



SAN DIEGO FC

GAME NOTES

MATCH INFORMATION

Audi 2025 MLS Playoffs First Round – Game 1



Kickoff: 6:30 PM PT, Sunday Oct. 26, 2025

Stadium: Snapdragon Stadium, San Diego, Calif.

TV: MLS Season Pass on Apple TV & Apple TV+

Radio: (ENG) SAN DIEGO SPORTS 760 AM (KGB-AM) & (SPA) TUDN 1700 AM

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Chris Penso

AR1: Jeremy Hanson

AR2: Chris Elliot

VAR: Carol Anne Chenard

AVAR: Robert Schaap

4TH OFFICIAL: Jair Marrufo

PLAYER STATUS REPORT

Out: As of Oct. 25, 2025

Willy Kumado – Lower Body
Oscar Verhoeven - Lower Body
Aiden Harangi – Lowe Body

Questionable:
Pablo Sisniega- Head

Season Ending Injury List:

Andres Reyes, Alejandro Alvarado Jr.

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2025 MLS SEASON SCHEDULE

Record 19-9-6 (W-L-T) | 63 pts.

DATE	TIME (PT)	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TV
Sunday, Feb. 23	W 2-0	LA Galaxy	Dignity Health Sports Park	Apple TV
Saturday, Mar. 1	T 0-0	St. Louis CITY SC	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Mar. 8	W 3-1	Real Salt Lake	America First Field	Apple TV
Saturday, Mar. 15	T 1-1	Columbus Crew	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Mar. 23	L 2-1	Austin FC	Q2 Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Mar. 29	W 3-2	LAFC	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Apr. 5	W 3-0	Seattle Sounders FC	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Apr. 12	L 3-2	Colorado Rapids	Dick's Sporting Goods Park	Apple TV
Saturday, Apr. 19	L 3-0	Charlotte FC	Bank of America Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Apr. 26	L 3-1	Real Salt Lake	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, May 3	W 5-0	FC Dallas	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV/FS1
Saturday, May 10	W 2-1	St. Louis CITY SC	Energizer Park	Apple TV
Wednesday, May 14	W 2-0	Colorado Rapids	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, May 17	T 0-0	Sporting KC	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, May 24	W 2-1	LA Galaxy	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV/FOX
Wednesday, May 28	L 1-0	Seattle Sounders FC	Lumen Field	Apple TV
Saturday, May 31	W 2-0	Austin FC	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, June 14	W 4-2	Minnesota United FC	Allianz Field	Apple TV
Wednesday, June 25	W 5-3	Vancouver Whitecaps FC	BC Place	Apple TV
Saturday, June 28	W 3-2	FC Dallas	Toyota Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, July 5	L 4-3	Houston Dynamo FC	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, July 12	W 2-1	Chicago Fire FC	Soldier Field	Apple TV
Wednesday, July 16	L 1-0	Toronto FC	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, July 19	T 1-1	Vancouver Whitecaps FC	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Friday, July 25	W 1-0	Nashville SC	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Aug. 9	W 2-0	Sporting KC	Children's Mercy Park	Apple TV
Sunday, Aug. 17	W 2-1	San Jose Earthquakes	PayPal Park	Apple TV
Saturday, Aug. 23	T 0-0	Portland Timbers	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Sunday, Aug. 31	W 2-1	LAFC	BMO Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Sept. 13	L 3-1	Minnesota United FC	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Sept. 20	T 1-1	Atlanta United FC	Mercedes-Benz Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Sept. 27	L 1-0	San Jose Earthquakes	Snapdragon Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Oct. 4	W 4-2	Houston Dynamo FC	Shell Energy Stadium	Apple TV
Saturday, Oct. 18	W 4-0	Portland Timbers	Providence Park	APPLE TV

ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	DOB	BIRTHPLACE	PRONUNCIATION
1	CJ Dos Santos	GK	6'4"	192	8/24/2000	Kearny, NJ	see-JAY dose SAHN-toes
2	Willy Kumado	D	5'7"	154	10/16/2002	Damsoman, Accra, Ghana	WILL-ee
4	Andrés Reyes	D	6'3"	179	9/8/1999	Puerto Tejada, Colombia	ahn-DRESS RAY-ehs
3	Leo Duru	D	5' 10"	174	1/12/2005	Manchester, England	LEE-oh DOO-roo
6	Jeppe Tverskov	M	6'1"	183	3/12/1993	Copenhagen, Denmark	Ye-pey t-VER-skov
7	Marcus Ingvartsen	F	6'1"	172	1/4/1996	Farum, Denmark	MAR-cus ing-VART-sen
8	Onni Valakari	M	6'2"	181	8/18/1999	Motherwell, Finland	Oh-nee Vah-Lah-Kah-Ree
9	Tomás Ángel	F	5'9"	152	2/20/2003	Medellín, Colombia	toh-MAHS AHN-hel
10	Anders Dreyer	F	5'7"	139	5/2/1998	Bramming, Denmark	Ahn-ders Dree-er
11	Hirving Lozano	F	5'9"	154	7/30/1995	Mexico City, Mexico	EER-ving "CHOO-key" loh-ZAH-noh
13	Pablo Sisniega	GK	6'4"	176	7/7/1995	Mexico City, Mexico	paw-blow sees-NEE-ay-gah
14	Luca De La Torre	M	5'10"	139	5/23/1998	San Diego, CA	Day-lah-TOHR-reh
15	Pedro Soma	M	5'10"	170	6/30/2006	Boca Raton, Florida	PEH-droh SOH-mah
17	Paddy McNair	D	6'2"	176	4/27/1995	Ballyclare, Northern Ireland	Padd-ee Mek-nair
19	David Vazquez	M	5'9"	141	2/22/2006	Los Angeles, Calif.	DAH-veed VAHS--kehZ
20	Aníbal Godoy	M	6'0	174	2/10/1990	Panama City, Panama	ah-NEE-bahl goh-DOH-ee
21	Corey Baird	F	5'10"	161	1/30/1996	Escondido, Calif.	KOR-ee Bear-ed
22	Franco Negri	D	5'9"	154	2/20/1995	San Martín, Argentina	fran-co ne-gree
23	Aiden Harangi	D	5'7"	150	2/08/2006	Reston, Virginia	AY-den huh-RAN-gee
24	Emmanuel Boateng	F	5'6"	150	1/17/1994	Accra, Ghana	EE-mah BOA-tang
25	Ian Pilcher	D	6'1"	170	3/21/2003	Charlotte, NC	EE-uhn PIL-chur
26	Manu Duah	M	6'3"	170	6/5/2005	Kumasi, Ghana	Mah-nu Doo-ahh
27	Luca Bombino	D	5'7"	139	7/10/2006	Saugus, CA	BOM-bee-noh
29	Anisse Saidi	F	6'1"	147	6/20/2008	Camden, NJ	Ah-NEESE Sigh-EE-dee
33	Oscar Verhoeven	D	6'0"	164	5/31/2006	Pleasant Hill, CA	ver-HOH-ven
70	Alejandro Alvarado Jr.	M	5'9"	148	7/29/2003	Los Angeles, CA	Ah-leh-HAHN-droh Ahl-vah-RAH-doh
77	Alex Mighten	F	5'8"	154	4/11/2002	Hartford, CT	My-ten
90	Amahl Pellegrino	F	6'3"	150	6/18/1990	Drammen, Norway	Af-mall Peh-leh-GREE-noh
97	Christopher McVey	D	6'3"	185	4/12/1997	Sparsör, Sweden	chris-TOH-fer mik-VAY

NEWS & NOTES

FIRST TIME IN THE PLAYOFFS

SDFC heads into its first-ever post-season match, a First Round Western Conference Game 1 affair in a best of three series. SDFC hosts Portland Timbers in a rematch of the regular season finale on Oct. 18. San Diego finished in first place in the standings while earning homefield advantage. The win marked milestones and records for SDFC as it finished its inaugural season with a 16-9-9 record and 63 points. The 19 wins is a record for most wins by an expansion club and the 63 points is the most in MLS history, also by an expansion club. It also extended a road win streak to 10 games while finishing with a 12-4- road record. SDFC secured its spot in the post season on Aug. 23 with a draw against Portland the first time the clubs met at Snapdragon Stadium.

Portland beat Real Salt Lake 3-1 in a play in match to secure the No. 8 seed and earn a match up against SDFC in the First Round. Portland finished the regular season with a 11-12-11 record and 44 points.

LAST TIMES THEY MET

The last time SDFC faced Portland Timbers was on Oct. 18 in the regular season finale at Providence Park. SDFC secured the top spot in the Western Conference with a 4-0 win and also earned a spot in the Concacaf Champions Cup. Forwards Amahl Pellegrino and Anders Dreyer both had a brace in the club's first-ever visit to Portland. Pellegrino opened the scoring with a right-footed shot off a Dreyer assist. Dreyer then struck twice early in the second half in a span of two minutes to give SDFC a 3-0 lead. Pellegrino scored in the 64th minute off a Jeppe Tverskov assist to close out the scoring and assisted on both of Dreyer's earlier goals.

TOP SEED IN THE WEST

SDFC secured the top seed in the Western Conference standings with its 4-0 win at Portland on Oct. 18. It finished first in the West with a 19-9-6 record and 63 points. It clinched the top spot after Vancouver Whitecaps played to a 2-1 loss against FC Dallas. SDFC now has homefield advantage through the 2025 Audi MLS Playoffs, starting with the best-of-three First Round series against.

RECORD SETTING REGULAR SEASON

SDFC finished its inaugural regular season with some records and notable milestones, amid qualifying to the 2026 Concacaf Champions Cup.

SDFC set a new MLS expansion team record for most wins (19) and most points (63) in a single season, surpassing LAFc's 2018 record with 57 points (16-9-9 record). SDFC also now holds the record for most wins by an expansion team (19 wins) surpassing St Louis City's 2023 record with 17 wins (17-12-5 record). SDFC also tied the MLS single season record for most road victories with a 12-4-1 road record in the post shootout era, set previously by CF Montréal in 2022 and Inter Miami CF in 2024. It also became just the second team in MLS history to win at least 12 road matches in a single season, joining the 1998 LA Galaxy (13 road wins). SDFC also equaled Inter Miami CF's (37 points) and the 1998 LA Galaxy (37 points) for the most points secured in road matches in a single season in league history.

DREYER AND VARAS MLS AWARD FINALISTS

San Diego FC head coach Mikey Varas and Designated Player Anders Dreyer are among the finalists for MLS End of the Year Awards. Varas is nominated for the Sigi Schmid MLS Coach of the Year Award while Dreyer is nominated for the Landon Donovan MLS MVP and MLS Newcomer of the Year. The winners will be announced throughout the Audi 2025 MLS Playoffs.

Varas was named the first head coach in SDFC history on Sept. 16, 2024, marking his first head coaching role at the club level. In his debut season, Varas has led SDFC to a first-place finish in the Western Conference with a 19-9-6 record, earning qualification for the Concacaf Champions Cup. Under Varas, SDFC set new MLS expansion records for most points (63) and most wins (17) in a debut season.

Dreyer, 27, joined SDFC on Jan. 22 as the second Designated Player in club history. He immediately made an impact, scoring both goals in San Diego's inaugural 2-0 victory against LA Galaxy on Feb. 23 at Dignity Health Sports Park. Dreyer has been one of the breakout stars of the season with 19 goals and 19 assists for a total of 38 goal contributions. That's 59-percent of SDFC's 64 total goals. He leads the league in assists and his exceptional performance has earned him recognition as a finalist for both the Landon Donovan MLS MVP Award and the MLS Newcomer of the Year Award.

PELLEGRINO BURSTING ON SCENE

SDFC forward Amahl Pellegrino continues to add his contributions. After earning his first goal contributions of the season with a standout performance against Houston Dynano on Oct. 4. The forward helped in SDFC with two assists and a goal. Then he went on to help SDFC in a 4-0 win at Portland Timbers in the regular season finale to seal first place in the Western Conference. Pellegrino had three goal contributions in that match (2 goals, 1 assist). He opened the scoring off a pass from Anders Dreyer, then returned the favor with an assist to Dreyer and scored the final goal of the night on a Jeppe Tverskov assist. Pellegrino has three goals and three assists heading into the playoffs after having played seven matches (four starts) since being acquired by SDFC on Aug. 22 from the San Jose Earthquakes.

TVERSKOV EXTENDED

SDFC resigned team captain and midfielder Jeppe Tverskov to a contract extension guaranteed through the 2027 season, with a Club option through 2028. Tverskov, 32, was among the Club's first three signings along side Marcus Ingvartsen when he joined SDFC on March 19, 2024. He made club history as part of SDFC's first Starting XI and served as a team captain in the club's MLS debut, a 2-0 win at LA Galaxy on Feb, 23, 2025. The Danish midfielder has been an integral part of SDFC this season. He made 33 MLS regular season starts (33 appearances) while scoring two goals and adding 13 assist, earning him an MLS All-Star selection. He also featured in two Leagues Cup matches, providing an assist in the group stage against Club Pachuca on July 30, 2025.

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15 DIFFERENT PLAYERS, 64 GOALS

SDFC scored 64 goals through its 34 regular season matches. The club finished fifth in MLS this season. Inter Miami CF finished with 81 goals. There have been 15 different SDFC players scored the Club's 64 goals this season.

PLAYER	GP	GS	Mins	G	A
Anders Dreyer	34	34	3022	19	19
Onni Valakari	34	26	2443	4	11
Christopher McVey	32	32	2854	2	1
Jeppe Tverskov	33	33	2931	2	13
Hirving Lozano	27	22	1833	9	10
Marcus Ingvarsen	8	5	403	2	1
Luca De La Torre	30	24	2128	5	2
Franco Negri	15	9	659	1	1
Alex Mighten	26	11	1045	1	0
Anibal Godoy	25	21	1728	1	2
Tomás Ángel	22	9	712	3	2
Milan Iloki	14	3	473	10	1
Luca Bombino	26	23	2126	1	4
Ian Pilcher	17	8	916	1	1
Amahl Pellegrino	7	4	330	3	3

THE POSSESSION GAME

San Diego FC SDFC finished the regular season leading the league with 60.8-percent average possession through its 34 matches with a 19-9-6 record with 63 points. Columbus Crew is second (58.5 percent). SDFC outpossessed Portland Timbers 65.8 to 34.3 percent in the club's last match. SDFC has also registered 18,910 total passes completed for a total average pass completions of 86.3 percent. That is the league's second best behind Columbus Crew (18,022) completed passes, 86.6-percent.

MLS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

MONTH	POS.	PLAYER
June 2025	FWD	ANDERS DREYER
August 2025	FWD	ANDERS DREYER

MLS PLAYER OF THE MATCHDAY

MATCHDAY	POS.	PLAYER
1	FWD	ANDERS DREYER
11	FWD	HIRVING LOZANO
20	FWD	MILAN ILOSKI
31	FWD	ANDERS DREYER

DREYER PLAYER OF MONTH/MATCHDAY 31

SDFC forward Anders Dreyer had another stellar month, this time in August. The Danish forward continues his antics as a candidate for the Landon Donovan MLS MVP award. Dreyer was named MLS Player of the Matchday for Matchday 31. Dreyer recorded an assist and scored the game-winning goal in SDFC's 2-1 win on the road against LAFC. The Danish international is now up to a league best 32 goal contributions in 2025 (14 goals, 18 assists), which include six-game winning goals and seven game-winning assists. His 32 goal contributions are tied with Zlatan Ibrahimović (2018) for the second-most by a player in their debut season in MLS history, trailing only Sebastian Giovinco (38 in 2015). Dreyer has been named MLS Player of the Matchday twice this season, previously earning the honor on Matchday 1.

Dreyer was then named MLS Player of the Month for August 2025 three days after being named Player of the Matchday for Matchday 31. Dreyer was named player of the month after having scored three goals and added two assists as San Diego produced a 3-0-1 record in the month of August enroute to clinching a spot in the Audi 2025 MLS Cup Playoffs. Dreyer's five goal contributions were tied for the third most in MLS during the month of August, and his three goals were tied for the second most. During August, the forward played 359 of 360 available minutes for San Diego and had a goal contribution in three of the four matches. Dreyer also produced the game-winning goal contribution in each of San Diego's three wins –the game-winning assist at Sporting Kansas City (Aug. 9), along with the game-winning goals at San Jose Earthquakes (Aug. 17) and at LAFC (Aug. 31).

It is the second time Dreyer has earned the honor this season after previously winning the award for his performance in the month of June. Dreyer joins Josef Martinez (2017) as the only players in league history to earn multiple Player of the Month honors for an expansion club in their debut season.

SEASON ENDING INJURIES

Alejandro Alvarado Jr.

Alvarado Jr. sustained a right knee injury in the 70th minute of San Diego's 5-3 victory over the Vancouver Whitecaps on June 25 at BC Place. Alvarado Jr. Will miss the remainder of the 2025 season and will undergo surgery in the coming week. Alvarado Jr. made his SDFC and MLS debut on February 23, coming on in the 82nd minute for Anibal Godoy during the Club's 2-0 win against the LA Galaxy at Dignity Health Sports Park. In 2025, he has made 12 appearances (six starts), logging 486 minutes on the field.

Andrés Reyes

Defender Andrés Reyes underwent surgery last week and is expected to miss the remainder of the 2025 MLS regular season.

The 25-year-old Colombian joined SDFC ahead of the 2025 campaign, making his debut on April 19 against Charlotte FC at Bank of America Stadium. Over his MLS career, Reyes has made 97 appearances (85 starts), scored five goals and added one assist across 7,132 minutes played.

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TEAM OF THE MATCHDAY

MLS TEAM OF THE MATCHDAY

MATCH DAY	POS.	PLAYER
1	HEAD COACH	MIKEY VARAS
1	FWD	ANDERS DREYER
2	MID	JEPPE TVERSKOV (Sub)
3	FWD	ANDERS DREYER
4	MID	ONNI VALAKARI
6	HEAD COACH	MIKEY VARAS
6	DEF	CHRIS MCVEY
6	MID	ONNI VALAKARI (Sub)
7	FWD	Hirving Lozano
7	MID	Jeppe Tverskov
11	FWD	Hirving Lozano
11	MID	Anders Dreyer
20	FWD	Milan Iloski
20	FWD	Anders Dreyer
20	HEAD COACH	MIKEY VARAS
21	FWD	ANDERS DREYER
27	DEF	MANU DUAH
31	FWD	ANDERS DREYER
38	FWD	ANDERS DREYER

PLAYER OF THE MATCHDAY – MATCHDAY 1

After making history with San Diego FC on MLS its Back weekend, Anders Dreyer was named MLS Player of the Matchday presented by Michelob Ultra for Matchday 1. The 26-year-old Danish international winger scored the first two goals in SDFC history to pace the expansion side's 2-0 debut victory at reigning MLS Cup champions LA Galaxy.

With his brace, Dreyer became the seventh MLS player to score multiple goals in a club's inaugural game and the first since Eric Hassli for Vancouver Whitecaps FC in 2011. San Diego also became just the second expansion team since 2019 to win their debut game, following St. Louis CITY SC in 2023, thanks in large part to Dreyer – the first Player of the Matchday after a club's inaugural match since Fredy Montero achieved the feat with Seattle Sounders FC in 2009.

The MLS Player of the Matchday presented by Michelob Ultra is selected each matchday of the regular season through both media and fan voting in a process conducted by MLS Communications. A panel of journalists from the North American Soccer Reporters (NASR) comprises 75 percent of the vote, while an Instagram fan vote represents the remaining 25 percent of voting. NASR consists of members of print, television, radio, and online media.

PLAYER OF THE MATCHDAY- MATCHDAY 11

San Diego FC winger Hirving “Chucky” Lozano was voted the Major League Soccer Player of the Matchday for Matchday 11 of the 2025 MLS season for his performance against FC Dallas last week. Lozano scored two goals and added two assists as SDFC produced its largest win in club history defeating FC Dallas at home 5-0. After scoring a brace in the first half, Lozano became the fifth player in MLS history to produce at least four goals and four assists in his first eight games with an expansion club. Later in the match, Lozano continued to add to his accolades as just the fourth player in MLS history to accumulate two goals and two assists in a single match for an expansion club. The most recent up to that point to do so was Carlos Vela for LAFC (October 12, 2018).

PLAYER OF THE MATCHDAY- MATCHDAY 20

San Diego FC forward Milan Iloski was voted the Major League Soccer Player of the Matchday for Matchday 20 on June 26, 2025. The 25-year-old forward tallied the fastest four goals in MLS history, scoring four times from the 35th minute to 47th minute in SDFC's 5-3 win at Vancouver Whitecaps. It marked Iloski's first career MLS start as well as SDFC's first-ever hat trick and four-goal performance. He became the 10th player in league history to score three goals in 10 minutes or less. He scored seven goals in three matches over the course of 135 minutes. He scored nine goals in 292 minutes played. It was the fewest minutes for a player to reach nine goals in league history, surpassing Adama Diomande (9 goals in 472 minutes) in 2018.

PLAYER OF THE MATCHDAY- MATCHDAY 28

San Diego FC forward Anders Dreyer was named to the Team of the Matchday for Matchday 28 after his performance during SDFC's 2-1 win at Sporting KC on Aug. 9. The Danish forward had a goal and an assist in Kansas City. He helped set up the first score of the match with an assist on Hirving “Chucky” Lozano's first half goal. He then extended the SDFC lead with a goal of his won in the 70th minute on a give-and-go play with Onni Valakari.

With that pair of goal contributions, Dreyer passed LAFC's Carlos Vela (27 in 2018) with the most goal contributions in an expansion season with 29.

YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR FIRST

San Diego FC (SDFC) made history earning a 2-0 victory over reigning MLS Cup champions LA Galaxy at Dignity Health Sports Park in SDFC's MLS debut

on March 23, 2025. SDFC winger Anders Dreyer headlined MLS' Sunday Night Soccer with a brace, scoring the Club's first-ever MLS goal in the 52nd minute. Despite a late push from the Galaxy, SDFC held firm, and finished off the game with Dreyer's second goal of the night in stoppage time. SDFC shutout the LA Galaxy in Carson, ending their undefeated streak at home and becoming the first MLS team to defeat them at Dignity Health Sports Park since Oct. 21, 2023.

With their 2-0 road victory over the Galaxy, SDFC became the second MLS expansion team to win their inaugural match since 2019, joining St. Louis CITY SC in 2023.

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INAGURAL MATCH STARTING XI

	#1 CJ Dos Santos		
#19 Jasper Löffelsend	#17 Paddy McNair	#22 Franco Negri	#97 Christopher McVey
#20 Aníbal Godoy	#6 Jeppe Tverskov ©		#14 Luca de la Torre
#10 Anders Dreyer	#7 Marcus Ingvarsten		#11 Hirving Lozano

Substitutes

#2	Willy		
#5	Hamady Diop	#24	Emmanuel Boateng
#8	Onni Valakari	#25	Ian Pilcher
#9	Tomás Ángel	#70	Alejandro Alvarado
#13	Pablo Sisniega	#77	Alex Mighten

SDFC INAUGURAL MATCH

SDFC vs. LA Galaxy, Feb. 23, 2025 - Dignity Health Sports Park

	SDFC 2-0 LA Galaxy, Feb. 23, 2025 Dignity Health Sports Park
1st Win	
1st Goal	Anders Dreyer (52')
1st Assist	Hirving "Chucky" Lozano (52')
1st Captain	Jeppe Tverskov
1st Foul Committed	Marcus Ingvarsten (19')
1st Foul Received	Jeppe Tverskov (13')
1st Offside	Luca de la Torre (12')
1st Yellow Card	Aníbal Godoy (45')
	Sub Out: Franco Negri – Out (63')
1st Substitute	Sub In: Willy

SDFC FIRSTS

1st Home Game	3.1.25	SDFC vs. St. Louis City SC
1st Home Win	3.29.25	SDFC 3 – 2 LAFC
1st Draw	3.1.25	SDFC 0-0 St. Louis City SC
1st Goal at Home	3.15.25	Onni Valakari (60')
1st Brace	2.23.25	Anders Dreyer (52') & (90'+3') vs. LA Galaxy
1st Loss	3.23.25	SDFC 1 - 2 Austin FC
1st Penalty Kick	4.26.25	Hirving "Chucky" Lozano (45+6) vs. RSL
1st PK Block	5.14.25	CJ Dos Santos vs. Colorado Rapids
1st Hat trick	6.25.25	Milan Iloski vs. Vancouver Whitecaps
1st Haul	6.25.25	Milan Iloski vs. Vancouver Whitecaps

RIDING THE EXPANSION WAVE

SDFC holds the second longest unbeaten streak (2-0-2) by an expansion team, behind St. Louis City SC who had a perfect 5-0-0 record in 2023.

SDFC suffered its first-ever loss and first-ever loss on the road falling 2-1 against Austin FC on Sunday, March 23 at Q2 Stadium.

LONGEST OPENING UNBEATEN STREAKS BY AN EXPANSION TEAM IN MLS

TEAM	STRE AK	RECORD (W-L-T)	SEASON
ST. LOUIS CITY SC	5	5-0-0	2023
San Diego FC	4	2-0-2	2025
New York City FC	3	1-0-2	2015
Seattle Sounders FC	3	3-0-0	2009
Multiple Teams	2		

EXPANSION TEAMS

With their 2-0 road victory over the Galaxy, SDFC became the second MLS expansion team to win their inaugural match since 2019, joining St. Louis CITY SC in 2023.

SDFC became just the third MLS expansion team out of ten total to win their inaugural match since 2017, joining LAFC (2018) and St. Louis CITY SC (2023).

INAUGURAL MATCH RESULTS FOR EXPANSION TEAMS

YEAR	TEAM	OPPONENT	W-L-T	DATE	STADIUM
2017	MINNESOTA UNITED	PORTLAND	L (5-1)	3/3/2017	PROVIDENCE PARK
2017	ATLANTA UNITED	NEW YORK RED BULL	L (2-1)	3/5/2017	BOBBY DODD STADIUM
2018	LAFC	SEATTLE	W (1-0)	3/4/2018	LUMEN FIELD
2019	FC CINCINNATI	SEATTLE	L (4-1)	3/2/2019	LUMEN FIELD
2020	INTER MIAMI CF	LAFC	L (1-0)	3/1/2020	BMO STADIUM
2020	NASHVILLE SC	ATLANTA UNITED	L (2-1)	2/29/2020	NISSAN STADIUM
2021	AUSTIN FC	LAFC	L (2-0)	4/17/2021	BMO STADIUM
2022	CHARLOTTE FC	DC UNITED	L (3-0)	2/26/2022	AUDI FIELD
2023	ST. LOUIS CITY SC	AUSTIN	W(3-2)	2/25/2023	Q2 STADIUM
2025	SAN DIEGO FC	LA GALAXY	W(2-0)	2/23/2025	DIGNITY HEALTH SPORTS PARK

2025 MLS REGULAR SEASON

NO.	PLAYER	POS	GP	GS	MINS	G	A
2	Willy Kumado	D	19	7	757	0	0
4	Andrés Reyes	D	1	1	44	0	0
3	Leo Duru	D	2	0	37	0	0
5	Hamady Diop	D	7	0	190	0	0
6	Jeppe Tverskov	M	33	33	2931	2	13
7	Marcus Ingvarsten	F	8	5	403	2	1
8	Onni Valakari	F	34	26	2443	4	11
9	Tomás Ángel	F	22	9	712	3	2
10	Anders Dreyer	F	34	34	3022	19	19
11	Hirving Lozano	F	27	22	1833	9	10
14	Luca de la Torre	M	30	24	2128	5	2
15	Pedro Soma	M	5	0	66	0	0
17	Paddy McNair	D	23	21	1712	0	1
19	David Vazquez	M	5	2	196	0	0
20	Anibal Godoy	M	25	21	1728	1	2
21	Corey Baird	F	23	6	677	0	0
22	Franco Negri	D	15	9	659	1	1
23	Aiden Harangi	D	5	5	339	0	0
24	Emmanuel Boateng	F	13	0	230	0	0
25	Ian Pilcher	D	17	8	916	1	1
26	Manu Duah	M	14	12	1038	0	0
27	Luca Bombino	D	26	24	2126	1	4
29	Annise Saidi	F	1	0	9	0	0
33	Oscar Verhoeven	D	15	11	1008	0	0
70	Alejandro Alvarado Jr.	M	12	6	486	0	0
77	Alex Mighten	F	26	11	1045	1	0
90	Amahl Pellegrino	F	20	9	817	4	5
97	Christopher McVey	D	32	32	2854	2	1
			GP	GS	Mins	CS	GA
1	CJ Dos Santos	GK	30	30	2700	10	38
13	Pablo Sisniega	GK	4	4	360	1	3

ALL-TIME MLS REGULAR SEASON

NO	PLAYER	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	A
2	Willy Kumado	D	19	7	757	0	0
4	Andrés Reyes	D	97	85	7132	5	1
3	Leo Duru	D	2	0	37	0	0
5	Hamady Diop	D	10	0	225	0	0
6	Jeppe Tverskov	M	33	33	2931	2	13
7	Marcus Ingvarsten	F	8	5	403	2	1
8	Onni Valakari	F	34	26	2443	4	11
9	Tomás Ángel	F	27	9	758	4	2
10	Anders Dreyer	F	34	34	3022	19	19
11	Hirving Lozano	F	27	22	1833	9	10
14	Luca de la Torre	M	30	24	2128	5	2
15	Pedro Soma	M	5	0	66	0	0
17	Paddy McNair	D	23	21	1712	0	1
19	David Vazquez	M	5	2	196	0	0
20	Anibal Godoy	M	237	207	18019	9	21
21	Corey Baird	F	205	136	11975	31	27
22	Franco Negri	D	42	34	2782	2	3
23	Aiden Harangi	D	5	5	339	0	0
24	Emmanuel Boateng	F	223	104	10044	17	26
25	Ian Pilcher	D	17	8	916	1	1
26	Manu Duah	M	14	12	1038	0	0
27	Luca Bombino	D	26	24	2126	1	4
29	Annise Saidi	F	1	0	9	0	0
33	Oscar Verhoeven	D	21	16	1411	0	0
70	Alejandro Alvarado Jr.	M	12	6	486	0	0
77	Alex Mighten	F	26	11	1045	1	0
90	Amahl Pellegrino	F	52	31	2551	11	7
97	Christopher McVey	D	109	104	9250	4	3
1	CJ Dos Santos	GK	32	32	2880	10	43
13	Pablo Sisniega	GK	37	37	3330	5	54

ALL-TIME TRANSACTIONS

DATE	TRANSACTION
12/14/2023	SDFC signs Duran Ferree to a four-year contract running through the 2027 Major League Soccer (MLS) season with a Club option for 2028.
1/25/2024	SDFC loans goalkeeper Duran Ferree to Orange County SC through 2024 USL Championship season.
3/19/2024	SDFC signs Jeppe Tverskov to a two-year contract running through the 2026 Major League Soccer (MLS) season.
3/19/2024	SDFC signs Marcus Ingvarstsen to a three-year contract running through the 2027 Major League Soccer (MLS) season with a Club option through 2029.
6/6/2024	SDFC signs Hirving "Chucky" Lozano from Netherlands side PSV Eindhoven as a Designated Player and signs the winger to a four-year contract through the end of the 2028 MLS season with two option years, effective January 1, 2025.
7/25/2024	SDFC signs free agent Paddy McNair to a three-year contract through the end of the 2027 MLS season with a Club option for an additional year effective January 1, 2025. SDFC has also reached an agreement with West Brom of the English Championship to loan McNair for the remainder of 2024.
8/30/2024	SDFC signs winger Alex Mighten from English Premier League side Nottingham Forest F.C. to a two-and-a-half-year contract through the end of the 2026 MLS season with a Club option for an additional year. SDFC acquired the Discovery Priority to Mighten from Nashville SC in exchange for \$50,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM). Mighten will join SDFC in January pending receipt of his International Transfer Certificate (ITC).
8/31/2024	SDFC loans winger Alex Mighten to FC Nordsjælland from the Danish Superliga for the remainder of 2024, pending the release of Mighten's ITC.
9/4/2024	SDFC recalled goalkeeper Duran Ferree from his loan at Orange County SC.
12/9/2024	SDFC acquire Forward Tomás Ángel from LAFC and a second-round pick in the 2025 MLS Super Draft in Exchange for \$200,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money.
12/9/2024	SDFC receive a 2025 international roster slot from the Columbus Crew in exchange for \$100,000 in 2025 GAM.
12/11/2024	SDFC acquire the right of first refusal for Defender Christopher McVey from D.C. United in exchange for \$50,000 in GAM in 2025 and up to \$50,000 in conditional 2026 GAM if certain performance metrics are met.
12/11/2024	SDFC signs defender Christopher McVey to a new contract through the end of the 2026 MLS Regular Season with Club options for an additional year.
12/11/2024	SDFC acquired goalkeeper CJ Dos Santos from Inter Miami CF in exchange for \$100,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money.
12/11/2024	SDFC Selects Midfielder Heine Gilking Bruseth from Orlando City SC in the 2024 MLS Expansion Draft
12/11/2024	SDFC selects defender Hamady Diop from Charlotte FC in the 2024 MLS Expansion Draft.
12/11/2024	SDFC selects midfielder Jasper Löffelsend from the Colorado Rapids in the 2024 MLS Expansion Draft.
12/11/2024	SDFC selects midfielder Hosei Kijima from St. Louis City SC and Trades Kajima to D.C. United in exchange for \$400,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM) in the 2024 MLS Expansion Draft.
12/11/2024	SDFC selects forward Thiago Andrade from New York City FC and trades Andrade to Toronto FC in exchange for the club's natural first-round draft pick in the MLS Super Draft 2025 and up to \$250,000 in conditional GAM if certain performance metrics are met. SDFC retains a percentage of a future transfer fee if Andrade is sold out of MLS by Toronto.
12/12/2024	SDFC receives two 2025 International Roster Slots from Seattle Sounders FC in exchange for \$250,000 in 2025 GAM.
12/12/2024	SDFC acquire Colombian defender Andrés Reyes from the New York Red Bulls in exchange for \$600,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM), \$200,000 in 2026 GAM and a future sell-on percentage. Reyes' contract is guaranteed contract through 2026 with a Club option for an additional year.
12/13/2024	SDFC selects goalkeeper Jacob Jackson in Stage 1 of the 2024 MLS Re-Entry Draft on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024, picking up his contract option for the 2025 MLS season.
12/19/2024	SDFC signs free agent midfielder Aníbal Godoy to a one-year contract through the end of the 2025 MLS season with Club options for the 2026 and 2027 MLS seasons.
12/27/2024	SDFC signs free agent goalkeeper Pablo Sisniega to a one-year contract through the end of the 2025 MLS season with Club options for the 2026 and 2027 MLS seasons.
1/3/2025	SDFC acquire Homegrown Priority to forward Anisse Saidi from Philadelphia Union in exchange for \$50,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM), \$50,000 in 2026 GAM, additional incentives if certain performance metrics are met and a future sell-on percentage. SDFC has also signed Saidi as a Homegrown Player with a contract through the end of the 2028 MLS season with a Club option for an additional year.
1/6/2025	SDFC acquire winger Emmanuel Boateng from New England Revolution in exchange for \$200,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM). Boateng, who holds a U.S. Green Card, has a guaranteed contract through the 2025 MLS season.
1/7/2025	SDFC signs defender Franco Negri to a one-year contract through the end of the 2025 MLS season with a Club option for an additional year.
1/13/2025	SDFC acquire midfielder Onni Valakari on Loan from Pafos FC through the 2025 MLS season with a Club option for 2026. Valakari will occupy a 2025 International Roster Slot and will be added to the roster upon receipt of his P-1 Visa.
1/14/2025	SDFC signed midfielder Alejandro Alvarado Jr. from FC Vizela Portugal's Primeira Liga through the 2026 MLS season with Club options for 2027 and 2028.
1/21/2025	SDFC acquire midfielder Luca de la Torre on a 12-month loan through the 2025 MLS season from Spain's RC Celta de Vigo with a purchase option.
1/22/2025	SDFC signs Danish winger Anders Dreyer as the second Designated Player on a three-year contract through 2027 from R.S.C Anderlecht. Dreyer will occupy an International Roster Slot and will be added to the roster pending his ITC and P-1 Visa.
1/24/2025	SDFC acquire \$50,000 in GAM in 2025 from LAFC in exchange for the Right of First Refusal for Yaw Yeboah.
1/27/2025	SDFC signs defender Ian Pilcher to a one-year contract through the end of the 2025 MLS season with Club options for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 MLS seasons.

ALL-TIME TRANSACTIONS

DATE TRANSACTION

2/5/2025	SDFC signs defender Willy Kumado from Danish Superliga club Lyngby Boldklub on a two-year contract through the end of the 2026 MLS season with Club options for the 2027 and 2028 seasons. Kumado will occupy an International Roster Slot and will be added to the roster pending receipt of his International Transfer Certificate (ITC) and P-1 Visa.
2/10/2025	SDFC acquire \$175,000 in 2025 GAM from Inter Miami in exchange for a 2025 International Roster Slot.
2/25/2025	SDFC acquire defender Luca Bombino on loan from LAFC through 2025, with permanent transfer option, in exchange for a 2025 International Roster Slot.
4/2/2025	SDFC acquire attacker Milan Iloski on loan from sister club FC Nordsjaelland (FCN) through July 2025.
4/21/2025	SDFC acquire defender Oscar Verhoeven on loan from the San Jose Earthquakes through the 2025 MLS season.
5/29/2025	SDFC resigned goalkeeper CJ Dos Santos through the 2027 season, with a club option through 2028.
7/02/2025	SDFC signed defender Christopher McVey to a contract extension through the 2027 season with a club option through 2028.
7/10/2025	Midfielder Heine Bruseth was sent on loan to Sarpsborg 08 in Norway's Eliteserien through the end of the 2025 season, with a purchase option.
7/16/2025	SDFC acquired defender Aiden Harangi on loan through the remainder of the 2025 season from Bundesliga side Eintracht Frankfurt.
7/28/2025	SDFC acquired midfielder David Vazquez on loan through 2025 with a permanent trade option from the Philadelphia Union in exchange for \$50,000 in General Allocation Money (GAM) in 2025 and 2026.
7/28/2025	SDFC acquired midfielder Pedro Soma from Spanish UE Cornellà guaranteed through 2027 with a club option for 2028.
7/30/2025	SDFC acquired a 2026 MLS SuperDraft Natural 3 rd round selection from FC Dallas in exchange for goalkeeper Jacob Jackson.
8/6/2025	SDFC acquired forward Corey Baird from FC Cincinnati in exchange for \$50,000 in General Allocation Money (GAM) in 2026.
8/15/2025	SDFC acquired \$200,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM) from the Portland Timbers in exchange for 2025 International Roster Spot.
8/20/2025	SDFC acquired defender Leo Duru from EFL side Blackburn Rovers F.C. on loan through 2026 with a permanent purchase option.
8/22/2025	SDFC waived defender Hamady Diop.
8/22/2025	SDFC acquired forward Amahl Pellegrino from the San Jose Earthquakes in exchange for \$300,000 in General Allocation Money (GAM), guaranteed through the 2025 season.
10/24/2025	SDFC resigned Jeppe Tverskov to a contract extension guaranteed through the 2027 season, with a club option through 2028.

OUR COLORS

2025 INAUGURAL KIT

SDFC officially announced the Club's 2025 State of Flow Inaugural Jersey on Friday, December 13, 2024.

San Diego FC's inaugural jersey is more than a kit – it's a story woven into every thread of the jersey. Azul, the Club's primary color, captures the boundless horizon where the ocean meets the sky, highlighting the beauty of San Diego's coastal regions. Chrome details seamlessly integrated into the fabric of the jersey shine as a reflection of the city's vibrant communities. The gradient side stripes, featuring the Club's community colors, symbolize the connection between San Diego's neighborhoods that define the city's diversity. The inaugural jersey also features a 'Chrome and Azul' Jock Tag in the bottom corner of the front of the jersey, and also features a 'State of Flow' Tag in the back collar of the jersey, emphasizing the way of life that best describes the essence of San Diego.



OUR COLORS

KIT DESIGNED FOR THE COMMUNITY

SDFC officially launch the Club's first-ever secondary kit on Friday, December 14, 2025.

SDFC's first-ever **Community Kit** is a blank canvas for the people of San Diego. Anchored in the Club's mantra – "Woven Into One" – it invites fans and supporters to come together and imagine the future of the Club. This initiative introduces the community as a long-term co-creative director, shaping the evolution of future designs.

The Club's secondary jerseys in future seasons will be co-designed with fans and local artists through focus groups, design workshops, and community-driven campaigns to ensure each kit remains an authentic expression of San Diego's culture and spirit.

Community Kit Design Elements

This year's predominantly white base represents the abundance of light in San Diego while symbolizing endless imagination. A subtle flow-like pattern, resembling both a tapestry and fingerprints, signifies the community's unique imprint on the Club's journey. Azul stripes on the shoulders and neck reflect the Club's core identity, while the lighter blue accents on the sides and collar nod to San Diego's expansive skies and ocean.

The jock tag '18' represents the heart of the Club – uniting all of San Diego's communities through the love of football. It also hints at the Colors of the Community, a key feature that will shape future secondary kits. Inside the collar, the phrase "Woven Into One" reinforces the Club's purpose and unity.



Introducing Playmakers: SDFC's Artists & Creatives Program

To launch this long-term strategy and commitment to the creative community, SDFC is proud to introduce Playmakers – SDFC's artists and creatives program. For this kit launch, SDFC partnered with Claudia Rodriguez, founder of sustainable hand-sewn streetwear brand Sew Loka, to create six unique pieces that express the "Woven Into One" narrative through her unique style. SDFC also partnered with creatives Marcos Ramirez ERRE, Monty Montgomery and Paola "Panca" Villaseñor to express their art using SDFC jerseys as a blank canvas. Their work will be auctioned and the funds will go into a fund to engage Playmakers with the next generation of artists and creatives, starting this year with a talented group of young men and women from Hoover High School.

Playmakers will also be guided by a mentorship advisory board, featuring some of San Diego's most talented local creatives. Their role is to activate Playmakers as a platform for artistic expression and ensure the Club delivers on its promise of community collaboration. The list of creatives in the Playmakers Advisory Board is below.

- Greg Strangman – LWP Group + Community Bran
- Bobby Ruiz – Tribal Streetwear + Lower Left
- Claudia Sandoval – Chef
- Claire & Troy Johnson – San Diego Magazine
- Brandon Hernandez – San Diego Beer News
- Dontae Ralston – Project West + Hip-Hop Artist
- Mauricio Couturier – Couturier Vision
- Mike Metcalf – 9 Five + Arts/Rec
- Ramel J. Wallace – Creative Mornings
- Elizabeth Yang-Hellewell – New Children's Museum
- Gaela Fernandez – World Design Capital



CLUB INFO

LEADERSHIP

TOM PENN

CEO

A former NBA executive who co-founded LAFC and helped usher in the Black & Gold's historic entrance into the league in 2018, Penn is overseeing his second MLS expansion project as chief executive



TYLER HEAPS

SPORTING DIRECTOR & GM

Heaps brings over 10 years of top-level global soccer experience from his roles at Right to Dream, AS Monaco and the U.S. Soccer Federation. At 33, he is the youngest sporting director in MLS.



MIKEY VARAS

HEAD COACH

Mikey Varas was named San Diego FC's first-ever Head Coach on September 16, 2024.

The former FC Dallas and US men's national team assistant gets his first club head coaching job after briefly serving as USMNT interim manager last year. Varas also led the US U-20s to a quarterfinal finish at the 2023 FIFA U-20 World Cup.



KEY PLAYERS

ANDRÉS REYES

DEFENDER #4

An MLS-proven defender with nearly 100 regular-season appearances between stops at Inter Miami CF and New York Red Bulls, Reyes projects as a foundational piece of San Diego's backline alongside Paddy McNair. The Colombian center back was a key figure in RBNY's run to MLS Cup 2024 presented by Audi.



HIRVING "CHUCKY"

LOZANO

FORWARD #11 – Designated Player

SDFC announced Hirving "Chucky" Lozano as the Club's First-ever Designated Player in Club history on June 6, 2024.

MLS - "Like fellow Mexican superstar Carlos Vela before him at LAFC, Hirving "Chucky" Lozano has the hopes of a California-based expansion club on his shoulders – in his case as the centerpiece of San Diego's roster build."



LUCA DE LA TORRE

MIDFIELDER #14

The San Diego native and USMNT regular will play for his new hometown club over a decade after departing for Europe.

De la Torre provides playmaking skills honed in the English Premier League (Fulham), Eredivisie (Heracles Almelo) and LaLiga (Celta de Vigo), joining SDFC on a season-long loan from Celta with a purchase option.



ANDERS DREYER

MIDFIELDER #10 – Designated Player

San Diego's second Designated Player signing to complement marquee DP Lozano, Dreyer is a right winger acquired from Belgian Pro League powerhouse Anderlecht.

The 26-year-old Denmark international enters the prime of his career at San Diego after building his reputation in some of Europe's top leagues.



CLUB INFO

SIR MOHAMMED MANSOUR

British-Egyptian entrepreneur Mohamed Mansour is a founding partner and chairman of San Diego FC, spearheading a diverse and collaborative ownership group that also includes the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation – a tribe with over 12,000 years in the region of Southern California and Mexico.



SYCUAN BAND OF THE KUMEYAAY NATION

The **Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation** is a founding partner and Cody Martinez is the Vice Chairman of San Diego FC. The Sycuan Tribe are San Diego's ancestral family, with over 12,000 years in the region of Southern California and Mexico.

As industry leaders in hospitality and entertainment, among other ventures, they own the top casino and resort destination in San Diego County. They lead multiple award-winning community outreach programs which focus on youth development. They have been major sponsors of professional sports in San Diego for over 30 years, including the MLB's Padres and the NFL's Chargers. This venture makes history and breaks the glass ceiling as the first ever Native American ownership group in global football.



The worlds of sports, music and culture are also well-represented in SDFC's partnership team

MANNY MACHADO

San Diego Padres Infielder &
Perennial MLB All-Star



JUAN MATA

FIFA World Cup-Winner, Former
Spanish International
Footballer



ISSA RAE

Acclaimed Actress,
Producer, and Entrepreneur



TEMS

Grammy-Award-Winning and Oscar-
Nominated Singer, Songwriter and
Producer.



JOCKO WILLINK

RETIRED U.S. NAVY SEAL
OFFICER & PODCAST HOST

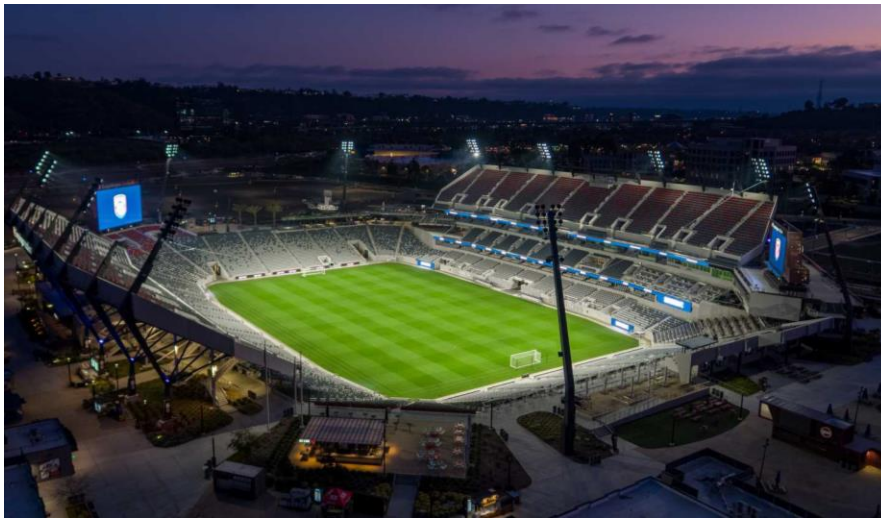


RIGHT TO DREAM

SNAPDRAGON STADIUM

The 35,000-capacity stadium is the largest soccer-specific venue in the United States. It sits on San Diego State University's campus and is also home to NWSL side San Diego Wave FC.

SDFC is set to debut at Snapdragon Stadium when they host St. Louis City SC in the Club's home-opener at 7:30 PT on Saturday, March 1.



SHARP HEALTHCARE PERFORMANCE CENTER

San Diego FC officially opened the Club's state-of-the-art Sharp HealthCare Performance Center with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony and press conference on February 4, 2025. The Sharp HealthCare Performance Center, located on the Sycuan Reservation in El Cajon, is an integral part of the Club's 125,000 square-foot campus that features a 50,000-square-foot state-of-the-art sports performance center shared by the first team and academy teams, and five full-sized soccer fields, including three natural turf fields and two synthetic turf fields. A cultural focal point of the facility is the second-floor dining room and communal hub, overlooking the training fields, which will foster engagement between the academy players, coaches, teachers and professional players.

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RIGHT TO DREAM

ACADEMY – RIGHT TO DREAM

Founded 26 years ago in Ghana, with additional outposts in Egypt and Denmark, Right to Dream is now establishing roots in San Diego. MLS's 30th club has access to the growing network's global reach, with the ultimate goal of forming local talent from San Diego, Mexico and beyond at their 125,000-square-foot campus in El Cajon on the Sycuan Reservation

San Diego FC's Right to Dream Academy will deliver excellence and innovation in player development by giving top talent the opportunity to develop their academic and athletic potential in a fully-funded residential program, the first of its kind in North America. San Diego FC's Right to Dream Academy is creating an integrated pathway based on the successful Right to Dream methodology for providing top talent a pathway from the academy to the professional team.



On 28 acres in San Diego, the home of the Academy and professional team is intentionally designed to foster engagement between the academy players, coaches, staff, teachers and professional players. The brand new campus site includes dedicated school facilities, student-athlete residential dorms, 5 world-class pitches, a state-of-the-art sports performance center, and a dining space that serves as the cultural focal point and communal hub for the campus community.

The Right to Dream Academy offers a unique and comprehensive talent development model that weaves together world-class football development, top tier education, and intentional character building. This holistic environment allows student-athletes to develop not just as elite footballers, but as leaders and changemakers who will make a positive impact on their communities and beyond.

San Diego FC's Right to Dream Academy is a fully-funded, free residential program, school and football academy. When the academy opens in the fall of 2025, San Diego FC will become the first Major League Soccer club to offer a privately operated school combined with a residential football academy.

Among the 6 newly renovated school buildings within the campus, the student athlete residential spaces will accommodate boys between the ages of 12-18, spanning grades 6 through 12. Starting in the fall of 2026, San Diego FC will create a non-residential, fully-funded professional player development pathway at the academy for girls between the ages of 12-18.

TECHNICAL STAFF



TYLER HEAPS
SPORTING DIRECTOR & GM



MIKEY VARAS
HEAD COACH



MARK PRIZANT
ASSISTANT
SPORTING
DIRECTOR



FRANK HJORTEBJER
ASSISTANT COACH



KELVIN JONES
ASSISTANT COACH



LUCIANO FUSCO
ASSISTANT COACH



JASON GRUBB
GOALKEEPER COACH

TYLER HEAPS — SPORTING DIRECTOR & GM



Tyler Heaps joined SDFC as the Club's first-ever Sporting Director and General Manager. Heaps brings over 10 years of top-level global football experience from his roles at Right to Dream, AS Monaco, and the U.S. Soccer Federation. At 33, Heaps also becomes the youngest Sporting Director in Major League Soccer.

Heaps joins San Diego FC from Right to Dream, where he served as the Group Head of Recruitment and Insights. In this role, he helped build the first-team recruitment strategy for both FC Nordsjælland and SDFC. He also drove technological and data advancements to enhance internal pipeline tracking and external monitoring, leading to more impactful decision-making. Additionally, Heaps had been spearheading efforts for SDFC on roster and club strategy to ensure cohesion and alignment with Right to Dream's overall vision.

Before his time at Right to Dream, Heaps was the Head of Analysis and Insights at AS Monaco Football Club from 2021 to 2023. Reporting to the Sporting Director, he supported all sporting functions including recruitment, analysis, and performance. Heaps was instrumental in developing and providing insights across leadership, player recruitment, coaching, and academy performance. His efforts contributed significantly to AS Monaco's performance, with the team playing in the Europa League in two of the three seasons during his tenure at the Club, while also achieving a third-place finish in France's Ligue 1 in his first season at Monaco after they finished 17th on the table in the season prior to his arrival.

MIKEY VARAS — HEAD COACH



Mikey Varas joined SDFC on September 16, 2024 as the Club's first-ever Head Coach ahead of its 2025 inaugural season. Prior to joining SDFC, Varas served as the Head Coach for the US U-20 National Team from 2021-2023, in 2024 he joined the senior squad for the USMNT as an assistant coach for the USMNT in 2023, and most recently served as the USMNT interim Head Coach in 2024.

Before joining U.S. Soccer, Varas served as an assistant coach for FC Dallas under former head coach Luchi Gonzalez for three seasons. During his tenure, FC Dallas reached the MLS Cup playoffs twice fueled by a number of standout Homegrown players from the club's academy.

MARK PRIZANT — ASSISTANT SPORTING DIRECTOR



Prizant joined SDFC in November 2024 as the Assistant Sporting Director where he will oversee player recruitment, analysis and player development functions. Additionally, Prizant will provide effective management and leadership to the Club's technical department, fostering a culture of innovation and collaboration that aligns with SDFC's mission of developing both players and staff. His dedication to player development and recruitment strategies will be crucial in establishing SDFC as a top destination for emerging talent in North America.

Prizant brings 24 years of experience in soccer, having held key scouting and recruitment roles across four MLS clubs, including Chicago Fire, Philadelphia Union, Inter Miami, and now SDFC. In his recent position as Director of Scouting & Recruitment for Inter Miami, Prizant was instrumental in building a first team that went on to win the 2023 Leagues Cup and the 2024 Supporters' Shield, setting an all-time MLS points record. Previously, he played a pivotal role in establishing the Philadelphia Union academy, contributing to the development of talent that has gone on to excel in both MLS and Europe. Prizant also spent time working for Manchester United as a scout in North America.



**FRANK
HJORTEBJER
ASSISTANT COACH**

JOINED DECEMBER 2024

Assistant Coach Frank Hjortebjerg, brings extensive experience from Denmark’s top clubs. Most recently, he served as Assistant Coach for Odense Boldklub in the Danish Superliga (2022–2024) and spent three years with FC Nordsjaelland, where he contributed as a First Team Assistant Coach and also as a First Team Analyst. Additionally, Hjortebjerg has excelled in developing young talent, having served as Head Coach for Brøndby IF’s U-17 team and FC Nordsjaelland’s U-15 team. With a proven track record in both first-team coaching and youth development, Hjortebjerg brings valuable tactical expertise and leadership to SDFC’s coaching staff ahead of its inaugural MLS season.



**KELVIN JONES
ASSISTANT COACH**

JOINED DECEMBER 2024

Assistant Coach Kelvin Jones joined SDFC after a successful career with the Columbus Crew, where he served in various roles since 2017, including Academy Director and Crew 2 Head Coach in 2024. Under his leadership, Crew 2 reached the Eastern Conference Final in MLS NEXT Pro, showcasing a young, dynamic squad with an average age of 19.1 years and finishing third in the league for minutes played by U-19 players. Internationally, Jones was an assistant coach for the U.S. U-17 Men’s National Team during the 2023 FIFA U-17 World Cup, where the team reached the Round of 16. A former professional player with the Richmond Kickers and Charleston Battery, Jones also excelled as a standout defender at Wake Forest University, leading the Demon Deacons to three NCAA Tournament appearances. Kelvin holds numerous coaching certifications including a USSF A License, NSCAA Director of Coaching Diploma, USSF National Youth License, and his Elite Formation Coaching License (EFCL), a partnership between MLS and the French Football Federation for elite MLS Academy coaches.



**LUCIANO FUSCO
ASSISTANT COACH**

JOINED DECEMBER 2024

Fusco brings a wealth of coaching experience across MLS, collegiate, and academy levels to SDFC. Most recently, he served as an assistant coach for the San Jose Earthquakes under head coach Luchi González from 2023-2024, where he helped the team qualify for the MLS playoffs in 2023. He assumed the role full-time after acting as interim assistant coach during the 2022 MLS season, supporting the team through the final 27 matches under interim head coach Alex Covelo. Fusco also worked as an assistant coach for Quakes II in MLS NEXT Pro and as a head coach in the Earthquakes Academy for the U-15 and U-17 squads. Prior to joining San Jose in 2018, he was part of the LAFC Academy as a youth head coach and served as an assistant coach for UCLA men’s soccer from 2016-2018. During his tenure, Fusco has earned four coaching invitations with the U.S. U-16 National Team.



**JASON GRUBB
GOALKEEPER
COACH**

JOINED DECEMBER 2024

SDFC Goalkeeper Coach Jason Grubbs brings extensive experience from MLS and international soccer. Most recently, he served as Austin FC’s First Team Set Piece Coach in 2024 after helping Austin FC II win the 2023 MLS NEXT Pro title. Prior to that, he was Head of Academy Goalkeeping and Dynamo 2 Goalkeeping Coach with the Houston Dynamo. Internationally, Grubb was the Goalkeeper Coach for the U.S. Senior Men’s National team during the 2023 Gold Cup. He was also Goalkeeping Coach for the U.S. U-20 Men’s Youth National Team, helping them win the 2022 Concacaf U-20 Championship. Additionally, he worked with the U-18 and U-20 U.S. Women’s Youth National Teams during his time with the U.S. Youth National Teams. His coaching career includes roles as Head of Goalkeeping at IMG Academy, and as assistant coach at Quinnipiac University.



CJ DOS SANTOS		No. 1	
Goalkeeper			
HT: 6'4"	WT: 192	AGE: 24	DOB: 8/24/2000
Pronunciation	See-JAY dose SAHN-toes		
Birthplace	Kearny, NJ		
Nationality	USA		
Last Club	Inter Miami CF		

Acquired: December 11, 2024, from Inter Miami CF in exchange for \$100,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money.

CJ, 24, joined Inter Miami ahead of the 2022 MLS season and was part of the squads that secured Inter Miami's first two official titles in club history: the inaugural Leagues Cup in 2023 and, most recently, the 2024 MLS Supporters' Shield with a record-breaking 74 points in the regular season. During his time at Miami, CJ made 31 appearances in all competitions for both Inter Miami and Inter Miami CF II.

Dos Santos signed for Portuguese Primeira Liga side Benfica in Aug. 2016. He featured for the club at several youth and reserve levels, including a Dec. 2018 UEFA Youth League match against AEK Athens F.C. in which he recorded a clean sheet. He made his Benfica B debut in Jan. 2021, starting consecutive matches in Portugal's second division. Before joining Benfica, dos Santos featured for a number of clubs at the youth levels, including a stint of three seasons in the Philadelphia Union Academy.

The Philadelphia native has been an active participant across several U.S. national team levels, playing for the U-17 and U-20 teams, joining the squads at the FIFA U-17 and U-20 World Cups in 2017 and 2019. In Dec. 2020, he participated in a senior national team camp at the Florida Blue Training Center and made the bench for the ensuing friendly against El Salvador at DRV PNK Stadium.



ANDRÉS REYES		No. 4	
DEFENDER			
HT: 6'3"	WT: 179	AGE: 25	DOB: 9/8/1999
Pronunciation	ahn-DRESS RAY-ehs		
Birthplace	Puerto Tejada, Colombia		
Nationality	Colombia		
Last Club	New York Red Bulls		

Acquired: December 12, 2024

SDFC acquired Reyes from the New York Red Bulls in exchange for \$600,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM), \$200,000 in 2026 GAM and a future sell-on percentage. Reyes, has a guaranteed contract through the 2026 MLS season with a Club option for an additional year.

Reyes signed with New York Red Bulls on January 18, 2021. In his four seasons with the Red Bulls, Reyes made 83 appearances (71 starts) and has scored five goals. In 2024, the Puerto Tejada, Colombia native appeared in 18 of 23 matches played, logging 1,492 minutes and recording one goal and one assist. During the Red Bulls 2024 Playoff run, Reyes started and played in four matches, logging 360 minutes, and scoring the game-winning goal in the club's 1-0 victory over Orlando City SC in the 2024 Eastern Conference Final, sending the Red Bulls to the club's second-ever MLS Cup final.

Prior to New York, Reyes was acquired by Inter Miami in February 2020, making 13 starts during Miami's inaugural season and his first season in MLS. Before joining Miami, he made his senior debut at the club level for Atletico Nacional in 2018 and went on to make 19 league appearances for the club. Reyes was also a member of the 2018 Copa Colombia title-winning side and 2018 Apertura runners-up.

At the international level, Reyes has made two career appearances for the Colombian Senior National Team. He made his senior national debut against Venezuela U-23's on December 10, 2023 in a 1-0 victory. Reyes scored his first career goal for Colombia in a 3-2 win against Mexico on December 17, 2023. Reyes was a member of the Colombia U-23 team that reached the semifinals of the CONMEBOL Pre-Olympic tournament in 2020. The center back has also represented Colombian youth teams at the U-20 and U-23 levels, making 11 appearances for the U-20 side and two appearances for the U-23 side. Reyes helped the Cafeteros qualify for the 2019 U-20 World Cup. He went on to appear in four of the team's five 2019 U-20 World Cup matches.



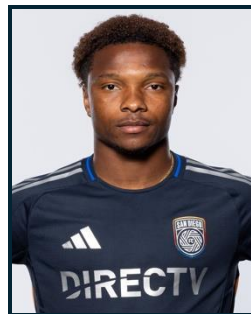
WILLY KUMADO		No. 2	
DEFENDER			
HT: 5'7"	WT: 154	AGE: 22	DOB: 10/16/2002
Pronunciation	WILL-ee koo-MAH-doh		
Birthplace	Damsoman, Accra, Ghana		
Nationality	Ghana		
Last Club	Lyngby Boldklub		

Acquired: February 10, 2025

SDFC signs defender Willy Kumado from Danish Superliga club Lyngby Boldklub on a two-year contract through the end of the 2026 MLS season with Club options for the 2027 and 2028 seasons. Kumado will occupy an International Roster Slot.

Kumado, 22, joins SDFC after spending the past two years at Lyngby Boldklub, where he made 57 appearances (41 starts) and registered seven assists across all competitions.

A product of the Right to Dream Academy in Ghana, Kumado signed his first professional contract with Danish Superliga side FC Nordsjaelland in 2021. He made his professional debut in the Danish Superliga against FC Midtjylland on Oct. 17, 2021. Overall, Kumado made 43 appearances and provided five assists across all competitions for FC Nordsjaelland, including four appearances in the Danish Superliga.



HAMADY DIOP		No. 5	
DEFENDER			
HT: 6'0"	WT: 185	AGE: 22	DOB: 6/6/2002
Pronunciation	huh-MAH-dee DEE-op		
Birthplace	Dakar, Senegal		
Nationality	Senegal		
Last Club	Charlotte FC		

Acquired: December 11, 2024

SDFC selects Hamady Diop from Charlotte FC in the 2024 Expansion Draft.

The No. 1 overall pick by Charlotte FC in MLS SuperDraft 2023, Hamady Diop was a Generation adidas signing out of Clemson University, where he was a member of the 2021 NCAA College Cup winning squad. Diop, 22, anchored a Tigers backline that pitched nine shutouts across his 20 starts, while also contributing three goals and three assists. The Senegalese defender has appeared in three MLS matches with Charlotte FC and is currently on loan with Serbian side FK Čukarički through January 15, 2025.

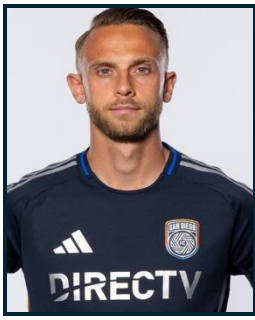


JEPPE TVERSKOV		No. 6	
MIDFIELDER			
HT: 6'1"	WT: 183	AGE: 31	DOB: 3/12/1993
Pronunciation	Ye-pey t-VER-skov		
Birthplace	Copenhagen, Denmark		
Nationality	Denmark		
Last Club	FC Nordsjaelland		

Acquired: March 19, 2024

SDFC signs Jeppe Tverskov to a two-year contract running through the 2026 Major League Soccer (MLS) season.

Tverskov, 30, had spent his entire playing career in Denmark. He made his Superliga debut in 2014 with Randers FC. In 2016 Tverskov signed with Odense Boldklub and appeared 210 times for the club over seven seasons before transferring to FC Nordsjaelland in 2023. During that stretch he appeared in 14 UEFA Europa League matches.



MARCUS INGVARTSEN		No. 7	
FORWARD			
HT: 6'1	WT: 172	AGE: 29	DOB: 1/4/1996
Pronunciation	MAR-cus ing-VART-sen		
Birthplace	Farum, Denmark		
Nationality	Denmark		
Last Club	FC Nordsjaelland		

Acquired: March 19, 2024.
SDFC signs Marcus Ingvartsen to a three-year contract running through the 2027 Major League Soccer (MLS) season with a Club option through 2029.

Ingvartsen, began his career at FC Nordsjaelland scoring 30 goals in 74 appearances for the Danish club. He led the Danish Superliga in scoring during the 2016-17 season before transferring to Belgium Pro League club Genk and later to German Bundesliga clubs Union Berlin and Mainz 05. He rejoined FC Nordsjaelland in 2023 where he made an immediate impact scoring six goals in eight UEFA Europa League matches, while adding another six goals in 16 Superliga contests. Ingvartsen made his senior team debut for Denmark in March 2021 scoring in a World Cup qualifier against Moldova. He is also the all-time leading goalscorer for Denmark's U21 national team, notching 17 goals in 28 matches.



ONNI VALAKARI		No. 8	
MIDFIELDER			
HT: 6'2"	WT: 181	AGE: 25	DOB: 8/18/1999
Pronunciation	Oh-nee Vah-Lah-Kah-Ree		
Birthplace	Motherwell, Finland		
Nationality	Finland		
Last Club	Pafos FC		

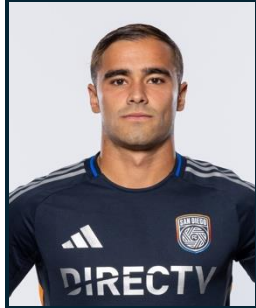
Acquired: January 13, 2025
SDFC acquire midfielder Onni Valakari on loan from Pafos FC through the 2025 MLS season with a Club option for 2026. Valakari will occupy a 2025 International Roster Slot

Valakari, 25, joins SDFC from Cypriot First Division club Pafos FC, where he made 159 appearances, scoring 46 goals and providing 19 assists across all competitions, including two appearances in the UEFA Europa League Qualifiers. In 2024, Valakari had a brief loan spell with Swedish top-flight club AIK Fotboll, registering 10 appearances, two goals, and two assists.

Born in Motherwell, Finland, Valakari began his youth career at Seinäperen Jalkapalokerho (SJK) in Finland's Veikkausliiga, making his professional debut in the Finnish Cup on January 20, 2017. He later joined Turun Palloseura (TPS) in Finland's Ykkösliiga in 2017, where he made 33 appearances, scored 11 goals, and provided two assists across all competitions.

In 2018 Valakari moved to Norway's Eliteserien with Tromsø IL, where he made 45 appearances (39 starts), scoring nine goals and one assist before joining Pafos FC in 2020.

Internationally, Valakari has earned 11 senior caps for Finland, including five appearances in the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers. He netted his first senior international goal in a 2-0 friendly win against France on November 11, 2020. Valakari has also represented Finland at the U-18, U-19, and U-21 levels, earning 24 caps and scoring seven goals. Onni is the son of former FC Dallas midfielder Simo Valakari.



TOMÁS ÁNGEL		No. 9	
FORWARD			
HT: 5'9"	WT: 152	AGE: 22	DOB: 2/20/2003
Pronunciation	toh-MAHS AHN-hel		
Birthplace	Medellín, Colombia		
Nationality	Colombia		
Last Club	Los Angeles FC		

Acquired: December 9, 2024
SDFC acquired Colombian Forward Tomás Ángel from LAFC and a second-round pick in the 2025 MLS SuperDraft in Exchange for \$200,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money.

Ángel joined 2023 USL Championship winners Phoenix Rising FC in Aug. 2024 on loan from LAFC. At Phoenix, Ángel made 15 appearances (15 starts), tallying six goals in that span, helping the team secure a spot in the 2024 USL Championship Playoffs.

The 21-year-old Colombian international signed with LAFC in Jan. 2024 and tallied one goal in five MLS appearances in 2024. Ángel made his LAFC debut on March 2, 2024 in a match against Real Salt Lake. He made 12 total appearances (five starts) across all competitions for LAFC and LAFC2, registering five goals in 440 minutes played this year before joining Phoenix Rising.

Ángel spent the previous three years with Atlético Nacional in Colombia's first division from 2021-2024. He made his debut for Atlético Nacional in a 5-2 win vs. Pereira on Jan 21, 2021. In his first season with Atlético Nacional's senior team, Ángel registered three appearances in the club's run to winning the 2021 Copa Colombiana. While with Atlético Nacional, Ángel helped the Club capture two Colombian Cup titles in 2021 and 2023, one Colombian League title in 2022 and one Colombian Super Cup Title in 2023, making 52 appearances and adding eight goals and two assists across all competitions.

Internationally, Ángel has represented the Colombian National Team at the U-19 and U-20 levels, making his debut for the U-20 team on May 31, 2022. Overall, Ángel has made 15 appearances and scored five goals for Colombia at the U-20 level, including three goals in five appearances in the 2023 U-20 FIFA World Cup.



ANDERS DREYER		No. 10	
FORWARD			
HT: 5'7"	WT: 139	AGE: 26	DOB: 5/2/1998
Pronunciation	Ahn-ders Dree-er		
Birthplace	Bramming, Denmark		
Nationality	Denmark		
Last Club	RSC Anderlecht		

Acquired: January 22, 2025
SDFC acquired Danish winger Anders Dreyer as the second Designated Player in SDFC history and signed him to a three-year contract through the end of the 2027 MLS season on a permanent transfer from Belgium's R.S.C. Anderlecht. Dreyer will occupy an International Roster Slot.

Dreyer, 26, spent the past two seasons playing for R.S.C. Anderlecht in the Belgian Pro League, where he made 87 appearances, scoring 31 goals and providing 23 assists across all competitions. Born in Bramming, Denmark, Dreyer rose through the ranks of Denmark's Esbjerg FB's youth system before making his professional debut on April 2, 2017. Over his time at Esbjerg FB, Dreyer made 47 appearances, recording 23 goals and nine assists across all competitions, before signing with Brighton & Hove Albion of the English Premier League in 2019.

During his time at Brighton, Dreyer was loaned out to several clubs, including a stint at Marren FC in the Scottish Premiership, where he made 11 appearances and recorded one goal and four assists. He then joined SC Heerenveen in the Eredivisie, where he made 13 appearances, registering one goal and two assists across all competitions.

In 2020, Dreyer returned to Denmark, signing with FC Midtjylland. Over the next three years, he made 110 appearances, scoring 35 goals and providing 29 assists across all competitions. Notably, Dreyer scored one goal and one assist in six appearances during the 2021 UEFA Champions League. He helped FC Midtjylland capture the 2020 Danish Superliga title and the 2021 Danish Cup before going on loan to Rubin Kazan of Russia's Premier Liga, where he made 14 appearances.

At the international level, Dreyer has represented Denmark at various youth levels, from U-17 to U-21, before making his senior national team debut against the Faroe Islands in a 2022 World Cup Qualifier on November 12, 2021. Dreyer has earned three senior caps for the Denmark National Team.



HIRVING "CHUCKY" LOZANO		No. 11	
FORWARD			
HT: 5'9"	WT: 154	AGE: 29	DOB: 7/30/1995
Pronunciation		ER-ving "CHOO-key" loh-ZAH-noh	
Birthplace		Mexico City, Mexico	
Nationality		Mexico	
Last Club		PSV Eindhoven	

Acquired: June 6, 2024

SDFC acquired Hirving "Chucky" Lozano from Netherlands side PSV Eindhoven as a Designated Player and signs the winger to a four-year contract through the end of the 2028 MLS season with two option years, effective January 1, 2025. .

Lozano, widely known as "Chucky", has established himself as one of the most dynamic wingers in the sport. The Mexico City native will join San Diego following an accomplished career in Europe and Mexico, playing for top international clubs like PSV Eindhoven of the Eredivisie, Napoli of Italy's Serie A and C.F. Pachuca of Mexico's Liga MX.

As part of the deal, SDFC has also secured the exclusive global commercial rights for Lozano's image, likeness, and endorsements across all media platforms, including advertising campaigns and special events.

Throughout his career, the 28-year-old has tallied over 267 all-time club appearances in Europe, scoring 76 goals and recording 43 assists in all competitions during his time at PSV Eindhoven and Napoli. Lozano has won titles at every club he's been a part of, including the 2016 Liga MX Clausura and 2016-17 Concacaf Champions League titles with Pachuca, the 2017-18 and 2023-24 Eredivisie titles with PSV Eindhoven, and the 2019-20 Coppa Italia and the 2022-23 Serie A titles with Napoli. Internationally, the winger has earned 70 caps for the Mexican National Team, netting 18 goals and 12 assists all-time for El Tricolor. Notably, Lozano has represented his country on the world's biggest stage making seven appearances and recording one goal and one assist all-time during the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups.

Lozano began his professional career with Pachuca in Liga MX, where he made 149 appearances and scored 43 goals and 31 assists during his time at the club (2014-17). Lozano led Pachuca to the Liga MX title in the 2016 Torneo Clausura and the 2016-17 Concacaf Champions League championship campaign.

On June 2017, Lozano made the jump to Europe after joining Dutch club PSV Eindhoven. In his debut season, the Mexican international scored 17 goals and tallied 11 assists in 29 league appearances, leading PSV to the Eredivisie title in the 2017-18 campaign. Over two seasons with PSV during his first stint at the club, Lozano recorded 40 goals and 23 assists in 79 appearances across all competitions. In his second stint at PSV (2023-24), Lozano helped lead the club to their first Dutch league title in six years and their 25th Eredivisie title overall, recording six goals and three assists in 24 in league matches played. All-time, Lozano has recorded 46 goals and 26 assists for PSV in 112 club appearances across all competitions.

Lozano's success in the Netherlands caught the attention of Italian giants Napoli, who signed him in August 2019. At Napoli, he scored 30 goals and provided 17 assists in 155 appearances, helping Napoli secure the 2019-20 Coppa Italia and 2022-23 Serie A title. During the 2022-23 season, Lozano played a pivotal role in helping Napoli clinch the Serie A title for the first time in over 30 years, in the process becoming the first Mexican international in history to win it.

On the international stage, Lozano made his senior debut for the Mexican National Team in 2016 and has since earned over 70 caps, scoring more than 18 goals for his country. Lozano's memorable moments for the national team include his goal against Germany in the 2018 FIFA World Cup, which secured a historic win for Mexico against the defending World Cup champion at the time. Lozano has represented Mexico at the 2016 Copa América Centenario, the 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup, the 2021 Concacaf Gold Cup, the Concacaf Nations League and the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups.



PABLO SISNIEGA		No. 13	
GOALKEEPER			
HT: 6'4"	WT: 176	AGE: 29	DOB: 7/7/1995
Pronunciation		paw-blow sees-NEE-ay-gah	
Birthplace		Mexico City, Mexico	
Nationality		Mexico/ USA	
Last Club		San Antonio FC	

Acquired: December 27, 2024

SDFC signs free agent goalkeeper Pablo Sisniega to a one-year contract through the end of the 2025 MLS season with Club options for the 2026 and 2027 MLS seasons

Pablo joins SDFC after spending the last season with USL Championship side San Antonio FC, making 22 appearances (22 starts) since he joined San Antonio in January 2024. Before joining San Antonio, Sisniega spent two years with Charlotte FC and its MLS Next Pro affiliate, Crown Legacy FC.

The 29-year-old Real Sociedad product joined LAFC in 2019 and made 32 appearances for the club over three seasons, helping LAFC to its first MLS Supporters' Shield in 2019. Over the course of his career in MLS, he appeared in 37 matches, registering 3,330 minutes and five clean sheets.

A native of Mexico City, Sisniega spent his youth career with multiple top academy sides in the United States and abroad, including Chivas Guadalajara (Liga MX), Philadelphia Union (MLS) and Real Sociedad (La Liga). He began his professional career in 2014 with Real Sociedad B, posting 14 clean sheets in 38 appearances over five seasons.



LUCA DE LA TORRE		No. 14	
MIDFIELDER			
HT: 5'10"	WT: 139	AGE: 26	DOB: 5/23/1998
Pronunciation		Day-lah-TOHR-reh	
Birthplace		San Diego, CA	
Nationality		USA	
Last Club		RC Celta de Vigo	

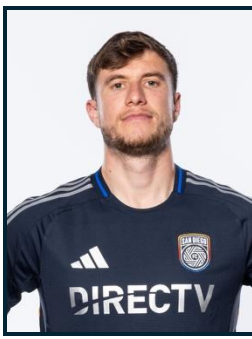
Acquired: January 27, 2025

SDFC acquire midfielder Luca de la Torre on a 12-month loan through the 2025 MLS season from Spain's RC Celta de Vigo with a purchase option.

De la Torre spent the past two seasons with Celta de Vigo in La Liga, where he made 67 appearances, contributing four goals and nine assists in all competitions. He made his debut for the club on August 20, 2022, against Real Madrid. In 2020, de la Torre moved to Heracles Almelo in the Eredivisie, where he made 59 appearances, scoring two goals and providing five assists. He then joined Celta de Vigo in 2022.

A San Diego native, de la Torre developed through local youth clubs including San Diego Nomads and San Diego Surf before moving to England in 2014 to join Fulham's youth academy. He made his professional debut for Fulham in 2017 and went on to make 87 appearances for the club, scoring 14 goals and adding 8 assists across all competitions.

On the international stage, de la Torre has represented the U.S. at both the youth and senior levels. He was part of the U.S. U-17 squad that won the 2017 Concacaf U-20 Championship, making his senior debut a year later in a friendly against Ireland on June 2, 2018. De la Torre has since earned 24 senior caps, including appearances in the 2022 World Cup Qualifiers and the 2024 Copa América. He is also a two-time Concacaf Nations League winner (2023, 2024).



PADDY McNAIR		No. 16	
DEFENDER			
HT: 6'2"	WT: 176	AGE: 29	DOB: 4/27/1995
Pronunciation		Padd-ee Mek-nair	
Birthplace		Ballyclare, Northern Ireland	
Nationality		Northern Ireland	
Last Club		Middlesbrough FC	

Acquired: July 25, 2025

SDFC signs free agent Paddy McNair to a three-year contract through the end of the 2027 MLS season with a Club option for an additional year effective January 1, 2025. SDFC has also reached an agreement with West Brom of the English Championship to loan McNair for the remainder of 2024.

The Ballyclare native will join San Diego following an accomplished career in England, having played for Manchester United, Sunderland, Middlesbrough, and now West Brom, with 274 matches played at the club level to date.

McNair signs with SDFC after an accomplished stint at Middlesbrough, where he made 219 appearances for the club. McNair joined Middlesbrough in June 2018, making his Boro debut in a 3-0 home win against Sheffield United, with his first goal for the club coming in a 1-1 draw with Millwall the following month. McNair was named Boro's Player of the Year in 2021.

McNair joined the Manchester United Academy at the age of 14 and made his way from the academy to the first team. He signed his first professional contract with Manchester United in 2011, making his professional debut as a teenager in the Premier League, starting in a 2-1 win over West Ham United in September 2014.

After making 27 all-time appearances for United, the Northern Ireland international moved to northeast neighbors Sunderland in June 2018. He appeared in 28 matches all-time for Sunderland during his two seasons with the Black Cats, ending the 2017/18 season in impressive goalscoring form, bagging four goals in his last five games before joining Middlesbrough.

At the international level, McNair has represented his country at the U-17, U-19, U-21 and senior level. He helped the Northern Ireland senior team reach the European Championships for the first time in their history in 2016 and continues to be an integral part of the squad as the team's captain, making over 65 international appearances for the Northern Ireland National Team to date.

McNair joins SDFC as the fifth player signing in club history, alongside goalkeeper Duran Ferree, forward Marcus Ingvartsen, midfielder Jeppe Tverskov, and winger Hirving "Chucky" Lozano.



FRANCO NEGRI		No. 22	
DEFENDER			
HT: 5'9"	WT: 154	AGE: 30	DOB: 2/20/1995
Pronunciation		fran-co ne-gree	
Birthplace		San Martín, Argentina	
Nationality		Argentina	
Last Club		Inter Miami CF	

Acquired: January 7, 2025; SDFC signed defender Franco Negri to a one-year contract through the end of the 2025 MLS season with a Club option for an additional year.

Negri joins SDFC after two successful seasons with Inter Miami FC, where he made 32 appearances (25 starts), contributing two goals and three assists across all competitions. His performances were pivotal in Miami's historic achievements, including winning the 2023 Leagues Cup and securing the club's first-ever Supporters' Shield in 2024.

Born in San Martín, Argentina, Negri began his career at Club Atlético San Lorenzo de Almagro before being loaned to Quilmes AC in 2016, where he made his professional debut in a 1-0 win over Lanús. He made 13 appearances during the loan spell. The following year, he was loaned to Independiente Rivadavia, before completing a permanent transfer in 2018. Over three seasons, Negri made 57 appearances and scored five goals for the club.

In 2020, Negri had a brief stint with Club Atlético Belgrano before moving to Newell's Old Boys in 2021, where he made 28 appearances and registered two goals and two assists, including four appearances in the 2021 Copa Sudamericana.

In 2022, Negri joined Godoy Cruz, making 32 appearances and adding two assists before joining Inter Miami in 2023.



ANÍBAL GODOY		No. 20	
MIDFIELDER			
HT: 6'0"	WT: 174	AGE: 35	DOB: 2/10/1990
Pronunciation		ah-NEE-bahl goh-DOH-ee	
Birthplace		Panama City, Panama	
Nationality		Panama	
Last Club		Nashville SC	

Acquired: December 19, 2024; SDFC sign free agent midfielder Aníbal Godoy to a one-year contract through the end of the 2025 MLS season with Club options for the 2026 and 2027 MLS seasons.

Godoy joins SDFC after most recently playing for Nashville SC in his tenth season in MLS. The Panamanian international signed with Nashville SC in their inaugural season in MLS in 2020, making 111 appearances (87 starts) for Nashville in all competitions, leading the midfield to two Conference Semifinal appearances.

Godoy joined the San Jose Earthquakes in August 2015 from Hungarian side Budapest Honvéd FC. In his four years with San Jose, Godoy played a total of 8,481 minutes and reached 103 appearances in all competitions for the Earthquakes, tallying five goals (four game-winning goals) and seven assists in that span.

At the international level, Godoy has become a leader for Panama's National Team with 143 caps. The Panamanian was instrumental in leading the squad that qualified and participated in the 2018 FIFA World Cup for the first time in nation's history, starting in all three Group Stage matches, as well as in reaching the Semifinals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2011, 2013 and 2015.



EMMANUEL BOATENG		No. 24	
FORWARD			
HT: 5'6"	WT: 150	AGE: 31	DOB: 1/17/1994
Pronunciation	EE-mah BOA-tang		
Birthplace	Accra, Ghana		
Nationality	Ghana/ USA		
Last Club	New England Revolution		

Acquired: January 6, 2025.

SDFC acquired winger Emmanuel Boateng from New England Revolution in exchange for \$200,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM). Boateng, who holds a U.S. Green Card, has a guaranteed contract through the 2025 MLS season.

The Accra, Ghana native is a graduate of Ghana's Right to Dream Academy, and has recorded 219 all-time MLS appearances, 106 starts, 19 goals, and 27 assists across nine seasons with the LA Galaxy (2016-19), D.C. United (2019-20), Columbus Crew (2020), and New England (2021-25).

Since arriving in New England as a free agent in 2021, Boateng collected eight goals and 12 assists over 89 MLS appearances (36 starts) for the Revolution. The Ghanaian midfielder contributed to the Revs in their 2021 Supporters' Shield campaign, notching two goals and four assists that year.

Prior to joining the Revolution, Boateng signed for the Columbus Crew in 2020, making 12 appearances to help the club win the 2020 MLS Cup title. Before his 2020 season in Columbus, Boateng was traded to D.C. United in August 2019, where he appeared in four matches for the club. Boateng began his career in MLS with the LA Galaxy, signing from Helsingborgs IF on Jan. 14, 2016, and scoring nine goals and adding 11 assists in 108 appearances for LA.

Boateng, a product of the Right to Dream Academy, moved to the United States to play for the University of California, Santa Barbara, in NCAA Division I. In his first season in collegiate soccer in 2012, he appeared in 18 games, scoring four goals and recording four assists. He signed his first professional soccer contract in 2013 with USL League Two side Ventura County Fusion. He made five appearances before departing to Sweden to play for Swedish Allsvenskan side Helsingborgs IF. He played three seasons with the Swedish side (2013-2016), making 37 appearances before being acquired by the LA Galaxy in 2016.



IAN PILCHER		No. 25	
DEFENDER			
HT: 6'1"	WT: 170	AGE: 21	DOB: 3/21/2003
Pronunciation	ahn-DRESS RAY-ehs		
Birthplace	Charlotte, NC		
Nationality	USA		
Last Club	University of North Carolina Charlotte		

Acquired: January 27, 2024.

SDFC signed defender Ian Pilcher to a one-year contract through the end of the 2025 MLS season with Club options for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 MLS seasons.

Pilcher, 21, was selected by SDFC as the 24th overall pick in the first round of the 2025 MLS SuperDraft. The Charlotte, North Carolina native spent the past four years at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, making 66 appearances, scoring five goals, and recording one assist.

In 2024, defender Ian Pilcher earned first-team All-AAC honors while helping lead the 49ers to their second straight American Athletic Conference Championship. The Charlotte, North Carolina native started 17 games this season, recording one goal and captaining a back line that finished first in the nation in shutout percentage (.579) and 13th in scoring defense (.832). Pilcher was a two-time AAC Defensive Player of the Week and one-time AAC Honorable Mention of the Week.



MANU DUAH		No. 26	
MIDFIELDER			
HT: 6'3"	WT: 170	AGE: 19	DOB: 6/5/2005
Pronunciation	Mah-nu Doo-ahh		
Birthplace	Kumasi, Ghana		
Nationality	Ghana		
Last Club	UC Santa Barbara		

Acquired: December 20, 2024;

SDFC selected midfielder Manu Duah as the 1st Overall Pick (Round 1, Pick1) in the MLS SuperDraft 2025

A native of Ghana, Manu Duah started all 14 games he played in for the Gauchos as the side went 8-3-3 during those matches. He produced his first collegiate assist on August 29 against the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Duah previously starred in MLS NEXT for Santa Barbara Soccer Club, helping them reach the MLS NEXT Cup Playoffs in the U19 age group. Duah joins fellow Gauchos Christian Ramirez (Columbus Crew), Michael Boxall (Minnesota United FC), and Emmanuel Boateng (New England Revolution) in MLS.



ANISSE SAIDI		No. 29	
FORWARD			
HT: 6'1"	WT: 147	AGE: 16	DOB: 6/20/2008
Pronunciation	Ah-NEESE Sigh-EE-dee		
Birthplace	Camden, NJ		
Nationality	Tunisia		
Last Club	Philadelphia Union Academy		

Acquired: January 3, 2025.

SDFC acquired Saidi's Homegrown Priority from Philadelphia Union in exchange for \$50,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM), \$50,000 in 2026 GAM, additional incentives if certain performance metrics are met and a future sell-on percentage. SDFC has also signed Saidi as a Homegrown Player with a contract through the end of the 2028 MLS season with a Club option for an additional year.

Saidi, 16, is a product of the Philadelphia Union Academy, making his professional debut for Philadelphia Union II in MLS NEXT Pro this year.

On the international stage, Anisse has represented Tunisia's U-17 national team, recently scoring four goals in four matches for Tunisia's U-17s at the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers in November.



OSCAR VERHOEVEN		No. 33	
DEFENDER			
HT: 6'0"	WT: 154	AGE: 18	DOB: 5/31/2006
Pronunciation	ver-HOH-ven		
Birthplace	Pleasant Hill		
Nationality	USA		
Last Club	San Jose Earthquakes		

Acquired: April 21, 2025.

SDFC acquired defender Oscar Verhoeven on loan through the 2025 MLS season from the San Jose Earthquakes in exchange for \$100,000 in General Allocation Money (GAM).

Verhoeven progressed through the San Jose Earthquakes Academy and signed a Homegrown contract on May 16, 2023. Verhoeven made his professional debut coming on as a 44th minute substitute against the Sacramento Republic in the U.S. Open Cup on May 21, 2024 at PayPal Park. Verhoeven made nine appearances (five starts) with the earthquakes, including one MLS appearance against D.C. United on April 6.

The Pleasant Hill native also appeared in 36 games in all competitions for The Town FC in MLS NEXT Pro, registering two assists during 2023 and 2024 seasons.



ALEJANDRO ALVARADO JR.		No. 70	
MIDFIELDER			
HT: 5'9"	WT: 148	AGE: 21	DOB: 7/29/2003
Pronunciation	Ah-leh-HAHN-droh Ahl-vah-RAH-doh		
Birthplace	Los Angeles, CA		
Nationality	USA		
Last Club	FC Vizela		

Acquired: January 14, 2025.

SDFC signed midfielder Alejandro Alvarado Jr. from FC Vizela of Portugal's Primeira Liga through the 2026 MLS season with Club options for 2027 and 2028.

Alvarado Jr., 21, joins SDFC FC after four seasons at FC Vizela, making his debut against Marítimo on Dec. 28, 2021. Overall, he made 43 appearances across all competitions, including nine appearances in Portugal's Liga Portugal. In 2023, Alvarado joined Vianense on a one-year loan, where he made 12 appearances and scored two goals.

Born in Los Angeles, Alvarado Jr. began his career at the LA Galaxy Academy and made his USL Championship debut with LA Galaxy II at the age of 16 during a 1-0 win against San Diego Loyal. He later joined FC Vizela on a permanent transfer in 2021.

Internationally, Alvarado has represented the U.S. Youth National Team at both the U-16 and U-20 levels. In 2022, he made 10 appearances for the U-20 National Team and played a key role in their victory at the Concacaf U-20 Championship, contributing one goal and two assists in six appearances.



ALEX MIGHTEN		No. 77	
FORWARD			
HT: 5'8"	WT: 154	AGE: 24	DOB: 4/11/2002
Pronunciation	ahn-DRESS RAY-ehs		
Birthplace	Hartford, CT		
Nationality	USA		
Last Club	Nottingham Forest		

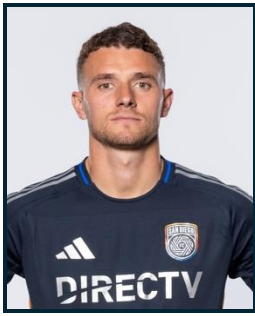
Acquired: August 30, 2024.

SDFC signed forward Alex Mighten from English Premier League side Nottingham Forest F.C. to a two-and-a-half-year contract through the end of the 2026 MLS season with a Club option for an additional year. SDFC acquired the Discovery Priority to Mighten from Nashville SC in exchange for \$50,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM).

The Hartford, Connecticut native will join SDFC from Premier League side Nottingham Forest where he made over 67 appearances across all competitions for the English club, tallying four goals and one assist in that time. The English-American dual citizen was born in the United States and has represented England at the youth international level throughout his career.

Mighten joined the Nottingham Forest Academy in 2009 from Arnold Town and made his professional debut for the Reds in a Carabao Cup match against Arsenal in September 2019 at the age of 17. Months later, he recorded his first start for Nottingham in January 2020 in a 2-0 defeat to Chelsea during an FA Cup match. He scored his first professional goal in a 1-1 draw at Millwall in December 2020 and was later recognized as the supporters' Young Player of the Season during the 2020-21 campaign. Mighten went on to make his Premier League debut in August 2022 against Newcastle United.

Mighten later joined League One side Sheffield Wednesday on loan for the first half of the 2022-23 season, recording 14 appearances and scoring two goals for the English Championship club. The 22-year-old then spent the first half of the 2023-24 season on loan at KV Kortrijk of the Belgian First Division where he made 12 appearances in all competitions during a four-month stay in Belgium before being recalled back by Forest in January 2024. Mighten was then loaned to League One side Port Vale Football Club for the remainder of the 2023-24 season where he appeared in 10 games for PVFC.



CHRISTOPHER McVEY		No. 97	
DEFENDER			
HT: 6'3"		DOB: 4/12/1997	
WT: 185		AGE: 27	
Pronunciation		chris-TOH-fer mik-VAY	
Birthplace		Sparsör, Sweden	
Nationality		Sweden / USA	
Last Club		D.C. United	

Acquired: December 11, 2024

SDFC acquired the right of first refusal for Defender Christopher McVey from D.C. United in exchange for \$50,000 in 2025 General Allocation Money (GAM) and up to \$50,000 in conditional 2026 GAM if certain performance metrics are met. SDFC also signed McVey to a new contract through the end of the 2026 MLS season with a Club option for an additional year.

McVey signed with D.C. United at the beginning of 2024 in a trade with Inter Miami CF. During the 2024 season with D.C. United, the 27-year-old made 28 appearances, all 28 as starts, in all competitions. McVey made his debut for D.C. on Feb. 24 in a 3-1 home win against the New England Revolution. He went on to score his first goal with United on May 25 in a 1-1 draw against Chicago Fire FC.

McVey joined Inter Miami CF on Jan. 14, 2022 and spent two seasons with the club, making his debut for Miami on Feb. 26, 2022 in a 0-0 league draw against the Fire. He went on to score his first goal for the club on July 20, 2022 in a 4-4 league draw against FC Cincinnati. In his first season at Miami, McVey was ranked eighth in MLS for minutes played with 3,040. In two seasons with Inter Miami, McVey appeared in 61 matches across all competitions, scoring one goal and recording one assist on his way to winning the 2023 Leagues Cup title.

The Sparsör native started his professional career with IF Elfsborg academy, spending three years with academy before making his debut with the senior team on Oct. 1, 2017 in a 5-2 league loss to AIK Fotboll. McVey made a total of 42 appearances across all competitions for Elfsborg between 2017 and 2021, gaining valuable experience by playing five UEFA Conference League qualifying matches in the 2021-2022 campaign. Over three seasons, McVey appeared in 42 matches for IF Elfsborg across all competitions, scoring one goal and one assist before signing with Inter Miami CF. During his tenure at Elfsborg, the central defender was also loaned out to Swedish second division club Dalkurd FF in 2019, making 17 appearances and registering one goal and an assist.

On the international front, McVey has represented the U-17 and U-18 sides of the Swedish National Team.



JACOB JACKSON		No. 98	
GOALKEEPER			
HT: 5'11"		DOB: 4/25/2000	
WT: 190		AGE: 24	
Pronunciation		JAY-kub JACK-sun	
Birthplace		San Diego, CA	
Nationality		USA	
Last Club		San Jose Earthquakes	

Acquired: December 13, 2024.

SDFC selected goalkeeper Jacob Jackson in Stage 1 of the 2024 MLS Re-Entry Draft on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024, picking up his contract option for the 2025 MLS season.

In 2022, Jackson was picked 24th overall by the New England Revolution in the 2022 MLS SuperDraft, Jackson was claimed off waivers by the San Jose Earthquakes in April. He made three appearances with San Jose in 2024.

Jackson, 24, has spent most of his time with clubs' MLS NEXT Pro affiliates, New England Revolution II and The Town FC. In over 3,000 minutes since 2022, he has nine clean sheets. Jackson adds depth to a goalkeeping group that includes former Inter Miami goalkeeper CJ Dos Santos and U.S. youth international Duran Ferree as SDFC prepare for the Club's inaugural MLS season in 2025.