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FULL ROSTER



ACUNA, JOAQUIN – #9 – STRIKER



ALASSANE, MABOUMOU – #5 – CENTRAL DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDER



ANDERSON, COLLIN – #19 – STRIKER



ANTWI, GODWIN – #20 – WINGER



AOUMAICH, ADAM – #18 – WINGER



AOUMAICH, ILIAS – #11 – WINGER



BAHENA, CESAR – #99 – CENTRAL ATTACKING MIDFIELDER



DESDUNES, JERRY – #7 – WINGER



DOUMBIA, DJIBRIL – #27 – GOALKEEPER



GARCIA, JUAQUIN – #42 – CENTRAL MIDFIELDER



CEJA GONZALEZ, ERICK – #16 – CENTER BACK



HERNANDEZ JR, ERIK – #41 – CENTRAL ATTACKING MIDFIELDER

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SCHEDULE

MAR 7 – VS RICHMOND KICKERS (HOME)
MAR 14 – AT SOUTH GEORGIA TORMENTA FC (AWAY)
MAR 21 – VS PORTLAND HEARTS OF PINE (HOME)
MAR 28 – VS CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES SC (HOME)
APR 4 – VS UNION OMAHA (HOME)
APR 8 – AT SPOKANE VELOCITY FC (AWAY)
APR 11 – VS ATHLETIC CLUB BOISE (HOME)
APR 18 – AT SARASOTA PARADISE (AWAY)
APR 25 – AT NEW MEXICO UNITED (AWAY)
MAY 2 – VS SOUTH GEORGIA TORMENTA FC (HOME)
MAY 9 – VS FORWARD MADISON FC (HOME)
MAY 23 – VS NEW YORK COSMOS (HOME)
MAY 27 – AT EL PASO LOCOMOTIVE FC (AWAY)
MAY 30 – AT FORT WAYNE FC (AWAY)
JUN 6 – VS ORANGE COUNTY SC (HOME)
JUN 10 – VS SARASOTA PARADISE (HOME)
JUN 13 – VS SPOKANE VELOCITY FC (HOME)
JUN 20 – AT GREENVILLE TRIUMPH SC (AWAY)
JUN 24 – AT CORPUS CHRISTI FC (AWAY)
JUL 1 – AT UNION OMAHA (AWAY)
JUL 5 – VS CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE (HOME)
JUL 11 – VS PHOENIX RISING FC (HOME)
JUL 15 – AT CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES SC (AWAY)
JUL 18 – AT ONE KNOXVILLE SC (AWAY)
JUL 25 – VS WESTCHESTER SC (HOME)
AUG 1 – AT RICHMOND KICKERS (AWAY)
AUG 5 – AT FC NAPLES (AWAY)
AUG 8 – VS FORT WAYNE FC (HOME)
AUG 15 – AT NEW YORK COSMOS (AWAY)
AUG 22 – VS FC NAPLES (HOME)
AUG 29 – AT CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE (AWAY)
SEP 5 – VS ONE KNOXVILLE SC (HOME)
SEP 13 – AT PORTLAND HEARTS OF PINE (AWAY)
SEP 19 – AT FORWARD MADISON FC (AWAY)
OCT 3 – AT WESTCHESTER SC (AWAY)
OCT 10 – VS GREENVILLE TRIUMPH SC (HOME)
OCT 17 – AT ATHLETIC CLUB BOISE (AWAY)
OCT 24 – VS CORPUS CHRISTI FC (HOME)

AV ALTA FC VS. FORT WAYNE FC

USL LEAGUE ONE | SAT. AUG.8 - 8:00PM PT

MATCH PREVIEW



AV ALTA FC	FORT WAYNE FC
GP: 21	VS 18
W: 7	VS 7
T: 8	VS 6
L: 6	VS 5
GF:GA: 29:26	VS 25:19
GD: +3	VS +6
PTS: 29	VS 27

HEADLINES

QUICK CLUB INFO

Name: AV ALTA FC
City: Lancaster, CA
Founded: 2024

Motto: One Valley, One Club
Colors: Desert Sand, Joshua Green, Poppy Orange
Stadium: Lancaster Municipal Stadium
Capacity: 5,300

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IBARRA, MIGUEL – #10 – CENTRAL ATTACKING



JHANG, ELLIOT – #32 – CENTRAL MIDFIELDER



LAY, OSVALDO – #6 – CENTRAL DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDER



LOPEZ, JOSE – #47 – WINGER



MARIONA, JAVIER – #17 – WINGER



HIGERDA, SANTIAGO – #24 – WINGER



ORTIZ, ALFREDO – #3 – LEFT BACK



ORTIZ, CHRISTIAN – #2 – RIGHT BACK



PAJARO, MIGUEL – #26 – CENTER BACK



PEHLIVANOV, KALOYAN – #44 – CENTER BACK



RAMOS, STEVEN – #45 – LEFT BACK



RELERFORD, NICK – #12 – RIGHT BACK

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SMITH, DENZIL – #22 – GOALKEEPER



THOMAS, RENDEN – #23 – CENTRAL ATTACKING MIDFIELDER



VILLALOBOS, JIMMIE – #21 – CENTRAL MIDFIELDER



WINUM, MATHIAS – #15 – CENTER BACK

COACHING STAFF



BRIAN KLEIBAN
HEAD COACH



CESAR SANTOS
ASSISTANT COACH



ZAKI TAHARI
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GONZALEZ, MARCO – #30
– GOALKEEPER

PLAYER BIOS

MIGUEL PAJARO – #26 – CB
BORN IN CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA, PAJARO BEGAN PLAYING SOCCER AT AGE EIGHT AND LEFT HOME AT 14 TO PURSUE A PROFESSIONAL CAREER. HE WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH COLOMBIAN ACADEMIES BEFORE SIGNING PROFESSIONALLY AND PLAYING FOR REAL CARTAGENA AND TIGRES FC IN COLOMBIA'S SECOND DIVISION BEFORE JOINING AV ALTA FC.

JIMMIE VILLALOBOS – #21 – CM
A BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA NATIVE, VILLALOBOS BUILT HIS REPUTATION AS A CREATIVE ATTACKING MIDFIELDER IN THE U.S. LOWER DIVISIONS. KNOWN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND GOAL-SCORING ABILITY FROM MIDFIELD, HE BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST KEY SIGNINGS IN AV ALTA'S INAUGURAL ROSTER.

KALOYAN PEHLIVANOV – #44 – CB
PEHLIVANOV WAS BORN IN SVILENGRAD, BULGARIA, AND DEVELOPED THROUGH EUROPEAN ACADEMIES BEFORE BRINGING HIS DEFENSIVE PRESENCE TO THE UNITED STATES. STANDING OVER 6'4", HE IS KNOWN FOR HIS PHYSICAL STYLE AND AERIAL DOMINANCE IN DEFENSE.

COLLIN ANDERSON – #19 – ST
A PROVEN INTERNATIONAL STRIKER, COLLIN HAS PLAYED IN THE TOP DIVISIONS OF JAMAICA, NORTH MACEDONIA, IRAQ, AND OMAN, AND HAS REPRESENTED THE JAMAICAN SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM. A FORMER GOLDEN BOOT WINNER, HE BRINGS ELITE ATHLETICISM, EXPERIENCE, AND GOAL-SCORING PROWESS TO LEAD AV ALTA'S ATTACK THIS SEASON.

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OSVALDO LAY – #6 – CDM
A DYNAMIC 21-YEAR-OLD PANAMANIAN MIDFIELDER, OSVALDO IS KNOWN FOR HIS ENERGY, VERSATILITY, AND COMPETITIVE EDGE. AFTER A STANDOUT 2024 SEASON WITH SPORTING SAN MIGUELITO AND A CALL-UP TO THE PANAMA U-23 NATIONAL TEAM, HE BRINGS ATHLETICISM, SKILL, AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT FOR AV ALTA.

DENZIL SMITH – #22 – GK
SMITH WAS BORN IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND DEVELOPED THROUGH CARIBBEAN FOOTBALL BEFORE MOVING INTO THE U.S. PROFESSIONAL SYSTEM. KNOWN FOR HIS ATHLETIC SHOT-STOPPING AND COMMANDING PRESENCE IN GOAL, HE BECAME AV ALTA'S FIRST GOALKEEPER SIGNING.

MIGUEL IBARRA – #10 – CAM
AN ANTELOPE VALLEY NATIVE, IBARRA ROSE FROM LOCAL YOUTH SOCCER TO BECOME AN NASL MVP AND A U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM PLAYER. AFTER PLAYING IN MLS AND INTERNATIONALLY, HE RETURNED HOME TO HELP LEAD AV ALTA FC'S INAUGURAL SEASON AND INSPIRE THE LOCAL SOCCER COMMUNITY.

ALFREDO ORTIZ – #3 – LB
OUR NEXT SIGNING IS LOS ANGELES NATIVE ALFREDO ORTIZ A STANDOUT LEFT BACK AND CAPTAIN AT CAL, WHERE HE PLAYED UNDER AV LEGEND LEONARD GRIFFIN. HE BRINGS DEFENSIVE STEEL, GAME INTELLIGENCE, AND CREATIVITY TO OUR BACK LINE AS HE TAKES THE FIRST STEP IN HIS PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY.

ILIAS AOUMAICH – #11 – W
A 19-YEAR-OLD WINGER FROM PAU FC IN FRANCE'S LIGUE 2, ILIAS BRINGS PACE, SKILL, AND FINISHING ABILITY. WITH IMMEDIATE IMPACT AND HIGH POTENTIAL, HE JOINS AV ALTA TO STRENGTHEN THE ATTACK AND CHASE HIS DREAMS OF REACHING THE TOP LEVELS.

MABOUMOU ALASSANE – #5 – CDM
A SEASONED MIDFIELDER WITH EXPERIENCE AT BOTH CLUB AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, ALASSANE HAS COMPETED IN THE U-20 AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS, AFRICAN GAMES, AND FRANCOPHONIE TOURNAMENT. HE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN COTON SPORT FC'S BENIN PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE AND CAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CAMPAIGNS BEFORE JOINING AV ALTA FC.

JERRY DESDUNES – #7 – W
A DYNAMIC HAITIAN WINGER, JERRY IS KNOWN FOR HIS SPEED, SKILL, AND CREATIVITY. AFTER PROFESSIONAL STINTS WITH SAN DIEGO 1904 AND NORTHERN COLORADO HAILSTORM, HE STARRED WITH TOP CALIFORNIA SEMI-PRO CLUBS AND HELPED LA10 REACH THE UPSL NATIONAL QUARTERFINALS. JERRY BRINGS 1V1 THREAT, GOAL-SCORING INSTINCT, AND PASSING PROWESS TO AV ALTA'S ATTACK.

JOAQUIN ACUNA – #9 – ST
ACUNA ARRIVES AFTER A STANDOUT COLLEGIATE CAREER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA, WHERE HE NETTED 20 GOALS AND CAPTAINED UNF TO ITS FIRST-EVER ASUN CONFERENCE TITLE IN HIS SENIOR YEAR. HIS LEADERSHIP AND GOAL-SCORING ABILITY MAKE HIM A DANGEROUS THREAT IN THE FINAL THIRD AS HE TRANSITIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL LEVEL.

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CHRISTIAN ORTIZ – #2 – RB
JOINING AV ALTA FC FROM LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, ORTIZ HELPED LMU REACH THE 2023 NCAA TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS. A BARCELONA RESIDENCY ACADEMY PRODUCT, HE BRINGS COMPOSURE, TACTICAL AWARENESS, AND STABILITY TO AV ALTA'S BACKLINE.

ERICK CEJA GONZALEZ – #16 – CB
A CENTER BACK FROM RENO, NEVADA, GONZALEZ IS KNOWN FOR HIS COMPOSURE, DEFENSIVE AWARENESS, AND TECHNICAL ABILITY. AFTER TWO STRONG SEASONS IN THE USL WITH LEXINGTON SC, HE BRINGS EXPERIENCE, VERSATILITY, AND STABILITY TO AV ALTA FC'S BACKLINE.

JAVIER MARIONA – #17 – W
A 20-YEAR-OLD WINGER FROM LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA, JAVIER IS A SKILLED DRIBBLER AND CREATIVE PLAYMAKER. HAVING REPRESENTED BOTH EL SALVADOR AND THE PHILIPPINES, HE RECENTLY HELPED THE PHILIPPINES REACH THE ASEAN CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS AND BRINGS INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE TO AV ALTA'S ATTACK.

DJIBRIL DOUMBIA – #27 – GK
A GOALKEEPER FROM BOULDER, COLORADO, DJ IS KNOWN FOR HIS COMMANDING PRESENCE AND SHARP REFLEXES. A BARÇA RESIDENCY ACADEMY PRODUCT, HE STARRED AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY AND SAN DIEGO STATE, EARNING WAC GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR AND ALL-REGION HONORS, BRINGING ELITE SHOT-STOPPING AND LEADERSHIP TO AV ALTA FC.

GODWIN ANTWI – #20 – W
GODWIN ANTWI FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO. HE ADDS PACE, CREATIVITY, AND ATTACKING FLAIR AS HE JOINS US FOR THE FIRST STEP IN HIS PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL CAREER.

ADAM AOUMAICH – #18 – W
THE FORMER UNION OMAHA WINGER JOINS AV ALTA FC'S ATTACK FOR THE 2026 SEASON. WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE HIS CREATIVITY AND ENERGY ON THE PITCH.

NICK RELERFORD – #12 – RB
A VERSATILE RIGHT BACK FROM CAL STATE FULLERTON, NICK STARRED IN THE FULLERTON DEFENSE ACROSS MULTIPLE SEASONS AND EARNED ALL-BIG WEST SECOND TEAM HONORS. KNOWN FOR HIS PACE AND DEFENSIVE TENACITY, HE JOINS AV ALTA FC ON HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT.

CESAR BAHENA – #99 – CAM
A FORWARD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, CESAR SCORED OVER 20 CAREER GOALS, EARNED MULTIPLE ALL-WCC HONORS, AND HELPED USD WIN FOUR STRAIGHT CONFERENCE TITLES. KNOWN FOR HIS CREATIVITY AND FINISHING, HE JOINS AV ALTA FC TO BEGIN HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER.

MATHIAS WINUM – #15 – CB
A STANDOUT CENTER BACK FROM UC IRVINE, JULLUM EARNED MULTIPLE ALL-BIG WEST HONORS, A BIG WEST TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP, AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS ONE OF THE NCAA'S TOP DEFENDERS. AFTER A 2025 SEASON WITH TOP SOCAL SEMI-PRO CLUBS, HE JOINS AV ALTA FC ON HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT, BRINGING DEFENSIVE PRESENCE AND TECHNICAL QUALITY TO THE BACKLINE.

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STEVEN RAMOS – #45 – LB
RAMOS IS ONE OF THE YOUNGER PLAYERS IN THE SQUAD AND REPRESENTS THE CLUB'S FOCUS ON DEVELOPING EMERGING TALENT. HIS SPEED AND DEFENSIVE INSTINCTS MAKE HIM A PROMISING FULLBACK.

RENDEN THOMAS – #23 – CAM
A WINGER FROM NEWBURY PARK, CALIFORNIA, RENDEN DEVELOPED AT LAFC SOCAL YOUTH AND THE LAFC ACADEMY, EARNING SOUTHWEST ECNL PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONORS. VERBALLY COMMITTED TO UCLA, HE NOW JOINS AV ALTA FC TO CONTINUE HIS DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT.

JUAQUIN GARCIA – #42 – CM
A 2007 CENTRAL MIDFIELDER AND AV ALTA FC ACADEMY CAPTAIN, JUAQUIN RETURNS FOR HIS SECOND FIRST TEAM SEASON. A PRODUCT OF TOTAL FUTBOL ACADEMY-AV AND LITTLEROCK HIGH SCHOOL, HE CONTINUES DEVELOPING ON HIS PATH TOWARD A PROFESSIONAL OR COLLEGIATE CAREER.

ERIK HERNANDEZ JR – #41 – CAM
A YOUNG ATTACKING MIDFIELDER WITH STRONG TECHNICAL ABILITY, HERNANDEZ JR. FOCUSES ON CREATING CHANCES AND CONNECTING THE TEAM'S ATTACK.

ELLIOT JHANG – #32 – CM
A 2010 CENTRAL MIDFIELDER FROM SANTA CLARITA, ELLIOTT IS AV ALTA'S YOUNGEST FIRST TEAM CALL-UP. DEVELOPED WITH TFA AND LA GALAXY, HE CAPTAINED BOTH TEAMS TO MLS NEXT CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GAINED INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AGAINST TOP EUROPEAN ACADEMIES. NOW IN THE PRO ENVIRONMENT, HE CONTINUES HIS DEVELOPMENT CHASING THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF FOOTBALL.

DESI NELSON – #34 – GK
A 2008 GOALKEEPER, DESI DEVELOPED AT LAFC SOCAL YOUTH AND ANTELOPE VALLEY FUTBOL CLUB BEFORE JOINING AV ALTA FC'S INAUGURAL ACADEMY SQUAD IN 2024. AFTER IMPRESSING DURING FIRST TEAM TRAINING, HE EARNS A FULL-TIME ACADEMY CALL-UP, CONTINUING HIS PATHWAY TOWARD A COLLEGIATE OR PROFESSIONAL CAREER.

JOSE LOPEZ – #47 – W
A 2007 WINGER FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, JOSE DEVELOPED WITH ANTELOPE VALLEY FC AND ALBION SC BEFORE JOINING AV ALTA ACADEMY, WHERE HE STOOD OUT IN 2025. KNOWN FOR HIS PACE AND FINISHING, HE NOW STEPS INTO THE PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT TO CONTINUE HIS JOURNEY TOWARD A PRO CAREER.

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DENZIL SMITH - DEN-ZIL SMITH

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ALFREDO ORTIZ - AL-FRED-OH OR-TEEZ

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