

PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC (2-1-3) at EL PASO LOCOMOTIVE FC (2-3-1)

Saturday, April 22 >> 9:30 p.m. ET >> Southwest University Park >> El Paso, Texas
Streaming: ESPN+ (national)

INSIDE THE MATCH



PITTSBURGH

EL PASO

2-1-3 4th (East) 2-1-2 W1 Bob Lilley @RiverhoundsSC	Record Conference Standing Last Five Streak Head Coach Twitter	2-3-1 T-6th (West) 2-2-1 W1 Brian Clarhaut @eplocomotivefc
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All-Time Head-to-Head	1-0-0
Referee	Malik Badawi
Assistant referees	Bennett Savage, Cameron Siler
Fourth official	Dreaux Plair
Hounds injuries/inactives	OUT - Junior Etou (arm)

STAT COMPARISON

Hounds	Category	El Paso
1.17	Scoring Average	1.33
0.67	Opponent Scoring Average	1.33
7	Goals Scored	8
4	Goals Allowed	8
+3	Goal Differential	0
8.17	Shots/Game (excl. blocked)	11.33
3.00	SOG/Game	4.67
42%	Average possession	54%
13	Yellow Cards	15
2	Red Cards	0

TEAM LEADERS

Hounds	Category	El Paso
Albert Dikwa, 4	Goals	Luis Solignac, 3
Five tied, 1	Assists	Eric Calvillo, 2
Albert Dikwa, 8	Points	Luis Solignac, 6
Albert Dikwa, 12	Shots	Denys Kostyshyn, 19
Albert Dikwa, 527	Minutes	Four tied, 540
L.Biasi/M.Ybarra, 2	Yellow Cards	Four tied, 2
R.Mertz/A.Ordoñez, 1	Red Cards	None
Jahmali Waite, 0.67	GAA	Benny Diaz, 1.33
Jahmali Waite, .667	SV%	Benny Diaz, .600

*Minimum 3 games to qualify for GK stats

GAME 7 - QUICK STRIKES

- The Hounds and Locomotive are meeting for the second time ever and first time in Texas. The first meeting occurred last season at Highmark Stadium, where Russell Cicerone scored the only goal of a 1-0 Hounds win in the opening minute of the second half on May 14.
- Though it is the Hounds first away match against the Locomotive, it's the team's third visit to El Paso. The Hounds played on the road at the El Paso Patriots twice during the 2001 season. The Patriots won 2-0 in the first meeting, an A-League contest on July 4, but the Hounds scored a 2-1 win just one week later in the Third Round of the 2001 U.S. Open Cup, which advanced the team to that year's Quarterfinals.
- The Hounds will play three league matches in a row on the road, beginning with today's game. After those matches are completed, the team will have played 7 of 9 USL Championship games away from home to start the 2023 season.
- Hounds captain Kenardo Forbes earned his first USL Championship Team of the Week honor of 2023 this week after a performance capped by his headed goal in the 2-0 win over Rio Grande Valley on Saturday. According to the USL's statistics, it was only the second headed goal by Forbes in his nine seasons in the league, making it a rare feat for the six-time all-league selection and the USL Championship all-time assists leader.
- Albert Dikwa netted his fourth goal of the year in the win over Rio Grande Valley, moving him into a tie for second in the league in the early season. The Cameroonian striker now has 20 goals with the Hounds, the most of any active player with the club.
- Goalkeeper Jahmali Waite has started five of the team's six matches thus far, missing only the home opener vs. Miami while getting a start March 26 with the Jamaican National Team in Mexico. Waite picked up his second clean sheet of the season last week against Rio Grande Valley, and he also saved the only penalty kick he has faced this season, stopping the shot of Colorado Springs' Maalique Foster.
- Defender Luke Biasi notched his first assist as a professional last Saturday with his cross to set up Dikwa for the game's opening goal. The second-year pro has started the past three matches, playing at both right back and left back.
- In 169 matches played under coach Bob Lilley in all competitions, the Hounds are 85-36-48 and have allowed just 159 goals, an average of 0.94 goals per game.

SUPERLATIVES

Hounds High	Hounds Low	Category	Opp High	Opp Low
3 (3/18 at Memphis)	0 (two times)	Goals	3 (3/25 at Louisville)	0 (3/11 vs. Sacramento)
1 (four times)	0 (two times)	Goals All.	3 (3/18 vs. Detroit)	0 (two times)
18 (3/28 at Tulsa)	6 (4/8 at Colo. Springs)	Shots	22 (3/18 vs. Detroit)	8 (3/25 at Louisville)
5 (3/18 at Memphis)	1 (4/8 at Colo. Springs)	SOG	7 (3/18 vs. Detroit)	3 (three times)
2 (two times)	0 (4/15 vs. RGV)	Saves	3 (two times)	0 (3/31 at Tulsa)
20 (4/15 vs. RGV)	11 (3/18 at Memphis)	Fouls	19 (3/31 at Tulsa)	6 (3/11 vs. Sacramento)

MILESTONE TRACKER

- Albert Dikwa became the 11th Hounds player to score 20 goals for the club with his strike last Saturday against Rio Grande Valley FC. He is two goals away from entering the club's all-time top 10.
- Already the team's all-time assists leader, Kenardo Forbes has 161 appearances in all competitions for the Hounds, which places him in sole possession of third place in team history. He also has 18 goals with the Hounds, putting him on the cusp of joining Dikwa in the 20-goal club.
- 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 from 2021-22.

2023 SCHEDULE & RECORD

USL Championship Record: 2-1-3

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

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	L, 0-1
Sat. 15	Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	WPCW	W, 2-0
Sat. 22	@El Paso Locomotive FC	ESPN+	9:30 p.m.
Tues. 25	*Maryland Bobcats FC	B/R Football	7 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 76-42-47

Last Game Summary

Riverhounds SC 2, Rio Grande Valley FC Toros 0

Game 6 • Highmark Stadium, Pittsburgh, Pa. • April 15, 2023

A stout defensive effort held the visiting Toros without a shot on goal, as the Hounds and goalkeeper Jahmali Waite recorded their second shutout of the season. Albert Dikwa netted his fourth goal of the season just four minutes after halftime, and Kenardo Forbes added a headed tally in the 64th minute to secure all three points at home.

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

Miscellaneous

Current Streak..... W1
 Home Streak..... W1
 Road Streak..... L1

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**

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13	Luke Biasi	D	6'0"	180	23	Buford, Ga. (Syracuse 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
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	5	361	0	1	1	0	0	2	6	19	0	0	0	0
4	Dani Rovira	5	372	0	1	1	2	0	5	11	5	0	0	1	0
5	Arturo Ordóñez	5	449	0	1	1	6	0	11	8	17	0	0	1	1
6	Nate Dossantos	6	452	0	0	0	0	0	9	14	11	0	0	1	0
7	Langston Blackstock	3	41	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
8	Junior Etou	4	346	0	0	0	1	1	5	6	2	0	0	1	0
9	Albert Dikwa	6	527	4	0	8	12	5	8	2	2	1	1	1	0
10	DZ Harmon	1	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Kenardo Forbes	6	478	1	0	2	4	2	6	10	3	0	0	1	0
12	Mike DeShields	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
13	Luke Biasi	5	285	0	1	1	0	0	4	12	3	0	0	2	0
14	Robbie Mertz	5	345	1	0	2	3	1	2	4	1	0	0	0	1
15	Joe Farrell	6	230	0	0	0	3	1	2	3	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	5	264	0	0	0	2	1	6	2	1	0	0	1	0
20	Trevor Zwestloot	3	88	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	2	0	0	1	0
22	Tony Lopez	5	266	0	0	0	6	3	9	6	2	0	0	0	0
23	Marc Ybarra	6	462	0	0	0	3	1	12	12	6	0	0	2	0
24	Tola Showunmi	6	179	0	1	1	4	2	6	1	2	0	0	0	0
28	Illal Osumanu	2	101	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	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	5	450	3	6	2	.667	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)

Kenardo Forbes - Midfielder (Week 6)

** italics denote Bench selection*

USL CHAMPIONSHIP SAVE OF THE WEEK

Jahmali Waite (Week 4 at Tulsa)

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
Charleston Battery	6	4-0-2	14	12	6	6
Louisville City FC	6	4-2-0	12	6	9	-3
Birmingham Legion FC	6	3-2-1	10	8	8	0
Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	6	2-1-3	9	7	4	3
Loudoun United FC	5	2-2-1	7	7	6	1
FC Tulsa	7	1-3-3	6	10	10	0
Indy Eleven	5	1-2-2	5	2	5	-3
Tampa Bay Rowdies	6	1-3-2	5	5	9	-4
Hartford Athletic	6	1-3-2	5	9	12	-3
Detroit City FC	6	1-4-1	4	3	5	-2
Miami FC	6	0-2-4	4	3	6	-3
Memphis 901 FC	4	0-2-2	2	5	9	-4

Western

Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
Sacramento Republic FC	6	4-0-2	14	12	1	11
San Diego Loyal SC	6	3-1-2	11	9	5	4
San Antonio FC	6	3-1-2	11	7	4	3
Colo. Springs Switchbacks	6	3-2-1	10	5	7	-2
Monterey Bay FC	6	2-2-2	8	12	10	2
Oakland Roots SC	5	2-2-1	7	7	6	1
El Paso Locomotive FC	6	2-3-1	7	8	8	0
Rio Grande Valley FC Toros	5	1-1-3	6	4	5	-1
Orange County SC	6	1-2-3	6	6	8	-2
Phoenix Rising FC	5	1-1-3	6	6	8	-2
New Mexico United	4	1-2-1	4	4	6	-2
Las Vegas Lights FC	4	0-0-4	4	5	5	0

**Through matches played Thursday, April 20

▶ 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'
- 4/15: RGV - Albert Dikwa 49' (Luke Biasi)
- 4/15: RGV - Kenardo Forbes 64' (Dani Rovira)

OPPOSITION

- 3/11: @BHM - Alex Crognale 28' (Jacob Rufe)
- 3/18: @MEM - Bruno Lapa 7' (Dylan Borczak)
- 3/24: MIA - Kyle Murphy 23'
- 4/8: @COS - Romario Williams 80' (Patrick Seagrist)

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')

April 8: @Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC (L, 0-1)

Jahmali Waite
 Nate Dossantos (Dani Rovira 63')
 Pat Hogan (Joe Farrell 79')
 Arturo Ordóñez (sent off 90+5')
 Luke Biasi
 Kenardo Forbes
 Trevor Zwetsloot (Langston Blackstock 85')
 Robbie Mertz (sent off 48')
 Tony Lopez (Tola Showunmi 63')
 Marc Ybarra (Illal Osumanu 79')
 Albert Dikwa

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')

April 15: Rio Grande Valley FC Toros (W, 2-0)

Jahmali Waite
 Luke Biasi (Tola Showunmi 67')
 Nate Dossantos
 Joe Farrell
 Illal Osumanu
 Dani Rovira (Trevor Zwetsloot 88')
 Marc Ybarra
 Kenardo Forbes
 Tony Lopez (Pat Hogan 67')
 Edward Kizza (Langston Blackstock 67')
 Albert Dikwa (Mike DeShields 88')

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
HOUNDS	L	0	0	6	1	32.9	69.2	5	3	17	0	0	4	2	0	1
@Colorado Springs		1	1	8	2	67.1	85.7	3	2	17	1	0	2	0	0	1
HOUNDS	W	2	2	9	4	39.3	66.6	5	3	20	0	0	2	0	0	0
Rio Grande Valley		0	0	6	0	60.7	77.6	7	1	11	0	0	2	0	0	2

▶ TEAM USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

	G	A	SH	SOG	CK	OFF	FC	YC	RC	PK	PKG	OG	GA	SV	POS%
TOTAL:	7	5	63	18	31	16	94	14	2	1	1	0	4	7	-
AVG:	1.17	0.83	10.50	3.00	5.17	2.67	15.67	2.33	0.33	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.67	1.17	42%



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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	5/4	361	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	5/4	372	0	1	1	2	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: 1 (4/15 vs. RGV)
Points: 1 (4/15 vs. RGV)
Shots: 1 (two times)
SOG: 0



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ARTURO ORDÓÑEZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	5/5	449	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	6/6	452	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 (two times)
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	3/0	41	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: 23 (4/15 vs. RGV)
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	6/6	527	4	0	8	12	5

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 (four times)
Goals: 3 (3/18 at MEM)
Assists: 0
Points: 6 (3/18 at MEM)
Shots: 5 (4/15 vs. RGV)
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	6/6	478	1	0	2	4	2

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. (161)

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 90 (three times)
Goals: 1 (4/15 vs. RGV)
Assists: 0
Points: 2 (4/15 vs. RGV)
Shots: 2 (two times)
SOG: 2 (4/15 vs. RGV)





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MIKE DESHIELDS

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

Minutes: 2 (4/15 vs. RGV)
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
Points: 0
Shots: 0
SOG: 0



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LUKE BIASI

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	5/3	285	0	1	1	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
- First career assist 4/15/23 vs. Rio Grande Valley

Minutes: 90 (two times)
Goals: 0
Assists: 1 (4/15 vs. RGV)
Points: 1 (4/15 vs. RGV)
Shots: 0
SOG: 0



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ROBBIE MERTZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	5/4	345	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)

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	6/2	230	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

Minutes: 90 (two times)
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)

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

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



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EDWARD KIZZA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	5/4	264	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)

Minutes: 67 (4/15 vs. RGV)
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	3/1	88	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)

Minutes: 85 (4/8 at COS)
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	5/3	266	0	0	0	6	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

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	6/5	462	0	0	0	3	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

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





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TOLA SHOWUNMI

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	6/1	179	0	1	1	4	2

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 (two times)



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JAHMALI WAITE

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2023	5/5	2-1-2	6	3	0.67	.667

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 (three times)
Clean sheets: 2



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ILLAL OSUMANU

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2023	2/1	101	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
- Made Hounds debut off bench 4/8 at Co. Springs

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 90 (4/15 at RGV)
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
Points: 0
Shots: 0
SOG: 0



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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:

