FORT WAYNE FC 2026 END-OF-SEASON MEDIA GUIDE

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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, 3-0 victory (6-2-6)

July 11: vs. Detroit City FC, 2-1 loss*

July 15: at One Knoxville SC, 2-1 loss (6-3-6)

July 18: vs. Greenville Triumph SC, 3-0 victory (7-3-6)

July 25: at Spokane Velocity FC, 3-1 loss (7-4-6)

Aug. 1: vs. Union Omaha, 2-0 loss (7-5-6)

Aug. 8: at AV Alta FC, 3-0 loss (7-6-6)

Aug. 15: vs. Chattanooga Red Wolves SC, 2-1 loss (7-7-6)

Aug. 29: at Portland Hearts of Pine, 4-1 victory (8-7-6)

Sept. 2: vs. Richmond Kickers, 2-0 victory (9-7-6)

Sept. 5: vs. New York Cosmos, 4-2 loss (9-8-6)

Sept. 12: at Greenville Triumph SC, 3-1 victory (10-8-6)

Sept. 16: vs. One Knoxville SC, 3-2 loss (10-9-6)

Sept. 19: vs. FC Naples, 2-2 tie (10-9-7)

Sept. 26: at Charlotte Independence, 1-1 tie (10-9-8)

Oct. 3: vs. Forward Madison, 0-0 tie (10-9-9)

Oct. 7: at Corpus Christi FC, 3-1 win (11-9-9)

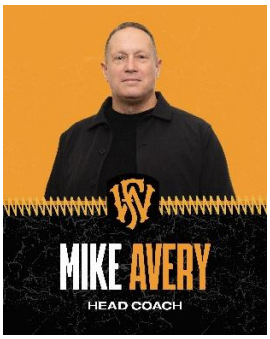
Oct. 10: at Union Omaha, 1-0 win (12-9-9)

Oct. 17: vs. Sarasota Paradise, 3-1 loss (12-10-9)

Oct. 24: vs. Athletic Club Boise, 2-0 loss (12-11-9)

*Prinx Tires USL Cup Match

TECHNICAL STAFF



Season:	W-L-T
2021:	1-8-5
2022:	9-3-2
2023:	10-1-2
2024:	9-3-2
2025:	10-3-1
USL League One	
2026:	12-11-9
USL Cup	
2026:	0-3-1
Career:	**51-32-22**

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
Joshua Logan: Assistant coach & Sports Data Analyst
Rene Sanchez: Team Administrator & Player Care Officer
Zach Gladieux: Equipment Manager

PSM X ONE
Alex Parr: Athletic Trainer
Eli Sommer: Human Performance Specialist
Zachary Nagel: Human Performance Specialist

Broadcast Style Guide

These guidelines are intended to promote consistency across broadcasts and other media coverage. If questions arise before or during a match, please contact Fort Wayne Football Club Communications.

What is the preferred way to refer to the club?
On first reference, Fort Wayne Football Club is preferred. Fort Wayne FC is acceptable on subsequent references. Avoid abbreviating the club as FWFC during broadcasts.

How should the region be referenced?
Other than Fort Wayne, Northeast Indiana is the preferred geographic reference. Fort Wayne is also commonly known as The Summit City and, less frequently, The River City, referencing the confluence of the Maumee, St. Mary's and St. Joseph rivers.

What are the team colors?
Autumn Gold and Black. Complete brand standards are available at www.fortwaynefc.com/about-our-crest.

Does the team have a nickname?
The preferred nickname is "The Autumn Gold & Black." Please avoid creating or using unofficial team nicknames during broadcasts.

What is the name of the Supporters Group?
The Three Rivers Regiment, which occupies the supporters' section informally known as The Hive.

How should ownership be referenced?
Mark Music, Chief Executive Officer of Ruoff Mortgage, is the Majority Owner of Fort Wayne Football Club. DaMarcus Beasley, a Fort Wayne native and four-time FIFA World Cup participant, is a Co-owner and the Director of Football Operations.

In which league did the club previously compete?
Fort Wayne Football Club was founded in 2019 and began play in 2021 in USL League Two, a pre-professional league. The club competed there through the 2025 season before moving to USL League One, a professional league, in 2026. The transition included a comprehensive rebrand featuring new logos, colors and brand standards.

Is there a mascot?
Friendly the Goalrilla. Acceptable references include "Friendly" or "Friendly the Goalrilla." Referring to him as only "The Goalrilla" should be avoided when possible. More information is available at fortwaynefc.com/thegoalrilla. He was first introduced on July 4, 2026, at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium.

How should the stadium be referred to?

Ruoff Mortgage Stadium is the preferred name. 6411 Bass Road is the address and also an informal way to refer to the grounds. Many also refer to the stadium as The Ru. The stadium was 100% privately funded by the club is operated within a multiyear naming rights partnership with Ruoff Mortgage.

Broadcast 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.

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	First Name	Surname	Position	Birthday	Hometown	Height	Weight
99	Taner	Akin	Goalkeeper	Sept. 30, 2006	Orlando, Florida	6-0	175
86	Javier	Armas	Midfielder	Jan. 13, 2000	A Coruña, Spain	5-11	176
10	Clarence	Awoudor	Midfielder	Sept. 23, 2003	Saint-Lô, France	5-7	155
35	Johnny	Aye	Midfielder	June 7, 2010	Fort Wayne, Indiana	5-6	115
21	Ryan	Becher	Midfielder	April 4, 2001	Hummelstown, Pennsylvania	6-3	197
20	Nico	Burns	Midfielder	Aug. 18, 2008	Lake Zurich, Illinois	5-9	183
4	Tiago	Dias	Defender	June 17, 2001	Portimão, Portugal	6-2	180
96	Aurie	Echevarría	Goalkeeper	June 26, 2001	Edgewood, New Jersey	6-0	193
12	Kabiru	Gafar	Midfielder	Aug. 10, 2004	Indianapolis, Indiana	6-0	179
8	Jeremy	Garay	Midfielder	April 1, 2003	Woodbridge, Virginia	5-9	142
33	Tyson	Hagaman	Defender	Dec. 2, 2006	West Chester, Ohio	6-3	171
11	Taig	Healy	Midfielder	Oct. 31, 2003	South Hampton, New Hampshire	5-7	152
22	Anthony	Hernandez	Defender	June 7, 2003	Pickerington, Ohio	5-6	135
25	Mamadi	Jiana	Forward	Sept. 17, 2003	Westfield, Mass.	6-0	170
6	JP	Jordan	Midfielder	Feb. 7, 2003	Keller, Texas	5-9	150
24	Kameron	Lacey	Forward	Jan. 6, 2001	Miami, Florida	5-11	175
41	James	Musa	Defender	April 1, 1992	Plymouth, England	6-1	182
17	Logan	Neidlinger	Midfielder	Sept. 6, 2005	Indianapolis, Indiana	5-9	150
18	Emerson	Nieto	Midfielder	Oct. 3, 2001	Fort Wayne, Indiana	5-9	160
9	Daniel	Oyetunde	Forward	Nov. 26, 2006	London, England	5-8	161
13	Michael	Rempel	Defender	Oct. 4, 2001	Asunción, Paraguay	5-11	153
1	Bernd	Schipmann	Goalkeeper	July 5, 1994	Münster, Germany	6-4	266
2	Jayden	Smith	Defender	March 29, 2006	Coventry, England	6-1	167
19	Juan	Solis	Defender	Jan. 27, 2005	Tulua, Colombia	6-8	225
5	Reid	Sproat	Defender	May 30, 2001	Auburn, Indiana	6-1	201
23	Jack	Thomas	Midfielder	June 12, 2004	Whittington, England	5-7	139
3	Aleksandar	Vukovic	Defender	March 17, 2001	Nova Pazova, Serbia	6-4	210

NUMERICAL ROSTER

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1	Bernd	Schipmann	Goalkeeper	July 5, 1994	Münster, Germany
2	Jayden	Smith	Defender	March 29, 2006	Coventry, England
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2026 PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

TANNER AKIN: TAN-ERR | ACHE-IN

JAVIER ARMAS: KHAH-VYEHR | KHAR-MAHS

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

JOHNNY AYE: JOHN-EE | EYE

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

MAMADI JIANA: MAH-MAH-DEE | JEE-AH-NAH

JP JORDAN: JAY-PEE | JOR-DONE

KAMERON LACEY: CAM-ER-ON | LACE-EE

JAMES MUSA: JAYMES | MOOSE-UH

LOGAN NEIDLINGER: LOW-GUN | N-EYE-D-LINGER

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

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

MICHAEL REMPEL: MY-CULL | REM-PULL

BERND SCHIPMANN: BURNT | SHIP-MAN

JAYDEN SMITH: JAY-DEN | SMITH

JUAN SOLIS: WAHN | SO-LEASE

REID SPROAT: REED | SPROTE

JACK THOMAS: JACK | TOM-ISS

ALEKSANDAR VUKOVIC: ALEX-AND-AR | VOO-CO-VICH

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.

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.

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.

2026 Highlights

Scored first goal of professional career in a 4-1 victory at Portland Hearts of Pine on Aug. 29, 2026. Also assisted on a Taig Healy goal as Fort Wayne FC set a club record for most goals scored in a professional game.

JOHNNY AYE

Position: Midfielder
Hometown: Fort Wayne, Indiana
Birthday: 6/7/10
Pronunciation: john-ee | eye

Entering 2026

Aye joined Fort Wayne Football Club on an academy contract July 11, 2026, becoming the youngest player, at age 16, to join the roster since the club ascended to professional soccer this year. ... Aye, one of the area's brightest talents, has an impressive résumé that includes a match with Fort Wayne FC during 2025 in USL League Two, a pre-professional tier. When Aye entered an international friendly against Atlas Fútbol Club's Sub-23 roster on June 28, 2025, at age 15, he became the youngest player to take the field in the Fort Wayne FC's five seasons of play at that level. ... Aye will be a junior at Northrop High School in the fall of 2026. ... He spent the previous two seasons at North Side High School and was a First Team All-Conference selection in the Summit Athletic Conference. ... Aye spent seven years playing locally for Fort Wayne United and spent one season, his U-14 year, in the Indy Eleven Academy system. ... Good performances with Fort Wayne United in 2022 eventually led to an invitation to play in the Elite Academy League in Spain and he also had trials in the Netherlands with PSV Eindhoven. ... He also played for the U.S. Youth Futsal National Team in 2022 and 2026, which took him to Argentina and England, respectively.

2026 Highlights: Checked into July 18, 2026, match against Greenville Triumph SC, a 3-0 Fort Wayne FC victory, and became the youngest player to appear in a match since club became a professional team. Aye also holds club record for youngest player to appear in a match regardless of level; he was 15 when he took the field in 2025 in USL League Two.

RYAN BECHER

Position: Midfielder
Hometown: Hummelstown, Pennsylvania
Birthday: 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. … Had first two-goal game of his season in a 3-1 victory at Greenville Triumph SC on Sept. 12, 2026. For Becher, that made three goals in the span of two matches. … Named to USL League One Team of the Week on Sept. 14, 2026. … Netted a goal in a 3-2 loss to One Knoxville SC on Sept. 16, 2026, giving him four goals in the span of three matches. … Scored in a fourth straight match – netting his fifth goal in span of four matches – with the late equalizer in a key 2-all draw with FC Naples at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on Sept. 19, 2029. … Named one of four finalists for USL League One Player of the Month for September with a league-high five goals, 26 shots and 13 shots on target over six matches, averaging a goal every 98 minutes, and also recording one assist on nine chances created to earn a league-high +2.61 goals added mark for the month. Becher finished as runner-up for award.

NICO BURNS

Position: Midfielder
Hometown: Lake Zurich, Illinois
Birthday: 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.

TIAGO DIAS

Position: Defender
Hometown: Portimão, Portugal
Birthday: 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. … Scored goal to begin comeback from two goals down in crucial 2-all draw with FC Naples at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on Sept. 19, 2026. … Named bench player on USL Team of the Week on Sept. 22, 2026. … Scored in second straight match, Sept. 26, 2026, in 1-all draw at Charlotte Independence SC. … Scored for the third time in four matches during a 3-1 victory at Corpus Christi FC on Oct. 7, 2026, on same night Dias tied teammate Reid Sproat for the club's all-time games played mark at 68 matches. … Became Fort Wayne FC's all-time leader in matches played with 69 over four seasons during a 1-0 victory at Union Omaha on Oct. 10, 2026. … Selected to USL League One's All-League First Team as a defender on Nov. 3, 2026. Dias, 25, played 31 matches in league play during the season, starting them all. He scored four goals – three of them on headers – and assisted on two more. He had an 85% success rate passing, including 44% on long passes, and he had 165 clearances and 27 interceptions. With 8.8 defensive contributions per 90 minutes, Dias ranked seventh in USL League One. Collectively, Fort Wayne FC ranked fifth in the league with only 1.3 goals conceded per match. With 10 clean sheets, the Autumn Gold & Black ranked second to FC Naples' 11.

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. … Finalist for Save of the Round, from Round 4 of the Prinx Tires USL Cup, for a save against Detroit City FC. … Named Sept. 12, 2026, to Puerto Rico's roster for Nations League matches. Fourth time in his career he'd been selected for National Team.

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. … Gagar immigrated from Nigeria to Indianapolis when he was 11.

2026 Highlights: Assisted on goals in four of six matches between May 16 and June 10. … Tallied an assist in 3-0 victory over Spokane Velocity on July 4, 2026, putting him into second place in club history with five career assists. … Was named to USL League One Team of the Week on July 7, 2026. … Scored first goal of senior pro career in 2-1 loss at defending-champion One Knoxville SC on July 15, 2026. … Assisted on a Ryan Becher goal in a 3-1 victory at Greenville Triumph SC on Sept. 12, 2026, and it was his sixth assist of the year regardless of competition, tying Gafar with Alberto Anaya for the club's career assist record.

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. … Scored pivotal goal in 3-0 victory over Spokane Velocity on July 4, 2026, as Fort Wayne FC extended unbeaten streak in league play to 11 matches, giving club sole possession of second longest run for a first-year club in league history. It was Garay's first goal for the club.

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.

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. … Healy's

goal in 3-0 victory over Spokane Velocity on July 4, 2026, made him the club's all-time leader in career goal-scoring with nine goals – and it happened before the midway point of his first pro season. … Had first two-goal game of professional career on Aug. 29, 2026, in a 4-1 victory at Portland Hearts of Pine with a large contingent of friends and family in the stands. Performance takes him to 11 career goals with Fort Wayne FC, regardless of competition, putting him in first place in club history. … Won USL League One Goal of the Week on Sept. 3, 2026, for one of goals at Portland. … Named finalist for USL League One Goal of the Week for goal in 1-0 victory at Union Omaha on Oct. 10, 2026.

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.

MAMADI JIANA

Position: Forward
Hometown: Westfield, Massachusetts
Birthdate: 1/17/2003
Pronunciation: mah-mah-dee | jee-ah-nah

Entering 2026

Jiana was a teammate of Fort Wayne FC captain Tiago Dias in 2025 at Bryant University, for which Jiana finished third in the America East Conference with seven goals, a program record. That includes a pair of two-goal matches. He earned Second Team All-Northeast Region honors. … Jiana and Dias were also teammates at the University of Albany in 2023, when Jiana had four goals in 16 matches. … He played at Norwich University from 2021 to 2022 and totaled 17 goals and 13 assists in 30 matches. That included a four-goal performance against Lasell University. Jiana was awarded First Team All-Conference and Rookie of the Year honors, as well as All-Region honors.

2026 Highlights

Loaned to Fort Wayne FC from Houston Dynamo 2 of MLS NEXT Pro on Sept. 4, 2026. … Played in seven matches for Houston. … Jiana was selected 54th in the 2026 MLS SuperDraft by Inter Miami CF. … He signed with Houston Dynamo 2 on April 1.

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.

KAMERON LACEY

Position: Forward
Hometown: Miami, Florida
Birthdate: 1/6/2001
Pronunciation: cam-er-on | lace-ee

Entering 2026

Originally from Miami, Lacey played in the FC Dallas and Orlando City academies. He also played for Jamaica's U-20 and U-17 teams at the international level. … Played college soccer for the Charlotte 49ers and totaled 17 goals and 14 assists in 58 matches between 2019 and 2022. In his final season, he was selected First Team All-American Conference and Second Team All-East Region. … Lacey was selected 82nd overall in the 2023 MLS SuperDraft by FC Dallas, but he didn't sign with the club. He joined MLS Next Pro's Minnesota United 2 in 2023 and played in 20 matches, scoring 10 goals with two assists. …Earned 16 matches of experience at the USL Championship level with San Antonio FC in 2024, when he totaled three assists. He also appeared in a 2025 USL Cup match with Birmingham Legion FC. … In USL League One, Lacey played 10 matches with Lexington SC in 2024, scoring a goal. … Also had experience at the USL League Two level with Asheville City, scoring a goal for them in 2026.

2026 Highlights

Signed contract for remainder of season on Aug. 28, 2026. … Debuted in the second half the next night at Portland, Maine, and scored less than two minutes after getting onto the field with a header. Fort Wayne FC defeated Portland Hearts of Pine 4-1. It was a club record for most goals scored in a pro game and Lacey's goal set it.

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.

2026 Highlights

Scored first goal with Fort Wayne FC, in his 17th match, on Sept. 16, 2026, at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium in a 3-2 loss to One Knoxville SC. Musa, who was wearing the captain's armband in place of Tiago Dias, who was serving a one-game suspension for yellow card accumulation, got to the rebound of a Taig Healy shot that caromed off the post, then Musa drove it into the net.

LOGAN NEIDLINGER

Position: Midfielder
Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana
Birthday: 9/6/05
Pronunciation: low-gun | n-eye-d-linger

Entering 2026

A native of Indianapolis, Neidlinger joined the Indy Eleven Academy in 2021 and helped the U-20 team win three consecutive USL Academy Cups. … Neidlinger signed an academy contract with the senior level team in 2024 and became the youngest Indy Eleven player to appear in a match and to score a goal, which he did Aug. 11, 2024, against New Mexico United. He played in 16 matches that year, across all competitions, and had an assist. … In 2025, Neidlinger played another nine matches with Indy Eleven.

2026 Highlights

Before joining Fort Wayne FC, Neidlinger played in 18 matches with USL Championship's Indy Eleven

in 2026, across all competitions, and had one assist. … He became first player received by Fort Wayne FC on loan in the professional ranks, on Aug. 28, 2026, from Indy Eleven.

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.

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.

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 Ashville 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. … Named club's Player of the Month for June. … Named to USL League One Team of the Week on July 21, 2026. … Scored first professional goal on a free kick that caromed off the right goalpost and in at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium on Oct. 17, 2026, in a 3-1 loss to the Sarasota Paradise. Goal was a finalist for USL League One Goal of the Week.

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 28th 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 30th 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 10th 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. … Clean sheet against Spokane Velocity FC on July 4, 2026, albeit with no saves, gave him six clean sheets on the season and put him in a tie for league lead. … Schipmann's five-save clean sheet on July 18, 2026, in a 3-0 victory over Greenville Triumph SC, put him in sole possession of league lead at the time. … Finalist for USL League One Save of the Week for a save off a free kick from just outside the penalty area in a 2-0 loss to Union Omaha on Aug. 1. … Appeared in 100th USL League One regular-season match on Oct. 3 against former team, Forward Madison, at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium (giving Schipmann 27 matches with Fort Wayne FC and 73 with Forward Madison). Stopped three shots in a scoreless draw – for ninth clean sheet of season, which led league at time with one more than Forward Madison's John Harms, who also had three saves in the match. … Stopped five shots for league-leading 10th clean sheet of season, as Fort Wayne FC won 1-0 at Union Omaha and snapped its 26-match, 15-month home unbeaten streak.

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.

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.

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 14th 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 60th match with the club, including time in USL League One and USL League Two, the club's all-time mark.

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. … Scored lone goal in 3-1 loss at Spokane Velocity FC on July 25, 2026, getting to rebound of own shot and putting it into the back of the net. Goal was a finalist for USL Goal of the Week.

ALEKSANDAR VUKOVIC

Position: Defender
Hometown: Nova Pazova, Serbia
Birthdate: 3/17/2001
Pronunciation: alex-and-ar | voo-co-vich

Entering 2026

Finished decorated college career with a season at Duke in 2025. Started and played in 14 matches

… Selected 89th overall in 2025 MLS SuperDraft before electing to return to college soccer and play for Duke. … A member of Marshall's 2024 soccer team that reached the NCAA Division I championship match and lost to Vermont. He had one goal and one assist in 21 matches. … Played at UC Riverside from 2022 to 2023 and appeared in 31 matches, earning First Team Big West honors. … Played at LSU Eunice in 2021. … Moved to U.S. to play college soccer at age 20.

2026 Highlights

Signed multi-year contract with Phoenix Rising FC of USL Championship on Jan. 21, 2026. … Played in 13 matches across all competitions and had one goal and one assist. … Loaned to Fort Wayne FC for remainder of USL League One season Sept. 9, 2026.

IN-SEASON TRANSACTIONS REPORT

(+) roster addition, (–) roster subtraction, (=) roster update

(+) March 7, 2026: **Taner Akin**, goalkeeper, signs academy contract
(–) March 16, 2026: **Aurie Echevarría,** goalkeeper, named to Puerto Rico's National Team
(+) March 25, 2026: **Aurie Echevarría,** goalkeeper, unable to join Puerto Rico due to injury
(+) April 7, 2026: **Kabiru Gafar** signs contract through season
(+) April 10, 2026: **Alex Grow,** goalkeeper, signs 25-day contract
(=) April 10, 2026: **Ian Abbey** converts to standard contract from 25-day
(–) April 29, 2026: **Trace Terry** has 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** contract terminated
(+) July 11, 2026: **Johnny Aye** signs academy contract
(–) Aug. 14, 2026: **Lilian Ricol** transferred to USL Championship's San Antonio FC
(+) Aug. 28, 2026: **Logan Neidlinger** joins club on loan from USL Championship's Indy Eleven
(+) Aug. 28, 2026: **Kameron Lacey** signs contract for remainder of season
(+) Sept. 4, 2026: **Mamadi Jiana** joins club on loan from Houston Dynamo 2 of MLS NEXT Pro
(+) Sept. 9, 2026: **Aleksandar Vukovic** joins club on loan from Phoenix Rising, USL Championship
(=) Sept. 12, 2026, **Aurie Echevarría** named to Puerto Rico roster for upcoming Nations League
(–) Sept. 20, 2026, **Aurie Echevarría** joins Puerto Rico roster for Nations League play
(+) Sept. 25, 2026: **Marc Bonnaire**, goalkeeper, signs 25-day contract as emergency replacement
(+) Oct. 5, 2026: **Aurie Echevarría** rejoins Fort Wayne FC from Puerto Rico's National Team
(–) Oct. 19, 2026: **Marc Bonnaire's** contract expires.

2026 GOALS REPORT

Matches=Prinx Tires USL Cup, *=No longer on roster

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2026 ASSISTS REPORT

Matches=Prinx Tires USL Cup, *=No longer on roster

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JEREMY GARAY																																				
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2026 PLAY REPORT

S=Started, P=Played, *=No longer on roster, Matches=Prinx Tires USL Cup

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TANER AKIN																																				
JAVIER ARMAS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S				P	S	S		S		S	S	S	S		S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
CLARENCE AWOUDOR	P		P	S		P	P	P	S	S		S	P	S	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
JOHNNY AYE																				P																
RYAN BECHER	S	S	S	S								P	S	S	S	P	P	S	P	S	P	P	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
MARC BONNAIRE*																																				
NICO BURNS													P																							
TIAGO DIAS	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	S
AURIE ECHEVARRÍA	S								S				S					S																		
KABIRU GAFAR						P	P	P	P	P	S	S	S	P	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
JEREMY GARAY	P	P	P		S		P	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S		S	S	P	P				P	P	S	P					
ALEX GROW																																				
TAIG HEALY	S	P	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
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JP JORDAN	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	P	S	P	S	P	S	
KAMERON LACEY																									P	P	S	P		P					P	P
JAMES MUSA	S	S											P		P	S	S	P	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	
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EMERSON NIETO						P	S	S	P	S	P	S	S	S	P	S	P	S	P	S	P	P	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	P	S	S	P	S	S	S
DANIEL OYETUNDE			P	S	P	S	P	S	P	P	P	P	S	P	P		P	S	P	S	P		P	P	P		P									P
MICHAEL REMPEL	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		S	S	S			S	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	P	S	S	S
LILIAN RICOL*	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	P	S	S	S	S	P														
BERND SCHIPMANN		S	S	S	S	S	S	S		S	S	S		S	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
JAYDEN SMITH	P	P	S	P	P	S	S	P	S	S		P	S	P	P	S	S	S				P	S	P	S	S		P	P				P	P	P	P
JUAN SOLIS	P	S	S	S	S	S		P	S	S	P	P	S		S			S	P									P	S								
REID SPROAT	S	P	S		P	P	S	S			S	S	S	S		P		S		S	P	P			P	P	S									P
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2026 GOALKEEPING REPORT

Matches=Prinx Tires USL Cup, *=No longer on roster

SAVES

	NAP	SAR	NYC	CHA	LOU	CLT	POR	WES	IND	CC	ACB	AV	OMA	WES	MAD	RIC	SPO	DET	KNO	GRE	SPO	OMA	AV	CHA	POR	RIC	NYC	GRE	KNO	NAP	CLT	MAD	CC	OMA	SAR	ACB
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ALEX GROW																																				
BERND SCHIPMANN		3	1	2	2	5	4	4		1	5	0		3	5	4	0		0	5	0	5	3	1	2	1	0	3	3	3	4	3	1	5	5	4

GOALS ALLOWED

	NAP	SAR	NYC	CHA	LOU	CLT	POR	WES	IND	CC	ACB	AV	OMA	WES	MAD	RIC	SPO	DET	KNO	GRE	SPO	OMA	AV	CHA	POR	RIC	NYC	GRE	KNO	NAP	CLT	MAD	CC	OMA	SAR	ACB
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AURIE ECHEVARRÍA	2								2				4					2																		
ALEX GROW																																				
BERND SCHIPMANN		2	2	0	3	2	0	0		1	1	0		1	1	0	0		2	0	3	2	3	1	1	0	4	1	3	2	1	0	2	0	3	2

2026 Factoids of Interest



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 28th 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 31st 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 10th 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, 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.

July 4, 2026: Fort Wayne FC defeats Spokane Velocity FC at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium, extending club's unbeaten streak to 11 matches in USL League One play – the second longest run by a first-year club in league history. Taig Healy scores his ninth goal with the club, becoming the club's career goal-scoring leader before the midway point of his first season with the club. The club held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the formal grand-opening of the stadium.

July 18, 2026: Lilian Ricol scores from 44 yards out in a 3-0 victory over Greenville Triumph SC at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium, giving him nine goals to tie him with Taig Healy for the club's all-time goal-scoring record regardless of competition or level. Also, Johnny Aye checks into the match and, at age 16, becomes the youngest ever to play for Fort Wayne FC in professional soccer. Aye holds all-time club record for youngest player, as he was 15 when he entered a match in 2025 in USL League Two.

Aug. 13, 2026: Lilian Ricol selected USL League One Player of the Month, the first time a Fort Wayne FC player has received the honor.

Aug. 14, 2026: Lilian Ricol is transferred to USL Championship's San Antonio FC, becoming the first Fort Wayne FC player to be sold. Terms of the agreement were not announced, but it was for a near-record amount for a USL League One player.

Aug. 28, 2026: Logan Neidlinger, a native of Indiana, becomes first player acquired by Fort Wayne FC on loan, when he is sent from USL Championship's Indy Eleven.

Aug. 29, 2026: Taig Healy scores first brace of pro career in 4-1 victory at Portland Hearts of Pine. Performance takes him to 11 career goals with Fort Wayne FC, regardless of competition, putting him in first place in club history.

Sept. 3, 2026: Taig Healy wins USL League One Goal of the Week for one of his two goals at Portland.

Sept. 12, 2026: Kabiru Gafar assists on a Ryan Becher goal in a 3-1 victory at Greenville Triumph SC, and it was his sixth assist of the year regardless of competition, tying Gafar with Alberto Anaya for the club's career assist record. … Goalkeeper Aurie Echevarría is named to Puerto Rico's National Team for the second time this season, this instance for Nations League matches.

Oct. 3, 2026: Goalkeeper Bernd Schipmann appears in 100th USL League One regular-season match of career, stopping all three shots on target in a scoreless draw with his former team, Forward Madison, at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium.

Oct. 7, 2026: Coach Mike Avery gets 50th win with club in a 3-1 victory at Corpus Christi FC, on same night Tiago Dias ties Reid Sproat for club's all-time matches played record at 68.

Oct. 10, 2026: Tiago Dias becomes Fort Wayne FC's all-time leader in matches played with 69 over four seasons during a 1-0 victory at Union Omaha on Oct. 10, 2026. Victory snaps Union Omaha's 26-match, 15-month home unbeaten streak and **Bernd Schipmann** stops five shots for league-leading 10th clean sheet of season.

Oct. 24, 2026: Fort Wayne FC completes first season in professional soccer with a 12-11-9 record and misses the postseason by only one point.

Nov. 3, 2026: Tiago Dias is selected to the USL League One All-League First Team as a defender.

2026 ATTENDANCE AT RUOFF MORTGAGE STADIUM

5/2/2026	4,000
5/6/2026	2,389
5/9/2026	2,872
5/16/2026*	3,794
5/20/2026	2,399
5/30/2026	3,925
7/4/2026	4,493
7/11/2026*	4,214
7/18/2026	3,755
8/1/2026	3,801
8/15/2026	4,090
9/2/2026	3,109
9/5/2026	4,294
9/16/2026	2,829
9/19/2026	3,462
10/3/2026	3,849
10/17/2026	3,491
10/24/2026	4,099
Total:	64,865
Average:	3,604

*Prinx Tires USL Cup Match

FORT WAYNE FOOTBALL CLUB

ALL-TIME FRANCHISE RECORDS (2021-2026)

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

GOALS

NAME	TOTAL	SEASONS WITH CLUB
Taig Healy	12	2026
Ryan Becher	10	2026
Tiago Dias	10	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Lilian Ricol	9	2026
Gijs Hovius	8	2023, 2024
Maxwell Amoako	8	2021, 2022
Caio Oliveira	7	2025
Riley Lynch	6	2022
Noe Garcia	5	2021
Seth Antwi	5	2023
Sebastian Chalbaud	5	2023
Alberto Anaya	4	2022, 2023, 2024
Aleksandar Mihov	4	2023
Jack Thomas	4	2026
Aboubacar Traore	3	2024, 2025
Michael Adedokun	3	2022
Sean Karani	3	2023
Ethan Giwa-McNeil	3	2024
Tom Abrahamsson	3	2022, 2023
Forster Ajago	3	2022
Alexandre Frank	3	2022, 2023
Zach Tom	3	2021
Joseph Kouadio	3	2021, 2023
Victor Claudel	3	2022
Brandon Bermingham	3	2024
Kabiru Gafar	3	2026
Matthew Catavolo	2	2025
Hugo Garcia	2	2025
Rood Schnaider Beaubrun	2	2024, 2025
Jose Casas De Abadal	2	2021, 2022
Reid Sproat	2	2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
Will Harris	2	2021, 2022
Henri Kumwenda	2	2023
Chris Bley	2	2024
Aaron Sanchez	2	2024
Michael Ketteman	2	2024
Muslim Umar	2	2025
Venton Evans	2	2025
Jayden Smith	2	2025

Clarence Awoudor	2	2026
Javier Armas	1	2026
Kameron Lacey	1	2026
Michael Rempel	1	2026
Jeremy Garay	1	2026
Daniel Oyetunde	1	2026
James Musa	1	2026
Amari Fowlkes	1	2025
Gaku Nishimura	1	2024, 2025
Tiago Campos	1	2025
Mamadou Diarra	1	2025
Anthony Hernandez	1	2024, 2025
Grayson Doody	1	2021
Nkosi Graham	1	2022, 2023
Namik Mehic	1	2023, 2024, 2025
Joel Harvey	1	2021
Jose Rodriguez	1	2021
Dylan Shockey	1	2021
Michail Tselios	1	2024
Breno Boccoli de Oliveira	1	2021
Ben Barkley	1	2022

ASSISTS

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

NAME	TOTAL	SEASONS WITH CLUB
Kabiru Gafar	6	2026
Alberto Anaya	6	2022, 2023, 2024
Javier Armas	5	2026
Taig Healy	5	2026
Michael Adedokun	4	2022
Gaku Nishimura	4	2024, 2025
Clarence Awoudor	4	2026
Michael Rempel	3	2026
Sean Kerani	3	2023
Jose Casas De Abadal	3	2021, 2022
Tiago Dias	3	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Jack Thomas	3	2026
Lilian Ricol	2	2026
Jayden Smith	2	2026
Anthony Hernandez	2	2024, 2025, 2026
Aboubacar Traore	2	2024, 2025
Namik Mehic	2	2023, 2024, 2025
Tavio D'Almeida	2	2023, 2025
Riley Lynch	2	2022
Ethan Giwa-McNeil	2	2024
Grayson Doody	2	2021
Mbongeni Kanyane	2	2022, 2023
Logan Lee	2	2021
Emerson Nieto	1	2026
JP Jordan	1	2026
Ryan Becher	1	2026
Bernd Schipmann	1	2026
Tiago Campos	1	2025
Amari Fowlkes	1	2025
Rood Schnaider Beaubrun	1	2024, 2025
Virgil Dall'Agnol	1	2025
Matthew Catavolo	1	2025
Alsadiq Hasan	1	2025
Gijs Hovius	1	2023, 2024
Tom Abrahamsson	1	2022
Forster Ajago	1	2022
Nkosi Graham	1	2022, 2023
Maxwell Amoako	1	2021
Shotaro Kino	1	2024
Adam McAleenan	1	2022
Hilary Odhiambo	1	2022

MATCHES PLAYED

NAME	TOTAL	SEASONS WITH CLUB
Tiago Dias	71	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Reid Sproat	69	2021, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026
Aurie Echevarría	38	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Anthony Hernandez	35	2024, 2025, 2026
Taig Healy	35	2026
JP Jordan	34	2026
Clarence Awoudor	33	2026
Michael Rempel	32	2026
Bernd Schipmann	32	2026
Kabiru Gafar	31	2026
Emerson Nieto	31	2026
Tavio D'Almeida	27	2023, 2025
Ryan Becher	29	2026
Javier Armas	28	2026
Jayden Smith	28	2026
Jack Thomas	26	2026
Rood Schnaider Beaubrun	26	2024, 2025
Jeremy Garay	25	2026
Tom Abrahamsson	24	2022, 2023
Alexandre Frank	24	2022, 2023
Will Harris	24	2021, 2022
Lilian Ricol	23	2026
James Musa	23	2026
Daniel Oyetunde	23	2026
Alberto Anaya	22	2022, 2023, 2024
Maxwell Amoako	22	2021, 2022

FORT WAYNE FOOTBALL CLUB
USL LEAGUE TWO RECORDS (2021-2025)

GOALS

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

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

ASSISTS

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

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

MATCHES PLAYED

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

FORT WAYNE FOOTBALL CLUB

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 75th minute at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium

May 20, 2023: In 30th match in club history, its 50th goal is scored by Joe Kouadio – his second of match – in 31st 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 40th match ever and 20th 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 87th 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 96th minute and **Hugo Garcia** adds a goal in the 98th 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 Donavan Phillip scores for a 1-0 lead in the 117th 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 124th 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 30th 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 28th 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.

July 4, 2026: A ribbon-cutting ceremony is held at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium to celebrate the formal grand-opening of the venue. Fort Wayne FC then defeats Spokane Velocity FC 3-0 and **Taig Healy** scores his ninth goal of his first professional season, making him the club's all-time leader in goal scoring.

July 18, 2026: Club holds inaugural **John Bellio** Tribute Night to Fight Cancer, honoring one of the club's original owners who died from the disease in 2025. **Lilian Ricol** scores from 44 yards out in 3-0 victory over Greenville Triumph SC and ties Taig Healy for club's all-time goal-scoring lead with nine goals, regardless of competition. **Johnny Aye** checked into the match at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium and became, at age 16, the youngest player to get on the field for Fort Wayne FC in a pro match. He holds the club's all-time record for youngest player, having appeared in a 2025 match at 15 when Fort Wayne FC was in USL League Two.

Aug. 14, 2026: Lilian Ricol, a striker who had just been named USL League One Player of the Month, is transferred to USL Championship's San Antonio FC, becoming the first Fort Wayne FC player to be sold. Terms of the agreement were not announced, but it was for a near-record amount for a USL League One player. Ricol had nine goals and two assists in 23 matches across all competitions for the club in his first pro season, leaving tied for the club's all-time goal-scoring lead.

Aug. 28, 2026: Logan Neidlinger becomes first person loaned to Fort Wayne FC by a higher-level club, as USL Championship's Indy Eleven sends the 20-year-old native of Indiana to the Autumn Gold & Black.

Aug. 29, 2026: Taig Healy scores twice in a 4-1 victory at Portland Hearts of Pine, giving him 11 goals in his brief pro career – the most by a player in his career in the club's history.

Oct. 7, 2026: Coach **Mike Avery** gets his 50th win with club in 3-1 victory at Corpus Christi FC, on same night **Tiago Dias** ties **Reid Sproat** for club's all-time matches played mark at 68.

Oct. 10, 2026: Tiago Dias becomes Fort Wayne FC's all-time leader in matches played with 69 over four seasons during a 1-0 victory at Union Omaha on Oct. 10, 2026. Victory snapped Union Omaha's 26-match, 15-month home unbeaten streak.

Nov. 3, 2026: Tiago Dias is selected to the USL League One All-League First Team as a defender.