



## 2026 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Result
03/14	@ FC Naples	6:00 PM	2-2 D
03/24	@ One Knoxville SC	6:00 PM	0-0 D
03/28	@ Union Omaha	4:00 PM	1-2 L
04/04	@ Westchester SC	6:00 PM	1-5 L
04/22	@ Sarasota Paradise	5:30 PM	1-2 L
04/25	@ Chattanooga Red Wolves SC **	6:00 PM	1-0 W
05/02	Spokane Velocity FC	7:30 PM	0-0 D
05/09	Charlotte Independence	7:30 PM	1-3 L
05/16	FC Tulsa **	7:30 PM	0-1 L
05/20	@ Fort Wayne FC	6:30 PM	
05/23	One Knoxville SC	7:30 PM	
05/29	@ Forward Madison FC	6:00 PM	
06/03	Portland Hearts of Pine	7:30 PM	
06/06	@ Birmingham Legion FC **	7:00 PM	
06/13	Richmond Kickers	7:30 PM	
06/20	Sarasota Paradise	7:30 PM	
06/24	AV Alta FC	7:30 PM	
07/01	@ Charlotte Independence	6:00 PM	
07/04	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	6:30 PM	
07/11	One Knoxville SC **	7:30 PM	
07/18	@ New York Cosmos	6:00 PM	
07/25	Greenville Triumph SC	7:30 PM	
08/01	@ Athletic Club Boise	8:30 PM	
08/08	@ Portland Hearts of Pine	6:00 PM	
08/15	@ Spokane Velocity FC	8:00 PM	
08/19	New York Cosmos	7:30 PM	
08/22	Westchester SC	7:30 PM	
09/05	Forward Madison FC	7:30 PM	
09/12	Union Omaha	7:30 PM	
09/16	@ Greenville Triumph SC	10:00 AM	
09/26	Athletic Club Boise	7:30 PM	
10/03	@ Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	2:00 PM	
10/07	Fort Wayne FC	7:30 PM	
10/10	FC Naples	7:30 PM	
10/17	Richmond Kickers	5:00 PM	
10/24	AV Alta FC	9:30 PM	

**Injury Report: Fully Healthy**

## MATCH INFORMATION

May 20, 2026 – 6:30 PM CST/7:30 PM EST  
Ruoff Mortgage Stadium  
Fort Wayne, Indiana



VS



Corpus Christi FC  
Record: 0-4-3  
Form: LLLDL

Fort Wayne FC  
Record: 3-3-2  
Form: LWDWW

Corpus Christi FC	Matchup	Fort Wayne FC
0.86	Scoring Avg.	1.5
2	Opp. Scoring Avg.	1.33
6	Goals	9
14	Goals Against	8
-8	Goal Differential	-1
6	Assists	6
10.71	Shots/Game	14.33
3	SOG/Game	5.33
20	YC	22
2	RC	1

Referee: Amin Hadzic

Assistant Referee: Sarah Gaddes

Assistant Referee: Eric Burton

Fourth Official: Deborah Da Silveira Madeira

Coverage:

Streaming: ESPN+

Live Stats: [Scores](#)

## AT A GLANCE

## CORPUS CHRISTI FC

- CCFC enters the match after a strong performance against FC Tulsa in a narrow 1-0 USL Cup defeat.
- Goalkeeper Logan Erb made his professional debut against Tulsa and recorded several key saves.
- Corpus Christi native Kyle Barganski also made his first-team debut in Saturday's match.
- Wednesday marks the club's first-ever meeting with Fort Wayne FC in USL League One play.

## FORT WAYNE FC

- Fort Wayne FC is also competing in its inaugural USL League One season in 2026.
- Fort Wayne enters Wednesday's match in strong form after going unbeaten in three consecutive league matches earlier this month.
- The club recently earned its first professional home victory at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium with a 3-0 win over Portland Hearts of Pine.



### LAST TIME OUT

- Corpus Christi FC remained competitive against USL Championship side FC Tulsa in a narrow 1-0 USL Cup defeat at the Corpus Christi Sports Complex.
- Tulsa scored the lone goal in the 80th minute despite a strong defensive effort from CCFC throughout the match.
- Goalkeeper Logan Erb made his professional debut and recorded several key saves to keep the match scoreless deep into the second half.
- Corpus Christi native Kyle Barganski made his first-team debut late in the match.
- CCFC created multiple scoring opportunities, including shots on target from Andrew Booth, Patrick Langlois, and Jake Keegan.
- The Sharks held FC Tulsa scoreless through the opening 79 minutes against one of the top clubs in the USL Championship.

### PRO DEBUT

- Goalkeeper Logan Erb made his professional debut against FC Tulsa, recording multiple key saves to keep the match scoreless deep into the second half.
- Corpus Christi native Kyle Barganski also made his first-team debut, becoming another local product to appear for the club.
- Earlier this season, midfielders Nacho Abeal and Bubu Medina made their professional debuts in Corpus Christi FC's inaugural match against FC Naples.
- Abeal recorded an assist on the club's first goal, while Medina scored the dramatic stoppage-time equalizer.

### VETERAN LEADERS

- CCFC's roster includes two of the most established and accomplished players in USL League One.
- Christian Chaney has spent five seasons in the league and ranks second all-time in goals scored (38) and combined goals and assists (49). He became the first player to score 10 or more goals in a season with three different clubs and is tied for the second-fastest goal in league history at 18 seconds. Chaney has previously played for Charlotte Independence (2020, 2025), Central Valley Fuego FC (2022), and Forward Madison FC (2023-24).
- Jake Keegan is a 2020 USL League One champion and ranks among the league's top 10 all-time in appearances (7th), goals (tied 4th), and goal contributions (tied 4th). Across 156 appearances, Keegan has recorded 32 goals and 13 assists. He also became the first player in league history to score a regular-season goal for five different clubs. Keegan previously played for Greenville Triumph SC (2019-20, 2022), Forward Madison FC (2021), One Knoxville SC (2023), Northern Colorado Hailstorm FC (2024), and Portland Hearts of Pine (2025).

### HOMEGROWN AND FAMILIAR FACES

- Kyle Barganski became the first Corpus Christi native to sign a professional contract with Corpus Christi FC. The 18-year-old product also signed the first professional contract of his career after developing through the club's successful USL League Two side.
- Joining Barganski from the League Two squad are Nacho Abeal and Bubu Medina, who also signed their first professional contracts after helping lead CCFC to a Lone Star Division title.
- Abeal earned Lone Star Division Player of the Year honors in both 2024 and 2025 following standout campaigns with the Sharks.

### INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Corpus Christi FC's roster features players representing 14 different nationalities: Ireland, United States, Argentina, England, Australia, Trinidad & Tobago, Germany, Colombia, Uganda, El Salvador, Spain, Scotland, Ghana, and Jamaica.
- Five Sharks players have represented their countries on the international stage.
- Tomas Pondeca represented the United States National Futsal Team at both the CONCACAF Championship and FIFA Futsal World Cup, earning the Young Player Award at the CONCACAF Championship.
- Alexis Cerritos has represented the El Salvador National Team and became the second-youngest player ever to debut for the program at the time of his first appearance.
- James Talbot has been called into Ireland National Team camp and featured for Ireland's youth national teams.
- Kaihim Thomas and Shannon Gómez have both represented Trinidad and Tobago in multiple CONCACAF Gold Cups.
- Additionally, 11 members of the Sharks roster have played professionally outside the United States.



### INAUGURAL SEASON

- The 2026 season marks the arrival of professional soccer in Corpus Christi for the first time.
- Corpus Christi FC was founded in 2017 as a pre-professional club in the Premier Development League, which later became USL League Two.
- The club steadily built support across the Coastal Bend before capturing its first Lone Star Division title in 2024, helping spark packed crowds and growing excitement around soccer in the region.
- For years, soccer fans in South Texas had to travel hours to experience professional soccer. Now, the sport has arrived in their own backyard with an emphasis on building a pathway from the local community to the professional level.
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### DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

- Corpus Christi FC has a support staff with unique experiences.
- Manuel Iwabuchi is an assistant coach, but is very familiar with Corpus Christi FC. Iwabuchi was the coach of the Sharks USL League Two team for four years and saw the most success in the team's pre-professional history. He is also the only staff member from the Corpus Christi area. Iwabuchi grew up 40 minutes north of the city in Rockport, Texas. He has served as a local high school coach and a college coach before his first pro assignment.
- Islam "Jimmy" Gamal is quickly rising in the sports performance world. After a professional career, he studied to become a strength and conditioning coach. He completed a number of certifications: FIFA Diploma in Football Medicine, High-Performance Football Coaching Certificate from FSI Training, a UEFA C Coaching license among many other academic accomplishments. He's more than proficient in enhancing an athlete's conditioning and explosiveness, injury rehabilitation and load management. He's coached and won at many top clubs including Pyramids FC, Liverpool FC and the U-23 Egyptian National Team.
- Bill Hamid is one of the most well known names from American soccer in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Hamid just wrapped up a 13-year goalkeeping career which included appearances for the United States Men's National Team and two CONCACAF Gold Cups. He holds club records in shutouts and saves for D.C. United. Hamid is also a Danish Superliga champion.



### USL 1 Stats

Player	GP	GS	Min.	G	A	YC	RC
James Talbot Blake	5	5	450	0	0	0	0
Bowen Tomas	6	5	482	1	1	0	0
Ritondale	4	2	129	0	0	0	0
Jack Keaney	6	6	539	0	0	1	1
Sam Roscoe	6	6	529	0	0	3	0
Paddy Langlois	7	7	630	1	0	1	0
Kaihim Thomas	2	1	52	0	0	0	0
Jackson Dietrich	6	4	283	0	0	2	1
Christian Chaney	6	4	403	0	1	3	0
Alexis Cerritos Jake	7	3	358	0	1	1	0
Keegan James	7	2	248	0	1	0	0
Parks Manzi Shalita	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Barganski	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pierce Infuso	7	5	488	0	0	0	0
Nacho Abeal	7	5	379	0	1	3	0
Shannon Gomez	7	7	602	0	0	1	0
Mason McCready	2	2	180	0	0	0	0
Bubu Medina	7	5	496	2	0	0	0
Tomas Pondeca	7	4	359	1	0	1	0
Enock Kwakwa	5	4	285	1	0	3	0
Logan Erb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrew Booth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## GOALKEEPERS

Player	GP	GS	S	GC	CS	SV%
James Talbot	5	5	24	11	1	.685
Mason McCready	5	5	5	3	1	.625
Logan Erb	0	0	0	0	0	0



**2026 League One Standings**

Club	GP	Points	Record	GD
Union Omaha	9	19	6-2-1	6
One Knoxville SC	9	17	5-2-2	5
Spokane Velocity FC	8	17	5-1-2	4
Athletic Club Boise	8	14	4-2-2	6
FC Naples	10	14	4-4-2	-1
Charlotte Independence	7	11	3-2-2	5
Fort Wayne FC	7	11	3-2-2	1
Forward Madison FC	6	10	3-2-1	1
Richmond Kickers	7	10	3-1-1	1
Portland Hears of Pine	8	10	2-2-4	0
AV Alta FC	8	10	2-2-4	-1
Chattanooga Red Wolves	5	7	2-2-1	2
Westchester SC	8	7	2-5-1	-3
New York Cosmos	7	7	2-4-1	-4
Sarasota Paradise	10	7	2-7-1	-10
Greenville Triumph SC	6	6	2-4-0	4
Corpus Christi FC	7	3	0-4-3	-8

**2026 Season Honors**

- Week 2: Tomas Pondeca - Team of the Week.
- Week 4: James Talbot - Team of the Week Bench
- Week 5: Enock Kwakwa - Team of the Week
- Us1 Cup Round 1: Blake Bowen - Team of Round 1
- Week 8/9: James Talbot - Team of the Week
- Week 8/9: Blake Bowen - Team of the Week Bench

**Match Starters**

3/14 v. NAP

- James Talbot
- Blake Bowen - A
- Jack Keaney
- Paddy Langlois - C
- Jackson Dietrich (B. Medina - G)
- Christian Chaney
- Pierce Infuso
- Nacho Abeal - A (A. Cerritos)
- Shannon Gomez (T. Ritondale)
- Tomas Pondeca - G
- Enock Kwakwa (J. Keegan)

3/24 v. KNOX

- James Talbot
- Jack Keaney
- Sam Roscoe
- Paddy Langlois - C
- Kaihim Thomas (B. Medina)
- Christian Chaney (A. Cerritos)
- Pierce Infuso
- Nacho Abeal - (J. Keegan)
- Shannon Gomez
- Tomas Pondeca
- Enock Kwakwa (J. Dietrich)

3/28 v. OMH

- James Talbot
- Jack Keaney
- Sam Roscoe
- Paddy Langlois - C
- Jackson Dietrich (J. Keegan - A)
- Alexis Cerritos
- Pierce Infuso
- Nacho Abeal - (C. Chaney)
- Shannon Gomez
- Bubu Medina - G (E. Kwakwa)
- Tomas Pondeca (B. Bowen)

4/04 v. WES

- James Talbot
- Blake Bowen
- Jack Keaney
- Sam Roscoe
- Paddy Langlois - C
- Alexis Cerritos - A
- Jake Keegan (N. Abeal)
- Pierce Infuso
- Shannon Gomez (K. Thomas)
- Bubu Medina (T. Pondeca)
- Enock Kwakwa - G

4/22 v. SAR

- James Talbot
- Blake Bowen - G
- Sam Roscoe
- Paddy Langlois - C
- Alexis Cerritos
- Jake Keegan (N. Abeal)
- Pierce Infuso (T. Ritondale)
- Shannon Gomez
- Bubu Medina - A
- Tomas Pondeca (C. Chaney)
- Enock Kwakwa (J. Dietrich)

4/25 v. CRW

- Mason McCready
- Blake Bowen - G
- Tomas Ritondale (P. Infuso)
- Sam Roscoe
- Jack Keaney
- Paddy Langlois - C
- Kaihim Thomas (N. Abeal)
- Jackson Dietrich - A (J. Keegan)
- Christian Chaney (A. Cerritos)
- Shannon Gomez
- Bubu Medina (E. Kwakwa)

5/2 v. SPOK

- Mason McCready
- Blake Bowen
- Tomas Ritondale (P. Infuso)
- Sam Roscoe (T. Pondeca)
- Jack Keaney
- Paddy Langlois - C
- Nacho Abeal
- Jackson Dietrich - (J. Keegan)
- Christian Chaney (A. Cerritos)
- Shannon Gomez
- Bubu Medina

5/12 v. CLT

- Mason McCready
- Blake Bowen
- Tomas Ritondale (P. Infuso)
- Sam Roscoe
- Jack Keaney
- Paddy Langlois - C
- Nacho Abeal (A. Cerritos)
- Jackson Dietrich - (T. Pondeca)
- Christian Chaney
- Shannon Gomez (J. Keegan)
- Bubu Medina (A. Booth)

5/16 v. TUL

- Logan Erb
- Sam Roscoe
- Jack Kearney
- Pierce Infuso
- Shannon Gomez
- Andrew Booth (A. Cerritos)
- Paddy Langlois - C
- Bubu Medina (J. Dietrich)
- Jake Keegan (M. Shalita)
- Blake Bowen
- Nacho Abeal (K. Barganski)



2026 Roster Numerical Format

No.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	PRONUNCIATION
1	James Talbot	GK	6'0	187	Dublin, Ireland	JAMES Tall-bit
2	Blake Bowen	D	5'8	152	San Clemente, California	BLAKE Bo-en
3	Tomas Ritondale	D	5'9	155	Córdoba, Argentina	TAHM-es RIT-uhn-dayel
4	Jack Keaney	D	6'2	190	Donegal, Ireland	JACK Kee-nee
5	Sam Roscoe	D	6'4	198	Manchester, England	SAM ROSS-koh
6	Patrick "Paddy" Langlois	MF	5'11	184	Newcastle, Australia	PATCH-rik LANG-wah
7	Kaihim Thomas	MF	5'9	145	Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago	KY-hymn TAHM-uhs
8	Jackson Dietrich	MF	6'0	165	Bremen, Germany	JACK-sun DEE-trik
9	Christian Chaney	F	6'3	208	Fresno, California	KRIS-chan CHAY-nee
10	Alexis Cerritos	MF	5'11	194	Bowie, Maryland	UH-lex-sees SER-re-tohs
12	Jacob Keegan	F	5'10	160	Stormville, New York	JAY-cob KEY-gan
15	James Parks	D	5'10	160	Fort Collins, Colorado	JAMES PARKS
17	Manzi Shalita	F	6'0	155	Centreville, Virginia	MON-zee SHUH-lee-tuh
19	Kyle Barganski	MF	5'10	160	Corpus Christi, Texas	KYLE BAR-gan-skee
20	Pierce Infuso	D	6'0	176	Merrick, New York	PEERS IN-foo-so
21	Ignacio "Nacho" Abeal	F	5'8	154	A Coruña, Spain	IG-na-see-oh AH-be-all
22	Shannon Gomez	D	5'8	150	Chaguanas, Trinidad & Tobago	SHAN-un GO-mehz
24	Mason McCready	GK	6'3	188	Glasgow, Scotland	MAY-son MC-cree-dee
26	Arthur "Bubu" Medina	MF	6'0	164	Las Vegas, Nevada	AR-thoor MEH-deen-uh
27	Tomas Pondeca	MF	5'9	160	Flower Mound, Texas	TAHM-es PAWN-deka
33	Enock Kwakwa	MF	5'5	134	Accra, Ghana	E-nok QUA-qua
35	Logan Erb	GK	6'3	200	Humble, Texas	LOW-guhn URB
80	Andrew Booth	MF	6'0	181	Tamarac, Florida	AN-droo BOOTH



PLAYER PROFILES



**James Talbot**

#1 James Talbot  
Position: Goalkeeper  
Hometown: Dublin, Ireland  
DOB: 04/24/1997  
Previous Team: Bohemian FC

- This is James first season in USL, but he brings a wealth of experience. He spent six seasons in Ireland's top division with Bohemian FC, earning over 50 clean sheets in 167 appearances. James has also been called into camp with the Irish National Team.



**Blake Bowen**

#2 Blake Bowen  
Position: Defense  
Hometown: San Clemente, California  
DOB: 11/04/2000  
Previous Team: Huntsville City FC

- Blake was drafted by the Seattle Sounders before playing three seasons in MLS NEXT Pro. The speedster off the back line captained Huntsville City FC last season. Prior to his pro career, Blake was a four-year starter and all-conference for San Diego State University.



**Tomas Ritondale**

#3 Tomas Ritondale  
Position: Defense  
Hometown: Córdoba, Argentina  
DOB: 04/16/2002  
Previous Team: FC Naples

- Tomas is a threat to opposing teams from the outside back position. He signed his first contract with Rio Grande Valley FC Toros in USL Championship. He got valuable minutes in MLS NEXT Pro with Huntsville City FC.



**Jack Keaney**

#4 Jack Keaney  
Position: Defense  
Hometown: Donegal, Ireland  
DOB: 01/18/1999  
Previous Team: Cliftonville FC

- Jack is a testament to hard work. He came up in the Sligo Rovers Academy, working to being a key piece in the first team. He helped the team to a Bet McLean Cup. He'd later power Drogheda FC to an FAI Cup.



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#5 Sam Roscoe  
Position: Defense

Hometown: Manchester, England  
DOB: 06/16/1998

Previous Team: Linfield FC

- Sam is a proven winner and has a commanding presence on the backline. He is a two-time Northern Ireland Football League Premiership winner and Bet McLean Cup Champion with Linfield FC. Sam became a fan favorite and key piece to Linfield in his two stints.



#6 Patrick Langlois  
Position: Midfield

Hometown: Newcastle, Australia  
DOB: 10/28/1999

Previous Team: Portland Hearts of Pine

- Paddy is the heart of any team he plays on. He's a natural leader at defensive midfield. He has a 2024 USL Cup under his belt while playing for Coach Éamon Zayed. Paddy went pro at 19 years old in Australia's top division where he played a few seasons before joining USL League One.



#7 Kaihim Thomas  
Position: Midfield

Hometown: Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago  
DOB: 02/08/2003

Previous Team: Defense Force FC

- In his young career, Kaihim has been called into camp for the Trinidad and Tobago National Team. He's appeared in CONCACAF Gold Cup qualifying and Gold Cup matches. Kaihim has been an asset to the dominant Defense Force FC in route to their two league cups.



#8 Jackson Dietrich  
Position: Midfield

Hometown: Bremen, Germany  
DOB: 09/27/1996

Previous Team: Forward Madison FC

- Jackson is a seasoned veteran with over 100 appearances for three clubs across USL League One. He was instrumental in the Northern Colorado Hailstorm success, seen in 2023-2024. He also has plenty of experience in the playoffs.



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#9 Christian Chaney  
Position: Forward  
Hometown: Fresno, California  
DOB: 09/08/1994  
Previous Team: Charlotte Independence

- In his short time in USL League One, Chaney is second all-time in goals with 38. He's second all-time for goals and assists with 49. He has 105 appearances. Chaney is coming off a 13-goal season in 2025.



#10 Alexis Cerritos  
Position: Midfield  
Hometown: Bowie, Maryland  
DOB: 10/02/2000  
Previous Team: AV Alta FC

- Alexis was the second youngest player to debut for the Salvadorian National Team. Alexis has been effective in every stop of his career. He's scored 20 goals and had five assists in the last three seasons.



#12 Jacob Keegan  
Position: Forward  
Hometown: Stormville, New York  
DOB: 09/07/1990  
Previous Team: Portland Hearts of Pine

- Jake was the first player to score a regular season goal for five clubs in USL League One. He's a seasoned vet, climbing the record books year-after-year. He's tied fourth all-time for goal contributions with 32 goals and 13 assists. He has 156 appearances.



#15 James Parks  
Position: Defense  
Hometown: Fort Collins, Colorado  
DOB: 08/15/2007

- Previous Team: Colorado Springs Switchbacks 2  
➤ James has been on Coach Éamon Zayed's radar since James joined Northern Colorado Hailstorm U-20. A couple months in, he began training with the first team and then signed his first academy contract, winning a trophy along the way. James provides depth to the back line.



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#17 Manzi Shalita  
Position: Forward

Hometown: Centreville, Virginia  
DOB: 11/25/2002

Previous Team: Ponce FC

- In Manzi's first pro season, he collected 14 goals in 18 matches to put his team atop the table in Puerto Rico. Prior to that, Manzi was a five-year starter at University of Lynchburg. He played in over 90 matches and was an All-American in his final year.



#19 Kyle Barganski  
Position: Midfield

Hometown: Corpus Christi, Texas  
DOB: 01/05/2008

Previous Team: San Antonio FC

- Kyle is the first Corpus Christi native to sign for the Sharks. Kyle has spent time training with San Antonio FC since he was 12. He's been well known locally for the numerous accolades he's accomplished in high school including District MVP and All-State selection.



#20 Pierce Infuso  
Position: Defense

Hometown: Merrick, New York  
DOB: 11/25/2002

Previous Team: New York City FC II

- Pierce heads into his second pro season after one season in MLS NEXT Pro. Pierce was a five-year starter at Hofstra University and played in the NCAA tournament each season. Pierce anchored a team that won the conference each season. He played in 96 matches.



#21 Ignacio Abeal  
Position: Forward

Hometown: A Coruña, Spain  
DOB: 04/08/2001

Previous Team: University of North Carolina

- Nacho has been a staple of the Sharks in USL League Two. He became the club's leader in goals after just two seasons and was named Player of the Year for the Lone Star Division in back-to-back years. He earns his first pro contract after a good college career.



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#22 Shannon Gomez  
Position: Defense  
Hometown: Chaguanas, Trinidad & Tobago  
DOB: 10/05/1996  
Previous Team: San Antonio FC

- After four seasons with San Antonio FC, Shannon heads down I-37 to play for the Sharks. He's a dangerous outside back who has featured for the Trinidad & Tobago National Team several times. He's also played for Pittsburgh Riverhounds and Sacramento Republic FC.



#24 Mason McCready  
Position: Goalkeeper  
Hometown: Glasgow, Scotland  
DOB: 03/05/2003  
Previous Team: Texoma FC

- Mason worked hard on his way up Patrick Thistle FC Academy in Scotland. He earned a place with the first team and won a Scottish League One Championship. Mason entered USL League One last season as the first signing for Texoma FC.



#26 Arthur Medina  
Position: Midfield  
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada  
DOB: 10/16/2002  
Previous Team: Sin City FC

- Bubu was another integral part of the Sharks USL League Two success that returns to Corpus Christi. This is his first pro contract after playing consistently across UNLV, Utah Tech and Lipscomb.



#27 Tomas Pondeca  
Position: Midfield  
Hometown: Flower Mound, Texas  
DOB: 10/10/2001  
Previous Team: New Mexico United

- Tomas broke into pro soccer through success in futsal. He played for the U.S. Men's Futsal Team at the CONCACAF Championship and at the FIFA Futsal World Cup. He's also an MLS NEXT Pro champion with North Texas SC. Along the way, he signed a contract and played for FC Dallas in MLS.



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#33 Enock Kwakwa  
Position: Midfield  
Hometown: Accra, Ghana  
DOB: 07/02/1994  
Previous Team: Skövde AIK

- Enock is another former Northern Colorado player to reunite with Coach Éamon Zayed. Enock joined the Manchester City Academy in 2012. He later would spend 10 years playing between Norway and Sweden. Enock also spent one season with Charleston Battery.



#35 Logan Erb  
Position: Goalkeeper  
Hometown: Humble, Texas  
DOB: 01/07/2004

- Logan is currently on loan from Houston Dynamo FC, where he signed a Homegrown Player contract in December 2025. Erb most recently starred at NC State, where he led the program to the 2025 NCAA Championship Final and earned Goalkeeper of the Year.



#80 Andrew Booth  
Position: Midfield  
Hometown: Tamarac, Florida  
DOB: 07/16/1997

- Andrew joined the team in May 2026 following a 25 day contract with Spokane Velocity. Booth brings valuable professional experience across both the USL Championship and USL League One Levels. Booth previously spent time with Charleston Battery and FC Tulsa after beginning his professional career with Greenville Triumph FC



TECHNICAL STAFF

Head Coach and Sporting Director



**Éamon Zayed**

Éamon Zayed became the first Head Coach and Sporting Director in the club's professional history on Oct. 15, 2025. He previously coached for Northern Colorado Hailstorm FC, leading them to a 41-21-22 record over three seasons. They included playoff runs and a USL Jägermeister Cup title.

Zayed's playing career spanned 18 seasons, playing across Asia and Europe before finishing his career in the United States within the USL. He primarily played in Ireland's top division and was named the Professional Footballers Association of Ireland Player's Player of the Year after leading the League of Ireland Premier Division in goals with 23. He made appearances for the Irish U20 National team and for the Libyan National Team. Zayed holds a UEFA "A" Coaching License.

Assistant Coaches



**Manuel Iwabuchi**

Manny was hired as an assistant coach after leading the Sharks USL League Two team for four seasons. He coached Nacho Abeal, Bubu Medina and Kyle Barganski in two of those seasons; two of the most successful seasons in the club's history. He's the club's winningest coach with a 28-8-9 record. He led the 2024 team to a Lone Star Division title, the most goals in the country with 45 in 12 matches and the club's first berth in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.

Manny is a Rockport, Texas native. He's coached at local high school Incarnate Word Academy, and Coastal Bend College, leading them to a national ranking. He's the Director of Coaching for the CCFC Academy. He's widely regarded as one of the best coaches in South Texas.

Strength and Conditioning



**Islam "Jimmy" Gamal**

After Jimmy's playing career across Egypt, Kuwait and the U.S. He studied and quickly rose to being a top sports performance coach. He's worked with world-class players like Mohammed Salah with the Egyptian National Team and Bobby Clark with Liverpool FC. In his short coaching career, he's already helped his teams to a CAF Champions League Cup, Egypt FA Cup and FIFA African-Asian-Pacific Cup.

Jimmy is always studying to get better. He has a number of academic achievements including: FIFA Diploma in Football Medicine, High-Performance Football Coaching Certificate from FSI Training, a UEFA C Coaching license among many other academic accomplishments. He's more than proficient in enhancing an athlete's conditioning and explosiveness, injury rehabilitation and load management.



Goalkeeping



Bill is one of the most well-known goalkeepers in the last 20 years in U.S. soccer. Hamid is a CONCACAF Gold Cup winner with the United States Men's National Team in 2013 and 2017. He is the 2014 MLS Goalkeeper of the year. He's a 2018 Danish Superliga champion with FC Midtjylland. At the time of Hamid's MLS debut, he was the youngest goalkeeper in league history to win a regular season match.

The Annandale, Virginia native came up in the D.C. United Academy and became the first academy product to sign for the first team in 2009, making his debut in 2010. In his two stints with D.C. United, Hamid made 279 starts and holds the club record for shutouts (89) and saves (976). This is his first full time role as a goalkeeping coach.