

RHODE ISLAND FC

VS. MIAMI FC

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 – 7:00 PM ET

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GAME NOTES

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SAT	MARCH 15	AWAY	CHARLESTON	7:30 P.M.	0 - 2
SAT	MARCH 22	AWAY	PHOENIX	10:00 P.M.	2 - 2
SAT	MARCH 29	AWAY	LOUDOUN	4:00 P.M.	0 - 2
SAT	APRIL 5	AWAY	OAKLAND	4:00 P.M.	3 - 0
SAT	APRIL 19	AWAY	DETROIT	4:00 P.M.	0 - 2
SUN	APRIL 27	AWAY	WESTCHESTER*	2:00 P.M.	4 - 1
SAT	**MAY 3**	**HOME**	**SAN ANTONIO**	**4:00 P.M.**	**0 - 0**
SAT	**MAY 10**	**HOME**	**MONTEREY BAY**	**4:00 P.M.**	**1 - 1**
WED	MAY 14	AWAY	BIRMINGHAM	8:00 P.M.	1 - 0
SAT	MAY 17	AWAY	TAMPA BAY	7:30 P.M.	3 - 0
SAT	**MAY 24**	**HOME**	**PITTSBURGH**	**4:00 P.M.**	**0 - 1**
SAT	MAY 17	AWAY	PITTSBURGH*	7:00 P.M.	1 - 0
SAT	**JUNE 7**	**HOME**	**MIAMI**	**7:00 P.M.**	NESN
WED	JUNE 11	AWAY	LOUISVILLE	8:00 P.M.	ESPN 2
SAT	**JUNE 14**	**HOME**	**NORTH CAROLINA**	**7:00 P.M.**	NESN
SAT	**JUNE 21**	**HOME**	**SACRAMENTO**	**7:00 P.M.**	NESN+
SAT	**JUNE 28**	**HOME**	**PORTLAND***	**7:00 P.M.**	NESN+
SAT	**JULY 5**	**HOME**	**BIRMINGHAM**	**7:00 P.M.**	NESN+
SAT	JULY 12	AWAY	INDY	7:00 P.M.	NESN+
SAT	**JULY 19**	**HOME**	**HARTFORD**	**4:00 P.M.**	CBS
SAT	**JULY 26**	**HOME**	**HARTFORD***	**7:00 P.M.**	NESN
SAT	AUG. 2	AWAY	PITTSBURGH	7:00 P.M.	NESN+
WED	**AUG. 6**	**HOME**	**DETROIT**	**7:00 P.M.**	myRITV
SAT	**AUG. 9**	**HOME**	**LOUDOUN**	**7:00 P.M.**	NESN+
SAT	AUG. 23	AWAY	HARTFORD	7:00 P.M.	NESN
SAT	**AUG. 30**	**HOME**	**CHARLESTON**	**7:00 P.M.**	NESN+
SAT	**SEPT. 6**	**HOME**	**LOUISVILLE**	**4:00 P.M.**	NESN+
SAT	**SEPT. 13**	**HOME**	**INDY**	**4:00 P.M.**	myRITV
SAT	SEPT. 20	AWAY	MIAMI	7:00 P.M.	NESN+
SAT	SEPT. 27	AWAY	EL PASO	9:00 P.M.	NESN
SUN	**OCT. 5**	**HOME**	**LAS VEGAS**	**5:00 P.M.**	ESPN 2
SAT	**OCT. 11**	**HOME**	**TAMPA BAY**	**4:00 P.M.**	NESN
SAT	OCT. 18	AWAY	NORTH CAROLINA	7:00 P.M.	NESN
FRI	OCT. 24	AWAY	NEW MEXICO	9:00 P.M.	ESPN+

*USL Jagermeister Cup

GAME KITS

RHODE ISLAND FC



MIAMI FC



GAME PREVIEW

After finishing the 2024 season dead last in the USL Championship with just 11 points and three wins, Miami FC retooled its roster in the offseason and has fielded a much more competitive roster in 2025. After a rough start to the season saw Miami lose its first four games of the 2025 campaign, it quickly turned the ship around to avoid a repeat of a disastrous 2024 season, now finding itself unbeaten in four of its last five regular-season games. The streak included wins over Loudoun United FC and San Antonio FC, who both sit within the top four spots in their respective conferences. In the USL Jägermeister Cup last time out, Miami rose to the top of Group 6 after a come-from-behind 3-2 win vs. FC Naples, who is currently second place in USL League One. Now sitting just two points behind Rhode Island FC in the Eastern Conference standings, Saturday's game is a huge opportunity for the visitors to make a leap up the table and continue a run of form that the Florida club has not experienced in almost two years.

In its last four USL Championship games, Rhode Island FC has connected at least 500 passes, held at least 57 percent of the ball and taken 13 or more shots, showing an ability to control the ball throughout the game. However, with the exception of a dominant 3-0 win at Tampa Bay Rowdies on May 17, RIFC has not scored more than one goal in three of those games. Despite the statistical advantage, RIFC has scored just one goal at Centreville Bank Stadium in regular-season competition and is still in search of its first win, having struggled to convert chance creation into goals at home. In its most recent league outing, a 1-0 shutout loss vs. Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, the Ocean State club held onto more than 60 percent of the ball and took 15 shots, forcing five saves out of goalkeeper Eric Dick but ultimately failing to find the back of the net as it suffered its first home loss of the season. Against Miami FC, who has not kept a shutout all season, Rhode Island FC will need to find a way to uptick its goalscoring production in search of a long-awaited three points in front of its home fans.

EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

CLUB	P	W	L	T	GD	PTS
Charleston	10	8	2	0	14	24
Louisville	10	6	0	4	10	22
Loudoun	10	7	3	0	9	21
North Carolina	10	5	3	2	4	17
Detroit	11	4	2	5	2	17
Rhode Island	**10**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**0**	**12**
Pittsburgh	10	3	5	2	-3	11
Birmingham	10	2	4	4	-3	10
Miami	9	3	5	1	-4	10
Indy	9	1	3	5	-3	8
Hartford	9	1	5	3	-7	6
Tampa Bay	9	1	7	2	-9	5

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

SCOUTING THE SERIES

Rhode Island went 2W-0L-0T against Miami in its inaugural season in 2024, including the biggest win in club history in its regular-season finale on Oct. 26. Scoring a whopping eight goals in a resounding 8-1 win that included a JJ Williams hat trick and goals from five other players, the win kickstarted the Ocean State club's historic run to the USL Championship Final in its first year. Rhode Island FC will look to keep its perfect streak against the Florida club alive on Saturday when Miami makes a first-ever trip to Pawtucket.

DEFENSIVE DOMINANCE

The defensive end of the ball for Rhode Island FC has been tight, as Khano Smith's defensive line has quietly grown into one of the best in the USL Championship. RIFC conceded just two goals in its last five league games, keeping three of its four regular-season shutouts in that time. That form extended in the USL Jägermeister Cup on Saturday, when Rhode Island FC enacted its revenge in a second-straight meeting with Pittsburgh in a 1-0 win to move to the top of Group 4. In that game, goalkeeper Jackson Lee kept his first shutout of 2025, making a season-high four saves as the defense fended off 15 total shots from the Riverhounds to keep the hosts out of the back of the net. In the Ocean State club's narrow 1-0 loss vs. Pittsburgh the week prior, Koke Vegas made two crucial saves to keep RIFC in the game, including the USL Championship Save of the Week.

SCORE FIRST

Dating back to last season, Rhode Island FC is unbeaten in 18-straight games across the regular season and playoffs when scoring first, and has only ever lost once in club history when leading at halftime. The Ocean State club is 2W-0L-1T when striking first this season, including back-to-back shutout road wins against Birmingham Legion (1-0) and Tampa Bay Rowdies (3-0) in May. However, when RIFC concedes first, it is winless in its last five games dating back to 2025, and has earned just one point in four games from losing positions this season (0W-3L-1T). Aganst Miami FC, it is critical that Khano Smith's men get on the board first and set the tone as the club searches for its first-ever win at Centreville Bank Stadium.

USL CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS

2025

TEAM OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS (WEEK NUMBER)

JJ Williams x1 - 3
Clay Holstad x1 - 5
Albert Dikwa x1 - 5
Jojea Kwizera x1 - 5
Koke Vegas x1 - 11 (b)
Grant Stoneman x1 - 12 (b)

COACH OF THE WEEK

Khano Smith - 11

SAVE OF THE WEEK (WEEK NUMBER)

Koke Vegas x1 - 9, 12

GOAL OF THE WEEK (WEEK NUMBER)

Joe Brito - 10
Clay Holstad - 11

2024

TEAM OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS (WEEK NUMBER)

Jojea Kwizera x5 - 16, 17, 29 (b) 30, 34
Clay Holstad x4 - 2, 10 (b), 22 (b), 30
Stephen Turnbull x4 - 7, 12, 20 (b), 26
Noah Fuson x4 - 20 (b), 29, 31 (b), 34 (b)
Albert Dikwa x3 - 3, 19, 30
Frank Nodarse x3 - 18, 21, 23 (b)
Jackson Lee x2 - 5, 6
Koke Vegas x2 - 12, 25
Zachary Herivaux x2 - 20, 34
JJ Williams x2 - 31, 34
Mark Doyle x1 - 13 (b)
Joe Brito x1 - 16 (b)
Marc Ybarra x1 - 18

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Zachary Herivaux - 20
JJ Williams - 34

PLAYER OF THE MONTH

JJ Williams - October

COACH OF THE WEEK

Khano Smith - 7, 16

COACH OF THE MONTH

Khano Smith - July

ROSTER

NO.	POS.	NAME	PRONUNCIATION	DOB	HOMETOWN
1	GK	Koke Vegas	koh-kay VEY-GAHS	9/27/95	Antequera, Spain
2	D	Dani Rovira	dah-knee ROW-VEE-RAH	12/15/96	Bogota, Columbia
3	D	Aldair Sanchez	al-die-ear SAHN-CHEZ	6/6/02	Vancouver, Wash.
4	D	Hugo Bacharach	hue-go BAH-KERR-ACK	7/27/01	Valencia, Spain
5	D	Grant Stoneman		11/27/95	St. Charles, Ill.
6	D	Aimé Mabika	uh-may MUH-BEE-KUH	8/16/98	Lusaka, Zambia
8	M	Taimu Okiyoshi	tie-moo OH-KEY-OH-SHE	9/5/01	Kobe, Japan
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.
13	GK	Will Meyer		5/24/98	Cleveland, Oh.
14	D	Rio Hope-Gund		8/20/99	New York City, N.Y.
15	D	Frank Nodarse	fr[ah]nk NOE-DARR-SAY	12/6/00	La Habana, Cuba
16	D	Cole Dewhurst	DEW-HURST	6/23/03	Lancaster, Mass.
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.
20	M	Zachary Herivaux	HAIR-EH-VOE	2/1/96	Brookline, Mass.
21	M	Maxi Rodriguez		8/9/95	San Antonio, Texas
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
77	M	Amos Shapiro-Thompson	ay-miss	1/11/00	Worthington, Mass.
80	M	Isaac Angking	eye-zick ANG-KING	1/24/00	Providence, R.I.

THE "ENERGY" JERSEY

DESIGN

RIFC's "Energy Kit," is the bay blue colored kit the team will sport at home in 2025.

The Energy Kit is a metaphor for what RIFC does on the pitch - 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
2025 HOME JERSEY

THE "RHODE" JERSEY

DESIGN

RIFC's "Rhode Kit" is the amber colored kit the team will rock away from home in 2025 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
2025 AWAY JERSEY

ROSTER



1 KOKE VEGAS
GOALKEEPER



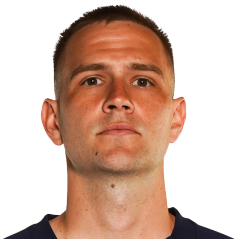
2 DANI ROVIRA
DEFENDER



3 ALDAIR SANCHEZ
DEFENDER



4 HUGO BACHARACH
DEFENDER



5 GRANT STONEMAN
DEFENDER



6 AIMÉ MABIKA
DEFENDER



8 TAIMU OKIYOSHI
MIDFIELDER



9 JJ WILLIAMS
FORWARD



10 CHICO
FORWARD



11 NOAH FUSON
FORWARD



12 CLAY HOLSTAD
MIDFIELDER



13 WILL MEYER
GOALKEEPER



14 RIO HOPE-GUND
DEFENDER



15 FRANK NODARSE
DEFENDER



16 COLE DEWHURST
DEFENDER



17 JOJEA KWIZERA
MIDFIELDER



18 JOE BRITO
MIDFIELDER



19 KEVIN VANG
MIDFIELDER



20 ZACHARY HERIVAUX
MIDFIELDER



21 MAXI RODRIGUEZ
MIDFIELDER



22 JACKSON LEE
GOALKEEPER



23 MARC YBARRA
MIDFIELDER



24 KARIFA YAO
DEFENDER



77 AMOS SHAPIRO-THOMPSON
MIDFIELDER



80 ISAAC ANGKING
MIDFIELDER

PLAYER BIOS



1

KOKE VEGAS

CAPTAIN

GOALKEEPER

Vegas he became the first player signed to the club's roster on November 1, 2023. The Spaniard enters his fourth season in the USL Championship in 2025 and second with RIFC, after spending his first two seasons in the league with San Diego Loyal and captaining RIFC to the USL Championship Final in 2024. During his first season with RIFC in 2024, Vegas made 65 saves in 28 appearances and kept seven clean sheets, playing a pivotal role in the club's journey to the USL Championship final in its inaugural season. Known for the quality in his touch and ability to help build up from the back, Vegas went to San Diego Loyal in 2022 after 11 years of professional experience in Spain, including La Liga sides Levante UD and RCD Mallorca. Vegas made his professional debut in 2011 with Antequera CF and won a La Liga 2 championship in 2017 with Levante UD.



2

DANI ROVIRA

DEFENDER

Signed on January 18, 2025, Rovira is a USL Championship veteran who brings defensive experience and depth to Rhode Island FC. Since his USL Championship debut in 2019, Rovira has amassed 138 appearances in six seasons with Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, seeing nearly 7,000 minutes of action throughout his career with the 2023 Players' Shield winners, recording one goal and 14 assists. Before joining the Hounds, Rovira made 41 appearances across three collegiate seasons at Dean College (2016) and the University of Vermont (2017 to 2018), totaling one goal and five assists. In his youth, he spent time with the New England Revolution Academy, playing under current Rhode Island FC Head Coach and General Manager Khano Smith and Assistant Coach/ Director of Goalkeeping Karl Spratt.



3

ALDAIR SANCHEZ

DEFENDER

Sanchez signed with Rhode Island FC on February 7, 2025 after a successful start to his professional career with Sacramento Republic FC, where he made 68 appearances in two seasons across all competitions. The versatile defender helped the club to two-straight playoff appearances during his stay, including a first-place Western Conference regular season finish in 2023. In 2024, Sanchez appeared in every USL Championship game for Sacramento, making 24 starts and scoring a career-high three goals. Before his USL Championship debut, the Portland Timbers academy product spent two years playing collegiately with the University of North Carolina, registering 769 minutes in 30 appearances for the Tar Heels. He helped North Carolina reach the Second Round of the NCAA Tournament in 2021.



4

HUGO BACHARACH

DEFENDER

Bacharach joins Rhode Island FC after making his professional debut with Minnesota United in 2024, finishing his first season tallying one goal and one assist across 12 total appearances for the club's MLS Next Pro reserve side and first team. Bacharach played collegiately at Fairleigh Dickinson University (2020 to 2022) and Indiana University (2023). After collecting Northeast Conference Defender of the Year honors in his final season with Fairleigh Dickinson, the defender transferred to Indiana, where named to the All-Big Ten Second Team and All-Big Ten Tournament Team after helping the team to its 12th Big Ten Tournament Championship. Originally from Spain, Bacharach spent 12 years in the Spanish Academy system, spending a decade with Villarreal before moving to CD Castellón for his final two years.

PLAYER BIOS



5

GRANT STONEMAN

DEFENDER

Stoneman enters his sixth USL Championship season, and second with Rhode Island FC, after signing with the club on November 14, 2023. The defender played an important role in the Ocean State club's inaugural season, registering 1,807 minutes in 24 appearances in 2024. During his first four seasons with San Diego Loyal, Stoneman started 93 games in 99 regular season appearances. Stoneman recorded four goals and four assists while cementing himself into the San Diego history books as the club's all-time leader in career regular season minutes (7,928). Before joining the USL Championship, the center back played in USL League One (Lansing Ignite FC) and USL League Two (Chicago FC United). Stoneman also played collegiate soccer at Loyola University Chicago for three seasons from 2016-2018.



6

AIMÉ MABIKA

DEFENDER

Mabika joined Rhode Island FC on May 2, 2025 after four years in Major League Soccer, logging more than 3,000 minutes in 50 total appearances across stints with Toronto FC and Inter Miami CF. He began his career in 2021 with Inter Miami II (formerly Fort Lauderdale CF of USL League One) playing alongside current RIFC defender Frank Nodarse, after being selected as the 26th overall pick in the 2021 MLS SuperDraft. Before his time as a professional, Mabika enjoyed a five-year collegiate career at the University of Kentucky, spending three seasons playing alongside current RIFC midfielder Clay Holstad. In his final full season in 2019, the defender captained the team and earned Conference USA Player of the Year honors after starting every game for a defensive line that kept nine clean sheets.



8

TAIMU OKIYOSHI

MIDFIELDER

Okiyoshi joined Rhode Island FC following an outstanding career at Marshall University, where he started 62 of his 63 total games in three seasons and captained the Herd to the national championship game in 2024. The two-year captain logged 5,408 minutes at Marshall, scoring three goals and assisting eight as the only player to start every game in 2024. Following the historic season, he received United Soccer Coaches Second Team All-American honors, earned selections to the Sun Belt All-Conference First Team and the College Cup All-Tournament team, and was named a Mac Herman Trophy Semifinalist. Okiyoshi began his college career at Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he helped lead the Bruins to a first-ever NJCAA National Title in spring 2021 with a career-high seven goals.



9

JJ WILLIAMS

FORWARD

With a professional career spanning across six teams, Williams brings a seasoned veteran mentality to the Rhode Island FC attack. In his first season with Rhode Island FC in 2024, Williams finished as the joint-leading scorer with 11 goals, adding seven assists in 1,969 minutes across 30 appearances. Prior to his time in the Ocean State, the Birmingham, Alabama native spent the 2023 season with the Tampa Bay Rowdies. With 167 professional appearances to his name, including 10 in MLS and more than 11,000 minutes of action since his professional debut in 2019, Williams also spent time with Columbus Crew (2019), Birmingham Legion FC (2019/20), Atlanta United FC (2020/21), FC Tulsa (2022) and Phoenix Rising FC (2022). In total, Williams brings 47 career USL Championship goals and 26 assists into his second season with RIFC.

PLAYER BIOS



10

ALBERT DIKWA

FORWARD

The 2023 USL Championship MVP and Golden Boot recipient signed with Rhode Island FC on January 19, 2024. Best known as “Chico,” the Cameroonian striker finished his first season with RIFC as the club’s tied-leading goalscorer with 11 goals. The year prior, he scored a league-leading 20 goals in 28 games that helped propel his former side, Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, to the best overall record in the USL Championship. In four seasons with Pittsburgh, Chico made 82 regular season appearances, recording 36 goals and seven assists in 5,712 minutes. Prior to joining Pittsburgh, Chico played two seasons for Saint Louis FC (2018-2019) after beginning his career at Orlando City B (2017). At the international level, Chico made six appearances for the Cameroon Under-20 National Team during the 2017 U-20 Africa Cup of Nations.



11

NOAH FUSON

FORWARD

Fuson signed with Rhode Island FC on January 16, 2024, after spending two seasons with Columbus Crew 2. Fuson enjoyed a career-best season in his first year with RIFC, earning the league’s Golden Playmaker Award after finishing the season with a league-leading 10 assists. He added nine goals for a team-leading 19 goal contributions on the year, logging 2,775 minutes in 37 appearances. Prior to his time in the USL Championship, Fuson was named Crew 2 Player of the Year in 2023 after helping lead the team to its second-straight MLS NEXT Pro Final. In his two seasons in Columbus, Fuson logged 4,392 minutes over 49 starts and 57 appearances, and tallied 20 goals and nine assists. Before joining the Crew, Fuson spent the first two seasons of his professional career at Forward Madison FC of USL League One (2020-2021).



12

CLAY HOLSTAD

MIDFIELDER

Holstad joined Rhode Island FC by way of Columbus Crew 2 on January 12, 2024, and logged 3,052 minutes across 37 appearances in his first season in Amber and Bay Blue. He finished the 2024 season with four goals and two assists. Prior to his time in the Ocean State, the Birmingham, Alabama native spent one season with Columbus Crew 2, where he started 19 games in 26 appearances throughout the 2023 MLS NEXT Pro season, helping lead the team to its second-straight appearance in the MLS NEXT Pro Final. The midfielder scored one goal and created one assist in 1,761 minutes in Columbus. In five seasons at the University of Kentucky, Holstad 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.



13

WILL MEYER

GOALKEEPER

Will Meyer signed with Rhode Island FC on February 10, 2025. His professional career began when he was selected with the 10th pick of the second round in the 2022 MLS SuperDraft by Nashville SC. After moving to the New York Red Bulls, he made his professional debut on August 21, 2023, for the club’s MLS Next Pro Reserve side, making four saves in a 4-2 win over Atlanta United 2. He made two appearances for Red Bulls II before most recently featuring for New York City FC II in 2024, where he logged a career-high 702 minutes in 10 appearances for the MLS Next Pro side with two clean sheets. Prior to his time in New York, Meyer split five collegiate seasons at the University of Louisville (2017-2019) and the University of Akron (2020-2021), where he made 42 appearances and kept 17 clean sheets throughout his collegiate career.

PLAYER BIOS



14

RIO HOPE-GUND

DEFENDER

Following a successful 25-day contract, Rio Hope-Gund was officially signed by RIFC on May 1, 2025 after spending two seasons with MLS Next Pro club New York City FC II. The New York native made 33 appearances with NYCFC's reserves over two seasons. Prior to his time in the Empire State, the defender made 20 appearances with USL Championship side Loudoun United FC in his first season as a professional, making his debut in a 1-0 win over Indy Eleven on March 12, 2022. Before signing his first professional deal, Hope-Gund enjoyed a successful collegiate career at Georgetown University. In three seasons, Hope-Gund made 32 starts in 44 appearances, helping the Hoyas to the two-straight Big East Regular Season and Tournament titles in 2018 and 2019, as well as the first National Championship in program history in 2019.



15

FRANK NODARSE

DEFENDER

Nodarse joined Rhode Island FC ahead of the 2024 USL Championship season after spending two seasons with Rio Grande Valley FC Toros. The defender enjoyed a career-best season in his first season with the Ocean State club, scoring six goals and finishing as one of only two players to start all 38 games in 2024 across the regular season and playoffs. During his time with the Toros, the Cuban native made 46 appearances and 37 starts, tallying 3,317 regular season minutes, one goal and three assists. Nodarse's USL career began in 2020, where he split time with Fort Lauderdale CF (now Inter Miami CF II) of USL League One and Charleston Battery in 2020-21. Nodarse has international experience at the youth level, most notably playing for the Cuba Under-20 National Team during the 2018 CONCACAF Championship.



16

COLE DEWHURST

DEFENDER

Dewhurst joined Rhode Island FC on February 11, 2025, becoming the third player to sign with RIFC from Providence College. The Lancaster, Massachusetts, native was a regular contributor for the Friars during his four-year collegiate career, starting 65 of his 67 total appearances. He started all 39 games through his final two seasons, and was named to the All Big East Third Team in 2023 after tallying a career-high two goals and one assist. In 2024, he logged 1,911 minutes as a crucial piece of a back line that conceded just 0.95 goals per game, which was the fourth-lowest in the Big East. Prior to his time in Providence, Dewhurst played more than 90 games for the New England Revolution Academy, eventually working his way up the New England Revolution II lineup, making his professional debut on April 10, 2021 in USL League One play.



17

JOJEA KWIZERA

MIDFIELDER

Kwizera joined Rhode Island FC on January 4, 2024. In his first season in the USL Championship, the Congolese midfielder tallied three goals and six assists, logging 2,256 minutes in 30 appearances and making 25 starts. Kwizera came to the Ocean State after two seasons with MLS side CF Montréal, where he made 12 appearances after being picked 15th overall in the 2022 MLS SuperDraft. Prior to joining the MLS side, Kwizera split his four-year collegiate career between Utah State University 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). Kwizera transferred to Utah Valley from USU Eastern, where he recorded seven goals and 11 assists in 34 appearances. Internationally, Kwizera has played 10 games for Rwanda, tallying two goals and one assist.

PLAYER BIOS



18

JOE BRITO

MIDFIELDER

Brito joined Rhode Island FC from USL League One side Union Omaha on December 7, 2023. In his first season in Amber and Bay Blue, the Connecticut native netted three goals and added four assists, logging 1,076 minutes in 35 appearances and 11 starts. Prior to his time in the Ocean State, Brito 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. Before turning pro, Brito played collegiately at UNC Charlotte. In his five seasons with the 49ers, Brito appeared in 141 games, scored 16 goals, added 35 assists and logged 7,534 total minutes. Brito earned First Team All-Conference USA honors twice while helping the 49ers to four NCAA tournament appearances.



19

KEVIN VANG

MIDFIELDER

Vang made Rhode Island FC history on February 20, 2024, when he not only became one of two Rhode Island natives to sign a professional contract with Rhode Island FC, but was also the first player signed out of a local Rhode Island college or university. Vang made two appearances and tallied 91 minutes for RIFC in 2024 during his first professional season, making his RIFC debut in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup on April 16, 2024. Vang was born and raised in Rhode Island and attended Cranston East High School. In five seasons with Providence College, Vang made 83 appearances, recording four goals and nine assists in 4,877 minutes. During his youth years with the New England Revolution's academy, he earned a callup to the U.S. Soccer Youth National Team Futures Camp in 2015 and an Under-17 National Team Camp in 2016.



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ZACHARY HERIVAUX

MIDFIELDER

Zachary Herviaux signed with Rhode Island FC on July 3, 2024, via transfer from Tampa Bay Rowdies. The Brookline, Massachusetts, native began his professional career by becoming the third homegrown signing in New England Revolution history on May 2, 2015. While making 18 career appearances for the Revolution and scoring twice from 2015 to 2019, Herivaux also spent time on loan with San Antonio FC (2017) and Birmingham (2019) before permanently making the move to the USL Championship in 2020. In total, Herivaux brings 120 professional appearances across four USL Championship teams to his second season in the Ocean State, 56 of which came during a successful two-year stint with Birmingham Legion FC from 2021 to 2022. The midfielder's move to RIFC marked a return to where his career began.



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MAXI RODRIGUEZ

MIDFIELDER

Rodriguez was signed on December 3, 2024 after spending four seasons with Detroit City FC, where he most recently came off of a career-high season in 2024. Earning the first USL Championship All-League First Team nod of his career, the midfielder led Detroit with 10 goals and nine assists in 2024 on the way to a third-place Eastern Conference finish. In total, the San Antonio native brings six seasons of United Soccer League experience to the Ocean State across League One and the Championship, scoring 26 goals assisting 11 across stints with his native San Antonio FC (2017 to 2018), the Richmond Kickers of USL League One (2019), and four seasons with Detroit (2021 to 2024), including one season in the National Independent Soccer Association (2020) prior to Le Rouge joining the USL Championship in 2021.

PLAYER BIOS



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JACKSON LEE

GOALKEEPER

Lee signed his first professional contract with Rhode Island FC on December 22, 2023. He made his professional debut in the club's second-ever game at Monterey Bay FC on March 24, 2024, and kept the first clean sheet in club history vs. Charleston Battery on April 6, 2024. In total, the Australian made 12 appearances as a backup, keeping three clean sheets and making 32 saves in his first season. Lee signed with the Ocean State club before the 2024 MLS Superdraft, where the goalkeeper was selected 28th overall by Los Angeles Football Club. At the college level, Lee played two seasons at George Mason University before transferring to West Virginia University for another two seasons. As a senior at West Virginia, Lee set a university record for most GK wins in 2023 (17), finishing seventh in the nation with nine clean sheets.



23

MARC YBARRA

MIDFIELDER

Ybarra came to the Ocean State in December 2023 on the heels of a Players' Shield-winning 2023 campaign with Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC. In his first season with Rhode Island FC, Ybarra was one of only two players to appear in all 38 games, and led the club with 37 starts. Prior to his time with RIFC, Ybarra spent two seasons with the Riverhounds. He logged 65 appearances across two seasons, including all 34 games in 2023. Before signing with Pittsburgh, the midfielder enjoyed a record-setting collegiate career at the University of Michigan. From 2017 to 2021, Ybarra took home three Big 10 First-Team selections and one Big 10 Midfielder of the Year honor. Ybarra currently holds the school record for career appearances (91), starts (90), and minutes (8,312), while also ranking second in program history with 24 assists.



24

KARIFA YAO

DEFENDER

Following stops in MLS and the Canadian Premier League, Yao signed with Rhode Island FC on January 23, 2024. In his first season in the USL Championship, the physcial defender led RIFC with 3,247 minutes, making a career-best 36 starts in 37 appearances and tallying one goal and one assist. Born in Montréal to an Ivorian father and a Senegalese mother, Yao made his professional debut with MLS side Montréal Impact (now CF Montréal) on September 20, 2020 on a Homegrown contract. In 2021, Yao was loaned out to Canadian Premier League side Cavalry FC, scoring two goals and assisting two in 56 appearances across two seasons before being selected by Vancouver Whitecaps FC in Stage 1 of the MLS Re-Entry Draft for the 2023 season. Internatioanlly, Yao received multiple call-ups to the Canadian Under-15 and Under-17 squads.



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AMOS SHAPIRO-THOMPSON

MIDFIELDER

Shapiro-Thompson joined Rhode Island FC after spending his first professional season with New York Red Bulls II in 2023. After recovering from a season-long injury, Shapiro-Thompson made three appearances for RIFC in 2024. The midfielder's professional career began when he was selected 79th overall in the third round of the 2023 MLS SuperDraft. He went on to score one goal in 20 appearances during the 2023 MLS Next Pro season and registered one appearance with the New York Red Bulls first team. During his youth career, Shapiro-Thompson spent time abroad in Croatia and Poland before returning home to play for Boston College from 2019 to 2022, where he scored six goals and assisted five across four NCAA seasons. He started 33 games in 36 appearances in Chestnut Hill and logged a total of 2,699 minutes.



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ISAAC ANGKING

MIDFIELDER

Angking became the 24th all-time acquisition for Rhode Island FC on April 30, 2024. Angking made history in RIFC's 5-2 win over Players' Shield winners Louisville City FC on June 22, becoming the first Rhode Island-born player in club history to score a goal for the club. Before signing with RIFC, the midfielder played for Columbus Crew 2, where he made 19 appearances en route to a MLS Next Pro Cup Championship in 2022. Prior to Columbus, Angking scored twice in eight appearances for New England Revolution II in 2020 and added one assist in five games while on loan with Charlotte Independence in 2019. Angking's youth career started at Providence's Bayside FC. After four seasons with the New England Revolution Academy, Angking became the second-youngest homegrown player signing for the club on January 2, 2018.

WICKED GOOD SOCCER.

WORDMARK & ANCHORMARK

The club's official name is Rhode Island FC, or shortended to RIFC. RIFC is a club wordmark that can be used on applications as needed. Two versions of different lengths have been created depending on the available space. The words can be filled with any of the approved team colors. The custom "R" in "Rhode Island FC" creates forward movement and evokes the image of a ship sail caught in the wind.

RIFC also has a club mark, *our anchormark,* that can be used in designs where the fill crest is not needed. It should never be used as a replacement of the official team crest but should act as a supporting element for branded apparel, promotional items, temporary tattoos, stencils, etc. The anchormark can be filled with any of the approved team colors. Since it's easier to replicate than the crest – it's a fun way for supporters to show their support by making their own signs, flags or banners using this design. The mark can also be used with or without the "FC" depending on the application. If the "FC" will become illegible it can be left off the design.

RIFC

RHODE ISLAND FC

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 his time in Birmingham, Smith was an assistant coach for Orlando Pride of the National Women's Soccer League for three years.

Playing career
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 professional teams across four leagues: Carolina Dynamo, Bermuda Hogges, Real Boston Rams (USL Premier Development League), Dandy Town Hornets F.C. (Bermudian Premier Division), New England Revolution, New York Red Bulls (Major League Soccer) and Lincoln City F.C. (EFL League Two). At the international level, Smith captained the Bermuda National Team and appeared in 32 games, including 13 CONCACAF World Cup qualifiers. He tallied 10 goals across his national team career with the Gombey Warriors.

Coaching Beginnings
In December 2022, Smith was part of the sixth graduating class to complete the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) Pro License, finishing a 12-month journey that began in December 2021. 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 Rhode Island FC, Smith has assembled a deep and talented roster, and an experienced coaching staff with high standards and expectations for the 2025 USL Championship season after leading the club to the 2024 USL Championship final in its inaugural season.



SEAN CAREY
Asst. General Manager



DAVE McKAY
Asst. Coach



KARL SPRATT
Asst. Coach & Director of Goalkeeping



MARCOS UGARTE
Asst. Coach



NICK COELHO
Head Equipment Manager



MATT DELGRECO
Director of Sports Performance



JASON GOVE
Director of Soccer Operations



MYKEL NAYERI
Head of Video Analytics



LANGSTON SMITH
Head Athletic Trainer

USL CHAMPIONSHIP STATS

2025 REGULAR SEASON STATS

	PLAYER	MINUTES	GOALS	ASSISTS
1	Koke Vegas	900	0	0
3	Aldair Sanchez	729	0	1
5	Grant Stoneman	704	0	1
6	Aimé Mabika	253	0	0
8	Taimu Okiyoshi	241	0	0
9	JJ Williams	390	2	0
10	Albert Dikwa "Chico"	647	1	2
11	Noah Fuson	805	1	0
12	Clay Holstad	800	2	1
14	Rio Hope-Gund	350	0	0
15	Frank Nodarse	680	0	0
17	Jojea Kwizera	639	0	1
18	Joe Brito	252	1	0
20	Zachary Herivaux	534	1	0
21	Maxi Rodriguez	813	1	1
23	Marc Ybarra	268	0	0
24	Karifa Yao	451	0	0
77	Amos Shapiro-Thompson	359	0	0

2025 REGULAR SEASON LEADERS

GOALS

PLAYER	TOTAL
JJ Williams	2
Clay Holstad	2
Noah Fuson	1

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TOTAL
Albert Dikwa	2
Maxi Rodriguez	1
Aldair Sanchez	1

MINUTES

PLAYER	TOTAL
Koke Vegas	900
Maxi Rodriguez	813
Noah Fuson	805

RIFC AMBER

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BAY BLUE

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RIVER BLUE

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USL CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

2024 REGULAR SEASON LEADERS

GOALS

PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR
Albert Dikwa	10	2024
Noah Fuson	8	2024
Frank Nodarse	6	2024
JJ Williams	6	2024
Clay Holstad	4	2024
Zach Herivaux	4	2024

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR
Noah Fuson	10	2024
JJ Williams	7	2024
Jojea Kwizera	5	2024
Joseph Brito	4	2024
Marc Ybarra	4	2024
Albert Dikwa	4	2024

MINUTES

PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR
Karifa Yao	2,905	2024
Frank Nodarse	2,761	2024
Clay Holstad	2,760	2024
Marc Ybarra	2,675	2024
Stephen Turnbull	2,510	2024
Noah Fuson	2,415	2024

SHOTS

PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR
Albert Dikwa	48	2024
Clay Holstad	39	2024
JJ Williams	36	2024
Noah Fuson	29	2024

PASSES

PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR
Karifa Yao	1,393	2024
Frank Nodarse	1,382	2024
Clay Holstad	1,367	2024
Marc Ybarra	1,246	2024

INTERCEPTIONS

PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR
Frank Nodarse	50	2024
Marc Ybarra	39	2024
Karifa Yao	38	2024
Clay Holstad	29	2024

BLOCKS

PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR
Karifa Yao	25	2024
Frank Nodarse	20	2024

CLEARANCES

PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR
Karifa Yao	126	2024
Frank Nodarse	116	2024

SAVES/CLEAN SHEETS

PLAYER	SAVES (CLEAN SHEETS)	YEAR
Koke Vegas	55 (6)	2024
Jackson Lee	32 (3)	2024

SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

MULTI-GOAL GAMES

PLAYER	OPP.	DATE	GOALS
JJ Williams	Indy Eleven*	11/3/24	3
JJ Williams	Miami FC	10/26/24	3
JJ Williams	Westchester SC**	4/27/25	2
JJ Williams	Louisville City FC*	11/9/24	2
Zachary Herivaux	Birmingham Legion FC	7/17/24	2
Albert Dikwa	Miami FC	7/13/24	2
Frank Nodarse	Indy Eleven	7/5/24	2
Albert Dikwa	Monterey Bay FC	3/24/24	2

LARGEST WIN MARGINS

DATE	OPP.	HOME/AWAY	SCORE
10/26/24	Miami FC	Home	8-1
5/17/25	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Away	3-0
4/27/25	Westchester SC**	Away	4-1
4/5/25	Oakland Roots SC	Away	3-0
6/22/24	Lousiville City FC	Away	5-2
11/9/24	Louisville City FC*	Away	3-0
8/10/24	Hartford Athletic	Home	3-0
6/26/24	El Paso Locomotive	Home	3-0

IN-GAME TRENDS

THE LAST TIME RIFC...

	OPP.	DATE	SCORE
Won by 4+ goals	Miami FC	10/26/24	8-1
Earned a result after trailing by multiple goals at halftime	Indy Eleven	7/5/24	3-3 (Trailed 2-0 at HT)
Won after trailing at halftime	FC Tulsa	9/21/24	2-1 (Trailed 1-0 at HT)

	OPP.	DATE	TOTAL
Scored multiple goals in the first half	Westchester SC**	4/27/25	3 goals
Scored multiple goals in the second half	Tampa Bay Rowdies	5/17/25	2 goals
Scored the game-winner in second-half stoppage time	FC Tulsa	9/28/24	90+2' Albert Dikwa 2-1 win

*USL Championship Playoffs
**USL Jägermeister Cup

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:

GROUNDED
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





CENTREVILLE BANK STADIUM

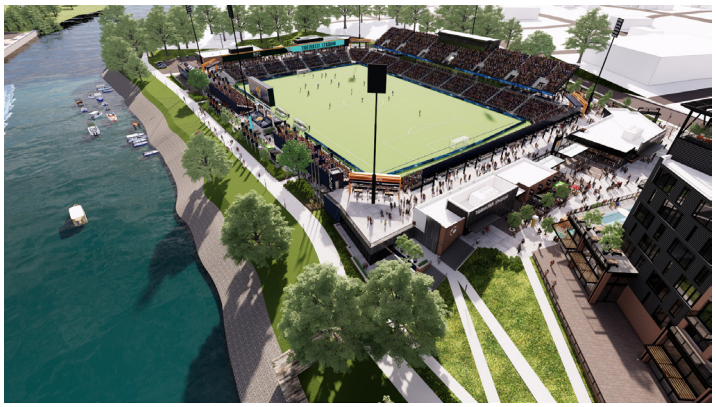
On the banks of the Seekonk River, the Tidewater Landing development is a gamechanger for the city of Pawtucket and the state of Rhode Island. A multi-use stadium will be the anchor of the development, which will include housing, restaurants, retail stores, and recreational amenities. Rhode Islanders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

The 10,500-seat stadium will be the home pitch to Rhode Island FC. Centreville Bank 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.









QUICK FACTS

Capacity – 10,500 (Potential to expand up to 16,000)

Playing Surface – Artificial Turf

Soccer Field Square Footage – 81,000 Square Feet

Total Field Square Footage – 108,000 Square Feet

Three In-Stadium Screens – 50x18 ft, 33x13 ft, 33x3 ft

Fan Accomodations – The Club, Riverside Lounge, Luxury Suites, Beer Garden, Sky Deck, Loges, The Plaza (main entrance), Midfield Pavillion, River Walk

Parking – Rhode Island FC released a comprehensive parking plan for The Stadium at Tidewater Landing, including:

- Identification of 3,600 parking spaces within a 0.75-mile radius
- One lot offering free parking, one mile away
- 18 lots within a 15-minute walk, operated by the stadium
- ADA accessible parking options
- Public transportation options
- Dedicated rideshare drop-off/pickup zone
- Bike and scooter parking
- Mileage and approximate walk time from each lot to the stadium
- Designated pedestrian pathway — *March to the Match*