

2026 CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE GAME NOTES



Charlotte Independence Game Notes



MATCH INFORMATION

USL 1



ESPN+

Charlotte Independence vs Fort Wayne FC
September 26, 2026
2:00 PM EST
Charlotte, NC
Mecklenburg County Sportsplex at Matthews

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Erick Lezama Pavon
Assistant Referee: Karsten Gillwald
Assistant Referee: Alex Adkins
Fourth Official: Deny Kulasinac

CLT	The Two Teams	FW
17-5-5	League Record	10-9-7
13-1-0	Home	5-4-4
4-4-5	Away	5-5-3
63	Goals For	41
39	Goals Against	35
12.6	Shots/Game	10.0
5.8	SOG/Game	4.9
5	Clean Sheets	8

USL LEAGUE ONE STANDINGS

CLUB	POINTS	MATCHES	RECORD	GD
UNION OMAHA	58	28	18-6-4	20
CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE	56	27	17-5-5	24
FORWARD MADISON FC	51	27	15-6-6	24
ONE KNOXVILLE SC	47	27	13-6-8	13
AC BOISE	46	27	13-7-7	6
CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES	43	26	13-9-4	9
SPOKANE VELOCITY FC	40	24	12-8-4	3
FORT WAYNE FC	37	26	10-9-7	6
CORPUS CHRISTI FC	33	26	8-9-9	-6
AV ALTA FC	32	28	8-12-8	-6
SARASOTA PARADISE	30	26	8-12-6	-6
PORTLAND HEARTS OF PINE	30	27	7-11-9	-7
WESTCHESTER SC	29	27	8-14-5	1
FC NAPLES	28	26	8-14-4	-14
GREENVILLE TRIUMPH SC	23	26	6-15-5	-19
NEW YORK COSMOS	22	26	6-16-4	-20
RICHMOND KICKERS	20	26	5-16-5	-28

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- Charlotte has won 7 straight matches at home
- All 4 goals were scored inside of 15 minutes the last time these two teams played
- Ryan Becher has scored 5 goals in his last 4 matches for FW
- Jon Bakero has 4 goals and 11 assists in his last 11 league matches

HEAD TO HEAD

All-Time: 0-0-1
This Season: 0-0-1
Last Meeting: 5/2/26, 2-2 D

UNAVAILABLE LAST TIME OUT

Prince Saydee, Luis Alvarez

2026 SCHEDULE

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

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

Homage Kit

County Kit

Liberty Kit

Latest Headlines



LAST TIME OUT: CHARLOTTE CONTINUES DOMINANCE OVER RICHMOND

Charlotte grabbed an early lead when Owen O'Malley turned a Jon Bakero corner into his own net. The hosts equalized minutes later, but the Jacks grabbed the eventual winner in the 42nd minute when Bakero slipped Joey Skinner in behind. Skinner finished from a tight angle to give the Jacks their 7th-straight win over the Kickers.



SINGLE-SEASON TEAM SCORING RECORD

Joey Skinner's go-ahead goal helped the Jacks break the record for the highest scoring season by a team in USL1 history with 62. The previous record of 61 was held for three years by Union Omaha. With still five matches remaining in the regular season, the Independence have a chance to extend their record.



ANSWERING THE CALL

Reudd Manin has been called up to the Martinique National team for their upcoming CONCACAF Nations League A fixtures. Manin has been on a tear recently, registering five of his six goal contributions this season in his last eight matches in all comps. Manin made his national team debut in a 2-2 draw against Cuba on 3.26.26.



PENULTIMATE HOME MATCH

This match is one of the two remaining home matches this season for the Independence. The Jacks have posted a league-leading 13-1-0 record at home this season, with the lone blemish coming against Chattanooga on July 18th. Charlotte's home campaign wraps up on October 10th when the New York Cosmos come to the Sportsplex at Matthews.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

USL League One

Week 2: Javen Romero, Kevin Riascos
Week 4: Javen Romero, Luis Alvarez
Week 5: Reudd Manin, Jefferson Amaya
Week 7: Matt Levy, Jon Bakero
Week 8/9: Enzo Martinez, Joey Skinner
Week 10: Javen Romero, Jefferson Amaya, Luis Alvarez
Week 11/12: Luis Alvarez
Week 13: Luis Alvarez, Jon Bakero, Prince Saydee
Week 14/15: Luis Alvarez (POTW), Christopher Jaime, Prince Saydee
Week 17/18: Jon Bakero, Javen Romero
Week 19/20: Joey Skinner
Week 21: Javen Romero, Prince Saydee, Souaibou Marou

USL League One

Week 22: Souaibou Marou, Jon Bakero, Christopher Jaime
Week 23: Souaibou Marou, Javen Romero
Week 24: Christopher Jaime (POTW), Jon Bakero
Week 25: Reudd Manin, Matt Levy
Week 26: Jon Bakero (POTW), Clay Dimick
Week 27: Jon Bakero, Stefano Pinho
Week 28: Joey Skinner (POTW), Christopher Jaime, Jon Bakero
Week 29: Joey Skinner, Matt Levy

US Open Cup

Second Round: Luis Alvarez, Mike Jeffries

Prinx Tires USL Cup

First Round: Enzo Martinez (POTR)
Fourth Round: Matt Levy, Javen Romero

Coach of the Month/Player of the Month

USL1 June: Mike Jeffries, Luis Alvarez
USL1 August: Mike Jeffries, Jon Bakero

Charlotte Independence Roster



GEORGE TASOURIS

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



FABRICE NGAH

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



JOEY SKINNER

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



SEGA COULIBALY

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



JAVEN ROMERO

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



JEANDO FUCHS

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



PRINCE SAYDEE

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



CHRISTOPHER JAIME

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



CHRISTY MANZINGA

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



JON BAKERO

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



VIGGO ORTIZ

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



MATHIS GUFFROY

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



REUDD MANIN

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



MILES LYONS

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



CLAY DIMICK

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



ENZO MARTINEZ

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



THABO NARE

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



KEVIN RIASCOS

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



JEFFERSON AMAYA

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



SOUAIBOU MAROU

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



MATT LEVY

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



STEFANO PINHO

FORWARD
DOB: JAN. 12, 1991
HEIGHT: 6'1"
HOMETOWN: SÃO JOÃO NEPOMUCENO, BRAZIL
PREV.: UNION OMAHA



LUIS ALVAREZ

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



ANDREAS KOKOSKA

GOALKEEPER
DOB: OCT. 21, 1998
HEIGHT: 6'4"
HOMETOWN: PLZEN, CZECHIA
PREV.: SC UNITED

ON LOAN

Charlotte Independence Roster



2026 NUMERICAL ROSTER				BREAKDOWN
NAME	POS.	HOMETOWN	PRONUNCIATION	BY POSITION
1 GEORGE TASOURIS	GK	NICOSIA, CYPRUS	GEORGE TA-SORE-IS	Goalkeepers (3) No. Name 1 George Tasouris 28 Matt Levy 99 Andreas Kokoska
2 FABRICE NGAH	D	YAOUNDE, CAMEROON	FABRICE IN-GAH	
3 JOEY SKINNER	D	CHARLOTTE, NC	JOEY SKINNER	
4 SEGA COULIBALY	D	BAMAKO, MALI	SEGA KOO-LA-BALI	Defenders (9) No. Name 2 Fabrice Ngah 3 Joey Skinner 4 Segal Coulibaly 5 Javen Romero 14 Reudd Manin 16 Miles Lyons 17 Clay Dimick 21 Thabo Nare 22 Kevin Riascos
5 JAVEN ROMERO	D	LOS ANGELES, CA	JAH-VEN ROW-MERO	
6 JEANDO FUCHS	M	YAOUNDE, CAMEROON	ZHON-DOE FOOKS	
7 PRINCE SAYDEE	F	MONROVIA, LIBERIA	PRINCE SAY-DEE	Midfielders (8) No. Name 6 Jeando Fuchs 8 Christopher Jaime 10 Jon Bakero 11 Viggo Ortiz 13 Mathis Guffroy 19 Enzo Martinez 24 Jefferson Amaya 47 Luis Alvarez
8 CHRISTOPHER JAIME	M	SAN DIEGO, CA	CHRISTOPHER HI-MAH	
9 CHRISTY MANZINGA	F	PARIS, FRANCE	CHRISTY MAN-ZING-UH	
10 JON BAKERO	M	STIGES, SPAIN	JON BAH-CARE-OH	Forwards (4) No. Name 7 Prince Saydee 9 Christy Manzinga 26 Souaibou Marou 29 Stefano Pinho
11 VIGGO ORTIZ	M	DALLAS, TX	VIG-OH ORTIZ	
13 MATHIS GUFFROY	M	SAINT GERMAIN EN LAYE, FRANCE	MAH-TEES GUFF-ROY	
14 REUDD MANIN	D	LES ABYMES, FRANCE	REH-OD MAHN-IN	EXPERIENCE Type No. Returners 8 Newcomers 15
16 MILES LYONS	D	TUCSON, AZ	MILES LIONS	
17 CLAY DIMICK	D	ATLANTA, GA	CLAY DIM-ICK	
19 ENZO MARTINEZ	M	MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY	ENZO MARTINEZ	
21 THABO NARE	D	CARY, NC	TAH-BO NAH-RAY	
22 KEVIN RIASCOS	D	BOGOTA, COLOMBIA	KEVIN REE-AS-COS	
24 JEFFERSON AMAYA	M	CHARLOTTE, NC	JEFFERSON AMAYA	
26 SOUAIBOU MAROU	F	CAMEROON	SWAY-BOO MAH-ROO	
28 MATT LEVY	GK	PENSACOLA PINES, FL	MATT LEE-VEE	
29 STEFANO PINHO	F	BRAZIL	STE-PHA-NO PEE-NYOO	
47 LUIS ALVAREZ	M	TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS	LUIS AL-VAH-REZ	
99 ANDREAS KOKOSKA	GK	PLZEN, CZECHIA	AHN-DREY-IS KOH-KOS-KA	
ALL COMPETITIONS BREAKDOWN				

SUMMARY

Overall	21-7-7
Home	16-2-2
Away	5-5-5
Opponent above .500 (at time of game).....	6-5-3
Opponent at .500 (at time of game).....	2-0-1
Opponent below .500 (at time of game).....	14-2-2

DAY OF THE WEEK

on Monday.....	0-0-0
on Tuesday.....	1-0-0
on Wednesday.....	6-3-1
on Thursday.....	1-0-0
on Friday.....	2-1-1
on Saturday.....	11-3-4
on Sunday.....	0-0-1

MONTH

in March	3-0-1
in April	1-3-0
in May	4-0-2
in June	4-0-0
in July.....	2-2-2
in August.....	4-1-1
in September	3-1-1
in October	0-0-0
in November	0-0-0

SCORING

Scoring 0 goals	0-3-0
Scoring 1 goal	3-1-5
Scoring 2 goals	4-3-2
Scoring 3 goals	8-0-0
Scoring 4+ goals	6-0-0
Allowing 0 goals	6-0-0
Allowing 1 goal	10-0-5
Allowing 2 goals	3-2-2
Allowing 3 goals	1-2-0
Allowing 4+ goals.....	1-3-0
Games decided by 1 goal	11-2-0
Games decided by 2+ goals	9-5-0
CLT scores first	16-1-3
Opponent scores first	7-6-4
CLT leading at halftime.....	14-1-3
Opponent leading at halftime.....	0-3-1
Tied at halftime	6-3-3

MISCELLANEOUS

Current Unbeaten Streak.....	3
Current Winning Streak (League)	1
Current Home Unbeaten Streak.....	4
Current Road Unbeaten Streak	2
Consecutive Games With a Goal	3

Charlotte Independence Statistics



GAME-BY-GAME STATS (ALL COMPS)

Date	Opponent	W/L/D	G	GA	SH	SOG	SV	POSS%	PA%	CK	OFF	TS%	PK	PKG	OG	YC	RC
3.14	@ Westchester	D	1	1	12	4	1	39.4	70.2	4	3	68.8	-	-	-	4	-
3.21	vs. Ristozi FC^	W	4	1	27	16	0	65.0	84.0	10	0	-	-	-	-	1	-
3.27	Spokane	W	4	0	17	5	1	41.6	78.7	4	2	85.7	1	1	1	2	-
3.31	Charleston^	W	3	2	6	5	4	37.0	78.0	3	2	-	-	-	-	4	-
4.5	@ NY Cosmos	L	2	3	15	3	4	60.8	83.4	4	1	92.3	-	-	-	3	-
4.15	@ Charlotte FC^	L	0	6	3	0	0	70.4	70.5	2	0	66.7	-	-	-	2	1
4.18	@ One Knoxville	L	1	2	19	6	5	51.8	79.4	7	1	64.7	-	-	1	2	-
4.25	@ Richmond*	W	2	1	13	8	5	45.2	72.4	5	4	78.6	-	-	-	1	-
5.2	@ Fort Wayne	D	2	2	10	7	7	51.2	82.1	4	3	80.0	-	-	-	2	-
5.6	AC Boise	W	1	0	18	9	2	39.3	79.9	6	1	88.9	1	0	0	2	-
5.9	@ Corpus Christi	W	3	1	12	5	5	48.1	71.3	4	2	50.0	1	1	-	4	-
5.15	Pittsburgh*	D	1	1	10	3	3	48.5	80.1	1	2	77.8	-	-	-	-	-
5.23	Madison	W	3	1	14	5	3	52.4	78.8	5	5	61.5	-	-	-	1	-
5.30	@ Chattanooga	W	3	2	24	7	5	58.4	77.7	5	1	83.3	-	-	-	3	-
6.3	@ Naples	W	5	1	13	7	4	49.5	82.0	5	2	60.0	-	-	-	2	-
6.10	Omaha	W	2	0	21	7	4	40.2	77.6	7	2	63.6	-	-	-	4	-
6.13	Naples	W	4	3	21	8	1	49.9	82.4	6	1	78.6	-	-	-	3	-
6.24	Greenville*	W	1	0	21	8	3	50.1	80.4	6	2	64.3	-	-	-	2	-
7.1	Corpus Christi	W	2	1	17	6	2	59.8	86.8	8	0	77.8	1	0	-	2	-
7.5	@ AV Alta	D	1	1	8	3	6	31.7	75.2	1	2	52.9	1	1	-	3	-
7.11	@ Charleston*	D	2	2	8	4	7	36.6	78.8	1	0	66.7	-	-	-	1	-
7.18	Chattanooga	L	2	4	9	3	5	54.2	85.0	5	1	92.9	-	-	-	2	-
7.22	@ Spokane	L	0	3	15	4	2	48.5	80.0	4	2	80.0	-	-	-	2	-
7.25	Richmond	W	3	1	21	8	4	55.3	84.2	6	0	62.5	-	-	-	-	-
8.1	One Knoxville	W	3	1	17	7	3	48.0	84.2	5	1	66.7	-	-	1	1	-
8.8	Greenville	W	1	0	23	5	1	63.7	85.5	9	1	69.2	-	-	-	2	-
8.12	Hartford*	L	2	4	10	3	4	49.5	77.7	3	2	87.5	-	-	1	2	-
8.15	Sarasota	W	3	1	17	8	7	46.0	83.7	4	0	80.0	-	-	-	2	-
8.22	@ Madison	D	1	1	10	1	8	48.6	73.5	2	2	72.2	-	-	-	1	-
8.28	AV Alta	W	5	0	15	6	3	46.6	78.6	4	0	68.8	-	-	-	2	-
9.2	Portland	W	3	2	18	9	3	54.7	82.9	5	4	50.0	-	-	-	2	-
9.5	@ Union Omaha	L	0	2	8	2	2	45.1	84.4	3	0	66.7	-	-	-	2	1
9.12	Westchester	W	5	4	16	8	3	57.8	83.3	4	6	78.6	-	-	-	3	-
9.16	@ AC Boise	D	1	1	12	2	8	29.7	67.6	4	0	61.5	-	-	-	-	1
9.19	@ Richmond	W	2	1	20	9	1	59.9	82.6	8	2	90.9	-	-	-	5	-

USL LEAGUE ONE TEAM STAT LEADERS

ATTACK

Goals: Souaibou Marou, 12

Assists: Jon Bakero, 14

Shots: Souaibou Marou, 66

Shots on Target: Souaibou Marou, 33

Chances Created:

Jon Bakero, 53

DEFENSE

Clearances: Manin/Romero, 101

Blocks: Javen Romero, 19

Interceptions: Reudd Manin, 30

Tackles Won: Joey Skinner, 38

Duels Won: Christopher Jaime, 136

Aerial Duels Won:

Javen Romero, 51

GOALKEEPING

Saves: Matt Levy, 89

Clean Sheets: Matt Levy, 5

GENERAL

Minutes: Clay Dimick, 2430

Starts: Clay Dimick, 27

Charlotte Independence Staff



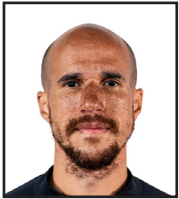
MIKE JEFFRIES, HEAD COACH

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



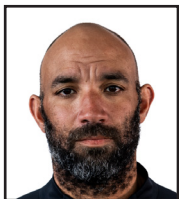
DAVE CARTON, ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

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



GABRIEL OBERTAN, ASSISTANT COACH

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



JASON STRANGE, GOALKEEPER COACH

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

MORE STAFF

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

FRONT OFFICE

TIM SCHULDT - President and Chief Operating Officer
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MALCOLM ANDREW - Graphic Designer

Charlotte Independence Players



#1 GEORGE TASOURIS | GOALKEEPER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	4
GS	4
SAVES	7
CS	0
YC/RC	0/1



#2 FABRICE NGAH | DEFENDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	17
GS	4
G	2
A	0
MIN	457
YC/RC	1/0



#3 JOEY SKINNER | DEFENDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	29
GS	26
G	5
A	4
MIN	2283
YC/RC	5/0



#4 SEGA COULIBALY | DEFENDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	12
GS	9
G	0
A	0
MIN	730
YC/RC	2/1



#5 JAVEN ROMERO | DEFENDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	34
GS	32
G	2
A	4
MIN	2954
YC/RC	9/0

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#6 JEANDO FUCHS | MIDFIELDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	12
GS	4
G	0
A	0
MIN	479
YC/RC	2/0



#7 PRINCE SAYDEE | FORWARD

- Signed with the Charlotte Independence ahead of the 2026 season
- Tallied five goals and four assists in 32 appearances for Westchester SC in 2025
- Over 150 career league appearances across the USL Championship and USL League One, with previous stops at Rhode Island FC, Hartford Athletic, Phoenix Rising FC, and Miami FC

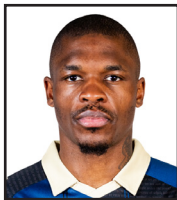
	ALL COMPS
GP	17
GS	13
G	3
A	3
MIN	989
YC/RC	2/0



#8 CHRISTOPHER JAIME | MIDFIELDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	31
GS	30
G	3
A	6
MIN	2722
YC/RC	3/0



#9 CHRISTY MANZINGA | FORWARD

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	22
GS	8
G	4
A	1
MIN	880
YC/RC	4/0



#10 JON BAKERO | MIDFIELDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	32
GS	28
G	9
A	14
MIN	2130
YC/RC	2/0

Charlotte Independence Players



#11 VIGGO ORTIZ | MIDFIELDER

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

ALL COMPS	
GP	27
GS	17
G	5
A	0
MIN	1427
YC/RC	1/0



#13 MATHIS GUFFROY | MIDFIELDER

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

ALL COMPS	
GP	16
GS	10
G	0
A	1
MIN	805
YC/RC	1/0



#14 REUDD MANIN | DEFENDER

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

ALL COMPS	
GP	34
GS	34
G	4
A	2
MIN	2896
YC/RC	13/0



#16 MILES LYONS | DEFENDER

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

ALL COMPS	
GP	28
GS	5
G	2
A	0
MIN	738
YC/RC	3/0



#17 CLAY DIMICK | DEFENDER

- 8th season with the Jacks
- Team Captain
- 2nd in club history in appearances
- Actively holds the longest consecutive minutes played streak in club history
- Reached 10,000 USL League One minutes in May 2026
- 2024 USL League One Comeback Player of the Year

ALL COMPS	
GP	35
GS	35
G	1
A	5
MIN	3180
YC/RC	4/0

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#19 ENZO MARTINEZ | MIDFIELDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	23
GS	17
G	6
A	2
MIN	1380
YC/RC	0/0



#21 THABO NARE | DEFENDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	21
GS	5
G	0
A	0
MIN	559
YC/RC	1/0



#22 KEVIN RIASCOS | DEFENDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	14
GS	8
G	0
A	0
MIN	688
YC/RC	2/0



#24 JEFFERSON AMAYA | MIDFIELDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	31
GS	22
G	2
A	0
MIN	2058
YC/RC	7/0



#26 SOUAIBOU MAROU | FORWARD

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	33
GS	26
G	14
A	4
MIN	2263
YC/RC	3/1

Charlotte Independence Players



#28 MATT LEVY | GOALKEEPER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	32
GS	31
SAVES	111
CS	6
YC/RC	3/0



#29 STEFANO PINHO | FORWARD

- Forward signed for the Independence in late July 2026
- Two-time NASL MVP with Fort Lauderdale Strikers (2015) and Miami FC (2017)
- Most recently appeared for Union Omaha in 2025 season
- Former Orlando City SC striker, making 25 appearances in Major League Soccer during the 2018 season.
- Professional experience spanning Brazil, Finland, China, Saudi Arabia, and United States

	ALL COMPS
GP	10
GS	1
G	2
A	0
MIN	216
YC/RC	0/0



#47 LUIS ALVAREZ | MIDFIELDER

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

	ALL COMPS
GP	21
GS	18
G	10
A	6
MIN	1650
YC/RC	5/0



#99 ANDREAS KOKOSKA | GOALKEEPER

- Signed pro contract with Independence in July 2026
- Last appeared for South Carolina United of USL League Two
- Multiple SSAC First Team All-Conference and NAIA First Team All-East Region honors with William Carey University

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