

UTICA CITY FC GAME NOTES



UTICA RIGGIES (2-3-1) vs SAN DIEGO (3-2-1)

Sunday, January 11th, 2026

Adirondack Bank Center

MASL
MAJOR ARENA SOCCER LEAGUE

UPCOMING GAMES

Sunday, January 18th	@ Baltimore Blast	12:00 PM
Monday, January 19th	vs Baltimore Blast	3:00 PM
Saturday, January 24th	vs. Tacoma Stars	9:05 PM

VS. SAN DIEGO

01/11/26	vs. SD	3:00 PM
02/07/26	@ SD	10:00 PM

TONIGHT:

The Utica Riggies are back in action tonight as they take on the San Diego Sockers in a matchup that brings two MASL heavyweights together for the first time since December of 2024. Coming into tonight's contest under the Riggies theme night rebrand, Utica City FC looks to make a statement against one of the league's most established and disciplined sides. San Diego is known for its structured defending and quick-strike transition game, making this a true measuring stick game for Utica as the season continues to take shape.

Expect a fast-paced, physical battle with plenty of intensity on both ends of the turf. Utica's pressure and willingness to attack in waves will be tested against the Sockers' experience and composure, while special teams and goalkeeping could play a major role in determining the outcome. With the added energy of theme night and a long-awaited rematch on the schedule, tonight's game has all the makings of an electric atmosphere and an entertaining night of indoor soccer.

LAST TIME OUT:

Utica City FC and the Baltimore Blast delivered a back-and-forth thriller that featured 13 goals, multiple lead changes, and a dramatic overtime finish, with UCFC ultimately skating away with a 7-6 road victory.

Utica struck first midway through the opening quarter when Mehrshad Ahmadi opened the scoring, but Baltimore responded quickly to level the match. The teams traded goals throughout a fast-paced second period, with Stephan Teixeira and Juan Alava finding the net for Utica, while Oumar Sylla recorded a brace and Bruno Henrique added another for the Blast, sending Baltimore into halftime holding a narrow 4-3 edge.

The drama continued after the break as Meny Silva tied the match just 13 seconds into the third quarter, only for Alejandro Chavez to restore the Blast lead minutes later. Willie Spurr answered once again for Utica to make it 5-5, but Baltimore reclaimed the advantage late in the frame on Chavez's second goal of the night.

Trailing late in regulation, Utica pushed six attackers forward and was rewarded when Sergio Pinal buried the equalizer with just over five minutes remaining, forcing overtime. It didn't take long in the extra session, as Juan Alava scored just 20 seconds in—his second goal of the night—to complete the comeback and secure a hard-fought 7-6 win for Utica City FC.

MASL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

TEAMS	PTS	DIF
Kansas City	6-2-2	18
Milwaukee	4-1-2	13
Tacoma	4-1-0	12
Baltimore	3-2-2	11
San Diego	3-1-1	10
St. Louis	4-3-1	10
Utica	2-2-1	5
Empire	1-5-0	-8
	2	-7



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	January 4	@ Baltimore Blast	OTW, 7-6
Sunday	January 11	vs. San Diego Sockers	3:00 PM
Sunday	January 18	@ Baltimore Blast	12:00 PM
Monday	January 19	vs. Baltimore Blast	3:00 PM
Saturday	January 24	@ Tacoma Stars	9:05 PM
Sunday	January 25	@ Tacoma Stars	8:05 PM
Sunday	February 1	vs. Milwaukee Wave	3:00 PM
Thursday	February 5	@ Empire Strykers	9:35 PM
Saturday	February 7	@ San Diego Sockers	10:00 PM
Sunday	February 15	vs. Baltimore Blast	3:00 PM
Monday	February 16	vs. St. Louis Ambush	3:00 PM
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	Sergio Pinal	F	5	7	7	14	2.8	0	0	.350	5	0	0	20	4	4	0	0	0
21	Willie Spurr	F	5	2	5	7	1.4	0	0	.286	1	0	0	7	3	2	0	0	0
16	Thayssan Santos	D	5	2	4	6	1.2	0	0	.400	1	0	0	5	5	7	0	0	0
99	Barbaro Shelier	F	5	4	1	5	1.0	0	0	.286	3	0	0	14	9	1	0	0	0
49	Mehrshad Ahmadi	F	5	3	2	5	1.0	0	0	.111	7	0	0	27	4	2	0	0	0
3	Gordy Gurson	F	2	2	0	2	1.0	0	0	.250	3	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	0
7	Geo Alves	D	3	2	0	2	0.7	0	1	.500	1	0	1	4	7	0	0	0	0
30	Juan Alava	D	4	2	0	2	0.5	0	1	.400	0	0	0	5	8	3	0	0	0
20	Kyle Gehrnrich	M	4	1	1	2	0.5	0	0	.500	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
17	Cole Stephens	D	5	1	1	2	0.4	0	0	.143	5	0	0	7	2	3	0	0	0
11	Meny Silva	F	5	1	1	2	0.4	0	0	.125	2	0	0	8	6	0	0	0	0
4	Stephan Teixeira	M	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	.500	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
22	Howard Miller Jr.	F	3	0	1	1	0.3	2	0	.000	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
2	Emmanuel Belliard	M	5	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	.000	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0
8	Jose Tavares	D	5	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	.000	4	0	0	5	13	5	0	0	0
15	Jorge Lozada	F	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kelvin Oliveira	F	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Nilton de Andrade	M	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90	Ramazani Juma	D	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Vinicius Dantas	F	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wil Nyamsi	D	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Logan Roberts	D	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Ricardo Orozco	M	5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	3	2	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	@ Harisburg 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

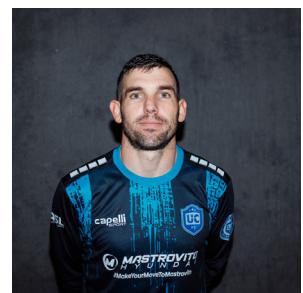
#3 - GORDY GURSON (F)

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

#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:

- Scored a goal on opening night

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

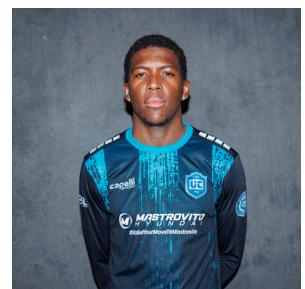
Birthdate: Aug 24, 1995

#8 - JOSE TAVARES (D)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

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



Hometown: Boston, MA

Height: 6-2 Weight: 183

Birthdate: April 20, 1999

Nickname: Toy

CITY PROFILES

#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:

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

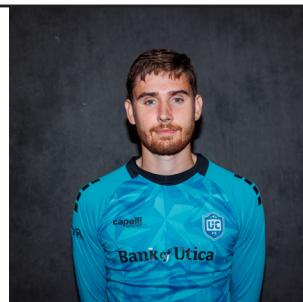
Birthdate: March 20, 1996

#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

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: February 21st, 2000

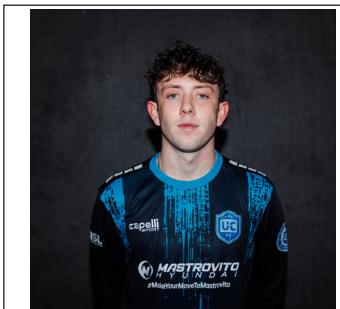
#20 - KYLE GEHNRICH (M)

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

#23 - LOGAN ROBERTS (D)

THIS YEAR:

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

#25 - BRIAN WILKIN (G)

THIS YEAR:

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



Hometown: Rochester, NY

Height: 5-10 Weight: 155

Birthdate: August 13th, 1998

CITY PROFILES

#30 - JUAN ALAVA (M)

THIS YEAR:

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



Hometown: Guayaquil, ECU

Height: 5-10 Weight: 169

Birthdate: May 28, 1999

#33 - SERGIO PINAL (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Scored one goal and two assists on opening night

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

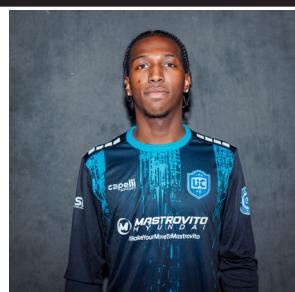
Birthdate: April 1, 2002

#36 - 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

CITY PROFILES

#49 - AHMADI MEHRSHAD (D)

THIS YEAR:

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

#95 - WIL NYAMSI (D)

THIS YEAR:

CAREER

- Received in trade from St. Louis Ambush



Hometown: Paris, FR

Height: 5-8 Weight: 170

Birthdate: December 28, 1978

#99 - BARBARO SHELIER (D)

THIS YEAR:

- Scored on opening night

CAREER

- Played for the Cuban National Futsal Team
- Second season with the City



Hometown: Havana, Cuba

Height: 6-3 Weight: 158

Birthdate: April 12, 1997