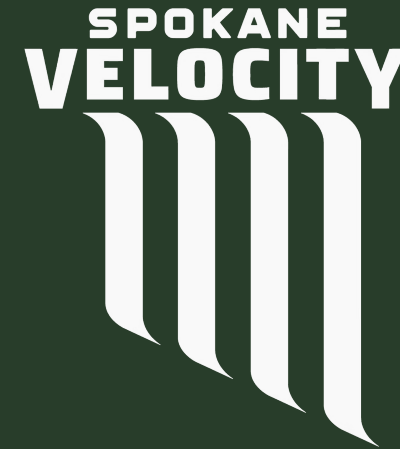


# MATCHDAY

MAY 30, 2026



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# MEDIA GUIDE



# PORTLAND HEARTS OF PINE



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## KIT INFORMATION



## MATCH INFORMATION

**KICKOFF:** 6:30PM EDT

**LOCATION:** Portland, ME

**REFEREE:** Igor Bych

**ASSISTANT REFEREE 1:** Justen Lopez

**ASSISTANT REFEREE 2:** Achal Awasthi

**FOURTH OFFICIAL:** Danielle Cornetta

**TELEVISION:** ESPN+

## DISCIPLINE

**YC:** Wright, Washington, Barbosa (4)

**RC:** Mikey Lopez (1)

## WHO WE ARE

**FIRST REFERENCE:** Portland Hearts of Pine

**SUBSEQUENT REFERENCE:** Hearts, Portland, Hearts of Pine

**AVOID:** Hearts of Pines, The Pines, anything else not listed above.

## MATCHUP DETAILS

**HEARTS OF PINE RECORD:** 2-2-5

**SPOKANE VELOCITY RECORD:** 6-1-2

**HEAD-TO-HEAD:** 1-1-1 for Hearts

**MOST RECENT H2H:** Hearts 2(5)-2(6) Velocity

**HEARTS OF PINE FORM:** WLDWD

**SPOKANE VELOCITY FORM:** LDWWW

**HEARTS OF PINE LAST TIME OUT:** 1-1 Draw vs Greenville Triumph

**SPOKANE VELOCITY LAST TIME OUT:** 1-0 Win vs Sarasota Paradise

**HEARTS OF PINE LEADING SCORER:** Ollie Wright

**SPOKANE VELOCITY LEADING SCORER:** Denton, Alexandre, John-Brown





# PORTLAND HEARTS OF PINE



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## HEARTS RECORD BOOKS

**HIGHEST ATTENDANCE** - 6,440 vs. Spokane Velocity, 10/21/25  
**FIRST GOAL** - Walter Varela, vs. CD Faialense, 3/20/25  
**FIRST WIN** - 4-0 vs. CD Faialense, 3/20/25  
**FIRST LEAGUE GOAL** - Patrick Langlois, vs. South Georgia Tormenta FC, 4/12/25  
**FIRST LEAGUE WIN** - 2-1 vs. FC Naples, 5/17/25  
**FIRST FITZPATRICK STADIUM GOAL** - Masashi Wada, vs. One Knoxville SC, 5/4/25  
**FIRST FITZPATRICK STADIUM WIN** - 2-1 vs. FC Naples, 5/17/25  
**BIGGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY** - 5 goals (6-1 win vs. Spokane Velocity, 10/21/25)  
**MOST GOALS** - 6 (vs. Spokane Velocity, 10/21/25)  
**MOST INDIVIDUAL GOALS (GAME)** - 3 (Ollie Wright, vs. Union Omaha, 6/15/25;  
Masashi Wada, vs. Richmond Kickers, 9/17/25)  
**MOST INDIVIDUAL GOALS (SEASON)** - 11 (Ollie Wright, 2025)  
**MOST ASSISTS (GAME)** - 2 (Natty James, Jay Tee Kamara vs. Detroit City FC, 5/31/25;  
Walter Varela vs. Westchester SC, 8/24/25; Ollie Wright, vs. Charlotte Independence,  
8/30/25)  
**MOST ASSISTS (SEASON)** - 8 (Ollie Wright, 2025)  
**MOST SAVES (GAME)** - 9 (Hunter Morse vs. Chattanooga Red Wolves SC, 11/1/25)  
**MOST SAVES (SEASON)** - 96 (Hunter Morse, 2025)

## 2026 PLAYER AWARDS

### USL LEAGUE ONE

Team of the Week (Week 2): Masashi Wada, Hunter Morse, Ollie Wright

Team of the Week (Week 3): Kash Oladapo

Save of the Week (Week 3): Kash Oladapo

Team of the Week (Week 6): Michel Poon-Angeron

Team of the Week (Week 7): Ollie Wright, Josh Drack

Player of the Week (Week 8): Ollie Wright

Team of the Week (Week 8): JayTee Kamara, Ollie Wright

Goal of the Week (Week 8): Ollie Wright

Team of the Week (Week 11/12): Ollie Wright

### Prinx Tires USL Cup

Team of the Week (Round 2): Ollie Wright





# PORTLAND HEARTS OF PINE



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## IN THE NEWS

### Context:

Last weekend, the raucous fans in Fitzpatrick Stadium watched a hard-fought 1-1 draw against Greenville Triumph SC. Hearts dominated possession for large stretches but were caught by a Rodrigo Robles goal in the 70th minute, before Ollie Wright stepped up from the spot to rescue a point late on.

Now comes one of the toughest tests of the season. Spokane Velocity arrive at Fitzpatrick sitting second in the League One table with a 6-1-2 record, winners of three straight and unbeaten in their last four. The history between these two clubs adds extra meaning. Hearts put six past Spokane in their biggest win of 2025, only for Velocity to have the last laugh, eliminating Portland from the playoffs on penalty kicks. Revenge and redemption are both on the table Saturday night.

### Hearts Off the Field:

2026 is set to be a defining year for Hearts. Having sold out all home game tickets for 2026, the excitement around the fanbase has been compounded by the club's intention to add a USL Women's team in 2027. With an ever-growing fanbase, and potentially a whole new team coming to Portland, the buzz around Hearts of Pine has never been louder. After raising almost \$100k from the inaugural Gala for Good, the Hearts of Pine Foundation aims to focus this excitement into community impact off the pitch.





# CLUB HISTORY



VS



## OUR CREST

### THE DIRIGO HEART

The club's Dirigo Heart reimagines Maine's Dirigo Star in the spirit of Portland's beloved Valentine's Day Bandit tradition, surrounded by illuminating rays.

### THE WATER

The waves show our love for Maine's ocean, rivers, and lakes, and pay respect to our proud maritime history and the working waterfronts up and down the coast.



### THE SCROLL

**HEARTS OF PINE** is displayed in a scroll, a nod to Maine's literary contributions, from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow to Stephen King today, and a reference to the state seal on which a scroll holds the state's name.

### THE TYPEFACE

The crest features **PORTLAND** in our custom font Pine Bandit, which is based on the Portland Company building in the Old Port, the only intact 19th century industrial complex on the working waterfront.

### THE PINE

Found across Maine and the Forest City, the Eastern White Pine is our state tree and a proud symbol for all Mainers.

Entering the USL in 2025, Portland Hearts of Pine quickly established one of the most distinctive brands in American lower-division soccer—one rooted deeply in Maine's identity. Matchdays at Fitzpatrick Stadium reflect that ethos, blending authentic supporter culture with a strong sense of place through local music, food, and community partnerships. Rather than simply placing a team in Maine, Hearts of Pine set out to build a club that feels like Maine—distinct, grounded, and community-driven.

The Soccer for Good mission is central to Hearts of Pine. By engaging Mainers and creating spaces for community-building, Hearts believe that soccer can be a medium for sustainable social impact in Maine.





# SCHEDULE & STANDINGS



VS



## DATE | TIME (EST)

## OPPONENT

## COMPETITION

## LOCATION

## RESULT

**All matches streamed on ESPN+**

March 14   2:00PM	New York Cosmos	USL League One	Paterson, NJ	W, 3-1
March 17   7:00PM	Vermont Green FC****	US Open Cup	Burlington, VT	L, 0-1
March 21   10:30PM	AV Alta FC	USL League One	Lancaster, CA	T, 0-0
March 28   7:30PM	Sarasota Paradise	USL League One	Lakewood Ranch, FL	L, 0-1
April 11   6:00PM	One Knoxville SC	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	T, 0-0
April 19   3:00PM	FC Naples*	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	T, 1-1
April 25   7:00PM	Westchester SC	Prinx Tires USL Cup	Mt Vernon, NY	L, 2(4)-2(5)
May 2   5:00PM	New York Cosmos**	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	W, 3-1
May 6   7:30PM	Fort Wayne FC	USL League One	Fort Wayne, IN	L, 0-3
May 9   8:00PM	Union Omaha	USL League One	Omaha, NE	T, 2-2
May 16   4:00PM	Rhode Island FC*	Prinx Tires USL Cup	Fitzpatrick Stadium	W, 2-1
May 23   6:30PM	Greenville Triumph SC**	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	T, 1-1
May 30   6:30PM	Spokane Velocity FC	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	
June 3   8:30PM	Corpus Christi FC	USL League One	Corpus Christi, TX	
June 7   3:00PM	Brooklyn FC	Prinx Tires USL Cup	Brooklyn, NY	
June 13   6:30PM	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	
June 19   7:00PM	Westchester SC	USL League One	Mt Vernon, NY	
June 24   7:00PM	Richmond Kickers*	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	
July 3   7:30PM	FC Naples	USL League One	Naples, FL	
July 11   7:00PM	New York Cosmos**	Prinx Tires USL Cup	Fitzpatrick Stadium	
July 17   9:30PM	AC Boise****	USL League One	Garden City, ID	
July 22   7:00PM	Union Omaha	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	
July 26   6:30PM	Sarasota Paradise**	Friendly	Fitzpatrick Stadium	
July 29   7:30PM	Sarasota Paradise**	Friendly	Greenville, SC	
Aug 1   7:00PM	Greenville Triumph	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	
Aug 5   7:00PM	CT United FC	Friendly	Fitzpatrick Stadium	
Aug 8   7:00PM	Corpus Christi FC**	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	
Aug 16   6:30PM	Forward Madison FC*	USL League One	Knoxville, TN	
Aug 19   7:00PM	One Knoxville SC	USL League One	Richmond, VA	
Aug 22   7:00PM	Richmond Kickers	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	
Aug 29   7:00PM	Fort Wayne FC*	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	

\* Also on NESN

\*\* Also on NESN+

\*\*\* Also on NESN and NESN+

\*\*\*\* Only on CBS Sports Network, Paramount +





# SCHEDULE & STANDINGS



VS



## DATE | TIME (EST)

Sept 2 | 7:00PM  
 Sept 6 | 6:00PM  
 Sept 13 | 6:00PM  
 Sept 19 | 7:00PM  
 Sept 26 | 5:00PM  
 Oct 3 | 9:00PM  
 Oct 10 | 5:00PM  
 Oct 17 | 6:00PM  
 Oct 24 | 5:00PM

## OPPONENT

Charlotte Independence  
 Westchester SC\*  
 AV Alta FC\*  
 Chattanooga Red Wolves SC  
 Sarasota Paradise  
 Spokane Velocity FC  
 AC Boise\*  
 Forward Madison FC  
 Charlotte Independence\*

## COMPETITION

USL League One  
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 USL League One

## LOCATION

Charlotte, NC  
 Fitzpatrick Stadium  
 Fitzpatrick Stadium  
 Chattanooga, TN  
 Fitzpatrick Stadium  
 Spokane, WA  
 Fitzpatrick Stadium  
 Madison, WI  
 Fitzpatrick Stadium

## RESULT

**All matches streamed on ESPN+**

\* Also on NESN

\*\* Also on NESN+

\*\*\* Also on NESN and NESN+

\*\*\*\* Only on CBS Sports Network, Paramount +

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1. Union Omaha	11	8	1	2	20	11	9	25
2. Spokane Velocity	9	6	2	1	14	9	5	20
3. One Knoxville	10	5	3	2	15	10	5	18
4. FC Naples	11	5	2	4	11	11	0	17
5. Fort Wayne FC	9	4	3	2	13	10	3	15
6. Charlotte Independence	8	4	2	2	17	10	7	14
7. AC Boise	10	4	2	4	15	13	2	14
8. AV Alta FC	9	3	4	2	15	12	3	13
9. <b>Portland Hearts of Pine</b>	9	2	5	2	10	10	0	11
10. Chattanooga Red Wolves	7	3	1	3	14	9	5	10
11. Forward Madison	7	3	1	3	9	10	-1	10
12. Richmond Kickers	8	3	1	4	8	12	-4	10
13. Sarasota Paradise	12	3	1	8	11	20	-9	10
14. Westchester SC	9	2	1	6	12	16	-4	7
15. Greenville Triumph	7	2	1	4	9	13	-4	7
16. New York Cosmos	9	2	1	6	13	22	-9	7
17. Corpus Christi FC	9	0	5	4	9	17	-8	5

## WHAT'S AT STAKE

The 2025 USL League One Playoffs presented by Terminix will be played on a fixed bracket with no re-seeding after each round. The top 8 teams from the regular season will advance to the playoffs.

The Hearts are looking to build on their 2025 season, in which they finished 7th, and place in the top 4. This would insure a home playoff match at Fitzpatrick Stadium.





# ROSTERS



VS



#	POS.	NAME	DOB	PRONUNCIATION
1	GK	Hunter Morse	10/12/98	hun-ter MOHR-s
2	D	Jaden Jones-Riley	8/30/01	JAY-din jones-RAI-lee
5	M	Mikey Lopez	2/20/93	mai-kee LOH-peez
6	M	Mo Mohammed	9/10/02	moh moh-HAH-mid
7	F	Walter Varela	3/20/96	wohl-ter va-REL-lah
8	M	Michel Poon-Angeron	4/19/01	mee-shell poon-AN-jer-ron
9	F	Aboubacar Camara	3/30/02	a-BOO-buh-car cuh-MAH-ruh
10	M	Ollie Wright	3/1/99	oll-lee RITE
11	F	Jay Tee Kamara	5/10/02	J-T ka-MAH-ra
14	F	Titus Washington	8/9/00	TAI-tiss WASH-ing-tun
17	D	Zion Scarlett	5/5/04	ZY-on SKAR-let
18	M	Diogo Barbosa	1/13/96	dee-OH-go bar-BOHS-uh
19	M	Khalid Hersi	11/1/04	KAH-lid HER-see
21	M	Konstantinos Georgallides	1/19/02	kon-stan-TEE-nos jor-jah-LEE-dess
22	D	Brecc Evans	9/6/99	brek EV-ens
23	GK	Kash Oladapo	5/1/02	cash o-lah-DAP-po
25	D	Esteban Espinosa	9/19/02	EH-steh-ban ESS-pee-noh-sah
27	D	Ernest Mensah Jr	4/22/03	ER-nest MEN-sah
32	F	Emiliano Terzaghi	4/6/93	eh-mee-lee-AH-no ter-ZAH-ghee
35	M	Tyler Huck	6/5/04	TY-ler huk
44	D	Serigne Mbacke Faye	2/6/02	seh-REEN-yuh m-BAH-kay-fay
66	D	Kemali Green	5/18/00	k'-MAH-lee green
70	F	Lagos Kunga	10/20/98	LAH-gohs KOON-gah
98	M	Matteo Kidd	4/4/98	mah-TAY-oh kid
99	D	Joshua Drack	9/22/99	JOSH-oo-uh DRAK

#	POS.	NAME
1	GK	Sean Lewis
3	D	Nick Spielman
4	D	Simon Fitch
5	D	Gagi Margvelashvili
6	M	Collin Fernandez
7	M	Joe Gallardo
8	M	Nil Vinyals
9	F	Neco Brett
10	M	Luis Gil
11	F	Shavon John-Brown
12	D	Camron Miller
13	D	Lucky Opara
14	F	Mark Hernández
16	F	Anuar Peláez
17	F	Medgy Alexandre
18	D	Derek Waldeck
19	M	Jack Denton
20	D	Ibrahim Janis Covi
22	M	Rocky Wells
23	GK	Carlos Merancio
33	D	Moses Mensah
37	GK	Jackson Buck
42	M	Meredith Bryce
77	M	Andre Lewis





# PLAYER STATISTICS (ALL MATCHES)



VS



NAME	M	S	MINS	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
Kemali Green	12	11	1007	0	0	2	0	2	0
Michel Poon-Angeron	12	11	933	0	0	7	2	2	0
Ollie Wright	11	11	908	6	4	22	13	4	0
Mo Mohamed	10	9	763	0	0	3	1	2	0
Matteo Kidd	11	6	650	1	1	4	1	3	0
Jay Tee Kamara	10	6	592	1	2	12	6	1	0
Diogo Barbosa	10	5	591	0	0	0	0	4	0
Brecc Evans	8	6	564	0	0	3	1	0	0
Titus Washington	9	6	558	1	0	15	5	4	0
Josh Drack	6	6	482	0	1	6	1	2	0
Serigne Mbacke Faye	7	5	442	0	0	5	1	2	0
Mikey Lopez	7	5	416	0	0	2	0	3	1
Aboubacar Camara	8	3	334	1	0	3	2	0	0
Emiliano Terzaghi	6	4	322	0	0	6	3	2	0
Konstantinos Georgallides	8	3	283	1	1	6	1	0	0
Esteban Espinosa	3	3	270	1	0	1	1	1	0
Ernest Mensah Jr	4	3	263	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyler Huck	5	3	234	1	0	4	2	0	0
Jaden Jones-Riley	5	2	233	0	0	0	0	1	0
Walter Varela	3	2	150	0	0	1	1	0	0
Zion Scarlett	5	1	125	0	0	1	0	1	0
Lagos Kunga	3	1	87	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khalid Hersi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NAME	M	S	MINS	SV	GC	CS	YC	RC
Hunter Morse	10	10	900	33	11	1	0	0
Kash Oladapo	2	2	180	5	3	1	0	0
Peter Morrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## TEAM LEADERS

**MINUTES** - Kemali Green (1007)

**GOALS** - Ollie Wright (6)

**ASSISTS** - Ollie Wright (4)

**SHOTS** - Ollie Wright (22)

**SHOTS ON GOAL** - Ollie Wright (13)

**SAVES** - Hunter Morse (33)

**CLEAN SHEETS** - Oladapo, Morse (1)





# 2026 LEAGUE LEADERS



VS



## GOALS

- 5 - Ajmeer Spengler (New York Cosmos)
- 5 - Denis Krioutchenkov (One Knoxville SC)
- 5 - Taig Healy (Fort Wayne FC)
- 5 - Adam Aoumaich (AV ALTA FC)
- 5 - Lilian Rico (Fort Wayne FC)

## ASSISTS

- 5 - Sander Roed (Sarasota Paradise)
- 3 - **Ollie Wright (Portland Hearts of Pine)**
- 3 - Ajmeer Spengler (New York Cosmos)
- 3 - Christopher Garcia (AV ALTA FC)
- 3 - Jonathan Ricketts (AC Boise)

## SHOTS

- 37 - Ajmeer Spengler (New York Cosmos)
- 33 - Denis Krioutchenkov (One Knoxville SC)
- 28 - Denis Kostyshyn (AC Boise)
- 28 - Jonathan Bolanos (Sarasota Paradise)
- 25 - Jerry Desdunes (AV ALTA FC)

## SAVES

- 32 - Alexander Sutton (Sarasota Paradise)
- 30 - Johan Garibay (One Knoxville SC)
- 29 - Yann Fillion (Richmond Kickers)
- 28 - Matt Levy (Charlotte Independence)
- 25 - Bernd Schipmann (Fort Wayne FC)

## CLEAN SHEETS

- 4 - Edward Delgado (FC Naples)
- 4 - Johan Garibay (One Knoxville SC)
- 3 - Bernd Schipmann (Fort Wayne FC)
- 2 - Yann Fillion (Richmond Kickers)
- 2 - Matt Levy (Charlotte Independence)





# PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



## HUNTER MORSE

Goalkeeper | Belleville, MI

**2nd Season at Hearts; 2025 Club MVP**

As the starting goalkeeper in 2025, Morse led the team in minutes, delivered multiple standout performances, and played a pivotal role in helping Hearts of Pine secure their first-ever USL League One playoff spot.

Before arriving in Maine, Morse spent two seasons with FC Cincinnati's MLS Next Pro side after being selected in the 2023 MLS SuperDraft. In 2024, he contributed to Cincinnati 2's Northeast Division title, gaining valuable professional experience before making the move to Portland.

Hunter's journey began at Michigan State University and continued at Western Michigan, where he started all 21 matches in 2022 and earned MAC Goalkeeper of the Year honors after recording 11 shutouts and a 0.47 GAA.

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## JADEN JONES-RILEY

Defender | Tallahassee, FL

**2nd Season at Hearts**

Jaden Jones-Riley returns to Portland Hearts of Pine for his second season after an injury-limited debut in 2025. During the 2025 season, Jaden appeared in 3 matches, starting 2, and logged 193 minutes on the field. Though sidelined for much of the season, he's back and ready to make an impact in year two.

Jaden joined Hearts after two seasons with Portland Timbers 2, where he made 47 appearances, contributing 2 goals and 3 assists. A standout at the University of Dayton, he was drafted in 2022 and quickly established himself as a promising talent in professional soccer.

Known for his versatility, reliability, and relentless work ethic, Jaden is eager to showcase his abilities while representing the badge and showing this community what heart really means.

2



## MIKEY LOPEZ

Midfielder | Mission, TX

**2nd Season at Hearts; 2025 USL1 Comeback Player of the Year**

Mikey Lopez returns to Portland Hearts of Pine for his second season and served as a key presence in the heart of the midfield and as club captain in the 2025 inaugural season. Mikey started in 27 matches, played 31, logging 2,411 minutes on the field with 2 assists. He was honored with the first ever Lead With Your Heart Community Award in 2025 for his involvement in the community, embracing the club's mission both on and off the pitch.

Before joining Portland, Mikey served as Birmingham Legion FC's first captain and second-ever signing, earning Defender of the Year in 2019, ranking consistently among the top five in defensive duels and tackles, and reaching 100 appearances. He also helped Birmingham reach the 2023 U.S. Open Cup Quarterfinals.

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2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	SV	GC	CS	YC	RC
USL League One	7	7	620	19	7	1	0	0
US Open Cup	1	1	90	5	1	0	0	0
Prinx Tires USL Cup	2	2	180	9	3	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	4	1	143	0	0	0	0	1	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	5	5	362	0	0	2	0	2	1
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	0	54	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>





# PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



## MOHAMED MOHAMED

Defender | Portland, OR

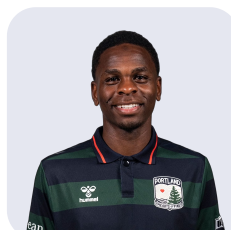
### 2nd Season at Hearts

Mo Mohamed returns to Portland Hearts of Pine after a breakout year in 2025. With increasing playing time as the season progressed, Mohamed established himself as a key player for the Hearts heading into the League One playoffs.

Originally from Portland, OR and a product of Seattle University, he brings high-level collegiate experience and reunites with former teammate Titus Washington, continuing a connection that began during their time playing together in Seattle.

Mohamed joined Hearts after spending time with Portland Timbers 2, building himself a reputation as a quick, dynamic wide player that excels on both sides of the ball.

# 6



## WALTER VARELA

Forward | Praia, Cape Verde

### 2nd Season at Hearts

Walter Varela returns to Portland Hearts of Pine for his second season and served as a key player in the Hearts front line during the 2025 season. The winger played 33 games and recorded 4 goals and 2 assists during the Hearts inaugural season, including the club's first-ever goal against CD Faialense.

Varela continued to developed his professional skill set in the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) with Valeo FC and in the United Premier Soccer League (UPSL) with Brockton FC. In 2022, he joined Albion San Diego in the National Independent Soccer Association (NISA). Over the course of the season, he made 19 appearances, scoring three goals and contributing four assists. His performance that year earned him a place on the 2022 NISA Best XI Second Team and a move to Chattanooga Red Wolves in USL League One.

# 7



## MICHEL POON-ANGERON

Midfielder | Santa Cruz, Trinidad & Tobago

### 2nd Season at Hearts

Michel Poon-Angeron returns to Portland Hearts of Pine for his second season. He appeared in 30 matches, starting 25, logged 2,259 minutes on the field, and contributed 2 assists.

Michel joined Hearts from AC Port of Spain in Trinidad and Tobago, where he played as a central midfielder. He helped the club finish as runners-up in 2023 and champions in 2024 in the Trinidad and Tobago Premier Football League, while also qualifying for the Concacaf Caribbean Cup both years. Prior to that, he spent time in the academy and second team of Club Atlético Banfield in Argentina.

# 8



2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	8	8	648	0	0	3	1	2	0
US Open Cup	1	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	2	1	78	0	0	1	1	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	1	72	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	9	8	708	0	0	6	1	2	0
US Open Cup	1	1	72	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	2	153	0	0	1	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>





# PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



## ABOUBACAR CAMARA

# 9



Forward | Upper Darby, PA.

**Previous Club: Penn State Nittany Lions (NCAA)**

Camara joins Hearts after a prolific NCAA career at the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, and Pennsylvania State University.

Camara started his collegiate career at the University of Louisville in 2020 and was named to the ACC All-Freshman Team. Over three seasons with the Cardinals, he scored 25 goals and 4 assists in 48 games, leading the team in scoring each year and ranking 8th in Louisville's all-time scoring records. He earned All-ACC First Team honors in 2021 and All-ACC Second Team in 2022. For his senior year, Camara transferred to the University of Kentucky, where he recorded 2 assists. He finished his NCAA career at Penn State as a graduate student, adding 5 goals in 11 games.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	6	2	249	1	0	2	2	0	0
US Open Cup	1	1	72	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	0	13	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## OLLIE WRIGHT

# 10



Midfielder | London, England

**2nd Season at Hearts; 2025 Supporters' Player of the Year**

Ollie Wright returns to Portland Hearts of Pine for his second season with 32 match appearances, starting 27, and logging 2,401 minutes on the field. Named as one of USL1's players to watch in 2026, Ollie contributed 11 goals and 8 assists, earned 2025 USL1 All-League Second Team, and was named 2025 Supporters' Player of the Year.

Ollie joined Hearts from Huntsville City FC, where he became the club's all-time leader in appearances and assists.

Ollie launched his professional career in 2021 with San Antonio FC following a standout collegiate run with the St. Mary's Rattlers. Known for his creativity on the ball and his ability to excite fans, he is a dynamic playmaker who thrives on delivering unforgettable moments on the pitch.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	8	8	656	4	3	14	8	2	0
US Open Cup	1	1	90	0	0	3	0	1	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	2	162	2	1	5	5	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

## JAY TEE KAMARA

# 11



Midfielder | Freetown, Sierra Leone

**2nd Season at Hearts**

Jay Tee Kamara returns to Portland Hearts of Pine for his second season after a strong debut in 2025. During his inaugural season, Jay Tee appeared in 25 matches, starting 12, and logged 1,204 minutes on the field. He contributed 6 goals and 4 assists, helping the team establish its attacking identity and making an immediate impact in the midfield.

Jay Tee joined Portland after two seasons in Europe with Swedish side Ljungskile SK, where he appeared in 42 matches and scored 8 goals. Prior to that, he played in the US with Louisville City FC, a loan to North Carolina FC, and Columbus Crew 2, building a reputation as a versatile left-footed midfielder.

Born in Sierra Leone, Jay Tee began his soccer journey with Alaska FC before moving to the United States to attend Montverde Academy in Florida. Internationally, Jay Tee represented Sierra Leone at the U-23 and U-20 level.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	7	5	439	1	2	10	5	1	0
US Open Cup	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	0	63	0	0	2	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>





# PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



## TITUS WASHINGTON

# 14



Forward | San Diego, CA

**2nd Season at Hearts; 2025 Rookie of the Year**

Titus Washington returns to Hearts of Pine for his second season after a promising debut season in 2025.

As a forward in Portland's inaugural season, Titus made a strong impact appearing in 28 matches, starting 20, tallying 5 goals and 3 assists, while clocking 1,815 minutes on the field. He helped provide attacking firepower and contributed in big moments: he scored twice in a key mid-season win over Greenville Triumph SC, leading the club to a 3-2 victory in front of a sold-out home crowd. For his efforts, he was voted by staff as co-winner of the club's inaugural Rookie of the Year honor.

Before turning pro, Titus built his foundation at Seattle University Redhawks. During his final season there, he made 20 appearances (17 starts), scoring 8 goals and adding 8 assists — a performance that earned him First Team All-WAC honors, a spot on the All-WAC Tournament Team, and recognition on the United Soccer Coaches All-Far West Region second team.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	7	4	391	1	0	12	5	2	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	2	167	0	0	3	0	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

## DIOGO BARBOSA

# 18



Midfielder | Lisbon, Portugal

**Previous Club: Gżira United FC. (Maltese Premier League)**

Barbosa joins Hearts after leaving Gżira United FC. of the Maltese Premier League.

After coming through some of Portugal's premier academies, including Porto, Benfica, and Sporting Lisbon, Barbosa began his senior career in 2015 with SC União Torreense in the fourth tier of Portuguese soccer. After four years in Portugal's lower divisions, including stints with UD Vilafranquense and CS Marítimo B, Barbosa moved to Dulwich Hamlet in England's National League South for the 2019-20 campaign. He then played across Europe and beyond, featuring in Cyprus, Australia, Bulgaria, and Malta before arriving in Portland.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	8	3	363	0	0	0	0	4	0
US Open Cup	1	1	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	1	63	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

## KHALID HERSI

# 19



Midfielder | Lewiston, ME

**2nd Season at Hearts**

Khalid Hersi returns to Portland Hearts of Pine for his second season as the first-ever Mainer to sign with the club.

A native of Lewiston, Khalid grew up in a soccer-loving Somali family and played at Lewiston High School, where in 2019 he appeared in the state final as a freshman alongside his older brother Bilal. In 2023, he joined the University of Southern Maine men's soccer team and more recently starred for Wahda United FC in the UPSL, earning a spot on the UPSL Team of the Season.

Hersi made his professional debut in Hearts' first-ever game in his hometown of Lewiston.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>





# PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



## KONSTANTINOS GEORGALLIDES

# 21



Midfielder | Famagusta, Cyprus  
**Previous Club: UCLA Bruins (NCAA)**

Georgallides joins Hearts after a decorated college soccer career, having played at the University of Louisville, UNC Greensboro, and UCLA where was a key contributor in the Bruin's first ever Big 10 Championship title. He scored 5 goals and recorded 3 assists, including a brace in the Big 10 Championship final.

Georgallides began his career early in Cyprus, making his professional debut at 16 with first-division club Anorthosis Famagusta (2019). He became the youngest player to win the club's Young Player of the Year award, signed a three-year professional contract, and contributed to lifting a league title with the club's second team as its top scorer. Georgallides also spent time on loan with ASIL (2020) before transitioning to college soccer in the United States. Internationally, Georgallides represented Cyprus through the U-19 level.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	6	3	238	1	1	4	1	0	0
US Open Cup	1	0	18	0	0	2	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## BRECC EVANS

# 22



Defender | Santa Monica, CA  
**Previous Club: FC Naples (USL 1)**

Brecc Evans joined Hearts ahead of the 2026 Season after a successful inaugural campaign with FC Naples.

At the conclusion of that 2025 season, Evans was named to the USL League One All-League Second Team. Evans led the league with 223 clearances while also recording 71 recoveries, 21 interceptions, and winning 111 duels at a 60 percent success rate. Evans also led Naples with 1,454 passes and recorded 17 blocked shots to rank third in the league with a +6.35 Goals Added mark.

Prior to Naples, Evans played three seasons with Northern Colorado Hailstorm FC (2022–2024), where he became the club's all-time leader in minutes played (6,867) coupled with a Jägermeister Cup championship in 2024. In 2021 Evans played in the USL Championship with Memphis 901 FC and captained North Texas SC during their 2019 USL League One title-winning season.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	6	5	461	0	0	3	1	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	1	103	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## KASH OLADAPO

# 23



Goalkeeper | Happy Valley, OR  
**2nd Season at Hearts**

Kash Oladapo returns to Hearts of Pine for a second season, after making his professional debut in 2025.

A graduate of University of Portland, Kash earned WCC All-Conference Honorable Mention in 2023 and was named WCC Defensive Player of the Week three times.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	SV	GC	CS	YC	RC
USL League One	2	2	180	5	3	1	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx Tires USL Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>





# PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



## ESTEBAN ESPINOSA

# 25



Defender | Miami, FL

**Previous Club: RWDM Molenbeek (Challenger Pro League)**

Espinosa joins Hearts after most recently spending time with RWDM Molenbeek in Belgium. He began his professional development at Inter Miami's Academy following its launch in 2019. After the COVID-19 shutdown, Espinosa signed with USL Championship side Queensboro FC for the club's inaugural season. In 2022, he joined Queensboro's affiliate in Puerto Rico, Bayamón FC, where he helped the club win the Caribbean CONCACAF Championship. Espinosa then spent two seasons with Botafogo B in Brazil before being loaned to Louletano B in Portugal. After his time in Portugal, he joined RWDM Molenbeek in July 2025.

## ERNEST MENSAH JR.

# 27



Defender | Naperville, IL

**Previous Club: Syracuse Orange (NCAA)**

Ernest Mensah Jr. joins Hearts following a standout collegiate career at Xavier University and Syracuse University. After winning both the Big East Midwest Division and Big East Championship with Xavier in 2023, he transferred to Syracuse in 2025 for his final season, helping lead the Orange to a sixth-place finish in the ACC, a conference semifinal appearance, and an NCAA Tournament berth.

## EMILIANO TERZAGHI

# 32



Forward | Almirante Brown, Argentina

**Previous Club: Richmond Kickers (USL 1)**

Terzaghi joins Hearts after six successful seasons with Richmond Kickers in USL League One, where he won three USL League One Player of the Year awards (2020, 2021, 2022), along with three USL League One Golden Boot awards (2020, 2021, 2022), and won the USL League One Players Shield in 2022. Terzaghi is USL League One's all-time leading goalscorer with 62 goals across six seasons.

Prior to Richmond, Terzaghi began his professional career in Argentina with Club Atlético Banfield, where he came through the club's youth system and was part of the Banfield squad that won the 2013-14 Primera Nacional title. Terzaghi later spent several seasons competing across multiple levels of Argentina's second and third divisions.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	2	2	180	0	0	2	0	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	1	90	1	0	1	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	3	2	198	0	0	0	0	0	0
US Open Cup	1	1	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	4	3	241	0	0	4	1	1	0
US Open Cup	1	0	18	0	0	1	1	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	1	63	0	0	1	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>





# PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



## TYLER HUCK

Defender | Ross, CA

**Previous Club: Bowdoin Polar Bears (NCAA)**

Huck joins the Hearts after wrapping up a successful collegiate career with Bowdoin College.

Originally from Ross, California, Huck made the move to Maine in 2022 and immediately became a key player for the Polar Bears. As a freshman, he appeared in 20 games with 18 starts, scoring 4 goals and recording 3 assists—a performance that earned him NESCAC Rookie of the Year. Over his Bowdoin career, Huck finished with 34 goals, 19 assists, three First Team All-NESCAC selections, and the NESCAC Men's Soccer Player of the Year Award.

# 35



## ZION SCARLETT

Defender | Philadelphia, PA

**Previous Club: Carolina Core (MLS Next Pro)**

Scarlett joins Hearts after a season with Carolina Core in MLS Next Pro where he played 321 minutes, made 14 appearances with 3 starts, and scored 1 goal.

Before Carolina, Scarlett spent a season at Greenville Triumph in 2024 where he contributed 4 assists and 1 goal across 24 appearances. Scarlett also has experience on the international stage, with one goal scored in four caps for Jamaica's U-20 team.

# 41



## SERIGNE MBACKE FAYE

Defender | Guédiawaye, Senegal

**Previous Club: Etar FC (Bulgarian First League)**

Serigne Mbacke Faye joins Hearts after three seasons with Bulgarian side Etar FC, where he featured in both the Bulgarian First League and the Second League.

Faye began his professional career in Senegal with Jamono Fatick before later joining Guediaway FC. His first move to Europe came with Danish side Kolding IF, where he spent two seasons before moving to Bulgaria to join Etar FC.

# 44



2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	4	3	216	1	0	4	2	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	4	1	112	0	0	1	0	1	0
US Open Cup	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	4	2	200	0	0	3	1	2	0
US Open Cup	1	1	90	0	0	2	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	2	162	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>





# PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



## KEMALI GREEN

# 66



Defender | Kingston, Jamaica

### 2nd Season at Hearts; 2025 Club Rookie of the Year

Kemali Green returns to Portland Hearts of Pine for his second season at Hearts of Pine having appeared in 24 matches, starting all 24, and logged 2,135 minutes on the field, contributing 1 goal, and was selected as Hearts of Pine's 2025 Rookie of the Year.

Kemali joined Hearts from Temple University in Philadelphia, where he played a pivotal role in leading the team to the conference playoffs and earned AAC All-Conference honors.

## LAGOS KUNGA

# 70



Forward | Luanda, Angola

### Previous Club: Union Omaha (USL 1)

Kunga joins Hearts after leaving Union Omaha in USL League One, where he scored 10 goals in all competitions and led the league in successful dribbles during Omaha's 2024 USL League One Championship-winning season.

Kunga's early career saw him play at clubs across the USL Championship, with stints at Charleston Battery (2017), Atlanta United 2 (2018), Memphis 901 FC (2019), and Phoenix Rising FC (2020), where he was part of the club's Western Conference-winning squad. Kunga then moved to Kristiansund BK in Norway (2021) before returning to the United States for a season in USL League Two with Des Moines Menace (2023).

On the international stage, Kunga has earned five caps for the United States at the U-20 level, along with scoring one goal at the 2017 FIFA U-20 World Cup.

## MATTEO KIDD

# 98



Midfielder | St. Louis, MO

### Previous Club: St. Louis City SC 2 (MLS Next Pro)

Kidd joins Hearts after leaving St. Louis City SC 2 of MLS Next Pro.

After impressing during his college career at St. Louis University, Kidd signed his first professional contract in 2021 with Chicago House AC for their inaugural season in the NISA. In 2022, he moved to MLS NEXT Pro side Chicago Fire FC II before returning to St. Louis in 2023 to play under Head Coach Bobby Murphy with St. Louis City 2. Kidd tallied 10 goals in 41 appearances in two seasons for the club.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	9	9	809	0	0	2	0	2	0
US Open Cup	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	1	108	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	2	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	8	4	457	0	0	3	0	2	0
US Open Cup	1	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	2	167	1	1	1	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>





# PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



## JOSHUA DRACK

# 99



Defender | Chandler, AZ

**Previous Club: Westchester SC (USL League One)**

Drack joins Hearts after spending time with LA Galaxy, Huntsville City FC, Charleston Battery, and Westchester SC. Known for his energy and pace, Drack is a dynamic wingback that can impact the game in any phase of play.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	5	5	392	0	1	6	1	2	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>





# COACHING STAFF BIOGRAPHIES



VS



## HEAD COACH BOBBY MURPHY



Head Coach Bobby Murphy is in second season with Hearts of Pine.

Murphy joined Hearts of Pine in 2025 after guiding St. Louis CITY2, the MLS NEXT Pro team for St. Louis City SC, to the semifinals during the 2024 season. He led CITY2 to the second-best record out of 29 teams in MLS NEXT Pro. Throughout his career, Murphy has experience coaching all levels of talent, from all over the world, with roles ranging from a youth academy director to interim head coach of Orlando City in MLS, where he coached the 2007 Ballon d'Or winner Kaká.

Murphy played and coached in New England early in his career. He received his bachelor's degree from Southern New Hampshire University and was a member of the men's soccer team. He also has a master's degree in education from Plymouth State University and was an assistant coach of the men's soccer team. He has fond memories of bringing his children to the beautiful beaches of Maine, and is excited to be back in the Pine Tree State.

*"It's not my club, it's the city's club, and I get the honor of being the steward of it for as long as I am here. And that's a great gift and a huge responsibility."*

## ASSISTANT COACH ALEX RYAN



Alex Ryan brings a wealth of experience, regional knowledge and a proven track record of success to his role as assistant coach for Hearts of Pine. Originally from Newcastle, England, Alex began his early soccer journey with the Sunderland Youth Academy before playing professionally in the fourth National League at Gateshead FC. Alex earned a college scholarship to Campbellsville University in Kentucky, where he served as team captain. While at Campbellsville, he played a key role in the team winning a conference championship and was recognized with 1st Team All-Conference honors.

Alex's connection to the United States soccer scene was further solidified during his time playing for the Premier Development League (PDL) with Seacoast United. It was here that he first established ties to the club, and transitioned from player into his first coaching position. He served as the MLS Next Academy Director, and in 2016, Alex took on the role of Seacoast United's NPSL Head Coach in USL League Two, where he achieved unparalleled success. Under his leadership, the team became the 2024 USL 2 National Champions and maintained an impressive all-time 82% winning percentage with an overall record of 53-9-6. Seacoast United also secured Northeast Division titles in 2022, 2023, and 2024, set a record points total for the division, and reached the playoffs four years in a row, culminating in an Eastern Conference title in 2024.

Alex's coaching accomplishments extend beyond team success. He has helped develop more than 40 professional players, including two top-5 MLS draft picks.





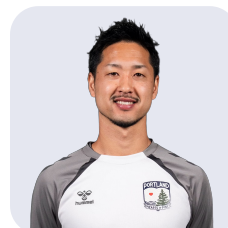
# COACHING STAFF BIOGRAPHIES



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## GOALKEEPER COACH YUTA NOMURA



Yuta Nomura joined Portland Hearts of Pine in 2025 from New England Revolution II, where he spent five seasons as second-team goalkeeper. Collegiately, Yuta played for Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky. As a freshman in 2011, he started all 23 games, leading the Blue Raiders to an NAIA National Championship and an undefeated 23-0-0 season. Over his four-year career, he recorded a 68-11-3 record with 35 clean sheets and set personal bests in his freshman season for save percentage (.838), shutouts (14), and saves (62). Lindsey Wilson finished third in the NAIA Tournament during his sophomore and junior years.

Yuta spent two-and-a-half seasons in Sweden with BK Olympic, competing in Division 2 Västra Götaland. He also played two seasons in the PDL (now USL League Two), representing the Springfield Demize in 2014 and the Michigan Bucks in 2015.

Early in Yuta's career, he served as part of the coaching staff at the University of Central Arkansas (NCAA Division I) for two seasons. His efforts contributed to the staff winning the Missouri Valley Conference Coaching Staff of the Year award in 2018, a season in which UCA claimed the conference title and earned a berth in the NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament. After transitioning to the Sun Belt Conference in 2019, Yuta helped guide the Bears to a regular-season title with a 10-7-1 overall record and a 4-1 conference mark.

Yuta spent five seasons with New England Revolution II, where he coached second-team goalkeepers and assisted first-team goalkeepers. During this time, he worked alongside Kevin Hitchcock, as well as goalkeepers Matt Turner, Djordje Petrović, and Aljaž Ivačič. Since 2022, he also took on responsibilities for set-piece coaching.

