

GAME NOTES



SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC VS CHARLOTTE FC



Regular Season Statistics

Record: 0-0-0
Last Five Games: 0-0-0
Goal Differential: 0 (0/0)
Leading Scorer: None
Leading Assists: None

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER REGULAR SEASON

Kickoff:
Saturday, February 22
7:30 PM PT

Location:
EQC Pitch at Lumen Field
Seattle, WA

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Last Five Games: 0-0-0
Goal Differential: 0 (0/0)
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Leading Assists: None

HOW TO WATCH

BROADCAST INFORMATION

Global Stream: Apple TV
Talent (English): Max Bretos & Brian Dunseth
Talent (Spanish): Jorge Perez-Navarro & Marcelo Balboa

Local Radio: 93.3 KJR FM
National Radio (Simulcast): SiriusXM FC 157
Talent: Danny Jackson, Steve Zakuani & Michelle Ludtka
Pre-Match, Halftime and Post-Match: Jackson Felts, Pete Fewing & Kelyn Rowe

Local Radio (Spanish): El Rey 1360 AM
Talent: Mario Rodriguez, Felipe Maqueda, Carlos Tapia & Marlo Vilela

MATCH NOTES

- Seattle Sounders FC kicks off its 2025 MLS campaign with a cross-conference matchup against Charlotte FC on Saturday, February 22 on the Emerald Queen Casino Pitch at Lumen Field (7:30 p.m. PT / Apple TV, 93.3 KJR FM, El Rey 1360 AM).

- Sounders FC finished fourth in the Western Conference last year, reaching the Western Conference Final before falling 1-0 on the road to eventual MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy.

- Seattle traded for 24-year-old forward Jesús Ferreira. Since 2016, the striker has scored 53 regular-season goals with Dallas, one of five players in MLS history to score 50 or more goals before the age of 25. He was named MLS Young Player of the Year in 2022.

- The Rave Green also traded with FC Dallas for midfielder Paul Arriola, who played with Dallas from 2022-2024, making 96 all-competition appearances and scoring 18 goals while adding 19 assists.

- The Rave Green already have one competitive match under their belt, a 3-1 road win over Guatemalan side Antigua GFC in Round One of the 2025 Concacaf Champions Cup. Arriola, Pedro de la Vega and Albert Rusnák all scored for Seattle in the contest.

- Charlotte finished fifth in the Eastern Conference last season with 51 points (14-11-9) and was eliminated by Orlando in the first round of the playoffs.

- Following Saturday's matchup, Seattle returns to Concacaf Champions Cup action for the second leg of the Round One series against Antigua, which takes place on Wednesday, February 26 on the Emerald Queen Casino Pitch at Lumen Field (7:30 p.m. PT / FS2, ViX).

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2024 SOUNDERS FC SCHEDULE & RESULTS

MLS Regular Season Record: 0-0-0 // Home: 0-0-0 // Away: 0-0-0

DAY	DATE	OPP.	TIME (PT)	BROADCAST	RESULT	ATT.	W-L-D	GOAL SCORERS:
Wed.	FEB 19	at ANT	5:00 PM	FOX Soccer Plus	W, 3-1	N/A	0-0-0	SEA: Arriola (3), de la Vega (61), Rusnák (90+4'); ANT: Santis (24)
Sat.	FEB 22	vs CLT	7:30 PM	Apple TV				
Wed.	FEB 26	vs ANT	7:30 PM	FS2				
Sat.	MAR 1	at RSL	1:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	MAR 8	vs LAFC	1:30 PM	Apple TV/FOX				
Sat.	MAR 15	at STL	5:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	MAR 22	vs HOU	7:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	MAR 29	at SJ	7:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	APR 5	at SD	7:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	APR 12	at DAL	5:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	APR 19	vs NSH	4:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	APR 26	at COL	6:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	MAY 3	vs STL	7:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	MAY 10	at HOU	5:30 PM	Apple TV				
Wed.	MAY 15	at LAFC	7:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	MAY 17	at POR	6:30 PM	Apple TV/FS1				
Sat.	MAY 24	vs DAL	12:00 PM	Apple TV				
Wed.	MAY 28	vs SD	5:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sun.	JUN 1	vs MIN	3:00 PM	Apple TV				
Sun.	JUN 8	at VAN	6:00 PM	Apple TV				
Sun.	JUN 15	vs BOT	7:00 PM	DAZN				
Thurs.	JUN 19	vs ATM	3:00 PM	DAZN				
Mon.	JUN 23	vs PSG	12:00 PM	DAZN				
Sat.	JUN 28	vs ATX	7:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sun.	JUL 6	vs CLB	2:00 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	JUL 12	at SKC	5:30 PM	Apple TV				
Wed.	JUL 16	vs COL	6:30 PM	Apple TV/FS1				
Sat.	JUL 19	vs SJ	5:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	JUL 26	at ATL	4:30 PM	Apple TV				
Thurs.	JUL 31	vs CAZ	TBD	Apple TV				
Sun.	AUG 3	vs CSL	TBD	Apple TV				
Wed.	AUG 6	vs CTJ	TBD	Apple TV				
Sun.	AUG 10	at LA	7:00 PM	Apple TV/FS1				
Sat.	AUG 16	at MIN	5:30 PM	Apple TV/FS1				
Sun.	AUG 24	vs SKC	6:00 PM	Apple TV/FS1				
Sat.	AUG 30	vs RSL	7:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	SEP 13	vs LA	5:30 PM	Apple TV				
Tues.	SEP 16	at MIA	4:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	SEP 20	at ATX	5:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	OCT 4	vs POR	7:30 PM	Apple TV				
Sat.	OCT 18	at NYC	3:00 PM	Apple TV				

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HISTORY WITH CHARLOTTE FC



Seattle and Charlotte, who joined the league in in 2022, have only faced off on two other occasions, with the Rave Green leading the series 1-0-1. The Rave green won the first contest 2-1 at Lumen Field in 2022 before drawing 3-3 in Charlotte in 2023.

SOUNDERS FC VS CHARLOTTE FC REGULAR-SEASON HISTORY

Dates	Location	Score	Date	Location	Score
5/29/2022	Seattle	W, 2-1	6/10/2023	Charlotte	W, 3-3

RECORD: 1-1-0

LEG ONE VS ANTIGUA RECAP



Sounders FC kicked off its 2025 competitive calendar on February 19 with a 3-1 road win over Guatemalan side Antigua GFC in Concacaf Champions Cup action.

Paul Arriola, Pedro de la Vega and Albert Rusnák all scored for Seattle in the contest. Arriola, who was acquired by Seattle this offseason, scored in his debut just three minutes into the match. He became the first Sounder to score in their debut since de la Vega did so last year in his first match against LAFC.

The Rave Green are competing in the tournament for the first time since winning the intercontinental competition in 2022, still the only MLS team to win the tournament.

Seattle takes its 3-1 aggregate into leg two of the Round One series, which will be played on Wednesday, February 26 on the Emerald Queen Casino Pitch at Lumen Field (7:30 p.m. PT / FS2, ViX). Should Sounders FC advance, it would play Liga MX side Cruz Azul in the Round of 16.Ⓝ

MLS SERIES SNAPSHOT

Category	Sounders FC			Charlotte FC		
	1	2	Total	1	2	Total
Goals	2	3	5	2	2	4
Shots	12	11	23	8	13	21
Shots-on-Goal	5	4	9	4	2	6
Fouls	6	6	12	12	15	27
Offsides	2	4	6	1	0	1
Corner Kicks	6	5	11	3	3	6

Goals Scored in 15-Minute Intervals:

	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Total
SEA	1	0	1	0	2	1	5
CLT	0	2	0	1	0	1	4

ALL-TIME MLS SERIES LEADERS

Category	Sounders FC		Charlotte FC	
	#	Player	#	Player
Goals	3	Ruidíaz	1	Four Times
Assists	1	Seven Times	1	Five Times
Shots	7	Ruidíaz	4	Bender
Shots-on-Goal	5	Ruidíaz	2	Bender
Fouls Committed	2	Three Times	5	Bronico
Fouls Suffered	7	Vargas	2	Byrne
Wins	1	Frei	0	N/A
Shutouts	0	N/A	0	N/A
Saves	2	Frei	4	Kahlina
Goals Allowed	4	Frei	5	Kahlina

ALL-TIME MLS SINGLE GAME HIGHS

Category	Sounders FC		Charlotte FC	
	#	Player	#	Player
Goals	2	Ruidíaz (6/10/23)	1	Four Tied
Assists	1	Seven Tied	1	Five Tied
Shots	4	Ruidíaz (6/10/23)	3	Bender (5/29/22)
Shots-on-Goal	4	Ruidíaz (6/10/23)	2	Bender (5/29/22)
Fouls Committed	2	C. Roldan (6/10/23)	3	Bronico (6/10/23)
Fouls Suffered	4	Ruidíaz/Vargas	2	Byrne (6/10/23)
Saves	2	Frei (5/29/22)	3	Kahlina (6/10/23)
Goals Allowed	3	Frei (6/10/23)	3	Kahlina (6/10/23)

EASTERN CONFERENCE DOMINANCE

Seattle has had great success against Eastern Conference opponents since joining MLS in 2009, amassing 260 points (75-47-35), the most wins and points of any Western Conference team against Eastern Conference foes.

Seattle went 5-1-0 against Eastern Conference competition last year, the only loss coming in a road match against D.C. United. The Rave Green host Charlotte, Nashville and Columbus in 2025 and travel to Atlanta, Miami and New York City FC.

MOST POINTS GAINED FROM EASTERN CONFERENCE TEAMS SINCE 2009*

Team	Record	Total Points
Seattle Sounders FC	75-47-35	260
Real Salt Lake	69-47-42	249
LA Galaxy	70-45-39	248
FC Dallas	67-52-47	202
Colorado Rapids	51-59-49	181

*Western Conference teams only

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BY THE NUMBERS

- 0.99** Goals Against Average for Stefan Frei in 2024, lowest among all goalkeepers who played at least 10 games in 2024
- 2** MLS Best XI awards for defender Yeimar Gómez Andrade, who won his second in 2024 (also won in 2021)
- 3** Minutes it took Paul Arriola to score his debut goal against Antigua GFC in Wednesday's Concacaf Champions Cup match
- 8** Road wins for Seattle in 2024, tied for fourth in MLS and first in the Western Conference
- 11** All-competition goals scored by Albert Rusnák in 2024, second on the team
- 13** Shutouts in the regular season last year for Seattle, most in MLS in 2024
- 15** Years of qualifying for the playoffs for Seattle, the most seasons of any MLS expansion team
- 16** Goal difference for Seattle in 2024, sixth in MLS last year
- 18** All-competition goals scored by Jordan Morris in 2024, a career high and most on the team
- 19** All-competition assists by Albert Rusnák in 2024, a single-season club record
- 35** Regular season goals against for Seattle in 2024, fewest in MLS
- 47** Matches played across all competitions last year for Seattle
- 49** Regular-season goals scored by Seattle in 2024
- 57** Career all-competition assists for Cristian Roldan, second in club history
- 57** Points gained in 2024, fourth in the Western Conference
- 72.7** Save percentage for Seattle in 2024, fourth in MLS
- 84** Career all-competition goals for Jordan Morris, second in club history, two behind Raúl Ruidíaz
- 116** Career shutouts in MLS regular-season games for Stefan Frei, second in league history (Nick Rimando 154)
- 210** Corner kicks for Seattle in 2024, most in MLS
- 388** All-competition appearances for Stefan Frei, most in club history
- 847** Points gained by Seattle since 2009, the most in MLS
- 13,962** Completed passes for Seattle in 2024, ninth in MLS

SFC ACQUIRES JESÚS FERREIRA



Sounders FC announced on January 8 it acquired forward Jesús Ferreira via trade with FC Dallas. One of the top attackers in MLS, the 24-year-old comes to Seattle following eight professional seasons with FC Dallas, where he was a two-time MLS All-Star and 2022 MLS Best XI selection. Since signing with Dallas as a Homegrown Player in 2016, Ferreira has tallied 53 goals and 34 assists in 163 career regular-season appearances, in addition to scoring 15 goals in 23 career caps with the U.S. Men's National Team. As part of the deal, Ferreira has agreed to a new three-year contract with Seattle, with club options in 2028 and 2029, and will not occupy a Designated Player spot. FC Dallas also retains a percentage of a future transfer fee if Ferreira is moved outside of MLS or within the league.

Ferreira, 24, joins Seattle following eight seasons with FC Dallas, where he signed with the First Team as a 15-year-old in 2016 following several seasons with the club's academy. The versatile attacker appeared in 181 matches (151 starts) across all competitions during his time with Dallas, tallying 55 goals and 40 assists. After scoring in his professional debut appearance in 2017, Ferreira played in one match in 2018 before appearing in 36 matches (32 starts) for Dallas across all competitions in 2019, recording eight goals and seven assists. After signing a new contract as a Young Designated Player prior to the 2022 season, Ferreira went on to have a breakout campaign with 18 goals and six assists in MLS action, earning 2022 MLS Young Player of the Year, MLS Best XI and MLS All-Star honors. He earned another All-Star nod in 2023, recording 14 goals and nine assists in 34 appearances in all competitions, then appeared in 24 matches last season in all competitions, scoring five goals and eight assists despite battling injury throughout the campaign.

Ferreira has established himself as a key member of the U.S. Men's National Team, scoring 15 goals in 23 career appearances since making his international debut in 2020. Alongside new Sounders FC teammates Jordan Morris and Cristian Roldan, Ferreira was a member of the USMNT roster at the 2022 FIFA World Cup team in Qatar, starting in the Quarterfinals against the Netherlands. He also helped the United States win the 2022-2023 Concacaf Nations League, appearing in two matches and scoring four goals in a 5-0 win over Grenada (June 11, 2022). Ferreira scored seven goals in five appearances at the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup, including hat tricks against both St. Kitts and Nevis (June 29, 2023) and Trinidad and Tobago (July 3, 2023).

He is one of five players in MLS history to score at least 50 goals before the age of 25, and is three behind Landon Donovan for the most goals scored before the age of 25.

MOST GOALS BEFORE THE AGE OF 25 (REGULAR SEASON)

Player	Goals
Landon Donovan	56
Jesús Ferreira	53
Diego Fagundez	52
Carlos Ruiz	50
Valentin Castellanos	50

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SOUNDERS FC ACQUIRES PAUL ARRIOLA



Sounders FC announced on January 13 that it acquired winger Paul Arriola via trade with FC Dallas. The 29-year-old brings over a decade of professional experience in MLS and Liga MX, appearing in over 250 matches across all competitions since 2013. The 2022 MLS All-Star has tallied 37 goals and 34 assists in 174 regular-season appearances since joining the league in 2017, following four seasons with Mexican side Club Tijuana. As part of the deal, the U.S. Men's National Team veteran has agreed to a three-year contract with a club option in 2028.

"We're thrilled to welcome Paul to the organization. His experience at both the club and international levels speaks for itself, and his versatility on the field adds an important dimension to our roster," said Sounders FC General Manager & Chief Soccer Officer Craig Waibel. "This signing underscores our commitment to building a team with the depth and quality needed to compete at the highest level, and we're excited to see the impact Paul will make here in Seattle."

Arriola, 29, joins Seattle after recording more than 250 professional appearances since 2013. He made his professional debut for Liga MX side Club Tijuana on July 20, 2013 against Atlas and went on to make a total of 114 appearances (52 starts) for the Mexican club, scoring 11 goals. The winger then was transferred midway through the 2017 MLS season to D.C. United, where he made 92 appearances (86 starts) in all competitions from 2017-2021, recording 20 goals with 16 assists. He was transferred to Welsh club Swansea City for a brief stint at the beginning of the 2021 season before suffering a hamstring injury and returning in March, making three appearances for the Championship side.

Arriola was traded to FC Dallas prior to the 2022 season and appeared in 34 matches (31 starts) in all competitions, scoring 10 goals and adding four assists in a season that saw him named to the 2022 MLS All-Star team. He made a total of 96 appearances (85 starts) for Dallas from 2022-2024 in all competitions, tallying 18 goals and 19 assists. He recorded his first career playoff goal against Seattle in 2023.

In 2016, he scored in his debut for the senior U.S. Men's National Team in a friendly against Puerto Rico on May 22, 2016. Arriola has 50 career caps for the USMNT, scoring 10 goals. He was on the Concacaf Gold Cup-winning squads in both 2017 and 2021, making five appearances in 2017 before starting all four of his appearances in 2021. The winger helped the U.S. win the 2019-2020 Concacaf Nations League, appearing in four matches during the tournament. Arriola also made five appearances during the United States' successful FIFA 2022 World Cup qualifying campaign, scoring a goal in a 5-1 win over Panama (March 28, 2022).

Arriola played with the U.S. Men's Youth National Team in the 2011 FIFA U-17 World Cup in Mexico, starting all three of his appearances during the tournament. He also saw time for the USYNT at the U-20 and U-23 levels, also starting all four of his appearances at the 2015 U-20 World Cup in New Zealand.

SEATTLE'S YOUTH SYSTEM SHINES



Sounders FC has a long history of a successful youth development system. From various academy teams winning multiple international tournaments to Homegrown players playing the FIFA World Cup, Seattle has always done a fantastic job of developing players into top talent.

Starting with **DeAndre Yedlin**, who made 56 regular-season appearances for Seattle going on to represent the United States in the 2014 FIFA World Cup and go on to play in the Premier League, Sounders FC legacy of successful youth talent has only grown.

Over a decade later, the club continues to reap the benefits of its impressive youth system. Most recently, the club traded Homegrown midfielder **Josh Atencio** to the Colorado Rapids for up to \$1.6 million in General Allocation Money (GAM) on February 15. The 23-year-old appeared in 111 matches across all competitions since signing with the First Team in 2020, following standout careers with the Sounders FC Academy and Tacoma Defiance. Atencio represented the United States in the 2024 Paris Olympics last summer, appearing in two matches including a 3-0 win over Guinea.

Homegrown midfielder **Obed Vargas** took the seventh overall spot in last year's MLS 22 Under 22 list, ranking the best 22 players in the league under the age of 22. Vargas recorded one goal and seven assists in MLS play last season, scoring his first goal for Seattle on April 30 against Philadelphia.

Seattle currently has eight Homegrown Players on its roster, with defender **Leo Burney** being the latest addition, signing over the offseason after a successful collegiate career at Penn where he won the Ivy League Defender of the Year award twice (2022, 2024).

Tacoma Defiance recently transferred midfielder **Chris Aquino** to Liga MX side FC Juárez for an undisclosed fee. It marks the first permanent player transfer directly from Defiance to a foreign club. Aquino started 20 of 38 appearances for Tacoma from 2023-2024, scoring 12 goals.

On the Academy level, Seattle's U-16 squad is currently in Qatar playing in the Alkass International Cup. The team advanced to the semifinal match against Real Madrid, falling 2-0 on February 20. The U-16s will now face Rangers Football Club in the third place match on February 22. 15-year-old Tacoma Defiance midfielder **Omar Hassan** leads Seattle with three goals in the tournament, including a brace against Mohammed VI on February 15. Hassan scored in his Defiance debut last season before signing with the club.

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SOUNDERS FC SIGNS KIM KEE-HEE



Sounders FC announced on January 28 that it has signed defender Kim Kee-Hee for the 2025 season, with a team option for 2026. The veteran centerback returns to Seattle after playing for the club from 2018-2019, helping Seattle win the 2019 MLS Cup. Kim has spent the last five seasons with South Korea's Ulsan Hyundai, winning three league titles. He is being added to Seattle's roster and will join the club pending receipt of his P1 visa and international transfer certificate.

"We're thrilled to welcome Kim Kee-Hee back to Seattle," said Sounders FC General Manager & Chief Soccer Officer Craig Waibel. "Signing a player of his caliber adds experience and quality to our squad, on top of invaluable veteran leadership that will be crucial during a busy and demanding season. We look forward to bringing him in to bolster our already talented defensive unit."

Kim, 35, played for Sounders FC from 2018-2019, making 66 appearances (64 starts) in all competitions. In 2019, he started all his appearances and helped the club win its second MLS Cup, playing all 90 minutes in the 3-1 MLS Cup Final win over Toronto FC. Following his two seasons in Seattle, Kim played for Ulsan Hyundai of South Korea's K-League 1 from 2020-2024, making 146 appearances (138 starts) and scoring three goals. The defender won three consecutive K-League titles from 2022-2024 while finishing second in 2020 and 2021, in addition to winning the AFC Champions League Elite in 2020. Kim also finished runner-up in the Korea Cup in 2020 and 2024.

"I am very happy to welcome Kim back to the club and have him join our current squad," said Sounders FC Head Coach Brian Schmetzer. "He's a smart, composed defender who understands what it takes to compete at the highest level. Given his familiarity with our team, I expect him to seamlessly fit into our system and elevate the players around him."

Prior to joining Seattle in 2018, the South Korea international played for Shanghai Shenhua of the Chinese Super League, starting all 45 of his appearances, including all 30 games of the 2016 campaign. Before Shanghai Shenhua, he spent three seasons with the K-League 1's Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors FC, making 80 appearances from 2013-2015 and winning league titles in 2014 and 2015. His pro career began in 2011 with South Korean club Daegu FC, where he spent two seasons before being loaned to Qatari side Al-Sailiya SC for the 2012-2013 campaign.

In addition to his two K-League 1 titles in 2014 and 2015, Kim led Shanghai Shenhua to the 2017 Chinese FA Cup title and a spot in the AFC Champions League, where he made one appearance. The centerback has 23 caps for the South Korean National Team, including a total of nine appearances during South Korea's successful 2014 and 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying campaigns.

OTHER OFFSEASON ADDITIONS



Seattle also signed two young players to contracts over the offseason in defenders Leo Burney and Travian Sousa, with Burney becoming the 24th Homegrown Player in club history.

LEO BURNNEY

Burney, 23, is coming off a 2024 season at Penn that saw the Seattle native win the 2024 Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year award, starting 19 of the school's 20 matches as the Quakers played to a perfect 7-0 record in the Ivy League conference. He scored four goals and added two assists, in addition to being part of a defensive unit that recorded a 0.57 goals against average with five shutouts. His efforts helped the Quakers advance to the Ivy League Men's Soccer Tournament Final in 2024, falling 3-1 to Princeton. Over his four-year career, he started all 69 of his appearances from 2021-2024, recording 11 goals and five assists. As a sophomore in 2022, Burney scored five goals and added two assists, as he won his first Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year award. Burney was named First Team All-Ivy all four seasons at Penn and a Second Team All-American in 2022.

Burney also played for local USL League Two team Ballard FC from 2022-2024, starting 42 of his 43 appearances with three goals and three assists. With Burney on the field, Ballard played to a 31-7-5 record, recording 14 clean sheets and amassing a plus-71 goal differential. He helped Ballard FC win the 2023 USL League Two National Championship and two Northwest Division titles (2023 and 2024), co-captaining the squad during the 2024 campaign.

Originally joining Sounders FC Academy in 2014, the Seattle native appeared in 22 matches (17 starts) at the U-16 / U-17 level with two goals during the 2017-2018 season, in addition to starting all three of his appearances for Tacoma Defiance. He was also part of the Sounders FC Academy teams that won the 2018 U-17 Generation Adidas Cup in the Premier Division and the 2018 U-17 USSDA National Championship.

TRAVIAN SOUSA

Sousa, 23, originally signed with Tacoma Defiance prior to the 2022 season, the inaugural year of MLS NEXT Pro. The Lathrop, California native became a mainstay in the starting lineup, making 27 appearances (23 starts) including playoffs in 2024, scoring a goal against The Town FC (April 25) while adding four assists. From 2022-2023, Sousa made 41 appearances (27 starts) for Tacoma (including postseason), scoring two goals and tallying six assists. Prior to joining Defiance, Sousa played for Hamburger SV in Germany from 2019-2020 before spending the 2021 season with Oakland Roots SC and Sporting Kansas City II.

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SOUNDERS FC UNVEILS THE SALISH SEA KIT



Seattle Sounders FC recently introduced “The Salish Sea Kit,” part of adidas’ Community Kit collection and the club’s new secondary kit for the 2025-2026 Major League Soccer seasons. Featuring cool green and blue tones evoking Pacific Northwestern waters and a unique pattern derived from Coast Salish weaving traditions in collaboration with indigenous artists representing the Puyallup, Muckleshoot and Suquamish Tribes, The Salish Sea Kit serves a call to protect what sustains us and to celebrate the connections that make us whole.

This one-of-a-kind kit also has purpose beyond the pitch. Sounders FC is committed to donating proceeds up to \$50,000 from the first 30 days of The Salish Sea Kit’s sales to organizations dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of tribal communities and protecting the Salish Sea’s remarkable ecosystem, including: The Burke Museum, Potlatch Fund, Puget Soundkeeper, Seattle Aquarium and RAVE Foundation.

These funds will be thoughtfully invested to support youth education and arts programs honoring the traditions of Washington State’s tribal communities, advance conservation efforts to restore the health of the Salish Sea and provide meaningful experiences for tribal youth, including educational field trips and opportunities to attend Sounders FC matches.

Through these initiatives, Sounders FC aims to honor the interconnectedness of the region’s people and environment, creating a legacy that uplifts communities and inspires stewardship of the Salish Sea.

Born at the water’s edge in 1974, Sounders FC has been inextricably connected to the Puget Sound from the club’s earliest days. But the waters of the Sound – part of the greater Salish Sea – have a history far deeper and vaster, stretching back through the generations to time immemorial. The Salish Sea flows both literally through its waters and figuratively through its spirit, sustaining life and building strong communities. Sounders FC’s Salish Sea Kit honors water as a life force and a vessel for rich cultural traditions.

The jersey’s striking geometric pattern suggests a sense of dimensionality and flow, inspired by twilling and twining, two traditional Southern Coast Salish weaving techniques. These techniques, passed down through generations, pay respect to the resilience, connection and creativity that define the cultural fabric of the region.

The design draws directly from the artistry of three distinguished indigenous Pacific Northwestern artists Connie McCloud, Gail White Eagle and Danielle Morsette.

Coast Salish artist Louie Gong (Nooksack Tribe) played an instrumental role in bringing this group of collaborators together, recommending that the jersey’s story be told through the work of these three talented women who have now brought their weaving traditions to life on a global stage, constructing The Salish Sea Kit as an authentic and novel testament to Coast Salish tradition.

The phrase “Water Is Sacred” appears on the bottom left corner of each jersey front, proudly printed in both English and Southern Lushootseed, the traditional language of the Puyallup, Muckleshoot, Suquamish and neighboring Coast Salish tribes. This powerful statement underscores the deep cultural and spiritual connection to the Salish Sea and serves as a reminder of the shared responsibility to protect it.

The neck hit features an original design that combines a wave of water, the tail of an orca and a flowing “S” that represents both the Seattle Sounders and the Salish Sea. Anchored by the club’s birth year, 1974, this motif reflects a commitment to stewardship that spans generations – connecting the past, present and future in the fight to preserve our environment.

The right jersey sleeve showcases the logo of the Puyallup Tribe, an original steward of the land throughout what is now known as the Puget Sound. The tribe and its Emerald Queen Casino have partnered with Sounders FC since 2021.

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SOUNDERS FC AND VISSELL KOBE RENEW HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP



SEATTLE, WA



KOBE, JAPAN

Sounders FC and Japanese club Vissel Kobe recently announced a renewal of their historic partnership, a momentous step toward strengthening global connections and celebrating the bond between sister cities Seattle and Kobe. This week marks the 30th anniversary of the two clubs' initial collaboration, and this renewed relationship will continue to foster cultural exchange, community engagement and mutual support between the clubs, their cities and fans. The partnership between the two clubs includes collaborative aspects on the technical side, including player development, scouting and squad management, in addition to marketing, digital and commercial endeavors.

The partnership between Sounders FC and Vissel Kobe was first established in 1995 in response to the devastating Kobe earthquake that affected thousands of lives. In the wake of this tragedy, the two teams united in a show of solidarity, playing two international matches – one in Kobe and one in Seattle – raising awareness and funds for earthquake relief efforts. This landmark initiative not only united two soccer clubs but also formed a lasting friendship between the cities of Seattle and Kobe, which have been sister cities since 1957.

"The bond between our two clubs and cities has always been one of special significance," said Sounders FC Owner Adrian Hanauer, who took the first step toward renewing this cherished relationship by personally reaching out to Vissel Kobe in late 2024. "As we approach the 30th anniversary of our partnership, it felt like the right time to renew our commitment to one another and explore new opportunities for collaboration. This partnership transcends soccer – it's about global community, shared values and mutual respect."

This renewal of the partnership was sparked during Hanauer's visit to Japan in December 2024 to meet with executives from Vissel Kobe (pictured above with Vissel Kobe Vice Chairman Kenichi Mikitani). Both clubs are committed to creating new opportunities for cultural exchange and youth development, with a focus on promoting soccer and strengthening the ties between Seattle and Kobe. Through this renewed collaboration, Sounders FC and Vissel Kobe will explore initiatives that bring their communities together, including friendly matches, youth camps and joint charitable events to support causes that impact both Japan and the Pacific Northwest.

"We are pleased to announce that Vissel Kobe has formed a partnership with Seattle Sounders FC," said Vissel Kobe President Yuki Chifu. "Kobe and Seattle are sister cities, and this partnership has its roots in the events following the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995. In that year, Vissel Kobe visited Seattle, and the following year, in 1996, the predecessor of Seattle Sounders FC came to Kobe for a charity match. This historical connection has led to the realization of this partnership. It is an honor to collaborate with such an outstanding club as Seattle Sounders FC."






"This partnership will involve efforts on both sports and business fronts," continued Chifu. "Moving forward, we aim to deepen collaboration in various areas, including enhancing player transfers and development, creating growth opportunities for young players and promoting the discovery and nurturing of talented players through scouting and data sharing. Additionally, as a bridge between Asia and America, we are committed to enhancing the brand value of both clubs. We look forward to many years of mutual growth and success for both clubs."

To kick off the renewed partnership, Vissel Kobe has loaned defender Kaito Yamada to Tacoma Defiance for the 2025 campaign. The 18-year-old centerback has spent time with the Japan Youth National Team and now joins Sounders FC's MLS NEXT Pro side for the upcoming season, which begins later this spring.

Sounders FC and Vissel Kobe also plan to enhance their digital engagement and provide fans in both cities with unique opportunities to connect with their teams across borders. The partnership is a celebration of soccer's power to unite people around the world, creating a space for collaboration beyond the pitch. The clubs will continue to focus on mutual growth, helping to raise the profile of the beautiful game in both Japan and the United States.

SOUNDERS FC WEEKLY NOTES

ALL-TIME CLUB LEADERS

Team	Points*	W-L-D	Goals
	847	241-159-124	771
	796	220-168-136	843
	793	219-170-136	785
	780	214-173-138	772
	723	216-178-130	757

*Regular season only. Updated as of October 19, 2024

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Team	MLS Cup	Shield	USOC	CCL	LC	Total*
Seattle Sounders FC	2	1	4	1	0	8
LA Galaxy	4	2	0	0	0	6
Sporting Kansas City	1	0	3	0	0	4
Los Angeles FC	1	2	1	0	0	4
Columbus Crew	2	0	0	0	1	3
New York Red Bulls	0	3	0	0	0	3
Toronto FC	1	1	0	0	0	2+
FC Dallas	0	1	1	0	0	2
Houston Dynamo	0	0	2	0	0	2
Inter Miami CF	0	1	0	0	1	2

* Includes MLS Cup, Supporters' Shield, Concacaf Champions League, Leagues Cup and Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup titles
 + Toronto FC also has eight Canadian Championship titles

ALL-TIME CLUB LEADERS



SOUNDERS FC GOALS - ALL COMPETITIONS

Player	MLS	PS	USOC	CCL	LC	Total
Raúl Ruidíaz	72	9	0	3	2	86
Jordan Morris	66	9	1	4	4	84
Fredy Montero	59	0	10	9	1	79
Nicolás Lodeiro	41	8	0	7	2	58
Clint Dempsey	47	6	1	3	0	57
Obafemi Martins	40	0	3	0	0	43
Cristian Roldan	36	0	1	2	1	40
Lamar Neagle	27	1	1	4	0	33
Will Bruin	28*	3	0	1	0	32
Eddie Johnson	23	3	1	2	0	29

*Includes goal in MLS is Back Knockout Round in 2020



SOUNDERS FC ASSISTS - ALL COMPETITIONS

Player	MLS	PS	USOC	CCL	LC	Total
Nicolás Lodeiro	80	11	0	4	0	95
Cristian Roldan	45	2	0	6	4	57
Fredy Montero	43	2	1	6	0	52
Mauro Rosales	34	0	1	2	0	37
Jordan Morris	27	3	0	2	1	33
Clint Dempsey	28	1	1	2	0	32
Brad Evans	27	2	0	1	0	30
Osvaldo Alonso	24	0	2	2	0	28
Joevin Jones	19	7	0	0	0	26
João Paulo	24	1	0	1	0	26

2025 SOUNDERS FC ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Ht	Wt	DOB	Hometown	Previous Club
3	Travian Sousa	Defender	5' 11"	180	9/19/01	Lathrop, CA	Tacoma Defiance (MLSNP)
4	Leo Burney	Defender	6' 3"	195	11/02/01	Seattle, WA	Penn Quakers (NCAA)
5	Nouhou	Defender	6' 0"	174	6/23/97	Douala, Cameroon	Sounders FC 2 (MLSNP)
6	João Paulo	Midfielder	5' 8"	172	3/8/91	Serafina Corrêa, Brazil	Botafogo (Brazil)
7	Cristian Roldan	Midfielder	5' 8"	165	6/3/95	Pico Rivera, CA	Washington (NCAA)
9	Jesús Ferreira	Forward	5' 8"	150	12/24/00	McKinney, TX	FC Dallas
10	Pedro de la Vega	Midfielder	5' 10"	179	2/7/01	Olavarría, Argentina	Lanús (Argentina)
11	Albert Rusnák	Midfielder	5' 10"	175	7/7/94	Košice, Slovakia	Real Salt Lake
13	Jordan Morris	Forward	6' 0"	185	10/26/94	Mercer Island, WA	Stanford Cardinal (NCAA)
14	Paul Rothrock	Midfielder	5' 10"	174	1/9/99	Seattle, WA	Tacoma Defiance (MLNSP)
15	Jonathan Bell	Defender	6' 0"	184	8/26/97	Rockville, MD	St. Louis CITY SC
16	Alex Roldan	Defender	5' 10"	157	7/28/96	Pico Rivera, CA	Seattle University (NCAA)
17	Paul Arriola	Midfielder	5' 6"	146	2/5/95	Chula Vista, CA	FC Dallas
18	Obed Vargas	Midfielder	5' 9"	159	8/5/05	Anchorage, AK	Tacoma Defiance (MLSNP)
19	Danny Musovski	Forward	6' 0"	169	11/30/95	Henderson, NV	Real Salt Lake
20	Kim Kee-hee	Defender	6' 2"	172	7/13/89	Busan, South Korea	Ulsan Hyundai (South Korea)
21	Reed-Baker Whiting	Midfielder	6' 1"	170	3/31/05	Seattle, WA	Tacoma Defiance (MLSNP)
24	Stefan Frei	Goalkeeper	6' 3"	200	4/20/86	Altstaetten, Switzerland	Toronto FC
25	Jackson Ragen	Defender	6' 5"	214	9/24/98	Seattle, WA	Michigan Wolverines (NCAA)
26	Andrew Thomas	Goalkeeper	6' 1"	195	9/1/98	Moscow, Russia	Stanford Cardinal (NCAA)
28	Yeimar Gómez Andrade	Defender	6' 2"	212	6/30/92	Tadó, Colombia	Unión de Sante Fe (Argentina)
29	Jacob Castro	Goalkeeper	6' 6"	204	12/18/99	Tacoma, WA	San Diego State (NCAA)
33	Cody Baker	Defender	5' 10"	157	1/4/04	Issaquah, WA	Tacoma Defiance (MLSNP)
39	Stuart Hawkins	Defender	6' 3"	180	9/18/06	Fox Island, WA	Tacoma Defiance (MLSNP)
75	Danny Leyva	Midfielder	5' 11"	168	5/5/03	Las Vegas, NV	Tacoma Defiance (MLSNP)
93	Georgi Minoungou	Midfielder	5' 10"	178	7/25/02	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	Tacoma Defiance (MLSNP)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

No.	Name	Pos	Pronunciation
3	Travian Sousa	D	SOO-suh
5	Nouhou	D	NEW-hoo
6	João Paulo	M	Joe-OW
7	Cristian Roldan	M	Roll-dahn
9	Jesús Ferreria	F	Hey-soos Fur-AIR-uh
11	Albert Rusnák	M	ROOS-nack
16	Alex Roldan	D	Roll-dahn
17	Paul Arriola	M	ARE-ee-oh-la
19	Danny Musovski	F	Moose-OFF-ski
21	Reed Baker-Whiting	M	WHITE-ing
24	Stefan Frei	GK	STEF-in FRY
28	Yeimar Gómez Andrade	D	Yay-mar an-drah-day
93	Georgi Minoungou	M	Min-OON-goo

COACHING STAFF

Brian Schmetzer	Head Coach
Freddy Juarez	Assistant Coach
Preki	Assistant Coach
Andy Rose	Assistant Coach
Tom Dutra	Club Director of Goalkeeping

TECHNICAL STAFF

Craig Waibel	General Manager & Chief Soccer Officer
Henry Brauner	Technical Director
Chris Cornish	Vice President of Sports Medicine
Adam Centofanti	Director of Performance
Nolan Myer	Director of Equipment Operations
Grant Clark	Team Administration Director
Wade Webber	Director of Development
Vince Johnson	Director of Team Operations
Sean Henderson	Director of Scouting
Tyler Cox	Director of Analytics
Corey Sinsler	Director of Player Personnel

No. 3 | Defender

TRAVIAN SOUSA



Height: 5-11
Weight: 150
Born: September 19, 2001
Hometown: Lathrop, California
Citizenship: United States

- Made 68 appearances (50 starts) for Tacoma Defiance from 2022-2024
- Scored three goals and added 10 assists during his time with Tacoma, including four assists during the 2024 season
- Prior to joining Defiance, played for Hamburger SV II in Germany from 2019-2020 before spending the 2021 season with Oakland Roots SC and Sporting Kansas City II

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on December 11, 2024

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Tacoma Defiance (2022-2024)
Oakland Roots (2021)
Sporting KC II (2021)
Hamburg SV II (2019-2020)

No. 4 | Defender

LEO BURNLEY



Height: 6-3
Weight: 195
Born: November 2, 2001
Hometown: Seattle, Washington
Citizenship: United States

- Won Ivy League Defender of the Year with Penn in 2024 and 2022
- Was named First Team All-Ivy in all four years at Penn and a Second Team All-American in 2022
- Started all 69 of his appearances with Penn, scoring 11 goals and tallying 5 assists
- Was part of a backline during his senior year in 2024 that allowed 0.57 goals a game and recorded five shutouts
- Advanced to the Ivy League Men's Soccer Tournament Final in 2024, falling to Princeton 3-1
- Played for Ballard FC from 2022-2024, winning the 2023 USL League Two National Championship
- Originally joined Sounders FC Academy in 2014

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on December 11, 2024

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Ballard FC (2022-2024)

No. 5 | Defender

NOUHOU



Height: 5-10
Weight: 175
Born: June 23, 1997
Hometown: Douala, Cameroon
Citizenship: Cameroon

- Entering 2025, has started 191 of 241 appearances for the Rave Green in all competitions, scoring his first career goal for Seattle against Houston while adding eight assists in that span
- Appeared in seven matches during the club's Concacaf Champions League run
- Named to Cameroon's final roster for the 2022 FIFA World Cup, starting all three of its Group Stage matches, including a historic win over Brazil
- Earned first cap with Cameroon National Team in 2017, and now has 22 appearances for his country. Has also appeared at U-23 and U-20 levels
- 17 starts in 20 career postseason appearances
- **2022 Concacaf Champions League Best XI, 2021 MLS All-Star**

Pronunciation:
NEW-hoo

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on January 26, 2017

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
S2/Tacoma Defiance (2015-2017)
Rainbow FC (2015)

No. 6 | Midfielder

JOÃO PAULO



Height: 5-6
Weight: 155
Born: March 8, 1991
Hometown: Serafina Corrêa, Brazil
Citizenship: Brazil

- Entering 2025, started 127 of 144 appearances in all competitions. Scored eight goals and tallied 26 assists in that span
- Appeared in seven matches during the Concacaf Champions League before tearing his ACL and missing the rest of the season in 2022
- Was nominated for Landon Donovan Most Valuable Player in 2021 following a three goal, 11 assist season
- In his final season with Botafogo, he made 36 league appearances in Brazil's Série A, recording three goals as the club finished 15th in the table with 43 points (13-21-4)
- He appeared twice as a substitute in Botafogo's title run in the Campeonato Carioca, as well as once in Copa de Brasil action in 2018
- **2021 MLS All-Star, 2021 MLS Best XI**

Pronunciation:
joe-OW

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on January 31, 2020

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Botafogo (2017-2019), Santa Cruz (2015-2016), Goiás (2014), Atlético Goianiense (2013), Internacional (2010-2013)

No. 7 | Midfielder

CRISTIAN ROLDAN



Height: 5-8
Weight: 165
Born: June 3, 1995
Hometown: Pico Rivera, California
Citizenship: United States
College: Washington

Pronunciation:
roll-dahn

HOW ACQUIRED:
Drafted by Seattle as the 16th pick in the MLS SuperDraft on January 15, 2015

- Entering 2025, started 315 of 346 regular season appearances, scoring 40 goals and adding 57 assists, including adding one goal and five assists in the club's Concacaf Champions League run in 2022
- In 2023, became one of three Sounders in club history to surpass 300 all-competition appearances
- Has made 32 appearances (14 starts) for the U.S. Men's National Team. Named to the U.S. Men's National Team final roster for the 2022 FIFA World Cup
- Started 20 of 23 postseason appearances and has played every minute of all four of Seattle's four MLS Cup final fixtures
- Named NSCAA Third Team All-American as a sophomore at University of Washington
- 2013 Gatorade National Player of the Year as a senior at El Racho High School
- 2021 MLS All-Star, 2022 Concacaf Champions League Best XI

No. 9 | Forward

JESÚS FERREIRA



Height: 5-8
Weight: 150
Born: December 24, 2000
Hometown: McKinney, Texas
Citizenship: United States

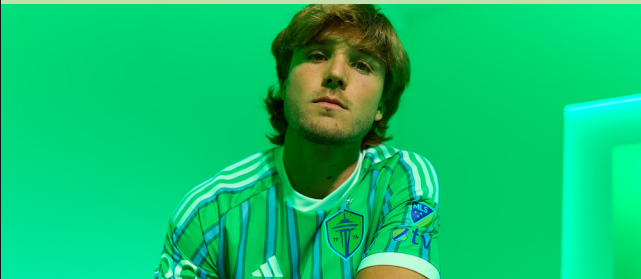
HOW ACQUIRED:
Acquired from FC Dallas via trade on January 8, 2025

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
FC Dallas (2016-2024)

- Scored 55 goals and tallied 40 assists with FC Dallas from 2016-2024, starting 151 of 181 all-competition appearances
- Scored 15 goals in 23 career appearances with the U.S. Men's National Team
- Was a member of the United States' 2022 FIFA World Cup Team in Qatar, starting against the Netherlands in the Quarterfinals
- Scored seven goals in five appearances at the 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup
- Originally joined the FC Dallas Academy at the age of eight. Was part of the FC Dallas U-16 Academy team that won the 2015-2016 U.S. Soccer Development Academy Championship and the 2017 Dallas Cup Super Group.
- 2023 MLS All-Star, 2022 MLS All-Star, 2022 MLS Best XI, 2022 MLS Young Player of the Year

No. 10 | Midfielder

PEDRO DE LA VEGA



Height: 5-8
Weight: 165
Born: February 7, 2001
Hometown: Olavarría, Argentina
Citizenship: Argentina

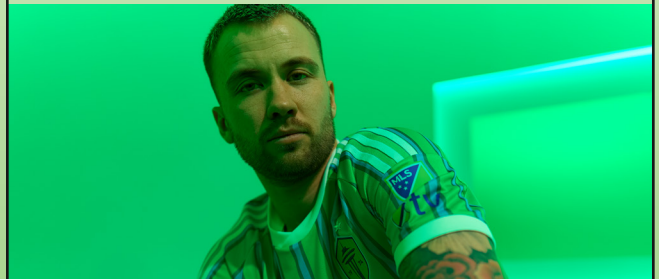
HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on January 24, 2024 as a Young Designated Player

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Lanús (2018-2023)

- Started 15 of 23 appearances in his first season with Seattle in 2024, scoring in his debut against LAFC
- Appeared in 127 matches for Lanús from 2018-2023 in all competitions, including a career high 38 appearances in league play in 2023
- Tallied 17 goals and 14 assists during his time with Lanús
- Became first Young Designated Player in Sounders FC history
- Made his debut for the Argentina National Team during the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo
- Made 17 appearances for Argentina at both the U-20 and U-23 levels

No. 11 | Midfielder

ALBERT RUSNÁK



Height: 5-9
Weight: 168
Born: July 7, 1994
Hometown: Košice, Slovakia
Citizenship: Slovakia

Pronunciation:
ROOS-nack

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on January 13, 2022 as a Designated Player

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Real Salt Lake (2017-2021), Groningen (2014-2017), Cambuur (2014-2015), Birmingham City (2013-2014), Oldham Athletic (2013-2014)

- Entering 2025, started 113 of 191 appearances in all competitions, scoring 22 goals and added 26 assists
- Tallied 11 goals and 19 assists in all competitions in 2024, setting the club single-season record for all-competition assists
- 38 career caps for Slovakian National Team, scoring seven goals
- From 2017 to 2021, Rusnák scored 30 goals and added 28 assists, while starting 101 matches
- Came up through Manchester City's youth system
- Prior to coming to Real Salt Lake, Rusnák played for Groningen of Eredivisie, the Netherlands highest level of professional soccer

No. 13 | Forward

JORDAN MORRIS



Height: 6-0
Weight: 185
Born: October 26, 1994
Hometown: Mercer Island, Washington
Citizenship: United States
College: Stanford

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed as Homegrown Player on January 21, 2016

- Entering 2025, has started 222 of 246 all-competition appearances, scoring 84 goals in all-competitions in that span. He has also added 33 assists
- Scored a career-high 18 goals in all competitions, including 13 goals in the regular season
- Appeared in two matches for the U.S. Men's National Team in the 2022 FIFA World Cup
- 52 career caps for the U.S. Men's National Team, scoring 11 goals
- As a senior at Stanford, led Cardinal to National Championship and won the MAC Hermann Trophy and became the first college player since 1995 to make senior USMNT appearance (November 2014)
- Scored 28 goals in 32 games for Sounders FC Academy in 2012
- *2016 MLS Rookie of the Year, 2019 MLS Comeback Player of the Year, 2020 MLS Best XI, 2022 MLS All-Star, 2022 Concacaf Champions League Best XI*

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
*St. Louis CITY SC (2023)
New England Revolution (2021-2023)
New England Revolution II (2020)*

No. 14 | Midfielder

PAUL ROTHROCK



Height: 5-9
Weight: 163
Born: January 9, 1999
Hometown: Seattle, Washington
Citizenship: United States

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on August 15, 2023

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Toronto FC II (2021-2022)

- Entering 2025, has started 23 of 44 appearances, scoring 11 goals
- Scored eight goals and added three assists in all competitions last year, including five goal in MLS
- Scored in his Sounders FC debut against the San Diego Loyal in the 2023 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup
- Played for Tacoma Defiance during the 2023 MLS NEXT Pro season, scoring seven goals and tallying five assists.
- Prior to joining Defiance, Rothrock played for Toronto FC II, scoring 12 goals from 2021-2022, helping lead Toronto to the 2022 MLS NEXT Pro Eastern Conference Final
- Played collegiately at Notre Dame and Georgetown from 2017-2021, helping the Hoyas to the program's first NCAA title in 2019 in a season that saw Rothrock score four goals and add seven assists
- The Seattle native joined Sounders FC in 2016 and scored in his lone appearance as an amateur for Sounders FC 2 against Real Monarchs on July 9, 2017.

No. 15 | Defender

JONATHAN BELL



Height: 6-1
Weight: 183
Born: August 26, 1997
Hometown: Rockville, Maryland
Citizenship: Jamaica

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on January 12, 2024 after being selected in Stage One of the 2023 Re-Entry process on December 14

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
*St. Louis CITY SC (2023)
New England Revolution (2021-2023)
New England Revolution II (2020)*

- Started 10 of 17 appearances last year, scoring a goal against St. Louis on July 17, 2024
- Started 24 of 34 matches with the New England Revolution and St. Louis CITY SC from 2021-2023
- Started all 15 appearances for New England Revolution II in 2020
- Originally San Jose's 38th overall selection in the 2020 MLS SuperDraft
- Has two career appearances for Jamaica, most recently playing 90 minutes in a CONMEBOL Copa America match against Venezuela on July 1, 2024
- Started 53 of 56 matches for University of Maryland, Baltimore County, scoring one goal and eight assists over four seasons

No. 16 | Defender

ALEX ROLDAN



Height: 5-10
Weight: 155
Born: June 28, 1996
Hometown: Pico Rivera, California
Citizenship: United States

Pronunciation:
roll-dahn

HOW ACQUIRED:
Selected with the 22nd pick of the First Round (22nd overall) in the 2018 MLS SuperDraft. Signed to First Team contract on February 13, 2018.

- Entering 2025, started 158 of 204 all-competition appearances, scoring six goals and adding 18 assists. Started all eight matches for Seattle in its Concacaf Champions League run in 2022
- Made 11 appearances for El Salvador in the country's World Cup qualifying campaign, scoring one goal
- Has 25 career appearances for El Salvador since 2021, scoring three goals
- Started all 82 games over his four years at Seattle University with 18 goals and 17 assists, including six goals and team-leading eight assists in 2017
- Made Sounders FC debut as substitute in Scotiabank CONCACAF Champions League match at Santa Tecla FC on February 22, 2018
- Younger brother of Sounders FC midfielder, Cristian Roldan
- *2021 MLS All-Star*

No. 17 | Midfielder

PAUL ARRIOLA



Height: 5-6
Weight: 146
Born: February 5, 1995
Hometown: Chula Vista, CA
Citizenship: United States/Mexico

HOW ACQUIRED:
Acquired via trade from FC Dallas on January 13, 2025

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
FC Dallas (2022-2024)
D.C. United (2017-2021)
Swansea City (Loan, 2021)
Club Tijuana (2013-2017)

- Has appeared in over 300 matches across MLS and Liga MX since 2013
- Started 85 of 96 appearances in all competitions for FC Dallas from 2022-2024, scoring 18 goals while adding 19 assists
- Started 86 of 92 appearances in all competitions while at D.C. United from 2017-2021, adding 20 goals and 16 assists
- Made over 100 appearances for Liga MX side Club Tijuana from 2013-2017 where he scored 11 goals
- Has 50 career caps for the U.S. Men's National Team, helping the country win the 2019-2020 Concacaf Nations League
- Appeared in five matches during the U.S.'s successful FIFA 2022 World Cup qualifying campaign
- **2022 MLS All-Star**

No. 18 | Midfielder

OBED VARGAS



Height: 5-9
Weight: 150
Born: August 5, 2005
Hometown: Anchorage, Alaska
Citizenship: United States/Mexico

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed as a Homegrown Player on December 14, 2021

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Seattle Sounders FC (2021-2024)

- Entering 2025, started 67 of 89 all-competition appearances, tallying one goal and nine assists in MLS play, including seven helpers in 2024
- Scored his first goal against the Philadelphia Union in a 3-2 win on April 30
- Was number seven on 2024's 22 Under 22 rankings after solidifying his role in the defensive midfield
- Made his debut for the senior Mexican National Team in a friendly against the United States on October 16, 2024
- The Alaskan was one of five teenagers to start in Seattle's 1-0 win over Austin FC on July 22, 2021, becoming the third-youngest player in league history to play in a MLS match (15 years and 351 days)
- Vargas joined the Academy at age 14 from Cook Inlet Soccer Club in his home state of Alaska and has also represented the USYNT at the U-15 level

No. 17 | Forward

DANNY MUSOVSKI



Height: 6-0
Weight: 169
Born: November 30, 1995
Hometown: Henderson, Nevada
College: University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Pronunciation:
Moose-OFF-ski

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on February 1, 2024

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Real Salt Lake (2022-2023), LAFC (2020-2022), Las Vegas Lights FC (2021, on loan from LAFC), Reno FC 1868 FC (2019, 2018 on loan from San Jose Earthquakes), San Jose Earthquakes (2018)

- Started seven of 30 all-competition appearances for Seattle in 2024, scoring two goals
- Has tallied 47 goals over six seasons in MLS and USL from 2018-2024
- Originally San Jose's 30th overall pick in the 2018 SuperDraft
- Coming off a season where he scored nine goals in all competitions with Real Salt Lake, including two goals and an assist in RSL's semifinal run in the 2023 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup
- Two-time Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year at UNLV. Scored 47 goals in his collegiate career, including a 15-goal senior season

No. 20 | Defender

KIM KEE-HEE



Height: 6-2
Weight: 172
Born: July 13, 1989
Hometown: Busan, South Korea
Citizenship: South Korea

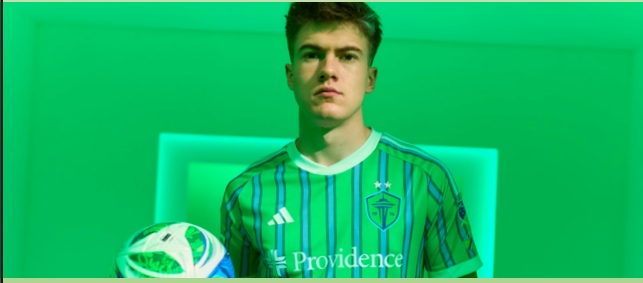
HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on January 28, 2025

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Ulsan Hyundai (2020-2024)
Sounders FC (2018-2019)
Shanghai Shenhua (2016-2017)
Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors (2013-2016)
AI-Sailliya (2012-2013)
Daegu FC (2011-2013)

- Played for Seattle from 2018-2019, starting 64 of 66 all-competition appearances.
- Started all 34 of his appearances in 2019 and played all 90 minutes in the 3-1 MLS Cup Final win over Toronto FC
- Played for South Korea's Ulsan Hyundai from 2020-2024, starting 138 of 146 appearances and won three consecutive K-League titles from 2022-2024
- Won the AFC Champions League Elite title in 2020 with Ulsan Hyundai
- Prior to joining Seattle, appeared in over 120 matches across the K-League and Chinese Super League
- Has 23 caps for the South Korean National Team, including a total of nine appearances during South Korea's successful 2014 and 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying campaigns

No. 21 | Midfielder

REED BAKER-WHITING



Height: 5-11
Weight: 160
Born: March 31, 2005
Hometown: Seattle, Washington
Citizenship: United States

- Entering 2025, has started 20 of 60 all competition appearances for Seattle, tallying his first assist against FC Dallas on September 16, 2023
- Recorded an assist in Seattle's 2-1 win over Sacramento Republic FC in the 2024 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup quarterfinals
- Scored against San Diego Loyal in the 2023 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup
- Became the 17th Homegrown Player signing in club history in May of 2021
- Seven appearances for Tacoma Defiance in 2020
- Has represented the U.S. on the U-17, U-19 and U-20 levels
- Joined Sounders FC Academy in 2016, won 2017 & 2018 Youdan Trophy and 2019 Generation adidas Cup Champions Division

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed as a Homegrown Player on May 12, 2021

No. 24 | Goalkeeper

STEFAN FREI



Height: 6-3
Weight: 195
Born: April 20, 1986
Hometown: Altstetten, Switzerland
Citizenship: Switzerland
College: California

- Sounders FC's all-time leader with 388 appearances for the club across all competitions from 2014-2024
- Through 2024, ranks second all-time in MLS history with 116 regular-season shutouts (Nick Rimando, 154). Also ranks in the top five in goalkeeper appearances (407), wins (173) and saves (1,266)
- 20 career wins in the Audi MLS Cup Playoffs, second among all goalkeepers in league history (Kevin Hartman, 24)
- Only player to ever win MLS Cup, Supporters' Shield, U.S. Open Cup, Concacaf Champions Cup and Canadian Championship
- Led MLS with a 0.99 goals against average in 2024 (minimum 10 appearances) after setting a single-season club record with 14 regular-season shutouts in 2023
- 2016 MLS Cup MVP, 2017 MLS All-Star, 2018 MLS Save of the Year, 2022 Concacaf Champions League Best XI, 2022 Concacaf Champions League Goalkeeper of the Tournament, 2022 Concacaf Champions Player of the Tournament

Pronunciation:
STEF-in FRY

HOW ACQUIRED:
Acquired via trade from Toronto on December 10, 2013

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Toronto FC (2009-2013)

No. 25 | Defender

JACKSON RAGEN



Height: 6-6
Weight: 201
Born: September 24, 1998
Hometown: Seattle, Washington
Citizenship: United States

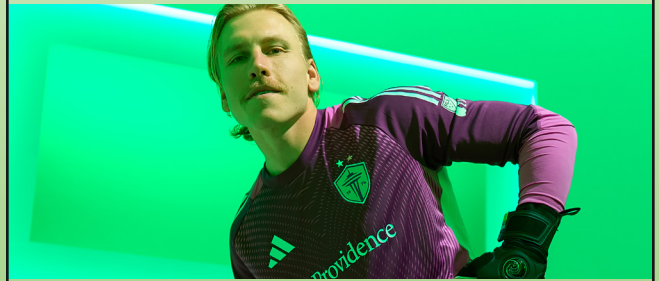
- Entering 2025, has started 100 of 114 all-competition appearance. Helped anchor of a backline that allowed 35 goals in 2024, the fewest in MLS
- Was named a finalist for MLS Defender of the Year in 2024
- Ragen started all 16 of his appearances for Tacoma in 2021. He recorded 20 tackles won, 69 clearances and 11 interceptions as well as one goal
- Won Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year his senior year at the University of Michigan
- Scored five goals during senior season at the University of Michigan
- Received First Team All-Big Ten honors in 2019 and 2021

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed to Sounders FC on February 14, 2022

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Tacoma Defiance (2021)

No. 26 | Goalkeeper

ANDREW THOMAS



Height: 6-3
Weight: 175
Born: September 1, 1998
Hometown: London, England
Citizenship: United States/England/Russia

- Started 13 of 15 all-competition appearances for Seattle in 2024
- Made 15 starts for Tacoma Defiance in 2023 and nine starts for New Mexico United while on loan
- Made 12 starts for Tacoma Defiance in 2022
- Made seven starts for Tacoma Defiance in 2021
- Three-time All-Pac-12 First Team selection and three-time Pac-12 Champion while at Stanford
- Came up through Watford FC Academy
- Has spent time with U.S. U-23 Men's National Team

HOW ACQUIRED:
Claimed off waivers on May 21, 2021 following conclusion of NCAA season

No. 28 | Defender

YEIMAR GÓMEZ ANDRADE



Height: 6-2
Weight: 200
Born: June 30, 1992
Hometown: Tadó, Columbia
Citizenship: Columbia

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on February 5, 2020 using Targeted Allocation Money (TAM)

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Unión de Sante Fe (2017-2020),
Independiente Rivadavia (2016-2017),
Arsenal (2016),
Rosario Central (2014-2015),
Tiro Federal (2013-2014)

- Entering 2025, has started 164 of 173 regular-season appearances for Seattle
- Named a finalist for MLS Defender of the Year in 2023
- One career appearance for Colombia
- Voted Sounders FC Defender of the Year from 2020-2024
- In his final season with Unión in 2019, Yeimar started all 15 of his appearances in Argentina, scoring two goals, in addition to playing once in Copa Argentina before being transferred to Sounders FC
- Started all 24 of his appearances and scored two goals as Union finished eighth during the 2018-2019 campaign with 36 points (9-7-9)
- In his first season with Unión de Sante Fe, Yeimar started all 25 of his appearances back in the Argentine first division, scoring one goal, as the club finished 10th in the table with 43 points (11-6-10)
- 2021 MLS All-Star, 2021 MLS Best XI, 2024 MLS Best XI

No. 29 | Goalkeeper

JACOB CASTRO



Height: 6-4
Weight: 190
Born: December 18, 1999
Hometown: Tacoma, Washington
College: San Diego State

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed as a Homegrown Player on December 13, 2022

- Started all 34 appearances for Tacoma Defiance in from 2023-2024
- First Aztec goalkeeper since 2006 to be named All-Pac-12 First Team in 2021, allowing 16 goals in 17 starts with seven shutouts
- Earned all All-Pac-12 honors in 2021-2022
- Transferred to San Diego State after two seasons with Washington
- Made four appearances for Tacoma Defiance as an amateur in 2017

No. 33 | Defender

CODY BAKER



Height: 5-10
Weight: 155
Born: January 7, 2004
Hometown: Issaquah, Washington
Citizenship: United States

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed as a Homegrown Player on May 16, 2023

- Entering 2025, has started 15 of 30 all-competition appearances for Seattle
- Recorded his first MLS assist against San Jose on March 23, 2024
- Prior to signing a MLS contract, made four First Team appearances (three starts) from April 26 - May 13, 2023 via short-term agreement
- Started 25 of 40 appearances with Tacoma Defiance from 2021-2023, scoring one goal against Timbers2
- Signed with Tacoma Defiance on July 21, 2021
- Joined Sounders Discovery Program in 2015 before playing for Sounders FC Academy

No. 39 | Defender

STUART HAWKINS



Height: 6-1
Weight: 158
Born: September 18, 2006
Hometown: Fox Island, Washington
Citizenship: United States

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed as a Homegrown Player on September 13, 2023

- Started both of his appearances in 2024 for Seattle during its Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup run
- Was named to the U.S. roster for the 2023 U-17 World Cup
- Started 22 of 24 appearances for Tacoma in 2023, scoring one goal
- Back-to-back MLS NEXT All-Star selections in 2022 and 2023
- Named Most Valuable Player during the Rave Green's championship run at the 2022 U-17 Generation Adidas Cup
- Has represented the U.S. Youth Men's National Team at both the U-15 and U-17 levels

No. 75 | Midfielder

DANNY LEYVA



Height: 5-10
Weight: 140
Born: May 5, 2003
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada
Citizenship: United States

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed as a Homegrown Player on April 9, 2019

- Since 2025, has started 35 of 81 all-competition appearances, tallying three assists in MLS play, including an assist against Houston in the 2024 MLS Cup Playoffs
- Also made two appearances in the 2022 Concacaf Champions League
- Started six of 16 appearances for the Colorado Rapids while on loan in 2023
- Called up to the U-20 U.S. Men's National team for the Revelations Cup in November 9
- Youngest signing in club history at 15 years and 339 days upon signing.
- Six appearances for Tacoma Defiance in 2018 and 2019 prior to signing with Sounders FC
- Member of Sounders FC U-17 squad that won 2017-2018 USSDA National Championship
- Has participated with U.S. U-15 and U-16 National Team squad

No. 93 | Midfielder

GEORGI MINOUNGOU



Height: 5-10
Weight: 178
Born: July 25, 2002
Hometown: Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Citizenship: Côte d'Ivoire

HOW ACQUIRED:
Signed on August 28, 2024

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
MFK Vyskov

- Started six of his 17 appearances for Seattle in 2024, including starting three of five appearances before signing on August 28
- Started 33 of 58 appearances for Tacoma Defiance from 2022-2024, scoring four goals and adding 10 assists
- Scored his first goal for Seattle against Vancouver on October 2, 2024
- Recorded his first assist for the club on May 8, 2024 in an Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup match against Louisville City FC