



SAN DIEGO SOCKERS 2025/26 MATCHDAY GUIDE



SAN DIEGO SOCKERS

15-6-2, 42pts, 2nd, 1.8ppg

VS

KANSAS CITY COMETS

12-6-5, 39, 5th, 1.7

Sunday, March 29, 2026, 3:00pm

Frontwave Arena // Oceanside, CA

Watch/Streaming: Fox Soccer Plus & MASL TV on YouTube

MASL MATCH: #95

SOCKERS MATCH: #24

SOCKERS HOME MATCH: #12 (6-3-2)

COMETS AWAY MATCH: #12 (6-4-1)



16X CHAMPION SAN DIEGO SOCKERS

2023 & 2022 MASL SHIELD WINNERS



San Diego Sockers captain Kraig Chiles made it official on December 9, announcing his final season and impending retirement to the crowd at the annual Sockers Season Ticket Member Event inside Frontwave Arena. The all-time leading goal scorer in Sockers history, Chiles is in his 17th and final season as an active player, seeking a seventh career championship as a capstone to his Hall of Fame career.

“This is definitely my last season, and it’s been a great journey,” said Chiles. “To be a rookie and now to be a veteran is something that I will cherish forever. I still feel I can add a little bit to this championship-caliber group. Hopefully, we can grab the Cup, and I can ride into the sunset.”

Chiles, 41, came to the Sockers organization in time for its 2009-10 restart, heading indoors after a season in MLS with Chivas USA, following up a decorated career as the striker at San Diego State University. As a young player, he helped lead the Sockers to four consecutive PASL championships, winning three straight league MVP awards along the way. In 2012-13 Chiles set new PASL records for goals (56) and points (72). In 2016-17, he surpassed Sockers legend Branko Segota (298) as the all-time goal-scoring leader. Chiles’ game-winning assist in the final minute of the Knockout Game in 2021 helped lead the Sockers to their first MASL Ron Newman Cup championship. The following season in 2021-22, Chiles was named Ron Newman Cup Playoff MVP, netting the game-winning goal in Match Two of the Finals against Florida and leading the club with nine goals and 14 points in seven playoff starts. In 2024-25, Chiles crossed the 500-career goal mark, while scoring 24 goals in 21 regular-season matches. For his career, Kraig has scored 20+ goals in 15 consecutive full seasons (omitting the 10-game 2021 COVID season) and holds the San Diego all-time records with 505 goals and 742 points. He enters his final season as an active player with his name all over the MASL league record books, ranking third all-time in goals (302) and fourth all-time in points (464). He also ranks fourth all-time in MASL shots taken (979), and with 162 MASL assists is two assists away from moving into the top six in that category as well.



SCORING THE 2022 FINALS GWG



2022 MASL RON NEWMAN CUP FINALS MVP



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Fri Nov 28 7:30pm PST	San Diego Sockers	4	VS	5		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sun Dec 7 3:00pm PST	San Diego Sockers	4	VS	8		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Fri Dec 12 7:20pm PST	San Diego Sockers	6	AT	3		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Tue Dec 30 7:00pm PST	San Diego Sockers	8	VS	0		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sat Jan 3 7:00pm PST	San Diego Sockers	4	VS	3		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sun Jan 4 5:05pm PST	San Diego Sockers	4	AT	5		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sat Jan 10 3:00pm PST	San Diego Sockers	9	AT	6		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
un Jan 11 12:00pm PST	San Diego Sockers	4	AT	3		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sat Jan 17 4:05pm PST	San Diego Sockers	5	AT	10		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Thu Jan 22 6:35pm PST	San Diego Sockers	5	AT	9		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sat Jan 24 3:00pm PST	San Diego Sockers	10	AT	5		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sun Feb 1 3:00pm PST	San Diego Sockers	7	VS	6		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sat Feb 7 7:00pm PST	San Diego Sockers	11	VS	4		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sat Feb 14 4:05pm PST	San Diego Sockers	7	AT	6		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sun Feb 15 4:00pm PST	San Diego Sockers	4	VS	5		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sat Feb 21 6:05pm PST	San Diego Sockers	5	AT	2		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Fri Feb 27 7:30pm PST	San Diego Sockers	11	VS	5		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Thu Mar 5 6:35pm PST	San Diego Sockers	4	AT	0		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sun Mar 8 3:00pm PDT	San Diego Sockers	4	VS	5		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sat Mar 14 4:05pm PDT	San Diego Sockers	6	AT	5		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sun Mar 15 4:00pm PDT	San Diego Sockers	6	VS	8		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sun Mar 22 4:00pm PDT	San Diego Sockers	5	VS	4		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Fri Mar 27 5:05pm PDT	San Diego Sockers	11	AT	10		STATS / VIDEO / REPORT
Sun Mar 29 3:00pm PDT	San Diego Sockers		VS			

THE MATCHUP
vs KANSAS CITY
 2025/26: SD Leads 3-1
 All-Time: SD Leads 42-25
 2025/26 Meetings
 3/27 @KC - 11-10 OTW
 3/15 @SD - 8-6 L
 3/14 @KC - 6-5 OTW
 2/14 @KC, 7-6 SOW

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SAN DIEGO SOCKERS

Head Coach: Phil Salvaggio
 Last Four: OTW OTW L OTW
 Streak: W2
 Leading Scorer: Perera, 18-17=35
 Leading GK: Toth, 6-1-1, 3.66
 Goals Avg: For: 6.3 (4th) / Agst: 5.0 (3rd)
 Goal Differential: +27 (3rd)
 Expected Goals: 6.3
 Power Play%: 27%
 Penalty Kill%: 77%
 Last Match: 3/27, @ Kansas City, 11-10, OTW
 Next Match: TBA

KANSAS CITY COMETS

Head Coach: Stefan Stokic
 Last Four: OTL W W OTL
 Streak: L1
 Leading Scorer: Marques, 28-21=49
 Leading GK: Ejimadu, 11-5-4, 6.30
 Goals Avg: For: 6.8 (3rd) / Agst: 6.3 (5th)
 Goal Differential: +11 (5th)
 Expected Goals: 5.9
 Power Play%: 36%
 Penalty Kill %: 68%
 Last Match: 3/27 v San Diego, 11-10 OTL
 Next Match: TBA

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- #5 - Ben Ramin - Ben RAY-min
- #11 - Leonardo De Oliveira - Lay-oh-nard-oh De olive-ERA
- #25 - Keko Gontán - Key-Ko Gon-TAWN
- #27 - Boris Pardo - Boris Par-Doh
- #29 - Cesar Cerda - Say-zar SARE-duh
- #31 - Mitchell Cardenas - Mitchell CAR-day-nas
- #37 - Kraig Chiles - Kraig CHAI-uulls
- #96 - Moustapha Gueye - MOOS-tuh-fuh GAY-yay
- TBA - Stefan Mijatovic - STEF-uhn mee-yacht-oh-vich

MASL MILESTONES WITHIN REACH

Player - Milestone - Needs
 Luis Ortega - 100 Points - 1
 Mitchell Cardenas - 200 Blocks - 4



AVAILABILITY REPORT

Out:
 Kraig Chikes - Leg
 Felipe González - Leg
Not Available:
 Gabriel Costa - Excused Absence
Suspensions:
 N/A
Doubtful:
 N/A
Questionable:
 N/A
Probable:
 Cesar Cerda - Leg
 Charlie Gonzalez - Leg
 Luis Ortega - Leg

MATCHDAY ROSTER

Boris Pardo
 Chris Toth
 Nick Perera
 Tavoy Morgan
 Jesus Pacheco
 Leo de Oliveira
 Cesar Cerda
 Mitchell Cardenas
 Ben Ramin
 Drew Ruggles
 Marcel Sanchez
 Luiz Morales
 Sebastian Mendez
 Adrian Reyes
 Nilton De Andrade
 Stefan Mijatovic
 Charlie Gonzalez
 Jose Gonzalez

ALL-TIME RECORDS VS. MASL

Team	All-Time RS	MASL Playoffs
BALTIMORE	35-26	1-0 (1) 1-0
EMPIRE (Ontario)	47-13	5-2 (3) 3-0
KANSAS CITY	42-25	0-0
MILWAUKEE	9-8	2-0 (1) 1-0
ST. LOUIS	4-3	0-0
TACOMA	85-25	8-1 (4) 4-0
UTICA CITY	6-0	0-0

(#) = Series Played



MATCH PREVIEW vs KANSAS CITY COMETS

The San Diego Sockers—presented by Kaiser Permanente—conclude the 2025-26 MASL regular season by hosting the Kansas City Comets on Sunday afternoon at Frontwave Arena in Oceanside. The match is set for a 3:00pm PDT kickoff, and can be viewed domestically on Fox Soccer Plus and MASL TV (on YouTube) and MASL+, as well as supplemental coverage on the National Soccer Network and Victory+, and international coverage on Sportworld, Fox Sports Mexico, and the Unbeaten Network.

The Sockers (15-6-2, 42 points) have two more wins than any other MASL side with one match remaining in the schedule, and yet have work to do when it comes to securing the top spot in the table. Due to a 5-2 record in overtime matches, San Diego's point total and regulation win total (10) leave them vulnerable to finishing anywhere from first to fifth in the final standings. A regulation win on Sunday over Kansas City guarantees the MASL Shield, a first-round bye, and home-field advantage throughout the Ron Newman Cup playoffs. Another overtime win against the Comets would guarantee no worse than second place for San Diego and clinch a first-round bye. An overtime loss would likely place the Sockers in third or fourth place (depending on St. Louis' result at Empire), and a regulation loss would allow Kansas City to pass San Diego in the standings on the basis of the regulation wins tiebreaker, consigning the Sockers to either fourth or fifth place depending on the St. Louis/Empire result. Baltimore on Saturday will play a Tacoma side that is 1-9-1 on the road and is sitting almost all of its starting players; a Blast win gets them to 43 points. Milwaukee on Sunday hosts Utica, the eighth-place team in the league and a club that lost 17-2 their last time visiting the Wave; a Wave win gets Milwaukee to 43 points.

Both the Comets and Sockers came into the weekend with the possibility of winning the MASL Shield in their control, both knowing that sweeping the weekend home-and-home series against the other was the key to success. Kansas City lost grip of the Shield on Friday night in front of a crowd of over 4,600 at Cable Dahmer Arena, as the Sockers staged a fourth-quarter comeback to post a wild 11-10 overtime win. San Diego trailed 7-5 at halftime and 10-8 midway through the fourth quarter before rallying behind goals from Luiz Morales at 8:02 of the fourth, then Drew Ruggles to equalize with a sixth attacker and empty net behind him at 14:08 of the fourth. Stefan Mijatovic's first goal as a Socker was the overtime golden goal, an outside shot off a rebound that deflected on its way into the net. Tavoy Morgan powered the offense with a season-best four goal/two assist night, while team captain Cesar Cerda notched a season-best four assists, including helpers on each of the club's fourth-quarter goals.

This is the fifth and final meeting of the regular season between the Sockers and Comets, and their fourth get-together in the month of March. While San Diego leads the season series 3-1, all three of their wins have come on the road in overtime, while Kansas City bested the Sockers 8-6 in their previous visit to Frontwave Arena. As such, the season points series is tied 6-6, and away teams are 4-0 in the series. Combatants since the glory days of the 1980s MISL, the Sockers own an all-time record of 42-25 against the Comets. In the MASL era, the Sockers are 7-7 against Kansas City, including 4-4 at Cable Dahmer Arena.

The Comets (12-6-5, 39 points) can no longer realistically win the MASL Shield (barring two of the biggest upsets in league history if Tacoma and Utica could win their away matches) or earn a first-round bye, but they could finish as high as third in the standings with a regulation win on Sunday, and a St. Louis loss at Empire. Extra time has not been the Comets' friend this year, as the club is 2-5 in overtime matches. Kansas City will be feeding the ball to top forward Rian Marques, who is in the running for the Golden Boot, points title and league MVP. Marques leads the league with 49 points, ranks second with 28 goals and T-2nd with 21 assists. A big game on Sunday could theoretically give him Golden Boot, Pass Master (most assists) and MVP (often awarded to the points leader). Marques has (4-5=9) points in his last two matches against the Sockers.



QUICK STRIKES

Honoring the Captain, Kraig Chiles

Sockers captain Kraig Chiles has confirmed that the exacerbation of a knee injury suffered on March 15 against Kansas City is going to keep him out for the remainder of the regular season, and likely the entirety of the playoffs as well. Given that the long-time leader of the club had announced at the beginning of the season that 2025-26 would be his last as an active player, we have seen the end of a glorious career, which saw Chiles set every Sockers scoring record along the way. He finishes with career totals of 512 goals and 246 assists (758 points) in his 17 years playing in the PASL and MASL, and finishes with league totals of 309 goals and 170 assists (479 points) in the MASL. Chiles will be honored in a pre-match ceremony before Sunday's game.

Morgan Mashing

With Chiles down and out, the need for production from target forward Tavoy Morgan is more pressing than ever. After a career-worst start to the season and then a four-match suspension for a head butt, Morgan has returned with a vengeance and lit up the scoresheet. In five matches since returning from suspension, Tavoy has at least one goal in each match, and has scored eight goals in his last three games played. Overall, Morgan has recorded (10-5=15) points in those five matches, almost doubling his total (5-3=8 points) from his first ten matches played this season.

Back-to-Back

Sockers goalkeeper Chris Toth has won consecutive MASL Goalkeeper of the Week awards, honored each of the past two weeks. Last Sunday, Toth stopped 14-of-18 shots (.778 SV%) in a 5-4 OT win over St. Louis, and the week prior, he saved 14-of-19 shots in the Sockers' 6-5 OT win at Kansas City. Interestingly enough, the week prior to that, Toth authored his third career MASL shutout, a 14-save whitewash of Empire, but did *not* win Goalkeeper of the Week. Toth entered Friday's match at halftime and stopped 9-of-12 shots to secure the comeback victory, also contributing his second assist of the season. The appearance allowed Chris to reach the minimum threshold of appearing in at least 30% of his club's games, pushing his season stats into the MASL leaderboard, where he now leads the league far-and-away with a 3.66 GAA (0.85 ahead of second-place Paulo Nascimento) and a .778 SV% (.064 ahead of Nascimento).

Road Warriors, Humble at Home

While home turf has been less kind to the Sockers, the road has been a place where the club has put together some of its best efforts, including three overtime wins at Friday's destination, Cable Dahmer Arena. Overall, San Diego went 9-3 on the road this season, easily the best in the MASL. Every other club in the league has at least five away losses. By contrast, the Sockers are a modern franchise-worst 6-3-2 at home, the five home losses one more than their previous low in 2023-24 (8-4 in the final season at Pechanga Arena).

The Return of Leo (and soon Charlie?)

The Sockers have been without the services of midfielder Charlie Gonzalez (ankle) for the past ten matches, while midfielder Leonardo de Oliveira returned to the lineup on Friday after missing eight matches with a quad injury. Leo made his presence felt with a goal and assist against the Comets, playing heavy minutes in the fourth quarter and overtime as the Sockers came from behind to win. The club will monitor Leo's bounce-back from the match and travel back to California before confirming him for Sunday's lineup. While Gonzalez did not make the trip, he has been practicing with the Sockers for the past two weeks, and could see a return to action on Sunday. Charlie led San Diego in scoring before his injury with (12-8=20) points in eleven matches played.

Cerda NOT Out for Sunday

With blue cards in consecutive matches, team captain and top defender Cesar Cerda reached seven penalty points on Friday night (five blue card penalties, two yellow), which means an automatic one-match suspension. However, league rules stipulate that if a club is playing multiple matches in the same week, the points suspension rolls over to the following week. Regular-season penalty points do not carry over into the playoffs, but instead roll over to the first match of the next season. As such, Cerda will be suspended for the opening match of the 2026-27 campaign, but is eligible for selection on Sunday. Drew Ruggles, who has been sitting on six penalty points (two blue, four yellow) for the entire second half of the season, would also not miss a playoff match if he picked up a card on Sunday, but instead would miss the season opener in 2026-27.

Milestones Accomplished

A veteran-laden Sockers team is making its mark in the MASL all-time records book. Here are the milestones achieved already this season, starting with the most recent:

- Defender Cesar Cerda earned his 200th career MASL point as part of a four-assist effort on Friday at Kansas City (89-114=203 points).
- Midfielder Luiz Morales scored his 100th career MASL goal with a brace at Kansas City on Friday (100-33=133 points).
- Head coach Phil Salvagio extended his record as the MASL's all-time winningest head coach by collecting his 200th career victory (202-47-7)...he is 272-56-7 all-time as Sockers head coach, including the club's six seasons in the PASL.
- Nick Perera became the third player to achieve 500 points in his MASL career on February 1 with a five-point game (two goals, three assists) against his former club, Tacoma. In his career, Perera is the league's all-time leading assist man (260), ranks fourth in goals (258) and third all-time in points (258-260=518), eight points behind second-place Ian Bennett of Milwaukee (526).
- Midfielder Leonardo de Oliveira earned his 200th career assist on January 24 at Baltimore. He's the fourth player in league history with 200+ assists (Perera 260, Leo Gibson 225, Max Ferdinand 220, Leo 205).
- Goalkeeper Boris Pardo took over the all-time MASL starts record from his teammate Chris Toth, and on Friday set a new record with his 200th MASL start. He moved past the 2,000-career save mark (2nd all-time, 2,147) while extending his MASL record for wins (147).
- Midfielder Jesus Pacheco (61-42=103 career points) scored a goal against Tacoma on March 1 for the 100th point of his career.
- Ruggles scored his 100th MASL goal at Milwaukee on January 17...the league's all-time penalty minutes leader (198) is two away from 200 for his career.

Milestones Upcoming

- Defender Luis "Peewee" Ortega is one point away from 100 in his career (40-59=99).
- Defender Mitchell Cardenas is four blocked shots away from 200 in his career (196), Drew Ruggles is 12 blocks from 200 (188).

SAN DIEGO SOCKERS 2025/26 MATCHDAY GUIDE - PHOTO ROSTER



CHRIS TOTH
#1 G



BEN RAMIN
#2 D



NILTON DE ANDRADE
#5 M



FELIPE GONZALEZ
#7 M/D



DREW RUGGLES
#8 D



TAVOY MORGAN
#9 F



LEONARDO DE OLIVEIRA
#11 M



SEBASTIAN MENDEZ
#13 M



SEAN CALLAHAN
#18 D



MARCEL SANCHEZ
#19 M



GABRIEL COSTA
#20 F



CHARLIE GONZALEZ
#21 M



STEFAN MIJATOVIC
#24 D



BORIS PARDO
#27 G



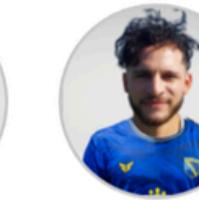
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#29 D



JOSE "BEBÉ" GONZALEZ
#30 D



MITCHELL CARDENAS
#31 D



ADRIAN REYES
#32 M



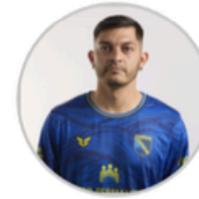
ANDREW ESTRELLA
#36 M



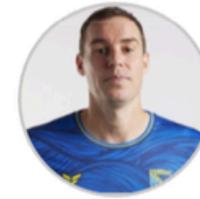
KRAIG CHILES
#37 F



NATHANIEL LINQUIST
#64 G



LUIS ORTEGA
#69 D



NICK PERERA
#77 F



LUIZ MORALES
#80 F

TEAM STAFF



JESUS PACHECO
#91 M



MOUSTAPHA GUEYE
#96 D



PHIL SALVAGIO
HEAD COACH



CHIKY LUNA
ASSISTANT COACH/GM



RENE ORTIZ
ASSISTANT COACH



PAUL WRIGHT
ASSISTANT COACH

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SAN DIEGO SOCKERS 2025/26 MATCHDAY GUIDE - NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	Name	POS	Pronunciation	Birthdate	Home Town	Height	Weight
1	Chris Toth	G	TOE-TH	Aug 4, 1989	San Diego, CA	6' 1"	170 lbs
2	Ben Ramin	D	RAY-min	Aug 30, 1993	Baldwinsville, NY	6' 2"	175 lbs
5	Nilton de Andrade	M		Mar 20, 1996	Fogo, CPV	5' 9"	170 lbs
7	Felipe Gonzalez	M/D		Nov 9, 1989	San Jose, CA	5' 10"	165 lbs
8	Drew Ruggles	D		Jul 28, 1992	Fayetteville, NC	6' 0"	164 lbs
9	Tavoy Morgan	F	TAH-Voy	Mar 1, 1995	Spanish Town, Jamaica	5' 9"	180 lbs
11	Leonardo De Oliveira	M	Lay-oh-nard-oh De olive-ERA	Nov 18, 1988	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	6' 0"	190 lbs
13	Sebastian Mendez	M		Mar 6, 2001	Dallas, TX	5' 7"	132 lbs
18	Sean Callahan	D		May 14, 1992	San Diego, CA	5' 9"	155 lbs
19	Marcel Sanchez	M		Oct 16, 2007	San Diego, CA	5' 10"	155 lbs
20	Gabriel Costa	F		Dec 16, 1996	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	5' 7"	160 lbs
21	Charlie Gonzalez	M	GON-ZAH-LEZ	Oct 19, 1993	Lancaster, CA	5' 8"	145 lbs
24	Stefan Mijatovic	D	STEF-uhn mee-yacht-oh-vich	Sep 5, 1996	Elmhurst, IL	6' 4"	225 lbs
27	Boris Pardo	G	Boris Par-Doh	Mar 22, 1984	Queens, NY	6' 0"	190 lbs
29	Cesar Cerda	D	Say-zar SARE-duh	Apr 14, 1993	Saltillo, Mexico	5' 10"	155 lbs
30	Jose "Bebe" Gonzalez	D		Jun 12, 1992	Lancaster, CA	5' 7"	165 lbs
31	Mitchell Cardenas	D	MITCH-ell CAR-de-nas	Jan 8, 1991	Mexico City, Mexico	6' 1"	185 lbs
32	Adrian Reyes	M		Apr 1, 2000	Chula Vista, CA	5' 10"	200 lbs
36	Andrew Estrella	M		Jun 30, 1999	San Diego, CA	5' 9"	175 lbs
37	Kraig Chiles - C	F	Kraig CHAI-ulls	May 14, 1984	Poway, CA	5' 11"	185 lbs
64	Nathaniel Linquist	G		Aug 11, 1998	San Jose, CA	6' 1"	200 lbs
69	Luis Ortega	D		Feb 4, 1992	Chicago, IL	5' 6"	130 lbs
77	Nick Perera	F	puh-RARE-ruh	Jun 5, 1986	San Diego, CA	6' 3"	200 lbs
80	Luiz Morales	F		Oct 23, 1999	Irving, TX	5' 11"	190 lbs
91	Jesus Pacheco	M	PAH-CHAY-CO	Jun 23, 2000	Northridge, CA	5' 6"	149 lbs
96	Moustapha Gueye	D	MOOS-tuh-fuh GAY-yay	Jul 17, 1996	Dakar, Senegal	6' 2"	165 lbs

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SAN DIEGO SOCKERS 2025/26 MATCHDAY GUIDE -ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

PLAYER	#	POS	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN
Taylor Walter Bond	#23	Forward	9/10/88	St. Charles, IL
Mitchell Cardenas	#31	Defender	1/8/91	Mexico City
Cesar Cerda	#29	Defender	4/14/93	Saltillo, MX
Kraig Chiles	#37	Forward	5/14/84	Poway, CA
Gabriel Costa	#70	Forward	12/16/96	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Nilton de Andrade	#5	Midfield	3/20/1996	Fogo, Cape Verde
Leonardo De Oliveira	#11	Midfield	11/18/88	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Andrew Estrella	#36	Midfield	6/30/99	San Diego, CA
Keko Gontan	#25	Forward	12/27/91	Brunete, Spain
Jose "Bebe" Gonzalez	#30	Defender	6/12/92	Lancaster, CA
Charlie Gonzalez	#21	Midfield	10/19/93	Lancaster, CA
Felipe Gonzalez	#7	Mid/Def	11/9/89	San Jose, CA
Moustapha Gueye	#96	Defender	7/17/96	Dakar, Senegal
Nathaniel Linqvist	#64	GK	8/11/98	San Jose, CA
Sebastian Mendez	#27	Midfield	3/6/01	Dallas, TX
Stefan Mijatovic	#	Defender	9/5/96	Elmhurst, IL
Luiz Morales	#80	Forward	10/23/99	Irving, TX
Tavoy Morgan	#9	Forward	3/1/95	Spanish Town, Jamaica
Luis Ortega	#69	Defender	2/4/92	Chicago, IL
Boris Pardo	#27	GK	3/22/84	Queens, NY
Jesus Pacheco	#91	Midfield	6/23/00	Northridge, CA
Nick Perera	#77	Forward	6/5/86	San Diego, CA
Ben Ramin	#5	Defender	8/30/93	Baldwinsville, NY
Adrian Reyes	#32	Midfield	4/1/00	Chula Vista, CA
Marcel Roknipoor	#33	Midfield	10/13/92	Tehran, Iran
Drew Ruggles	#8	Defender	7/28/92	Fayetteville, NC
Marcel Sanchez	#19	Midfielder	10/16/07	Poway, CA
Chris Toth	#1	GK	8/4/1989	San Diego, CA

2025/26 TRANSACTIONS

3/4/26 - Signed Stefan Mijatovic

2/27/26 - Acquired Nilton de Andrade in a trade with Utica City for Juan Salazar

1/2/25 - Signed Marcel Sanchez, Andrew Estrella & Adrian Reyes

12/1/25 - Acquired Moustapha Gueye in a trade with Empire

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SAN DIEGO SOCKERS 2025/26 MATCHDAY GUIDE - SEASON STATS

#	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	Pts	PPGA	PIM	GWG	S%	SB	PPG	SHG	Sh	F	BS	BC
77	Nick Perera	F	22	18	17	35	1.6	0	1	.247	24	1	0	73	24	2	0
9	Tavoy Morgan	F	15	15	8	23	1.5	4	1	.221	24	1	0	68	23	0	1
13	Sebastian Mendez	M	20	14	8	22	1.1	17	2	.157	40	2	1	89	27	11	6
11	Leonardo De Oliveira	M	13	7	15	22	1.7	2	0	.159	16	1	0	44	16	14	1
21	Charlie Gonzalez	M	11	12	8	20	1.8	16	1	.214	21	0	0	56	8	3	3
91	Jesus Pacheco	M	20	10	6	16	0.8	9	2	.278	13	1	0	36	12	8	2
29	Cesar Cerda	D	19	3	13	16	0.8	20	0	.143	10	0	0	21	29	22	5
37	Kraig Chiles	F	16	7	8	15	0.9	7	3	.159	16	1	0	44	7	0	1
80	Luiz Morales	F	12	11	3	14	1.2	2	2	.234	16	1	0	47	16	5	1
8	Drew Ruggles	D	22	8	6	14	0.6	24	0	.286	8	0	0	28	29	24	2
31	Mitchell Cardenas	D	21	4	8	12	0.6	0	0	.286	4	0	0	14	19	26	0
5	Nilton de Andrade	M	12	7	4	11	0.9	6	1	.200	12	0	0	35	27	9	3
32	Adrian Reyes	M	16	8	1	9	0.6	2	0	.364	6	0	0	22	9	5	1
24	Stefan Mijatovic	D	10	3	6	9	0.9	2	1	.130	11	0	0	23	12	16	1
30	Jose "Bebe" Gonzalez	D	17	2	3	5	0.3	2	0	.286	2	0	0	7	13	14	2
20	Gabriel Costa	F	6	1	4	5	0.8	4	0	.077	5	0	0	13	10	4	2
36	Andrew Estrella	M	14	3	1	4	0.3	2	0	.300	2	0	0	10	12	2	1
7	Felipe Gonzalez	M/D	14	1	1	2	0.1	10	0	.071	4	0	0	14	6	5	0
69	Luis Ortega	D	7	0	2	2	0.3	2	0	.000	1	0	0	1	3	1	1
96	Moustapha Gueye	D	6	1	0	1	0.2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	1	7	0	0
18	Sean Callahan	D	10	1	0	1	0.1	0	0	.125	0	0	0	8	5	4	0
19	Marcel Sanchez	M	7	0	1	1	0.1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	11	2	1
2	Ben Ramin	D	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	5	3	3

#	Name	GP	GS	W	L	OTL	SA	GA	GAA	Sv	Sv%	SO	MP	PIM	G	A	BC	YC
1	Chris Toth	8	6	6	1	1	117	26	3.66	91	.778	1	425:48	4	0	2	2	0
64	Nathaniel Linquist	4	2	0	0	1	23	7	4.11	16	.696	0	102:11	2	0	0	1	0
27	Boris Pardo	17	15	9	5	0	263	80	5.62	186	.707	1	853:54	0	0	2	0	0

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NICOLAU NETO
#1 G



CHAD VANDEGRIFFE
#4 D



GUERRERO PINO
#6 D



DOMINIC FRANCIS
#7 F



ZACH REGET
#8 F



JUNIOR KAZEEM
#9 F



LUCAS SOUSA
#10 M



LESIA THETSANE
#11 D



ERIK PEREIRA
#12 D



HENRY RAMIREZ
#16 M



LEONARDO ACOSTA
#17 M



NATHAN DURDLE
#18 D



ALI ALOMARI
#19 M



IGNACIO FLORES
#23 D



RIAN MARQUES
#26 F



JOE WAINWRIGHT
#27 M



MARCEL BERRY
#28 M



MICHAEL LENIS
#29 M



CHRISTIAN ANDRAOS
#31 M



CHASE PETERSON
#45 D



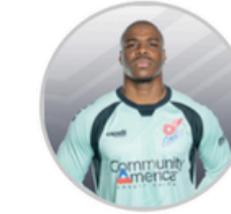
JACOB GARZA
#48 F



DAVID STANKOVIC
#80 M



DEBRAY HOLLIMON
#91 D



PHILLIP EJIMADU
#99 G

INACTIVE PLAYERS



RAMONE PALMER
#5 F



CHRIS FREDERICK
#13 G



FRANCESCO ESTEBAN
#21 M



JULIO CORONADO
#36 G



LEONEL PALMA
#95 D

TEAM STAFF



STEFAN STOKIC
HEAD COACH



BRIAN BUDZINSKI
GENERAL MANAGER



MATT GORDON
ASSISTANT COACH



MICHAEL CLAYTON
ASSISTANT COACH



JOE EPPERSON
ASSISTANT COACH



ALAN MAYER
GOALKEEPER COACH

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#	Name	POS	Pronunciation	Birthdate	Home Town	Height	Weight
1	Nicolau Neto	G	nick-oh-low (like wow) NET-oh	Mar 7, 1995	Juazeiro Do Norte, Brazil	6' 4"	210 lbs
4	Chad Vandegriffe	D	Chad VAN-duh-griff	Nov 24, 1989	St. Louis, Missouri	6' 1"	182 lbs
6	Guerrero Pino	D	Geh-rare-oh PEE-no	Oct 5, 1990	Parral, Mexico	5' 11"	186 lbs
7	Dominic Francis	F		Jun 17, 1993	Huddersfield, England	6' 0"	165 lbs
8	Zach Reget	F	ZAK REG-et	May 7, 1995	Kenosha, Wisconsin	6' 0"	200 lbs
9	Junior Kazeem	F		Jul 25, 1997	London, England	5' 9"	175 lbs
10	Lucas Sousa	M	SO-zuh	Dec 29, 1992	Sao Paulo, Brazil	5' 9"	160 lbs
11	Lesia Thetsane	D	luh-SEE-uh tet-saw-NAY	May 24, 1997	Maseru, Lesotho	5' 8"	173 lbs
12	Erik Pereira	D	AIR-ik per-AIR-uh	Jul 29, 1995	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	6' 0"	178 lbs
16	Henry Ramirez	M		Mar 1, 1997	Costa Mesa, CA	5' 7"	155 lbs
17	Leonardo Acosta	M		Jun 9, 2002	West Chicago, Illinois	6' 1"	170 lbs
18	Nathan Durdle	D		Oct 4, 2000	Columbia, MO	6' 0"	165 lbs
19	Ali Alomari	M		Mar 30, 2002	Lackawanna, NY	5' 11"	160 lbs
23	Ignacio Flores	D	Floh-rehz, Ig-naas-ih-oh ... Nah-choh	Sep 23, 1992	Santiago, Chile	5' 10"	165 lbs
26	Rian Marques	F	ree-ON MAR-kez	Aug 25, 1995	Itabuna, Brasil	6' 4"	215 lbs
27	Joe Wainwright	M		May 11, 2000	Manchester, England	6' 4"	172 lbs
28	Marcel Berry	M	MAR-sell BARE-ee	Aug 28, 1997	Charlottesville, VA	5' 8"	160 lbs
29	Michael Lenis	M		Oct 12, 2003	Weston, Florida	5' 5"	130 lbs
31	Christian Anderaos	M		Feb 2, 1996	Sao Paulo, Brazil	5' 6"	155 lbs
45	Chase Peterson	D		Jul 26, 2002	Platte City, Missouri	5' 10"	150 lbs
48	Jacob Garza	F		Jun 25, 2001	Parkville, MO	5' 11"	175 lbs
80	David Stankovic	M		Jul 16, 2000	Wylie, Texas	6' 0"	170 lbs
91	DeBray Hollimon	D	duh-bray holl-e-mon	Jun 7, 1996	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	6' 2"	180 lbs
99	Phillip Ejimadu	G	Eh-jee-mah-doo	Aug 31, 1999	Minneapolis, Minnesota	6' 2"	229 lbs

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#	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	Pts	PPGA	PIM	GWG	S%	SB	PPG	SHG	Sh	F	BS	BC
26	Rian Marques	F	20	28	21	49	2.5	18	2	.329	23	2	2	86	28	2	4
8	Zach Reget	F	23	26	16	42	1.8	2	0	.213	36	3	0	122	21	9	1
11	Lesia Thetsane	D	22	19	6	25	1.1	9	2	.358	18	0	0	53	15	30	2
7	Dominic Francis	F	22	19	5	24	1.1	5	1	.235	17	1	0	81	16	13	0
23	Ignacio Flores	D	20	11	13	24	1.2	4	2	.234	17	6	0	47	30	22	2
31	Christian Anderaos	M	19	12	9	21	1.1	9	3	.353	8	0	0	34	19	7	2
29	Michael Lenis	M	19	12	6	18	0.9	7	1	.218	15	0	0	55	34	19	1
6	Guerrero Pino	D	20	1	11	12	0.6	22	0	.083	2	0	0	12	30	28	5
10	Lucas Sousa	M	14	3	8	11	0.8	2	0	.086	13	0	0	35	20	7	3
17	Leonardo Acosta	M	11	4	5	9	0.8	2	0	.148	13	0	0	27	9	1	1
16	Henry Ramirez	M	18	1	7	8	0.4	7	0	.053	8	0	0	19	21	16	1
28	Marcel Berry	M	15	4	2	6	0.4	4	0	.286	2	0	0	14	17	7	2
80	David Stankovic	M	12	3	3	6	0.5	0	0	.214	4	0	0	14	9	10	0
4	Chad Vandegriffe	D	20	1	4	5	0.3	4	0	.125	1	0	0	8	21	63	2
48	Jacob Garza	F	9	3	0	3	0.3	0	0	.429	2	0	0	7	16	5	0
19	Ali Alomari	M	6	1	2	3	0.5	0	0	.091	6	0	0	11	6	2	0
45	Chase Peterson	D	7	0	2	2	0.3	0	0	.000	2	0	0	6	5	6	1
9	Junior Kazeem	F	7	1	0	1	0.1	0	0	.100	4	0	0	10	5	5	0
18	Nathan Durdle	D	8	1	0	1	0.1	0	0	.167	1	0	0	6	4	7	0
91	DeBray Hollimon	D	13	1	0	1	0.1	2	0	.143	1	0	0	7	8	27	1
12	Erik Pereira	D	1	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
27	Joe Wainwright	M	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

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1	Nicolau Neto	4	1	0	0	1	43	9	5.27	35	.814	0	102:27	5	0	0	0	1
99	Phillip Ejimadu	22	19	11	5	4	347	118	6.30	230	.663	0	1124:27	2	0	4	1	0

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PHIL SALVAGIO
Head Coach

Salvagio was born in New York, New York on 02/04/1971 and moved with his family to Florida in 1978. There he stayed and attended Bishop Borat High School. After graduation he attended Nova Southwestern University and in 1994 went on to graduate with a BS Accounting and Finance degree. That same year, he began playing professional soccer. He played two seasons with the Dayton Dynamo from Dayton Ohio (MPSL League), four seasons with the San Diego Sockers, one season with the Kansas City Attackers and one season with the Sacramento Knights. In 2008, Phil decided to restore the San Diego Sockers franchise after the prior league had folded in 2004 and engage not only as owner, but as Head Coach. In his initial four seasons on the bench, Phil captured four consecutive championships from 2009-13, earning Coach of the Year honors in 2010-11 and 2011-12. Salvagio was named MASL Coach of the Year in 2018-19 after guiding the club to a 23-1 mark. Now entering his fourteenth season, Salvagio has a lifetime record of 198-42-1 in the PASL/MASL regular season, and 32-12 in the playoffs. Phil is a co-founder of CaliFino Tequila, and enjoys boating and camping with his wife and three daughters.



CHIKY LUNA
General Manager/Assistant Coach

Luna was a four-time champion midfielder with the Sockers from 2009-16, before retiring and joining the front office as Director of Player Personnel, a job he has held for six seasons. He joined his longtime friend Salvagio on the bench full-time in 2019-20, and begins his third year as an assistant coach. Luna is also the co-owner and president of CaliFino Tequila



RENE ORTIZ
Assistant Coach

Ortiz has served double duty as the top assistant coach to Phil Salvagio for the Sockers, as well as the head coach for the club's developmental team, SDSockers2. In 2021-22, Ortiz was able to grasp the top trophy in both leagues, as SDSockers2 won the MASL2 championship, while the Sockers prevailed to take the Ron Newman Cup. It was Ortiz's third and fourth championship on the bench, having served as an assistant in 2020-21 for the Sockers, and as head coach for the 2018-19 M2 champion SDSockers2. A local product from the start, Ortiz won three championships playing for the Sockers from 1988-90. He also serves as the head coach of the Mexican Indoor National Soccer Team, where Ortiz led his side to the WMF World Cup championship in Perth, Australia in 2019.



PAUL WRIGHT
Assistant Coach

Sockers legend joins the coaching staff this season after a stellar playing career and one year as the head coach of the Empire Strykers. The London, England native played professionally in the WPSL, APSSL, MLS, MISL, WISL, CISL and PASL.



SEAN BOWERS
Team President



ALEX MONNAR
Manager



PAUL SAVAGE
Head Trainer



ANNEMARIE ALF
Sports Performance



JERRY MOSIER
Equipment Mgr



CRAIG ELSTEN
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#1 Chris Toth-GK

One of the most decorated goalkeepers in MASL history, Chris Toth returns home in 2025-26 to rejoin the team where he started his pro career, and where his father's jersey is retired in the rafters. Toth, 35, agreed to a three-year free agent contract to return to San Diego, where his father, Hall of Famer Zoltan Toth, asked to bring down his #1 from retirement for his son to wear. The five-time and back-to-back reigning MASL Goalkeeper of the Year, Toth, a Fallbrook native, spent the first eight seasons of his career with the Sockers, posting a 69-17 record between the PASL and MASL. He won his first two MASL Goalkeeper of the Year awards with the Sockers in 2016-17 and 2017-18, and was a three-time PASL champion. Toth begins his 17th season of professional soccer in 2025-26. He carries a 134-72 lifetime record through the PASL and MASL, and ranks third in MASL history with 107 wins. Toth is the MASL's all-time leader in saves (2,429), games played (186) and save percentage (.736). Chris spent the past two seasons with the Tacoma Stars, winning MASL Goalkeeper of the Year each season. He posted a 22-11-4 record with Tacoma and led the MASL with a .752 save percentage in 2024-25. Toth is one of two keepers in MASL history with over 10,000 career minutes, joining now-Sockers teammate Boris Pardo, and is the only player in league history to win Goalkeeper of the Year with three different teams (San Diego, Ontario, Tacoma). A native of San Diego who grew up in North County's Fallbrook, Toth has earned 104 caps as the starting goalkeeper for the U.S. Beach Soccer Men's National Team, including 11 World Cup appearances and nine times being named a Top 50 Global Beach Soccer Player. He has worked for thirteen seasons as the goalkeeper coach for the Cardiff Sockers program.



#2 Ben Ramin-D

Veteran defender Ben Ramin begins his tenth season in the MASL with a new three-year contract extension, signed before the start of the 2025-26 season. Ramin, 32, brings a strong stay-at-home presence to the San Diego back line, contributing a career-high 37 blocked shots during the 2024-25 season. He added three assists on offense while starting 17 matches for San Diego. Ramin is in his second tour of duty with the Sockers, having also played for the team during its 2021 COVID championship season. Ramin featured with the Milwaukee Wave for two seasons from 2022-24, and previously played five seasons in upstate New York, two for Syracuse and three for Utica City FC. The 6'2" defender has blocked 123 shots over his past four campaigns. A native of Baldwinsville, New York, Ramin played college soccer at Syracuse University and the University of New Hampshire.



#7 Felipe Gonzalez-M

36-year-old veteran midfielder Felipe Gonzalez has alternated between two constant states in his career: either performing as a key contributor to the San Diego Sockers' success, or watching from the sidelines as a player returning from injury. Gonzalez enters his tenth season in the MASL and ninth with the Sockers in 2025-26, hoping for a return to the field by midseason. After a three-season stretch of health from 2021-24 which saw Felipe play for two championships Sockers sides and appear in 54 matches, the 2024-25 campaign saw Gonzalez mostly shelved due to injury. He was held to three matches total in the regular season due to leg injuries, scoring two goals. In the previous three seasons, Felipe netted 28 goals with 17 assists, alternating between the midfield and the defensive back line. A star performer for the PASL and MASL Las Vegas Legends, Gonzalez joined the Sockers in 2016, and has appeared in 110 games over eight seasons, scoring 46 goals with 36 assists (82 points). In 2018-19, Felipe was on route to a career season, scoring seven goals in nine games, before being felled by an ACL tear on February 17, 2019 in Tacoma. In his 128-match MASL career, Gonzalez has accumulated 61 goals and 50 assists (111 points). Felipe is the twin brother of former Sockers player Juan Gonzalez. The twins are San Jose natives and make their offseason home in Northern California.



#8 Drew Ruggles-D

A MASL standout who has appeared in every season of the league's existence, defender Drew Ruggles is halfway through a four-year contract signed in San Diego prior to the 2023-24 season. The 33-year-old left-footer with a wicked shot and a calm presence on the ball, Ruggles appeared in all 24 regular season and five playoff matches for the Sockers in 2024-25, as the club pushed to the Finals of the Ron Newman Cup playoffs. Ruggles netted 12 goals with 6 assists on the campaign, and added four more goals in five playoff matches. In 2023-24, Ruggles adjusted to having less time on the ball than he had in previous stops, scoring eight goals with twelve points in 23 matches. The 2022-23 season saw Ruggles set a career-high with 18 goals scored and 40 blocked shots. The defender featured on the power play for the now-defunct Florida Tropics, scoring a career-high five power play goals. In the summer of 2023, Ruggles was part of the first-ever TST 7v7 tournament, helping win the million-dollar championship with Newton Pride FC and assisting on the tournament-winning "million-dollar goal" with a behind-the-back pass. During his time in Florida, Ruggles won MASL Defender of the Year in 2019-20, participated in the 2022 Ron Newman Cup Finals, and was part of the 2019-20 club that finished with the best record in the Eastern Conference. He's made nine playoff appearances in his previous eleven MASL campaigns, reaching four Ron Newman Cup Finals (2025, 2022, 2019, 2015). Ruggles was part of a Ron Newman Cup championship side in Milwaukee in 2018-19, one of four seasons spent with the Wave. He debuted in 2014-15 with the Baltimore Blast, also reaching the Finals. Drew has also been a starter for the past two WMF World Cup clubs for Team USA, appearing in Australia and the United Arab Emirates. He was part of the million-dollar winning team Newtown Pride FC at the inaugural TST 7-v-7 tournament in the summer of 2023, along with teammates Tavoy Morgan and Gabriel Costa. In his 197-match MASL career, Ruggles has scored (97-63=160) points, with 164 blocked shots. The Fayetteville, North Carolina native played collegiately at Georgia Southern before beginning his professional career outdoors with USL Championship sides Wilmington and Rochester, and USL League Two's Michigan Bucks. Drew lives in Vista with his wife Tristan and children Parker and Remy.



#9 Tavoy Morgan-F

The target forward in San Diego's offense, Tavoy Morgan is the player teammates are looking for to control the ball and turn it into an offensive chance. Entering his sixth year with the Sockers and eighth in the MASL, Morgan has led San Diego with 118 goals in the past five seasons, including 26 in each of the past two seasons. The 30-year-old scored (26-7=33) points during the 2024-25 regular season, adding three goals and three assists during the Ron Newman Cup playoffs over five matches. In 2023-24, Morgan added a career-high 22 assists to his 26 goals for a 48-point season. In the 2022-23 season, Morgan scored a team-high 24 goals along with 11 assists for a 35-point season. He netted four game-winning goals and four on the power play. In the summer of 2023, Morgan was part of the first-ever TST 7v7 tournament, helping win the million-dollar championship with Newton Pride FC. A member of the MASL Elite Six in 2021-22, Tavoy led the Sockers and finished second in the MASL with 39 goals. His 49 total points also led the Sockers and ranked third in the league. "The Bull" added seven goals in seven playoff matches, helping propel the Sockers to the Ron Newman Cup championship. Acquired in a loan from Harrisburg late in the COVID-impacted 2020-21 season, Morgan made an immediate impact on the Sockers' front line, scoring three goals in three games while adding an assist. Installed as the club's top forward during the Ron Newman Cup playoffs, Morgan featured in all seven playoff matches, scoring two goals with three assists as San Diego went 6-1 en route to the Ron Newman Cup championship. Tavoy's clutch contributions included a late fourth quarter game-tying goal in Game One of the opening round series against Tacoma, and two assists in Game One of the Ron Newman Cup Finals against Ontario. The Sockers formalized a permanent trade for Tavoy in the offseason. Morgan is in his fifth season in the MASL, having spent the first two years of his career with the Harrisburg Heat prior to last year's loan while Harrisburg was inactive. In 2019-20, Morgan (5'9", 180 lbs) featured in 13 games for the Heat, scoring (19-5=24) points, including four power play goals and two game-winning goals. In 2018-19, Morgan was named to the MASL All-Rookie team, accruing (23-10=33) points in 24 matches. In his 128-match MASL career, Morgan has produced (160-66-226) points. He previously appeared for the Elm City Express in the NPSL. A native of Spanish Town, Jamaica, Morgan owns a career .324 shooting percentage in the league.



#11 Leonardo de Oliveira-M

One of the great passers in MASL history, Leonardo de Oliveira "Leo" baffles opponents on both ends of the field with his slick footwork, vision and toughness on the ball. With 190 regular season assists in his career, Leo ranks fourth in MASL history, trailing only teammate Nick Perera (243), the retired Leo Gibson from Kansas City (225) and Milwaukee's Max Ferdinand (205). Leo ranks in the top-10 all-time in MASL history with 320 points (130 goals, 190 assists). Entering his 12th year in the league and eighth with the Sockers, Leo is coming off a season in which he finished second on the club with 19 assists, and tied for fourth with 23 points, while adding three goals and three assists in the Ron Newman Cup playoffs. In addition, he blocked a career-best 22 shots during the 2024-25 season, more than a quarter of his career total of 80. Injuries limited de Oliveira's contributions in 2023-24, when he was held to 13 regular season matches but scored (8-14=22) points. In 2022-23, Leo, 37, finished one point behind Kraig Chiles for the club lead with 40 points, and led San Diego with 27 assists, adding 12 blocks on defense. In 2021-22, Leo helped lead the Sockers to a second straight MASL championship while earning the league's Pass Master title with 33 assists. Despite leading the league in helpers and finishing tied for fifth with 46 points, Leo was a stunning omission from the league's two all-MASL squads. He let his performance do the talking in the Ron Newman Cup playoffs, battling through an ankle injury to net two goals and six assists in just three appearances. A scorer gifted with both skill and strength, de Oliveira helped lead the Sockers to the 2021 Ron Newman Cup championship, earning playoff MVP honors for his performance. After leading San Diego in the regular season with 15 points (7 goals, 8 assists) in 10 games, "Leo" opened the Sockers' playoff run with a three-assist match against Tacoma, and wrapped it up with three goals in the Ron Newman Cup Finals against Ontario. In 2019-20, Leo furthered his goal scoring prowess, netting 14 goals in 17 matches (14-9=23 points) while finishing third on the club in scoring. Acquired prior to the start of the 2018-19 season in a blockbuster trade with the Ontario Fury, de Oliveira finished third on the Sockers in scoring with (15-25=40) points in 23 games. Leo led the Sockers with 25 assists. Selected as a starter for Team Brazil at the 2019 WMF World Cup in Perth, Australia, de Oliveira helped power Brazil to the Grand Final, bowing only to the eventual champions from Mexico. Along the way, Leo scored a goal in a 2-0 win over Team USA (and Sockers goalkeeper Boris Pardo). In 179 career MASL contests with Detroit, Ontario, and San Diego, de Oliveira has accrued 130 goals and 190 assists (320 points), an average of 1.80 points per game. Born in Rio de Janeiro, Leo still makes his home in Brazil in the offseason.



#13 Sebastian Mendez-M

A rising young star in the MASL, midfielder Sebastian Mendez, 24, was acquired from the now-defunct Texas Outlaws in a preseason trade prior to the 2024-25 season. After an adjustment period to his new team, Mendez responded with a five-match goal-scoring streak from January 10th through the 25th. Overall, Mendez netted (14-6=20) points while playing in all 24 regular season matches for San Diego, and added two goals and an assist while starting five playoff matches. After the season, Mendez signed a four-year contract extension to stay in San Diego through the 2028-29 season. Entering his fifth MASL campaign, Mendez has recorded (76-38=114) points in 87 career matches. His career-best season came in 2022-23 for the Outlaws, scoring 27 goals with 41 points. Originally from Dallas, Texas, Mendez graduated from Adamson High School in Oak Cliff, Texas. During his senior year in 2018-2019, Mendez scored a total of 15 goals and 11 assists in four games. He went on to play collegiately at Paul Quinn College in Dallas. Mendez previously played for several teams in the Dallas area including, Añoranzas FC and Sporting United. He has also played in the United Premier League for teams such as D'Feeters Kicks Soccer Club, with teammate 2021-2022 Rookie of the Year Luiz Morales, and Foro 360. Mendez is also part of the US Men's Futsal National Team.



#TBA Nilton de Andrade - M

Nilton, who will turn 30 in March, is in his fourth season in the MASL. The high-scoring midfielder was a MASL All-Star in the 2024-25 season, when he tallied (25-9=34) points in 24 matches for Utica. The year prior, de Andrade logged a career-high (26-15=41) points in 21 matches played. This season, Nilton has been held to six matches total, posting (2-3=5) points and six blocked shots. For his career, de Andrade has scored (65-37=102) points in 74 matches, an average of 1.4 points-per-match. Born on the island of Fogo in Cape Verde, de Andrade moved to the United States, where, after two seasons at Newbury College, he transferred to UMass-Boston. He played three years at UMass-Boston, where he became the first player from the men's soccer program to be named a First-Team All-American, scoring 32 goals in 39 starts.



#18 Sean Callahan - D

A valued and trusted reserve who has excelled on Sockers-2 when the club has employed a junior team, defender Sean Callahan is a regular participant in club training, and is ready when healthy to take the jump back into the starting lineup as needed. Injuries troubled the 33-year-old defender in 2024-25, as he was held to two starts for the Sockers, contributing a blocked shot. In his best season, 2021-22, Callahan appeared in a career-high 15 regular-season matches, scoring a pair of goals. He added two critical assists in the club's run to the 2022 Ron Newman Cup in the playoffs, including the semifinal equalizer against Chihuahua. Callahan was a key member of the undefeated 2018-19 MASL2 champion Sockers2 squad, scoring (18-5=23) points in eleven matches. A San Diego native, Callahan went to Sonoma State University, playing for the Division II Seawolves men's soccer program.



#20 Gabriel Costa - D

Midfielder Gabriel Costa enters his fourth MASL season looking to take another step up into the elite ranks of scorers within the league. An undeniable talent on the ball who can dribble, pass and shoot with both feet equally, Costa won MASL Newcomer of the Year in 2022-23 with the Ontario Fury, posting career-bests in goals (18), assists (22) and points (40) in only 19 matches played. He subsequently signed a free-agent contract with the Sockers, and enters his third season in San Diego's midfield. In his first two campaigns with the Sockers, Costa has accrued 21 goals and 31 assists in 36 matches played. Costa led the Sockers with three goals and four assists in five matches during the 2025 Ron Newman Cup playoffs, helping the Sockers reach the Finals. For his 55-match MASL career to date, Costa is nearing the 100-point career mark with (39-53=92) points. Costa has played each of the last two offseasons in the Kings League. He teamed with Drew Ruggles and Tavoy Morgan as part of Newtown Pride FC in the of 2023 at the TST 7-v-7 tournament, winning the million dollar first-place prize live on national TV. Born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Costa moved to the United States as a teenager, and shined as a collegiate outdoor player, playing his freshman season at Azusa Pacific and his final three seasons at SMU. In 2021-22, Costa led the Mustangs with eight goals in 15 starts. Costa married in January of 2023 and lives in San Diego with his wife, Fran.



#21 Charlie Gonzalez-M

One of the top playmaking midfielders in league history, Juan Carlos "Charlie" Gonzalez looks to continue to build upon a terrific 2025 as he embarks on his eleventh season in the MASL. In 2024-25, Gonzalez earned all-MASL Second Team honors, leading the Sockers in scoring with (16-20=36) points in 22 matches played. Gonzalez had three game-winning goals for the Sockers, and crossed the career 300-point mark in the MASL (170-132=302) in his 186th game played. In the summer of 2025, Gonzalez was one of four Sockers to take home the TST 7v7 tournament championship as part of the club Bumpy Pitch FC. Charlie scored the "million-dollar goal" from midfield to clinch the tournament championship. In four seasons with the Sockers, Gonzalez has accrued (74-65=119) points, third-most on the team behind Tavoy Morgan (165) and Kraig Chiles (154). In 2023-24, Gonzalez continued his balanced production with (18-19=37) points in 20 matches, adding two goals and three assists in five playoff matches. Injuries limited Charlie's 2022-23 season in San Diego, restricting him to 18 appearances in the regular season. He still posted 17 goals and 10 assists in the regular season, then added a goal with four assists in five playoff appearances. Signed as a free agent in the 2021 offseason, Gonzalez finished tied-for-second on the club with 23 goals in the regular season, and was fifth on the club with 39 points. Charlie added eight points in the playoffs (3 goals, 5 assists), tied for third on the team. Gonzalez arrived from Ontario, where he was a consistent thorn in the side during his years with the Fury (now re-named Empire Strykers). A second-team all-MASL performer in the 2021 season, Gonzalez led the Ontario Fury offense with 11 goals and 14 assists (11-14=25 points) in ten regular-season games. Gonzalez powered the Fury to the Ron Newman Cup Finals with 5 goals and a team-high 11 assists (5-11=16 points) in six playoff appearances, leading the club in regular season and playoff scoring. Still the Fury's all-time leading scorer, Gonzalez has featured in 186 games over ten seasons overall, netting 170 goals with 132 assists (170-132=302 points). His career-high in points came in 2021-22 with 39, two more than his 2017-18 campaign with (24-13=37), matched in 2019-20 (20-17=37 points). However, the shortened 2021 campaign was Gonzalez's breakout season in terms of scoring average (2.5 ppg), and recognition. A member of the MASL All-Star team, Gonzalez scored two goals with an assist to help lead the West to victory. Charlie made his first international appearance as a pro in 2023, featuring for Team Mexico in the WMF World Cup, held in the United Arab Emirates. Born in Jalisco, Mexico but raised in Lancaster, California, Gonzalez attended Quartz Hill High School and Taft College before going on to play collegiately at Cal State San Bernardino. One of six siblings, Gonzalez played alongside his brother Jose on the Fury in 2020-21 and again in San Diego in 2021-22.



#23 Taylor Walter Bond-F

An indoor veteran who has been part of every season in Major Arena Soccer League history, Taylor Walter Bond returns to the Sockers on a new two-year contract extension which runs through the 2026-27 season. Bond begins his fifth season with San Diego, in his second tour of duty. Taylor played for the Sockers from 2018-21, helping the club win its first MASL championship in the COVID-shortened 2021 season. From 2021-23, Bond played for the now-defunct Florida Tropics, appearing in the 2022 Ron Newman Cup Finals, where Florida lost to San Diego. He played parts of two seasons in Utica before returning to the Sockers for the 2024-25 season, netting a goal with two assists in 13 matches played, while adding 25 fouls. Known for his grit, toughness, speed, physicality and a scorer's touch around the net, Bond has played in 178 matches in the MASL for seven teams (Chicago, Tacoma, Cedar Rapids, San Diego, Florida, Harrisburg, Utica), with career totals of 131 goals, 189 points and 206 fouls.

#25 Keko Gontán-F/M

Spanish veteran midfielder Sergio "Keko" Gontán Gallardo brings a wealth of high-level outdoor experience to the Sockers, and continues his indoor transition in 2025-26, his second season in San Diego. In 2024-25, Gontán appeared in 22 matches for the Sockers, netting nine goals with five assists (14 points). He scored a brace (two goals) twice against the Tacoma Stars, and had a career-high three-point match (goal, two assists) on January 20 at Empire. Gontán was born on December 27, 1991, in Madrid, Spain, and brings extensive experience across top European leagues. He began his professional career with Atlético Madrid, debuting in La Liga at just 17 years old. Over his career in Spain's top division, Keko made 250 appearances (caps) in La Liga, playing for notable clubs such as Málaga, Eibar, and Real Valladolid. Keko also gained experience in the 1st division in Italy before transitioning to the United States in 2022, where he joined Sacramento Republic FC in the USL Championship. He played a crucial role in the team's historic run to the U.S. Open Cup final, marking one of the competition's rare achievements for a lower-division team since MLS's inception in 1996. On the international stage, Keko represented Spain at multiple youth levels, including the 2008 UEFA European Under-17 Championship, where he scored in the final to help Spain clinch the title.



#27 Boris Pardo-G

The winningest goalkeeper in the history of the Major Arena Soccer League and a three-time MASL Goalkeeper of the Year, 41-year-old Boris Pardo has written his name alongside the great keepers in Sockers history. Pardo is the league's all-time leader in wins (138), 26 more than the second-place finisher Diego Reynoso (116), and holds a record of 114-20-5 in a San Diego uniform. He ranks second only to teammate Chris Toth in all-time appearances (183) and saves (1,961). During the 2024-25 season, Pardo became the first keeper in MASL history to play over 10,000 career minutes. Selected to the All-MASL Second Team, Pardo started 17 games for the Sockers, posting a 12-2 record and a league-leading 4.38 GAA. It was Boris' eighth straight season posting a GAA under 5.0. In 2023-24, Pardo went 14-4 in 19 starts with a 4.99 GAA. . Boris led the MASL in wins in 2022-23 with a 21-2 record, marking the third time in three full 24-match schedules where he reached the 20-win plateau. Pardo also led the league in goals-against average (3.80) while finishing fifth in save percentage (.726). In 2021-22, Pardo earned his second straight championship, while picking up his second career award as MASL Goalkeeper of the Year. He again led the MASL in wins (19) and goals-against-average (4.20), and his .731 save percentage ranked second in the league. Pardo was even better in the playoffs, starting all seven matches and posting a 6-0-1 record, 3.36 GAA and .767 SV%. The Game One starter for San Diego in the 2021 Ron Newman Cup playoffs, Pardo went a perfect 3-0 in his three starts, with a 3.57 goals-against average (GAA) and .707 save percentage (SV%). In seven regular season matches, Pardo posted a 4.17 GAA and .737 SV%, the second-best of his career. The 2019-20 campaign saw Pardo start 17 matches for San Diego, posting a record of 12-5-1 with a 4.90 goals-against average (GAA) and .690 save percentage (SV%). In 2018-19, Pardo earned MASL Goalkeeper of the Year honors, starting 23 games in goal and winning 22, with a career-best 22-1 record, 3.90 goals against average (GAA) and .737 save percentage (SV%). finished second in the league in goals against average, and fourth in save percentage. Including his three seasons in the MISL from 2010-13 to begin his career, Pardo has made 192 starts, fashioning a record of 141-42-7, and a .704 save percentage. Boris was selected to be the starting goalkeeper for Team USA in the 2019 WMF World Cup in Perth, Australia as well as the 2023 WMF World Cup in the United Arab Emirates. In his previous last chance to be a regular starter, Pardo fashioned a 16-3 season with the Missouri Comets in 2015-16, finishing as runner-up for league Goalkeeper of the Year. The New Jersey native starred in net for Seton Hall University, setting the school record for shutouts.



#29 Cesar Cerda-D

Sockers defensive captain Cesar Cerda enters his tenth season with the Sockers with a reputation as one of the toughest and most clutch performers in the MASL. Cerda, 32, was selected for the All-MASL First Team in 2024-25, setting career-highs with 33 blocked shots and eight carded fouls. While his physicality, outstanding field vision and ability to win balls out of tight positions all power Cerda's defensive prowess, he has the ability to perform on offense as well. While circumstance and a career-low .053 shooting percentage held Cerda to a single goal with eight assists in the 2024-25 season, he approached a career-high in 2023-24 with thirteen goals and 22 points. In the summer of 2025, Cerda was a member of Bumpy Pitch FC, the winning team at the TST 7v7 tournament in North Carolina, splitting a million-dollar prize purse. Cesar finished second among Sockers defenders in points scored in 2022-23 with (4-9=13), and added 20 blocked shots and a team-high 43 fouls to the defense. He was honored with Second Team All-MASL status for the season. In 2021-22, Cerda led club defenders with 31 fouls, adding (5-10=15) points and 20 blocked shots. Cerda added three goals, two assists, twelve fouls and nine blocked shots to the club's championship playoff efforts. Cesar delivered the biggest goal of the season in 2021, striking the Ron Newman Cup-winning blow in the final minute of Game Three of the Ron Newman Cup Finals against the Ontario Fury. Cerda's short-side goal on an assist from Kraig Chiles gave the Sockers a 2-1 match win, and a two-games-to-one series victory over the Fury. Cerda's scoring touch was on display in the regular season as well, netting six goals and three assists in nine games played. Cerda was named a MASL All-Star for his work in the 2019-20 season. Named an Honorable Mention to the All-MASL team, Cerda played in 20 matches for San Diego, netting (8-11=19) points while finishing fifth on the club in scoring. Cerda earned second-team all-MASL honors from the back line during the 2018-19 campaign, blocking 13 shots in 19 games while marking the opponent's top scorer game after game, and adding (7-8=15) points of offense. Cerda's knack for the dramatic was made evident with a golden goal in December, 2018 against the Monterrey Flash at Arena Monterrey, helping the Sockers to finish with a perfect 12-0 road record and the league's top record at 23-1. In three playoff matches, Cerda scored two goals with an assist and six blocks as the Sockers advanced to the Western Conference Final. Selected for Team Mexico in the 2019 WMF World Cup in Perth, Australia, Cerda helped power the tournament's top defense as Mexico went 7-0 to capture the World Cup. He repeated as a starter with Team Mexico in the 2023 WMF World Cup in the United Arab Emirates. The Saltillo native burst onto the PASL scene at age 19 in 2013-14 with 18-13=31 points in 16 games for the Rio Seco football club. In his 203-match MASL career, Cerda has produced 86 goals and 101 assists (86-101=187 points).



#31 Mitchell Cardenas-D

A trusted defender who is counted on to mark the top scorers in the league, Mitchell Cardenas, 34, is the veteran safety blanket every goalkeeper wants on his side. Entering his sixth season with the Sockers, Cardenas is expected to play over 30 minutes per match as the top on-ball defender, one of the highest totals on the club, while not putting his team in bad situations with cheap fouls or blue cards. His success is more reflected in team statistics than his own: in each of his five previous full seasons with San Diego, the Sockers have finished in the top-3 for fewest goals allowed, twice going under the 100-goal conceded mark. In 2024-25, Cardenas blocked 24 shots in 22 matches played, adding two goals and three assists on offense. Importantly, he was whistled for only four blue cards all season, leaving him available to man the back line of the San Diego penalty kill, which took the field a league-leading 38 times, only conceding nine power-play goals (third-best kill percentage in MASL at .763). In the summer of 2025, Cardenas was one of four Sockers who played for Bumpy Pitch FC at the annual TST 7v7 tournament in North Carolina, taking home his share of the million-dollar first-place prize. Mitchell posted consistently similar stats during the 2023-24 season, with 32 blocked shots, five points on offense (one goal, four assists) and only four cards for the year (three blue, one yellow). In 2022-23, Mitchell blocked 21 shots while adding a Sockers personal best (3-8=11) points on offense. Drawing into all 24 regular-season matches in 2021-22, Cardenas contributed (1-9=10) points and 21 blocked shots to the cause. In seven playoff matches, Cardenas led the Sockers in blocks with 18. A newcomer to the San Diego Sockers in 2021, Cardenas started all ten regular-season and seven postseason matches for the Sockers, delivering nine shot blocks in both segments of the campaign, while adding a regular-season goal and postseason assist. Cardenas played in Texas the past two MASL seasons, competing for the Mesquite Outlaws in 2019-20, and the Rio Grande Valley Barracudas in 2018-19. Exhibiting an offensive touch from the back line, Cardenas has netted 24 goals and 40 assists (24-40=64 points) in 141 career MASL matches. His best season came with RGV in 2018-19, when Cardenas accrued (10-9=19) points in 22 matches. In addition, Cardenas blocked 63 shots from 2018-20, including a career-high 34 with Mesquite in 2019-20. Mitchell playing for the Sockers extends a family tradition; his father Alejandro, played for Sockers II from 2001-2003.



Stefan Mijatovic-D

Mijatovic, 29, is in his eighth season in the MASL, and his first appearance for San Diego will mark the ninth team he has suited up for in the league. Stefan began the season with the Kansas City Comets, netting (2-6=8) points in five games before being given his release. He was signed by the Sockers prior to the February 26 MASL trade deadline, and has been a trialist at training for the past two weeks. A 2025 MASL All-Star, Mijatovic enjoyed his best success in 2023-24, when he totaled a career-best (16-17=33) points in 22 matches, split between Tacoma and Empire. Mijatovic has played for Team USA in the World Minifootball Federation (WMF) internationally, and has career totals of (45-42=87) points and 104 blocked shots in 93 career matches. Mijatovic was born in Halle an der Saale, Germany, and later attended York Community High School in Elmhurst, IL. He first entered the league with the Chicago Mustangs in 2016.



#33 Marcel Roknipour-M

Roknipour, 33, is a 6'2" forward with extensive outdoor club experience in the 2010s who is restarting his pro career indoors. Born in Tehran, Iran, Roknipour played for the Iranian Youth National Team from U14 through U17, also playing first division football in Costa Rica for Deportivo Saprissa and Belén FC. In the United States, Roknipour played three seasons with Orange County SC of USL Championship, recording a goal and an assist over sixteen appearances, as well as a goal in his lone playoff appearance. Going by the familiar name of "Marcel", Roknipour is also an accomplished musician whose work can be seen on his Instagram account: @marcelrokni



#37 Kraig Chiles-F

A six-time champion, three-time league MVP, three-time Finals MVP and the all-time leading scorer in franchise history, Kraig Chiles is a name forever to be associated with the success of the San Diego Sockers. Entering his 17th and final season as an active player, and 12th in the MASL, Chiles, 41, will begin a transition toward coaching in the 2025-26 campaign, limiting his on-field contributions to mostly set pieces and power plays. He enters his final season as an active player with his name all over the league record books, ranking third all-time in goals (302) and fourth all-time in points (464). He also ranks fourth all-time in MASL shots taken (979), and with 162 MASL assists is two assists away from moving into the top six in that category as well. Going back to the start of his indoor career in the Professional Arena Soccer League (PASL), the precursor to the MASL, Chiles has totaled 505 goals and 743 career points scored. He has added 44 goals in 46 career MASL playoff matches, including the 2022 Ron Newman Cup Finals MVP, when he scored nine goals in seven matches including the Finals-winning score in Game Two against Florida. Chiles twice won Finals MVP in the PASL, in 2011 and 2012.

Consistency and accuracy are hallmarks of Kraig Chiles' career. The forward has netted 20+ goals in fifteen consecutive full seasons (excluding the 2021 COVID MASL season, which only lasted ten matches), including (24-8=32) points in 21 regular season matches during the 2024-25 campaign. Chiles added three goals and two assists in the Ron Newman Cup Playoffs, helping lead the Sockers to the Finals against Chihuahua. In 2023-24, Chiles continued a later-career string of success with his third straight 40+ point season, netting (24-26=40) points in 21 matches played, and six playoff goals in six matches. Aging like a fine wine, the 39-year-old again led San Diego in scoring during the 2022-23 season, netting (21-20=41) points. The captain turned it on in the playoffs as he has throughout his career, leading the Sockers with eight goals and eleven points. Chiles "got his groove back" in 2021-22, adjusting perfectly to a role in which his overall playing time was reduced, but his offensive prowess and efficiency only rose. Chiles led the club in points-per-match at 2.3, scoring 22 goals with 19 assists (22-19=41 points) in just 18 matches. In the playoffs, Chiles led all scorers with nine goals and 14 points in seven matches, earning Ron Newman Cup playoff MVP. Chiles scored the match-winning goal in Match Two of the Ron Newman Cup Finals, as his long volley from beyond the yellow line gave the Sockers a 4-3 lead they would not relinquish. Along the way in 2021-22, Chiles scored his 600th career point between the PASL and MASL. Proving that it's not how you start, but how you finish, Chiles was limited to a career-low four games in the 2021 regular season, scoring four goals with two assists. In the Ron Newman Cup playoffs, Chiles netted three goals and two assists in six playoff games, but connected on the most important score of all, setting up Cesar Cerda's championship-winning goal against Ontario in the Ron Newman Cup Finals. The 2019-20 MASL season being cut short by the COVID pandemic ended some notable scoring streaks for Chiles. While he still led the team in goals and scoring (22-11=33 points in 19 matches), Chiles' ten-season streak of 28 or more goals scored came to an end. A first-team all-MASL selection in 2016-17, Chiles finished with 39 goals (4th in the MASL), and 12 assists for 51 points (4th). In 2016-17, he surpassed Sockers legend Branko Segota (298) as the all-time goal-scoring leader. In 2012-13 Chiles set new PASL records for goals (56) and points (72). Kraig was a starting forward for the U.S. Futsal National Team and is a star forward for the US National Indoor Team, which competed in the 2019 WMF World Cup in Perth, Australia. A San Diego native, the Poway High, and San Diego State University graduate started 59 straight games at SDSU and tallied 22 goals in three seasons from 2006-2008. He was drafted out of college by Chivas USA of MLS, playing one season with Chivas. Kraig, 41, and his wife Stacy have twin boys Brady & Austin and daughter Peyton. Kraig is the Director of Coaching for the San Diego Sockers Youth Club, covering most of North County San Diego.



#69 Luis "Peewee" Ortega-D

One of the hidden heroes of the San Diego Sockers, Luis "Peewee" Ortega is one of the club's most relied-upon clutch defenders and dirty-work guys. Recovering from a second career Achilles' tendon surgery, Ortega is unlikely to play in 2025-26 but continues to rehab in hopes of a return to the field soon. "Peewee" suffered the injury during the Ron Newman Cup Finals in 2025, bringing an end to a season in which he was held to nine regular-season games due to other physical concerns. Nonetheless, Ortega contributed four goals and three assists to the regular season, then added two more assists and four blocked shots in three playoff matches. The previous three seasons were the healthiest of "Peewee's" career, as he suited up for sixty total appearances between 2021-24. In 2023-24, Ortega blocked a career-best 27 shots in 20 matches, adding two goals and two assists. 2022-23 was one of the healthiest seasons of Ortega's career, appearing in 21 matches. Able to slide from defender to midfield as the need demanded, Peewee scored one goal with four assists on the season, adding in 12 blocked shots. He returned to the floor in 2021-22 after missing the entire previous season with an Achilles' tendon injury. A defender with toughness that belies his stature, "Peewee" netted a goal with three assists during 19 regular season matches, adding a goal in seven playoff appearances. In 2019-20, Ortega scored (6-7=13) points in 17 matches, and finished second on the club with 21 blocked shots. In 21 regular-season appearances during the 2018-19 season, "Peewee" showed his scoring talent from the back line, leading San Diego defenders with 10 goals (10-5=15 points). Ortega was selected to play for Team Mexico in the WMF World Cup in both 2019 and 2023, and helped lead the 2019 club to a perfect 7-0 record and a World Cup title, scoring four goals in the tournament. In ten MASL seasons with Chicago and San Diego, Ortega has netted (40-57=97) points in 156 games played. His top year came in 2013-14 with the PASL Chicago Mustangs, scoring 18-13=31 points. The 33-year-old defender is a Chicago, Illinois native. He had a prolific season with 2022-23 with Dallas, when he played 22 matches, scored (5-5=10) points and blocked 26 shots.



#77 Nick Perera-F

One of the greatest scorers in MASL history, 39-year-old Nick Perera has returned home to the San Diego Sockers for his third tour of duty, signing a one-year contract prior to the 2025-26 MASL season. Raised in San Diego--where his family and wife's family also lives--Perera, 39, begins his 17th year of professional indoor soccer and his third tour of duty with the Sockers. He has featured in all eleven previous MASL seasons and ranks as the league's all-time assists leader, with 243. Perera is a two-time MASL MVP, winning the award in 2018-19 with a (38-41=80) point season, and again in 2022-23 when he recorded a (33-37=70) point campaign. He is one of only five players in MASL history with over 400 points (240 goals, 243 assists, 483 points) and is in line to become the third MASL player to go over the 500-point career mark with 17+ points in 2025-26. Emerging from the San Diego Fusion professional indoor program, Perera joined the PASL San Diego Sockers as a rookie in 2010-11, helping the club win their second PASL North American Championship, including a goal scored in the league final. Perera moved on from there to join the MISL Milwaukee Wave from 2011-14, winning a championship with the Wave in 2011-12. After the MISL/PASL merger in 2014, Perera joined the San Diego Sockers for two seasons, scoring 40 goals with 36 assists over 36 matches played. After a lone season with the Ontario Fury in 2016-17, Perera played briefly for the Syracuse Silver Knights in 2017-18 before moving to Tacoma, where he would perform for the next eight seasons. In addition to being the star forward of the club, Perera also served as Tacoma Stars head coach from 2018-21. While in the Pacific Northwest, Perera also spent a season as the general manager of OL Reign in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) in 2022-23, during which the Reign captured the NWSL Shield for the league's top regular season record. Perera is a decorated member of the U.S. Beach Soccer Men's National Team, serving as the club's captain starting in 2014. He appeared in the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup in 2013, 2019 and 2021. He was selected to play in the 2024 World Cup but had to withdraw due to injury. Perera is the all-time leader for U.S. Beach Soccer in goals with 114, and ranks third all-time in appearances with 94.



#80 Luiz Morales-F

One of the rising young talents in the MASL, attacking midfielder Luiz Morales is now a huge part of the Sockers' present and future, agreeing to a five-year contract extension which will keep him in San Diego through the 2029-30 season. Morales, who turned 26 in October, came to the Sockers prior to the 2024-25 season in a trade with the Texas Outlaws along with fellow midfielder Sebastian Mendez. He made an immediate impression with seven goals in his first three matches played, including the overtime game-winner against Utica City FC in the first-ever home match at Frontwave Arena in Oceanside. For the 2024-25 season overall, Morales finished with (18-5=23) points in 16 matches played, adding four goals in five playoff matches to help the Sockers to the Ron Newman Cup Finals. In 66 career appearances over four seasons, Morales has netted 89 goals with 30 assists for 119 career points. Luiz was named MASL Newcomer of the Year after his rookie season with the Dallas Sidekicks, in which he scored 22 goals in 17 matches. Morales' career-high for goals is 26, set in the 2023-24 season with the Texas Outlaws. He is a standing member of the U.S. Futsal Men's National Team, and also appeared in the 2024-25 Kings League for Team USA in the KWC Nations competition, scoring five goals with an assist in three matches.



#91 Jesus Pacheco-M

Speedy midfielder Jesus Pacheco is back in Southern California, coming to the Sockers via a three-year MASL free agent deal which will keep him in San Diego through the 2027-28 campaign. Pacheco, 25, is coming off his best season in the MASL, starting 23 games for the Baltimore Blast and netting a career-high 16 goals with 12 assists (16-12=28 points). Both goals and assists were career-bests for Pacheco, as well as a total of four game-winning goals and sixteen blocked shots. 2024-25 completed a two-year run in Baltimore for Pacheco in which he totaled 24 goals and 41 points. Previously, the Sockers saw Pacheco regularly as a young player coming up with the Ontario Fury/Empire Strykers, where he performed from 2019-23. He appeared in a career-high 24 matches for the Strykers in 2022-23, scoring his previous best with 14 goals and 19 points. In his 121-match MASL career, Pacheco has totals of (53-36=89) points, 74 fouls and 58 blocked shots. A native of Northridge, California, Pacheco came up playing outdoor through Real So Cal Academy, where he was trained and coached by former Fury and USMNT player Jermaine Jones. He signed with the Fury at age 19.

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#96 Moustapha Gueye-D

Gueye, a 29-year-old dual citizen of the United States and Senegal, enters his fifth season in the Major Arena Soccer League (MASL). He played from 2021-25 for the Ontario Fury/Empire Strykers. After being selected sparingly as a forward in his first two seasons, Gueye converted to defender in 2023-24 and had his career-best campaign, starting 23 matches and scoring (7-11=18) points with 26 blocked shots. Gueye was held to 13 matches played in 2024-25, scoring (1-3=4) points from the back line with seven blocked shots. “Momo” brings size (6’2”), speed, and positional versatility to the Sockers, able to step into the defensive lines, or to serve as a defensive running forward. Born in Dakar, Senegal, Gueye’s family moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he attended Pike High School and Ancilla College, before transferring to Marymount California University in Palos Verdes, California. He has previously been selected for appearances with the United States Arena Soccer National Team.

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#19 Marcel Sanchez-M

Sanchez, 18, has been training with the Sockers on trial and has a chance to make his season debut once he returns from an injury taken during training. A graduate of the 619 Futsal program run by Sockers president Sean Bowers, Sanchez has featured at Del Norte High School and Miramar College, and excelled for his youth club City SC. He will wear jersey number 19 when he makes his debut.



#64 Nathaniel Linquist-GK

Linquist, 27, was born and raised in Uganda, attending high school in Kenya before moving to the United States with his family at age 18, settling in San Jose, California. The 6’2” goalkeeper played college soccer at Azusa Pacific University, compiling a 13-0-1 record with a 0.66 goals-against average and three clean sheets. He has previously played professionally outdoors with the Southern California Seahorses and Charlotte Eagles of USL League Two. In addition, Linquist is the CEO of Elysian Fitness, an online fitness coaching platform. He also operates MUNGU Academy, a non-profit working to benefit Ugandan soccer youth.



Matthew Hurlow-D

Hurlow, 31, is an Escondido native who will bring size to the back line with his 6’3”, 190 pound frame. At Escondido High School, Hurlow was a two-time First Team All-Avocado League East selection. Hurlow went on to Chico State University, where was a four-year starter and team captain. He set the record for fastest goal scored in school history (eight seconds into the match), and scored 27 goals in his college career. In 2018, Hurlow played for Phoenix Rising FC of the USL Championship league, playing alongside Didier Drogba, Omar Bravo and Shaun Wright-Phillips, scoring two goals in eight appearances. Hurlow has also been on trial appearances with JK Narva in Estonia, and Boden FC in Sweden. The longtime forward is converting to a defender indoors.

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MATCH 1

11/28 v EMP // 5-4 OTL // 0-0-1,1

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Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
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Strykers 11 6 5 1 1 24

Sockets 3 10 7 7 1 28

Team Stats	Strykers	Sockets
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Shots 24 28

Shots On Goal 24 28

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 11 8

Power Plays 0 / 2 0 / 1

Power Play % .000 .000

Penalty Minutes 2 4

Fouls 28 28

MATCH 2

12/7 v MKE // 8-4 L // 0-1-1,1

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Wave 1 4 0 3 8

Sockets 2 2 0 0 4

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Wave 5 6 4 8 23

Sockets 4 10 4 6 24

Team Stats	Wave	Sockets
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Shots 23 24

Shots On Goal 23 24

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 10 2

Power Plays 1 / 3 1 / 1

Power Play % .333 1.000

Penalty Minutes 2 6

Fouls 16 11

MATCH 3

12/12 @ EMP // 6-3 W // 1-1-1,4

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Sockets 1 0 1 4 6

Strykers 1 0 0 2 3

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Sockets 6 12 4 4 26

Strykers 6 5 6 6 23

Team Stats	Sockets	Strykers
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Shots 26 23

Shots On Goal 26 23

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 6 8

Power Plays 0 / 0 0 / 2

Power Play % .000 .000

Penalty Minutes 14 0

Fouls 18 11

MATCH 4

12/30 v TAC // 8-0 W // 2-1-1,7

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Stars 0 0 0 0 0

Sockets 3 3 1 1 8

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Stars 2 5 6 5 18

Sockets 4 7 2 4 17

Team Stats	Stars	Sockets
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Shots 18 17

Shots On Goal 18 17

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 3 8

Power Plays 0 / 2 1 / 2

Power Play % .000 .500

Penalty Minutes 4 2

Fouls 7 14

MATCH 5

1/3 v EMP // 4-3 W // 3-1-1,10

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Strykers 0 2 1 0 3

Sockets 2 0 1 1 4

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Strykers 4 6 1 4 15

Sockets 9 3 5 4 21

Team Stats	Strykers	Sockets
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Shots 15 21

Shots On Goal 15 21

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 5 6

Power Plays 0 / 2 0 / 2

Power Play % .000 .000

Penalty Minutes 0 9

Fouls 20 20

MATCH 6

1/4 @ TAC // 5-4 L // 3-2-1,10

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Sockets 1 1 1 1 4

Stars 1 1 1 2 5

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Sockets 4 8 6 11 29

Stars 3 8 2 8 21

Team Stats	Sockets	Stars
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Shots 29 21

Shots On Goal 29 21

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 5 10

Power Plays 0 / 2 0 / 2

Power Play % .000 .000

Penalty Minutes 4 4

Fouls 5 12

SAN DIEGO SOCKERS 2025/26 MATCHDAY GUIDE - SEASON BOXSCORES

MATCH 7

1/10 @ BAL // 9-6 W // 4-2-1, 13

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	0	2	3	4	9
Blast	0	3	1	2	6

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	3	8	9	9	29
Blast	11	9	10	8	38

Team Stats	Sockets	Blast
Shots	29	38
Shots On Goal	29	38
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	14	12
Power Plays	0 / 3	0 / 1
Power Play %	.000	.000
Penalty Minutes	7	7
Fouls	7	10

MATCH 8

1/11 @ UCFC // 4-3 W // 5-2-1, 16

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	0	2	2	0	4
UCFC	0	3	0	0	3

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	2	7	9	2	20
UCFC	4	11	5	8	28

Team Stats	Sockets	UCFC
Shots	20	28
Shots On Goal	20	28
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	8	6
Power Plays	0 / 1	1 / 2
Power Play %	.000	.500
Penalty Minutes	4	2
Fouls	10	10

MATCH 9

1/17 @ MKE // 10-5 L // 5-3-1, 16

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	1	2	1	1	5
Wave	2	3	2	3	10

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	7	8	9	12	36
Wave	9	6	7	8	30

Team Stats	Sockets	Wave
Shots	36	30
Shots On Goal	36	30
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	8	15
Power Plays	0 / 1	0 / 1
Power Play %	.000	.000
Penalty Minutes	2	2
Fouls	12	11

MATCH 10

1/22 @ EMP // 9-5 L // 5-4-1, 16

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	2	1	0	2	5
Strykers	2	1	1	5	9

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	4	4	1	13	22
Strykers	6	7	4	9	26

Team Stats	Sockets	Strykers
Shots	22	26
Shots On Goal	22	26
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	8	8
Power Plays	0 / 1	0 / 0
Power Play %	.000	.000
Penalty Minutes	5	7
Fouls	13	11

MATCH 11

1/24 @ BLT // 10-5 L // 6-4-1, 19

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	5	2	1	2	10
Blast	2	2	1	0	5

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	14	12	5	5	36
Blast	12	15	10	8	45

Team Stats	Sockets	Blast
Shots	36	45
Shots On Goal	36	45
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	18	15
Power Plays	2 / 2	0 / 1
Power Play %	1.000	.000
Penalty Minutes	12	4
Fouls	15	9

MATCH 12

2/1 v TAC // 7-6 W // 7-4-1, 21

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
Stars	1	2	3	0	0	6
Sockets	2	1	2	1	1	7

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
Stars	4	6	6	5	0	21
Sockets	7	12	5	5	1	30

Team Stats	Stars	Sockets
Shots	21	30
Shots On Goal	21	30
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	10	4
Power Plays	0 / 1	0 / 1
Power Play %	.000	.000
Penalty Minutes	5	2
Fouls	19	12

SAN DIEGO SOCKERS 2025/26 MATCHDAY GUIDE - SEASON BOXSCORES

MATCH 13

2/7 v UCFC // 11-4 W // 8-4-1, 24

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
UCFC	1	0	2	1	4
Sockets	3	1	4	3	11

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
UCFC	8	2	5	7	22
Sockets	11	4	10	8	33

Team Stats	UCFC	Sockets
Shots	22	33
Shots On Goal	22	33
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	7	6
Power Plays	0 / 1	0 / 3
Power Play %	.000	.000
Penalty Minutes	6	2
Fouls	19	14

MATCH 14

2/14 @ KC // 7-6 (2-1) SOW // 9-4-1, 26

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	SO	T
Sockets	1	1	1	3	0	1 (2-2)	7
Comets	1	2	2	1	0	0 (1-3)	6

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
Sockets	10	16	10	7	5	49
Comets	9	8	9	7	5	38

Team Stats	Sockets	Comets
Shots	49	38
Shots On Goal	49	38
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	14	22
Power Plays	1 / 3	1 / 4
Power Play %	.333	.250
Penalty Minutes	8	11
Fouls	13	17

MATCH 15

2/15 v EMP // 5-4 (OT) // 9-4-2, 27

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
Strykers	1	1	1	1	1	5
Sockets	0	0	2	2	0	4

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
Strykers	3	3	3	2	2	13
Sockets	2	10	6	9	1	28

Team Stats	Strykers	Sockets
Shots	13	28
Shots On Goal	13	28
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	11	2
Power Plays	0 / 3	1 / 3
Power Play %	.000	.333
Penalty Minutes	9	19
Fouls	22	21

MATCH 16

2/21 @ TAC // 5-2 W // 10-4-2, 30

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	0	2	1	2	5
Stars	0	1	0	1	2

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	6	9	6	2	23
Stars	2	2	7	4	15

Team Stats	Sockets	Stars
Shots	23	15
Shots On Goal	23	15
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	1	6
Power Plays	0 / 3	0 / 0
Power Play %	.000	.000
Penalty Minutes	5	2
Fouls	9	8

MATCH 17

2/27 v TAC // 11-5 W // 11-4-2, 33

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Stars	2	0	3	0	5
Sockets	1	4	2	4	11

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Stars	4	5	8	7	24
Sockets	3	5	5	4	17

Team Stats	Stars	Sockets
Shots	24	17
Shots On Goal	24	17
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	3	6
Power Plays	0 / 1	2 / 2
Power Play %	.000	1.000
Penalty Minutes	4	2
Fouls	10	13

MATCH 18

3/5 @ EMP // 4-0 W // 12-4-2, 36

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	0	1	2	1	4
Strykers	0	0	0	0	0

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Sockets	3	8	4	7	22
Strykers	2	5	7	9	23

Team Stats	Sockets	Strykers
Shots	22	23
Shots On Goal	22	23
Shots Missed	0	0
Blocked Shots	9	9
Power Plays	0 / 3	0 / 1
Power Play %	.000	.000
Penalty Minutes	2	4
Fouls	13	14

SAN DIEGO SOCKERS 2025/26 MATCHDAY GUIDE - SEASON BOXSCORES

MATCH 19

2/7 v BLT // 5-4 L // 12-5-2, 36

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Blast 0 0 1 4 5

Sockers 2 1 0 1 4

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Blast 1 4 7 9 21

Sockers 7 2 0 3 12

Team Stats	Blast	Sockers
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Shots 21 12

Shots On Goal 21 12

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 3 4

Power Plays 0 / 3 0 / 0

Power Play % .000 .000

Penalty Minutes 0 4

Fouls 13 5

MATCH 20

3/14 @ KC // 6-5 OTW // 13-5-2, 38

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
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Sockers 2 0 2 1 1 6

Comets 0 0 4 1 0 5

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
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Sockers 11 8 11 11 5 46

Comets 5 10 7 6 0 28

Team Stats	Sockers	Comets
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Shots 46 28

Shots On Goal 46 28

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 9 17

Power Plays 0 / 2 0 / 1

Power Play % .000 .000

Penalty Minutes 12 9

Fouls 20 12

MATCH 21

3/15 v KC // 8-6 L // 13-6-2, 38

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Comets 2 2 3 1 8

Sockers 1 1 1 3 6

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
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Comets 6 4 10 1 21

Sockers 7 13 5 6 31

Team Stats	Comets	Sockers
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Shots 21 31

Shots On Goal 21 31

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 11 6

Power Plays 2 / 2 1 / 2

Power Play % 1.000 .500

Penalty Minutes 4 4

Fouls 18 20

MATCH 22

3/22 // vSTL 5-4 OTW // 14-6-2, 40

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
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Ambush 1 2 1 0 0 4

Sockers 1 0 1 2 1 5

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
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Ambush 5 5 3 8 1 22

Sockers 5 10 4 9 1 29

Team Stats	Ambush	Sockers
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Shots 22 29

Shots On Goal 22 29

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 12 4

Power Plays 0 / 2 0 / 1

Power Play % .000 .000

Penalty Minutes 7 2

Fouls 16 16

MATCH 23

3/27 // @KC 11-10 OTW // 15-6-2, 42

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
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Sockers 2 3 3 2 1 11

Comets 2 5 2 1 0 10

Shots	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
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Sockers 9 10 10 12 6 47

Comets 12 11 11 6 1 41

Team Stats	Sockers	Comets
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Shots 47 41

Shots On Goal 47 41

Shots Missed 0 0

Blocked Shots 12 19

Power Plays 0 / 0 2 / 2

Power Play % .000 1.000

Penalty Minutes 2 0

Fouls 11 10

SAN DIEGO SOCKERS 2025/26 MATCHDAY GUIDE - CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY



The San Diego Sockers are the proud caretakers of the greatest legacy in our city's sporting history. The winners of sixteen professional indoor soccer championships, the Sockers' pedigree of excellence spans from a 1978 debut in the NASL through the MISL, MSL, PASL, and now the Major Arena Soccer League (MASL).

Great players and big personalities have marked the Sockers' franchise history. Legends from the 1980s, such as Juli Vee and Brian Quinn, remain household names in San Diego decades later. U.S. Soccer captain Landon Donovan played for the Sockers in 2018-19. Current stars such as club all-time goal scorer Kraig Chiles, Boris Pardo, Tavoy Morgan, Cesar Cerda, and Gabriel Costa continue the legacy of superstar talent.

The Sockers captured ten championships in eleven years during the '80s and '90s and four straight from 2009-12. From 2011-2013, the club set the United States professional team sports record with 48 consecutive wins, a record that still stands today. In 2022, the Sockers won back-to-back Major Arena Soccer League championships, adding their sixteenth star to a constellation of success. Heading into a new arena in 2023, the Sockers are well-positioned to remain at the forefront of their sport, on and off the field.

9 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2021-22 MASL Western, Salvagio
1990-91 MISL Western, Newman
1989-90 MISL Western, Newman
1988-89 MISL Western, Newman
1987-88 MISL Western, Newman
1985-86 MISL Western, Newman
1984-85 MISL Western, Newman
1982-83 MISL Western, Newman
1981-82 NASL National, Newman
Key: Year, League, Coach

18 INDOOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

2023-24 MASL Western, Salvagio
2021-22 MASL Western, Salvagio
2018-19 MASL Pacific, Salvagio
2017-18 MASL Pacific, Salvagio
2016-17 MASL Pacific, Salvagio
2012-13 PASL Western, Salvagio
2011-12 PASL Western, Salvagio
2010-11 PASL-PRO Western, Salvagio
2009-10 PASL-PRO Western, Salvagio
2001 WISL Regular Season, Quinn
1996 CISL Western, Quinn
1991-92 MISL Regular Season, Newman
1990-91 MISL Western, Newman
1987-88 MISL Western, Newman
1985-86 MISL Western, Newman
1984-85 MISL Western, Newman
1982-83 MISL Western, Newman
1981-82 NASL Western, Newman



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**RON NEWMAN - HEAD COACH**

Newman became the coach of the Sockers for the 1980 NASL outdoor season. During his tenure, the Sockers won 10 championships including NASL indoor titles in 1981-82 and 1983-84, and MISL titles in 1982-83 and seven of the next eight seasons, missing out only in 1986-87. He leads the team in career wins and championships.

22- JULI VEEE - FORWARD

Veev scored 367 goals and recorded 337 assists in his 430-game career with the Los Angeles Aztecs, San Jose Earthquakes, San Diego Sockers, New York Arrows and Las Vegas Americans. He began playing during the 1975 season and last took the pitch during the 1987 campaign.

15- JEAN WILLRICH - MIDFIELDER

Willrich scored 211 goals and recorded 276 assists in his 507-game career with the San Diego Sockers and Wichita Wings. He began playing during the 1978 season and last took the pitch during the 1988 campaign.

14- BRIAN QUINN - MIDFIELDER

Quinn scored 148 goals and recorded 246 assists in his 410-game career with the Montreal Manic, Los Angeles Aztecs and San Diego Sockers. He played from 1981- 1991. He was also the coach of the team in the mid-2000s.

12- KEVIN CROW - DEFENDER

Crow scored 88 goals and recorded 100 assists in his 485-game career with the San Diego Sockers. He began playing during the 1983 season and last took the pitch during the 1996 campaign. He was elected to the US National Soccer Hall Of Fame in October 2025.

10- KAZ DEYNA - MIDFIELDER

Deyna scored 162 goals and recorded 155 assists in his 259-game career with the San Diego Sockers. He began playing during the 1981 season and last took the pitch during the 1986 campaign.

3 - PAUL WRIGHT- FORWARD

Wright scored 435 goals and recorded 421 assists in his 603-game career with the Sockers, Cleveland Crunch, Milwaukee Wave, Baltimore Spirit, Wichita Wings, Sacramento Knights, Baltimore Blast, Anaheim Bolts, and outdoors in the MLS with Kansas City. He began playing during the 1988 season and last took the pitch during the 2012 campaign.

1- ZOLTAN TOTTH - GOALKEEPER

Totth joined the NASL Sockers in 1984 from the MISL New York Arrows. He remained with the Sockers through the 1989-1990 season. He was part of seven championships and was selected as the MISL Goalkeeper of the Decade for the 1980s. He holds the league record for wins and goals-against average.

[**VIEW RETIRED NUMBERS**](#)



The San Diego Sockers congratulate one of the greatest to ever put on their uniform, defender Kevin Crow, for his election to the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Elected on the Veteran Ballot, Crow will enter the National Soccer Hall of Fame in Frisco, Texas, in a ceremony set for May 1, 2026.

A two-time collegiate All-American at San Diego State, Kevin Crow spent his entire 14-year professional soccer career with the San Diego Sockers, performing both outdoors and indoors while the club was part of the North American Soccer League (NASL). He won eight championships indoors with the Sockers, claiming the final NASL indoor title in 1984, before starring for the MISL side that won seven championships in eight years from 1985-92. During that time span, Crow was named MISL Defender of the Year five times, and to the All-MISL First Team six times. By the time Crow retired after the 1996 CISL season, he had totaled 83 goals and 93 assists in 433 indoor matches, adding 26 goals and 33 assists in 118 playoff contests.

“We couldn’t be happier or prouder as an organization to see Kevin Crow take his rightful spot in the National Soccer Hall of Fame,” said Sockers owner and head coach Phil Salvagio, “I had the pleasure of playing with Kevin toward the end of his career and know the outstanding player and person. We are thrilled to celebrate his election.”

Crow has had his number 12 long-retired by the Sockers organization decades ago, and the club will celebrate his election to the NSHOF at a to-be-determined home match during the 2025-26 season.

In addition to his outstanding indoor career, Kevin Crow made 12 appearances for the U.S. Men’s National Team, and played in the 1984 and 1988 Summer Olympic Games. Now serving as the technical director for the Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club, the 64-year-old Crow has returned to Sockers alumni nights the past two seasons.

[**VIEW NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME**](#)

[**VIEW KEVIN CROW STATISTICS**](#)

SOCKERS “W” WOMENS TEAM ANNOUNCED

The San Diego Sockers are proud to announce the launch of Sockers W, a new women’s indoor professional team that will begin play this month with the goal of joining the Major Arena Soccer League Women’s (MASL W) in the 2026-27 season. The club’s formation is underway with tryouts taking place this Sunday at Frontwave Arena, and Sockers W will play two exhibition matches against their partners to the north, Strykers W out of Ontario, on March 22 and March 29.

The Sockers W soccer operations will be led by former indoor and outdoor legend Paul Wright, who will serve as technical director. Wright has decades of experience teaching both girls and boys the key skills to develop better soccer, fitness, and speed technique through his Speed to Burn Academy in North County San Diego. Wright will be joined by two former Sockers greats, Brian Farber and Eduardo Velez, on the technical staff, while the operation is overseen by Frontwave Arena Executive VP in charge of sports, Sean Bowers.

“San Diego has the most talented soccer players around, so we expect to be able to build a competitive team,” said Wright.

SOCKERS W WIN INAUGURAL MATCH 5-1

The San Diego Sockers W women’s team defeated the Empire Strykers Women 5-1 in its inaugural match in front of an electric crowd of just over 1,000 fans at Frontwave Arena on Sunday afternoon. The exhibition game, which featured four 12-minute running quarters, is part of a two-game series between the clubs to test the market for potentially securing a MASL-W franchise for the 2026-27 season.

Both sides created early chances in the first quarter, but strong defensive plays and key saves from Sockers W goalkeeper Maria Gabriella Cordero kept the match scoreless. The Strykers struck first, as Kassi Massey-Ortega derived a precise pass of the right-side wall to Jennifer Reyes, who finished with a one-touch goal at 9:22 of the first.

After a scoreless second quarter, Empire took a 1-0 lead into halftime.

The Sockers W were a different team in the third quarter. Players, who fed off the home crowd’s energy, seemed to find themselves and responded by playing much better. Grace Thao has the honor of scoring the first-ever Sockers W goal as she buried a shot into the upper right corner off a set-piece assist from Ashley Utrilla to level the match at the 5:35 mark. Moments later, Utrilla connected again-this time playing a pass off the end boards to Sarah Funk, who converted a one-touch finish inside the box to give the Sockers a 2-1 lead.

San Diego took full control in the fourth quarter, pouring in three goals to put the game out of reach. Sarah Funk added a tap-in marker off a set-piece; Abby Dillon capitalized on a rebound from a long-range effort, and Thao capped the night with a steal and a composed finish past the goalkeeper for her brace on the day.

Cordero made 12 saves, with some being of the spectacular variety, to earn the win in goal.

Thao was named Player of the Match for her two-goal performance.

“Oh my gosh, like, we made history. It was so amazing,” said co-head coach Paul Wright. “The talent on the field, the energy from the fans, the energy from the players...yeah, it couldn’t have gone better.”

The teams meet on Sunday in Ontario at Toyota Arena to conclude the series.



Visit the Sockers W site for roster & bios



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**MAJOR ARENA SOCCER LEAGUE**

The Major Arena Soccer League represents the highest level of professional indoor soccer in the world. The MASL features teams across North America, with teams playing coast-to-coast in the United States and Mexico, and players from over 50 countries. The MASL is currently incorporated as a 501(c)6 not-for-profit corporation formed to promote the business and sport of indoor soccer.

Milwaukee Wave

UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena
200' x 85'
1984-85

Utica City FC

Founded as Syracuse Silver Knights)
Adirondack Bank Center
195'x85'
2011-12

Baltimore Blast

SECU Arena
150' x 85'
1992-93

Empire Strykers

Toyota Arena
200' x 85'
2013-14

San Diego Sockers

Frontwave Arena 200' x 85'
2009-10

St. Louis Ambush

The Family Arena
200' x 85'
2013-14

Kansas City Comets

Cable Dahmer Arena
200' x 85'
2010-11

Tacoma Stars

accesso ShoWare Center
200' x 80'
2010-11

KEY*Team**Venue**Field Dimensions**Year Founded*



BROADCAST PARTNER

The Major Arena Soccer League is proud to be returning to CBS Sports Golazo Network for select games throughout the 2025-26 season.

CBS Sports Golazo Network, the 24-hour soccer streaming network, is scheduled to exclusively carry 18 games.

CBS Sports Golazo Network is available free on connected TVs, mobile devices and desktop, including through the CBS Sports app, Pluto TV, The Roku Channel, on CBSSports.com, as well as on Paramount+. The Network brings fans action from top domestic and international leagues across the men's and women's game.

The MASL first appeared on CBS Sports Golazo Network on Sunday, March 17, 2024 when the Empire Strykers hosted in-state rivals, the San Diego Sockers. The partnership continued throughout the remainder of the 2023-24 season, including an exciting English-language broadcast of the 2024 MASL Ron Newman Cup Finals live from Chihuahua, Mexico.

The current MASL schedule on CBS Sports Golazo Network is as follows; changes may apply. All Times PT

- Friday, November 28, 2025 3:05 PM, Kansas City St. Louis
- Friday, November 28, 2025 7:30 PM, Empire v San Diego**
- Friday, December 12, 2025 5:05 PM, Milwaukee v Kansas City
- Friday, December 12, 2025 7:05 PM, San Diego v Empire**
- Friday, December 19, 2025 4:35 PM, Baltimore v Milwaukee
- Friday, December 19, 2025 7:05 PM, St. Louis v Empire
- Tuesday, December 30, 2025 7:00 PM, Tacoma v San Diego**
- Wednesday, December 31, 2025 1:05 PM, Kansas City v St. Louis
- Friday, January 16, 2026 5:05 PM, Empire v St. Louis
- Monday, January 19, 2026 12:00 PM, Baltimore v Utica
- Friday, January 30, 2026 5:05 PM, Empire v Kansas City
- Monday, February 16, 2026 6:35 PM, Milwaukee v Empire
- Friday, February 27, 2026 7:30 PM, Tacoma v San Diego**
- Friday, February 27, 2026 5:05 PM, Baltimore v St. Louis
- Friday, March 6, 2026 4:30 PM, Utica v Baltimore
- Friday, March 6, 2026 7:05 PM, Kansas City Tacoma
- Friday, March 20, 2026 4:35 PM, Utica v Milwaukee
- Friday, March 27, 2026 5:05 PM, San Diego v Kansas City**

SAN DIEGO SOCKERS 2025/26 MATCHDAY GUIDE - MASL RON NEWMAN CUP

The Major Arena Soccer League has announced the 2026 Ron Newman Cup Playoff format. The season, consisting of eight teams in a single table, kicks off Friday, November 28, 2025, with the final regular season game on Sunday, March 29, 2026.

The top six teams in the table will qualify for the 2026 Ron Newman Cup Playoffs. The top two teams will each receive a first-round bye.

Playoff Format

Top six teams will qualify for the 2026 MASL playoffs based upon total points at the conclusion of the 2025-26 MASL regular season.

Teams will be seeded 1-6 based upon total points and will continue to have that seed throughout the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals.

Quarterfinals

Each quarterfinal and semifinal series will play a home and home series with a third game played as a knockout game if tied one win each at the end of the second game.

#4 Seed v #5 Seed

#3 Seed v #6 Seed

Semifinals

#1 Seed vs Winner #4 v #5

#2 Seed vs Winner #3 vs #6

MASL Ron Newman Cup Championship Series

This will be a best of three series with the two winning Semifinal teams. Once qualified, the teams will decide with the league office on a full Game 3 (if needed) based on available arena dates. If the dates are not available and teams do not agree, the series would then move to a Knockout game (Game 3) if tied in the series after Game 2, to be determined prior to the start of the series.

MASL Shield

The MASL Shield will be awarded to the team with the highest total number of points during the 2025-26 MASL Regular Season.

MASL Points System

Standings will be based on a 3-2-1 point system. A team winning in regulation time will receive three points in the standings, while the losing team will receive none. For an overtime or shoot-out win, a team will be awarded two points and a single point will go to the losing team.

The following points system and guidelines will be used to implement MASL tiebreakers for all ties involving two or more teams:

The total number of points accumulated by a team will determine their ranking in the standings. Should teams be tied at the end of the regular season, the following tiebreakers will determine the order of finish:

1. Wins in regulation time
2. Total number of wins
3. Head to Head results
4. Goal differential
5. Goals scored
6. Goals allowed

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