

MATCHDAY

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



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MEDIA GUIDE



PORTLAND HEARTS OF PINE



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MATCH INFORMATION

KICKOFF: 6:00PM EST

LOCATION: Fitzpatrick Stadium

REFEREE: Igor Bych

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1: Race Williams

ASSISTANT REFEREE 2: Douglas Clayton

FOURTH OFFICIAL: Colby Johnson

TELEVISION: ESPN+, NESN

DISCIPLINE

HEARTS OF PINE SUSPENDED PLAYERS: N/A

WESTCHESTER SC SUSPENDED PLAYERS: N/A

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: 5-11-8 (23 pts)

WESTCHESTER RECORD: 6-12-5 (23 pts)

HEAD-TO-HEAD: 1-2-1 for Hearts

MOST RECENT H2H: Hearts 1-5 Westchester SC

HEARTS OF PINE FORM: LLDDL

WESTCHESTER FORM: LWDLL

HEARTS OF PINE LAST TIME OUT: Hearts 2-3 Charlotte

WESTCHESTER LAST TIME OUT: Westchester 0-1

Chattanooga Red Wolves

HEARTS OF PINE LEADING SCORER: Camara, Gonzalez, Wright

WESTCHESTER LEADING SCORER: Conor McGlynn





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): Jay Tee Kamara, Ollie Wright

Goal of the Week (Week 8): Ollie Wright

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

Team of the Week (Week 13): Jay Tee Kamara, Ollie Wright

Player of the Month (May): Ollie Wright

Team of the Week (Week 17/18): Aboubacar Camara, Konstantinos Georgallides,
Diego Gonzalez, Jaden Jones-Riley

Player of the Week (Week 17/18): Aboubacar Camara

Coach of the Week (Week 17/18): Bobby Murphy

Team of the Week (Week 19/20): Hunter Morse

Team of the Week (Week 22): Konstantinos Georgallides, Aboubacar Camara,
Diego Gonzalez

Team of the Week (Week 25): Hunter Morse

PRINX TIRES USL CUP

Team of the Week (Round 2): Ollie Wright

Coach of the Round (Round 2): Bobby Murphy

Save of the Round (Round 2): Hunter Morse





CLUB HISTORY



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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.





PORTLAND HEARTS OF PINE



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IN THE NEWS

Context:

Wednesday night in Charlotte was heartbreaking. Matteo Kidd and Michel Poon-Angeron turned a 1-0 deficit into a 2-1 lead — Hearts were minutes away from a famous road win against the league leaders. Then Stefano Pinho scored a stunning scissor kick in the 96th minute and tapped home the winner two minutes later.

Sunday at Fitzpatrick is a chance to channel that frustration into something positive. Westchester SC come to Portland sitting 6-12-5 on the season. Conor McGlynn has been dangerous all year, but Hearts will be looking to dazzle the home crowd and get revenge after a 5-1 drubbing in Westchester back in July.

Hearts Off the Field:

Hearts of Pine have announced plans to transform Cassidy Point, a long-fenced-off coal storage site on Portland's Western Waterfront, into a permanent soccer-specific stadium of 9,000–11,000 seats for both the men's and women's teams. This is about building something lasting for the city of Portland — a waterfront destination that belongs to everyone, that people can walk, bike, and bus to, and that reflects the pride and spirit of Maine. With the intent of opening in 2029, Cassidy Point will be brimming with that same energy that has made Fitzpatrick Stadium such a special home for Hearts.





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	D, 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	D, 0-0
April 19 3:00PM	FC Naples*	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	D, 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	D, 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	D, 1-1
May 30 6:30PM	Spokane Velocity FC	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	W, 2-1
June 3 8:30PM	Corpus Christi FC	USL League One	Corpus Christi, TX	L, 2-3
June 7 3:00PM	Brooklyn FC	Prinx Tires USL Cup	Brooklyn, NY	L, 1-5
June 13 6:30PM	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	L, 1-2
June 19 7:00PM	Westchester SC	USL League One	Mt Vernon, NY	L, 1-5
June 24 7:00PM	Richmond Kickers*	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	W, 5-1
July 3 7:30PM	FC Naples	USL League One	Naples, FL	W, 3-2
July 11 7:00PM	New York Cosmos**	Prinx Tires USL Cup	Fitzpatrick Stadium	W, 1(4)-1(2)
July 17 9:30PM	AC Boise****	USL League One	Garden City, ID	L, 1-2
July 22 7:00PM	Union Omaha	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	L, 1-2
July 26 6:30PM	Sarasota Paradise**	Friendly	Fitzpatrick Stadium	L, 1-2
July 29 7:30PM	Sarasota Paradise**	Friendly	Lakewood Ranch, FL	D, 2-2
Aug 1 7:00PM	Greenville Triumph	USL League One	Simpsonville, SC	D, 3-3
Aug 5 7:00PM	CT United FC	Friendly	Fitzpatrick Stadium	D, 1-1
Aug 8 7:00PM	Corpus Christi FC**	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	L, 0-2
Aug 16 6:30PM	Forward Madison FC*	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	L, 1-2
Aug 19 7:00PM	One Knoxville SC	USL League One	Knoxville, TN	D, 1-1
Aug 22 7:00PM	Richmond Kickers	USL League One	Richmond, VA	D, 1-1
Aug 29 7:00PM	Fort Wayne FC*	USL League One	Fitzpatrick Stadium	L, 1-4

* 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 | 7:30PM
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

L, 2-3

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	L	D	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1. Charlotte Independence	23	15	4	4	55	31	+24	49
2. Union Omaha	24	14	6	4	41	27	+14	46
3. Forward Madison	23	13	5	5	44	24	+20	44
4. One Knoxville	23	11	5	7	38	26	+12	40
5. Spokane Velocity	21	12	7	2	32	27	+5	38
6. AC Boise	23	11	7	5	36	33	+3	38
7. Chattanooga Red Wolves	22	11	9	2	41	35	+6	35
8. Fort Wayne FC	22	9	7	6	32	25	+7	33
9. AV Alta FC	25	8	9	8	33	34	-1	32
10. Corpus Christi FC	23	7	7	9	28	32	-4	30
11. FC Naples	23	8	13	2	27	39	-12	26
12. Sarasota Paradise	23	7	12	4	25	37	-12	25
13. Westchester SC	23	6	12	5	34	35	-1	23
14. Greenville Triumph	22	6	11	5	27	35	-8	23
15. Portland Hearts of Pine	24	5	11	8	35	44	-9	23
16. New York Cosmos	23	5	14	4	26	46	-20	19
17. Richmond Kickers	23	5	14	4	21	45	-24	19

WHAT'S AT STAKE

The 2026 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. Top 4 would insure a home playoff match at Fitzpatrick Stadium.



ROSTERS



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#	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
4	M	Diego Letayf Escutia	3/28/02	DEY-eh-goh leh-TIFE eh-SKOO-tyah
5	M	Mikey Lopez	2/20/93	mai-kee LOH-pezh
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
16	M	Diego Gonzalez	10/16/02	DEE-ay-go gon-ZAH-lez
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
24	F	Felipe Rodriguez Gentile	10/4/06	feh-LEE-peh roh-DREE-gess jen-TEE-leh
25	D	Esteban Espinosa	9/19/02	EH-steh-ban ESS-pee-noh-sah
26	D	Eiji Hata	7/19/03	AY-ee-jee HAH-tah
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	Andrew Hammersley
2	D	Maximus Jennings
3	D	Charlie Dickerson
4	D	Bobby Pierre
5	D	Timofey Timchenko
6	M	Conor McGlynn
7	F	Samory Powder
8	M	Daniel Bouman
9	F	Koen Blommestijn
10	M	Dean Guezen
11	M	Bryan Vásquez
14	D	Jack Loura
15	M	Aidan Borra
17	F	Miguel Diaz
18	F	Ermin Mackic
21	M	Aleksei Armas
23	GK	Matías Molina
25	GK	Luca Marinelli
27	F	Jonathan Jimenez
40	D	Maurice Williams
42	M	Piero Elias
66	D	Noah Powder
77	F	Daniel Burko
78	D	Marko Vislocky
83	F	Kyle Evans





PLAYER STATISTICS (ALL MATCHES)



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NAME	M	S	MINS	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
Kemali Green	27	24	2110	0	0	7	0	6	0
Ollie Wright	25	23	2000	8	8	56	25	8	0
Brecc Evans	24	22	1987	1	1	11	3	0	0
Michel Poon-Angeron	27	23	1925	1	0	14	4	5	0
Matteo Kidd	26	14	1524	2	4	11	3	5	0
Mo Mohamed	21	17	1491	0	0	4	1	3	0
Josh Drack	18	17	1443	0	1	13	3	6	0
Aboubacar Camara	22	16	1372	7	2	27	14	1	0
Diogo Barbosa	25	15	1299	1	0	11	2	9	0
Serigne Mbacke Faye	18	14	1243	1	0	11	4	3	0
Jay Tee Kamara	24	12	1213	3	5	30	11	2	2
Diego Gonzalez	14	11	1033	7	1	36	15	0	0
Konstantinos Georgallides	21	12	976	3	3	16	5	0	0
Jaden Jones-Riley	14	9	841	0	1	2	1	1	0
Mikey Lopez	15	8	750	1	0	3	1	4	1
Tyler Huck	16	7	597	1	1	10	2	0	0
Titus Washington	9	6	558	1	0	15	5	4	0
Walter Varela	12	6	523	0	0	10	3	2	0
Eiji Hata	5	5	450	0	0	1	0	0	0
Esteban Espinosa	8	4	440	1	0	3	1	2	0
Lagos Kunga	8	3	214	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zion Scarlett	8	1	165	0	0	1	0	1	0
Felipe Rodriguez Gentile	4	1	114	0	0	2	1	1	0
Khalid Hersi	2	1	107	0	0	2	2	1	0
Diego Letayf	3	1	102	0	0	0	0	1	0

NAME	M	S	MINS	SV	GC	CS	YC	RC
Hunter Morse	25	25	2250	104	50	1	2	0
Kash Oladapo	4	4	360	12	9	1	0	0

TEAM LEADERS

MINUTES - Hunter Morse (2250)

GOALS - Ollie Wright (8)

ASSISTS - Ollie Wright (8)

SHOTS - Ollie Wright (56)

SHOTS ON GOAL - Ollie Wright (25)

SAVES - Hunter Morse (104)

CLEAN SHEETS - Oladapo, Morse (1)





2026 LEAGUE LEADERS



VS



GOALS

- 12 - Souaibou Marou (Charlotte Independence)
- 10 - Conor McGlynn (Westchester SC)
- 10 - Ryan Carmichael (Forward Madison FC)
- 10 - Taig Healy (Fort Wayne FC)
- 9 - Luis Alvarez (Charlotte Independence)

ASSISTS

- 10 - Jon Bakero (Charlotte Independence)
- 8 - Roman Torres (Forward Madison FC)
- 7 - **Ollie Wright (Portland Hearts of Pine)**
- 7 - Ajmeer Spengler (New York Cosmos)
- 6 - Nacho Abeal (Corpus Christi FC)

SHOTS

- 74 - Ajmeer Spengler (New York Cosmos)
- 64 - Denis Krioutchenkov (One Knoxville SC)
- 64 - Souaibou Marou (Charlotte Independence)
- 63 - Ryan Carmichael (Forward Madison FC)
- 57 - Jerry Desdunes (AV Alta FC)

SAVES

- 90 - **Hunter Morse (Portland Hearts of Pine)**
- 79 - Denzil Smith (AV Alta FC)
- 79 - Matt Levy (Charlotte Independence)
- 79 - Yann Fillion (Richmond Kickers)
- 70 - James Talbot (Corpus Christi FC)

CLEAN SHEETS

- 7 - Bernd Schipmann (Fort Wayne FC)
- 7 - James Talbot (Corpus Christi FC)
- 6 - Johan Garibay (One Knoxville SC)
- 6 - Denzil Smith (AV Alta FC)
- 5 - Jason Smith (Chattanooga Red Wolves SC)





PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



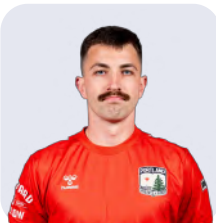
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HUNTER MORSE

Goalkeeper | Belleville, MI
2nd Season at Hearts; 2025 Club MVP

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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.

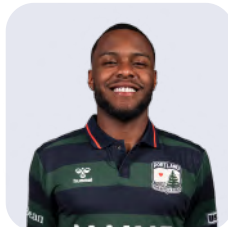
Hunter's journey began at Michigan State University and continued at Western Michigan, where he started all 21 matches in 2022 and earned MAC Goalkeeper of the Year honors after recording 11 shutouts and a 0.47 GAA.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	SV	GC	CS	YC	RC
USL League One	22	22	1980	90	41	1	2	0
US Open Cup	1	1	90	5	1	0	0	0
Prinx Tires USL Cup	2	2	180	9	8	0	0	0
TOTAL	25	25	2250	104	50	1	2	0

JADEN JONES-RILEY

Defender | Tallahassee, FL
2nd Season at Hearts

2



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.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	12	7	682	0	1	2	1	1	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	2	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	14	9	841	0	1	2	1	1	0

DIEGO LETAYF ESCUTIA

Midfielder | Monterrey, Mexico
Previous Club: Georgetown Hoyas (NCAA)

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Letayf Escutia joins Hearts after a 2-week trail period with the club.

Originally from Monterrey, Letayf Escutia moved to Texas at age eight and developed through the FC Dallas academy. He featured for FC Dallas's U-17s at the Liga MX Internacional Tournament in 2017, and represented Mexico on five occasions as part of the Youth National Team. He then moved to Tigres UANL's U-20 squad before attending Georgetown University, where he made 42 appearances with 32 starts. Letayf Escutia served as captain for three consecutive years, and in 2024, he helped the Hoyas win 2 BIG EAST Championships, as well as three league titles, reaching the NCAA Division I Soccer Championship all four years of Diego's career.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	3	1	102	0	0	0	0	1	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
TOTAL	3	1	102	0	0	0	0	1	0





PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



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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	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	13	8	696	1	0	3	1	3	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
TOTAL	15	8	750	1	0	3	1	4	1

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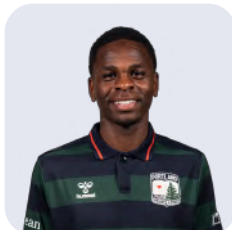
Defender | Portland, OR
2nd Season at Hearts

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.

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2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	18	15	1262	0	0	4	1	3	0
US Open Cup	1	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	3	270	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	18	1557	0	0	4	1	3	0

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.

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2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	9	3	292	0	0	7	3	2	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	3	231	0	0	3	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	6	523	0	0	10	3	2	0





PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



MICHEL POON-ANGERON

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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.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	23	19	1631	1	0	12	3	5	0
US Open Cup	1	1	72	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	3	222	0	0	2	1	0	0
TOTAL	27	23	1925	1	0	14	4	5	0

ABOUBACAR CAMARA

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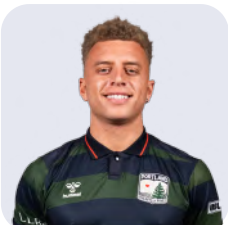
Forward | Upper Darby, PA.
Previous Club: Penn State Nittany Lions (NCAA)
Camara joins Hearts after a prolific NCAA career at the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, and Pennsylvania State University..

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	19	14	1222	6	2	25	13	1	0
US Open Cup	1	1	72	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	1	78	1	0	2	1	0	0
TOTAL	22	16	1372	7	2	27	14	1	0

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	20	18	1589	6	7	44	17	6	0
US Open Cup	1	1	90	0	0	3	0	1	0
Prinx USL Cup	4	4	321	2	1	9	8	1	0
TOTAL	25	23	2000	8	8	56	25	8	0





PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



JAY TEE KAMARA

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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	20	11	1048	3	5	28	10	2	1
US Open Cup	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	0	75	0	0	2	1	0	1
TOTAL	24	12	1213	3	5	30	11	2	2

TITUS WASHINGTON

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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
TOTAL	9	6	558	1	0	15	5	4	0

DIEGO GONZALEZ

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Midfielder | Houston, TX
Previous Club: Houston Dynamo 2 (MLS Next Pro)

Diego Gonzalez joins Hearts of Pine on loan from Houston Dynamo 2 for the 2026 season.

A Houston native and Dynamo academy product, Gonzalez signed his first professional contract at 19 and developed into one of MLS NEXT Pro’s top midfielders, earning 2024 MLS NEXT Pro Best XI honors after recording six goals and 10 assists. An attacking midfielder with technical quality and vision, Gonzalez brings creativity, tempo, and another option to the Hearts midfield.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	13	11	1012	6	1	32	12	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	0	21	1	0	4	3	0	0
TOTAL	14	11	1033	7	1	36	15	0	0





PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



DIOGO BARBOSA

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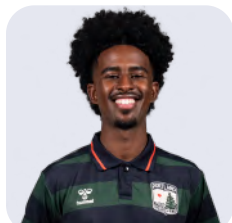
Midfielder | Lisbon, Portugal
Previous Club: Gżira United F.C. (Maltese Premier League)
Barbosa joins Hearts after leaving Gżira United F.C. of the Maltese Premier League.

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	21	12	1077	1	0	11	2	8	0
US Open Cup	1	1	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	2	157	0	0	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	25	15	1299	1	0	11	2	9	0

KHALID HERSI

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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	2	1	107	0	0	2	2	1	0
TOTAL	2	1	107	0	0	2	2	1	0

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	18	11	848	3	3	17	5	0	0
US Open Cup	1	0	18	0	0	2	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	1	110	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	21	12	976	3	3	16	5	0	0



PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



BRECC EVANS

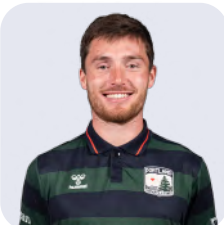
Defender | Santa Monica, CA
Previous Club: FC Naples (USL 1)

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.

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KASH OLADAPO

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.

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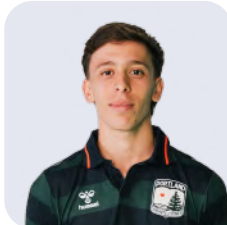
FELIPE RODRIGUEZ GENTILE

Forward | São Paulo, Brazil
Previous Club: Preston North End (EFL Championship)

Argentine striker Felipe Rodriguez-Gentile joins Hearts from EFL Championship side Preston North End.

Rodriguez-Gentile moved to England as a teenager and was scouted by Preston North End while playing for Huyton Juniors in the Merseyside and Halewood League. He joined Preston's youth academy in 2021 and impressed at youth level, scoring a remarkable five goals in a single FA Youth Cup match in the 2022/23 competition, ultimately finishing as joint-top goalscorer in the tournament. His performances earned him a call-up to the Argentina U17 squad preparing for the FIFA U17 World Cup. After progressing through Preston North End's scholarship program in the EFL Championship, Rodriguez-Gentile was loaned to AFC Fylde for senior experience before signing with Hearts of Pine.

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2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	20	19	1721	1	0	10	3	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	4	3	266	0	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	24	22	1987	1	1	11	3	0	0

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 USL Cup	2	2	180	7	6	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	4	360	12	9	1	0	0

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	4	1	114	0	0	2	1	1	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
TOTAL	4	1	114	0	0	2	1	1	0





PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



ESTEBAN ESPINOSA

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.

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EIJI HATA

Defender | Kanagawa, Japan

Previous Club: Houston Dynamo 2 (MLS Next Pro)

Hata joins Hearts after spending the first half of the 2026 season with Houston Dynamo 2 in MLS Next Pro, where he made 11 appearances.

After developing through Japanese club soccer with Yokohama F Marinos and Maebashi Ikuiei, Hata arrived in the US and earned NJCAA First Team All-American honors at Phoenix College, where he recorded 38 appearances with four goals and 10 assists. He then transferred to Seattle University for his junior and senior seasons alongside Mo Mohamed and Titus Washington, posting 33 appearances and five assists while helping the Redhawks win the 2024 Western Athletic Conference Tournament title and earn a berth into the NCAA Division I Championship. In March 2026, Hata signed with Houston Dynamo 2.

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TYLER HUCK

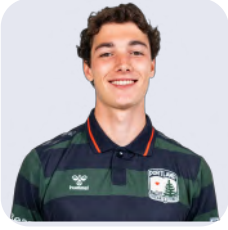
Defender | Ross, CA

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.

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2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	5	2	235	0	0	2	0	1	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	2	205	1	0	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	8	4	440	1	0	3	1	2	0

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	5	5	450	0	0	1	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
TOTAL	5	5	450	0	0	1	0	0	0

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	14	7	571	1	1	10	2	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	2	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	7	597	1	1	10	2	0	0





PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



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.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	6	1	127	0	0	1	0	1	0
US Open Cup	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	1	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8	1	165	0	0	1	0	1	0

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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.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	14	11	974	1	0	9	4	3	0
US Open Cup	1	1	90	0	0	2	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	2	179	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	18	14	1243	1	0	11	4	3	0

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KEMALI GREEN

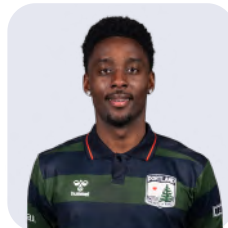
Defender | Kingston, Jamaica
2nd Season at Hearts; 2025 Club Rookie of the Year

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.

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	23	21	1812	0	0	6	0	5	0
US Open Cup	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	2	198	0	0	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	27	24	2110	0	0	7	0	6	0

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PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES



VS



LAGOS KUNGA

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.

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MATTEO KIDD

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.

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JOSH DRACK

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.

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2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	5	1	103	0	0	0	0	0	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	2	111	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8	3	214	0	0	0	0	0	0

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	23	12	1332	2	3	12	3	4	0
US Open Cup	1	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	3	257	1	1	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	27	15	1614	3	4	13	4	5	0

2026 STATISTICS	M	S	Mins	G	A	SH	SOG	YC	RC
USL League One	15	15	1247	0	1	13	3	6	0
US Open Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prinx USL Cup	3	2	176	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	18	17	1443	0	1	13	3	6	0





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.



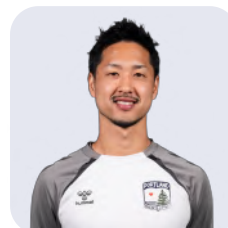
COACHING STAFF BIOGRAPHIES



VS



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.

