches coming later this year against the remaining two — Monterey Bay and San Diego.
- Adding to the firsts, this will be the first time the Hounds have ever played a match in the state of Colorado. The team's only previous meeting with a team from the Centennial State came at home in 2001, when the Hounds defeated MLS' Colorado Rapids, 2-0, in the second round of the U.S. Open Cup.
- The Hounds are the only team in the USL Championship that did not play a midweek match during this U.S. Open Cup week. The team advanced to the third round of this year's cup with a forfeit victory over Rochester New York FC, which ceased operations in third-tier MLS Next Pro.
- Albert Dikwa was the USL Championship Player of the Week in Week 2 after his first career hat trick in a 3-1 win on the road against Memphis. It was the second multi-goal game with the Hounds for Dikwa, and he now has 19 goals for the club, the most among active players with the team.
- Goalkeeper Jahmali Waite had a busy schedule last week, playing two matches in a 48-hour span. The second-year pro made his third start for Jamaica in his country's 2-2 draw in Mexico in a CONCACAF Nations League match March 26, and two days later, he picked up his first clean sheet of the USL season in a 0-0 draw at FC Tulsa on Match 28. Waite also is nominated for USL Championship Save of the Week for one of his stops in the match at Tulsa.
- 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.
- Through four matches, center back Arturo Ordóñez is the only player to play every minute for the Hounds. That comes as no shock after he started 35 of 38 matches in all competitions as a first-year pro in 2022, logging the second-most minutes on the team.
- In 167 matches under coach Bob Lilley in all competitions, the Hounds are 84-35-48 and have allowed just 158 goals, an average of 0.95 goals per game.

SUPERLATIVES

Hounds High	Hounds Low	Category	Opp High	Opp Low
3 (3/18 at Memphis)	0 (3/28 at Tulsa)	Goals	2 (3/15 at El Paso)	0 (3/25 at San Antonio)
1 (three times)	0 (3/28 at Tulsa)	Goals All.	1 (three times)	0 (4/1 at Loudoun)
18 (3/28 at Tulsa)	8 (3/11 at Birmingham)	Shots	12 (3/15 at El Paso)	10 (3/25 at San Antonio)
5 (3/18 at Memphis)	2 (3/24 vs. Miami)	SOG	5 (3/25 at San Antonio)	3 (4/1 at Loudoun)
2 (two times)	1 (two times)	Saves	7 (4/1 at Loudoun)	0 (3/18 vs. Hartford)
18 (3/28 at Tulsa)	11 (3/18 at Memphis)	Fouls	20 (two times)	7 (4/1 at Loudoun)

MILESTONE TRACKER

- Already the team's all-time assists leader, Kenardo Forbes has 159 appearances in all competitions for the Hounds, which places him in sole possession of third place in team history.
- With an assist in last year's 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.
- Albert Dikwa has scored 19 goals since joining the Hounds midway through the 2020 season. His next goal will make him the 11th player to reach the 20-goal plateau with the club.

2023 SCHEDULE & RECORD

USL Championship Record: 1-0-3

Home: 0-0-1 • Away: 1-0-2 • Conf.: 1-0-3 • All comp.: 2-0-3

MARCH

Sat. 11	@Birmingham Legion FC	WPCW	D, 1-1
Sat. 18	@Memphis 901 FC	ESPN+	W, 3-1
Fri. 24	Miami FC	WPCW	D, 1-1
Tues. 28	@FC Tulsa	ESPN+	D, 0-0

APRIL

Wed. 5	*Rochester New York FC	W, 1-0 (forfeit)	
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.
Tu/We 25/26	*U.S. Open Cup 3rd Round		TBD
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	.....	75-42-47

Last Game Summary

Riverhounds SC 0, FC Tulsa 0

Game 4 • ONEOK Field, Tulsa, Okla. • March 28, 2023

The Hounds remained undefeated on the season but felt unfortunate not to come away with a win after a trip to Tulsa in which they held an 18-7 advantage in shots. Albert Dikwa had a 16th-minute goal that was controversially disallowed for a foul, and Jahmali Waite — two days after starting for Jamaica in Mexico — needed to make just one save for his first clean sheet of the season.

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 2023 WHEN...

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

Miscellaneous

Current Streak.....D2
 Home Streak.....D1
 Road Streak.....D1

ACTIVE ROSTER

Roster Size: 24 • Returners: 10 • Newcomers: 14

▶ **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	Matthews, 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)
18	Anders Bordoy	M	6'1"	155	18	New Kensington, Pa. (Riverhounds Academy)
19	Edward Kizza	F	5'9"	175	24	Kampala, Uganda (New England Revolution)
20	Trevor Zwetsloot	D	6'2"	178	23	Auckland, New Zealand (New England Revolution II)
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	London, England (University of New Hampshire)
26	Jahmali Waite	GK	6'1"	198	24	Kingston, Jamaica (University of Connecticut)
28	Illal Osumanu	D	6'0"	186	26	Accra, Ghana (Union Omaha)
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)
18	Anders Bordoy	M	6'1"	155	18	New Kensington, Pa. (Riverhounds Academy)
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10	DZ Harmon	M	6'2"	190	26	Monrovia, Liberia (Charleston Battery)
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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
ANDERS BORDOY	AHN-ders bor-DOY
Albert DIKWA	DEE-kwa
Junior ETOU	EH-too
Burke FAHLING	FAY-ling
Jonathan GOMES	GOMZ
Edward KIZZA	KIZ-uh
Arturo ORDÓÑEZ	or-DOE-nyez
ILLAL OSUMANU	Ill-ALL O-soo-mah-noo
TOLA SHOWUNMI	TOW-la SHOW-un-me
Marc YBARRA	EE-bar-uh
Trevor ZWETSLOOT	ZVET-sloot

▶ 2023 USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL

No.	Name	GP	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG	FC	T	CL	PK	PKG	YC	RC
3	Pat Hogan	3	259	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	13	0	0	0	0
4	Dani Rovira	3	257	0	0	0	1	0	2	8	3	0	0	0	0
5	Arturo Ordóñez	4	360	0	1	1	5	0	9	7	14	0	0	1	0
6	Nate Dossantos	4	299	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	8	0	0	0	0
7	Langston Blackstock	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
8	Junior Etou	4	346	0	0	0	1	1	6	6	2	0	0	1	0
9	Albert Dikwa	4	349	3	0	6	6	3	6	2	1	1	1	1	0
10	DZ Harmon	1	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Kenardo Forbes	4	298	0	0	0	2	0	3	5	1	0	0	1	0
12	Mike DeShields	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Luke Biasi	3	128	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	0	1	0
14	Robbie Mertz	4	297	1	0	2	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
15	Joe Farrell	4	129	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	7	0	0	0	0
16	Burke Fahling	4	86	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
18	Anders Bordoy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Edward Kizza	4	197	0	0	0	2	1	5	1	1	0	0	1	0
20	Trevor Zwestloot	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Tony Lopez	3	136	0	0	0	5	3	5	5	1	0	0	0	0
23	Marc Ybarra	4	293	0	0	0	2	1	8	5	5	0	0	2	0
24	Tola Showunmi	4	129	0	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
28	Illal Osumanu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GOALKEEPERS

No.	Name	GP	MIN	GA	SV	CS	SV%	GAA	YC	RC
1	Christian Garner	1	90	1	1	0	.500	1.00	0	0
26	Jahmali Waite	3	270	2	5	1	.714	0.67	0	0
32	Jonathan Gomes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

▶ 2023 HONORS

USL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Albert Dikwa - (Week 2)
First career hat trick in win at Memphis

USL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK

Robbie Mertz - Midfielder (Week 1)

Albert Dikwa - Forward (Week 2)
 Pat Hogan - Defender (Week 2)

** italics denote Bench selection*

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)

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.

▶ 2023 USL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Eastern

Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
Birmingham Legion FC	4	3-0-1	10	7	3	4
FC Tulsa	5	1-1-3	6	8	6	2
Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	4	1-0-3	6	5	3	2
Louisville City FC	4	2-2-0	6	4	9	-5
Charleston Battery	3	1-0-2	5	5	2	3
Indy Eleven	3	1-0-2	5	2	1	1
Loudoun United FC	4	1-2-1	4	4	6	-2
Detroit City FC	4	1-3-0	3	3	4	-1
Miami FC	4	0-1-3	3	3	4	-1
Hartford Athletic	4	0-2-2	2	5	8	-3
Tampa Bay Rowdies	4	0-2-2	2	2	7	-5
Memphis 901 FC	3	0-2-1	1	3	7	-4

Western

Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
Sacramento Republic FC	4	3-0-1	10	8	1	7
San Antonio FC	4	3-0-1	10	7	3	4
San Diego Loyal SC	4	2-1-1	7	6	3	3
Colo. Springs Switchbacks	4	2-1-1	7	4	3	1
Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	4	1-0-3	6	4	3	1
Monterey Bay FC	4	1-2-1	4	7	7	0
El Paso Locomotive FC	5	1-3-1	4	7	8	-1
Oakland Roots SC	3	1-1-1	4	3	4	-1
Las Vegas Lights FC	3	0-0-3	3	3	3	0
Orange County SC	4	0-1-3	3	5	7	-2
New Mexico United	2	1-1-0	3	1	1	-0
Phoenix Rising FC	3	0-1-2	2	3	6	-3

***Through matches played Thursday, April 6*

▶ 2023 GOAL LOG

RIVERHOUNDS SC

- 3/11: @BHM - Robbie Mertz 72' (Arturo Ordóñez)
- 3/18: @MEM - Albert Dikwa 5' (Pat Hogan)
- 3/18: @MEM - Albert Dikwa 39' (pen.)
- 3/18: @MEM - Albert Dikwa 71' (Tola Showunmi)
- 3/24: MIA - Burke Fahling 85'

OPPOSITION

- 3/11: @BHM - Alex Crognale 28' (Jacob Rufe)
- 3/18: @MEM - Bruno Lapa 7' (Dylan Borczak)
- 3/24: MIA - Kyle Murphy 23'

March 11: @Birmingham Legion FC (D, 1-1)

Jahmali Waite
 Nate Dossantos (Luke Biasi 79')
 Pat Hogan (Joe Farrell 79')
 Arturo Ordóñez
 Dani Rovira
 Junior Etou
 Kenardo Forbes
 Robbie Mertz (Burke Fahling 87')
 Marc Ybarra
 Albert Dikwa (Tola Showunmi 79')
 Edward Kizza (Tony Lopez 54')

March 18: @Memphis 901 FC (W, 3-1)

Jahmali Waite
 Nate Dossantos (Luke Biasi 63')
 Pat Hogan
 Arturo Ordóñez
 Dani Rovira
 Junior Etou
 Kenardo Forbes (Joe Farrell 75')
 Robbie Mertz (Burke Fahling 75')
 Marc Ybarra
 Albert Dikwa
 Edward Kizza (Tola Showunmi 63')

March 24: Miami FC (D, 1-1)

Christian Garner
 Nate Dossantos (Burke Fahling 67')
 Pat Hogan
 Arturo Ordóñez
 Dani Rovira (Langston Blackstock 77')
 Junior Etou (Joe Farrell 77')
 Kenardo Forbes (Tony Lopez 66')
 Robbie Mertz
 Marc Ybarra
 Albert Dikwa
 Edward Kizza (Tola Showunmi 66')

March 28: @Tulsa FC (D, 0-0)

Jahmali Waite
 Nate Dossantos
 Joe Farrell
 Arturo Ordóñez
 Luke Biasi
 Junior Etou (Trevor Zwetsloot 90+13')
 Kenardo Forbes (Marc Ybarra 67')
 Tola Showunmi (DZ Harmon 67')
 Tony Lopez (Edward Kizza 76')
 Burke Fahling (Robbie Mertz 46')
 Albert Dikwa

▶ USL CHAMPIONSHIP LINE SCORES

Opponent	W/L/D	G	A	SH	SOG	POSS	PA%	CK	OFF	FC	PK	PKG	YC	RC	OG	SV
HOUNDS	D	1	1	8	3	53.0	79.0	5	3	13	0	0	1	0	0	2
@Birmingham		1	1	10	3	47.0	73.9	3	0	10	0	0	2	0	0	2
HOUNDS	W	3	2	11	5	35.8	63.1	4	4	11	1	1	2	0	0	2
@Memphis		1	1	8	3	64.2	76.7	3	0	14	0	0	4	0	0	2
HOUNDS	D	1	0	11	2	59.0	71.0	8	1	15	0	0	2	0	0	1
Miami		1	0	3	2	41.0	55.6	3	2	9	0	0	2	0	0	1
HOUNDS	D	0	0	18	3	30.6	63.7	4	2	18	0	0	3	0	0	1
@Tulsa		0	0	7	2	69.4	80.6	2	1	15	0	0	2	0	0	3

▶ TEAM USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

	G	A	SH	SOG	CK	OFF	FC	YC	RC	PK	PKG	OG	GA	SV	POS%
TOTAL:	5	3	48	13	21	10	57	8	0	1	1	0	3	6	-
AVG:	1.25	0.75	12.00	3.25	5.25	2.50	14.25	2.00	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.75	1.50	45%



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CHRISTIAN GARNER

	GP/GS	W/L/D	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2023	1/1	0-0-1	1	1	1.00	.500

GK • 6'0" • 180 • Orleans, Mass.

- Made pro debut 3/24 — 1-1 draw vs. Miami
- Played in college at Northwestern & Boston Coll.
- Six shutouts in 28 matches for Boston College

GAME HIGHS

- Saves: 1 (3/24 vs. MIA)
- GA: 1 (3/24 vs. MIA)
- Clean sheets: 0



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PAT HOGAN

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	3/3	259	0	1	1	0	0

D • 6'3" • 190 • Matthews, N.C.

- Signed after two seasons with Charleston Battery
- 37 games played, two goals as a pro entering '23
- Conf. USA Defensive MVP in '20-21 at Charlotte

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (two times)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 1 (3/18 at MEM)
- Points: 1 (3/18 at MEM)
- Shots: 0
- SOG: 0



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DANI ROVIRA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	3/3	257	0	0	0	1	0

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

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (two times)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 0
- Points: 0
- Shots: 1 (3/11 at BHM)
- SOG: 0



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ARTURO ORDÓÑEZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	4/4	360	0	1	1	5	0

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

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (four times)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 1 (3/11 at BHM)
- Points: 1 (3/11 at BHM)
- Shots: 2 (3/28 at TUL)
- SOG: 0



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NATE DOSSANTOS

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	4/4	299	0	0	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

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (3/28 at TUL)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 0
- Points: 0
- Shots: 0
- SOG: 0



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LANGSTON BLACKSTOCK

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	1/0	13	0	0	0	0	0

F • 6'2" • 185 • Marietta, Ga.

- Made pro debut as substitute 3/24 vs. Miami
- Played at Division II Clayton State University
- 32 goals, 12 assists in 65 games at CSU

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 13 (3/24 vs. MIA)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 0
- Points: 0
- Shots: 0
- SOG: 0



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JUNIOR ETOOU

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	4/4	346	0	0	0	1	1

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

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (two times)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 0
- Points: 0
- Shots: 1 (3/28 at TUL)
- SOG: 1 (3/28 at TUL)



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ALBERT DIKWA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2022	4/4	349	3	0	6	6	3

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
- First career hat trick 3/18 at Memphis

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (three times)
- Goals: 3 (3/18 at MEM)
- Assists: 0
- Points: 6 (3/18 at MEM)
- Shots: 4 (3/18 at MEM)
- SOG: 3 (3/18 at MEM)



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DZ HARMON

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	1/0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 23 (3/28 at TUL)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 0
- Points: 0
- Shots: 1 (3/28 at TUL)
- SOG: 0



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KENARDO FORBES

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	4/4	298	0	0	0	2	0

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); 3rd in games pl. (159)

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (3/11 at BHM)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 0
- Points: 0
- Shots: 2 (3/28 at TUL)
- SOG: 0





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MIKE DESHIELDS

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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
2023	3/1	128	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:	90 (3/28 at TUL)
Goals:	0
Assists:	0
Points:	0
Shots:	0
SOG:	0



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ROBBIE MERTZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	4/3	297	1	0	2	3	1

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:	90 (3/24 vs. MIA)
Goals:	1 (3/11 at BHM)
Assists:	0
Points:	2 (3/11 at BHM)
Shots:	2 (3/18 at MEM)
SOG:	1 (3/11 at BHM)



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JOE FARRELL

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	4/1	129	0	0	0	3	1

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:	90 (3/28 at TUL)
Goals:	0
Assists:	0
Points:	0
Shots:	2 (3/24 vs. MIA)
SOG:	1 (3/24 vs. MIA)



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BURKE FAHLING

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	4/1	86	1	0	2	2	1

M • 5'7" • 163 • Tupelo, Miss.

- First Hounds goal 3/24 vs. Miami
- Signed after two years with Charleston Battery
- Played 2022 on loan with FC Tucson (USL1)

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:	45 (3/28 at TUL)
Goals:	1 (3/24 vs. MIA)
Assists:	0
Points:	2 (3/24 vs. MIA)
Shots:	2 (3/24 vs. MIA)
SOG:	1 (3/24 vs. MIA)



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ANDERS BORDOY

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0

M • 6'1" • 155 • New Kensington, Pa.

- USL Academy signee announced 3/21/23
- Trained in Riverhounds Academy since age 9
- Senior at Kiski Area High School

GAME HIGHS

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



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EDWARD KIZZA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	4/3	197	0	0	0	2	1

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:	66 (3/24 vs. MIA)
Goals:	0
Assists:	0
Points:	0
Shots:	1 (two times)
SOG:	1 (3/18 at MEM)



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TREVOR ZWETSLOOT

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	1/0	1	0	0	0	0	0

D • 6'2" • 178 • Auckland, New Zealand

- Played last season with NE Revolution II (MLSNP)
- Represented New Zealand at U-19 and U-20 level
- Spent season in Werder Bremen Academy (GER)

GAME HIGHS

Minutes:	1 (3/28 at TUL)
Goals:	0
Assists:	0
Points:	0
Shots:	0
SOG:	0



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TONY LOPEZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	3/1	136	0	0	0	5	3

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:	76 (3/28 at TUL)
Goals:	0
Assists:	0
Points:	0
Shots:	4 (3/28 at TUL)
SOG:	2 (3/28 at TUL)



23

MARC YBARRA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	4/3	293	0	0	0	2	1

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:	90 (three times)
Goals:	0
Assists:	0
Points:	0
Shots:	1 (two times)
SOG:	1 (3/18 at MEM)





24 TOLA SHOWUNMI

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	4/1	129	0	1	1	3	1

F • 6'3" • 200 • London, England

- Third-team All-American at New Hampshire in '21
- Picked in 3rd round of 2022 MLS Draft by Atlanta
- First professional assist 3/18 at Memphis

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 67 (3/28 at TUL)
Goals: 0
Assists: 1 (3/18 at MEM)
Points: 0
Shots: 2 (3/11 at BHM)
SOG: 1 (3/11 at BHM)



26 JAHMALI WAITE

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2023	3/3	1-0-2	5	2	0.67	.714

GK • 6'1" • 198 • Kingston, Jamaica

- Seven clean sheets in first professional season
- Three PK stops in playoff shootout win vs. BHM
- Three international appearances for Jamaica

GAME HIGHS
Saves: 2 (two times)
GA: 1 (two times)
Clean sheets: 1



28 ILLAL OSUMANU

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0

D • 6'0" • 186 • Accra, Ghana

- Free agent signing announced on 4/5/23
- USL League One champion with Omaha in 2021
- Played collegiately at Charleston (WV) & Marshall

GAME HIGHS
Minutes:
Goals:
Assists:
Points:
Shots:
SOG:



32 JONATHAN GOMES

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2023	0/0	0-0-0	0	0	0.00	-

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:

