Battery, City Meet for First Time Since 2016 Playoffs

The 11th week of the 2017 season features 13 matches from Friday through Sunday, with many clubs on short rest following midweek Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup play. The most anticipated Eastern Conference clash features the Charleston Battery hosting Louisville City FC on Saturday at MUSC Health Stadium. It is the first meeting since the 2016 USL Cup Playoffs, when City FC defeated Charleston 1-0 in the Eastern Conference Semifinals. In the West, San Antonio FC hosts the Swope Park Rangers in the second part of a home-and-home series. Unbeaten SAFC handed Swope Park its first home loss of the season last Friday, 1-0.

Nine USL Sides Headed to Open Cup’s Fourth Round

The USL saw nine teams advance to the Fourth Round of the 2017 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, which will feature the inclusion of Major League Soccer sides. FC Cincinnati, Saint Louis FC and Sacramento Republic FC will all host Fourth Round matches on June 14. The USL features the largest remaining contingent of league teams outside of MLS.

USL-Tied Contingent Leads U.S. U20s into Quarters

Former Real Monarchs SLC loanee Justen Glad tallied a goal and assist as the U.S. U20 National Team defeated New Zealand 6-0 on Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals of the 2017 FIFA U20 World Cup. The U.S. will face Venezuela on Sunday (2 a.m. ET, FS2/Telemundo). Former Charleston Battery loanee Jeremy Ebobisse, Bethlehem Steel FC’s Auston Trusty and former Super Y League standout Lagos Kunga all contributed goals, as well.

May Nominees Set for USL Player of the Month

The USL announced the five nominees for USL Player of the Month for May: Reno 1868 FC’s Dane Kelly, San Antonio FC’s Sebastien Ibeagha, Real Monarchs SLC’s Sebastian Velasquez, Tulsa Roughnecks FC’s Ian Svantesson and the Pittsburgh Riverhounds’ Joe Greenspan.

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Friday, June 2:
Saint Louis FC vs. Toronto FC II, 8:30 p.m. ET (Match Center): At Toyota Stadium – Saint Louis in Fenton, Mo., two sides hope to put an end to their winless streaks when STLFC (3-3-3, 12 points) hosts TFC II (1-6-4, 7 points). Saint Louis is winless in five straight (0-3-2) while Toronto is winless in 10 straight (0-6-4). Toronto is coming off a 1-0 loss at Cincinnati on Saturday. Saint Louis was in line for a road win with a Jose Angulo goal, but STLFC conceded late and drew 1-1 with Tampa Bay on Saturday. (#STLVTOR)

Saturday, June 3:
Rochester Rhinos vs. FC Cincinnati, 6:05 p.m. ET (Match Center): At Capelli Sport Stadium in Rochester, N.Y., the Rhinos (3-1-3, 12 points), fresh off their Third Round Open Cup win against GPS Omens, will try and break into the upper half of the East when they host FCC (4-4-3, 15 points). Rochester wraps up its five-game home stand, having posted a 2-0-2 record during this stretch, recently earning a 1-0 win against Tampa Bay last Wednesday on a Wal Fall goal. Cincinnati has won back-to-back games for the first time this year, with newcomer Danni König leading the way with three goals during this stretch. He had the lone tally during last Saturday’s 1-0 win against Toronto FC II. (#ROCvCIN)

Charleston Battery vs. Louisville City FC, 7 p.m. ET (Match Center): At MUSC Health Stadium in Charleston, S.C., the Battery (7-2-2, 23 points) face Louisville (4-1-3, 15 points) for the first time since the 2016 USL Eastern Conference Semifinals. Louisville posted a 1-0 win against Charleston in the USL Playoffs to advance to last year’s conference final against the New York Red Bulls II. City FC hasn’t played since its 1-0 win against Pittsburgh on May 20. The Battery, despite a Justin Portillo goal, saw an end to a seven-game unbeaten streak (5-0-2) when they fell 2-1 to NYRB II on Saturday. They earned a 1-0 win against Jacksonville Armada FC in Open Cup play Wednesday. (#CHSVLOU)

Pittsburgh Riverhounds vs. Orlando City B, 7 p.m. ET (Match Center): At Highmark Stadium in Pittsburgh, Pa., the Riverhounds (4-4-3, 15 points) meet OCB (3-4-3, 12 points) for the first time this season. Pittsburgh is coming off a scoreless draw last Wednesday against Harrisburg. Orlando looks to rebound from a 3-1 home loss to the Charlotte Independence last Saturday that started off with an Albert Dikwa goal for OCB. (#PGHVORL)

Richmond Kickers vs. New York Red Bulls II, 7 p.m. ET (Match Center): At City Stadium in Richmond, Va., the Kickers (2-5-4, 10 points) will try to end their six-game winless streak (0-2-4) when they host the Red Bulls II (4-5-2, 14 points). Richmond did find its offense through Alhaji Kamara’s hat trick, but also conceded a season-high five goals during a 5-3 loss to Ottawa on Saturday. NYRB II ended a three-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory against Charleston on Sunday. Junior Flemmings and Derrick Etienne Jr. scored second-half goals for the Red Bulls II. (#RICvNY)

Orange County SC vs. Real Monarchs SLC, 8 p.m. ET (Match Center): At Toyota Field in Colorado Springs, Colo., the Monarchs (3-4-5, 14 points) and Energy FC (3-4-1, 10 points) meet for the second time this week, following up Open Cup play in the Third Round on Wednesday, as OKC won 2-1 and advanced to face MLS’s Colorado Rapids on June 14. The last regular-season meeting ended in a 1-1 draw on April 1 as the Switchbacks’ Masta Kacher and OKC’s Alex Dixon traded first-half goals. In Week 10, Colorado Springs is coming off a 3-2 draw against Reno as Jordan Burt scored twice. Energy FC earned a 2-1 victory against Portland last Wednesday as Daniel Gonzalez and Mickey Daly scored their first goals of the season. (#COSvOKC)

San Antonio FC vs. Swope Park Rangers, 8:30 p.m. ET (Match Center): At Toyota Field in San Antonio, the home-and-home series heads to SAFC (9-1-0, 27 points), which hosts the Rangers (4-4-0, 12 points). San Antonio defeated Swope Park 1-0 last Friday at Children’s Mercy Victory Field. Mark O’Ojong scored for San Antonio to extend its unbeaten start to 11 games. Swope Park fell at home for the first time this year. (#SAvSPR)

Seattle Sounders FC 2 vs. LA Galaxy II, 10 p.m. ET (Match Center): At Starfire Stadium in Tukwila, Wash., S2 (4-5-2, 14 points) and Los Dos (2-6-2, 8 points) prepare for their second bout of the season. Seattle won 2-1 on April 15 as Felix Chenkam and Nouhou Tolo scored within the opening 12 minutes. S2 is in the midst of a three-game winless streak but coming off a 2-2 draw against Sacramento this past Sunday. Brian Nana-Sinkam and David Olsen put S2 in position for the win, but the host side conceded an equalizer in stoppage time. LA is coming off a 2-1 loss to Phoenix Rising FC on Saturday in which Ariel Lassiter gave the host Galaxy II an early lead. (#SEAvLA)

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Sacramento Republic FC vs. Rio Grande Valley FC, 11 p.m. ET (Match Center): At Papa Murphy’s Park in Sacramento, Calif., Republic FC (4-5-2, 14 points) hosts RGV (4-3-1, 13 points) for the first time this season. Sacramento rallied for a 2-2 draw against Seattle Sounders FC 2 on Sunday, with Tyler Blackwood’s stoppage-time equalizer. Republic FC has found its offense with five goals in its past two games after going scoreless in six consecutive matches. Sacramento also posted a 2-0 win vs. Reno to advance to the Fourth Round of the Open Cup on Wednesday. The Toros are unbeaten in three straight, most recently playing the LA Galaxy II to a 1-1 draw on May 20. (#SACvRGV)

Sunday, June 4:
Bethlehem Steel FC vs. Ottawa Fury FC, 5 p.m. ET (Match Center): At Goodman Stadium in Bethlehem, Pa., Steel FC (4-6-0, 12 points) prepares for its first meeting with Ottawa (3-3-3, 12 points). Bethlehem is coming off a 3-1 victory against the Harrisburg City Islanders on Sunday to end a two-game skid. Fury FC put together its strongest offensive performance of the season, an action-packed 5-3 victory against the Richmond Kickers on Saturday that included a brace from Sito Seoane. Fury FC had had a busy stretch with the Canadian Championship, with the second leg of the semifinals taking place this Wednesday against Major League Soccer’s Toronto FC. (#BSTvOTT)

Portland Timbers 2 vs. Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2, 5 p.m. ET (Match Center): At Providence Park in Portland, Ore., T2 (1-9-1, 4 points) and WFC2 (3-5-2, 11 points) get set for their second Cascadia matchup of the season. Vancouver won the first time around as Thomas Sanner’s late second-half goal was the difference in a 1-0 victory on April 16 at Providence Park. Portland has posted back-to-back losses, most recently a 3-1 defeat to Tulsa Roughnecks FC on Saturday at ONEOK Field. WFC2 gave Real Monarchs SLC a bit of a run with a 18 year-old Terran Campbell’s first professional goal, but Vancouver fell 2-1 on Saturday at McLeod Athletic Park. (#PORvVAN)

Charlotte Independence vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies, 7 p.m. ET (Match Center): At Eagle Field in Rock Hill, S.C., the Independence (3-2-2, 11 points) face the Rowdies (6-3-3, 21 points) for the first time. Charlotte has won three of its past four games, earning a 3-1 victory against Orlando this past Saturday as Jorge Herrera moved into second place on the USL’s all-time goal scoring list with his 43rd career tally. Tampa Bay salvaged a 1-1 draw against Saint Louis FC as defender Neill Collins netted an 87th-minute equalizer. Both teams hope to rebound from Open Cup losses on Wednesday in the Third Round. (#CLTvTBR)

2017 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup

The USL and its league-record 18 participating teams kicked off the Second Round of the 2017 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup from May 16-17. Sixteen teams advanced to the Third Round (May 30-31), and nine teams then moved on to the Fourth Round (June 13-14), which will incorporate the Major League Soccer sides. Here are the following USL results and Fourth Round matchups involving the league’s advancing teams:

THIRD ROUND RESULTS:
Tuesday, May 30
Saint Louis FC (USL), 2, Michigan Bucks (PDL) 1
Wednesday, May 31
Charleston Battery (USL), 1, Jacksonville Armada (NASL) 0
Christos FC (Md.) 1, Chicago FC United (PDL) 0
FC Cincinnati (USL) 1, Louisville City FC (USL) 0
Harrisburg City Islanders (USL) 3, Reading United AC (PDL) 0
Miami FC (NASL) 2, Tampa Bay Rowdies (USL) 0
North Carolina FC (NASL) 4, Charlotte Independence (USL) 1
OKC Energy FC (USL), 2, Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC (USL) 1
Orange County SC (USL), 1, L.A. Wolves FC (Calif.) 0
Rochester Rhinos (USL) 2, GPS Omens (Mass.) 1 (OT)
Sacramento Republic FC (USL) 2, Reno 1868 FC (USL) 0
San Francisco Deltas (NASL) 2, Phoenix Rising FC (USL) 1
Tulsa Roughnecks FC (USL) 0, San Antonio FC (USL) 0 (7-6 PKs)

FOURTH ROUND MATCHUPS:
Tuesday, June 13
• D.C. United (MLS) vs. Christos FC (Md.), 7:30 p.m. ET, Maryland SoccerPlex; Boyds, Md.
• Colorado Rapids (MLS) vs. OKC Energy FC (USL), 9 p.m. ET, Dick’s Sporting Goods Park; Commerce City, Colo.
• Seattle Sounders FC (MLS) vs. Portland Timbers (MLS), 10:30 p.m. ET, Starfire Stadium; Tukwila, Wash.

Wednesday, June 14
• FC Cincinnati (USL) vs. Columbus Crew SC (MLS), 7 p.m. ET, Nippert Stadium; Cincinnati, Ohio

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North Carolina FC (NASL) vs. Houston Dynamo (MLS), 7:30 p.m. ET, Sahlen's Stadium at WakeMed Soccer Park; Cary, N.C.

New England Revolution (MLS) vs. Rochester Rhinos (USL), 7:30 p.m. ET, Venue TBD

Philadelphia Union (MLS) vs. Harrisburg City Islanders (USL), 7:30 p.m. ET, Talen Energy Stadium; Chester, Pa.

Atlanta United FC (MLS) vs. Charleston Battery (USL), 7:30 p.m. ET, Fifth Third Bank Stadium; Kennesaw, Ga.

Orlando City SC (MLS) vs. Miami FC (NASL), 7:30 p.m. ET, Orlando City Stadium; Orlando, Fla.

New York Red Bulls (MLS) vs. New York City FC (MLS), 8 p.m. ET, Red Bull Arena; Harrison, N.J.

Saint Louis FC (USL) vs. Chicago Fire (MLS), 8 p.m. ET, Toyota Stadium - Saint Louis; Fenton, Mo.

FC Dallas (MLS) vs. Tulsa Roughnecks FC (USL), 8 p.m. ET, Westcott Field; Dallas, Texas

Sporting Kansas City (MLS) vs. Minnesota United FC (MLS), 8:30 p.m. ET, Children's Mercy Park; Kansas City, Kan.

Sacramento Republic FC (USL) vs. Real Salt Lake (MLS), 10:30 p.m. ET, Papa Murphy's Park; Sacramento, Calif.

LA Galaxy vs. Orange County SC (USL), 10:30 p.m. ET, StubHub Center Track & Field Stadium; Carson, Calif.

San Jose Earthquakes (MLS) vs. San Francisco Deltas (NASL), 10:30 p.m. ET, Avaya Stadium; San Jose, Calif.

Tuesday, June 13

D.C. United (MLS) vs. Christos FC (Md.), 7:30 p.m. ET, Maryland SoccerPlex; Boyds, Md.

USL’s U.S. Open Cup Finalists

Three USL organizations have advanced to the title match of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, and two clubs – the Rochester Rhinos and Richmond Kickers – have won the tournament crown; Rochester was also a runner-up in the 1996 edition. Here is a quick look back at those four U.S. Open Cup Finals:

1995: The Richmond Kickers of the USISL Premier League (later named the Premier Development League) defeated the El Paso Patriots of the USISL Pro (later named the USL First Division) to win the tournament on Aug. 27. El Paso held a 1-0 lead for much of the second half until the Kickers found an 82nd-minute equalizer. The match went into a penalty kick shootout, with Richmond prevailing 4-2.

Current Kickers Head Coach Leigh Cowlishaw assisted the lone Richmond goal by Robert Ukrop in regulation. The 1995 edition marked the start of the modern era of the tournament.

1996: The Rochester Raging Rhinos advanced past two Major League Soccer sides – the Tampa Bay Mutiny in the quarterfinals (4-3) and Colorado Rapids in the semifinals (3-0) – to reach the championship match. The Rhinos’ glorious run came to a halt, though, as D.C. United earned a 3-0 victory on Oct. 30 at RFK Stadium. Rochester’s Doug Miller led all players with four goals in the tournament, recording braces in both the quarterfinals and semifinals.

1999: The Rochester Raging Rhinos are the last USL side to win the U.S. Open Cup. Rochester defeated MLS’s Colorado Rapids 2-0 on Sept. 13 in Columbus, Ohio. Doug Miller scored the game-winner in the 65th minute and Yari Allnutt added a tally in the closing minutes. Rochester was the USL A-League runner-up that year to the Minnesota Thunder. Rochester defeated four MLS teams during its tournament run. The Rhinos blanked the Chicago Fire 1-0 in the Third Round, followed by a 2-1 quarterfinal win against the Dallas Burn (now FC Dallas) and a 3-2 semifinal victory against the Columbus Crew.

2008: The Charleston Battery finished runner-up to Major League Soccer’s D.C. United in 2008, falling 2-1 on Sept. 3 at RFK Stadium. Ian Fuller scored the lone Charleston goal in the 10th minute to tie the score at 1-1, but D.C.’s Fred netted the go-head score in the second half. The Battery represent the last non-MLS team to advance to the Open Cup final. Charleston’s tournament run included an opening 4-3 shootout win against MLS’s Houston Dynamo, a 3-1 victory against MLS’s FC Dallas in the quarterfinals and a 4-3 shootout win against fellow USL First Division side the Seattle Sounders in the semifinals.

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Cincinnati Edges Out Louisville in Open Cup
Sacramento Surges Past Reno
Roughnecks Oust SAFC in Shootout
Battery Advance to Face Atlanta United (East Roundup)
Energy FC Advances Past Switchbacks (West Roundup)
About the United Soccer League

The USL is one of the most prominent Division II professional soccer leagues in the world, with 30 markets in 20 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces for the 2017 season. In total, the USL reaches a population of 75 million people, fueling the growth of professional soccer across North America.

While a number of MLS-owned-and-operated franchises make up a portion of the USL playing field, this is NOT a development or reserve league.

In January of 2017, the USL was granted Division II professional status by the U.S. Soccer Federation.

In 2016, more than $100 million were invested league-wide into stadium infrastructure to create venues that deliver an unforgettable fan and competitor experience. The USL has national media partnerships with ESPN and SiriusXM, and recently invested $10 million to create USL Productions – which includes a state-of-the-art facility that will produce and distribute nearly 500 league matches and more than 1,000 hours of original content to national partners, local affiliates, USL’s Match Center and international markets.

A growing league, the USL has more than doubled in size since 2014, with Ottawa Fury FC, Reno 1868 FC and the Tampa Bay Rowdies debuting in 2017. Nashville SC is the first club set to join the league for 2018. Beyond league play, the USL regularly features international exhibitions against leading Premier League, Liga MX, and Bundesliga clubs, among others.

Headquartered in Tampa, Fla., the USL provides unparalleled club support with a growing team of more than 50 professionals across 17 departments, ranging from operations to marketing, communications and sponsorship.

USL TEAMS

EASTERN CONFERENCE:
- Bethlehem Steel FC
- Charleston Battery
- Charlotte Independence
- FC Cincinnati
- Harrisburg City Islanders
- Louisville City FC
- New York Red Bulls II
- Orlando City B
- Ottawa Fury FC
- Pittsburgh Riverhounds
- Richmond Kickers
- Rochester Rhinos
- Saint Louis FC
- Tampa Bay Rowdies
- Toronto FC II

WESTERN CONFERENCE:
- Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC
- LA Galaxy II
- OKC Energy FC
- Orange County SC
- Phoenix Rising FC
- Portland Timbers 2
- Real Monarchs SLC
- Reno 1868 FC
- Rio Grande Valley FC
- Sacramento Republic FC
- San Antonio FC
- Seattle Sounders FC 2
- Swope Park Rangers
- Tulsa Roughnecks FC
- Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2

JOINING IN 2018:
- Nashville SC
The Monarchs continue their stellar 2017 campaign Saturday on the road, where the club is 4-1-0 away from home as it heads to Southern California in search of a seventh consecutive victory and its 10th in 11 games this season, the club’s lone blemish so far an April 15 loss at Colorado Springs ...

Last Sunday, the club completed a road sweep of the Pacific Northwest teams, as HC Mark Briggs’ club won 2-1 in Vancouver after boasting a 2-1 win at Portland and a 3-1 win at Seattle already in this young season … Overall, the Monarchs’ 9-1-0 start to the season is the 2nd-best overall in the USL (trailing only San Antonio), while May 20 saw the Monarchs avenge its Colorado Springs loss with a 5-2 home victory over the Switchbacks, the lone club to have held the Monarchs attack to just a single goal (1-2 loss at CSS on April 15) …

The Monarchs are the highest scoring USL team in 2017 thus far, with 27 goals through 10 games; one fewer game played and six goals scored more than San Antonio, which is still unbeaten at 9-0-2 with 21 goals through 11 games entering this week ...

The Claret-and-Cobalt USL side has won six straight games – its longest-ever single-season streak – equaling its 2015/16 run that spanned two seasons, its longest overall run – scoring multiple goals in each of its nine victories and not suffering a shutout yet this season through 10 matches …

The Monarchs join the team it is chasing in both the overall USL and the Western Conference standings, San Antonio FC, as one of the first two clubs in USL history to amass 7 wins in its first 8 games of a season ...

Also, the 27-point total for the Monarchs through 10 games more than doubles its total points at same juncture in either its 2015 inaugural season or 2016 … Meanwhile, the club is now just four goals shy of last year’s attacking output of 31 goals for the season, with 20 games still remaining …

Thus far in 2017, the Monarchs have used a total of 26 players, including six loanees from Real Salt Lake of Major League Soccer … 24 days ago in LA, Head Coach Mark Briggs gave FW Jonel Desiré and MF Karsten Hanlin their club/league debuts, with Hanlin scoring at the death in the final kick of the game to make it 3-0 in the team’s first-ever win over LA Galaxy II … Both players came off the bench again 4 days later in the club’s 2-0 home win over Sacramento …

TENELVE different players have scored for the Monarchs this season, led by FW Chandler Hoffman, who scored four of his team-leading six goals in April, along with MF Sebastian Velasquez, who now also has six goals to go along with his back-to-back USL Team of the Week honors, and his May USL Player of the Month nomination …

MF Charlie Adams leads the Monarchs with four assists to lead the team, while a trio including MF Andrew Brody, FW Daniel Haber and Hoffman each have 3 assists to their credit … Hoffman, Velasquez and Haber are three of the six players with multiple goals this season, joined by Captain Nick Besler, DF James Moberg and RSL MF Jose Hernandez … DF Kyle Curinga, MF Chase Minter, MF Karsten Hanlin, SLC native Taylor Peay and RSL MF Omar Holness are the other 2017 goal scorers …

Three Monarchs players – Besler, Moberg and left back Max Lachowecki – have played all 900 minutes this season …

Hoffman (816), right back Kyle Curinga (810), winger Andrew Brody (853) and Velasquez (794) are the others to have played nearly 800+ minutes already through 10 games …

Monarchs DF Taylor Peay and MF Nick Besler converted on first-half set-piece opportunities, as Real Monarchs (9-1-0, 27 points, 2nd West / 2nd Overall in USL) held on to win 2-1 at McLeod Athletic Park against Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2 on Sunday afternoon …

The Monarchs got the match off to a roaring start in the 6th minute after Besler flicked a header off a MF Charlie Adams corner kick in the direction of Peay … The Salt Lake City native made no mistake, nodding the pass into the roof of the net … The tally was Peay’s first goal for the Claret-and-Cobalt USL side, becoming the 12th goal scorer for the club, and in his first-ever start for the third-year club …

MF Daniel Haber nearly scored against his former club moments later, as MF Sebastian Velasquez found the former Vancouver Whitecaps FC 2 player on the left channel driving into the penalty area … Haber’s left-footed strike across the face of goal challenged Paolo Tornaghi, but the Whitecaps goalkeeper was equal to the task …

Tornaghi limited the damage all afternoon, until the Monarchs broke through again the 22nd minute when Adams delivered perfect service from the corner and connected with Besler on the far post … This time, the Monarchs Captain didn’t need help as he headed home his third goal of the season …

The Monarchs have scored multiple goals in every one of the team’s nine wins this season, the lone exception a 2-1 defeat against Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC on April 15. Real leads the league with 27 goals in 10 matches.

The second half lacked the chances of the first, but Vancouver pulled one back in the 78th minute. Whitecaps FC 2 substitute Nicolas Apostol spotted Terran Campbell in behind in the center of the penalty area. Campbell finished from seven yards out to make it 2-1 …

But defensively, GK Lalo Fernandez and company were resolute dealing with Vancouver crosses and denying clear cut chances. Fernandez collected his lone save of the match in second half stoppage time. The RSL Academy graduate was positioned perfectly to stop the Thomas Sanner header …

FW Chandler Hoffman and MF Sebastian Velasquez led the attacking explosion with two goals each, as Real Monarchs (8-1-0, 24 points, 2nd West) avenged the club’s lone loss of the season with a 5-2 home win against Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC at RioTinto Stadium … Velasquez and Hoffman opened the offensive floodgates in the second half, combining for three goals in a six-minute span to spark the come-from-behind win, the third-year club’s fifth consecutive victory …

With the five-goal outburst, HC Mark Briggs’ side remains the highest-scoring offense in the league with 25 total goals through nine matches, while the five-goal output matches the club’s record set in early April during a 5-3 win over visiting Reno 1868 …

Colorado Springs opened its account first, when the Monarchs conceded a penalty kick on a 24th-minute handball in the box … Monarchs GK Connor Sparrow – making his fourth consecutive start and entering the game with a 224-minute shutout streak – stopped Aaron King’s kick from the spot, but Switchbacks MF Josh Suggs tucked home the rebound from seven yards out …

Real Monarchs quickly equalized just five minutes later through an exquisite piece of play down the left side … After combinations in midfield, MF Daniel Haber set up Hoffman on a platter just seven yards away from Moise Pouaty’s goal … Though the Switchbacks FC goalkeeper got a hand to it, the ball trickled past the line …
Velasquez began the second half scoring surge in the 51st minute. DF James Moberg played in the dynamic playmaker with a 40-yard diagonal ball into the box ... Velasquez beat Jordan Burt to the end line, striking from a sharp angle to the far post ...

The Haber-to-Hoffman connection proved fruitful once again in the 54th minute ... For Hoffman’s second tally, the forward was unmarked in the middle of the goal box for an easy tap-in after Haber’s magic unlocked the defense ...

With the Switchbacks defense shellshocked, Velasquez notched his second off a turnover at the top of the 18 ... Seba dispossessed Pascal Eboussi and finished past a diving Pouaty with a scoring left-footed blast ... With matching tallies, Hoffman and Velasquez stay tied atop the club’s scoring race with six goals apiece ...

DF Michael Gallagher reduced the Monarchs to 10 men in the 63rd minute ... The defender was given his second yellow card for nullifying a breakaway by former RMSGC man Kevaughn Frater in front of the Colorado Springs bench ...

Still, the Monarchs scored their fifth and final goal with a short-handed effort ... Haber capped his two-assist birthday with a late goal, as the Canadian’s right-footed shot from outside the box ricocheted off a defender into the top left corner in the 83rd minute ... With the game in hand, Frater ended the five-goal run with a header past Sparrow in the 87th minute ...

The Claret-and-Cobalt USL side used all three substitutions ... First-team regular DF Tony Beltran started and played the first half in a rehab stint, as Beltran had been sidelined with a back injury since mid-March ... DF Kyle Curinga took over for the RSL veteran in the second half ... Salt Lake City native DF Taylor Peay replaced Hoffman in the 68th minute, while MF Jonel Desiré came in for Haber in the 84th minute ...

**MAY 13: MONARCHS 2: 0 SACRAMENTO**

Real Monarchs SLC (7-1-0, 21 points, 2nd West) earned their fourth consecutive victory with a 2-0 win against Sacramento Republic FC on May 13, before 1,982 at Rio Tinto Stadium ... Goals from FW Daniel Haber (his first for RMSGC, and the 8th of his USL career) and MF Sebastian Velasquez enabled GK Connor Sparrow and the Monarchs defense to secure a second straight clean sheet, pulling the Utah side to within two points of overall USL leader San Antonio (7-0-2, 23 points, 1st West) ...

Monarchs HC Mark Briggs saw his team’s attack continue its blistering form as his side scored multiple goals in a match for the seventh time in eight games this year ... With the two-goal effort and a scoreless draw by San Antonio FC earlier in the evening, the Monarchs are the league’s highest scoring offense with 20 total goals, despite one fewer game played ...

Although opportunities were few and far between in the first half, the Monarchs broke through in the 39th minute ... MF Daniel Haber smashed home MF Andrew Brody’s rebound into the roof of the net for his first goal of the season, giving the Monarchs 11 different goal scorers in 2017 ... On what proved to be the game-winner, Monarchs DF Max Lachowecki set up Brody on the far post, and even though Republic GK Evan Newton denied the first chance, Haber was on the doorstep to ensure the finish ...

The home side sealed the match off early in the second half ... Quick in transition, the Monarchs turned a header out of their own penalty area into a goal ... Velasquez beat Sacramento DF Jeremy Hall in a foot race to the penalty area, and the dynamic playmaker finished calmly into the far post side-netting for his fourth tally of the year and his second in as many games ... Monarchs FW Chandler Hoffman earned the assist for playing Velasquez into the Republic FC half, the duo each tied with four goals on the season ...

Sparrow earned his second clean sheet of the campaign – and the week ... The Monarchs GK denied Republic FC’s best chance in the early stages, as Sparrow positioned a five-man wall smartly and collected the save on Danny Barrera’s 6th minute free kick from 25 yards out ... In total, the keeper collected two saves for his third win of the season, and backstopped the Monarchs to an active 224-minute shutout streak ...

**MONARCHS PROMOTE MARK BRIGGS TO HC**

Nearly eight weeks ago, Real Monarchs promoted Mark Briggs to the USL club’s head coaching position, Real Monarchs General Manager Elliot Fall announced ... Terms of Briggs’ multi-year deal were not disclosed ...

Briggs replaced Mike Petke, who was promoted effective April 2 from the Monarchs HC to assume the same position for Real Salt Lake of Major League Soccer ... The Briggs/Petke duo worked together throughout the preseason, winning 2-1 on Saturday, March 25 at Portland in the USL club’s 2017 opener ... Briggs and his staff earned the first home win of the season by a 2-0 scoreline on April 1 against Phoenix Rising FC, and then became the first USL team to post a perfect 3-0-0 mark with a scintillating 5-3 win on April 6 against expansion club Reno 1868 FC at Rio Tinto Stadium ... The 2017 Monarchs suffered their first – and to this point only – loss of the campaign four weeks ago at Colorado Springs, by a 2-1 scoreline, before rebounding with a 3-1 road win at Seattle on April 22 ...

“I am thankful for this opportunity to lead such a critical piece of the Real Salt Lake pyramid,” said Briggs, 35, a former midfielder who played in the English Premier League (West Bromwich Albion, 1998-2003), the Danish Superliga (Herfølge, 2003/04) and the USL (Wilmington Hammerheads, 2009, 2012-14), amongst a 16-year playing career ... “The aspiration, vision and culture of this organization is unparalleled, and I can’t wait for our home debut ...”

“Our 2017 Monarchs plans have been two-fold for the last several months,” continued Briggs ... “While the end goal is to develop MLS-caliber players, an important part of development is winning. Finding success on the field goes hand-in-hand with our philosophy of winning in the USL while simultaneously teaching young players how to become more-polished professionals ...”

Briggs arrived at the Utah club last November, and his Monarchs staff will continue to include Matt Glaeser – his assistant at Wilmington before joining the Monarchs five months ago – along with former RSL and Red Bulls defender Jamison Olave, who retired as a player following the 2016 season and has spent recent months earning his coaching accreditations and assisting with the Monarchs ...

“Mark’s appointment is reflective of the natural progression of what the Monarchs represent within our club structure,” said Fall, the Salt Lake City native who has worked for RSL since 2007 ... “Briggs possesses an intimate understanding of how we balance our developmental philosophy of giving players vital minutes in a professional atmosphere, with that of winning games, entertaining fans and feeding Utah’s soccer culture ...”

Briggs, a Wolverhampton, England native, boasts previous head coaching experience, guiding the now-defunct USL Wilmington Hammerheads – whom he led to a USL title in 2009 as a player, served as a player-coach in 2012-14 before becoming Head Coach in the 2015/16 seasons ... Last June, the Briggs-led Hammerheads pushed Real Salt Lake to the limit in the Third Round of the 2016 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, the USL side falling in a penalty shootout tiebreaker at
Rio Tinto Stadium after an even 2-2 scoreline through 120 minutes of regulation and extra time ...

Under Briggs’ guidance, the group will continue its mantra of integrating a consistent system and style of play across all teams, with the primary aim of developing players for the parent club ... Back in December, Petke was hired as the Real Monarchs second-ever head coach, replacing original boss Freddy Juarez, who was promoted to RSL assistant coach Dec. 6 after guiding the USL franchise from its inception ...

Juarez, formerly the director of RSL’s Arizona academy and a graduate of Major League Soccer’s French Football Federation curriculum prior to leading the Monarchs to a 17-27-14 mark in 2015/16, cultivated the valuable developmental aspect for the USL side, watching FW Emery Welshman, DF Chris Schuler and FW Ricardo Velazco matriculate to the first team in 2015/16, while also seeing numerous young RSL players hone their skills with USL minutes ...

Monarchs Assistant Coach Matt Glaeser, 31, hails from Fredericksburg, Virginia, where the 6-foot-5 goalkeeper went on to play collegiates at James Madison University and then The University of Hartford, where he was the 2007 America East Conference Goalkeeper of the Year and the NSCAA Northeast Region Goalkeeper of the Year during his senior campaign ... In 2007, led the Hawks to their first appearance in the America East Championship since 2003, playing every minute in goal, allowing just 18 goals, less than one per game ...

Glaeser’s first professional contract saw him sign with the Western Mass Pioneers in the USL Second Division, playing 20 games between the posts in 2009 prior to signing internationally with Finnish club Pallo-liriot in the Kakkonen (Finland third division) ...

Glaeser returned to the United States in 2010 and played with Miami FC, FC Tampa Bay and the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers from 2010-13 ... In March of 2014, Glaeser signed with Wilmington as both an active player, and the club’s Goalkeeper Coach and Community Development Coordinator, moving to a full-time assistant coach in 2015/16 under Mark Briggs ...

2017marks the debut coaching campaign for long-time Real Salt Lake defender Jamison Olave, who retired after last year, his ninth in MLS ... The Cali, Colombia native – now 35 years old – Unerved MLS Defender of the Year in 2010 with RSL and was a two-time MLS All-Star and Best XI selection (2010 and 2011) during his initial RSL tenure (Olave’s second stint with MLS covered the 2015/16 seasons) ...

With RSL, Olave won MLS Cup 2009 with the club and later providing the critical road goal at Sapirissa in the second (road) leg of the 2010/11 CONCACAF Champions League Semifinals, an early second-half volley which put RSL through to become the first – and still only – American team to progress to within one goal of the FIFA Club World Cup ... That crucial away goal was one of many with historic significance for the Clarêt-and-Cobalt, as Olave also scored the inaugural goal at Rio Tinto Stadium on October 9, 2008, in a 1-1 draw with New York Red Bulls ...

Olave began his playing career with Deportivo Cali in 2001, appearing on loan for a multitude of clubs in his native Colombia, before returning to his first club in 2005 ... In his first season back with Cali, Olave helped the club capture the 2005 Finalización. From 2005-07 with Cali, Olave appeared in 97 league matches and scored two goals ...

For the 2013/14 seasons, Olave played under current RSL Head Coach Mike Petke with the New York Red Bulls, scoring a goal in his debut for the new club in a 3-3 draw at Portland. Olave ended his first season with New York appearing in 29 league matches and scoring four goals, helping the club to its first major title – that year’s MLS Supporters’ Shield ...

On May 10, the Monarchs notched their first-ever victory in five games all-time against LA Galaxy II, winning 3-0 as former RSL MF Sebastian Velasquez scored the game-winner in the 25th minute from the penalty spot, and added an assist on a Karsten Hanlin goal in the 94th minute ...

The Velasquez goal was his third of the year, as the former RSL/NYCFC player also set up the Monarchs’ second goal of the night to break the Galaxy backs ... Velasquez controlled the ball in midfield before setting up winger Daniel Haber down the left side, with his long cross to the far post nodded down by opposite winger Andrew Brody ... The Brody offering found MF Charlie Adams surging into the box, with the Englishman buried a one-timer with his left foot for his first goal of the season ...

Hanlin was one of two Monarchs to make their USL and Monarchs’ debuts on the night, as Haitian international FW Jonel Desire also made a substitute appearance in addition to Hanlin, the former Univ. of Denver midfielder ...

Monarchs GK Connor Sparrow was able to make a pair of solid saves in the second half to preserve the shutout, thankful for his crossbar helping to deny “Los Dos” a first-half equalizer ... The victory was the second straight for Sparrow, who made two appearances in all of 2016 for the Monarchs ...

Real Monarchs DF James Moberg scored the eventual game-winner in the 36th minute, as Head Coach Mark Briggs’ side improved to 3-0-0 at home with a 2-1 victory for Utah’s USL side (5-1-0, 15 points, 2nd West) against Swope Park Rangers at Rio Tinto Stadium April 29 ...

Monarchs FW Chandler Hoffman opened the scoring in the 19th minute with his fourth goal of the young season, the striker making no mistake on a trailing run after DF Max Lachowecki spotted Hoffman unmarked at the penalty spot ... Moberg then doubled the advantage 15 minutes later, as RSL MF Ricardo Velazco’s set piece offering deflected to an opportunistic Moberg at the top of the box ... On the volley, Moberg rocketed it past a diving David Greczek for his second goal of the season, giving the home side a 2-0 halftime lead ...

Swope Park pulled one back after the break, cutting the Monarchs’ lead in half. FW Kharlton Belmar was sent in free behind the Monarchs defense by Colton Storm ... The striker beat Moberg to the ball and finished neatly into the side netting past GK Connor Sparrow. For most of the second half, Sparrow continued to pile on the pressure, but the Monarchs defense withstood the attack all the way until the final whistle, needing Sparrow to deliver heroics in the waning moments ... In his season debut, the goalkeeper was called upon in second-half stoppage time, denying a point-blank effort from Amer Didic for his third and final save of the win ...

Briggs utilized all three changes available on the afternoon, as Monarchs DF Michael Gallagher replaced RSL DF Aaron Maund after 61 minutes of action for the USL side in an injury rehabilitation assignment ... SLC native DF Taylor Peay replaced MF Jesus Leal in the 71st minute, while playmaking MF Sebastian Velasquez made way after 79 minutes of play for MF Daniel Haber ...

With the win, the USL side has scored multiple goals in every one of its seven victories this season, the lone exception coming in a 2-1 road defeat at Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC on April 15 ...
APRIL 22: MONARCHS 3 : 1 at SEA

Back in late April, the Monarchs rebounded from its first loss under new Head Coach Mark Briggs with a dominant 3-1 road win at Seattle, as FW Chandler Hoffman notched a goal and an assist in the victory, while RSL MF Jose Hernandez provided what proved to be the game-winner ...

APRIL 15: MONARCHS 1 : 2 at COLO. SPGS

Three weeks ago saw the Monarchs concede twice at Colorado Springs just minutes apart midway through the first half, with the Switchbacks’ 2-0 halftime lead proving too much to overcome ... MF Sebastian Velasquez pulled one goal back in the second half with his second goal of the year – and his second in as many games – but the comeback fell short, eventually blunted by a second yellow with minutes remaining for midfield catalyst Charlie Adams, who will miss Saturday’s trip ...

The potential exists for select members of RSL’s extensive early-season injury list to see action each and every week for the Monarchs, as rehabilitation stints with the USL club marking a significant milestone in returning to MLS action in the Mike Petke regime ...

APRIL 6: MONARCHS 5 : 3 RENO

The first week of April saw the club win twice at its Rio Tinto Stadium home, scoring a club-high five goals in the April 6th 5-3 win over expansion side Reno 1868 – including four first-half goals – to set new club attacking records ...

MF Sebastian Velasquez was named to the USL “Team of the Week” for his efforts in the win over Reno, scoring the team’s second goal and setting up the first, third and fifth goals for the club on the night, ensuring that the Monarchs became the first USL club – and one of just three out of 30 league-wide – to jet out to a perfect 3-0-0 / 9-point record on the early season ...

FW Chandler Hoffman scored for the second consecutive week, also adding an assist on MF Chase Minter’s opening goal of the early rout against Reno ... MF Kyle Curinga also tallied in the first 45 minutes as the Monarchs blitzed Reno to take a 4-1 lead into halftime ...

Reno FW Dane Kelly, who came off the bench, hit a significant milestone as he scored his 49th and 50th career goals, extending his mark as the USL’s all-time scoring leader to make things interesting down the stretch ... RSL MF Jose Hernandez provided a stoppage-time tally to ice the game and assure the Monarchs of maintaining their perfect start to 2017 ...

A RECORD-SETTING NIGHT

Two firsts were achieved in the club’s history in the 5-3 win over Reno, with the side scoring five goals in a game for the first time in its history (later matched with the 5-2 home win over Colorado Springs on May 20), and also notching its first three-game winning streak to start the season ...

The Monarchs – whose six-game winning streak that spanned the end of the 2015 regular season and start of 2016 remains the overall best in club history – now look to break that record with a win Saturday at Orange County ...

APRIL 1: MONARCHS 2 : 0 PHOENIX

Real Monarchs SLC (2-0-0, 6 points) dominated visitors Phoenix Rising FC 2-0 in the club’s 2017 USL home opener before 1,771 at Rio Tinto Stadium, earning Head Coach Mark Briggs his first win after replacing Mike Petke just two days prior ...

Monarchs FW Chandler Hoffman opened his account in just his second game with the club, finding the back of the net in first-half stoppage time from the penalty spot ... The former MLS and Louisville City striker powered his shot home, sending Phoenix GK Josh Cohen the wrong way ... Monarchs MF Chase Minter won the spot kick by cutting across AJ Gray on the edge of the penalty area ...

After coming on in the game’s 60th minute, RSL MF Omar Holness – one of three MLS players loaned to the Monarchs for the weekend – scored quickly after coming on, as the Jamaican international buried his chance on a scorching shot into the roof of the net past Cohen ... RSL academy product Andrew Brody provided service on the Holness goal, while it was a run by MF Charlie Adams that dragged defenders away to clear space for the Holness chance on the right side of the box ...

GK Lalo Fernandez started and played the full 90 between the pipes for Briggs’ side, earning the clean sheet behind a total team performance that saw Phoenix struggle to provide any buildup or danger ... Rookie RSL DF Reagan Dunk entered the match late in the game for his professional debut ...

Earlier that week, Monarchs MF Chase Minter was named to the USL Team of the Week, as the former Sacramento Republic player created chances on the night and won the penalty kick converted by Hoffman for what proved to be the game-winning goal ...

MARCH 25: MONARCHS 2 : 1 at PORTLAND

RMSLC began the 2017 campaign in fine fashion with a 2-1 win on the road against Portland Timbers 2 back on March 25, as MF Nick Besler’s second-half goal proved to be the difference, earning Mike Petke his first – and perhaps only – win as Head Coach for the Utah USL club ...

The season started with the third-year club humming offensively as MF Chase Minter nearly opened the scoring in the 10th minute ... MF Sebastian Velasquez spotted the winger open near the penalty spot, and even though the cross took a deflection, Minter redirected it on frame ... Rennio Clarke covered defensively to see the chance out for a corner ... On the ensuing set piece, DF James Moberg rose unmarked on the far post to nod home his first career goal, with MF Charlie Adams assisting the defender from the corner ...

The Monarchs continued to apply the pressure during the first half, but found their second after the halftime break ... Adams delivered another perfect corner that caught Besler in stride making a run down the middle ... On a one-hop, the ex- Timbers 2 midfielder controlled the ball with his chest and powered it home from four yards out ...

T2 scored their goal on a bit of miscommunication from the Monarchs back line ... GK Andrew Putna’s distribution struck DF Emilio Orozco in the back of the leg and Augustine Williams was quick to pounce on the mistake 25 yards out and caught Putna off his line for the goal to make it 2-1 ...

But when Real needed him most, Putna came up huge, denying Portland an equalizer in the waning moments of stoppage time and securing the three points ...
A new day has arrived for Real Monarchs, as the Real Salt Lake-run USL club kicked off the home portion of its third season back on April 1. With a new philosophy brought from the top of the organization down and a new impression of how best to utilize the club to develop talent, there also comes a new head coach, as Mark Briggs and his staff took the Mike Petke reins after previous coach Freddy Juarez was promoted to a role as an assistant coach with the first team.

Those coaching moves are chief among those that have made an impact to the club as it continues the home portion of campaign No. 3 Thursday. Entering the pre season, Petke, who coached two seasons with the New York Red Bulls in 2013 and 2014, was as thrilled as anyone to get things started.

"There are two things I’m excited about. The first is to see what we’ve done in the pre season in a real game environment — and we’re far from where I think we can be," Petke said, making his Claret-and-Cobalt debut on March 25, the same day the parent RSL club traveled to New York Red Bull..."On a personal level, I don’t care if there’s one person at the game or 20,000. I’m excited to get back on the sidelines. It’s where I’m most comfortable."

For the majority of the Monarchs’ first two seasons, the focus was on developing young talent and the roster was chock full of young players striving for first team action... However, without veteran leaders to pave the way, it was difficult for some of those players to keep the level elevated enough to mimic what is expected at the MLS level.

Now with an influx of players with MLS experience, the talent level and expectations have been raised as the Monarchs look to reach the postseason for the first time in the club’s brief history.

That includes former RSL and New York City FC midfielder Sebastian Velasquez... And former Philadelphia Union, LA Galaxy and Houston Dynamo forward Chandler Hoffman, as well as former Chivas USA DF Emilio Orozco... And a pair of former Portland Timbers in Taylor Peay and Nick Besler... Hoffman, Peay and Besler all have lifted an MLS Cup and look to get back to that level with Real Salt Lake and see the Monarchs as a prime opportunity to show what they can do.

"I’m constantly challenging players like them, among others, that have that taste in their mouths; that have that level and expectations have been raised as the Monarchs look to reach the postseason for the first time in the club’s brief history..."

While Peay only recently joined the team just before the opener, Hoffman and Besler were among nine players that were with RSL during pre season, getting things started early in camp and training at a high level to change the standard as they return to the Monarchs.

"I think the strength of this team is the nine or so players that spent significant time with the first team in pre season... From raising their game to their mentality to seeing now what it takes to get to that level, I think these guys are going to be relied on a lot to push and drive this team on the field," Petke said. "Having said that, I don’t care who they are or where they’ve been, if they’re not the best player for that position we have, they’re not going to play. That’s part of the learning process... Nothing’s guaranteed. You have to earn everything you get."

At the goalkeeper position, the Monarchs have a pair of relatively untested players on the roster. Connor Sparrow and Andrew Putna were both SuperDraft picks for Real Salt Lake over the last two years and both figure to compete for the starting minutes... That they will likely play behind a veteran defensive group should be beneficial for both.

Defensively, the Monarchs return Max Lachowecki on the left and center backs James Moberg and Emilio Orozco... Along with Peay, another Univ. of Washington Husky and Portland Timbers 2 product in Michael Gallagher joins the team to bolster the defense and Kyle Curinga was signed at right back after two seasons in Finland.

In the middle of the park, Jesus Leal and Charlie Adams both return and Besler brings further experience while Velasquez and Karsten Hanlin man the attacking roles... Leal and Adams were late additions last season, giving them a running start on time in 2017, while Velasquez has one goal and five assists in 50 career MLS appearances before spending last season in the NASL with Oklahoma City.

On the wings, RSL-AZ Academy product Andrew Brody is the lone returner and he will compete for time with Chase Minter and Daniel Haber... Brody had two goals and one assist in his first pro season with the Monarchs while Haber posted seven goals and four assists for Vancouver’s USL side and Minter split time between the Sacramento Republic and Tulsa Roughnecks.

Finally, at the striker spot, Hoffman brings a bevy of experience, with 20 MLS matches and 57 USL appearances under his belt... Although the former first-round pick of the Philadelphia Union didn’t score in MLS action, he does have 31 goals in the USL, including 13 in 17 matches in 2014 with LA Galaxy II and 14 goals in 28 matches for Louisville City last season... He will join Utah Valley University product Skyler Milne, who signed in recent weeks to add depth to the attack.

As the roster has developed over the course of the pre season, Petke has gotten more and more optimistic about what the team can do.

"It’s interesting. Like every team, we’ve had some ups and downs during pre season, but the good part that I’m very confident in is that we’ve seen improvement on a weekly basis," he said.

Late this summer, Real Salt Lake’s Arizona Academy – overseen by U.S./Mexico icon Martin Vasquez – will move north to the Club’s primary training center in Herriman, Utah, approximately 20 minutes southwest of Rio Tinto Stadium... The $60 million facility will serve as the Club’s cornerstone, its daily training home opening in 2018 for both of the club’s professional teams – RSL (MLS) and Real Monarchs (USL) – while centralizing the club’s U-18, U-16 and future U-14 development academy youth selections... The Herriman facility will provide adjacencies for an on-site charter school opening in Fall 2017, with STEM disciplines (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math) for nearly 300 local boys and girls.

Last November in North Logan, Utah, RSL Owner Dell Loy Hansen broke ground on the first of a half-dozen regional training centers across Utah and Arizona to be built in the next 2-3 years... Each $5 million RTC houses a classroom, as well as an indoor and outdoor field, dedicated to fulfilling a curriculum based on the club’s vision and mission for youth soccer training and education, and the continued development of both recreational and competitive pre-Academy (ages 7-12) initiatives across the InterMountain West.

In 2016, the RSL Foundation was established, created with the goals of being active in the community year-round, utilizing the popularity and reach of RSL and the Monarchs in promoting health and wellness for children throughout the region, engaging supporters of soccer to raise funds and volunteer time for various local initiatives...
TAYLOR PEAY ADDED TO ROSTER

During the final week of preparation for the Real Monarchs' 2017 USL campaign (the club's third) Salt Lake City native and veteran MLS centerback Taylor Peay signed a contract to bring the club's USL roster to 20 players, General Manager Elliot Fall announced last week ...

Peay became the sixth player added to the Monarchs in recent weeks, in advance of Saturday's 2-1 win at Portland Timbers 2 ... A graduate of Brighton High School in Salt Lake City, Peay attended the University of Washington before being selected 26th overall in the 2014 MLS SuperDraft by Portland. Peay appeared in seven MLS games with the Timbers, while appearing in another 23 USL contests with "T2."

Two months after being drafted, the 6-foot-3, 195-lb. centerback was loaned out to USL Pro club Orange County Blues FC ... During his college career with the Huskies, Peay also gained experience with summer games in the USL Premier Development League with Ogden Outlaws, Seattle Sounders FC U-23 and the North Sound SeaWolves ... During his four-year career at the University of Washington from 2010-13 (70 games / 56 starts), Peay scored his first collegiate goal for the Huskies in a 4-1 upset win over the Portland Pilots, highlighting a year during which he was one of two freshmen to appear in all 17 matches for the Huskies ... In his sophomore year, Peay made 11 appearances and helped the Huskies record nine clean sheets ... During his junior campaign in 2012, he made 20 appearances and finished the year with one goal ... In his final season with the Huskies, Peay was a preseason NSCAA First-Team All-America selection, making 22 appearances and scoring six goals (including a hat trick in a 4-1 victory over Santa Clara) while leading Washington to its first Pac-12 title since 2000, as well as its first trip to the "Elite Eight."

"Peay's addition is the latest find as we balance the Monarchs' roster construction between professional experience and also the promise of potential," said Fall. "We have talent which needs development as professionals and we still have experienced guys on the cusp of becoming MLS contributors."

Real Monarchs SLC -- which now boasts four players (Peay, Skyler Milne, Chase Minter, Andrew Brody) with either Utah high school / college ties, or RSL Academy experience, along with five players on the 20-man roster with MLS experience (Peay, Sebastian Velasquez, Emilio Orozco, Chandler Hoffman & Nick Besler) -- also has three Washington Husky alums with the addition of Peay (James Moberg, Michael Gallagher), as well as three former Timbers (Peay, Gallagher and Besler) ... RSL GM Craig Waibel and Sports Science Director Henry Ruggiero also have Univ. of Washington ties in their illustrious careers, as does second-year Monarchs team administrator Taymour Roushdi ...
PRESEASON SIGNINGS FOR MONARCHS

In early March, Real Monarchs SLC added four players to its 2017 USL roster: GK Andrew Putna – drafted by RSL in the most recent MLS SuperDraft out of the University of Illinois at Chicago – has signed with the Monarchs, as have returning American expatriate DF Kyle Curinga, former Univ. of Denver MF Karsten Hanlin and Utah Valley University standout FW Skylar Milne ...

Milne, 23, boasts Utah soccer roots that run deep, from his birthplace in Logan, to his club soccer career with Sparta United and his time at Brighton High School in Cottonwood Heights, parlaying all of that into an impressive career with Utah Valley University. With the Wolverines, Milne became the school’s all-time career scoring leader (202g / 7a), recorded the first-ever hat trick for the state of Utah’s lone NCAA Division I program and was recognized as a two-time All-WAC academic selection ...

Curinga, 23, has spent three seasons in Finland playing professionally (most recently with FF Jaro), amassing 71 games, five goals scored and nearly 5700 minutes following a college career that saw the Clearwater, Fla., native begin his NCAA career at Florida Atlantic University ...

Hanlin, 23, earned first-team Summit League honors for the University of Denver Pioneers last year – where he was a teammate with current RSL right back Reagan Dunk – after making 78 appearances (third-most in Denver’s Division I history) with 71 starts in his career, seeing 5,540 minutes of action. Hanlin finished with 43 career points (seventh) on 14 goals (seventh) and 15 assists (sixth), including seven game-winning goals (third) in his final two years with the Crimson and Gold ...

One of Hanlin’s game-winners came last Sept. 4 against UI-Chicago, where his new Real Monarchs teammate Andrew Putna was in goal. Putna, 22, was a two-time Horizon League Goalkeeper of the Year and All-League First Team honoree, in college. Putna made a name for himself in his four seasons at UIC while helping the Flames to two regular season conference championships (2013, 2015) and one Horizon League Tournament title (2016) to span a career record of 41-24-8 with 30 shutouts ...

Putna tied the UIC record for most wins in a season as a freshman with 16 and additionally secured the fourth-best GAA in 2013 with a 0.79 mark. His 10 shutouts that year tied for second, while he tallied seven clean sheets in both 2015 and 2016 to rank fifth. In his career, he produced a 1.05 GAA, good for third, as his 214 saves rank fifth and 30 shutouts place second. An impeccable college goalkeeper, Putna also contributed on offense, registering his first collegiate point as a sophomore after assisting on the game-winning goal against DePaul. He followed that up with four helpers his junior year, when he was one of 17 keepers in the nation to have an assist and was the only one in the group to have an astounding four ...

GALLAGHER, OCRAN ADDED

During mid-February, DF Michael Gallagher and FW Emmanual Ocran were both signed as the Monarchs also mutually terminated the loan of FW Ament Ramirez and FW Charles Boateng could not complete his loan after failing his physical ...

Gallagher, 22, played the 2016 season with Portland Timbers 2 in the USL, logging 24 appearances in his first season as a professional. While at the University of Washington from 2012-2015, he also played in the Premier Development League (PDL) with the Sounders FC U-23s and Washington Crossfire during the summer months between college seasons ...

Ocran, 20, helped WA All-Stars win the Ghanaian Premier League in 2016 and comes to the Monarchs on loan for the 2017 season. Primarily a winger, he can also play as a striker and was among the club’s top goal scorers during its championship run and was called in to the Ghanaian National Team for African Cup of Nations qualifying matches, though he did not feature for his country ...

MONARCHS OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

Back in November, the Monarchs added a pair of USL veteran forwards to bolster the attack for the 2017 USL season, also bringing in midfield depth as the club prepares for its third season in the USL. The Monarchs signed FW Chandler Hoffman – who finished fourth in the USL with 14 goals in 2016 – FW Daniel Haber and MF Chase Minter ...

“As we evaluated our club in 2016, we had a need for a top-flight goal scorer and to add players with professional experience to our roster,” Real Salt Lake General Manager Craig Waibel said. “Chandler Hoffman has been a consistent scorer in this league that we feel can raise our level of play. Daniel Haber has had here and overseas and comes with a lot of potential to make an impact on the wings and Chase Minter is a guy that can increase the level of competition for starting midfield spots.”

Hoffman, 26, played four seasons in Major League Soccer before landing with Louisville City FC in 2016. The Birmingham, Alabama, native excelled collegiately with UCLA before leaving early for the MLS SuperDraft in 2012, where he was selected 13th overall by the Philadelphia Union. Over the course of four seasons, he played 20 MLS regular season matches with the Union (2012-2014) and Houston Dynamo (2015). He spent the 2014 season on loan to LA Galaxy II, where he finished third in the USL with 13 goals in 17 matches. In 2015, he added four goals in 10 matches while on loan with the Colorado Springs Switchbacks before making the permanent move to the USL with Louisville City in 2016. There he was fourth in the league with 14 goals in 28 appearances before scoring one goal in three playoff matches to help push his club to the Eastern Conference Final ...

Haber, 24, played the 2016 season with Vancouver Whitecaps FC II after playing the previous four seasons in Israel and Cyprus. The Canadian International was a First-Team All-American, Ivy League Player of the Year and a finalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy during his junior season at Cornell University. He decided to forgo his senior season to sign with Maccabi Haifa in 2013, following that up with stints at Apollon Limassol and Aya Napa in Cyprus and Hapoel Nir Ramat HaSharon in Israel. In his first season in the USL, he notched seven goals and four assists in 30 regular season matches for Vancouver, also adding one goal in three matches to help the Whitecaps reach the Western Conference Final. Haber made his international debut with Canada in 2013 and has five caps to his credit ...

Minter, 24, had just completed his first professional season in late 2016 when signed by the Monarchs, following a four-year collegiate career at Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo. A native of Rowell, Texas, Minter was drafted in the second round, 21st overall, of the 2016 MLS SuperDraft by Columbus Crew SC and signed with the Sacramento Republic. In August, he was sent on loan to the Tulsa Roughnecks and between the two USL clubs he logged nine appearances on the season, six with Sacramento and three with Tulsa ...
**MONARCHS PRESEASON COACHING STAFF**

Back on December 23, 2016, the Real Monarchs named Mike Petke as the USL club’s second-ever head coach. Previously, Petke served as the New York Red Bulls (MLS) head coach for the 2013/14 seasons, leading the original MLS side to a franchise-best two-year run in club history, amassing a 30-19-19 mark while giving the club its first-ever trophy, the 2013 MLS Supporters Shield. In 2014, the Red Bulls finished one goal shy of MLS Cup, dropping its Eastern Conference Finals series …

“This move checks all the boxes for me, meets all the criteria I’ve been looking for,” said Petke, who most recently served as the Director of Coaching for the New Jersey State Youth Soccer Association, a post he resigned on January 1 in order to commence work in Utah. “In my conversations with Craig Waibel and (RSL Owner) Mr. Dell Loy Hansen, hearing their vision and passion for this entire organization and where it is going, it became clear to me that this is the right fit and the right opportunity. This is a no-brainer.”

Petke, along with Monarchs assistants Mark Briggs and Matt Glaeser – both joining the Monarchs from the USL Wilmington Hammerheads – have worked closely with the RSL staff as the group looks to integrate a consistent system and style of play across all teams, with the primary aim of developing players for the parent club … The Monarchs staff now includes new assistant coach Jamison Olave, the former MLS Best XI member and Defender of the Year w/ RSL and NYRB …

“In my mind, my job is first and foremost to get players ready to compete at the first-team level to help out Real Salt Lake,” Petke said. “Of course, I’m competitive and want to win a USL championship, but at the end of the day, for me it’s all about feeding the first team.”

Petke, 40, played 196 of his 351 career MLS games with the MetroStars/Red Bulls (also appearing with Colorado Rapids and D.C. United), after growing up on Long Island … Petke attended St. John’s The Baptist High School in West Islip, New York (also the high school home of longtime RSL defender Chris Wingert) prior to a college career at Southern Connecticut …

Petke replaced Monarchs original boss Freddy Juarez, who was promoted to RSL assistant coach Dec. 6 after guiding the franchise from its inception … Juarez, formerly the director of RSL’s Arizona academy prior to leading the Monarchs to a 17-27-14 mark in 2015/16, cultivated the valuable developmental aspect for the USL side, watching FW Emery Welshman, DF Chris Schuler and FW Ricardo Velazco matriculate to the first team, while also seeing numerous young RSL players hone their skills with USL minutes …

“In compiling a list of potential names for this position, Mike’s was at the top of our list,” said Waibel, noting the Monarchs head coaching position’s unique balance of winning and development … “Mike won a Supporters Shield, he’s managed high-profile players, he enjoyed a great playing career in MLS … There’s virtually nothing he hasn’t seen in the sport in this country, and integrating someone with his experience, intelligence and teaching ability into our organization will pay dividends up and down our pyramid, from the academy teams to the Monarchs to the first team.”

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**2016 MONARCHS YEAR-IN-REVIEW**

In the multi-faceted scope of judging the USL's relationship with Major League Soccer clubs, Real Monarchs was highly successful in 2016, providing a proving ground for defender Chris Schuler and forward Ricardo Velazco to earn spots with Real Salt Lake … However, the club fell short of its playoff aspirations, giving RSL General Manager Craig Waibel several areas to focus on in improving the relationship in 2017 …

“The positives have to be remembered from (2016). We are much closer and (in 2017) we should be to the point that we feel like we have the players to compete and entertain,” Waibel said at the end of last season. “It was a small step but it was a step forward. We still have some things to correct and improve upon, but we were fighting for something on the last day of the season. Us not getting in to the playoffs didn’t come down to us not getting help from other teams, but we didn’t do the job well enough.”

Many lessons were learned by the Real Salt Lake technical staff in the second year of the club’s second team with Real Monarchs in the USL … That education continues the philosophical development of how to use the club best to maximize growth potential of young players in a winning culture …

2016 saw major improvements over the Monarchs’ inaugural season in 2015, when a youthful lineup built under the idealist impression that a team almost exclusively made up of young developing players would be able to compete for the league title … While there was plenty of talent on the field, the mixture wasn’t right and it resulted in a 7-13-8 record that placed 12th out of 12 teams in the USL’s Western Conference …

Last season, with more veteran players mixed in to a slew of young players and others on loan from RSL, the record jumped to 10-14-6 and the Monarchs were in contention for the playoffs up until the final match before ultimately finishing 11th in the 15-team Western Conference …

“This seasons taught us some lessons and we took some chances while we tried to figure out what type of player we can develop,” Waibel said. “We didn’t get that part wrong, but we need to sign players with more experience for next year to help that process.”

Velazco led the team with eight goals and six assists, improving greatly on his total from the previous year, earning the 23-year-old product of the Real Salt Lake-Arizona Academy a spot with Real Salt Lake late in the season … Schuler, meanwhile, battled back from injuries that limited him to just five MLS appearances in 2015 to show that he was a first-team quality center back that was able to stay healthy and contribute …

The Monarchs also saw several players come on loan from Real Salt Lake regularly. Included among them was goalkeeper Lalo Fernandez, midfielder Danilo Acosta and defenders Phanuel Kavita and Boyd Okwuonu … Fernandez served as starting goalkeeper for the second straight season, finishing with an 8-11-5 record with a 1.21 goals against average in his 24 appearances … Kavita and Okwuonu – no longer with the club – had 20 and 15 appearances, respectively, in their second pro seasons … Meanwhile, 18-year-old rookie Acosta played in 18 matches, adding to his experiences playing with U.S. Youth National Teams and with the RSL-AZ U-18s during the postseason …
In addition, RSL draft picks Max Lachowecki and Amass Amankona (not returning in 2017) saw 26 matches apiece in their first professional seasons ... Maikon Orellana (now retired) paced the team through some early success and finished the year with five goals, while first-year winger Andrew Brody had two goals and one assist and Elder Torres (the Honduras Olympian has returned to his home country) was a frequent contributor out of the midfield in between stints with the Hondurans Olympic team ... Things looked promising when the Monarchs opened the season unbeaten through the first three matches at 2-0-1 ... However, a wireless run of five matches and a long stretch away from the team’s home field at Rio Tinto Stadium conspired to keep the team from consistently finding itself on the winning side of the ledger ... In all, the Monarchs went 4-3-4 at Rio Tinto Stadium and 1-3-0 during their “On Tour” matches at the University of Utah’s Ute Soccer Field, Utah Valley University’s Clyde Field and Greater Nevada Field in Reno ... A three-game winning streak in August propelled the team back into the playoff hunt, but the Monarchs went just 1-3-1 in the final five matches and missed the postseason by a matter of four points ... With so many young players in the mix, Waibel will look to pepper in more experienced pros to the 2017 roster ... That has already started, to a degree, with the additions of midfielders Jesus Leal and Charlie Adams late in the 2016 season, but will continue through the off-season as the Monarchs continue to vie for the club’s first postseason appearance ... “We didn’t build the team the right way to win,” Waibel said. “We wanted to develop too many players and it is a developmental team, but you need more players with more experience to help put those young players in positions to get better development in meaningful games.”

**RSL INT’L HISTORY**

Real Salt Lake famously hosted its first European visitor back in August, 2006, when world power Real Madrid visited the Beehive State, RSL falling 0-2 at Rice-Eccles Stadium on the University of Utah campus on August 12, 2006, not coincidentally the date of world power Real Madrid’s visit here the next day. Everton, a Premier League side, visited RSL for the first time in 2006 as part of the SportAccord World Sport Games in Salt Lake City, falling 0-2. The following Summer, RSL downed Everton (England) 3-0, with the Liverpool-based side returning to Utah for the 2009 MLS All-Star Game in Sandy, the Toffees winning via penalty kick shootout, 4-3, to decide a 1-1 draw at the conclusion of 90 minutes ... RSL’s history against international clubs at Rio Tinto Stadium is dominated by CONCACAF Champions League play with 22 of 23 all-time games of this type part of CCL competition; however, numerous friendly matches have existed against Mexican, Argentine, Jamaican, Chilean and English teams, mostly at Rice-Eccles Stadium during the 13-year old club’s early years ... With last Summer’s 1-2 loss at home to Italy’s Inter Milan, RSL’s all-time record is now 18-10-10 (W-L-T) all-time in international contests, with a +14 goal differential (55 goals for / 41 goals against) ... In meaningful int’l competition, RSL is 11-5-6 (34 GF / 22 GA) ... In the Rio Tinto Stadium era, RSL is 13-7-6 vs. visiting international squads (does NOT include league matches against visiting Canadian teams, against whom RSL is now 13-2-3 (33/14 goal +/-); however, the record DOES include CCL series v. Columbus and Toronto) ...
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**General Manager:** Craig Waibel (Spokane, WA)
**Head Coach:** Mike Petke (Bohemia, NY)
**Assistant Coach:** Freddy Juarez (Las Cruces, NM)
**Assistant Coach:** Tyrone Marshall (Kingston, Jamaica)
**Video Analyst:** Ted Eck (Springfield, IL)
**VP, Soccer Operations:** Rob Zarkos (Bellevue, WA)
**Asst. General Manager:** Elliot Fall (Salt Lake City, UT)
**Head Scout:** Daryl Shofner (Peekskill, NY)
**Scout:** Dan Murphy (Danbury, CT)
**Strength/Conditioning:** Henry Ruggiero (Stow, MA)
**Team Administrator:** Tim Weaver (Lockport, NY)
**Equipment Managers:** Kevin Harter (Dallas, TX); Randy Butts (Salt Lake City, UT)

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Tyson Pace (Clearfield, UT)
**Asst. Athletic Trainer:** Tyler Knight (Huntsville, AL)
**Asst. Athletic Trainer:** Marshall Stoddard (Ogden, UT)
**Team Physicians:** Dr. Andrew Cooper (SLC, UT)
**Team Physicians:** Dr. Michael Cosgrave (Highland, UT)
**Team Physicians:** Dr. Stephen Kirk (Sandy, UT)
**Team Physicians:** Dr. John Edwards (Provo, UT)
**Team Chiropractor:** Monte Layton, D.C. (Midvale, UT)
**Press Officers:** Trey Fitz-Gerald (Albuquerque, NM)
**Press Officers:** Matt Gasch (Gig Harbor, WA)
**Press Officers:** Delia Maresco (McLean, VA)
**Team Videographers:** Tyler Gibbons (San Diego, CA)
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