

# FORT WAYNE FC (5-2-6) vs. SPOKANE VELOCITY (7-5-2)



7:30 p.m., July 4, 2026, at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium.

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## 2026 SCHEDULE

March 7: at FC Naples, 2-0, loss (0-1-0)  
March 14: at Sarasota Paradise, 2-2, tie (0-1-1)  
March 28: at New York Cosmos, 2-0 loss (0-2-1)  
April 11: at Chattanooga Red Wolves SC, 1-0 victory (1-2-1)  
April 25: at Louisville City FC, 3-1 loss\*

**May 2: vs. Charlotte Independence, 2-2 tie (1-2-2)**  
**May 6: vs. Portland Hearts of Pine, 3-0 victory (2-2-2)**  
**May 9: vs. Westchester SC, 1-0 victory (3-2-2)**  
**May 16: vs. Indy Eleven, 2-2 [Indy 3-1 in PKs]\***  
**May 20: vs. Corpus Christi FC, 1-1 tie (3-2-3)**  
May 23: at Athletic Club Boise, 3-1 victory (4-2-3)  
**May 30: vs. AV Alta FC, 0-0 tie (4-2-4)**  
June 6: at Union Omaha, 4-2 loss\*  
June 10: at Westchester SC, 1-1 tie (4-2-5)  
June 17: at Forward Madison FC, 1-1 tie (4-2-6)  
June 20: at Richmond Kickers, 2-0 victory (5-2-6)  
**July 4: vs. Spokane Velocity, 7:30 p.m.**  
**July 11: vs. Detroit City FC, 7:30 p.m.\***  
July 15: at One Knoxville SC, 6:30 p.m.  
**July 18: vs. Greenville Triumph SC, 7:30 p.m.**  
July 25: at Spokane Velocity FC, 9 p.m.  
**Aug. 1: vs. Union Omaha, 7:30 p.m.**  
Aug. 8: at AV Alta FC, 11 p.m.  
**Aug. 15: vs. Chattanooga Red Wolves SC, 7:30 p.m.**  
Aug. 29: at Portland Hearts of Pine, 7 p.m.  
**Sept. 2: vs. Richmond Kickers, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sept. 5: vs. New York Cosmos, 7:30 p.m.**  
Sept. 12: at Greenville Triumph SC, 7 p.m.  
**Sept. 16: vs. One Knoxville SC, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sept. 19: vs. FC Naples, 7:30 p.m.**  
Sept. 26: at Charlotte Independence, 7 p.m.  
**Oct. 3: vs. Forward Madison, 7:30 p.m.**  
Oct. 7: at Corpus Christi FC, 8:30 p.m.  
Oct. 10: at Union Omaha, 5 p.m.  
**Oct. 17: vs. Sarasota Paradise, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Oct. 24: vs. Athletic Club Boise, 7:30 p.m.**

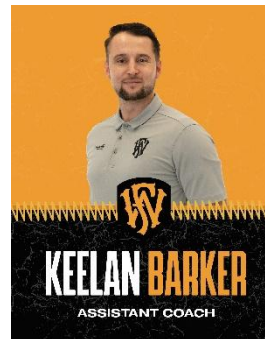
\*Prinx Tires USL Cup Match

## TECHNICAL STAFF



<b>Season:</b>	<b>W-L-T</b>
2021:	1-8-5
2022:	9-3-2
2023:	10-1-2
2024:	9-3-2
2025:	10-3-1
<b>USL League One</b>	
2026:	5-2-6
<b>USL Cup</b>	
2026:	0-2-1
<b>Career:</b>	<b>44-22-19</b>

Fort Wayne Football Club's head coach since its inception, Mike Avery led the team to division titles in 2023, 2024 and 2025 in the pre-professional level of USL League Two. The club reached the conference semifinals in 2024 and 2025, and Avery compiled a 39-18-12 record in USL League Two. ... Previously, Avery was head coach at Valparaiso University (2007-2020), an assistant coach at the University of Louisville (2006-2007), an assistant at the University of Notre Dame (2000-2006), head coach at Cal State San Bernardino (1997-1999), and head coach at Bethel University (1994-1996). He also served as the interim head coach at Trine University in 2024. ... As a player, he followed a standout career at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, with professional play for Real Santa Barbara, in Sweden for Askims IK, and with the Indiana Invaders in South Bend.



Keelan Barker has been an assistant coach with Fort Wayne Football Club since 2020. ... As head coach at Indiana Tech from 2024 to 2025, he had a 31-7-6 record and won two Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournaments, reached two NAIA Tournaments, and qualified for the 2025 quarterfinals.

## ADDITIONAL STAFF

**DaMarcus Beasley:** Director of Football Operations  
**Oliver Gage:** Sporting Director  
**Max Rose:** Goalkeepers coach  
**Rene Sanchez:** Team Administrator & Player Care Officer  
**Zach Gladieux:** Equipment Manager  
**Lucca Motta:** Sports Data Analyst

## **PSM X ONE**

**Alex Parr:** Athletic Trainer  
**Eli Sommer:** Human Performance Specialist  
**Zachary Nagel:** Human Performance Specialist

# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	First Name	Surname	Position	Birthday	Hometown	Height	Weight
<b>99</b>	Taner	Akin	Goalkeeper	Sept. 30, 2006	Orlando, Florida	6-0	175
<b>86</b>	Javier	Armas	Midfielder	Jan. 13, 2000	A Coruña, Spain	5-11	176
<b>10</b>	Clarence	Awoudor	Midfielder	Sept. 23, 2003	Saint-Lô, France	5-7	155
<b>21</b>	Ryan	Becher	Midfielder	April 4, 2001	Hummelstown, Pennsylvania	6-3	197
<b>20</b>	Nico	Burns	Midfielder	Aug. 18, 2008	Lake Zurich, Illinois	5-9	183
<b>4</b>	Tiago	Dias	Defender	June 17, 2001	Portimão, Portugal	6-2	180
<b>96</b>	Aurie	Echevarría	Goalkeeper	June 26, 2001	Edgewood, New Jersey	6-0	193
<b>12</b>	Kabiru	Gafar	Midfielder	Aug. 10, 2004	Indianapolis, Indiana	6-0	179
<b>8</b>	Jeremy	Garay	Midfielder	April 1, 2003	Woodbridge, Virginia	5-9	142
<b>33</b>	Tyson	Hagaman	Defender	Dec. 2, 2006	West Chester, Ohio	6-3	171
<b>11</b>	Taig	Healy	Midfielder	Oct. 31, 2003	South Hampton, New Hampshire	5-7	152
<b>22</b>	Anthony	Hernandez	Defender	June 7, 2003	Pickerington, Ohio	5-6	135
<b>6</b>	JP	Jordan	Midfielder	Feb. 7, 2003	Keller, Texas	5-9	150
<b>41</b>	James	Musa	Midfielder	April 1, 1992	Plymouth, England	6-1	182
<b>18</b>	Emerson	Nieto	Midfielder	Oct. 3, 2001	Fort Wayne, Indiana	5-9	160
<b>9</b>	Daniel	Oyetunde	Forward	Nov. 26, 2006	London, England	5-8	161
<b>13</b>	Michael	Rempel	Defender	Oct. 4, 2001	Asunción, Paraguay	5-11	153
<b>7</b>	Lilian	Ricol	Forward	Oct. 23, 2002	Paris, France	6-3	194
<b>1</b>	Bernd	Schipmann	Goalkeeper	July 5, 1994	Münster, Germany	6-4	266
<b>2</b>	Jayden	Smith	Defender	March 29, 2006	Coventry, England	6-1	167
<b>19</b>	Juan	Solis	Defender	Jan. 27, 2005	Tulua, Colombia	6-8	225
<b>5</b>	Reid	Sproat	Defender	May 30, 2001	Auburn, Indiana	6-1	201
<b>23</b>	Jack	Thomas	Midfielder	June 12, 2004	Whittington, England	5-7	139

## Broadcaster notes

Aurie Echevarría was known in past seasons as Aurie Briscoe.

Michael Rempel's full name is Sven Michael Rempel Ratzlaff, but he goes by Michael Rempel.

# NUMERICAL ROSTER

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<b>86</b>	Javier	Armas	Midfielder	Jan. 13, 2000	A Coruña, Spain
<b>96</b>	Aurie	Echevarría	Goalkeeper	June 26, 2001	Edgewood, New Jersey
<b>99</b>	Taner	Akin	Goalkeeper	Sept. 30, 2006	Orlando, Florida

# 2026 PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

**TANNER AKIN:** TAN-ERR | ACHE-IN

**JAVIER ARMAS:** KHAH-VYEHR | KHAR-MAHS

**CLARENCE AWOUDOR:** CLAIR-ANTS | AH-WOO-DOOR

**RYAN BECHER:** RYE-ANN | BETCH-ER

**NICO BURNS:** KNEE-CO | BURNS

**TIAGO DIAS:** TEE-AH-GO | DEE-AH-SH

**AURIE ECHEVARRÍA:** AH-REE | ETCH-EH-VAR-EE-A

**KABIRU GAFAR:** KAH-BEE-ROO | GAH-FAR

**JEREMY GARAY:** JEHR-AH-MEE | GAHR-RAY

**TYSON HAGAMAN:** TIE-SON | HAY-GAH-MEN

**TAIG HEALY:** TAY-G | HEEL-EE

**ANTHONY HERNANDEZ:** ANN-THONY | HEHR-NAHN-DEZ

**JP JORDAN:** JAY-PEE | JOR-DONE

**JAMES MUSA:** JAYMES | MOOSE-UH

**EMERSON NIETO:** EMM-ERR-SON | KNEE-ET-TOE

**DANIEL OYETUNDE:** DAN-YAL | OY-YEAH-TON-DAY

**MICHAEL REMPEL:** MY-CULL | REM-PULL

**LILIAN RICOL:** LILL-EE-ON | REE-COAL

**BERND SCHIPMANN:** BURNT | SHIP-MAN

**JAYDEN SMITH:** JAY-DEN | SMITH

**JUAN SOLIS:** WAHN | SO-LEASE

**REID SPROAT:** REED | SPROTE

**JACK THOMAS:** JACK | TOM-ISS

# FORT WAYNE FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYERS

## TANER AKIN

Position: Goalkeeper

Hometown: Elmer, New Jersey

Birthday: 9/30/2006

Pronunciation: tan-err | ache-in

### Entering 2026

Had experience with Under-17 squad of Turkish Süper Lig side, Fatih Karagümrük S.K. ... Signed first pro contract, an academy contract, with Tampa Bay Rowdies of USL Championship in 2024.

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## JAVIER ARMAS

Position: Midfielder

Hometown: A Coruña, Spain

Birthday: 1/13/00

Pronunciation: khah-vyehr | khar-mahs

### Entering 2026

Armas spent the 2024 and 2025 seasons with Atlanta United 2 of MLS Next Pro, accruing 10 goals and three assists in 53 matches. In 2024, when he had seven goals and two assists, he played every minute of every match for Atlanta United 2. ... After spending his youth career with Deportivo La Coruña, Armas moved to the United States to attend Oregon State University, for which he played from 2019 to 2023. He appeared in 77 matches throughout his college career – starting 71 of them – and finished with six goals and 10 assists. As a senior, he was selected First Team All-Pac 12, and he was selected to the United Soccer Coaches' All-American Third Team. Oregon State reached the national semifinals in 2023 before falling 1-0 to Notre Dame. ... Armas was selected by Atlanta United in the second round of the 2023 MLS SuperDraft.

### 2026 Highlights

Assisted on first goal in Fort Wayne FC's pro history, scored by Lilian Ricol, in a 2-2 draw at the Sarasota Paradise on March 14. ... Assisted on another Ricol goal early in club's first ever Prinx Tires USL Cup match, a 3-1 loss at Louisville City FC on April 25. ... Named to bench of USL League One Team of the Week on May 5, 2026. ... Named bench player on USL League One Team of the Week on May 26, 2026.

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## CLARENCE AWOUDOR

Position: Midfielder

Hometown: Saint-Lô, France

Birthday: 9/23/03

Pronunciation: clair-ants | ah-woo-door

### Entering 2026

Had a stellar 2025 season for the University of Central Florida, which won the first Sun Belt title in program history. The school reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament. ... Awoudor made the United Soccer Coaches' Division I All-America Third Team and the All-Southeast Region First Team, was named to the Sun Belt Conference's First Team and All-Tournament Team, and he set UCF's single-season assist record with 15. He played complete matches 17 times and finished with seven goals in 21 matches as a senior. ... Awoudor finished his U.S. college career with 17 goals and 28 assists in 66 matches over four years, including one season at Oregon State, 2022, in which he had three goals and two assists in 13 matches and was named to the All-Pac-12 First Team. He was also named to College Soccer News' All-Freshman Third Team. In 2023, Awoudor was selected the Sun Belt Conference's Newcomer of the Year after tallying four goals and four assists in 16 matches for UCF. ... Prior to playing college soccer in the U.S., Awoudor was an academy player for five years with SM Caen, a professional club in Normandy, France.

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## **RYAN BECHER**

Position: Midfielder

Hometown: Hummelstown, Pennsylvania

Birthdate: 4/4/01

Pronunciation: rye-ann | betch-er

### **Entering 2026**

Ryan Becher completed the 2025 season with Union Omaha of USL League One, totaling nine goals and three assists in 22 matches. He was on loan from MLS Next Pro side St. Louis City SC 2. ... In 2024, with St. Louis City SC 2, he played in 31 matches and scored two goals with four assists, and he added one goal and one assist in 11 matches during 2025 with the club. ... Becher played at UCLA in 2023 and appeared in 15 matches, starting 13 of them, scoring six goals with two assists. ... Began his college career at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in 2019. He accrued 25 goals and 20 assists over 62 matches – all starts – in the span of four years. With the Retrievers, he was selected to the "Best Starting XI" in Division I soccer by NCAA.com in 2022, when he also made the America East First Team and the United Soccer Coaches Northeast Conference Second Team. He was the only player in the country that season to post double-digit figures in goals (13) and assists (10). ... Becher won back-to-back high-school championships in Pennsylvania during 2016 and 2017. ... Becher's father, Bill, played for the Fort Wayne Flames and the Indiana Kick, professional teams in the American Indoor Soccer Association that competed at Memorial Coliseum, from 1987 to 1990. ... Bill and Ryan's grandfather, Bill Becher Sr., are members of the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame. Ryan's brother, Jackson, was a teammate at UMBC. And his cousin, Simon, played in Major League Soccer for St. Louis City in 2025.

**2026 Highlights:** Scored third goal of season, and second in USL League One play, in 1-all draw at Forward Madison on June 17, 2026. The draw extended Fort Wayne FC's unbeaten streak to nine matches, tied for the third longest run by a first-year club in USL League One history.

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## **NICO BURNS**

Position: Midfielder

Hometown: Lake Zurich, Illinois

Birthdate: 8/18/08

Pronunciation: knee-co | burns

### **Entering 2026**

Burns was an academy player for Lexington SC of USL Championship in 2025, after playing for the Major League Soccer's FC Cincinnati academy from 2022 to 2025. ... Also has experience with Puerto Rico's U-17 and U-15 National Teams.

**2026 Highlights:** Made professional debut for Fort Wayne FC in a Prinx Tires USL Cup match at Union Omaha on June 6, 2026. At 17 years, 292 days old, youngest player to appear in a match for club since it joined USL League One in 2026.

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## **TIAGO DIAS**

Position: Defender

Hometown: Portimão, Portugal

Birthdate: 6/17/01

Pronunciation: tee-ah-go | dee-ah-sh

### **Entering 2026**

Dias spent three seasons starring for Fort Wayne FC at the pre-professional level. He helped Fort Wayne FC to division titles in the summers of 2023, 2024 and 2025, and to conference semifinals in 2024 and 2025. ... Dias captained the club in 2024 and 2025. In Fort Wayne FC's USL League Two history, which spanned five seasons, Dias ranked second in total matches played with 38 and fourth in goals with six. ... Dias played in the fall of 2025 for Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island, during which he earned Second Team All-America East and Second Team All-Northeast Region honors. He played a pivotal role in a defense that had 11 clean sheets, and he assisted on five goals in 21 matches. Bryant finished the NCAA Division I season ranked 10th in the nation, falling to Saint Louis in penalty kicks in the third round of the national championships. ... Dias played locally for Indiana Tech in 2024, scoring five goals and earning nods as a NAIA Third Team All-American, Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Defender of the Year, First Team All-WHAC, and WHAC Newcomer of the Year. Dias captained the Warriors. ... From 2022 to 2023, Dias played at the University of Albany in Albany, New York. In 2021, he played for Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kansas.

### **2026 Highlights**

Captained Fort Wayne Football Club in its first professional match, a 2-0 loss at FC Naples on March 7. ... Scored first professional goal against Corpus Christi FC at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on May 20, 2026. Goal came on a header after a Javier Armas corner kick. Match ended 1-1. ... Named bench player on USL League One Team of the Week on May 26, 2026.

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## **AURIE ECHEVARRÍA**

Position: Goalkeeper

Hometown: Edgewood, New Jersey

Birthdate: 6/26/2001

Pronunciation: ah-ree | etch-eh-var-ee-a

### **Entering 2026**

Goalkeeper Aurie Echevarría was one of Fort Wayne Football Club's most successful players from the team's time in pre-professional soccer. He helped propel Fort Wayne FC to three straight Valley Division titles in USL League Two between 2023 and 2025, and the club reached the Conference Semifinals in 2024 and 2025. ... In 2023, he won the Golden Glove Award for having the lowest goals-against average in USL League Two at 0.43 goals per 90 minutes. He had a run of eight straight scoreless matches for Fort Wayne FC that year. ... In 2025, Echevarría was named to the Central Conference Team of the Year, after he helped Fort Wayne FC to seven clean sheets. Echevarría had a three-save performance against Kings Hammer FC Cincinnati on July 12, when Fort Wayne FC clinched the Valley Division title with a 1-0 victory. ... Echevarría played 34 matches with Fort Wayne FC in USL League Two, which ranked third in club history behind only defenders Reid Sproat (50) and Tiago Dias (38). ... Echevarría played in the fall of 2025 at Butler University as a graduate student. He appeared in 17 matches and had a 5-10-2 record with two clean sheets, a .659 save percentage and a 1.82 goals-against average. ... Prior to Butler, Echevarría played at Rutgers University from 2021 to 2024 and was part of the 2022 Big Ten championship team. He played in eight matches and was 3-4-1 with a shutout, a .553 save percentage and a 2.13 goals-against average. ... Before his college career, Echevarría helped St. Benedict's Prep to two national titles.

### **2026 Highlights**

Started and played entirety of Fort Wayne Football Club's first professional match, stopping 1 of 3 shots on net in a 2-0 loss at FC Naples on March 7. ... Called to Puerto Rico's National Team on March 16. Third time in his career he's been called to the National Team. However, due to an injury suffered in Fort Wayne FC training, Echevarría was unable to join Puerto Rico for series. ... Echevarría wins Save of the Round, from Round 3 of the Prinx Tires USL Cup, for a save against Union Omaha.

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## **KABIRU GAFAR**

Position: Midfielder

Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana

Birthday: 8/10/04

Pronunciation: kah-bee-roo | gah-far

### **Entering 2026**

Kabiru Gafar was He was with Indy Eleven of USL Championship during the 2026 preseason and scored twice in friendlies. ... Gafar played the past four years at the University of Indianapolis, appearing in 66 matches, starting 46 of them, and totaling 11 goals and 13 assists. In 2025, he had four goals and five assists in 19 matches, starting all but one, and the Greyhounds reached the second round of the NCAA Division II Tournament. ... With the University of Indianapolis, Gafar was the Great Lakes Valley Conference's Freshman of the Year in 2022, when he had three goals and two assists in 18 matches, and was also named Third Team All-GLVC. He was Academic All-GLVC in 2023, 2024 and 2025. ... Gafar played two seasons at Indianapolis' Ben Davis High School before joining the Indy Eleven Academy and helping it to back-to-back USL Academy Cup championships. In 2021, he won the Golden Boot as the highest scorer of the tournament with three goals and an assist. ... Gafar immigrated from Nigeria to Indianapolis when he was 11.

**2026 Highlights:** Assists on goals in four of six matches between May 16 and June 10.

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## **JEREMY GARAY**

Position: Midfielder

Hometown: Woodbridge, Virginia

Birthday: 4/1/03

Pronunciation: jehr-ah-mee | gahr-ray

### **Entering 2026**

During 2025, Garay played 15 matches for CD Cacahuatique in El Salvador. ... Garay had 106 matches of experience in second-division USL Championship – 96 matches with Loudoun United and 10 with El Paso Locomotive – and had one goal and five assists. ... Garay played three matches with D.C. United of Major League Soccer, a U.S. first-division league, between 2022 and 2024. He was signed by D.C. United in 2021 as a homegrown player, after spending his youth career in the D.C. United development system. ... Garay, who has dual citizenship in the U.S. and El Salvador, made his first international appearance with El Salvador in 2021 for a friendly against Costa Rica. He's totaled five matches for El Salvador's senior team, and he also played for the country's under-20 team while adding a match for the U.S. U-20 team.

### **2026 Highlights**

Named to USL League One Team of the Week on May 12, 2026.

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## **TYSON HAGAMAN**

Position: Defender

Hometown: West Chester, Ohio

Birthday: 12/2/06

Pronunciation: tie-son | hag-ah-min

### **Entering 2026**

Hagaman played in Germany's Landesliga for SV Gutenstetten from July to November 2025. ... Born in Gambella, Ethiopia, he and his sister were adopted by a family in Cincinnati in 2014. He had an impressive youth career with the Ohio Elite Soccer Academy, the Kings Hammer FC academy team, and with Lakota West High School.

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## **TAIG HEALY**

Position: Midfielder

Hometown: South Hampton, New Hampshire

Birthday: 10/31/03

Pronunciation: tay-g | heel-ee

### **Entering 2026**

Healy helped NC State to the College Cup Final, in which the Wolfpack lost 3-2 in extra time to Washington in 2025. Healy scored the goal in the 87th minute that sent the match to overtime; Healy scored in four straight postseason matches to finish his college career. ... In 22 matches in 2025, each of which he started, Healy totaled five goals and eight assists. In two seasons at NC State, he played in, and started, 42 matches, scoring 11 goals and 14 assists. He was selected to the All-South Region Second Team in 2024 and 2025. He was First Team All-Atlantic Coast Conference in 2025,

after being tabbed as a Second Teamer in 2024. ... From 2022 to 2023, Healy played at the University of New Hampshire. He had four goals and three assists as a sophomore and was named to the America East All-Rookie Team as a freshman. ... Healy also had great success in the pre-professional level of USL League Two. Healy helped Seacoast United, based in Epping, New Hampshire, to the 2024 USL League Two championship; he had 13 goals and 11 assists, made the USL League Two Team of the Year, and he was finals MVP.

### **2026 Highlights**

Scored lone goal of Fort Wayne Football Club's 1-0 victory at Chattanooga Red Wolves SC on April 11, 2026. Goal came 44 seconds into the match, establishing a new club record for USL League One or Two play. Was first victory in club's pro history. ... Named to bench of USL League One Team of the Week on April 14, 2026. ... Healy's goal was voted Goal of the Week in USL League One on April 16, 2026. ... Scored first goal in history of Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on May 2, 2026, during a 2-2 draw with the Charlotte Independence. ... Scored in following match, a 3-0 victory over Portland Hearts of Pine, Fort Wayne FC's first victory at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on May 6, 2026. ... Scored lone goal in 1-0 victory over Westchester SC at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on May 9, 2026, giving him a goal in four straight USL League One matches for Fort Wayne FC. ... Named to USL League One Team of the Week on May 12, 2026. ... Scored a goal against Indy Eleven in a Prinx Tires USL Cup match at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on May 16, 2026, the fifth time he'd scored in six matches regardless of competition. Match went to penalty kicks tied at 2 before Indy Eleven won with a 3-1 PK advantage. ... Scored winning goal in 3-1 victory at Athletic Club Boise on May 23, 2026, giving him goals in six of last eight matches regardless of competition. ... Healy wins the fan vote for USL League One Player of the Month (May), but he ultimately finishes second for the award to Ollie Wright of the Portland Hearts of Pine, who won 80% of the competition committee vote. In the weighted voting, Wright finished with 52% and Healy with 35% of the overall tabulations.

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## **ANTHONY HERNANDEZ**

Position: Defender

Hometown: Pickerington, Ohio

Birthday: 6/7/03

Pronunciation: ann-thony | hehr-nahn-dez

### **Entering 2026**

Hernandez played college soccer at Bowling Green from 2023 to 2025, totaling six assists over 53 matches, 43 of which he started. He was one of only three Falcons to start every match in 2025, when he assisted on two goals. ... Hernandez appeared in 26 matches for Fort Wayne FC in 2024 and 2025 combined – helping the team to back-to-back appearances in the USL League Two conference semifinals – and his 2025 season included a key goal, in a 2-0 victory over Lexington SC, and an assist.

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## **JP JORDAN**

**Position:** Midfielder

**Hometown:** Keller, Texas

**Birthdate:** 2/7/2003

**Pronunciation:** jay-pee | jor-done

### **Entering 2026**

Jon Paul Jordan II joined Fort Wayne Football Club with 25 matches of experience in 2025 with Texoma FC of USL League One. ... Jordan, an elite ball-recovering midfielder, assisted on a goal for Texoma FC. ... In 2024, Jordan played collegiately for Louisville – as the Cardinals’ only player to start all 17 matches – and he assisted on two goals. ... From 2021 to 2023, Jordan played for Southern Methodist University. He appeared in 46 matches, starting 31 of them, and assisted on a goal. In 2022, he was Second Team All-Conference in the American Athletic Conference, having helped the Mustangs to five shutouts. ... Prior to collegiate soccer, Jordan helped Solar Soccer Club to the 2020-21 MLS Next U-19 final and to a U-17 national championship.

### **2026 Highlights**

Named to USL League One's Team of the Week on April 14, 2026, in the wake of a 1-0 victory over the Chattanooga Red Wolves SC, the first victory in Fort Wayne FC's professional history. Teammate Juan Solis made the Team of the Week, too. ... Jordan named a bench player on the USL League One Team of the Week on June 23, 2026.

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## **JAMES MUSA**

Position: Midfielder/Defender

Hometown: Plymouth, England

Birthday: 4/1/92

Pronunciation: jaymes | moose-uh

### **Entering 2026**

Joined Fort Wayne FC with a playing résumé of over 300 professional appearances, including seven matches in Major League Soccer, 231 matches at the USL Championship level and three appearances with New Zealand’s National Team at the senior level. ... In 231 USL Championship matches, totaled 13 goals and six assists. ... In 2024 and 2025, Musa played for Indianapolis-based Indy Eleven of USL Championship. Musa had three goals and two assists in 44 matches, including Cup play, with Indy Eleven. ... Between 2013 and 2024, Musa played for Team Wellington in New Zealand, South Melbourne in Australia, Saint Louis FC of USL Championship, Swope Park Rangers of USL Championship, Sporting Kansas City of Major League Soccer, Phoenix Rising of USL Championship, Minnesota United of Major League Soccer, and the Colorado Switchbacks of USL Championship. ... Born in Plymouth, England, Musa moved with his family to New Zealand when he was 7. He played for New Zealand’s U-20 and U-23 National Teams, totaling 20 appearances and five goals, including an appearance with the U-23 team at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. That helped springboard him to a one-year deal with Premier League club Fulham, which loaned Musa to Hereford United for 15 appearances. ... Musa has played three matches for New Zealand’s Senior Team, a 2014 friendly and two 2017 World Cup qualification matches. New Zealand was 2-0-1 with him in the lineup.

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## **EMERSON NIETO**

Position: Midfielder

Hometown: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Birthday: 10/3/01

Pronunciation: emer-son | knee-et-toe

### **Entering 2026**

Nieto spent the 2024 and 2025 seasons playing collegiately for the Indiana Institute of Technology in downtown Fort Wayne. He appeared in 41 matches and totaled nine assists. ... He and Fort Wayne FC assistant coach Keelan Barker, who was the Warriors' head coach, helped the school to a 31-7-6 record, two Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament titles, back-to-back NAIA Tournaments, and the 2025 National Tournament Quarterfinals. Fort Wayne FC defender Tiago Dias was on the 2024 Indiana Tech team, too. ... Nieto was a Second Team All-American in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in 2025, and he was First Team All-Conference in 2025 and 2024. ... Nieto played at Indiana University Indianapolis during 2023, when he assisted on three goals in 12 matches, and at Indiana University Bloomington from 2020 to 2022, assisting on two goals in seven matches. ... Nieto joins defender Reid Sproat as players on the Fort Wayne FC roster who are from Northeast Indiana. "I'm incredibly proud to sign with Fort Wayne FC – it's a dream come true for me as a local player," Nieto said April 29. "Growing up here, this community means everything to me, so to represent my hometown club is really special. I'm excited for this opportunity and to give everything for the badge."

### **2026 Highlights**

Substituted into first match at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on May 2, 2026, a 2-2 draw between Fort Wayne FC and the Charlotte Independence. He and Reid Sproat, also from Northeast Indiana, played in the match. ... Nieto started his second match on the roster, May 6, 2026, a 3-0 victory over the Portland Hearts of Pine, at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium.

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## **DANIEL OYETUNDE**

Position: Forward

Hometown: London, England

Birthdate: 11/26/2006

Pronunciation: dan-yal | oy-yeah-ton-day

### **Entering 2026**

Oyetunde came to Fort Wayne Football Club as a well-regarded product of Arsenal's famed academy system. He played there for five years, moving from the under-15 to under-21 teams. .. After signing his first professional contract in 2025 with Arsenal of the Premier League, Oyetunde was loaned to St Albans City of the Isthmian League and played in an FA Cup match. He then scored one minute into his first league appearance for St Albans City before returning to Arsenal. ... He also appeared in a Premier League 2 match in 2025 for Arsenal's U-21 team, the highest level squad within the Arsenal academy programs. Arsenal's Hale End Academy has produced a bevy of international stars throughout its history, such as Tony Adams, Ashley Cole, Bukayo Saka and Cesc Fàbregas. ... In 2024-25, Oyetunde had two goals and two assists in 13 matches for Arsenal's U-18 squad.

### **2026 Highlights**

Made senior level professional debut on March 28 against the New York Cosmos. ... Scored first goal of professional career on June 6, 2026, in a Prinx Tires USL Cup match at Union Omaha, which won 4-2.

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## **MICHAEL REMPEL**

Position: Defender

Hometown: Asunción, Paraguay

Birthdate: 10/4/2001

Pronunciation: my-cull | rem-pull

### **Entering 2026**

Michael Rempel joined Fort Wayne Football Club coming off a star-studded career at the NAIA level of college soccer. Rempel played from 2023 to 2025 for Lindsey Wilson University in Columbia, Kentucky. For the second consecutive season, he was tabbed in 2025 as the winner of the Mid-South Conference Defensive Player of the Year Award and as an NAIA Second Team All-American.

Additionally, Rempel was named to the United Soccer Coaches' All-America Team. And he was chosen for the College Sports Communicators' Academic All-America First Team; he had a 3.56 grade-point average. ... Rempel played in the summer of 2025 for Asheville City SC in USL League Two, the pre-professional level in which Fort Wayne FC was from 2021 to 2025. Rempel had three goals and four assists in 11 matches in 2025 for Asheville City.

### **2026 Highlights**

Named to USL League One Team of the Week on May 12, 2026. ... Named to USL League One Team of the Week on May 26, 2026.

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## **LILIAN RICOL**

Position: Forward

Hometown: Paris, France

Birthdate: 10/23/2002

Pronunciation: lill-ee-on | ree-coal

### **Entering 2026**

In his lone season of college soccer, 2025 at the University of Central Florida, Ricol was named to the United Soccer Coaches' Division I All-Southeast Region First Team, and he made the Sun Belt Conference's All-League First Team, while being selected conference Newcomer of the Year. He was also the MVP of the conference tournament as UCF won the first Sun Belt title in program history and eventually made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. ... In 21 matches with UCF, Ricol totaled 13 goals – four of them game-winners – and four assists. He had a hat trick in a 3-2 victory over James Madison and a two-goal performance in the Sun Belt championship match against Marshall, a 3-1 victory. ... Prior to playing for UCF as a junior, Ricol was with French professional club Chambly-Oise, scoring three goals with four assists in 26 matches in 2024-25. The season before, with Racing Club de France, Ricol had eight goals and one assist in 25 matches.

### **2026 Highlights**

Scored first goal in Fort Wayne Football Club's professional soccer history in the first half March 14 at the Sarasota Paradise. Goal gave Fort Wayne FC a 1-0 lead in match that ended in a 2-all draw. Ricol also assisted on Fort Wayne FC's second goal, scored by Ryan Becher. ... Scored early in a 3-1 loss at Louisville City FC on April 25, 2026, when Fort Wayne FC played its first ever match in the Prinx Tires USL Cup. ... Scored back-to-back goals in second half of Fort Wayne FC's 3-0 victory over the

Portland Hearts of Pine on May 6. It was Fort Wayne FC's second match at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium and their first victory there. ... Named to bench of USL League One Team of the Week on May 12, 2026. ... Scored twice in 3-1 victory at Athletic Club Boise on May 23, 2026. ... Against AC Boise, was clocked with a top speed of 24.8 mph, which would put him among the fastest soccer players in the world. ... Ricol named to USL League One Team of the Week on May 26, 2026.

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## **BERND SCHIPMANN**

Position: Goalkeeper

Hometown: Münster, Germany

Birthday: 7/5/94

Pronunciation: burnt | ship-man

### **Entering 2026**

Bernd Schipmann spent the previous three seasons with Forward Madison of USL League One. He appeared in 90 matches and didn't concede a goal in 33 of them. ... During 2025, Schipmann had seven clean sheets in 22 matches during the regular season and Cup play, combined. He had a save percentage of 63.1. ... In 2024, Schipmann had 14 clean sheets in 34 matches through league and Cup play. His average of only 0.75 goals allowed per regular-season match was second best in USL League One; he had a save percentage of 73.5; he helped propel the club to the league's semifinals and the final of the Prinx Tires USL Cup; and he was nominated for USL League One Goalkeeper of the Year. ... Born in Münster, Germany, to a German father and Filipino mother, Schipmann has played for the Philippines in international competition, including three matches during the 2021 World Cup qualification tournament. He had a clean sheet against Guam. ... Professionally, Schipmann has also played in Germany for Schalke 04 II, Holstein Kiel II and Rot Weiss Ahlen.

**2026 Highlights:** Played entirety of Fort Wayne FC's 2-all draw at the Sarasota Paradise on March 14, when club got its first point in professional soccer. Schipmann stopped 3 of 5 shots and was awarded Save of the Week in USL League One. ... Stopped two shots for clean sheet in Fort Wayne FC's first pro victory, 2-0 at the Chattanooga Red Wolves SC on April 11, 2026. Was 28<sup>th</sup> clean sheet in Schipmann's USL League One career, moving him into sole possession of fourth place in league history. ... Stopped four shots for second clean sheet of the season, a 3-0 victory over the Portland Hearts of Pine on May 6, 2026, when Fort Wayne FC secured its first victory at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium. Schipmann also assisted on a Lilian Ricol goal. ... Schipmann had second straight clean sheet with a four-save effort in a 1-0 victory over Westchester SC at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on May 9, 2026. It was the 30<sup>th</sup> shutout of Schipmann's USL League One career. ... Schipmann's clean sheet in a scoreless draw with AV Alta FC at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on May 30, 2026, put him into a tie for third place all time in USL League history in shutouts with 31. ... Schipmann stops 5 of 6 shots on target in his return to Forward Madison, a 1-all draw on June 17, 2026, and becomes just the 10<sup>th</sup> goalkeeper in USL League One history to surpass the 200-save plateau. ... Following a 2-0 victory at the Richmond Kickers on June 20, Schipmann, who made four saves, named to USL League One Team of the Week. ... Schipmann named a finalist for the league's Goalkeeper of the Year midseason award.

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## JAYDEN SMITH

Position: Defender

Hometown: Coventry, England

Birthday: 3/9/06

Pronunciation: jay-den | smith

### Entering 2026

Smith joined the Coventry City Football Club Academy when he was 10 years old and remained with it for nine years. Coventry City is currently a member of the first-division English Football League Championship. ... Smith signed his first professional contract with Coventry City in 2024.

### 2026 Highlights

Scored during the first match in Ruoff Mortgage Stadium history, a 2-2 draw with the Charlotte Independence on May 2, 2026. ... In second match there, set up a Lilian Ricol goal as Fort Wayne FC defeated the Portland Hearts of Pine 3-0.

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## JUAN SOLIS

Position: Defender

Hometown: Tulua, Colombia

Birthdate: 1/27/2005

Pronunciation: wahn | so-lease

### Entering 2026

Juan Solís appeared in 22 matches in 2025 for Real Santander, a second-division professional club based in Bucaramanga, Colombia. ... Solís, 6-foot-8, scored two goals in 2025 for Real Santander, but impressed with his defensive acumen. ... He also had professional experience with CD Real Cartagena and with the Colombian U-18 National Team.

### 2026 Highlights

Named to USL League One's Team of the Week on April 14, 2026, in the wake of a 1-0 victory over the Chattanooga Red Wolves SC, the first victory in Fort Wayne FC's professional history. Teammate JP Jordan made the Team of the Week, too.

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## REID SPROAT

Position: Defender

Hometown: Auburn, Indiana

Birthday: 5/30/01

Pronunciation: reed | sprote

### Entering 2026

Came into the year as the only player to appear in a Fort Wayne FC match during every season of the club's play. ... Sproat played a club-record 50 matches with Fort Wayne FC between 2021 and 2025 – when the club was in the pre-professional level of USL League Two – and that was 12 matches more than the next closest player, Tiago Dias. ... Sproat was regarded as one of the most formidable defenders in USL League Two, helping Fort Wayne FC to division titles in 2023, 2024 and 2025, and to berths in the conference semifinals in 2024 and 2025. He was the only Fort Wayne FC

player to make the USL League Two All-League Team, which he did in 2023, and he scored two goals for the club in pre-professional soccer. ... Sproat played a fifth season of college soccer at San Diego State University in 2023 and was named the 14<sup>th</sup> best player in the nation by "Top Drawer Soccer," while also receiving Honorable Mention All-Conference honors in the Pac-12 conference. ... Sproat played at Oakland University from 2019 to 2022 and was a three-time All-Horizon League selection, helping the Golden Grizzlies to regular-season and tournament championships in the conference during 2021. ... Sproat is a graduate of Leo High School, where he left as the soccer team's all-time leading scorer and helped it to its first ever sectional championship. ... He was on the staff in 2025 at Huntington University as an assistant coach, after spending 2024 as a graduate assistant with the school.

### **2026 Highlights**

Sproat substituted into first match at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on May 2, 2026, a 2-2 draw between Fort Wayne FC and the Charlotte Independence. He and Emerson Nieto, also from Northeast Indiana, played in the match. ... Sproat and Nieto were in the starting lineup May 6, 2026, a 3-0 victory over the Portland Hearts of Pine, the club's first victory at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium. ... Sproat captained Fort Wayne FC in a Prinx Tires USL Cup match on June 6, 2026, a 4-2 loss at Union Omaha. It was Sproat's 60<sup>th</sup> match with the club, including time in USL League One and USL League Two, the club's all-time mark.

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## **JACK THOMAS**

Position: Midfielder

Hometown: Whittington, England

Birthdate: 6/12/2004

Pronunciation: jack | tom-iss

### **Entering 2026**

Coming off an outstanding senior season at Louisiana State University-Shreveport that saw him selected as the United Soccer Coaches' NAIA Player of the Year in 2025. Thomas set single-season program records in goals (20), assists (12), shots (86) and shots on goal (46) in 22 matches during 2025. He was named a First Team All-American and the Red River Athletic Conference's Offensive Player of the Year. ... Over 66 matches in his three-year career at LSU Shreveport, Thomas had 47 goals and a program-record 22 assists. He helped the Pilots to the Round of 16 at the NAIA National Tournament in 2024 and 2025. ... Thomas began his college soccer career with Northeast Texas Community College in 2022. ... Thomas also had on his résumé time with the Lubbock Matadors SC of USL League Two, a pre-professional level of play.

### **2026 Highlights**

Came off the bench to score in stoppage time and force penalty kicks on May 16, 2026, at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium in the first ever match with Indy Eleven – the Victory & Liberty Derby and part of the Prinx Tires USL Cup. It was Thomas' first goal in professional soccer. He'd missed the previous three matches due to injury. ... Named to USL League One Team of the Week on June 23, 2026, after tallying a goal and an assist in a 2-0 victory at the Richmond Kickers on June 20.

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# IN-SEASON TRANSACTIONS REPORT

March 7, 2026: Signed to academy contract, **Taner Akin**, Goalkeeper

March 16, 2026: Called to Puerto Rico's National Team, **Aurie Echevarría**, Goalkeeper

March 25, 2026: Due to injury, **Aurie Echevarría** unable to join Puerto Rico

April 7, 2026: Signed, **Kabiru Gafar**, Midfielder

April 10, 2026: Signed to 25-day contract, **Alex Grow**, Goalkeeper

April 10, 2026: Converted to standard contract from 25-day, **Ian Abbey**, forward

April 29, 2026: **Trace Terry**, forward, contract terminated

May 1, 2026: **Emerson Nieto** signs 25-day contract

May 1, 2026: **Nico Burns** signs academy contract

May 1, 2026: **Tyson Hagaman** signs academy contract

May 4, 2026: **Alex Grow** 25-day contract expires

May 18, 2026: **Ian Abbey**, forward, contract terminated









# 2026 Factoids of Interest

## FORT WAYNE FOOTBALL CLUB CREST EXPLAINED

### Our Three Rivers

The "F" visually represents the access points and confluence of our three rivers – how the St. Mary's and St. Joseph converge to form the Maumee. The rivers represent a significant role in our city's geography, history and recreation.

### Historic Roots & Continued Growth

The branches of the "W" embody the trees and nature throughout our 80+ parks and 150+ miles of trail systems.



### Intertwined and United

A confluence of our innovations, cultures, ideas and shared memories that bring our community together.

### A Sophisticated Crest

The shield symbolizes our fortitude and tradition, while the monogram embodies the city's ties to, and love of, nature and recreation.

**FORT WAYNE  
FOOTBALL CLUB**

### Our Name

We will be primarily known as Fort Wayne Football Club.

**March 7, 2026:** In 2-0 loss at FC Naples, which was Fort Wayne Football Club's first match in pro soccer, a whopping 10 players made their professional debuts: Aurie Echevarría, Tiago Dias, Reid Sproat, Anthony Hernandez, Taig Healy, Lilian Ricol, Jayden Smith, Trace Terry, Clarence Awoudor, and Michael Rempel.

**March 14, 2026:** Fort Wayne FC's first goal in the professional ranks is scored by Lilian Ricol in the 30th minute of a match at the Sarasota Paradise. Ryan Becher also scores, with the assist going to Ricol, and Fort Wayne FC gets its first standings point in professional soccer with a 2-all tie.

**March 16, 2026:** Goalkeeper Aurie Echevarría is named to Puerto Rico's National Team for FIFA Series. It's the third time he's been named to the National Team. *(Due to an injury suffered in a subsequent Fort Wayne FC practice, Echevarría was unable to join Puerto Rico for series.)*

**March 19, 2026:** Bernd Schipmann wins Save of the Week in USL League One for a save against the Sarasota Paradise.

**April 11, 2026:** Taig Healy scores 44 seconds into match – establishing a new club record regardless of league – and Fort Wayne FC gets its first victory in professional soccer, 1-0 at the Chattanooga Red Wolves SC. Bernd Schipmann has two saves for the 28<sup>th</sup> clean sheet of his USL League One Career – fourth most in league history.

**April 17, 2026:** Taig Healy's goal against Chattanooga Red Wolves is voted Goal of the Week in USL League One.

**April 25, 2026:** Fort Wayne FC briefly held lead in first ever Prinx Tires USL Cup match, thanks to a Lilian Ricol goal, but Louisville City FC ended up winning 3-1. Lou City was atop USL Championship standings at time of the match.

**May 2, 2026:** Fort Wayne FC opens its new stadium, Ruoff Mortgage Stadium, in front of 4,000 spectators and plays the Charlotte Independence to a 2-2 draw. Taig Healy opened the scoring in the fourth minute. Jayden Smith put Fort Wayne FC up 2-1 in the 10th minute

**May 6, 2026:** Fort Wayne FC gets first victory at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium with a 3-0 victory over Portland Hearts of Pine that included two Lilian Ricol goals and a Taig Healy goal in the second half. Bernd Schipmann assisted on a goal and had a four-save clean sheet in front of 2,389 fans

**May 9, 2026:** Fort Wayne FC defeats Westchester SC 1-0 to improve to 2-0-1 at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium. Taig Healy scores in a fourth straight league match and Bernd Schipmann has second straight clean sheet

**May 16, 2026:** The first running of the Victory & Liberty Derby, a Prinx Tires USL Cup match between Fort Wayne FC and Indy Eleven, winds up tied 2-2 and then goes to penalty kicks, where Indy Eleven scored three of the four goals at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium. Fort Wayne FC's Taig Healy scored in regulation time for his fifth goal in six matches in all competitions. Jack Thomas' first professional goal, in stoppage time, forced the PKs.

**May 23, 2026:** Lilian Ricol has his second two-goal game of the season, and Taig Healy scores for the sixth match in the span of eight regardless of competition, and Fort Wayne FC wins 3-1 at Athletic Club Boise. Fort Wayne FC is unbeaten in six straight USL League One matches (3-0-3). Ricol is clocked during the match at a top speed of 24.8 mph, which would make him among the fastest players in the world.

**May 30, 2026:** Fort Wayne FC extends unbeaten streak in USL League One play to seven matches with scoreless draw with AV Alta FC at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium. Bernd Schipmann's clean sheet was the 31<sup>st</sup> of his USL League One career, putting him into a tie for third place all-time with Akira Fitzgerald.

**June 8, 2026:** Taig Healy wins the fan vote for USL League One Player of the Month (May), but he ultimately finishes second for the award to Ollie Wright of the Portland Hearts of Pine, who won 80% of the competition committee vote. In the overall weighted voting, Wright finished with 52% and Healy with 35% of the overall tabulations.

**June 10, 2026:** Taig Healy's goal at Westchester SC helps secure a 1-all draw that extends Fort Wayne Football Club's unbeaten streak in USL League One play to eight matches – the longest in the league all season to that point.

**June 12, 2026:** Fort Wayne Football Club's Aurie Echevarría wins Save of the Round, from Round 3 of the Prinx Tires USL Cup, for a save against Union Omaha. Fort Wayne FC has won all four fan votes in which they've had a nominee.

**June 17, 2026:** Ryan Becher scores in a 1-all tie at Forward Madison, extending Fort Wayne FC's unbeaten streak to nine matches – tied for the third longest run by a first-year club in USL League

One history. Bernd Schipmann also surpasses 200 career saves, making him the 10<sup>th</sup> USL League One player to do so.

**June 20, 2026:** Jack Thomas and Taig Healy both have a goal and an assist, and Bernd Schipmann has a four-save clean sheet, as Fort Wayne FC defeats the Richmond Kickers 2-0 on the road. Fort Wayne FC's unbeaten streak reaches 10 matches, which is tied for the second longest such streak by a first-year team in USL League One history with FC Naples' 2025 squad. The record of 12 straight matches without a loss by a first-year team was set by Lansing Ignite FC in 2019. Healy's eighth goal ties the club's career mark, including the team's time in the pre-professional level of USL League Two.

# FORT WAYNE FOOTBALL CLUB

## ALL-TIME FRANCHISE RECORDS (2021-2026)

\*Includes USL League One, USL Cup and USL League Two

### GOALS

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SEASONS WITH CLUB</b>
<b>Gijs Hovius</b>	8	2023, 2024
<b>Maxwell Amoako</b>	8	2021, 2022
<b>Taig Healy</b>	8	2026
<b>Tiago Dias</b>	7	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
<b>Caio Oliveira</b>	7	2025
<b>Riley Lynch</b>	6	2022
<b>Lilian Ricol</b>	6	2026
<b>Noe Garcia</b>	5	2021
<b>Seth Antwi</b>	5	2023
<b>Sebastian Chalbaud</b>	5	2023
<b>Alberto Anaya</b>	4	2022, 2023, 2024
<b>Aleksandar Mihov</b>	4	2023
<b>Aboubacar Traore</b>	3	2024, 2025
<b>Michael Adedokun</b>	3	2022
<b>Sean Karani</b>	3	2023
<b>Ethan Giwa-McNeil</b>	3	2024
<b>Tom Abrahamsson</b>	3	2022, 2023
<b>Forster Ajago</b>	3	2022
<b>Alexandre Frank</b>	3	2022, 2023
<b>Zach Tom</b>	3	2021
<b>Joseph Kouadio</b>	3	2021, 2023
<b>Victor Claudel</b>	3	2022
<b>Brandon Bermingham</b>	3	2024
<b>Ryan Becher</b>	3	2026
<b>Matthew Catavolo</b>	2	2025
<b>Hugo Garcia</b>	2	2025
<b>Rood Schnaider Beaubrun</b>	2	2024, 2025
<b>Jose Casas De Abadal</b>	2	2021, 2022
<b>Reid Sproat</b>	2	2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
<b>Will Harris</b>	2	2021, 2022
<b>Henri Kumwenda</b>	2	2023
<b>Chris Bley</b>	2	2024
<b>Aaron Sanchez</b>	2	2024
<b>Michael Ketteman</b>	2	2024
<b>Muslim Umar</b>	2	2025
<b>Venton Evans</b>	2	2025

<b>Jack Thomas</b>	2	2026
<b>Jayden Smith</b>	1	2026
<b>Daniel Oyetunde</b>	1	2026
<b>Amari Fowlkes</b>	1	2025
<b>Gaku Nishimura</b>	1	2024, 2025
<b>Tiago Campos</b>	1	2025
<b>Mamadou Diarra</b>	1	2025
<b>Anthony Hernandez</b>	1	2024, 2025
<b>Grayson Doody</b>	1	2021
<b>Nkosi Graham</b>	1	2022, 2023
<b>Namik Mehic</b>	1	2023, 2024, 2025
<b>Joel Harvey</b>	1	2021
<b>Jose Rodriguez</b>	1	2021
<b>Dylan Shockey</b>	1	2021
<b>Michail Tselios</b>	1	2024
<b>Breno Boccoli de Oliveira</b>	1	2021
<b>Ben Barkley</b>	1	2022

# ASSISTS

\*Assists prior to 2026 tabulated by USL League Two & may not be reflect all assists

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SEASONS WITH CLUB</b>
<b>Alberto Anaya</b>	6	2022, 2023, 2024
<b>Kabiru Gafar</b>	4	2026
<b>Michael Adedokun</b>	4	2022
<b>Gaku Nishimura</b>	4	2024, 2025
<b>Javier Armas</b>	3	2026
<b>Sean Kerani</b>	3	2023
<b>Jose Casas De Abadal</b>	3	2021, 2022
<b>Tiago Dias</b>	2	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
<b>Anthony Hernandez</b>	2	2024, 2025, 2026
<b>Aboubacar Traore</b>	2	2024, 2025
<b>Namik Mehic</b>	2	2023, 2024, 2025
<b>Tavio D'Almeida</b>	2	2023, 2025
<b>Riley Lynch</b>	2	2022
<b>Ethan Giwa-McNeil</b>	2	2024
<b>Grayson Doody</b>	2	2021
<b>Mbongeni Kanyane</b>	2	2022, 2023
<b>Logan Lee</b>	2	2021
<b>Michael Rempel</b>	1	2026
<b>Taig Healy</b>	1	2026
<b>Jack Thomas</b>	1	2026
<b>Emerson Nieto</b>	1	2026
<b>Jayden Smith</b>	1	2026
<b>Bernd Schipmann</b>	1	2026
<b>Lilian Ricol</b>	1	2026
<b>Tiago Campos</b>	1	2025
<b>Amari Fowlkes</b>	1	2025
<b>Rood Schnaider Beaubrun</b>	1	2024, 2025
<b>Virgil Dall'Agnol</b>	1	2025
<b>Matthew Catavolo</b>	1	2025
<b>Alsadiq Hasan</b>	1	2025
<b>Gijs Hovius</b>	1	2023, 2024
<b>Tom Abrahamsson</b>	1	2022
<b>Forster Ajago</b>	1	2022
<b>Nkosi Graham</b>	1	2022, 2023
<b>Maxwell Amoako</b>	1	2021
<b>Shotaro Kino</b>	1	2024
<b>Adam McAleenan</b>	1	2022
<b>Hilary Odhiambo</b>	1	2022

## MATCHES PLAYED

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SEASONS WITH CLUB</b>
<b>Reid Sproat</b>	62	2021, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026
<b>Tiago Dias</b>	53	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
<b>Aurie Echevarría</b>	37	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
<b>Anthony Hernandez</b>	33	2024, 2025, 2026
<b>Tavio D'Almeida</b>	27	2023, 2025
<b>Rood Schnaider Beaubrun</b>	26	2024, 2025
<b>Tom Abrahamsson</b>	24	2022, 2023
<b>Alexandre Frank</b>	24	2022, 2023
<b>Will Harris</b>	24	2021, 2022
<b>Alberto Anaya</b>	22	2022, 2023, 2024
<b>Maxwell Amoako</b>	22	2021, 2022
<b>Jose Casas De Abadal</b>	21	2021, 2022

# FORT WAYNE FOOTBALL CLUB

## USL LEAGUE TWO RECORDS (2021-2025)

### GOALS

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SEASONS WITH CLUB</b>
<b>Gijs Hovius</b>	8	2023, 2024
<b>Maxwell Amoako</b>	8	2021, 2022
<b>Caio Oliveira</b>	7	2025
<b>Riley Lynch</b>	6	2022
<b>Tiago Dias</b>	6	2023, 2024, 2025
<b>Noe Garcia</b>	5	2021
<b>Seth Antwi</b>	5	2023
<b>Sebastian Chalbaud</b>	5	2023
<b>Alberto Anaya</b>	4	2022, 2023, 2024
<b>Aleksandar Mihov</b>	4	2023
<b>Aboubacar Traore</b>	3	2024, 2025
<b>Michael Adedokun</b>	3	2022
<b>Sean Karani</b>	3	2023
<b>Ethan Giwa-McNeil</b>	3	2024
<b>Tom Abrahamsson</b>	3	2022, 2023
<b>Forster Ajago</b>	3	2022
<b>Alexandre Frank</b>	3	2022, 2023
<b>Zach Tom</b>	3	2021
<b>Joseph Kouadio</b>	3	2021, 2023
<b>Victor Claudel</b>	3	2022
<b>Brandon Bermingham</b>	3	2024
<b>Matthew Catavolo</b>	2	2025
<b>Hugo Garcia</b>	2	2025
<b>Rood Schnaider Beaubrun</b>	2	2024, 2025
<b>Jose Casas De Abadal</b>	2	2021, 2022
<b>Reid Sproat</b>	2	2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
<b>Will Harris</b>	2	2021, 2022
<b>Henri Kumwenda</b>	2	2023
<b>Chris Bley</b>	2	2024
<b>Aaron Sanchez</b>	2	2024
<b>Michael Ketteman</b>	2	2024
<b>Muslim Umar</b>	2	2025
<b>Venton Evans</b>	2	2025
<b>Amari Fowlkes</b>	1	2025
<b>Gaku Nishimura</b>	1	2024, 2025
<b>Tiago Campos</b>	1	2025
<b>Mamadou Diarra</b>	1	2025
<b>Anthony Hernandez</b>	1	2024, 2025
<b>Grayson Doody</b>	1	2021
<b>Nkosi Graham</b>	1	2022, 2023

<b>Namik Mehic</b>	1	2023, 2024, 2025
<b>Joel Harvey</b>	1	2021
<b>Jose Rodriguez</b>	1	2021
<b>Dylan Shockey</b>	1	2021
<b>Michail Tselios</b>	1	2024
<b>Breno Boccoli de Oliveira</b>	1	2021
<b>Ben Barkley</b>	1	2022

## ASSISTS

\*Stats according to USL League Two, may not be reflect all assists

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SEASONS WITH CLUB</b>
<b>Alberto Anaya</b>	6	2022, 2023, 2024
<b>Michael Adedokun</b>	4	2022
<b>Gaku Nishimura</b>	4	2024, 2025
<b>Sean Kerani</b>	3	2023
<b>Jose Casas De Abadal</b>	3	2021, 2022
<b>Aboubacar Traore</b>	2	2024, 2025
<b>Namik Mehic</b>	2	2023, 2024, 2025
<b>Tavio D'Almeida</b>	2	2023, 2025
<b>Riley Lynch</b>	2	2022
<b>Ethan Giwa-McNeil</b>	2	2024
<b>Grayson Doody</b>	2	2021
<b>Mbongeni Kanyane</b>	2	2022, 2023
<b>Logan Lee</b>	2	2021
<b>Tiago Campos</b>	1	2025
<b>Amari Fowlkes</b>	1	2025
<b>Rood Schnaider Beaubrun</b>	1	2024, 2025
<b>Virgil Dall'Agnol</b>	1	2025
<b>Anthony Hernandez</b>	1	2024, 2025
<b>Matthew Catavolo</b>	1	2025
<b>Alsadiq Hasan</b>	1	2025
<b>Gijs Hovius</b>	1	2023, 2024
<b>Tom Abrahamsson</b>	1	2022
<b>Tiago Dias</b>	1	2023, 2024, 2025
<b>Forster Ajago</b>	1	2022
<b>Nkosi Graham</b>	1	2022, 2023
<b>Maxwell Amoako</b>	1	2021
<b>Shotaro Kino</b>	1	2024
<b>Adam McAleenan</b>	1	2022
<b>Hilary Odhiambo</b>	1	2022

## MATCHES PLAYED

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SEASONS WITH CLUB</b>
<b>Reid Sproat</b>	50	2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
<b>Tiago Dias</b>	38	2023, 2024, 2025
<b>Aurie Echevarría</b>	34	2023, 2024, 2025
<b>Tavio D'Almeida</b>	27	2023, 2025
<b>Rood Schnaider Beaubrun</b>	26	2024, 2025
<b>Anthony Hernandez</b>	26	2024, 2025
<b>Tom Abrahamsson</b>	24	2022, 2023
<b>Alexandre Frank</b>	24	2022, 2023
<b>Will Harris</b>	24	2021, 2022
<b>Alberto Anaya</b>	22	2022, 2023, 2024
<b>Maxwell Amoako</b>	22	2021, 2022
<b>Jose Casas De Abadal</b>	21	2021, 2022



## MOMENTS ON THE PITCH

**May 9, 2021:** First match in club history, in USL League Two, is played at Oakland County FC, a 3-0 Fort Wayne FC loss

**May 23, 2021:** First goal in club history scored by **Noe Garcia**, assisted by **Jose Rodriguez**, at Shields Field, in 2-1 loss to Toledo Villa FC

**June 21, 2021:** Club wins first match, 3-1, at Toledo Villa FC, with goals from **Pep Casas**, **Joe Kouadio** and **Breno Oliveira** (penalty kick)

**June 4, 2022:** First five-goal game, 5-0 victory at Dayton Dutch Lions, as **Forster Ajago** scores twice

**May 13, 2023:** In 1-0 victory over Kings Hammer FC Cincinnati, **Alex Frank** scores winner with bicycle kick in 75<sup>th</sup> minute at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium

**May 20, 2023:** In 30<sup>th</sup> match in club history, its 50<sup>th</sup> goal is scored by Joe Kouadio – his second of match – in 31<sup>st</sup> minute; **Sebastian Chalbaud** also scores twice in 4-0 victory at FC Buffalo

**July 2, 2023:** Club clinches Valley Division title with 4-0 victory over Toledo Villa FC at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium, getting goals from **Reid Sproat**, **Tom Abrahamsson**, **Seth Antwi** and **Henri Kumwenda**.

**July 11, 2023:** **Namik Mehic**, a native of Fort Wayne, becomes youngest player in club history to score at 16 years, 7 months, 15 days old in 2-0 victory at Kings Hammer FC Cincinnati. **Henri Kumwenda** also scores in club's 40<sup>th</sup> match ever and 20<sup>th</sup> victory

**July 21, 2023:** Club plays first ever postseason match, but sees club-record 19-game unbeaten streak end in 3-2 overtime loss to Flint City Bucks at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium in Central Conference quarterfinals; Flint City's Jason Shokalook ends Fort Wayne FC's eight-game (760-minute) streak without allowing a goal

**August 1, 2023:** Goalkeeper **Aurie Echevarría** becomes first member of club to win Golden Glove award for lowest goals-against average in USL League Two at 0.43 goals per 90 minutes

**August 11, 2023:** Fort Wayne FC defender **Reid Sproat** becomes first member of club to make All-League team

**July 10, 2024:** Club clinches second straight Valley Division title with 1-0 victory at Dayton Dutch Lions, as **Brandon Bermingham** scores in 87<sup>th</sup> minute

**July 19, 2024:** Club gets first postseason win with first ever penalty kick shootout after scoreless tie at Midwest United FC

**July 21, 2024:** For second straight year, club ousted from postseason by Flint City Bucks in 2-1 road loss in Central Conference semifinals

**June 7, 2025:** After allowing back-to-back goals to the Dayton Dutch Lions' Felix Ezekwuka to tie the match at 2 at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium, Fort Wayne FC's **Venton Evans** scores on a penalty kick in the 96<sup>th</sup> minute and **Hugo Garcia** adds a goal in the 98<sup>th</sup> for a 4-2 victory to take Fort Wayne FC to first place in the Valley Division

**June 18, 2025:** Fort Wayne FC takes five-point lead in Valley Division race with a 2-0 victory at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium over Lexington SC, getting goals from **Caio Oliveira** (penalty kick) and **Anthony Hernandez**

**June 28, 2025:** In an International Friendly against Atlas Fútbol Club's Sub-23 team at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium, **Jonny Aye**, 15, becomes the youngest player ever to enter a match for Fort Wayne FC

**July 12, 2025:** Fort Wayne FC clinches third straight Valley Division championship with 4-0 victory over Kings Hammer FC Cincinnati in FWFC's final match at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium, as Muslim Umar scores twice in front of a crowd of 1,712

**July 18, 2025:** After falling behind 2-0 in the first half, Fort Wayne FC rallies for a 3-2 overtime victory over Midwest United FC to advance to the Central Conference Semifinals, getting goals from captain **Tiago Dias** on a header, **Caio Oliveira** on a free kick, and **Amari Fowlkes** in overtime after an **Aboubacar Traore** pass across the box

**July 20, 2025:** Fort Wayne FC suffers heartbreaking 2-0 loss in Central Conference Semifinals to Flint City Bucks in Flint, Mich. Flint City's Donovan Phillip scores for a 1-0 lead in the 117<sup>th</sup> minute off the rebound of a Dominic Ayella penalty kick that had been stopped by Fort Wayne FC goalkeeper **Aurie Echevarría**. Ayella adds an insurance goal in the 124<sup>th</sup> minute, ending Fort Wayne FC's time in USL League Two

**March 7, 2026:** Fort Wayne FC plays first match in professional soccer, losing 2-0 to FC Naples in a closely contested USL League One outing in Naples, Florida. Ten of the 16 Fort Wayne FC players who entered the match were making their professional debuts. That included four players who had been with the club in pre-professional soccer: **Tiago Dias**, **Reid Sproat**, **Aurie Echevarría** and **Anthony Hernandez**

**March 14, 2026:** Fort Wayne FC's first goal in the professional ranks is scored by **Lilian Ricol** in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute of a match at the Sarasota Paradise. **Ryan Becher** also scores and Fort Wayne FC gets its first standings point in professional soccer with a 2-all tie

**April 11, 2026:** **Taig Healy** scores 44 seconds into match – establishing a new club record regardless of league – and Fort Wayne FC gets its first victory in professional soccer, 1-0 at the

Chattanooga Red Wolves SC. **Bernd Schipmann** has two saves for the 28<sup>th</sup> clean sheet of his USL League One Career – fourth most in league history

**May 2, 2026:** Fort Wayne FC opens its new stadium, Ruoff Mortgage Stadium, and plays the Charlotte Independence to a 2-2 draw. **Taig Healy** opened the scoring in the fourth minute. **Jayden Smith** put Fort Wayne FC up 2-1 in the 10th minute

**May 6, 2026:** Fort Wayne FC gets first victory at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium with a 3-0 victory over Portland Hearts of Pine that included two **Lilian Ricol** goals and a **Taig Healy** goal in the second half. Goalkeeper **Bernd Schipmann** assisted on a goal and had a four-save clean sheet in front of 2,389 fans

**May 16, 2026:** The first running of the Victory & Liberty Derby, a USL Cup match between Fort Wayne FC and USL Championship-side Indy Eleven, winds up tied 2-2 and then goes to penalty kicks, where Indy Eleven scored three of the four goals at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium. Fort Wayne FC's **Taig Healy** scored in regulation time for his fifth goal in six matches in all competitions. **Jack Thomas'** first professional goal, in stoppage time, forced the PKs.