

# UTICA CITY FC GAME NOTES



UTICA CITY FC (4-10-3) vs. MILWAUKEE WAVE (10-6-2)  
Sunday, March 1st 2026  
Adirondack Bank Center



## UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, March 6th	@ Baltimore Blast	7:30 PM
Sunday, March 15th	vs. Tacoma Stars	3:00 PM
Friday, March 20th	@ Milwaukee	7:35 PM

## VS. MILWAUKEE

12/28/25	vs. MIL	OTW, 7-6
02/1/26	vs. MIL	L, 7-6
03/1/26	vs. MIL	3:00 PM
03/20/26	@ MIL	7:35 PM
03/29/26	@ MIL	3:05 PM

## TONIGHT:

Utica City FC returns to the turf tonight looking to build momentum in front of the home crowd, and all eyes will be on one major addition to the lineup. Star forward Kelvin Oliveira is set to make his season debut, instantly elevating the energy and expectations around the squad. His return provides a significant boost for a UCFC side eager to sharpen its attack and solidify its place in the standings.

Oliveira's impact goes far beyond the scoresheet. Known for his elite technical ability, creativity in tight spaces, and clinical finishing touch, he forces defenses to collapse and adjust the moment he steps on the floor. His presence opens lanes for teammates, improves ball movement in the attacking third, and strengthens UCFC's power-play unit. In transition, his speed and decision-making create immediate scoring threats, while his experience and leadership steady the group in high-pressure moments.

## LEADING THE CITY IN 2025-26

#33 Sergio Pinal G:17, A:14, Pts:31  
#7 Geo Alves G:7, A:10, Pts:17  
#21 Willie Spurr G:7, A:8, Pts:15

For UCFC, tonight is about more than just two points — it's about integrating a dynamic playmaker back into the system and unlocking another level offensively. If Oliveira finds his rhythm early, it could shift the tone of the match and spark a surge for Utica as they push deeper into the season.

## AVAILABILITY REPORT

Stephan Teixeira - Out - Lower  
Howard Miller - Out  
Ricardo Orozco - Out - Lower

## LAST TIME OUT:

Independence, MO - On the back of a scoreless outing against St. Louis last night, Utica City FC made the trip to Kansas City for the second game of a back-to-back. A comeback bid fell short for Utica, who fell to KC 6-5.

Similar to last night's game, both teams came out in a tense, defensive affair. After a call for too many men on KC, Nilton De Andrade picked up a blue card for stopping a promising attack. Rainer Hauss stopped the Rian Marques penalty shootout attempt, pushing the game to a 4-on-4. After the penalty on Kansas City expired, Utica found a shorthanded counter and Pinal laid off a pass to Toy Tavares, who scored his first goal of the season at the 10:46 mark. A minute later, Tavares pinched the ball high up the pitch and found the top corner for a 2-0 lead and his second of the game. The Comets pulled one back late in the quarter as Nacho Flores fired a ball into the bottom corner to push the score to 2-1 at the end of the first.

## MASL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

TEAMS		PTS	DIF
San Diego	11-4-2	33	14
St. Louis	11-4-3	33	2
Kansas City	10-5-3	31	9
Milwaukee	10-5-2	30	13
Baltimore	9-6-2	27	8
Empire	8-9-1	23	-2
Tacoma	7-9-1	20	-19
Utica	4-10-3	13	-25

The second quarter continued with more momentum for Kansas City, and UCFC eventually caved in to the pressure. Right after the 7-minute mark in the second, Lesia Thetsane hit a volley to tie the game at 2-all. Marques got his goal in the game, turning away from the Utica defense to fire past Hauss to give KC its first lead of the game. The Comets made it four unanswered 24 seconds later as Michael Lenis poked a ball home, pushing the score to 4-2 at halftime.

After a scoreless third, UCFC had a mountain to climb in the final 15 minutes. That mountain would get taller as Marques found a second goal just two minutes into the frame. A response was needed, and it was rookie Francesco Pagano to get one back for Utica. With 10 minutes left in the game, the score sat at 5-3 in favor of the hosts. After killing off another Kansas City power play, Utica City found another goal with Willie Spurr latching on to a bouncing ball to pull the game within one. The Comets found insurance with Thetsane's second, capitalizing on chaos within the UCFC defensive box to restore a two-goal lead with 3 and a half minutes left in the game. With a sixth attacker on, Utica scored at the back post with Gurson's knee pulling the game back within one at 6-5. That would be the last score of the game, as Kansas City held on at the end to prevail by one goal.



# 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	L, 13-0
Sunday	Febuary 22	@ Kansas City Comets	L, 6-5
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	17	17	14	31	1.8	0	0	.279	20	1	1	61	15	4	0	0	0
7	Geo Alves	D	12	7	10	17	1.4	2	1	.318	2	1	1	22	14	13	1	0	0
21	Willie Spurr	F	17	7	8	15	0.9	0	0	.233	10	0	1	31	8	5	0	0	0
3	Gordy Gurson	F	10	9	3	12	1.2	4	1	.281	7	1	0	32	7	0	3	0	0
30	Juan Alava	D	16	4	5	9	0.6	8	1	.308	2	0	0	13	32	11	4	0	0
16	Thayssan Santos	D	16	2	7	9	0.6	0	0	.125	5	0	0	16	20	18	0	0	0
20	Kyle Gehrich	M	15	4	3	7	0.5	6	0	.250	2	0	0	16	12	5	3	0	0
11	Meny Silva	F	15	4	3	7	0.5	0	0	.133	10	0	0	30	23	3	0	0	0
17	Cole Stephens	D	15	3	4	7	0.5	4	0	.176	10	0	0	17	8	8	2	0	0
	Juan Salazar	F	5	4	1	5	1.0	0	0	.333	4	0	0	12	2	1	0	0	0
8	Jose Tavares	D	17	2	2	4	0.2	4	0	.091	6	0	1	22	42	18	2	0	0
4	Stephan Teixeira	M	8	2	0	2	0.3	5	0	.200	1	0	0	10	10	2	0	1	0
67	Francesco Pagano	F	4	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	.333	1	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0
23	Logan Roberts	D	4	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
6	Ricardo Orozco	M	8	0	1	1	0.1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0
22	Howard Miller Jr.	F	9	0	1	1	0.1	4	0	.000	2	0	0	6	7	1	2	0	0
15	Jorge Lozada	F	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Kelvin Oliveira	F	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
95	Wil Nyamsi	D	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	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	@ 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

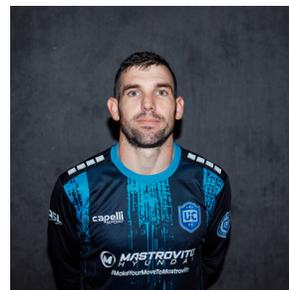
## #3 - GORDY GURSON (F)

### 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

## #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

# 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:

- 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

## #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

## #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:

## #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

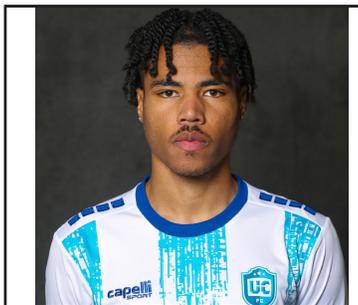
Birthdate: February 26, 2004

## #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

# CITY PROFILES

## #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

## #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

# CITY PROFILES

## #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

## #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

## #27 - JOEY TAVERNESE (F)

### THIS YEAR:

- Debuted on February 15th against Baltimore

### 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



Hometown: Garden City, NJ

Height: 5'9      Weight: 155lbs

Birthdate: July 17, 1989

# 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
- Leads the City with 29 points through 14 games



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

## #67 - FRANCESCO PAGANO (D)

### THIS YEAR:

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Hometown:

Height:      Weight:

Birthdate:

### CAREER

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# 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