

RICHMOND KICKERS (3-6-2, 11 PTS)

VS FORT WAYNE FC (4-2-5, 17 PTS)

Saturday, June 20, 2026 // 7 PM ET // @City Stadium

MATCHDAY 12: RICvFW



3-6-2 LEAGUE RECORD 4-2-6
14 LEAGUE STANDING 7
1-3-1 LAST 5 LEAGUE MATCHES 2-0-4
2L LEAGUE STREAK 3D
Darren Sawatzky HEAD COACH Mike Avery

MATCH INFO

COMPETITION USL LEAGUE ONE
DATE Sat., Jun. 20, 2026
KICKOFF 7 PM ET
LOCATION City Stadium
FORECAST 83/61F, Partly Sunny
REFEREE Lauren Aldrich
ASST. REFEREE Marcus Moss, Nicolas Lopez
4TH OFFICIAL Nicholas Strednak
BROADCAST TV: CBS 6.3 Online: ESPN+

STAT COMPARISON

Richmond		Fort Wayne
11	GOALS SCORED	14
17	GOALS ALLOWED	11
-6	GOAL DIFFERENTIAL	3
7	ASSISTS	10
8.5	SHOTS/GAME	9.6
4.7	SOG/GAME	4.5
2	CLEAN SHEETS	4
39	YELLOW CARDS	35
1	RED CARDS	1

2026 SCHEDULE & RECORD

LEAGUE RECORD: 3-6-2, *USL CUP: 0-3-0*, **OPEN CUP: 2-1-0**

HOME: 2-1-1 // AWAY: 1-5-1

DATE	OPPONENT	TV/STREAM	TIME/RESULT
Mar 7	AV Alta FC	CBS 6.3	D, 1-1
Mar 17	**NoVA FC**	CBS 6.3	W, 2-0
Mar 21	FC Naples	CBS 6.3	L, 0-1
Mar 27	One Knoxville SC	CBS 6.3	L, 0-1
Apr 1	**Loudoun United**	Paramount+	W, 1-0
Apr 11	Spokane Velocity FC	CBS 6.3	L, 3-1
Apr 15	**Columbus Crew**	Paramount+	L, 0-3
Apr 18	Union Omaha	CBS 6	W, 2-1
Apr 25	*Charlotte Independence*	CBS 6.3	L, 1-2
May 1	Westchester SC	CBS 6.3	W, 1-0
May 9	Greenville Triumph SC	CBS 6.3	W, 3-0
May 16	*Charleston Battery*	CBSSN	L, 0-4
May 27	Chattanooga Red Wolves	ESPN+	L, 5-0
May 30	Athletic Club Boise	CBS 6.3	D, 2-2
Jun 6	*Loudoun United FC*	ESPN+	L, 3-1
Jun 10	Athletic Club Boise	ESPN+	L, 2-1
Jun 13	Corpus Christi FC	ESPN+	L, 1-0
Jun 20	Fort Wayne FC	CBS 6.3	7 PM
Jun 24	Portland Hearts of Pine	ESPN+	7 PM
Jul 3	Sarasota Paradise	CBS 6.3	7:30 PM
Jul 11	*Greenville Triumph SC*	ESPN+	7 PM
Jul 15	Forward Madison FC	ESPN+	8 PM
Jul 18	Spokane Velocity FC	CBS 6.3	7 PM
Jul 25	Charlotte Independence	ESPN+	7 PM
Aug 1	AV Alta FC	CBS 6.3	7 PM
Aug 5	New York Cosmos	CBSSN	7 PM
Aug 16	Union Omaha	ESPN+	5 PM
Aug 22	Portland Hearts of Pine	CBS 6.3	7 PM
Aug 29	Forward Madison FC	CBS 6.3	7 PM
Sept 2	Fort Wayne FC	CBS N	7:30 PM
Sept 12	Chattanooga Red Wolves	CBS 6.3	6 PM
Sept 16	Westchester SC	ESPN+	7 PM
Sept 19	Charlotte Independence	CBS 6.3	6 PM
Sept 26	New York Cosmos	ESPN+	5 PM
Oct 3	One Knoxville SC	CBS 6.3	6 PM
Oct 7	FC Naples	ESPN+	7 PM
Oct 10	Sarasota Paradise	ESPN+	7:30 PM
Oct 17	Corpus Christi FC	CBS 6.3	6 PM
Oct 24	Greenville Triumph SC	CBS 6.3	6 PM

2026 USL LEAGUE ONE STANDINGS

#	Team	GP	W	L	D	GD	PTS
1	Union Omaha	14	9	4	1	6	28
2	Charlotte Independence	12	8	2	2	15	26
3	One Knoxville SC	12	7	2	3	9	24
4	Spokane Velocity FC	11	6	3	2	3	20
5	AV Alta FC	12	5	2	5	6	20
6	AC Boise	13	5	5	3	-1	18
7	FC Naples	14	5	7	2	-6	17
8	Fort Wayne FC	11	4	2	5	3	17
9	Forward Madison FC	10	5	4	1	5	16
10	Sarasota Paradise	15	5	9	1	-8	16
11	Portland Hearts of Pine	12	3	4	5	-1	14
12	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	9	4	4	1	5	13
13	Westchester SC	11	3	6	2	0	11
14	RICHMOND KICKERS	11	3	6	2	-6	11
15	Corpus Christi FC	12	2	5	5	-9	11
16	Greenville Triumph SC	10	3	6	1	-9	10
17	New York Cosmos	11	2	8	1	-12	7

NEWS AND NOTES

34TH SEASON SYNOPSIS

- ▶ The Kickers started the 2026 season with a new look roster featuring nine returners and 13 newcomers.
- ▶ Richmond returns it's top goal scorer from a season ago as Darwin Espinal entered 2026 off a campaign which saw the El Progreso, Honduras native score nine goals including eight from outside the box.
- ▶ The Kickers also return striker Josh Kirkland who added eight goals a season ago and captain Dakota Barnathan who will look to anchor the midfield in his fifth season with the team.
- ▶ Richmond features a new look backline with the addition of goalkeeper Yann Fillion and backs Ethan Kos, Sam Layton, Daniel Moore, Mujeeb Murana and Sean Vinber
- ▶ Founded in 1993 and entering their 34th season overall, the Kickers stand as the longest continuously operating professional soccer team in the United States.

SERIES HISTORY

- ▶ The Richmond Kickers will face Fort Wayne FC for the first time in club history on Saturday, June 20.
- ▶ Fort Wayne FC, who began their debut campaign in March 2026, are 4-2-5 on the 2026 season.
- ▶ The Richmond Kickers will face Fort Wayne FC twice in the 2026 season, the first matchup being on Saturday and the second taking place on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. EST.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

- ▶ 1: Saturday will mark Brian Ownby's first match as Interim Head Coach.
- ▶ 9: The Kickers have had nine different goals scorers across their last nine matches with Tarik Pannholzer the lone player scoring more than one, recording two over the last 59 days.
- ▶ 12: Saturday will mark Richmond's 12th USL1 regular season game of the season and fifth at home.
- ▶ 18: Saturday will mark Richmond's 18th match of the season across all competitions.
- ▶ 34: 2026 marks the Kickers' 34th continuously operating season.
- ▶ 44: Yann Fillion currently leads USL1 with 44 saves on the season.
- ▶ 10,000: Barnathan eclipsed his 10,000th USL1 regular season minute against Chattanooga on Wednesday, May 27.

KICKERS RELEASE RVA WILDLIFE KIT

As their 34th consecutive season continues, the Richmond Kickers are excited to announce the RVA Wildlife Kit.

There is no better animal that represents RVA's wildlife quite like the Virginia opossum. The opossum has been elevated to a Richmond icon for its personified range — affectionate and adorable, playful and weird, and fierce and feral. An elusive creature of urban wildlife, Richmonders' love for the marsupial runs deep.

The RVA Wildlife design abstracts the marsupial's distinctive features, creating a kit that celebrates Richmond's love for the opossum. In addition to standing out on the pitch, its tonal color palette makes this kit easy to fit into any wardrobe rotation. The black, gray, white and pink color palette draws from the animal's distinctive look, while the printed heathered pattern is inspired by the opossum's textured fur coat. Additional details include pink piping down the seams of the torso — a subtle reference to the tail the opossum famously hangs from — and a creative nod to the opossum's pink nose through the collar's inset.

Through thoughtful design and a willingness to lean into Richmond's lovable weirdness, the Kickers bring one of their most creative kits to the pitch this summer.

CLUB RECORDS

AppearancesRonnie Pascale (304)
Goals (All-Time)Matthew Delic�te (94)
Goals (Single Season)Kevin Jeffrey (20)
Youngest GoalscorerNicholas Simmonds (16 years, 8 months, 12 days)
Assists (All-Time)Mike Burke (63)
Assists (Single Season)Ruben Espinoza (12)
GAA (Single Season)Ronnie Pascale (0.74, 2007)
Shutouts (All-Time)Ronnie Pascale (97)
Shutouts (Single Season)Mike McGinty (2000), Andrew Dykstra (2013) (12)

RECORD IN 2026 WHEN...

At home.....	2-1-1
On road.....	1-5-1
In games decided by one goal.....	2-4-0
In games decided by two goals or more.....	1-2-0
vs. clubs with winning records.....	1-3-1
vs. clubs with losing records.....	1-2-0
vs. clubs with .500 records.....	1-1-1
Scoring first.....	3-0-2
Leading at half.....	2-0-1
Trailing at half.....	0-4-0
Tied at half.....	1-2-1
Leading with 10:00 remaining.....	3-0-1
Trailing with 10:00 remaining.....	0-5-0
Tied with 10:00 remaining.....	0-1-1
Leading with 5:00 remaining.....	3-0-0
Trailing with 5:00 remaining.....	0-6-0
Tied with 5:00 remaining.....	0-0-2
Outshooting opponent.....	2-2-0
Being outshot by opponent.....	1-4-2
Tying in shots with opponent.....	0-0-0
Scoring no goals.....	0-4-0
Scoring one goal.....	1-2-1
Scoring two goals.....	1-0-1
Scoring three goals.....	1-0-0
Scoring four or more goals.....	0-0-0
Allowing no goals.....	2-0-0
Allowing one goal.....	1-3-1
Allowing two goals.....	0-1-1
Allowing three goals.....	0-1-0
Allowing four or more goals.....	0-1-0
On weekdays.....	1-3-0
On weekends.....	2-3-2
In March.....	0-2-1
In April.....	1-1-0
In May.....	2-1-1
In June.....	0-2-0
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

MISCELLANEOUS

Current Unbeaten Streak.....	0
Home Unbeaten Streak.....	0
Road Unbeaten Streak.....	0
Consecutive games with a goal.....	0
Consecutive games allowing one goal or less.....	1

2026 USL LEAGUE ONE TEAM STATISTICS

Goals	11
Total Shots	94
Shots on Target	41
Goal Conversion Rate %	11.7%
Goals Conceded	17
Clean Sheets	2
Penalties Conceded	1
Tackle Success Rate %	60.3%
Duels Success Rate %	48.9%
Aerial Duels Success Rate %	46.6%
Pass Success Rate %	70.3%
Total Passes	3165
Successful Passes	2225
Fouls Won	133
Fouls Conceded	171
Yellow Cards	39
Red Cards	1

2026 USL PRINX CUP TEAM STATISTICS

Goals	1
Total Shots	32
Shots on Target	8
Goal Conversion Rate %	5.0%
Goals Conceded	8
Clean Sheets	0
Penalties Conceded	0
Tackle Success Rate %	63.6%
Duels Success Rate %	52.7%
Aerial Duels Success Rate %	56.8%
Total Passes	1,122
Successful Passes	834
Fouls Conceded	35
Yellow Cards	8
Red Cards	0

2026 OPEN CUP TEAM STATISTICS

Goals	3
Total Shots	35
Shots on Target	9
Goal Conversion Rate %	11.1%
Goals Conceded	3
Clean Sheets	2
Penalties Conceded	0
Tackle Success Rate	70%
Average Possession	36.3%
Successful Passes	628
Fouls Conceded	41
Yellow Cards	5
Red Cards	0

2026 ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE
1	Fillion, Yann	GK	6' 3"	210	30	Ottawa, Ontario	
2	Barnathan, Dakota	M	6' 1"	180	31	Massapequa, NY	VCU
3	Anderson, Hayden	D	5' 10"	160	25	Greenville, SC	
4	Layton, Sam	D	6' 2"	180	26	Brisbane, Australia	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
5	Kos, Ethan	D	6' 1"	180	24	Huntington Beach, CA	University College Dublin
6	Ali Sasankhah	M	6' 2"	185	22	Sacramento, CA	Sacramento State
7	Johnson, Landon	F	5' 9"	150	19	Chesterfield, VA	
9	Kirkland, Josh	F	6' 1"	185	24	Richmond, VA	Mary Washington
10	Seufert, Nils	M	6' 0"	167	29	Mannheim, Germany	
11	Pannholzer, Tarik	F	5' 7"	152	25	Flensburg, Germany	Marshall University
12	O'Malley, Owen	F	5' 11"	170	24	Cary, NC	Creighton University
13	Wintsch, Alex	GK	6' 2"	168	16	Richmond, VA	
18	Amer, Austin	M	6' 1"	170	26	Tampa, FL	
19	Espinal, Darwin	F	5' 11"	164	31	El Progreso, Honduras	
22	Vinberg, Sean	D	6' 1"	175	31	Long Island, NY	SUNY Oneonta
23	Freeman, Tyler	F	6' 0"	170	23	Overland Park, KS	
26	Murana, Mujeeb	D	6' 1"	180	25	Ibadan, Nigeria	Saint Louis
34	Howell, Beckett	D	6' 2"	150	20	Richmond, VA	
35	Sneddon, James	GK	6' 0"	165	20	Richmond, VA	
41	Richman, Andrew	M	6' 1"	175	18	Mechanicsville, VA	
44	Gallegos, Axel	D	6' 1"	170	18	Richmond, VA	
70	Lucca Dourado	F	5' 10"	173	25	São Paulo, Brazil	UCF
99	Moore, Daniel	D	6' 2"	190	23	Charlotte, NC	Charlotte

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER & PRONUNCIATION

#	NAME	POS	PRONUNCIATION
18	Amer, Austin	M	A-mer
3	Anderson, Hayden	D	
2	Barnathan, Dakota	D	Duh-koh-tah Bar-nuh-than
70	Dourado, Lucca	F	Lew-ka Dew-Ra-doe
24	Erlandson, Josh	D	
19	Espinal, Darwin	M	Dar-win Esp-in-all
1	Fillion, Yann	GK	Yahn Fill-e-own
23	Freeman, Tyler	F	
44	Gallegos, Axel	D	Axel Guy-A-gos
34	Howell, Beckett	D	
7	Johnson, Landon	F	
9	Kirkland, Josh	F	
5	Kos, Ethan	D	Cahs
4	Layton, Sam	D	Lay-ton
99	Moore, Daniel	D	
26	Murana, Mujeeb	D	Moo-Jeeb Moo-rana
12	O'Malley, Owen	F	
11	Pannholzer, Tarik	F	Tear-rik Pan-hole-zer
41	Richman, Andrew	M	
6	Ali Sasankhah	M	All-E Sah-san-KuH
10	Seufert, Nils	M	Nills Soy-furt
35	Sneddon, James	GK	Snedd-IN
22	Vinberg, Sean	D	Vin-berg
13	Wintsch, Alex	GK	Wintch

TECHNICAL STAFF

Sawatzky, Darren	Suh-WATT-ski
Ownby, Brian	Own-Bee
Munn, Evan	
O'Leary, Casey	
Counts, Brandt	

TECHNICAL STAFF

CHIEF SPORTING OFFICER AND HEAD COACH	Darren Sawatzky
ASSISTANT COACH	Brian Ownby
GOALKEEPING COACH	Evan Munn
MANAGER OF PLAYER OPERATIONS	Brandt Counts
ATHLETIC TRAINER	Casey O'Leary

2026 USL LEAGUE ONE REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

#	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	A	CL	BLK	INT	YC	RC	FW	FC
1	Fillion, Yann	11	11	990	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	3	0	3	0
2	Barnathan, Dakota	11	11	900	4	1	0	0	52	9	6	3	0	6	7
3	Anderson, Hayden	10	10	872	3	0	0	0	29	3	6	3	0	5	14
4	Layton, Sam	10	10	899	5	1	0	0	62	10	11	6	0	9	13
5	Kos, Ethan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Sasankhah, Ali	8	6	567	0	0	0	1	16	2	10	3	0	6	14
7	Johnson, Landon	9	1	259	3	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	5	8
9	Kirkland, Josh	10	8	560	11	7	2	0	2	0	1	3	0	10	11
10	Seufert, Nils	8	7	634	7	1	1	1	6	1	4	2	0	6	12
11	Pannholzer, Tarik	11	10	749	14	6	3	1	10	2	3	2	0	13	5
12	O'Malley, Owen	11	9	705	10	1	0	1	8	2	7	3	0	20	21
13	Wintsch, Alex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Amer, Austin	11	7	599	16	4	1	0	4	1	4	2	0	5	4
19	Espinal, Darwin	10	9	763	20	9	1	3	2	1	5	3	0	8	18
22	Vinberg, Sean	7	5	525	0	0	0	0	35	6	6	1	0	5	7
23	Freeman, Tyler	5	2	151	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
24	Erlandson, Josh	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Murana, Mujeeb	11	11	922	11	3	1	0	29	4	5	2	0	12	11
34	Howell, Beckett	5	1	148	0	0	0	0	6	2	1	0	0	3	2
35	Sneddon, James	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Garnett, Griffin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Richman, Andrew	2	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
44	Gallegos, Axel	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Dourado, Lucca	10	3	425	13	6	1	0	4	3	1	3	0	10	12
99	Moore, Daniel	9	0	149	3	1	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	5	7
TOTAL		171	121	10,843	122	41	11	7	293	49	73	39	1	135	169

2026 USL LEAGUE ONE GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

#	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	GAA	GC	SF	SV	SAVES %	CS
1	Fillion, Yann	11	11	990	1.55	17	62	45	72.6%	2
35	Sneddon, James	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.0%	0
TOTAL		11	11	990	1.55	17	62	45	36.3%	2

2026 USL PRINX CUP STATISTICS*

#	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	A	CL	INT	BLK	YC	RC	FW	FC
1	Fillion, Yann	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Barnathan, Dakota	2	2	180	3	1	0	0	6	1	3	0	0	2	0
3	Anderson, Hayden	3	2	206	0	0	0	0	9	0	7	2	0	3	5
4	Layton, Sam	3	2	208	3	2	1	0	14	3	2	1	0	2	3
5	Kos, Ethan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Sasankhah, Ali	2	2	135	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	1	4
7	Johnson, Landon	3	2	163	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
9	Kirkland, Josh	2	2	135	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
10	Seufert, Nils	3	3	242	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	3	2
11	Pannholzer, Tarik	3	3	263	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	1
12	O'Malley, Owen	3	3	194	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	6
13	Wintsch, Alex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Amer, Austin	3	1	119	4	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	1
19	Espinal, Darwin	3	2	159	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
22	Vinberg, Sean	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	2	1
23	Freeman, Tyler	1	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
26	Murana, Mujeeb	3	3	225	4	3	0	0	10	0	2	1	0	1	1
34	Howell, Beckett	2	1	109	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
35	Sneddon, James	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Garnett, Griffin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Richman, Andrew	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Gallegos, Axel	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Dourado, Lucca	2	0	71	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
99	Moore, Daniel	3	1	146	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	7	1
TOTAL		47	33	2,970	32	10	1	1	68	7	26	8	0	38	35

2026 USL PRINX CUP GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

#	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	GAA	GC	SF	SV	SAVES %	CS
1	Fillion, Yann	1	1	90	4	4	15	4	50.0%	0
35	Sneddon, James	2	2	180	3	6	23	6	60.0%	0
TOTAL		3	3	270	3.33	10	38	10	55.0%	0

2026 OPEN CUP STATISTICS

#	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	S	SOG	G	A	CL	BLK	INT	YC	RC	FW	FC
1	Fillion, Yann	3	3	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	Barnathan, Dakota	3	3	270	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
3	Anderson, Hayden	3	3	270	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	4	4
4	Layton, Sam	3	3	236	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7
5	Kos, Ethan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Sasankhah, Ali	3	2	116	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	4
7	Johnson, Landon	3	0	78	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Kirkland, Josh	3	3	185	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
10	Seufert, Nils	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Pannholzer, Tarik	3	3	147	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	5
12	O'Malley, Owen	3	3	216	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4
13	Wintsch, Alex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Amer, Austin	3	1	135	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	3
19	Espinal, Darwin	2	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
22	Vinberg, Sean	2	2	180	1	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	3	2
23	Freeman, Tyler	1	1	90	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
26	Murana, Mujeeb	3	3	252	5	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	1	2
34	Howell, Beckett	2	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Sneddon, James	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Richman, Andrew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Gallegos, Axel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Dourado, Lucca	3	1	105	6	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
99	Moore, Daniel	1	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL		44	32	2,663	33	10	3	3	13	2	8	5	0	33	41

2026 OPEN CUP GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

#	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	GAA	GC	SF	SV	SAVES %	CS
1	Fillion, Yann	3	3	270	1.00	3	15	12	80.0%	2
35	Sneddon, James	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.0%	0
TOTAL		3	3	270	1.0	3	15	12	80.0%	2

TV/RADIO ROSTER



1
Yann **FILLION**
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Sam **LAYTON**
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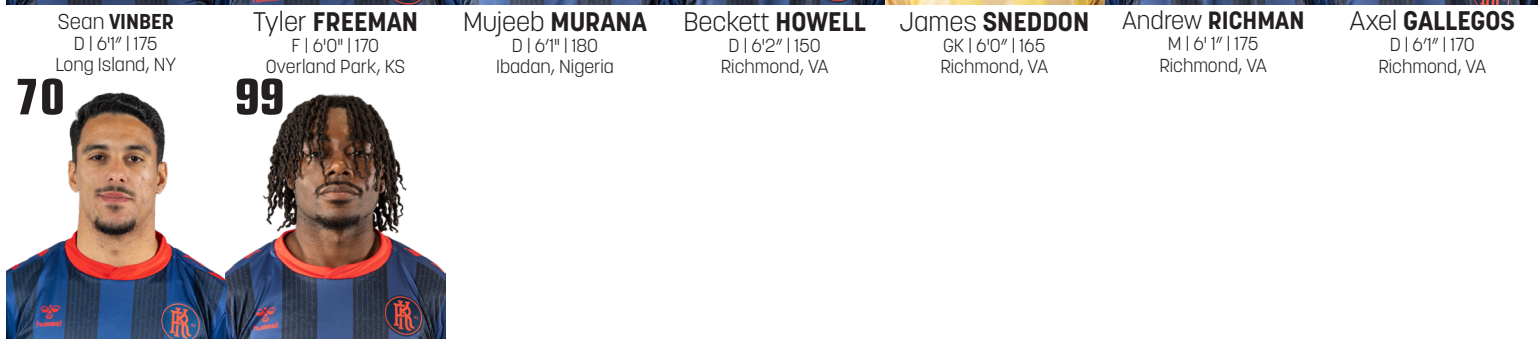
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BRIAN OWNBY, INTERIM HEAD COACH

The Richmond Kickers announced the appointment of Brian Ownby as Interim Head Coach on June 15, 2026. A Glen Allen, Virginia, native with deep ties to the club and an extensive professional and international playing résumé, Ownby returned to Richmond as assistant coach on Jan. 12, 2026, to begin the next chapter of his soccer journey on the club's technical staff.

Ownby brings a wealth of experience at the highest levels of the game, both domestically and internationally. Stepping into a coaching role, Ownby brings firsthand experience from the MLS, USL, and international tournaments, along with a deep connection to Richmond and the Kickers community.

Ownby comes to City Stadium after retiring from professional soccer at the conclusion of the 2025 season, ending his career after nine years with Louisville City FC. He finished as Louisville City's all-time assists leader with 37 between the USL Championship regular season and playoffs. He also ranked third on the club's all-time scoring chart, fourth in games played and fifth in minutes played. Since signing with the club in 2017, Ownby helped Louisville City win two USL Championship titles (2017 and 2018) and two USL Championship Players' Shields (2024 and 2025).

Ownby was selected in the 2012 MLS Supplemental Draft by Houston Dynamo FC, where he made 29 MLS appearances across three seasons. He gained valuable experience during loan stints throughout the professional pyramid, including impactful spells with the Richmond Kickers, Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC and Reading United.

During his time with the Kickers, Ownby became a fan favorite. Initially joining the Kickers on loan during the 2013 season, he appeared in 21 matches, logging more than 1,500 minutes and contributing seven goals and seven assists to finish second on the team in points. Ownby returned to City Stadium for the 2015 and 2016 seasons, playing in over 40 matches. He tallied five goals and four assists over 14 appearances in 2015 before a season-ending injury. Ownby's understanding of the club's identity and style of play gives him a unique perspective as he transitions into coaching.

He starred at the University of Virginia, where he made 72 appearances, scoring 21 goals and adding ten assists over four seasons. His collegiate career was highlighted by a golden-goal strike in the NCAA College Cup national semifinal, earning him a place on the College Cup All-Tournament Team and helping propel the Cavaliers to the national final.

On the international stage, Ownby represented the United States at multiple youth levels, including the U-20 National Team at the FIFA U-20 World Cup, where he scored against Cameroon. His exposure to elite competition at a young age helped shape a professional career defined by versatility, work rate, and tactical awareness.

EVAN MUNN, INTERIM ASSISTANT COACH

The Richmond Kickers elevated Evan Munn to Interim Assistant Coach on June 15, 2026.

An Olympia, Washington native, Munn initially joined the Kickers as Goalkeepers Coach on January 17, 2024. Coming from the college ranks, Munn served on the Oregon State men's soccer team's coaching staff headed by Greg Dalby who led the Beavers to the NCAA Final Four during the Fall 2023 season. Munn worked directly with OSU's standout goalkeeper Luis Castillo who enjoyed a career year between the pipes. Castillo was an All-PAC-12 First Team honoree while posting six shutouts and only allowing three goals in five postseason games.

Before serving on Dalby's staff, Munn assisted the Bend Timbers FC's goalkeeping director and coached girl's teams from 2021-22. In 2021, he also coached at Philomath High School outside of Corvallis, Ore. when the Warriors claimed the Class 4A State Championship.

Munn's college career began at Tacoma Community College from 2015-16 where he was team captain and the team's most valuable player in his freshman and sophomore seasons. During his sophomore year, the Titans finished as Northwestern Athletic Conference Champions while posting a 13-2-7 record. Munn earned seven clean sheets, made 103 saves, and assisted three goals.

His success at TCC earned him a roster spot at New Mexico University in Division I during his junior season where he redshirted. Following the end of the 2017 season, the Lobos discontinued their men's soccer program, and Munn transferred to Oregon State to play for the Beavers. During his redshirt junior and senior seasons, Munn played alongside former Real Madrid youth keeper Adrián Fernández.

During the collegiate summer breaks, Munn played on the Seattle Sounders U23 team that competed in USL League Two. Munn also played with U23 club side Tacoma Narrows FC (formerly South Sound FC) who won the United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA) 2018 Open Championship.

NO. 1 YANN FILLION

GOALKEEPER



Height: 6'3" **Weight:** 210 **DOB:** February 14, 1996
Hometown: Ottawa, Ontario **College:**

- ▶ Fillion began his professional career in 2015 with FC Montreal, making his debut in the USL at just 18 years old. His performances earned him a move overseas to FC Zürich, one of Switzerland's most historic clubs.
- ▶ In 2021, Fillion earned the starting role at AC Oulu in the Finnish Premier League, where he quickly rose to the top of the league's goalkeeper rankings.
- ▶ He continued his success in Finland with IFK Mariehamn in 2022, serving as the club's No. 1 keeper and helping anchor a competitive campaign.
- ▶ Fillion returned to Canada in 2023, joining HFX Wanderers in the Canadian Premier League. Over two seasons, he became one of the CPL's top performers, finishing top three in clean sheets, total saves, and save percentage in 2023 while starting 55 matches across all competitions.
- ▶ Most recently, Fillion competed with Floriana FC in the Maltese Premier League before making the move to Richmond.

NO. 2 DAKOTA BARNATHAN (BAR-NUH-THAN)

DEFENDER



Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 180 **DOB:** November 9, 1994
Hometown: Massapequa, N.Y. **College:** VCU

- ▶ 10th professional season
- ▶ 2026 Team Captain

NO. 3 HAYDEN ANDERSON

DEFENDER



Height: 5'10" **Weight:** 160 **DOB:** January 16, 2001
Hometown: Greenville, SC **College:**

- ▶ Hayden Anderson was a standout player at Greenville before signing on as a Kicker. He scored in City Stadium last year and looks forward to doing it again, this time for the home team.

NO. 4 SAM LAYTON

DEFENDER



Height: 6'2" **Weight:** 180 **DOB:** September 11, 1999
Hometown: Brisbane, Australia **College:** Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

- ▶ Layton began his development in England with the Burnley FC U-18 Academy.
- ▶ During the 2023 season, Layton helped lead SIUE to a 16-1-3 campaign, the Ohio Valley Conference championship and the program's first NCAA Tournament berth since 2016.
- ▶ Following his time at SIUE, Layton joined Syracuse University for the 2024 season, where he started in 16 matches.
- ▶ Layton competed in USL League Two with Vermont Green FC during the 2024 summer season, where he made 15 appearances and scored two goals.
- ▶ Most recently, Layton returned to Australia to compete with the Gold Coast Knights in the NPL Queensland, where he appeared in 20 matches, scored two goals, and earned a start in the Australia Cup.

NO. 5 ETHAN KOS

DEFENDER



Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 180 **DOB:** June 28, 2001
Hometown: Huntington Beach, California **College:** University College Dublin

- ▶ Kos developed through two of Southern California's most competitive youth environments: Pateadores SC and Strikers FC. During those years, he competed in the California Regional League, National Cup, and the 2016 Gothia Cup
- ▶ Kos continued his career abroad, moving to Ireland in 2019 to play at University College Dublin
- ▶ He competed in multiple national competitions including the Leinster Senior League and the FAI Intermediate Cup, and helped UCD capture the Hard- ing Cup in his first season.
- ▶ After graduating, Kos signed with Kerry FC ahead of the club's inaugural campaign in the League of Ireland First Division.
- ▶ Kos returned to the United States in early 2025, joining Birmingham Legion FC in the USL Championship before making the move to Richmond.

NO. 6 ALI SASANKHAH

DEFENDER



Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 180 **DOB:** June 28, 2001
Hometown: Huntington Beach, California **College:** Sacramento State

- ▶ Sasankhah joins Richmond following a four-year collegiate career at Sacramento State, where he developed into a consistent contributor for the Hornets while earning Big West Conference All-Academic Team honors in 2022, 2023, and 2024.
- ▶ During his senior season in 2024, Sasankhah appeared in 15 matches with 11 starts, recorded one goal and two assists on the season, including a penalty finish in the regular season finale against UC Davis.
- ▶ In addition to his collegiate experience, Sasankhah spent time competing in USL League Two with Des Moines Menace, gaining valuable experience in a competitive environment.

NO. 7 LANDON JOHNSON

FORWARD



Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 150 **DOB:** November 10, 2006
Hometown: Chesterfield, VA **College:**

- ▶ Johnson, who previously signed with the club on a USL Academy contract on July 11, 2023, is the first academy player to sign a profes- sional contract under Chief Sporting Officer and Head Coach Darren Sawatzky. At 16 years, 10 months, and 2 days old, Johnson is the youngest professional player to sign directly with the Kickers.
- ▶ Johnson's contract signifies the next step in the club's mission to evolve the player development pathway in the community so that local kids with aspirations to play professionally at the highest levels can work to achieve that reality while growing up with the comforts of home.
- ▶ The Chesterfield native first joined the Kickers after playing away from home for a year with the Atlanta United Academy. Since then, Johnson has amassed 217 minutes played in three starts across seven appearances in USL League One. His debut came in the club's international friendly against Comunicaciones FC on July 18, 2023.

NO. 9 JOSH KIRKLAND

FORWARD



Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 185 **DOB:** March 14, 2001
Hometown: Richmond, VA **College:** University of Mary Washington

- ▶ Josh Kirkland played at the University of Mary Washington before coming to the Kickers as a training player and signing on in the middle of the 2024 season.

NO. 10 NILS SEUFERT

MIDFIELDER



Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 167 **DOB:** February 3, 1997
Hometown: Mannheim, Germany **College:**

- ▶ Nils Seufert most recently played for FK Jerv before signing on with the Kickers.

NO. 11 TARIK PANNHOLZER

FORWARD



Height: 5'7" **Weight:** 152 **DOB:** May 5, 2000
Hometown: Flensburg, Germany **College:** Marshall University

- ▶ The 25-year-old winger most recently competed stateside at Marshall University where he played a key role in the Thundering Herd's run toward the NCAA Division I College Cup championship match
- ▶ Prior to joining Marshall University, Pannholzer was a standout performer at East Tennessee State University where he earned First Team All-Southern Conference honors in 2022 and 2023.
- ▶ After his collegiate career at Marshall & ETSU, Pannholzer returned to Germany to play professionally for his hometown club SC Weiche 08 in the Regionalliga Nord, notching 13 appearances this past season.
- ▶ Before coming to the United States, Pannholzer developed in one of Germany's top youth systems at FC St. Pauli, competing in both the Youth Bundesliga and Oberliga.

NO. 12 OWEN O'MALLEY

FORWARD



Height: 5'11" **Weight:** 170 **DOB:** October 1, 2001
Hometown: Cary, North Carolina **College:** Creighton University

- ▶ O'Malley developed in the North Carolina FC Academy over four seasons, O'Malley helped drive deep postseason runs at the U-17 and U-19 levels, finding the back of the net more than 25 times while also training consistently with NCFC's first team.
- ▶ O'Malley made 52 appearances in his collegiate career, recording nine goals and seven assists, ▶ He competed in multiple national competitions including the Leinster Senior League and the FAI Intermediate Cup, and helped UCD capture the Harding Cup in his first season.
- ▶ He was selected ninth overall in the MLS SuperDraft by St. Louis City SC, becoming the club's first ever draft pick. He made 14 appearances, including seven starts for St. Louis CITY2, tallying 733 minutes in 2023..
- ▶ Most recently, O'Malley returned to Vermont Green in 2025, earning a strike that was named USL League Two Goal of the Year.

NO. 13 ALEX WINTSCH

GOALKEEPER



Height: 6'2" **Weight:** 168 **DOB:** May 26, 2009
Hometown: Richmond, Virginia **College:**

- ▶ Played in the Richmond United system before attending IMG Academy.

NO. 18 AUSTIN AMER

MIDFIELDER



Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 170 **DOB:** February 17, 2000
Hometown: Tampa, Florida **College:**

- ▶ Amer joins the Kickers after a pair of stints with German clubs SV Eintracht Nordhorn and Sportfreunde Lotte. During the 2024-25 campaign Amer helped SV Eintracht Nordhorn earn promotion, scoring 13 goals for the club
- ▶ A product of the Orlando City Academy system at the U-16 level, Amer returned to his boyhood club, playing two seasons for Orlando City B in 2019 and 2020. He made 33 appearances in USL League One, logging more than 2,000 minutes.
- ▶ A product of the Barca Residency Academy in Casa Grande, Arizona, Amer played for FC Barcelona's first and only youth residency soccer program in the United States during the 2018-2019 seasons before signing with Orlando City B.

NO. 19 DARWIN ESPINAL

FORWARD



Height: 5'11" **Weight:** 164 **DOB:** January 16, 1995
Hometown: El Progreso, Honduras **College:** Loyola University of Chicago

- ▶ Top goal scorer from a season ago, scoring nine goals including eight from outside the box.
- ▶ 2024 NISA Golden Boot winner with the Maryland Bobcats

NO. 22 SEAN VINBERG

DEFENDER



Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 175 **DOB:** September 29, 1994
Hometown: Long Island, New York **College:** State University of New York

- ▶ Vinberg joins the Kickers after spending 2025 with Portland Hearts of Pine during their inaugural season. During the 2025 campaign, Vinberg made 32 appearances including 27 starts for the USL League One side.
- ▶ Vinberg spent 2024 with Central Valley Fuego FC, appearing in seven matches for the League One side.
- ▶ Before making the move to the USL, Vinberg spent over six years in Germany, playing with clubs VfR Neumünster, Phönix Lübeck, Heider SV, Meindorfer SV, SC Condor and Niendorfer TSV.
- ▶ Vinberg began his professional career in the Mongolian Premier League, signing with Khoromkhon FC after a standout collegiate career at SUNY Oneonta and a brief stint with New York Greek American

NO. 23 TYLER FREEMAN

FORWARD



Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 170 **DOB:** January 9, 2003
Hometown: Overland Park, Kansas **College:**

- ▶ Freeman developed through the Sporting Kansas City Academy, joining the organization at age 11 before becoming the second-youngest player in club history to sign an MLS contract at just 15 years old.
- ▶ The now 23-year-old forward enjoyed a standout season with Loudoun United FC in 2022, where he recorded eight goals in 24 appearances
- ▶ Freeman later joined Nashville SC, where he continued his development within an MLS environment and spent time with the club's MLS NEXT Pro affiliate, Huntsville City FC, during their inaugural season.
- ▶ Freeman featured for Carolina Core, making three appearances before additional stints with Ventura County and Western Suburbs, gaining further match experience ahead of his move to Richmond.

NO. 26 MUJEEB MURANA

DEFENDER



Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 180 **DOB:** September 23, 2000
Hometown: Ibadan, Nigeria **College:** Saint Louis University

- ▶ Murana comes to the Kickers after most recently competing with Miami FC and Birmingham Legion FC in the USL Championship.
- ▶ Before stepping into the Championship, he rose through the Houston Dynamo developmental system, earning a Homegrown contract with the first team.
- ▶ He later became a foundational piece for Houston Dynamo 2, where he was a consistent starter during their 2022 MLS NEXT Pro campaign. That season, he made 22 starts in 23 appearances, anchoring a back line that recorded 10 clean sheets.
- ▶ Prior to his professional rise, Murana starred at Saint Louis University, where he earned All-Atlantic 10 honors in back-to-back seasons.

NO. 34 BECKETT HOWELL

DEFENDER



Height: 6'2" **Weight:** 150 **DOB:** March 31, 2005
Hometown: Richmond, VA **College:**

- ▶ Second Academy signing all time to then sign a pro contract with the Kickers.

NO. 35 JAMES SNEDDON (SNEDD-IN)

GOALKEEPER



Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 165 **DOB:** November 28, 2005
Hometown: Richmond, VA **College:**

- ▶ Sneddon returns to the Kickers' revamped goalkeeping union after previously joining the club on an academy contract in June 2023.
- ▶ While with Richmond United, Sneddon showed off his skills as a modern goalkeeper capable of acting as an 11th field player with the ball at his feet while keeping the net clean by aggressively coming off of his line.
- ▶ The 18-year-old earned his debut for the Kickers against Comunicaciones FC and did not concede a goal during his time on the pitch.

NO. 41 ANDREW RICHMAN

MIDFIELDER



Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 175 **DOB:** August 2, 2007
Hometown: Mechanicsville, Virginia **College:**

- ▶ Academy class of 2025.
- ▶ Returns for his second season with the Kickers after making nine appearances and three starts for the professional team last season
- ▶ A perennial standout for the Kickers U-20s, he recorded two goals and seven assists across 12 appearances over the past two seasons. As a youth player, Richman was a five-time ECNL Mid-Atlantic All-Conference first-team selection for Richmond United.

NO. 44 AXEL GALLEGOS**DEFENDER****Height:** 6'1"**Weight:** 170**DOB:** January 29, 2008**Hometown:** Richmond, VA**College:**

- ▶ Defender Axel Aldana Gallegos arrives following a decorated youth career with the Kickers U-20 Academy and Richmond United ECNL.
- ▶ Gallegos joins the Kickers first team after two seasons with the U-20 program.
- ▶ A three-time Mid-Atlantic First Team ECNL selection, Gallegos was also chosen for the ECNL Continental All-Star Game and earned invitations to the U.S. Soccer Youth National Team Identification Center during the 2022–23 season.

NO. 70 LUCCA DOURADO**FORWARD****Height:** 6'2"**Weight:** 190**DOB:** July 12, 2002**Hometown:** Sao Paulo, Brazil**College:** University of Central Florida

- ▶ Dourado first gained national attention at Montverde Academy, where he captured the Golden Boot during his senior season after being named the program's Best Player as a junior.
- ▶ As a freshman at University of Central Florida, Dourado earned American Athletic Conference All-Rookie Team honors and was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the conference championship while appearing in all 14 matches.
- ▶ A three-time Mid-Atlantic First Team ECNL selection, Gallegos was also chosen for the ECNL Continental All-Star Game and earned invitations to the U.S. Soccer Youth National Team Identification Center during the 2022–23 season.

NO. 99 DANIEL MOORE**DEFENDER****Height:** 6'2"**Weight:** 190**DOB:** July 12, 2002**Hometown:** Charlotte, North Carolina**College:** Saint Louis University

- ▶ A product of the U-18 and U-19 Charlotte Independence Developmental Academy, Moore helped his team finish first in the Southeast Division and earn the No. 3 seed in the Developmental Academy in 2019-20.
- ▶ Moore began his college career at Saint Louis University, playing in 26 games across three seasons.
- ▶ Returning home for the final two years of his college tenure, Moore started 30 games for the Charlotte 49ers across the 2023 and 2024 seasons. Bringing his winning mentality with him, Moore helped guide the 49ers to a pair of American Athletic Conference Championships
- ▶ Most recently, Moore made the jump to the professional level, competing with Crown Legacy FC, the MLS NEXT Pro affiliate of Charlotte FC.