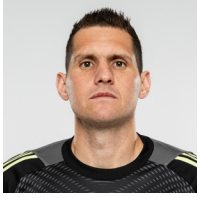


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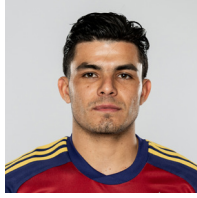
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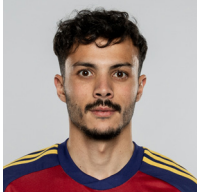
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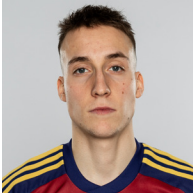
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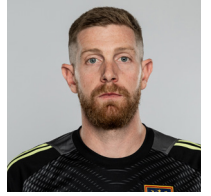
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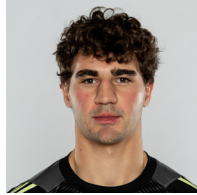
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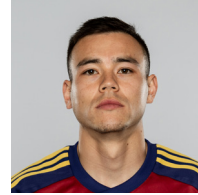
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MAX
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#24 | GOALKEEPER



PHILIP
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#29 | DEFENSE



OWEN
ANDERSON
#30 | MIDFIELD



MASON
STAJDUHAR
#31 | GOALKEEPER



ZACK
FARNSWORTH
#32 | DEFENSE



TOMMY
SILVA
#33 | DEFENSE



LUCA
MOISA
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JESUS
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LUIS
RIVERA
#37 | DEFENSE



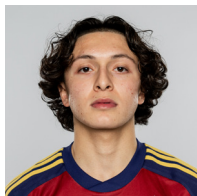
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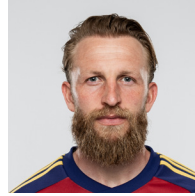
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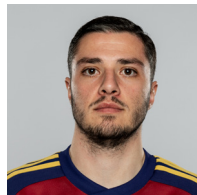
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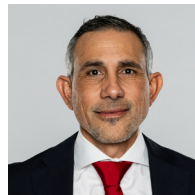
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ALEX
KATRANIS
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MATTHEW
BELL
MIDFIELD



PABLO
MASTROENI
HEADCOACH

2025 REAL SALT LAKE ROSTER *(as of 31 JULY 2025)*

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
9	William Agada	FWD	5-9	163	17 Sept 1999	25	Bauchi, Nigeria		Int'l	NIG
27	Forster Ajago	FWD	6-2	178	16 Aug 2001	23	Navrongo, Ghana	Duke	Int'l	GHA
30	Owen Anderson	MID	5-11	160	06 June 2007	18	San Rafael, CA		HG / MON	
12	Matthew Bell	M/F	5-9	175	27 Aug 2002	22	Kingston, Jamaica	Marshall	Int'l	JAM
36	Jesus Barea	FWD	5-9	167	28 April 2002	23	Cadiz, Spain	Missouri State	Int'l	
91	Javain Brown	DEF	5-11	195	09 March 1999	26	Kingston, Jamaica	South Florida	Int'l	JAM
1	Rafael Cabral	GK	6-1	183	20 May 1990	35	Sorocaba, Brazil		Int'l	
92	Noel Caliskan	MID	5-11	172	29 Aug 2000	24	Cologne, Germany	Loyola Marymount	GC/MON	GER
14	Emeka Eneli	DEF	5-9	178	01 Jan 1999	26	Dublin, Ohio	Cornell		
32	Zack Farnsworth	DEF	6-1	165	13 July 2002	23	Cedar Hills, UT		HG	
15	Justen Glad	DEF	6-1	160	28 Feb 1997	28	Tucson, AZ		HG	USA
72	Zavier Gozo	FWD	5-11	170	22 March 2007	18	Eagle Mountain, UT		HG/MON	
10	Diogo Gonçalves	FWD	5-9	165	06 Feb 1997	28	Almodôvar, Portugal		Int'l	POR
39	Aiden Hezarkhani	DEF	5-10	150	28 June 2007	18	Irvine, CA		Academy	
3	Kobi Henry	DEF	6-2	175	26 April 2004	21	Lakeland, FL			USA
19	Bode Hidalgo	DEF	6-0	165	22 Feb 2002	23	Kaysville, UT		HG	
29	Sam Junqua	DEF	6-0	170	09 Nov 1996	28	Saratoga, CA	Cal-Berkeley		
98	Alex Katranis	DEF	5-9	172	04 May 1998	27	Volos, Greece		Int'l	GRE
24	Max Kerkvliet	GK	6-5	210	1 Oct 2005	19	Houston, TX	Connecticut		
--	Kevon Lambert	D/M	6-3	175	22 March 1997	28	St. James Parish, Jamaica		Int'l	JAM
8	Diego Luna	MID	5-8	178	07 Sept 2003	21	Redwood City, CA		HG 22	USA
18	Zac MacMath	GK	6-2	190	07 Aug 1991	33	St. Petersburg, FL	Maryland		
11	Dominik Marczuk	FWD	5-10	175	01 Nov 2003	21	Międzyrzec Podlaski, Poland		Int'l	POL
40	Omar Marquez	MID	5-6	155	21 Feb 2008	17	Sacramento, CA		Academy	
34	Luca Moisa	MID	5-8	165	20 April 2008	17	Las Vegas, NV		HG/MON	
6	Braian Ojeda	MID	5-8	175	27 June 2000	25	Itaiguá, Paraguay		GC	PAR
13	Nelson Palacio	MID	5-11	180	16 June 2001	24	Apartadó, Colombia		Int'l 22	COL
23	Ariath Piol	FWD	5-11	174	11 Oct 2004	20	Australia		Int'l	
26	Philip Quinton	DEF	6-6	190	16 Nov 1999	25	Portland, OR	Notre Dame		
37	Luis Rivera	DEF	5-8	160	01 Dec 2007	17	El Paso, TX		HG	
7	Pablo Ruiz	MID	5-7	145	20 Dec 1998	25	Comodoro Rivadavia, Arg.		GC	
77	Johnny Russell	FWD	5-10	170	09 Apr 1990	35	Glasgow, Scotland		GC	SCO
33	"Tommy" Silva	DEF	5-10	175	21 Feb 2002	23	Tucson, AZ	UCLA	HG	
31	Mason Stajduhar	GK	6-2	190	2 Dec 1997	27	Salem, MA			
4	Brayan Vera	DEF	5-11	172	15 Jan 1999	26	San Luis, Colombia		GC	COL
41	Gio Villa	DEF	5-8	140	3 Jan 2008	17	Chicago, IL		Academy	USA/MEX
38	Jude Wellings	MID	5-9	160	26 April 2006	19	Birmingham, MI		HG	
16	Tyler Wolff	MID	5-9	154	13 Feb 2003	22	Snellville, GA			
20	Marcos Zambrano	FWD	5-11	190	20 Jan 2005	20	Guayaquil, Ecuador			USA

REAL SALT LAKE (MLS)

Head Coach: Pablo Mastroeni (Phoenix, AZ)
Assistant Coach: Nate Miller (Jerusalem, Israel)
Assistant Coach: Anthony Pulis (Bournemouth, England)
Assistant Coach: Jamison Olave (Medellin, Colombia)
Goalkeeper Coach: Mirza Hrambasic (Prijeedor, Bosnia)
Video Analyst: Rob Rogers (Cheltenham, England)
Assistant Coach: Joel DeLass (Spring Lake, MI)
Strength/Conditioning: Brandon Moran (Seattle, WA)
Sports Scientist: Johnny Fabrizio (Jackson Hole, WY)
Athlete Health/Performance: Theron Enns, ATC (Chicago, IL)
Athletic Training: Jake Joachim (Portland, OR),
 Katie Kuykendall (Ft. Worth, TX)
Equipment: Ben Chavez (Long Beach, CA),
 Peyton Compagno (Tucson, AZ)
Team Administration: Chase Rusden (Glenmoore, PA),
 Rory James (Eugene, OR), Christian Peters (Germansville, PA)

FRONT OFFICE

President: John Kimball (SLC, UT)
Sporting Director: Kurt Schmid (Torrance, CA)
Assistant GM: Tony Beltran (Claremont, CA)
Club Operations/Special Projects: Jason Kreis (Omaha, NE)
Recruitment Director: Jon Spencer (Anaheim, CA)
Head Scout: Luke Mulholland (Preston, England)
Data Analysis: Dr. Joseph Lee Thomas (Kansas City, MO)

Academy Scout: Matthew Hayes (Dallas, TX)
VP, Communications: Trey Fitz-Gerald (Albuquerque, NM)
Press Officers: Delmy Barillas (Hollywood, CA),
 Zuhayr Maung (SLC, UT), Josh Green (Riverton, UT)
Team Photographer: Laura Dearden (Walnut Creek, CA)
Team Videographers: Nick Lamping (Batesville, IN),
 Jason Soriano (SLC, UT), Lindsey Wyson (Laguna Niguel, CA)

2025 REAL SALT LAKE PRONUNCIATION GUIDE *(as of 31 JULY 2025)*

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No.	Player	Pos.	Pronunciation	Place of Birth	Last Club
1	Rafael Cabral	GK	kuh - BRAWL	Sorocaba, Brazil	Palmeiras / Gremio (Brazil)
3	Kobi Henry	DEF	KOH-bee HENN - ree	Lakeland, FL	Reims (France)
4	Brayan Vera	DEF	"Brian" VERR-uh	San Luis, Colombia	América de Cali (Colombia)
6	Braian Ojeda	MID	BRY-ahn oh-HEY-duh	Itaiguá, Paraguay	Nottingham Forest (EFL Champ.)
7	Pablo Ruiz	MID		Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina	San Luis (Chile)
8	Diego Luna	MID		Sunnyvale, CA	El Paso Locomotive (USL Champ.)
9	William Agada	FWD	uh - GAW - duh	Bauchi, Nigeria	Sporting Kansas City (MLS)
10	Diogo Gonçalves	FWD	gone - SALL - vez	Portugal	FC Copenhagen (Denmark)
11	Dominik Marczuk	FWD	mar - CHOOK	Międzyrzec Podlaski, Poland	Jagiellonia Bialystok (Poland)
14	Emeka Eneli	DEF	uh-MECK-uh uh-NELL-ee	Lansing, MI	Cornell University (NCAA)
15	Justen Glad	DEF		Tucson, AZ	RSL-Arizona Academy U-18 (USSDA)
16	Tyler Wolff	MID		Snellville, GA	Atlanta United (MLS)
19	Bode Hidalgo	FWD	BOH - dee	Kaysville, UT	Real Monarchs (USL Champ.)
20	Marcos Zambrano	FWD		Guayaquil, Ecuador	Vitória Guimarães B (Portugal)
23	Ariath Piol	FWD	pee - YOLE	Australia	Macarthur FC (A-League)
24	Max Kerkvliet	GK	KIRK - vleet	Houston, TX	Connecticut (NCAA)
26	Philip Quinton	DEF		Portland, OR	Columbus Crew (MLS)
29	Sam Junqua	DEF	JUNK - uh	Saratoga, CA	FC Dallas (MLS)
30	Owen Anderson	MID		San Rafael, CA	Real Monarchs (MLS Next PRO)
31	Mason Stajduhar	GK	STYE - doo - harr	Salem, MA	Orlando City (MLS)
32	Zack Farnsworth	DEF		Cedar Hills, UT	RSL Academy
33	"Tommy" Silva	DEF		Tucson, AZ	UCLA (NCAA)
34	Luca Moisa	MID	moe - EE - sah	Las Vegas, NV	RSL Academy
36	Jesus Barea	FWD	buh - RAY - uh	Cadiz, Spain	Missouri State (NCAA)
37	Luis Rivera	DEF		El Paso, TX	Real Monarchs (MLS Next PRO)
38	Jude Wellings	MID		Birmingham, MI	RSL Academy
40	Omar Marquez	MID		Sacramento, CA	RSL Academy
41	Gio Villa	DEF	VEE - yuh	Chicago, IL	RSL Academy
72	Zavier Gozo	FWD		West Valley City, UT	RSL Academy
77	Johnny Russell			Glasgow, Scotland	Sporting Kansas City (MLS)
92	Noel Caliskan	MID	KNOLL	Cologne, Germany	Portland Timbers (MLS)
98	Alex Katranis	DEF	kuh - TRAW - nuss	Volos, Greece	Piast Galwice (Poland)

INJURED RESERVE:

18	Zac MacMath	GK		St. Petersburg, FL	Colorado Rapids (MLS)
12	Matthew Bell	M/F		Kingston, Jamaica	Marshall Univ. (NCAA)
91	Javain Brown	DF		Kingston, Jamaica	Vancouver Whitecaps (MLS)

ON LOAN:

--	Kevon Lambert	D/M	KEV-uhn	St. James Parish, Jamaica	Phoenix Rising (USL Champ.)
27	Forster Ajago	FWD	ah - JAW - go	Navrongo, Ghana	Nashville FC (MLS)
13	Nelson Palacio	MID		Apartadó, Colombia	Atlético Nacional (Colombia)

2025 REAL SALT LAKE POSITION GROUPS (as of 31 JULY 2025)

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GOALKEEPERS (4)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
1	Rafael Cabral	GK	6-1	183	20 May	1990	35	Sorocaba, Brazil		Int'l
31	Mason Stajduhar	GK	6-2		2 Dec	1997	27	Salem, MA		
24	Max Kerkvliet	GK	6-5	210	1 Oct	2005	19	Houston, TX	Connecticut	
18	Zac MacMath	GK	6-2	190	07 Aug	1991	33	St. Petersburg, FL	Maryland	

CENTERBACKS (5)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
15	Justen Glad	DEF	6-1	160	28 Feb	1997	28	Tucson, AZ	HG	USA
4	Brayan Vera	DEF	5-11	172	15 Jan	1999	26	San Luis, Colombia	Int'l	COL
26	Philip Quinton	DEF	6-6	190	16 Nov	1999	25	Portland, OR	Notre Dame	
3	Kobi Henry	DEF	6-2	175	26 April	2004	21	Lakeland, FL		USA
32	Zack Farnsworth	DEF	6-1	165	13 July	2002	23	Cedar Hills, UT	HG	

OUTSIDE / WING BACKS (6)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
98	Alex Katranis	DEF	5-9	172	4 May	1998	27	Volos, Greece	Int'l	GRE
29	Sam Junqua	DEF	6-0	170	09 Nov	1996	28	Saratoga, CA	Cal-Berkeley	
19	Bode Hidalgo	DEF	6-0	165	22 Feb	2002	23	Kaysville, UT	HG	
91	Javain Brown	DEF	5-11	195	09 March	1999	26	Kingston, Jamaica	South Florida	Int'l JAM
33	"Tommy" Silva	DEF	5-10	175	21 Feb	2002	23	Tucson, AZ	UCLA	HG USA
37	Luis Rivera	DEF	5-8	160	01 Dec	2007	17	El Paso, TX	HG	USA

PIVOT / DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDERS (4)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
6	Braian Ojeda	MID	5-8	175	27 June	2000	25	Itaiguá, Paraguay	GC 22	PAR
14	Emeka Eneli	DEF	5-9	178	01 Jan	1999	26	Dublin, OH	Cornell	
7	Pablo Ruiz	MID	5-7	145	20 Dec	1998	26	Comodoro Rivadavia, Arg.	GC	CHI
92	Noel Caliskan	MID	5-11		29 Aug	2000	24	Cologne, Germany	Loyola Marymount GC	

ATTACKING / TWO-WAY MIDFIELDERS (6)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
8	Diego Luna	MID	5-8	178	07 Sept	2003	21	Redwood City, CA	HG	USA
10	Diogo Gonçalves	MID	5-9	165	06 Feb	1997	28	Almodôvar, Portugal	Int'l	POR
16	Tyler Wolff	MID	5-9	154	13 Feb	2003	22	Snellville, GA		
30	Owen Anderson	MID	5-11	160	06 June	2007	18	San Rafael, CA	HG / MON	
38	Jude Wellings	MID	5-9	160	26 April	2006	19	Birmingham, MI	HG	USA
12	Matthew Bell	M/F	5-9	175	27 Aug	2002	22	Kingston, Jamaica	Marshall	Int'l JAM

WINGERS (4)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
72	Zavier Gozo	FWD	5-11	170	22 March	2007	18	Eagle Mountain, UT	HG / MON	USA/IC
11	Dominik Marczuk	M/F	5-10	175	01 Nov	2003	21	Międzyrzec Podlaski, Poland	Int'l	POL
77	Johnny Russell	FWD	5-10	170	09 Apr	1990	35	Glasgow, Scotland	GC	SCO
39	Aiden Hezarkhani*	FWD	5-10	150	28 June	2007	18	Irvine, CA	HG / MON	

STRIKERS (5)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
9	William Agada	FWD	5-9	163	17 Sept	1999	25	Bauchi, Nigeria	Int'l	NIG
23	Ariath Piol	FWD	5-11	174	11 Oct	2004	20	Australia	Int'l	
36	Jesus Berea	FWD	5-9	167	28 April	2002	23	Cadiz, Spain	Missouri State	Int'l
20	Marcos Zambrano	FWD	5-11	190	20 Jan	2005	20	Guayaquil, Ecuador		USA
27	Forster Ajago	FWD	6-2	178	16 Aug	2001	24	Navrongo, Ghana	Duke	Int'l GHA

2025 – MLS REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE / KEY DATES

(as of 30 July 2025)

(all times MT; **HOME GAMES IN BOLD**; **PRESEASON / BYE WEEKS IN RED**; **potential CONCACAMPIONS / LEAGUES CUP IN BLUE**;
ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE; visit www.RSL.com or www.MLSsoccer.com or www.CONCACAF.com for additional info / details)

DAY / DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (MT)	NOTE:
FRI 01/24/2025	RSL v NYCFC	2-2	Marczuk, Ojeda score after early 0-2 hole in Santa Barbara
WED 01/29/2025	RSL v MINNESOTA	1-1	Ajago equalizes w/ 30 min. remaining in 120' game
WED 02/05/2025	RSL v ST. LOUIS CITY SC	1-1	Brilliant Lachlan Brook strike equalizes midway through 2nd
SAT 02/08/2025	RSL v LAS VEGAS (USL)	3-0	Caliskan, Gozo and Wolff find back of net v USL-C side
WED 02/12/2025	RSL v NY RED BULLS	3-3	Ajago brace on either side of Diogo goal in 1-3 comeback draw
WED 02/12/2025	RSL v ORANGE COUNTY	3-1	Tommy Silva, Jesus Barea & Ari Piol score in 2 nd half
MON 02/17/2025	DEPART UTAH FOR COSTA RICA		One training session Tues. Feb. 18 at National Stadium in CRC
WED 02/19/2025	at CS Herediano (CCC)	0-0 T	Cabral & Co. w/ road clean sheet in 1st CONCACAF trip since 2016
SAT 02/22/2025	at San Jose Earthquakes	0-4 L	Heaviest opening day loss for RSL since 2007
WED 02/26/2025	CS HEREDIANO (CCC)	1-2 L	Earliest Home Kickoff in calendar since 2011 CCL v Crew SC
SAT 03/01/2025	SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC	2-0 W	Seattle without win at RSL since 2012 postseason
SAT 03/08/2025	SAN DIEGO FC	1-3 L	RSL 10W-5L-3T all-time against expansion teams in 1 st visits to Utah
SAT 03/15/2025	at Houston Dynamo	2-1 W	RSL, HOU faced off nine times all competitions last two years
SAT 03/22/2025	FC DALLAS	0-1 L	No MLS side has won on Wasatch more than Dallas
SAT 03/29/2025	at Minnesota United FC	0-2 L	RSL returns to site of 2024 postseason elimination
SAT 04/05/2025	LA GALAXY	2-0 W	MLS Cup 2024 Champions return to Utah
SAT 04/12/2025	at Nashville SC	1-2 L	RSL visits NSH for first time since 2022
SAT 04/19/2025	TORONTO FC	0-1 L	Lone TFC win in Utah was in 2007; RSL 9W-1L-2T all comps in Utah
SAT 04/26/2025	at San Diego FC	3-1 W	Fourth California team welcomes RSL for first time ever
SAT 05/03/2025	at Vancouver Whitecaps	1-2 L	Can RSL secure comeback win at BC Place for third straight year?
SAT 05/10/2024	at FC Dallas	1-1 T	RSL unbeaten in three of last four at Dallas, last win in 2021
WED 05/14/2025	PORTLAND TIMBERS FC	0-0 T	Just four wins in last 18 all comps against Timbers
SAT 05/17/2025	at Colorado Rapids	0-1 L	1-0 lead conceded in last DSG Park visit to drop Rocky Mtn Cup
SAT 05/24/2025	VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC	2-3 L	RSL with five consecutive home wins over Vancouver
WED 05/28/2025	at Austin FC	1-1 T	RSL with points in Austin last two seasons
SAT 05/31/2025	at LA Galaxy	0-2 L	2-0 HT lead conceded at Galaxy a year ago
SAT 06/14/2025	D.C. UNITED	2-1 W	One of 3 eastern conference teams to visit AFF in '25
SAT 06/21/2025			Second June bye weekend after 120 intense days to open 2025
SAT 06/28/2025	at Sporting KC	1-1 T	RSL now 14W-8L-7T v KC since MLS Cup 2013 heartbreak
SAT 07/05/2025	ST. LOUIS CITY SC	3-2 W	RSL 7W-2L-9T all-time in Independence Day home celebrations
SAT 07/12/2025	HOUSTON DYNAMO	1-0 W	HOU with just 1 win in last 13 visits to Utah
WED 07/16/2025	at Portland Timbers FC	1-0 W	Worst loss of 2024 came at Providence Park in Portland last July
SAT 07/19/2025	FC CINCINNATI	0-1 L	Cincy won in Sandy in late-year 2023 visit
WED 07/23/2025	MLS All-Star Game		To be played at Q2 Stadium in Austin
SAT 07/26/2025	SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES	2-1 W	Pioneer Day festivities traditionally kind to RSL (9W-4L-5T)
WED 07/30/2025	CLUB AMERICA	2-2 T	Cabral w/ 3 saves in PK shootout win; Ruiz/Glad/Vera convert
SAT 08/02/2025	ATLETICO SAN LUIS		RSL finished 6 th of 29 MLS teams in 2024
WED 08/06/2025	QUERETARO		RSL with 2 wins, 1 loss at home in Leagues Cup 2023/24 editions
SUN 08/10/2025	at New York Red Bulls	4:00p	Just one RSL win in 11 trips to "Sports Illustrated Stadium"
SAT 08/16/2025	at Charlotte FC	5:30p	1st RSL visit to CLT, just 2nd-ever match (RSL 3-1 W in 2022)
WED 08/20/2025	LEAGUES CUP QUARTERFINAL		
SAT 08/23/2025	MINNESOTA UNITED FC	7:30p	RSL unbeaten in last 8 at home v. MIN; 2022 equalizer latest ever
WED 08/27/2025	LEAGUES CUP SEMIFINAL		
SAT 08/30/2025	at Seattle Sounders FC	8:30p	RSL earning points (4W/1T) in 5 of last 6 visits to Seattle
SUN 08/31/2025	LEAGUES CUP FINAL		Seattle road trip would be moved if either team advances to Final
SAT 09/06/2025			Third of four possible bye weekends throughout 2025 MLS season
SAT 09/13/2025	SPORTING KANSAS CITY	7:30p	RSL 3 wins / 1 loss in four Utah games since 2020 pandemic
WED 09/17/2025	LAFC	7:30p	RSL unbeaten in last 3 against West Power Black-and-Gold
SUN 09/21/2025	at LAFC	7:00p	RSL looking to extend unbeaten run v LAFC in lone FS1 appearance
SAT 09/27/2025	AUSTIN FC	7:30p	RSL with complete 5-1 win over ATX last season
SAT 10/04/2025	COLORADO RAPIDS	7:30p	2025 Rocky Mountain Cup on the line, RSL looking to reclaim
SAT 10/11/2025			Possible makeup date for any rescheduled MLS matches
SAT 10/18/2025	at St. Louis CITY SC	7:00p	Luna dominant in both previous unbeaten visits to STL

AUDI 2025 MLS CUP PLAYOFF DATES (subject to change)

WED 10/22/2025	8 v 9 WILD CARD KNOCKOUT MATCHES
SAT 10/25/2025	KNOCKOUT ROUND "BEST OF THREE" MATCH 1
SAT 11/01/2025	KNOCKOUT ROUND "BEST OF THREE" MATCH 2
SAT 11/08/2025	KNOCKOUT ROUND "BEST OF THREE" MATCH 3 (if necessary)
SAT 11/15/2025	FIFA INTERNATIONAL BREAK
SAT 11/22/2025	CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS - Single-Elimination
SAT 11/29/2025	CONFERENCE FINAL - Single-Elimination
SAT 12/06/2025	MLS CUP 2025

2025 REAL SALT LAKE STORYLINES

UPDATED: 31 July 2025

2025 RECORD:	MLS 9W-11L-4D (31 points, 8 th West / 18 th Shield); 27 GF / 31 GA / -4 GD Champions Cup 0W-1L-1D (1 GF / 2 GA v Herediano; ELIMINATED) Leagues Cup 0-0-1 (2 points, 9 th MLS) 2 (3) : (1) 2 v Club América; Saturday v Atlético San Luis; Wed., Aug. 6 v Queretaro
SPORTING DIRECTOR:	Kurt Schmid (5 th season with RSL – 2 nd full season as Chief Soccer Officer; 15 th overall in MLS)
HEAD COACH:	Pablo Mastroeni (Aug. 2021 – present) [5 th season with RSL – 4 th full season as RSL HC; 9 th overall in MLS (COL 2014-17)] RSL record: 67W-58L-43T (all comps) All-Time MLS HC record: 105W-114L-79T
TECHNICAL STAFF:	Nate Miller (2 nd season – formerly USL San Diego Loyal); Anthony Pulis (2 nd season – formerly USL Miami FC); Jamison Olave (2 nd MLS season – formerly MLSNP Real Monarchs); Mirza Harambasic – GK (2 nd season – formerly MLSNP Real Monarchs / RSL Academy); Joel DeLass – Player Development Coach (3 rd season – formerly Monarchs); Brandon Moran – Performance (1 st season – formerly Seattle Sounders FC)
INCOMING 2025 TRANSFERS:	MF Tyler Wolff (Atlanta United – USA – acquired Dec. 12, 2024); FW Forster Ajago (Nashville SC – USA – acquired Dec. 13, 2024) DF Sam Junqua (FC Dallas – USA – acquired Dec. 20, 2024); DF Kobi Henry (Reims – France – added via loan – Jan. 13, 2025); GK Mason Stajduhar (Orlando City – USA – acquired Jan. 17, 2025); GK Rafael Cabral (Cruzeiro – Brazil – acquired Jan. 20, 2025); FW Ariath Piol (Macarthur FC – Australia – acquired Jan. 23, 2025) FW William Agada (Sporting KC – USA – acquired April 23, 2025) FW Johnny Russell (Free Agent – USA – acquired April 25, 2025) FW Marcos Zambrano (Vitória – Portugal – acquired July 31, 2025) FW Rwan Cruz (Botafogo – Brazil – added via loan – Aug. 1, 2025)
KEY DEPARTURES: (2024 All Comp Stats)	FW Chicho Arango (17 goals, 13 assists → San Jose Earthquakes); FW Anderson Julio (9g, 4a → FC Dallas – MLS); MF Matt Crooks (3g / 5a → Hull City – EFL Championship); GK Gavin Beavers (14 starts, 28 GA, 3 shutouts, 7W-5L-2T → Brøndby – Denmark) DF Andrew Brody (33 games, 23 starts, 2105', 2a → Sporting KC – MLS);
OUT ON LOAN:	D/M Kevon Lambert (loaned to Louisville City – USL through 2025 season); FW Forster Ajago (loaned to Lexington – USL through 2025 season) MF Nelson Palacio (loaned to FC Zurich – Swiss SuperLeague through June 2026)
AVAILABILITY REPORT	<u>(for 2 August 2025 – Leagues Cup Matchday 2 v Atlético San Luis:</u>
OUT:	MF Matthew Bell (hamstring injury suffered 02/11/2025 in training) GK Zac MacMath (back injury suffered 09/11/24 @ ATX; surgery 01/24/25) DF Javain Brown (knee injury suffered 04/08/2025 in training) GK Mason Stajduhar (hand injury suffered 07/25/2025 in training)
QUESTIONABLE:	DF Noel Caliskan (quadriceps injury suffered 07/30/2025 v Club América)

LEAGUES CUP PHASE ONE CONTINUES v ATLÉTICO SAN LUIS ::

Surging Real Salt Lake (9-11-4, 31 points, 8th West / 18th Shield; 0-0-1, 2 points, 9th MLS Leagues Cup) continues its very busy summer slate with Saturday's 7:30p MT Leagues Cup match against visiting Liga MX side Atlético San Luis at America First Field ... On Utah soil against Mexican visitors, RSL now owns an all-time 5W-6L-4T mark, including two wins, a loss and Wednesday's dramatic 3-1 shootout victory over continental power Club América in the last three Leagues Cup tournaments ...

Wednesday saw goals from 2024/25 Major League Soccer All-Star **Diego Luna** and forward **William Agada** give RSL a 2-1 halftime lead over tourney favorite *Las Aguilas*, but a flurry of missed second-half chances for the Utah side allowed a last-gasp 97+ equalizer to Club América before 19,544 fans at America First Field, setting the stage for a penalty-kick tiebreaker ... RSL Captain and goalkeeper **Rafael Cabral** earned Man of the Match honors with a heroic eight-save performance, including stops on three of four PK attempts faced, while Claret-and-Cobalt men **Pablo Ruiz**, **Justen Glad** and **Brayan Vera** converted their attempts to secure two points in the Leagues Cup table ...

Saturday's contest is available via Apple TV+ / MLS Season Pass, with **Tyler Terens** and **Kyndra de St. Aubin** (ENG) on the call, as are **Sergio Ruiz** and **Walter Roque** (SPN) ... Iconic RSL voice **David James** and former MLS goalkeeper **Jay Nolly** will call the game for KSL Sports Radio (1160 AM / 97.5 FM), with **Nelson Moran** in his 21st season as RSL's Spanish radio home on both 102.3 KDUT FM / 106.3 FM KBMG ...

Following Saturday's contest against former player **Fidel Barajas** and Atlético San Luis, RSL will welcome Queretaro to Sandy on Wednesday, Aug. 6 to conclude its trio of Phase One matches; kickoff for both remaining games is at 7:30p MT. Tickets are available at www.RSL.com/tickets ...

CABR-WALL OF WASATCH ::

RSL GK **Rafael Cabral** impressed greatly with three saves in four attempts faced in Wednesday's shootout against Mexican power América ...

Not only was the tiebreaker win RSL's first since a second-leg MLS Cup Playoff shootout win against Houston – RSL dropping three straight PK deciders since (Leg 3 2023 @ HOU, Legs 1 and 2 in 2024 v MIN), it marked RSL's second-ever 3-1 / 4-round

shootout win, and its first since a 2016 Open Cup home match against Wilmington Hammerheads with **Jeff Attinella** in goal ...

Iconic RSL goalkeeper and newly-inducted Hall of Famer **Nick Rimando** famously made three saves in a trio of MLS Cup Playoff shootouts for RSL, including two in 2009 – the East Final at Chicago (7 attempts faced), and the Cup v LA Galaxy at Seattle (also 7 attempts faced) ...

In RSL's MLS Cup 2013 loss at Kansas City, a 20-round affair that saw Rimando face 10 attempts, he also had three saves ...

RSL ADDS DP STRIKER RWAN CRUZ VIA BOTAFOGO LOAN ::

Friday, Real Salt Lake announced it has acquired 24-year-old Brazilian striker **Rwan Cruz** via loan from Botafogo (Brazilian Série A) to Utah's Major League Soccer Club through June 30, 2026, with an option to extend through the 2026 season ... RSL also have a purchase option at a predetermined price to be exercised at any point during the loan period ...

Pending receipt of both the International Transfer Certificate (ITC) from the Brazilian federation, as well as his P-1 work visa, Cruz – considered a Designated Player for RSL's 2025 roster designation – will be eligible to appear for RSL in either Leagues Cup and/or MLS reg. season action ...

Born in Jaboatão dos Guararapes, a suburb of Recife, Brazil, on May 20, 2001, the 24-year-old Rwan Philipe Rodrigues de Souza Cruz, scored 24 goals in 50 leagues games over 18 months from July 2023 to February 2025 at Ludogorets Razgrad in Bulgaria, while adding a goal and four assists in UEFA competitions ... A Botafogo transfer brought him back to his native Brazil this February, with the imposing and quick 6-foot-2 attacker scoring seven goals in 53 games with Santos, Vasco da Gama and Botafogo on either side of his European experience ...

Cruz traveled with Botafogo and former RSL player **Jefferson Savarino** for the FIFA Club World Cup earlier this summer, but did not appear in the competition.

"I am excited to arrive in Utah and I look forward to integrating with the family here at the Club," said Cruz, who will wear Claret-and-Cobalt jersey No. 12. "I have been watching the RSL games and I think we play very well as a team. We have a playing style with short passing combinations that I enjoy very much, and I believe this is an excellent fit for me.

"I have received good references for this Club, and that motivated me to be here today; everything happens for a reason and I believe it is of great significance at the right time for me to be in Utah. I am very happy."

"The fans are our 12th player and we depend a lot on them. The energy that comes from them motivates us, they are important each and every game. I have felt and seen the atmosphere in the stadium for both the San Jose and Club América games, it was influential in our ability to turn these games around. Again, the fans are very important to us and they can expect me to bring competitiveness every moment I am on the pitch, and I am arriving to add to and strengthen the group by scoring many goals and assists."

The son of a bricklayer, Cruz made his professional debut with legendary Brazilian club Santos in February, 2022, at the age of 18 in a home loss to São Paulo, scoring his first professional goal three days later in a Copa do Brasil away win at Salgueiro ... This season with Botafogo, Cruz has scored two goals in 16 matches across five competitions, including a prestigious Copa Libertadores goal in a 3-2 home victory of Estudiantes this May ...

"We are elated to welcome Rwan to our Club, and have been working on this move for some time," said RSL's Chief Soccer Officer **Kurt Schmid**, following the Club's 2025 Leagues Cup Phase One shootout victory over Club América and ahead of upcoming contests against Atlético San Luis and Queretaro at America First Field ... "Rwan's quality, finishing and attacking flexibility should allow him to bolster our options up top, adding a difference-maker to our core as we pursue a strong finish to the season."

RSL FINALLY ABOVE PLAYOFF LINE IN THE WEST ::

RSL continues its third foray into the Leagues Cup tournament winners of five of its eight matches since the beginning of June, capturing 18 of a possible 24 points to vault itself from 13th to 8th in the MLS Western Conference table, moving above the playoff line for the first time in 2025 with 10 MLS reg. season games remaining ...

RSL's 5-1-1 MLS record during June and July has featured four wins in its last five home games prior to the dramatic shootout win against Club América, the latest regulation win seeing an 81st-minute **Braian Ojeda** blast from distance serving as the game-winner last Saturday against San Jose ...

The win – RSL's ninth of the season – marked the first comeback win of the season, with RSL scoring first in each of its previous eight victories of 2025 ...

One week after a stunning home heartbreak against then-Supporters Shield leaders FC Cincinnati, the Ojeda winner ensured that RSL added another "bounce-back" result to its Mastroeni record ...

Since the former USMNT star and MLS veteran seized the Claret-and-Cobalt head coaching reins in August, 2021, RSL has dropped consecutive games just 14 times in 168 matches during the Mastroeni era, winning 29 and drawing 15 in games following a loss ...

HOME COOKING HEATING UP ::

RSL now puts its 6-6-2 (W-L-T) home mark on the Wasatch Front thus far this year in three competitions on the line against Atlético San Luis, looking ahead to five more MLS reg. season and at least two Leagues Cup games to be played at America First Field through the 2025 "Decision Day" in mid-October ... A year ago, RSL amassed a 12-3-4 (W-L-T) record at home, where the Club has traditionally enjoyed a fortress-like record of success, winning nearly 70% of games and averaging just under two points per game in parts of 17 seasons across all competitions in Sandy ...

FIREWORKS CELEBRATIONS ::

The late 2-1 win against the Earthquakes last week added to RSL's historic dominance on Pioneer Day Weekend, with nine wins and five draws against just four losses in its previous 20 seasons ... Earlier this month, RSL improved to eight wins, nine draws against just two losses all-time in its Fourth of July / Independence Day celebrations with a 3-2 win over St. Louis CITY SC, improving RSL's record on the two holidays complete with post-game fireworks shows to a combined 17W-6L-9T on Utah soil ...

BACK LINE SOLIDIFYING AS CABRAL STAYS HOT::

Prior to conceding an 87th-minute game-winner on July 19 against Cincinnati – one which snapped RSL's season-best five-game unbeaten run – RSL GK **Rafael Cabral** and the team defense had not conceded in 275 minutes over the course of four matches, the 11th-longest shutout streak in the Club's nearly 700 MLS reg. season matches all-time ...

Prior to the 97th-minute equalizer at the death Wednesday against Club América, forcing a 2-2 draw and an eventual shootout tiebreaker, RSL had conceded multiple goals just once in its seven-game

MLS run over June and July, winning a 3-2 match on July 5 against St. Louis ...

DRAWING FIRST BLOOD CRITICAL FOR RSL ::

With **Diego Luna's** early goal Wednesday against América, RSL has now recorded a 42W-8L-16T record when scoring first during the 168-game **Pablo Mastroeni** era, with all but one of nine RSL victories this season coming when scoring first (Seattle, Houston, LA Galaxy, at San Diego, D.C., St. Louis, Houston and at Portland) ... Four of the eight losses under Mastroeni when taking the 1-0 lead since August, 2021, have come this season (at home against Herediano / San Diego, away at Nashville, home against Vancouver), with the May 10 draw at Dallas, the May 28 deadlock at Austin, the late June 1-1 knot at KC and now Wednesday's Leagues Cup opener seeing RSL drop points from a winning position ...

ROAD IMPROVEMENT NEEDED DOWN THE STRETCH ::

Away from home, RSL's 3-6-4 / 13-point road record this season across all competitions has underperformed fifth-year head coach Mastroeni's track record, with each of the last two seasons marking the Claret-and-Cobalt's best road campaigns in team history. The 2023 side posted an 11W-8L-5T away mark across all competitions, a record which includes both that year's Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Semifinal loss to Houston, and its road loss and elimination draw in the first and third games of the teams' 2023 Audi MLS Cup Playoff series on the Shell Energy Stadium turf.

A year ago, Mastroeni's men registered the second-most road points in RSL history, with a 5W-4L-8T MLS reg. season mark, one which does NOT include its heartbreaking, multi-goal Leagues Cup elimination loss to the Dynamo following a home win over Atlas FC ...

RSL will next travel twice in mid-August for East Coast road trips – Sun., Aug. 10 at New York Red Bulls and Sat., Aug. 16 at Charlotte FC – prior to returning home Saturday, August 23, against Minnesota United FC. Again, tickets for all America First Field events are available at www.RSL.com/tickets ...

YOUNGSTERS & NEWCOMERS STEPPING UP IN 2025:

The first two-thirds of the 2025 RSL season has witnessed several RSL players achieve various milestones:

- 18-year-old attacker **Zavier Gozo** – who graduated with several Academy teammates in late May in Herriman – earned his first-ever extended run of MLS action, the Eagle Mountain, Utah-native going the full 90 minutes on the attack in 13 of the last 16 games, all starts in one of the four attacking positions.
- Brazilian GK and RSL “Iron Man” **Rafael Cabral** – the lone RSL player to have appeared in every one of 2,430 minutes of the Club's 27 games played across all competitions this season – logged his seventh clean sheet of the season July 16 at Portland, and his sixth in MLS reg. season action.
- Prior to the July 12 first-ever home goal for FW **William Agada** – who initially found the back of the RSL net at Austin on May 28 – his former Kansas City captain, winger **Johnny Russell**, follow suit by scoring for RSL in consecutive June games against D.C. and at KC, after the free-agent acquisition arrived in Utah in late April.
- Second-year D/M **Noel Caliskan** had started and played impressively for the full 90 minutes in each of the 13 contests – including 12 at right back – prior to Wednesday, which saw him leave with a quad injury in the 57th minutes ... Caliskan scored his first-ever MLS goal July 5 at home while making his 2025 first-team debuts ... The German-born Caliskan was drafted out of Loyola Marymount University in 2023 by the Timbers, for whom he played MLS, Open Cup and MLS NEXT Pro action during his rookie season before signing with Real Monarchs a year ago.
- That 3-1 victory at San Diego on April 26 also marked Head Coach **Pablo Mastroeni's** 100th career coaching win across all competitions for the two Rocky Mountain Cup competitors, RSL (2021-present) and Colorado (2014-17) ... The former U.S. World Cup stalwart has now amassed 105 wins, 114 losses and 78 draws across all competitions for the Utah/Denver-based sides ... Last June in Kansas City, Mastroeni earned his 50th win across all competitions with RSL in a wild 4-3 road decision, with the 2-0 reg. season win over LA

Galaxy on April 5 marking his 50th MLS victory with RSL ... Since August, 2021, in Utah, Mastroeni's all-time coaching record is now 67-58-43 (W-L-T).

SETTING THE STANDARD FOR IMPROVEMENT EVERY YEAR ::

During each of Pablo's previous three full seasons at the RSL helm, the Club has increased its annual point total (47 in 2022, 50 in 2023 and 59 last year), while increasing its Western Conference table position as well (7th in 2022, 5th in 2023 and 3rd last year) ... The 2025 campaign features RSL's pursuit of a Conference-best fifth consecutive postseason berth, a seventh in the last eight seasons and its 15th in the last 18 years ...

Last year saw RSL advance to the MLS Cup Playoffs for a fourth consecutive occasion, the sixth time in seven seasons (2020 the lone exception), and for the 14th time in the last 17 seasons since first qualifying in 2008 (2015, 2017 the other outliers) ...

The 2024 MLS regular season reached an all-time high of 59 points for RSL, which finished third in the Western Conference and sixth overall in the then-29-team MLS Shield race, while also establishing a new all-time scoring high of 65 goals ...

LEAGUES CUP PRIMER ::

RSL now shifts its competitive focus to the 2025 Leagues Cup, RSL's third foray into the CONCACAF-sanctioned tournament between MLS and LIGA MX clubs ... This Summer's competition runs from July 29 to August 31, with the knockout rounds running concurrently with the MLS regular season, with all games once again hosted in the United States and Canada ...

Several format changes are now in place for this year's tournament as opposed to the past two very exciting competitions, so here's everything you need to know as you follow RSL in the Leagues Cup 2025:

- Leagues Cup is an interleague competition between the United States, Canada, and México. Inaugurated in 2019, the tournament was created to encourage competition between clubs from all three North American countries. Originally featuring eight teams as a "showcase," it soon expanded to include all clubs from both leagues.

- For this year's tournament, the Leagues Cup Organizing Committee has announced that 36 clubs will participate, featuring the top 18 teams from each league, determined by their performance in the 2024 reg. season standings — with the exception of Vancouver Whitecaps FC, who will be replaced by San Diego FC.
- All 36 clubs have been divided evenly into two regions – Eastern and Western – determined by ranking and geographical considerations. Teams are grouped into three separate tiers in each region. Tier 1 will contain teams ranked 1-3 from each league, Tier 2 will contain teams ranked 4-6 from each league, and Tier 3 will contain teams ranked 7-9 from each league. Based on these tiers, six sets will be created, containing one MLS team from each tier and one LIGA MX team from each tier. These sets will determine the three opposite league opponents for each team in Phase One.
- These changes have been implemented to exclusively prioritize interleague play through the Quarterfinals, regardless of group stage placement or previous matchups. Subsequent rounds will not need to meet this criteria.
- Additionally, a new points format will be utilized to determine the eight teams – four from each league – that will advance to the knockout rounds ... As clubs begin to earn points, they will be ranked in a league-specific table ... In other words, MLS teams will be ranked exclusively against other MLS teams, while LIGA MX teams will be ranked only against fellow LIGA MX teams – a structure designed to guarantee more interleague matchups throughout the tournament.
- One detail that sets the League Cup apart from other soccer competitions is the 'No Draws' rule ... This will take effect from the very first match of the tournament, where games that are tied after 90 minutes will see each team receive a point, with a winner then decided by kicks from the penalty mark ... The winner of the penalty shootout will receive an additional point ... Wins in regulation will earn the victorious side three points ... In the knockout stages, if teams are tied at the end of regulation, the outcome will also be decided by a penalty shootout ...
- Following the trio of Phase One matches, the top four teams in each league's table will advance to the Quarterfinals ... A predetermined bracket will pair the eight Quarterfinal participants, with each matchup

decided in a single-elimination format ... The four victors will advance to the Semifinals to decide the Finals and Third Place fixtures ... Teams who finish in the top three of the Leagues Cup 2025 will qualify to CONCACAF Champions Cup in 2026, with the Champion earning a direct spot to the Round of 16 ...

In this year's edition, RSL will host three LIGA MX opponents at America First Field during Phase One. The Claret-and-Cobalt will face Mexican giants and Tier 1 side Club América on Wednesday, July 30; Tier 2 side Atlético San Luis on Saturday, August 2; and Tier 3 side Club Querétaro on Wednesday, August 6. All games feature 7:30p MT kickoffs, with tickets available at www.RSL.com/tickets.

RSL LEAGUES CUP HISTORY ::

Real Salt Lake will once again take the pitch in the 2025 Leagues Cup, marking its third consecutive appearance since the tourney became an official CONCACAF competition in 2023, with RSL impressively reaching the Round of 16 in its debut year ...

From the very beginning, RSL was among the first invited to join the MLS-vs-Liga MX invitational, its continued presence since 2023 underscoring the Club's consistency at the top end of the MLS standings. RSL secured a sixth-place finish in the over 2024 MLS table, earning one of the coveted 18 MLS slots for this year's Cup ...

The 2025 Leagues Cup, running from July 29 to August 31, will feature 18 MLS teams and 18 Liga MX sides, with RSL positioned in a "Western 2" pod alongside top Mexican sides such as Club América ... Following impressive performances in prior editions, including a memorable 3-1 victory over Club León after a 24-hour weather delay in 2023, RSL is poised to leverage its deep roster under Head Coach **Pablo Mastroeni** as it seeks continental glory this summer ...

2023

Real Salt Lake made its Leagues Cup debut in 2023, entering the newly expanded tournament with a strong opening performance. The Claret-and-Cobalt kicked off group stage play in dominant fashion, earning a convincing 3-0 win over fellow MLS side Seattle Sounders. Former RSL attackers **Jefferson Savarino** and **Cristian Arango** each scored early in the second half, with Guatemalan international **Rubio Rubin** providing the late dagger.

However, momentum stalled in its second match, as RSL fell 3-0 to Liga MX powerhouse CF Monterrey.

Despite the setback, RSL advanced to the Round of 32 as the second-place team in its group. There, it delivered one of its most memorable wins of the season—a dramatic 3-1 comeback victory over reigning CONCACAF Champions Club León. A brace from former striker **Danny Musovski** and another Arango goal paced RSL to the come-from-behind win, an emotional affair that saw kickoff delayed by 24 hours due to extended lightning storms on the Wasatch Front. RSL's tournament run ultimately came to an end in the Round of 16, where the club suffered a 4-0 defeat at the hands of Los Angeles FC in a game marred by an eighth-minute non-contact injury to metronome **Pablo Ruiz**.

2024

Last year, Real Salt Lake once again took the international stage, looking to build on its previous year's experience. Opening the tournament with an impressive 2-1 comeback victory over Liga MX side Atlas FC, RSL showcased its trademark resilience and attacking quality, with **Nelson Palacio** hitting an absolute ZAPATAZO off the bench to provide the game-winner, on the heels of a first-half stoppage-time equalizer by former fan-favorite Anderson Julio.

Despite the strong start, RSL's hopes of advancing were dashed in the final group stage match, where it suffered a decisive 3-0 away defeat to Houston Dynamo. The loss by that exact scoreline, eliminated RSL from the tournament, bringing a shockingly early end to its 2024 Leagues Cup campaign.

PHASE ONE OPPONENTS ::

Real Salt Lake will now host three Liga MX teams in the group stage of this year's Leagues Cup. They are: Club América, Atlético San Luis and Querétaro FC.

Club América

Club América is one of the most storied and successful football clubs in Mexico and all of North America. Based in Mexico City and founded in 1916, the team plays its home matches at the iconic Estadio Azteca. Known for their distinctive yellow and blue colors, Las Águilas (The Eagles) have built a legacy of excellence with a record number of Liga MX titles (17) and multiple CONCACAF Champions Cup victories (7). With a passionate fan base, a deep roster of international talent, and a fierce competitive spirit, Club América consistently ranks among the top clubs in the region and remains a dominant force in both domestic and international tournaments.

RSL and Club América are no strangers to each other, having faced off in 2009 during the Xango Cup, a friendly tournament series from the Club's early days in Utah. Real Salt Lake came out on top in the match,

defeating Club América 1-0 with RSL legend **Javier Morales** scoring the winning goal in support of a Nick Rimando clean sheet during RSL's MLS Cup-winning campaign.

Wednesday's showdown is sure to draw an immense crowd to America First Field, as fans from all over the U.S. and Mexico flock to witness two powerhouse clubs clash in a high-stakes Leagues Cup battle.

Atlético San Luis

Atlético San Luis - once home to former RSL man **Anderson Julio** and now the new club for 2024 RSL wunderkind **Fidel Barajas** - is a young yet ambitious football club based in San Luis Potosí, Mexico, founded in May, 2013, to restore top-tier soccer to the city following the departure of San Luis FC. Backed by a majority investment from Atlético de Madrid since 2017, the club has embraced its Spanish partner's identity and developmental philosophy, adopting red-and-white colors and benefiting from shared talent pathways. After earning promotion to Liga MX in 2019 via back-to-back Ascenso MX titles, Atlético San Luis has steadily grown into a competitive force in Mexico's top division.

With no prior meetings between the two clubs, this match marks the beginning of a brand-new chapter in international play for both sides. As RSL hosts the Liga MX outfit at America First Field, fans will witness the start of what could become a compelling interleague rivalry. The encounter offers both teams a fresh opportunity to set the tone in the head-to-head history between the two and make an early statement on the Leagues Cup stage.

Querétaro

Querétaro Fútbol Club, affectionately nicknamed "Gallos Blancos" (White Roosters) and "Los Albiazules" (The White-and-Blues), is a storied Liga MX team based in Querétaro. Founded on July 8, 1950, the club was one of the original members of Mexico's Segunda División, earning its rooster-inspired nickname early on due to its tenacious playing style. Despite never securing a Liga MX title, the club's greatest achievement came in the Clausura Tournament in 2015, when it finished as runners-up, marking its first-ever appearance in a league final. Over the decades, "Los Gallos Blancos" have built a reputation for resilience, surviving relegation battles, and cultivating identity through challenges making the club a respected presence in Mexican football.

Real Salt Lake and Querétaro FC share a limited history of direct competition leading up to the 2025 Leagues Cup, with this upcoming match marking Querétaro's first visit to Utah. Despite the lack of head-to-head clashes, the two clubs are connected through players who have represented both teams. Notably,

former RSL midfielder **Luis Gil** spent the 2016-17 seasons with Querétaro after his contract with Real Salt Lake ended in 2015. More recently, former RSL forward **Rubio Rubin** joined Querétaro on loan in 2024. These player ties add an intriguing layer to the matchup, highlighting shared histories amid a fresh competitive encounter.

DEEP DIVE INTO ATLÉTICO SAN LUIS AS 2025 LEAGUES CUP CONTINUES ::

In its second Phase One match of the 2025 Leagues Cup, the Claret-and-Cobalt follow up Wednesday's 3-1 penalty shootout victory (the game ending in a 2-2 draw after regulation) against Liga MX powerhouse, Club América, with a quick three-day turnaround to welcome another Mexican club to America First Field.

Heading Into Leagues Cup 2025

Before diving into the details of RSL's first opponent, it's important to understand how Mexican soccer operates. In a calendar year, Liga MX holds two separate league tournaments: the 'Apertura' and the 'Clausura'. Each tournament spans roughly six months and follows an identical format. During the initial phase, each team plays every other club once. Based on the points earned, the top teams advance to a knockout stage, which follows a two-leg, aggregate-score format until a champion is crowned.

In 2025, the Clausura has already concluded, and the Apertura is currently underway.

The team now in question is Atlético San Luis, losers Wednesday at Portland by a bitter 0-4 scoreline. Ahead of the 2025 Apertura, the club underwent a managerial change as former head coach Domènec Torrent parted ways with the organization by mutual agreement. The decision followed a poor run of results toward the end of the 2025 Clausura and a failure to align on plans for the upcoming season. Stepping in to revitalize the squad is 36-year-old Spaniard Guillermo Abascal, who has signed on through the end of the year.

With only three league games under his belt with the club so far, it is yet to be seen how the team will respond to the coaching change ahead of the Leagues Cup. In this preview, we'll explore the key points about RSL's second Leagues Cup 2025 opponent: Atlético San Luis.

Inconsistency on the Pitch

The present situation at Atlético San Luis is more delicate than it was when the team participated in the 2024 Apertura. In this competition, the team—then led by Torrent—enjoyed one of its best campaigns in

recent memory. It finished sixth in the first phase of the competition, then defeated Mexican powerhouse Tigres in the quarterfinals 3-0 on aggregate, before ultimately falling to Monterrey 6-3 on aggregate in the semifinals.

Despite its impressive run, the 2025 Clausura proved to be a completely different challenge that the group was unable to overcome. 'Los Gladiadores' ended the competition as the fourth-lowest ranked team in the league, finishing 15th and failing to qualify for the knockout stage. During this time, it logged only six wins in 17 games and suffered 11 defeats, curiously not drawing a single game.

So far in the 2025 Apertura, three matchdays have been played. In its opening match, San Luis defeated León on the road thanks to a last-minute winner from recent signing João Pedro Galvão, who scored in his debut for the club. In the following fixture, the squad hosted Monterrey and suffered another defeat - this time 1-0 - mirroring its loss in the 2024 Apertura semifinals. Saturday, ASL fell in a high-scoring affair, 3-4, away at favored Chivas de Guadalajara. Although it's still early in the schedule, Atlético San Luis currently sits in 13th place with just three points earned so far.

Ones to Watch

Unlike América, Atlético San Luis is a more modest club based in San Luis Potosí, often serving as a talent pipeline for larger Mexican teams such as América, Cruz Azul, and Chivas. Young players frequently see the club as an opportunity to gain valuable minutes and experience to then move to bigger teams that can compete for trophies. In fact, the owners of Atlético de Madrid in the Spanish LaLiga, partially own the Mexican team which allows them to transfer players between each club.

In recent years, however, the club has been able to invest in talent hailing from the best leagues in the world like the English Premier League and the Bundesliga in Germany. What's more, in 2023 it was able to sign French forward **Sébastien Salles-Lamonge**, accruing much-needed experience around Europe. Salles-Lamonge was a critical investment to improve the attack and, so far, the move has proven successful. Across the last two competitions, the Frenchman led the team in scoring with 11 goals and three assists, appearing in all 34 phase-one matches - starting 31 of them, according to fbref.com.

One position that often goes underappreciated in soccer is the fullback. In San Luis' case, its left fullback is one of the team's most valuable assets heading into this point of the year. Uruguayan leftback **Juan Manuel Sanabria** has played a key role in the club since his arrival in 2021 from Atlético de Madrid and has

amassed 118 starts in 130 appearances, scoring five goals and adding 20 assists to his resume. Just last season, he scored two goals and provided six assists which marked one of his best seasons with the club while also leading the team in shot-creating actions with 94. Sanabria has become one of the main voices in the squad, acting as one of the team captains for the current season, largely in part to his importance on-field, registering the second-most minutes on the team between 2024 and 2025, according to fbref.com.

While little connects RSL to Atlético San Luis, there is one thing both clubs share in common: **Anderson Julio**. The Ecuadoran forward spent time with both teams. Notably, Julio first played for the Mexican club before joining the MLS side on loan, which later turned into a permanent deal in 2022. With San Luis, he logged eight starts in 20 appearances, unable to score or provide any assists. On RSL he made 38 starts in 111 appearances, scoring 25 goals and tallying five assists, according to fbref.com.

Just prior to the current Leagues Cup iteration, former RSL wunderkind **Fidel Barajas** has transferred to San Luis. Roughly a year ago, RSL sold the former Charleston Battery and Mexican Youth National Team player to Chivas for a substantial fee - the second-largest in Claret-and-Cobalt history. Ahead of the 2025 season, Barajas was loaned by Chivas to D.C. United, where the attacking midfielder did not appear on his June 14 visit to RSL, and played just four MLS contests prior to his recent move to Atlético San Luis.

The team currently sits in the middle of the pack in terms of goal scoring, ranking eighth between 2024 and 2025 with 46 goals in 34 matches. Defensively, it also conceded the eighth-most goals during that span - 55 in total - outpacing its goal production, according to fbref.com. Under Torrent, the team often employed a 4-3-3 formation. However, new coach Guillermo Abascal has opted for a 4-2-3-1 in the first three games of the 2025 Apertura, prioritizing greater structure and a more dynamic midfield over strength in the attack.

Bitter Relationship with Leagues Cup

'Los Tuneros' are no strangers to the Leagues Cup, as it participated in the last two iterations of the competition in 2023 and 2024. Despite its involvement, the club has not managed to overcome Phase One of the tournament, both times failing to qualify in a three-team group.

In 2023, Atlético San Luis was drawn into a group with the New York Red Bulls and New England Revolution. The Mexican side opened the tournament with a heavy 5-1 loss to the Revs, followed by a 2-1 defeat to the Red Bulls. As a result, the team was eliminated in the first round without earning a single point.

In the subsequent edition, San Luis faced Orlando City SC and CF Montréal in the group stage. In the second matchday fixture, the team suffered its third consecutive Leagues Cup defeat, falling 3-2 to Montréal. Fortunately, San Luis managed to snap the losing streak by earning its first point in the competition with a 1-1 draw against Orlando City, but the team ultimately lost 5-4 in the penalty shootout and was eliminated from the competition.

Real Salt Lake and Atlético San Luis have never faced each other in an official match, adding intrigue for fans of both teams. The unfamiliar matchup brings a layer of unpredictability, as each side must prepare carefully for a crucial game against an unknown opponent.

LUNA STAR SHINING BRIGHTLY ::

Real Salt Lake standout **Diego Luna** recently became the shining star of the U.S. run to the Gold Cup Final July 6 against Mexico, with the third-year RSL player scoring three goals and adding two assists in the previous two games against Costa Rica (first-ever USMNT goal) and Guatemala (15-minute brace to open game) ...

The Sunnyvale, CA native and 2025 leading scorer for RSL (8 goals, 4 assists in 20 MLS games), Luna was named an MLS All-Star for the second consecutive year in late June ... Last Wednesday in Austin, Luna played 45 second-half minutes to join fellow United States Men's National Team standouts Max Arfsten, Sebastian Berhalter, Alex Freeman, Miles Robinson and Brian White among 26 players unveiled for the 2025 MLS All-Star Game roster ...

Luna – one of 12 players named 2025 All-Stars through a combination of fan / player / media voting – became the first Real Salt Lake All-Star named to the team in back-to-back years in nearly a decade, repeating the feat accomplished by Hall of Famer **Nick Rimando** in the 2014/15 seasons ...

Rimando and former Claret-and-Cobalt Captain **Kyle Beckerman** each appeared in three consecutive MLS All-Star Games at various junctures, while **Will Johnson** was selected in the 2013/14 editions ...

The 21-year-old Luna leads Real Salt Lake with eight goals and four assists this 2025 season, matching his total goal output from a year ago ...

Impressing USMNT boss **Mauricio Pochettino** with his January camp performance, Luna distinguished himself during the March Nations League window for the Stars-and-Stripes before locking in as the team's passionate playmaker and emotional leader during the recent Gold Cup ...

GOZO + OTHERS STEPPING UP ::

The first half of the 2025 RSL season has seen several RSL players achieve various milestones, as 18-year-old Academy product **Zavier Gozo** – who graduated with several Academy teammates in late May in Herriman – earning his first-ever run of MLS starts, the Eagle Mountain, Utah-native going the full 90 minutes on the attack in 13 of the last 16 games, all starts ...

While he did not score a goal June 28 in Kansas City – despite two amazing, self-created chances in the final 10 minutes – Gozo could have become just the seventh player 18 years old or younger since 2016 to score three MLS goals in a five-game span, joining Jesus Ferreira (2019), Gianluca Busio (2019), Ricardo Pepi (2021), Caden Clark (2021), Jhon Duran (2022) and David Martinez (2024) ...

Another RSL Academy product, then 17-year-old M/F **Aiden Hezarkhani**, made his MLS debut before hometown friends and family on May 31 at LA Galaxy ...

Hezarkhani – the 224th player to log at least one MLS minute for RSL in its 21-year history – celebrated his 18th birthday on the Kansas City gameday June 28, pulling Monarchs duty in recent weeks ...

NELSON PALACIO OUT ON LOAN TO FC ZURICH ::

Due to the Braian Ojeda green card absence over the last month-plus, holding midfielder **Nelson Palacio** started and played the full 90 in each of the four contests prior to Houston, the U22 Colombian making consecutive starts for the first time in his two seasons with Real Salt Lake ...

However, in mid-July Palacio was loaned to FC Zurich of the Swiss SuperLeague through summer 2026, freeing up an international spot and a U22 roster designation for RSL ahead of the upcoming transfer window, which opens July 24 ...

Palacio arrived in Utah in the summer of 2023, via permanent transfer from Atlético Nacional in his home country, appearing in 48 Major League Soccer regular-and post-season matches, along with another 10 combined appearances in CONCACAF Champions Cup, the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, Leagues Cup and MLS NEXT Pro competitions.

Palacio, 24, has occupied one of RSL's four U22 roster designations during the past three seasons, scoring two goals, both in dramatic fashion during the 2024 Claret-and-Cobalt campaign (one the Leagues Cup game-winning ZAPATAZO in the 71st-minute against Atlas FC (Liga MX), the other a late-game equalizer that completed an 0-3 comeback to rescue a point at Dallas) ...

CENTURY MARK FOR MASTROENI ::

That 3-1 victory at San Diego on April 26 marked Head Coach **Pablo Mastroeni**'s 100th career coaching win across all competitions for the two Rocky Mountain Cup competitors, RSL (2021-present) and Colorado (2014-17) ...

The former U.S. World Cup stalwart has now amassed 105 wins, 114 losses and 78 draws across all competitions for the Utah/Denver-based sides ...

Last June in Kansas City, Mastroeni earned his 50th win across all competitions with RSL in a wild 4-3 road decision, with the 2-0 reg. season win over LA Galaxy on April 5 marking his 50th MLS victory with RSL ... Since August, 2021, in Utah, Mastroeni's all-time coaching record is now 67-58-43 (W-L-T) ...

2025 ROAD WOES UNCHARACTERISTIC ::

Away from home, RSL's 3-6-4 / 13-point road record this season across all competitions has underperformed fifth-year Head Coach **Pablo Mastroeni**'s track record, with each of the last two seasons marking the Claret-and-Cobalt's best road campaigns in team history ...

The 2023 side posted an 11W-8L-5T away mark across all competitions, a record which includes both that year's Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Semifinal loss to Houston, and its road loss and elimination draw in the first and third games of the teams' 2023 Audi MLS Cup Playoff series on the Shell Energy Stadium turf ...

A year ago, Mastroeni's men registered the second-most road points in RSL history, with a 5W-4L-8T MLS reg. season mark, one which does NOT include its heartbreaking, multi-goal Leagues Cup elimination loss to the Dynamo following a home win over Atlas FC ...

RSL next plays road MLS matches on August 10 and 16 on the East Coast, away at New York Red Bulls and Charlotte FC ...

BACK HALF OF 2025 REMAINS TO ATTAIN RSL STANDARDS ::

During each of Pablo's previous three full seasons at the RSL helm, the Club has increased its annual point total (47 in 2022, 50 in 2023 and 59 last year), while increasing its Western Conference table position as well (7th in 2022, 5th in 2023 and 3rd last year) ... The 2025 campaign features RSL's pursuit of a Conference-best fifth consecutive postseason berth, a seventh in the last eight seasons and its 15th in the last 18 years ...

Last year saw RSL advance to the MLS Cup Playoffs for a fourth consecutive occasion, the sixth time in seven seasons (2020 the lone exception), and for the 14th time in the last 17 seasons since first qualifying in 2008 (2015, 2017 the other outliers) ...

The 2024 MLS regular season reached an all-time high of 59 points for RSL, which finished third in the Western Conference and sixth overall in the 29-team MLS shield race, while also establishing a new all-time scoring high of 65 goals ...

LUNA LUMINESCENT YET AGAIN ::

Through 27 games across all competitions thus far in 2025, RSL has scored only 30 goals thus far, with 70% of the production – 8 goals and 4 assists – coming from emerging RSL / UMSNT starlet **Diego Luna** ...

Diego is now joined by **Diogo Gonçalves** and **William Agada** (3 goals each), as well as **Zavier Gozo**, **Johnny Russell** as RSL players with multiple goals (2 each) this season, with Luna seeing his four-goal-in-three-game streak snapped with the 0-0 draw in mid-May against Portland ... Luna returned against Houston on July 12 looking to build upon his octet of goals, equaling his 2024 total of eight, a campaign that earned him MLS All-Star and Young Player of the Year honors ...

Luna's stoppage-time, last-gasp conversion from the penalty spot at Vancouver May 3 rescued RSL from a sixth shutout suffered in these 26 games played in MLS / CCC competition this year (it eventually came July 19 v Cincinnati) ...

Luna has a pair of two-goal braces thus far, scoring both goals in a 2-0 home win over LA Galaxy on April 5 and the first two – including a game-winning PK – in the 3-1 April 26 win at San Diego ...

GOZO GETTING IT GOING ::

RSL homegrown and 18-year-old winger **Zavier Gozo** has made his first-ever MLS starts each of the last 15 games – playing the full 90 multiple times – in place of Polish international **Dominik Marczuk** (ankle) and DP **Diogo Gonçalves** ... Previously, Gozo had started one first-team match, a 4-2 loss in the 2024 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup a year ago at New Mexico United (USL) ...

The Eagle Mountain, Utah native made his MLS debut back in October, 2023, at LA Galaxy in a 2-2 draw at Dignity Health Sports Park, a game that also saw fellow RSL Academy product **Axel Kei** make his RSL/MLS debut ...

These last 900+ MLS minutes played reflect demonstrable improvement for Gozo since his early-season substitute appearances against Herediano, and could be key to the young, dynamic player representing

the U.S. this Fall in the FIFA World Youth Championships ...

EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER MAY 24 v VANCOUVER ::

In its home game back on May 24, America First Field in Sandy was buzzing when RSL scored two goals in the first four minutes of the match, as 18-year-old **Zavier Gozo** found the back of the net just 50 seconds after the opening whistle ... Assisted by RSL and U.S. Men's National Team starlet **Diego Luna** on the play, Gozo – at the time just 18 years, 63 days, just 48 hours after graduating high school the Thursday prior – became the third youngest scorer in Club history (Luis Gil, Freddy Adu) ...

When Luna reacted quickly to rebound in the box to put RSL up 2-0 in the fourth minute – for his team-high eighth goal of the year, equaling his 2024 MLS All-Star and MLS Young Player of the Year output – it marked the first time in the Claret-and-Cobalt's now 664-game MLS history over 21 regular seasons that RSL scored twice in the first five minutes, and just the second time ever RSL scored twice inside the opening 10 ... MLS last saw a team go up 2-0 in the first 300 seconds back in 2018 (New York Red Bulls vs. NYCFC) ...

However, a resolute Vancouver side had the game back on level terms midway through the first half on a Brian White brace, first scoring on a headed corner kick in the 20th minute, then equalizing from the penalty spot in the 25th after RSL striker William Agada unknowingly had the ball glance off the back of his arm ...

Deadlocked for another hour-plus, the visiting Whitecaps stole all three points at their former 2021 home with a curling shot far post by Pedro Vite ...

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CUP LEG ONE ::

A year ago, the three-game, 2024 edition of the fan-created Rocky Mountain Cup was captured by Colorado, with a come-from-behind effort by the Rapids at home in a 3-2 July win ...

Despite the series setback, the Claret-and-Cobalt have won 15 of the last 18 Rocky Mountain Cups (2013, 2015, 2024), including the disputed 2020 edition. With the RMC moving to just two games in 2025, RSL needs to win the series outright to recapture the Cup ...

The Rapids, as holders, retain the Cup with a win or two draws this season; the teams meet on Utah soil on Sat., Oct. 4 at America First Field ...

The May 17 1-0 loss at Colorado was preceded by a pair of draws (the May 14 0-0 home draw against Portland Timbers FC and a 1-1 at Dallas on May 10), RSL earning

back-to-back results for the first and only time in now 17 games played across all competitions this season, the Club's fourth clean sheet ...

RSL was able to pick up four points in its recent three-game road run, winning 3-1 a month ago at San Diego prior to a 1-2 setback at Vancouver on May 3, along with the 1-1 draw at Dallas May 10 ...

RSL now must win its Decision Day home match against Colorado in mid-October by multiple goals in order to capture the Rocky Mountain Cup for the 15th occasion in the last 19 years ...

MONARCHS PROOF OF CONCEPT ::

In a 4-1 Real Monarchs MLS NEXT Pro win over Portland at home on May 28, 21-year-old RSL attacker **Tyler Wolff** provided two goals – including the game-winner – as well as two assists in a complete performance ...

Due to his excellent exhibition and seizing the opportunity for extended minutes, Wolff rejoined RSL the next day in Los Angeles and was available off the bench as part of the 20-man MLS roster after a three-game hiatus ...

Wolff is now out for another week after suffering an MCL strain in his right knee during a mid-June training session ...

AGADA DEBUT START IGNOMINIUS AT DALLAS ::

Nearly eight weeks ago at Dallas saw the first-ever Claret-and-Cobalt start for 25-year-old FW **William Agada**, who was acquired April 23 from Sporting Kansas City at the close of the primary MLS transfer window ...

Agada's 60+ minutes in Dallas two weeks ago were marred by a second yellow with just under a half-hour left, adjudged to have simulated a dive in the penalty box ... William was suspended midweek against Portland, but returned to the XI May 17 at Colorado ...

The Nigerian-born striker did make his Club debut April 26 in San Diego, playing the final 23 minutes off the bench to become the 222nd all-time RSL player during its 21 Major League Soccer seasons ... Several weeks ago in Vancouver, Agada played the final 45 minutes, coming on at halftime for young Australian striker **Ari Piol**, who has started seven games thus far in his first-ever MLS season ...

Back to Agada – the Nigerian-born striker now wears the No. 9 shirt for RSL, paying homage to Club legend Jason Kreis (also worn by Justin Meram, Chicho Arango), now in his eighth season as a professional, having scored 65 goals in 218 career games, including 24 goals in 78 games across all competitions with Sporting KC since his U.S. arrival ... Nearly three summers ago, Agada joined Sporting KC in a transfer from Israeli side Hapoel Jerusalem (June 2022) ...

SAN DIEGO REVENGE GAME ::

RSL's 3-1 win April 26 at Snapdragon Stadium marked the expansion side's first-ever home loss, reversing the result from March 8 at America First Field, when RSL dropped a 1-3 decision in a match that featured FW **Ari Piol**'s first RSL / MLS goal as well as two stoppage-time scores for San Diego ...

On April 26, the Claret-and-Cobalt rode another **Diego Luna** brace to victory, with substitute DF **Sam Junqua** providing the insurance dagger ... Luna's goals 10 minutes apart on either side of halftime – each one giving RSL the lead – enabled RSL to score three goals for the first time since Sept., 2024, against Portland, a span of 17 games ...

LUNA CARD RESCINDED ::

Luna's two-goal performance at San Diego – his second of the season (April 5 v LA Galaxy) and the third of his career (July 2023 v NYCFC) – came after an independent panel unanimously decided to rescind the one-game suspension and accompanying fine for the red card issued to **Diego Luna** in the 61st minute of the 0-1 loss against Toronto FC on April 19 ... The Independent Review Panel – consisting of one representative from the U.S. Soccer Federation, one representative from the Canadian Soccer Association and one independent representative nominated by the Professional Referee Organization, determined that Luna was eligible to play at San Diego ...

RSL's successful appeal of the decision – a controversial one that also saw Luna fined for not leaving the field during the VAR determination – enables the Club to retain its two potential appeal opportunities for the 2025 campaign ...

JUNQUA WITH THE DAGGER ::

Just a quarter-hour into the San Diego win, RSL was forced to bring versatile left-sided DF **Sam Junqua** off the bench, replacing a concussed centerback **Brayan Vera** (who remains out for a second consecutive week after surviving the collision with teammate and GK **Rafael Cabral**), remaining in concussion protocol ahead of the Dallas match ...

Junqua entered the RSL defensive back four as the left centerback between **Alex Katranis** and **Philip Quinton**, adding the insurance dagger midway through the second half with his seventh career MLS goal in 146 career professional games played ... Junqua's first-ever RSL goal was from 25-yards out, a low laser to the far post from the left side ...

The former Houston / Dallas defender had spent much of preseason alongside Quinton as the fourth centerback or backup left-sided wingback, as RSL HC **Pablo Mastroeni** platooned two groups in February as RSL juggled both

CONCACAF Champions Cup and Major League Soccer action ...

NASHVILLE NIGHTMARE ::

RSL blasted off to an early lead two months ago at Geodis Park in Nashville, with Polish international winger **Dominik Marczuk** slotting home the rebound of a **Diogo Gonçalves** shot from distance for a 12th-minute lead ...

Minutes later, Marczuk was elbowed in the face/neck area by Nashville DF Daniel Lovitz – with a VAR review recommendation to center referee Jair Marrufo – but only yellow was given ... Lovitz proceeded to equalize off a set piece just minutes later, and the teams entered the halftime break tied 1-1 ...

Against the run of play in a second half dominated by the home side, RSL looked to retake the lead as Gonçalves set up Marczuk on the right side, squaring the ball to rookie **Jesus Barea** for his debut professional goal, but Marczuk was called offside in his phase to nullify the advantage ...

RSL was then doomed in second-half stoppage, as DF **Nelson Palacio** was whistled for an extremely soft foul in the box on Hany Mukhtar, with Sam Sturridge slotting home the penalty for a 2-1 home win ...

LUNA SHINING BRIGHTLY ::

For the third time this season, RSL playmaker **Diego Luna** was recognized by Major League Soccer for his weekend heroics at San Diego, again named to Matchday 10's fictional XI ...

In the April 5 matinee in Sandy, Luna needed just five minutes midway through the first half to bag his second career brace, leading RSL to a 2-0 lead, one which would hold for the final result against the reigning MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy as the Claret-and-Cobalt snapped a two-game slide ...

Quite the eventful weekend culminated with the MLS honor for Luna, as the 21-year-old was recognized that Friday night by the Utah Sports Commission – an extension of the Governor's office as part of Utah's "State of Sport" proclamation – as the 2024 Male Professional Athlete of the Year ... Luna – also the reigning 2024 MLS Young Player of the Year – earned an assist as well as the game-winning goal for RSL in its last win, a 2-1 victory on March 15 in Houston ...

LUNA ENJOYING LIMELIGHT ::

With family from California and Texas in tow to both the Friday awards ceremony and the April 5 matinee, perhaps it was the presence of another guest – U.S. Men's National Team assistant coach Miguel D'Agostino, in town

to watch Luna and January USMNT teammate **Emeka Eneli** ahead of this summer's Gold Cup – who provided additional inspiration for Luna, who now has five goals and two assists in his last five RSL matches ...

With the brace April 5, Luna became the youngest player in RSL history (21 years, 208 days) to amass 15 goals AND 15 assists in his career on the Wasatch Front ...

The two-goal performances in April were Luna's second- and third-ever, his first arriving back on July 15, 2023, against the New York Red Bulls just ahead of his departure to represent the U.S. in that summer's FIFA World Youth Championships in Argentina ...

Following the April 12 trip, Luna spent the weekend at Coachella with Travis Scott, appearing backstage via Nike invitation, and then hit the Hollywood red carpet Monday with actor Diego Luna for the Andor Season Two premiere ...

LOONY RESULT AT ALLIANZ ::

March 29 at Minnesota, Real Salt Lake fell, 2-0 at Minnesota in an icy monsoon, conceding goals on either side of halftime three weeks ago ... Two turnovers while pushing high saw RSL concede transition opportunities to the host Loons, whose victory snapped a six-game run of draws between the teams across multiple competitions in 2023 and 2024 ...

RSL boss **Pablo Mastroeni** made four changes at halftime, two tactical and two due to the hypothermic conditions in rain, wind and sleet in St. Paul ...

ROAD WIN AT HOUSTON IN MARCH ::

Nearly three months ago on the road, RSL snapped a nine-game road winless run against the Dynamo in Houston (dating back to 2018), posting a 2-1 victory that saw both of the Club's premier playmakers, **Diogo Gonçalves** and **Diego Luna**, score first-half goals on either side of the Houston equalizer ... Just 43 seconds into the match, Diogo found the back of the net with the fourth-fastest goal in RSL history, assisted by **Emeka Eneli** and Luna on a play started at midfield by striker **Ariath Piol** ...

Following a 17th-minute equalizer by Houston on a set piece, it was Luna scoring just before halftime in the 50+ minute, using his maskless head to redirect a far-post shot from winger **Dominik Marczuk**, seizing momentum and shocking the Dynamo faithful ... A resolute RSL defense stood firm for the final 45-plus, with GK **Rafael Cabral** and several others demonstrating grit, guile and fortitude to see out the win, just the fourth-ever in RSL's

nearly two-decades worth of trips to South Texas since 2007 ...

LUNA THE STAR OF THE SHOW ::

Real Salt Lake playmaker **Diego Luna** returned in late March from U.S. Men's National Team Head Coach **Mauricio Pochettino**'s 23-player roster in 2025 Concacaf Nations League ...

On March 15 in Houston, Luna ditched the mask protecting his once-shattered nose, triggering the play that led to RSL's 43-second score by **Diogo Gonçalves**, earning the secondary assist after combinations with **Ari Piol** and **Emeka Eneli** en route to RSL's fourth-fastest goal ever ...

Late in the first half, it was Luna who rescued a ball out of the corner, recycling the play and ultimately heading home the game-winning goal five minutes into first-half stoppage, redirecting a **Dominik Marczuk** laser to the far post ...

At 21 years of age, Luna – the reigning MLS Young Player of the Year, coming off an eight-goal, 12-assist campaign for RSL last season – is one of six MLS-based players who were part of the 2025 January Camp receiving the initial invite for the March matches ... Luna is also one of just three players, joining Patrick Agyemang (Charlotte) and Brian White (Vancouver), who also take part in their first USMNT camp during a FIFA international window and for an official competition ...

The annual January Camp has a long history of providing opportunities for MLS-based players to get an extended look from the coaching staff and make an impact ... Dating back to 1999, 30 players who have debuted or earned their second cap during the USMNT's first camp of a calendar year have gone on to make a FIFA World Cup roster ...

FOR CLUB AND COUNTRY ::

In January, Real Salt Lake saw two of its 2024 standouts – attacker **Diego Luna** and versatile Captain **Emeka Eneli** – amongst the 23 MLS players selected by Pochettino in this year's January's USA camp, including a 3-1 win over Venezuela in Ft. Lauderdale on Jan. 18 and a 3-0 win over Costa Rica on Jan. 22 in Orlando ...

Both Luna and Eneli played the final 27 minutes of the Venezuela win, with the RSL duo starting against Costa Rica, each player notching an assist ... Luna set up the game-winning Brian White goal on his first touch after a broken nose early in the contest, while Eneli also added an assist of his own on the second goal, late in the match ...

Despite having both nostrils filled with gauze, blood streaming down his face and looking like an extra from the famed David Fincher movie "Fight Club," Luna dominated

the first half for the States, none of his creations more incisive than his 21st-minute throughball to O'Brian White, giving the home side a 1-0 lead ...

Luna played the first 45 only, setting up a game-high SIX big chances on either side of his battered and bloodied facial incident ...

Post-game, Luna was praised by Pochettino for his "big balls" refusal to exit the match ...

SAN DIEGO SHOCK ON UTAH SOIL ::

After a shock loss to San Diego at home on March 8, Real Salt Lake now owns a 9-4-3 (W-L-T) all-time mark against expansion sides making their initial visits to the Sandy venue over the previous 15 seasons, with only St. Louis, Cincinnati and LAFC able to grab the full three points at what is now known as America First Field prior to last week's stunning San Diego shocker ...

LAFC handed RSL its worst-ever home loss in March, 2018, a 5-1 win in that year's RSL home opener ... St. Louis won at America First Field in 2023 during its first-ever visit, as did Cincinnati later that season (although the FCC trip did not come in their inaugural year) ...

After five losses in nine home games already this year across multiple competitions, the July slate kicking off Saturday against St. Louis affords the Claret-and-Cobalt yet another opportunity to seek a return to fortress-like protection of home soil, where a year ago RSL lost just three home games across all competitions, posting an impressively dominant 12-3-5 / 40-point mark in 2024 ...

ELIMINATED FROM CCC ::

Back on Feb. 26, RSL's elimination game against Herediano was RSL's fifth consecutive loss in knockout contests, and its seventh in its last nine overall since the 2023 U.S. Open Cup Semifinal run ...

At home, RSL had won its last three elimination matches on Utah soil prior to Feb. 26, last winning a shootout against Houston in the second leg of its 2023 Audi MLS Cup Playoff series ...

Earlier in 2023, RSL also defeated Liga MX power Leon that August, winning 2-1 after conceding the first goal in a Leagues Cup Round of 32 contest ... Two months prior, RSL won its Open Cup Quarterfinal match, also at home, against the LA Galaxy by a 3-2 margin to avoid elimination ...

In 2022, RSL dropped a Round of 32 Open Cup match at America First Field against a lower-division opponent, Hailstorm FC, in just the fourth home knockout contest of

17 overall elimination matches during the Mastroeni era ...

That number jumps to 18 if you include the 2021 "Decision Day" must-win "Damiracle" at Sporting Kansas City, RSL with the game-winning goal at 94:38, mere seconds from full-time, to advance to the postseason in Pablo's first year as manager, which saw RSL progress all the way to the West Final ...

MIDWEEK DEBUTANTS x5 ::

Five RSL players made their Club debuts with the midweek continental fixture in late February, as GK **Rafael Cabral**, DF **Kobi Henry** and FW **Forster Ajago** each started for Head Coach **Pablo Mastroeni**, while DF **Sam Junqua** and MF **Tyler Wolff** entered the match as substitutes ...

A trio of late-summer 2024 acquisitions also started that Wednesday, as Portuguese Designated Player **Diogo Gonçalves** was named by CONCACAF as the game's Michelob Ultra Player of the Match ... Diogo was joined by Polish winger **Dominik Marczuk** and Australian attacker **Lachlan Brook** to provide creativity ahead of RSL's staunch "Iron Man" pivots, **Braian Ojeda** and **Emeka Eneli** – both of whom led RSL in minutes last year. Eneli wore the Captain's armband for the second time in his RSL career on Feb. 26, the youngest to ever do it ...

Fourth-year homegrown DF **Bode Hidalgo** started on the right with centerback **Brayan Vera** next to Henry and in front of Cabral, while left back **Alex Katranis** was removed from the match in the 19th minute after taking a close-range shot to the back of his head ...

Replaced by MLS veteran Junqua, other subs included the debutant Wolff, homegrown FW **Zavier Gozo** as well as the first appearance in 354 days by MF **Pablo Ruiz**, who played just three games last year after a meniscus injury in August, 2023, and an ACL setback in the opposite knee last March ...

With the Feb. 26 elimination, RSL's all-time record in CONCACAF Champions tourney games is now 11-6-7 (W-L-T), including a home mark of 8-2-2 (the lone previous home loss coming in the 2010/11 final to Monterrey) ...

COACHELLA VALLEY WRAP-UP ::

RSL concluded its 21st preseason seven weeks ago on **Wed., Feb. 12** at the Coachella Valley Invitational with a pair of friendlies, RSL coming from behind to draw New York Red Bulls, 3-3, with its presumptive starting XI, while the depth squad defeated Orange County SC, 3-1, in the second half of that day's doubleheader ...

FW **Forster Ajago** scored twice in the CVI match against New Jersey's MLS side, opening the game with a 10th-minute breakaway – assisted by new RSL GK **Rafael**

Cabral – and also scoring the 81st minute equalizer by pouncing on a loose ball in the box ...

RSL saw DP playmaker **Diogo Gonçalves** cut the 3-1 Red Bull lead in half 10 minute prior to Ajago's equalizer, the Portuguese metronome also seizing upon a deflected ball at the top of the box to find the back of the net for the first time in his first full preseason with RSL ...

PERFECT v USL COMP ::

In the 3-1 win over Orange County, RSL saw second-half goals by homegrown DF **Tommy Silva**, recent college draft selection **Jesus Barea** and Australian newcomer **Ari Piol** ...

The now completely-healthy **Pablo Ruiz** started the goal-scoring sequences with exquisite left-footed switches to spring RSL forward, while the interplay between Piol and Barea freed each other on dangerous sequences ...

Earlier in the Coachella Valley tourney, RSL saw goals from **Noel Caliskan**, **Zavier Gozo** and **Tyler Wolff** in a 3-0 win over Las Vegas (USL Championship), while a stunning left-footed curler from Aussie **Lachlan Brook** earned RSL a 1-1 draw with St. Louis on Feb. 8 ...

SANTA BARBARA TRIP ::

In the preseason segment concluding on **January 29** in Santa Barbara, Calif., RSL earned a 1-1 draw with Minnesota United over the course of 120 minutes played ... Despite going down 0-1 in the 15th minute, RSL FW **Forster Ajago** equalized in the 90th, off an assist from right winger **Bode Hidalgo** ...

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN ::

In that final preseason tune-up, played exactly one week ahead of its CONCACAF Champions Cup opener in Costa Rica, RSL saw 10 nationalities represented in its presumed first-choice starting XI, lining up in a 4-2-3-1 formation without the ball:

Cabral (Brazil)

Hidalgo (USA) – Glad (USA) – Vera (Colombia) – Katranis (Greece)

Eneli (Nigeria/USA) – Ojeda (Paraguay)

Marczuk (Poland) – Brook (Australia) – Gonçalves (Portugal)

Ajago (Ghana)

Eight of RSL's next 14 players hold USA passports, with Argentina/Chile, Jamaica, Germany and Spain bringing the number of nationalities on RSL's senior roster to 15 countries ...

GK Mason Stajduhar (USA)
DF Javain Brown (Jamaica)
DF Philip Quinton (USA)
DF Kobi Henry (USA)
DF Sam Junqua (USA)
DF Tommy Silva (USA)
MF Pablo Ruiz (Argentina/Chile)
MF Nelson Palacio (Colombia)
MF Noel Caliskan (Germany)
MF Diego Luna (USA)
MF Tyler Wolff (USA)
M/F Jesus Barea (Spain)
FW Xavier Gozo (USA)
FW Ari Piol (Australia)

TURNOVER OVERSTATED? ::

Eight of RSL's 11 starters from its 2024 Audi MLS Cup Playoffs First Round Leg Two at Minnesota return for this year, with changes in goal (**Rafael Cabral** in place of the injured Zac MacMath) and up top (**Forster Ajago** replacing the departed Anderson Julio) ...

In RSL's 4-2-3-1 defensive shape, a game model which switches to a 3-2-4-1 with the ball, the Matt Crooks minutes will end up at the feet of **Diogo Gonçalves**; if 2024 MLS Young Player of the Year **Diego Luna** is unable to go due to his nasal reconstruction following the shattered nose from U.S. camp, Aussie attacker **Lachlan Brook** will replace him ...

Yes, nearly 70% of last year's goals are gone, with the Andrés Gómez summer sale and the offseason departures of Chicho Arango, Anderson Julio and Matt Crooks ...

However, 20,000+ minutes do return for 2025 RSL, which has gotten deeper along the back line with left-sided MLS vet **Sam Junqua** and U.S. Youth International **Kobi Henry** added to the **Justen Glad**, **Brayan Vera**, **Philip**

Quinton, Bode Hidalgo and **Javain Brown / Tommy Silva** mix ...

RSL is also deeper in the midfield with the **Pablo Ruiz** return to health alongside **Braian Ojeda, Emeka Eneli, Nelson Palacio** and **Noel Caliskan** ...

Wingers **Dominik Marczuk** and **Brook** combine creatively with **Luna** and newcomer **Tyler Wolff**, while homegrown USA U-18 **Zavier Gozo, Piol** and **Ajago** add to the attack ...

Soon, Spanish rookie **Jesus Barea** – coming off a strong preseason, now awaiting the conversion from his student visa to a full-blown P-1, which will allow him to work in the U.S. – will be available to add his attacking versatility and flair to the attacking mix as well ...

CUP COMPETITIONS ABOUND ::

While Real Salt Lake's CONCACAF Champions Cup tournament ended early in the 2025 campaign, the Claret-and-Cobalt will now look ahead to its participation in the third edition of Leagues Cup, hosting three Liga MX sides – Club América, Atlético San Luis and Querétaro – in Phase One at America First Field from July 30 – Aug. 6, with the knockout stages being played Aug. 19-31 ...

For the first time since 2015, RSL's reserve team – Real Monarchs SLC – flew the RSL flag in the 111-year-old Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, suffering a 120-minute loss to Bay Area amateur side El Farolito at Zions Bank Stadium ... The AET game-winner was a penalty kick in the 115th minute, with the “Burrito Boys” adding another deep into stoppage ...

The only RSL regular to feature was 20-year-old centerback **Kobi Henry**, who received his second yellow card in the 90th minute ...

2025 DEPARTURES ::

RSL's most “striking” roster changes for its 21st season happen up top, as former No. 9s **Chicho Arango** and **Anderson Julio** – who combined for 27 of the Club's all-time team-record 65 goals last season – have moved on from Utah ... Former captain Arango – who won RSL's 2024 Golden Boot with 17 goals in 2024, all prior to his mid-July suspension – was traded to Western Conference rival San Jose Earthquakes on January 13, while Julio – who scored a career-high 9 goals last season – was traded on Dec. 20 to FC Dallas ...

In January, MF **Matt Crooks** returned to the English Championship after one season on the Wasatch, while teenage GK **Gavin Beavers** was sold to legendary side Brøndby in the Danish First Division ...

RSL has also said goodbye to long-time Homegrown DF **Andrew Brody**, waived three weeks ago as one of just two players in the Club's last 10 seasons to appear in 100+ matches for both RSL and Real Monarchs ...

ELIAS, WE HARDLY KNEW YA ::

Former New York Red Bull striker **Elias Manoel** was acquired on Dec. 20 to compete for a role in leading RSL's revamped 2025 attack, the Brazilian demonstrating danger and guile during his MLS career ...

However, RSL recently sold Manoel to Copa Libertadores champion and Brazilian power Botafogo – former home of one-time RSL attacker Jefferson Savarino – on the eve of the Club's home opener for the 2025 MLS season ...

Manoel – with his U.S. work visa sponsored by RSL and his green card process maintained by the Utah club – never reported to preseason, seeking new contract and more money after initially welcoming the trade from NYRB ...

NEW ARRIVALS ::

MF **Tyler Wolff** (Atlanta), DF **Sam Junqua** (Dallas) and FW **Forster Ajago** (Nashville) were also obtained in December via MLS trade/waiver mechanisms, while RSL also added eight players with collegiate experience in the 2025 MLS SuperDraft just prior to Christmas ...

In the January window, RSL also executed a loan agreement for young American DF **Kobi Henry** from French side Reims, with multiple other incoming transfers – including Brazilian GK **Rafael Cabral** and Australian FW **Ariath Piol** – were signed pending work visas prior to the team's late January departure for stage two of its 2025 training camp in Santa Barbara, Calif. ...

RETURNING TO THE MIX ::

Veteran RSL midfielder **Pablo Ruiz** is back to 100% health to kick off the 2025 season after suffering a pair of severe injuries in both August 2023 and April 2024, limiting the burgeoning Chilean international to just three MLS games played since an Aug. 6 Leagues Cup match at LAFC ...

After rehabbing the non-contact meniscus injury suffered in the 9th minute of that road match, Ruiz returned to play the first three matches of 2024 – at Miami and St. Louis, and at home in the “snowmageddon” match against LAFC – before suffering a season-ending ACL tear in a training collision in Herriman just a few days later ...

The versatile Ruiz – a deep-lying playmaker, often serving as RSL's metronome in 2022 / 23 – enters 2025 looking

to play himself into “Comeback Player of the Year” consideration ...

Other RSL players looking to rebound from injury this year included 2024 MLS SuperDraft pick **Kevin Bonilla** – who suffered multiple injuries in his right knee last preseason, unfortunately suffering an Achilles injury in his 2025 preseason – and **Zack Farnsworth**, the former RSL Academy man who has spent the last four years coming back from ankle injuries suffered in the 2021 preseason, logging significant Monarchs minutes last year ...

DRAFT DAY DEALINGS ::

As a by-product of the **Elias Manoel** deal, RSL also acquired all of the New York Red Bulls' 2025 SuperDraft picks, while also moving up in the first round with General Allocation Money (GAM) trades for picks from both the Columbus Crew and LA Galaxy ... RSL ended up taking eight players out of the college acquisition mechanism, with 7 of the 8 picks reporting to this year's combined RSL / Monarchs first stage of preseason, with just FW Sergi Solans (Oregon State) returning to college for another year ...

Overall on Dec. 20, RSL selected eight players via the 2025 MLS SuperDraft, including a quartet of first-round picks – FW **Jesus Barea** (19th overall out of Missouri State), GK **Max Kerkvliet** (21st / UConn), FW **Lineker Rodrigues dos Santos** (29th / Marshall) and FW **Sergi Solans** (30th / Oregon State) ... RSL's four first-rounders marked the second-most of the initial round (Colorado, five) en route to the second-most picks throughout the entire draft (also Colorado, nine overall) ...

RSL entered draft day with only the 19th, 49th and 79th overall picks in the event's three rounds, but added three more just hours prior to the 2025 MLS SuperDraft as part of its acquisition of veteran Brazilian FW **Elias Manoel**, with RSL send \$700,000 in future GAM to New York, taking each of the Red Bulls' natural selections (29th, 59th and 89th overall), as well as New York's natural second rounder in next year's draft ...

During the first round, RSL also acquired two more picks, sending \$75,000 in 2024 GAM to the Columbus Crew for the 21st overall pick (Kerkvliet) and \$50,000 to LA Galaxy for the 30th overall pick (Solans), the final selection of the first round ...

Later that day, RSL recouped \$400,000 in GAM from FC Dallas in exchange for FW Anderson Julio, while also acquiring versatile veteran MLS DF **Sam Junqua** in a depth move ...

FIRST FULL PRESEASONS ::

Much of RSL's 2025 roster work was accomplished last August, when new arrivals in the form of DP playmaker **Diogo Gonçalves**, U22 winger **Dominik Marczuk**, MF **Lachlan Brook** and DF **Javain Brown** donned the Claret-and-Cobalt ...

With a full preseason in advance of the mid-February CONCACAF foray, each player's flashes of brilliance from last Fall hopefully blossom into impactful stretches and consistent depth as RSL juggles eight games in 27 days to kick off 2025, and the potential of 19 games across multiple competitions in the first 74 days from mid-Feb. to early May with a successful Champions Cup run ...

HOMEGROWN FACTORY ::

RSL's homegrown poster boy, 27-year-old centerback **Justen Glad**, returns for his 11th season with the Claret-and-Cobalt, leading the charge amongst the 15 homegrowns on RSL's 2025 roster ... Glad – who needs just 6 more MLS games played to move past **Tony Beltran** and **Chris Wingert** into third-place overall amongst MLS performers – is joined by DF **Bode Hidalgo** and DF **Tommy Silva** as RSL Academy products in the 2025 mix ...

FW **Zavier Gozo** – who made his MLS debut late in the 2023 season, and played just 11 minutes last year – is joined by several others, including FW **Axel Kei**, MF **Owen Anderson**, DF **Luis Rivera**, MF **Jude Wellings**, MF **Gio Villa**, MF **Aiden Hezarkhani** and DF **Omar Marquez** as players on MLS contracts looking to make an impact this season ...

All told, RSL has signed 45 players to HG contracts in the last 15 seasons, outpacing FC Dallas for the league-high contribution ...

2024 MILESTONES IN REVIEW ::

The record-setting 2024 RSL side amassed the Club's eighth 50-point season all-time (out of 20 seasons), and just the third since the 2014 campaign ... Finishing 6th overall out of 29 teams, RSL crashed out of the postseason by the thinnest of margins for a third consecutive year (Austin 2022, Houston 2023, Minnesota 2024), dropping a road shootout tiebreaker ...

Other 2024 RSL milestones:

Accumulated an all-time Club-high overall point total of 59 points, RSL's 16-7-11 (W-L-T) record eclipsing the previous record of 57 points, set in 2012; the 16 wins in 34 games matches the Club's second-highest win total in its 20 MLS campaigns (2013, 2019), trailing only the 17 won in 2012 ...

Achieved RSL's second-highest road record with 13 results in 17 away MLS matches, posting a 5W-4L-8T mark, with 23 of its 59 reg. season points amassed on the road; RSL's previous road best was recorded in 2023, with an outstanding 8W-5L-4T (28 pts) mark ...

RSL attained 59 points in 2024 by returning its America First Field home to "fortress" status, the Club's home mark of 11W-3L-3T the fourth-best in MLS and the fifth-highest in RSL's 20 previous MLS seasons ...

This most recent campaign was also the highest-scoring season in Real Salt Lake's 20 MLS years, with 65 goals through 34 matches, eclipsing the 57 scored in 2013; RSL's pair of goals scored on Decision Day enabled the 2024 side to match the all-time Club mark of 38 goals on home soil, matching the 2018 season's production in Sandy ...

During a nearly four-month span from early-March to late June, RSL embarked on a Club-record 15-game unbeaten run in MLS competition, marred only by an Open Cup match in Albuquerque ...

RSL striker and former Captain **Chicho Arango** scored 17 goals and added 13 assists during his first full season on the Wasatch Front, winning the Club Golden Boot and matching Alvaro Saborio's all-time RSL high for goals in a season, set in 2012 ...

HOME FORTRESS BOUNCEBACK ::

RSL's 2025 slate, including 34 MLS regular-season matches – along with multiple Leagues Cup contests (at least 3 from July 30 to Aug. 6 against LIGA MX powers) – could have seen the team play four of its first eight **at its America First Field home** – where RSL went 12-3-4 (W-L-T) in 2024 – with CCC advancement prior to a three-game road trip from April 26 – May 10 ...

Since April 16, 2005, RSL has enjoyed a prominent home-field advantage on Utah soil – posting a dominant 209-91-100 (Win-Loss-Draw) record across all competitions at home (1.83 points per game for a 0.654 win pct.) – since arriving on the Wasatch Front 20 years ago ...

Since opening its permanent home in Sandy just over 15 years ago, in October, 2008, RSL's 179-66-80 (W-L-T) mark at America First Field – home of the "RioT" Supporters Group umbrella – equates to a 1.92 points per game average and a 0.682 win pct, one of the truly amazing value proposition in North American sporting landscape today ...

2025 MILESTONES TO FOLLOW ::

With its home win on March 1 against Seattle, RSL boasted its 13th home MLS reg. season win vs. the Sounders, RSL's second-highest all-time total of home wins (13, also KC/DAL) ... RSL's 18 home wins against Colorado sets the standard ...

The near-sellout on March 1 also gave RSL 6 million total fans on Utah soil since April 16, 2005, in both MLS reg. season and Audi MLS Cup Playoffs action ...

Others to watch:

- RSL's win April 5 against LA Galaxy gave the Club 250 all-time (MLS Reg. Season only)
- RSL's home win over Houston was its 175th all-time (MLS reg. Season only)
- Weeks ago, **Justen Glad** passed Wingert/Beltran and move into 3rd all-time with 248 MLS appearances (Rimando/Beckerman)
- Glad needs 3.5 seasons at 2700 each to catch Beckerman's nearly 30,000 minutes
- **Pablo Ruiz** needs one MLS assist to move into the Club's Top-10 all-time
- MacMath needs 2 MLS appearances & starts to reach 100 in goal for each RSL category
- MacMath needs 3 wins with RSL to reach 40 all-time (reg. Season)
- MacMath needs 5 saves with RSL to reach 300 all-time (reg. Season)

2025 MISCELLANEOUS STATS ::

RSL ACTIVE MLS LEADERS as of 07/27/2025:

GOALS:	21 – Diego Luna 13 – Justen Glad
GWG:	6 – Luna; 2 – Alex Katranis; 1 – Glad, Willy Agada, Diogo Gonçalves, Braian Ojeda
ASSISTS:	18 – Luna; 16 – Pablo Ruiz; 10 – Ojeda
GWA:	4 – Ruiz; 2 – Luna, Ojeda, Dominik Marczuk, Katranis 1 – Brayan Vera, Ari Piol, Gonçalves
GAMES:	261 – Glad; 125 – Ruiz; 98 – Zac MacMath; 88 – Ojeda; 70 – Emeka Eneli
STARTS:	253 – Glad; 102 – Ruiz; 98 – MacMath; 72 – Ojeda; 56 – Eneli
MINUTES:	22,615 – Glad; 8,972 – Ruiz; 8,730 – MacMath; 6,430 – Ojeda
SHOTS:	167 – Ruiz; 109 – Luna; 107 – Glad; 86 – Ojeda
SOG:	55 – Luna 46 – Ruiz; 42 – Glad;
CAUTIONS:	52 – Glad; 30 – Ruiz; 25 – Vera; 15 – Ojeda; 14 – Eneli
EJECTIONS:	2 – Glad; 1 – Vera, Ojeda, Ruiz, Ariath Piol, Luna, Bode Hidalgo, William Agada
PENALTYS:	2-2 – Luna; 1-1 – Diogo Gonçalves, Vera; 1-2 – Ruiz