



RHODE ISLAND FC

VS PHOENIX RISING FC

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH - 7:30 PM

BEIRNE STADIUM

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MATCH NOTES

RHODE ISLAND FC vs. PHOENIX RISING FC



VERSUS



April 26, 2024
7:30 PM ET Kickoff

Smithfield, R.I. · Beirne Stadium
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SAT	MAR 16	HOME	NEW MEXICO	4:00 PM	1 - 1
SUN	MAR 24	AWAY	MONTEREY BAY	6:00 PM	2 - 2
SAT	MAR 30	AWAY	TAMPA BAY	7:30 PM	1 - 4
SAT	APR 6	HOME	CHARLESTON	7:30 PM	0 - 0
SAT	APR 13	HOME	PITTSBURGH	7:30 PM	0 - 0
SAT	APR 20	AWAY	LAS VEGAS	8:00 PM	2 - 1
SAT	APR 27	HOME	PHOENIX	7:30 PM	NESN+
SAT	MAY 4	AWAY	NORTH CAROLINA	7:00 PM	ESPN+
SAT	MAY 11	HOME	SACRAMENTO	7:30 PM	NESN+
FRI	MAY 17	AWAY	COLORADO SPRINGS	9:00 PM	GOALZ!
SAT	MAY 25	HOME	LOUISVILLE	4:00 PM	ESPN+
SAT	JUN 1	AWAY	HARTFORD	7:00 PM	NESN+
SAT	JUN 8	HOME	DETROIT	7:30 PM	NESN+
WED	JUN 12	AWAY	MEMPHIS	8:00 PM	ESPN+
SAT	JUN 22	AWAY	LOUISVILLE	8:00 PM	NESN+
WED	JUN 26	HOME	EL PASO	7:30 PM	NESN+
FRI	JUL 5	HOME	INDY	7:30 PM	ESPN+
SAT	JUL 13	AWAY	MIAMI	7:00 PM	ESPN+
WED	JUL 17	AWAY	BIRMINGHAM	8:00 PM	CBS SPORTS
SAT	JUL 27	HOME	NORTH CAROLINA	7:30 PM	NESN
SAT	AUG 3	AWAY	DETROIT	7:00 PM	GOALZ!
WED	AUG 7	AWAY	INDY	7:00 PM	ESPN+
SAT	AUG 10	HOME	HARTFORD	7:30 PM	NESN+
SAT	AUG 17	HOME	OAKLAND	7:30 PM	NESN+
SAT	AUG 24	AWAY	LOUDOUN	7:30 PM	ESPN+
SAT	AUG 31	HOME	BIRMINGHAM	7:30 PM	NESN+
SAT	SEP 7	AWAY	PITTSBURGH	7:00 PM	NESN
SAT	SEP 14	AWAY	ORANGE COUNTY	10:00 PM	ESPN+
SAT	SEP 21	HOME	TULSA	7:30 PM	NESN+
SAT	SEP 28	AWAY	SAN ANTONIO	8:30 PM	NESN
SAT	OCT 5	HOME	TAMPA BAY	7:30 PM	NESN
SUN	OCT 13	HOME	LOUDOUN	4:00 PM	NESN
SAT	OCT 19	AWAY	CHARLESTON	7:30 PM	NESN
SAT	OCT 26	HOME	MIAMI	8:00 PM	NESN

MATCH KITS

Rhode Island FC



Phoenix Rising FC



MATCH PREVIEW

Rhode Island FC made history with a 2-1 win at Las Vegas Lights FC on April 20, taking home three points for the first time ever. On Tuesday, RIFC Head Coach and General Manager Khano Smith was named USL Championship Coach of the Week following the historic victory. Rallying behind two first-half goals from Stephen Turnbull and Noah Fuson, the club showcased late defensive resilience to protect its lead and come away with a win on the road. Turnbull's goal was his second in five days, and enough to earn him a selection to the USL Championship Team of the Week, while Fuson's match-winner was also the first of his USL Championship career. The 2-0 halftime advantage was the club's first-ever multi-goal lead, and it came as a result of an efficient press that helped force several key Las Vegas turnovers in the attacking third. Against the defending league champions on Friday, maintaining a similar pressure will be crucial to a positive start in front of the home fans.

On the other side of the pitch, the defending league champions most recently took on 2023 Players' Shield winners Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC. The battle ended in a 3-1 win for the visitors, handing Phoenix its third loss of the season and marking the second time in three matches the club has given up three goals. In the attack, Pittsburgh got things started with the opening goal in the 25th minute, but Remi Cabral fired back for Phoenix with his team-leading third score of the season less than two minutes later. Despite tallying nearly double Pittsburgh's shooting total, entering the final third 64 times and owning the possession battle at 61.6 percent, Phoenix's first-half strike was all the homeside had to show for it. Two second-half goals would be all the visitors needed to secure all three points. Phoenix is winless on the road this year (0W-2L-1D), and will look to change that narrative on Friday at Beirne Stadium in order to avoid consecutive defeats for the first time this season.

EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

CLUB	P	W	L	D	GD	PTS
Charleston	8	5	0	3	11	18
Louisville	6	5	1	0	10	15
Detroit	5	5	0	0	6	15
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	4	6	10
Birmingham	6	3	2	1	-2	10
Hartford	5	3	2	0	0	9
Loudoun	6	2	3	1	-1	7
Rhode Island	6	1	1	4	-2	7
North Carolina	7	1	3	3	-3	6
Pittsburgh	6	1	3	2	-3	5
Indy	7	1	4	2	-5	5
Miami	7	1	5	1	-5	4

2024 RIFIC ROSTER



NO.	POS.	NAME	PRONUNCIATION	DOB	HOMETOWN
1	GK	Koke Vegas	koh-keh VEY-GAHS	9/27/95	Antequera, Spain
2	D	Nathan Messer		7/6/01	Washington D.C.
3	D	Stephen Turnbull	steven	3/13/98	Holtsville, N.Y.
4	D	Collin Smith		12/4/03	Jacksonville, Fla.
5	D	Grant Stoneman		11/27/95	St. Charles, Ill.
7	M	Prince Saydee		2/20/93	Monrovia, Liberia
9	F	JJ Williams		1/4/98	Montgomery, Ala.
10	F	Albert Dikwa (Chico)	DEE-KWAH (chee-coe)	2/1/98	Garoua, Cameroon
11	F	Noah Fuson	FEW-SONN	12/31/99	Glendale, Calif.
12	M	Clay Holstad	HOLSTED	1/12/00	Birmingham, Ala.
14	F	Mark Doyle		11/19/98	Dublin, Ireland
15	D	Frank Nodarse	fr[ah]nk NOE-DARR-SAY	12/6/00	La Habana, Cuba
16	D	Gabriel Alves	(gah-bee) AHL-VES	2/10/99	São Paulo, Brazil
17	M	Jojea Kwizera	joe-jay-ah KWEE-ZEH-RAH	1/27/00	West Jordan, Utah
18	M	Joe Brito	BREE-TOE	2/17/99	Bolton, Conn.
19	M	Kevin Vang		8/12/00	Cranston, R.I.
21	M	Kofi Twumasi	coe-fee CHEW-MESSI	8/30/96	Atlanta, Ga.
22	GK	Jackson Lee		9/10/01	Perth, Australia
23	M	Marc Ybarra	EE-BAR-UH	12/18/98	Ann Arbor, Mich.
24	D	Karifa Yao	ka-ree-fa YA-O	9/28/00	Montréal, Canada
28	M	Conor McGlynn		11/20/98	Queens, N.Y.
30	GK	Nate Silveira	SIL-VAIR-UH	8/10/99	East Providence, R.I.
77	M	Amos Shapiro-Thompson	a-miss	1/11/00	Worthington, Mass.

THE "ENERGY" JERSEY

DESIGN

RIFIC's "Energy Kit," is the bay blue colored kit the team will sport at Beirne Stadium at Bryant University in 2024.

The Energy Kit is a metaphor for what RIFIC is about to do to the USL in the upcoming 2024 season - inject the league and the Ocean State with a bolt of energy and enthusiasm.



DETAILS

Inspired by the club's branding, strikingly sleek vertical lightning bolts emphasize the front mid-section and chest panels.

It appears as if you're seeing a bright white bolt of lightning at the exact moment it explodes through the night sky.

A bold, bay blue background represents the rich maritime history that flows through the veins of Rhode Islanders.

RHODE ISLAND FC

2024 INAUGURAL HOME JERSEY

THE "RHODE" JERSEY

DESIGN

RIFIC's "Rhode Kit" is the amber colored kit the team will rock away from home in 2024 and reflects the incredible tight-knit communities that make up the Ocean State.

The Rhode Kit is a testament to the people of Rhode Island, their spirit, determination, and connection through sport.



DETAILS

Thirteen stars on the collar call back to the proud RI state flag and its heritage as the 13th state in the union.

The statement 'Anchored In Community' lies on the inside collar and the name of all 39 Rhode Island cities and towns are woven throughout the vertical stripes.

Five nautical knots across the body represent the five counties of Rhode Island.

RHODE ISLAND FC

2024 INAUGURAL AWAY JERSEY

2024 RIFC ROSTER



1 KOKE VEGAS
GOALKEEPER



2 NATHAN MESSER
DEFENDER



3 STEPHEN TURNBULL
DEFENDER



4 COLLIN SMITH
DEFENDER



5 GRANT STONEMAN
DEFENDER



7 PRINCE SAYDEE
MIDFIELDER



9 JJ WILLIAMS
FORWARD



10 CHICO
FORWARD



11 NOAH FUSON
FORWARD



12 CLAY HOLSTAD
MIDFIELDER



14 MARK DOYLE
FORWARD



15 FRANK NODARSE
DEFENDER



16 GABRIEL ALVES
DEFENDER



17 JOJEA KWIZERA
MIDFIELDER



18 JOE BRITO
MIDFIELDER



19 KEVIN VANG
MIDFIELDER



21 KOFI TWUMASI
MIDFIELDER



22 JACKSON LEE
GOALKEEPER



23 MARC YBARRA
MIDFIELDER



24 KARIFA YAO
DEFENDER



28 CONOR MCGLYNN
MIDFIELDER



30 NATE SILVEIRA
GOALKEEPER



77 AMOS SHAPIRO-THOMPSON
MIDFIELDER

PLAYER BIOS



1

**KOKE
VEGAS**

CAPTAIN

Goalkeeper

Vegas was written into Rhode Island FC history on November 1, 2023, when he became the first player signed to the club's roster. The Spaniard enters his third season in the USL Championship after two seasons with San Diego Loyal. Starting in all 30 of his regular season appearances in 2022, Vegas finished his first year of USL Championship play with a single-season team record 2622 minutes, 74 saves and six clean sheets. His second season saw more of the same, as the goalkeeper set a new single-season team record with 2790 minutes while adding eight clean sheets and 72 saves. Vegas went to San Diego after 11 years of professional experience in Spain, including La Liga sides Levante UD and RCD Mallorca.



2

**NATHAN
MESSER**

Defender

On March 13, 2024, Messer became the second player from a local Rhode Island college or university, and second straight Providence College alum, to sign with Rhode Island FC. In his one season as a graduate student with the Friars, Messer started 14 matches in 17 appearances. The trilingual (French, German, English) DMV native scored four goals and added five assists in 1225 minutes. Prior to PC, Messer spent four years at William & Mary, where he started 45 matches in 58 appearances and recorded eight goals and 10 assists. Between his collegiate seasons, Messer had domestic and overseas stints with TVS Meerbusch (Germany), ND Primorje (Slovenia) and USL League Two sides Northern Virginia FC and Vermont Green FC.



3

**STEPHEN
TURNBULL**

Defender

Bringing MLS experience to the Ocean State, Turnbull signed with Rhode Island FC on December 29, 2023. In his first professional season with New York City FC II, Turnbull started 22 of his 23 appearances, logged 1,992 minutes, scored five times and recorded four assists. After signing a first team contract on April 7, 2023, Turnbull split time between New York City FC and the reserve side. Turnbull made 11 MLS appearances in 2023, recording one assist in 482 minutes. The defender also added 512 minutes in six MLS Next Pro starts, scoring once. Prior to New York City FC, Turnbull made 50 starts in 55 appearances at Stony Brook University, where he played 4,427 minutes throughout his collegiate career.



4

**COLLIN
SMITH**

Defender

Smith joined Rhode Island FC on March 29, 2024. The defender spent the 2023 season on loan with Birmingham Legion FC, where he was a regular in Head Coach Tom Soehn's starting 11. Smith appeared in 31 of the club's 36 USL Championship matches, starting 26. The defender logged two goals and one assist in 2,284 minutes and played all 90 minutes in each of Birmingham's two playoff matches. In three seasons with North Texas SC, Smith became the all-time appearance leader, playing in 66 matches. He scored three goals and assisted six in that time, including a five-assist season in his last year with the club in 2022. Smith signed his first professional contract as a Homegrown Player with FC Dallas on April 28, 2021.

PLAYER BIOS



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**GRANT
STONEMAN**

Defender

Stoneman enters his fifth USL Championship season after signing with Rhode Island FC on November 14, 2023. During his first four seasons with San Diego Loyal, Stoneman started 93 matches in 99 regular season appearances, recorded four goals and four assists, and left as the club's all-time leader in minutes (7,928). Before joining the USL Championship, Stoneman played in USL League One (Lansing Ignite FC), USL League Two (Chicago FC United) and collegiately at Loyola University Chicago, where he earned numerous accolades including Second Team All-America (2016), Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year (2018) and First Team All-Missouri Valley Conference (2016, 2017, 2018).



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**PRINCE
SAYDEE**

Midfielder

Saydee joins Rhode Island FC for his fifth-consecutive USL Championship campaign after spending the past two seasons with Hartford Athletic. Saydee notched a career-high 10 goals in 2023 and has found the back of the net 16 times in USL Championship play. The experienced midfielder initially came to the United States in 2019 from his native Liberia, signing for Atlanta SC of NISA. Saydee enjoyed a successful career with Liberian first-division side Barrack Young Controllers FC where, in 2013, he made his debut at just 17 years. On the international stage, Saydee has represented the Lone Stars at the U-17, U-20 and Senior National Team levels, including FIFA World Cup and Africa Cup of Nations qualification tournaments.



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**JJ
WILLIAMS**

Forward

With a professional career spanning across six teams, Williams brings a veteran mentality to the Rhode Island FC attack. Entering his sixth USL Championship season in 2024, the Birmingham, Alabama native most recently played for Eastern Conference frontrunners Tampa Bay Rowdies. Williams has 137 professional appearances to his name, including 10 in MLS, and more than 9,000 minutes of action since his professional debut in 2019. Williams has also spent time with the Columbus Crew (2019), Birmingham Legion FC (2019/20), Atlanta United FC (2020/21), FC Tulsa (2022) and Phoenix Rising FC (2022). The forward had a career-best season in Tampa Bay, where he scored 12 goals and notched nine assists in 31 appearances.



10

CHICO

Forward

The 2023 USL Championship Most Valuable Player and Golden Boot winner signed a multi-year agreement with Rhode Island FC on Jan. 19, 2024. The Cameroonian striker's league-leading 20 goals in 28 matches helped propel Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC to the best overall record in the league in 2023. Chico averaged a goal every 114.7 minutes, recorded one hat trick and tallied five, two-goal performances over the course of the season while accounting for 40 percent of Pittsburgh's scoring on the year. Chico also had a stellar 2022 season with the Hounds, finding the net 11 times in 35 matches. In four seasons with Pittsburgh, Chico made 82 regular season appearances, recording 36 goals and seven assists in 5,712 minutes.

PLAYER BIOS



11

**NOAH
FUSON**

Forward

Fuson signed with Rhode Island FC on Jan. 16, 2024 after spending his previous two seasons with Columbus Crew 2. Named Crew 2 Player of the Year in 2023, Fuson led the Columbus reserve team to the MLS Next Pro Final. The Glendale, California native was even more successful the year prior, helping Crew 2 win the 2022 MLS Next Pro Final 4-1 over St. Louis City SC 2. In his two seasons in Columbus, Fuson logged 4,392 minutes over 49 starts and 57 appearances, and tallied 20 goals and nine assists. Prior to joining the Crew, Fuson signed his first contract with Forward Madison FC of USL League One on August 17, 2020. The striker appeared in 33 League One matches across his first two professional seasons, scoring three times.



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**CLAY
HOLSTAD**

Midfielder

Holstad joined Rhode Island FC on January 12, 2024. The Birmingham, Alabama native spent one season in Columbus after being selected by the Crew in the second round (43rd overall) of the 2023 MLS SuperDraft. Holstad started 19 matches in 26 appearances during the 2023 MLS NEXT Pro season. The defender scored one goal and created one assist in 1,761 minutes. Holstad played collegiate soccer at the University of Kentucky where he helped lead the Wildcats to multiple NCAA Tournament appearances and was named to the Sun Belt Conference All-Tournament Team and the NCAA All-Southeast Region Second Team. Holstad graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in 2022.



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**MARK
DOYLE**

Forward

Rhode Island FC added Doyle to its roster on November 21, 2023. The Dublin, Ireland native moved across the Atlantic after spending his last two seasons with League of Ireland Premier Division side St. Patrick's Athletic F.C. In two years with the Supersaints, Doyle made 73 appearances and recorded 15 goals and six assists. The striker's goal-scoring ability was especially showcased in the 2023 FAI Cup Final, when he scored the equalizer against Bohemian F.C. Doyle's impressive eight-year career in Ireland's top-flight league started in 2016, when he made his first team debut with Drogheda United F.C. In six seasons with Drogheda, Doyle racked up 50 goals and 16 assists in 144 appearances across all competitions.



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**FRANK
NODARSE**

Defender

Nodarse joins Rhode Island FC after spending two seasons with Rio Grande Valley FC. In 46 appearances and 37 starts with RGV, the Cuban native tallied 3317 minutes, one goal and three assists. Nodarse spent the 2020 and 2021 seasons with Fort Lauderdale CF (now Inter Miami CF II) of USL League One. After signing his first professional contract with Fort Lauderdale, Nodarse logged 728 minutes in 13 appearances with the club. At the tail end of the 2021 season, Nodarse was loaned out to USL Championship club Charleston Battery, where he contributed 164 minutes in three matches. Nodarse also brings international experience at the youth level, playing for Cuba's Under-20 National Team during the 2018 CONCACAF Championship.

PLAYER BIOS



16

**GABRIEL
ALVES**

Defender

Alves signed with Rhode Island FC on December 11, 2023. The hybrid defender/midfielder moved to the Ocean State from Birmingham Legion FC, where he signed his first professional contract. In 30 appearances last season, Alves started 18 matches, logged 1,649 minutes and found the back of the net twice. Before turning pro, Alves wore the captain's armband at Marshall University, where the Brazilian earned Sun Belt First Team All-Conference honors in 2022. As a first-year starter, Alves was named to the All-Conference Freshman Team en route to a NCAA Division 1 Championship, a first in program history. Starting in 51 of his 52 appearances at Marshall, Alves scored two goals and added four assists.



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**JOJEA
KWIZERA**

Midfielder

Kwizera joined Rhode Island FC on Jan. 4, 2024. The Congolese midfielder comes to the Ocean State after two seasons with MLS side CF Montréal. Kwizera was selected by Montréal with the 15th overall pick in the 2022 MLS SuperDraft. Kwizera tallied 407 minutes and 12 appearances in his two seasons in Montréal. Prior to joining the MLS side, Kwizera split his four-year collegiate career between USU Eastern and Utah Valley University. In his senior campaign at Utah Valley, Kwizera scored five times and led the Western Athletic Conference in assists (11). His junior season ended with an All-WAC Second Team selection. Kwizera transferred to Utah Valley from USU Eastern, where he recorded seven goals and 11 assists in 34 appearances.



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**JOE
BRITO**

Midfielder

Brito joins Rhode Island FC from USL League One side Union Omaha. The Bolton, Connecticut native signed his first professional contract with Union Omaha on March 22, 2022. In two seasons in Nebraska, Brito logged seven goals, six assists and 4,359 minutes in 51 starts and 60 appearances. In his first professional season, Brito made headlines with a stellar performance against Minnesota United in the 2022 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Round of 16. His match-winning, second half strike catapulted Union Omaha to the tournament's quarterfinal round, the first time a third-division club had achieved such a feat since 2013. Before turning pro, Brito played collegiately at UNC Charlotte.



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**KEVIN
VANG**

Midfielder

Vang made Ocean State history on Feb. 20, 2024, when he became the first player signed out of a local Rhode Island college or university. A former standout at Providence College, Vang was born and raised in Rhode Island and attended Cranston East High School. Through his years with the Friars, Vang made 83 appearances and recorded four goals and nine assists in 4,877 minutes. Vang garnered national spotlight while playing with the New England Revolution Academy. The midfielder was called up to a Youth National Team Futures Camp and an Under-17 National Team Camp. Vang was also named an Eastern Conference Best XI selection for the 2016-17 Development Academy season.

PLAYER BIOS



21

**KOFI
TWUMASI**

Midfielder

Twumasi joined Rhode Island FC on January 24, 2024. The experienced midfielder most recently captained Atlanta United 2 in 2023. Twumasi spent his final year of high school on trials in Europe and eventually signed his first contract with Romanian club FCV Farul Constanța in 2017. The following season, Twumasi was loaned out to second-division side FC Universitatea Cluj, where he scored the first two goals of his career. From there, the midfielder went on to make 34 total appearances across three seasons in the third and fourth tiers of Germany with Rot-Weiß Oberhausen and VfB Homberg before returning home and signing with Atlanta's second team. Twumasi appeared in 27 of Atlanta's 28 MLS Next Pro matches, starting in 26.



22

**JACKSON
LEE**

Goalkeeper

Lee signed his first professional contract with Rhode Island FC on December 22, 2023. The Perth, Australia native signed with RIFC prior to the 2024 MLS Superdraft, where he was selected with the 28th overall pick by LAFC. Lee started his college career at George Mason University, where he started all 16 matches during the Patriots' 2021 season, making 67 saves and earning one shutout in 1,426 minutes. After transferring to West Virginia University, Lee set a university record for most goalkeeper wins (17) in 2023 after playing every minute of the Mountaineers' season, which concluded at the semifinals of the College Cup. At the international level, Lee was part of Australia's national teams from U-16 to U-19.



23

**MARC
YBARRA**

Midfielder

Ybarra signed with Rhode Island FC on December 14, 2023. The midfielder comes to the Ocean State on the heels of a Players' Shield-winning 2023 campaign with Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC. Ybarra quickly became a regular for the Riverhounds after his debut in 2022, logging 65 appearances across two seasons, including all 34 matches in 2023. Pittsburgh tallied its second-highest point total in club history (67) in 2023 and matched the highest USL Championship single-season home win total at 13 en route to a 19-5-10 record. During his first season with the Hounds, Ybarra contributed 688 minutes in 23 appearances. At the University of Michigan, Ybarra took home three Big 10 First-Team selections and one Big 10 Midfielder of the Year honor.



24

**KARIFA
YAO**

Defender

Following stops in Major League Soccer and the Canadian Premier League, Yao signed with Rhode Island FC on January 23, 2024. The defender joins his first USL Championship club in 2024 after spending his first five seasons as a professional in Canada. Yao signed a MLS Homegrown Player contract with Montréal Impact (now CF Montréal) on June 5, 2019, after featuring for the club's academy at the Under-17 and Under-19 levels. Yao made his professional debut with Montréal on September 20, 2020. After being loaned out to Canadian Premier League side Cavalry FC, Yao would go on to make 56 appearances, adding two goals and two assists over two seasons.

PLAYER BIOS



28

**CONOR
McGLYNN**

Midfielder

After four seasons with Hartford Athletic, McGlynn became the second player to sign a professional contract with Rhode Island FC. The Queens, New York native started 75 of his 98 appearances in Hartford, logging nine goals and four assists in 6,923 regular season minutes. McGlynn appeared on Sportscenter's Top 10 Plays on two different occasions in his first two seasons. Prior to turning pro, McGlynn was a four-year standout at Siena College. In 75 matches, McGlynn recorded seven goals and 16 assists, and was named to the All-MAAC Second Team. Between his collegiate seasons, McGlynn also played with USL League Two side FA Euro New York. McGlynn's youth career was highlighted as a member of BW Gottschee Academy.



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**NATE
SILVEIRA**

Goalkeeper

Silveira made Rhode Island FC history on Feb. 20, 2024 as the first of two Ocean State natives to sign a professional contract with the club. Silveira joins RIFC after spending the 2023 season with Crown Legacy FC in MLS Next Pro. Prior to his season with Charlotte FC's reserve team, Silveira spent four years at the University of Vermont, where he was named back-to-back America East Goalkeeper of the Year while wearing the captain's armband in both of his final seasons. In the summer between his final collegiate seasons, Silveira logged 900 minutes and recorded 27 saves for Vermont Green FC in USL League Two. Silveira's youth career was highlighted as a member of Bruno United FC in Providence and with East Providence High School.



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**AMOS
SHAPIRO-
THOMPSON**

Midfielder

Shapiro-Thompson joins Rhode Island FC after spending his first professional season with New York Red Bulls II. Selected 79th overall in the 2023 MLS SuperDraft, Shapiro-Thompson scored one goal in 20 appearances during the 2023 MLS Next Pro season and registered one appearance with the first team. A 2022 graduate of Boston College, Shapiro-Thompson enjoyed a consistent collegiate career, scoring six goals and assisting five across three seasons. Shapiro-Thompson's senior career began in 2018 with Legia Warsaw's reserve team in the Polish third tier. After one season in Poland, Shapiro-Thompson returned to the U.S., where he also played for the Western Mass Pioneers of USL League Two.

TECHNICAL STAFF



KHANO SMITH
Head Coach / General Manager

Khano Smith was named the first Head Coach and General Manager of Rhode Island FC on March 8, 2023. Smith joined Rhode Island FC after serving four years as the first-assistant coach at Birmingham Legion FC. Before Birmingham, Smith spent three years as an assistant coach for Orlando Pride. Smith started his transition from player to coach in 2015 as an assistant coach at Southern New Hampshire University. Smith brings extensive experience to the club, including an 11-year professional career playing for seven teams across four leagues. At the international level, Smith captained the Bermuda National Team and appeared in 32 matches. In December 2022, Smith was part of the sixth graduating class to complete the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) Pro License. Joining an elite group of fewer than 75 coaches to have completed the highest-level coaching license in the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF), Smith became the first Bermudian coach to earn the prestigious accreditation. Leading all soccer operations for RIFC, Smith has assembled a deep and talented roster, and an experienced coaching staff with high standards and expectations for the 2024 season.



SEAN CAREY
Asst. General Manager



DAVE MCKAY
Asst. Coach



MARCOS UGARTE
Asst. Coach



KARL SPRATT
Asst. Coach / Director
of Goalkeeping



MATT DELGRECO
Director of Sports
Performance



JASON GOVE
Head of Team
Administration



**TERESSE
REHWOLDT**
Head Athletic Trainer



**JUAN ANDRES
VASQUEZ**
Head of Video Analytics



NICK COELHO
Head Kit Manager

USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATS

2024 SEASON

	PLAYER	MINUTES	GOALS	ASSISTS
1	Koke Vegas	170	0	0
2	Nathan Messer	18	0	0
3	Stephen Turnbull	470	1	0
4	Collin Smith	74	0	0
5	Grant Stoneman	244	0	0
7	Prince Saydee	68	0	0
9	JJ Williams	0	0	0
10	Chico	539	3	0
11	Noah Fuson	506	1	2
12	Clay Holstad	449	0	0
14	Mark Doyle	141	0	0
15	Frank Nodarse	459	0	0
16	Gabriel Alves	303	0	0
17	Jojea Kwizera	475	0	0
18	Joe Brito	421	0	0
19	Kevin Vang	0	0	0
21	Kofi Twumasi	61	0	0
22	Jackson Lee	370	0	1
23	Marc Ybarra	507	0	0
24	Karifa Yao	385	0	0
28	Conor McGlynn	260	0	0
30	Nate Silveira	0	0	0
77	Amos Shapiro-Thompson	0	0	0

RIFC AMBER

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BAY BLUE

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RIVER BLUE

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WHITE

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ABOUT RHODE ISLAND FC

Our purpose is to build A Club for All Rhode Island. Everything we do on and off the pitch is focused on this North Star. It is part of our culture, our language and our values. It is the inspiration for us to play a meaningful and impactful role in the community. It is the motivation for us to compete, win and raise trophies. It is the reason we are building a riverfront stadium in Pawtucket – a place to gather as a community and create lifelong memories.

We want to be one of the most respected soccer clubs in North America and the flagship venue for sports and entertainment in Rhode Island. We know that when we wear the crest across our hearts, we represent more than the club. We play for the people and place we call home. It is why, we will always be:

GROUNDING

We are who we are. No apologies.

INDEPENDENT

Founded by an iconoclast, we were the first colony to break from tyranny. A defiant giant stands atop our state house as a reminder of hope and independence. We have never cared what others thought, and we are not about to start.

FOR ALL

The country's first synagogue. The first African American pro soccer players in the Watson Brothers. Immigrants from every corner of the globe stand tall within our borders. All are welcome in our state and in our club.

PROUD

We are a small state surrounded by titans. So we learned long ago that if you can't stand taller, stand together.

SALTY

What did you expect of the Ocean State? We've got an attitude and we are happy to share it with you – be it a raised glass or raised voice.

MEET CHIP

Not your ordinary harbor seal.

Name: Chip (because if you're THIS iconic, you deserve to be in the celebrity single name club!)

Favorite Food: Fish & Chips; Quahogs (secret cravings for New York System wieners, ideally washed down with some coffee milk.)

Languages spoken: Bark, Snort and Grunt. Arf! Arf!

Personality: Energetic. Optimistic. Charismatic. And just a tad salty.

Favorite sport: Beach soccer.

Favorite "haul out": That's a toughie. The stadium on matchday, of course. But shaking flippers with fans in the community is pretty awesome, too. And you just can't beat the rocks and beaches in Rhode Island.

Favorite team: RIFCFAA (Rhode Island FC Forever And Always). Duh!

Unique Features: 13 whiskers (RI is the 13th state after all); anchor nose; RIFC seal spots (when you're a true fan, you go all out).

Lucky number: 401

#WickedGoodMascot #RIFC



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BEIRNE STADIUM - 2024 SEASON

For Rhode Island FC's inaugural season, the Club will begin play in its temporary venue, Beirne Stadium on the campus of Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I., while its permanent home stadium in Pawtucket is completed for the 2025 season.

Capacity – 5,252 (RIFC brought in additional seating to create a loud atmosphere to give a true home field advantage)

Playing Surface – Artificial Turf

Fan Fest – Activities, games and maybe even walk away with some free swag! Not to mention the RIFC Merchandise Tent to grab your favorite RIFC gear!

Food Truck Village – Featuring local eats and specialties, Food Truck Village is highlighted by an assortment of options, igniting the diverse tastes of Rhode Islanders.

Beer Garden – With all that shouting and cheering, fans can quench their thirst with an ice-cold beer. The RIFC Beer Garden is situated with a view of the pitch to not miss a minute of action.

Party Shack – The 30-person Party Shack is located at the south end of the stadium with a bird's-eye view of the pitch.

Field Seats – Watch the action from field level just feet away from the pitch – the ultimate front row! Only available for Season Tickets.

TIDEWATER LANDING - FUTURE HOME

On the banks of the Seekonk River, the Tidewater Landing development is a gamechanger for the city of Pawtucket and the state of Rhode Island. A multi-use stadium will be the anchor of the development, which will include housing, restaurants, retail stores, and recreational amenities. Rhode Islanders and visitors can attend a soccer match or concert, enjoy the Riverwalk, grab a bite, or call Tidewater Landing home. The world-class destination on Pawtucket's riverfront will support thousands of jobs and create millions of dollars of tax revenue.

The 10,000-seat stadium will be the home pitch to Rhode Island FC. The stadium will be the flagship venue for sports and entertainment in Rhode Island, hosting other sporting and community events and concerts.

Tidewater Landing is the result of over three years of close collaboration between the state of Rhode Island, the Executive Office of Commerce, the Rhode Island House and Senate, the city of Pawtucket, the Pawtucket City Council and developer Fortuitous Partners.

The site has been vacant for nearly 50 years. After decades of industrial use dating back to 1881, the full project will be built in multiple phases on two sites totaling 25 acres on both sides of the Seekonk River.

The private investment in Tidewater Landing represents the largest investment of private capital in any development in Rhode Island in over a century.