

NEW YORK CITY FC GAME NOTES



NEW YORK CITY FC VS PORTLAND TIMBERS

Saturday, March 9, 2024
Kickoff Time: 2:10 PM ET
2024 MLS Regular Season
Yankee Stadium | The Bronx, NY

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DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
2.24	Charlotte A	1-0	6.19	LA Galaxy A	10:30P
3.02	St. Louis A	2-0	6.22	Nashville A	8:30P
3.09	Portland H	2:00P	6.28	Orlando H	7:30P
3.16	Toronto H	7:30P	7.03	Montreal H	7:30P
3.23	Cincinnati A	7:30P	7.06	Austin A	8:30P
3.30	Miami A	7:30P	7.13	Chicago A	8:30P
4.06	Atlanta H	7:30P	7.17	Atlanta A	7:30P
4.13	New England H	7:30P	7.20	Orlando A	7:30P
4.20	D.C. H	7:30P	8.24	Chicago H	7:30P
4.27	Charlotte H	7:30P	8.31	Columbus A	7:30P
5.05	Colorado H	4:00P	9.14	D.C. A	7:30P
5.11	Toronto A	7:30P	9.18	Philadelphia H	7:30P
5.15	Philadelphia A	7:30P	9.21	Miami H	2:00P
5.18	NY Red Bulls H	7:30P	9.28	NY Red Bulls A	7:30P
5.25	New England A	7:30P	10.02	Cincinnati H	7:30P
5.31	San Jose H	7:30P	10.05	Nashville H	7:30P
6.14	Columbus H	7:30P	10.19	Montreal A	6:00P

2024 STANDINGS

Club	MP	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Club	MP	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Inter Miami	3	2	0	1	8	1	7	7	Portland	2	1	0	1	6	3	3	4
D.C. United	2	1	0	1	5	3	2	4	LA Galaxy	2	1	0	1	4	2	2	4
Colombus	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	St. Louis	2	1	0	1	3	1	2	4
Montréal	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	Real Salt Lake	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
Red Bulls	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	Minnesota	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	4
Cincinnati	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	Dallas	2	1	1	0	3	3	0	3
Charlotte	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	LAFC	2	1	1	0	2	4	-2	3
Toronto	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	4	Kansas	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	2
Philadelphia	2	0	0	2	3	3	0	2	Vancouver	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Nashville	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	Houston	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
Chicago	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1	Seattle	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Orlando City	2	0	1	1	0	5	-5	1	Austin	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Atlanta	1	0	1	0	0	1	-1	0	Colorado	2	0	1	1	2	5	-3	1
New England	2	0	2	0	1	4	-3	0	San Jose	2	0	2	0	2	5	-3	0
New York City	2	0	2	0	0	3	-3	0									

THE MATCHUP

NYC		POR	
3/02	● AT STL 2-0	3/02	● D.C. 2-2
2/24	● AT CLT 1-0	2/24	● COL 4-1
10/21/23	● CHI 1-0	10/21/23	● HOU 1-3
10/07/23	● AT D.C. 2-0	10/07/23	● AT MTL 4-1
9/30/23	● AT MIA 1-1	9/30/23	● AT LA 3-3

NYC		POR
9-11-14	RECORD (W-L-D)	10-13-10
1.21	PPG	1.21
34	GAMES PLAYED	33
11 (EC)	CONFERENCE POSITION	11 (EC)
35	GOALS	39
1.02	GOALS/GAME	1.18
39	GOALS ALLOWED	50
1.14	ALLOWED/GAME	1.51
-4	GOAL DIFFERENTIAL	-11
34	ASSISTS	44
419(152)	SHOTS (ON GOAL)	336 (108)
36.3%	ON GOAL %	32.1%
80	YELLOW CARDS	80
1	RED CARDS	6

HEAD COACHES

NICK CUSHING		PHIL NEVILLE
0-2-0	2024 MLS RECORD	1-0-1
0.000	2024 MLS WIN %	0.750
17-21-19	ALL-TIME MLS RECORD	32-41-12
0.465	ALL-TIME MLS WIN %	0.447
3	SEASONS COACHED IN MLS	4

HEAD-TO-HEAD STATS

NYC		POR
3	GOALS	8
83	SHOTS	89
25	SHOTS ON GOAL	32
73	FOULS	64
9	OFFSIDES	12
39	CORNER KICKS	35

GOALS TIMELINE

	1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	ET	TOTAL
NYC	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
POR	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	8

INJURY REPORT

NYC
Midfielder - Maxi Moralez - OUT - Lower Body

ALL-TIME REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS

NYC (1-4-1) Home 0-3-0 (0 GF, 3 GA) Away 1-1-1 (3 GF, 5 GA)

04/19/2015	POR 1 at NYC 0	L	Yankee Stadium
05/15/2016	NYC 2 at POR 1	W	Providence Park
09/08/2017	POR 1 at NYC 0	L	Yankee Stadium
04/22/2018	POR 3 vs NYC 0	L	Providence Park
07/07/2019	POR 1 at NYC 0	L	Yankee Stadium
06/24/2023	POR 1 vs NYC 1	D	Providence Park

ALL-TIME POST SEASON RESULTS

12/11/2021	POR 1 vs NYC 1	D	Providence Park
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THE MATCHUP

ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON SERIES LEADERS

NYC			POR		
3 times	1	GOALS	2	Blanco/Adi	
3 times	1	ASSISTS	1	7 times	
David Villa	7	SHOTS	18	Diego Valeri	
David Villa	4	SHOTS ON GOAL	7	Diego Valeri	
Alexander Callens	6	FOULS COMMITTED	7	Diego Chara	
Maximiliano Moralez	7	FOULS SUFFERED	8	Diego Chara	
Josh Saunders	1	WINS	2	Jeff Attinella	
Sean Johnson	2	LOSSES	1	Jake Gleeson	
98 times	0	SHUTOUTS	2	Jeff Attinella	
Josh Saunders	9	SAVES	6	Jeff Attinella	
Sean Johnson	4	GOALS ALLOWED	2	Jake Gleeson	



















ALL-TIME REGULAR SEASON GAME HIGHS

NYC			POR			
--	3 Players Tied	1	GOALS	1	8 Players Tied	--
--	3 Players Tied	1	ASSISTS	1	7 Players Tied	--
05/15/16	David Villa	6	SHOTS	6	Diego Valeri	--
05/15/16	David Villa	3	SHOTS ON GOAL	4	Diego Valeri	09/09/17
04/22/18	Alexander Callens	4	FOULS COMMITTED	4	David Guzman	09/09/17
06/24/23	Talles Magno	5	FOULS SUFFERED	5	David Guzman	09/09/17
--	Saunders/Johnson	7	SAVES	1	Clark/Kwarasey	--
04/22/18	Sean Johnson	3	GOALS ALLOWED	2	Jake Gleeson	05/15/16

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE:
AR1:
AR2:
4TH OFFICIAL:
VAR:
AVAR:

UNIFORMS

NYC	OFFICIALS	POR
 NEW YORK CITY FC	 OFFICIALS	 PORTLAND TIMBERS
 LIGHT BLUE	 YELLOW	 GREEN
 YELLOW	 RED	
 LIGHT BLUE	 BLACK	 GREEN
 YELLOW	 RED	
 LIGHT BLUE	 BLACK	 GREEN
 YELLOW	 RED	

ROSTER

NO.	NAME	PRONUNCIATION	Pos	HT	WT	D.O.B	Hometown
1	Luis Barraza	Loo-EES bah-RA-za	GK	6'2"	194lb	11.8.96	Las Cruces, NM
2	Rio Hope-Gund		D	6'0"	179lb	8.20.99	Manhattan, NY
5	Birk Risa	burke REE-sah	D	6'2"	174lb	2.13.98	Stavanger, Norway
6	James Sands	SANDS	M	6'1"	185lb	7.6.00	Rye, NY
7	Jovan Mijatović	Yo-van mee-AH-toh-vich	F	5'8"	161lb	7.5.05	Belgrade, Serbia
8	Andrés Perea	ahn-DRES peh-REH-ah	M	6'0"	176lb	11.14.00	Tampa, FL
9	Mounsef Bakrar	MOON-sef Bach-RAAR	F	6'0"	176lb	1.13.01	Sétif, Algeria
10	Santiago Rodriguez	san-tee-AH-go rod-REE-gez	M	5'6"	137lb	1.8.00	Montevideo, Uruguay
11	Julián Fernández	hoo-lee-AHN fer-NAN-dez	F	6'0"	163lb	1.30.04	Buenos Aires, Argentina
12	Strahinja Tanasijević	stra-HEEN-yah ta-na-SEE-eh-vich	D	6'0"	161lb	6.12.97	Mladenovac, FR Yugoslavia
13	Thiago Martins	chi-AH-go mar-TEENS	D	6'1"	172lb	3.17.95	Sao Joao Evangelista, Brazil
16	Alonso Martínez	al-OHN-soh mar-TEEN-es	F	5'8"	158lb	10.15.98	Puntarenas, Costa Rica
17	Hannes Wolf	HA-ness wolf	M	5'10"	156lb	4.16.99	Graz, Austria
18	Christian McFarlane	CHRIS-chin mc-FAR-lin	D	6'0"	139lb	1.25.07	Basildon, England
21	Andres Jasson	ahn-DRES JAY-son	F	5'9"	154lb	1.17.02	Greenwich, CT
22	Kevin O'Toole	KEH-vin oh-TOOL	D	5'10"	150lb	12.14.98	Montclair, NJ
24	Tayvon Gray	TAY-von GRAY	D	5'11"	163lb	8.19.02	Bronx, NY
27	Maxi Morales	MAX-ee more-AH-lez	M	5'3"	115lb	2.27.87	Rosario, Argentina
29	Máximo Carrizo	MAX-ee-mo ca-REE-zo	M	5'3"	120lb	2.28.08	New York, NY
30	Tomás Romero	Toh-MAS roh-MEH-ro	GK	6'2"	190lb	2.19.00	Cherry Hill, NJ
32	Jonathan Shore	JO-nah-than shore	M	5'8"	135lb	4.13.07	New York, NY
35	Mitja Ilenič	MIT-cha ILL-len-ich	D	5'10"	157lb	12.26.04	Tribuče, Slovenia
36	Zidane Yañez	ZEE-dahn YAH-niez	F	5'11"	150lb	1.26.08	Union, NJ
38	Drew Baiera	drew bye-ERA	D	5'9"	140lb	2.28.07	Darien, CT
43	Talles Magno	TIE-les MAG-no	F	6'1"	154lb	6.26.02	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
44	Alex Rando	alex RAN-doe	GK	6'4"	180lb	4.15.00	New York, NY
49	Matt Freese	Matt FREEZE	GK	6'3"	194lb	9.2.98	Wayne, PA
55	Keaton Parks	KEY-ton PARKS	M	6'3"	179lb	8.6.97	Plano, TX
80	Justin Haak	JUST-in Hack	M	6'0"	165lb	9.12.01	Brooklyn, NY
88	Malachi Jones	MAH-lah-kai jones	F	5'10"	150lb	9.23.03	Freetown, Sierra Leone
HC	Nick Cushing	KUH-shing					
AC	Mehdi Ballouchy	MED-dee bah-LOO-chee					
AC	Rob Vartughian	Rob vahr-TOOG-ee-ehn					
AC	Leon Hapgood	LEE-on HAP-good					

Audio Pronunciations - [Click here](#)

Homegrown Players in Bold

HEADSHOTS - COACHING STAFF



Nick Cushing
Head Coach



Mehdi Ballouchy
Assistant Coach



Rob Vartughian
Assistant Coach



Leon Hapgood
Assistant Coach

HEADSHOTS - ROSTER



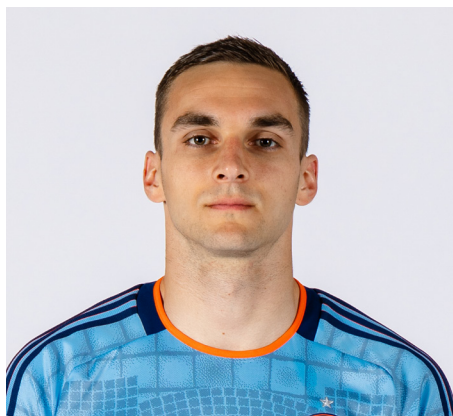
1 | Luis Barraza
Goalkeeper
Las Cruces, NM



2 | Rio Hope-Gund
Defender
Manhattan, NY



5 | Birk Risa
Defender
Stavanger, Norway



6 | James Sands
Midfielder
Rye, NY



7 | Jovan Mijatović
Forward
Belgrade, Serbia



8 | Andres Perea
Midfielder
Tampa, Florida



9 | Mounsef Bakrar
Forward
Sétif, Algeria

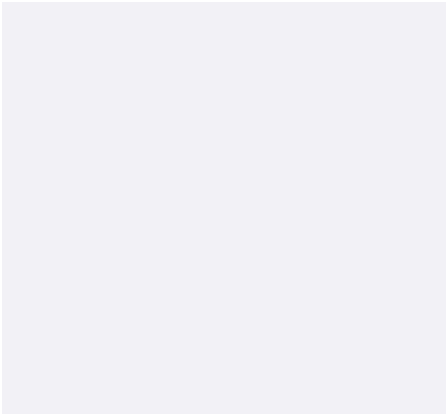


10 | Santiago Rodríguez
Midfielder
Montevideo, Uruguay
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11 | Julian Fernández
Forward
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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12 | Strahinja Tanasijević
Defender
Mladenovac, Serbia



13 | Thiago Martins
Defender
Sao Joao Evangelista, Brazil



16 | Alonso Martínez
Forward
Puntarenas, Costa Rica



17 | Hannes Wolf
Midfielder
Graz, Austria



18 | Christian McFarlane
Defender
Basildon, England



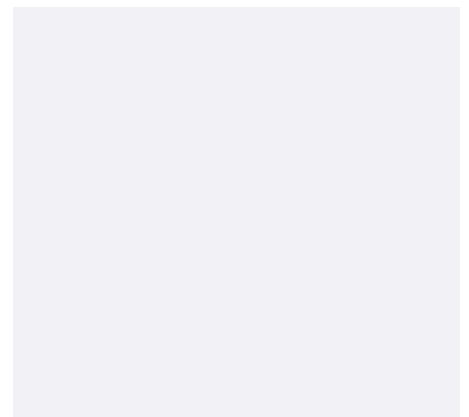
21 | Andres Jasson
Midfielder
Greenwich, CT



22 | Kevin O'Toole
Forward
Montclair, NJ



24 | Tayvon Gray
Defender
Bronx, NY



26 | Agustín Ojeda
Forward
Rosario, Argentina

HEADSHOTS



27 | Maxi Moralez
Midfielder
Rosario, Argentina



29 | Maximo Carrizo
Midfielder
New York, NY



30 | Tomás Romero
Goalkeeper
Cherry Hill, NJ



32 | Jonathan Shore
Midfielder
New York, NY



35 | Mitja Ilenič
Defender
Tribuče, Slovenia



36 | Zidane Yañez
Forward
Union, NJ



38 | Drew Baiera
Defender
Darlen, NJ



43 | Talles Magno
Forward
Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
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44 | Alex Rando
Goalkeeper
New York, NY

HEADSHOTS



49 | Matt Freese
Goalkeeper
Wayne PA



55 | Keaton Parks
Midfielder
Plano, TX



80 | Justin Haak
Midfielder
Brooklyn, NY



88 | Malachi Jones
Forward
Freetown, Sierra Leone

SEASON LEADERS

REGULAR SEASON LEADERS - GOALS

RANK	PLAYER	GOALS
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REGULAR SEASON LEADERS - MINUTES

RANK	PLAYER	MINUTES
T-1	Mounsef Bakrar	180
T-1	Matt Freese	180
T-1	Thiago Martins	180
T-1	Kevin O'Toole	180
T-1	Birk Risa	180

REGULAR SEASON LEADERS - ASSISTS

RANK	PLAYER	ASSISTS
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--	--	--
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REGULAR SEASON LEADERS - YELLOW CARDS

RANK	PLAYER	YELLOW CARDS
1	Mitja Ilenič	2
T-2	Thiago Martins	1
T-2	Andrés Perea	1
T-2	James Sands	1

REGULAR SEASON LEADERS - SHOTS

RANK	PLAYER	SHOTS
1	Santiago Rodríguez	6
2	Mounsef Bakrar	5
3	Talles Magno	2
4	6 Players Tied	1

DISCIPLINE SUMMARY

2024 REGULAR SEASON YELLOW CARDS

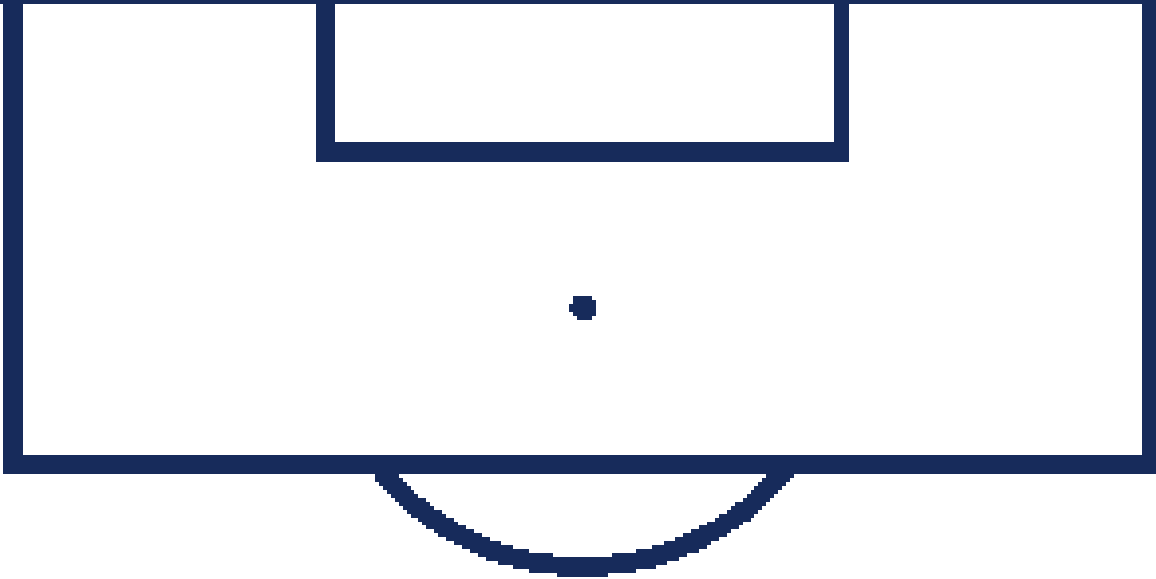
No.	Name	MD	Opponent	Min.	Count	No.	Name	MD	Opponent	Min.	Count
35	Mitja Ilenič	2	CLT A 2.24	9'	1						
13	Thiago Martins	2	CLT A 2.24	65'	1						
8	Andrés Perea	3	SLT A 3.2.24	28'	1						
6	James Sands	3	SLT A 3.2.24	52'	1						
35	Mitja Ilenič	3	SLT A 3.2.24	88'	2						

DISCIPLINE SUMMARY

2024 REGULAR SEASON RED CARDS

No.	Name	MD	Opponent	Min.	Count	No.	Name	MD	Opponent	Min.	Count
6	James Sands	3	SLT A 3.2.24	83'	1						

GOAL BREAKDOWN



Total Goals: 0

Goals Inside the Box: 0

Goals Outside the Box: 0

Left Footed Goals: 0

Right Footed Goals: 0

Header Goals: 0

Penalty Goals: 0

KEY POINTS

FACING PORTLAND

New York City FC faces off against Western Conference opponent Portland Timbers at Yankee Stadium for its 2024 home opener. Both teams have played against each other six times in the regular season, dating back to 2015. In those six matches, New York City FC has a record of 1-4-1 (W-L-D) totaling three goals (0.50 per game), eight goals allowed (1.33 goals allowed per game), 83 shots (13.8 shots per game), and 25 shots on goal (4.2 shots on goal per game). Portland, on the other hand, totals 89 shots (14.8 shots per game) and 32 shots on goal (5.33 shots on goal per game).

On the current New York City FC roster, Midfielder Maxi Moralez has played the most games against the Timbers (3) tallying 270 minutes. Against the Timbers, Moralez has totaled five shots, which is tied for the most shot attempts alongside Midfielder Keaton Parks on active roster. Parks also leads the active roster with the most goals in this matchup with one goal. In addition, Goalkeeper Matt Freese leads the active roster with the most saves, totaling six against the Timbers.

So far this season, New York City FC has two losses, and Portland has one win and one draw. These teams got an early look at each other ahead of the 2024 season, where they encountered one another during the 2024 Coachella Valley Invitational, which resulted in a 1-1 draw. The 'Boys in Blue' opened the scoring as the Uruguayan Midfielder Santiago Rodríguez scored with a penalty kick goal in the 11th minute. However, in the second half, the Timbers were able to equalize as Chilean Forward Felipe Mora scored a header.

POSSESSION AND PASSING

Despite back-to-back losses New York City FC showed dominance when it came to possession and passing. As they faced Charlotte FC and St. Louis CITY SC, New York had more total passes (564 v. CLT and 433 v. STL) maintained a higher possession percentage (57.4% v. CLT and 52% v. STL), and a higher passing accuracy percentage (84.2% v. CLT and 83.4% v. STL). So far this season, the 'Boys in Blue' rank sixth in the league in passes completed with 836, and fifth in total passes with 997, while maintaining a passing accuracy percentage of 83.8%. One of the contributors to New York City's passing success this season has been Defender Thiago Martins. Martins is tied with Forward Lionel Messi for the fifth most completed passes in the league (137). He also ranks sixth in the most total passes with 153. Altogether he has an accurate passing percentage of 89.5. Compared to the five other players who have more total passes than him, Martins has the second-highest accurate passing percentage.

THE BRONX BLUES

New York City FC starts their 2024 home campaign at Yankee Stadium in The Bronx. Last season, they played nine games at Yankee Stadium recording three wins, five draws, and just one loss. While playing in The Bronx, the team has gone five games in a row without losing a match, recording one win and four draws. The five-game undefeated streak spanned from June to September as they faced New England Revolution, Columbus Crew, CF Montréal, Vancouver Whitecaps, and the New York Red Bulls. New York City FC totaled four goals, two goals conceded, and three clean sheets during their Yankee Stadium undefeated streak.

Overall, last season, the 'Boys in Blue' scored ten goals (one own goal) and conceded eight in nine games, while shutting out their opponents four times, and tallied a record of three wins, one loss, and five draws in Yankee Stadium. The top scorer last season at Yankee Stadium was Forward Mounsef Bakrar, totaling two goals. Bakrar scored a goal in two different games, the first was during a 2-0 win over CF Montréal, the second was during a 1-1 draw against the Vancouver Whitecaps. Eight players contributed to the nine goals scored in The Bronx in 2023, while four of them remain on the roster this season, including the likes of Forwards Talles Magno and Mounsef Bakrar, and Midfielders Santiago Rodríguez and Andres Jasson.

In their history of season home openers at Yankee Stadium, New York has an undefeated record of six wins and two draws. In those eight matches, New York City FC faced seven clubs (NE, TOR, D.C. (2x), LA, CIN, MTL, and MIA). While facing these clubs, New York City FC totaled 20 goals (2 own goals), conceded four goals, and kept five clean sheets. Additionally, 12 players contributed to the 18 goals New York City scored. Three of the 12 players remain on the current roster, including Midfielder Maxi Moralez, Midfielder Santiago Rodríguez, and Forward Talles Magno, each scored one goal in the season home openers at Yankee Stadium. Furthermore, out of the 20 goals that were scored, 12 were scored in the first half while eight were scored in the second. Lastly, the highest-scoring match was on April 24, 2021, against FC Cincinnati in a 5-0 victory for the hosts and it marked the highest winning margin in the history of home openers at Yankee Stadium. Currently, New York City FC has a three-game win streak in home openers at Yankee Stadium.

NOTABLE MATCHUPS

JUNE 24TH, 2023

PORTLAND TIMBERS 1-1 NEW YORK CITY FC

New York City Football Club (New York City FC) continued their June streak of draws as they faced Portland Timbers. After drawing four out of four games in June, New York City FC continued that streak in their fifth and final game in June 2023. New York City FC's most recent game against Portland Timbers (Portland Timbers) in 2023 resulted in a 1-1 draw.

The first goal of the game was a right-footed strike from outside the penalty box by Portland Timbers Midfielder Evander in the 38th minute. Portland was able to control the rest of the first half and head into halftime with a 1-0 lead over New York City FC.

New York City FC responded quickly in the second half making adjustments and substituting Forward Matias Pellegrini in for former New York City FC Midfielder Gabriel Pereira. This substitution proved to be a game-changer early in the second half, as Pellegrini delivered a beautiful assist to Midfielder Keaton Parks to tie the game at 1-1. After Forward Talles Magno drew a yellow card on Portland Timbers Defender Larrys Mabilia, Pellegrini was awarded a free kick from outside the penalty box. Pellegrini took advantage of the free kick and delivered a beautiful kick into the box for Parks to rise up and header it past the goalie.

For the rest of the second half the 'Boys in Blue' were on the defensive, with Portland Timbers leading the game in possession 53.4% to 46.6%. New York City FC Goalkeeper Matt Freese was the defensive hero in this game with six saves. It ended up being the most saves in a game during the 2023 season for Freese. Of his six saves this game, none were more crucial than his diving save in the 77' from a strike from Portland Timbers Midfielder Evander.

DECEMBER 11TH, 2021

PORTLAND TIMBERS 1(2)-1(4)

Reflecting on New York City Football Club's journey in Portland, Oregon, inevitably brings to mind their monumental victory in the 2021 MLS Championship against the Portland Timbers.

Prior to this historic match, New York City FC had only managed to secure one win against the Timbers out of their six encounters. The dramatic showdown saw New York City FC and the Timbers deadlocked at 1-1 when the final whistle blew, leading to a tense penalty shootout. New York City FC prevailed with a 4-2 victory in the shootout, thanks in large part to the heroic efforts of goalkeeper Sean Johnson, who made two crucial saves. The dominance was evident throughout the match, particularly in the first half, when Castellanos capitalized on a free kick from Maxi Moralez to score the opener. Despite challenging weather conditions at Providence Park, New York City FC's persistence paid off, culminating in their first-ever MLS Cup win and the Philip F. Anschutz Trophy. This historic achievement marked a significant milestone in New York City FC's franchise history.

The match wasn't without its moments of tension, including a slip in the box that allowed Portland to regain possession and a controversial late goal by Filipe Mora. Despite these challenges, New York City FC's resilience ultimately secured their place in MLS history.

KNOW YOUR OPPONENTS



KEY OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

New York City FC clashes with the Portland Timbers in their first home game of the 2024 MLS regular season. New York City FC and Portland Timbers have played against each other on multiple occasions, but this year's roster has a different look to it.

Portland Timbers made some big-time additions during the offseason. Portland Timbers acquired Canadian defender Kamal Miller from Inter Miami CF, in exchange for \$500,000 in 2024 GAM, \$125,000 in 2025 GAM, and a 2024 international roster spot over the offseason. Miller spent the past five seasons playing in MLS for Orlando City SC, CF Montreal, and Inter Miami CF. Acquired by Miami in 2023, the defender helped Miami win the 2023 Leagues Cup and was a 2022 MLS All-Star.

Another big addition for Portland Timbers this season was improving their goalkeeper play. In 2023, Portland Timbers had the third most goals allowed in the MLS. Portland Timbers allowed 58 goals last season, which was 19 more than the goals allowed by New York City FC. Portland Timbers addressed this by signing a pair of free-agent Canadian goalkeepers, Maxime Crépeau and James Pantemis. Crépeau, 29, signed a two-year contract with an option for the 2026 season, and Pantemis, 26, also signed a two-year contract with an option for the 2026 season with Portland Timbers. Portland Timbers hopes that these two experienced goalkeepers can make an impact in the 2024 season.

TOP PERFORMERS

After just missing the 2023 MLS playoffs by three points, the Portland Timbers will look to bounce back in 2024. In 2023, the Portland Timbers ended their season with an 11W - 13L - 10D record. The Timbers were middle of the pack with 46 goals scored, but were third to last in goals allowed with 58.

The Timbers are off to a great start in the 2024 season with a 1W - 0L - 1D record. Through two games, the Portland Timbers have scored six goals (3 per game) and allowed three (1.5 per game). The Timbers had their way with the Colorado Rapids, with a dominating 4-1 victory. Portland Timbers got off to an early lead in the ninth minute with a goal from Midfielder Eryk Williamson. Portland wasted no time to add to their lead with another goal by Forward Antony Alves Santos in the 14th minute. Antony did not stop there and added another goal to his already great performance in the 29th minute to push the Portland Timbers lead to 3-0. Portland Timbers went into the second half with a 4-0 lead and never looked back. Colorado got on the board in the second half, but it was not enough to overcome the Timber's perfect first half.

The Timbers had D.C. United travel out west for their second game of the 2024 MLS regular season. Portland Timbers struck first again in the 18th minute with a goal from Forward Dairon Asprilla. Later, Portland added to their lead in the second half with a goal from Forward Santiago Moreno in the 61st minute. With a 2-0 lead in the second half, Portland Timbers was on the verge of starting 2W - 0L - 0D in the 2024 season, however D.C. United had other plans. A handball led to a penalty kick in favor of D.C.. Midfielder Mateusz Klich took full advantage of the Portland Timbers handball and scored the penalty kick in the 72nd minute. In the 82nd minute, Forward Kristian Fletcher scored the equalizer off of a beautiful cross from Defender Aaron Herrera. The match ended in a draw for Portland Timbers and D.C. United, with two goals scored for each side.

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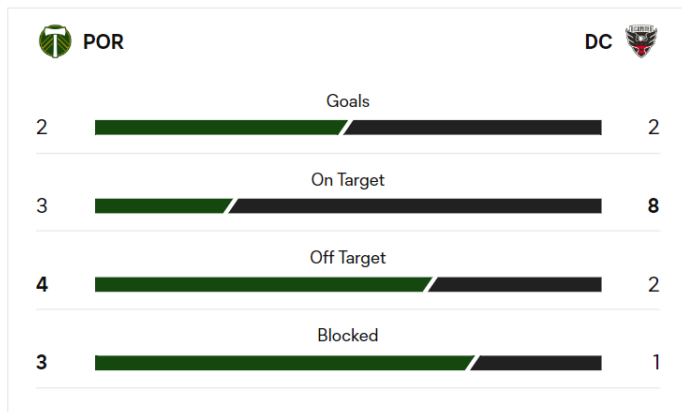
2024 SEASON

So far this season, the Portland Timbers are atop the Western Conference with four points, six goals, and a goal differential of three. Their goals scored is currently the second highest in the league, with Inter Miami CF having two more goals in hand. Also, their goal differential is the second highest in the league, with Inter Miami CF having the highest totaling seven.

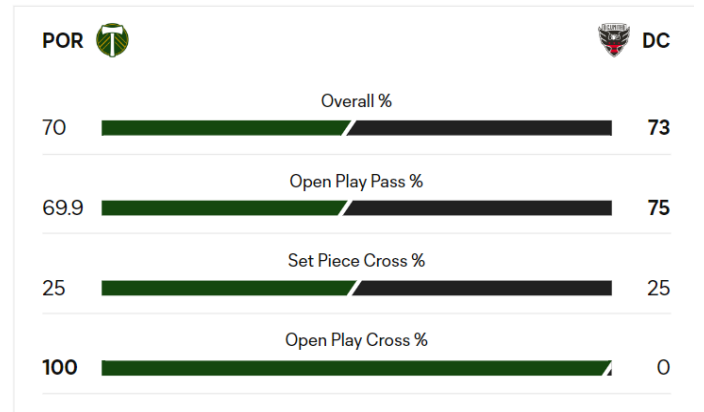
The top scorer for Portland Timbers is Forward Antony Alves Santos with two goals. Antony was the first to have scored a brace this season. The first to have scored a goal this season was Eryk Williamson as he scored in the ninth minute against Colorado Rapids. Williamson then provided an assist in the following match against D.C. United, tied with Forward Santiago Moreno with one goal and one assist. Five players have tied for the most assists (1), including Defender Eric Miller, Forward Santiago Moreno, Defender Juan Mosquera, Midfielder Cristhian Paredes, and Midfielder Eryk Williamson. The first player to have provided an assist this season was Juan Mosquera, which occurred in Portland's season opener against Colorado Rapids. Overall, seven players have goal contributions in the form of a goal or an assist. Goalkeeper Maxime Crépeau recorded the most saves so far with Portland Timbers, totaling six. Meanwhile, Goalkeeper James Pantemis has the least goals allowed (1).

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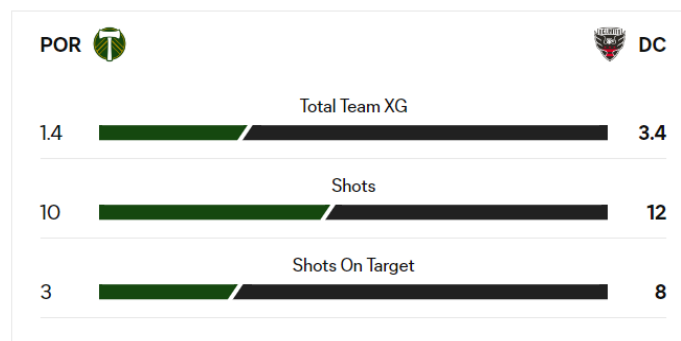
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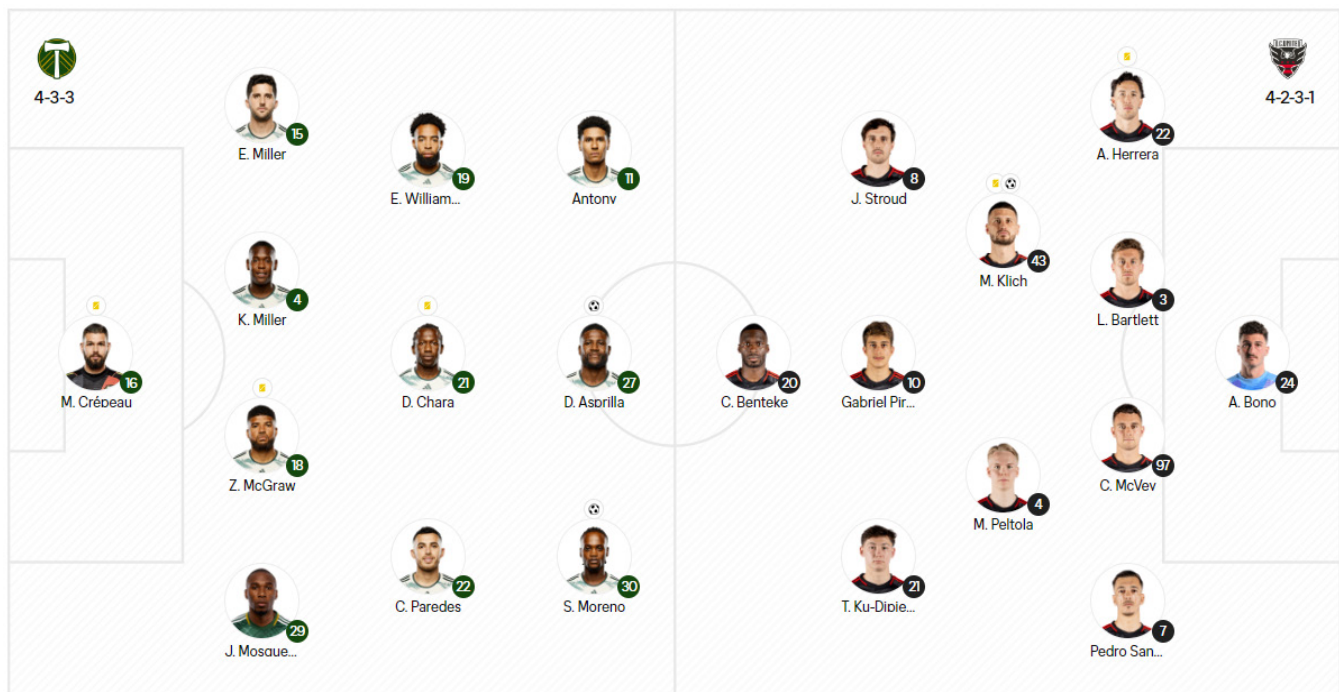


EXPECTED GOALS



LAST LINEUP

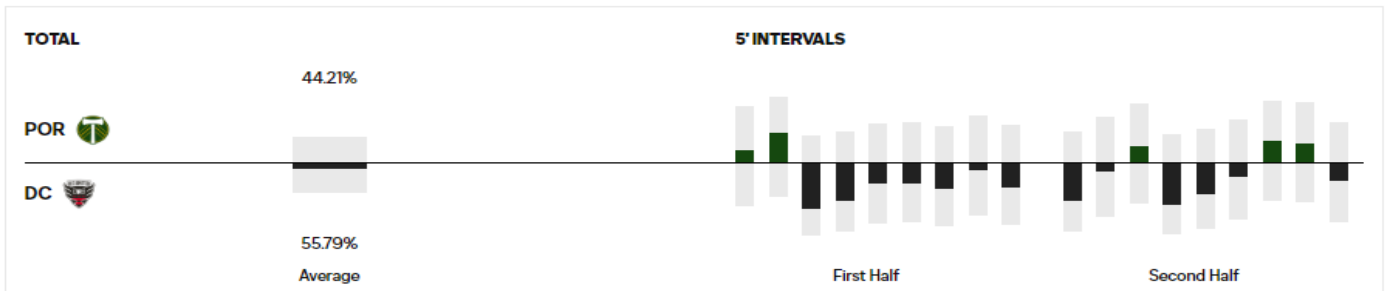
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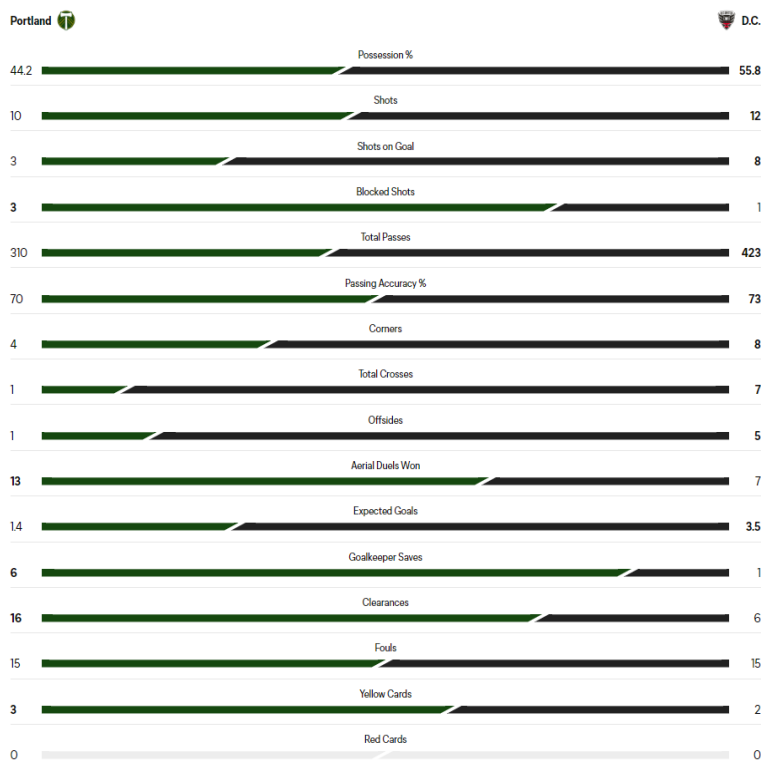
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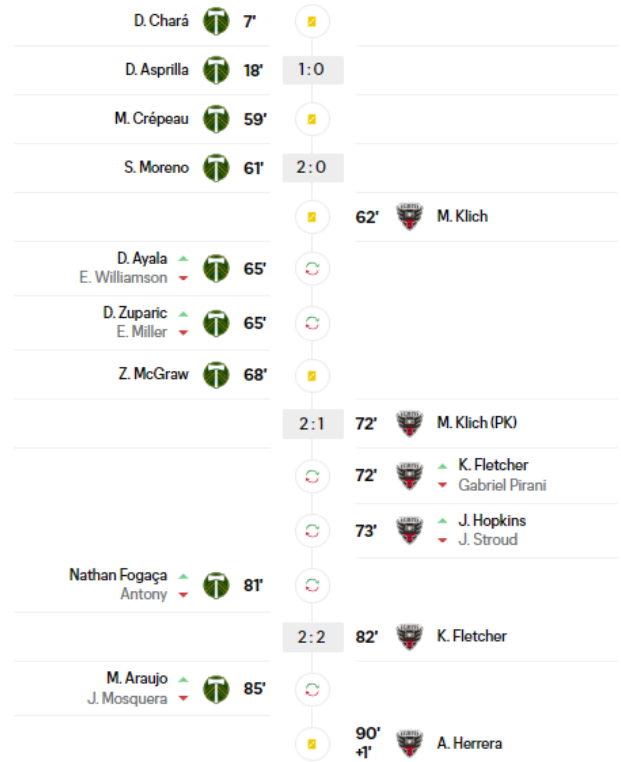
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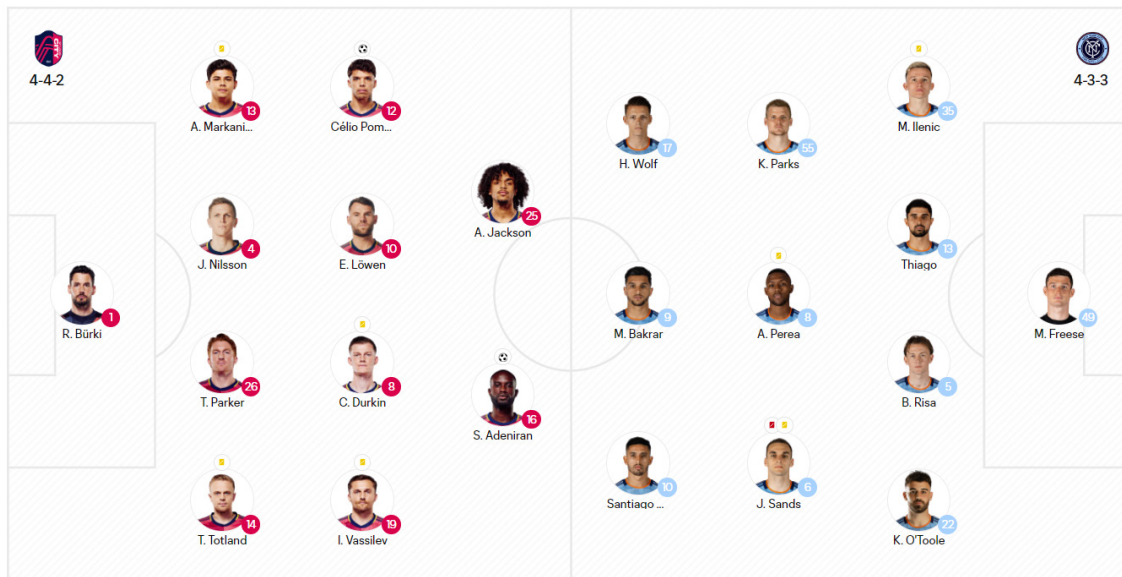
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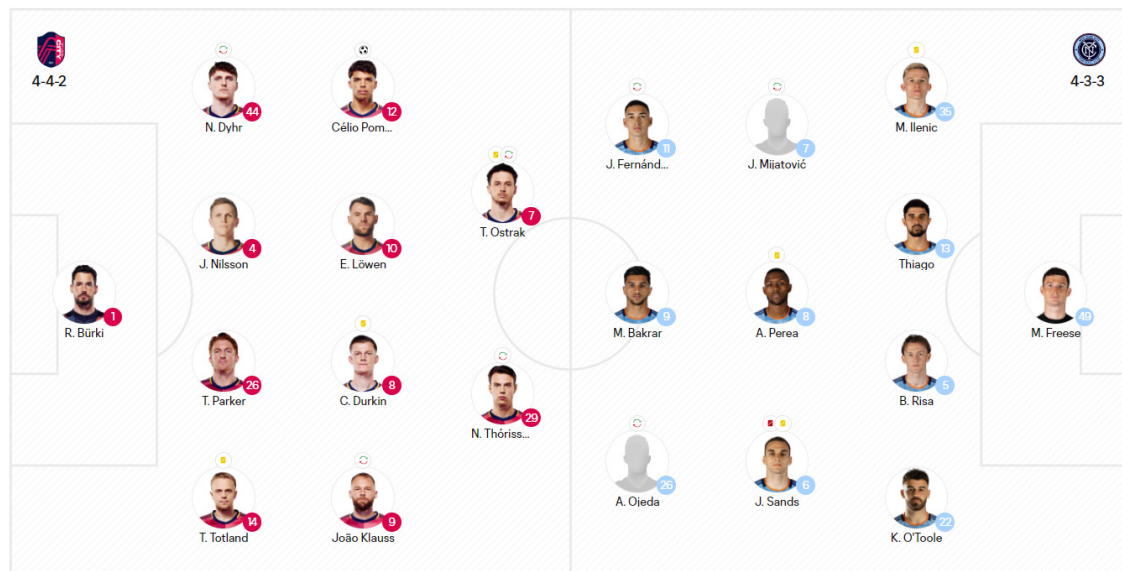
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- 20 A. Watts
- 9 João Klauss
- 39 B. Lundt
- 7 T. Ostrak
- 40 M. Wentzel
- 29 N. Thórisson
- 85 H. Kijima
- 44 N. Dyhr

NYC BENCH

- L. Barraza 1
- C. McFarlane 18
- A. Jasson 21
- J. Haak 80
- J. Fernández 11
- A. Martínez 16
- M. Jones 88
- A. Ojeda 26
- J. Mijatović 7

FINAL LINEUP



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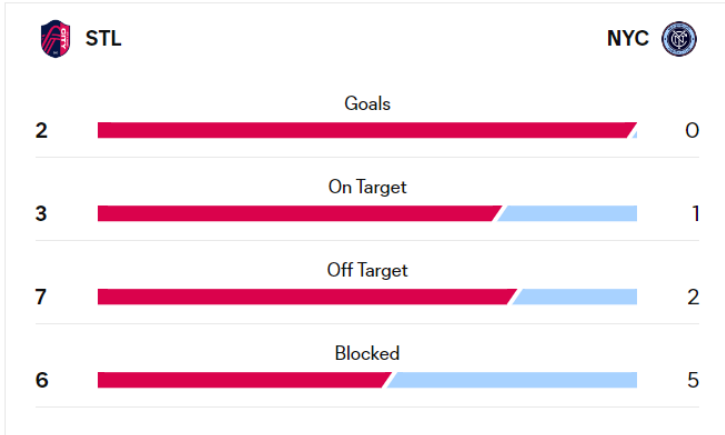
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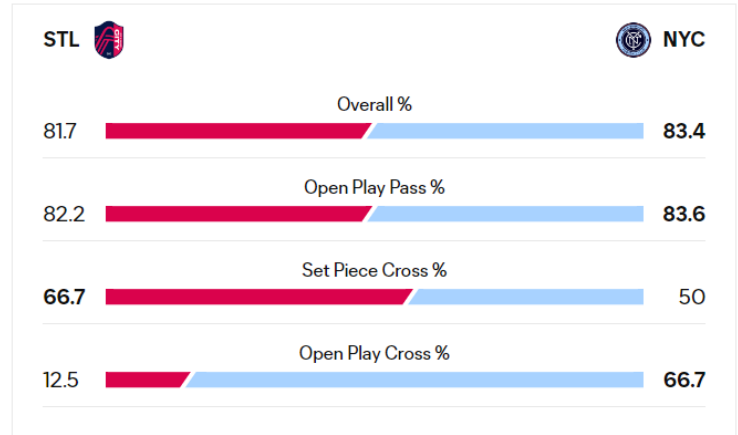
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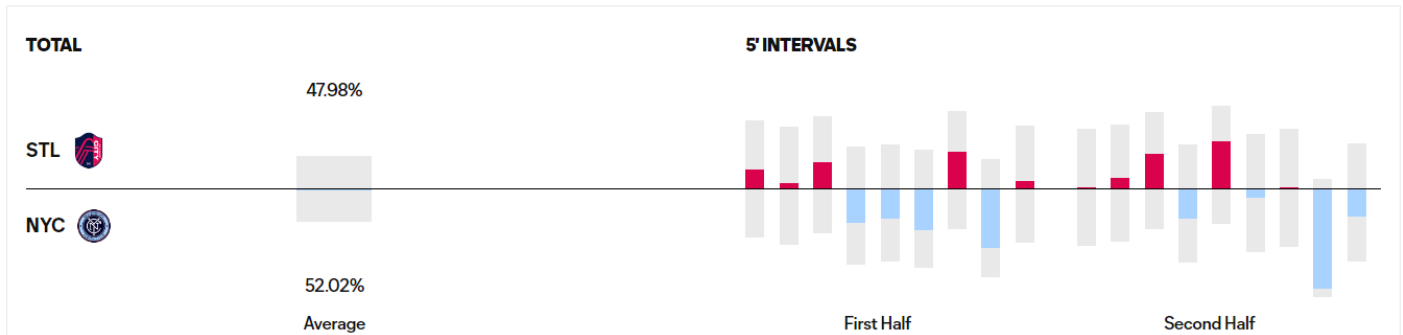
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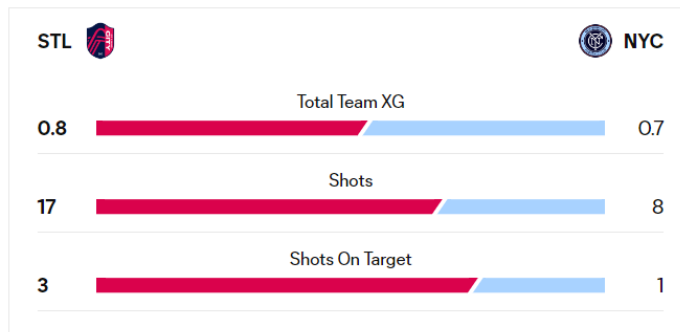
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



























SHOOTING BREAKDOWN




PREVIOUS MATCH

MATCH SUMMARY

A. Markanich		21'	
Célio Pompeu		35'	 1:0
I. Vassilev		41'	
T. Totland		45' +3'	
João Klauss I. Vassilev		58'	
T. Ostrak A. Jackson		68'	
S. Adeniran		72'	 2:0
C. Durkin		82'	
V. Thórisson S. Adeniran		88'	
N. Dyhr Markanich		89'	
T. Ostrak		90'	
		28'	A. Perea
		52'	J. Sands
		67'	J. Fernández H. Wolf
		74'	A. Ojeda Santiago Rodriguez
		80'	J. Mijatović K. Parks
		83'	J. Sands
		88'	M. Ilenic

STATS

St. Louis 	New York City 
48	52
17	8
3	1
6	5
327	433
81.7	83.4
5	3
8	3
3	1
4	2
0.8	0.7
1	1
12	11
21	13
5	3
0	1

PREVIOUS MATCH

DISCIPLINE SUMMARY

STL		NYC
12	FOULS	13
11	YELLOW CARDS	3
0	RED CARDS	1

UNAVAILABLE PLAYERS

NYC

Midfielder - Maxi Moralez - OUT - Lower Body

STL

Defender - Kyle Hiebert - OUT - Knee
Midfielder - Rasmus Alm - Questionable - Hip

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

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NEW YORK CITY B-ROLL

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POST-MATCH PRESS CONFERENCE VIDEO

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MATCH RECAP

New York City FC headed west to St. Louis for their first visit to CITYPARK and their second consecutive road game to kick off the 2024 MLS campaign. The Boys in Blue were eager to record a win after suffering a narrow defeat in their season opener against Charlotte FC last time out. Head Coach Nick Cushing made one change to the team that started in North Carolina seven days ago, with Andrés Perea replacing Julián Fernández to give New York City FC a midfield three. St. Louis were themselves looking for three points after failing to do so last time out – a 1-1 draw with Real Salt Lake was the outcome of week one for Bradley Carnell's side. The hosts registered the first real chance of the game when Célio Pompeu got his head up in a central position and fired off a shot that struck the post in the 7th minute. At the other end, a quick combination between Perea and Santiago Rodríguez allowed the latter to get a shot away that deflected behind for a corner. City grew into the game as the half-hour mark approached, and a flowing move down the eventually found Keaton Parks in space. He curled a pass out wide right to Mounsef Bakrar, and although he was able to get a shot off it was unfortunately blocked. Despite that momentum, St. Louis would take the lead in the 35th minute after Pompeu collected the ball in the final third and fired a low shot past Matt Freese. New York City FC was quick to seek a response, and they came close in the 42nd minute after a brilliant knockdown by Kevin O'Toole found Hannes Wolf in the six-yard box. The Austrian midfielder did his best to poke it toward goal, but Roman Bürki did well to smother the opportunity. The second half brought no changes for New York City FC as they sought a route back into the contest. That effort saw some early promise when Mitja Ilenič whipped in a cross with his left that found O'Toole at the back post. He headed the ball toward the goal, but Bakrar could not connect with it. City saw several half chances on the break before the hour mark, but ultimately the final pass was missing. In the 65th minute, Cushing made his first change of the night as Wolf departed the match to be replaced by Fernández. St. Louis would add a second in the 72nd minute after Samuel Adeniran fired a powerful shot past Freese from a tight angle. That goal would be followed promptly by another New York City FC change as Agustín Ojeda checked in for Rodríguez to make his MLS debut. The Boys in Blue were determined to try and find a route back into the game, and that saw Perea and James Sands attempt efforts from distance - Sands coming closest with his shot skipping by the post. That attacking intent also presented itself with Cushing's changes as Jovan Mijatović checked in for Parks in the 79th minute. New York City FC would be reduced to ten men in the 83rd minute following a VAR review. Midfielder James Sands was shown a straight red card after he was adjudged to have fouled Chris Durkin off the ball. The game was now becoming increasingly stretched, making it harder for City to generate chances. Despite battling until the final whistle, they could not find a route back into the contest, and that confirmed a 2-0 victory for St. Louis CITY SC on Saturday night.

PREVIOUS MATCH

POST MATCH QUOTES - HEAD COACH NICK CUSHING

On creating attacking chances...

"I think it's a really difficult place to play in (St. Louis). You can see the way they play. It's a really high-intensity, high-press game. I think we we're getting into moments where we could create chances. I think we probably had the biggest chance of the game with Hannes [Wolf]. We had some great opportunities. We had one where the ball is cut back, and Andrés Perea just doesn't arrive on time. We have one where Mitja [Ilenič] gets into a really good moment and maybe should hit the back post. Mounsef [Bakrar], the ball is cleared at the front post. I think I was really pleased that we were in the game for 70 minutes. I think it's difficult on the road to create big chances. I think the second goal kills us. It's a disappointing one for us because I think it's the exact moment that we know how they play - a square pass, a counterattack. But I think we limited them to no big chances, really. They scored the second goal, and it kills the game. But I was pleased with the way that we played for 70 minutes. I thought we were in the game."

Thoughts on the pressure from St. Louis CITY SC...

"I think it's the whole (game); it's their main factor. The pressure that they put on their team and on the opposition and the way that they press the game, it's their style. We've experienced that across the league. Last week we conceded a goal early, and I think we showed that we can stay in games, we can manage the situation, we can be under pressure. The nature of being on the road in our league is that you are under pressure and teams are going to try and come on strong - and we stayed in the game. We showed some great moments. We were in it, and we were pushing hard. I thought we had some moments where we could create chances. I said last week, for us having 55% of the ball here and having the opportunity to get into moments, we have to clean those final third moments up because that is what's going to get us goals, and ultimately, goals are going to get us points."

Thoughts on the match...

"When you come away to places like St. Louis, where the game is direct and the whole game plan for the opposition is to spoil the game, our aim is to dominate possession. It's to create chances, keep the game tight, and ensure we're trying to create moments. To come here and have the expected goals pretty even, having only one big chance of the game and 55% of the ball tells me that we're in games and our mentality is really good. Our ability to take the games in moments and also absorb pressure at these high-intensity places is there. That gives me excitement and enthusiasm. We have to continue to work hard. It's a young team and a fairly new team when we put on [Jovan] Mijatović and [Agustín] Ojeda. This team is blending and molding every week, and we have to take the positives out of it and continue to move forward. It's game two, guys, and both were on the road. So, we're going to get back on the training field, continue to work hard, and make sure we're prepared to go get a win at home in front of our fans against Portland [Timbers FC]."

Thoughts on the importance of the upcoming home match...

"Home matches in our league have proven that home games are really important. I think the home advantage is there to see across the league and we're excited to get home. We're excited to play in front of our fans and have played two difficult games at two really difficult places. But we knew that before we went into it, so to be returning home, I think it's exciting for the team."

Thoughts behind the substitutions...

"I think you can use five subs and we used three this evening. I think there'll be games when we use five. There'll be games where we use three. It's highly unlikely that we won't put in a sub in a game. We went like, for like, Hannes [Wolf] for Julián [Fernández]. We went an extra striker in to try and chase a goal and we went Agustín Ojeda like for like, for 'Santi' [Santiago Rodríguez] because I felt we were in the game for 70 minutes we were in the game. So, we continued with players that we feel will improve the team. We have a strong bench, so it's very competitive."

On Santiago Rodríguez being subbed out...

"I think our squad is competitive. I think guys like Santiago Rodríguez want to win and want to be in games. When you lose, they're disappointed, so you have to pick the guys up. The reality is St. Louis [CITY SC] on the road is a difficult place and we competed for 70 minutes. The last ten minutes of the game were a mess because of the red card, and it was difficult because we made the substitutions to chase the game. But 'Santi' [Santiago Rodríguez] and the likes of Birk [Risa] and these guys, they want to win. So, we pick them up, go in, and tell them it is what it is. We have to take the positives, continue to work, and move forward with two home games now that are really exciting opportunities for us."

PREVIOUS MATCH

POST MATCH QUOTES - MIDFIELDER KEATON PARKS

Thoughts on playing road games...

"It's difficult. Like you said, we only had one win last year, but we've made it clear that this is not the same team as last year. It's going to take every single one of us to bring that confidence and motivation into each of these away games and fight for a win. Nobody can do it alone, and we've got to get together. We've got to bring everybody together and be confident in what we're capable of. I think you'll see that in these next two home games, and we need to bring that confidence away with us because it's the same. It's a soccer game with fans yelling for the other team, but who cares. We've got to stick together through that."

Thoughts on the yellow cards and dealing with a high press...

"I think we just need to be calmer and more confident in our style. I think we got a little panicked with all the fouls, with the high press and everything, and we just need to calm down, slow the game down, play our game, and not play into their hands. I think we gave them what they wanted at moments, and we can't do that. We got to be confident in what we're capable of, and we got to calm the game down and slow it down."

Thoughts on playing against the Portland Timbers...

"It's a completely different team for us and a completely different team for them. Reliving those moments (MLS Cup) is great and stuff, but we have to go into this game just completely forgetting about that and knowing that we have a new team and that we got to win with the guys we have now. It's on my mind. I guess every time we play them, it reminds me of that, but it definitely doesn't go into our game plan at all."

On how adversity can be the foundation of success...

"Absolutely. We already talked in the locker room and stuff and mean the only way you can grow from these things is to embrace the struggle, to embrace the fight. The other choice is to pout over it and let it affect us and bring us down. So, it absolutely is a motivation now, and it's going to push us forward."

On playing alongside James Sands and Andrés Perea...

"Yeah, it is a little different. None of us are natural tens like that, natural attacking midfielders. So, I think it's up to [Andrés] Perea and me to really build that chemistry and figure out which one of us is going and stuff. Thinking back on the game, I think we struggled a little bit with that. I think we found ourselves both low or both high at some points, and it's just something we'll have to learn to deal with. They are talented guys that I get to play with and it's just about building that and figuring that out, but it'll happen."

A LOOK BACK AT 2023

CENTURY CLUB

Midfielder Keaton Parks recorded his 100th match with NYCFC away at Nashville on February 25, 2023 in the 2023 Season Opener. Parks, who is entering his fifth season with the Club since coming to the Bronx from Portugal's S.L. Benfica in 2019, has become a key part of the team's mid-field and an influential player on-and-off the pitch.

NEW CITYZENS

Two of the new incomers, Braian Cufre and Mitja Ilenic, made their debut against Nashville. Braian made it to the starting XI, and Ilenic went on as a substitute for Tayvon Gray in the 82nd minute. Both players contributed to NYCFC's performance by holding more possession in the match (61.8%), passes (496), and clearances (23). In a total of 70 minutes of playing time, Cufre maintained a passing percentage of 75.8%, and he made a total of seven duels. As for Ilenic, he maintained a passing percentage of 87.5% and made one duel in the eight minutes of playing time

RE-ENTER SANDMAN

Midfielder James Sands recorded his first start and appearance with NYCFC since returning from his year-long loan with Scottish side Rangers FC against Chicago Fire FC on Saturday, March 4, 2023. In the match, Sands was integral to the Boys in Blue's midfield, recording 34 accurate passes (89%), 1 clearance, 3 ground duels won, 1 interception, and 7 recoveries

GABIGOL

Gabriel Pereira recorded the first official goal for NYCFC in 2023, with a shot with the left foot from the right side of the box to the bottom left corner against Chicago Fire's goalkeeper, Spencer Richey, on Matchday 2. His first goal of the season follows a bright 2022 MLS season where Pereira recorded eight goals and three assists in the 2022 season

NEW 10 ERA

Midfielder Santiago Rodríguez made his first appearance, on Matchday 2 against the Chicago Fire, sporting the number 10 for the Boys in Blue following the announcement that Rodríguez was acquired from Montevideo City Torque as a Designated Player through the 2027 season on March 3, 2023

WELCOME TO THE CITY

Defender Stephen Turnbull made his Major League Soccer debut against the Chicago Fire on Saturday, March 4, 2023 after subbing on for Defender Mitja Ilenic in the 90th minute. Turnbull signed a Short-Term Contract, joining on loan from MLS NEXT Pro affiliate New York City Football Club II

HONORED GUESTS

New York City Football Club was welcomed home by supporters group 'La Banda Loca' for matchday 8 against Nashville Sc. In addition, NYC Mayor Eric Adams, Queens Councilman Francisco Moya, and Councilwoman Sandra Ung were in attendance. Before kick-off, Mayor Adams and Councilman Moya made some remarks about the NYCFC stadium project to the New York faithful in attendance. Meanwhile, Councilwoman Sandra Ung initiated the match by setting off the NYC smokestacks, a pre-game tradition at NYCFC matches.

FIRST THREE POINTS

New York City Football Club earned their first three points of the 2023 MLS Regular Season after defeating Inter Miami CF 1-0 in The Bronx, on March 11. The boys in blue have a total record of seven wins, zero losses, and two ties on home openers.

FIRST GOALS

In his second start after returning to the Club, midfielder Santiago Rodríguez recorded his first goal of the season with NYCFC on March 18 vs DC United. Forward Talles Magno also recorded his first goal of the 2023 MLS Regular Season, and Midfielder Thiago Andrade also recorded his first goal of the season as well.

NEW CAPTAIN

Thiago Martins was named captain for NYCFC on matchday 5 for the first time since joining the Club. Thiago Martins joins the likes of Sean Johnson, Maxime Chanot and David Villa as Club captains.

RICHY'S IN TOWN

In the 68th minute of matchday 5, midfielder Richy Ledezma made his debut for the Boys in Blue days after being announced as the Club's newest player. Ledezma arrived in the Bronx through an intraleague loan from Western Conference side Real Salt Lake after recently returning from a two-year spell in the Netherlands with Eredivisie side PSV Eindhoven.

WELCOME SEGAL

Forward Gabe Segal made his MLS Debut vs New England on matchday 6, after arriving to New York off waivers from FC Köln, joining from Stanford University this past off-season. Segal played a total of 65 minutes and recorded one shot, 20 passes (87% pass accuracy), as well as one tackle won. The forward was the third NYCFC player to make his debut this season.

A LOOK BACK AT 2023

SANDS THE CAPTAIN

Matchday 6 vs New England marked the first time Midfielder James Sands dons the Captain's armband for the Club. Sands was the Club's first-ever Homegrown signing and became the first Homegrown to captain the side. Sands was the third Captain NYCFC has used this season, alongside Maxime Chanot and Thiago Martins.

SANDS THE CAPTAIN

Today's assisted Gabriel Pereira's equalizer in the 72nd minute of matchday seven marking defender Mitja Ilenič's first assist for New York City Football Club. Ilenič played a full 90 minutes, and recorded one shot and a 75% accurate pass percentage in addition to his first-ever assist.

KEATONS FIRST

Midfielder Keaton Parks scored his first goal of the season on April 15. This marks Parks' first goal with the Club since the 2022 MLS Regular Season, in which Parks scored one goal in a 3-0 win against the San Jose Earthquakes at Yankee Stadium on May 1st, 2022.

MAXIME STRIKES

Defender Maxime Chanot got in on the action by scoring his first goal of the season vs Nashville. Chanot has found the back of the net for the first time since scoring a rocket from outside the area in a 3-1 defeat at home against Charlotte FC in the 2022 MLS Regular Season. Today, Chanot recorded one goal, 93% pass accuracy rate, four accurate long balls, one tackle won, and two ground duels won.

RICHY'S FIRST ASSIST AND START

Midfielder Richard Ledezma recorded his first start for New York City Football Club vs Nashville on April 15. In today's start, Ledezma provided his first goal contribution for the Club in the form of an assist on the 'Cityzens' second goal scored by Maxime Chanot. Today, Ledezma recorded one assist, an 83% pass accuracy rate, and one shot on target. made one duel in the eight minutes of playing time

DERBY VETERAN

Defender Maxime Chanot played in his 13th Hudson River Derby in the MLS Regular Season, the most out of any other player on the active squad. Chanot played all 90 minutes of the match and the nearly ten minutes of added time, recorded the highest pass accuracy rate of any outfield player on either squad who had at least 30 minutes of playing time with 91.3%, and made two shots on goal.

GABE SEGAL FIRST TASTE OF GOAL

In only his fourth-ever appearance in MLS play vs Charlotte on May 17, Forward Gabe Segal scored his first goal for the Club to help NYCFC head back home with a point secured. His late equalizer was assisted by Forward Talles Magno, who subsequently logged his first assist of the season thus far.

SEGAL LIFELINE

Forward Gabe Segal scored the lone, left-footed goal in extra-time to save the Club from a defeat at home vs Columbus Crew on June 17. This marked Segal's second goal in Major League Soccer, and impressively the second instance this season where he has scored a goal within the last few minutes of the match to save a point. the first time occurring in the 88th minute against Orlando City on Matchday 13. His goal today in the 94th minute was not only Segal's latest goal, but the latest goal scored by the Club so far this season.

GABIGOL STRIKES ONCE AGAIN

The 'Boys in Blue' started off strong on MD20 vs Atlanta United, when Gabriel Pereira scored a goal just 42 seconds in, giving the Club an exciting lead from the beginning. This was Pereira's second goal against Atlanta United this season, the first since their prior matchup in April. This was also the club's third fastest goal of all time. Gabi proceeded to score again in the 55th minute, having his first brace for the club. Both of his goals gave NYCFC a point versus the southern rivals, extending NYCFC's record vs ATL to a 9 game unbeaten streak.

SUCCESSFUL RETURN TO CITI FIELD

The 'Boys in Blue' defeated Nashville SC 2-1 in their second meeting of the 2023 MLS Regular Season. This marked New York City Football Club's return to Citi Field for the first time since the 2022 Audi MLS Cup Playoffs.

STRONG START AT HOME

NYCFC capped the Club's three-game homestay on a high note with the win vs FC Dallas on matchday 9. With wins against Nashville and Dallas and a tie against Atlanta United, NYCFC went unbeaten in all three home matches and continued the team's unbeaten streak at home this season, as four consecutive away matches loom on the horizon.

A LOOK BACK AT 2023

MATT FREESE LEAGUE DEBUT

Goalkeeper Matt Freese has made appearances for both the first and second team in MLS NEXT Pro play, but never during the MLS Regular Season. On May 31, Freese played all 90 minutes and recorded two saves, 17 successful passes, 5 throws, 9 long balls, 4 launches, 2 diving saves, 8 recoveries, 26 touches, and 5 goals on kick.

BACKLINE SECURITY

Despite the fact NYCFC was outshot in total overall shots 20 to 5 by Real Salt Lake on MD18, NYCFC's defense stepped up today to prevent RSL from gaining a win at their home, America First Field. Goalkeeper Luis Barraza played an especially integral role in this, as NYCFC's starter between the posts saved all four of the shots on target that he faced in this match. Subsequently, Barraza recorded his third 100% save percentage rate this season (with the other two coming on Matchday 17 against the New England Revolution and Matchday 3 against Inter Miami CF) and his first against an opponent on the road.

FIRST ROAD WIN OF 2023

NYCFC got their first win on the road this season vs Montreal on MD 22, snapping their 6 home game clean sheet streak thanks to a goal from Mattias Pellegrini.

PELLEGRINI JOINS THE PARTY

Midfielder Matias Pellegrini scored his first goal ever for New York City Football Club against Montreal on MD22. Pellegrini now has a goal and an assist to his name this season with both earned in back-to-back matches.

NICO BENALCAZAR DEBUT

Homegrown Midfielder Nicholas Benalcazar made his MLS debut on the evening of July 1 vs Montreal, as he replaced Keaton Parks in the 80th minute. Benalcazar has captained NYCFC MLS NEXT Pro Affiliate, NYCFC II, the past couple of seasons.

IMPRESSIVE UNBEATEN STREAK

This was NYCFC seventh-straight match unbeaten, which currently ties the New England Revolution for the longest active unbeaten streak in the league. NYCFC's unbeaten streak coincidentally dates back to the Matchday 17 meeting with the Revolution, where the team drew 0-0.

HOMEGROWN GOAL HISTORY

In the 75' of MD 24, on July 8, 2023, vs Columbus Crew, Justin Haak scored his first career goal and became the first Homegrown to have scored in Club history. Haak was the third homegrown signing in club's history and officially became the first goalscorer, landing himself in the NYCFC history books forever.

SANTI TIES PIRLO

With his 18th career assist on July 8, vs Columbus, Midfielder Santiago Rodríguez has drawn with Andrea Pirlo for the fifth-most assists in Club History.

ANDRES JASSON FIRST GOAL

Andres Jasson scored the first-ever goal of his NYCFC career in the 86th minute against Philadelphia Union on July 15, to bring NYCFC one step closer to stealing a point at Subaru Park. He is the second-ever NYCFC Homegrown to score after Justin Haak did against Columbus Crew on matchday 24.

DEBUT NIGHT IN QUEENS

Three different players made their team debut tonight on MD27 vs Minnesota: Defender Birk Risa, Forward Julián Fernández, and Andrés Perea. Risa started the match while Fernández and Perea came off the bench in the 61st minute of the match, replacing Midfielder James Sands and Forward Matías Pellegrini.

THE RETURN OF MAXI

Since making his return to the Club during this most recent transfer window, Midfielder Maxi Moralez made his first start for the Club since October 2022. Moralez has played 163 games for NYCFC and has been with the team since the 2017 MLS Regular Season. On his return, Moralez played all available minutes and logged two shots, three corners taken, five attacking assists, one tackle, and an 89.1% passing accuracy rate, against Minnesota on Sunday, August 20.

MOUNSEF'S LEAGUE DEBUT

Forward Mounsef Bakrar made his MLS Regular Season debut on matchday 27 vs Minnesota, after playing three matches in the Leagues Cup. Despite scoring in the second half, his goal was recalled for on offside, denying him his first league goal. Still, in his 79 minutes on the field, Bakrar recorded a 1.42 expected goal rate (XG), six shots, and one shot on target.

ALONSO MARTINEZ DEBUTS

Alonso Martínez made his debut with the Club when he replaced Braian Cufre in the 84th minute of matchday 28 vs Cincinnati on the road.

A LOOK BACK AT 2023

VICTORY BACK AT YANKEE STADIUM

New York City Football Club (NYCFC) returned to Yankee Stadium for the first time in ten matchdays for MD29. Playing hosts to visiting CF Montréal in this Bronx homecoming. Montréal had not won at Yankee Stadium since 2015, and today NYCFC preserved their long-running streak of being undefeated against the team at home. Homegrown Midfielder Andres Jasson scored the opener in the 30th minute, while Forward Monsef Bakrar doubled NYCFC's lead only minutes later to 2-0. Jasson and Bakrar's strikes were enough to help the team to their first three points in league play since an early-July victory over the same Eastern Conference opponent.

MOUNSEF FIRST REGULAR SEASON GOAL

Mounsef Bakrar recorded his first-ever goal in regular season play when he scored in the 37th minute to help bolster NYCFC's lead vs Montreal. Bakrar's first goal for the Club overall was scored during Leagues Cup, but now he has his first Major League Soccer goal.

BIRK RISA SPECIAL LONG BALL ASSIST

Defender Birk Risa assisted his first-ever goal when he aided Bakrar's goal. for matchday 29. This is Risa's first overall goal contribution since arriving to the team.

SANTI JOINS THE TOP 5

On matchday 30, Midfielder Santiago Rodríguez assisted Bakrar's goal, logging his fifth assist of the season. With his assist, Rodríguez moves ahead of Midfielder Andrea Pirlo to claim the spot of fifth-most assists during the regular season in Club history.

INAGURAL HUDSON DERBY TROPHY

Both Red Bull and NYCFC fan bases joined forces to fund a new trophy for the Hudson River Derby. The trophy was given to the winner of the season long series between the two teams adding more excitement and a little more to play for.

TALLES RETURNS

After a mid season form struggle, forward Talles Magno came off the bench in the 59th minute and scored NYCFC's second goal eight minutes later against Orlando City SC at Citi Field. This was a massive turning point for Talles who found his form once again, gaining him a spot in the team of the week.

ANDRES ASSISTS

Midfielder Andres Jasson provided his first assist of the season in the team's massive win vs Orlando on September 20, 2023 at Citi Field, Queens. He assisted Talles who put the ball away by form of a header off Andres' beautiful cross.

BIG WIN AT RED BULL ARENA

The Boys in Blue, played their first match at Red Bull Arena on September 24, 2023, vs Toronto when they won 3-0. This is the team's largest margin of the season. Both Andres Perea and Julian Fernandes scored their first goals with the club this match. Andres scored within the first minute off a header while Julian scored later in the 55th minute after taking on multiple Toronto players and curling the ball past the keeper.

MVP - TEAM OF THE WEEK RESULTS

Andres Jasson scored his third goal of the regular season in first half stoppage time against Toronto on MD 34, putting NYCFC up 2-0 to further the team's advantage going into the latter stage of the match. He also recorded an assist earning him "Man of the Match" honors and also earning him and Talles Magno spots in MLS team of the week.

TAYVON OPEN HIS ASSIST COUNT

As Defender Tayvon Gray registered his first assist of the season on MD35 vs Inter Miami CF, he also becomes the eighth player to have provided an assist in an away match.

SUPER MATT FREESE IN GOAL

After his start vs Inter Miami, Goalkeeper Matt Freese has only allowed two goals in six straight consecutive starts.

ALONSO STARTS TO GET MINUTES

On October 7, Forward Alonso Martínez logged the most minutes in this match since he joined the Club, coming on as a substitute in the 72nd minute and playing until the final whistle. In this time, he made one shot and recorded an 87.5% passing accuracy rate.

TOP 5 CLEAN SHEETS

Tonight's 1-0 win over the Fire was the ninth clean sheet kept over this season specifically. That tied NYCFC for fifth-most clean sheets over the course of the 2023 Regular Season.

SANTI'S STRONG YEAR

Midfielder Santiago Rodríguez recorded an assist this match, which marked his fifth of the season and highest ending assist total from any season with the Club. Rodríguez leads the active roster in goals scored with five through 31 games played and has the highest G+A total on the squad overall with 13.

BOX SCORES

CHARLOTTE FC (1-0-0) VS.

NEW YORK CITY FC (0-1-0)

DATE: February 24, 2024 -- Bank of America Stadium

Goals By Period	1	2	Total
Charlotte FC	1	0	1
New York City FC	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

CLT--Adilson Malanda 1 (Iúri Teixeira Tavares 1) 8'

New York City FC (4-2-3-1)

Matt Freese, Birk Risa, Thiago Martins, Kevin O'Toole, Mitja Ilenič (Tayvon Gray 74'), James Sands, Keaton Parks, Santiago Rodríguez, Mounsef Bakrar, Hannes Wolf (Talles Magno 84'), Julián Fernández (Jovan Mijatović 62')

Total Shots: 11 (Rodríguez 5)

Shots on Goal: 3 (Magno 2)

Fouls: 17 (Sands, Rodríguez, O'Toole 3)

Offside: 1

Corner Kicks: 4

Saves: Freese 5

Cautions: Ilenič 9', Martins 65'

Ejections: None

Charlotte FC

Kristijan Kahlina, Andrew Privett, Adilson Malanda, Jere Uronen, Nathan Byrne, Ashley Westwood, Júnior Urso, Brecht Dejaegere (Scott Arfield 78'), Enzo Copetti, Iúri Teixeira Tavares (João Pedro 90+2'), Kerwin Vargas (Nimfasha Berchimas 84')

Total Shots: 10 (Vargas, Urso, Tavares, Dejaegere 2)

Shots on Goal: 6 (Urso, Vargas 2)

Fouls: 13 (Urso 3)

Offside: 0

Corner Kicks: 2

Saves: Kahlina 3

Cautions: Westwood 34', Vargas 73', Uronen 73'

Ejections: None

Referee: Mario Maric

Referee's Assistants: Eric Del Rosario, Sergio Santana

4th Official: Ivan Cid Cruz

VAR: Alan Kelly

Attendance: 62,291

Temperature: 30 and windy

ST. LOUIS CITY SC (1-0-1) VS.

NEW YORK CITY FC (0-2-0)

DATE: March 2, 2024 -- CITYPARK

Goals By Period	1	2	Total
St. Louis CITY SC	1	1	2
New York City FC	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

STL--Célio Pompeu 1 35'

NSH-- Sam Adeniran 1 72'

New York City FC

Matt Freese, Birk Risa, James Sands, Thiago Martins, Mitja Ilenič, Andrés Perea, Santiago Rodríguez (Agustín Ojeda 74'), Hannes Wolf (Julián Fernández 67'), Keaton Parks (Jovan Mijatović 80'), Mounsef Bakrar, Kevin O'Toole

Total Shots: 8 (Bakrar 2)

Shots on Goal: 1 (Wolf 1)

Fouls: 13 (Rodríguez, Parks, Ilenič 3)

Offside: 1

Corner Kicks: 3

Saves: Freese 1

Cautions: Perea 28', Sands 52', Ilenič 88'

Ejections: Sands 83'

St. Louis CITY SC

Roman Bürki, Joakim Nilsson, Anthony Markanich (Nikolas Dyhr 89'), Tomas Totland, Tim Parker, Chris Durkin, Eduard Löwen, Célio Pompeu, Aziel Jackson (Tomas Ostrak 68'), Sam Adeniran (Nökkvi Thórisson 88'), Indiana Vassilev (João Klauss 59')

Total Shots: 17 (Adeniran 4)

Shots on Goal: 3 (Adeniran, Pompeu, Jackson 1)

Fouls: 21 (Totland, Nilsson, Lowen, Durkin 3)

Offside: 3

Corner Kicks: 5

Saves: Bürki 1

Cautions: Markanich 21', Vassilev 41', Totland 45+3', Durkin 82', Ostrak 90'

Referee: Erick Lezama Pavon

Referee's Assistants: Hayden Oscanao, Fermin Sanchez

4th Official: Jorge Luna


VAR: Sandro Ricci

Attendance: 22,423

Temperature: 56 and cloudy.

LEAGUE LEADERS

Goals



C. Benteke
D.C. United **3**

L. Messi MIA	3
S. Adeniran STL	2
Antony POR	2

Assists



L. Suárez
Inter Miami CF **3**

J. Gressel MIA	2
A. Herrera DC	2
J. Alba MIA	1


Key Passes



C. Arango
Real Salt Lake **8**

Carles Gil NE	8
E. Löwen STL	8
L. Suárez MIA	7


Shots



L. Messi
Inter Miami CF **18**

Cucho CLB	15
C. Arango RSL	11
D. Bouanga LAFC	11


Shots On Target



L. Messi
Inter Miami CF **8**

Cucho CLB	7
C. Olivera LAFC	5
Carles Gil NE	4

Touches



J. Alba
Inter Miami CF **231**

L. Messi MIA	215
S. Busquets MIA	204
T. Avilés MIA	200

LEAGUE LEADERS

Goals



Miami

8

D.C.	5
Portland	5
Salt Lake	4

Assists



Miami

7

Portland	5
D.C.	4
Salt Lake	4

Key Passes



New York

0

Kansas City	0
Colorado	0
Columbus	0

Expected Goals



D.C.

8.22

Miami	5.28
Salt Lake	4.45
Columbus	4.06

Games Played



Salt Lake

3

Miami	3
New York	2
Kansas City	2

Yellow Card



Toronto

8

Austin	8
Miami	7
St. Louis	6

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH

NICK CUSHING

Birthplace: Chester, England

Previous Clubs Coached: Manchester City Women, Head Coach

Nick Cushing was named Interim Head Coach on June 13th, 2022. Cushing spent six seasons at Manchester City Women's Football Club and cemented a reputation as one of the most decorated managers working in the women's game. Cushing won multiple titles during his time in Manchester including 2016 Women's Super League title, the FA WSL Mangers of the year in 2016, the FA WSL Cup in 2014, the FA Women's Cups and the FA WSL Cup in 2016-17, and the FA WSL Cup again in 2018-19. Cushing also led MCWFC to successive UEFA Women's Champions League semifinals. Dedicated to the same philosophy and methodology that drives NYCFC, Cushing was part of the coaching staff that led NYCFC to winning its first major trophy, that being the MLS Cup in 2021.



ASSISTANT COACH

MEHDI BALLOUCHY

Birthplace: Casablanca, Morocco

Experience: NYCFC Player & U-14 and U-15 Head Coach

The former NYCFC midfielder joined the Academy staff in 2017 and was most recently the Head Coach of the U-15s. During his time at NYCFC, he's also coached the U-14s and his teams have competed against top teams both domestically and abroad. Ballouchy was also invited to coach within the US Youth National Team setup.

Ballouchy played in college for Creighton University and Santa Clara University before being drafted second overall by Real Salt Lake in the 2006 MLS SuperDraft. A 10-year veteran of MLS, Ballouchy made 217 career MLS appearances, including 23 in New York City, where three of his 16 career goals came from.

Ballouchy was part of the coaching staff that led NYCFC to winning the 2021 MLS Cup—its first major trophy.



ASSISTANT COACH

ROB VARTUGHIAN

Birthplace: New York, NY

Experience: Philadelphia Union, Assistant Coach

Rob Vartughian was named assistant coach for NYCFC on December 22, 2014. Vartughian has been an important asset since the Club's debut in 2015.

Prior to joining NYCFC, Vartughian spent five years with the Philadelphia Union where he was first assistant coach before becoming technical director alongside his coaching responsibilities. He has also worked as a goalkeeping coach and scout for the US Men's National Under-15 to Under-23 teams.

Before joining the Union, Vartughian was an assistant coach with the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Maryland.

Vartughian was part of the coaching staff that led NYCFC to winning its first major trophy, that being the 2021 MLS Cup.



ASSISTANT COACH

LIAM HAPGOOD

Birthplace: New York, NY

Experience: Philadelphia Union, Assistant Coach

Leon Hapgood was named assistant coach for New York City FC on February 1, 2024.

Hapgood has spent the last two seasons as the Technical Director of Canadian Premier League team Cavalry FC. The English native helped guide the team to its second Canadian Premier League Shield in 2023. Hapgood previously served as the Assistant Coach of Cavalry FC from 2019 through 2021.

Cushing and Hapgood first met 13 years ago during Cushing's Manchester City Academy days when he traveled to Canada to collaborate with Hapgood's Calgary Foothills. Since then, the two have stayed close as they continued their coaching careers and completed coaching qualifications together. Both are now excited to be working together in New York ahead of this season.

Before joining Cavalry FC, Hapgood started his coaching career at Calgary Foothills in 2008. He served as the club's Assistant Coach for 10 years before being promoted to Technical Director. While at Calgary Foothills, Hapgood oversaw the development of hundreds of players and coaches. Prior to his coaching career, Hapgood was a former professional player for English team Torquay United. As a player, he was renowned for his footballing intelligence and his attack-minded approach to the game.

SPORTING STAFF



David Lee
Sporting Director



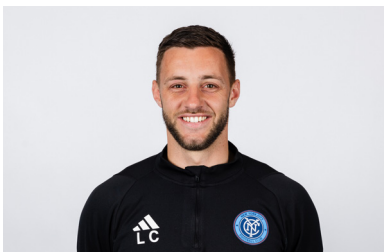
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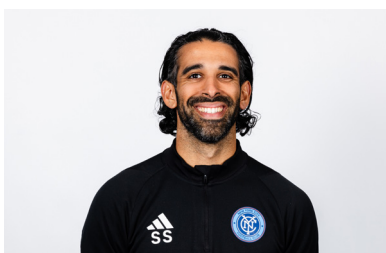
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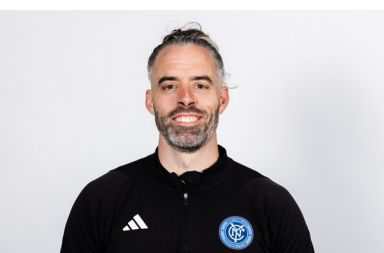
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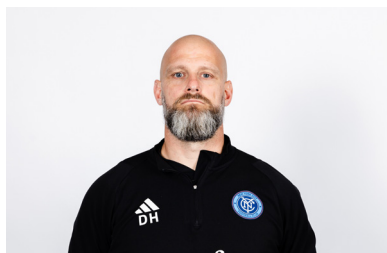
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Sports Physical Therapist

ALL-TIME CAREER STATS VS. OPPONENT

NEW YORK CITY FC vs. PORTLAND TIMBERS

03/09/2024 at Yankee Stadium

UNF PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	BIRTHPLACE	2024 SEASON				CAREER TOTALS			
						GP	GS	G	A	GP	GS	G	A
9 Monsef Bakrar	F	6-0	0	01/13/2001	Setif, DZ	2	2	0	0	12	12	3	0
1 Luis Barraza	G	6-2	195	11/08/1996	Las Cruces, NM, US	0	0	0	0	29	29	0	1
11 Julian Fernandez	F	6-0	0	01/03/2004	Buenos Aires, AR	2	1	0	0	11	3	2	0
49 Matt Freese	G	6-3	194	09/02/1998	Wayne, PA, US	2	2	0	0	25	24	0	0
24 Tayvon Gray	D	5-11	163	08/19/2002	Bronx, NY, US	1	0	0	0	66	49	0	4
80 Justin Haak	M	6-0	165	09/12/2001	Brooklyn, NY, US	0	0	0	0	32	17	1	0
2 Rio Hope-Gund	D	5-11	0	08/20/1999	New York, NY, US	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 Mitja Ilenic	D	0-0	0	12/26/2004	SK	2	2	0	0	24	15	0	2
21 Andres Jasson	M	5-9	155	01/17/2002	Greenwich, CT, US	0	0	0	0	56	19	3	3
88 Malachi Jones	F	5-10	0	09/23/2003	Freetown, SL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43 Talles Magno	F	6-1	154	06/26/2002	Rio de Janeiro, BR	1	0	0	0	80	57	13	13
16 Alonso Martinez	F	5-10	0	10/15/1998	Puntarenas, CR	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
13 Thiago Martins	D	6-0	167	03/17/1995	Sao Joao Evangelista, BR	2	2	0	0	54	51	0	3
18 Christian McFarlane	M	0-0	0	01/25/2007	Basildon, England, GB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Jovan Mijatovic	F	5-10	0	07/11/2005	Belgrade, Serbia, YF	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
27 Maximiliano Morales	M	5-3	115	02/27/1987	Granadero Baigorria, AR	0	0	0	0	166	153	26	69
26 Agustin Ojeda	F	5-4	0	06/19/2004	Rosario, AR	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
22 Kevin O'Toole	F	5-10	150	12/14/1998	Montclair, NJ, US	2	2	0	0	26	17	0	0
55 Keaton Parks	M	6-3	178	08/06/1997	Frisco, TX, US	2	2	0	0	128	106	12	11
8 Andres Perea	M	6-0	178	11/14/2000	Tampa, FL, US	1	1	0	0	93	44	5	3
5 Birk Risa	D	6-2	0	02/13/1998	Stavanger, NO	2	2	0	0	12	12	0	1
10 Santiago Rodriguez	M	5-8	140	01/08/2000	Montevideo, UY	2	2	0	0	86	70	12	22
30 Tomas Romero	G	5-11	175	12/19/2000	Cherry Hill, NJ, US	0	0	0	0	24	24	0	0
6 James Sands	D	6-1	185	07/06/2000	Rye, NY, US	2	2	0	0	93	89	0	2
12 Stahhinja Tanasijevic	D	6-0	0	06/12/1997	Mladenovac, YF								
17 Hannes Wolff	M	5-10	0	04/16/1999	Graz, AT	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0

ALL-TIME CAREER STATS VS. OPPONENT

PORTLAND TIMBERS vs. NEW YORK CITY FC

03/09/2024 at Yankee Stadium

UNF PLAYER	POS	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	BIRTHPLACE	2024 SEASON				CAREER TOTALS			
						GP	GS	G	A	GP	GS	G	A
11 Antony	F	0-0	0	09/08/2001	BR	2	2	2	0	11	5	3	0
2 Miguel Araujo	D	5-10	0	10/24/1994	Lima, PE	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	0
27 Dairon Asprilla	M	5-11	165	05/25/1992	Istmina, CO	2	2	1	0	186	109	33	17
24 David Ayala	M	5-8	158	07/26/2002	Berazategul, AR	2	0	0	0	27	11	0	0
5 Claudio Bravo	D	5-9	150	03/13/1997	Quilmes, AR	0	0	0	0	78	76	2	9
21 Diego Chara	M	5-8	150	04/05/1986	Cali, CO	2	2	0	0	369	363	12	33
16 Maxime Crepeau	G	5-11	195	05/11/1994	Greenfield Park, QC, CA	1	1	0	0	101	101	0	0
10 Evander	M	5-10	0	06/09/1998	Rio de Janeiro, BR	0	0	0	0	27	25	9	5
99 Nathan Fogaca	F	0-0	0	06/09/1999	Palmeira, BR	2	0	0	0	29	9	3	2
17 Tega Ikoba	F	6-4	198	08/14/2003	Bettendorf, IA, US	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	0
31 Aljaz Ivacic	G	6-2	180	12/29/1993	Ljubljana, SI	0	0	0	0	54	53	0	0
44 Marvin Loria	M	5-10	170	04/24/1997	San Jose, CR	0	0	0	0	108	47	6	12
33 Larrys Mabiala	D	6-2	185	10/08/1987	Montfermeil, FR	0	0	0	0	151	129	9	4
18 Zac McGraw	D	6-4	205	06/08/1997	Torrence, CA, US	2	2	0	0	63	42	2	1
4 Kamal Miller	D	6-0	185	05/16/1997	Scarborough, ON, CA	2	2	0	0	112	104	3	6
15 Eric Miller	D	6-1	175	01/15/1993	Woodbury, MN, US	2	2	0	1	181	144	0	5
9 Felipe Mora	F	5-9	150	08/02/1993	Santiago, CL	0	0	0	0	70	43	25	9
30 Santiago Moreno	F	5-8	148	04/21/2000	Cali, CO	2	2	1	1	80	62	11	22
29 Juan Mosquera	D	0-0	0	09/05/2002	Cali, CO	2	2	0	1	34	31	2	7
25 Trey Muse	G	6-4	185	07/26/1999	Tukwila, WA, US	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41 James Pantemis	G	6-3	173	02/21/1997	Montreal, QC, CA	1	1	0	0	35	35	0	0
22 Cristhian Paredes	M	6-0	155	05/18/1998	Yaguaron, PY	2	2	0	1	135	103	12	15
26 Hunter Sulte	G	6-7	195	04/25/2002	Anchorage, AK, US	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
19 Eryk Williamson	M	5-9	169	06/11/1997	Alexandria, VA, US	2	2	1	1	72	52	5	18
13 Dario Zuparic	D	6-1	185	05/03/1992	Zupanja, HR	2	0	0	0	113	103	1	3

CURRENT CAREER STATS VS. OPPONENT

CURRENT NEW YORK CITY FC VS. TIMBERS (1-4-1)

PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT
Keaton Parks	2	2	180	1	0	5
Matt Freese	1	1	90	0	0	0
Tayvon Gray	1	1	90	0	0	0
Justin Haak	1	1	90	0	0	0
Mitja Ilenic	1	1	80	0	0	0
Andres Jasson	1	0	4	0	0	0
Talles Magno	1	1	86	0	0	2
Maximiliano Morales	3	3	270	0	0	5
Kevin O'Toole	1	1	90	0	0	0
Andres Perea	1	0	20	0	0	0
Santiago Rodriguez	1	1	90	0	0	2
Tomas Romero	2	2	180	0	0	0
Team totals	6	6	540	3	3	83
Opponent totals	6	6	540	8	7	89

GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SV	GAA	PG
Matt Freese	1	90	7	6	1.00	0
Tomas Romero	2	180	8	4	2.00	0
Team totals	6	540	32	24	1.33	0
Opponent totals	6	540	25	22	0.50	0

CURRENT TIMBERS VS. NEW YORK CITY FC (4-1-1)

PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT
Dairon Asprilla	3	2	154	1	0	3
Evander	1	1	90	1	0	5
Larrys Mabilala	4	4	360	1	0	3
Marvin Loria	2	1	77	0	1	0
Cristhian Paredes	2	2	135	0	1	2
Claudio Bravo	1	1	90	0	0	1
Diego Chara	5	4	374	0	0	1
Maxime Crepeau	1	1	90	0	0	0
Nathan Fogaca	1	0	4	0	0	0
Aljaz Ivacic	1	1	90	0	0	0
Eric Miller	6	3	328	0	0	0
Kamal Miller	5	5	450	0	0	3
Felipe Mora	1	0	14	0	0	0
Santiago Moreno	1	1	90	0	0	1
Juan Mosquera	1	1	90	0	0	3
James Pantemis	4	4	360	0	0	0
Dario Zuparic	1	1	90	0	0	0
Team totals	6	6	540	8	7	89
Opponent totals	6	6	540	3	3	83

GOALKEEPER	GP	MIN	SHTS	SV	GAA	PG
Aljaz Ivacic	1	90	3	2	1.00	0
James Pantemis	4	360	20	15	1.25	0
Maxime Crepeau	1	90	5	2	3.00	0
Team totals	6	540	25	22	0.50	0
Opponent totals	6	540	32	24	1.33	0

2024 SEASON STATS

2024 NEW YORK CITY FC STATISTICS (0-2-0, 0 pts.)

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	C	E
9	F	Monsef Bakrar	2	2	180	0	0	5	1	2	7	0	0	0	0
11	F	Julian Fernandez	2	1	85	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0
49	G	Matt Freese	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	D	Tayvon Gray	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
35	D	Mitja Ilenic	2	2	164	0	0	1	0	4	3	0	0	2	0
43	F	Talles Magno	1	0	6	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	D	Thiago Martins	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
7	F	Jovan Mijatovic	2	0	38	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
26	F	Agustin Ojeda	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	F	Kevin O'Toole	2	2	180	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
55	M	Keaton Parks	2	2	170	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0
8	M	Andres Perea	1	1	90	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
5	D	Birk Risa	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
10	M	Santiago Rodriguez	2	2	164	0	0	6	0	6	8	0	5	0	0
6	D	James Sands	2	2	173	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	1	1
17	M	Hannes Wolff	2	2	151	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
		Own-goals received				0									
		Opponent totals	2	2	180	3	3	27	9	34	30	3	7	8	0
		Team totals	2	2	180	0	0	19	4	30	34	2	7	5	1

GAME-WINNING GOALS: None

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: None

PENALTY KICK GOALS/ATTEMPTS: None

NEW YORK CITY FC GOALKEEPING

UNF	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	SV	GA	GAA	PG	PA	W	L	T	SO
49	Matt Freese	2	2	180	9	6	3	1.5	0	1	0	2	0	0
	Team totals	2	2	180	9	6	3	1.5	0	1	0	2	0	0
	Opponent totals	2	2	180	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2

2024 PORTLAND TIMBERS STATISTICS (1-0-1, 4 pts.)

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	C	E
11	F	Antony	2	2	166	2	0	4	2	4	3	1	0	0	0
2	D	Miguel Araujo	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	M	Dairon Asprilla	2	2	180	1	0	3	1	6	7	1	0	0	0
24	M	David Ayala	2	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	M	Diego Chara	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	1	0
16	G	Maxime Crepeau	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
99	F	Nathan Fogaca	2	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
18	D	Zac McGraw	2	2	180	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0
15	D	Eric Miller	2	2	155	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
4	D	Kamal Miller	2	2	180	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0
30	F	Santiago Moreno	2	2	180	1	1	4	1	0	1	1	3	0	0
29	D	Juan Mosquera	2	2	175	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
41	G	James Pantemis	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	M	Cristhian Paredes	2	2	179	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0
19	M	Eryk Williamson	2	2	140	1	1	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0
13	D	Dario Zuparic	2	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Own-goals received				1									
		Team totals	2	2	180	6	5	17	6	26	31	4	8	5	0
		Opponent totals	2	2	180	3	2	23	11	31	26	8	12	5	0

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Antony 1

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Cristhian Paredes 1

PENALTY KICK GOALS/ATTEMPTS: None

PORTLAND TIMBERS GOALKEEPING

UNF	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	SV	GA	GAA	PG	PA	W	L	T	SO
16	Maxime Crepeau	1	1	90	8	6	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
41	James Pantemis	1	1	90	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Team totals	2	2	180	11	8	3	1.5	1	1	1	0	1	0
	Opponent totals	2	2	180	6	1	6	3	0	0	0	1	1	0

71 LUIS BARRAZA



1 | Goalkeeper

Loo-EES bah-Ra-za

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 194LB

DOB: 11.8.96

Las Cruces, USA

First Goal: NA

First Assist: 07.21.2021

Previous Club: Marquette University

Click here to view player page: [Luis Barraza](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	SAVES	GOAL AGAINST	SHUTOUTS
2024	0	0	0	0	0
2023	24	24	62	31	4
2022	0	0	0	0	0
2021	5	5	7	5	2
2020	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Luis Barraza has signed a contract extension through the 2023 season with additional option years in 2024, and 2025.

About: Barraza, the Big East Goalkeeper of the Year for Marquette University in 2018 was the Club's 1st Round pick in the 2019 MLS SuperDraft. He spent the 2019 season as New York City FC's third choice goalkeeper but made his debut for the Club in late 2020 during the CONCACAF Champions League. In 2021, he got his first taste of MLS competitive action, starting 5 games for the Club. In 2022, he made four non-league appearances. The 2023 season gave Barraza the opportunity to establish himself as the new first choice in net in the 2023 season. He concluded the season with 24 starts, 31 goals against, 62 saves, and four shutouts. Ahead of the 2024 season, Barraza will look to continue his efforts in becoming the first-choice keeper.

Behind the Boys in Blue: In his downtime, Luis enjoys listening to music as well as making it. You will often find him jamming out to the likes of Bad Bunny, J Balvin, Lil Baby, and Travis Scott if he's not busy playing the guitar himself.

2 RIO HOPE-GUND



2 | Defender

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 179lb

DOB: 08.20.99

New York City, USA

First Goal: NA

First Assist: NA

Previous Club: New York City FC II

Click here to view player page: [Rio Hope-Gund](#)

Acquired: New York City FC signs defender Rio Hope-Gund to a contract through 2024 with options through 2026.

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Born in Manhattan and raised in SoHo and Brooklyn, the defender grew up playing in the local soccer scene where he got to play alongside other New York City academy standouts which include the likes of midfielders James Sands and Justin Haak, amongst others. The defender joins the first team after having played for MLS NEXT Pro affiliate, New York City FC II last season. The Brooklyn native played in 24 matches, notching one assist during the 2023 campaign. Hope-Gund becomes the 88th player from MLS NEXT Pro to sign a first team contract. Hope-Gund was drafted by Orlando City in the first round of the 2021 MLS SuperDraft. During his time in Orlando, he shared a locker room with New York City FC midfielder Andres Perea. After his stint in Florida, Hope-Gund moved to D.C. United and then-affiliate Loudoun United FC of the USL Championship. It was there where he made his professional debut, making 24 appearances for the club.

While in college, Hope-Gund played a critical role in helping Georgetown University win the Big East regular season title, the Big East tournament and the NCAA Men's National Championship.

5 BIRK RISA



5 | Defender

burke ree-sah

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 174lb

DOB: 02.13.98

Stravanger, Norway

First Goal: NA

First Assist: 08.30.2023

Previous Club: Molde FK

Click here to view player page: [Birk Risa](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	2	0	0
2023	10	10	0	1

Transaction: New York City Football Club acquires Defender Birk Risa from Molde FK on a permanent contract through 2025 with an option for 2026 pending the receipt of his ITC and a P-1 Visa.

About: The 25-year-old Norwegian native has recently joined New York City FC from Molde FK bringing European football experience to the team. The young defender scored three goals and assisted six times during his 95 appearances with Molde FK. Additionally, to playing in Norway's top league, Birk came up through the ranks of German side FC Köln. He made his Bundesliga debut in 2017, and then returned to Norway to play for Odds BK. Birk also grew up playing for Norway's youth national teams, captaining the team for the U21 European Qualifiers campaign. In his season debut with New York City FC, he played ten games in which he provided one assist, and he contributed to the team by helping them obtain four wins, three draws, and four clean sheets.

6 JAMES SANDS



6 | Midfielder

james sands

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 185lb

DOB: 07.06.00

Rye, USA

First Goal: NA

First Assist: 09.26. 2020

Previous Club: Rangers FC

Click here to view player profile: [James Sands](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	2	0	0
2023	26	24	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0
2021	26	26	0	1
2020	16	16	0	1
2019	19	18	0	0
2018	3	3	0	0
2017	1	0	0	0

Transaction: Homegrown signing from NYCFC Academy on June 21, 2017.

About: Sands became New York City FC's first-ever Homegrown signing in 2017, making his debut against the Colorado Rapids. Since then, the midfielder made 76 appearances, logging in 6,730 minutes and providing one assist for the 'Boys in Blue' across all competitions. Sands helped guide the team to its first piece of silverware in 2021 while also earning the Gold Cup with the U.S. Men's National Team. In 2022, Sands joined Rangers FC on loan, where he made 41 appearances, tallying 2,495 minutes, and contributed with one goal in all competitions. He lifted the 2022 Scottish Cup and featured in the 2021 Europa League final, as well as UEFA Champions League group play. On February 2023, he made a return to New York City FC with a new contract through the 2027 season and ended the season just short of the Playoff line. James Sands will look to continue his efforts with hopes of leading the team into the 2024 Playoffs.

7 JOVAN MIJATOVIĆ



7 | Forward

Yo-van mee-AH-toh-vich

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 161lb

DOB: 07.11.05

Belgrade, Serbia

First Goal: NA

First Assist: NA

Previous Club: Red Star Belgrade

Click here to view player profile: [Jovan Mijatović](#)

Transaction: Acquired from Red Star Belgrade through 2028 with options through 2029. Mijatović joins under Major Leagues Soccer's U-22 initiative.

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	0	0	0

About: Growing up surrounded by athletes within his family, the 18-year-old Serbian Jovan Mijatović started with Red Star's B-team Grafičar at nine years old. There, he scored five goals in his first eight appearances, resulting in a goal scoring rate of 0.95 per 90-minutes. He then earned a level-up in his career while being promoted to Red Star's first team and made his league and European debut at the age of 17. Mijatović recently came off one of the most dominant stretches Serbian domestic football has seen from any youngster. He scored nine goals and two assists in 19 appearances during the opening half of the season with Red Star. When analyzed into goal contributions (goals + assists) per 90 minutes, he had a total of 1.3. In further analysis, his goals showed how varied his scoring potential is, which included four headers, three left-footed goals, and two right footed ones. As the recruit of 2024, the Serbian will look to impress Head Coach Nick Cushing, aiming to obtain his first minutes while becoming the driving force on the attack in search of converting goals.



ANDRES PEREA



8 | Midfielder

Ahn-DRES- peh-REH-ah

Height: 6' 0"

Weight: 176lb

DOB: 11.14.2000

Tampa, FL

First Goal: 09.24.2023

First Assist: NA

Previous Club: Philadelphia Union

Click here to view player profile: [Andrés Perea](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	1	1	0	0
2023	10	8	1	0

Transaction: Acquired from the Philadelphia Union via trade in exchange for \$650,000 in General Allocation Money (GAM). The Union will receive \$350,000 in GAM in 2024 and \$300,000 GAM in 2025, plus an additional \$150,000 GAM in performance-based incentives.

About: In 2023, the Tampa, Florida native has joined New York City FC for the rest of the season on a loan from Philadelphia Union. Perea joined the midfield after playing 146 minutes with the Union last season, scoring one goal and starting in nine matches. His goal last season came when the Union faced his former Club, Orlando SC. Perea made his MLS debut with Orlando, where he played 74 matches with them. Out of those 74 games he started 34 games with them. While playing with Orlando, the midfielder scored a total of three goals and assisted three times. He also made one appearance with the U.S. Men's National Team. The Colombian started his career in Atlético Nacional youth team's system from 2006-2017. In 2017, he made his professional debut with Atlético, scoring one goal in 14 appearances. In the 2023 season he scored his first goal New York City FC against Toronto FC. His second minute goal opened the game with a header from the centre of the box into the bottom right corner. That day, the 'Boys in Blue' came up with a three-nil win. With his physical and strong play adding to New York City's midfield, on January 15th, Perea was acquired by New York City FC from Philadelphia Union via trade. Perea will use his dynamism and ability to cover the ground offensively and defensively to give the team more competitiveness and depth in the midfield as they play in the 2024 season.

9 MOUNSEF BAKRAR



9 | Forward

Mounsef Bach-raar

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 176lb

DOB: 01.13.2001

Setif, Algeria

First Goal: 08.30.2023

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: Istra 1961

Click here to view player profile: [Mounsef Bakrar](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	2	0	0
2023	10	10	3	0

Transaction: Acquired Forward Mounsef Bakrar from Croatian side NK Istra on a contract through 2026 with an option for 2027.

About: The Algerian native has been acquired by New York City FC through the MLS U22 Initiative. The 23-year-old started his career at ES Sétif in Ligue 1, Algeria's top league. Bakrar made a total of 50 appearances for the Club accumulating 10 goals across all competitions. After the 2021-2022 season, he decided to make a switch to Europe signing with Croatian side NK Istra 1961, where he scored eight goals and assisted three times in 33 appearances. Bakrar has also represented Algeria in the youth teams, scoring one goal in four appearances for the U22. The striker has made a quick impact in New York, scoring in his first start for the Club against Toronto in Leagues Cup play. He capped off the 2023 MLS Regular Season with three goals in ten games. Bakrar will look to continue contributing in the form of goals to help the team in producing more wins.

10 SANTIAGO RODRÍGUEZ



10 | Midfielder

San-TEE-ah-go rod-REE-gez

Height: 5'6"

Weight: 137lb

DOB: 01.08.2000

Montevideo, Uruguay

First Goal: 07.30.2021

First Assist: 10.23.2021

Previous Club: Montevideo City Torque

Click here to view player profile: [Santiago Rodríguez](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	2	0	0
2023	31	28	5	8
2022	32	29	4	13
2021	21	11	3	1

Transaction: Designated Player through the 2027 season.

About: The Uruguayan arrived to New York in June of 2021, on loan from Montevideo City, and had an immediate impact on the team scoring three goals and providing one assist across 21 regular season matches. A fixture in the lineup, Rodríguez played all four playoff games in the historic 2021 MLS Cup run, scoring in the Eastern Conference Semifinal against New England. 2022 was a breakout year for the midfielder helping the Club claim Campeones Cup while scoring seven goals and contributing with 19 assists across all competitions, including four assists in the MLS Cup Playoffs en route to back-to-back Eastern Conference Finals. Rodríguez began his career with Nacional in his homeland before joining Montevideo City in 2020. He was subsequently loaned back to Nacional. A regular member of his country's youth national team, he has represented Uruguay at U15, U17, U18, U20, and, U23 level. In 2023, Santiago Rodríguez signed a new deal with the Club in March as a Designated Player through the 2027 season taking the #10 jersey. 'Santi' was the second top scorer last season (five), just one short of former Forward Gabriel Periera. However, he led the team with the most assists (eight), thus holding the most goal contributions totaling 13 (goals + assists). Santiago Rodríguez will aim to become one of the driving forces in the attack as the Club strives to convert more goals this season.

11 JULIAN FERNÁNDEZ

Julian



11 | Forward

Hoo-lee-AHN fer-NAN-dez

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 163lb

DOB: 01.30.2004

Buenos Aires, Argentina

First Goal: 09.24.2023

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: Vélez Sarsfield

Click here to view player profile: [Julián Fernández](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	1	0	0
2023	9	2	2	0

Transaction: Signed through the 2027 season from Vélez Sarsfield

About: In 2023, the 20-year-old native from Buenos Aires signed with the Club through the MLS U22 Initiative. Fernández signed through the 2027 season from Club Atlético Vélez where he began his professional career. Fernández scored seven goals in 60 appearances for Vélez across all competitions back in Argentina, gaining valuable experience playing in Copa Libertadores. The young player also has represented Argentina throughout the youth levels playing an important role at the 2023 South American U20 Championship. In his nine game appearances with New York City FC last MLS Regular season, he logged in 320 minutes and scored two goals. This season, he will look to bring his exciting attacking instincts as a threat to the wing, adding to the team's young attacking depth.

12 STRAHINJA TANASIJEVIĆ



12 | Defender

stra-HEEN-yah ta-na-SEE-eh-vich

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 161lb

DOB: 06.12.1997

Belgrad, Yugoslavia

First Goal: NA

First Assist: NA

Previous Club: FK Spartak Subotica

[Click here to view player profile:](#) Strahinja Tanasijević

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Acquired from Serbian side FK Spartak Subotica through 2025 with options through 2027.

About: The 26-year-old arrives in New York having played 17 matches for FK Spartak Subotica in the Serbian Super Liga. The versatile defender, who can play at center back and right back, tallied more than 1,400 minutes for his former club, providing one assist during that time. In addition to his time in the Serbian Super Liga, Strahinja has also gained playing experience in Italy and France. The right-footed defender has appeared in both Serie A and the UEFA Europa Conference League Qualifiers. Excited to start his journey with the Club, Strahinja Tanasijević will look to contribute to this season's success and add to the team's dynamic energy.

13 THIAGO MARTINS



13 | Defender

chi-AH-go mar-TEENS

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 172lb

DOB: 03.17.1995

Sao Joao Evangelista, Brazil

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: 04.02.2022

Previous Club: Yokohama F. Marinos

Click here to view player profile: [Thiago Martins](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	2	0	0
2023	26	24	0	1
2022	26	25	0	2

Transaction: Signed on February 7, 2022 to a Designated Player contract from Yokohoma F. Marinos

About: In 2022, Thiago Martins enjoyed a very solid debut campaign for The Boys in Blue where he was shortlisted for the MLS Newcomer of the Year. The 28-year-old Brazilian is a strong, quick and technically gifted player who is good on the ball and can play out the back line. A regular name in the City backline, he started 28 of 29 MLS games in total, completing every minute of New York City FC's playoff journey last season. In 2023, the defender started 24 of 26 MLS games and provided an assist. He will be counted on once again to be a consistent performer at the heart of the New York City FC defense in 2024.

16 ALONSO MARTÍNEZ

*A. Martínez
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16 | Forward

al-OHN-soh mar-TEEN-es

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 158lb

DOB: 10.15.1998

Puntarenas, Costa Rica

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: Lommel SK

Click here to view player's profile: [Alonso Martínez](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0
2023	3	0	0	0

Transaction: Permanent Transfer through 2025 season with options for 2026 and 2027 from Belgian Side Lommel SK

About: In 2023, The Costa Rica native has been acquired from City Football Group sister-club Lommel SK on a permanent deal through the 2025 season. Martínez started his career playing for Costa Rican sides LD Alajuelense and Guadalupe FC where he played a total of 118 matches, scoring a total of 30 goals and tallying 18 assists across all competitions. Alonso has club international experience playing in the Concacaf Champions League with Alajuelense. After playing in Costa Rica from 2015 to 2020, Martínez decided to sign with Belgian side Lommel SK of the Challenger Pro League, formerly known as the Belgian First Division B. While playing in Belgium, the forward had an impressive tally of eight goals and nine assists in just 36 appearances. Martínez has also made 14 appearances for his country, playing in World Cup qualifiers, Gold Cup, and the Concacaf Nations League. He also played with the U23 team. Last season, Alonso made three appearances with the Club logging in 30 minutes. This season, he will try to impress Head Coach Nick Cushing to gain more playing time and display his capabilities.

17 HANNES WOLF



17 | Midfielder

HA-ness wolf

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 156lb

DOB: 04.16.1999

Graz, Austria

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: Borussia Mönchengladbach

Click here to view player's profile: [Hannes Wolf](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	2	0	0

Transaction: Signed from Borussia Mönchengladbach to a contract through 2027 with an option for 2028.

About: A 24-year-old former Austrian youth international, was signed recently under contract through the 2027 MLS season with an option for 2028. Forward Hannes Wolf arrives carrying 51 goals and 40 assists in 238 professional matches, having also played extensively for Austrian Bundesliga side RB Salzburg and Championship side Swansea City. After enjoying a key role for Austria's U-21s, he awaits his senior debut. The creative, direct, and versatile player will look to add to the depth within the squad as he progressively searches to gain minutes this season.

18 CHRISTIAN McFARLANE



18 | Defender

CHRIS-chin mc-FAR-lin

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 139lb

DOB: 01.25.2007

Basildon, England

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: NONE

Click here to view player profile: [Christian McFarlane](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Signed to a Homegrown contract in 2021.

About: Defender Christian McFarlane marked just the sixth Homegrown signing in Club history since the Academy was formed in 2015. At just 14 years and 7 months, McFarlane became the third youngest player to sign a First Team contract in MLS history. He joined the New York City FC Academy from JIGS Soccer Training School in 2018 before making seven appearances for New York City FC II in their inaugural MLS NEXT Pro campaign and was named in England's Under-16 squad for the first time in November. In the 2023 MLS NEXT Pro Season, McFarlane made twenty appearances for the Club while helping secure three clean sheets. The impressive youngster has shown ability and maturity beyond his years during his time at the Club, and will be hoping that translates to even more minutes this upcoming season.

21 ANDRES JASSON



21 | Midfielder

Ahn-DRES JAY-son

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 154lb

DOB: 01.17.2002

Greenwich, CT

First Goal: 07.15.2023

First Assist: 03.12.2022

Previous Club: NYCFC Academy

Click here to view player profile: [Andres Jasson](#)

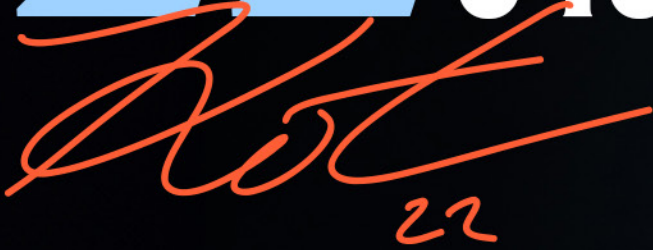
NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0
2023	21	9	3	1
2022	15	4	0	1
2021	20	6	0	1
2020	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Homegrown contract in 2020.

About: In the youth ranks, Andres won the Golden Boot Award for the DA's Eastern Conference in 2019 and was named New York City FC's Academy Player of the Year during that same season. Once called up to the senior team, Jasson impressed with his positional versatility and work-rate. After making his MLS debut for the Club in 2021, where he made 20 appearances and started six matches, Jasson was once again a valuable contributor to the New York City FC squad in 2022. He made 15 appearances and featured in the US Open Cup, whilst also representing New York City FC II with two goals in seven MLS NEXT Pro games. He claimed an assist in March's 4-1 MLS win over CF Montréal and was regularly named on the bench, as the Boys in Blue lifted the Campeones Cup and reached the Eastern Conference Final. In 2023, his time on the field doubled as he logged in 805 minutes appearing in 21 matches. Within that time, the midfielder scored three goals and provided one assist. Jasson will look to play his way into even more minutes in 2024.

22 KEVIN O'TOOLE



22 | Forward

KEH-vin oh-TOOL

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 150lb

DOB: 12.14.1998

Montclair, NJ

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: Princeton University

Click here to view player profile: [Kevin O'Toole](#)

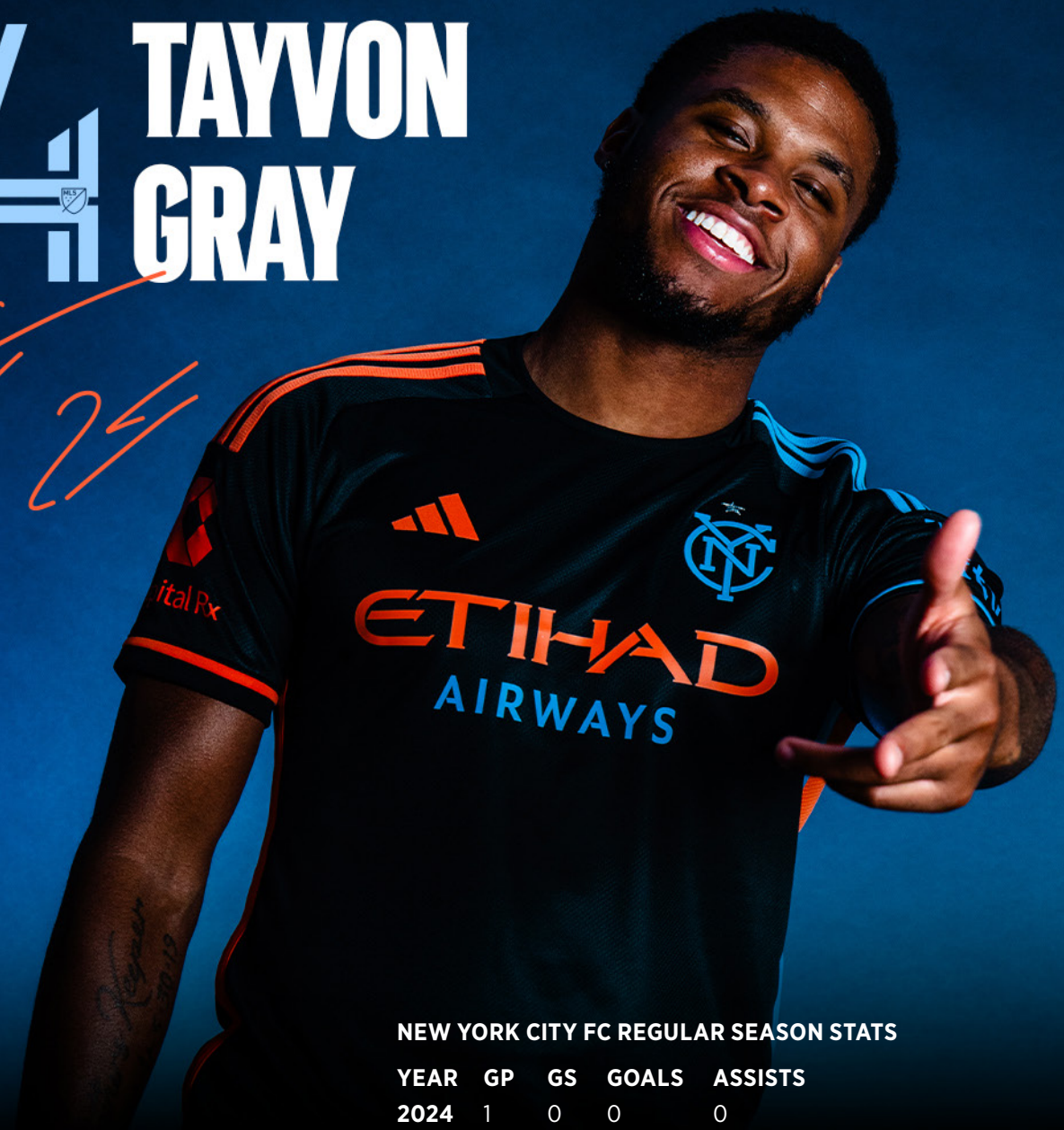
NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	2	0	0
2023	21	12	0	0
2022	3	3	0	0

Transaction: Drafted in the first round (34th overall) pick of the 2022 MLS SuperDraft.

About: The former two-time Ivy League Offensive Player of the Year (2018 & 2021) burst on to the scene in his debut season with the senior team. The forward put in a number of quality shifts at full-back for the 'Boys in Blue' and his contributions were clearly recognized by Head Coach Nick Cushing. His versatility and attacking contributions ensured that he featured in and completed every minute of the team's last seven games of the season, including New York City FC's playoff run. His 2023 season features 21 appearances, tallying 1190 minutes. This season, O'Toole will be carrying over his efforts as New York City FC chases the Audi MLS Cup Playoffs after finishing 11th in the Eastern Conference last season.

24 TAYVON GRAY



24 | Defender

TAY-von GRAY

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 163lb

DOB: 08.19.2002

Bronx, NY

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: 11.13.2021

Previous Club: New York City FC Academy

Click here to view player profile: [Tayvon Gray](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	1	0	0	0
2023	28	24	0	1
2022	27	22	0	2
2021	10	3	0	1
2020	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Signed to homegrown contract. Extended in 2022 through 2025 with an option for 2026

About: The promising young defender picked up where he left off in his debut 2021 season, gaining more regular game-time with 27 appearances in the 2022 MLS Regular Season. He claimed two assists and earned a nomination for August's Etihad Player of the Month prize. Tayvon Gray demonstrated his long-term potential throughout the season resulting in an offseason contract extension until at least 2025. In 2023, he continued to gain more minutes with the Club with 28 appearances and 24 starts. He also contributed to the team in the attacking buildup, as he provided an assist last season against Inter Miami CF. The Bronx-born U.S. Youth international will be looking to reward the faith put in him by the Club with another string of positive performances in 2024.

26 AGUSTÍN OJEDA



26 | Forward

ah-goos-TEEN oh-HEH-da

Height: 5'5"

Weight: 138lb

DOB: 07.19.2004

Rosario, Argentina

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: Racing Club (Argentina)

Click here to view player profile: [Agustín Ojeda](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	1	0	0	0

Transaction: Acquired from Argentinian side Racing Club through 2028 with an option for 2029.

About: The 19-year-old Forward joins the Club as Major League Soccer's U22 initiative and will join the team pending his ITC and P-1 Visa. The Argentine arrives in New York from Racing Club, where he made 24 appearances. During his time with Racing, Ojeda scored three goals and provided two assists, including five appearances and one goal in the Copa Libertadores. The Rosario native joined Racing's academy and progressed to the First Team, making his debut in 2022. Ojeda's first professional goal came the following season in a 3-1 victory against Central Córdoba. Meanwhile, in South America's prestigious club competition, Copa Libertadores, the right-footed winger scored in the Round of 16 against Atletico Nacional, helping Racing advance to the Quarterfinal of the competition. Ojeda is a former teammate of New York City FC Midfielder Maxi Moralez, with the two having shared the field on two occasions for Racing in the Copa Argentina and the Liga Profesional in 2023. Known as 'El Trapito,' Ojeda has represented Argentina at U-15, U-17 and U-20 level. Eager to bring in the experience he gained in Argentina, Ojeda looks to impress Head Coach Nick Cushing to obtain his first minutes with the Club.

27 MAXI MORALEZ

Maxi Moralez 27



27 | Midfielder

Max-ee more-AH-lez

Height: 5'3"

Weight: 115lb

DOB: 02.27.1987

Rosario, Argentina

First Goal: 03.12.2017

First Assist: 03.12.2017

Previous Club: Racing Club

[Click here to view player profile: Maxi Moralez](#)

Transaction: Signed to a contract through 2024

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0
2023	4	4	0	0
2022	29	24	2	9
2021	30	27	3	11
2020	13	10	1	4
2019	29	28	7	20
2018	32	32	8	16
2017	29	28	5	9

About: Last season, the New York City FC legend has made his return to the 'Boys in Blue' after spending eight months away, playing in his native country of Argentina. Moralez decided to go back to his boyhood club, Racing Club, after spending six seasons playing for New York. Moralez returns as the most experienced player in the Club, having played in various leagues since his professional debut in 2005. Some of his most memorable stints has been with Atalanta in Serie A where he played 148 matches scoring 20 goals and assisting another 26. With Argentinian side Vélez Sársfield Moralez played 98 games scoring a total of 25 goals and assisting 22. Maxi has one appearance for the Argentina National team. With his return to New York City FC, Moralez looked to use his leadership to help the team by providing his knowledge and experience to the second youngest team in the MLS. The 'Little Genius' has an MLS Cup, Campeones Cup, an MLS All-Star appearance, MLS Best XI selection, and a New York City FC Team MVP to his collection. Last season he played in four games (all starts) providing the creative spark New York City FC needed from the MLS Cup winner's previous stint (2017-22) at the club. During that initial period, he tallied 26 goals and 69 assists in 162 regular-season games. However, with an unfortunate ACL injury that took place, he then underwent surgery and is going through recovery. Maxi Moralez hopes to make a full recovery soon and make a return on the pitch.

Fun Fact: 27 is the number Moralez wore in his debut with Racing.

29

MAXIMO CARRIZO



29 | Midfielder

MAX-ee mo ca-REE-zo

Height: 5'3"

Weight: 120lb

DOB: 02.28.2008

New York, New York

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: New York City FC Academy

Click here to view player profile: [Maximo Carrizo](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Signed to a homegrown contract through the 2027 season with an option for 2028

About: In 2022, 14-year-old Maximo Carrizo, became the youngest player to sign a First Team contract in MLS History. The midfielder was the tenth Homegrown signing in Club history since the Academy was formed in 2015. After impressing with local team FC Westchester, at nine years old Maximo attended New York City FC Summer Camp in 2017. A Manhattan, NYC native of Argentinian heritage, Maximo joined the New York City FC Academy from FC Westchester in 2018 as a U-12 player, and after four years in the Academy was invited to New York City FC's First Team Preseason in 2022. Carrizo played in the U-15 MLS Next Playoffs and earlier this year, he was called into the U.S. U-15 Youth National Team Camp in Chula Vista, Calif. He played with New York City FC II during the 2022 MLS Next Pro regular season. He ended the season with seven appearances, 292 minutes, five shots (three on target), a passing accuracy of 68.8%, and a duel percentage of 69.6%. Last season, he gained more playing time with New York City FC II, totaling 869 minutes in 17 appearances. As Carrizo gained experience with the senior squad in the last two preseason camps and with New York City FC II, he will look to earn more playing time this season.

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TOMÁS ROMERO



30 | Goalkeeper

Toh-MAS roh-MEH-ro

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 190LB

DOB: 12.19.2000

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

First Goal: NA

First Assist: NA

Previous Club: Toronto FC

[Click here to view player page:](#) Tomás Romero

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	SAVES	GOAL AGAINST	SHUTOUTS
2024	0	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Acquired through 2024 with options through 2026, on a first served basis after being waived from Toronto FC at the conclusion of the 2023 season.

About: Ahead of the 2024 season, New York City FC signed Goalkeeper Tomás Romero through the 2024 MLS season with options for 2025-26. The 23-year-old El Salvador International arrived with four clean sheets across 24 league appearances with LAFC and Toronto FC. At LAFC, Romero was part of the roster that won the Supporters Shield and MLS Cup in 2022. He spent time at the Philadelphia Union Academy as well. With his strong résumé, the experienced goalkeeper will look to prove himself as a worthy option for playing time.

32 JONATHAN SHORE

A young man, Jonathan Shore, is shown from the chest up, wearing a black New York City FC jersey with orange and blue accents. He is pointing directly at the camera with his right hand. The jersey features the club's crest and the text 'ETIHAD AIRWAYS'. He is holding a colorful soccer ball in his left hand. The background is a solid blue color.

32 | Midfielder

JO-nag-than Shore

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 135lb

DOB: 4.13.2007

New York, NY

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: New York City FC Academy

Click here to view player profile: [Johnny Shore](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Signed to a homegrown contract.

About: In 2023, the 16-year-old, born and raised in New York City, signed a Homegrown contract, making him the 11th homegrown player in the Club's history. Shore has been playing soccer from a very young age and he joined the Club's Academy at just 10-years-old back in 2017. He continued to progress through the Club's ranks, becoming a regular player for the U17 Academy team. The young midfielder made his MLS NEXT Pro debut in the 2022 season playing twice for New York City FC II. Shore has been invited to the last two First Team preseason camps and was also named to the 2023 MLS NEXT All-Star roster after a string of impressive performances with the Club. Shore has also played with the U.S. National Youth teams, taking part with the U15 and U16 teams. His 2023 season concluded with 15 appearances, five starts, totaling 622 minutes, and two goals scored. He scored his first goal with New York City FC II against Inter Miami II, which resulted in a 5-0 win. This season, Shore will look to continue gaining experience with the Club.

35 MITJA ILENIČ

Yellows



35 | Defender

MIT-cha ILL-len-ich

Height: 5'7"

Weight: 157lb

DOB: 12.26.2004

Tribuce, Slovenia

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: 04.08.2023

Previous Club: NK Domzale

Click here to view player profile: [Mitja Ilenič](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	2	0	0
2023	22	13	0	2

Transaction: Signed through 2026 with an option for 2027

About: The Slovenian right-back made 32 appearances in Slovenia's first division, the PrvaLiga, scoring three goals across all competitions with The Yellows. The 19-year-old has also made seven appearances for the youth national team. Ilenič became the second youngest player to represent the U21 Slovenian National Team at the age of 17 years two months and 27 days. Mitja made his professional debut for Domžale in May 2021 in a league fixture against NK Aluminij Kidricevo at only 16-years-old. The talented right-back has also played in the UEFA Youth League and represented Slovenia during UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifying. Last season, he appeared in 22 matches, started 13, totalling 1192 minutes and two assists. His first assist with the club gave New York City FC the extra point as they leveled the game against Atlanta FC in the 72nd minute. The defender will look to continue his efforts in the buildup play from the back this season in hopes of helping the attack to convert more goals.

36 ZIDANE YAÑEZ

Zidane



36 | Forward

ZEE-dahn YAH-niez

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 150lb

DOB: 01.26.2008

Union, New Jersey

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: New York City FC Academy

Click here to view player profile: [Zidane Yañez](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Signed to a First Team contract as a Homegrown through 2028 with an option for 2029.

About: The 15-year-old becomes the 13th homegrown signing in New York City FC history. In 2021, Yañez joined the New York City FC Academy in 2021 and has featured regularly with the U17 side during his time at the club. He also participated in MLS NEXT Fest Tournament earlier this month. Capped at the youth level by Chile and Puerto Rico's U15 national teams, Yañez was most recently called into a US U16 training camp this year. Eager to reach his full potential, Yañez will put the work effort to achieve his goals this season.

38 DREW BAIERA

Drew



38 | Defender

drew Bye-era

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 140lb

DOB: 02.28.2007

Darien, CT

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: New York City FC Academy

Click here to view player profile: [Drew Baiera](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Signed through 2027 on a homegrown contract with an option for 2028

About: In 2023, New York City FC signed Defender Drew Baiera to a Homegrown Contract through 2027 with an option for 2028. The 16-year-old becomes the twelfth Homegrown signing in Club history and the third player from the 2007 Academy class, joining the likes of Johnny Shore and Christian McFarlane to sign a professional contract with the Club. Joining the Academy at the U12 level, the defender quickly rose through the ranks, making regular appearances with the U17 team the last 18 months. Last season, Baiera has been training with MLS NEXT Pro side, New York City FC II, and made his debut against the New England Revolution II. In his first start, Baiera provided his first assist for New York City FC. Since his debut, Baiera has made a total of twelve appearances, with eight starts, and providing one assist in 703 minutes. This season, Drew will continue his efforts in his development and reaching his full potential.

43 TALLEs MAGNO



43 | Forward

TIE-les MAG-no

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 154lb

DOB: 06.26.2002

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

First Goal: 09.11.2021

First Assist: 03.12.2022

Previous Club: Vasco de Gama

Click here to view player profile: [Talles Magno](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	1	0	0	0
2023	30	20	4	3
2022	34	32	7	10
2021	15	5	2	0

Transaction: Acquired on a Young Designated Player contract

About: The Rio de Janeiro native came through the Vasco da Gama academy before debuting for their First Team in 2019 as a 16-year-old. The forward played 61 total matches for Vasco including 49 in the Brazilian topflight. He also helped his country win the U-17 World Cup in 2019. The now 19-year-old made his move to New York City FC in 2021 as a Young Designated Player. Although he had to fight for playing time upon his arrival, he scored a crucial game-winning goal against Philadelphia Union during New York City FC's MLS Cup winning run. Magno's athleticism and agility on the ball makes him an exciting player to watch. Talles Magno continued his impressive form into the 2022 campaign to earn a nomination for the MLS Young Player of the Year award. Recording the second-highest minutes tally for New York City FC for the regular season, he started 32 of the 34 games, registering seven goals and 10 assists, before bagging a playoff strike against CF Montréal. A regular contributor at the sharp end of the pitch, he was shortlisted for March's Etihad Player of the Month prize and crafted an assist in our Campeones Cup win. During the 2023 season, he started 20 of the 30 games, scoring four goals and providing three assists. The rebuild of the team during last season concluded with less goal contributions compared to the 2022 season. However, with this season's new signings, Magno will look to shine once again, using his Brazilian flare with more goal contributions.

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ALEX RANDO



44 | Goalkeeper

alex RAN-doe

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 180lb

DOB: 04.15.2000

New York, NY

First Goal: NA

First Assist: NA

Previous Club: New York City FC II

Click here to view player page: [Alex Rando](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	SAVES	GOAL AGAINST	SHUTOUTS
2024	0	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Signed to a First Team Contract as a Homegrown from MLS NEXT Pro affiliate New York City FC II through 2024 with options through 2027.

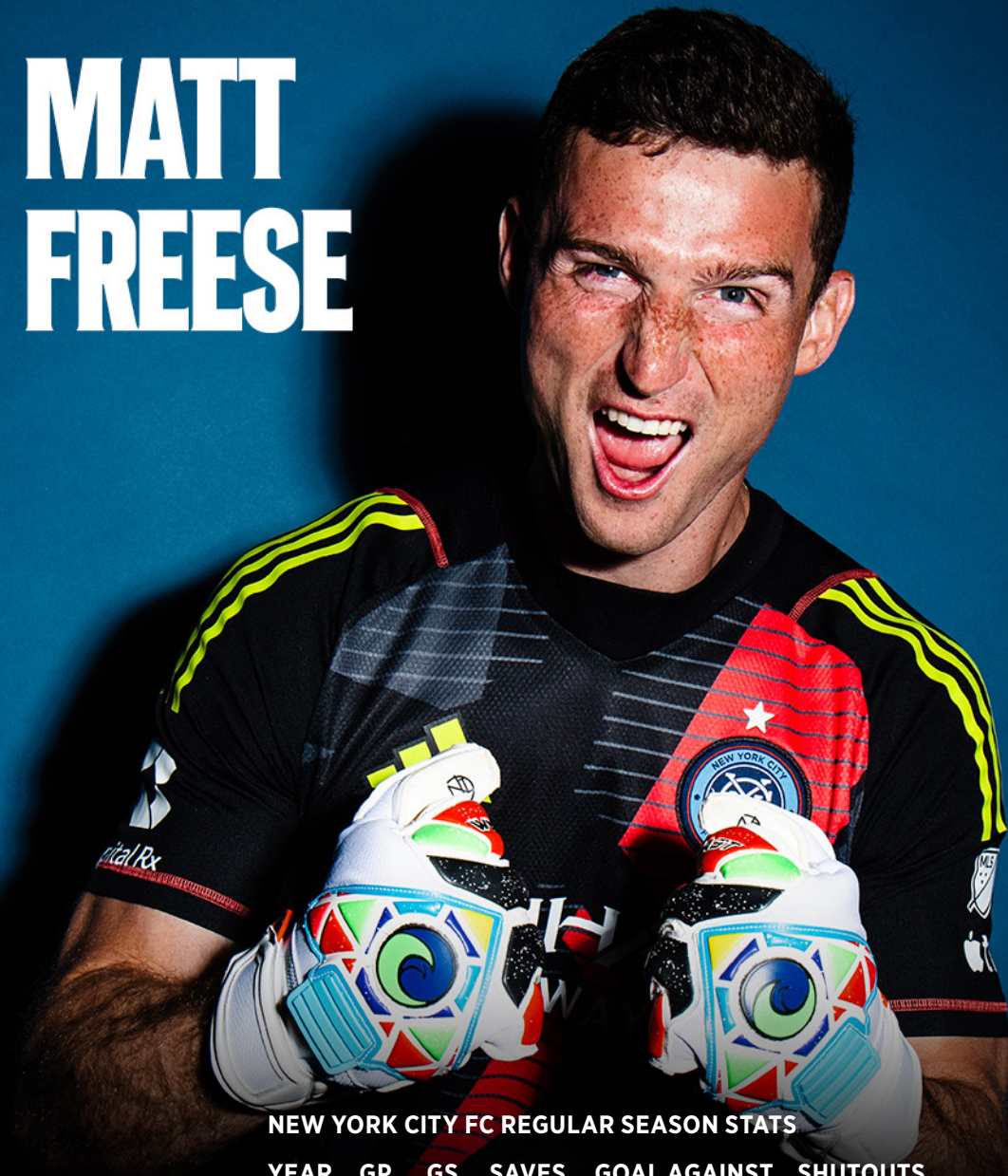
About: The 22-year-old becomes the second New York City FC II player to receive a First Team contract in Club history and becomes the 14th Homegrown signing for the 'Boys in Blue.' Signing ahead of the inaugural 2022 season, Rando went on to make 32 appearances for New York City FC II across two seasons, keeping eight clean sheets while playing just under 3,000 minutes. While in New York City FC's Academy, Rando won two U-19 U.S. Development Academy National Championships, while being named the 2019 U-19 Golden Glove Winner. The goalkeeper was also a member of the 2017 Generational Adidas Cup Championship Team. This season, Rando will continue to work hard to develop as a player while exemplifying New York City FC's development pipeline, showing how players from the Academy team can take to reach the First Team.

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#49



MATT FREESE



49 | Goalkeeper

Matt- FREEZE

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 194lb

DOB: 09.02.1998

Wayne, PA

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: Philadelphia Union

Click here to view player profile: [Matt Freeze](#)

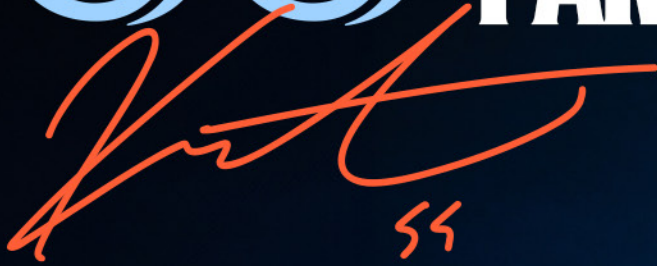
NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	SAVES	GOAL AGAINST	SHUTOUTS
2024	2	2	6	3	0
2023	10	10	29	8	5

Transaction: Acquired through Philadelphia Union in exchange for \$350,000 in General Allocation Money (\$200,000 in 2023 GAM and \$150,000 in 2024 GAM) and up to an additional \$400,000 in performance-based incentives Signed to a contract extension through the 2026 MLS season with an option for 2027

About: A native of Woodstock, Georgia and product of Clemson University, Mizell has spent the majority of his professional career in the USL Championship. After two seasons with New Mexico United, Mizell was purchased by NYCFC in 2021. In 2022, Mizell was named on the bench against AS Santos and Toronto FC before re-joining New Mexico on a short-term loan. Upon his return to New York City FC, he made the matchday squad five more times and earned a new contract through to 2024. In 2023, he started ten matches, totaled 29 saves, eight goals against, and five shutouts. In three consecutive matches he maintained a clean sheet. With his performance towards the end of last season, Matt Freeze proved himself as a contender for the first-choice goalkeeper. This season, Freeze will look to continue in improving

55 KEATON PARKS



55 | Midfielder

KEY-ton PARKS

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 179lb

DOB: 08.06.1997

Plano, TX

First Goal: 09.14.2019

First Assist: 08.08.2019

Previous Club: S.L Benfica

Click here to view player profile: [Keaton Parks](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	2	2	0	0
2023	32	30	2	3
2022	18	12	2	3
2021	31	28	4	3
2020	23	20	3	1
2019	22	14	1	1

Transaction: Acquired from S.L Benfica on January 8, 2020 after spending the 2019 season on loan at New York City FC. Signed to a contract extension through the 2026 MLS season with options for 2027-28

About: The 26-year-old Texas native has become an integral part of the NYCFC since joining from Benfica in 2019. A consistent name in the starting XI for the 2021 season, Parks had to sit out of the MLS Cup Playoffs due to a blood clot diagnosis. After making a welcome return to action in 2022, clinching the Etihad Player of the Month nomination for May after scoring in successive games against Toronto FC and San Jose Earthquakes, Parks' season was once again sadly hampered through injury. In June, it was announced the midfielder would once again undergo surgery to remove a blood clot in his leg, ruling him out until September. His comeback sparked an upturn in fortunes for NYCFC, as he returned for the Campeones Cup victory and aided the playoff push. In 2023, Parks played the most matches with the Club totaling in 32 games played, 30 starts and 2515 minutes. The midfielder scored two goals and provided three assists within last season. Ahead of the 2024 season, New York City FC signed Keaton Parks to a contract extension through the 2026 MLS season with options for 2027-28. As an important and significant player in the team over the years, he will continue his

80 JUSTIN HAAK

Justin Haak #80



80 | Midfielder

JUST-in Hack

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 165lb

DOB: 09.12.2001

Brooklyn, NY

First Goal: 07.08.2023

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: New York City FC Academy

Click here to view player profile: [Justin Haak](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0
2023	14	10	1	0
2022	15	7	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0
2019	3	0	0	0

Transaction: Acquired as club's third homegrown player on January 24, 2019. Resigned in 2023 through the 2025 season with an option for 2026.

About: The Brooklyn native signed as the Club's third Homegrown ahead of the 2019 season. The young midfielder impressed during the 2018 preseason in friendlies against LA Galaxy and Atlético San Luis and helped the U-19s win the 2018 USSDA National Championship. Haak made his professional debut on June 6, 2019, against FC Cincinnati becoming the first NYCFC player from one of the five boroughs to appear for the Club. In 2020, the midfielder joined Hartford Athletic (USL Championship) on loan for the remainder of the 2020 season. Once again in 2021, the youngster was loaned to Hartford Athletic (USL Championship) where he made 16 appearances for Hartford. In 2022, After featuring in the US Open Cup, Haak enjoyed more senior gametime under the stewardship of Nick Cushing, featuring in 15 MLS regular season fixtures to gain more First Team experience. He featured in the Campeones Cup triumph over Atlas F.C. and also earned minutes in the MLS playoffs. In addition, he also suited up for NYCFC II, playing in six matches and scoring a goal. Last season, the midfielder penned a new deal at the start of the year, extending his contract through 2025 with an option for 2026. He concluded last season with the most minutes played with New York City FC, totaling 909 minutes. Additionally, he scored his first goal, which occurred against Columbus Crew in the 75th minute. This season, Haak will look to continue in his development as a player and seek more playing time.



MALACHI JONES

Malachi Jones



88 | Forward

MAH-lah-kai jones

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 150lb

DOB: 09.23.2003

Freetown, Sierra Leone

First Goal: N/A

First Assist: N/A

Previous Club: Lipscomb University

Click here to view player profile: [Malachi Jones](#)

NEW YORK CITY FC REGULAR SEASON STATS

YEAR	GP	GS	GOALS	ASSISTS
2024	0	0	0	0

Transaction: Selected from the 2024 MLS SuperDraft (First Round – 8th Overall)

About: 20-year-old Malachi Jones was selected as the eighth overall pick in the 2024 MLS SuperDraft from Lipscomb University. The 20-year-old made 35 appearances, scoring 12 goals and providing 15 assists over two seasons for the Bisons. This past season, Jones led the NCAA ASUN Conference in total assists and assists per game, and ranked third overall in those categories nationally. He earned United Soccer Coaches All-Region First Team honors, as well as being named first team all-ASUN for the second consecutive season. A four-time first-team all-state selection, Jones finished his high school career with 119 goals and 43 assists. Ahead of his freshman year at Lipscomb, the 5-foot-10 forward was named the 2022 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Soccer Player of the Year, which is awarded to the best high school boys soccer player for excellence. As a promising and exciting player, Malachi will look to show off his fantastic attributes as a winger this season.

COACHING HISTORY

Year	Coach	W	L	T	PCT	OT	ShO	PTS	W	L	T	PCT	OT	ShO
2015	Jason Kreis	10	17	7	.397	0-0-0	0-0	37	0	0	0	---	0-0-0	0-0
2016	Patrick Vieira	15	10	9	.574	0-0-0	0-0	54	0	2	0	.000	0-0-0	0-0
2017	Patrick Vieira	16	9	9	.603	0-0-0	0-0	57	1	1	0	.500	0-0-0	0-0
2018	Patrick Vieira	8	3	4	.667	0-0-0	0-0	28	0	0	0	---	0-0-0	0-0
	Domenec Torrent	8	7	4	.526	0-0-0	0-0	28	1	2	0	.333	0-0-0	0-0
2019	Domenec Torrent	18	6	10	.676	0-0-0	0-0	64	0	1	0	.000	0-0-0	0-0
2020	Ronny Deila	12	8	3	.587	0-0-0	0-0	39	0	0	1	.500	0-0-1	0-0
2021	Ronny Deila	14	11	9	.544	0-0-0	0-0	51	2	0	2	.750	0-0-2	0-0
2022	Ronny Deila	8	3	2	.692	0-0-0	0-0	26	0	0	0	---	0-0-0	0-0
	Nick Cushing	8	8	5	.500	0-0-0	0-0	29	2	1	0	.667	0-0-0	0-0
2023	Nick Cushing	9	11	14	.471	0-0-0	0-0	41	0	0	0	---	0-0-0	0-0
2024	Nick Cushing	0	2	0	0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	---	0-0-0	0-0
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AGE RELATED MILESTONES

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Category	Player	Age	Date of Birth	Opp.	Date
Play in a Game	James Sands	17 yrs., 72 days	7/06/2000	COL	09/16/2017
Start a Game	Joe Scally	17 yrs., 263 days	12/31/2002	NE	09/19/2020
Score a Goal	Talles Magno	19 yrs., 80 days	6/26/2002	DAL	09/14/2021
Record an Assist	Mitja Ilenic	18 yrs., 103 days	12/26/2004	ATL	04/08/2023
Play a Game as GK	Eirik Johansen	24 yrs., 103 days	7/12/1992	CLB	10/23/2016
Record a Shutout	Luis Barraza	24 yrs., 255 days	11/08/1996	MTL	07/21/2021

ACTIVE ROSTER - YOUNGEST PLAYER TO...

Category	Player	Age	Date of Birth	Opp.	Date
Play in a Game	Jovan Mijatović	18 yrs., 228 days	7/11/2005	CLT	02.24.2024
Start a Game	Mitja Ilenič	19 yrs., 60 days	12/26/2004	CLT	02.24.2024

ALL TIME - OLDEST PLAYER TO...

Category	Player	Age	Date of Birth	Opp.	Date
Play in a Game	Andrea Pirlo	38 yrs., 127 days	5/19/1979	HOU	09/23/2017
Start a Game	Andrea Pirlo	38 yrs., 127 days	5/19/1979	HOU	09/23/2017
Score a Goal	Frank Lampard	38 yrs., 82 days	6/20/1978	NE	09/10/2016
Record an Assist	Frank Lampard	38 yrs., 125 days	6/20/1978	CLB	10/23/2016
Play a Game as GK	Josh Saunders	35 yrs., 228 days	3/02/1981	DC	10/16/2016
Record a Shutout	Josh Saunders	35 yrs., 212 days	3/02/1981	HOU	09/30/2016

ACTIVE ROSTER - OLDEST PLAYER TO...

Category	Player	Age	Date of Birth	Opp.	Date
Play in a Game	Thiago Martins	28 yrs., 351 days	03/17/1995	STL	03/02/2023
Start a Game	Thiago Martins	28 yrs., 351 days	03/17/1995	STL	03/02/2023
Play a Game as GK	Matt Freese	25 yrs., 182 days	09/02/1998	STL	03/02/2023

BUILDING THE ROSTER

2019

Player	Position	Previous Club	Date Acquired
Justin Haak	Midfielder	NYCFC Homegrown	01/24/2019
Luis Barraza	Goalkeeper	SuperDraft Pick	01/28/2019
Tayvon Gray	Defender	NYCFC Homegrown	11/26/2019

2020

Player	Position	Previous Club	Date Acquired
Keaton Parks	Midfielder	S.L. Benfica	01/19/2020
Andres Jasson	Midfielder	NYCFC Homegrown	11/19/2020

2021

Player	Position	Previous Club	Date Acquired
Talles Magno	Forward	Vasco da Gama	05/19/2021
Christian McFarlane	Defender	NYCFC Homegrown	09/16/2021

2022

Player	Position	Previous Club	Date Acquired
Thiago Martins Bueno	Defender	Yokohama F. Marinos	02/07/2022
Maximo Carrizo	Midfielder	NYCFC Homegrown	02/28/2022
Kevin O'Toole	Forward	SuperDraft Pick	03/07/2022

2023

Player	Position	Previous Club	Date Acquired
Mitja Ilenič	Defender	NK Domžale	01/04/2023
Matt Freese	Goalkeeper	Philadelphia Union	01/27/2023
James Sands	Defender	-	03/01/2023
Santiago Rodriguez	Midfielder	Montevideo Torque	
Jonathan Shore	Midfielder	NYCFC Homegrown	
Andres Perea	Midfielder	Loan (Philadelphia Union)	07/28/2023
Birk Risa	Defender	Molde FK	07/17/2023
Julian Fernandez	Forward	Club Atletico Velez Sarsfeld	08/01/2023
Maxi Moralez	Midfielder	Racing Club	08/08/2023
Matt Freese	Goalkeeper	Philadelphia Union	01/27/2023
Mounsef Bakrar	Forward	NK Istra	07/11/2023
Alonso Martinez	Forward	Lommel SK	08/04/2023

BUILDING THE ROSTER

2024

Player	Position	Previous Club	Date Acquired
Zidane Yañez	Forward	New York City FC Academy	12/22/2023
Alex Rando	Goalkeeper	New York City FC II	1/12/2024
Andrés Perea	Midfielder	Philadelphia Union	1/15/2024
Hannes Wolf	Midfielder	Borussia Mönchengladbach	1/16/2024
Malachi Jones	Forward	Lipscomb University	1/22/2024
Agustín Ojeda	Forward	Racing Club (Argentina)	2/2/2024
Strahinja Tanasijević	Defender	FK Spartak Subotica	2/5/2024
Tomás Romero	Goalkeeper	Toronto FC	2/5/2024
Jovan Mijatović	Forward	Red Star Belgrade	2/19/2024
Rio Hope-Gund	Defender	New York City FC II	3/1/2024

PLAYOFF HISTORY

PLAYOFF RECORD

vs. Team	No. of Series	Series W-L	GP	W-L-T	OT	ShO	GF	GA	Last Mtg.	Round	Series Result
Columbus	1	0-1	2	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0	3	4	2017	First Round	Lost Series Tie-Breaker
New England	1	1-0	1	0-0-1	0-0-1	0-0	2	2	2021	EC Semifinals	Won Series Tie-Breaker
Toronto FC	2	0-2	3	0-3-0	0-0-0	0-0	1	9	2019	EC Semifinals	Lost 1 games to 0
Philadelphia	3	2-1	3	2-1-0	0-0-0	0-0	6	5	2022	EC Finals	Lost 1 games to 0
Portland	1	1-0	1	0-0-1	0-0-1	0-0	1	1	2021	MLS Cup '21	Won MLS Cup '21
Montreal	1	1-0	1	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	3	1	2022	EC Semifinal	Won 1 games to 0
Orlando City SC	1	0-1	1	0-0-1	0-0-1	0-0	1	1	2020	First Round	Lost Series Tie-Breaker
Atlanta	2	1-1	3	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-0	3	4	2021	First Round	Won 1 games to 0
Inter Miami CF	1	1-0	1	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	3	0	2022	First Round	Won 1 games to 0
TOTALS	13	7-6	16	6-7-3	0-0-3	0-0	23	27			

PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE

Year	Overall Record	AT HOME			ON THE ROAD			Rank	Largest Home Crowd
		Games	Total	Average	Games	Total	Average		
2016	0-2-0	1	28,355	28,355	1	28,220	28,220	4th	28,355 (11/06/16, 0-5 L vs. TOR)
2017	1-1-0	1	23,246	23,246	1	14,416	14,416	5th	23,246 (11/05/17, 2-0 W vs. CLB)
2018	1-2-0	2	34,351	17,176	1	70,526	70,526	8th	19,198 (11/04/18, 0-1 L vs. ATL)
2019	0-1-0	1	19,829	19,829	0	0	0	6th	19,829 (10/23/19, 1-2 L vs. TOR)
2020	0-0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	0 (10/23/19, 1-2 L vs. TOR)
2021	2-0-2	1	25,267	25,267	3	70,214	23,405	4th	25,267 (11/21/21, 2-0 W vs. ATL)
2022	2-1-0	1	18,066	18,066	2	39,389	19,695	7th	18,066 (10/17/22, 3-0 W vs. MCF)
TOTALS	6-7-3	7	149,114	21,302	8	222,765	24,846		

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

OVERALL RECORD

Year	W-L-T	PTS	OT	ShO	GF	GA	Finish	Playoff Result
2015	10-17-7	37	0-0-0	0-0	49	58	East 8	Did Not Qualify
2016	15-10-9	54	0-0-0	0-0	62	57	East 2	Quarterfinals (Eastern Conference Semifinals)
2017	16-9-9	57	0-0-0	0-0	56	43	East 2	Quarterfinals (Eastern Conference Semifinals)
2018	16-10-8	56	0-0-0	0-0	59	45	East 3	Quarterfinals (Eastern Conference Semifinals)
2019	18-6-10	64	0-0-0	0-0	63	42	East 1	Quarterfinals (Eastern Conference Semifinals)
2020	12-8-3	39	0-0-0	0-0	37	25	East 5	Wild Card (Eastern Conference First Round)
2021	14-11-9	51	0-0-0	0-0	56	36	East 4	MLS Cup Champion
2022	16-11-7	55	0-0-0	0-0	57	41	East 3	Semifinals (Eastern Conference Finals)
2023	9-10-14	41	0-0-0	0-0	35	39	East 11	Did Not Qualify
2024	0-2-0	0	0-0-0	0-0	0	3		
TOTAL	126-94-76	454	0-0-0	0-0	474	389		

HOME RECORD

Year	W-L-T	OT	ShO	GF	GA
2015	6-7-4	0-0-0	0-0	32	31
2016	8-3-6	0-0-0	0-0	35	28
2017	10-2-5	0-0-0	0-0	33	20
2018	12-1-4	0-0-0	0-0	36	10
2019	11-1-5	0-0-0	0-0	34	16
2020	7-2-0	0-0-0	0-0	23	9
2021	10-3-4	0-0-0	0-0	37	13
2022	10-3-4	0-0-0	0-0	37	19
2023	8-3-6	0-0-0	0-0	23	15
2024	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
TOTAL	82-25-38	0-0-0	0-0	290	161

AWAY RECORD

Year	W-L-T	OT	ShO	GF	GA
2015	4-10-3	0-0-0	0-0	17	27
2016	7-7-3	0-0-0	0-0	27	29
2017	6-7-4	0-0-0	0-0	23	23
2018	4-9-4	0-0-0	0-0	23	35
2019	7-5-5	0-0-0	0-0	29	26
2020	4-4-3	0-0-0	0-0	12	12
2021	4-8-5	0-0-0	0-0	19	23
2022	6-8-3	0-0-0	0-0	20	22
2023	1-8-8	0-0-0	0-0	12	22
2024	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	3
TOTAL	43-68-38	0-0-0	0-0	182	222

HOME RECORD

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER - REGULAR SEASON

YANKEE STADIUM			CITI FIELD			RED BULL ARENA		
Year	W-L-T	PTS	Year	W-L-T	PTS	Year	W-L-T	PTS
2015	6-7-4	22	2017	0-0-1	1	2020	4-1-0	12
2016	8-3-6	30	2022	2-0-2	8	2021	4-2-2	14
2017	10-2-3	33	2023	4-2-1	13	2022	2-2-0	6
2018	12-1-4	40	TOTAL	8-0-3	24	2023	1-0-0	3
2019	11-1-5	38				TOTAL	11-5-2	35
2020	3-1-0	9						
2021	6-1-2	20						
2022	7-1-2	23						
2023	3-1-5	14						
TOTAL	68-27-31	235						

PRATT & WHITNEY STADIUM AT RENTSCHLER FIELD

Year	W-L-T	PTS
2017	0-0-1	1
TOTAL	0-0-1	1

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX AT ORLANDO

Year	W-L-T	PTS
2020	0-2-0	0
TOTAL	0-2-0	0

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER - POSTSEASON

YANKEE STADIUM

Year	W-L-T
2016	0-1-0
2017	1-0-0
2018	1-1-0
2021	1-0-0
TOTAL	3-2-0

CITI FIELD

Year	W-L-T
2019	0-1-0
2022	1-0-0
TOTAL	1-1-0

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX AT ORLANDO

Year	W-L-T
2020	1-1-0
TOTAL	1-1-0