

PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC (8-10-11) vs. BIRMINGHAM LEGION FC (12-12-5)

Saturday, Sept. 28 >> 7 p.m. ET >> Highmark Stadium >> Pittsburgh, Pa.
TV: KDKA+ >> Streaming: KDKA (local); ESPN+ (national)

INSIDE THE MATCH



PITTSBURGH BIRMINGHAM

8-10-11	Record	12-12-5
11th	Conference Standing	5th
2-1-2	Last Five	2-3-0
L1	Streak	W1
Bob Lilley	Head Coach	Tom Soehn
@RiverhoundsSC	Twitter	@bhmlegion

All-Time Head-to-Head	6-1-2
Referee	Elvis Osmanovic
Assistant referees	Robert Cordrey, Juan Pablo Casas
Fourth official	Atahan Yaya
Hounds injuries/inactives	None

STAT COMPARISON

Hounds	Category	Birmingham
1.03	Scoring Average	1.17
0.93	Opponent Scoring Average	1.41
30	Goals Scored	34
27	Goals Allowed	41
+3	Goal Differential	-7
8.07	Shots/Game (excl. blocked)	9.90
3.79	SOG/Game	4.38
46%	Average possession	49%
51	Yellow Cards	61
3	Red Cards	1

TEAM LEADERS

Hounds	Category	Birmingham
Edward Kizza, 7	Goals	Stefano Pinho, 7
L.Blackstock/B.Sample, 3	Assists	Dawson McCartney, 6
Edward Kizza, 15	Points	Stefano Pinho, 15
Edward Kizza, 36	Shots	Enzo Martinez, 37
Danny Griffin, 2,352	Minutes	Enzo Martinez, 2,604
Illal Osumanu, 10	Yellow Cards	Kobe Hernandez-Foster, 8
Three tied, 1	Red Cards	Alex Crognale, 1
Eric Dick, 0.77	GAA	Matt Van Oekel, 1.30
Eric Dick, .750	SV%	Matt Van Oekel, .735

*Minimum 5 games played for GK stats

GAME 30 - QUICK STRIKES

- The Hounds and Birmingham meet for the second time in just over a month, after the Hounds took a 3-0 win Aug. 24 in Alabama behind two first-half Edward Kizza goals and a late strike by Emmanuel Johnson.
- Pittsburgh is 4-0-0 against the Legion at Highmark Stadium, winning three regular-season meetings and the 2019 Eastern Conference Quarterfinal by a combined score of 14-2.
- The Hounds' loss in their last match Sept. 14 at Tampa Bay snapped a 10-match unbeaten streak. During the past 11 matches, the team has only trailed twice: after Colorado Springs scored the opening goal in the teams' 2-2 draw on Aug. 17, and in stoppage time of the loss at Tampa Bay.
- The Hounds entered the weekend with the best defensive record in the USL Championship, allowing 0.93 goals per game. The only other clubs to have conceded fewer than one goal per game in 2024 are Sacramento (0.96) and Charleston (0.97).
- Tied to the team's defensive success, goalkeeper Eric Dick is now the leader in the race for the USL Championship Golden Glove with a 0.77 goals against average. His lead increased in the off week over Sacramento's Danny Vitiello — the Hounds' last Golden Glove winner in 2020 — who slipped to 0.92 after allowing five goals in his past two matches.
- Bertin Jacquesson has two goal contributions in two matches since joining the Hounds on loan Sept. 5 from Real Salt Lake of MLS. The former University of Pittsburgh star scored in his debut Sept. 7 against Rhode Island, and he assisted his former college teammate Jackson Walti on his goal at Tampa Bay.
- Midfielder/wing back Junior Etou returned to the Hounds lineup against Tampa Bay after making his international debut on Sept. 5 for the Republic of Congo. Etou entered as a substitute for the Red Devils, who won 1-0 over South Sudan in their first match of 2025 African Cup of Nations qualifying.
- The Hounds are celebrating their 25th-anniversary season, making them the third-oldest pro club in USL behind only the Charleston Battery and Richmond Kickers, both founded in 1993.
- The Riverhounds won the USL Championship Players' Shield in 2023 with a league-leading 19-5-10 record, and Lilley was named Coach of the Year for the second time in the USL Championship and sixth time as a pro head coach.
- In 233 matches played under Bob Lilley in all competitions, the Hounds are 114-53-66 and have allowed just 215 goals, an average of 0.92 goals per game.

SUPERLATIVES

Hounds High	Hounds Low	Category	Opp High	Opp Low
5 (7/13 vs. Oakland)	0 (thirteen times)	Goals	3 (four times)	0 (ten times)
3 (3/23 at Louisville)	0 (twelve times)	Goals All.	5 (3/30 at Louisville)	0 (seven times)
24 (6/1 vs. Indy)	5 (three times)	Shots	30 (5/4 vs. Tulsa)	4 (two times)
9 (6/1 vs. Indy)	1 (two times)	SOG	11 (7/27 vs. Orange Co.)	1 (four times)
8 (8/3 at Sacramento)	0 (seven times)	Saves	8 (6/9 vs. Indy)	0 (6/26 at Detroit)
19 (four times)	6 (two times)	Fouls	16 (5/15 vs. Charleston)	4 (3/23 at Hartford)

MILESTONE TRACKER

- Hounds wing back/midfielder Junior Etou is two matches away from playing his 100th in the USL Championship. He would become the fifth current Hounds player to reach the century plateau — joining Forbes, Mertz, Griffin and Rovira — and the first to do so this season.
- Dani Rovira recorded his 14th assist in the win Sept. 7 over Rhode Island, most by a Hounds defender and tied for ninth all-time for the club with Russell Cicerone. He trails his current teammate, Robbie Mertz, by one assist for eighth place on the list.
- Illal Osumanu received his 10th yellow card of the season on Sept. 7, making him only the second Hounds player to hit double-digit cards in a season after Henry Gutierrez was booked 11 times in 2001.

2024 SCHEDULE & RECORD

USL Championship Record: 8-10-11
Home: 5-4-5 • Away: 3-6-6 • Conf.: 5-5-8 • All comp.: 8-11-11

MARCH

Sat. 9	@New Mexico United	KDKA+	L, 0-1
Sat. 16	Orange County SC	KDKA+	L, 0-2
Sat. 23	@Louisville City FC	SNP	L, 1-3

APRIL

Sat. 6	Tampa Bay Rowdies	KDKA+	D, 0-0
Sat. 13	@Rhode Island FC	KDKA+	D, 0-0
Sat. 20	@Phoenix Rising FC	SNP	W, 3-1
Sat. 27	Detroit City FC	KDKA+	W, 2-0

MAY

Sat. 4	Miami FC	KDKA+	W, 1-0
Tues. 7	*FC Tulsa	US Soccer	L, 0-1
Sat. 11	@FC Tulsa	SNP	D, 2-2
Sat. 18	North Carolina FC	KDKA+	D, 1-1
Sat. 25	@Memphis 901 FC	SNP	L, 0-2

JUNE

Sat. 1	Indy Eleven	KDKA+	L, 1-2
Sat. 8	@Charleston Battery	SNP	D, 0-0
Sat. 15	@Hartford Athletic	SNP	L, 0-2
Wed. 19	Louisville City FC	CBSSN	L, 0-1
Sat. 22	@North Carolina FC	KDKA+	D, 0-0
Sat. 29	@Las Vegas Lights FC	SNP	L, 0-2

JULY

Sat. 6	Monterey Bay FC	KDKA+	L, 0-1
Sat. 13	Oakland Roots SC	KDKA+	W, 5-0
Sat. 20	Hartford Athletic	ESPN2	W, 3-1
Sat. 27	Loudoun United FC	KDKA+	D, 1-1

AUGUST

Sat. 3	@Sacramento Republic FC	ESPN2	W, 1-0
Wed. 7	@Detroit City FC	CBSSN	D, 0-0
Sat. 10	San Antonio FC	KDKA+	D, 0-0
Sat. 17	Colo. Springs Switchbacks	KDKA+	D, 2-2
Sat. 24	@Birmingham Legion FC	KDKA+	W, 3-0
Sat. 31	@Indy Eleven	KDKA+	D, 1-1

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 7	Rhode Island FC	KDKA+	W, 2-0
Sat. 14	@Tampa Bay Rowdies	KDKA+	L, 1-2
Sat. 28	Birmingham Legion FC	KDKA+	7 p.m.

OCTOBER

Sat. 5	@Miami FC	SNP	7 p.m.
Sat. 12	Charleston Battery	KDKA+	7 p.m.
Sat. 19	@Loudoun United FC	KDKA+	6 p.m.
Sat. 26	El Paso Locomotive	KDKA+	7 p.m.

*Denotes U.S. Open Cup match

CLUB NOTABLES

Most Appearances	Kenardo Forbes (221)
All-Time Goals Leader	David Flavius (62)
All-Time Assists Leader	Kenardo Forbes (55)
All-Time Record at Highmark Stadium	96-49-54

LAST TIME OUT

Last Game Summary

Tampa Bay Rowdies 2, Riverhounds SC 1

Game 29 • Al Lang Stadium, St. Petersburg, Fla. • Sept. 14, 2024

The Hounds had their 10-match unbeaten run come to an end after Leo Fernandes scored a minute into stoppage time for the Rowdies. Jackson Walti put the Hounds ahead in the 43rd minute with his long-range finish, but the hosts drew level in the 71st minute when Manuel Arteaga touched the ball home from in front of the net.

FAST FACTS

General Information

Name: Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC
 City/Zip: Pittsburgh, PA 15219
 Founded: March 11, 1998
 First match: May 1, 1999
 Nickname: Hounds
 Colors: Black & Yellow
 Conference: Eastern Conference
 Venue: Highmark Stadium
 Seating capacity: 5,000
 Owner: Tuffy Shallenberger
 Website: www.riverhounds.com

USL RECORD IN 2024 WHEN...

At home.....	5-4-5
On road.....	3-6-6
In games decided by one goal or fewer.....	2-5-11
In games decided by two goals or more.....	6-5-0
vs. clubs with winning records.....	5-4-4
vs. clubs with losing records.....	3-4-4
vs. clubs with .500 records.....	0-2-3
Scoring first.....	8-1-3
Conceding first.....	0-9-2
Leading at half.....	7-1-2
Trailing at half.....	0-7-2
Tied at half.....	1-2-7
Leading with 10:00 remaining.....	8-0-1
Trailing with 10:00 remaining.....	0-8-1
Tied with 10:00 remaining.....	0-2-9
Leading with 5:00 remaining.....	8-0-1
Trailing with 5:00 remaining.....	0-8-0
Tied with 5:00 remaining.....	0-2-10
Outshooting opponent.....	5-5-6
Being outshot by opponent.....	3-4-5
Tying in shots with opponent.....	0-1-0
Scoring no goals.....	0-7-6
Scoring one goal.....	2-3-3
Scoring two goals.....	2-0-2
Scoring three goals.....	3-0-0
Scoring four or more goals.....	1-0-0
Allowing no goals.....	6-0-6
Allowing one goal.....	2-3-3
Allowing two goals.....	0-7-2
Allowing three goals.....	0-1-0
Allowing four or more goals.....	0-0-0
In games reduced to 10 men.....	0-1-2
In games opponent was reduced to 10 men.....	1-0-0
On weekdays.....	0-1-1
On weekends.....	8-9-10
In March.....	0-3-0
In April.....	2-0-2
In May.....	1-1-2
In June.....	0-4-2
In July.....	2-1-1
In August.....	2-0-4
In September.....	1-1-0
Vs. Eastern Conference.....	5-5-8
Vs. Western Conference.....	3-5-3

Miscellaneous

Current Streak.....	L1
Home Streak.....	W1
Road Streak.....	L1

ACTIVE ROSTER

Roster Size: 25 • Returners: 10 • Newcomers: 15

▶ **NUMERICAL**

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Hometown (Previous Club)
1	Eric Dick	GK	6'5"	220	29	Roeland Park, Kan. (Minnesota United FC)
2	Danny Griffin	M	5'9"	165	26	Wethersfield, Conn. (Huntsville City FC)
3	Pat Hogan	D	6'4"	196	26	Matthews, N.C. (Charleston Battery)
4	Dani Rovira	D	5'9"	145	27	Bogotá, Colombia (University of Vermont)
5	Sean Suber	D	6'0"	185	23	Charlotte, N.C. (Huntsville City FC)
7	Langston Blackstock	M/F	6'2"	190	23	Marietta, Ga. (Clayton State University)
8	Junior Etou	M	5'8"	155	30	Paris, France (Tampa Bay Rowdies)
9	Emmanuel Johnson	F	6'0"	175	21	Fairfield, Calif. (Hibernian)
10	Aidan O'Toole	M	5'9"	175	23	Austin, Texas (University of Denver)
11	Kenardo Forbes	M	5'9"	175	36	Kingston, Jamaica (Rochester Rhinos)
12	Gabriel Perrotta	GK	6'1"	190	25	Asunción, Paraguay (Marshall University)
13	Luke Biasi	D	6'0"	180	25	Buford, Ga. (Syracuse University)
14	Robbie Mertz	M	5'7"	155	27	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Atlanta United 2)
15	Bradley Sample	M	6'0"	160	23	Channahon, Ill. (University of Louisville)
17	Nate Dragisich	M	5'8"	155	22	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Duquesne University)
19	Edward Kizza	F	5'9"	175	25	Kampala, Uganda (New England Revolution)
22	Jake Lent-Koop	D	6'3"	200	23	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Messiah University)
27	Babacar Diene	F	6'0"	187	27	Thies, Senegal (Rider University)
28	Illal Osumanu	D	6'0"	186	28	Accra, Ghana (Union Omaha)
31	Jacob Randolph	GK	6'4"	235	23	New Orleans, La. (UNC-Wilmington)
42	Jackson Walti	M	5'9"	172	24	St. Augustine, Fla. (Colorado Rapids 2)
44	Pierre Cayet	D	5'11"	175	25	Le Mans, France (New England Revolution II)
45	Kaziah Sterling	F	5'10"	170	25	Tottenham, England (South Georgia Tormenta)
51	Bertin Jacquesson	F	6'0"	181	23	Lorrez-le-Bocage, France (Real Salt Lake)
70	Pablo Linzoain	M	5'7"	162	17	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Riverhounds Academy)

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▶ **TECHNICAL STAFF**

Head Coach: Bob Lilley
 Assistant Coach: Rob Vincent
 Goalkeepers Coach: Jon Busch
 Sporting Director: Dan Visser

▶ **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Luke BIASI	BEE-ah-see
Pierre CAYET	KAI-yay
Babacar DIENE	DEE-en
Junior ETOU	EH-too
BERTIN JACQUESSON	BEHR-tan ZHA-kess-on
Edward KIZZA	KIZ-uh
ILLAL OSUMANU	Ill-ALL O-soo-mah-noo
Dani ROVIRA	RO-veer-ah
KAZAIAH Sterling	ka-ZAI-ah
Jackson WALTl	WALL-tee

► 2024 USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL

No.	Name	GP	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG	FC	T	CL	PK	PKG	YC	RC
2	Danny Griffin	27	2,352	4	2	10	26	13	32	36	40	3	2	3	0
3	Pat Hogan	20	1,356	1	0	2	9	4	23	28	80	0	0	4	1
4	Dani Rovira	24	744	0	1	1	2	2	12	20	11	0	0	0	0
5	Sean Suber	27	1,868	2	0	4	12	4	15	20	84	0	0	2	0
7	Langston Blackstock	28	1,769	1	3	5	16	8	25	40	34	0	0	2	0
8	Junior Etou	27	2,161	2	2	6	14	7	28	40	42	0	0	5	0
9	Emmanuel Johnson	20	871	2	0	4	10	5	28	1	0	0	0	2	0
10	Aidan O'Toole	6	26	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
11	Kenardo Forbes	29	1,395	1	1	3	21	7	14	22	5	0	0	0	0
13	Luke Biasi	26	2,118	0	1	1	4	2	23	45	59	0	0	7	1
14	Robbie Mertz	29	2,114	2	1	5	18	9	27	38	10	2	2	3	0
15	Bradley Sample	26	1,281	1	3	5	12	4	10	22	17	0	0	3	1
17	Nate Dragisich	3	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
19	Edward Kizza	28	2,056	7	1	15	36	19	37	14	5	1	1	3	0
22	Jake Lent-Koop	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	<i>Mike DeShields</i>	2	53	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0
27	Babacar Diene	23	533	1	2	4	11	5	15	6	2	0	0	3	0
28	Illal Osumanu	26	2,201	0	1	1	5	2	31	37	76	0	0	10	0
42	Jackson Walti	19	1,436	2	0	4	8	4	12	30	20	0	0	3	0
44	Pierre Cayet	11	238	0	0	0	6	1	4	11	17	0	0	0	0
45	Kazaiah Sterling	19	1,103	3	0	6	16	10	12	6	3	1	0	0	0
51	Bertin Jacquesson	2	133	1	1	3	2	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
70	Pablo Linzoain	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	<i>Enoch Mushagalusa</i>	4	113	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0

GOALKEEPERS

No.	Name	GP	MIN	GA	SV	CS	PKS	SV%	GAA	YC	RC
1	Eric Dick	22	1,980	17	51	11	0	.750	0.77	0	0
12	Gabriel Perrotta	3	270	5	9	0	2	.643	1.67	1	0
31	Jacob Randolph	4	360	5	8	1	0	.615	1.25	0	0

*Stat totals include only league matches played for Riverhounds

***Italics indicate player no longer with club*

► 2024 HONORS

USL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Edward Kizza - Week 7
Game-winning goal, assist in win at Phoenix

Junior Etou - Week 19
First career two-goal game in win vs. Oakland

USL CHAMPIONSHIP GOAL OF THE WEEK

Danny Griffin - Week 26
Bradley Sample - Week 27

USL CHAMPIONSHIP SAVE OF THE WEEK

Gabriel Perrotta - Week 10

USL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK

Eric Dick - Goalkeeper (Week 5)

Edward Kizza - Forward (Week 7)

Pat Hogan - Defender (Week 8)
Danny Griffin - Midfielder (Week 8)

Junior Etou - Defender (Week 9)

Junior Etou (2) - Defender (Week 19)
Bob Lilley - Coach (Week 19)
Bradley Sample - Midfielder (Week 19)
Sean Suber - Defender (Week 19)
Robbie Mertz - Midfielder (Week 19)

Edward Kizza - Forward (Week 20)

Eric Dick - Goalkeeper (Week 22)

Pat Hogan - Defender (Week 23)
Eric Dick - Goalkeeper (Week 23)

Sean Suber - Defender (Week 24)

Luke Biasi - Defender (Week 25)
Edward Kizza (2) - Forward (Week 25)
Bob Lilley (2) - Coach (Week 25)
Eric Dick - Goalkeeper (Week 25)

Illal Osumanu - Defender (Week 26)

Dani Rovira - Defender (Week 27)
Bradley Sample (2) - Midfielder (Week 27)

**italics denote Bench selection; number of 2024 selections in parentheses*

HEAD COACH BOB LILLEY



Announced as the club's 10th head coach in its history on Nov. 14, 2017, Bob Lilley is in his seventh season at the helm for Riverhounds SC.

In 2023, Lilley and the Hounds had their most successful season to date by posting a 19-5-10 record and winning the USL Championship Players' Shield for the first time with the league's best record. The team also advanced to the quarterfinals of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup for only the second time, knocking off a pair of MLS teams in the process, and their 23 overall wins established a new single-season record across all competitions. The team advanced to the playoffs for the sixth year in a row to extend the longest run in team history, and for his work, Lilley was named Coach of the Year for the second time in the USL Championship and the sixth time overall.

His time in Pittsburgh has been marked by new levels of success for the team, including a 16-9-9 record in 2022, a 17-8-7 record in 2021 and an 11-4-1 mark in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season. In 2019, Lilley led the club to a 19-4-11 regular-season record — the 68 points being the most in team history — and the USL Championship Eastern Conference regular-season championship. The club also made the postseason in his first year, 2018, when it hosted the first-ever playoff match at Highmark Stadium. Lilley has posted a 106-42-55 overall record with the Hounds, the most wins by any coach in club history, and the most for Lilley at any of his career's coaching stops.

Lilley came to Pittsburgh after coaching USL's Rochester Rhinos, which he led during two separate stints (2014-17 and 2010-11). In his six seasons with the Rhinos, Lilley compiled an 82-39-51 regular-season record, which includes a 2015 mark of 17-1-10 en route to winning Coach of the Year honors and the USL Cup. He also was named Coach of the Year in 2010, when Rochester won the USSF Division 2 Professional League regular-season title. Before joining, Lilley spent 2007-08 as head coach of the Detroit Ignition of the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL), earning Coach of the Year honors as the Ignition went 22-8, the best record in the league.

For three seasons (2005-07), Lilley served as head coach for the Vancouver Whitecaps of the USL First Division, winning his first league championship in 2006. From 2002-03, he led the Montreal Impact of the USL A-League, winning Coach of the Year honors in 2003. He began his pro head coaching career with the Hershey Wildcats from 1997-01, reaching the A-League final in 2001, and he was named Coach of the Year in 1997, his first campaign as a pro head coach.

Across 23 seasons of head coaching at the pro level, Lilley holds an all-time record of 393-183-177, giving him more wins than any other active coach at in the U.S. at the professional club level. He has logged at least a .500 winning percentage during each regular season and has led his team into the postseason every year. In 2010, he was inducted into the USL Hall of Fame as a coach.

Before his coaching days, Lilley played at George Mason University from 1984-87, where he was a four-year starter and team captain. He was inducted into the George Mason Men's Soccer Hall of Fame in 2011. He also played professionally with the Orlando Lions of the American Soccer League (1989-90) and the Maryland Bays of the American Professional Soccer League (1991). He also played on the indoor circuit with the Hershey Impact (1988-91) and Harrisburg Heat of the National Professional Soccer League (1991-97) and the Pittsburgh Stingers of the Continental Indoor Soccer League in 1994.

Experience:
24th season
(seventh with PIT)

Date Hired:
November 14, 2017

Hometown:
Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Alma Mater:
George Mason University
(1987)

Accolades:
2015 USL Cup Champion
2006 USL-1 Champion
USL Hall of Fame (2010)
Six-time Coach of the Year



SPORTING DIRECTOR

DAN VISSER

- Ninth season with club; first as Sporting Director
- Joined as assistant coach in July 2016
- West Chester, Pa. native

Dan Visser enters his eighth full season with Riverhounds SC, but it is first in a new role as Sporting Director, overseeing the soccer aspect of the club at both the professional and academy levels. He holds bachelor's degrees in math and economics from Messiah College, and he received his Master of Business Administration from Eastern University (Pa.).

He first came to the club as an assistant coach midway through the 2016 season as part of head coach Dave Brandt's staff. Prior to arriving in Pittsburgh, Visser also served as an assistant coach under Brandt at the United States Naval Academy during its 2015 campaign.

From 2013-14, Visser was head coach at Eastern Nazarene College, and he began his coaching career as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Eastern University while completing his MBA.

Visser played collegiately as a midfielder at Messiah for four seasons before graduating in 2008. During this period, the team won three national championships and accumulated an 89-6-2 record. The two-time team captain also received Regional All-America honors in 2007.



ASSISTANT COACH

ROB VINCENT

- Tenth season with club; first as Assistant Coach
- Hounds player 2013-15; RDA coach 2018-23
- Liverpool, England native

Rob Vincent is entering his first season as the assistant coach for the Hounds pro team after six seasons leading ECNL teams in the Riverhounds Development Academy.

A youth player with Everton, Crewe Alexandra and Stockport County in England, Vincent came to the United States to play college soccer at the University of Charleston (W.Va.) from 2009-12. He starred for the Golden Eagles and was three times named a First Team Division II All-American.

Vincent signed with Hounds in 2013, the same year Highmark Stadium opened, and played three years for the club. In 2015, the midfielder had a breakout season with 21 goals in all competitions — still tied for the second-most in club history — and was named to the USL All-League First Team.

Prior to the 2016 season, MLS team D.C. United reached a transfer agreement with Hounds to bring Vincent to Washington, and by season's end, he was a regular starter for playoff-bound United. He began 2017 in a similar role, but he suffered a knee injury in the team's second match that ended his season.

In 2018, Vincent announced his retirement as a player and returned to the Hounds in his academy role.



GKs COACH

JON BUSCH

- Second season with club
- Joined club in January 2023
- New York, N.Y. native

Jon Busch is in his second season as the goalkeepers coach for Riverhounds SC. He was previously the goalkeeping coach for Scottish Premiership side Hibernian, and before that, with Indy Eleven in the NASL and USL Championship.

Busch entered coaching after an impressive 21-year professional career that included 14 seasons in MLS. Busch first played in the A-League, where he was named the 2001 A-League Goalkeeper of the Year while helping the Hershey Wildcats reach the league final under Bob Lilley.

He was drafted by the Columbus Crew in the 2002 MLS Super Draft and played there until 2006 before joining the Chicago Fire from 2007-09. In 2008, his best year with the Fire, he was named MLS Goalkeeper of the Year after leading the league in save percentage and tying for the league lead in shutouts. Busch continued his career joining the San Jose Earthquakes in 2010, returning to the Fire in 2015 and finishing with Indy Eleven in 2016-17.

Busch also represented the United States in international play as part of the Under-17 team in the 1993 World Championship. He remained in the U.S. player pool and made his only start at the senior level in 2005, recording a shutout against Colombia, 3-0.

This year, the Pittsburgh Riverhounds Soccer Club is celebrating its 25th season of play as Pittsburgh's professional soccer team.

Beginning with the inaugural match played May 1, 1999, when the Hounds hosted the Cincinnati Riverhawks in a USL A-League match at Bethel Park High School, the Hounds have competed every year except 2007, when the club reorganized after an ownership change.

Only two current USL clubs — the Charleston Battery and Richmond Kickers, both founded in 1993 — have been playing longer than the Hounds, and the Hounds also are older than more than half of Major League Soccer's current franchises, including those with USL roots.

During that time, the successes of the Hounds on the field have included reaching the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open Cup in 2001 and 2023, winning the USL Pro Soccer League's Atlantic Division in 2004, and finishing atop the USL Championship's Eastern Conference in both 2019 and 2023, the latter of which included winning the USL Championship Players' Shield.

In 2013, the Hounds moved into Highmark Stadium, which set the standard in USL for a team-owned, soccer-specific stadium. And for this year's 25th-anniversary season, the club has created the special, commemorative logo pictured below with a quick primer on how the logo was created.



▶ USL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Eastern

Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
x-Louisville City FC	28	20-6-2	62	70	36	34
x-Charleston Battery	30	17-5-8	59	63	29	34
Tampa Bay Rowdies	29	13-9-7	46	48	37	11
Detroit City FC	29	12-8-9	45	35	29	6
Birmingham Legion FC	29	12-12-5	41	34	41	-7
Indy Eleven	28	11-10-7	40	39	43	-4
Rhode Island FC	29	9-7-13	40	41	37	4
Loudoun United FC	28	10-11-7	37	40	33	7
Hartford Athletic	29	10-12-7	37	29	41	-12
North Carolina FC	28	9-10-9	36	42	35	7
Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	29	8-10-11	35	30	27	3
Miami FC	29	3-24-2	11	25	67	-42

x - clinched playoff berth

Western

Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
x-New Mexico United	29	18-8-3	57	42	34	8
Colo. Springs Switchbacks	29	13-10-6	45	44	35	9
Sacramento Republic FC	28	12-8-8	44	38	27	11
Memphis 901 FC	29	12-10-7	43	45	34	11
Las Vegas Lights FC	29	11-8-10	43	40	39	1
Oakland Roots SC	29	12-13-4	40	33	47	-14
Phoenix Rising FC	28	9-10-9	36	27	29	-2
Orange County SC	29	10-14-5	35	30	42	-12
FC Tulsa	28	7-11-10	31	28	41	-13
San Antonio FC	28	8-13-7	31	27	37	-10
Monterey Bay FC	29	7-13-9	30	24	36	-12
El Paso Locomotive FC	28	5-16-7	22	21	39	-18

***Through games played Thursday, Sept. 26

▶ 2024 GOAL LOG

RIVERHOUNDS SC

- 3/23: @LOU - Edward Kizza 59' (Babacar Diene)
- 4/20: @PHX - Kazaiah Sterling 26' (Edward Kizza)
- 4/20: @PHX - Edward Kizza 62' (Junior Etou)
- 4/20: @PHX - Babacar Diene 90'
- 4/27: DET - Pat Hogan 20' (Robbie Mertz)
- 4/27: DET - Danny Griffin 35' (penalty)
- 5/4: MIA - Kazaiah Sterling 16' (Junior Etou)
- 5/11: @TUL - Danny Griffin 64' (penalty)
- 5/11: @TUL - Kazaiah Sterling 85'
- 5/18: NC - Edward Kizza 44' (Langston Blackstock)
- 6/1: IND - Danny Griffin 57' (Langston Blackstock)
- 7/13: OAK - Junior Etou 12' (Bradley Sample)
- 7/13: OAK - Robbie Mertz 30' (penalty)
- 7/13: OAK - Sean Suber 45' (Bradley Sample)
- 7/13: OAK - Kenardo Forbes 51' (Langston Blackstock)
- 7/13: OAK - Junior Etou 69'
- 7/20: HFD - Edward Kizza 5' (penalty)
- 7/20: HFD - Langston Blackstock 20' (Luke Biasi)
- 7/20: HFD - Emmanuel Johnson 21'
- 7/27: LDN - Robbie Mertz 12' (penalty)
- 8/3: @SAC - Edward Kizza 43'
- 8/17: COS - Jackson Walti 54'
- 8/17: COS - Sean Suber 90+1' (Bradley Sample)
- 8/24: @BHM - Edward Kizza 34' (Babacar Diene)
- 8/24: @BHM - Edward Kizza 39' (Danny Griffin)
- 8/24: @BHM - Emmanuel Johnson 84' (Kenardo Forbes)
- 8/31: @IND - Danny Griffin 73' (Illa Osumanu)
- 9/7: RI - Bertin Jacquesson 45+5' (Danny Griffin)
- 9/7: RI - Bradley Sample 50' (Dani Rovira)
- 9/14: @TBR - Jackson Walti 43' (Bertin Jacquesson)

OPPOSITION

- 3/9: @NM - Greg Hurst 44' (Jacobo Reyes)
- 3/16: OC - Brian Iloski 3' (Ryan Doghman)
- 3/16: OC - Cameron Dunbar 76' (Christian Sorto)
- 3/23: @LOU - Wilson Harris 45+5'
- 3/23: @LOU - Sean Totsch 65' (penalty)
- 3/23: @LOU - Ray Serrano 90+6' (Evan Davila)
- 4/20: @PHX - Rémi Cabral 28' (Pape Boye)
- 5/7: TUL - Phillip Goodrum 88' (Alex Dalou)
- 5/11: @TUL - Gabriel Perrotta 12' (own goal)
- 5/11: @TUL - Boubacar Diallo 33' (Phillip Goodrum)
- 5/18: NC - Evan Conway 58' (Louis Pérez)
- 5/25: @MEM - Marlon 7'
- 5/25: @MEM - Oscar Jiménez 47' (Luiz Fernando)
- 6/1: IND - Josh O'Brien 23' (Aedan Stanley)
- 6/1: IND - Sebastián Guenzatti 46' (Augustine Williams)
- 6/15: @HFD - Michee Ngalina 6' (Triston Hodge)
- 6/15: @HFD - Michee Ngalina 16' (Deshane Beckford)
- 6/19: LOU - Jansen Wilson 49' (Elijah Wynder)
- 6/29: @LV - Khori Bennett 40' (Valentin Noël)
- 6/29: @LV - Khori Bennett 87' (Jean-Claude Ngando)
- 7/6: MB - Oussen Bouda 90+1'
- 7/20: HFD - Mamadou Dieng 34' (Emmanuel Samadia)
- 7/27: LDN - Wesley Leggett 63' (Kalil ElMedkhar)
- 8/17: COS - Tyreek Magee 13'
- 8/17: COS - Delentz Pierre 90+6' (Speedy Williams)
- 8/31: @IND - Romario Williams 90+7'
- 9/14: @TBR - Manuel Arteaga 71' (Cal Jennings)
- 9/14: @TBR - Leo Fernandes 90+1'

**italics denote U.S. Open Cup match

► USL CHAMPIONSHIP LINE SCORES

Opponent	W/L/D	G	A	SH	SOG	POSS	PA%	CK	OFF	FC	PK	PKG	YC	RC	OG	SV
HOUNDS	L	0	0	5	2	33.7	70.6	8	2	19	0	0	2	0	0	4
@New Mexico		1	1	5	5	66.3	85.9	3	4	18	0	0	5	0	0	2
HOUNDS	L	0	0	12	2	67.5	85.2	9	1	18	0	0	2	0	0	0
Orange County		2	2	2	2	32.5	68.8	0	1	13	0	0	4	0	0	2
HOUNDS	L	1	1	5	5	50.7	72.2	0	4	8	0	0	1	0	0	5
@Louisville		3	1	17	8	49.3	73.2	3	0	11	1	1	2	0	0	3
HOUNDS	D	0	0	16	3	50.4	64.5	4	2	7	0	0	1	0	0	2
Tampa Bay		0	0	6	2	49.6	63.2	1	1	12	0	0	1	0	0	2
HOUNDS	D	0	0	10	4	40.5	66.0	5	3	13	0	0	5	0	0	3
@Rhode Island		0	0	12	3	59.5	79.1	1	1	18	0	0	3	0	0	3
HOUNDS	W	3	2	10	5	38.4	79.6	1	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	3
@Phoenix		1	1	19	4	61.6	87.5	8	1	5	0	0	3	0	0	2
HOUNDS	W	2	1	10	3	46.9	68.3	7	3	19	1	1	4	0	0	1
Detroit		0	0	6	1	53.1	68.7	1	0	19	0	0	4	1	0	1
HOUNDS	W	1	1	15	7	46.9	71.0	5	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	2
Miami		0	0	7	2	53.1	75.2	5	0	13	0	0	2	0	0	4
HOUNDS	D	2	0	20	3	55.7	75.0	4	3	16	1	1	4	0	1	2
@Tulsa		2	1	7	3	44.3	67.7	3	1	19	2	0	4	0	0	1
HOUNDS	D	1	1	7	3	46.5	74.2	6	6	12	0	0	3	0	0	3
North Carolina		1	1	8	3	53.5	78.4	4	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	2
HOUNDS	L	0	0	12	3	57.9	72.2	6	3	10	0	0	1	0	0	4
@Memphis		2	1	13	7	42.1	68.1	4	2	13	0	0	2	0	0	2
HOUNDS	L	1	1	24	9	68.6	80.4	12	2	7	0	0	1	0	0	0
Indy		2	2	6	2	31.4	55.9	3	1	14	0	0	4	0	0	5
HOUNDS	D	0	0	10	3	33.8	70.3	3	2	14	0	0	2	0	0	2
@Charleston		0	0	13	2	66.2	84.0	6	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	3
HOUNDS	L	0	0	14	5	56.5	80.8	5	2	15	0	0	3	0	0	2
@Hartford		2	2	7	4	43.5	73.6	1	3	14	0	0	3	0	0	5
HOUNDS	L	0	0	8	2	48.2	61.8	2	3	11	0	0	1	1	0	5
Louisville		1	1	10	6	51.8	68.8	3	0	16	0	0	3	0	0	2
HOUNDS	D	0	0	6	2	37.1	70.1	7	3	19	0	0	3	0	0	0
@North Carolina		0	0	7	0	62.9	81.5	5	1	20	0	0	4	0	0	2
HOUNDS	L	0	0	6	2	47.4	80.7	3	1	13	1	0	1	0	0	1
@Las Vegas		2	2	9	4	52.6	84.6	2	2	17	0	0	2	0	0	2
HOUNDS	L	0	0	19	8	52.8	76.9	10	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey Bay		1	0	6	1	47.2	73.4	0	2	6	0	0	1	0	0	9
HOUNDS	W	5	3	12	7	35.6	68.1	4	3	14	1	1	2	0	0	0
Oakland		0	0	2	0	64.4	82.2	1	1	14	0	0	3	0	0	2
HOUNDS	W	3	1	15	7	36.4	65.2	7	0	11	1	1	1	0	0	2
Hartford		1	1	6	3	63.6	81.0	7	1	17	0	0	4	0	0	3
HOUNDS	D	1	0	13	3	33.1	68.8	1	2	14	1	1	1	1	0	1
Loudoun		1	1	10	2	66.9	83.4	3	2	10	0	0	3	0	0	1
HOUNDS	W	1	0	12	2	35.0	61.5	6	3	14	0	0	1	0	0	8
@Sacramento		0	0	18	8	65.0	78.3	4	2	9	0	0	1	0	0	1
HOUNDS	D	0	0	9	1	44.3	68.2	7	0	19	0	0	4	0	0	2
@Detroit		0	0	7	2	55.7	73.3	6	1	10	0	0	1	0	0	1
HOUNDS	D	0	0	15	1	63.9	75.5	10	0	9	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Antonio		0	0	5	0	36.1	60.5	4	1	10	0	0	1	0	0	1
HOUNDS	D	2	1	15	4	52.3	69.5	7	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	5
Colorado Springs		2	1	13	7	47.7	68.3	2	2	12	0	0	4	0	0	2
HOUNDS	W	3	3	9	6	39.9	78.8	5	1	7	0	0	1	0	0	6
@Birmingham		0	0	15	7	61.1	85.2	3	1	14	0	0	4	0	0	3
HOUNDS	D	1	1	6	2	26.1	60.7	3	0	13	0	0	1	1	0	3
@Indy		1	0	13	4	73.9	85.3	11	3	15	0	0	3	0	0	1
HOUNDS	W	2	2	5	3	37.8	64.0	1	5	12	0	0	4	0	0	0
Rhode Island		0	0	2	0	62.2	78.6	4	4	12	0	0	2	0	0	1
HOUNDS	L	1	1	12	2	43.6	81.8	2	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	2
@Tampa Bay		2	1	10	4	56.4	83.1	2	0	16	0	0	4	0	0	1

► TEAM USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

	G	A	SH	SOG	CK	OFF	FC	YC	RC	PK	PKG	OG	GA	SV	POSS %
TOTAL:	30	19	333	110	150	57	356	51	3	7	5	1	27	68	-
AVG:	1.03	0.66	11.48	3.79	5.17	1.97	12.28	1.76	0.10	0.24	0.17	0.03	0.93	2.34	46%

March 9: @New Mexico United (L, 0-1)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou (Pierre Cayet 84')
Mike DeShields (Luke Biasi 46')
Illal Osumanu
Dani Rovira (Sean Suber 84')
Danny Griffin
Jackson Walti
Kenardo Forbes (Langston Blackstock 71')
Robbie Mertz
Edward Kizza
Babacar Diene (Emmanuel Johnson 71')

March 16: Orange County SC (L, 0-2)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou (Langston Blackstock 69')
Luke Biasi
Illal Osumanu (Nate Dragisich 90')
Dani Rovira (Emmanuel Johnson 69')
Danny Griffin
Jackson Walti (Sean Suber 90')
Kenardo Forbes
Robbie Mertz
Edward Kizza
Babacar Diene (Pat Hogan 69')

March 23: @Louisville City FC (L, 1-3)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou (Bradley Sample 72')
Luke Biasi
Illal Osumanu
Dani Rovira (Langston Blackstock 27')
Danny Griffin
Jackson Walti (Emmanuel Johnson 87')
Kenardo Forbes (Kazaiiah Sterling 72')
Robbie Mertz
Edward Kizza
Babacar Diene (Sean Suber 72')

April 6: Tampa Bay Rowdies (D, 0-0)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou (Sean Suber 84')
Luke Biasi
Pat Hogan
Illal Osumanu
Langston Blackstock (Aidan O'Toole 84')
Kenardo Forbes (Bradley Sample 74')
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz
Edward Kizza
Kazaiiah Sterling (Babacar Diene 74')

April 13: @Rhode Island FC (D, 0-0)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou (Sean Suber 90')
Luke Biasi
Pat Hogan
Illal Osumanu
Langston Blackstock (Dani Rovira 75')
Kenardo Forbes (Bradley Sample 75')
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Babacar Diene 75')
Edward Kizza
Kazaiiah Sterling (Emmanuel Johnson 46')

April 20: @Phoenix Rising FC (W, 3-1)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou
Luke Biasi
Pat Hogan
Illal Osumanu
Sean Suber (Langston Blackstock 74')
Bradley Sample (Aidan O'Toole 89')
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 74')
Edward Kizza (Dani Rovira 89')
Kazaiiah Sterling (Babacar Diene 74')

April 27: Detroit City FC (W, 2-0)

Eric Dick
Luke Biasi
Pat Hogan
Illal Osumanu
Langston Blackstock (Dani Rovira 67')
Bradley Sample
Danny Griffin
Junior Etou (Sean Suber 66')
Robbie Mertz (Nate Dragisich 90')
Kenardo Forbes (Mike DeShields 82')
Kazaiiah Sterling (Babacar Diene 82')

May 4: Miami FC (W, 1-0)

Eric Dick
Luke Biasi
Pat Hogan
Illal Osumanu
Dani Rovira (Langston Blackstock 74')
Junior Etou
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Aidan O'Toole 88')
Kenardo Forbes (Jackson Walti 88')
Edward Kizza (Babacar Diene 74')
Kazaiiah Sterling (Bradley Sample 46')

May 7: FC Tulsa (L, 0-1)

Gabriel Perrotta
Langston Blackstock
Jake Lent-Koop
Pierre Cayet
Sean Suber
Jackson Walti
Bradley Sample
Emmanuel Johnson (Junior Etou 59')
Nate Dragisich (Danny Griffin 59')
Aidan O'Toole (Robbie Mertz 89')
Babacar Diene (Edward Kizza 79')

May 11: @FC Tulsa (D, 2-2)

Gabriel Perrotta
Luke Biasi
Pat Hogan
Illal Osumanu
Langston Blackstock (Kazaiiah Sterling 72')
Kenardo Forbes
Bradley Sample
Junior Etou
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Dani Rovira 88')
Edward Kizza (Babacar Diene 88')

May 18: North Carolina FC (D, 1-1)

Gabriel Perrotta
Junior Etou
Luke Biasi
Pat Hogan
Illal Osumanu (Sean Suber 62')
Langston Blackstock
Kenardo Forbes (Dani Rovira 78')
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Aidan O'Toole 77')
Edward Kizza (Bradley Sample 63')
Kazaiiah Sterling

May 25: @Memphis 901 FC (L, 0-2)

Gabriel Perrotta
Junior Etou
Luke Biasi
Pat Hogan (Pierre Cayet 80')
Sean Suber
Langston Blackstock (Nate Dragisich 67')
Dani Rovira (Robbie Mertz 46')
Danny Griffin
Bradley Sample (Kenardo Forbes 67')
Edward Kizza
Kazaiiah Sterling (Babacar Diene 80')

June 1: Indy Eleven (L, 1-2)

Eric Dick
Langston Blackstock (Junior Etou 71')
Illal Osumanu (Pablo Linzoain 90')
Pat Hogan
Sean Suber
Dani Rovira (Bradley Sample 71')
Danny Griffin
Kenardo Forbes
Robbie Mertz
Edward Kizza (Emmanuel Johnson 77')
Kazaiiah Sterling (Babacar Diene 77')

June 8: @Charleston Battery (D, 0-0)

Eric Dick
Illal Osumanu
Pat Hogan (Luke Biasi 81')
Sean Suber
Junior Etou
Jackson Walti (Bradley Sample 57')
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 57')
Langston Blackstock (Pierre Cayet 81')
Edward Kizza
Kazaiiah Sterling

June 15: @Hartford Athletic (L, 0-2)

Jacob Randolph
Illal Osumanu (Dani Rovira 82')
Pat Hogan
Sean Suber
Junior Etou (Pierre Cayet 70')
Jackson Walti (Bradley Sample 46')
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 46')
Langston Blackstock
Edward Kizza (Emmanuel Johnson 46')
Kazaiiah Sterling

June 19: Louisville City FC (L, 0-1)

Jacob Randolph
Luke Biasi (sent off 76')
Pat Hogan (Pierre Cayet 38' [c])
Sean Suber
Junior Etou (Langston Blackstock 90+1')
Danny Griffin
Bradley Sample
Kenardo Forbes (Robbie Mertz 66')
Dani Rovira (Pablo Linzoain 90+1')
Enoch Mushagalusa (Kazaiiah Sterling 67')
Emmanuel Johnson (Edward Kizza 66')

June 22: @North Carolina FC (D, 0-0)

Jacob Randolph
Illal Osumanu
Pat Hogan (Pierre Cayet 45+7' [c])
Sean Suber
Junior Etou
Danny Griffin
Jackson Walti (Bradley Sample 67')
Langston Blackstock (Dani Rovira 90')
Edward Kizza (Enoch Mushagalusa 75')
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 75')
Kazaiiah Sterling (Babacar Diene 67')

June 29: @Las Vegas Lights FC (L, 0-2)

Jacob Randolph
Junior Etou
Luke Biasi (Dani Rovira 88')
Sean Suber
Illal Osumanu
Langston Blackstock
Enoch Mushagalusa (Emmanuel Johnson 62')
Danny Griffin
Kenardo Forbes (Bradley Sample 62')
Robbie Mertz
Edward Kizza (Babacar Diene 62')

July 6: Monterey Bay FC (L, 0-1)

Eric Dick
Luke Biasi
Sean Suber
Illal Osumanu
Langston Blackstock (Aidan O'Toole 87')
Junior Etou
Jackson Walti
Bradley Sample
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 65')
Edward Kizza (Enoch Mushagalusa 87')
Emmanuel Johnson (Babacar Diene 65')

July 13: Oakland Roots SC (W, 5-0)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou
Luke Biasi (Aidan O'Toole 90' [o])
Sean Suber
Illal Osumanu (Jake Lent-Koop 81')
Langston Blackstock (Pierre Cayet 68')
Jackson Walti
Bradley Sample
Robbie Mertz (Dani Rovira 73')
Edward Kizza (Babacar Diene 73')
Emmanuel Johnson (Kenardo Forbes 46')

July 20: Hartford Athletic (W, 3-1)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou
Luke Biasi
Sean Suber
Illal Osumanu
Langston Blackstock (Pierre Cayet 63')
Jackson Walti
Bradley Sample (Danny Griffin 78')
Robbie Mertz (Dani Rovira 90')
Edward Kizza (Babacar Diene 78')
Emmanuel Johnson (Kenardo Forbes 63')

July 27: Loudoun United FC (D, 1-1)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou
Luke Biasi
Sean Suber
Illal Osumanu (Babacar Diene 84')
Langston Blackstock (Dani Rovira 84')
Jackson Walti
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 64')
Edward Kizza (Kazaiiah Sterling 64')
Emmanuel Johnson (Bradley Sample 64'; sent off 90+4')

Aug. 3: @Sacramento Republic FC (W, 1-0)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou (Pat Hogan 84')
Luke Biasi
Sean Suber
Illal Osumanu
Langston Blackstock (Pierre Cayet 80')
Jackson Walti
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 77')
Edward Kizza (Babacar Diene 77')
Emmanuel Johnson (Kazaiiah Sterling 45', Dani Rovira 90+5' [o])

Aug. 7: @Detroit City FC (D, 0-0)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou (Babacar Diene 89')
Luke Biasi
Sean Suber
Pat Hogan
Dani Rovira (Langston Blackstock 64')
Bradley Sample (Jackson Walti 80')
Danny Griffin
Kenardo Forbes
Edward Kizza (Robbie Mertz 80')
Emmanuel Johnson (Kazaiiah Sterling 65')

Aug. 10: San Antonio FC (D, 0-0)

Eric Dick
Luke Biasi
Pat Hogan
Sean Suber
Illal Osumanu (Junior Etou 73')
Langston Blackstock (Bradley Sample 84')
Jackson Walti
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 73')
Kazaiiah Sterling
Emmanuel Johnson (Edward Kizza 73')

Aug. 17: Colorado Springs Switchbacks (D, 2-2)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou
Sean Suber
Illal Osumanu
Langston Blackstock (Luke Biasi 78')
Danny Griffin
Jackson Walti (Pat Hogan 90')
Bradley Sample
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 46')
Edward Kizza (Kazaiiah Sterling 46')
Emmanuel Johnson (Babacar Diene 61')

Aug. 24: @Birmingham Legion FC (W, 3-0)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou (Dani Rovira 87')
Luke Biasi
Sean Suber
Pat Hogan
Langston Blackstock (Illal Osumanu 69')
Jackson Walti
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 80')
Edward Kizza (Bradley Sample 80')
Babacar Diene (Emmanuel Johnson 69')

Aug. 31: @Indy Eleven (D, 1-1)

Eric Dick
Luke Biasi (Babacar Diene 90+3')
Sean Suber
Pat Hogan (sent off 4')
Illal Osumanu
Dani Rovira (Pierre Cayet 67')
Jackson Walti
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 82')
Edward Kizza (Bradley Sample 67')
Emmanuel Johnson (Jake Lent-Koop 82')

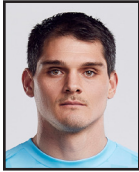
Sept. 7: Rhode Island FC (W, 2-0)

Eric Dick
Luke Biasi
Sean Suber
Jackson Walti
Illal Osumanu
Dani Rovira (Langston Blackstock 61')
Danny Griffin
Bradley Sample (Pierre Cayet 76')
Robbie Mertz
Edward Kizza (Kenardo Forbes 77')
Bertin Jacquesson (Emmanuel Johnson 61')

Sept. 14: @Tampa Bay Rowdies (L, 1-2)

Eric Dick
Junior Etou (Bradley Sample 72')
Luke Biasi
Sean Suber
Illal Osumanu
Langston Blackstock (Dani Rovira 90')
Jackson Walti
Danny Griffin
Robbie Mertz (Babacar Diene 90')
Edward Kizza (Kenardo Forbes 84')
Bertin Jacquesson (Emmanuel Johnson 72')

[c] - denotes extra substitute for head injury
[o] - denotes extra substitute after opponent received extra



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ERIC DICK

	GP/GS	W/L/D	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2024	22/22	8-6-8	51	17	0.77	.750

GK • 6'5" • 220 • Roeland Park, Kan.

- Signed as free agent from Minnesota (MLS)
- 13th overall pick in 2018 MLS Draft by KC
- Eleven clean sheets in first 22 games w/Hounds

GAME HIGHS
Saves: 8 (8/3 at SAC)
GA: 3 (3/23 at LOU)
Clean sheets: 11



2

DANNY GRIFFIN

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	27/26	2,352	4	2	10	26	13

M • 5'9" • 165 • Wethersfield, Conn.

- Returned from Huntsville (MLSNP) on 5/3/23
- Team record 85 straight league matches ('20-'22)
- Missed first league game 7/6/24 after 134 consec.

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 90 (26 times)
Goals: 1 (four times)
Assists: 1 (two times)
Points: 2 (four times)
Shots: 3 (three times)
SOG: 2 (two times)



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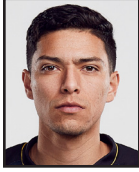
PAT HOGAN

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	20/17	1,356	1	0	2	9	4

D • 6'4" • 196 • Matthews, N.C.

- Scored first Hounds goal 4/27/24 vs. Detroit
- 26 appearances in first year with Hounds
- Signed in 2023 after two seasons with Charleston

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 90 (12 times)
Goals: 1 (4/27 vs. DET)
Assists: 0
Points: 2 (4/27 vs. DET)
Shots: 2 (two times)
SOG: 1 (four times)



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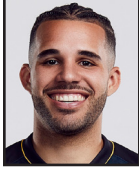
DANI ROVIRA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	24/10	744	0	1	1	2	2

D • 5'9" • 145 • Bogotá, Colombia

- Career-high five assists in both 2022 and '23
- First professional goal on 7/29/23 vs. Memphis
- Most career assists by a Hounds defender (14)

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 89 (two times)
Goals: 0
Assists: 1 (9/7 vs. RI)
Points: 1 (9/7 vs. RI)
Shots: 1 (two times)
SOG: 1 (two times)



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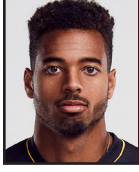
SEAN SUBER

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	27/20	1,868	2	0	4	12	4

D • 6'0" • 185 • Charlotte, N.C.

- First professional goal on 7/13/24 vs. Oakland
- Signed as free agent from Huntsville (MLSNP)
- Led Huntsville in minutes played in 2023 (2,304)

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 90 (19 times)
Goals: 1 (two times)
Assists: 0
Points: 2 (two times)
Shots: 2 (four times)
SOG: 1 (four times)



7

LANGSTON BLACKSTOCK

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	28/20	1,769	1	3	5	16	8

M/F • 6'2" • 190 • Marietta, Ga.

- First professional goal on 7/20/24 vs. Hartford
- Appeared in 24 matches for Hounds as a rookie
- First pro assist on 5/13/23 vs. Birmingham

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 90 (three times)
Goals: 1 (7/20 vs. HFD)
Assists: 1 (three times)
Points: 2 (7/20 vs. HFD)
Shots: 2 (five times)
SOG: 2 (3/23 at LOU)



8

JUNIOR ETOOU

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	27/25	2,161	2	2	6	14	7

M • 5'8" • 155 • Paris, France

- Fastest goal in team history (:21) 6/10/23 vs. CHS
- USLC Player of the Week for Week 19
- Made int'l debut for Congo on 9/5/24 vs. S.Sudan

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 90 (13 times)
Goals: 2 (7/13 vs. OAK)
Assists: 1 (two times)
Points: 4 (7/13 vs. OAK)
Shots: 2 (three times)
SOG: 2 (7/13 vs. OAK)



9

EMMANUEL JOHNSON

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	20/10	871	2	0	4	10	5

F • 6'0" • 175 • Fairfield, Calif.

- Won MLS Next Pro in 2023 on loan with Austin
- Under contract with Hibernian (SCO) in '22-'23
- First Hounds goal on 7/20/24 vs. Hartford

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 82 (8/31 at IND)
Goals: 1 (two times)
Assists: 0
Points: 2 (two times)
Shots: 2 (two times)
SOG: 1 (five times)



10

AIDAN O'TOOLE

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	6/0	26	0	0	0	2	1

M • 5'9" • 175 • Austin, Texas

- First-year pro out of University of Denver
- Set Denver record with 87 career games played
- Made pro debut as substitute 4/6 vs. Tampa Bay

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 13 (5/18 vs. NC)
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
Points: 0
Shots: 2 (5/4 vs. MIA)
SOG: 1 (5/4 vs. MIA)



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KENARDO FORBES

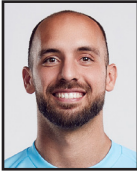
	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	29/13	1,395	1	1	3	21	7

M • 5'9" • 175 • Kingston, Jamaica

- Seven-time All-USL selection ('16, '18-'23)
- All-time USLC leader in assists (66) & apps. (291)
- First in Hounds assists (55) and appearances (221)

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 90 (four times)
Goals: 1 (7/13 vs. OAK)
Assists: 1 (8/24 at BHM)
Points: 2 (7/13 vs. OAK)
Shots: 3 (5/18 vs. NC)
SOG: 2 (5/18 vs. NC)





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GABRIEL PERROTTA

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2024	3/3	0-1-2	9	5	1.67	.643

GK • 6'1" • 190 • Asunción, Paraguay

- Made pro debut 5/7 vs. Tulsa in US Open Cup
- Saved two penalty kicks 5/11 at Tulsa
- First-year pro out of Marshall University

GAME HIGHS

- Saves: 4 (5/25 at MEM)
- GA: 2 (two times)
- Clean sheets: 0



13

LUKE BIASI

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	26/23	2,118	0	1	1	4	2

D • 6'0" • 180 • Buford, Ga.

- Re-signed with Hounds as free agent in offseason
- 42 appearances in first two pro seasons w/club
- Four assists in 2023 was third on team

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (19 times)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 1 (7/20 vs. HFD)
- Points: 1 (7/20 vs. HFD)
- Shots: 1 (four times)
- SOG: 1 (two times)



14

ROBBIE MERTZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	29/26	2,114	2	1	5	18	9

M • 5'7" • 155 • Pittsburgh, Pa.

- Rejoined Hounds via transfer from ATL (7/20/22)
- Fifth overall season with team over two stints
- 150th USLC appearance 6/22 at North Carolina

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (eight times)
- Goals: 1 (two times)
- Assists: 1 (4/27 vs. DET)
- Points: 2 (two times)
- Shots: 2 (six times)
- SOG: 2 (two times)



15

BRADLEY SAMPLE

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	26/11	1,281	1	3	5	12	4

M • 6'0" • 160 • Channahon, Ill.

- First-year pro out of University of Louisville
- Recorded two assists on 7/13 vs. Oakland
- First professional goal on 9/7 vs. Rhode Island

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (six times)
- Goals: 1 (9/7 vs. RI)
- Assists: 2 (7/13 vs. OAK)
- Points: 2 (two times)
- Shots: 4 (7/6 vs. MB)
- SOG: 1 (four times)



17

NATE DRAGISICH

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	3/0	25	0	0	0	1	0

M • 5'8" • 155 • Pittsburgh, Pa.

- Made professional debut 3/16/24 vs. Orange Co.
- First Academy alum to sign pro deal w/Hounds
- Nearby college (Duquesne), HS (West Allegheny)

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 23 (5/25 at MEM)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 0
- Points: 0
- Shots: 1 (3/16 vs. OC)
- SOG: 0



19

EDWARD KIZZA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	28/27	2,056	7	1	15	36	19

F • 5'9" • 175 • Kampala, Uganda

- USLC Player of the Week for Week 7 (goal, ast.)
- Previously under contract w/New England (MLS)
- Only active Hound w/league, cup & playoff goal

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (seven times)
- Goals: 2 (8/24 at BHM)
- Assists: 1 (4/20 at PHX)
- Points: 4 (8/24 at BHM)
- Shots: 4 (two times)
- SOG: 3 (8/24 at BHM)



22

JAKE LENT-KOOP

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	2/0	17	0	0	0	0	0

D • 6'3" • 200 • Rio Rancho, N.M.

- Made pro debut 5/7 vs. Tulsa in US Open Cup
- First-year pro out of Messiah University
- Division III First Team All-American in 2022

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 9 (7/13 vs. OAK)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 0
- Points: 0
- Shots: 0
- SOG: 0



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BABACAR DIENE

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	23/4	533	1	2	4	11	5

F • 6'0" • 187 • Thies, Senegal

- Scored first professional goal 4/20 at Phoenix
- Professional debut as starter 3/9 at New Mexico
- First Team All-MAAC; 13 goals for Rider U. in '23

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 72 (3/23 at LOU)
- Goals: 1 (4/20 at PHX)
- Assists: 1 (two times)
- Points: 2 (4/20 at PHX)
- Shots: 2 (two times)
- SOG: 2 (7/6 vs. MB)



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ILLAL OSUMANU

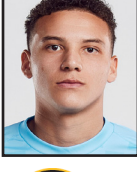
	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	26/26	2,201	0	1	1	5	2

D • 6'0" • 186 • Accra, Ghana

- USL League One champion with Omaha in 2021
- First career goal: 90th min. winner 6/24/23 vs. SD
- Played collegiately at Marshall University

GAME HIGHS

- Minutes: 90 (28 times)
- Goals: 0
- Assists: 1 (8/31 at IND)
- Points: 1 (8/31 at IND)
- Shots: 1 (five times)
- SOG: 1 (two times)



31

JACOB RANDOLPH

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2024	4/4	0-3-1	8	5	1.25	.615

GK • 6'4" • 235 • New Orleans, La.

- Made professional debut on 6/15 at Hartford
- First career shutout on 6/22 at North Carolina
- Seven shutouts in 15 starts for UNC-Wilm in 2023

GAME HIGHS

- Saves: 5 (6/19 vs. LOU)
- GA: 2 (6/15 at HFD)
- Clean sheets: 1





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JACKSON WALT

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	19/17	1,436	2	0	4	8	4

M • 5'9" • 172 • St. Augustine, Fla.

- First professional goal 8/17 vs. Colorado Springs
- Signed as free agent from Colorado (MLSNP)
- All-time minutes leader in college at Pitt (9,069)

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 90 (11 times)
Goals: 1 (two times)
Assists: 0
Points: 2 (two times)
Shots: 2 (two times)
SOG: 1 (four times)



44

PIERRE CAYET

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	11/0	238	0	0	0	6	1

D • 6'0" • 170 • Le Mans, France

- Signed as FA after 3 years with NE2 (MLSNP)
- Came to U.S. to play collegiately at Temple
- Played in reserve side for French club Angers

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 52 (6/19 vs. LOU)
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
Points: 0
Shots: 1 (six times)
SOG: 1 (6/15 at HFD)



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KAZAIAH STERLING

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	19/12	1,103	3	0	6	16	10

F • 5'10" • 170 • Tottenham, England

- First goal with Hounds on 4/20/24 at Phoenix
- 30 goals in two seasons for So. Georgia Tormenta
- Pro debut w/Tottenham in UEFA CL in Dec. 2017

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 90 (four times)
Goals: 1 (three times)
Assists: 0
Points: 2 (three times)
Shots: 3 (three times)
SOG: 2 (three times)



51

BERTIN JACQUESSON

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	2/2	133	1	1	3	2	1

F • 6'0" • 181 • Lorrez-le-Bocage, France

- Scored in Hounds debut on 9/7 vs. Rhode Island
- Acquired on loan from Real Salt Lake (MLS) on 9/5
- 16th overall pick in 2023 MLS SuperDraft by RSL

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 71 (9/14 at TBR)
Goals: 1 (9/7 vs. RI)
Assists: 1 (9/14 at TBR)
Points: 2 (9/7 vs. RI)
Shots: 1 (two times)
SOG: 1 (9/7 vs. RI)



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PABLO LINZOAIN

	GP/GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	2/0	2	0	0	0	0	0

M • 5'7" • 162 • Pittsburgh, Pa.

- Made senior-level debut 6/1 vs. Indy Eleven
- 3rd-ever Hounds player on USL Academy deal
- Junior at nearby Fox Chapel Area High School

GAME HIGHS
Minutes: 1 (two times)
Goals: 0
Assists: 0
Points: 0
Shots: 0
SOG: 0

