FORT WAYNE FOOTBALL CLUB

2026 SEASON RECAP







2026 CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

March 7, 2026 - Fort Wayne Football Club makes their pro debut against FC Naples.

March 14, 2026 - Lilian Ricol scores the first ever professional goal for Fort Wayne FC.

April 11, 2026 - Taig Healy sets a club record for fastest goal scored - 44 seconds.

April 11, 2026 - Fort Wayne FC wins their first USL League One match.

May 2, 2026 - Fort Wayne FC plays their first match at Ruoff Mortgage Stadium.

June 17, 2026 - Bernd Schipmann becomes the 4th goalkeeper to earn an assist in USL League One.

July 4, 2026 - Taig Healy becomes the Club's all-time leading scorer with 9 goals - finishes with 12.

July 4, 2026 - Fort Wayne FC extends their unbeaten streak to 11 USL League One matches.

July 18, 2026 - Lilian Ricol records the longest goal in club history - 44 yards.

July 18, 2026 - Fort Wayne native, Johnny Aye checks into a match at just 16 years old.

October 3, 2026 - Bernd Schipmann appears in his 100th regular-season USL League One match.

October 7, 2026 - Coach Mike Avery earns his 50th win with the club - USL League One and Two .

October 10, 2026 - Tiago Dias becomes Fort Wayne FC's all-time leader in mactehs played.

October 10, 2026 - Bernd Schipmann earns a league leading 10th clean sheet.

October 24, 2026 - Fort Wayne FC ends their first season in professional soccer (12-11-9).



2026 SEASON RECORD (12-11-9)

FIRST HALF (6-2-6)

*= PRINX TIRES USL CUP

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*



2026 SEASON RECORD (12-11-9)

SECOND HALF (6-9-3)

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)

2026 TEAM AWARD WINNERS



FAN FAVORITE:
JACK THOMAS

AUTUMN GOLD & BLACK AWARD AND PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
MICHAEL REMPEL

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER:
TIAGO DIAS

GOLDEN BOOT:
TAIG HEALY



USL™ 1 PLAYER OF THE MONTH



USL 1 TEAM OF THE WEEK

STARTER -- BENCH

Week 2: Lilian Ricol, Ryan Becher

Week 4: Javier Armas

Week 6: JP Jordan, Juan Solis, Taig Healy

Week 8/9: Javier Armas

Week 10: Taig Healy , Jeremy Garay, Michael Rempel, Bernd Schipmann, Lilian Ricol

Week 11/12: Michael Rempel, Lilian Ricol, Tiago Dias, Javier Armas

Week 16: Jack Thomas, Bernd Schipmann, JP Jordan

Week 17/18: Kabiru Gafar

Week 19/20: Michael Rempel, Lilian Ricol

Week 24: Javier Armas

Week 26: Taig Healy, Tiago Dias, JP Jordan, Clarence Awoudor

Week 28: Ryan Becher

Week 29: Tiago Dias

Week 30: Tiago Dias, JP Jordan

Week 32: Michael Rempel , Bernd Schipmann, Tiago Dias

Week 33: Michael Rempel



USL 1 SAVE OF THE WEEK

Winner -- Nominated

Week 2: Bernd Schipmann

Round 3 - USL Cup: Aurie Echevarría

Round 4 - USL Cup: Aurie Echevarría

Week 22: Bernd Schipmann





Winner -- Nominated

Week 6: Taig Healy

Week 19/20: Lilian Ricol

Week 21: Jack Thomas

Week 26: Taig Healy

Week 32: Taig Healy

USL 1 GOAL OF THE WEEK



TIAGO DIAS

USL 1™

ALL - LEAGUE

FIRST TEAM





2026 ATTENDANCE: 64,865





FORT WAYNE FOOTBALL CLUB

THANK YOU, FANS!



BACK: TIAGO DIAS, REID SPROAT, RYAN BECHER, JAYDEN SMITH, TYSON HAGAMAN, MARC BONNAIRE, BERND SCHIPMANN, AURIE ECHEVARRÍA, JUAN SOLÍS, ALEKSANDAR VUKOVIC, JAVIER ARMAS, JAMES MUSA, MICHAEL REMPEL

FRONT: ALEX PARR (PSMxONE), ZACH GLADIEUX, ELI SOMMER (PSMxONE), RENE SANCHEZ, KABIRU GAFAR, LOGAN NEIDLINGER, KAMERON LACEY, JP JORDAN, DANIEL OYETUNDE, NICO BURNS JACK THOMAS, EMERSON NIETO, ANTHONY HERNANDEZ, JEREMY GARAY, CLARENCE AWOUDOR, TAIG HEALY, MAMADI JIANA, MIKE AVERY, KEELAN BARKER, MAX ROSE, JOSH LOGAN