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#7 PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS SC at #2 CHARLESTON BATTERY



Sat.

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Saturday, Nov. 2 >> 6:30 p.m. ET >> Patriots Point Soccer Complex >> Mount Pleasant, S.C. TV: KDKA+ >> Streaming: KDKA (local), ESPN+ (national)

INSIDE THE MATCH





PITTSBURGH	CHARLESTON

12-10-12 7th 3-1-1 W3 Bob Lilley @RiverhoundsSC	Record Conference Standing Last Five Streak Head Coach Twitter	18-6-10 2nd 2-1-2 W1 Ben Pirmann @Chas_Battery
All-Time Head-to-	Head	11 15 17
Referee		
Assistant referees		Nabil Bensalah
	Jeremy Smith	, Noah Kenyawani
Fourth official		Luis Diego Arrovo
Hounds injuries/in		

Hounds	Category	Charleston
1.21	Scoring Average	2.00
0.82	Opponent Scoring Average	1.03
41	Goals Scored	68
28	Goals Allowed	35
+13	Goal Differential	+33
7.82	Shots/Game (excl. blocked)	11.32
3.85	SOG/Game	5.79
45%	Average possession	58%
63	Yellow Cards	67
3	Red Cards	3

TEAM LEADERS

Hounds	Category	Charlesto
Edward Kizza, 12	Goals	Nick Markanich, 28
Robbie Mertz, 5	Assists	Juan Torres,
Edward Kizza, 25	Points	Nick Markanich, 6
Edward Kizza, 46	Shots	Nick Markanich, 8-
Danny Griffin, 2,802	Minutes	Graham Smith, 2,95
Illal Osumanu, 11	Yellow Cards	Emilio Ycaza, 8
Three tied, 1	Red Cards	Three tied,
Eric Dick, 0.69	GAA	Adam Grinwis, 1.04
Eric Dick, .791	SV%	Adam Grinwis, .67-
*Minimum 5 games played	for GK stats	

EASTERN CONF. QF - QUICK STRIKES

- The Hounds are in the USL Championship Playoffs for the seventh consecutive season. That streak is the secondlongest active streak in the league behind Louisville City FC (10 seasons), and it is the longest current streak among Pittsburgh's four professional sports teams.
- This is the 44th all-time meeting between the Hounds and Battery, but only the third in postseason play. The Hounds swept both matches of a two-legged playoff in the 2001 USL A-League First Round, winning 2-1 in Pittsburgh and 3-1 at the Battery's old home, Blackbaud Stadium.
- The Hounds have lost only once in their past 16 matches, going 9-1-6. The team has only trailed twice during that stretch — after Colorado Springs scored the opening goal in the teams' 2-2 draw on Aug. 17, and in stoppage time of the loss Sept. 14 at Tampa Bay.
- Edward Kizza has scored in a club-record-tying five straight matches. The feat had previously been achieved by Thiago Martins (twice in 2003), José Angulo (2013) and Romeo Parkes (2016)
- Since the start of August (13 matches), the Hounds have allowed only six goals, fewest in the Championship over that
- Goalkeeper Eric Dick claimed th Glove for the lowest goals-agai season, allowing just 18 goals in also recorded a team-record 14 mark of 13 set by Kyle Morton
- Bertin Jacquesson has made a s Pittsburgh on loan from Real Salt Lake. In seven matches with the Hounds, the former University of Pittsburgh star has five
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- The Hounds are celebrating their 25th-anniversary season, Battery and Richmond Kickers, both founded in 1993.
- in 2023 with a league-leading 19-5-10 record, and Bob Lilley was named Coach of the Year for the second time in the USL
- average of 0.91 goals per game.

SUPERLATIVES

Hounds High 5 (7/13 vs. Oakland)	Hounds Low 0 (thirteen times)	Category Goals	Opp High 6 (two times)	Opp Low 0 (eight times)
3 (3/23 at Louisville)	0 (sixteen times)	Goals All.	4 (7/27 at Tampa Bay)	0 (thirteen times)
24 (6/1 vs. Indy)	5 (four times)	Shots	27 (7/12 at Hartford)	5 (9/14 at Colo. Springs)
9 (6/1 vs. Indy)	1 (two times)	SOG	10 (four times)	0 (6/15 at Detroit)
8 (8/3 at Sacramento)	0 (seven times)	Saves	6 (4/13 at Indy)	0 (three times)
19 (five times)	6 (two times)	Fouls	26 (10/19 vs. Rhode Isl.)	4 (7/5 vs. Birmingham)

MILESTONE TRACKER

- Danny Griffin is poised to make his 150th appearance for the Hounds across all competitions today. He will be only the fifth player to hit that milestone with the club, reaching the total in only five seasons (2020-24).
- Edward Kizza last Saturday scored his 20th goal since joining the Hounds late in the 2022 season, making him the 12th player in club history to reach the 20-goal plateau.
- Robbie Mertz recorded his 19th assist for the Hounds by setting up Kizza's goal last Saturday. He is one away from becoming the seventh player to record 20 assists for the Hounds.
- In just one season with the Hounds, Eric Dick already has climbed into a tie for fifth in club history with 14 clean sheets, matching the number posted by Danny Vitiello in 2020-21.

2024 SCHEDULE & RECORD

Home: 7-4-6 • Away: 5-6-6 • Conf.: 8-5-9 • All comp.: 12-11-12

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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

Detroit City FC

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

the USL Championship's Golden	Sat.	6	Monterey Bay FC	KDKA+	L, 0-1
inst average in the regular	Sat.	13	Oakland Roots SC	KDKA+	W, 5-0
in 26 matches (0.69 GAA). He	Sat.	20	Hartford Athletic	ESPN2	W, 3-1
4 clean sheets, eclipsing the	Sat.	27	Loudoun United FC	KDKA+	D, 1-1
in 2019.	ALIC	LICT			

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oals and two assists.	Sat.	10	San Antonio FC	KDKA+
obbie Mertz has heated up on the attack as well. In the past	Sat.	17	Colo. Springs Switchbacks	KDKA+
ve matches, the Pittsburgh native has a goal and four assists,	Sat.	24	@Birmingham Legion FC	KDKA+
iving him the team lead with five helpers on the season.	Sat.	31	@Indy Eleven	KDKA+
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making them the third-oldest pro club in USL behind only the

The Riverhounds won the USL Championship Players' Shield Championship and sixth time as a pro head coach.

In 238 matches played under Lilley in all competitions, the Hounds are 118-53-67 and have allowed just 216 goals, an

Sat.	31	@Indy Eleven	KDKA+	D, 1-1
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Sat.	7	Rhode Island FC	KDKA+	W, 2-0
Sat.	14	@Tampa Bay Rowdies	KDKA+	L, 1-2
Sat.	28	Birmingham Legion FC	KDKA+	D, 1-1

@Sacramento Republic FC

Sat.	26	El Paso Locomotive	KDKA+	W, 2-0
Sat.	19	@Loudoun United FC	KDKA+	W, 2-0
Sat.	12	Charleston Battery	KDKA+	W, 2-0
Sat.	5	@Miami FC	SNP	W, 4-0
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**@Charleston Battery KDKA+ 6:30 p.m.

*Denotes U.S. Open Cup match **Denotes USL Championship Playoffs match

CLUB NOTABLES

Nost Appearances	Kenardo Forbes (225)
All-Time Goals Leader	David Flavius (62)
All-Time Assists Leader	Kenardo Forbes (55)
All-Time Record at Highmark Stadium	

Last Game Summary

Riverhounds SC 2, El Paso Locomotive FC 0 Game 34 · Highmark Stadium, Pittsburgh, Pa. · Oct. 26, 2024

Edward Kizza scored in his fifth consecutive match with a ninth-minute header of a Robbie Mertz free kick, and the lead was doubled when El Paso's Ricky Ruiz turned

another Mertz free kick behind him for an own goal in the 19th minute. Eric Dick made six saves for his teamrecord 14th shutout of the season, and the win secured a seventh playoff berth in a row for the Hounds.







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

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At home	7-4-6
On road	
In games decided by one goal or fewer	
In games decided by two goals or more	10-5-0
vs. clubs with winning records	6-4-4
vs. clubs with losing records	
vs. clubs with .500 records	0-2-4
Scoring first	
Conceding first	Ω-9-2
Leading at half	
Trailing at half	0 7 2
Tied at half	1 2 7
Leading with 10:00 remaining	12 0 1
Trailing with 10:00 remaining	IZ-U-I
Tied with 10:00 remaining	0.2.10
Tied with 10:00 remaining	0-2-10
Leading with 5:00 remaining	12-0-1
Trailing with 5:00 remaining	
Tied with 5:00 remaining	0-2-11
Outshooting opponent	
Being outshot by opponent	
Tying in shots with opponent	0-1-1
Scoring no goals	
Scoring one goal	2-3-4
Scoring two goals	
Scoring three goals	3-0-0
Scoring four or more goals	
Allowing no goals	
Allowing one goal	2-3-4
Allowing two goals	
Allowing three goals	
Allowing four or more goals	
In games reduced to 10 men	0-1-2
In games opponent was reduced to 10 men.	
On weekdays	0-1-1
On weekends	12-9-11
In March	
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	1-1-1
In October	4-0-0
Vs. Eastern Conference	8-5-9
Vs. Western Conference	4-5-3
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Miscellaneous	
Current Streak	
Home Streak	
Pond Stronk	11/2

Current Streak	W4
Home Streak	W2
Road Streak	W2
Minutes since last goal allowed	371

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	М	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	М	5'8"	155	30	Paris, France (Tampa Bay Rowdies)
9	Emmanuel Johnson	F	6′0″	175	21	<u>Fairfield, Calif. (Hibernian)</u>
10	Aidan O'Toole	М	5′9″	175	23	Austin, Texas (University of Denver)
11	Kenardo Forbes	М	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	М	5′7″	155	27	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Atlanta United 2)
15	Bradley Sample	М	6′0″	160	23	Channahon, Ill. (University of Louisville)
17	Nate Dragisich	М	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	М	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	Kazaiah 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)
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ALPHABETICAL

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22	Jake Lent-Koop	D	6'3"	200	23	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Messiah University)
70	Pablo Linzoain	М	5′7″	162	17	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Riverhounds Academy)
14	Robbie Mertz	M	5′7″	155	27	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Atlanta United 2)
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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	III-ALL O-soo-mah-noo
Dani ROVIRA	RO-veer-ah
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Jackson WALTI	WALL-tee

PLAYER STATS & HONORS

2024 USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

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<u>No.</u>	Name	GP	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG	FC	T	CL	PK	PKG	YC	RC
2	Danny Griffin	32	2,802	4	2	10	27	13	38	47	44	3	2	4	0
3	Pat Hogan	25	1,806	1	0	2	9	4	30	38	103	0	0	5	1
4	Dani Rovira	28	780	0	1	1	2	2	13	23	11	0	0	1	0
5	Sean Suber	32	2,318	2	0	4	14	4	18	26	102	0	0	3	0
7	Langston Blackstock	33	2,198	1	4	6	17	9	33	45	40	0	0	3	0
8	Junior Etou	31	2,330	2	3	7	15	8	30	43	46	0	0	5	0
9	Emmanuel Johnson	21	885	2	0	4	10	5	32	1	0	0	0	3	0
10	Aidan O'Toole	6	26	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
11	Kenardo Forbes	33	1,439	1	1	3	21	7	14	23	8	0	0	1	0
13	Luke Biasi	31	2,477	0	1	1	6	3	30	51	68	0	0	8	1
14	Robbie Mertz	34	2,483	3	5	11	19	10	30	41	12	2	2	4	0
15	Bradley Sample	30	1,409	1	4	6	14	5	11	25	19	0	0	3	1
17	Nate Dragisich	4	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
19	Edward Kizza	33	2,462	12	1	25	46	26	43	18	6	1	1	3	0
22	Jake Lent-Koop	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Mike DeShields	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	31	2,566	0	1	1	5	2	35	45	97	0	0	11	0
42	Jackson Walti	24	1,812	2	0	4	9	4	15	44	31	0	0	3	0
44	Pierre Cayet	16	274	0	0	0	6	1	5	12	20	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	7	541	5	2	12	13	10	5	6	2	0	0	0	0
70	Pablo Linzoain	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
77	Enoch Mushagalusa	4	113	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0

GOALKEEPERS

1	No.	Name	GP	MIN	GA	SV	CS	PKS	SV%	GAA	YC	RC	
1	1	Eric Dick	26	2,340	18	68	14	0	.791	0.69	1	0	
l ·	12	Gabriel Perrotta	4	360	5	13	1	2	.722	1.25	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 GOLDEN GLOVE

Eric Dick - League-best 0.69 goals-against average

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

Bertin Jacquesson - Week 31

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)

Bertin Jacquesson - Forward (Week 31)

Gabriel Perrotta - Goalkeeper (Week 31)

Langston Blackstock - Defender (Week 33)

Bertin Jacquesson (2) - Forward (Week 33)

Eric Dick - Goalkeeper (Week 33)

Eric Dick - Goalkeeper (Week 34)

Robbie Mertz - Midfielder (Week 34)

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

TECHNICAL STAFF

HEAD COACH BOB LILLEY



Experience: 24th season (seventh with PIT)

Date Hired: November 14, 2017

Hometown: Fort Monmouth, N.J.

George Mason University

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

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 guarterfinals 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.

Alma Mater: 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.



SPORTING DIRECTOR DAN **VISSER**



COACH **ROB** VINCENT

ASSISTANT

- 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.

- 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

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.



FINAL USL CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

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Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
z-Louisville City FC	34	24-6-4	76	86	43	43
x-Charleston Battery	34	18-6-10	64	68	35	33
x-Detroit City FC	34	15-8-11	56	46	32	14
x-Indy Eleven	34	14-11-9	51	49	50	-1
x-Rhode Island FC	34	12-7-15	51	56	41	15
x-Tampa Bay Rowdies	34	14-12-8	50	55	46	9
x-Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	34	12-10-12	48	41	28	13
x-North Carolina FC	34	13-12-9	48	54	43	11
Birmingham Legion FC	34	13-15-6	45	44	51	-7
Hartford Athletic	34	12-14-8	44	39	52	-13
Loudoun United FC	34	11-14-9	42	44	39	5
Miami FC	34	3-29-2	11	26	89	-63

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Team	GP	RECORD	PTS	GF	GA	GD
x-New Mexico United	34	18-11-5	59	46	44	2
x-Colo. Springs Switchbacl	ks 34	15-12-7	52	48	40	8
x-Memphis 901 FC	34	14-11-9	51	52	41	11
x-Las Vegas Lights FC	34	13-10-11	50	49	46	3
x-Sacramento Republic FC	34	13-11-10	49	46	34	12
x-Orange County SC	34	13-14-7	46	38	45	-7
x-Oakland Roots SC	34	13-16-5	44	37	57	-20
x-Phoenix Rising FC	34	11-14-9	42	33	39	-6
San Antonio FC	34	10-15-9	39	36	49	-13
FC Tulsa	34	9-14-11	38	33	48	-15
Monterey Bay FC	34	8-16-10	34	29	44	-15
El Paso Locomotive FC	34	8-18-8	32	27	46	-19

z - clinched Players' Shield

x - clinched playoff berth



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' (Illal 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)

9/28: BHM - Edward Kizza 22' (Robbie Mertz)

10/5: @MIA - Bertin Jacquesson 42' (Junior Etou)

10/5: @MIA - Bertin Jacquesson 51' (Robbie Mertz)

10/5: @MIA - Edward Kizza 58'

10/5: @MIA - Bertin Jacquesson 75' (Bradley Sample)

10/12: CHS - Edward Kizza 2' (Bertin Jacquesson)

10/12: CHS - Robbie Mertz 20'

10/19: @LDN - Edward Kizza 33' (Robbie Mertz)

10/19: @LDN - Bertin Jacquesson 59' (Langston Blackstock)

10/26: ELP - Edward Kizza 9' (Robbie Mertz)

10/26: ELP - Ricky Ruiz 19' (own goal)

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 - Ousseni 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

9/28: BHM - Stéfano Pinho 79' (Darwin Matheus)

TEAM USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATISTICS

	G	Α	SH	SOG	CK	OFF	FC	YC	RC	PK	PKG	OG	GA	SV	POSS %
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AVG:	1.21	0.79	11.18	3.85	4.94	1.88	12.18	1.82	0.09	0.21	0.15	0.03	0.82	2.62	45%

^{**}italics denote U.S. Open Cup match

LINE SCORES & TEAM STATS

Opponent	W/L/D	G	Α	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		111	11	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	D	0	0	6	2	49.6	63.2	1	1	12	0	0	1	0	0	
HOUNDS @Rhode Island	D	0	0	10 12	4 3	40.5 59.5	66.0 79.1	5 1	3 1	13 18	0	0	5 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	11	53.1	68.7	1	0	19	0	0	4	11	0	11
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	00	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	11	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 HOUNDS			11	13	<u>7</u> 9	42.1	68.1	12	2	13	0	0	2	0	0	2
	L	1	1	24 6	9	68.6 31.4	80.4 55.9	12 3	2 1	7 14	0	0	1	0	0	0 5
Indy 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	11	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	14/	1	0	6	_1	47.2	73.4	0	2	6	0	0		0	0	9
HOUNDS	W	5 0	3	12 2	7 0	35.6	68.1 82.2	4 1	3 1	14 14	1 0	1 0	2	0	0	0 2
Oakland HOUNDS	W	3	1	15	7	36.4	65.2	7	0	11	1	1	<u>3</u> 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		111	1	10	2	66.9	83.4	3	2	10	0	0	3	0	0	11
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	11
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	11	10	0	0	1	0	0	11
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	00	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 HOUNDS	W	2	1	13	7	47.7	68.3	2	2	12 7	0	0	<u>4</u> 1	0	0	2
MOUNDS @Birmingham	VV	3	3	9 15	6 7	39.9 61.1	78.8 85.2	5 3	1	/ 14	0	0	4	0	0	6 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
@Татра Вау		2	11	10	4	56.4	83.1	2	0	16	0	0	4	0	0	1
HOUNDS	D	1	1	15	3	42.4	71.1	5	2	19	0	0	2	0	0	3
Birmingham		111	1	15	4	57.6	77.7	4	11	17	0	0	2	0	0	2
HOUNDS	W	4	3	10	8	51.6	87.5	4	0	9	0	0	2	0	0	4
@Miami		0	0	9	4	48.4	84.1	3	4	12	0	0	2	1	0	4
HOUNDS	W	2	1	6	4	30.9	60.0	4	1	13	0	0	2	0	0	4
Charleston		0	0	10	4	69.1	81.9	2	0	14	0	0	3	0	0	2
HOUNDS	W	2	2	5	3	32.7	73.2	3	1	9	0	0	3	0	0	4
@Loudoun	W	0 2	<u>0</u> 1	13 11	3	67.3	87.4	<u>6</u> 2	2 3	13 8	0	0	2	0	0	16
HOUNDS El Paso	VV	0	0	11	3 6	36.0 64.0	76.2 85.7	5	0	8 9	0	0	4	0	1	6

LINEUPS BY GAME

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

Eric Dick Junior Etou (Pierre Cavet 84') Mike DeShields (Luke Biasi 46')

Dani Rovira (Sean Suber 84')

Illal Osumanu

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 lunior 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

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

Babacar Diene (Pat Hogan 69')

Junior Etou (Bradley Sample 72') Luke Biasi Illal Osumanu Dani Rovira (Langston Blackstock 27') Danny Griffin Jackson Walti (Emmanuel Johnson 87') Kenardo Forbes (Kazaiah Sterling 72')

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

Fric Dick Junior Etou (Sean Suber 84') Luke Biasi Pat Hogan Illal Osumanu

Babacar Diene (Sean Suber 72')

Edward Kizza

Langston Blackstock (Aidan O'Toole 84') Kenardo Forbes (Bradley Sample 74') Danny Griffin

Robbie Mertz Edward Kizza Kazajah 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

Eric Dick

Kazaiah Sterling (Emmanuel Johnson 46') April 20: @Phoenix Rising FC (W, 3-1)

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') Kazaiah Sterling (Babacar Diene 74')

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

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') Kazaiah Sterling (Babacar Diene 82')

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

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

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

Langston Blackstock Jake Lent-Koop Pierre Cayet Sean Sube 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 (Kazaiah 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') Kazaiah 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 Kazaiah 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') Kazaiah Sterling (Babacar Diene 77'

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

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

June 19: Louisville City FC (L, 0-1) Jacob Randolph Luke Biasi (sent off 76') Pat Hogan (Pierre Cayet 38' [c]) Junior Etou (Langston Blackstock 90+1') Danny Griffin Bradley Sample Kenardo Forbes (Robbie Mertz 66') Dani Rovira (Pablo Linzoain 90+1') Enoch Mushagalusa (Kazaiah 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 Danny Griffin

Jackson Walti (Bradley Sample 67') Langston Blackstock (Dani Rovira 90') Edward Kizza (Enoch Mushagalusa 75') Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 75') Kazaiah 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') Edward Kizza (Babacar Diene 62') July 6: Monterey Bay FC (L. 0-1)

Luke Biasi 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)

Fric Dick Junior Etou Luke Biasi (Aidan O'Toole 90' [o]) 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)

Junior Etou Sean Suber Illal Osumanu Langston Blackstock (Pierre Cayet 63') 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

Fric 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 (Kazaiah Sterling 64') Emmanuel Johnson (Bradley Sample 64'; sent off 90+4')

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

Luke Biasi Illal Osumanu Langston Blackstock (Pierre Cayet 80') Jackson Walti Danny Griffin Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 77') Edward Kizza (Babacar Diene 77') Emmanuel Johnson (Kazaiah Sterling 45', Dani Rovira 90+5' [o])

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

Junior Etou (Pat Hogan 84')

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 (Kazaiah 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') Kazaiah 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 (Kazaiah 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 (Bradlev Sample 80') Babacar Diene (Emmanuel Johnson 69')

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

Fric 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 Jackson Walti Illal Osumanu Dani Rovira (Langston Blackstock 61') Danny Griffin Bradley Sample (Pierre Cavet 76') Robbie Mertz Edward Kizza (Kenardo Forbes 77')

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

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')

Sept. 28: Birmingham Legion FC (D, 1-1)

Eric Dick Luke Biasi (Pierre Cayet 87') Sean Suber Pat Hogan Illal Osumanu Langston Blackstock Jackson Walti (Junior Etou 87') Danny Griffin Robbie Mertz (Bradley Sample 76') Edward Kizza (Emmanuel Johnson 76') Bertin Jacquesson (Kenardo Forbes 76')

Oct. 5: @Miami FC (W, 4-0) Gabriel Perrotta

Junior Etou (Illal Osumanu 71') Luke Biasi (Pierre Cayet 79') Pat Hogan Sean Suber Langston Blackstock Danny Griffin Bradley Sample (Nate Dragisich 79') Robbie Mertz (Jackson Walti 71') Edward Kizza (Dani Rovira 88') Bertin Jacquesson

Oct. 12: Charleston Battery (W. 2-0)

Luke Biasi Illal Osumanu (Pierre Cayet 76') Pat Hogan Sean Suber Langston Blackstock Jackson Walti Danny Griffin Robbie Mertz (Dani Rovira 88') Edward Kizza (Kenardo Forbes 88') Bertin Jacquesson (Bradley Sample 74')

Oct. 19: @Loudoun United FC (W, 2-0) Eric Dick

Luke Biasi (Pierre Cayet 83') Illal Osumanu Pat Hogan Sean Suber Langston Blackstock Jackson Walti Danny Griffin Robbie Mertz (Dani Rovira 65') Edward Kizza (Junior Etou 65') Bertin Jacquesson (Kenardo Forbes 83')

Oct. 26: El Paso Locomotive FC (W. 2-0)

Eric Dick Sean Suber Pat Hogan Illal Osumanu Junior Etou (Luke Biasi 70') Jackson Walti Danny Griffin Langston Blackstock (Bradley Sample 69') Robbie Mertz (Kenardo Forbes 69') Edward Kizza (Pierre Cavet 89') Bertin Jacquesson (Dani Rovira 83")

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

* - italics denote U.S. Open Cup match



PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

WESTERN CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS

#5 Sacramento Republic FC at #4 Las Vegas Lights FC Cashman Field, Las Vegas, Nev. — 10:30 p.m.

Saturday

#6 Orange County SC at #3 Memphis 901 FC AutoZone Park, Memphis, Tenn. — 2 p.m.

#7 Oakland Roots SC at #2 Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC Weidner Field, Colorado Springs, Colo. — 8 p.m.

Sunday

#8 Phoenix Rising FC at #1 New Mexico United Isotopes Park, Albuquerque, N.M. — 8 p.m. (CBS Sports Network)

EASTERN CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS

Saturday

#7 Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC at #2 Charleston Battery Patriots Point Soccer Complex, Mount Pleasant, S.C. — 6:30 p.m. (KDKA+)

#6 Tampa Bay Rowdies at #3 Detroit City FC Keyworth Stadium, Hamtramck, Mich. — 7 p.m.

#8 North Carolina FC at #1 Louisville City FC Lynn Family Stadium, Louisville, Ky. — 7:30 p.m.

#5 Rhode Island FC at #4 Indy Eleven IU Michael A. Carroll Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind. — 1 p.m.

(All games except those shown nationally on CBS networks will be streamed via ESPN+)

RIVERHOUNDS

BROADCAST NOTES



1

ERIC DICK

	GP/GS	W/L/D	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2024	26/26	11-6-9	68	18	0.69	.791

GK • 6'5" • 220 • Roeland Park, Kan.

- Winner of 2024 USL Championship Golden Glove
- Set club record with 14 shutouts in single season
- Signed as free agent from Minnesota (MLS)

Saves: 8 (8/3 at SAC)
GA: 3 (3/23 at LOU)
Clean sheets: 14



2

DANNY GRIFFIN

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	32/31	2,802	4	2	10	27	13

M • 5′9″ • 165 • Wethersfield, Conn.

- Returned from Huntsville (MLSNP) on 5/3/23
- Team record 85 straight league matches ('20-'22)
- Led team in minutes played in 2021, '22 and '24

Assists: 1 (two times)
Points: 2 (four times)
Shots: 3 (three times)
SOG: 2 (two times)

Minutes: 90 (17 times)

Goals: 1 (4/27 vs. DET)

Points: 2 (4/27 vs. DET)

Minutes: 90 (31 times)

Goals: 1 (four times)



3

PAT HOGAN

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	25/22	1,806	1	0	2	9	4

D • 6'4" • 196 • Matthews, N.C.

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

Shots: 2 (two times)
SOG: 1 (four times)

Assists: 0



4

DANI ROVIRA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	28/10	780	0	1	11	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)

Goals: 0 Assists: 1 (9/7 vs. RI)

Minutes: 90 (24 times)
Goals: 1 (two times)

Minutes: 89 (two times)

Points: 1 (9/7 vs. RI)
Shots: 1 (two times)
SOG: 1 (two times)



5

SEAN SUBER

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	32/25	2,318	2	0	4	14	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)

Points: 2 (two times)
Shots: 2 (four times)
SOG: 1 (four times)

Minutes: 90 (seven times) Goals: 1 (7/20 vs. HFD)

Assists: 1 (four times)

Shots: 2 (five times)

SOG: 2 (3/23 at LOU)

Points: 2 (7/20 vs. HFD)

Assists: ()



LANGSTON BLACKSTOCK

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	33/25	2,198	1_	4	6	17	9

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



8

JUNIOR ETOU

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	31/27	2,330	2	3	7	15	8

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 (2 goals)
- Made int'l debut for Congo on 9/5/24 vs. S.Sudan

Minutes: 90 (13 times)
Goals: 2 (7/13 vs. OAK)
Assists: 1 (three times)
Points: 4 (7/13 vs. OAK)

Shots: 2 (three times)
SOG: 2 (7/13 vs. OAK)



9

EMMANUEL JOHNSON

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	21/10	885	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

Minutes: 82 (8/31 at IND)
Goals: 1 (two times)

Assists: 0
Points: 2 (two times)

Shots: 2 (two times)
SOG: 1 (five times)

Minutes: 13 (5/18 vs. NC)



10

AIDAN O'TOOLE

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	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

Shots: 2 (5/4 vs. MIA) SOG: 1 (5/4 vs. MIA)

Goals: 0

Assists: 0



11

KENARDO FORBES

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	33/13	1,439	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. (295)
- First in Hounds assists (55) and appearances (225)

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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BROADCAST NOTES



GABRIEL PERROTTA

	GP/GS	W/L/T	S	GA	GAA	SV%
2024	4/4	1-1-2	13	5	1.25	.722

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 career clean sheet 10/5 at Miami

Saves: 4 (two times) GA: 2 (two times) Clean sheets: 1



LUKE BIASI

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	31/27	2,477	0	1	1	6	3

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

Assists: 1 (7/20 vs. HFD) Points: 1 (7/20 vs. HFD) Shots: 1 (six times) SOG: 1 (three times)

Goals: 0

Minutes: 90 (21 times)



ROBBIE MERTZ

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	34/31	2,483	3	5	11	19	10

M • 5'7" • 155 • Pittsburgh, Pa.

- Fifth overall season with team over two stints
- 150th USLC appearance 6/22 at North Carolina
- 1 of 4 players w/18+ goals & 18+ assists for PIT

Assists: 1 (five times) Points: 2 (three times) Shots: 2 (six times)

Minutes: 90 (six times)

Goals: 1 (9/7 vs. RI) Assists: 2 (7/13 vs. OAK)

Points: 2 (two times)

Minutes: 90 (eight times) Goals: 1 (three times)





BRADLEY SAMPLE

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	30/12	1,409	1_	4	6	14	5

M • 6'0" • 160 • Channahon, Ill.

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

Shots: 4 (7/6 vs. MB) SOG: 1 (five times) Minutes: 23 (5/25 at MEM)



NATE DRAGISICH

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	4/0	36	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)

Shots: 1 (3/16 vs. OC) SOG: 0

Goals: 0 Assists: 0

Points: 0

EDWARD KIZZA

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	33/32	2,462	12	1	25	46	26

F • 5'9" • 175 • Kampala, Uganda

- Previously under contract w/New England (MLS)
- USLC Player of the Week for Week 7 (goal, ast.)
- Scored in five straight games from 9/28-present

Minutes: 90 (seven times) Goals: 2 (8/24 at BHM) Assists: 1 (4/20 at PHX)

Points: 4 (8/24 at BHM) Shots: 5 (9/28 vs. BHM)



JAKE LENT-KOOP

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	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

Minutes: 9 (7/13 vs. OAK) Goals: 0

Minutes: 72 (3/23 at LOU)

Goals: 1 (4/20 at PHX)

Assists: 1 (two times)

Points: 2 (4/20 at PHX)

Minutes: 90 (21 times)

SOG: 3 (8/24 at BHM)

- Assists: 0
- Points: 0
- Shots: 0
- SOG: 0

BABACAR DIENE

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	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

Shots: 2 (two times)

SOG: 2 (7/6 vs. MB)



ILLAL OSUMANU

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	31/29	2.566	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
- Tied team record with 11 yellow cards in 2024

Assists: 1 (8/31 at IND) Points: 1 (8/31 at IND)

Goals: 0

Shots: 1 (five times) SOG: 1 (two times)

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

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



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BROADCAST NOTES



JACKSON WALTI

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	24/21	1,812	2	0	4	9	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)

Minutes: 90 (14 times) Goals: 1 (two times)

Points: 2 (two times)

Assists: 0

Shots: 2 (two times) SOG: 1 (four times)



PIERRE CAYET

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	16/0	274	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

Minutes: 52 (6/19 vs. LOU) Goals: 0

Minutes: 90 (four times)

Goals: 1 (three times)

Points: 2 (three times)

Assists: () Points: 0

Shots: 1 (six times)

SOG: 1 (6/15 at HFD)



KAZAIAH STERLING

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	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

Shots: 3 (three times) SOG: 2 (three times)



BERTIN JACQUESSON

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SOG
2024	7/7	541	5	2	12	13	10

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

- Acquired on loan from Real Salt Lake (MLS) on 9/5
- Scored in Hounds debut on 9/7 vs. Rhode Island
- USLC Player of the Week for Week 31 (hat trick)

Minutes: 90 (10/5 at MIA) Goals: 3 (10/5 at MIA)

Assists: 1 (two times) Points: 6 (10/5 at MIA)

Shots: 6 (10/5 at MIA)

SOG: 6 (10/5 at MIA)



PABLO LINZOAIN

	GP/GS	MIN	G	Α	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
- Senior at nearby Fox Chapel Area High School

Minutes: 1 (two times)

Goals: 0

Assists: 0

Points: 0

Shots: 0

SOG: 0