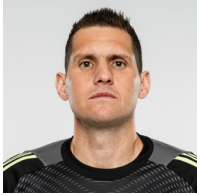


# REAL SALT LAKE

## 2025 ROSTER



RAFAEL  
CABRAL  
#1 | GOALKEEPER



KOBI  
HENRY  
#3 | DEFENSE



BRAYAN  
VERA  
#4 | DEFENSE



BRAIAN  
OJEDA  
#6 | MIDFIELD



PABLO  
RUIZ  
#7 | MIDFIELD



DIEGO  
LUNA  
#8 | MIDFIELD



WILLIAM  
AGADA  
#9 | FORWARD



DIOGO  
GONÇALVES  
#10 | FORWARD



DOMINIK  
MARCZUK  
#11 | FORWARD



MATTHEW  
BELL  
#12 | MIDFIELD



NELSON  
PALACIO  
#13 | MIDFIELD



EMEKA  
ENELI  
#14 | DEFENSE



JUSTEN  
GLAD  
#15 | DEFENSE



TYLER  
WOLFF  
#16 | MIDFIELD



LACHLAN  
BROOK  
#17 | MIDFIELD



ZAC  
MACMATH  
#18 | GOALKEEPER



BODE  
HIDALGO  
#19 | DEFENSE



AXEL  
KEI  
#21 | FORWARD



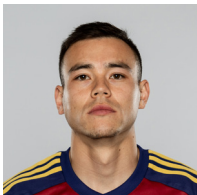
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PIOL  
#23 | FORWARD



MAX  
KERKVLJET  
#24 | GOALKEEPER



PHILIP  
QUINTON  
#26 | DEFENSE



SAM  
JUNQUA  
#29 | DEFENSE



OWEN  
ANDERSON  
#30 | MIDFIELD



MASON  
STAJDUHAR  
#31 | GOALKEEPER



ZACK  
FARNSWORTH  
#32 | DEFENSE



TOMMY  
SILVA  
#33 | DEFENSE



LUCA  
MOISA  
#34 | MIDFIELD



JESUS  
BAREA  
#36 | FORWARD



LUIS  
RIVERA  
#37 | DEFENSE



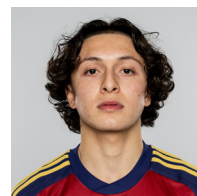
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VILLA  
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ZAVIER  
GOZO  
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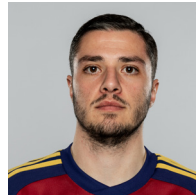
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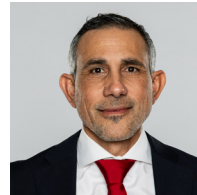
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BROWN  
#91 | DEFENSE



NOEL  
CALISKAN  
#92 | MIDFIELD



ALEX  
KATRANIS  
#98 | DEFENSE



PABLO  
MASTROENI  
HEADCOACH

# 2025 REAL SALT LAKE ROSTER (as of 10 JULY 2025)

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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
9	William Agada	FWD	5-9	163	17 Sept 1999	25	Bauchi, Nigeria		Int'l	NIG
27	Forster Ajago	FWD	6-2	178	16 Aug 2001	23	Navrongo, Ghana	Duke	Int'l	GHA
30	Owen Anderson	MID	5-11	160	06 June 2007	17	San Rafael, CA		HG / MON	
12	Matthew Bell	M/F	5-9	175	27 Aug 2002	22	Kingston, Jamaica	Marshall	Int'l	JAM
36	Jesus Barea	FWD	5-9	167	28 April 2002	22	Cadiz, Spain	Missouri State	Int'l	
17	Lachlan Brook	M/F	5-10	175	08 Feb 2001	23	Sydney, Australia		Int'l	AUS
91	Javain Brown	DEF	5-11	195	09 March 1999	25	Kingston, Jamaica	South Florida	Int'l	JAM
1	Rafael Cabral	GK	6-1	183	20 May 1990	34	Sorocaba, Brazil		Int'l	
92	Noel Caliskan	MID	5-11	172	29 Aug 2000	23	Cologne, Germany	Loyola Marymount	GC/MON	GER
14	Emeka Eneli	DEF	5-9	178	01 Jan 1999	25	Dublin, Ohio	Cornell		
32	Zack Farnsworth	DEF	6-1	165	13 July 2002	22	Cedar Hills, UT		HG	
15	Justen Glad	DEF	6-1	160	28 Feb 1997	27	Tucson, AZ		HG	USA
72	Zavier Gozo	FWD	5-11	170	22 March 2007	17	Eagle Mountain, UT		HG/MON	
10	Diogo Goncalves	FWD	5-9	165	06 Feb 1997	27	Almodôvar, Portugal		Int'l	POR
39	Aiden Hezarkhani	DEF	5-10	150	28 June 2007	16	Irvine, CA		Academy	
3	Kobi Henry	DEF	6-2	175	26 April 2044	20	Lakeland, FL			USA
19	Bode Hidalgo	DEF	6-0	165	22 Feb 2002	22	Kaysville, UT		HG	
29	Sam Junqua	DEF	6-0	170	09 Nov 1996	28	Saratoga, CA	Cal-Berkeley		
98	Alex Katranis	DEF	5-9	172	04 May 1998	26	Volos, Greece		Int'l	GRE
21	Axel Kei	FWD	6-4	183	30 Dec 2007	17	Abidjan, Ivory Coast		GC HG	
24	Max Kerkvliet	GK	6-5	210	1 Oct 2005	19	Houston, TX	Connecticut		
--	Kevon Lambert	D/M	6-3	175	22 March 1997	27	St. James Parish, Jamaica		Int'l	JAM
8	Diego Luna	MID	5-8	178	07 Sept 2003	20	Redwood City, CA		HG	USA
18	Zac MacMath	GK	6-2	190	07 Aug 1991	32	St. Petersburg, FL	Maryland		
11	Dominik Marczuk	FWD	5-10	175	01 Nov 2003	20	Międzyrzec Podlaski, Poland		Int'l	POL
40	Omar Marquez	MID	5-6	155	21 Feb 2008	16	Sacramento, CA		Academy	
34	Luca Moisa	MID	5-8	165	20 April 2008	16	Las Vegas, NV		HG/MON	
6	Braian Ojeda	MID	5-8	175	27 June 2000	24	Itauguá, Paraguay		Int'l	PAR
13	Nelson Palacio	MID	5-11	180	16 June 2001	23	Apartadó, Colombia		Int'l	22 COL
23	Ariath Piol	FWD	5-11	174	11 Oct 2004	20	Australia		Int'l	
26	Philip Quinton	DEF	6-6	190	16 Nov 1999	24	Portland, OR	Notre Dame		
37	Luis Rivera	DEF	5-8	160	01 Dec 2007	16	El Paso, TX		HG	
7	Pablo Ruiz	MID	5-7	145	20 Dec 1998	25	Comodoro Rivadavia, Arg.		GC	
77	Johnny Russell	FWD	5-10	170	09 Apr 1990	35	Glasgow, Scotland		GC	SCO
33	"Tommy" Silva	DEF	5-10	175	21 Feb 2002	22	Tucson, AZ	UCLA	HG	
31	Mason Stajduhar	GK	6-2	190	2 Dec 1997	27	Salem, MA			
4	Brayan Vera	DEF	5-11	172	15 Jan 1999	25	San Luis, Colombia		Int'l	COL
41	Gio Villa	DEF	5-8	140	3 Jan 2008	16	Chicago, IL		Academy	USA/MEX
38	Jude Wellings	MID	5-9	160	26 April 2006	18	Birmingham, MI		HG	
16	Tyler Wolff	MID	5-9	154	13 Feb 2003	21	Snellville, GA			

## REAL SALT LAKE (MLS)

Head Coach: Pablo Mastroeni (Phoenix, AZ)  
 Assistant Coach: Nate Miller (Jerusalem, Israel)  
 Assistant Coach: Anthony Pulis (Bournemouth, England)  
 Assistant Coach: Jamison Olave (Medellin, Colombia)  
 Goalkeeper Coach: Mirza Harambasic (Prijeedor, Bosnia)  
 Video Analyst: Rob Rogers (Cheltenham, England)  
 Assistant Coach: Joel DeLass (Spring Lake, MI)  
 Strength/Conditioning: Brandon Moran (Seattle, WA)  
 Sports Scientist: Johnny Fabrizio (Jackson Hole, WY)  
 Athlete Health/Performance: Theron Enns, ATC (Chicago, IL)  
 Athletic Training: Jake Joachim (Portland, OR),  
 Katie Kuykendall (Ft. Worth, TX)  
 Equipment: Ben Chavez (Long Beach, CA),  
 Peyton Compagno (Tucson, AZ)  
 Team Administration: Chase Rusden (Glenmoore, PA),  
 Rory James (Eugene, OR), Christian Peters (Germansville, PA)

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President: John Kimball (SLC, UT)  
 Sporting Director: Kurt Schmid (Torrance, CA)  
 Assistant GM: Tony Beltran (Claremont, CA)  
 Club Operations/Special Projects: Jason Kreis (Omaha, NE)  
 Recruitment Director: Jon Spencer (Anaheim, CA)  
 Head Scout: Luke Mulholland (Preston, England)  
 Data Analysis: Dr. Joseph Lee Thomas (Kansas City, MO)  
 Academy Scout: Matthew Hayes (Dallas, TX)  
 VP, Communications: Trey Fitz-Gerald (Albuquerque, NM)  
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 Zuhayr Maung (SLC, UT), Josh Green (Riverton, UT)  
 Team Photographer: Laura Dearden (Walnut Creek, CA)  
 Team Videographers: Nick Lamping (Batesville, IN),  
 Jason Soriano (SLC, UT), Lindsey Wyson (Laguna Niguel, CA)

## 2025 REAL SALT LAKE PRONUNCIATION GUIDE (as of 10 JULY 2025)

(2025 additions in RED; \*italicized players currently on IR or LOAN)

No.	Player	Pos.	Pronunciation	Place of Birth	Last Club
1	Rafael Cabral	GK	kuh - BRAWL	Sorocaba, Brazil	Palmeiras / Gremio (Brazil)
3	Kobi Henry	DEF	KOH-bee HENN - ree	Lakeland, FL	Reims (France)
4	Brayan Vera	DEF	"Brian" VERR-uh	San Luis, Colombia	América de Cali (Colombia)
6	Braian Ojeda	MID	BRY-ahn oh-HEY-duh	Itaiguá, Paraguay	Nottingham Forest (EFL Champ.)
7	Pablo Ruiz	MID		Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina	San Luis (Chile)
8	Diego Luna	MID		Sunnyvale, CA	El Paso Locomotive (USL Champ.)
9	William Agada	FWD	uh - GAW - duh	Bauchi, Nigeria	Sporting Kansas City (MLS)
10	Diogo Gonçalves	FWD	gone - SALL - vez	Portugal	FC Copenhagen (Denmark)
11	Dominik Marczuk	FWD	mar - CHOOK	Międzyrzec Podlaski, Poland	Jagiellonia Bialystok (Poland)
14	Emeka Eneli	DEF	uh-MECK-uh uh-NELL-ee	Lansing, MI	Cornell University (NCAA)
15	Justen Glad	DEF		Tucson, AZ	RSL-Arizona Academy U-18 (USSDA)
16	Tyler Wolff	MID		Snellville, GA	Atlanta United (MLS)
17	Lachlan Brook	M/F		Sydney, Australia	Western Sydney (A-League)
19	Bode Hidalgo	FWD	BOH - dee	Kaysville, UT	Real Monarchs (USL Champ.)
21	Axel Kei	FWD	AK-sel KYE	San Diego, CA	RSL Academy
23	Ariath Piol	FWD	pee - YOLE	Australia	Macarthur FC (A-League)
24	Max Kerkvliet	GK	KIRK - vleet	Houston, TX	Connecticut (NCAA)
26	Philip Quinton	DEF		Portland, OR	Columbus Crew (MLS)
29	Sam Junqua	DEF	JUNK - uh	Saratoga, CA	FC Dallas (MLS)
30	Owen Anderson	MID		San Rafael, CA	Real Monarchs (MLS Next PRO)
31	Mason Stajduhar	GK	STYE - doo - harr	Salem, MA	Orlando City (MLS)
32	Zack Farnsworth	DEF		Cedar Hills, UT	RSL Academy
33	"Tommy" Silva	DEF		Tucson, AZ	UCLA (NCAA)
34	Luca Moisa	MID	moe - EE - sah	Las Vegas, NV	RSL Academy
36	Jesus Barea	FWD	buh - RAY - uh	Cadiz, Spain	Missouri State (NCAA)
37	Luis Rivera	DEF		El Paso, TX	Real Monarchs (MLS Next PRO)
38	Jude Wellings	MID		Birmingham, MI	RSL Academy
40	Omar Marquez	MID		Sacramento, CA	RSL Academy
41	Gio Villa	DEF	VEE - yuh	Chicago, IL	RSL Academy
72	Zavier Gozo	FWD		West Valley City, UT	RSL Academy
77	Johnny Russell			Glasgow, Scotland	Sporting Kansas City (MLS)
91	Javain Brown	DEF	juh - VANE	Kingston, Jamaica	Vancouver Whitecaps (MLS)
92	Noel Caliskan	MID	KNOLL	Cologne, Germany	Portland Timbers (MLS)
98	Alex Katranis	DEF	kuh - TRAW - nuss	Volos, Greece	Piast Galwice (Poland)

### INJURED RESERVE:

18	Zac MacMath	GK		St. Petersburg, FL	Colorado Rapids (MLS)
12	Matthew Bell	M/F		Kingston, Jamaica	Marshall Univ. (NCAA)

### ON LOAN:

--	Kevon Lambert	D/M	KEV-uhn	St. James Parish, Jamaica	Phoenix Rising (USL Champ.)
27	Forster Ajago	FWD	ah - JAW - go	Navrongo, Ghana	Nashville FC (MLS)
13	Nelson Palacio	MID		Apartadó, Colombia	Atlético Nacional (Colombia)

## 2025 REAL SALT LAKE POSITION GROUPS (as of 10 JULY 2025)

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### GOALKEEPERS (4)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
1	Rafael Cabral	GK	6-1	183	20 May 1990	34	Sorocaba, Brazil		Int'l	
31	Mason Stajduhar	GK	6-2		2 Dec 1997	27	Salem, MA			
24	Max Kerkvliet	GK	6-5	210	1 Oct 2005	19	Houston, TX	Connecticut		
18	Zac MacMath	GK	6-2	190	07 Aug 1991	32	St. Petersburg, FL	Maryland		

### CENTERBACKS (5)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
15	Justen Glad	DEF	6-1	160	28 Feb 1997	26	Tucson, AZ		HG	USA
4	Brayan Vera	DEF	5-11	172	15 Jan 1999	25	San Luis, Colombia		Int'l	COL
26	Philip Quinton	DEF	6-6	190	16 Nov 1999	24	Portland, OR	Notre Dame		
3	Kobi Henry	DEF	6-2	175	26 April 2044	20	Lakeland, FL			USA
32	Zack Farnsworth	DEF	6-1	165	13 July 2002	21	Cedar Hills, UT		HG	

### OUTSIDE / WING BACKS (6)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
98	Alex Katranis	DEF	5-9	172	4 May 1998	25	Volos, Greece		Int'l	GRE
29	Sam Junqua	DEF	6-0	170	09 Nov 1996	28	Saratoga, CA	Cal-Berkeley		
19	Bode Hidalgo	DEF	6-0	165	22 Feb 2002	21	Kaysville, UT		HG	
91	Javain Brown	DEF	5-11	195	09 March 1999	25	Kingston, Jamaica	South Florida	Int'l	JAM
33	"Tommy" Silva	DEF	5-10	175	21 Feb 2002	21	Tucson, AZ	UCLA	HG	USA
37	Luis Rivera	DEF	5-8	160	01 Dec 2007	15	El Paso, TX		HG	USA

### PIVOT / DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDERS (4)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
6	Braian Ojeda	MID	5-8	175	27 June 2000	23	Itaiguá, Paraguay		Int'l	22 PAR
14	Emeka Eneli	DEF	5-9	178	01 Jan 1999	24	Dublin, OH	Cornell		
7	Pablo Ruiz	MID	5-7	145	20 Dec 1998	24	Comodoro Rivadavia, Arg.		GC	CHI
92	Noel Caliskan	MID	5-11		29 Aug 2000	23	Cologne, Germany	Loyola Marymount	GC	

### ATTACKING / TWO-WAY MIDFIELDERS (7)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
8	Diego Luna	MID	5-8	178	07 Sept 2003	21	Redwood City, CA		HG	USA
10	Diogo Gonçalves	MID	5-9	165	06 Feb 1997	27	Almodôvar, Portugal		Int'l	POR
16	Tyler Wolff	MID	5-9	154	13 Feb 2003	21	Snellville, GA			
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30	Owen Anderson	MID	5-11	160	06 June 2007	17	San Rafael, CA		HG / MON	
38	Jude Wellings	MID	5-9	160	26 April 2006	18	Birmingham, MI		HG	USA
12	Matthew Bell	M/F	5-9	175	27 Aug 2002	22	Kingston, Jamaica	Marshall	Int'l	JAM

### WINGERS (4)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
11	Dominik Marczuk	M/F	5-10	175	01 Nov 2003	21	Międzyrzec Podlaski, Poland		Int'l	POL
72	Zavier Gozo	FWD	5-11	170	22 March 2007	17	Eagle Mountain, UT		HG / MON	USA/IC
77	Johnny Russell	FWD	5-10	170	09 Apr 1990	35	Glasgow, Scotland		GC	SCO
39	Aiden Hezarkhani*	FWD	5-10	150	28 June 2007	17	Irvine, CA		HG / MON	

### STRIKERS (5)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Age	Hometown	College	Status	INTL
9	William Agada	FWD	5-9	163	17 Sept 1999	25	Bauchi, Nigeria		Int'l	NIG
23	Ariath Piol	FWD	5-11	174	11 Oct 2004	20	Australia		Int'l	
36	Jesus Berea	FWD	5-9	167	28 April 2002	22	Cadiz, Spain	Missouri State	Int'l	
27	Forster Ajago	FWD	6-2	178	16 Aug 2001	23	Navrongo, Ghana	Duke	Int'l	GHA
21	Axel Kei	FWD	6-4	183	30 Dec 2007	17	Abidjan, Ivory Coast		GC HG	USA/IC

# 2025 – MLS REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE / KEY DATES

(as of 12 July 2025)

(all times MT; HOME GAMES IN BOLD; PRESEASON / BYE WEEKS IN RED; potential CONCACAMPIONS / LEAGUES CUP IN BLUE; ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE; visit [www.RSL.com](http://www.RSL.com) or [www.MLSsoccer.com](http://www.MLSsoccer.com) or [www.CONCACAF.com](http://www.CONCACAF.com) for additional info / details)

DAY / DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (MT)	NOTE:
FRI 01/24/2025	RSL v NYCFC	2-2	Marczuk, Ojeda score after early 0-2 hole in Santa Barbara
WED 01/29/2025	RSL v MINNESOTA	1-1	Ajago equalizes w/ 30 min. remaining in 120' game
WED 02/05/2025	RSL v ST. LOUIS CITY SC	1-1	Brilliant Lachlan Brook strike equalizes midway through 2nd
SAT 02/08/2025	RSL v LAS VEGAS (USL)	3-0	Caliskan, Gozo and Wolff find back of net v USL-C side
WED 02/12/2025	RSL v NY RED BULLS	3-3	Ajago brace on either side of Diogo goal in 1-3 comeback draw
WED 02/12/2025	RSL v ORANGE COUNTY	3-1	Tommy Silva, Jesus Barea & Ari Piol score in 2 <sup>nd</sup> half
MON 02/17/2025	DEPART UTAH FOR COSTA RICA		One training session Tues. Feb. 18 at National Stadium in CRC
WED 02/19/2025	at CS Herediano (CCC)	0-0 T	Cabral & Co. w/ road clean sheet in 1st CONCACAF trip since 2016
SAT 02/22/2025	at San Jose Earthquakes	0-4 L	Heaviest opening day loss for RSL since 2007
WED 02/26/2025	CS HEREDIANO (CCC)	1-2 L	Earliest Home Kickoff in calendar since 2011 CCL v Crew SC
SAT 03/01/2025	SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC	2-0 W	Seattle without win at RSL since 2012 postseason
SAT 03/08/2025	SAN DIEGO FC	1-3 L	RSL 10W-5L-3T all-time against expansion teams in 1 <sup>st</sup> visits to Utah
SAT 03/15/2025	at Houston Dynamo	2-1 W	RSL, HOU faced off nine times all competitions last two years
SAT 03/22/2025	FC DALLAS	0-1 L	No MLS side has won on Wasatch more than Dallas
SAT 03/29/2025	at Minnesota United FC	0-2 L	RSL returns to site of 2024 postseason elimination
SAT 04/05/2025	LA GALAXY	2-0 W	MLS Cup 2024 Champions return to Utah
SAT 04/12/2025	at Nashville SC	1-2 L	RSL visits NSH for first time since 2022
SAT 04/19/2025	TORONTO FC	0-1 L	Lone TFC win in Utah was in 2007; RSL 9W-1L-2T all comps in Utah
SAT 04/26/2025	at San Diego FC	3-1 W	Fourth California team welcomes RSL for first time ever
SAT 05/03/2025	at Vancouver Whitecaps	1-2 L	Can RSL secure comeback win at BC Place for third straight year?
SAT 05/10/2024	at FC Dallas	1-1 T	RSL unbeaten in three of last four at Dallas, last win in 2021
WED 05/14/2025	PORTLAND TIMBERS FC	0-0 T	Just four wins in last 18 all comps against Timbers
SAT 05/17/2025	at Colorado Rapids	0-1 L	1-0 lead conceded in last DSG Park visit to drop Rocky Mtn Cup
SAT 05/24/2025	VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC	2-3 L	RSL with five consecutive home wins over Vancouver
WED 05/28/2025	at Austin FC	1-1 T	RSL with points in Austin last two seasons
SAT 05/31/2025	at LA Galaxy	0-2 L	2-0 HT lead conceded at Galaxy a year ago
SAT 06/14/2025	D.C. UNITED	2-1 W	One of 3 eastern conference teams to visit AFF in '25
SAT 06/21/2025			Second June bye weekend after 120 intense days to open 2025
SAT 06/28/2025	at Sporting KC	1-1 T	RSL now 14W-8L-7T v KC since MLS Cup 2013 heartbreak
SAT 07/05/2025	ST. LOUIS CITY SC	3-2 W	RSL 7W-2L-9T all-time in Independence Day home celebrations
SAT 07/12/2025	HOUSTON DYNAMO	1-0 W	HOU with just 1 win in last 13 visits to Utah
WED 07/16/2025	at Portland Timbers FC	8:30p	Worst loss of 2024 came at Providence Park in Portland last July
SAT 07/19/2025	FC CINCINNATI	7:30p	Cincy won in Sandy in late-year 2023 visit
WED 07/23/2025	MLS All-Star Game		To be played at Q2 Stadium in Austin
SAT 07/26/2025	SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES	7:30p	Pioneer Day festivities traditionally kind to RSL (8W-4L-5T)
WED 07/30/2025	CLUB AMERICA		new format in 2025 for 18 MLS / 18 LIGA MX teams TBA
SAT 08/02/2025	ATLETICO SAN LUIS		RSL finished 6 <sup>th</sup> of 29 MLS teams in 2024
WED 08/06/2025	QUERETARO		RSL with 2 wins, 1 loss at home in Leagues Cup 2023/24 editions
SUN 08/10/2025	at New York Red Bulls	4:00p	Just one RSL win in 11 trips to "Sports Illustrated Stadium"
SAT 08/16/2025	at Charlotte FC	5:30p	1st RSL visit to CLT, just 2nd-ever match (RSL 3-1 W in 2022)
WED 08/20/2025	LEAGUES CUP QUARTERFINAL		
SAT 08/23/2025	MINNESOTA UNITED FC	7:30p	RSL unbeaten in last 8 at home v. MIN; 2022 equalizer latest ever
WED 08/27/2025	LEAGUES CUP SEMIFINAL		
SAT 08/30/2025	at Seattle Sounders FC	8:30p	RSL earning points (4W/1T) in 5 of last 6 visits to Seattle
SUN 08/31/2025	LEAGUES CUP FINAL		Seattle road trip would be moved if either team advances to Final
SAT 09/06/2025			Third of four possible bye weekends throughout 2025 MLS season
SAT 09/13/2025	SPORTING KANSAS CITY	7:30p	RSL 3 wins / 1 loss in four Utah games since 2020 pandemic
WED 09/17/2025	LAFC	7:30p	RSL unbeaten in last 3 against West Power Black-and-Gold
SUN 09/21/2025	at LAFC	7:00p	RSL looking to extend unbeaten run v LAFC in lone FS1 appearance
SAT 09/27/2025	AUSTIN FC	7:30p	RSL with complete 5-1 win over ATX last season
SAT 10/04/2025	COLORADO RAPIDS	7:30p	2025 Rocky Mountain Cup on the line, RSL looking to reclaim
SAT 10/11/2025			Possible makeup date for any rescheduled MLS matches
SAT 10/18/2025	at St. Louis CITY SC	7:00p	Luna dominant in both previous unbeaten visits to STL

## AUDI 2025 MLS CUP PLAYOFF DATES (subject to change)

WED 10/22/2025	8 v 9 WILD CARD KNOCKOUT MATCHES
SAT 10/25/2025	KNOCKOUT ROUND "BEST OF THREE" MATCH 1
SAT 11/01/2025	KNOCKOUT ROUND "BEST OF THREE" MATCH 2
SAT 11/08/2025	KNOCKOUT ROUND "BEST OF THREE" MATCH 3 (if necessary)
SAT 11/15/2025	FIFA INTERNATIONAL BREAK
SAT 11/22/2025	CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS - Single-Elimination
SAT 11/29/2025	CONFERENCE FINAL - Single-Elimination
SAT 12/06/2025	MLS CUP 2025

# 2025 REAL SALT LAKE STORYLINES

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**2025 RECORD:** MLS 7W-10L-4D (25 points, 11<sup>th</sup> West / 21<sup>st</sup> Shield); 24 GF / 29 GA / -5 GD  
Champions Cup 0W-1L-1D (1 GF / 2 GA v Herediano; ELIMINATED)  
Leagues Cup July 30 v Club América; August 2 v Atlético San Luis; August 6 v Queretaro

**SPORTING DIRECTOR:** Kurt Schmid  
(5<sup>th</sup> season with RSL – 2<sup>nd</sup> full season as Chief Soccer Officer; 15<sup>th</sup> overall in MLS)

**HEAD COACH:** Pablo Mastroeni (Aug. 2021 – present)  
[5<sup>th</sup> season with RSL – 4<sup>th</sup> full season as RSL HC; 9<sup>th</sup> overall in MLS (COL 2014-17)]  
RSL record: 64W-57L-42T (all comps) All-Time MLS HC record: 102W-113L-78T

**TECHNICAL STAFF:** Nate Miller (2<sup>nd</sup> season – formerly USL San Diego Loyal);  
Anthony Pulis (2<sup>nd</sup> season – formerly USL Miami FC);  
Jamison Olave (2<sup>nd</sup> MLS season – formerly MLSNP Real Monarchs);  
Mirza Harambasic – GK (2<sup>nd</sup> season – formerly MLSNP Real Monarchs / RSL Academy);  
Joel DeLass – Player Development Coach (3<sup>rd</sup> season – formerly Monarchs);  
Brandon Moran – Performance (1<sup>st</sup> season – formerly Seattle Sounders FC)

**INCOMING 2025 TRANSFERS:** MF Tyler Wolff (Atlanta United – USA – acquired Dec. 12, 2024);  
FW Forster Ajago (Nashville SC – USA – acquired Dec. 13, 2024)  
DF Sam Junqua (FC Dallas – USA – acquired Dec. 20, 2024);  
DF Kobi Henry (Reims – France – added via loan – Jan. 13, 2025);  
GK Mason Stajduhar (Orlando City – USA – acquired Jan. 17, 2025);  
GK Rafael Cabral (Cruzeiro – Brazil – acquired Jan. 20, 2025);  
FW Ariath Piol (Macarthur FC – Australia – acquired Jan. 23, 2025)  
FW William Agada (Sporting KC – USA – acquired April 23, 2025)  
FW Johnny Russell (Free Agent – USA – acquired April 25, 2025)

**KEY DEPARTURES:** FW Chicho Arango (17 goals, 13 assists → San Jose Earthquakes);  
(2024 All Comp Stats) FW Anderson Julio (9g, 4a → FC Dallas – MLS);  
MF Matt Crooks (3g / 5a → Hull City – EFL Championship);  
GK Gavin Beavers (14 starts, 28 GA, 3 shutouts, 7W-5L-2T → Brøndby – Denmark)  
DF Andrew Brody (33 games, 23 starts, 2105', 2a → Sporting KC – MLS);

**OUT ON LOAN:** D/M Kevon Lambert (loaned to Louisville City – USL through 2025 season);  
FW Forster Ajago (loaned to Lexington – USL through 2025 season)  
MF Nelson Palacio (loaned to FC Zurich – Swiss SuperLeague through June 2026)

**AVAILABILITY REPORT** (for 16 July 2025 – MLS Matchday 24 @ Portland Timbers FC:

**OUT:** MF Matthew Bell (hamstring injury suffered 02/11/2025 in training)  
GK Zac MacMath (back injury suffered 09/11/24 @ ATX; surgery 01/24/25)  
DF Javain Brown (knee injury suffered 04/08/2025 in training)  
MF Tyler Wolff (knee injury suffered 06/25/2026 in training)

**CAUTION ACCUMULATION:** MF Braian Ojeda (returns Saturday v FC Cincinnati)

**DISCIPLINARY:** MF Luna / DF Katranis (one caution away from accumulation suspension)  
FW Agada / DF Hidalgo / MF Eneli / DF Vera (two cautions away)

## **BRIEF ROAD RESPITE FOR RSL ::**

Surging Real Salt Lake (7-10-4, 25 points, 11<sup>th</sup> West / 21<sup>st</sup> Shield) continues a very busy month of July with Wednesday's 8:30p MT kickoff at Portland against the Timbers (9-6-6, 33 points, 5<sup>th</sup> West / 11<sup>th</sup> Shield) at Providence Park ...

RSL travels to face the Timbers carrying an active four-game unbeaten run – its longest of 2025 – following Saturday's 1-0 home win over Houston, which saw a late first-half **William Agada** goal making GK **Rafael Cabral**'s clean sheet hold up for the victory ... Agada's goal was his second of the year and the Nigerian's first at home, previously finding back of net May 28 at Austin ...

The midweek contest is available via Apple TV+ / MLS Season Pass, with **Max Bretos** and **Brian Dunseth** (ENG) on the call, as are **Pablo Ramirez** and **Jesus Bracamontes** (SPN) ... Iconic RSL voice **David James** and former MLS goalkeeper **Jay Nolly** will call the game for KSL Sports Radio (1160 AM / 97.5 FM), with **Nelson Moran** in his 21<sup>st</sup> season as RSL's Spanish radio home on both 102.3 KDUT FM / 106.3 FM KBMG ...

## **SEEKING THREE STRAIGHT WINS ::**

While the last two home victories have seen RSL collect its first back-to-back wins of the season, a win Wednesday would give the Claret-and-Cobalt its first three-game win streak since late April, 2024 ...

Saturday's 1-0 win over Houston saw RSL welcome the return of 2025 MLS All-Star **Diego Luna**, perennial starter **Braian Ojeda** following his green card acquisition, and Captain **Emeka Eneli**, seeing his first action since May 24 following a foot injury ...

However, Ojeda will miss this midweek matchup due to a caution accumulation suspension, but is expected to return for Saturday's home contest against FC Cincinnati ...

## **MASSIVE HOMESTAND FOR RSL CONTINUES SATURDAY ::**

With a 5-5-1 (W-L-T) mark on the Wasatch Front thus far this year in both MLS and Champions Cup matches, RSL now looks ahead to seven more MLS reg. season and at least three Leagues Cup games to be played at America First Field through the 2025 "Decision Day," including five straight at home starting Saturday against Cincinnati ...

A year ago, RSL amassed a 12-3-4 (W-L-T) record at home, where the Club has traditionally enjoyed a fortress-like record of success, winning nearly 70% of games and averaging just under two points per game in parts of 17 seasons across all competitions in Sandy ...

## **10 POINTS OUT OF LAST 12 SETS TABLE FOR JULY ASCENT ::**

Entering this Wednesday's road trip, RSL has captured 10 of 12 possible points thus far in June and July, scoring first in 14 of 23 contests so far this year, with a 7-4-3 (W-L-T) mark ...

11<sup>th</sup>-place RSL is four points out of the seventh spot in the West – currently occupied by Colorado – with two games in hand, and its points-per-game average would actually put the Utah side ahead of Houston ...

## **RSL DRAWS FIRST BLOOD IN 14 OF 23 GAMES THIS YEAR ::**

Including last weekend v. Houston, RSL has now scored first in 14 of 23 games this year across all competitions, amassing a 7W-4L-3T mark ...

Since August, 2021, when he seized the reins, RSL boasts a 42W-8L-15T record when scoring first during the 164-game **Pablo Mastroeni** era ... All seven RSL victories this season have come when scoring first (Seattle, Houston, LA Galaxy, at San Diego, D.C., St. Louis and again vs. Houston) ...

Four of the eight losses under Mastroeni when taking the 1-0 lead in the last five campaigns have come this season (at home against Herediano / San Diego, away at Nashville, home against Vancouver) ...

In three road draws – May 10 at Dallas, the May 28 deadlock at Austin, as well as the late June 1-1 knot at KC – RSL scored first but was unable to extend the lead, ultimately splitting points ...

## **FAMILIARITY BREEDING CONTEMPT FOR RSL v HOU ::**

With the gritty 1-0 win over Houston, Mastroeni's team extend its active unbeaten streak to four games, facing recent nemesis Houston for the 11<sup>th</sup> occasion in the last three seasons across all competitions ... Back on March 15 of this year, RSL saw Gonçalves score the fourth-fastest goal in Club history just 40 seconds in on a Luna assist in an eventual 2-1 victory at Shell Energy Stadium ...

Houston had eliminated RSL in both the 2023 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup at the semifinal stage, as well as that season's MLS Cup Playoffs, with two of the three games in the first-round series decided by penalty-kick shootouts. Last year, it was the Dynamo which eliminated RSL from its 2024 Leagues Cup participation in the final game of the group stage ...

## **HITTING THE TRIFECTA AGAINST ST. LOUIS ::**

Back on July 5, the scintillating 3-2 RSL victory over visiting St. Louis CITY SC the Club's first three-goal performance since a 3-1 win at San Diego in late April, and just its second game featuring a trio of scores ...

A year ago, RSL scored three goals or more in a game NINE times ...

Featuring first-half goals from DF **Noel Caliskan** – his first-ever MLS score – and DP MF **Diogo Gonçalves**, en route to a 2-0 halftime lead, RSL's 2025 "goals by committee approach was bolstered by what was effectively a game-winning own goal ...

Agada's strike against Houston saw him join three others – Gonçalves, winger **Johnny Russell** and FW **Zavier Gozo** – with two goals each this season, trailing **Diego Luna's** Club-high eight ...

Five other players – FW **Forster Ajago**, FW **Ari Piol**, FW **Dominik Marczuk**, DF **Sam Junqua** and now DF **Noel Caliskan** – round out RSL's 2025 goalscorer list, along with both a Nouhou own goal on March 1 against Seattle and the STL OG benefitting RSL ...

Second-year RSL man **Alex Katranis** and centerbacks **Justen Glad** and **Brayan Vera** have each come close this year, while demonstrating abilities to contribute on the attack in past seasons ...

## **RSL IRON MAN RAFAEL CABRAL ::**

Newcomer GK **Rafael Cabral** arrives in Portland as the Club's lone remaining "Iron Man" this season, having appeared in every minute of the Club's 21 MLS contests this season, while Cabral also played all 180 minutes of RSL's Concacaf Champions Cup action to kick off the season ...

Homegrown DF **Justen Glad** missed his first minutes of the 2025 MLS season with an adductor strain that kept him from traveling to San Diego ... But the 28-year-old, now in his 11<sup>th</sup> season with RSL, is now third all-time in games played, games started and minutes played for the Utah side (trailing only MLS legends Nick Rimando and Kyle Beckerman) returned to the XI for recent weeks at Vancouver and Dallas, and was back in for the Colorado trip ...

## **BACK-TO-BACK CALAMITIES TYPICALLY AVOIDED ::**

Dropping back-to-back results is also rare during the former two-time USMNT World Cup performer's reign at RSL ... Since Mastroeni seized the head coaching reins in August, 2021, RSL has dropped consecutive games just 14 times in 164 matches during the Mastroeni era, winning 28 and drawing 15 in "bounceback" contests ...

An RSL victory or draw Wednesday at Portland would give RSL a five-game unbeaten run for the first time since last September / October, when RSL carried a seven-game streak without a loss through the end of the MLS reg. season and playoffs ...

## **LUNA STAR SHINING BRIGHTLY ::**

Real Salt Lake standout **Diego Luna** recently became the shining star of the U.S. run to the Gold Cup Final on Sunday against Mexico, with the third-year RSL player scoring three goals and adding two assists in the previous two games against Costa Rica (first-ever USMNT goal) and Guatemala (15-minute brace to open game) ...

The Sunnyvale, CA native and 2025 leading scorer for RSL (8 goals, 4 assists in 16 MLS games), Luna was named an MLS All-Star for the second consecutive year in late June ... On July 23 in Austin, Luna will join global superstar and 2022 FIFA World Cup winner Lionel Messi and fellow United States Men's National Team standouts Patrick Agyemang, Max Arfsten, Sebastian Berhalter, Alex Freeman, Miles Robinson and Brian White among 26 players unveiled for the 2025 MLS All-Star Game roster ...

Luna – one of 12 players named 2025 All-Stars through a combination of fan / player / media voting – becomes the first Real Salt Lake All-Star named to the team in back-to-back years in nearly a decade, repeating the feat accomplished by Hall of Famer **Nick Rimando** in the 2014/15 seasons ...

Rimando and former Claret-and-Cobalt Captain **Kyle Beckerman** each appeared in three consecutive MLS All-Star Games at various junctures, while **Will Johnson** was selected in the 2013/14 editions ...

The 21-year-old Luna leads Real Salt Lake with eight goals and four assists this 2025 season, matching his total goal output from a year ago ...

Impressing USMNT boss **Mauricio Pochettino** with his January camp performance, Luna distinguished himself during the March Nations League window for the Stars-and-Stripes before locking in as the team's passionate playmaker and emotional leader during the ongoing Gold Cup, which will see Luna and his USA teammates play Costa Rica in Sunday's Quarterfinal match in Minneapolis ...

## **GOZO + OTHERS STEPPING UP ::**

The first half of the 2025 RSL season has seen several RSL players achieve various milestones, as 18-year-old Academy product **Zavier Gozo** – who graduated with several Academy teammates in late May in Herriman – earning his first-ever run of MLS starts, the Eagle Mountain, Utah-native going the full 90 minutes on the attack in nine of the last 12 games, all starts ...

While he did not score a goal June 28 in Kansas City – despite two amazing, self-created chances in the final 10 minutes – Gozo could have become just the seventh player 18 years old or younger since 2016 to score three MLS goals in a five-game span, joining Jesus Ferreira (2019), Gianluca Busio (2019), Ricardo Pepi (2021), Caden Clark (2021), Jhon Duran (2022) and David Martinez (2024) ...

Another RSL Academy product, then 17-year-old M/F **Aiden Hezarkhani**, made his MLS debut before hometown friends and family on May 31 at LA Galaxy ...

Hezarkhani – the 224<sup>th</sup> player to log at least one MLS minute for RSL in its 21-year history – celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on the Kansas City gameday June 28, pulling Monarchs duty last Sunday in Vancouver ...

RSL FW **William Agada** – who scored his first goal for the Club at Austin on May 28 – saw his former Kansas City captain, winger **Johnny Russell**, follow suit by finding the back of the net for RSL in each of the last two games – June 14 v DCU and June 28 at his former Kansas City home ...

Second-year D/M **Noel Caliskan** started and played impressively for the full 90 minutes at right back in each of the last 10 contests, making his 2025 first-team debuts, with last week's wondergoal his first-ever tally in MLS action ... The German-born Caliskan was drafted out of Loyola Marymount University in 2023 by the Timbers, for whom he played MLS, Open Cup and MLS NEXT Pro action during his rookie season before signing with Real Monarchs a year ago ...

## **NELSON PALACIO OUT ON LOAN TO FC ZURICH ::**

Due to the Braian Ojeda green card absence over the last month-plus, holding midfielder **Nelson Palacio** started and played the full 90 in each of the four contests prior to Houston, the U22 Colombian making consecutive starts for the first time in his two seasons with Real Salt Lake ...

However, late last week Palacio has now been loaned to FC Zurich of the Swiss SuperLeague through summer 2026, freeing up an international spot and a U22 roster designation for RSL ahead of the upcoming transfer window, which opens July 24 ...

Palacio arrived in Utah in the summer of 2023, via permanent transfer from Atlético Nacional in his home country, appearing in 48 Major League Soccer regular- and post-season matches, along with another 10 combined appearances in CONCACAF Champions Cup, the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, Leagues Cup and MLS NEXT Pro competitions.

Palacio, 24, has occupied one of RSL's four U22 roster designations during the past three seasons, scoring two goals, both in dramatic fashion during the 2024 Claret-and-Cobalt campaign (one the Leagues Cup game-winning ZAPATAZO in the 71<sup>st</sup>-minute against Atlas FC (Liga MX), the other a late-game equalizer that completed an 0-3 comeback to rescue a point at Dallas) ...

## **CENTURY MARK FOR MASTROENI ::**

That 3-1 victory at San Diego on April 26 marked Head Coach **Pablo Mastroeni**'s 100<sup>th</sup> career coaching win across all competitions for the two Rocky Mountain Cup competitors, RSL (2021-present) and Colorado (2014-17) ...

The former U.S. World Cup stalwart has now amassed 103 wins, 113 losses and 77 draws across all competitions for the Utah/Denver-based sides ...

Last June in Kansas City, Mastroeni earned his 50<sup>th</sup> win across all competitions with RSL in a wild 4-3 road decision, with the 2-0 reg. season win over LA Galaxy on April 5 marking his 50<sup>th</sup> MLS victory with RSL ... Since August, 2021, in Utah, Mastroeni's all-time coaching record is now 65-57-42 (W-L-T) ...

## **2025 ROAD WOES UNCHARACTERISTIC ::**

Away from home, RSL's 2-6-4 / 10-point road record this season across all competitions has underperformed fifth-year Head Coach **Pablo Mastroeni**'s track record, with each of the last two seasons marking the Claret-and-Cobalt's best road campaigns in team history ...

The 2023 side posted an 11W-8L-5T away mark across all competitions, a record which includes both that year's Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Semifinal loss to Houston, and its road loss and elimination draw in the first and third games of the teams' 2023 Audi MLS Cup Playoff series on the Shell Energy Stadium turf ...

A year ago, Mastroeni's men registered the second-most road points in RSL history, with a 5W-4L-8T MLS reg. season mark, one which does NOT include its heartbreaking, multi-goal Leagues Cup elimination loss to the Dynamo following a home win over Atlas FC ...

## ***BACK HALF OF 2025 REMAINS TO ATTAIN RSL STANDARDS ::***

During each of Pablo's previous three full seasons at the RSL helm, the Club has increased its annual point total (47 in 2022, 50 in 2023 and 59 last year), while increasing its Western Conference table position as well (7<sup>th</sup> in 2022, 5<sup>th</sup> in 2023 and 3<sup>rd</sup> last year) ... The 2025 campaign features RSL's pursuit of a Conference-best fifth consecutive postseason berth, a seventh in the last eight seasons and its 15<sup>th</sup> in the last 18 years ...

Last year saw RSL advance to the MLS Cup Playoffs for a fourth consecutive occasion, the sixth time in seven seasons (2020 the lone exception), and for the 14<sup>th</sup> time in the last 17 seasons since first qualifying in 2008 (2015, 2017 the other outliers) ...

The 2024 MLS regular season reached an all-time high of 59 points for RSL, which finished third in the Western Conference and sixth overall in the 29-team MLS shield race, while also establishing a new all-time scoring high of 65 goals ...

## ***LUNA LUMINESCENT YET AGAIN ::***

Through 23 games across all competitions thus far in 2025, RSL has scored only 24 goals thus far, with 70% of the production – 8 goals and 4 assists – coming from emerging RSL / UMSNT starlet **Diego Luna** ...

Diego is now joined by **William Agada**, **Zavier Gozo**, **Johnny Russell** and **Diogo Gonçalves** as RSL players with multiple goals (2 each) this season, with Luna seeing his four-goal-in-three-game streak snapped with the 0-0 draw in mid-May against Portland ... Luna returned against Houston looking to build upon his octet of goals, equaling his 2024 total of eight, a campaign that earned him MLS All-Star and Young Player of the Year honors ...

Luna's stoppage-time, last-gasp conversion from the penalty spot at Vancouver May 3 rescued RSL from a sixth shutout suffered in these 21 games played in MLS / CCC competition this year ...

Luna has a pair of two-goal braces thus far, scoring both goals in a 2-0 home win over LA Galaxy on April 5 and the first two – including a game-winning PK – in the 3-1 April 26 win at San Diego ...

## ***GOZO GETTING IT GOING ::***

RSL homegrown and 18-year-old winger **Zavier Gozo** has made his first-ever MLS starts each of the last 11 games – playing the full 90 multiple times – in place of Polish international **Dominik Marczuk** (ankle) and DP **Diogo Gonçalves** ... Previously, Gozo had started one

first-team match, a 4-2 loss in the 2024 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup a year ago at New Mexico United (USL) ...

The Eagle Mountain, Utah native made his MLS debut back in October, 2023, at LA Galaxy in a 2-2 draw at Dignity Health Sports Park, a game that also saw fellow RSL Academy product **Axel Kei** make his RSL/MLS debut ...

These last 800+ MLS minutes played reflect demonstrable improvement for Gozo since his early-season substitute appearances against Herediano, and could be key to the young, dynamic player representing the U.S. this Fall in the FIFA World Youth Championships ...

## ***EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER MAY 24 v VANCOUVER ::***

In its home game back on May 24, America First Field in Sandy was buzzing when RSL scored two goals in the first four minutes of the match, as 18-year-old **Zavier Gozo** found the back of the net just 50 seconds after the opening whistle ... Assisted by RSL and U.S. Men's National Team starlet **Diego Luna** on the play, Gozo – at the time just 18 years, 63 days, just 48 hours after graduating high school the Thursday prior – became the third youngest scorer in Club history (Luis Gil, Freddy Adu) ...

When Luna reacted quickly to rebound in the box to put RSL up 2-0 in the fourth minute – for his team-high eighth goal of the year, equaling his 2024 MLS All-Star and MLS Young Player of the Year output – it marked the first time in the Claret-and-Cobalt's now 664-game MLS history over 21 regular seasons that RSL scored twice in the first five minutes, and just the second time ever RSL scored twice inside the opening 10 ... MLS last saw a team go up 2-0 in the first 300 seconds back in 2018 (New York Red Bulls vs. NYCFC) ...

However, a resolute Vancouver side had the game back on level terms midway through the first half on a Brian White brace, first scoring on a headed corner kick in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute, then equalizing from the penalty spot in the 25<sup>th</sup> after RSL striker William Agada unknowingly had the ball glance off the back of his arm ...

Deadlocked for another hour-plus, the visiting Whitecaps stole all three points at their former 2021 home with a curling shot far post by Pedro Vite ...

## ***ROCKY MOUNTAIN CUP LEG ONE ::***

A year ago, the three-game, 2024 edition of the fan-created Rocky Mountain Cup was captured by Colorado, with a come-from-behind effort by the Rapids at home in a 3-2 July win ...

Despite the series setback, the Claret-and-Cobalt have won 15 of the last 18 Rocky Mountain Cups (2013, 2015, 2024), including the disputed 2020 edition. With the RMC moving to just two games in 2025, RSL needs to win the series outright to recapture the Cup ...

The Rapids, as holders, retain the Cup with a win or two draws this season; the teams meet on Utah soil on Sat., Oct. 4 at America First Field ...

The May 17 1-0 loss at Colorado was preceded by a pair of draws (the May 14 0-0 home draw against Portland Timbers FC and a 1-1 at Dallas on May 10), RSL earning back-to-back results for the first and only time in now 17 games played across all competitions this season, the Club's fourth clean sheet ...

RSL was able to pick up four points in its recent three-game road run, winning 3-1 a month ago at San Diego prior to a 1-2 setback at Vancouver on May 3, along with the 1-1 draw at Dallas May 10 ...

RSL now must win its Decision Day home match against Colorado in mid-October by multiple goals in order to capture the Rocky Mountain Cup for the 15<sup>th</sup> occasion in the last 19 years ...

### ***MONARCHS PROOF OF CONCEPT ::***

In a 4-1 Real Monarchs MLS NEXT Pro win over Portland at home on May 28, 21-year-old RSL attacker **Tyler Wolff** provided two goals – including the game-winner – as well as two assists in a complete performance ...

Due to his excellent exhibition and seizing the opportunity for extended minutes, Wolff rejoined RSL the next day in Los Angeles and was available off the bench as part of the 20-man MLS roster after a three-game hiatus ...

Wolff is now out for another week after suffering an MCL strain in his right knee during a mid-June training session ...

### ***AGADA DEBUT START IGNOMINIUS AT DALLAS ::***

Nearly eight weeks ago at Dallas saw the first-ever Claret-and-Cobalt start for 25-year-old FW **William Agada**, who was acquired April 23 from Sporting Kansas City at the close of the primary MLS transfer window ...

Agada's 60+ minutes in Dallas two weeks ago were marred by a second yellow with just under a half-hour left, adjudged to have simulated a dive in the penalty box ... William was suspended midweek against Portland, but returned to the XI May 17 at Colorado ...

The Nigerian-born striker did make his Club debut April 26 in San Diego, playing the final 23 minutes off the bench to become the 222<sup>nd</sup> all-time RSL player during its 21 Major

League Soccer seasons ... Several weeks ago in Vancouver, Agada played the final 45 minutes, coming on at halftime for young Australian striker **Ari Piol**, who has started seven games thus far in his first-ever MLS season ...

Back to Agada – the Nigerian-born striker now wears the No. 9 shirt for RSL, paying homage to Club legend Jason Kreis (also worn by Justin Meram, Chicho Arango), now in his eighth season as a professional, having scored 65 goals in 218 career games, including 24 goals in 78 games across all competitions with Sporting KC since his U.S. arrival ... Nearly three summers ago, Agada joined Sporting KC in a transfer from Israeli side Hapoel Jerusalem (June 2022) ...

### ***SAN DIEGO REVENGE GAME ::***

RSL's 3-1 win April 26 at Snapdragon Stadium marked the expansion side's first-ever home loss, reversing the result from March 8 at America First Field, when RSL dropped a 1-3 decision in a match that featured FW **Ari Piol**'s first RSL / MLS goal as well as two stoppage-time scores for San Diego ...

On April 26, the Claret-and-Cobalt rode another **Diego Luna** brace to victory, with substitute DF **Sam Junqua** providing the insurance dagger ... Luna's goals 10 minutes apart on either side of halftime – each one giving RSL the lead – enabled RSL to score three goals for the first time since Sept., 2024, against Portland, a span of 17 games ...

### ***LUNA CARD RESCINDED ::***

Luna's two-goal performance at San Diego – his second of the season (April 5 v LA Galaxy) and the third of his career (July 2023 v NYCFC) – came after an independent panel unanimously decided to rescind the one-game suspension and accompanying fine for the red card issued to **Diego Luna** in the 61<sup>st</sup> minute of the 0-1 loss against Toronto FC on April 19 ... The Independent Review Panel – consisting of one representative from the U.S. Soccer Federation, one representative from the Canadian Soccer Association and one independent representative nominated by the Professional Referee Organization, determined that Luna was eligible to play at San Diego ...

RSL's successful appeal of the decision – a controversial one that also saw Luna fined for not leaving the field during the VAR determination – enables the Club to retain its two potential appeal opportunities for the 2025 campaign ...

## ***JUNQUA WITH THE DAGGER ::***

Just a quarter-hour into the San Diego win, RSL was forced to bring versatile left-sided DF **Sam Junqua** off the bench, replacing a concussed centerback **Brayan Vera** (who remains out for a second consecutive week after surviving the collision with teammate and GK **Rafael Cabral**), remaining in concussion protocol ahead of the Dallas match ...

Junqua entered the RSL defensive back four as the left centerback between **Alex Katranis** and **Philip Quinton**, adding the insurance dagger midway through the second half with his seventh career MLS goal in 146 career professional games played ... Junqua's first-ever RSL goal was from 25-yards out, a low laser to the far post from the left side ...

The former Houston / Dallas defender had spent much of preseason alongside Quinton as the fourth centerback or backup left-sided wingback, as RSL HC **Pablo Mastroeni** platooned two groups in February as RSL juggled both CONCACAF Champions Cup and Major League Soccer action ...

## ***NASHVILLE NIGHTMARE ::***

RSL blasted off to an early lead two months ago at Geodis Park in Nashville, with Polish international winger **Dominik Marczuk** slotting home the rebound of a **Diogo Gonçalves** shot from distance for a 12<sup>th</sup>-minute lead ...

Minutes later, Marczuk was elbowed in the face/neck area by Nashville DF Daniel Lovitz – with a VAR review recommendation to center referee Jair Marrufo – but only yellow was given ... Lovitz proceeded to equalize off a set piece just minutes later, and the teams entered the halftime break tied 1-1 ...

Against the run of play in a second half dominated by the home side, RSL looked to retake the lead as Gonçalves set up Marczuk on the right side, squaring the ball to rookie **Jesus Barea** for his debut professional goal, but Marczuk was called offside in his phase to nullify the advantage ...

RSL was then doomed in second-half stoppage, as DF **Nelson Palacio** was whistled for an extremely soft foul in the box on Hany Mukhtar, with Sam Sturridge slotting home the penalty for a 2-1 home win ...

## ***LUNA SHINING BRIGHTLY ::***

For the third time this season, RSL playmaker **Diego Luna** was recognized by Major League Soccer for his weekend heroics at San Diego, again named to Matchday 10's fictional XI ...

In the April 5 matinee in Sandy, Luna needed just five minutes midway through the first half to bag his second

career brace, leading RSL to a 2-0 lead, one which would hold for the final result against the reigning MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy as the Claret-and-Cobalt snapped a two-game slide ...

Quite the eventful weekend culminated with the MLS honor for Luna, as the 21-year-old was recognized that Friday night by the Utah Sports Commission – an extension of the Governor's office as part of Utah's "State of Sport" proclamation – as the 2024 Male Professional Athlete of the Year ... Luna – also the reigning 2024 MLS Young Player of the Year – earned an assist as well as the game-winning goal for RSL in its last win, a 2-1 victory on March 15 in Houston ...

## ***LUNA ENJOYING LIMELIGHT ::***

With family from California and Texas in tow to both the Friday awards ceremony and the April 5 matinee, perhaps it was the presence of another guest – U.S. Men's National Team assistant coach Miguel D'Agostino, in town to watch Luna and January USMNT teammate **Emeka Eneli** ahead of this summer's Gold Cup – who provided additional inspiration for Luna, who now has five goals and two assists in his last five RSL matches ...

With the brace April 5, Luna became the youngest player in RSL history (21 years, 208 days) to amass 15 goals AND 15 assists in his career on the Wasatch Front ...

The two-goal performances in April were Luna's second- and third-ever, his first arriving back on July 15, 2023, against the New York Red Bulls just ahead of his departure to represent the U.S. in that summer's FIFA World Youth Championships in Argentina ...

Following the April 12 trip, Luna spent the weekend at Coachella with Travis Scott, appearing backstage via Nike invitation, and then hit the Hollywood red carpet Monday with actor Diego Luna for the Andor Season Two premiere ...

## ***LOONY RESULT AT ALLIANZ ::***

March 29 at Minnesota, Real Salt Lake fell, 2-0 at Minnesota in an icy monsoon, conceding goals on either side of halftime three weeks ago ... Two turnovers while pushing high saw RSL concede transition opportunities to the host Loons, whose victory snapped a six-game run of draws between the teams across multiple competitions in 2023 and 2024 ...

RSL boss **Pablo Mastroeni** made four changes at halftime, two tactical and two due to the hypothermic conditions in rain, wind and sleet in St. Paul ...

## ***ROAD WIN AT HOUSTON IN MARCH ::***

Nearly three months ago on the road, RSL snapped a nine-game road winless run against the Dynamo in Houston (dating back to 2018), posting a 2-1 victory that saw both of the Club's premier playmakers, **Diogo Gonçalves** and **Diego Luna**, score first-half goals on either side of the Houston equalizer ... Just 43 seconds into the match, Diogo found the back of the net with the fourth-fastest goal in RSL history, assisted by **Emeka Eneli** and Luna on a play started at midfield by striker **Ariath Piol** ...

Following a 17<sup>th</sup>-minute equalizer by Houston on a set piece, it was Luna scoring just before halftime in the 50+ minute, using his maskless head to redirect a far-post shot from winger **Dominik Marczuk**, seizing momentum and shocking the Dynamo faithful ... A resolute RSL defense stood firm for the final 45-plus, with GK **Rafael Cabral** and several others demonstrating grit, guile and fortitude to see out the win, just the fourth-ever in RSL's nearly two-decades worth of trips to South Texas since 2007 ...

## ***LUNA THE STAR OF THE SHOW ::***

Real Salt Lake playmaker **Diego Luna** returned in late March from U.S. Men's National Team Head Coach **Mauricio Pochettino**'s 23-player roster in 2025 Concacaf Nations League ...

On March 15 in Houston, Luna ditched the mask protecting his once-shattered nose, triggering the play that led to RSL's 43-second score by **Diogo Gonçalves**, earning the secondary assist after combinations with **Ari Piol** and **Emeka Eneli** en route to RSL's fourth-fastest goal ever ...

Late in the first half, it was Luna who rescued a ball out of the corner, recycling the play and ultimately heading home the game-winning goal five minutes into first-half stoppage, redirecting a **Dominik Marczuk** laser to the far post ...

At 21 years of age, Luna – the reigning MLS Young Player of the Year, coming off an eight-goal, 12-assist campaign for RSL last season – is one of six MLS-based players who were part of the 2025 January Camp receiving the initial invite for the March matches ... Luna is also one of just three players, joining Patrick Agyemang (Charlotte) and Brian White (Vancouver), who also take part in their first USMNT camp during a FIFA international window and for an official competition ...

The annual January Camp has a long history of providing opportunities for MLS-based players to get an extended look from the coaching staff and make an impact ... Dating back to 1999, 30 players who have debuted or earned their second cap during the USMNT's first camp

of a calendar year have gone on to make a FIFA World Cup roster ...

## ***FOR CLUB AND COUNTRY ::***

In January, Real Salt Lake saw two of its 2024 standouts – attacker **Diego Luna** and versatile Captain **Emeka Eneli** – amongst the 23 MLS players selected by Pochettino in this year's January's USA camp, including a 3-1 win over Venezuela in Ft. Lauderdale on Jan. 18 and a 3-0 win over Costa Rica on Jan. 22 in Orlando ...

Both Luna and Eneli played the final 27 minutes of the Venezuela win, with the RSL duo starting against Costa Rica, each player notching an assist ... Luna set up the game-winning Brian White goal on his first touch after a broken nose early in the contest, while Eneli also added an assist of his own on the second goal, late in the match ...

Despite having both nostrils filled with gauze, blood streaming down his face and looking like an extra from the famed David Fincher movie "Fight Club," Luna dominated the first half for the States, none of his creations more incisive than his 21<sup>st</sup>-minute throughball to O'Brian White, giving the home side a 1-0 lead ...

Luna played the first 45 only, setting up a game-high SIX big chances on either side of his battered and bloodied facial incident ...

Post-game, Luna was praised by Pochettino for his "big balls" refusal to exit the match ...

## ***SAN DIEGO SHOCK ON UTAH SOIL ::***

After a shock loss to San Diego at home on March 8, Real Salt Lake now owns a 9-4-3 (W-L-T) all-time mark against expansion sides making their initial visits to the Sandy venue over the previous 15 seasons, with only St. Louis, Cincinnati and LAFC able to grab the full three points at what is now known as America First Field prior to last week's stunning San Diego shocker ...

LAFC handed RSL its worst-ever home loss in March, 2018, a 5-1 win in that year's RSL home opener ... St. Louis won at America First Field in 2023 during its first-ever visit, as did Cincinnati later that season (although the FCC trip did not come in their inaugural year) ...

After five losses in nine home games already this year across multiple competitions, the July slate kicking off Saturday against St. Louis affords the Claret-and-Cobalt yet another opportunity to seek a return to fortress-like protection of home soil, where a year ago RSL lost just three home games across all competitions, posting an impressively dominant 12-3-5 / 40-point mark in 2024 ...

## ***ELIMINATED FROM CCC ::***

Back on Feb. 26, RSL's elimination game against Herediano was RSL's fifth consecutive loss in knockout contests, and its seventh in its last nine overall since the 2023 U.S. Open Cup Semifinal run ...

At home, RSL had won its last three elimination matches on Utah soil prior to Feb. 26, last winning a shootout against Houston in the second leg of its 2023 Audi MLS Cup Playoff series ...

Earlier in 2023, RSL also defeated Liga MX power Leon that August, winning 2-1 after conceding the first goal in a Leagues Cup Round of 32 contest ... Two months prior, RSL won its Open Cup Quarterfinal match, also at home, against the LA Galaxy by a 3-2 margin to avoid elimination ...

In 2022, RSL dropped a Round of 32 Open Cup match at America First Field against a lower-division opponent, Hailstorm FC, in just the fourth home knockout contest of 17 overall elimination matches during the Mastroeni era ...

That number jumps to 18 if you include the 2021 "Decision Day" must-win "Damiracle" at Sporting Kansas City, RSL with the game-winning goal at 94:38, mere seconds from full-time, to advance to the postseason in Pablo's first year as manager, which saw RSL progress all the way to the West Final ...

## ***MIDWEEK DEBUTANTS x5 ::***

Five RSL players made their Club debuts with the midweek continental fixture in late February, as GK **Rafael Cabral**, DF **Kobi Henry** and FW **Forster Ajago** each started for Head Coach **Pablo Mastroeni**, while DF **Sam Junqua** and MF **Tyler Wolff** entered the match as substitutes ...

A trio of late-summer 2024 acquisitions also started that Wednesday, as Portuguese Designated Player **Diogo Gonçalves** was named by CONCACAF as the game's Michelob Ultra Player of the Match ... Diogo was joined by Polish winger **Dominik Marczuk** and Australian attacker **Lachlan Brook** to provide creativity ahead of RSL's staunch "Iron Man" pivots, **Braian Ojeda** and **Emeka Eneli** – both of whom led RSL in minutes last year. Eneli wore the Captain's armband for the second time in his RSL career on Feb. 26, the youngest to ever do it ...

Fourth-year homegrown DF **Bode Hidalgo** started on the right with centerback **Brayan Vera** next to Henry and in front of Cabral, while left back **Alex Katranis** was removed from the match in the 19<sup>th</sup> minute after taking a close-range shot to the back of his head ...

Replaced by MLS veteran Junqua, other subs included the debutant Wolff, homegrown FW **Zavier Gozo** as well as the first appearance in 354 days by MF **Pablo Ruiz**,

who played just three games last year after a meniscus injury in August, 2023, and an ACL setback in the opposite knee last March ...

With the Feb. 26 elimination, RSL's all-time record in CONCACAF Champions tourney games is now 11-6-7 (W-L-T), including a home mark of 8-2-2 (the lone previous home loss coming in the 2010/11 final to Monterrey) ...

## ***COACHELLA VALLEY WRAP-UP ::***

RSL concluded its 21<sup>st</sup> preseason seven weeks ago on **Wed., Feb. 12** at the Coachella Valley Invitational with a pair of friendlies, RSL coming from behind to draw New York Red Bulls, 3-3, with its presumptive starting XI, while the depth squad defeated Orange County SC, 3-1, in the second half of that day's doubleheader ...

FW **Forster Ajago** scored twice in the CVI match against New Jersey's MLS side, opening the game with a 10<sup>th</sup>-minute breakaway – assisted by new RSL GK **Rafael Cabral** – and also scoring the 81<sup>st</sup> minute equalizer by pouncing on a loose ball in the box ...

RSL saw DP playmaker **Diogo Gonçalves** cut the 3-1 Red Bull lead in half 10 minute prior to Ajago's equalizer, the Portuguese metronome also seizing upon a deflected ball at the top of the box to find the back of the net for the first time in his first full preseason with RSL ...

## ***PERFECT v USL COMP ::***

In the 3-1 win over Orange County, RSL saw second-half goals by homegrown DF **Tommy Silva**, recent college draft selection **Jesus Barea** and Australian newcomer **Ari Piol** ...

The now completely-healthy **Pablo Ruiz** started the goal-scoring sequences with exquisite left-footed switches to spring RSL forward, while the interplay between Piol and Barea freed each other on dangerous sequences ...

Earlier in the Coachella Valley tourney, RSL saw goals from **Noel Caliskan**, **Zavier Gozo** and **Tyler Wolff** in a 3-0 win over Las Vegas (USL Championship), while a stunning left-footed curler from Aussie **Lachlan Brook** earned RSL a 1-1 draw with St. Louis on Feb. 8 ...

## ***SANTA BARBARA TRIP ::***

In the preseason segment concluding on **January 29** in Santa Barbara, Calif., RSL earned a 1-1 draw with Minnesota United over the course of 120 minutes played ... Despite going down 0-1 in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute, RSL FW **Forster Ajago** equalized in the 90<sup>th</sup>, off an assist from right winger **Bode Hidalgo** ...

## ***INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN ::***

In that final preseason tune-up, played exactly one week ahead of its CONCACAF Champions Cup opener in Costa Rica, RSL saw 10 nationalities represented in its presumed first-choice starting XI, lining up in a 4-2-3-1 formation without the ball:

*Cabral (Brazil)*

*Hidalgo (USA) – Glad (USA) – Vera (Colombia) – Katranis (Greece)*

*Eneli (Nigeria/USA) – Ojeda (Paraguay)*

*Marczuk (Poland) – Brook (Australia) – Gonçalves (Portugal)*

*Ajago (Ghana)*

Eight of RSL's next 14 players hold USA passports, with Argentina/Chile, Jamaica, Germany and Spain bringing the number of nationalities on RSL's senior roster to 15 countries ...

GK Mason Stajduhar (USA)  
DF Javain Brown (Jamaica)  
DF Philip Quinton (USA)  
DF Kobi Henry (USA)  
DF Sam Junqua (USA)  
DF Tommy Silva (USA)  
MF Pablo Ruiz (Argentina/Chile)  
MF Nelson Palacio (Colombia)  
MF Noel Caliskan (Germany)  
MF Diego Luna (USA)  
MF Tyler Wolff (USA)  
M/F Jesus Barea (Spain)  
FW Zavier Gozo (USA)  
FW Ari Piol (Australia)

## ***TURNOVER OVERSTATED? ::***

Eight of RSL's 11 starters from its 2024 Audi MLS Cup Playoffs First Round Leg Two at Minnesota return for this year, with changes in goal (**Rafael Cabral** in place of the injured Zac MacMath) and up top (**Forster Ajago** replacing the departed Anderson Julio) ...

In RSL's 4-2-3-1 defensive shape, a game model which switches to a 3-2-4-1 with the ball, the Matt Crooks minutes will end up at the feet of **Diogo Gonçalves**; if 2024 MLS Young Player of the Year **Diego Luna** is unable to go due to his nasal reconstruction following the shattered nose from U.S. camp, Aussie attacker **Lachlan Brook** will replace him ...

Yes, nearly 70% of last year's goals are gone, with the Andrés Gómez summer sale and the offseason departures of Chicho Arango, Anderson Julio and Matt Crooks ...

However, 20,000+ minutes do return for 2025 RSL, which has gotten deeper along the back line with left-sided MLS vet **Sam Junqua** and U.S. Youth International **Kobi Henry** added to the **Justen Glad**, **Brayan Vera**, **Philip**

**Quinton**, **Bode Hidalgo** and **Javain Brown** / **Tommy Silva** mix ...

RSL is also deeper in the midfield with the **Pablo Ruiz** return to health alongside **Braian Ojeda**, **Emeka Eneli**, **Nelson Palacio** and **Noel Caliskan** ...

Wingers **Dominik Marczuk** and **Brook** combine creatively with **Luna** and newcomer **Tyler Wolff**, while homegrown USA U-18 **Zavier Gozo**, **Piol** and **Ajago** add to the attack ...

Soon, Spanish rookie **Jesus Barea** – coming off a strong preseason, now awaiting the conversion from his student visa to a full-blown P-1, which will allow him to work in the U.S. – will be available to add his attacking versatility and flair to the attacking mix as well ...

## ***CUP COMPETITIONS ABOUND ::***

While Real Salt Lake's CONCACAF Champions Cup tournament ended early in the 2025 campaign, the Claret-and-Cobalt will now look ahead to its participation in the third edition of Leagues Cup, hosting three Liga MX sides – **Club América**, **Atletico San Luis** and **Queretaro** – in Phase One at America First Field from July 30 – Aug. 6, with the knockout stages being played Aug. 19-31 ...

For the first time since 2015, RSL's reserve team – **Real Monarchs SLC** – flew the RSL flag in the 111-year-old Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, suffering a 120-minute loss to Bay Area amateur side **El Farolito** at Zions Bank Stadium ... The AET game-winner was a penalty kick in the 115<sup>th</sup> minute, with the "Burrito Boys" adding another deep into stoppage ...

The only RSL regular to feature was 20-year-old centerback **Kobi Henry**, who received his second yellow card in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute ...

## ***2025 DEPARTURES ::***

RSL's most "striking" roster changes for its 21<sup>st</sup> season happen up top, as former No. 9s **Chicho Arango** and **Anderson Julio** – who combined for 27 of the Club's all-time team-record 65 goals last season – have moved on from Utah ... Former captain Arango – who won RSL's 2024 Golden Boot with 17 goals in 2024, all prior to his mid-July suspension – was traded to Western Conference rival **San Jose Earthquakes** on January 13, while Julio – who scored a career-high 9 goals last season – was traded on Dec. 20 to **FC Dallas** ...

In January, MF **Matt Crooks** returned to the English Championship after one season on the Wasatch, while teenage GK **Gavin Beavers** was sold to legendary side **Brøndby** in the Danish First Division ...

RSL has also said goodbye to long-time Homegrown DF **Andrew Brody**, waived three weeks ago as one of just two players in the Club's last 10 seasons to appear in 100+ matches for both RSL and Real Monarchs ...

### ***ELIAS, WE HARDLY KNEW YA ::***

Former New York Red Bull striker **Elias Manoel** was acquired on Dec. 20 to compete for a role in leading RSL's revamped 2025 attack, the Brazilian demonstrating danger and guile during his MLS career ...

However, RSL recently sold Manoel to Copa Libertadores champion and Brazilian power Botafogo – former home of one-time RSL attacker Jefferson Savarino – on the eve of the Club's home opener for the 2025 MLS season ...

Manoel – with his U.S. work visa sponsored by RSL and his green card process maintained by the Utah club – never reported to preseason, seeking new contract and more money after initially welcoming the trade from NYRB ...

### ***NEW ARRIVALS ::***

MF **Tyler Wolff** (Atlanta), DF **Sam Junqua** (Dallas) and FW **Forster Ajago** (Nashville) were also obtained in December via MLS trade/waiver mechanisms, while RSL also added eight players with collegiate experience in the 2025 MLS SuperDraft just prior to Christmas ...

In the January window, RSL also executed a loan agreement for young American DF **Kobi Henry** from French side Reims, with multiple other incoming transfers – including Brazilian GK **Rafael Cabral** and Australian FW **Ariath Piol** – were signed pending work visas prior to the team's late January departure for stage two of its 2025 training camp in Santa Barbara, Calif. ...

### ***RETURNING TO THE MIX ::***

Veteran RSL midfielder **Pablo Ruiz** is back to 100% health to kick off the 2025 season after suffering a pair of severe injuries in both August 2023 and April 2024, limiting the burgeoning Chilean international to just three MLS games played since an Aug. 6 Leagues Cup match at LAFC ...

After rehabbing the non-contact meniscus injury suffered in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute of that road match, Ruiz returned to play the first three matches of 2024 – at Miami and St. Louis, and at home in the “snowmageddon” match against LAFC – before suffering a season-ending ACL tear in a training collision in Herriman just a few days later ...

The versatile Ruiz – a deep-lying playmaker, often serving as RSL's metronome in 2022 / 23 – enters 2025 looking

to play himself into “Comeback Player of the Year” consideration ...

Other RSL players looking to rebound from injury this year included 2024 MLS SuperDraft pick **Kevin Bonilla** – who suffered multiple injuries in his right knee last preseason, unfortunately suffering an Achilles injury in his 2025 preseason – and **Zack Farnsworth**, the former RSL Academy man who has spent the last four years coming back from ankle injuries suffered in the 2021 preseason, logging significant Monarchs minutes last year ...

### ***DRAFT DAY DEALINGS ::***

As a by-product of the **Elias Manoel** deal, RSL also acquired all of the New York Red Bulls' 2025 SuperDraft picks, while also moving up in the first round with General Allocation Money (GAM) trades for picks from both the Columbus Crew and LA Galaxy ... RSL ended up taking eight players out of the college acquisition mechanism, with 7 of the 8 picks reporting to this year's combined RSL / Monarchs first stage of preseason, with just FW Sergi Solans (Oregon State) returning to college for another year ...

Overall on Dec. 20, RSL selected eight players via the 2025 MLS SuperDraft, including a quartet of first-round picks – FW **Jesus Barea** (19<sup>th</sup> overall out of Missouri State), GK **Max Kerkvliet** (21<sup>st</sup> / UConn), FW **Lineker Rodrigues dos Santos** (29<sup>th</sup> / Marshall) and FW **Sergi Solans** (30<sup>th</sup> / Oregon State) ... RSL's four first-rounders marked the second-most of the initial round (Colorado, five) en route to the second-most picks throughout the entire draft (also Colorado, nine overall) ...

RSL entered draft day with only the 19<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> overall picks in the event's three rounds, but added three more just hours prior to the 2025 MLS SuperDraft as part of its acquisition of veteran Brazilian FW **Elias Manoel**, with RSL send \$700,000 in future GAM to New York, taking each of the Red Bulls' natural selections (29<sup>th</sup>, 59<sup>th</sup> and 89<sup>th</sup> overall), as well as New York's natural second rounder in next year's draft ...

During the first round, RSL also acquired two more picks, sending \$75,000 in 2024 GAM to the Columbus Crew for the 21<sup>st</sup> overall pick (Kerkvliet) and \$50,000 to LA Galaxy for the 30<sup>th</sup> overall pick (Solans), the final selection of the first round ...

Later that day, RSL recouped \$400,000 in GAM from FC Dallas in exchange for FW Anderson Julio, while also acquiring versatile veteran MLS DF **Sam Junqua** in a depth move ...

## ***FIRST FULL PRESEASONS ::***

Much of RSL's 2025 roster work was accomplished last August, when new arrivals in the form of DP playmaker **Diogo Gonçalves**, U22 winger **Dominik Marczuk**, MF **Lachlan Brook** and DF **Javain Brown** donned the Claret-and-Cobalt ...

With a full preseason in advance of the mid-February CONCACAF foray, each player's flashes of brilliance from last Fall hopefully blossom into impactful stretches and consistent depth as RSL juggles eight games in 27 days to kick off 2025, and the potential of 19 games across multiple competitions in the first 74 days from mid-Feb. to early May with a successful Champions Cup run ...

## ***HOMEGROWN FACTORY ::***

RSL's homegrown poster boy, 27-year-old centerback **Justen Glad**, returns for his 11<sup>th</sup> season with the Claret-and-Cobalt, leading the charge amongst the 15 homegrowns on RSL's 2025 roster ... Glad – who needs just 6 more MLS games played to move past **Tony Beltran** and **Chris Wingert** into third-place overall amongst MLS performers – is joined by DF **Bode Hidalgo** and DF **Tommy Silva** as RSL Academy products in the 2025 mix ...

FW **Zavier Gozo** – who made his MLS debut late in the 2023 season, and played just 11 minutes last year – is joined by several others, including FW **Axel Kei**, MF **Owen Anderson**, DF **Luis Rivera**, MF **Jude Wellings**, MF **Gio Villa**, MF **Aiden Hezarkhani** and DF **Omar Marquez** as players on MLS contracts looking to make an impact this season ...

All told, RSL has signed 45 players to HG contracts in the last 15 seasons, outpacing FC Dallas for the league-high contribution ...

## ***2025 SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS ::***

The remaining 2025 MLS schedule is highlighted by several key dates, including:

Two **Rocky Mountain Cup matches** against Colorado, RSL looking to reclaim the fan-created, regional rivalry Cup title for a 14<sup>th</sup> occasion in the last 18 seasons with a Sat., May 17 visit to Commerce City, before welcoming the Rapids to the Wasatch Front on Sat., Oct. 4 in RSL's penultimate 2025 MLS reg. season match;

A return to RSL's traditional **Independence Day Fireworks on Sat., July 5**, against visiting St. Louis CITY SC, followed later that month with **Pioneer Day Festivities on Sat., July 26** against San Jose Earthquakes;

A trio of visits from Eastern Conference opponents to America First Field, as Toronto (Sat., April 19), D.C. United (Sat., June 14) and FC Cincinnati (Sat., July 19) travel to Utah for the first time in several seasons for RSL's out-of-Conference home matches;

And **multiple Leagues Cup matches** to be potentially played at America First Field between Tues., July 29 and Sun., August 31, with the third-year competition against LIGA MX teams interspersed with League matches coming out of the **July 23 MLS All-Star Game** to be played in Austin, TX;

As is typical in an odd-numbered year, RSL will travel away for **Decision Day 2025**, to be played on Sat., October 18 at St. Louis CITY SC, now in its third MLS season ...

## ***MORE 2025 SCHEDULE QUIRKS ::***

This upcoming season will see RSL make just **three Eastern Conference road trips**, including an early-season Nashville run (April 12) and back-to-back East Coast away weekends at New York Red Bulls and Charlotte FC (August 10/16) ...

Head Coach **Pablo Mastroeni's** side will also travel to face San Diego FC (April 26), Vancouver (May 3) and Dallas (May 10) in the Club's longest multi-game road stretch of the season, part of a 35-day run that sees RSL play six of eight on the road in that span, with an Austin FC (May 28) and LA Galaxy (May 31) road run concluding the congested stretch ...

**June and July then flip to see RSL play six of eight on Utah soil at America First Field**, the calendar offering two rare bye weekends (June 7 and June 21) during the summer months that sees two quick trips to Kansas City (June 28) and Portland (July 16) comingled with Utah visits from D.C. United (June 14), LAFC (June 25), St. Louis (July 5), Houston (July 12), Cincinnati (July 19) and San Jose (July 26) ahead of the July 29 League Cup kickoff ...

On three (3) MLS-only occasions, RSL will play **three games in an eight-day period**: May 10-17 (@DAL / v POR / @ COL), May 24-31 (v VAN, @ATX, @ LAG) and July 12-19 (v HOU, @POR, v CIN); additional midweek matches affecting the Club due to CONCACAF Champions League in March and April could potentially occur, as well as the August Leagues Cup slate ...

Other schedule periods see RSL hosting **multi-game homestands at America First Field** on four occasions – June 14/25 (DCU / LAFC), July 5/12 (STL / HOU), July 19/26 (CIN / SJ), and Sept. 27-Oct. 4 (ATX / COL) ...

The 2025 slate includes **four bye weekends, including international breaks** surrounding the following Saturdays: June 7, June 21, Sept. 6 and Oct. 11 (barring the necessity to reschedule to one of these dates) ...

Outside of both CONCACAF Champions Cup and Leagues Cup, RSL hosts **just two home Wednesday MLS matches** at America First Field, the first of which is May 14 against Portland, the other June 25 v. LAFC ...

A total of **10 MLS reg. season matches after the MLS All-Star Game**, to be played in Austin on Wed., July 23 just before Leagues Cup kicks off on July 29, the newly-formatted MLS v Liga MX showcase being played through August 31 ...

Interspersed with Leagues Cup, **RSL will host five (5) of those final 10 games at home**, including the Rocky Mountain Cup decider at AFF on Oct. 4 against Colorado, which wrested the Cup away from RSL last season ...

Other late-season run-in opponents for RSL at America First Field include San Jose, Austin, Kansas City and Minnesota, which eliminated RSL via penalty-kick tiebreakers in both 2024 Audi MLS Cup Playoff matches between the sides ...

## ***2024 MILESTONES IN REVIEW ::***

The record-setting 2024 RSL side amassed the Club's eighth 50-point season all-time (out of 20 seasons), and just the third since the 2014 campaign ... Finishing 6<sup>th</sup> overall out of 29 teams, RSL crashed out of the postseason by the thinnest of margins for a third consecutive year (Austin 2022, Houston 2023, Minnesota 2024), dropping a road shootout tiebreaker ...

### **Other 2024 RSL milestones:**

Accumulated an all-time Club-high overall point total of 59 points, RSL's 16-7-11 (W-L-T) record eclipsing the previous record of 57 points, set in 2012; the 16 wins in 34 games matches the Club's second-highest win total in its 20 MLS campaigns (2013, 2019), trailing only the 17 won in 2012 ...

Achieved RSL's second-highest road record with 13 results in 17 away MLS matches, posting a 5W-4L-8T mark, with 23 of its 59 reg. season points amassed on the road; RSL's previous road best was recorded in 2023, with an outstanding 8W-5L-4T (28 pts) mark ...

RSL attained 59 points in 2024 by returning its America First Field home to "fortress" status, the Club's home mark of 11W-3L-3T the fourth-best in MLS and the fifth-highest in RSL's 20 previous MLS seasons ...

This most recent campaign was also the highest-scoring season in Real Salt Lake's 20 MLS years, with 65 goals through 34 matches, eclipsing the 57 scored in 2013; RSL's pair of goals scored on Decision Day enabled the 2024 side to match the all-time Club mark of 38 goals on home soil, matching the 2018 season's production in Sandy ...

During a nearly four-month span from early-March to late June, RSL embarked on a Club-record 15-game unbeaten run in MLS competition, marred only by an Open Cup match in Albuquerque ...

RSL striker and former Captain **Chicho Arango** scored 17 goals and added 13 assists during his first full season on the Wasatch Front, winning the Club Golden Boot and matching Alvaro Saborio's all-time RSL high for goals in a season, set in 2012 ...

## ***HOME FORTRESS BOUNCEBACK ::***

RSL's 2025 slate, including 34 MLS regular-season matches – along with multiple Leagues Cup contests (at least 3 from July 30 to Aug. 6 against LIGA MX powers) – could have seen the team play four of its first eight **at its America First Field home** – where RSL went 12-3-4 (W-L-T) in 2024 – with CCC advancement prior to a three-game road trip from April 26 – May 10 ...

Since April 16, 2005, RSL has enjoyed a prominent home-field advantage on Utah soil – posting a dominant 209-91-100 (Win-Loss-Draw) record across all competitions at home (1.83 points per game for a 0.654 win pct.) – since arriving on the Wasatch Front 20 years ago ...

Since opening its permanent home in Sandy just over 15 years ago, in October, 2008, RSL's 179-66-80 (W-L-T) mark at America First Field – home of the "RioT" Supporters Group umbrella – equates to a 1.92 points per game average and a 0.682 win pct, one of the truly amazing value proposition in North American sporting landscape today ...

## 2025 MILESTONES TO FOLLOW ::

With its home win on March 1 against Seattle, RSL boasted its 13<sup>th</sup> home MLS reg. season win vs. the Sounders, RSL's second-highest all-time total of home wins (13, also KC/DAL) ... RSL's 18 home wins against Colorado sets the standard ...

The near-sellout on March 1 also gave RSL 6 million total fans on Utah soil since April 16, 2005, in both MLS reg. season and Audi MLS Cup Playoffs action ...

Others to watch:

- RSL's win April 5 against LA Galaxy gave the Club 250 all-time (MLS Reg. Season only)
- RSL's home win over Houston was its 175<sup>th</sup> all-time (MLS reg. Season only)
- Weeks ago, **Justen Glad** passed Wingert/Beltran and move into 3<sup>rd</sup> all-time with 248 MLS appearances (Rimando/Beckerman)
- Glad needs 3.5 seasons at 2700 each to catch Beckerman's nearly 30,000 minutes
- **Pablo Ruiz** needs one MLS assist to move into the Club's Top-10 all-time
- MacMath needs 2 MLS appearances & starts to reach 100 in goal for each RSL category
- MacMath needs 3 wins with RSL to reach 40 all-time (reg. Season)
- MacMath needs 5 saves with RSL to reach 300 all-time (reg. Season)

## 2025 MISCELLANEOUS STATS ::

### RSL ACTIVE LEADERS as of 07/14/2025:

GOALS:	21 – Diego Luna 13 – Justen Glad
GWG:	6 – Luna; 2 – Alex Katranis; 1 – Glad, William Agada
ASSISTS:	18 – Luna; 16 – Pablo Ruiz; 10 – Braian Ojeda
GWA:	4 – Ruiz; 2 – Luna, Ojeda, Dominik Marczuk, Katranis 1 – Brayan Vera
GAMES:	258 – Glad; 122 – Ruiz; 98 – Zac MacMath; 86 – Ojeda; 67 – Emeka Eneli
STARTS:	250 – Glad; 99 – Ruiz; 98 – MacMath; 71 – Ojeda; 55 – Eneli
MINUTES:	22,347 – Glad; 8,732 – Ruiz; 8,730 – MacMath; 6,317 – Ojeda
SHOTS:	167 – Ruiz; 109 – Luna; 107 – Glad; 85 – Ojeda
SOG:	55 – Luna 46 – Ruiz; 42 – Glad;
CAUTIONS:	52 – Glad; 29 – Ruiz; 23 – Vera; 15 – Ojeda; 14 – Eneli
EJECTIONS:	2 – Glad; 1 – Vera, Ojeda, Ruiz, Ariath Piol, Luna, Bode Hidalgo, William Agada
PENALTYS:	2-2 – Luna; 1-1 – Diogo Gonçalves, Vera; 1-2 – Ruiz