

MATCH NOTES



OCTOBER 7, 2026





THIS WEEK

MATCH
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#19

CORPUS CHRISTI FC

RECORD: 9-10-9

FORM: LLWWL

LAST RESULT: L 3-0, CHATTANOOGA RED WOLVES SC

2026 USL LEAGUE ONE STATS

GOALS	32
GOALS AGAINST	40
GOAL DIFFERENTIAL	-8
ASSISTS	26
SHOTS	245
SHOTS ON TARGET	101
YELLOW CARDS	87
RED CARDS	5

KEY PLAYERS

Blake Bowen - 8 goals

Bubu Medina - 5 goals

Nacho Abeal - 6 assists

#18

FORT WAYNE FC

RECORD: 10-9-9

FORM: WLDDD

LAST RESULT: D 0-0, FORWARD MADISON FC

2026 USL LEAGUE ONE STATS

GOALS	42
GOALS AGAINST	36
GOAL DIFFERENTIAL	+6
ASSISTS	28
SHOTS	284
SHOTS ON TARGET	140
YELLOW CARDS	79
RED CARDS	3

KEY PLAYERS

Taig Healy - 10 goals

Ryan Becher - 9 goals

Javier Armas - 4 assists

AT A GLANCE

Corpus Christi FC returns home Wednesday for a pivotal matchup against eighth-place Fort Wayne FC, as the ninth-place Sharks host a direct competitor in the race for the final USL League One playoff spot.

The previous fixture between the clubs saw them play out a 1-1 draw at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium in May. Tiago Dias scored Fort Wayne's only goal in the 50th minute, and Alexis Cerritos scored Corpus Christi's only goal in the 63rd minute.

Leading scorer Blake Bowen and the Sharks will look to regain their home-field form, where Corpus Christi has recorded six wins, four draws, and four losses in 14 USL League One contests.

AT A GLANCE

Fort Wayne FC returns to the road looking to snap a four-match winless streak following a 0-0 home draw against Forward Madison last Saturday at home.

Fort Wayne have played away from Ruoff Mortgage Stadium 14 times in the league this season, earning 19 points from 42 available. Fort Wayne will be out to extend a three-match away unbeaten streak. The last time they were defeated on the road was August 9 against AV Alta.

Taig Healy and Ryan Becher have been the highlights of Fort Wayne's attack this season, netting 10 and nine times, respectively.

KICKOFF: October 7, 2026 | 7:30 PM CST

LOCATION: Corpus Christi, TX | Cabaniss Athletic Complex

REFEREE: Servando Berna

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1: Clarence Clark

ASSISTANT REFEREE 2: Alexander Arita

FOURTH OFFICIAL: Joseph Jeffers

COVERAGE: **ESPN+**





SCHEDULE

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Date	Opponent	Time	Result
03/14	@ FC Naples	6:00 PM	2-2 D
03/24	@ One Knoxville SC	6:00 PM	0-0 D
03/28	@ Union Omaha	4:00 PM	1-2 L
04/04	@ Westchester SC	6:00 PM	1-5 L
04/22	@ Sarasota Paradise	5:30 PM	1-2 L
04/25	@ Chattanooga Red Wolves SC**	6:00 PM	1-0 W
05/02	Spokane Velocity FC	7:30 PM	0-0 D
05/09	Charlotte Independence	7:30 PM	1-3 L
05/16	FC Tulsa**	7:30 PM	0-1 L
05/20	@ Fort Wayne FC	6:30 PM	1-1 D
05/23	One Knoxville SC	7:30 PM	2-2 D
05/29	@ Forward Madison FC	6:00 PM	3-0 L
06/03	Portland Hearts of Pine	7:30 PM	3-2 W
06/06	@ Birmingham Legion FC**	7:00 PM	3-0 L
06/13	Richmond Kickers	7:30 PM	1-0 W
06/20	Sarasota Paradise	7:30 PM	4-1 W
06/24	AV Alta FC	7:30 PM	0-0 D
07/01	@ Charlotte Independence	6:00 PM	2-1 L
07/04	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	6:30 PM	2-1 W
07/11	One Knoxville SC**	7:30 PM	1-1 D
07/18	@ New York Cosmos	6:00 PM	0-0 D
07/25	Greenville Triumph SC	7:30 PM	1-0 W
08/01	@ Athletic Club Boise	8:30 PM	0-0 D
08/08	@ Portland Hearts of Pine	6:00 PM	2-0 W
08/15	@ Spokane Velocity FC	8:00 PM	3-2 W
08/19	New York Cosmos	7:30 PM	2-0 L
08/22	Westchester SC	7:30 PM	2-2 D
09/05	Forward Madison FC	7:30 PM	2-0 L
09/12	Union Omaha	7:30 PM	2-1 L
09/16	@ Greenville Triumph SC	10:00 AM	1-0 W
09/26	Athletic Club Boise	7:30 PM	2-1 W
10/03	@ Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	2:00 PM	3-0 L
10/07	Fort Wayne FC	7:30 PM	
10/10	FC Naples	7:30 PM	
10/17	Richmond Kickers	5:00 PM	
10/24	AV Alta FC	9:30 PM	

** Prinx Tires USL Cup match

LAST TIME OUT

Corpus Christi FC fell 3-0 to the Red Wolves on Saturday night at CHI Memorial Stadium, as the Sharks were unable to find the back of the net despite generating several dangerous opportunities in the second half.

In the 69th minute, Paddy Langlois connected with a Tomas Pondeva cross, but his header ricocheted off the right post. Minutes later, Blake Bowen drew a penalty after being brought down inside the box, but Jake Keegan's attempt struck the right post once more.

Moments after the missed penalty, Chattanooga was reduced to 10 men following a second yellow being shown to Eric Kinzner. The Sharks pushed through the final whistle trying to capitalize on the one-man advantage. Chattanooga, though, would put the match away in the 93rd by adding a third goal. McCready would finish the night with seven saves.

The Sharks fall to 9-10-9 with 36 points, three points behind eighth-place Fort Wayne FC with four matches remaining.

CLUB NEWS

Kaihim Thomas earned a call-up to the Trinidad & Tobago National Team last week, marking another international opportunity for the Sharks forward. The selection comes as Trinidad & Tobago prepare for the CONCACAF Nations League. Thomas has made 13 appearances for Corpus Christi this season.



THE SHARKS

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CORPUS CHRISTI'S TEAM

You will constantly hear the front office staff and the technical staff say this isn't our team, it's Corpus Christi's team. This is for the city and the Coastal Bend. Back in 2017, the community named the team and chose the colors. After announcing the team was moving up to the professional ranks, again we put it to a vote. The community spoke up and said they want the Sharks to stay.

That shows the commitment and love the community has for this club. Fans have taught the club family is an important value to them. That is how the club is run, with family in mind. Family is in mind when it comes to culture, when it comes to players getting involved in the community and when it comes to ticket prices.

CCFC aims to put a winning product on the field. However, it's also our mission to create a world-class entertainment experience for fans to enjoy each match.

The Corpus Christi FC Academy is another piece of the puzzle. Our mission includes developing the youth of this community to be the best soccer players and people that they can be, creating a true path to the pros.

FAMILIAR FACES

Kyle Barganski became the first Corpus Christi native to sign a professional contract with Corpus Christi FC. The 18-year-old product also signed the first professional contract of his career after developing through the club's successful USL League Two side.

Joining Barganski from the League Two squad are Nacho Abeal and Bubu Medina, who also signed their first professional contracts after helping lead CCFC to a Lone Star Division title.

Abeal earned Lone Star Division Player of the Year honors in both 2024 and 2025 following standout campaigns with the Sharks.

INAUGURAL SEASON

The 2026 season marks the arrival of professional soccer in Corpus Christi for the first time.

Corpus Christi FC was founded in 2017 as a pre-professional club in the Premier Development League, which later became USL League Two.

The club steadily built support across the Coastal Bend before capturing its first Lone Star Division title in 2024, helping spark packed crowds and growing excitement around soccer in the region.

For years, soccer fans in South Texas had to travel hours to experience professional soccer. Now, the sport has arrived in their own backyard with an emphasis on building a pathway from the local community to the professional level.

A major part of the club's mission is creating opportunities for young players in the Coastal Bend to develop and pursue professional careers through the Corpus Christi FC system.

INTERNATIONAL XP

Corpus Christi FC's roster features players representing 14 different nationalities: Ireland, United States, Argentina, England, Australia, Trinidad & Tobago, Germany, Colombia, Uganda, El Salvador, Spain, Scotland, Ghana, and Jamaica. Six Sharks players have represented their countries on the international stage.

Tomas Pondeca represented the United States National Futsal Team at both the CONCACAF Championship and FIFA Futsal World Cup, earning the Young Player Award at the CONCACAF Championship.

Alexis Cerritos has represented the El Salvador National Team and became the second-youngest player ever to debut for the program at the time of his first appearance.

James Talbot has been called into Ireland National Team camp and featured for Ireland's youth national teams.

Kaihim Thomas and Shannon Gómez have both represented Trinidad and Tobago in multiple CONCACAF Gold Cups.

Javier Mariona currently represents the Philippines National Team.

Additionally, 11 members of the Sharks roster have played professionally outside the United States.



OUR CREST

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The Corpus Christi FC crest is the club's defining symbol. It represents our identity, our ambition, and our commitment to excellence. It stands for professionalism, passion, and progress while paying homage to our coastal home. Designed to be bold and commanding, the crest blends traditional values with modern energy. It reflects the fierce competitiveness of the game, the strength of our players, and the deep connection between the club and the Corpus Christi community.



THE COLORS

The navy blue and gray tones reflect the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the stability of our foundation.

THE STRIPES

The red and white vertical stripes in the background represent strength, unity, and the club's unwavering drive to push forward.

THE SHARK

The crest prominently features a shark gripping a soccer ball, a nod to the powerful and relentless nature of both the sport and the Gulf Coast's most iconic predator. The shark embodies our club's aggressive playing style, resilience, and fighting spirit.



STANDINGS | STATS

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Club	GP	PTS	Record	GD
Union Omaha - x	29	61	19-6-4	+22
Charlotte Independence - x	29	60	18-5-6	+25
Forward Madison FC - x	29	52	15-7-7	+23
Athletic Club Boise - x	29	49	14-8-7	+6
One Knoxville SC	29	48	13-7-9	+12
Spokane Velocity FC	27	47	14-8-5	+5
Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	29	46	14-11-4	+10
Fort Wayne FC	28	39	10-9-9	+6
Corpus Christi FC	28	36	9-10-9	-8
FC Naples	28	34	10-14-4	-12
Westchester SC	29	33	9-14-6	+2
Sarasota Paradise	28	33	9-13-6	-4
AV Alta FC	29	32	8-13-8	-7
Portland Hearts of Pine	29	31	7-12-10	-10
New York Cosmos - e	28	25	7-17-4	-20
Greenville Triumph SC - e	28	23	6-17-5	-22
Richmond Kickers - e	28	23	6-17-5	-28

*Top 8 teams advance to USL League One Playoffs

As of 10/05/26

GOALS

Conor McGlynn, Westchester - 15
Souaibou Marou, Independence - 14
Omar Hernandez, Red Wolves - 13
Ryan Carmichael, Forward Madison - 12
Philip Spengler, Cosmos - 11
Sergio Ors, Union Omaha - 11
Taig Healy, Fort Wayne - 10
Ryan Becher, Fort Wayne - 9
Sebastián Guenzatti, Cosmos - 9
Luis Alvarez, Independence - 9
Diego Gutiérrez, Union Omaha - 9
Denis Krioutchenkov, One Knoxville - 9

Blake Bowen, Corpus Christi - 8

**Five more players tied with 8*

ASSISTS

Jon Bakero, Independence - 15
Philip Spengler, Cosmos - 9
Roman Torres, Forward Madison - 9
Blake Bowen, Corpus Christi - 7
Ollie Wright, Hearts of Pine - 7
Jerry Desdunes, AV Alta - 7

**Three more players tied with 7*

SAVES

Hunter Morse, Hearts of Pine - 101
Yann Fillion, Kickers - 93
Matt Levy, Independence - 92
Denzil Smith, AV Alta - 83
Edward Delgado, FC Naples - 80
James Talbot, Corpus Christi - 75
Alexander Sutton, Paradise - 73

SHOTS

Souaibou Marou, Independence - 72
Philip Spengler, Cosmos - 70
Denis Krioutchenkov, One Knoxville - 59
Ryan Carmichael, Forward Madison - 59
Sergio Ors, Union Omaha - 50
Babacar Diene, One Knoxville - 49
Taig Healy, Fort Wayne - 49



PLAYER STATS

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Player	G	A	GP	GS	MP	YC	RC
Alexis Cerritos*	1	2	20	6	793	3	0
Andrew Booth	1	1	17	13	1189	3	0
Blake Bowen	8	7	27	26	2365	6	0
Bubu Medina	5	1	26	23	2050	6	2
Christian Chaney*	0	1	6	4	403	3	0
Dominick Bachstein	4	0	22	9	987	0	0
EJ Johnson	0	0	7	2	254	2	0
Jack Keaney	3	1	27	27	2430	9	1
Jackson Dietrich	0	2	18	13	788	6	1
Jake Keegan	5	1	28	21	1968	4	0
James Parks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Javier Mariona*	0	1	2	0	52	0	0
Kaihim Thomas	1	0	13	4	322	0	0
Kyle Barganski	0	0	3	0	27	1	0
Manzi Shalita	0	0	4	0	29	0	0
Nacho Abeal	0	6	28	19	1608	8	0
Parker Vasic	0	0	4	3	292	2	0
Patrick Langlois	1	0	28	28	2520	4	0
Pierce Infuso	0	0	10	6	535	1	0
Sam Roscoe	1	0	26	26	2319	10	0
Shannon Gomez	0	0	27	27	2402	4	1
Tomas Pondeca	1	1	20	13	1124	1	0
Tomas Ritondale*	0	1	7	4	319	0	0
V Kwakwa	2	1	20	15	1275	9	0

Keeper	GP	S	GC	CS	SV%
James Talbot	21	75	30	7	.714
Logan Erb*	2	8	3	0	.727
Mason McCready	5	21	7	2	.750

*No longer rostered

SEASON HONORS

USL League One

Team of the Week (Week 2): Tomas Pondeca

Team of the Week - Bench (Week 4): James Talbot

Team of the Week (Week 5): V. Kwakwa

Team of the Week (Week 8/9): James Talbot

Team of the Week - Bench (Week 8/9): Blake Bowen

Team of the Week (Week 11/12): Blake Bowen

Team of the Week (Week 14/15): Bubu Medina

Team of the Week (Week 16): Nacho Abeal

Team of the Week (Week 16): Jake Keegan

Team of the Week - Bench (Week 16): V. Kwakwa

Mid-Season Defender of the Year - Nominee: Blake Bowen

Team of the Week - Bench (Week 17/18): Blake Bowen

Team of the Week (Week 21): Bubu Medina

Team of the Week (Week 22): James Talbot

Team of the Week (Week 23): Blake Bowen

Team of the Week (Week 23): Jack Keaney

Coach of the Week (Week 23): Eamon Zayed

Team of the Week - Bench (Week 23): Shannon Gomez

Team of the Week (Week 24): Jack Keaney

Coach of the Week (Week 24): Eamon Zayed

Team of the Week - Bench (Week 30): Blake Bowen

Prinx Tires USL Cup

Team of Round 1: Blake Bowen



2026 PRINX TIRES USL CUP



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Player	G	A	GP	GS	MP	YC
Alexis Cerritos*	0	0	4	2	151	1
Andrew Booth	0	0	2	2	174	0
Blake Bowen	1	0	4	3	283	0
Bubu Medina	0	0	4	3	294	2
Christian Chaney*	0	0	1	1	85	0
Jack Keaney	0	0	4	4	360	2
Jackson Dietrich	0	0	3	3	96	2
Jake Keegan	0	0	4	1	192	0
James Parks	0	1	1	0	13	0
Javier Mariona*	0	0	1	1	58	0
Kaihim Thomas	0	0	2	2	151	0
Kyle Barganski	0	0	3	0	50	1
Manzi Shalita	0	0	3	2	133	0
Nacho Abeal	0	0	3	1	163	1
Patrick Langlois	0	0	3	3	270	0
Pierce Infuso	0	0	4	3	253	1
Sam Roscoe	0	0	3	3	270	1
Shannon Gomez	0	0	3	2	225	0
Tomas Pondeva	1	0	1	1	90	1
Tomas Ritondale*	0	0	3	3	183	0
V Kwakwa	0	0	2	1	106	0

Group 3 Standings	GP	PTS	W	L	D	GD	FORM
San Antonio FC	4	11	3	0	1	+6	DWWW
Birmingham Legion FC	4	9	2	0	2	+4	DDWW
One Knoxville SC	4	6	0	1	3	+3	DLDD
FC Tulsa	4	4	1	2	1	-3	DWLL
Corpus Christi FC	4	4	1	2	1	-5	WLLD
Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	4	2	0	2	2	-5	LDDL

Keeper	GP	S	GC	CS	SV%
James Talbot	1	1	3	0	.250
Logan Erb*	1	5	1	0	.833
Mason McCready	2	3	1	1	.750

*No longer rostered

WHAT TO KNOW

The 2026 Prinx Tires USL Cup is the third edition of the USL's interleague cup competition, a World Cup-style tournament which features all 43 teams across the USL Championship and League One.

The 2026 Prinx Tires USL Cup kicked off Saturday, April 25 with teams split into seven regional groups. Six groups include six teams and one group includes seven teams, with each club playing four group stage games in the opening phase of the tournament, which will conclude on Saturday, July 11.

The seven group winners and one wild card will advance to the knockout stage, with the wild card being awarded to the second-placed team with the most points in group play, followed by the first tiebreaker of most goals scored. The Quarterfinals will be held on Wednesday, August 12, followed by the Semifinals on Wednesday, September 9 before the final on the weekend of October 2-4, 2026.



ROSTER

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Pronunciation
1	James Talbot	GK	6'0	187	Dublin, Ireland	JAMES Tall-bit
2	Blake Bowen	F/D	5'8	152	San Clemente, CA	BLAKE boh-in
4	Jack Keaney	D	6'2	190	Donegal, Ireland	JACK Key-nee
5	Sam Roscoe	D	6'4	198	Manchester, England	SAM ROSS-koh
6	Paddy Langlois	D	5'11	184	Newcastle, Australia	PAD-dee LANG-wah
7	Kaihim Thomas	MF	5'9	145	Port of Spain, Trinidad	KY-heem TAHM-us
8	Jackson Dietrich	MF	6'0	165	Bremen, Germany	JACK-sun DEE-trik
11	EJ Johnson	F	5'11	172	Fairfield, CA	E-Jay Johnson
12	Jake Keegan	F	5'10	160	Stormville, NY	JAKE KEEG-in
14	Parker Vasic	MF	5'9	155	Middletown, CT	PAR-ker VAH-sick
15	James Parks	D	5'10	160	Fort Collins, CO	JAMES PARKS
17	Manzi Shalita	F	6'0	155	Centreville, VA	MAHN-zee SHAH-lee-tuh
18	Dominick Bachstein	F	6'3	194	Malvern, PA	DAHM-uh-nick BACK-steen
19	Kyle Barganski	MF	5'10	160	Corpus Christi, TX	KYLE BAR-gan-SKEE
20	Pierce Infuso	D	6'0	176	Merrick, NY	PEERS IN-foo-so
21	Nacho Abeal	F	5'8	154	A Coruña, Spain	NAH-choh AH-be-all
22	Shannon Gomez	D	5'8	150	Chaguanas, Trinidad	SHAN-un GO-mez
24	Mason McCready	GK	6'3	186	Glasgow, Scotland	MAY-sin Mick-CREE-dee
26	Bubu Medina	MF	6'0	164	Las Vegas, NV	BOO-boo MEH-deen-uh
27	Tomas Pondeca	MF	5'9	160	Flower Mound, TX	TAHM-us PAWN-deck-uh
28	Bill Hamid	GK	6'3	225	Annandale, VA	BILL huh-MEED
33	V. Kwakwa	MF	5'5	134	Accra, Ghana	VEE QUAH-QUAH
80	Andrew Booth	MF	6'0	181	Tamarac, FL	AN-droo BOOTH



PLAYER PROFILES

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1 JAMES TALBOT

Dublin, Ireland | GK
Born: 04/24/97 (29)
Prev: Bohemian FC



This is James first season in USL, but he brings a wealth of experience. He spent six seasons in Ireland's top division with Bohemian FC, earning over 50 clean sheets in 167 appearances. James has also been called into camp with the Irish National Team.

BLAKE BOWEN 2

San Clemente, CA | F/D
Born: 11/04/00 (25)
Prev: Huntsville City FC



Blake was drafted by the Seattle Sounders before playing three seasons in MLS NEXT Pro. The speedster off the back line captained Huntsville City FC last season. Prior to his pro career, Blake was a four-year starter and all-conference for San Diego State University. In 2026, he has emerged as the Sharks' top goal contributor.

4 JACK KEARNEY

Donegal, Ireland | D
Born: 01/18/99 (27)
Prev: Cliftonville FC



Jack is a testament to hard work. He came up in the Sligo Rovers Academy, working to being a key piece in the first team. He helped the team to a Bet McLean Cup. He'd later power Drogheda FC to an FAI Cup.

+ SAM ROSCOE 5

Manchester, England | D
Born: 06/16/98 (28)
Prev: Linfield FC



Sam is a proven winner and has a commanding presence on the backline. He is a two-time Northern Ireland Football League Premiership winner and Bet McLean Cup Champion with Linfield FC. Sam became a fan favorite and key piece to Linfield in his two stints.



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6 PADDY LANGLOIS

Newcastle, Australia | D
Born: 10/28/99 (26)
Prev: Portland Hearts of Pine



Patrick "Paddy" Langlois is the heart of any team he plays on. He's a natural leader at defensive midfield. He has a 2024 USL Cup under his belt while playing for Coach Éamon Zayed. Paddy went pro at 19 years old in Australia's top division where he played a few seasons before joining USL League One.

KAIHIM THOMAS 7

Port of Spain, Trinidad | MF
Born: 02/08/03 (23)
Prev: Defense Force FC



In his young career, Kaihim has been called into camp for the Trinidad and Tobago National Team. He's appeared in CONCACAF Gold Cup qualifying and Gold Cup matches. Kaihim has been an asset to the dominant Defense Force FC in route to their two league cups.

8 JACKSON DIETRICH

Bremen, Germany | MF
Born: 09/27/96 (29)
Prev: Forward Madison FC



Jackson is a seasoned veteran with over 100 appearances for three clubs across USL League One. He was instrumental in the Northern Colorado Hailstorm success, seen in 2023-2024. He also has plenty of experience in the playoffs.

EJ JOHNSON 11

Fairfield, CA | F
Born: 05/11/03 (23)
Prev: San Antonio FC



Johnson joined on loan in August 2026 and brings USL Championship experience to the attack, having competed for San Antonio FC, Oakland Roots SC, Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC and Charleston Battery. A native of Fairfield, California, Johnson developed with Sacramento Republic FC Academy and Barça Residency Academy before turning professional.



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12 JAKE KEEGAN

Stormville, NY | F
Born: 09/07/90 (36)
Prev: Portland Hearts of Pine



Jake was the first player to score a regular season goal for five clubs in USL League One. He's a seasoned vet, climbing the record books year-after-year. He sits third all-time in career goals scored with 36. He has 160+ appearances.

PARKER VASIC 14

Middletown, CT | MF
Born: 09/09/04 (22)
Prev: University of Rhode Island



Parker Vasic signs his first professional contract after a four-year NCAA Division I career at Northern Kentucky and Rhode Island. A versatile midfielder who can play as a six or an eight, Vasic made 60+ collegiate appearances and recorded one goal and two assists during his final season with Rhode Island.

15 JAMES PARKS

Fort Collins, CO | D
Born: 08/15/07 (19)
Prev: C.S. Switchbacks 2



James has been on Coach Zayed's radar since he joined Northern Colorado Hailstorm U-20 in 2024. James made his pro debut with the Sharks on July 11th, 2026 against One Knox SC. Two minutes after subbing on, he provided an assist to the game's opening goal, making him the youngest player to record a goal contribution in the club's League One history at 18 years, 330 days old.

MANZI SHALITA 17

Centreville, VA | F
Born: 11/25/02 (23)
Prev: Ponce FC



In Manzi's first pro season, he collected 14 goals in 18 matches to put his team atop the table in Puerto Rico. Prior to that, Manzi was a five-year starter at University of Lynchburg. He played in over 90 matches and was an All-American in his final year.



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18 DOMINICK BACHSTEIN

Malvern, PA | F
Born: 04/30/02 (24)
Prev: FC Naples



Bachstein joined on loan in August after signing his first pro contract with FC Naples last season, following a standout USL League Two campaign with Des Moines Menace where he scored 11 goals in 12 appearances. Prior to turning professional, Bachstein played collegiately at La Salle University and Drexel University.

KYLE BARGANSKI 19

Corpus Christi, TX | MF
Born: 01/05/08 (18)
Prev: San Antonio FC



Kyle is the first Corpus Christi native to sign for the Sharks. Kyle has spent time training with San Antonio FC since he was 12. He's been well known locally for the numerous accolades he's accomplished in high school including District MVP and All-State selection.

20 PIERCE INFUSO

Merrick, NY | D
Born: 11/25/02 (23)
Prev: New York City FC II



Pierce heads into his second pro season after one season in MLS NEXT Pro. Pierce was a five-year starter at Hofstra University and played in the NCAA tournament each season. Pierce anchored a team that won the conference each season. He played in 96 matches.

NACHO ABEAL 21

A Coruña, Spain | F
Born: 04/08/01 (25)
Prev: North Carolina Tar Heels



Ignacio "Nacho" Abeal has been a staple of the Sharks in USL League Two. He became the club's leader in goals after just two seasons and was named Player of the Year for the Lone Star Division in back-to-back years. In 2026, he earned his first pro contract after an excellent League Two career.



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22 SHANNON GOMEZ

Chaguanas, Trinidad | D
Born: 10/05/96 (29)
Prev: San Antonio FC



After four seasons with San Antonio FC, Shannon heads down I-37 to play for the Sharks. He's a dangerous outside back who has featured for the Trinidad & Tobago National Team several times. He's also played for Pittsburgh Riverhounds and Sacramento Republic FC.

MASON MCCREADY 24

Glasgow, Scotland | GK
Born: 03/05/03 (23)
Prev: Texoma FC



Mason worked hard on his way up Patrick Thistle FC Academy in Scotland. He earned a place with the first team and won a Scottish League One Championship. Mason entered USL League One last season as the first signing for Texoma FC.

26 BUBU MEDINA

Las Vegas, NV | MF
Born: 10/16/02 (23)
Prev: Sin City FC



Arthur "Bubu" Medina was another integral part of the Sharks USL League Two success that returns to Corpus Christi. This is his first pro contract after playing consistently across UNLV, Utah Tech and Lipscomb.

TOMAS PONDECA 27

Flower Mound, TX | MF
Born: 10/10/01 (24)
Prev: New Mexico United



Tomas broke into pro soccer through success in futsal. He played for the U.S. Men's Futsal Team at the CONCACAF Championship and at the FIFA Futsal World Cup. He's also an MLS NEXT Pro champion with North Texas SC. Along the way, he signed a contract and played for FC Dallas in MLS.



PLAYER PROFILES

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**BILL
HAMID**



Annandale, VA | GK
Born: 11/25/90 (35)
Prev: Tampa Bay Rowdies



Hamid is a CONCACAF Gold Cup winner with the United States Men's National Team in 2013 and 2017. He was also awarded the MLS Goalkeeper of the Year in 2014. He carries a wealth of experience in both MLS and USL Championship. Hamid began 2026 as the goalkeeping coach for the Sharks but was activated as a reserve in July. He now serves in a player-coach role for CCFC.



**ENOCK "V"
KWAKWA** 33

Accra, Ghana | MF
Born: 07/02/94 (32)
Prev: Skövde AIK

Kwakwa is another former Northern Colorado player to reunite with Coach Éamon Zayed. He joined the Manchester City Academy in 2012. He later would spend 10 years playing between Norway and Sweden. Kwakwa also spent one season with Charleston Battery.

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**ANDREW
BOOTH**



Tamarac, FL | MF
Born: 07/16/97 (29)
Prev: Spokane Velocity



Andrew joined the team in May 2026 following a 25-day contract with Spokane Velocity. Booth brings valuable professional experience across both the USL Championship and USL League One Levels. Booth previously spent time with Charleston Battery and FC Tulsa after beginning his professional career with Greenville Triumph FC.



TECHNICAL STAFF

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ÉAMON ZAYED HEAD COACH

Éamon Zayed became the first Head Coach and Sporting Director in the club's professional history on Oct. 15, 2025. He previously coached for Northern Colorado Hailstorm FC, leading them to a 41-21-22 record over three seasons. They included playoff runs and a USL Jägermeister Cup title.



Zayed's playing career spanned 18 seasons, playing across Asia and Europe before finishing his career in the United States within the USL. He primarily played in Ireland's top division and was named the Professional Footballers Association of Ireland Player's Player of the Year after leading the League of Ireland Premier Division in goals with 23. He made appearances for the Irish U20 National team and for the Libyan National Team. Zayed holds a UEFA "A" Coaching License.

MANNY IWABUCHI ASSISTANT COACH

Manny was hired as an assistant coach after leading the Sharks USL League Two team for four seasons. He coached Nacho Abeal, Bubu Medina and Kyle Barganski in two of those seasons; two of the most successful seasons in the club's history. He's the club's winningest coach with a 28-8-9 record. He led the 2024 team to a Lone Star Division title, the most goals in the country with 45 in 12 matches and the club's first berth in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup.



Manny is a Rockport, Texas native. He's coached at local high school Incarnate Word Academy, and Coastal Bend College, leading them to a national ranking. He's the Director of Coaching for the CCFC Academy. He's widely regarded as one of the best coaches in South Texas.

JIMMY GAMAL STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

After Jimmy's playing career across Egypt, Kuwait and the U.S. He studied and quickly rose to being a top sports performance coach. He's worked with world-class players like Mohammed Salah with the Egyptian National Team and Bobby Clark with Liverpool FC. In his short coaching career, he's already helped his teams to a CAF Champions League Cup, Egypt FA Cup and FIFA African-Asian-Pacific Cup.



Jimmy is always studying to get better. He has a number of academic achievements including: FIFA Diploma in Football Medicine, High-Performance Football Coaching Certificate from FSI Training, a UEFA C Coaching license among many other academic accomplishments. He's more than proficient in enhancing an athlete's conditioning and explosiveness, injury rehabilitation and load management.

BILL HAMID GOALKEEPING

Bill is one of the most well-known goalkeepers in the last 20 years in U.S. soccer. Hamid is a CONCACAF Gold Cup winner with the United States Men's National Team in 2013 and 2017.

He is the 2014 MLS Goalkeeper of the year. He's a 2018 Danish Superliga champion with FC Midtjylland. At the time of Hamid's MLS debut, he was the youngest goalkeeper in league history to win a regular season match.



The Annandale, Virginia native came up in the D.C. United Academy and became the first academy product to sign for the first team in 2009, making his debut in 2010. In his two stints with D.C. United, Hamid made 279 starts and holds the club record for shutouts (89) and saves (976). This is his first full time role as a goalkeeping coach.