

UTICA CITY FC GAME NOTES



UTICA CITY FC (4-8-3) vs. ST. LOUIS AMBUSH (9-3-3)
Saturday, February 21st 2026
The Family Arena



UPCOMING GAMES

Sunday, February 22nd	@ Kansas City Comets	5:05 PM
Sunday, March 1st	vs. Milwaukee Wave	3:00 PM
Friday, March 6th	@ Baltimore Blast	7:30PM

VS. ST. LOUIS

TONIGHT:

02/16/26	vs. STL	L, 6-4
02/21/26	@ STL	7:05 PM
03/27/26	@ STL	8:05 PM

LAST TIME OUT:

In front of another electric crowd at the Adirondack Bank Center, Utica City FC battled from start to finish against the St. Louis Ambush in a hard-fought MASL contest. The Ambush struck first at 4:05 of the opening quarter when Mario Falsone converted on a penalty shootout opportunity to give St. Louis a 1-0 lead. Utica stayed composed, fueled by strong fan support and steady play in front of goalkeeper Brian Wilkin. The equalizer came at 9:38 when Logan Roberts fired a shot from the right corner at nearly an impossible angle, somehow slipping it past the keeper to tie the game 1-1. Wilkin made several key stops late in the frame to keep it even, and the opening quarter closed with the score tied, 1-1.

Utica seized momentum early in the second quarter. Just 1:50 in, Mehrshad Ahmadi finished from an even sharper angle than Roberts' earlier strike at the opposite end, tucking home a remarkable goal to give UCFC a 2-1 advantage. Only 34 seconds later, at 2:24, Sergio Pinal put on a show, dancing around two defenders, beating them to the top of the box and ripping a shot home to extend the lead to 3-1. St. Louis answered at 4:52 when Daniel Torrealba finished off a pass from Eduardo "Pollo" Cortes to cut the deficit to 3-2. Wilkin stood tall the rest of the half, turning aside quality chances to preserve the one-goal edge, and Utica carried a 3-2 lead into halftime.

The third quarter tightened into a defensive battle as both sides traded pressure. Wilkin was stellar, coming up with multiple point-blank saves to protect the advantage while the Utica faithful continued to drive the energy inside the building. St. Louis eventually found the equalizer at 12:11 when Robert Williamson converted off a feed from Andres Chalbaud, leveling the game at 3-3. Neither side broke through again before the end of the quarter, and the teams entered the final frame deadlocked.

The fourth quarter brought high drama. St. Louis regained the lead at 5:49 when Torrealba netted his second of the night off a pass from Axel Chakounte to make it 4-3. The Ambush added another at 7:19 as Chakounte finished a setup from Christian Briggs, stretching the margin to 5-3. Refusing to back down, Utica responded at 10:33 when Ahmadi blasted a rocket into the top left corner off a pass from Kyle Gehrich, pulling UCFC within one at 5-4. With Wilkin coming off for a sixth attacker in the closing minutes, Utica pressed for the equalizer, but at 14:14 Colin O'Keefe capitalized on the empty net opportunity off a feed from Chakounte to seal the 6-4 final. Despite the result, Utica City FC delivered a resilient performance, backed by a stellar night from Wilkin in goal and unwavering support from the home crowd that once again made the Adirondack Bank Center one of the toughest environments in the MASL.

LEADING THE CITY IN 2025-26

#33 Sergio Pinal G:17, A:13, Pts:30
#7 Geo Alves G:7, A:10, Pts:17
#49 Mehrshad Ahmadi G:11, A:4, Pts:15

AVAILABILITY REPORT

Stephan Teixeira - Out - Lower
Xavier Snaer-Williamms - Out - Lower
Geo Alves - Questionable - Lower
Meny Silva - Out - Lower
Jorge Lozada - Not Available
Ricardo Orozco - Out - Lower
Brian Wilkin - Not Available

MASL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

TEAMS		PTS	DIF
Milwaukee	10-4-2	30	13
Kansas City	9-5-3	28	9
San Diego	9-4-2	27	14
St. Louis	9-3-3	27	2
Baltimore	7-6-2	21	8
Empire	7-9-1	20	-2
Tacoma	7-6-1	20	-19
Utica	4-8	13	-25



UTICA CITY FC 2025-26 ROSTER



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#	Name	POS	HT	WT	DOB	Hometown	Last Team
0	Xavier Snaer-Williams	G	6'0"	215	May 28, 1999	Oceanside, CA	San Diego Sockers
2	Emmanuel Belliard	M	5' 9"	155	Oct 2, 1996	Santo Domingo, DR	Utica City FC
3	Gordy Gurson	F	5' 6"	140	May 2, 1992	Buffalo Grove, IL	Utica City FC
6	Ricardo Orozco	M	5' 6"	140	Jun 19, 2003	Round Lake, IL	Utica City FC
7	Geo Alves	D	5' 8"	155	Aug 24, 1995	Fogo, CPV	Utica City FC
8	Toy Tavares	D	6'2"	183	April 20, 1999	Boston, MA	Utica City FC
9	Kelvin Oliveira	F	6' 0"	175	Aug 15, 1995	Ipatinga, BRA	Utica City FC
10	Nilton de Andrade	M	5' 9"	170	Mar 20, 1996	Fogo, CPV	Utica City FC
11	Meny Silva	F	5'9"	165	February 22, 2002	Praia, Cape Verda	Utica City FC
14	Andrew Taylor	G	6'3	185	July 1, 2002	Baldwinsville, NY	Utica City FC
16	Thayssan Santos	D	6'0"	170	February 26, 2004	Horizontina, RS-BRA	Utica City FC
17	Cole Stephens	D	5' 11	170	February 21, 2000	Milwaukee, WI	Utica City FC
20	Kyle Gehnrich	M	5'8"	145	Jun 28, 2002	Commack, NY	Utica City FC
21	Willie Spurr	F	6'0"	165	October 3, 1993	Seattle, WA	Tacoma Stars
22	Howard Miller	F	5'11"	180	February 14, 1997	St. Charles Missouri	Empire Strykers
23	Logan Roberts	D	6' 1"	165	May 5, 1994	Syracuse, NY	Utica City FC
25	Brian Wilkin	G	5'10"	155	August 13, 1998	Rochester, NY	Utica City FC
30	Juan Alava	D	5' 10"	169	May 28, 1999	Guayaquil, EC	Utica City FC
33	Sergio Junior Pinal	F	5'10"	215	April 1, 2002	San Jose, CA	Utica City FC
49	Mehrshad Ahmadi	F	5'9"	155	Dec 26, 1999	Albuquerque, NM	Utica City FC
95	Wil Nyamsi	D	6'1"	185	September 19,1995	Paris, France	Utica City FC
99	Barbaro Shelier	F	6'3"	158	April 12, 1997	Havana, Cuba	Utica City FC

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Hewerton Moreira
 Performance/Mindset Coach: Shea McNamara
 General Manager: Tommy Tanner
 Trainer: Saulo Davi

Pronunciation Guide

5 - Day An-drah-day
 HC - Everton More-rare-ra

2025-26 Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time / Score
Sunday	December 7	vs. Kansas City Comets	OTL, 8-7
Sunday	December 14	vs. Kansas City Comets	L, 11-5
Sunday	December 28	vs. Milwaukee Wave	OTW, 7-6
Wednesday	December 31	vs. Baltimore Blast	L, 5-2
Sunday	Januray 4	@ Baltimore Blast	OTW, 7-6
Sunday	January 11	vs. San Diego Sockers	L, 4-3
Sunday	January 18	@ Baltimore Blast	L, 7-12
Monday	January 19	vs. Baltimore Blast	W, 4-2
Saturday	January 24	@ Tacoma Stars	L, 6-7
Sunday	January 25	@ Tacoma Stars	L, 6-8
Sunday	February 1	vs. Milwaukee Wave	L, 7-6
Thursday	February 5	@ Empire Strykers	W, 10-9
Saturday	February 7	@ San Diego Sockers	L, 4-11
Sunday	February 15	vs. Baltimore Blast	SOL, 8-7
Monday	February 16	vs. St. Louis Ambush	L, 6-4
Saturday	February 21	@ St. Louis Ambush	7:05 PM
Sunday	February 22	@ Kansas City Comets	5:05 PM
Sunday	March 1	vs. Milwaukee Wave	3:00 PM
Friday	March 6	at Baltimore Blast	7:30 PM
Sunday	March 15	vs. Tacoma Stars	3:00 PM
Friday	March 20	@ Milwaukee Wave	7:35 PM
Sunday	March 22	vs. Empire Strykers	3:00 PM
Friday	March 27	@ St. Louis Ambush	8:05 PM
Sunday	March 29	@ Milwaukee Wave	3:05 PM

UTICA CITY FC STATISTICS

#	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	Pts	PPGA	PIM	GWG	S%	SB	PPG	SHG	Sh	F	BS	BC	YC	RC
33	Pinal, Sergio	F	15	17	13	30	2.0	0	0	.293	17	1	1	58	14	4	0	0	0
7	Alves, Geo	D	12	7	10	17	1.4	2	1	.318	2	1	1	22	14	13	1	0	0
49	Ahmadi, Mehrshad	F	13	11	4	15	1.2	4	0	.180	16	0	0	61	10	3	2	0	0
21	Spurr, Willie	F	15	6	8	14	0.9	0	0	.222	9	0	1	28	7	4	0	0	0
3	Gurson, Gordy	F	9	8	3	11	1.2	4	1	.286	7	1	0	28	7	0	3	0	0
16	Santos, Thayssan	D	14	2	7	9	0.6	0	0	.125	5	0	0	16	19	17	0	0	0
30	Alava, Juan	D	14	4	4	8	0.6	6	1	.333	2	0	0	12	29	9	3	0	0
20	Gehrich, Kyle	M	13	4	3	7	0.5	4	0	.267	2	0	0	15	10	5	2	0	0
11	Silva, Meny	F	15	4	3	7	0.5	0	0	.133	10	0	0	30	23	3	0	0	0
17	Stephens, Cole	D	13	3	4	7	0.5	4	0	.188	9	0	0	16	8	8	2	0	0
10	de Andrade, Nilton	M	4	2	3	5	1.3	0	1	.400	1	0	0	5	12	2	0	0	0
2	Belliard, Emmanuel	M	13	2	1	3	0.2	2	0	.133	5	0	0	15	11	3	1	0	0
4	Teixeira, Stephan	M	8	2	0	2	0.3	5	0	.200	1	0	0	10	10	2	0	1	0
23	Roberts, Logan	D	4	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
22	Miller Jr., Howard	F	7	0	1	1	0.1	4	0	.000	2	0	0	5	5	1	2	0	0
6	Orozco, Ricardo	M	8	0	1	1	0.1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0
8	Tavares, Jose	D	15	0	1	1	0.1	4	0	.000	3	0	0	15	39	13	2	0	0
15	Lozada, Jorge	F	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2024-25 Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time / Score
Friday	December 13	@ Empire Strykers	W, 9-6
Saturday	December 14	@ San Diego Sockers	OTL, 6-5
Saturday	December 21	@ Harrisburg Heat	W, 7-6
Sunday	December 29	vs. Harrisburg Heat	W, 12-5
Tuesday	December 31	vs. Baltimore Blast	L, 6-5
Saturday	Januray 4	@ Baltimore Blast	L, 10-4
Sunday	January 12	vs. Baltimore Blast	L, 5-4
Saturday	January 25	vs. Milwaukee Wave	W, 10-6
Sunday	January 26	vs. Milwaukee Wave	W, 6-5
Saturday	February 1	@ Texas Outlaws	W, 5-3
Monday	February 3	@ Dallas Sidekicks	W, 9-5
Friday	February 7	vs. Baltimore Blast	W, 8-3
Thursday	February 20	@ Harrisburg Heat	W, 5-2
Saturday	February 22	vs. Chihuahua Savage	L, 19-6
Sunday	February 23	vs. Chihuahua Savage	W, 10-6
Friday	February 28	@ St. Louis Ambush	L, 9-8
Saturday	March 1	@ Kansas City Comets	L, 4-3
Sunday	March 9	@ Harrisburg Heat	W, 7-5
Saturday	March 15	@ Baltimore Blast	L, 9-6
Sunday	March 16	vs. Harrisburg Heat	W, 11-7
Friday	March 21	vs. Harrisburg Heat	W, 11-6
Saturday	March 22	@ Baltimore Blast	L, 9-7
Friday	March 28	vs. Kansas City Comets	OTL, 7-6
Sunday	March 30	vs. Texas Outlaws	W, 13-3
Saturday	April 5	@ Baltimore Blast	L, 6-2

CITY PROFILES

#0 - XAVIER SNAER-WILLIAMS (G)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Joined the City on loan from San Diego Sockers
- Last Year: 7-1 record, GAA: 4.95, SV%: .714



Hometown: Oceanside, CA

Height: 6-0 Weight: 215 lbs

Birthdate: May 28, 1999

#2 - EMMANUEL BELLIARD (M)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Last Year: 19 games, 5 goals, 3 assists
- Drafted in the first round of the 2023 MASL Pro Player Combine Draft
- Played on the Dominican Republic National Futsal Team
- Played for Lancing City (futsal)



Hometown: Santo Domingo, DR

Height: 5-9 Weight: 155

Birthdate: October 2, 1996

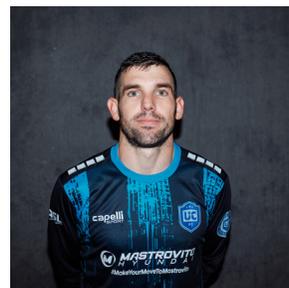
#3 - GORDY GURSON (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Scored two goals on opening night

CAREER

- 22 goals, 19 assists in 2022-23 with Utica City FC; led team in goals and assists
- 171 games played across eleven-year MASL career
- Leading goal-scorer in Orlando SeaWolves history (34)
- Leading goal-scorer in Cedar Rapids Rampage history (70)



Hometown: Buffalo Grove, IL

Height: 5-6 Weight: 140

Birthdate: May 2, 1992

CITY PROFILES

#4 - STEPHAN TEIXEIRA (M)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Accumulated 37 points in 33 game at UMASS Dartmouth
- In his rookie season
- Scored his first MASL goal on January 4th against Baltimore

Hometown: Brockton, MA

Height: 5-8 Weight: 165lbs

Birthdate: September 14, 1994

#6 - RICKY OROZCO (M)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Played for Iowa Raptors FC (MASL2)
- Played for the Chicago Mustangs (MASL2)



Hometown: Round Lake, IL

Height: 5-6 Weight: 140

Birthdate: June 19, 2003

#7 - LEANDRO GEO ALVES (M)

THIS YEAR:

- Second in points through 14 games
- Scored an overtime golden goal earlier in season

CAREER

- In 23 games, scored 8 goals and had 12 assists for the city in 2023-24
- Shea High School - Rhode Island Gatorade Player of the year
- New England Revolution Academy- Top Scorer
- Played for Dean College, Broke the school record in points and goals in a season, 2x All-American



Hometown: Fogo, CPV

Height: 5-8 Weight: 155

Birthdate: Aug 24, 1995

CITY PROFILES

#8 - JOSE TAVARES (D)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Signed last year to Utica
- Formerly played for Bockton FC and United Africa (UPSL)

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Hometown: Boston, MA

Height: 6-2 Weight: 183

Birthdate: April 20, 1999

Nickname: Toy

#9 - KELVIN OLIVEIRA (F)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Champion, Liga Fut7 2021 and 2022 (the most important national championship in Brazil) and the Best Player of the Tournament
- Scored the \$1,000,000 goal for Newtown Pride FC and was named the MVP in the TST 7v7 tournament
- Champion, Piauiense 2021 and the Best Player of the Tournament
- Champion, Taça Brazil 2022



Hometown: Ipatinga, BRA

Height: 6-0 Weight: 175

Birthdate: August 15, 1995

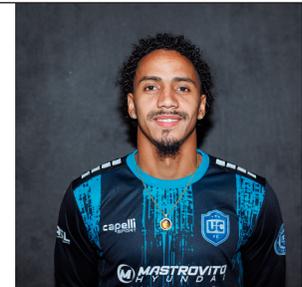
#10 - NILTON DE ANDRADE (M)

THIS YEAR:

- Scored game winning goal in return from injury

CAREER

- In 21 games scored 26 goals and had 15 assists in 2023-24 with Utica City FC
- 2x All American, Offensive POTY, and 2x All-Region at UMass-Boston
- Brockton FC United UPSL Patriots Division Title 2020
- Newbury College Rookie of the Year, Player of the Year, and 2x Offensive Player of the Year.



Hometown: Fogo, CPV

Height: 5-9 Weight: 170

Birthdate: March 20, 1996

#11 - MENY SILVA (F)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Sophomore season with Utica City FC
- Formerly with Brockton FC United (UPSL)



Hometown: Praia, CPV

Height: 5-9 Weight: 165

Birthdate: February 22, 2002

#14 - ANDREW TAYLOR (G)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Signed with UCFC last season
- 4 year starter at SUNY Brockport
- Honored for two All-Conference awards, as well as one All-Region



Hometown: Baldwinsville, NY

Height: 6-3 Weight: 185

Birthdate: July 1, 2002

#15 - JORGE LOZADA (F)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

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Hometown:

Height: Weight:

Birthdate:

CITY PROFILES

#16 - THAYSSAN SANTOS (D)

THIS YEAR:

- Racked up one goal and two assists on opening night

CAREER

- Multi-year futsal player in Brazil



Hometown: Horizontina, RS-BRA

Height: 6-0 Weight: 170

Birthdate: February 26, 2004

#17 - COLE STEPHENS (F)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Scored 9 goals and had 3 assists in 2023-2024
- In high school, named First Team All-Conference in 2015, 2016, and 2017
- Played for Eastern Illinois University
- Recorded hat trick vs. Harrisburg (12/16)



Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

Height: 5-11 Weight: 170

Birthdate: Februar 21st, 2000

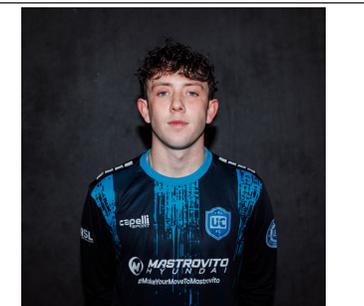
#20 - KYLE GEHRICH (M)

THIS YEAR:

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CAREER

- Sophomore season with the City
- Long Island Native, Captain at SUNY Oswego Soccer
- All-East Region Honoree 2023



Hometown: Commack, NY

Height: 5-8 Weight: 145

Birthdate: June 28, 2002

CITY PROFILES

#21 - WILLIE SPURR (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Accumulated one goal and two assists on opening night

CAREER

- Signed this off-season from Tacoma Stars
- Career MASL stats: 57 games, 19 goals, 24 assists



Hometown: Seattle, WA

Height: 6-0 Weight: 165

Birthdate: October 3, 1993

#22 - HOWARD MILLER JR. (F)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

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Hometown: St. Charles, MO

Height: 5'11 Weight: 180lbs

Birthdate: February 14, 1997

#23 - LOGAN ROBERTS (D)

THIS YEAR:

- Achieved the captain arm band

CAREER

- Scored two goals in UCFC's home opener in 2023-2024
- Spent two years with the Syracuse Silver Knights
- Last year established himself as one of the league's top defenders
- Played his college soccer at Binghamton University



Hometown: Syracuse, NY

Height: 6-1 Weight: 165

Birthdate: May 5th, 1994

CITY PROFILES

#25 - BRIAN WILKIN (G)

THIS YEAR:



Hometown: Rochester, NY

Height: 5-10 Weight: 155

Birthdate: August 13th, 1998

CAREER

- Playing his 3rd professional indoor season
- Played 14 games with the Rochester Lancers in 2019-20
- Collegiate soccer career at Nazareth College in Rochester, NY
- Posted a 0.86 GAA in 62 career games at Nazareth

#27 - JOEY TAVERNESE (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Debuted on February 15th against Baltimore



Hometown: Garden City, NJ

Height: 5'9 Weight: 155lbs

Birthdate: July 17, 1989

CAREER

- 11th Season in the MASL
- Played 111 games with UCFC between 2015 and 2023
- Returned to Utica City after 3 seasons away from the club

#30 - JUAN ALAVA (M)

THIS YEAR:



Hometown: Guayaquil, ECU

Height: 5-10 Weight: 169

Birthdate: May 28, 1999

CAREER

- Scored 5 goals and 3 assists for Utica City FC in 2023-24
- Started in 16 of his 17 games at SCSU, second on the team with five points
- Playing his 4th season with Utica City FC
- Two-time All-American and All-State C2 at Nassau Community College

CITY PROFILES

#33 - SERGIO PINAL (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Scored one goal and two assists on opening night
- Leads the City with 29 points through 14 games

CAREER

- Second season with UCFC
- Earned Player-of-the-Year as a freshman at Evergreen Valley College



Hometown: San Jose, CA

Height: 5-10 Weight: 215

Birthdate: April 1, 2002

#49 - AHMADI MEHRSHAD (D)

THIS YEAR:

- On February 15th had a 4 goal game

CAREER

- Finished 5th in the MASL 2 league with 25 goal in 2023-24
- Played for the Wichita Wings
- Earned a spot on the MASL 2 Second Team All-Stars



Hometown: Albuquerque, NM

Height: 5-9 Weight: 155lbs

Birthdate: December 26, 1999

#67 - FRANCESCO PAGANO (D)

THIS YEAR:

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CAREER

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Hometown:

Height: Weight:

Birthdate:

CITY PROFILES

#95 - WIL NYAMSI (D)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Recieved in trade from St. Louis Ambush



Hometown: Paris, FR

Height: 5-8

Weight: 170lbs

Birthdate: December 28, 1978