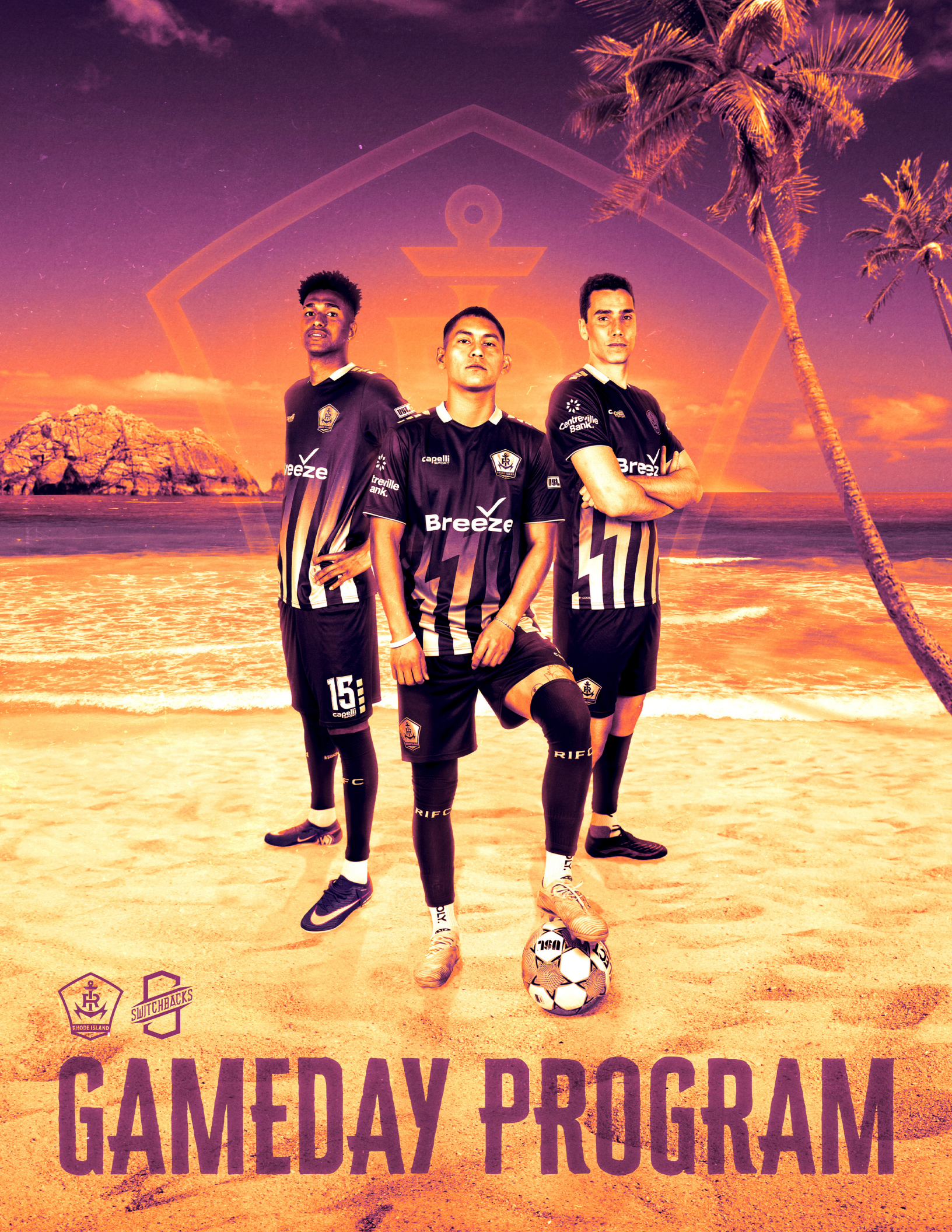




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GAME NOTES



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RHODE ISLAND FC vs COLORADO SPRINGS SWITCHBACKS FC

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SAT	MAR 28	AWAY	Miami	7:00 PM	1 - 2
SAT	APR 4	HOME	Detroit	4:00 PM	0 - 0
SAT	APR 11	AWAY	Lexington	7:00 PM	3 - 1
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SAT	APR 25*	AWAY	Hartford	7:00 PM	0 - 0 (PK: 4-3)
SAT	MAY 2	HOME	Birmingham	7:30 PM	1 - 3
SAT	MAY 9	HOME	Tampa Bay	7:30 PM	1 - 1
SAT	MAY 16*	AWAY	Portland	4:00 PM	1 - 2
SAT	MAY 23	HOME	Brooklyn	7:30 PM	4 - 1
SAT	MAY 30	AWAY	Indy	7:00 PM	0 - 1
SAT	JUN 6*	HOME	Westchester	7:30 PM	3 - 0
SAT	JUN 13	AWAY	Loudoun	6:00 PM	4 - 1
SAT	JUL 4	HOME	Orange County	7:30 PM	1 - 1
WED	JUL 8	AWAY	Sacramento	10:30 PM	1 - 2
SAT	JUL 11*	HOME	Brooklyn	7:30 PM	1 - 1 (PK: 4-3)
SAT	JULY 18	HOME	Hartford	7:30 PM	1 - 0
SAT	JUL 25	AWAY	Pittsburgh	7:00 PM	1 - 0
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SAT	AUG 8	HOME	Colorado Springs	7:30 PM	myRITV
SAT	AUG 15	AWAY	Tampa Bay	7:30 PM	NESN*
SAT	AUG 22	HOME	Monterey Bay	7:30 PM	myRITV
SAT	AUG 29	AWAY	Tulsa	8:30 PM	NESN*
SAT	SEP 5	HOME	Louisville	7:30 PM	myRITV
SAT	SEP 12	AWAY	Jacksonville	7:00 PM	NESN*
SAT	SEP 19	HOME	Miami	7:30 PM	myRITV
SAT	SEP 26	AWAY	Charleston	7:00 PM	NESN
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SAT	OCT 3	AWAY	Brooklyn	7:00 PM	NESN
SAT	OCT 10	AWAY	Detroit	7:00 PM	NESN
SAT	OCT 14	HOME	Loudoun	7:00 PM	myRITV
SAT	OCT 17	HOME	Pittsburgh	7:30 PM	myRITV
SAT	OCT 24	AWAY	Hartford	7:00 PM	NESN

GAME PREVIEW

Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC enters its second-straight road contest looking to rebound after a 1-0 loss at New Mexico United snapped its three-game win streak last time out. The Switchbacks dominated the statsheet in Albuquerque, beating out New Mexico in shots [21-6], shots inside the box [11-3], and touches inside the opposition box [37-9], but could not convert a shot. Forwards Jonas Fjeldberg and Sadam Masereka led the way with six shots and four shots respectively, but it was ultimately a 51st-minute New Mexico goal that separated the two sides as Colorado Springs went home empty-handed for the first time since June 24.

After notching back-to-back shutout wins vs. regional rival Hartford Athletic (1-0, July 18) and defending league champions Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (1-0, July 15) to move itself back into playoff positioning, Rhode Island FC's impressive streak came to an end when it fell 1-0 to Birmingham Legion FC on Aug. 2. After severe weather delayed the game by one day, the Ocean State club came out strong. Through 90 minutes, it out-shot Birmingham 19-9, held 58 percent possession and dominated the statsheet in corners [13-3] and crosses [23-9], but could not find the elusive opening goal. In the 63rd minute, a defensive mistake gifted Ronaldo Damus an open-goal finish, giving Birmingham the lead against the run of play. Despite RIFC's incessant pressure, the lone moment was all it took for Birmingham to pick up its second win of the season vs. RIFC.

EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

CLUB	GP	W	L	T	GD	PTS
Tampa Bay	18	11	2	5	14	38
Charleston	18	9	6	3	13	30
Detroit	17	8	5	4	8	28
Louisville	18	8	7	3	1	27
Pittsburgh	18	8	8	2	0	26
Miami	19	5	7	7	-7	22
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>22</i>
Indy	16	6	7	3	-1	21
Hartford	17	4	5	8	-4	20
Loudoun	17	3	5	9	-8	18
Birmingham	17	3	6	8	-3	17
Brooklyn	17	3	10	4	-15	13
Jacksonville	19	1	13	5	-28	8

*Prinx Tires USL Cup

GAME KITS



RHODE ISLAND FC



COLORADO SPRINGS SWITCHBACKS FC

ROSTER



1 KOKE VEGAS
GOALKEEPER



2 DANI ROVIRA
DEFENDER



3 ALDAIR SANCHEZ
DEFENDER



4 HUGO BACHARACH
DEFENDER



5 GRANT STONEMAN
DEFENDER



7 DWAYNE ATKINSON
MIDFIELDER



8 LEO AFONSO
FORWARD



9 JJ WILLIAMS
FORWARD



10 AGUSTÍN RODRÍGUEZ
MIDFIELDER



11 NOAH FUSON
FORWARD



12 CLAY HOLSTAD*
MIDFIELDER



13 WILL MEYER
GOALKEEPER



14 YUTARO TSUKADA
FORWARD



15 FRANK NODARSE
DEFENDER



17 JOËA KWIZERA
MIDFIELDER



18 OSMAN FOYO
FORWARD



19 KEVIN VANG
MIDFIELDER



20 JAMIN GOGO PETERS
FORWARD



21 ZACHARY HERIVAUX
MIDFIELDER



22 NICK SCARDINA
DEFENDER



24 KARIFA YAO
DEFENDER



25 CJ WILLIAMS
DEFENDER



29 JACOB CASTRO
GOALKEEPER



32 HAMADY DIOP
DEFENDER



77 AMOS SHAPRIO-THOMPSON
MIDFIELDER

*Out on loan for 2026 season

PLAYER BIOS



1

KOKE VEGAS ©

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 fifth season in the USL Championship in 2026 and third with RIFC, after spending his first two seasons in the league with San Diego Loyal. In his first three seasons with Rhode Island FC, Vegas captained RIFC to the 2024 USL Championship Final and back-to-back appearances in the Eastern Conference Final. Known for the quality in his touch and ability to help build up from the back, Vegas went to San Diego Loyal 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. Rovira came to the Ocean State after making 138 appearances in six seasons with Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, scoring one goal and dishing 14 assists in nearly 7,000 minutes of action throughout his career with the 2023 Players' Shield winners. Before joining the Hounds, Rovira made 41 appearances across three collegiate seasons at Dean College (2016) and the University of Vermont (2017-2018), 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, as well as Assistant Coach and 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 joined Rhode Island FC on Dec. 31, 2024, after making his professional debut with Minnesota United FC during the 2024 season, where he scored one goal in 12 appearances across MLS and MLS Next Pro. Prior to his time as a professional, Bacharach played collegiately at Fairleigh Dickinson University (2020-2022) 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 he was named to the All-Big Ten Second Team 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 in his youth development years, spending a decade with Villarreal before moving to CD Castellón.

PLAYER BIOS



5

GRANT STONEMAN

DEFENDER

Stoneman enters his seventh USL Championship season in 2026, and third with Rhode Island FC, after signing with the club on November 14, 2023. In his first two seasons with the RIFC, the defender started 39 of his 49 appearances across all competitions, tallying one goal, one assist and 143 clearances in 3,378 minutes. During his first four seasons with San Diego Loyal, Stoneman started 93 games in 99 regular-season appearances, recording 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. Before joining the USL Championship, the defender 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.



7

DWAYNE ATKINSON

MIDFIELDER

Atkinson signed with Rhode Island FC on Aug. 7, 2025, from Jamaican Premier League side Cavalier FC. The 23-year-old Jamaican international joined the Ocean State club after leading Cavalier FC to three JPL titles and one CONCACAF Caribbean Cup title in five seasons, scoring 50 goals in more than 130 career appearances for his hometown club. During the 2024/25 Jamaican Premier League season, Atkinson made 41 appearances across all competitions, including all five games of the club's playoff run to its second-straight Jamaican Premier League title. He scored a career-best 19 goals, including a stretch of 11 goal contributions in seven games in Cavalier FC's journey to its first-ever CONCACAF Caribbean Cup title. At the international level, Atkinson has made six appearances for the Jamaican National Team.



8

LEO AFONSO

FORWARD

Afonso signed with Rhode Island FC on Jan. 8, 2026, after spending the first two years of his professional career with Major League Soccer clubs Inter Miami CF and Atlanta United FC. During his rookie season with Miami in 2024, Afonso made 26 appearances across the club's first team and its MLS Next Pro side. The forward enjoyed a prolific season with Inter Miami CF II, scoring seven goals in seven appearances. He also made 19 appearances with the first team, scoring two goals and assisting one. In July 2025, Afonso joined Atlanta United FC, making four MLS appearances and two appearances in MLS Next Pro. Prior to his professional career, Afonso enjoyed a standout four-year collegiate career at the University of Virginia, where he scored 22 goals and added eight assists in 59 career appearances.



9

JJ WILLIAMS

FORWARD

A surprise player announcement at the inaugural Rhode Island FC Kit Reveal Party on December 4, 2023, Williams enters his eighth USL Championship season in 2025, and third with RIFC. After leading RIFC with eight goals in 2025 and 11 goals in 2024, Williams enters 2026 as Rhode Island FC's joint all-time leading scorer with 19 career goals for the Ocean State club. 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 third season with RIFC.

PLAYER BIOS



10

AGUSTÍN RODRÍGUEZ

MIDFIELDER

Known as "Pity," Rodríguez joined Rhode Island FC on Jan. 14, 2026, on loan from Argentinian Primera División side Club Atlético Lanús. He began his professional career with Lanús in 2021, going on to tally one goal and two assists in 28 appearances across five seasons with the Argentinian club. The midfielder has also featured in 32 appearances for the club's reserve side, Lanús II, where he scored five goals. In 2025, Pity scored two goals in five appearances for Lanús II and made three appearances for the first team. He spent the back half of the year on a brief loan stint with Cypriot First Division club Anorthosis Famagusta, where he made four appearances. Internationally, Pity has made six appearances for the Argentina U20 National Team.



11

NOAH FUSON

FORWARD

Fuson signed with Rhode Island FC on January 16, 2024, after spending two seasons with Columbus Crew 2. Through RIFC's first two seasons, Fuson ranked second with 77 appearances, third with 5,707 minutes, third with 13 goals and finished 2025 as the club's all-time assist leader with 15. He enjoyed a career-best season in his first year with RIFC in 2024, earning the league's Golden Playmaker Award after finishing the season with a league-leading 10 assists. Prior to his time in the USL Championship, Fuson was named Crew 2 Player of the Year in 2023. In his two seasons in Columbus, Fuson logged 4,392 minutes over 49 starts and 57 appearances, tallying 20 goals and nine assists. Before joining the Crew, Fuson spent the first two seasons of his career at Forward Madison FC (USL League One).



12

CLAY HOLSTAD*

MIDFIELDER

Holstad joined Rhode Island FC by way of Columbus Crew 2 on January 12, 2024. He finished his first two USL Championship seasons as the club's all-time leader in starts (68), appearances (78) and minutes (6,102), finishing 2025 as the only RIFC player in club history to appear in all but two of the club's games across all competitions. 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. The midfielder scored one goal and created one assist in 1,761 minutes. 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, and enters his second season with Rhode Island FC in 2026. 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 in 2023, appearing twice for Red Bulls II before transferring to 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 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.

**On loan at FC Dallas for 2026 season*

PLAYER BIOS



14

YUTARO TSUKADA

FORWARD

A 2024 MLS SuperDraft selection, Tsukada made an immediate impact during rookie season with Orlando City B. The Tokyo, Japan native finished third on the team with seven goals and second with seven assists in 22 MLS Next Pro regular-season appearances, 20 of which were starts. The performances earned him a contract with Orlando's first team in 2025, before he suffered a season-ending ACL injury. The winger returned to the club in 2026, where he logged 281 minutes in six appearances across Orlando City SC and Orlando City B. During his collegiate career, Tsukada rewrote history books at NJCAA school Daytona State College, scoring a program-record 26 goals in two seasons. After transferring to NCAA Division I school West Virginia State University in 2022, Ytusada bagged 13 goals and 14 assists in two years.



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. In two seasons with the Ocean State club, he made 65 starts in 71 appearances, scoring eight goals and assisting one in 5,609 minutes as the club's highest-scoring defender. 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.



17

JOJEA KWIZERA

MIDFIELDER

Kwizera joined Rhode Island FC on January 4, 2024. In his first two seasons, the Rwandan international started 52 games in 64 appearances across all competitions, scoring five goals and adding eight assists in 4,649 minutes. Kwizera came to the Ocean State after two seasons with MLS side CF Montréal, where he made 12 appearances. 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. On the international stage, Kwizera led RIFC with eight senior call-ups for Rwanda in 2024 and 2025.



18

OSMAN FOYO*

FORWARD

After signing at Ipswich Town FC in 2023, Foyo split the first year of his professional career across two loan spells, first making three appearances for National League South club Torquay United FC, before spending the back half of the season for National League South club Wellington United FC. Ahead of the 2024/25 season, the Chelsea FC Academy product joined the Premier League-bound Ipswich for its preseason tour in Germany before once again heading out on loan to the National League South, where he enjoyed a 12-goal season with Chelmsford City FC. After earning a move to AFC Wimbledon in January 2025, Foyo made 15 appearances in two seasons, spending most of the 2025/26 season at National League side Sutton United FC, where he scored two goals and recorded one assist in 10 league appearances.

**Foyo will be available for selection pending approval of his ITC and Visa.*

PLAYER BIOS



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 enters his third professional season, and third season with RIFC, in 2026. In his first two professional seasons, he made one start in six appearances, logging 115 minutes. Previously, 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.



20

JAMIN GOGO PETERS

FORWARD

Gogo Peters signed with the Ocean State club on Feb. 16, 2026, after four seasons at Brown University, where he logged 12 goals and three assists. A product of the Portland Timbers academy, the Forest Grove, Oregon native enjoyed a breakout rookie season with Brown after moving to the opposite coast in 2022. In his first year, Gogo Peters led the Bears and finished fourth in the Ivy League with seven goals in 16 appearances. In four seasons, Gogo Peters was a regular in the starting lineup, totaling 43 starts in 62 appearances and logging 3,276 minutes. He started all 15 games during his senior season in 2025, scoring three goals. Prior to his time in college, Gogo Peters featured with MLS Next Pro side Portland Timbers 2 in 2022, scoring four goals before beginning his first season with Brown.



21

ZACHARY HERIVAUX

MIDFIELDER

Herivaux signed with Rhode Island FC on July 3, 2024, via transfer from Tampa Bay Rowdies. The 2024 USL Championship Comeback Player of the Year started 28 of his 50 appearances through his first two seasons with RIFC, tallying six goals and five assists in 2,824 minutes. Herivaux began his professional career with his hometown club and became 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 his first full season with San Antonio, Herivaux tallied one assist in eight appearances before signing with Birmingham the next season.



22

NICK SCARDINA

DEFENDER

Scardina signed with Rhode Island FC on Jan. 9, 2026, after spending the first three seasons of his professional career with Major League Soccer organization Charlotte FC. Playing his first two seasons with Charlotte's MLS Next Pro affiliate, Crown Legacy FC, Scardina scored nine goals and dished eight assists in 43 appearances, playing a key role in the club's first-place finish in the 2023 Eastern Conference. In 2025, Scardina elevated to the first team, starting eight games in 15 MLS appearances for Charlotte FC and helping it to a fourth-place finish in the Eastern Conference. Scardina spent his youth with the Portland Timbers Academy and played four seasons of collegiate soccer at the University of Washington, where he scored 18 goals and assisted seven in 60 career appearances.

PLAYER BIOS



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. He finished his second season with the club in 2025 as its all-time leader in minutes played (6,037) across all competitions, ranking first all-time with 52 blocks and 327 clearances. Born in Montréal, 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, making 56 appearances in two seasons before being selected by Vancouver Whitecaps FC in Stage 1 of the MLS Re-Entry Draft for the 2023 season. At the international level, Yao received multiple call-ups to the Canadian Under-15 and Under-17 squads.



25

CJ WILLIAMS

DEFENDER

Williams signed his first professional deal with Rhode Island FC on March 2, 2026, after a successful collegiate career with Boston College. In four seasons with the Eagles, Williams started 52 of his 55 career games and logged 4,332 minutes. As a senior in 2025, he led a defensive unit that kept six shutouts, going the full 90 in seven of his final eight games. Williams also contributed two goals and one assist, the most memorable of which came in Boston College's come-from-behind 2-1 win over in-state rivals Boston University on Sept. 23, 2025, when he unleashed a long-range rocket with less than three minutes remaining to kickstart a dramatic comeback win. The Valley Stream, New York native spent his youth featuring for the academies of both New York City FC and Red Bull New York.



29

JACOB CASTRO

GOALKEEPER

Castro signed for RIFC on Jan. 13, 2026, after spending the first three years of his professional career with MLS Next Pro club Tacoma Defiance. In three seasons with Tacoma, he made 47 appearances, logging 4,755 minutes and posting seven shutouts. Castro spent his collegiate career across two different programs, beginning at the University of Washington in 2019 before transferring to San Diego State University in 2021. He started all 17 games and made 66 saves with seven shutouts during his first season with the Aztecs in 2022, becoming the program's first goalkeeper since 2006 to be named to the All-Pac 12 First Team. During his senior season in 2023, he was named to the All Pac-12 Second Team after leading the conference with 52 saves and finishing second with a 3.1 saves-per-game average.



32

HAMADY DIOP

MIDFIELDER

Diop signed with Rhode Island FC on Sept. 9, 2025, following stints with Major League Soccer's Charlotte FC and San Diego FC. Diop's professional career began in 2023, when he was selected first overall in the MLS SuperDraft by Charlotte FC after a standout three-year collegiate career at Clemson University. Diop spent his first two seasons in Charlotte, splitting 15 appearances between the first team and the MLS Next Pro reserve team, Crown Legacy FC, logging two assists. After a brief loan spell with SuperLiga club Čukarički, he was selected in the 2025 MLS Expansion Draft by San Diego FC, making eight appearances for the newest MLS club. In three seasons at Clemson, Diop scored seven goals and added three assists in 42 appearances, helping The Tigers lift its third NCAA National Championship in 2021.



77

AMOS SHAPIRO-THOMPSON

MIDFIELDER

Shapiro-Thompson joined Rhode Island FC ahead of the 2024 season after spending his first professional season with Red Bull New York II. After recovering from a season-long injury in 2024, the 2025 Rhode Island FC Midfielder of the Year enjoyed a breakout year, making 25 starts in 34 appearances and logging 1,984 minutes, scoring one goal. In his first professional season with RBNYII in 2023, he scored one goal in 20 appearances and registered one appearance with the Red Bull New York 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 career minutes.

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 2026 USL Championship season after leading the club to back-to-back Eastern Conference Finals in its first two seasons.



SEAN CAREY
ASST. GENERAL MANAGER



DAVE MCKAY
ASST. COACH



KARL SPRATT
*ASST. COACH &
DIRECTOR OF GOALKEEPING*



MARCOS UGARTE
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NICK COELHO
HEAD KIT MANAGER



JASON GOVE
*DIRECTOR OF
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LANGSTON SMITH
HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER



GUSTAVO RODRIGUEZ
DIRECTOR OF VIDEO ANALYSIS



MATTHEW DUARTE
SCOUTING COORDINATOR

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

TEAM OF THE WEEK x2

RIFC defenders have been named to the USL Championship Team of the Week for two of the last three weeks. Frank Nodarse started the streak in Week 20, scoring his first goal of the season to lift RIFC to a crucial 1-0 derby win over Hartford Athletic on July 18. One week later, Hugo Bacharach played a crucial role in the Ocean State club's first-ever regular-season victory over defending champions Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC on July 25. In a complete 90-minute shift, Bacharach won a team-high 19 duels, including 13 of his 16 aerial duels. On the defensive end, Bacharach led the squad with three of four tackles won and three fouls won while tallying five clearances. Bacharach, who has missed just one game in the 2026 regular season, has played the entire 90 minutes in his last five games for the Ocean State club.

TIGHT MARGINS

Across all competitions, Rhode Island FC's last six games have been decided by one goal or fewer. In that stretch, RIFC has scored five goals and conceded five, and has not scored more than one goal in a game since their 4-1 win over Loudoun United FC on June 13. During that span of games, the Ocean State club's defense has been a bright spot, holding both Hartford and Pittsburgh scoreless in back-to-back 1-0 wins. Across all competitions this season, 14 games have either been ties or results ending in a one-goal difference.

TSUKADA MAKES HIS DEBUT

Forward Yutaro Tsukada made his RIFC debut vs. Birmingham, coming on in the 70th minute. Rhode Island FC acquired Tsukada on July 30 on loan from Major League Soccer club Orlando City SC, where the Japanese winger enjoyed a successful first two seasons of his career after his selection in the first round of the 2024 MLS SuperDraft. In two seasons, Tsukada made 28 appearances across Orlando City and its MLS Next Pro reserve side, Orlando City B, including a breakout rookie season in 2024 where he scored seven goals and added seven assists to earn his first career MLS contract with Orlando.

FOR THE RECORDBOOKS

Rhode Island FC will face Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC for the third time in club history on Saturday, and the first time since its 3-0 loss in the 2024 USL Championship Final. The two games in the all-time series were both played in Colorado Springs in 2024, with the Western Conference club holding a 2W-0L-0T record against RIFC while outscoring it 6-1 across both contests. Saturday's game will mark the first time the two clubs meet in the Ocean State, bringing a rematch of the 2024 USL Championship Final to sea level for the first time.

USL CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS

2026

TEAM OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS (WEEK NUMBER)

Hugo Bacharach: 21

Amos Shapiro-Thompson: 18 (b)

Jojea Kwizera: 3 (b), 11/12, 19/20 (b)

Frank Nodarse: 2 (b), 5, 19/20

JJ Williams: 8/9 (b), 11/12

Nick Scardina: 11/12

GOAL OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS (WEEK NUMBER)

Jojea Kwizera: 12

SAVE OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS (WEEK NUMBER)

Koke Vegas: 6

ALL-TIME LEADERS

TEAM OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS

Jojea Kwizera, JJ Williams: 9

Frank Nodarse: 6

Noah Fuson, Clay Holstad, Koke Vegas: 5

Stephen Turnbull, Albert Dikwa: 4

Jackson Lee, Zach Herivaux, Hugo Bacharach: 2

Amos Shapiro-Thompson, Grant Stoneman, Maxi Rodriguez, Aldair Sanchez, Mark Doyle, Joe Brito, Marc Ybarra: 1

PLAYER OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS

Zachary Herivaux: 1

JJ Williams: 1

PLAYER OF THE MONTH SELECTIONS

JJ Williams: 1

COACH OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS

Khano Smith: 3

COACH OF THE MONTH SELECTIONS

Khano Smith: 1

GOAL OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS

Joe Brito, Clay Holstad, Noah Fuson, Jojea Kwizera: 1

SAVE OF THE WEEK SELECTIONS

Koke Vegas: 3

Jackson Lee: 1

RHODE ISLAND FC ALL-TIME RECORDS

ALL-TIME RHODE ISLAND FC LEADERS (REGULAR SEASON)

GOALS			ASSISTS			MINUTES		
PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER	PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER	PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER
JJ Williams	19	2024 - Present	Noah Fuson	15	2024 - Present	Karifa Yao	5,955	2024 - Present
Albert Dikwa	13	2024 - 2025	JJ Williams	12	2024 - Present	Clay Holstad	5,926	2024 - 2026
Noah Fuson	11	2024 - Present	Albert Dikwa	8	2024 - 2025	Frank Nodarse	5,630	2024 - Present
Jojea Kwizera	9	2024 - Present	Jojea Kwizera	7	2024 - Present	Koke Vegas	5,477	2024 - Present
Clay Holstad	7	2024 - 2026	Marc Ybarra	4	2024 - 2025	Noah Fuson	5,038	2024 - Present
Frank Nodarse	7	2024 - Present	Joe Brito	4	2024 - 2025	Jojea Kwizera	4,875	2024 - Present
SHOTS			PASSES			INTERCEPTIONS		
PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER	PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER	PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER
JJ Williams	149	2024 - Present	Clay Holstad	2,947	2024 - 2026	Frank Nodarse	92	2024 - Present
Noah Fuson	106	2024 - Present	Karifa Yao	2,759	2024 - Present	Karifa Yao	75	2024 - Present
Clay Holstad	93	2024 - 2026	Frank Nodarse	2,726	2024 - Present	Clay Holstad	59	2024 - 2026
Albert Dikwa	92	2024 - 2025	Koke Vegas	2,012	2024 - Present	Marc Ybarra	51	2024 - 2025
BLOCKS			CLEARANCES			SAVES/CLEAN SHEETS (GK)		
PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER	PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER	PLAYER	SAVES (CLEAN SHEETS)	CAREER
Karifa Yao	44	2024 - Present	Karifa Yao	307	2024 - Present	Koke Vegas	131 (21)	2024 - Present
Frank Nodarse	30	2024 - Present	Frank Nodarse	237	2024 - Present	Jackson Lee	50 (3)	2024 - 2025

ALL-TIME RHODE ISLAND FC LEADERS (ALL COMPETITIONS)

GOALS			ASSISTS			MINUTES		
PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER	PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER	PLAYER	TOTAL	CAREER
JJ Williams	29	2024 - Present	Noah Fuson	18	2024 - Present	Karifa Yao	7,632	2024 - Present
Albert Dikwa	19	2024 - 2025	JJ Williams	13	2024 - Present	Clay Holstad	7,448	2024 - 2026
Noah Fuson	13	2024 - Present	Jojea Kwizera	10	2024 - Present	Frank Nodarse	7,112	2024 - Present
Jojea Kwizera	10	2024 - Present	Albert Dikwa	9	2024 - 2025	Koke Vegas	6,977	2024 - Present
Clay Holstad	10	2024 - Present	Aldair Sanchez	8	2024 - Present	Noah Fuson	6,785	2024 - Present
Frank Nodarse	9	2024 - Present	Clay Holstad	5	2024 - Present	Jojea Kwizera	6,116	2024 - Present

SINGLE-GAME RECORDS (ALL COMPETITIONS)

MULTI-GOAL GAMES				LARGEST WIN MARGINS			
PLAYER	OPPONENT	DATE	GOALS	DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	SCORE
JJ Williams	Indy Eleven*	11/3/24	3	10/26/24	Miami FC	Home	8 - 1
JJ Williams	Miami FC	10/26/24	3	10/11/25	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Home	5 - 0
Albert Dikwa	Portland Hearts of Pine**	6/27/25	3	4/22/26	Charleston Battery	Home	4 - 0
JJ Williams	Brooklyn FC	5/23/26	2	3/17/26	CD Faialense^	Home	4 - 0
Jojea Kwizera	Brooklyn FC	5/23/26	2	6/6/26	Westchester SC**	Home	3 - 0
JJ Williams	Charleston Battery	4/22/26	2	6/13/26	Loudoun United FC	Away	4 - 1
Albert Dikwa	North Carolina FC*	11/8/25	2	5/23/26	Brooklyn FC	Home	4 - 1
JJ Williams	Tampa Bay Rowdies	10/11/25	2	6/27/25	Portland Hearts of Pine**	Home	4 - 1
JJ Williams	Westchester SC**	4/27/25	2	5/17/25	Tampa Bay Rowndies	Away	3 - 0
JJ Williams	Louisville City FC*	11/9/24	2	4/27/25	Westchester SC**	Away	4 - 1
Zachary Herivaux	Birmingham Legion FC	7/17/24	2	4/5/25	Oakland Roots SC	Away	3 - 0
Albert Dikwa	Miami FC	7/13/24	2	6/22/24	Louisville City FC	Away	5 - 2
Frank Nodarse	Indy Eleven	7/5/24	2	11/9/24	Louisville City FC*	Away	3 - 0
Albert Dikwa	Monterey Bay FC	3/24/24	2	8/10/24	Hartford Athletic	Home	3 - 0
				6/26/24	El Paso Locomotive	Home	3 - 0

*USL Championship Playoffs **Prinx Tires USL Cup ^Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup

RIFC TRADITIONS

MEMBER OF THE MATCH

A Season Ticket Member carries the club flag as RIFC takes the pitch.

SCARVES UP

Stand with your RIFC scarf held high as the players take the pitch for kickoff.

ANCHORS UP!

Watch for the Anchors Up video on the big screen and listen for the boat horn to signal the start of play.

STAND & STOMP

Stand and stomp during Chick-Fil-A Attleboro Corner Kicks and set pieces to fire up the squad.

RI! FC!

Cheer on the Boys in Bay Blue and bring the energy to the stadium.

DEFIANCE 1636 MAN OF THE MATCH

Applaud and cheer for the Man of the Match presented by Defiance 1636, RIFC's official supporters group.

GOAL SONG

After every goal by RIFC, celebrate the killer scoring instinct by singing along to Psycho Killer by Talking Heads.

*Psycho Killer, Siepmre Fiel, Fa Fa Fa Fa Fa Fa Fa Fa Fa Better
... Run Run Run Run Run Run Run Run Away! Oh Oh Oh*

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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 built the award-winning Centerville Bank Stadium on the riverfront in downtown 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:

GROUNDLED

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 gameday, 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



RIFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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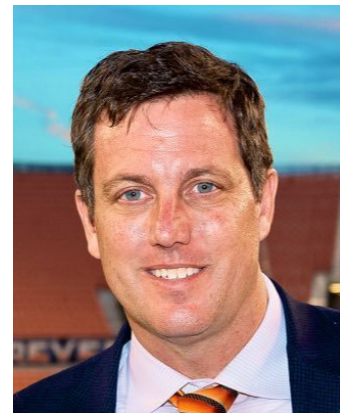
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CENTREVILLE BANK STADIUM

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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. The multi-purpose, award-winning Centreville Bank Stadium is 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 is the home pitch to Rhode Island FC. Centreville Bank Stadium is the flagship venue for sports and entertainment in Rhode Island, hosting other sporting and community events and concerts.

Centreville Bank Stadium and the Tidewater Landing development 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

More on Centreville Bank Stadium: Since opening on May 3, 2025, Centreville Bank Stadium has earned national recognition for its innovation and sustainability, including being named "Best New or Renovated Venue" by SportsTravel Magazine at the 2025 TEAMS Conference + Expo in Columbus, Ohio. The stadium's world-class design includes premium fan amenities, advanced lighting and acoustics, and 100 percent electric, energy-efficient operations.

Centreville Bank Stadium has hosted several marquee sporting events including a Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup game against Major League Soccer club New England Revolution, an international friendly featuring the Nicaragua and Puerto Rico men's national teams, Women's Elite Rugby, the 2025 Major League Rugby Championship, and the annual college football Governor's Cup rivalry between Brown University and the University of Rhode Island. In 2026, Grammy-nominated comedian Bill Burr will headline an expanded slate of events at the award-winning venue, marking the first-ever comedy show at Centreville Bank Stadium. Professional lacrosse, college football and National Women's Soccer League expansion club Boston Legacy FC will also call Centreville Bank Stadium home in 2026.

For more information, visit centrevillebankstadium.com.



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