

UTICA CITY FC GAME NOTES



UTICA CITY FC (2-3-1) vs BALTIMORE BLAST (3-3-2)
Sunday, January 18th, 2026
TU ARENA



UPCOMING GAMES

Monday, January 19th	vs Baltimore Blast	3:00 PM
Saturday, January 24th	@ Tacoma Stars	9:05 PM
Sunday, January 25th	@ Tacoma Stars	8:05 PM

VS. BALTIMORE

12/31/25	vs. BAL	L, 5-2
01/04/26	@ BAL	W, 7-6
01/18/26	@ BAL	12:00 PM
01/19/26	vs. BAL	3:00 PM
02/15/26	vs. BAL	3:00 PM
03/06/26	@ BAL	7:30 PM

TONIGHT:

Utica City FC closes out the weekend with another test against the Baltimore Blast on Sunday, January 18, as the two sides meet again in a rematch that figures to be just as intense and tightly contested. Expect a physical, tactical game built on defensive discipline, quick transitions, and hard battles along the boards, with both teams looking to make adjustments from the previous meeting. Baltimore will rely on its experience, structure, and efficiency in set-piece situations, while UCFC's focus will be on dictating tempo, generating sustained pressure, and finishing chances in tight spaces. With familiarity high and margins thin, Sunday's contest is likely to be decided by execution in key moments, special teams play, and which side can better manage momentum over all four quarters.

Quick Turnaround Ahead

Sunday's matchup also marks the first half of a demanding back-to-back for UCFC, as the team will be back in action again on Monday, January 19. Managing minutes, staying disciplined, and maintaining energy levels will be critical as UCFC looks to set the tone on Sunday and carry momentum into the following night. Depth, recovery, and mental sharpness will be key factors with little time to reset between games.

LEADING THE CITY IN 2025-26

- #33 Sergio Pinal G:8, A:8, Pts:16
- #21 Willie Spurr G:2, A:5, Pts:7
- #16 Thayssan Santos G:2, A:4, Pts:6

AVAILABILITY REPORT

- Logan Roberts - Out - Lower
- Nilton De Andrade - Out - Lower Leg

MASL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

TEAMS		PTS	DIF
Kansas City	6-3-2	18	6
San Diego	5-2-1	16	10
Milwaukee	5-1-2	16	6
Tacoma	5-2-0	14	-9
Baltimore	3-3-2	11	6
St. Louis	4-3-2	11	-10
Empire	2-5-0	5	0
Utica	2-3-1	5	-9

LAST TIME OUT:

The Utica Riggies jumped out to a strong start but ultimately saw a three-goal advantage slip away in a 4-3 loss to the San Diego Sockers in a tightly contested MASL matchup.

Utica opened the scoring midway through the second quarter when Gordy Gurson converted a penalty shot, calmly lifting his attempt to the top middle of the net to make it 1-0.

Just over three minutes later, the Riggies doubled the lead on a highlight-reel effort from Geo Alves. After linking up with Junior Pinal, Alves played the ball off the wall to the left of the goal, collected his own pass, and tucked a shot just inside the bottom right corner past the goalkeeper. Utica made it 3-0 shortly after when Junior Pinal powered down the left side with a defender on his back and fired a low shot into the bottom right corner of the net.

San Diego responded late in the second quarter, cutting into the deficit on goals from Taylor Walter Bond and Charlie Gonzalez to pull within one heading into halftime. The Sockers carried that momentum into the third quarter, tying the game early before Charlie Gonzalez struck again just under three minutes in to give San Diego its first lead of the night.

Despite Utica's early control and standout performances from Geo Alves (1 goal, 1 assist) and Junior Pinal, the Riggies were unable to find an equalizer down the stretch. San Diego goalkeeper Boris Pardo turned aside 11 shots and earned second-star honors, while Alves was named the game's first star in the hard-fought loss.



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	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	6	8	8	16	2.7	0	0	.348	6	0	0	23	5	4	0	0	0
21	Willie Spurr	F	6	2	5	7	1.2	0	0	.200	2	0	0	10	3	2	0	0	0
16	Thayssan Santos	D	6	2	4	6	1.0	0	0	.333	1	0	0	6	5	7	0	0	0
99	Barbaro Shelier	F	6	4	1	5	0.8	0	0	.250	4	0	0	16	10	1	0	0	0
49	Mehrshad Ahmadi	F	5	3	2	5	1.0	0	0	.107	7	0	0	28	4	2	0	0	0
7	Geo Alves	D	4	3	1	4	1.0	0	1	.429	2	1	1	7	7	1	0	0	0
3	Gordy Gurson	F	3	3	0	3	1.0	0	0	.273	4	0	0	11	2	0	0	0	0
30	Juan Alava	D	5	2	0	2	0.4	0	1	.333	0	0	0	6	10	3	0	0	0
20	Kyle Gehnrich	M	4	1	1	2	0.5	0	0	.500	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
17	Cole Stephens	D	6	1	1	2	0.3	0	0	.125	5	0	0	8	2	5	0	0	0
11	Meny Silva	F	6	1	1	2	0.3	0	0	.071	4	0	0	14	6	0	0	0	0
4	Stephan Teixeira	M	2	1	0	1	0.5	0	0	.200	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
22	Howard Miller Jr.	F	4	0	1	1	0.3	2	0	.000	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0
2	Emmanuel Belliard	M	6	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	.000	3	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	0
8	Jose Tavares	D	6	0	1	1	0.2	2	0	.000	3	0	0	8	13	7	1	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	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	3	3	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

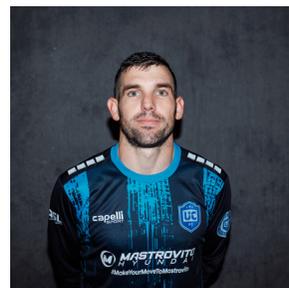
#3 - GORDY GURSON (F)

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

#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

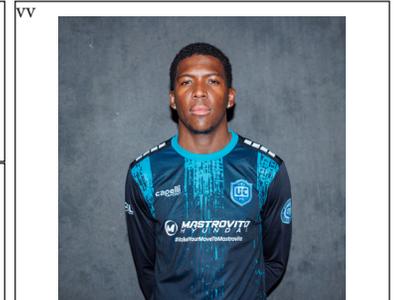
Birthdate: Aug 24, 1995

#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:



Hometown: Ipatinga, BRA

Height: 6-0 Weight: 175

Birthdate: August 15, 1995

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

#10 - NILTON DE ANDRADE (M)

THIS YEAR:



Hometown: Fogo, CPV

Height: 5-9 Weight: 170

Birthdate: March 20, 1996

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.

#14 - ANDREW TAYLOR (G)

THIS YEAR:



Hometown: Baldwinsville, NY

Height: 6-3 Weight: 185

Birthdate: July 1, 2002

CAREER

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

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

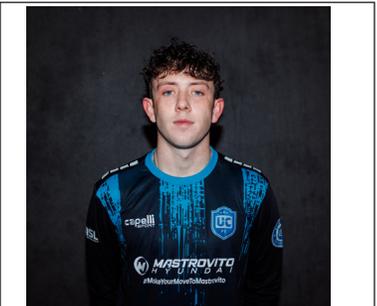
#20 - KYLE GEHRICH (M)

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

#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:



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

#33 - SERGIO PINAL (F)

THIS YEAR:

- Scored one goal and two assists on opening night



Hometown: San Jose, CA

Height: 5-10 Weight: 215

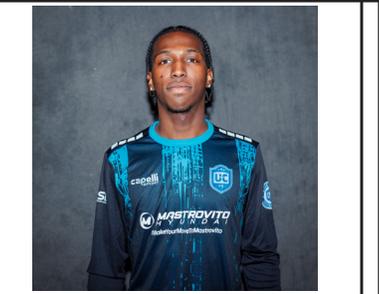
Birthdate: April 1, 2002

CAREER

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

#36 - MENY SILVA (F)

THIS YEAR:



Hometown: Praia, CPV

Height: 5-9 Weight: 165

Birthdate: February 22, 2002

CAREER

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

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