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WE ARE ST LOUIS CITY

On August 20, 2019, Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber announced that St. Louis was awarded the 28th franchise in the nation's top professional soccer league, entering a city that has a deep, rich and coveted history of soccer.



St. Louis CITY SC celebrates the area's diverse, iconic neighborhoods and proud heritage while capturing the region's recent growth and cultural renaissance. This club is about what our great city represents, stretching St. Louis beyond municipalities, county lines and even state lines.

The name "CITY" celebrates our community's diverse cultures, iconic neighborhoods and proud heritage ... it's a reminder of what we can achieve on and off the pitch – together. No matter where we live – the city, the county, Metro East – we all stand up for one another and we all call St. Louis home.

CREST



A diverse group of over 20 local designers created the crest based upon a common theme discovered through focus groups and discussions with various community members: a deep-rooted sense of unity and pride across the region in the St. Louis City flag. The crest is an abstract depiction of the Gateway Arch, as it connects the horizontal lines representing the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, evoking this city's dynamic nature.

St. Louis CITY SC celebrates St. Louis' rich history as America's First Soccer Capital, but also embraces our future as we look to be part of the region's continued growth, optimism and success.

The new home of St. Louis CITY SC is CITYPARK. CITYPARK will be a gathering place to celebrate the best of St. Louis and will reflect many of the region's most amazing attributes, including its diverse neighborhoods, growing culinary scene, innovative technology, inviting landscape and renewed spirit. CITYPARK, and its surrounding stadium district, is the largest urban professional sports campus in the U.S. and the only one with a stadium, team headquarters and practice facility all within the same footprint. The 30+ acre urban campus in downtown west will help unite the region around its love of sports and serve as the heartbeat of St. Louis by creating a 24/7/365 fan experience. CITYPARK features an open and welcoming architectural design and includes a variety of amenities for everyone to enjoy: public art installations, pet-friendly spaces, bike and pedestrian pathways, greenspace, and pop-up shops and restaurants.



ABOUT CITYPARK AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT:

- Designed by internationally renowned architect Julie Snow and St. Louis-based HOK
- 22,500 seats, all within 120 feet of the pitch
- 3,000+ safe-standing supporter section
- 30+ acre district also includes the WashU Orthopedics High Performance Center, three training pitches, a two-story retail pavilion, and CITY SC's corporate offices
- 125,000+ square-foot Lou Fusz Plaza on the east side of stadium, which will host gameday activities, public festivals, and events
- CITYPARK's canopy roof pays homage to the Gateway Arch in its metallic materials and, in addition to protecting fans from the elements, will help retain the stadium's sound and matchday energy
- As part of the district's design vision, all four sides of the stadium will be open and inclusive, providing a welcoming and intimate experience for fans and neighbors alike
- The fiberoptic infrastructure of CITYPARK allows consistent wireless connectivity to allow fans to personalize their experience through frictionless ordering, real-time wayfinding, and customized itineraries including augmented and virtual reality.



2023 SCHEDULE

REGULAR SEASON

HOME AWAY

FEB 25
SAT | 7:30PM



MAR 4
SAT | 7:30PM



MAR 11
SAT | 9:30PM



MAR 18
SAT | 7:30PM



MAR 25
SAT | 8:30PM



APR 1
SAT | 7:30PM



APR 8
SAT | 9:30PM



APR 15
SAT | 7:30PM



APR 22
SAT | 8:30PM



APR 29
SAT | 7:30PM



MAY 6
SAT | 7:30PM



MAY 13
SAT | 12:00PM



MAY 20
SAT | 8:30PM



MAY 27
SAT | 7:30PM



MAY 31
WED | 9:30PM



JUN 3
SAT | 7:30PM



JUN 11
SUN | 12:00PM



JUN 17
SAT | 7:30PM



JUN 21
WED | 7:30PM



JUN 24
SAT | 9:30PM



JUL 1
SAT | 7:30PM



JUL 8
SAT | 6:30PM



JUL 15
SAT | 7:30PM



AUG 20
SUN | 8:30PM



AUG 26
SAT | 6:30PM



AUG 30
WED | 7:30PM



SEP 2
SAT | 7:30PM



SEP 10
SAT | 7:00PM



SEP 16
SAT | 7:30PM



SEP 20
WED | 7:30PM



SEP 23
SAT | 7:30PM



SEP 30
SAT | 7:30PM



OCT 4
WED | 7:30PM



OCT 21
SAT | 8:00PM



PRESENTED BY

**SEAT
GEEK**

* ALL TIMES CST // SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MEET THE OWNERSHIP GROUP



St. Louis CITY SC's ownership group is 100% local with deep roots in St. Louis business, philanthropy and soccer, specifically the Taylor (Enterprise Holdings) and Kavanaugh (Worldwide Technology) families. Led by Carolyn Kindle, our club is the first majority female-owned club in MLS history and one of the few in professional sports globally. The same passion, focus and commitment to excellence that led to our ownership group successfully landing an MLS club in our city now drives us to make St. Louis CITY SC one of the league's premier organizations – on and off the field.

"Our ownership group has come a long way since we first announced our bid at Mathews–Dickey Boys and Girls Club, and it's an incredible feeling to now be able to say St. Louis is home to the first official majority female-led ownership group in MLS. Our MLS team and stadium will only add to St. Louis' renaissance currently underway and will provide us with a great opportunity to bring together many different segments of the community, uniting people in their love for the game." – Carolyn Kindle



FRONT OFFICE STAFF



CAROLYN KINDLE

PRESIDENT / CEO



Carolyn Kindle is the first female president and CEO of a Major League Soccer club, St. Louis CITY SC. Having piloted the majority female-led ownership group throughout the bid process and following St. Louis being awarded the expansion team, Kindle officially assumed the top role at CITY SC on August 20, 2019.

As president and CEO, Kindle oversees all operational and business aspects of St. Louis' new MLS team, including the construction of CITYPARK and the surrounding district, which is North America's largest urban sports campus and includes the team's stadium, training facility, practice fields, team store and corporate headquarters. In addition to leading CITY SC, Kindle maintains her current role as president of the Enterprise Holdings Foundation, the charitable arm of Enterprise Holdings, Inc. A tireless advocate for the St. Louis region, she is also a board member of the St. Louis Sports Commission, SSM Health, St. Louis Police Foundation, Regional Business Council and Greater St. Louis, Inc.





LEE BROUGHTON

CHIEF BRAND ARCHITECT



JASON THEIN

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



DENNIS MOORE

CHIEF REVENUE OFFICER



MATT SEBEK

CHIEF EXPERIENCE OFFICER

ST LOUIS CITY FRONT OFFICE

| Name | Job Title |
|------------------------|--|
| Abel, Marc | Vice President, Communications |
| Abernathy, Joseph | Vice President, Stadium Operations |
| Arechiga, Victoria | AE, Supporter Sales and Services |
| Asmus, Payton | Manager, Membership Services |
| Bajardi, Lexi | Manager, Community Relations |
| Ball, Michael | Director, Guest Experience |
| Bartling, Trent | Director, Business Intelligence |
| Basler, Sarah | Sr. Manager, Digital Marketing |
| Bauer, Sascha | Director, Regional Training and Education |
| Becker, Meghan | Payroll Specialist |
| Bell, Jake Lightner | Executive, Membership Services |
| Birmingham, Tom | Sr. Endpoint Management Architect/Engineer |
| Bowling, Jacob | Manager, Social Media |
| Brewer, Aaron | Sr. Product Manager, Digital Experience |
| Brown, Adam | Manager, CITY Futures |
| Carter, James Michael | Senior Manager, Business Intelligence |
| Carver, Kristen | Live Experience Manager and MatchDay Correspondent |
| Clutts, Alexis | Executive, Premium Seating |
| Dale, Matt | Creative Director, Art |
| Denap Ruggeri, Katelyn | Manager, Stadium Programming |
| Doelling, Dan | Brand Strategist |
| Donnelly, Julie | Director, Office of the CEO |
| Earley, Ken | Associate Creative Director, Copy |
| Elzy, Edmund | Vice President, Ticket Sales and Services |
| Feeney, Cassidy | Data Analyst |
| Frazier, David | Manager, Partnership Marketing |

| Name | Job Title |
|---------------------------|--|
| Gasparoni, John | Director, Public Relations |
| Gederman, Alyssa | Executive, Membership Services |
| Gerber, Danny | Videographer/Editor |
| Ghanem, Mohaned | Physical Therapist |
| Johnson, Kathleen | Manager, Premium Seating |
| Jones, Yancey | Director, Corporate Partnerships |
| Klipsch, Owen | Executive, Membership Services |
| Lelly, Ashley | Executive Assistant |
| Leon, Caleb | Manager, Supporter and Fan Relations |
| Lewis, Connor James | Executive, Membership Services |
| Lindmark, Harry | Executive, Membership Services |
| Marroquin, Lucas Andre | Executive, Ticket Sales |
| Marsh, Julie | Director, Retail and Apparel |
| Martinez, Joseph | Senior Club Photographer |
| Martinez, Maritza | Associate Director, Stadium Grounds |
| Mauer, Abby | Manager, Special Events |
| McPherson, Josh | Director, Stadium Grounds |
| Mintjens-Anderson, Alyssa | Manager, Guest Services |
| Mireles, Samuel G | Manager, Premium Sales |
| Morgan, Jonathon | Manager, Guest Services |
| Morgan, Theron | Director, Corporate Partnerships |
| Morris, Tanner | Graphic Designer |
| Mosley, Kristin | Director, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging |
| Mueller, Courtney | Director, Public Engagement |
| Ochs, Brittany | Executive, Premium Seating |
| Otten, Mike | Director, Security |
| Peters, Alex | Associate Director, Stadium Grounds |
| Poling, Matt | Vice President, Corporate Partnerships |
| Quinonez, Amy | Director, Partnership Marketing |

| Name | Job Title |
|------------------|--|
| Revis, Alex | Director, Stadium Operations |
| Richard, Madison | Art Director |
| Rodríguez, Peter | Director, Finance |
| Rupp, Amanda | Director, Ticket Sales and Premium Seating |
| Sanborn, Kelly | Director, Brand Strategy |
| Serovich, Justin | Coordinator, Ticket Operations |
| Sharp, Lindsey | Director, Special Events |
| Shoemaker, Jason | Engineer, Technology Solutions |
| Silva, Barbra | Director, Community Relations |
| Smith, Kash | Associate, Public Relations |
| Smith, Kyndall | Art Director |
| Sprague, Madyson | Specialist, Human Resources |
| Tainter, Rachel | Project Manager/Producer |
| Tarner, James | Manager, Ticket Sales |
| Thomas, Chasity | Coordinator, Special Events |
| Thomas, Cullen | Sr. Data Analyst |
| Todoroff, Jenna | Director, Brand Communications |
| Tonjes, Michael | Manager, Accounting |
| Tripp, Jeremy | Director, Digital Experience |
| Uthlaut, Grant | Coordinator, Stadium Systems |
| Vedder, David | Director, Live Experience |
| Vollmer, Charles | Sr. IT Support Specialist |
| Weymouth, Seth | Associate Director, Stadium Grounds |
| Wingfield, Emily | Manager, Ticket Operations |
| Wissmann, Neil | Creative Director, Copy |
| Wood, Pete | Vice President, Content |
| Wos, Samuel | Manager, Matchday Operations |
| Young, Kara | Ticket Sales Coordinator |
| Zakoura, Rachel | Manager, Partnership Marketing |



ST LOUIS CITY SC FIRST TEAM



LUTZ PFANNENSTIEL

SPORTING DIRECTOR



Lutz Pfannenstiel joined St. Louis City SC as the club's sporting director in August 2020, bringing his rich on-and-off-field-experience from playing and working in the sport all over the globe.

Before his move to St. Louis, Missouri, Pfannenstiel was formerly a goalkeeper, coach, coaching instructor and scout. From starting his playing career with Germany's U-17 team in 1986 to retirement from the field in 2011, Pfannenstiel has been the only professional player to have played in all six continental FIFA membership associations.

During his coaching career, Pfannenstiel was the assistant coach for the Cuba national football team, the Manglerud Star (Norway), the Ramblers F.C. (Namibia), the Namibian national team, and worked as a scout and head of international relations for German club TSG 1899 Hoffenheim beginning in 2011. Most recently, Pfannenstiel was the managing director of sports at Fortuna Düsseldorf. He has also been a coaching instructor for FIFA and the German Football Association. Pfannenstiel's on-air football contribution is vast, as he has been on BBC World, ESPN, CNN and Eurosport, and was a pundit for the German television station ZDF during the 2010, 2014 and 2022 FIFA World Cups.

In addition to his new sporting director role with St. Louis City, Pfannenstiel has continued one of his off-field passions – his philanthropic effort, Global United FC. Founded by Pfannenstiel in 2011, Global United FC is an international non-profit dedicated to protecting the environment by raising awareness of climate science issues. Global United FC joins professional football players, coaches and referees from all over the world for charity matches and individual projects in endangered locations.

In 2009, he released a German-language autobiography, *Unhaltbar – Meine Abenteuer als Welttorhüter*, with an English version following in 2014 under the title *The Unstoppable Keeper*.



**BRADLEY
CARNELL**

HEAD COACH



Bradley Carnell was named as the first head coach in St. Louis CITY SC's history ahead of their historic, inaugural 2023 season. Carnell has significant experience as a player and coach, and brings invaluable knowledge and expertise in Major League Soccer (MLS), most recently serving as an assistant coach and interim head coach at New York Red Bulls.

The Johannesburg, South Africa, native began his professional playing career with Wits University and Kaizer Chiefs before moving to Germany's Bundesliga with VfB Stuttgart and Borussia Mönchengladbach. The former defender also featured for Karlsruher SC and Hansa Rostock before finishing his playing career back in South Africa with Supersport United.

Carnell was also a regular for the South African national team, making 42 appearances for the Bafana Bafana between 1997 and 2010, which includes three starts in the 2002 FIFA World Cup and four starts in the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2002 in Mali, including a quarterfinal appearance against the host.

After retiring as a player in 2011, Carnell served as the head coach of the University of Johannesburg men's team before holding roles as an assistant coach at both Orlando Pirates and Free State Stars in South Africa. In 2017, Carnell was appointed as an assistant coach of the New York Red Bulls and was later named as interim head coach in September 2020. As interim head coach, Carnell guided the team to a sixth-place finish in the MLS Eastern Conference and was the only interim head coach in the MLS to guide his team into the postseason that year, extending the Red Bulls playoff run to 11-straight seasons. Following his stint as interim head coach, Carnell returned to his role as the Red Bulls assistant coach and helped the team qualify for the MLS playoffs in 2021.



JOHN HACKWORTH

ASSISTANT COACH / DIRECTOR OF COACHING

Hackworth led St. Louis CITY2 to the MLS NEXT Pro Championship in its inaugural season in 2022. He returns to Major League Soccer as one of Carnell's assistants with over four years of MLS experience, two years as head coach and GM and more than two as an assistant with the Philadelphia Union (2010–2014).

Overall, he has accumulated over 30 years of experience at various levels of the U.S. soccer landscape. In his role as director of coaching, Hackworth will continue to support Sporting Director Lutz Pfannenstiel in implementing and managing the team's coaching development programs, working closely with the coaches to ensure that the club's sporting philosophy is consistent at all levels.

Prior to joining St. Louis CITY SC, Hackworth served as the head coach and sporting director of Louisville City FC, winning the USL Championship title in 2018 and guiding the team back to the finals a year later. Hackworth was the head coach for the U.S. U-17 Men's National Team on two different occasions, leading the team to three U17 World Cups while advancing out of the group stages in all three and reaching the quarterfinals in 2005 and 2017.



JOHN MIGLARESE

ASSISTANT COACH

Miglarese earned a promotion as one of Bradley Carnell's assistants following a brief stint at the helm of St. Louis CITY Academy's United Premier Soccer League (UPSL) squad. The Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, native oversaw the Under-21 team make the playoffs in their first season. Prior to joining St. Louis CITY SC, he served as head coach and technical director for USL League One team Tormenta FC. Miglarese was also the Under-17 and Under-19 Boys Academy head coach at Chattanooga Red Wolves as well as the USL Academy director.



ALEX LANGER

GOALKEEPER COACH /
DIRECTOR OF GOALKEEPING

Alexander Langer is St. Louis CITY SC's director of goalkeeping and first-team goalkeeper coach. Langer spent the 2022 season as CITY2's goalkeeper coach before earning his promotion to the first team under Carnell. He guided CITY2's goalkeeping group to a combined seven shutouts, which was tied for sixth best in MLS NEXT Pro. Langer will continue to be responsible for creating the club's goalkeeping training curriculum and fostering a competitive environment that recruits and develops goalkeepers within the St. Louis region as CITY SC's director of goalkeeping. Prior to joining the club, he was an assistant and goalkeeper coach at UNC Wilmington while concurrently working as the director of goalkeeping at Wilmington Hammerheads Youth FC.



ELVIR KAFEDŽIĆ

ASSISTANT COACH

Kafedžić was CITY2's assistant coach before moving up as a first team assistant. He was a part of Hackworth's MLS NEXT Pro staff that helped CITY2 earn the organization's first two trophies in 2022. Kafedžić joined the club in the fall of 2020 as a sporting consultant, where he helped the club in building meaningful relationships with the larger soccer community, especially within St. Louis' Bosnian community. He was actively engaged in scouting to find the most talented players for the club's first-ever academy teams. In the summer of 2021, Kafedžić took the role of the assistant coach for the club's U17 academy team.



JARRYD PHILLIPS

DIRECTOR OF
SPORTS PERFORMANCE

Jarryd Phillips joins St. Louis CITY SC as the director of sports performance after four seasons with New England Revolution in the same role. Phillips brings over 10 years of experience as a sports science and performance coach to the position, including time in MLS, USL, NASL and the NCAA. Phillips arrived in St. Louis after spending eight seasons in MLS, four with New England, nearly three years as director of performance & sports science for Minnesota United FC and two with Seattle Sounders FC. In Minnesota, he established and directed all facets of the performance department for the first team and academy beginning in 2016, as the club prepared to ascend from the NASL to MLS in 2017. In Seattle, he was a member of the sporting staff that contributed to the team making the playoffs every season. Phillips achieved a similar feat with New England, making the playoffs in all three years he was there while helping the team to a Supporters' Shield title in 2021.

ST LOUIS CITY FIRST TEAM STAFF



VIN KO
DIRECTOR OF TEAM OPERATIONS



SEAN ROONEY
VIDEO ANALYST



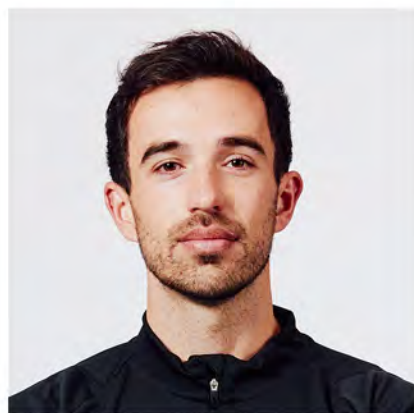
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TEAM PERFORMANCE ANALYST



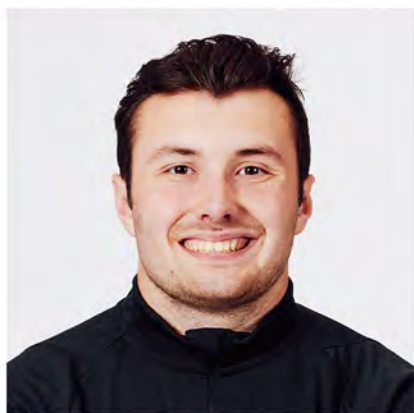
TYLER HARRIS
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC TRAINING



KELLY RODERICK
HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE



BRENDAN GITTEMEIER
HEAD EQUIPMENT MANAGER



TURNER FAULKNER
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGER



NAOKI NEGISHI
ATHLETIC TRAINER



JOEL LOCKHART
ATHLETIC TRAINER



PAUL ERNE
DOMESTIC SCOUT



MOHANED GHANEM
PHYSICAL THERAPIST



MATT LACZKOWSKI
DIRECTOR,
SPORTING ADMINISTRATION



BOMI PARK
FIRST TEAM ADMIN



BENJAMIN VIRGEN
PLAYER RELATIONS MANAGER



ST LOUIS CITY SC ROSTER



SAMUEL ADENIRAN

FORWARD #16

HEIGHT: 6'5" WEIGHT: 201 LBS DOB: 9/30/1998 BIRTHPLACE: HOUSTON, TEXAS PREV CLUB: SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC
HOW ACQUIRED: TRADED TO CITY SC IN EXCHANGE FOR GAM (12/15/2022)

Adeniran's professional career began with Leganés B in Spain before his loan spells at Segunda División B side Castellón and Guadalajara, where he scored seven goals in 14 appearances. In 2019, he moved to German side Kickers Emden before joining Atlas Delmenhorst. On March 15, 2021, Adeniran returned to play in the United States with USL Championship side Tacoma Defiance and made his debut for Tacoma on May 16, 2021.

On December 14, 2021, Adeniran made the permanent move to the Seattle Sounders first-team roster and was a member of the squad when they won the 2021/2022 Concacaf Champions League. He was loaned to USL Championship side San Antonio FC for the remainder of the season and was a key piece to San Antonio's USL Championship Regular Season title win. The 24-year-old Nigerian forward started all three matches, scoring game-winning goals in both the quarterfinals and the finals. In two seasons at the USL Championship level, Adeniran found the back of the net 25 times in 53 appearances while providing four assists.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|----------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 2022 | San Antonio FC | 23 | 1815 | 10 | 2 |
| 2022 | Tacoma Defiance | 8 | 654 | 2 | 1 |
| 2022 | Seattle Sounders | 4 | 153 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | Tacoma Defiance | 30 | 1940 | 13 | 2 |
| 2021 | Seattle Sounders | 2 | 59 | 0 | 0 |
| 2020/21 | SV Alias Delmenhorst | 7 | 537 | 1 | 1 |
| 2019/20 | Kickers Emden | 14 | 770 | 6 | 1 |
| 2019 | CD Castellón | - | - | - | - |
| 2018/19 | Club Deportivo Guadalajara | 14 | 1260 | 7 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 102 | 7188 | 39 | 7 |



RASMUS ALM

MIDFIELDER #21

HEIGHT 5'9" WEIGHT 145 LBS DOB 8/17/1995 BIRTHPLACE LANDSKRONA, SWEDEN PREV CLUB IF ELSBORG

HOW ACQUIRED
SIGNED BY CITY SC AS A FREE TRANSFER (11/8/2022)

Alm started his professional career with Landskrona BoIS in the Swedish second division in 2014. After four years with the club's senior team, he recorded 12 goals and 15 assists in 77 games. Following his stint with Landskrona BoIS, Alm transferred to IF Brommapojkarna in 2018. He made seven appearances with Brommapojkarna before moving to Degerfors IF for the 2019 season. In 16 matches for Degerfors, Alm recorded five goals and four assists. In 2019, he joined IF Elfsborg and went on play four seasons, amassing 27 goals and 17 assists in 108 matches.

During his stint, he competed in the UEFA Europa Conference League qualifiers in both the 2021–22 and the 2022–23 seasons. In eight UECL Qualifiers, Alm tallied one goal and one assist.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2022 | IF Elfsborg | 28 | 1593 | 7 | 6 |
| 2021 | IF Elfsborg | 35 | 2056 | 8 | 4 |
| 2020 | IF Elfsborg | 33 | 2542 | 10 | 6 |
| 2019 | IF Elfsborg | 15 | 1017 | 4 | 1 |
| 2019 | Degerfors IF | 2 | 1300 | 5 | 4 |
| 2018 | IF Brommapojkarna | 7 | 196 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017 | Landskrona BoIS | 16 | 1390 | 4 | 9 |
| 2016 | Landskrona BoIS | 23 | 1516 | 5 | 5 |
| 2015 | Landskrona BoIS | 23 | 1320 | 2 | 1 |
| 2014 | Landskrona BoIS | 19 | 994 | 1 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 201 | 13924 | 46 | 36 |



LUCAS BARTLETT

DEFENDER #24

HEIGHT

6'3"

WEIGHT

201 LBS

DOB

7/26/1997

BIRTHPLACE

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

PREV CLUB

FC DALLAS

HOW ACQUIRED

SIGNED BY CITY SC ON A FREE TRANSFER (3/8/2023)

Prior to joining CITY SC, Bartlett played for FC Dallas after the club selected him sixth overall in the 2021 MLS SuperDraft. He primarily saw action at the MLS Next Pro level, logging 13 starts for North Texas SC and helping the team to a third-place finish in the Western Conference.

After beginning his collegiate career at Loyola University Chicago, Bartlett moved to Drake University following his freshman year and was named team captain for each of the next three seasons. The Kansas City, Missouri, native went on to finish his career at St. John's University, receiving First-Team All-Big East honors and earning an invitation to the MLS College Showcase after leading the Red Storm to an NCAA Tournament bid.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | North Texas SC | 13 | 1233 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | FC Dallas | 2 | 154 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 15 | 1387 | 0 | 0 |



JONATHAN BELL

DEFENDER #23

HEIGHT: 5'11" WEIGHT: 165 LBS DOB: 8/26/1997 BIRTHPLACE: ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND PREV CLUB: NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

HOW ACQUIRED: SELECTED BY CITY SC IN THE 2022 EXPANSION DRAFT (11/11/2022)

After playing 56 games over four years at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Bell was drafted in the second round, 38th overall, of the 2020 MLS SuperDraft by the San Jose Earthquakes. He spent the 2020 MLS preseason with San Jose, but then his MLS rights were acquired by the New England Revolution in a trade.

Bell signed an MLS contract with the Revolution on March 22, 2021, after featuring for Revolution II in the team's inaugural 2020 campaign. He made 27 appearances, 19 of them starts, with two goals and two assists through two seasons with the Revs, winning the Supporters' Shield title in 2021. In 2022, Bell logged 15 appearances, including 10 starts and one goal.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | New England Revolution | 17 | 1186 | 1 | 0 |
| 2021 | New England Revolution | 12 | 817 | 1 | 2 |
| 2021 | New England Revolution II | 3 | 194 | 0 | 0 |
| 2020 | New England Revolution II | 15 | 1017 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 47 | 3547 | 2 | 2 |



NJABULO BLOM

MIDFIELDER #6

HEIGHT 5'8" WEIGHT 146 LBS DOB 12/11/1999 BIRTHPLACE GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA PREV CLUB KAIZER CHIEFS
HOW ACQUIRED ACQUIRED BY CITY SC VIA TRANSFER FEE (12/23/2022)

Blom joins CITY SC after playing for one of the top clubs in South Africa, Kaizer Chiefs F.C., which was also a former club of Head Coach Bradley Carnell. The Gauteng, South Africa, native played in 13 matches across all competitions during the 2022–23 season while also receiving call-ups to the South African national team during the September and November FIFA windows.

Blom earned his first contract with Kaizer Chiefs at 19 years old and played four seasons with the team. The midfielder accrued 94 matches across all competitions and helped lead Kaizer Chiefs to a second-place finish in the South African Premier League during the 2019–20 season, their highest finish since 2014–15.

For country, Blom began at the youth national level for the U–20 squad. He guided the U–20 team to a third-place finish in the U–20 African Cup of Nations in 2019, where he played in four of the five matches. Blom then played in all three matches with the U–20 team in the 2019 U–20 World Cup. Following a successful run with the U–20, he earned his first call-up with the senior national team on June 10, 2021, in an international friendly against Uganda. Since then, Blom has tallied five call-ups, including his participation in the World Cup Qualifiers, where he recorded his first cap for the national team against Ghana on September 6, 2021.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2023 | Kaizer Chiefs FC | 13 | 941 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | Kaizer Chiefs FC | 30 | 2723 | 0 | 6 |
| 2021 | Kaizer Chiefs FC | 46 | 2891 | 0 | 2 |
| 2020 | Kaizer Chiefs FC | 5 | 346 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019 | Kaizer Chiefs FC | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTALS | 94 | 3547 | 2 | 8 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2021 | South Africa | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019 | South Africa U-20 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 8 | 0 | 0 |



ROMAN BÜRKI

GOALKEEPER #1

HEIGHT: 6'2" WEIGHT: 187 LBS DOB: 11/14/1990 BIRTHPLACE: MÜNSINGEN, SWITZERLAND PREV CLUB: BORUSSIA DORTMUND
HOW ACQUIRED: ACQUIRED BY CITY SC FOR AN UNDISCLOSED FEE

Bürki's senior career started at BSC Young Boys before he joined FC Thun in 2009 and Schaffhausen in 2010. The following season, he moved to fellow Swiss Super League club Grasshopper Club Zürich on loan and after his impressive performances was signed permanently by the club. In 2013, he helped the club to their 19th Swiss Cup championship, after beating defending champions FC Basel in a penalty shootout.

The following season he was signed by German Bundesliga club SC Freiburg, where he played in all 34 league games. At the end of the season, Bürki signed for German powerhouse Borussia Dortmund.

At the start of the 2017/18 season, Bürki made history by becoming the first goalkeeper to keep five clean sheets in the first five Bundesliga games. During his seven-year tenure with Dortmund, he totaled 83 clean sheets in 232 appearances while helping the club to three trophies: the DFB-Pokal (2016/17 and 2020/21) and the DFL-Supercup (2019). Bürki has also represented the Switzerland National Team at various levels, making a total of 30 appearances.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | CS | GC |
|------|-------------------------|----|---------|----|----|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 4 | 1593 | 1 | 4 |
| 2022 | Borussia Dortmund | 1 | 2056 | 0 | 1 |
| 2021 | Borussia Dortmund | 24 | 2114 | 7 | 32 |
| 2020 | Borussia Dortmund | 39 | 3490 | 15 | 51 |
| 2019 | Borussia Dortmund | 40 | 3630 | 14 | 47 |
| 2018 | Borussia Dortmund | 47 | 4260 | 15 | 65 |
| 2017 | Borussia Dortmund | 40 | 3630 | 13 | 45 |
| 2016 | Borussia Dortmund | 42 | 3810 | 19 | 36 |
| 2015 | SC Freiburg | 36 | 3240 | 9 | 49 |
| 2014 | Grasshopper Club Zürich | 42 | 3785 | 13 | 45 |
| 2013 | Grasshopper Club Zürich | 38 | 3510 | 17 | 33 |
| 2012 | Grasshopper Club Zürich | 31 | 2790 | 7 | 61 |
| 2011 | Grasshopper Club Zürich | 11 | 990 | 2 | 15 |

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|------|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 2011 | BSC Young Boys | 6 | 508 | 2 | 7 |
| 2010 | FC Schaffhausen | 9 | 810 | 3 | 9 |
| 2009 | FC Thun | 6 | 425 | 4 | 4 |
| | TOTALS | 416 | 37442 | 141 | 504 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | CS | GC |
|---------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2014-18 | Switzerland | 9 | 4 | 8 |
| 2011-12 | Switzerland U-21 | 12 | 6 | 10 |
| 2009 | Switzerland U-20 | 7 | 1 | 14 |
| 2008 | Switzerland U-19 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 2007 | Switzerland U-18 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 30 | 13 | 32 |



MICHAEL CREEK

GOALKEEPER #31

HEIGHT 6'2" WEIGHT 194 DOB 5/3/1998 BIRTHPLACE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI PREV CLUB ST LOUIS CITY2

HOW ACQUIRED
SIGNED BY CITY SC ON A FREE TRANSFER

Creek appeared in 14 matches and made 13 starts for CITY2 in 2022 MLS NEXT Pro season, recording three clean sheets and making 29 saves. The St. Louis native was an important piece in the team's postseason run, which saw the club claim the MLS NEXT Pro Western Conference Championship.

He joined CITY2 after concluding an impressive collegiate career at Missouri State University (MSU) in which he totaled 149 saves and 27 shutouts over four seasons with the Bears. Creek was named Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Goalkeeper of the Year in 2019 and received All-MVC honors in three of his seasons at MSU.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | CS | GC |
|------|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 16 | 1497 | 1 | 4 |
| | TOTALS | 16 | 1497 | 1 | 4 |



NICHOLAS GIOACCHINI

FORWARD #11

HEIGHT 6'0" WEIGHT 174 LBS DOB 7/25/2000 BIRTHPLACE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI PREV CLUB ORLANDO CITY SC

HOW ACQUIRED
SELECTED BY CITY SC IN THE 2022 EXPANSION DRAFT (11/11/2022)

A product of Paris FC's youth academy system, Gioacchini joined SM Caen ahead of their 2019 Ligue 2 season. Gioacchini spent three years with the club before joining Montpellier HSC on loan in Ligue 1 in 2021. He totaled 88 appearances, with 12 goals and four assists across all competitions since beginning his professional career. A native of Kansas City, Missouri, the American has appeared on the international stage for the U.S. Men's National Team, making his senior debut on Nov. 12, 2020, in a scoreless draw against Wales. Gioacchini has since registered eight caps, scoring three goals and providing two assists for the U.S. in those matches, including five appearances, one goal and an assist in the U.S. Men's National Team's 2021 Gold Cup championship win.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 2022 | Orlando City SC | 7 | 139 | 0 | 0 |
| 2022 | Orlando City B | 1 | 82 | 0 | 1 |
| 2021/22 | Montpellier HSC | 34 | 905 | 3 | 3 |
| 2021/22 | SM Caen | 4 | 205 | 0 | 0 |
| 2020/21 | SM Caen | 32 | 2133 | 5 | 1 |
| 2019/20 | SM Caen | 18 | 1353 | 4 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 96 | 4817 | 12 | 5 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2021 | United States | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| 2020 | United States | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| | TOTALS | 8 | 3 | 2 |



CADEN GLOVER

FORWARD #46

HEIGHT 6'2" WEIGHT 170 LBS DOB 3/8/2007 BIRTHPLACE COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS PREV CLUB ST. LOUIS CITY ACADEMY

HOW ACQUIRED
SIGNED BY CITY SC AS THE TEAM'S FIRST-EVER HOMEGROWN (1/9/2023)

Glover has quickly risen since arriving at St. Louis CITY Academy for both club and country. He became the club's first-ever homegrown signing after inking an MLS contract in 2023. After playing for the academy's U-16 and U-17 team, the Columbia, Illinois, native earned his first call-up to the United States Youth National Team and made three starts in four international friendlies during the U-15 April 2022 camp. Glover scored his first youth national team goal coming off the bench against Belgium U-15, which was the game winner, on April 27, 2022.

In 2022 MLS NEXT Fest, Glover recorded a goal and an assist in three matches with St. Louis CITY Academy U-17s, helping the team to two penalty shootout wins in the Generation Adidas Cup qualifiers. He then earned his first professional cap with CITY2 at North Texas SC, coming off the bench and playing 22 minutes.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|----------------|----|---------|-------|---------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 1 | 22 | 0 | 0 |



KYLE HIEBERT

DEFENDER #22

HEIGHT 6'0" WEIGHT 187 LBS DOB 7/30/1997 BIRTHPLACE MANITOBA, CANADA PREV CLUB ST. LOUIS CITY2
HOW ACQUIRED
SIGNED BY CITY SC TO A TWO-YEAR MLS CONTRACT (8/3/2022)

Kyle Hiebert joined St. Louis CITY2 for the club's inaugural 2022 MLS NEXT Pro season after a standout college career with the Missouri State University (MSU) men's soccer team. Hiebert is the first-ever MSU and Missouri Valley Conference player to win three straight Defensive Player of the Year awards and was a finalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy award for two straight years.

In his first year of professional soccer, Hiebert was selected to the 2022 MLS NEXT Pro's Best XI and started CITY2's 24 matches in the regular season, helping the team to a first-place finish in the MLS NEXT Pro Western Conference and a Frontier Division Championship.

Hiebert recorded his first professional goal, which was the game-winner, against Salt Lake City on June 25, 2022, at Ralph Korte Stadium. In the final regular season match against Sporting KC II, he scored CITY2's lone goal in a 1-1 draw, earning the crucial point that propelled CITY2 into first place.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 27 | 2426 | 3 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 27 | 2426 | 3 | 0 |



AZIEL JACKSON

MIDFIELDER #25

HEIGHT 5'9" WEIGHT 154 LBS DOB 10/25/2001 BIRTHPLACE NEW YORK, NEW YORK PREV CLUB MINNESOTA UNITED FC
HOW ACQUIRED TRADED TO CITY SC IN EXCHANGE FOR GAM (11/6/2022)

Jackson is a product of the New York Red Bull Academy, which he joined at the age of 13. At age 16, he moved to France with his family and played with Toulouse FC for two seasons, becoming the first American to sign with the team. He played with amateur team Crossfire FC when he returned to the U.S. from 2019–2020 and trained with Seattle Sounders in 2020.

In April 2021, Jackson signed with Minnesota United FC (MNUFC) as a Homegrown Player after Minnesota traded for his rights from the Red Bulls. Jackson spent the 2021 season on loan to North Carolina FC before playing with MNUFC2 on a season-long loan in 2022. His performances for MNUFC2 stood out among the best of the league, particularly in key passes/chances created. The Loons midfielder was the top player in that category, with 70 scoring chances created. At the club level, Jackson led MNUFC2 in games played (23 GP, 21 GS), goals scored (10) and assists provided (seven). The midfielder finished tied for third in MLS NEXT Pro regular-season action with seven assists. Among his key contributions on the field, Jackson scored MLS NEXT Pro's 800th goal during MNUFC2's match at Timbers2 on September 11, 2022. Jackson's performances throughout the 2022 season earned him MLS NEXT Pro Best XI honors.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2022 | Minnesota United FC 2 | 23 | 2092 | 10 | 7 |
| 2022 | Minnesota United FC | 2 | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | North Carolina FC | 12 | 835 | 1 | 3 |
| 2021 | Minnesota United FC | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTALS | 37 | 2962 | 11 | 10 |



ISAK JENSEN

MIDFIELDER #30

HEIGHT 6'1" WEIGHT 201 LBS DOB 12/23/2003 BIRTHPLACE ODENSE, DENMARK PREV CLUB SÖNDERJYSKE U19
HOW ACQUIRED ACQUIRED BY CITY SC VIA TRANSFER (7/11/2022)

Prior to joining St. Louis CITY SC, Jensen played for SønderjyskE, a Danish league team. The winger also featured for the club's U-19 team, totaling eight goals in 29 appearances.

For country, Jensen has appeared for both the U-18 and U-19 Denmark Youth National Teams. The Danish winger earned his first two caps for Denmark in 2021 at the U-18 level on September 4 and September 7 against U-18 Germany in back-to-back friendlies. Jensen tallied a goal in the second match on September 7.

A year later, Jensen was called up to make his first two of four caps at the U-19 level. He recorded his first goal for the U-19 in his first appearance just 30 minutes into the match against U-18 Norway. Overall, Jensen has tallied one goal and one assist in four games at the U-19 level.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 7 | 299 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021/22 | SønderjyskE | 23 | 759 | 0 | 2 |
| 2021/22 | SønderjyskE Reserves | 5 | 345 | 1 | 0 |
| 2021/22 | SønderjyskE U-19s | 6 | 503 | 2 | 0 |
| 2020/21 | SønderjyskE U-19s | 23 | 1969 | 6 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 64 | 2962 | 9 | 2 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2021 | Denmark U-19 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 2020 | Denmark U-18 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 6 | 2 | 1 |



JOÃO KLAUSS DE MELLO

FORWARD #9

HEIGHT

6'3"

WEIGHT

185 LBS

DOB

3/1/1997

BIRTHPLACE

CRICIUMA, BRAZIL

PREV CLUB

TSG 1899 HOFFENHEIM

HOW ACQUIRED

SIGNED BY CITY SC AS A DESIGNATED PLAYER VIA AN UNDISCLOSED TRANSFER FEE

Klauss spent his youth career at local Brazilian clubs Internacional, Clube Juventude and Grêmio before moving to Europe. In January 2017, he signed his first professional contract with TSG 1899 Hoffenheim II, the reserve team of TSG 1899 Hoffenheim, after he was recruited by Sporting Director Lutz Pfannenstiel, who was the director of international relations & scouting at the German club at the time.

After his first season in Hoffenheim, he was loaned to Finnish top-flight club HJK Helsinki, helping the club to the Veikkausliiga Championship while finishing his campaign as the league's top scorer with 21 goals.

The following season, he joined Austrian club Linzer ASK (LASK) and scored 24 goals across all competitions. In July 2020, Klauss returned to Hoffenheim's first team, totaling 10 appearances (four in the Bundesliga, five in the Europa League and one in the DFB Cup). In 2022, Klauss was loaned to Belgian top-tier club Sint-Truidense V.V. before completing the move to St. Louis CITY SC.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 4 | 218 | 4 | 3 |
| 2021/22 | Sint-Truidense V.V. | 8 | 320 | 2 | 1 |
| 2021/22 | Standard Liège | 23 | 1729 | 3 | 4 |
| 2020/21 | Standard Liège | 24 | 1906 | 6 | 6 |
| 2020/21 | TSG 1899 Hoffenheim | 20 | 405 | 0 | 0 |
| 2020/21 | TSG 1899 Hoffenheim II | 3 | 257 | 1 | 0 |
| 2019/20 | LASK | 45 | 2520 | 20 | 4 |
| 2018/19 | LASK | 16 | 1191 | 4 | 1 |
| 2018/19 | HJK Helsinki | 6 | 495 | 1 | 2 |
| 2018 | HJK Helsinki | 36 | 2725 | 24 | 4 |
| 2017/18 | TSG 1899 Hoffenheim II | 17 | 767 | 4 | 2 |
| 2016/17 | TSG 1899 Hoffenheim II | 7 | 189 | 1 | 1 |
| | TOTALS | 199 | 12722 | 69 | 28 |



BEN LUNDT

GOALKEEPER #39

HEIGHT

6'6"

WEIGHT

220 LBS

DOB

9/24/1995

BIRTHPLACE

BERLIN, GERMANY

PREV CLUB

PHOENIX RISING FC

HOW ACQUIRED

SIGNED BY CITY SC FROM PHOENIX RISING FC (1/5/2023)

Lundt spent the early stages of his career at the Bertha BSC academy system from 2011 through 2013 before earning a contract with Hertha BSC II on July 1, 2013. Following his academy career, Lundt moved to the U.S. and played at the collegiate level at the University of Akron, helping Akron reach the NCAA Tournament Semifinals in 2017 and the Finals in 2018. Following a successful college career, Lundt was drafted by FC Cincinnati with the 37th selection in the 2019 MLS SuperDraft.

In February 2019, Lundt joined USL Championship side Louisville City FC on loan. Lundt made 27 appearances for Louisville while earning Goalkeeper of the Year honors in 2020. On May 6, 2021, the Berlin, Germany, native joined Phoenix Rising FC for the 2021 USL Championship season for a second stint in the USL Championship and went on to play for two seasons. Over his four years in the USL, Lundt accrued 26 shutouts in 74 games.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | CS | GC |
|------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2022 | Phoenix Rising | 35 | 3150 | 9 | 51 |
| 2022 | FC Cincinnati | - | - | - | - |
| 2021 | Phoenix Rising | 9 | 810 | 4 | 10 |
| 2020 | Louisville City FC | 18 | 1620 | 9 | 13 |
| 2019 | Louisville City FC | 12 | 1080 | 4 | 11 |
| | TOTALS | 74 | 6660 | 26 | 85 |



EDUARD LÖWEN

MIDFIELDER #10

HEIGHT 6'2" WEIGHT 200 LBS DOB 1/28/1997 BIRTHPLACE IDAR-OBERSTEIN, GERMANY PREV CLUB HERTHA BSC

HOW ACQUIRED
SIGNED BY CITY SC AS A DESIGNATED PLAYER VIA AN UNDISCLOSED TRANSFER FEE

Löwen has featured for both the German youth international and Olympic national squads. The midfielder made his first appearance on the German youth international stage for the U-20 team during the U-20 Elite League. He started and played all 90 minutes for matches against U-20 Netherlands and U-20 Switzerland, including his first career international goal in the 2-1 win over U-20 Switzerland.

Löwen quickly rose to the U-21 Germany team where he featured seven times, five of which were during the UEFA European U-21 Championship Qualifying matches. He tallied a goal in five starts during the qualifying matches and also appeared in two international friendlies. Following successful stints with the U-20 and U-21 squads, Löwen was called in for the German Olympic National Team. He appeared in all three matches, tallying a goal and two starts in 156 minutes played.

For club, Löwen made his senior team debut at 20 years old for 1. FC Nürnberg on March 12, 2017, in a 1-0 win against Arminia Bielefeld. He amassed eight goals and 10 assists for 1. FC Nürnberg during a two-season stint. Löwen was then acquired by Hertha BSC on July 1, 2019, and appeared 14 times over a two-season span, while also being loaned out to FC Augsburg (Jan. 5, 2020-Oct. 5, 2020) and VfL Bochum (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022). Before coming to St. Louis, he strung together three goals and four assists for VfL Bochum in 28 matches played.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 2 | 51 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021/22 | VfL Bochum | 28 | 1515 | 3 | 4 |
| 2021/22 | Hertha BSC | 7 | 79 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019/20 | FC Augsburg | 16 | 666 | 2 | 1 |
| 2019/20 | Hertha BSC | 8 | 399 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018/19 | 1. FC Nürnberg | 23 | 1669 | 3 | 3 |
| 2017/18 | 1.FC Nürnberg | 35 | 2547 | 5 | 5 |
| 2016/17 | 1.FC Nürnberg | 25 | 1993 | 0 | 2 |
| | TOTALS | 144 | 8919 | 13 | 15 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 2021 | German Olympic Team | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| 2017/19 | Germany U-21 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| 2017 | Germany U-20 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 12 | 3 | 0 |



JOHN NELSON

DEFENDER #14

HEIGHT
5'9"

WEIGHT
163 LBS

DOB
7/11/1998

BIRTHPLACE
MEDINA, OHIO

PREV CLUB
FC CINCINNATI

HOW ACQUIRED

SELECTED BY CITY SC IN THE 2022 EXPANSION DRAFT (11/11/2022)

Nelson was drafted 10th overall by FC Dallas in the 2019 MLS SuperDraft after a successful collegiate career with the University of North Carolina. In his first professional season, Nelson split time between FC Dallas and its affiliate team North Texas, registering one goal and one assist in 16 total games. The Medina, Ohio, native played a pivotal role in North Texas' 2021 USL League One regular season and postseason titles. Nelson played two additional seasons with FC Dallas before joining FC Cincinnati in the offseason of 2021. In 2022, Nelson played 26 games across four competitions for FC Cincinnati, registering one assist.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | FC Cincinnati | 26 | 1359 | 0 | 1 |
| 2021 | FC Dallas | 10 | 553 | 0 | 0 |
| 2020 | FC Dallas | 13 | 848 | 0 | 1 |
| 2019 | FC Dallas | 9 | 451 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019 | North Texas SC | 7 | 630 | 1 | 1 |
| | TOTALS | 65 | 3841 | 1 | 3 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 2016/17 | United States U-20 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 2016 | United States U-19 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 2013-15 | United States U-17 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| 2013 | United States U-15 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 30 | 0 | 0 |



JAKE NERWINSKI

DEFENDER #2

HEIGHT 6'0" WEIGHT 174 LBS DOB 10/17/1994 BIRTHPLACE LAWRENCEVILLE, NEW JERSEY PREV CLUB VANCOUVER WHITECAPS
HOW ACQUIRED SIGNED BY CITY SC AS A MLS FREE AGENT (11/28/2022)

After playing four years of college soccer at the University of Connecticut, Nerwinski was selected seventh overall in the 2017 MLS SuperDraft by Vancouver Whitecaps FC. Nerwinski made his professional debut on February 22, 2017, in a 1-1 draw against New York Red Bulls.

In six seasons with the Whitecaps, the Lawrenceville, New Jersey, native accrued 161 appearances across all competitions, which breaks down to 142 matches in MLS regular season, 11 in the Canadian Championship, four in MLS Cup Playoffs, two in Concacaf Champions League and two in the USL Championship.

In 2022, Nerwinski helped anchor Vancouver's backline to six clean sheets in the MLS regular season and helped the Whitecaps capture the 2022 Canadian Championship to secure a spot in the 2023 Concacaf Champions League. He started in 23 of the 27 matches he appeared in across all competitions during the 2022 season.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | Vancouver Whitecaps | 27 | 2080 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | Vancouver Whitecaps | 27 | 1861 | 1 | 0 |
| 2020 | Vancouver Whitecaps | 22 | 1789 | 2 | 0 |
| 2019 | Vancouver Whitecaps | 27 | 2108 | 1 | 0 |
| 2018 | Vancouver Whitecaps | 30 | 2572 | 0 | 2 |
| 2017 | Vancouver Whitecaps | 24 | 2104 | 0 | 3 |
| 2017 | Vancouver Whitecaps 2 | 2 | 179 | 0 | 0 |
| 2016/17 | Vancouver Whitecaps | 2 | 166 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 161 | 12859 | 4 | 5 |



JOAKIM NILSSON

DEFENDER #4

HEIGHT

6'1"

WEIGHT

172 LBS

DOB

2/6/1994

BIRTHPLACE

HÄRNÖSAND, SWEDEN

PREV CLUB

ARMINIA BIELEFELD

HOW ACQUIRED

SIGNED BY CITY SC (6/1/2022)

Nilsson signed his first professional contract with GIF Sundsvall and later made 30 appearances, scoring two goals for the club. He later signed with IF Elfsborg and amassed over 92 appearances during his three years with the club.

After his time with IF Elfsborg, Nilsson joined Arminia Bielefeld, who signed him to a three-year contract to play in the 2. Bundesliga league. Nilsson wasted no time in Germany, playing a major role in the club winning the 2. Bundesliga title and gaining promotion to the Bundesliga in 2020.

In his first year in the German topflight, Nilsson anchored Arminia Bielefeld's defense as they battled to stay in the first division. He made a total of 89 appearances for Arminia Bielefeld, scoring four goals for the club, two of which came in the final three games of his final Bundesliga season.

Nilsson has also represented his national team Sweden at various levels and has been called up frequently since making his senior debut in a 1-1 draw against Estonia on January 6, 2016. He has totaled over 29 appearances for his country.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|-------------------|----|---------|-------|---------|
| 2021/22 | Arminia Bielefeld | 32 | 2829 | 3 | 0 |
| 2020/21 | Arminia Bielefeld | 26 | 2252 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019/20 | Arminia Bielefeld | 31 | 1789 | 1 | 2 |
| 2019 | IF Elfsborg | 10 | 851 | 0 | 1 |
| 2018 | IF Elfsborg | 27 | 2288 | 1 | 0 |
| 2017/18 | IF Elfsborg | 3 | 270 | 2 | 1 |
| 2017 | IF Elfsborg | 27 | 2385 | 4 | 0 |
| 2016/17 | IF Elfsborg | 5 | 320 | 0 | 1 |
| 2016 | IF Elfsborg | 20 | 1614 | 0 | 1 |
| 2015/16 | GIF Sundsvall | 1 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 2015 | GIF Sundsvall | 22 | 1895 | 2 | 0 |
| 2014 | GIF Sundsvall | 9 | 438 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | | |
|---------|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 2013/14 | GIF Sundsvall | - | - | - | - |
| 2013 | GIF Sundsvall | 13 | 1114 | 2 | 0 |
| 2012/13 | GIF Sundsvall | 2 | 162 | 0 | 0 |
| 2012 | GIF Sundsvall | 14 | 1350 | 3 | 0 |
| 2011/12 | GIF Sundsvall | 1 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 243 | 20592 | 18 | 6 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 2016 | Sweden | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| 2015-17 | Sweden U-21 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| 2013 | Sweden U-19 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 31 | 0 | 0 |



OWEN O'MALLEY

MIDFIELDER #18

HEIGHT
5'11"

WEIGHT
161 LBS

DOB
10/1/2001

BIRTHPLACE
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

HOW ACQUIRED

SELECTED WITH THE NINTH PICK IN THE MLS SUPERDRAFT (11/11/2022)

O'Malley played four years for North Carolina FC Academy at the youth level and also trained with North Carolina FC's first team during the same period. O'Malley led the academy team to the U-19 and U-17 playoffs, scoring 25 goals in the process. Following his academy career, O'Malley joined Creighton University men's soccer team and made a total of 52 appearances, scoring nine goals and providing seven assists throughout his tenure with the Bluejays. On December 21, 2022, O'Malley made history by becoming the first SuperDraft selection for St. Louis CITY SC, after the club selected him with the ninth overall pick.



TOMÁŠ OSTRÁK

MIDFIELDER #7

HEIGHT 5'9" WEIGHT 165 LBS DOB 2/5/2000 BIRTHPLACE FRÝDEK-MÍSTEK, CZECH REPUBLIC PREV CLUB FC KÖLN
HOW ACQUIRED
SIGNED BY CITY SC ON A FREE TRANSFER (3/1/2022)

Ostrák started his youth career with Czech club MFK Frýdek-Místek, before joining 1. FC Köln's academy in 2016. After impressing in FC Köln's youth ranks, he was given the opportunity to practice with the club's first team in January 2019. At the end of that season, he was loaned to TSV Hartberg in the Austrian Bundesliga before making a move to MFK Karviná in his home country, Czech Republic.

Following his loan spells, he was recalled to 1. FC Köln's first team and capped his Bundesliga debut with a stunning performance after coming off the bench to provide an assist in Köln's 2-1 home win against VfL Bochum.

Ostrák played a huge role on the Czech Republic National Youth Team and showcased his flexibility by playing in multiple midfield positions. He has represented his country at the U-21 (9 caps), U-20 (2 caps), U-19 (7 caps), U-18 (3 caps), and U-17 (7 caps) levels.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 10 | 517 | 3 | 0 |
| 2021/22 | 1. FC Köln | 10 | 328 | 1 | 3 |
| 2020/21 | MFK Karvina | 27 | 1898 | 1 | 1 |
| 2019/20 | TSV Hartberg | 12 | 501 | 1 | 2 |
| | TOTALS | 59 | 3244 | 6 | 6 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 2020 | Czech Republic U-21 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| 2019 | Czech Republic U-20 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018/19 | Czech Republic U-19 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018 | Czech Republic U-18 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| 2017 | Czech Republic U-17 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 27 | 2 | 1 |



TIM PARKER

DEFENDER #26

HEIGHT 6'2" WEIGHT 195 LBS DOB 2/23/1993 BIRTHPLACE HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK PREV CLUB HOUSTON DYNAMO
HOW ACQUIRED TRADED TO CITY SC IN EXCHANGE FOR GAM

Parker, an MLS veteran, has been a constant in defense in the league with stints at Vancouver, New York Red Bulls and Houston Dynamo. Parker started in 14 of his 15 appearances as a rookie for the Vancouver Whitecaps in 2015. The New York native helped Vancouver to the postseason in his first campaign. He finished the season with the second-most minutes among field players with 2,551 and recorded 28 starts in 29 appearances.

At Houston Dynamo, Parker was named captain in 2021 and started 60 of the 62 matches he appeared in the last two seasons. Parker helped anchor Dynamo's backline to nine clean sheets in the regular season during his Houston tenure. Prior to Houston, Parker spent three seasons with New York, including a 2018 season that featured a Supporters' Shield win and a Concacaf Champions League semifinal appearance.

Parker played 38 of the possible 44 matches in 2018 and helped the Red Bulls to 17 clean sheets, while contributing two goals and two assists across all competitions. In three seasons as a Red Bull, Parker played 95 matches across all competitions. Offensively, he tallied three goals and three assists, two of which came in MLS Cup Playoffs play.

Internationally, the defender has earned two caps with the U.S. Men's National Team. Parker made his debut with the USMNT against Ireland on June 2, 2018, and started in the following game against France on June 9. He has also represented the U.S. at the U-23 and U-18 level, competing in the playoffs to qualify for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | Houston Dynamo FC | 29 | 2252 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | Houston Dynamo FC | 34 | 3060 | 0 | 1 |
| 2020 | New York Red Bulls | 20 | 1170 | 0 | 1 |
| 2019 | New York Red Bulls | 37 | 2984 | 1 | 0 |
| 2018 | New York Red Bulls | 38 | 3420 | 2 | 2 |
| 2017 | Vancouver Whitecaps | 43 | 3870 | 1 | 2 |
| 2016 | Vancouver Whitecaps | 36 | 3035 | 2 | 0 |
| 2015 | Vancouver Whitecaps | 21 | 1802 | 1 | 1 |
| 2015 | Vancouver Whitecaps 2 | 7 | 585 | 0 | 0 |
| 2012 | Long Island Rough Riders | 1 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 266 | 22808 | 7 | 7 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2018 | United States | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2016 | United States U-23 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 3 | 0 | 0 |



MIGUEL PEREZ

MIDFIELDER #28

HEIGHT 5'11" WEIGHT 154 DOB 4/28/2005 BIRTHPLACE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI PREV CLUB ST LOUIS CITY2

HOW ACQUIRED
SIGNED BY CITY SC AS THE CLUB'S SECOND HOMEGROWN (2/21/23)

Perez became the second Homegrown player in the club's history after signing an MLS contract in 2023. During the 2022 season, Perez split time between CITY2 and the Academy. For CITY2, he appeared in seven matches, making two starts. The midfielder also made seven appearances for the Academy's UPSL squad, including a two-goal performance in the team's 5-4 loss in the conference playoff semifinals. Perez etched his name in history after scoring the first-ever goal for St. Louis CITY SC Academy in a 4-3 win against Chicago Fire U-17s at the start of the 2021 MLS NEXT season. The St. Louis native played for local clubs JB Marine Academy and St. Louis Scott Gallagher before making his debut for St. Louis CITY SC's U-17 team in 2021.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|----------------|----|---------|-------|---------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 7 | 219 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 7 | 219 | 0 | 0 |



SELMIR PIDRO

DEFENDER #17

HEIGHT 5'10" WEIGHT 170 LBS DOB 3/3/1998 BIRTHPLACE BUGOJNO, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA PREV CLUB FK SARAJEVO
HOW ACQUIRED SIGNED BY CITY SC ON 2/1/2022

Pidro started his youth career in his hometown with Iskra Bugojno before signing with FK Sarajevo's youth academy in early 2014. On June 9, 2017, he signed his first professional contract with the team. In January 2018, Pidro went on a six-month loan to Bosna Visoko. He made his professional debut against Orašje at the age of 20 and scored his first professional goal three weeks later.

Following his loan spell, he made his debut for FK Sarajevo in August 2018 and scored his first goal for the team in a 3-1 win over NK Čelik Zenica. During his time with FK Sarajevo, Pidro helped the team to four trophies, including the first League Cup double title in 2018-19.

A regular for Bosnia's Youth National Teams, Pidro received his first senior call-up for a friendly game against Costa Rica in March 2021, and also impressed in his second cap against the USMNT in their friendly match on December 18, 2021.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|-----------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 7 | 254 | 1 | 0 |
| 2021/22 | FK Sarajevo | 34 | 2854 | 0 | 2 |
| 2020/21 | FK Sarajevo | 36 | 2730 | 0 | 2 |
| 2018/19 | FK Sarajevo | 22 | 1893 | 1 | 3 |
| 2017/18 | NK Bosna Visoko | 13 | 1170 | 2 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 112 | 8871 | 4 | 7 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 2020 | Czech Republic U-21 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| 2019 | Czech Republic U-20 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018/19 | Czech Republic U-19 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 27 | 2 | 1 |



CÉLIO POMPEU

MIDFIELDER #12

HEIGHT

5'10"

WEIGHT

163 LBS

DOB

12/10/1999

BIRTHPLACE

FORTALEZA, BRAZIL

PREV CLUB

ST. LOUIS CITY2

HOW ACQUIRED

CITY SC EXERCISED 2023 MLS CONTRACT OPTION (11/17/2022)

Prior to his first professional season with St Louis CITY2, Pompeu played college soccer at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), where he featured in all 63 matches available throughout his three-year tenure.

For CITY2, Pompeu made 24 appearances (20 starts) in the 2022 MLS NEXT Pro regular season, scoring five goals and providing five assists. The Fortaleza, Brazil, native had the most successful dribbles (49) and the second most key passes (46) in the entire league.

In his first MLS NEXT Pro start, Pompeu recorded a goal and an assist in a 4-3 victory over Tacoma Defiance on April 10, 2022, at Hermann Stadium. The Virginia Commonwealth University product played a pivotal role in the team's postseason run, which saw the club claim the MLS NEXT Pro Western Conference Championship. Pompeu tallied three goal contributions (two goals, one assist) in three playoff games.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|----------------|----|---------|-------|---------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 29 | 2309 | 7 | 7 |
| | TOTALS | 29 | 2309 | 7 | 7 |



MAX SCHNEIDER

MIDFIELDER

HEIGHT

6'3"

WEIGHT

185 LBS

DOB

7/28/2000

BIRTHPLACE

COLOGNE, GERMANY

PREV CLUB

ST. LOUIS CITY2

HOW ACQUIRED

CITY SC EXERCISED 2023 MLS CONTRACT OPTION (11/17/2022)

Schneider came through the academy of Bayer Leverkusen in Germany before moving to the United States to play college soccer with Marshall University.

Prior to his first professional season with St Louis CITY2, Schneider featured in 52 matches over his three-year tenure for Marshall. Schneider's impressive career at Marshall University saw him earn All-Conference honors his freshman and sophomore year as he played a key role in the team's College Cup National Championship win in 2020.

For CITY2, he made 21 starts in 23 appearances in the MLS NEXT Pro regular season, scoring three goals and providing four assists.

Schneider made his professional debut in CITY2's first-ever inaugural game in a 2-0 against Rochester New York FC on March 25, 2022, and scored his first goal for the club in a 4-3 win against the Tacoma Defiance.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|----------------|----|---------|-------|---------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 29 | 2309 | 7 | 7 |
| | TOTALS | 29 | 2309 | 7 | 7 |



JARED STROUD

MIDFIELDER #8

HEIGHT

5'10"

WEIGHT

159 LBS

DOB

7/10/1996

BIRTHPLACE

CHESTER BOROUGH, NEW JERSEY

PREV CLUB

AUSTIN FC

HOW ACQUIRED

TRADED TO CITY SC IN EXCHANGE FOR GAM (11/6/2022)

In 2018, Stroud played in 32 matches (22 starts) with NYRB II, scoring seven (7) goals and adding 11 assists to help Red Bulls II to make the playoffs. A Colgate men's soccer standout, Stroud was a three-time All-Patriot League pick and two-time All-Region selection.

Stroud signed an MLS contract with the New York Red Bulls in January of 2020 and went on to make 20 regular season appearances (11 starts) while contributing two (2) assists. The New Jersey, native spent the 2019 season with the New York Red Bulls II, where he was named to the 2019 USL Championship All-League First Team after helping NYRB II make its fifth consecutive playoff berth with a team-leading 15 goals and nine (9) assists in 34 matches.

On December 15, 2020, Stroud was selected by Austin FC in the 2020 MLS Expansion Draft and scored his first MLS goal for Austin FC against Sporting Kansas City on November 3, 2021.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2022 | Austin FC | 5 | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | Austin FC | 22 | 1166 | 1 | 4 |
| 2020 | New York Red Bulls | 21 | 897 | 0 | 4 |
| 2020 | New York Red Bulls II | 1 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019 | New York Red Bulls II | 35 | 2968 | 15 | 9 |
| 2018 | New York Red Bulls II | 32 | 2140 | 7 | 11 |
| | TOTALS | 116 | 7342 | 23 | 28 |



INDIANA VASSILEV

MIDFIELDER #19

HEIGHT 5'8" WEIGHT 159 LBS DOB 2/16/2001 BIRTHPLACE SAVANNAH, GEORGIA PREV CLUB ASTON VILLA

HOW ACQUIRED
ACQUIRED BY CITY SC FROM ASTON VILLA (1/17/2023)

Vassilev began his professional career with Aston Villa, making his debut in England's FA Cup in 2020 at 18 years old. Following his first cap with Villa in the FA Cup, he made four appearances during the 2019–20 Premier League season. Vassilev was then loaned to both Burton Albion (League One) and Cheltenham Town (League Two) during the 2020–21 season, accumulating 24 appearances between the two squads.

Following his stint in England, Vassilev spent the 2021 and 2022 MLS seasons with Inter Miami CF. The Savannah, Georgia, native appeared in 45 of the 48 regular season matches and tallied five goals.

For country, Vassilev has risen within the U.S. Youth National Team from the U–16 team through the U–20 squad. The midfielder earned his first youth national team cap at 15 years old with the U–16 team during an international friendly and made a total of eight appearances. Vassilev has made a total of 33 appearances with five goals at the U.S. Youth International Team level, which includes appearances at the 2017 FIFA U–17 World Cup.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | Inter Miami CF | 27 | 1240 | 2 | 2 |
| 2021 | Inter Miami CF | 21 | 793 | 3 | 0 |
| 2020/21 | Cheltenham Town | 12 | 206 | 0 | 0 |
| 2020/21 | Burton Albion | 12 | 624 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019/20 | Aston Villa | 6 | 73 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 78 | 2936 | 5 | 2 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 2019 | United States U-20 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018 | United States U-18 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| 2016 | United States U-17 | 17 | 3 | 1 |
| 2016 | United States U-16 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 33 | 5 | 1 |



AKIL WATTS

MIDFIELDER #20

HEIGHT 5'10" WEIGHT 174 LBS DOB 2/4/2000 BIRTHPLACE FORT WAYNE, INDIANA PREV CLUB ST. LOUIS CITY2
HOW ACQUIRED
SIGNED FROM ST LOUIS CITY2 (11/17/2022)

Watts made 24 appearances (23 starts) for CITY2 in the club's inaugural MLS NEXT Pro season, finishing the campaign with seven assists, the most on the team and fourth most in MLS NEXT Pro. The former U.S Youth National player scored six goals, which was tied for second on CITY2 and logged the team's second-most minutes throughout the season with 2,053.

Prior to joining CITY2, Watts spent a year with Spanish side RCD Mallorca before signing with Louisville City FC in the USL Championship on August 6, 2019. Two weeks later, he made his professional debut when he started and played 56 minutes in the 1-1 draw against Indy Eleven in the USL Championship.

For country, Watts featured in 13 games in total for the USYMNT, with his most extensive run coming at the 2017 CONCACAF U-17 Championship and the 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup.

ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 29 | 2582 | 6 | 7 |
| 2021 | Louisville City FC | 20 | 909 | 0 | 1 |
| 2020 | Louisville City FC | 11 | 432 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019 | Louisville City FC | 4 | 236 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 64 | 4159 | 6 | 8 |

ALL-TIME NATIONAL TEAM STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|---------|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 2018 | United States U-19 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| 2016/17 | United States U-17 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 13 | 2 | 1 |



JOSHUA YARO

DEFENDER #15

HEIGHT
5'11"

WEIGHT
163 LBS

DOB
11/18/1994

BIRTHPLACE
KUMASI, GHANA

PREV CLUB
ST. LOUIS CITY2

HOW ACQUIRED
SIGNED BY CITY SC TO A MLS CONTRACT

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ALL-TIME STATS

| YEAR | CLUB | GP | MINUTES | GOALS | ASSISTS |
|------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| 2022 | St Louis CITY2 | 27 | 2478 | 1 | 2 |
| 2021 | San Diego Loyals SC | 29 | 2298 | 2 | 0 |
| 2020 | San Antonio FC | 14 | 1167 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019 | San Antonio FC | 33 | 2961 | 1 | 1 |
| 2018 | Philadelphia Union II | 6 | 405 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017 | Philadelphia Union II | 5 | 443 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017 | Philadelphia Union | 8 | 579 | 0 | 0 |
| 2016 | Philadelphia Union | 18 | 1416 | 0 | 0 |
| 2016 | Philadelphia Union II | 4 | 360 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTALS | 144 | 12107 | 4 | 3 |

2022 MLS NEXT PRO RECAP

St Louis CITY2 capped off an amazing inaugural MLS NEXT Pro season by winning the club's first-ever title after finishing atop of the Western Conference standings. The team was led by Head Coach John Hackworth, who picked up two coach of the month awards, Elvir Kafeđžić and goalkeeper coach Alex Langer.

CITY2 earned the regular season title with a 15–6–3 record, which was good for second overall in MLS NEXT Pro behind Columbus Crew SC (16–3–5). CITY2 tallied the second most wins in the league (15), tied for second most points (49), had the most road wins (8), third most goals for (51), seventh least goals allowed (34), tied for third best goal differential (17), tied for sixth most clean sheets (7), while seeing 16 different goal scorers and 13 assist providers.

CITY2 forward Josh Dolling led the team with eight goals in the regular season and slotted in the game-winner over Tacoma Defiance in the playoffs. Midfielders Célio Pompeu, Vitor Dias and Wan Kuzain were all key contributors for CITY2's attack, totaling 16 goals and 13 assists between them in the regular season. Akil Watts, who was promoted to the first team, did it all for CITY2, playing in multiple positions throughout the season. His six-goal, seven-assist regular season showed his skill, versatility and vision. Defender Kyle Hiebert was named to the MLS NEXT Pro Best XI and his performances along with CITY2's captain Josh Yaro anchored CITY2's backline to seven shutouts.



ST. LOUIS CITY2 STAFF



**BOBBY
MURPHY**

HEAD COACH

Murphy joins CITY2 after serving as an assistant coach for Union Omaha in USL League One, helping the team to the title in his first season in 2021. Prior to his stint in Omaha, Murphy was an assistant coach at Rio Grande Valley FC. In the MLS, Murphy served as the assistant coach for Orlando City SC, where he was also the technical coordinator for the club's academy program. During his time with Orlando, Murphy also served as interim head coach on two occasions. From 2003 to 2016, Murphy was the academy director at St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Texas – one of only four residential soccer academies in the country. Prior to his time with St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Murphy was the director of coaching for the South Texas Youth Soccer Association.



**CHRIS
DUVALL**

ASSISTANT COACH

Duvall, a Duluth, Georgia, native, joins the club after serving as an assistant coach at Charleston Battery in the USL Championship. A former MLS player, Duvall was drafted by the New York Red Bulls in the 2014 MLS SuperDraft. He spent three seasons with the Red Bulls before joining Montreal Impact, where he played for two seasons before being traded to the Houston Dynamo in 2019. Following a short stint with the Dynamo, Duvall signed with USL Championship club OKC Energy before signing with the Portland Timbers for the 2020 season. The following season, Duvall retired as a player with FC Cincinnati.



**TIM
KELLY**

GOALKEEPER COACH

Kelly was St. Louis CITY's Academy's goalkeeper coach before moving up as CITY2's goalkeeper coach. Kelly, a St. Louis-native, joined the club in 2021 and was responsible for implementing training programs geared toward developing goalkeepers in St. Louis CITY's Academy. Kelly played a huge role in building out the club's first-ever academy teams. Kelly played professionally for the Kansas City Wizards in 1997 and the Arizona Sahuaros in 1998.



**SAM
BLACK**

PERFORMANCE COACH

Black, an Isle of Man, UK, native, played collegiate soccer at Belmont University from 2013–2016 before serving as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Belmont men's soccer team. After interning at Vanderbilt University and University of Texas, he returned to Belmont as an assistant strength and conditioning coach. Prior to joining St. Louis CITY, Black served as the strength and conditioning coach for the men's and women's soccer teams at Marshall University. He was a member of Marshall's 2020 NCAA National Staff of the Year, and helped Marshall to the National Championship title that same year.



**NICO
PRETELT**

VIDEO ANALYST



**NELSON
HERNANDEZ**

EQUIPMENT MANAGER



**RUBEN
MARTINEZ**

PLAYER RELATIONS MANAGER

ST. LOUIS CITY2 ROSTER

| Name | Birthday | Position | Height | Weight |
|----------------------|----------|------------|--------|--------|
| Nick Bishop | 8/2/06 | Goalkeeper | 6'2" | 180 |
| Sergio Rivas | 11/16/00 | Defender | 6'0" | 155 |
| Josh Maher | 7/9/05 | Defender | 6'2" | 170 |
| Larsen Hackworth | 4/21/01 | Midfielder | 5'7" | 140 |
| Michael Wentzel | 4/10/02 | Defender | 6'2" | 183 |
| Ezra Armstrong | 12/15/98 | Defender | 5'9" | 168 |
| Zach Stanton | 1/30/06 | Defender | 6'1" | 180 |
| Aaron Heard | 12/28/06 | Midfielder | 5'9" | 130 |
| James Buebendorf | 4/18/06 | Defender | 5'11" | 175 |
| Eric Walker | 4/22/02 | Goalkeeper | 6'0" | 182 |
| Faysal Bettache | 7/7/00 | Midfielder | 5'6" | 160 |
| Stanislav Koval | 5/1/02 | Midfielder | 5'7" | 157 |
| Tyson Pearce | 8/12/07 | Defender | 5'8" | 135 |
| Dida Armstrong | 6/4/04 | Forward | 6'0" | 155 |
| Mykhi Joyner | 8/30/06 | Forward | 5'10" | 150 |
| Christian Olivares | 2/4/02 | Goalkeeper | 6'4" | 195 |
| Ryley Gibbs | 10/7/05 | Forward | 6'0" | 172 |
| Fritz Volmar | 5/15/05 | Defender | 6'0" | 153 |
| John Klein | 11/7/99 | Midfielder | 5'7" | 140 |
| AJ Palazzolo | 2/18/98 | Midfielder | 6'1" | 165 |
| Nolan McGuire | 6/26/05 | Defender | 5'9" | 150 |
| Jackson Delkus | 3/3/06 | Forward | 5'10" | 165 |
| Brian Franco-Recinos | 9/3/05 | Midfielder | 5'8" | 145 |
| Wan Kuzain | 9/14/98 | Midfielder | 5'10" | 139 |
| Braydon Sellers | 6/4/06 | Midfielder | 5' 10" | 158 |



ST LOUIS CITY SC ACADEMY

VISION

St. Louis CITY SC's goal is to develop the best youth academy structure in the country.

MISSION

Create an MLS Academy that prepares the region's best players for future professional opportunities by adhering to the technical and personal development philosophy of St. Louis CITY SC.

VALUES

Bravery, Respect, Accountability, Growth-Mindset, City-First

ST. LOUIS CITY SC ACADEMY STAFF



DALE SHILLY
ACADEMY DIRECTOR



LUIS SWISHER
UPSL HEAD COACH



SEAN REYNOLDS
UPSL ASSISTANT COACH



DAVID CRITCHLEY
U17 HEAD COACH



KYLE RIEBELING
U15 & U17 ASSISTANT COACH



MEGAN McCORMICK
U14 & U16 HEAD COACH



SHEA WHELAN
U14 & U16 ASSISTANT COACH



ANTHONY WALLACE
U15 HEAD COACH



MARK PAIS
ACADEMY GOALKEEPER COACH



MICHAEL RITTERBACK
ACADEMY GOALKEEPER COACH



KYLE CHIN
ACADEMY VIDEO ANALYST



AIDAN REYNOLDS
ACADEMY DATA ANALYST



BOBBY TEEL
ACADEMY FITNESS COACH



PETER ALSTON
ACADEMY STRENGTH
& CONDITIONING



KATIE SHARP
ACADEMY EQUIPMENT MANAGER



CARA SCHUBBE
ACADEMY PLAYER RELATIONS
MANAGER

ST. LOUIS CITY SC ACADEMY ROSTER

| # | Position | First Name | Last Name | Player DOB | Team | Prev Team |
|----|------------|----------------|------------------|------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| 12 | Forward | Joseph (Jojo) | Adamitis | 5/19/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - IL |
| 4 | Defender | Beckett | Anderson | 10/6/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 3 | Defender | Andrew | Bertrand | 9/13/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 17 | Midfield | Keane | Burton | 4/23/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - IL |
| 16 | Goalkeeper | Cole | Chambers | 12/15/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - ECNL |
| 5 | Defender | Bijan | Champagne | 2/29/2008 | U-15 | IMG |
| 6 | Defender | Emiliano | Chavez | 9/14/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 13 | Midfield | Jack | Chier | 2/9/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 22 | Midfield | Timothy (Trip) | Clancy III | 12/9/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 87 | Midfield | Lorenzo | Carnelius | 1/28/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 1 | Goalkeeper | Santiago | Felix | 9/29/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 2 | Goalkeeper | Justin | Heienickle | 1/6/2008 | U-15 | Lou Fusz Athletic Academy |
| 14 | Midfield | Ajdin | Junuzovic | 4/6/2008 | U-15 | Lou Fusz Athletic Academy |
| 9 | Forward | Graydon | Lewis | 4/19/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 7 | Forward | Stone | Marion | 2/7/2008 | U-15 | Sporting St. Louis Navy |
| 15 | Forward | Brody | Mayer | 1/4/2008 | U-15 | Lou Fusz Athletic Academy |
| 35 | Midfield | Leo | Mermelstein Wolf | 1/30/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 29 | Forward | Mason | Niedbalski | 3/7/2008 | U-15 | Lou Fusz Athletic Academy |
| 18 | Defender | Connor | Niles | 1/29/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - ECNL |
| 23 | Defender | Cannon | Nord | 5/6/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 11 | Forward | Chidube | Nwanko | 8/31/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 8 | Midfield | Christian | Nyatanga | 7/17/2008 | U-15 | Lou Fusz Athletic Academy |
| 21 | Defender | Dillon | Paul | 6/29/2008 | U-15 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - IL |

| # | Position | First Name | Last Name | Player DOB | Team | Prev Team |
|----|------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| 37 | Forward | Nolan | Burcke | 3/4/07 | U-16 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 45 | Forward | Ryan | Dugan | 4/29/07 | U-16 | JB Marine Academy |
| 43 | Midfield | John | Eckrich | 5/12/07 | U-16 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - ECNL |
| 46 | Forward | Anden | Ellis | 7/25/07 | U-16 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 36 | Defender | Shane | Farrow | 10/7/07 | U-16 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - ECNL |
| 54 | Goalkeeper | Tyler | Fischer | 8/8/07 | U-16 | Sporting Kansas City |
| 39 | Midfield | Colton | Garofalo | 6/12/07 | U-16 | Sporting St. Louis Navy |
| 57 | Defender | Carter | Knodle | 3/20/07 | U-16 | Sporting St. Louis Navy |
| 49 | Midfield | Carson | Locker | 10/8/07 | U-16 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 40 | Midfield | Cooper | Ludwig | 6/6/22 | U-16 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 47 | Defender | Brendan | Lukunka | 9/26/07 | U-16 | JB Marine Academy |
| 44 | Defender | Jacksen | McNeal | 7/30/07 | U-16 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 60 | Goalkeeper | Lucas | McPartlin | 6/16/07 | U-16 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 50 | Forward | Conor | Meyers | 2/1/07 | U-16 | Sporting St. Louis Navy |
| 51 | Forward | Braden | Missey | 9/5/07 | U-16 | Ajax SC |
| 53 | Defender | Joshua | Morales | 8/31/07 | U-16 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - IL |
| 41 | Defender | Charles (Chase) | Morgan | 1/19/07 | U-16 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 35 | Forward | Nathaniel | Null | 10/19/07 | U-16 | Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 38 | Defender | Thomas | Pratl | 11/15/07 | U-16 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 55 | Midfield | Brandon | Rolando | 4/24/07 | U-16 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 48 | Goalkeeper | Alexander | Stadnyk | 5/31/07 | U-16 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - ECNL |
| 56 | Midfield | Gavin | Weber | 11/30/07 | U-16 | Sporting St. Louis Navy |
| 42 | Defender | Benjamin | Wooldridge | 1/9/07 | U-16 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |

| # | Position | First Name | Last Name | Player DOB | Team | Prev Team |
|----|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| 23 | Midfield | Conner | Bayliss | 7/14/2006 | U-17 | Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 27 | Midfield | Braden | Benyr | 10/27/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 1 | Goalkeeper | Nicholas | Bishop | 8/2/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 21 | Defender | James | Buebendorf | 4/18/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher - Academy |
| 26 | Forward | Edin | Clark | 10/21/2006 | U-17 | Sporting KC - Academy |
| 20 | Forward | Omar | Cilic | 2/8/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 10 | Forward | Jackson | Delkus | 3/3/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 15 | Midfield | John | DiMaria | 2/27/2007 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 12 | Midfield | Nathan | Harmon | 8/29/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 32 | Midfield | Aaron | Heard | 12/28/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC |
| 7 | Forward | Kai | Jaeger | 9/20/2006 | U-17 | Sporting Springfield SC |
| 59 | Forward | Mykhi | Joyner | 8/30/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 6 | Forward | Samuel | Leonard | 10/9/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City/SLSG |
| 17 | Defender | Gavin | Netzel | 1/24/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/Sporting St. Louis |
| 3 | Defender | Tyson | Pearce | 8/12/2007 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 30 | Midfield | Edin | Prgo | 5/30/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 5 | Defender | John | Reim | 8/1/2006 | U-17 | Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 13 | Midfield | Nicholas | Schramm | 11/25/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis Scott Gallagher Premier |
| 14 | Midfield | Braydon | Sellers | 6/4/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 4 | Defender | Zach | Stanton | 1/30/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 2 | Midfield | Eddie | Stewart | 3/17/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 32 | Defender | Blas | Urbano | 1/31/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 18 | Midfield | Zachary | VanHee | 8/24/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 8 | Midfield | Landon | Weber | 8/17/2006 | U-17 | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 99 | Goalkeeper | Andrew | Kohlberg | 2/13/2006 | U-17 | Panathinaikos |

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|----|------------|------------|----------------|------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| 50 | Goalkeeper | Nathan | Beck | 2/2/2004 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Premier |
| 49 | Midfield | Sagar | Bhujel | 2/6/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Premier |
| 51 | Forward | Adam | Boykin | 11/20/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Illinois |
| 48 | Midfield | Akwasi | Douglas | 1/3/2003 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 45 | Defender | Harrison | Engel | 9/28/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 42 | Forward | Anthony | Faupel | 9/13/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/Sporting St. Louis |
| 44 | Forward | Nathan | Ferguson | 7/21/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 47 | Midfield | Brian | Franco-Recinos | 9/3/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 52 | Midfield | Michael | Lay | 5/1/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 55 | Midfield | Jacob | Lusignan | 10/17/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 41 | Defender | Joshua | Maher | 7/9/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 46 | Defender | Nolan | McGuire | 6/26/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 38 | Midfield | Miguel | Perez | 4/28/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/Sporting St. Louis |
| 37 | Forward | Kai | Pope | 8/28/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 53 | Forward | Tyler | Sargent | 1/9/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 40 | Midfield | Oscar | Solis | 4/4/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 56 | Goalkeeper | Owen | Spore | 2/12/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 39 | Defender | Fritz | Volmar | 5/15/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 43 | Defender | Max | Vuong | 8/9/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/Lou Fusz Athletic |
| 36 | Defender | Nathan | Yao | 3/29/2005 | UPSL | St. Louis City SC/SLSG Academy |
| 57 | Defender | Marcos | Cano | 9/29/2003 | UPSL | Bowling Green FC (UPSL) |
| 58 | Midfield | Damir | Beganovic | 5/31/2004 | UPSL | Bowling Green FC (UPSL) |
| 61 | Defender | Jakob | Kellerhals | 3/24/2005 | UPSL | Chattanooga Red Wolves |
| 88 | Forward | Ryley | Gibbs | 10/7/2005 | UPSL | |
| 26 | Forward | Adam | Reiniger | 8/24/2005 | UPSL | |



MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Major League Soccer was founded in 1993 as part of the United States' successful bid to host the 1994 FIFA World Cup with its maiden campaign taking place three years later between ten founding clubs: Columbus Crew, D.C. United, New England Revolution, New York/New Jersey MetroStars (now New York Red Bulls), Tampa Bay Mutiny, Colorado Rapids, Dallas Burn (now FC Dallas), Kansas City Wiz (now Sporting Kansas City), Los Angeles Galaxy and San Jose Clash.

The league is made up of two conferences, Eastern and Western. Teams play a total of 34 league matches in the MLS regular season. The team with the highest points total is awarded the Supporters' Shield title.

The MLS regular season is followed by a postseason knockout tournament, The MLS Cup Playoffs. The MLS Cup Playoffs is the annual postseason elimination tournament of Major League Soccer. The final match of the tournament is the MLS Cup, the league's championship game. Under the current format, 14 teams qualify for the tournament based on regular-season point totals—the seven highest-placed teams from each the Eastern Conference and the Western Conference.

LEAGUES CUP

In a monumental new chapter for North American soccer, beginning in 2023, all 47 MLS and LIGA MX clubs will compete in a completely reimagined Leagues Cup: an annual, month-long tournament. Leagues Cup 2023 will make history as the first major soccer tournament to feature every club from a pair of top-flight leagues.

Leagues Cup 2023 will be an official competition of the Concacaf Champions League (CCL), granting automatic qualification to the CCL Round of 16 to the tournament champion. Clubs finishing in second and third place in Leagues Cup will qualify for the CCL Opening Round.

Leagues Cup, together with Campeones Cup, is part of a larger partnership between the two most important soccer leagues in North America, MLS and Liga MX. Launched in 2018, this partnership is rooted not only in the on-field rivalry and designed to strengthen the sport in the region, but by a true spirit of collaboration with a focus on sharing best practices and being a force for positive change in the local communities of both leagues.

Leagues Cup Format

An event unprecedented in global football, the inaugural Leagues Cup will consist of 77 matches. St. Louis CITY SC has been selected to play in the Central 1 group for Leagues Cup 2023 that includes LIGA MX powerhouse Club América and Columbus Crew SC.

Group Stage, Seeding and Hosting: For Leagues Cup 2023, one club each from MLS and LIGA MX will receive a bye past the Group Stage and enter the tournament in the Round of 32. MLS will be represented by the 2022 MLS Cup winner. For LIGA MX, of the two recent champions in Clausura 2022 and Apertura 2022, the club with the most combined points accumulated across both tournaments in the 2022 calendar year will qualify directly into the Round of 32. The remaining 45 clubs will be divided into 15 groups of three clubs each. The 15 groups will be divided into four regions.

The Group Stage placement for MLS teams will be based on the final 2022 Supporters' Shield standings. The top 15 MLS Clubs will each be placed in groups based on seeding, as well as by region, and will host two matches each. The top 15 LIGA MX clubs – based on the combined Clausura 2022 and Apertura 2022 standings – will be placed into groups in reverse order from the MLS clubs (No. 15 LIGA MX seeded club will be paired with No. 1 MLS seeded club, and so on). There will be at least one LIGA MX club per group.

The remaining 13 MLS clubs, together with the two remaining LIGA MX clubs, will be drawn into groups and divided geographically. LIGA MX v. LIGA MX matches will be played at select venues depending on region. The 2023 Leagues Cup schedule and details will be announced in the coming months.

Every team will play two matches in the Group Stage, with the top two teams from each group, as determined by points, advancing to the Knockout Stage Round of 32. For tiebreakers and other competition items, the Leagues Cup Competition Guidelines will be published in the coming months.

No matches in the Leagues Cup Group Stage will end in a tie. Each team receives one point if the game is tied after 90 minutes. The winner of the subsequent penalty shootout will earn an additional point. Regulation wins count as three points.

Knockout Rounds: Following the Group Stage, the advancing teams will be joined by the top MLS and LIGA MX clubs and will be placed in a fixed bracket to compete in the single-game elimination Knockout Rounds beginning with the Round of 32 (16 matches), followed by Round of 16 (eight matches). The eight advancing teams will compete in the Quarterfinals (four matches) before the two Semifinal matches.

Leagues Cup Final and Third-Place Game: The Leagues Cup Final and Third-Place game, which will determine the qualifiers in Concacaf Champions League, will be played on Saturday, August 19, 2023.

LAMAR HUNT U.S. OPEN CUP

The first Open Cup, known then as the National Challenge Cup, is a knockout cup competition in American soccer that has crowned a champion annually since 1914, with the exception of a two-year pause caused by the onset of COVID-19. The U.S. Open Cup is open to all professional and amateur teams affiliated with U.S. Soccer, making it the only high-profile competition in American team sports where amateur sides can face professionals in meaningful competition.

The connection between St. Louis and the U.S. Open Cup began more than a century ago and is bound by 10 championship titles. Ben Millers became the first St. Louis-based team to win the tournament in 1920 after defeating Fore River Rovers of Quincy, Massachusetts. The winning team, composed entirely of St. Louis-based players, also reached the U.S. Open Cup Final in 1926. Various St. Louis sides have gone on to win the cup since Ben Millers' inaugural achievement, including St. Louis Scullins Steel (1922), St. Louis Stix (1935), Baer & Fuller F.C. (1933, 1943), St. Louis Central Breweries (1935), St. Louis Simpkins-Ford (1948, 1950), St. Louis Kutis SC (1957, 1986) and St. Louis Busch Seniors (1988).

St. Louis returned to the U.S. Open Cup competition in 2015 thanks to United Soccer League's Saint Louis FC, whose home turf was St. Louis Soccer Park. St. Louis CITY2 built upon that legacy in the 2022 season after defeating Indy Eleven in the Second Round of the tournament. CITY2 was eligible since the club's first team did not start until the 2023 season.

CITY FUTURES

In 2022, St. Louis CITY SC launched the club's CITY Futures program, which provides no-cost, multi-level, high-quality soccer training and holistic player-person development throughout the St. Louis region. The CITY Futures program seeks to make the sport of soccer accessible to all children in the St. Louis region through the power of play. They also practice life skills like goal-setting, leadership, teamwork and conflict resolution while having fun strengthening their technical abilities.



The CITY Futures program has several layers: way-to-play sessions, free coaching education classes for local coaches and monthly all-region friendly tournaments. The way-to-play sessions last between 60–90 min depending on age and are free and accessible for boys and girls between 7 and 14 of all playing levels, from the first kick of the ball to club-level players. The sessions will work on developing soccer-specific skills as well as supporting character and personality development to better serve our players in sport and in life.

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