

UTICA CITY FC GAME NOTES



UTICA CITY FC (9-2-1) vs. KANSAS CITY COMETS (7-4-1)

Friday, January 26th

Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Memorial Auditorium

MASL
MAJOR ARENA SOCCER LEAGUE

UPCOMING GAMES

Sunday	February 4	vs. Baltimore Blast	3:05 PM
Saturday	February 17	@ Baltimore Blast	6:05 PM
Sunday	February 18	vs. Milwaukee Wave	3:05 PM

1/12	@ KC	OTW, 7-6
1/28	vs. KC	3:00 PM
3/10	@ KC	5:00 PM

LEADING THE CITY

G: Diniz & de Andrade (12) | A: Ndiaye & Tayou (11)
PTS: Tayou (21) | BLK: Ndiaye & Alava (15)
GAA: Coughlin (5.05) | SV%: Coughlin (.722%)

MASL STANDINGS (AS OF 1/27/24)

EASTERN		PTS	DIF
Monterrey	12-0-0	35	54
Utica	9-2-1	27	26
Milwaukee	8-4-1	24	14
Kansas City	7-4-1	22	8
Baltimore	4-5-0	11	-5
St. Louis	2-7-2	8	-16
Harrisburg	0-10-0	0	-46

WESTERN		PTS	DIF
Texas	8-3-1	24	14
San Diego	7-1-0	21	19
Chihuahua	5-5-0	15	21
Tacoma	5-4-0	15	-4
Empire	2-9-0	6	-25
Dallas	1-10-0	2	-60

INJURY REPORT

Nate Bourdeau - Lower (Out, Season)
Gordy Gurson - Lower (Doubtful)

QUICK LOOK: The Kansas City Comets (7-4-1) make the trip east to take on Utica City FC (9-2-1) in a clash of Eastern Conference titans. UCFC looks to add another win to their season record over KC after a thrilling 7-6 overtime win on the road earlier in the month.

HEAT AIN'T SO HOT: After an overtime loss against the Texas Outlaws on Sunday, Utica hit the road to take on the Harrisburg Heat for the fifth time this season. UCFC emerged victorious once again against the Heat with a 7-4 win.

An early challenge flag proved unsuccessful for the Heat, but they would not be denied to open the game– a deflection from Dominic Francis opened up the scoring for the home side at 6:43. Utica would push back as Taylor Walter Bond found himself wide open in front, sliding it just past the outstretched arms of the Harrisburg keeper to even out the score at 10:20. The back-and-forth play continued as the Heat would take the lead with Danny DiPrima scoring the team's second goal of the game at 14:19. In a quick turnaround, Jayce Berger would score his first MASL goal off the restart with a rocketing strike at 14:48 to level the game for Utica and the teams headed into the second quarter tied up at 2-2.

The Heat would break the deadlock at 1:14 into the second quarter as Jackson Becher brought the score to 3-2. It was all UCFC from that point on as Berger notched his second goal of the game on a feed in front from Franck Tayou at 8:51, bringing the score to an even 3-3. Determined to take the lead, Utica's Juan Alava went coast to coast and scored a stunning top shelf goal at 10:44.

A slow third quarter ensued as the teams continued to butt heads. Utica refused to back down as Keaton Woods scored off a set play from a restart, tallying his 10th goal of the season at 7:54 to bring the score to 5-3. With a quick header, Bond furthered Utica's lead by bringing the score to 6-3 at 13:36. The Heat showed no intimidation though as Malcom Harris took a shot at Utica's net, bringing the score to 6-4 with less than a minute left in the third quarter.

The final frame saw only one goal as neither team found the back of the net through the majority of the final frame. After fending off a dangerous Heat powerplay, Utica City continued to put the pressure on as Alava widened the lead gap with a shot from distance on an empty net, icing a 7-4 victory for the road team.



UTICA CITY FC 2023-24 ROSTER

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#	Name	POS	HT	WT	DOB	Hometown	Last Team
1	Julian Rodriguez	G	5' 10"	190	Nov 10, 1998	Queens, NY	Utica City FC
2	Emmanuel Belliard	M	5' 9"	155	Oct 2, 1996	Santo Domingo, DR	DR Natl. Futsal
3	Gordy Gurson	F	5' 6"	140	May 2, 1992	Buffalo Grove, IL	Utica City FC
4	Keaton Woods	F	6' 2"	190	Jan 3, 2001	Cedar Rapids, IA	Utica City FC
5	Nilton de Andrade	M	5' 9"	170	Mar 20, 1996	Fogo, CPV	Utica City FC
9	Dylan Hundelt	D	5' 9"	160	Nov 6, 1992	St. Louis, MO	Utica City FC
10	Mohamed Ndiaye	D	6' 3"	195	Jul 28, 1997	Ivory Coast, WAFR	Empire Strykers
11	Ronaldinho Diniz	F	5' 10"	165	Aug 14, 1996	Brockton, MA	Utica City FC
12	Taylor Walter Bond	F	6' 2"	200	Sep 10, 1988	St. Charles, IL	Utica City FC
14	Issak Somow	F	6' 1"	170	Nov 23, 1997	Utica, NY	Utica City FC
15	Franck Tayou	F	6' 1"	200	Apr 16, 1990	Bandjoun, CMRN	Empire Strykers
16	Jayce Berger	D	5' 10"	180	Dec 3, 2000	Des Moines, IA	United Elite Kraisnik
17	Tim Goldman	F	6' 3"	180	May 27, 1993	Syracuse, NY	Utica City FC
18	Cole Stephens	F	5' 11"	170	Feb 21, 2000	Milwaukee, WI	Milwaukee Wave
19	Nate Bourdeau	M	5' 10"	160	Aug 10, 1990	Syracuse, NY	Utica City FC
22	Andrew Coughlin	G	6' 0"	175	Jun 23, 1993	Syracuse, NY	Utica City FC
23	Logan Roberts	D	6' 1"	165	May 5, 1994	Syracuse, NY	Utica City FC
25	Brian Wilkin	G	5' 10"	155	Aug 13, 1998	Rochester, NY	Utica City FC
26	Steven Fernandez	F	6' 0"	175	May 6, 2000	Rego Park, NY	Utica City FC
30	Juan Alava	D	5' 10"	169	May 28, 1999	Guayaquil, EC	Utica City FC
33	Ricky Orozco	M	5' 6"	140	Jun 19, 2003	Round Lake, IL	Iowa Raptors FC
78	Nelson Santana	D	5' 8"	170	Dec 28, 1978	Oakland, CA	Baltimore Blast
80	Geo Alves	M	5' 8"	155	Aug 24, 1995	Fogo, CPV	Utica City FC
82	Steve Merker	F	5' 10"	165	Nov 16, 1978	Mentor, OH	Utica City FC
94	Rafa Godoi	M	5' 5"	145	Aug 28, 1994	Sorocaba, BRA	Utica City FC

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Hewerton Moreira

Assistant Coach: Casey Murphy

Goalie Coach: Bryan O'Quinn

Performance/Mindset Coach: Shea McNamara

General Manager: Tommy Tanner

Pronunciation Guide

5 - Day An-drah-day

10 - N-d-i

15 - TIE-you

11- Ron-al-deen-yo

19 - Bore-DOH

14 - EEE-sock SO-mow

94 - Go-DOY

HC - Everton More-rare-ra

UCFC Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time / Score
Saturday	December 2	vs. Harrisburg Heat	W, 7-5
Saturday	December 9	@ Baltimore Blast	W, 10-6
Saturday	December 16	@ Harrisburg Heat	W, 12-6
Sunday	December 17	@ Harrisburg Heat	W, 11-8
Friday	December 22	vs. Baltimore Blast	W, 5-2
Sunday	December 31	vs. Harrisburg Heat	W, 13-7
Thursday	January 4	@ Milwaukee Wave	L, 7-9
Saturday	January 6	@ Tacoma Stars	L, 7-10
Friday	January 12	@ Kansas City Comets	OTW, 7-6
Saturday	January 13	@ St. Louis Ambush	W, 7-3
Sunday	January 21	vs. Texas Outlaws	OTL, 8-9
Friday	January 26	@ Harrisburg Heat	W, 7-4
Sunday	January 28	vs. Kansas City Comets	3:05 PM EST
Sunday	February 4	vs. Baltimore Blast	3:05 PM EST
Saturday	February 17	@ Baltimore Blast	6:05 PM EST
Sunday	February 18	vs. Milwaukee Wave	3:05 PM EST
Sunday	February 25	vs. Monterrey Flash	3:05 PM EST
Sunday	March 3	vs. Baltimore Blast	3:05 PM EST
Friday	March 8	@ Milwaukee Wave	7:35 PM EST
Sunday	March 10	@ Kansas City Comets	5:05 PM EST
Sunday	March 17	vs. Harrisburg Heat	3:05 PM EST
Saturday	March 23	vs. St. Louis Ambush	7:05 PM EST
Sunday	March 24	vs. St. Louis Ambush	3:05 PM EST
Saturday	March 30	@ Baltimore Blast	6:05 PM EST

UTICA CITY FC STATISTICS

#	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	Pts	PPGA	PIM	GWG	S%	ShBI	PPG	SHG	Sh	F	Blk	BC	YC	RC
15	Franck Tayou	F	12	10	11	21	1.8	2	1	.182	16	0	1	56	28	2	1	0	0
5	Nilton de Andrade	M	12	12	8	20	1.7	4	2	.203	18	1	1	59	27	4	2	0	1
11	Ronaldinho Diniz	F	11	12	7	19	1.7	2	1	.364	7	0	1	33	8	6	1	0	0
4	Keaton Woods	F	12	10	7	17	1.4	2	1	.278	10	1	0	36	6	4	2	0	0
10	Mohamed Ndiaye	D	10	4	11	15	1.5	6	0	.190	3	0	0	21	14	15	2	0	1
12	Taylor Walter Bond	F	9	9	3	12	1.3	0	0	.429	6	1	0	21	6	4	0	0	0
26	Steven Fernandez	F	10	7	5	12	1.2	5	2	.350	4	0	0	20	11	4	0	1	0
3	Gordy Gurson	F	6	6	3	9	1.5	0	0	.353	2	2	0	17	7	3	2	0	0
23	Logan Roberts	D	12	6	3	9	0.8	0	1	.429	2	0	0	14	1	11	0	0	0
80	Geo Alves	M	12	4	5	9	0.8	2	0	.222	5	0	0	18	9	5	1	0	0
18	Cole Stephens	F	8	5	3	8	1.0	0	1	.417	1	0	0	12	2	0	0	0	0
9	Dylan Hundelt	D	12	4	2	6	0.5	13	0	.400	0	0	0	10	14	11	4	1	0
30	Juan Alava	D	12	4	2	6	0.5	2	0	.444	0	0	0	9	18	15	1	0	0
2	Emmanuel Belliard	M	9	3	1	4	0.4	0	0	.300	3	0	0	10	10	2	0	0	0
17	Tim Goldman	F	4	1	2	3	0.8	0	0	.143	4	0	0	7	1	1	0	0	0
78	Nelson Santana	D	12	1	2	3	0.3	17	0	.500	1	0	0	2	17	13	1	3	0
16	Jayce Berger	D	2	2	0	2	1.0	0	0	.333	2	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0
94	Rafa Godoi	M	3	1	1	2	0.7	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0
7	Alexander Gomez	M	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Issak Somow	F	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Nate Bourdeau	M	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Ricardo Orozco	M	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
82	Steve Merker	F	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#	Name	GP	GS	W	L	OTL	SA	GA	GAA	Sv	Sv%	SO	MP	PIM	G	A	BC	YC
22	Andrew Coughlin	9	9	8	0	1	151	43	5.05	109	.722	0	510:30	7	0	0	1	1
1	Julian Rodriguez	2	2	1	0	0	22	8	6.55	14	.636	0	73:19	0	0	0	0	0
25	Brian Wilkin	6	1	0	2	0	55	22	10.25	33	.600	0	128:50	0	0	0	0	0

KANSAS CITY COMETS STATISTICS

#	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	Pts	PPGA	PIM	GWG	S%	ShBI	PPG	SHG	Sh	F	Blk	BC	YC	RC
8	Zach Reget	F	12	21	7	28	2.3	2	3	.266	24	1	0	79	21	9	1	0	0
19	John Sosa	D	12	7	12	19	1.6	0	0	.189	12	0	0	37	12	21	0	0	0
23	Ignacio Flores	M	12	7	10	17	1.4	8	1	.200	14	3	0	35	20	15	4	0	0
29	Michael Lenis	M	11	7	4	11	1.0	4	1	.175	15	0	0	40	16	4	2	0	0
3	Ray Lee	D	11	7	4	11	1.0	0	1	.156	16	1	0	45	14	13	0	0	0
17	Leonardo Acosta	M	8	7	1	8	1.0	4	0	.292	6	0	0	24	10	4	2	0	0
26	Rian Marques	F	7	3	5	8	1.1	0	0	.120	10	0	0	25	16	2	0	0	0
7	Lucas Sousa	M	12	4	3	7	0.6	0	0	.133	13	0	0	30	14	7	0	0	0
5	Ramone Palmer	F	12	4	3	7	0.6	2	0	.286	2	0	0	14	15	13	1	0	0
14	Leo Gibson	F	9	3	2	5	0.6	0	0	.107	5	0	0	28	4	1	1	0	0
31	Christian Anderaos	M	9	2	2	4	0.4	7	0	.143	3	0	0	14	8	13	1	1	0
51	Robert Palmer	D	7	1	3	4	0.6	2	0	.250	2	0	0	4	12	32	1	0	0
16	Henry Ramirez	M	12	3	0	3	0.3	2	1	.214	7	0	0	14	15	2	1	0	0
22	Eduardo "Lalo" Alonso Alejo	M	9	2	1	3	0.3	0	0	.143	2	0	0	14	13	2	0	0	0
4	Chad Vandegriffe	D	9	0	3	3	0.3	6	0	.000	3	0	0	6	6	17	3	0	0
11	Francisco Lopez Jr	M	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Jacob Garza	F	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Adrian Gutierrez Llorente	M	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
46	Chase Peterson	D	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Erik Pereira	D	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
47	Antonio De La Torre	M	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
91	DeBray Hollimon	D	9	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	.000	1	0	0	2	3	3	1	0	0

#	Name	GP	GS	W	L	OTL	SA	GA	GAA	Sv	Sv%	SO	MP	PIM	G	A	BC	YC
13	Chris Frederick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	.000	0	00:00	0	0	0	0	0
1	Nicolau Neto	10	9	7	1	1	153	41	4.97	114	.745	0	495:01	0	0	2	0	0
99	Phillip Ejimadu	5	3	0	3	0	93	26	7.21	67	.720	0	216:19	0	0	0	0	0

CITY PROFILES

#1 - JULIAN RODRIGUEZ (G)

THIS YEAR:

- Made season debut on 1/6 (@ Tacoma)

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CAREER

- Attended St. Joseph's College from 2016-2018, where he won the Skyline Conference Rookie of the year in his 2016-2017 season.
- Played for New York Ecuador FC, US Futsal National Champion in 2018, US Street Soccer Champion in 2019.
- Played for Borgetto FC, where he won LISFL Ryder-Vass U23 tournament in 2021 as well as Kilby Cup champion in 2021 & 2022.
- Played for NY Contour United, 2019 Northeast Conference Champion



Hometown: Queens, NY

Height: 5-10 **Weight:** 190

Birthdate: November 10, 1998

#2 - EMMANUEL BELLIARD (M)

THIS YEAR:

- Made UCFC debut on 12/17 (@ Harrisburg)
- Scored first UCFC goal on 12/31 (vs. Harrisburg)

CAREER

- 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)
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Hometown: Santo Domingo, DR

Height: 5-9 **Weight:** 155

Birthdate: October 2, 1996

#3 - GORDY GURSON (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Returned from injury on 1/4 (vs. Milwaukee)

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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 - KEATON WOODS (F)

THIS YEAR:

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CAREER

- Two goals, one assist in 2022-23 with Utica City FC
- Played for Real Salt Lake (MLS) Academy
- Played for Washington High School
- Noted as a top high school player in Iowa



Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA

Height: 6-2 **Weight:** 190

Birthdate: January 3, 2001

#5 - NILTON DE ANDRADE (M)

THIS YEAR:

- Nominated for Goal of the Week
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CAREER

- 12 goals, 10 assists in 2022-23 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

#9 - DYLAN HUNDELT (D)

THIS YEAR:

- Wearing captain's armband while Nate Bourdeau is injured
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CAREER

- Scored four goals and three assists for Utica City FC in 2022-23
- Played for the St. Louis Ambush, Orlando SeaWolves, and Harrisburg Heat
- Scored 13 goals for the Harrisburg Heat in 2019-20



Hometown: St. Louis, MO

Height: 5-9 **Weight:** 160

Birthdate: November 6, 1992

CITY PROFILES

#10 - MOHAMED NDIAYE (D)

THIS YEAR:

- Leading team in assists and blocks
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CAREER

- 8 goals and 14 assists for the Empire Strykers in 2022-23
- Has played for the Baltimore Blast, St. Louis Ambush, and Empire Strykers
- Totaled a career season in STL, netting 19 goals and 24 assists
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Hometown: Ivory Coast, WAFR

Height: 6-3 **Weight:** 195

Birthdate: July 28, 1997

Pronunciation:

#11 - RONALDINHO DINIZ (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Scored four goals in one game vs. Harrisburg (12/17)
- Leading team in goals and points

CAREER

- Scored one goal and one assist for Utica City FC in 2022-23
- Played two seasons for Boston College in 2018 and 2019, attended Saint Andrew's Prep School prior to his time at BC.
- Has four siblings (Antonio, Aleida, Dina and Domingos)
- Rookie of the Year in freshman year at BC, UPSL Patriot division champions



Hometown: Brockton, MA

Height: 5-10 **Weight:** 165

Birthdate: August 14th, 1996

Pronunciation: Ron-al-deen-yo

#12 - TAYLOR WALTER BOND (F)

THIS YEAR:

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CAREER

- Scored ten goals and three assists for Utica City FC in 2022-23; received MASL Offensive Player of the Week Award
- Acquired from Harrisburg Heat in trade
- Ten-year MASL career for Chicago Mustangs, Cedar Rapids Rampage, Tacoma Stars, San Diego Sockers, and Florida Tropics
- Scored 40 goals and 14 assists in 20 games with Chicago in 2016-17



Hometown: St. Chrls, MO

Height: 6-2 **Weight:** 195

Birthdate: September 10th, 1988

CITY PROFILES

#14 - ISSAK SOMOW (M/F)

THIS YEAR:

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CAREER

- Scored eight goals and four assists for Utica City FC in 2022-23
- Born in Kenya, moved to the US as a child
- 17 goals and 5 assists for 39 points and 6GW goals with Mohawk Valley CC
- Played with local club Krajisnik FC and Syracuse FC in the NPSL and UPSL.



Hometown: Utica, NY

Height: 6-1

Weight: 170

Birthdate: November 23rd, 1997

Pronunciation: EEE-sock SO-mahw

#15 - FRANCK TAYOU (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Leading team in points
- Scored 500th career point (1/4 vs. Milwaukee)

CAREER

- 38 goals and 16 assists for the Empire Strykers in 2022-23
- Has played for the Las Vegas Legends, Tulsa Revolution, Oxford City of Texas, Soles de Sonora, Monterrey Flash, and Ontario Fury/Empire Strykers
- 488 points in 181 games
- Four-time MASL MVP and the league's all time leader in goals, points, game-winning goals, and single season goals



Hometown: Bandjoun, CMRN

Height: 6-1

Weight: 200

Birthdate: April 16th, 1990

Pronunciation:

#16 - JAYCE BERGER (D)

THIS YEAR:

- Made Utica City debut (1/21 vs. Texas)
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CAREER

- Played for United Elite Krajisnik (MASL 2)
- Named 3rd Team All-Conference with Grand View University
- Played for Iowa Raptors FC
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Hometown: Des Moines, IA

Height: 5-10

Weight: 180

Birthdate: December 3rd 2000

CITY PROFILES

#17 - TIM GOLDMAN (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Made season debut on 12/17
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CAREER

- Scored five goals and three asissts in nine games for Utica City FC in 2022-23 before season-ending injury
- Attended Ithaca College from 2011-13, where he appeared in 28 career games
- Transferred to NYU in 2014, two goals and three assists in 13 games.
- Grew up in Manlius, NY, an hour from the ADK Bank Center



Hometown: Syracuse, NY

Height: 6-3 **Weight:** 180

Birthdate: May 27th, 1993

#18 - COLE STEPHENS (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Recorded hat trick vs. Harrisburg (12/16)
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CAREER

- Played for Eastern Illinois University
- In high school, named First Team All-Conference in 2015, 2016, and 2017
- Played club for FC Wisconsin



Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

Height: 5-11 **Weight:** 170

Birthdate: Februar 21st, 2000

#19 - NATE BOURDEAU (M)

THIS YEAR:

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CAREER

- Scored 7 goals and 13 assists for Utica City FC in 2022-23
- Has served as a captain for three seasons
- Prior to UCFC, he played six seasons with the Syracuse Silver Knights
- Wearing #19 this season in recognition of Ava Wood, a local youth soccer player whom he coached that tragically lost her life



Hometown: Syracuse, NY

Height: 5-10 **Weight:** 160

Birthdate: August 10th, 1990

Pronunciation: Bore-DOH

CITY PROFILES

#22 - ANDREW COUGHLIN (G)

THIS YEAR:

- Nominated for MASL Save of the Week
- 6th in the league for GAA, 5th in the league for SV%

CAREER

- Entering his 7th season in the MASL, holds a career record of 58-33-7
- Played for both Syracuse University and Canisius College, received his Master's of Business Administration in 2022 from SHNU
- Finished his collegiate career with seven Canisius records including single-season records for shutouts (8), goals-against average (.85) and wins (9)
- Was named to the All-Rookie Team in 2015-16 season



Hometown: Syracuse, NY

Height: 6-0

Weight: 175

Birthdate: June 23rd, 1993

#23 - LOGAN ROBERTS (D)

THIS YEAR:

- Scored two goals in UCFC's home opener
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CAREER

- Playing his 4th season with Utica City
- 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:

- Started during 1/4 game vs. Milwaukee
- Has made two appearances during blue cards

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

#26 - STEVEN FERNANDEZ (F)

THIS YEAR:

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CAREER

- Scored nine goals and seven assists for Utica City FC in 2022-23
- Played at Mercy College, appeared in 21 games making six starts, recorded three goals, two assists and eight points
- Played at Iona College
- Played for BW Gottschee Academy



Hometown: Rego Park, NY

Height: 6-0 **Weight:** 175

Birthdate: May 6, 2000

#30 - JUAN ALAVA (M)

THIS YEAR:

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CAREER

- Scored 2 goals and 3 assists for Utica City FC in 2022-23
- Started in 16 of his 17 games at SCSU, second on the team with five points
- Playing his 3rd 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 - RICKY OROZCO (M)

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- Played for Iowa Raptors FC (MASL2)
- Played for the Chicago Mustangs (MASL2)
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Hometown: Round Lake, IL

Height: 5-6 **Weight:** 140

Birthdate: June 19, 2003

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#78 - NELSON SANTANA (D)

THIS YEAR:

- Scored in Utica City FC debut
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CAREER

- Scored one goal for the Baltimore Blast in 2022-23
- Has appeared in 159 games for the Syracuse Silver Knights, Ontario Fury, Harrisburg Heat, San Diego Sockers, and Baltimore Blast
- Won two Ron Newman Cups with the Blast and one with the Sockers.
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Hometown: Oakland, CA

Height: 5-8 **Weight:** 170

Birthdate: December 28, 1978

#80 - LEANDRO GEO ALVES (M)

THIS YEAR:

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CAREER

- Scored 3 goals for Utica City FC in 2022-23
- 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

#82 - STEVE MERKER (F)

THIS YEAR:

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CAREER

- Has played in the MISL, Canadian Pro League, and MASL
- Previously played for the Ontario Fury
- 1994 Ohio HS State Champion



Hometown: Mentor, OH

Height: 5-10 **Weight:** 165

Birthdate: November 16, 1978

Pronunciation:

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#94 - RAFA GODOI (M)

THIS YEAR:

- Nominated for Goal of the Week (Week 2)
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CAREER

- Scored 3 goals for Utica City FC in 2022-23
- Started 13 out of 14 games with West Florida as a redshirt senior
- Played for the Rochester Lancers in 2019-20



Hometown: Sorocaba, BRA

Height: 5-5 **Weight:** 145

Birthdate: August 28th, 1994

Pronunciation: Go-DOY

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