

# 2026 CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE GAME NOTES



# Charlotte Independence Game Notes



## MATCH INFORMATION



Charlotte Independence @ Fort Wayne FC  
May 2, 2026  
7:30 PM EST  
Fort Wayne, IN  
Ruoff Mortgage Stadium

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Head Referee: Christopher Calderon  
Assistant Referee: Race Williams  
Assistant Referee: Andrew Stefanick  
Fourth Official: Fermin Sanchez

CLT	The Two Teams	FW
1-2-1	League Record	1-2-1
1-0-0	Home	0-0-0
0-2-1	Away	1-2-1
8	Goals For	3
6	Goals Against	6
13.5	Shots/Game	9.0
5.0	SOG/Game	3.0
1	Clean Sheets	1

## USL LEAGUE ONE STANDINGS

CLUB	POINTS	MATCHES	RECORD	GD
FC NAPLES	14	7	4-1-2	5
ONE KNOXVILLE SC	14	7	4-1-2	3
SPOKANE VELOCITY FC	13	6	4-1-1	3
UNION OMAHA	12	6	4-2-0	3
AC BOISE	8	5	2-1-2	4
FORWARD MADISON FC	7	4	2-1-1	1
WESTCHESTER SC	7	6	2-3-1	-1
NEW YORK COSMOS	7	6	2-3-1	-2
SARASOTA PARADISE	7	7	2-4-1	-4
GREENVILLE TRIUMPH SC	6	4	2-2-0	1
PORTLAND HEARTS OF PINE	6	5	1-1-3	1
<b>CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1-2-1</b>	<b>2</b>
CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES	4	3	1-1-1	0
RICHMOND KICKERS	4	5	1-3-1	-3
FORT WAYNE FC	4	4	1-2-1	-3
AV ALTA FC	4	6	0-2-4	-4
CORPUS CHRISTI FC	2	5	0-3-2	-6

## WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- First-ever matchup between the two clubs.
- First game at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium in Fort Wayne
- Enzo Martinez is one goal away from 50 in his Independence career.

## HEAD TO HEAD

All-Time: 0-0-0

## UNAVAILABLE LAST TIME OUT

Fabrice Ngah, Sega Coulibaly, Mathis Guffroy,  
Kevin Riascos, Luis Alvarez

## 2026 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
Mar. 14	Westchester SC	The Stadium at Memorial Field	D, 1-1
Mar. 19	Ristozi FC ^	Sportsplex at Matthews	W, 4-1
Mar. 27	Spokane Velocity FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	W, 4-0
Mar. 31	Charleston Battery ^	Sportsplex at Matthews	W, 3-2 (ET)
Apr. 3	NY Cosmos	Hinchliffe Stadium	L, 2-3
Apr. 15	Charlotte FC^	Sportsplex at Matthews	L, 0-6
Apr. 18	One Knox SC	Covenant Health Park	L, 1-2
Apr. 25	Richmond Kickers *	City Stadium	W, 2-1
May 2	Fort Wayne FC	Fort Wayne FC Park	7:30 PM
May 6	AC Boise	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7:30 PM
May 9	Corpus Christi FC	Corpus Christi Sports Complex	8:30 PM
May 15	Pittsburgh Riverhounds *	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7:30 PM
May 23	Forward Madison FC	Sportsplex at Matthews	7 PM
May 30	Chattanooga Red Wolves	CHI Memorial Stadium	7 PM
June 3	FC Naples	Paradise Coast Sports Complex Stadium	7:30 PM
Jun. 10	Union Omaha	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7:30 PM
Jun. 13	FC Naples	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7 PM
Jun. 24	Greenville Triumph SC *	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7:30 PM
Jul. 1	Corpus Christi FC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7:30 PM
Jul. 5	AV Alta FC	Lancaster Municipal Stadium	11 PM
Jul. 11	Charleston Battery *	Patriots Point	7:30 PM
Jul. 18	Chattanooga Red Wolves	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7 PM
Jul. 22	Spokane Velocity FC	ONE Spokane Stadium	9 PM
Jul. 25	Richmond Kickers	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7 PM
Aug. 1	One Knoxville SC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7 PM
Aug. 8	Greenville Triumph SC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7 PM
Aug. 15	Sarasota Paradise	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7 PM
Aug. 22	Forward Madison FC	Breese Stevens Field	8 PM
Aug. 29	AV Alta FC	Sportsplex at Matthews	7 PM
Sep. 2	Portland Hearts of Pine	Sportsplex at Matthews	7:30 PM
Sep. 5	Union Omaha	Morrison Stadium	TBD
Sep. 12	Westchester SC	American Legion Memorial Stadium	7 PM
Sep. 16	AC Boise	Athletic Club Boise Soccer Stadium	9 PM
Sep. 19	Richmond Kickers	City Stadium	6 PM
Sep. 26	Fort Wayne FC	Sportsplex at Matthews	7 PM
Oct. 3	Sarasota Paradise	Premier Sports Campus at Lakewood Ranch	7:30 PM
Oct. 10	NY Cosmos	Sportsplex at Matthews	7 PM
Oct. 17	Greenville Triumph SC	Greenville Triumph SC Stadium	7 PM
Oct. 24	Portland Hearts of Pine	Fitzpatrick Stadium	5 PM

\* = Prinx Tires USL Cup  
^ = U.S. Open Cup

Homage Kit

County Kit



## LAST TIME OUT: INDEPENDENCE VICTORIOUS AT RICHMOND

The Charlotte Independence scored two first half goals to burst by Richmond Kickers 2-1 on Saturday night at City Stadium. It was a lovely brace from Enzo Martinez to bring his all competitions total to three and give the Independence a big three points in their first match of the Prinx Tires USL Cup.



## DEFENDER KEVIN RIASCOS UNDERGOES KNEE SURGERY

Defender Kevin Riascos underwent right knee surgery on Wednesday. Riascos exited in the first half of Charlotte's U.S. Open Cup Round of 32 match against Charlotte FC on April 15 with a non-contact injury. The procedure carries an estimated recovery timeline of approximately six weeks. Riascos has started in five matches in all competitions to begin the 2026 campaign.



## INDEPENDENCE ADDS NEW MIDFIELDER TO FOLD

The Independence added another midfielder to the group, signing Jeando Fuchs on Thursday. Fuchs brings national team experience, having made two caps with Cameroon. Fuchs adds global experience, most recently with Gabala (Azerbaijan) in 2025 after stops across France, Spain, Israel, Scotland, and England.



## FIRST-EVER MEETING BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND FORT WAYNE

The Charlotte Independence travels to Fort Wayne FC for a historic home opener at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium this Saturday. The two teams will meet again in the Queen City on September 26 at Mecklenburg County Sportsplex at Matthews.

### TEAM OF THE WEEK

#### USL League One

**Week 2:** Javen Romero, Kevin Riascos  
**Week 4:** Javen Romero, Luis Alvarez  
**Week 5:** Reudd Manin, Jefferson Amaya  
**Week 7:** Matt Levy, Jon Bakero

#### US Open Cup

**Second Round:** Luis Alvarez, Mike Jeffries

#### Prinx Tires USL Cup

**First Round:** Enzo Martinez (POTR)

# Charlotte Independence Roster



**1**  
**GEORGE TASOURIS**

GOALKEEPER  
DOB: JAN. 16, 1996  
HEIGHT: 6'3"  
HOMETOWN: NICOSIA, CYPRUS  
COLLEGE: PORTLAND



**2**  
**FABRICE NGAH**

DEFENDER  
DOB: OCT. 16, 1997  
HEIGHT: 5'9"  
HOMETOWN: YAOUNDE, CAMEROON  
PREV.: CANON YAOUNDE



**3**  
**JOEY SKINNER**

DEFENDER  
DOB: MAR. 28, 2003  
HEIGHT: 6'0"  
HOMETOWN: CHARLOTTE, NC  
COLLEGE: CLEMSON



**4**  
**SEGA COULIBALY**

DEFENDER  
DOB: JUNE 9, 1996  
HEIGHT: 6'3"  
HOMETOWN: BAMAKO, MALI  
PREV.: PORTLAND HEARTS OF PINE



**5**  
**JAVEN ROMERO**

DEFENDER  
DOB: APR. 21, 2006  
HEIGHT: 6'0"  
HOMETOWN: LOS ANGELES, CA  
PREV.: LAFC 2



**6**  
**JEANDO FUCHS**

MIDFIELDER  
DOB: OCT. 11, 1997  
HEIGHT: 5'9"  
HOMETOWN: YAOUNDE, CAMEROON  
PREV.: FK GABALA



**7**  
**PRINCE SAYDEE**

FORWARD  
DOB: FEB. 20, 1993  
HEIGHT: 5'11"  
HOMETOWN: MONROVIA, LIBERIA  
PREV.: WESTCHESTER SC



**8**  
**CHRISTOPHER JAIME**

MIDFIELDER  
DOB: MAR. 20, 2004  
HEIGHT: 5'9"  
HOMETOWN: SAN DIEGO, CA  
PREV.: LAFC 2



**9**  
**CHRISTY MANZINGA**

FORWARD  
DOB: JAN. 31, 1995  
HEIGHT: 6'2"  
HOMETOWN: PARIS, FRANCE  
PREV.: BNEI YEHUDA



**10**  
**JON BAKERO**

MIDFIELDER  
DOB: NOV. 5, 1996  
HEIGHT: 6'2"  
HOMETOWN: SITGES, SPAIN  
COLLEGE: WAKE FOREST  
PREV.: MEMPHIS 901



**11**  
**VIGGO ORTIZ**

MIDFIELDER  
DOB: MAY 26, 2008  
HEIGHT: 5'5"  
HOMETOWN: DALLAS, TX  
PREV.: CHARLESTON BATTERY



**13**  
**MATHIS GUFFROY**

MIDFIELDER  
DOB: OCT. 8, 2003  
HEIGHT: 6'2"  
HOMETOWN: SAINT GERMAIN EN LAYE, FRANCE  
COLLEGE: ST. THOMAS



**14**  
**REUDD MANIN**

DEFENDER  
DOB: SEPT. 8, 2001  
HEIGHT: 6'2"  
HOMETOWN: LES ABYMES, FRANCE  
COLLEGE: PRESBYTERIAN



**16**  
**MILES LYONS**

DEFENDER  
DOB: OCT. 7, 2002  
HEIGHT: 5'8"  
HOMETOWN: TUCSON, AZ  
PREV.: MONTEREY BAY FC



**17**  
**CLAY DIMICK**

DEFENDER  
DOB: DEC. 7, 1994  
HEIGHT: 5'9"  
HOMETOWN: ATLANTA, GA  
COLLEGE: BELMONT ABBEY



**19**  
**ENZO MARTINEZ**

MIDFIELDER  
DOB: SEPTEMBER 19, 1990  
HEIGHT: 5'7"  
HOMETOWN: MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY  
PREV.: BIRMINGHAM LEGION FC  
COLLEGE: NORTH CAROLINA



**21**  
**THABO NARE**

DEFENDER  
DOB: MARCH 13, 2003  
HEIGHT: 6'0"  
HOMETOWN: CARY, NC  
PREV.: SOUTH GEORGIA TORMENTA



**22**  
**KEVIN RIASCOS**

DEFENDER  
DOB: JUNE 21, 1995  
HEIGHT: 6'2"  
HOMETOWN: BOGOTA, COLOMBIA  
PREV.: HAPOEL HAFIA



**24**  
**JEFFERSON AMAYA**

MIDFIELDER  
DOB: JUNE 14, 2003  
HEIGHT: 6'1"  
HOMETOWN: CHARLOTTE, NC  
COLLEGE: HIGH POINT



**26**  
**SOUAIBOU MAROU**

FORWARD  
DOB: DEC. 3, 2000  
HEIGHT: 5'11"  
HOMETOWN: GAROUA, CAMEROON  
PREV.: ORLANDO PIRATES



**28**  
**MATT LEVY**

GOALKEEPER  
DOB: JAN. 3, 2000  
HEIGHT: 6'2"  
HOMETOWN: PENSACOLA PINES, FL  
COLLEGE: FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL



**44**  
**MATTHEW ARANGO**

MIDFIELDER  
DOB: JAN. 11, 2008  
HEIGHT: 5'7"  
HOMETOWN: CHARLOTTE, NC  
ACADEMY CONTRACT



**45**  
**GAVIN PIERCE**

FORWARD  
DOB: DEC. 31, 2007  
HOMETOWN: CHARLOTTE, NC  
ACADEMY CONTRACT



**47** ON LOAN  
**LUIS ALVAREZ**

MIDFIELDER  
DOB: JAN. 25, 2003  
HEIGHT: 5'8"  
HOMETOWN: TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS  
PREV.: TAMPA BAY ROWDIES

# Charlotte Independence Roster



2026 NUMERICAL ROSTER				BREAKDOWN
NAME	POS.	HOMETOWN	PRONOUNCIATION	BY POSITION
1 GEORGE TASOURIS	GK	NICOSIA, CYPRUS	GEORGE TA-SORE-IS	<b>Goalkeepers (2)</b>
2 FABRICE NGAH	D	YAOUNDE, CAMEROON	FABRICE IN-GAH	No. Name
3 JOEY SKINNER	D	CHARLOTTE, NC	JOEY SKINNER	1 George Tasouris
4 SEGA COULIBALY	D	BAMAKO, MALI	SEGA KOO-LA-BALI	28 Matt Levy
5 JAVEN ROMERO	D	LOS ANGELES, CA	JAH-VEN ROW-MERO	<b>Defenders (9)</b>
6 JEANDO FUCHS	M	YAOUNDE, CAMEROON	ZHON-DOE FOOKS	No. Name
7 PRINCE SAYDEE	F	MONROVIA, LIBERIA	PRINCE SAY-DEE	2 Fabrice Ngah
8 CHRISTOPHER JAIME	M	SAN DIEGO, CA	CHRISTOPHER HI-MAY	3 Joey Skinner
9 CHRISTY MANZINGA	F	PARIS, FRANCE	CHRISTY MAN-ZING-UH	4 Segou Coulibaly
10 JON BAKERO	M	STIGES, SPAIN	JON BAH-CARE-OH	5 Javen Romero
11 VIGGO ORTIZ	M	DALLAS, TX	VIG-OH ORTIZ	14 Reudd Manin
13 MATHIS GUFFROY	M	SAINT GERMAIN EN LAYE, FRANCE	MAH-TEES GUFF-ROY	16 Miles Lyons
14 REUDD MANIN	D	LES ABYMES, FRANCE	REH-OD MAHN-IN	17 Clay Dimick
16 MILES LYONS	D	TUCSON, AZ	MILES LIONS	21 Thabo Nare
17 CLAY DIMICK	D	ATLANTA, GA	CLAY DIM-ICK	22 Kevin Riascos
19 ENZO MARTINEZ	M	MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY	ENZO MARTINEZ	<b>Midfielders (9)</b>
21 THABO NARE	D	CARY, NC	TAH-BO NARE	No. Name
22 KEVIN RIASCOS	D	BOGOTA, COLOMBIA	KEVIN REE-AS-COS	6 Jeando Fuchs
24 JEFFERSON AMAYA	M	CHARLOTTE, NC	JEFFERSON AMAYA	8 Christopher Jaime
26 SOUAIBOU MAROU	F	CAMEROON	SWAY-BOO MAH-ROO	10 Jon Bakero
28 MATT LEVY	GK	PENSACOLA PINES, FL	MATT LEE-VEE	11 Viggo Ortiz
44 MATTHEW ARANGO	M	CHARLOTTE, NC	MATTHEW UH-RANGO	13 Mathis Guffroy
45 GAVIN PIERCE	F	CHARLOTTE, NC	GAVIN PIERCE	19 Enzo Martinez
47 LUIS ALVAREZ	M	TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS	LUIS AL-VAH-REZ	24 Jefferson Amaya
				44 Matthew Arango
				47 Luis Alvarez
				<b>Forwards (4)</b>
				No. Name
				7 Prince Saydee
				9 Christy Manzinga
				26 Souaibou Marou
				45 Gavin Pierce
				<b>EXPERIENCE</b>
				Type No.
				Returners 8
				Newcomers 14
				Academy 2

## ALL COMPETITIONS BREAKDOWN

### SUMMARY

Overall	4-3-1
Home	3-0-0
Away	1-3-1
Opponent above .500 (at time of game)	2-2-0
Opponent at .500 (at time of game)	1-0-0
Opponent below .500 (at time of game)	1-1-1

### DAY OF THE WEEK

on Monday	0-0-0
on Tuesday	1-0-0
on Wednesday	0-1-0
on Thursday	1-0-0
on Friday	1-1-0
on Saturday	1-1-1
on Sunday	0-0-0

### MONTH

in March	3-0-1
in April	1-3-0
in May	0-0-0
in June	0-0-0
in July	0-0-0
in August	0-0-0
in September	0-0-0
in October	0-0-0
in November	0-0-0

### SCORING

Scoring 0 goals	0-1-0
Scoring 1 goal	0-1-1
Scoring 2 goals	1-1-0
Scoring 3 goals	1-0-0
Scoring 4+ goals	2-0-0
Allowing 0 goals	1-0-0
Allowing 1 goal	2-0-1
Allowing 2 goals	1-1-0
Allowing 3 goals	0-1-0
Allowing 4+ goals	0-1-0
Games decided by 1 goal	2-2-0
Games decided by 2+ goals	2-1-0
CLT scores first	4-0-0
Opponent scores first	0-3-1
CLT leading at halftime	3-0-0
Opponent leading at halftime	0-1-1
Tied at halftime	1-2-0

### MISCELLANEOUS

Current Unbeaten Streak	1
Home Unbeaten Streak	3
Road Unbeaten Streak	1
Consecutive Games With a Goal	2

# Charlotte Independence Statistics



## GAME-BY-GAME STATS (ALL COMPS)

Date	Opponent	W/L/D	G	GA	SH	SOG	SV	POSS%	PA%	CK	OFF	TS%	PK	PKG	OG	YC	RC
3.14	Westchester	D	1	1	12	4	1	39.4	70.2	4	3	68.8	-	-	-	4	-
3.21	Ristozi FC^	W	4	1	27	16	0	65.0	84.0	10	0	-	-	-	-	1	-
3.27	Spokane	W	4	0	17	5	1	41.6	78.7	4	2	85.7	1	1	1	2	-
3.31	Charleston^	W	3	2	6	5	4	37.0	78.0	3	2	-	-	-	-	4	-
4.5	NY Cosmos	L	2	3	15	3	4	60.8	83.4	4	1	92.3	-	-	-	3	-
4.15	Charlotte FC	L	0	6	3	0	0	70.4	70.5	2	0	66.7	-	-	-	2	1
4.18	One Knoxville	L	1	2	19	6	5	51.8	79.4	7	1	64.7	-	-	1	2	-
4.25	Richmond*	W	2	1	13	8	5	45.2	72.4	5	4	78.6	-	-	-	1	-

## USL LEAGUE ONE TEAM STAT LEADERS

### ATTACK

**Goals:** Viggo Ortiz, 2

**Assists:** Luis Alvarez,

Javen Romero, and Jon Bakero, 1

**Shots:** Souaibou Marou, 10

**Shots on Target:**

Souaibou Marou, 6

**Chances Created:** Luis Alvarez, 11

### DEFENSE

**Clearances:** Javen Romero, 29

**Blocks:** Javen Romero, 6

**Interceptions:** Jefferson Amaya and  
Reudd Manin, 5

**Tackles Won:** Javen Romero, 9

**Duels Won:** Luis Alvarez, 28

**Aerial Duels Won:** Javen Romero,

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### GOALKEEPING

**Saves:** Matt Levy, 12

**Clean Sheets:** Matt Levy, 1

### GENERAL

**Minutes:** 4 players, 270

**Starts:** Clay Dimick, Javen  
Romero, and Clay Dimick, 3

# Charlotte Independence Staff



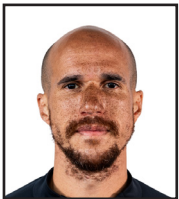
## **MIKE JEFFRIES, HEAD COACH**

- 12th season as head coach of the Independence
- 2023 USL League One Finalist
- Three-time Coach of the Week in 2025
- 2002 MLS Coach of the Year Nominee with Chicago Burn



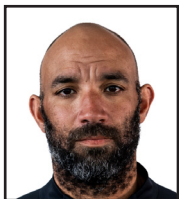
## **DAVE CARTON, ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH**

- Re-joins the Jacks after a year as head coach at Westchester
- Spent four seasons with the Independence as an assistant coach from 2021–24
- Served as Technical Director of the Independence Academy and as head coach of Charlotte's USL League Two side



## **GABRIEL OBERTAN, ASSISTANT COACH**

- Second season as assistant coach of the Independence
- Played for the Independence in 2024 in final season as a player
- Seven seasons in the Premier League with Manchester United and Newcastle United



## **JASON STRANGE, GOALKEEPER COACH**

- Second season as assistant of the Independence
- Has operated as an assistant at Catawba College, Davidson College, and Winthrop University
- Won a National Championship in college at UNC (2001-02)



## **JAY LOCKHART, VIDEO ANALYST**

- 4th season as an analyst with the Independence
- Has worked with the Youth Club as a coach since 2020
- Master of Science in Sports Coaching from Ohio University

- **LINDSAY JONES - HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER**
- **ZAVIER DEROSIERS - EQUIPMENT MANAGER**
- **NICK FUSCO - VOLUNTEER ANALYST**

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# Charlotte Independence Players



## #1 GEORGE TASOURIS | GOALKEEPER

- Cyprus international youth representative (U-19, U-21) with recent professional experience at Digenis Morphou (2025)
- Recorded 46 appearances at Grand Canyon University, earning 2021 WAC Defensive Player of the Year honors
- Finished collegiate career at the University of Portland with 40 appearances across two seasons

	ALL COMPS
GP	3
GS	3
SAVES	4
CS	0
YC/RC	0/1



## #2 FABRICE NGAH | DEFENDER

- Fourth season with the Independence
- Top 15 all-time in club history for appearances
- Career-high five goals in 2025
- Four Team of the Week selections in 2025
- Received first call-up to the Cameroonian National Team in 2014

	ALL COMPS
GP	2
GS	0
G	1
A	0
MIN	11
YC/RC	0/0



## #3 JOEY SKINNER | DEFENDER

- Charlotte native who began his professional pathway with the Independence Academy in 2020
- Appeared in 27 matches across all competitions with Tampa Bay Rowdies during the 2025 season
- Selected 11th overall by Nashville SC in the 2023 MLS SuperDraft after collegiate stints at UNC Greensboro and Clemson
- Spent two seasons on loan with Huntsville City FC in MLS NEXT Pro before joining Tampa Bay

	ALL COMPS
GP	4
GS	3
G	0
A	0
MIN	258
YC/RC	0/0



## #4 SEGA COULIBALY | DEFENDER

- Veteran center back joins Charlotte after making 10 appearances for Portland Hearts of Pine in the 2025 USL League One season
- Brings MLS experience from LA Galaxy, recording 49 starts from 2021–23 and scoring in a rivalry win over LAFC
- Developed in France with Stade Rennais FC's academy and logged 130+ professional appearances across multiple clubs

	ALL COMPS
GP	1
GS	1
G	0
A	0
MIN	88
YC/RC	0



## #5 JAVEN ROMERO | DEFENDER

- Second season with the Independence
- Made 27 appearances in 2025
- Ranked second on the team in blocks and clearances in 2025
- Played for LAFC 2 in MLS NEXT Pro league
- Appeared in two US Open Cup matches for LAFC

	ALL COMPS
GP	8
GS	8
G	1
A	1
MIN	750
YC/RC	3/0

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## #6 JEANDO FUCHS | MIDFIELDER

- Signed with the Charlotte Independence in April 2026
- Veteran midfielder brings global experience, most recently with Gabala (Azerbaijan) in 2025 after stops across France, Spain, Israel, Scotland, and England
- Has made 299 professional appearances, including 138 combined with FC Sochaux and Dundee United

	ALL COMPS
GP	0
GS	0
G	0
A	0
MIN	0
YC/RC	0



## #7 PRINCE SAYDEE | FORWARD

- Signed with the Charlotte Independence ahead of the 2026 season
- Tallied five goals and four assists in 32 appearances for Westchester SC in 2025
- Owns 148 career league appearances across the USL Championship and USL League One, with previous stops at Rhode Island FC, Hartford Athletic, Phoenix Rising FC, and Miami FC

	ALL COMPS
GP	0
GS	0
G	0
A	0
MIN	0
YC/RC	0



## #8 CHRISTOPHER JAIME | MIDFIELDER

- Second season with the Independence
- Played for LAFC Academy team prior to joining the Jacks
- Made 31 appearances for Las Vegas Lights
- 2025 USL Week 15 Team of the Week

	ALL COMPS
GP	8
GS	8
G	1
A	0
MIN	723
YC/RC	1/0



## #9 CHRISTY MANZINGA | FORWARD

- Joined Independence in March 2026 after professional stints in Israel, South Korea, Hungary, Northern Ireland, and Scotland
- Recorded 5 goals in 17 appearances with Bnei Yehuda (Israel) in 2025S
- Tallied 20 goals in 35 matches with Linfield FC (2021/22), helping secure a NIFL Premiership title

	ALL COMPS
GP	3
GS	0
G	0
A	0
MIN	54
YC/RC	0/0



## #10 JON BAKERO | MIDFIELDER

- Second season with the Independence
- Ranked among league leaders in assists in 2025 (9)
- Over 200 appearances in his professional career
- Previous clubs: Toronto FC, Chicago Fire, Phoenix Rising, Pontevedra CF, Slavia Sofia, Lleida Esportiu, Memphis 901

	ALL COMPS
GP	5
GS	3
G	0
A	1
MIN	217
YC/RC	0/0

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## #11 VIGGO ORTIZ | MIDFIELDER



- Joined the club on transfer from Charleston Battery in January 2025
- Became the second-youngest goal scorer in Charleston's history at 17 years, 4 months, and 18 days old
- Made multiple appearances in Mexico's youth national system, including competing and scoring in the CONCA-CAF U-17 Championship

	ALL COMPS
GP	8
GS	6
G	3
A	0
MIN	486
YC/RC	1/0

## #13 MATHIS GUFFROY | MIDFIELDER



- French attacking midfielder who recorded 47 goals and 27 assists across four seasons at Texas Wesleyan University
- 2024 Conference Player of the Year at Texas Wesleyan
- Added nine goal contributions and earned All-Summit League Second Team honors at the University of St. Thomas in 2025

	ALL COMPS
GP	5
GS	5
G	0
A	0
MIN	378
YC/RC	0/0

## #14 REUDD MANIN | DEFENDER



- Spent two seasons at Presbyterian College, making 27 appearances and scoring two goals while helping the Blue Hose reach the 2024 Big South Conference Tournament semifinals.
- Previously played at St. Francis Brooklyn, earning NEC All-Rookie Team honors in 2022 and helping the Terriers reach the 2022 NEC Tournament championship.
- Called into Martinique National Team in March 2026

	ALL COMPS
GP	7
GS	6
G	0
A	0
MIN	550
YC/RC	3/0

## #16 MILES LYONS | DEFENDER



- 23-year-old outside back joined Charlotte after making 18 league appearances for Monterey Bay FC in the USL Championship in 2025.
- Brings over 75 USL Championship appearances, including 61 matches across three seasons with El Paso Locomotive after signing his first professional contract in 2022.

	ALL COMPS
GP	7
GS	0
G	1
A	0
MIN	116
YC/RC	1/0

## #17 CLAY DIMICK | DEFENDER



- 8th season with the Jacks
- Team Captain
- 2nd in club history in appearances
- Actively holds the longest consecutive minutes played streak in club history
- 2024 USL League One Comeback Player of the Year

	ALL COMPS
GP	8
GS	8
G	1
A	1
MIN	750
YC/RC	2/0

# Charlotte Independence Players



## #19 ENZO MARTINEZ | MIDFIELDER

- Charlotte Independence all-time leader in goals and assists while ranking third in club history in appearances.
- Two-time USL Championship MVP finalist (2016, 2017) and named USL Championship All-League First Team in both seasons.
- 79 career USL Championship goals, ranking sixth in league history across stints with Charlotte Independence and Birmingham Legion FC.

	ALL COMPS
GP	8
GS	6
G	3
A	1
MIN	539
YC/RC	0/0



## #21 THABO NARE | DEFENDER

- Defender signed to full contract in April 2026 after originally signing on a 25-day contract from South Georgia Tormenta FC
- International experience in Spain (Intercity, CFI Alicante, UD Vall de Uxó, Moncofa FC)
- Previously played in MLS NEXT Pro with North Texas SC and LAFC2

	ALL COMPS
GP	6
GS	5
G	0
A	0
MIN	437
YC/RC	1/0



## #22 KEVIN RIASCOS | DEFENDER

- Veteran Colombian center back returns to Charlotte after first appearing in 30 matches for the Independence in 2021 (USL Championship)
- Spent most recent season with Hapoel Haifa (Israel) before rejoining the club ahead of 2026
- Brings top-flight experience from Colombia, featuring for Deportivo Cali, Deportivo Pasto, Jaguares de Córdoba and multiple professional sides across the Americas

	ALL COMPS
GP	5
GS	4
G	0
A	0
MIN	318
YC/RC	1/0



## #24 JEFFERSON AMAYA | MIDFIELDER

- Former Charlotte Independence academy player, originally signing with the club in March 2022 and making nine first-team appearances across all competitions during the 2022 season.
- Decorated midfielder at High Point University, recording 17 goals and 20 assists in 66 appearances for the Panthers.
- 1st player in Big South Conference history to earn a different major award in four consecutive seasons

	ALL COMPS
GP	8
GS	5
G	1
A	0
MIN	501
YC/RC	2/0



## #26 SOUAIBOU MAROU | FORWARD

- Second season with the Independence
- Ranked 2nd on the team with nine league goals in 2025
- First substitute to net a hat trick in USL League One history
- 2022 FIFA World Cup Selection for Cameroon

	ALL COMPS
GP	7
GS	6
G	2
A	2
MIN	497
YC/RC	0/0

# Charlotte Independence Players



## #28 MATT LEVY | GOALKEEPER

- Fourth season with the Independence
- Made 28 starts across all comps in 2025, earning five clean sheets
- Four-time Team of the Week honors in 2025
- Ended college career at Florida International after starting at Jacksonville University

	ALL COMPS
GP	6
GS	5
SAVES	16
CS	1
YC/RC	0/0



## #44 MATTHEW ARANGO | MIDFIELDER

- Second season on an academy contract
- Made one appearance in 2025 in the U.S. Open Cup First Round
- Set to join Stetson University in fall 2026

	ALL COMPS
GP	2
GS	0
G	0
A	0
MIN	1
YC/RC	0/0



## #45 GAVIN PIERCE | FORWARD

- Second season on an academy contract
- 25 goal contributions for 07/08 academy team with Charlotte Independence Soccer Club
- Set to join Wofford in fall 2026

	ALL COMPS
GP	1
GS	0
G	0
A	0
MIN	1
YC/RC	0/0



## #47 LUIS ALVAREZ | MIDFIELDER

- Midfielder re-joined the Charlotte Independence on loan from Tampa Bay Rowdies for the 2026 season.
- Made 57 league appearances over three seasons with Charlotte before his permanent transfer to Tampa Bay in June 2025.
- Scored two goals in 18 appearances for the Rowdies during the 2025 campaign.
- Ranks top 10 all-time in club history in goals scored.
- Earned six USL League One Team of the Week honors in 2025

	ALL COMPS
GP	7
GS	7
G	2
A	3
MIN	650
YC/RC	3/0